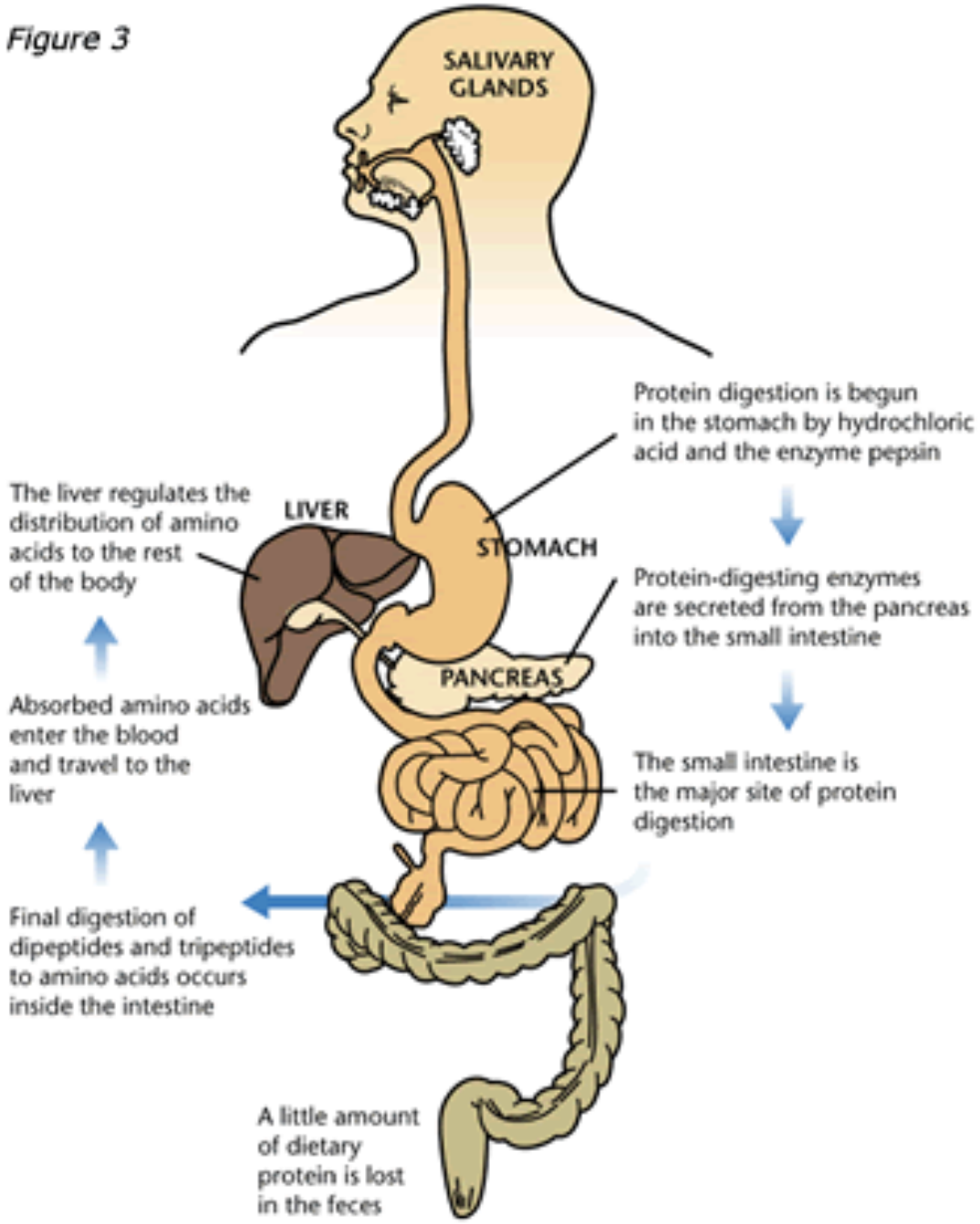
Figure 3


SALIVARY GLANDS
Protein digestion is begun in the stomach by hydrochloric acid and the enzyme pepsin
The liver regulates the distribution of amino acids to the rest of the body
LIVER
STOMACH
Protein-digesting enzymes are secreted from the pancreas into the small intestine
PANCREAS
Absorbed amino acids enter the blood and travel to the liver
The small intestine is the major site of protein digestion
Final digestion of dipeptides and tripeptides to amino acids occurs inside the intestine
A little amount of dietary protein is lost in the feces