

### **Question 16 – Week of October 18**

What is the function of Brunners glands?

- A. No clearly identifiable function.
- B. Protect duodenum from stomach acid.
- C. Absorption of nutrients.
- D. Lymphatic clearance.

**Answer: B**

Brunners glands are submucosal glands found in the small intestine. One of their functions seems to be protection of the duodenum from the acidic content of the stomach through lubricating the intestinal walls with mucous and providing an alkaline environment. They are found in the duodenum and resemble pyloric glands of the stomach.

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