

Phytonutrients:

Polyphenols, Phytosterols and Other Antioxidants

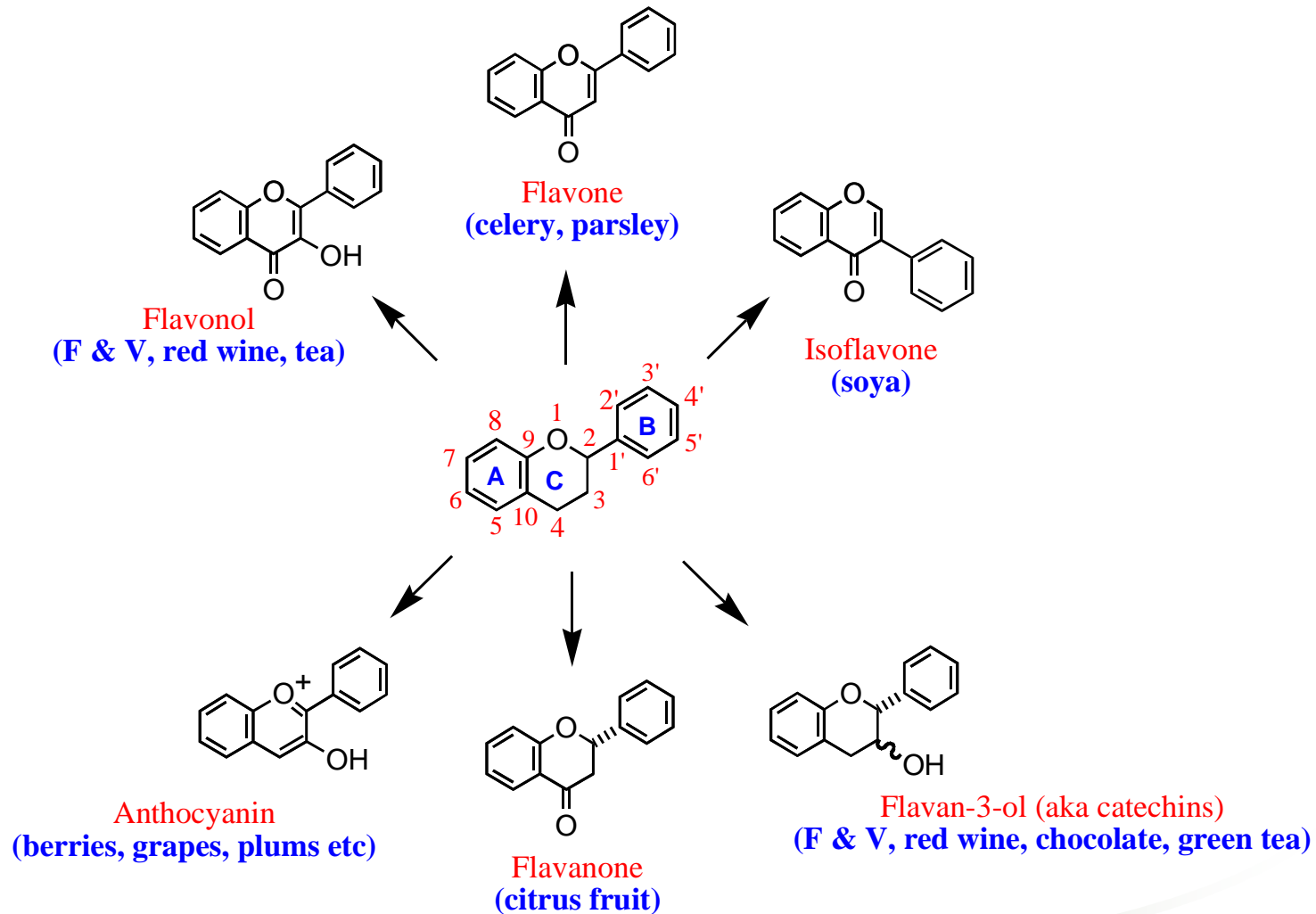
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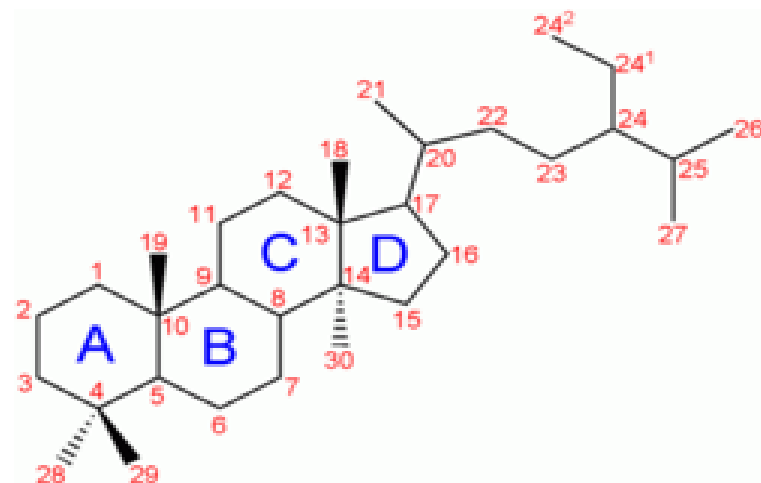
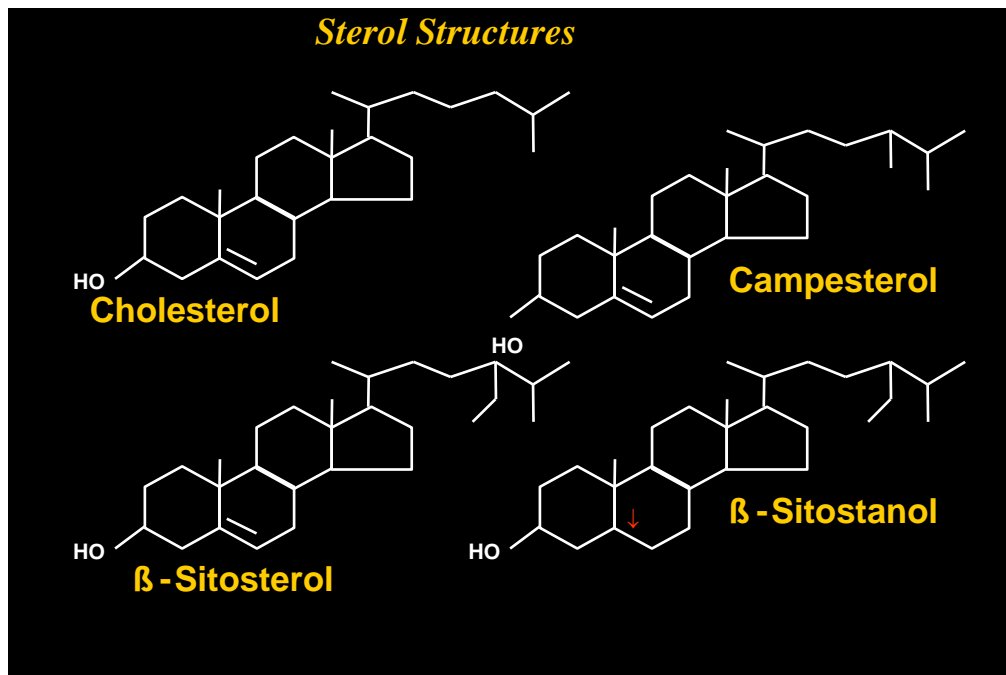
Polyphenolics: Flavonoid Group

