

## 11. COMPOUNDS INFLUENCING FOOD COLOUR

perception visual colour

**pigments (colouring matters, colourings)**

**formation**

- primary compounds
  - natural food components
  - natural components of other materials (microorganisms, algae, higher plants), used as additives
- secondary compounds
  - enzymatic reactions (non-enzymatic browning reaction)
  - chemical reactions
- synthetic compounds
  - used as additives

colour defects

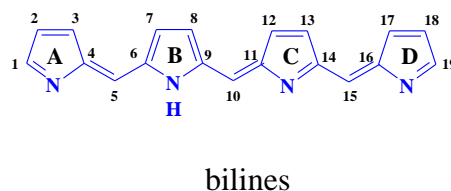
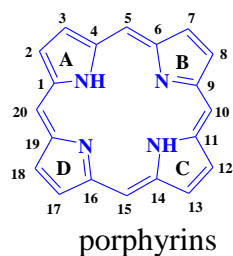
**natural colours**

**important groups**

- tetrapyrrole colours plants, animals
  - hem colours
  - chlorophyll colours
- betalain colours plants
  - betacyans
  - betaxanthins
- flavonoid colours plants
  - anthocyanins
  - anthoxanthins
- phenolic and quinoid colours plants, animals
  - phenols
  - quinones
- carotenoid colours plants, animals
  - carotenes
  - xanthophylls

### TETRAPYRROLE PIGMENTS (TETRAPYRROLES)

- **porphyrin pigments** (porphyrins) cyclic
  - hem pigments (hems)
  - chlorophyll pigments (chlorophylls)
- **biline pigments** (bilines) linear
  - phycobilins

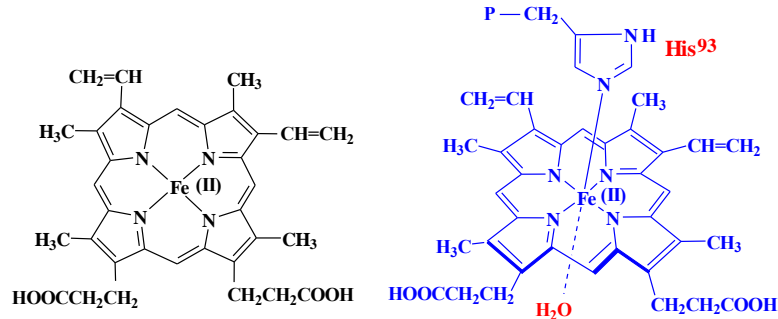


## hem pigments

meat, meat products

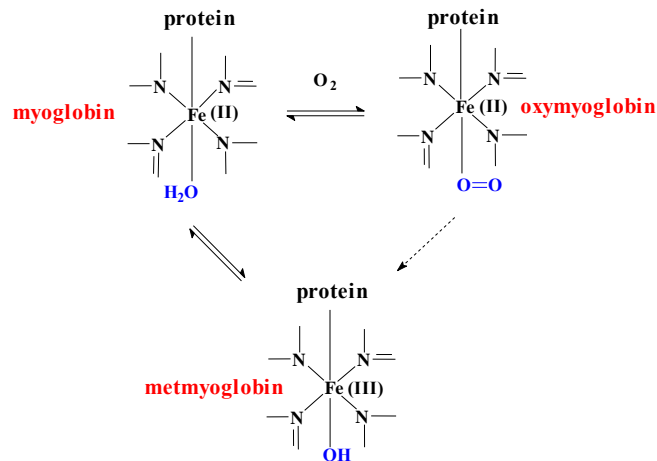
nomenclature (book 3, tab. 9.1)

content (book 3, tab. 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5)



hem (reduced haematin,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ), hemoglobin

hematin ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ), myoglobin (P = globin residue, 16,8 kDa)



myoglobin (Mb)

oxymyoglobin ( $\text{MbO}_2$ )

