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Phospholipid

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Phosphate-containing lipids that are a major component of all cell membranes. Most phospholipids contain a diglyceride, a phosphate group, and a simple organic molecule such as choline. Another type of phospholipid is phosphosphingolipids that contain sphingosine instead of glycerol.