Common C₆-C₃-C₆ Flavonoid Structures



PHYTOSTEROLS

Plant Sterols



Nomenclature for steroid skeleton

- Present in diet (200 - 400 mg / d) in small amounts in vegetable oils, nuts, seeds, legumes.
- Need 1.5-2g for efficacy.
- 2500 tonnes oil needed for 1 tonne plant sterols



PHYTOHORMONES:

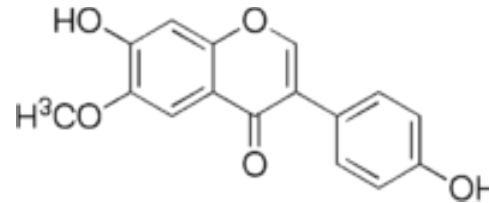
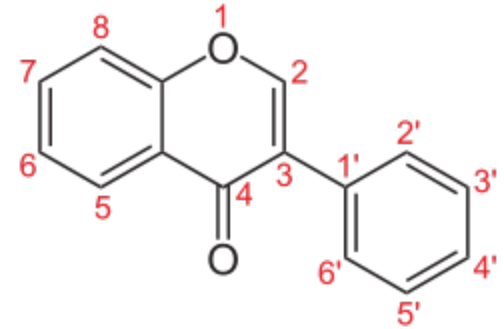
Plant Estrogens

Isoflavones

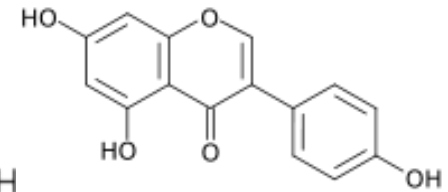
1. most concentrated in soy beans
(genistein, glycitein and daidzein)

2. soy bean has 2-4 milligrams
isoflavone/gram

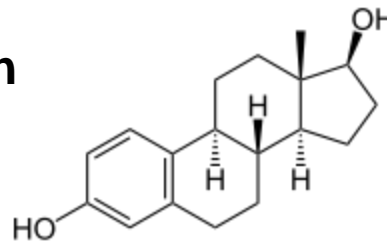
3. predominantly genistein found in
legumes and pomegranate seeds