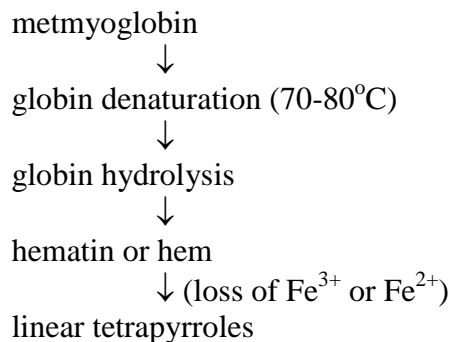
metmyoglobin (MMb)

dark red

scarlet

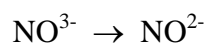
red to brown

reaction of MMb during temperature processing of meat

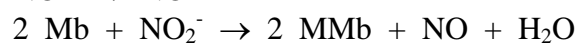


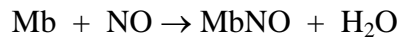
## stabilisation of meat and meat products colour

microorganisms in meat:

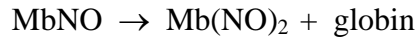


spontaneous reaction:





heating:



MbNO = nitroxymyoglobin

Mb(NO)<sub>2</sub> = nitrosohemochrom (nitrosylhemochrom, nitroxymyochromogen)

use of ascorbic acid: MMb + H<sub>2</sub>A → Mb + A

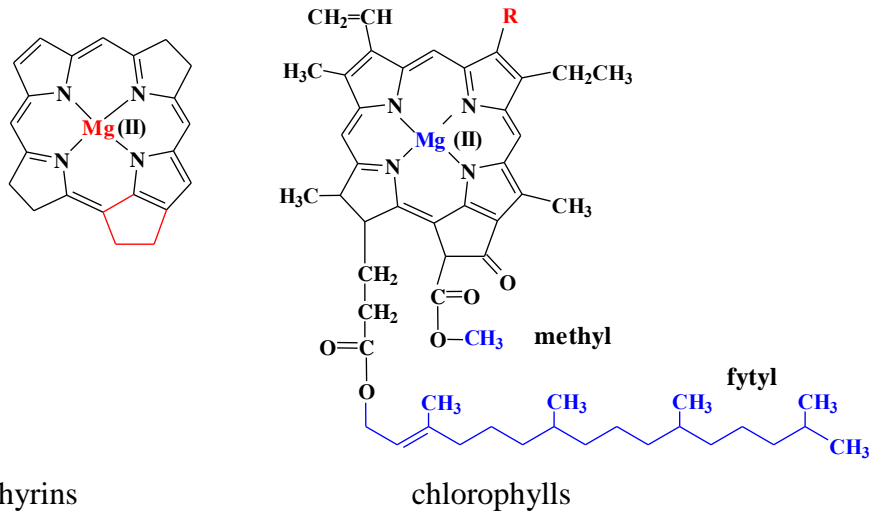
fuscous up to green colours (sulphomyoglobin, verdochrom, cholemyoglobin)

### chlorophyll pigments

green parts of fruits and vegetables

content (book 3, tab.9.7)

colour (book 3, tab.9.8)



Mg (II) complex

chlorophylls R = CH<sub>3</sub> chlorophyll a yellow-green  
R = CH=O chlorophyll b blue-green

without Mg (II)

pheophytin

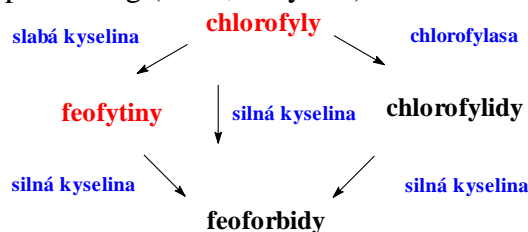
without phytol

chlorophyllide

without Mg (II) and phytol

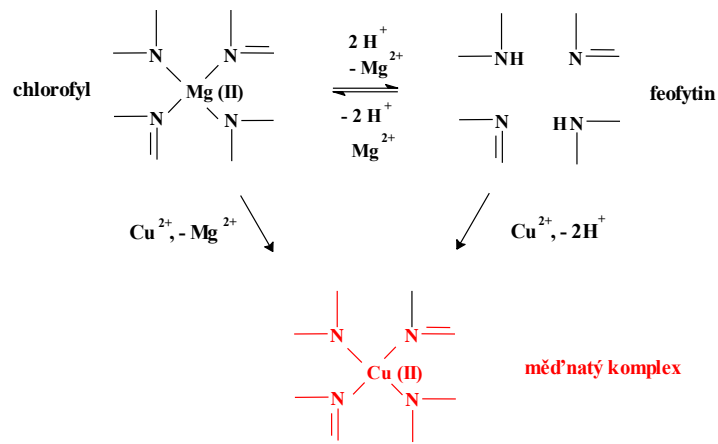
pheophorbide

reactions of chlorophylls during processing (acids, enzymes)



