



Small intestine

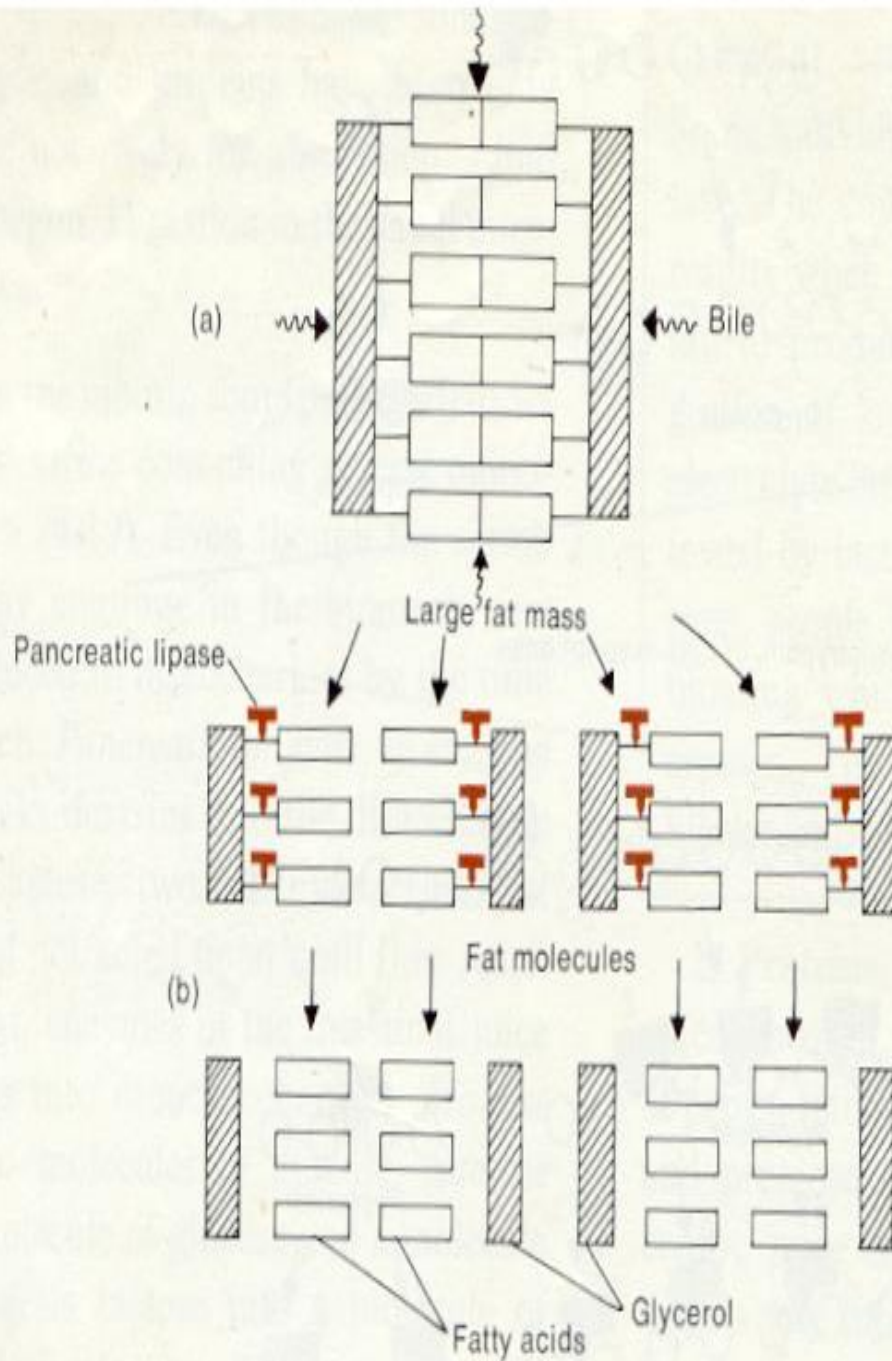


FIGURE 24-21 Digestion of fats in the small intestine. (a) Bile emulsifies large masses of fat into smaller fragments so that pancreatic lipase can break down the fat molecules. (b) The enzyme pancreatic lipase breaks fats into fatty acids, glycerol, and glycerides.