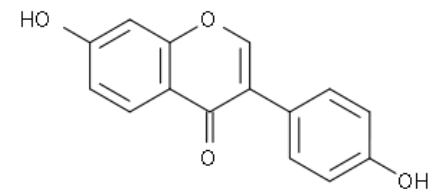
Glycitein



Genistein



17β-estradiol



Daidzein



CHOLESTEROL FACTS

synthesized from acetyl CoA and eliminated as bile acids

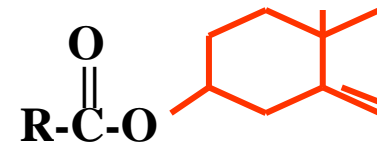
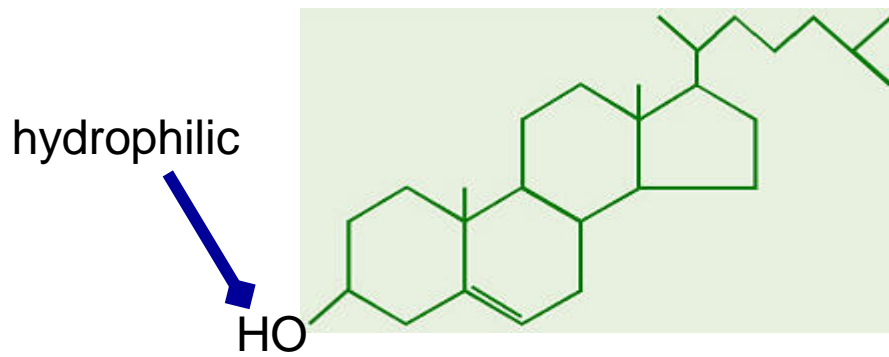
precursor of all other steroids in the body

product of animal metabolism - in foods of animal origin

amphipathic lipid (hydrophobic and hydrophilic portions)

storage form is cholesterol ester found in most tissues.

essential structural component of membranes transported in the circulation in lipoproteins



Cholesterol ester (1st ring only)

R = fatty acid hydrocarbon chain



OTHER ANTIOXIDANTS

● 1. Phenolic Acids

Ellagic acid, Chlorogenic acid, P-Coumaric acid
Cinnamic acid, Ferulic acid, Vanillin, Phytic acid
Hydroxycinnamic acid

● 2. Other Non-Flavonoid Phenolics

Curcumin, Resveratrol, Lignans

● 3. Glucosinolates

Phenylethyl Isothiocyanate, Benzyl isothiocyanate,
Sulforaphane

● 4. Indoles

Indole-3-Carbinol (I3C)



Examples of Phytonutrients

Class/Components	Source	Potential Benefit
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FLAVONOIDS

Anthocyanidins	berries, cherries, red grapes	bolster cellular antioxidant defenses; may contribute to maintenance of brain function
Flavanols, Catechins, Epicatechins, Procyanidins	tea, cocoa, chocolate, apple and grapes	may contribute to maintenance of heart health
Flavanones	citrus fruits	neutralize free radicals which may damage cells; bolster cellular antioxidant defenses
Flavonols	onion, apple, tea, broccoli	neutralize free radicals which may damage cells; bolster cellular antioxidant defenses
Proanthocyanidins	cranberries, cocoa, apple, strawberries, grapes, wine.	may contribute to maintenance of urinary tract



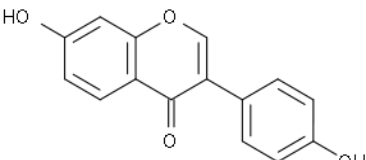
Plant Stanols/Sterols

Free Stanols/Sterols	corn, soy, wheat, wood oils, fortified foods and beverages	may reduce risk of CHD
Stanol/Sterol esters	fortified table spreads, stanol ester dietary supplements	may reduce risk of CHD

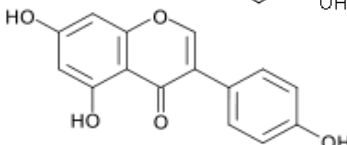
Phytoestrogens

Isoflavones:

Daidzein



Genistein

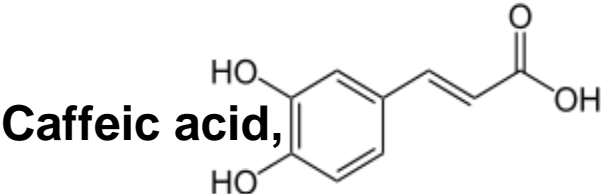


soybeans and soy-based foods

may contribute to maintenance of bone health, healthy brain and immune function; for women, maintenance of menopausal health



Phenolic acids

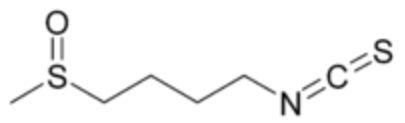


apple, pear, citrus fruits and some vegetables

may bolster cellular antioxidant defenses; may contribute to maintenance of healthy vision and heart health