colour changes during processing (book 3, tab. 9.9, 9.10)

colour stabilisation



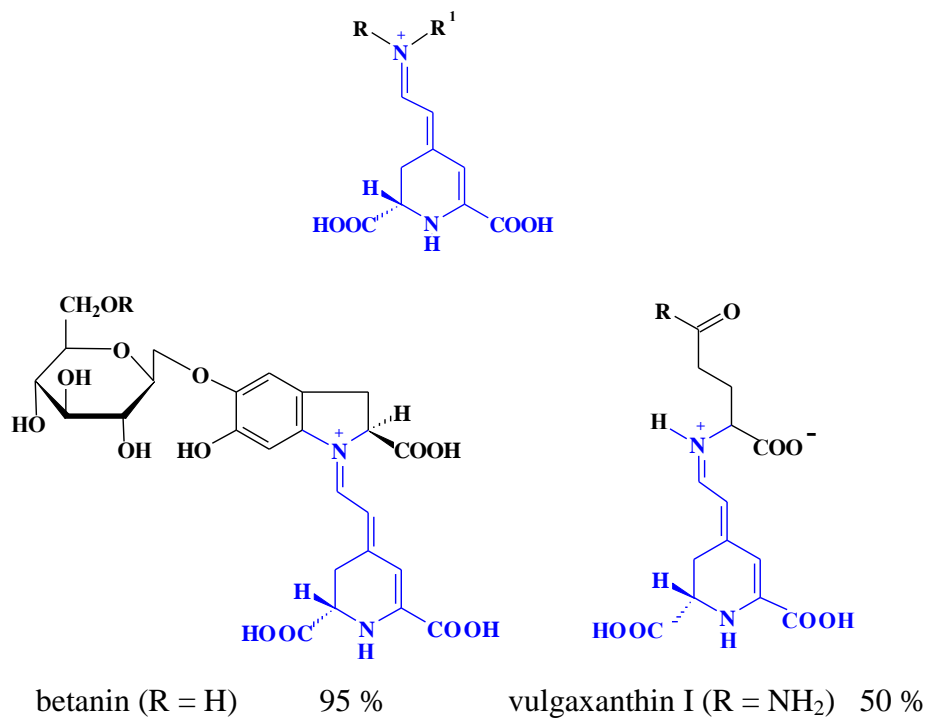
- chlorophyllin Cu (chlorophyllid Cu)

### betalain pigments

beetroot, prickly pear, amaranth, flowers

betacyanins                      red, orange  
 betaxanthins                     yellow, orange

basic structure

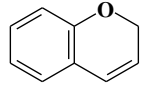


### flavonoid pigments

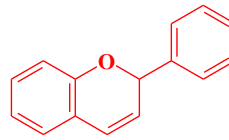
fruits, vegetables, flowers

- anthocyanins                      red, violet, blue
- anthoxanthins                     yellow, orange

basic structure

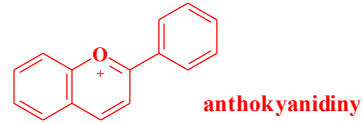
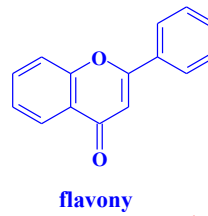
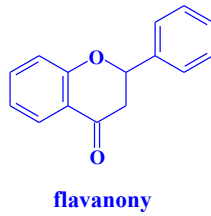
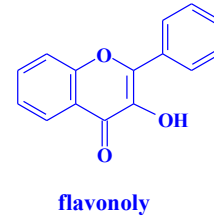
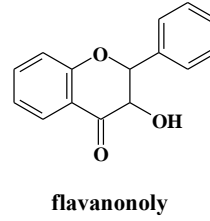
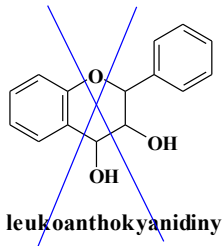
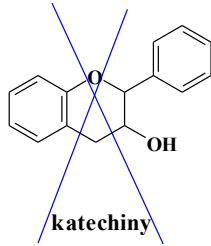


