



FIGURE 6.9. Comparison of cell membrane lipids. (A) In bacteria and eukaryotes, membrane lipids contain ester lineages between glycerol at one end and linear fatty acids at the other. (B,C) In archaea, lipids contain ether linkages between glycerol and branched hydrocarbon chains. In some (B), glycerol is only at one end; in others (C), glycerol is on both ends, resulting in a monolayer membrane.

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