Isothiocyanates

Sulforaphane


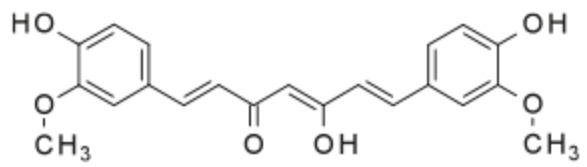
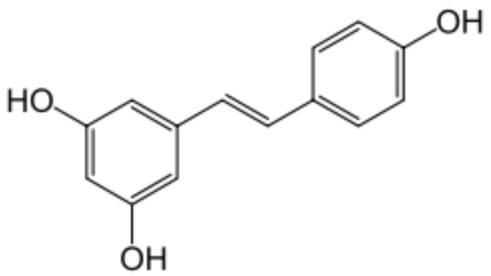
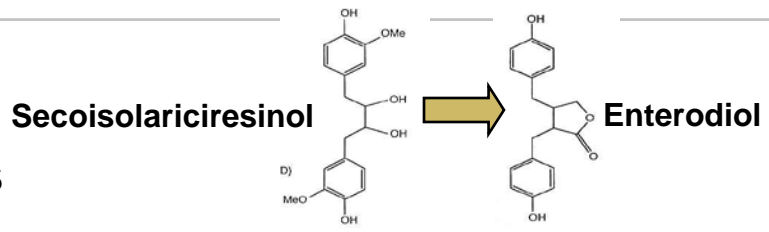


cauliflower, broccoli, broccoli sprouts, cabbage, kale, horseradish

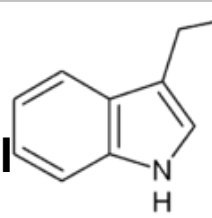
may enhance detoxification of undesirable compounds and bolster cellular antioxidant defenses



Other Non-Flavonoid Phenolics

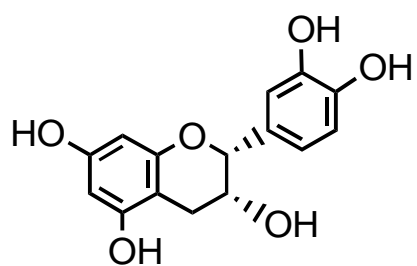
 Curcumin		Turmeric	curcumin may have antiarthritic, antiamyloid, anti-ischemic and anti-inflammatory properties
Resveratrol		skin of red grapes and in other fruits	anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, blood-sugar-lowering and other beneficial cardiovascular effects.
Lignans		flax, rye, some vegetables	may contribute to maintenance of heart health and healthy immune function

Indoles (Indole-3-Carbinol)

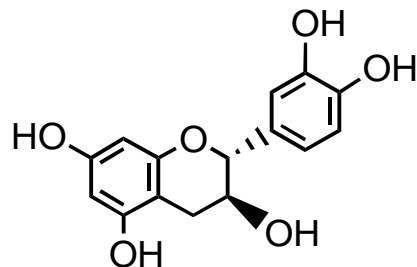
Indole-3-carbinol 	cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, collard greens and kale.	Anticarcinogenic, antioxidant and anti-atherogenic effects.
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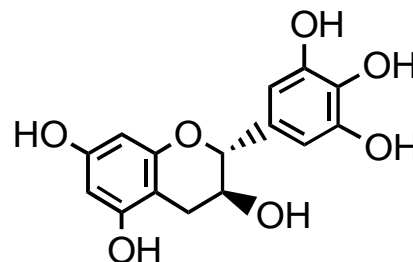
Green Tea Flavan-3-ol Structures



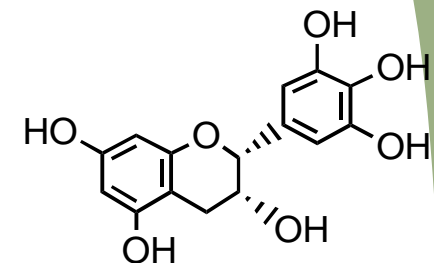
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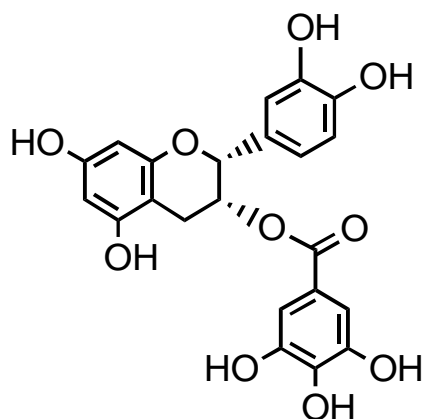
(+)-Catechin