2H-chromene



A B C  
flavan

- oxidation of 3C chain (ring B)
- OH groups in rings A, B, C
- aglycones, glycosides

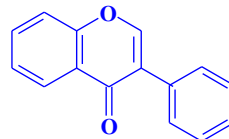


colourless

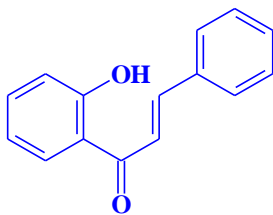
colourless-light pale yellow

light yellow-yellow

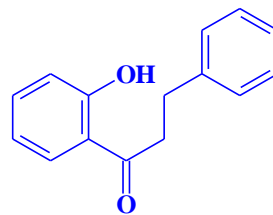
red-blue



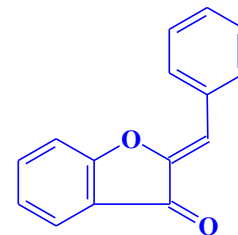
isoflavony  
light yellow



chalcones  
yellow-orange



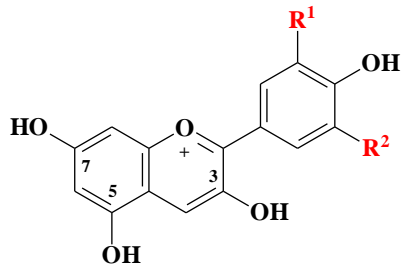
dihydrochalcones  
yellow-orange



aurones  
gold-yellow

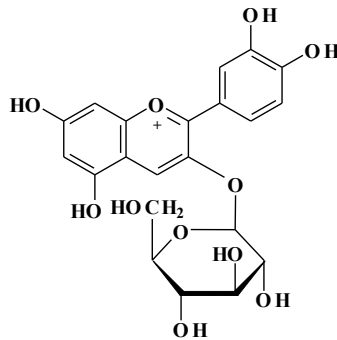
## anthocyanins

basic structure



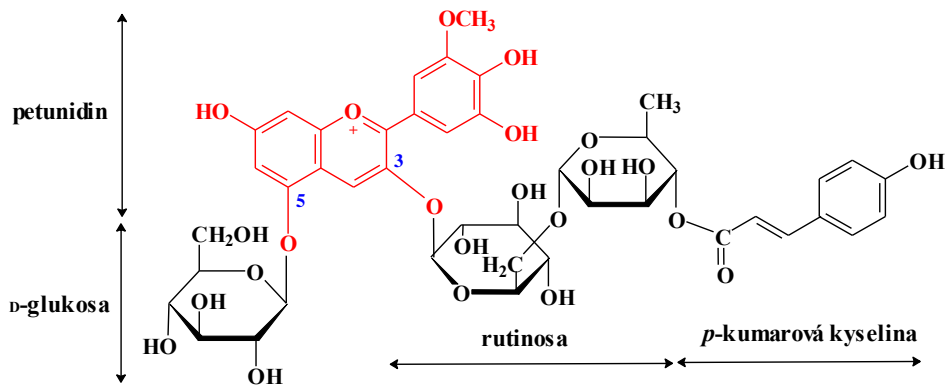
pelargonidin	Pg	R <sup>1</sup> = H	R <sup>2</sup> = H	violet-red
cyanidin	Cy	R <sup>1</sup> = H	R <sup>2</sup> = OH	violet
delfinidin	Dp	R <sup>1</sup> = OH	R <sup>2</sup> = OH	blue-violet
peonidin	Pn	R <sup>1</sup> = H	R <sup>2</sup> = OCH <sub>3</sub>	violet
petunidin	Pt	R <sup>1</sup> = OH	R <sup>2</sup> = OCH <sub>3</sub>	dark red
malvidin	Mv	R <sup>1</sup> = OCH <sub>3</sub>	R <sup>2</sup> = OCH <sub>3</sub>	blue-violet

saccharides: Glu, Gal, Xyl, Ara, Rha, always at C-3, often at C-3 and C-5, seldom at C-7  
acids: *p*-cumaric, caffeic, ferulic



examples

cyanidin-3-*O*-β-D-glucoside (general occurrence)



petanine (red coloured potato)

