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Plasmalogen

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An ether lipid in which glycerol is covalently bound to a polar phospholipid head group like choline or ethanolamine, a typical ester-linked fatty acid, and an ether-linked fatty acid, which is usually a vinyl alcohol. Plasmalogens occur in nervous tissues, testes and kidneys at significant levels in vertebrates.