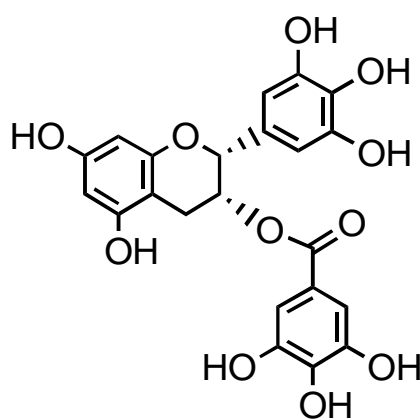
(+)-Gallocatechin



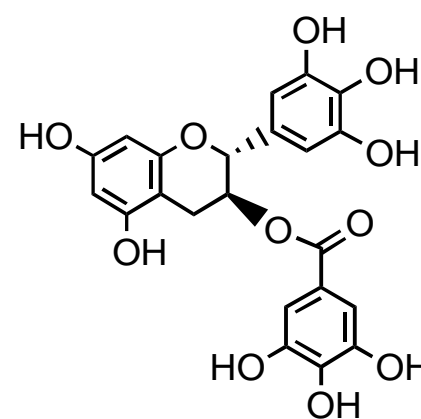
(-)-Epigallocatechin



(-)-Epicatechin gallate



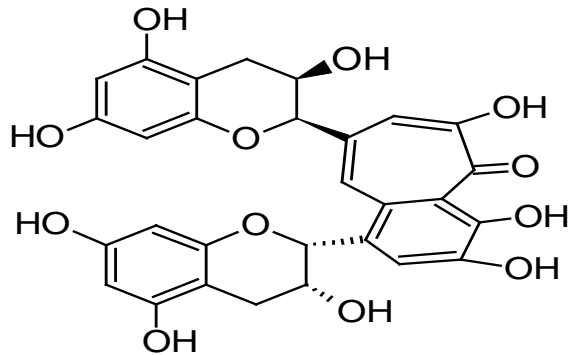
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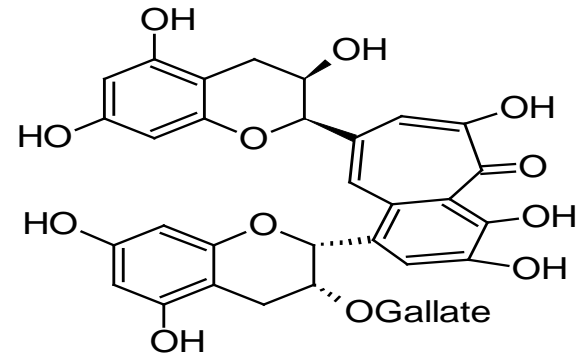
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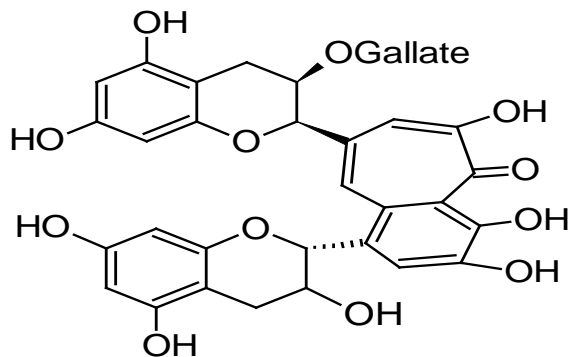
Principle phenolics in black tea