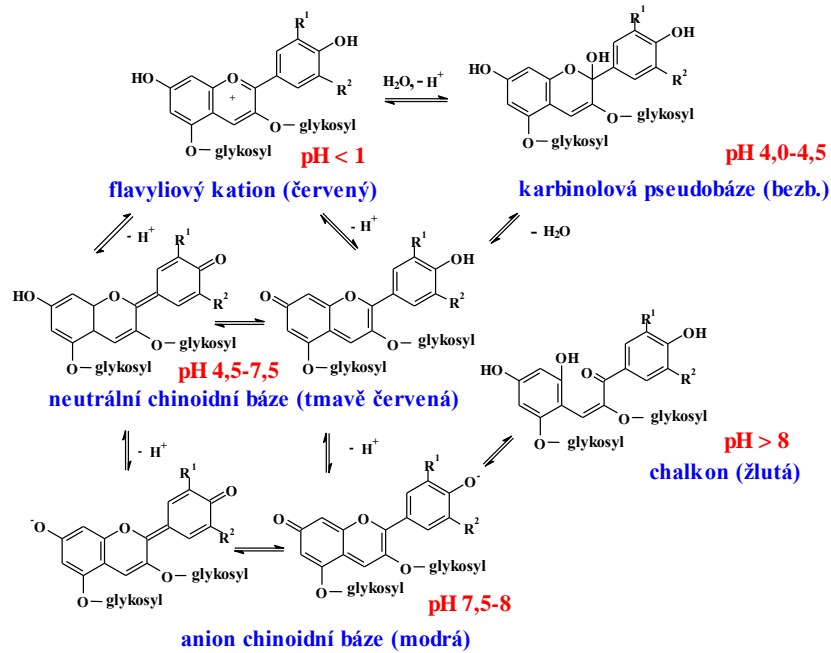
(*E*)-petunidin-3-*O*-[6-*O*-(4-*O*-*p*-cumaroyl-α-L-rhamnopyranosyl)-β-D-glucopyranoside]-5-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside

**anthocyanins fruits and vegetables** (book 3., tab. 9.12)

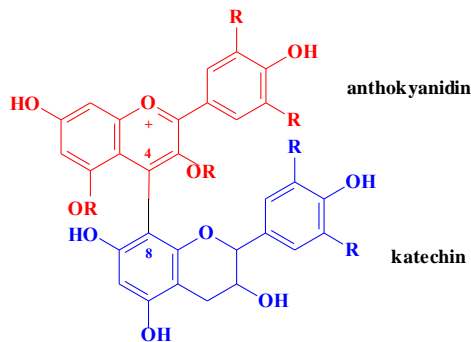
colour changes due to different factors

- pH
- co-pigmentation, eventual transformation into other pigments
- SO<sub>2</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

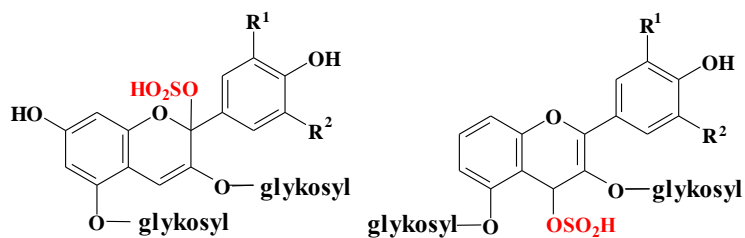
pH



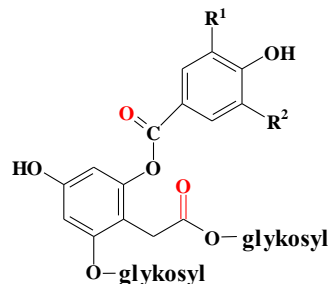
- copigmentation  
interaction with procyanidinins (catechins = copigments) → coloured complexes
- transformation into other pigments, coloured complexes → dimers (oligomers), non-soluble condensation products, polymeric compounds



$\text{SO}_2 \rightarrow$  colourless sulfonic acids



$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow$  colourless products



## anthoxanthins

### flavanones

- pigments of low importance
- bitter compounds of grapefruits
  - naringin = naringenin + neohesperidose
  - neohesperidin = hesperetin + neohesperidose