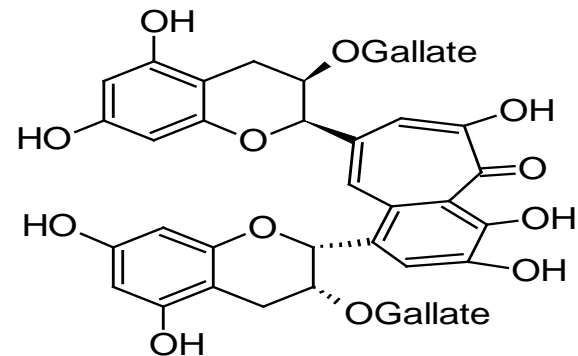
Theaflavin



Theaflavin-3-gallate



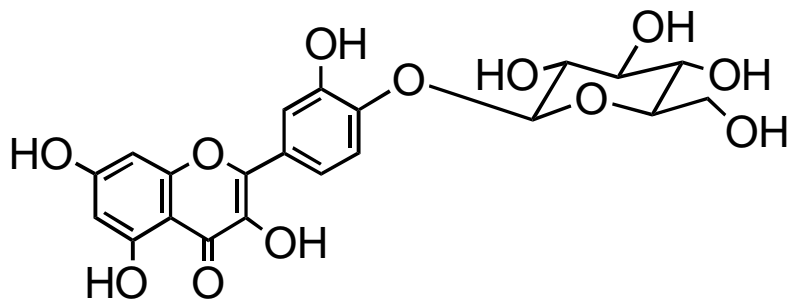
Theaflavin-3'-gallate



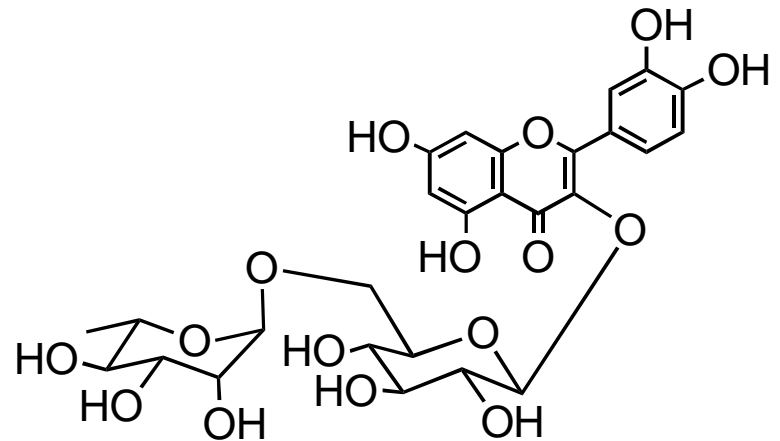
Theaflavin-3,3'-digallate



Flavonol Glycosides



Quercetin-4'-glucoside



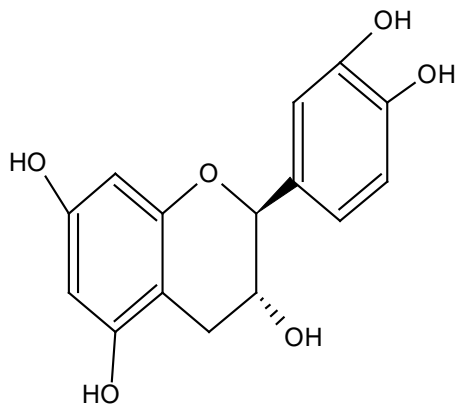
Quercetin-3-rutinoside

200 g fried onion - 257 μ moles

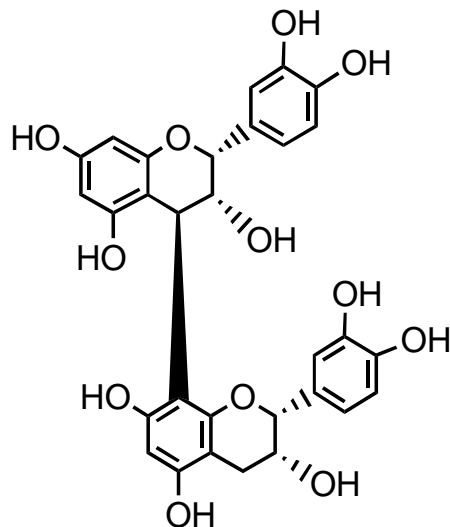
300 mL tomato juice- 176 μ moles



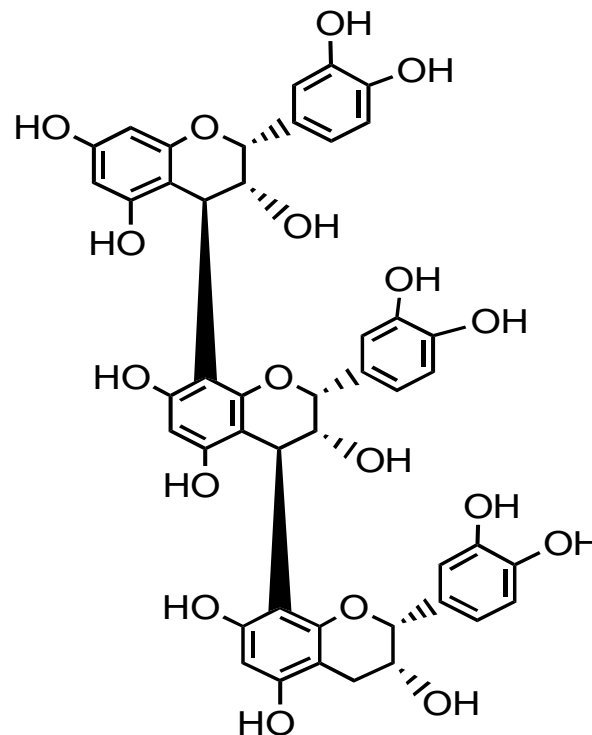
Cocoa and chocolate contain monomeric and polymeric flavan-3-ols



(-)-Epicatechin



Proanthocyanidin B₂ dimer



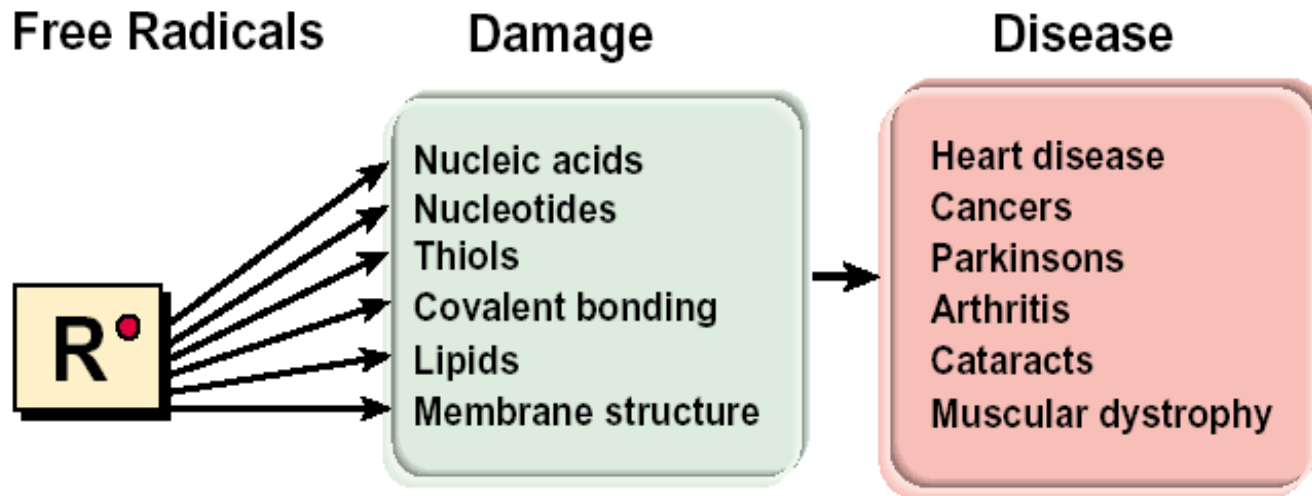
Proanthocyanidin C₁ trimer

Types of Free Radicals

- Oxygen-centered radicals
 - Singlet oxygen, superoxide, hydroxyl radicals
- Sulfur-centered radicals
 - Thiyl radical ($RS\bullet$)
- Carbon-centered radicals
 - $\bullet CCl_3$, $CH_2\bullet CHO$
- Nitrogen-centered radicals
 - $NO\bullet$, $R_2NO\bullet$



FREE RADICAL DAMAGE AND DISEASE



MODE OF ACTION

REACTIVE OXYGEN SPECIES (ROS)

- **Reactive Species**
- **Includes:**
 - hydroxyl radicals ($\cdot\text{OH}$)
 - superoxide anions ($\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$)
 - singlet oxygen ($^1\text{O}_2$)
 - hydrogen peroxides (H_2O_2)
 - organic peroxides (R-OOH)
 - nitric oxide
- **peroxynitrite**



OXIDATIVE STRESS

Oxidant

Description

•O₂⁻, superoxide anion

One-electron reduction state of O₂, formed in many autoxidation reactions and by the electron transport chain. Rather unreactive but can release Fe²⁺ from iron-sulfur proteins and ferritin. Undergoes dismutation to form H₂O₂ spontaneously or by enzymatic catalysis and is a precursor for metal-catalyzed •OH formation.

H₂O₂, hydrogen peroxide

Two-electron reduction state, formed by dismutation of •O₂⁻ or by direct reduction of O₂. Lipid soluble and thus able to diffuse across membranes.

•OH, hydroxyl radical

Three-electron reduction state, formed by Fenton reaction and decomposition of peroxynitrite. Extremely reactive, will attack most cellular components

ROOH, organic hydroperoxide

Formed by radical reactions with cellular components such as lipids and nucleobases

RO•, alkoxy and ROO•, peroxy radicals

Oxygen centred organic radicals. Lipid forms participate in lipid peroxidation reactions. Produced in the presence of oxygen by radical addition to double bonds or hydrogen abstraction.

HOCl, hypochlorous acid

Formed from H₂O₂ by myeloperoxidase. Lipid soluble and highly reactive. Will readily oxidize protein constituents, including thiol groups, amino groups and methionine