### flavanonols

- pigments of low importance

### flavones

- important anthoxanthins

### flavonols

- important anthoxanthins
- antioxidant activity, rutin = kvercetin + rutinose, bioflavonoids

### isoflavones

- pigments of low importance (e.g. in soybeans)
- estrogenic activity

### chalcones and aurones

- important pigments of flowers

### dihydrochalcones

- pigments of low importance
- neohesperidindihydrochalcone (synthetic sweet compound)

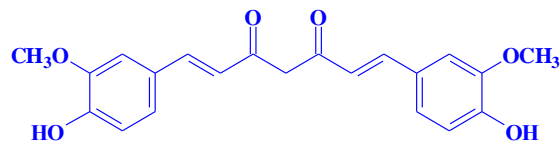
### quinoid pigments

lichens, mushrooms, higher plants

- phenols
- quinones

### phenols

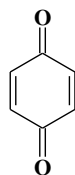
curcuminoides (diarylheptanoides)



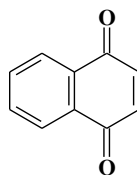
curcumin (curcuma, curry)

### quinones

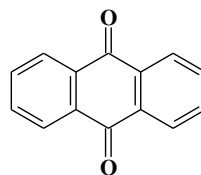
- benzoquinones
- naphthoquinones
- anthraquinones



benzo-1,4-quinone



naphtho-1,4-quinone



anthra-9,10-quinone

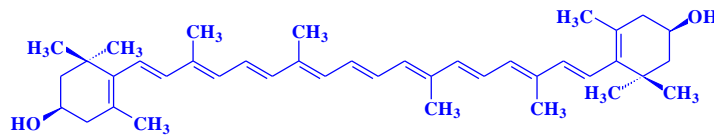




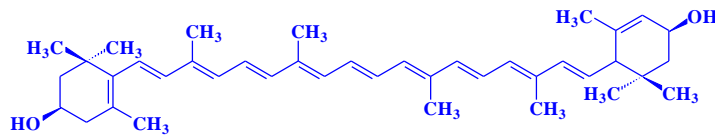
## xanthophylls

alcohols, ketones, epoxides

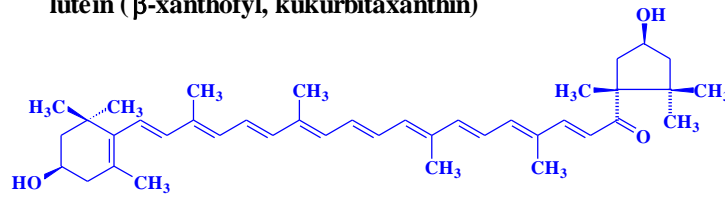
free, bound (glycosides, fatty acids esters, carotenoproteins)



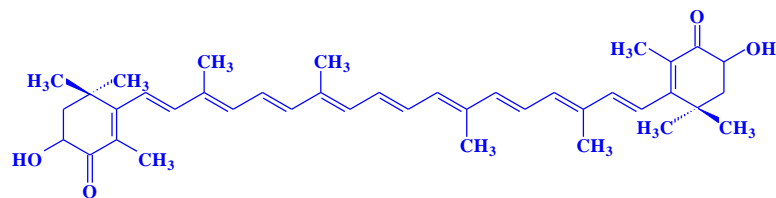
zeaxanthin



lutein ( $\beta$ -xanthofyl, kukurbitaxanthin)



kopsanthin



astaxanthin

zeaxanthin, lutein: generally wide-spread

kopsanthin: red bell pepper

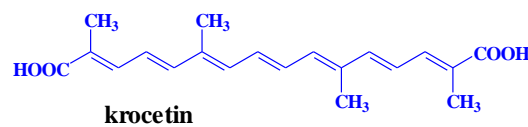
astaxanthin: fish, shellfish ( $\alpha$ -crustacyanin)

retinoids

## degraded carotenoids

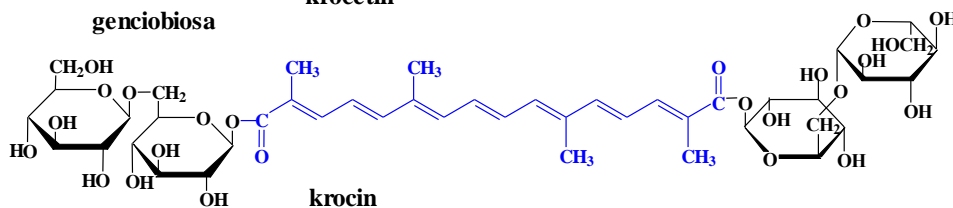
crocin (18 C)

saffron (*Crocus sativus*), spice



crocetin

genciobiosa

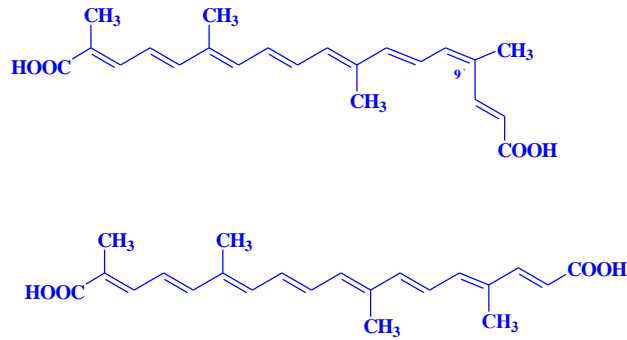


crocin

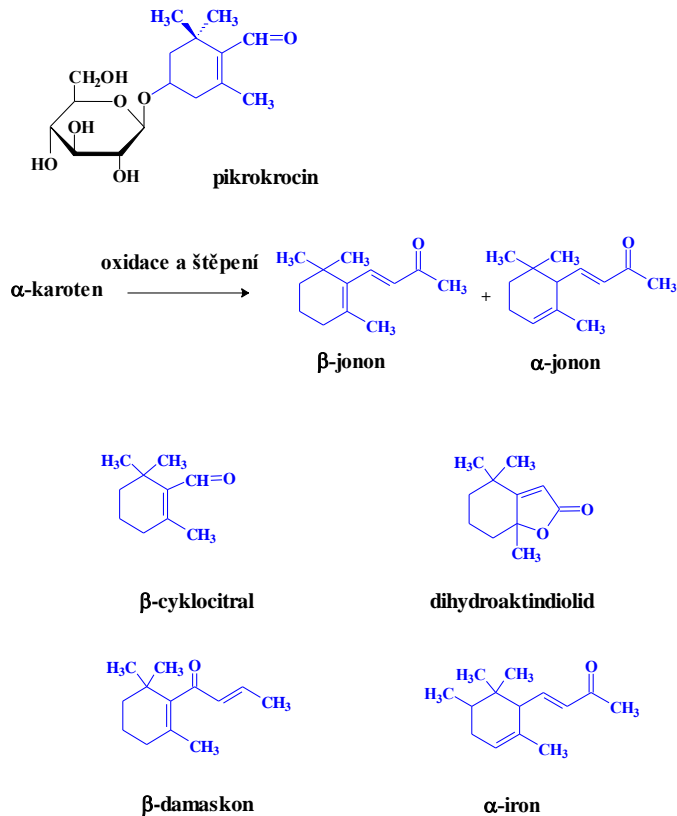
annato (20 C)

bixin (*Bixa orellana*)

extract 0,2-0,5 % = mixture *cis/trans*-isomers, cheese and margarine colouring



aromatic and gustatory compounds formed from carotenoids



### reactions

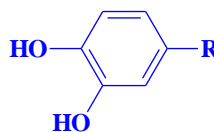
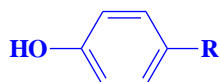
- hydrolysis of esters, glycosides
- dehydration of alcohols to hydrocarbons
- *cis/trans* isomeration (neocarotenoids, low colour intensity)
- autooxidation (low colour intensity, even decolourisation)
- antioxidants

### consequences

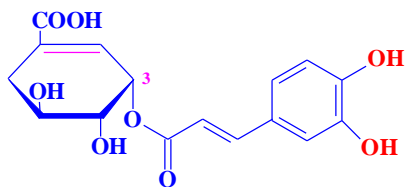
- flour bleaching
- colour changes of orange juices
- food flavour
- beneficial food components

## Enzymatic browning reactions

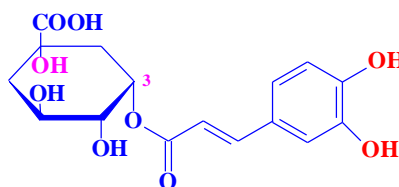
substrates (book 3, tab. 9.15)



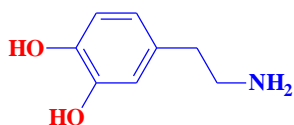
phenols, diphenols (polyphenols), esters (depsides), glycosides



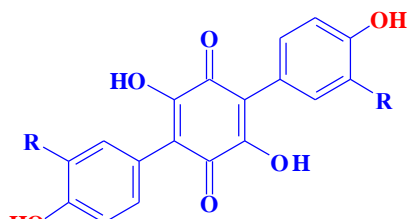
chlorogenová kyselina



daktyliferová kyselina



3,4-dihydroxyfenylethylamin

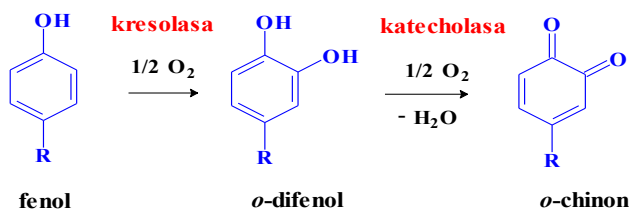


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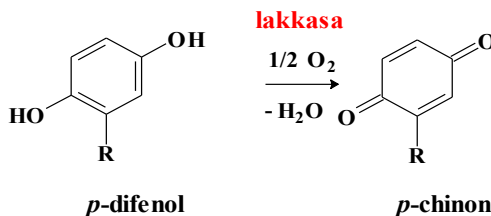
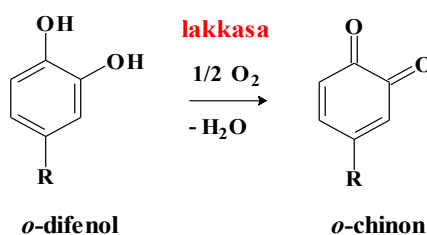
enzymes

polyphenoloxidases

- catecholoxidase



- laccase



catechin oxidation

chlorogenic acid oxidation

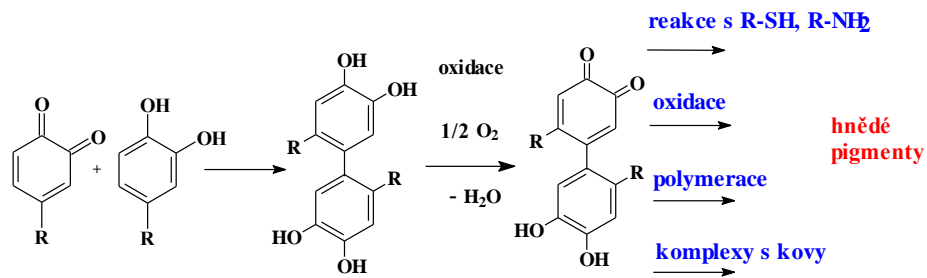
DOPA oxidation

yellow quinone

yellow-orange quinone

orange quinone

mechanisms



**inhibition of browning** (book 3, tab. 9.16)

- inhibition of enzymes (oxygen elimination, decrease of pH)
- chelation of metals ( $Cu^{2+}$ )
- use of reducing compounds (ascorbic acid,  $SO_2$ )

**desirable reactions**

- tee fermentation
- cocoa fermentation
- olive fermentation

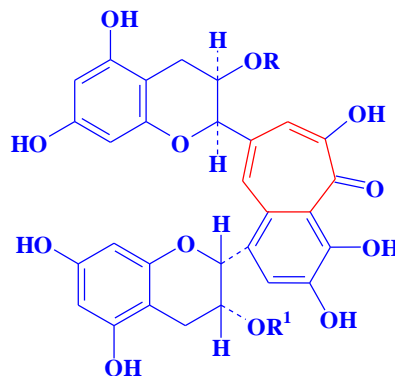
black tea

precursors in green tea

- epigallocatechingallates
- epicatechins
- epicatechingallates
- epigallocatechins

main types of black tea pigments

- theaflavins (oxidised flavonoid dimers), orange-red (seven-carbon tropolone cycles)



- thearubigines (polymers, 700-400 000 Da), red-yellow up to orange-brown