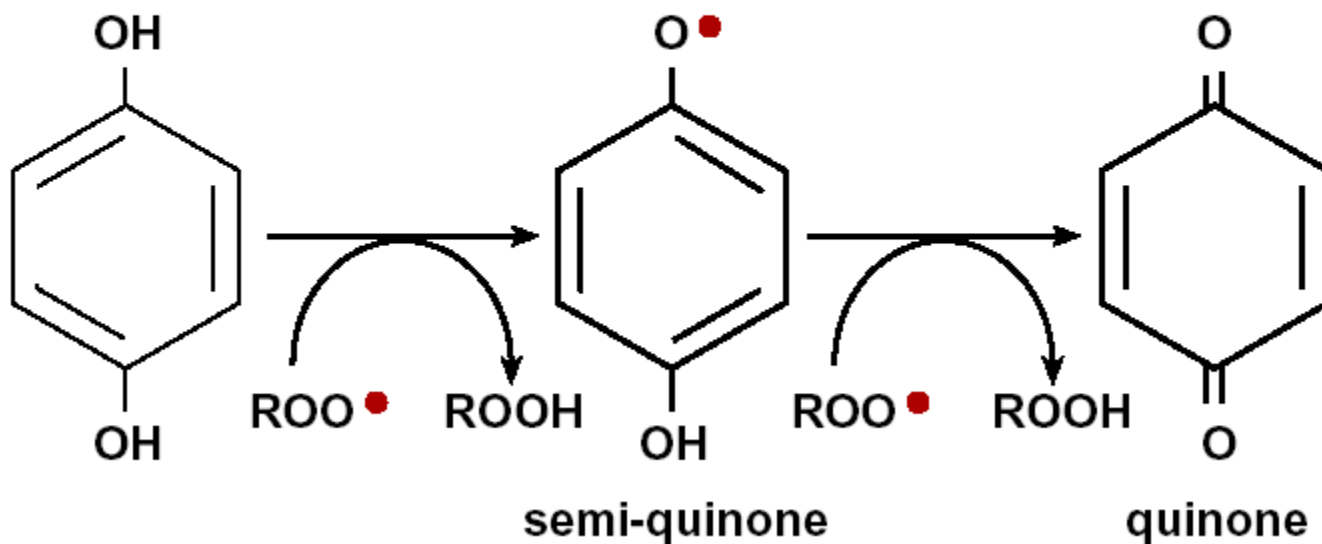
ONOO⁻, peroxynitrite

Formed in a rapid reaction between •O₂⁻ and NO•. Lipid soluble and has high reactivity to hypochlorous acid. Protonation forms peroxynitrous acid which can undergo homolytic cleavage to form hydroxyl radical and nitrogen dioxide.

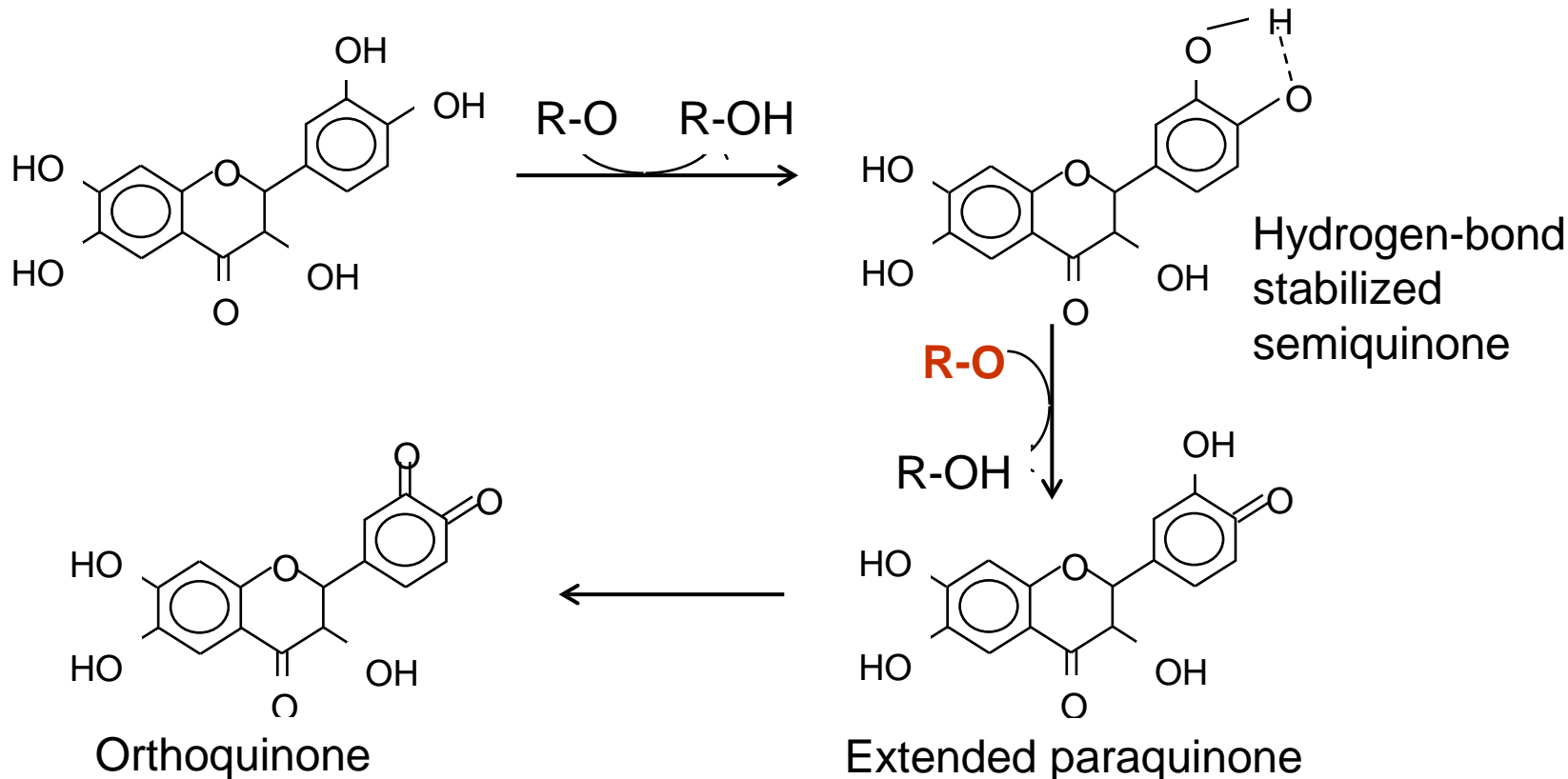


PHENOLICS as ANTIOXIDANT

Phenolic antioxidant mechanism



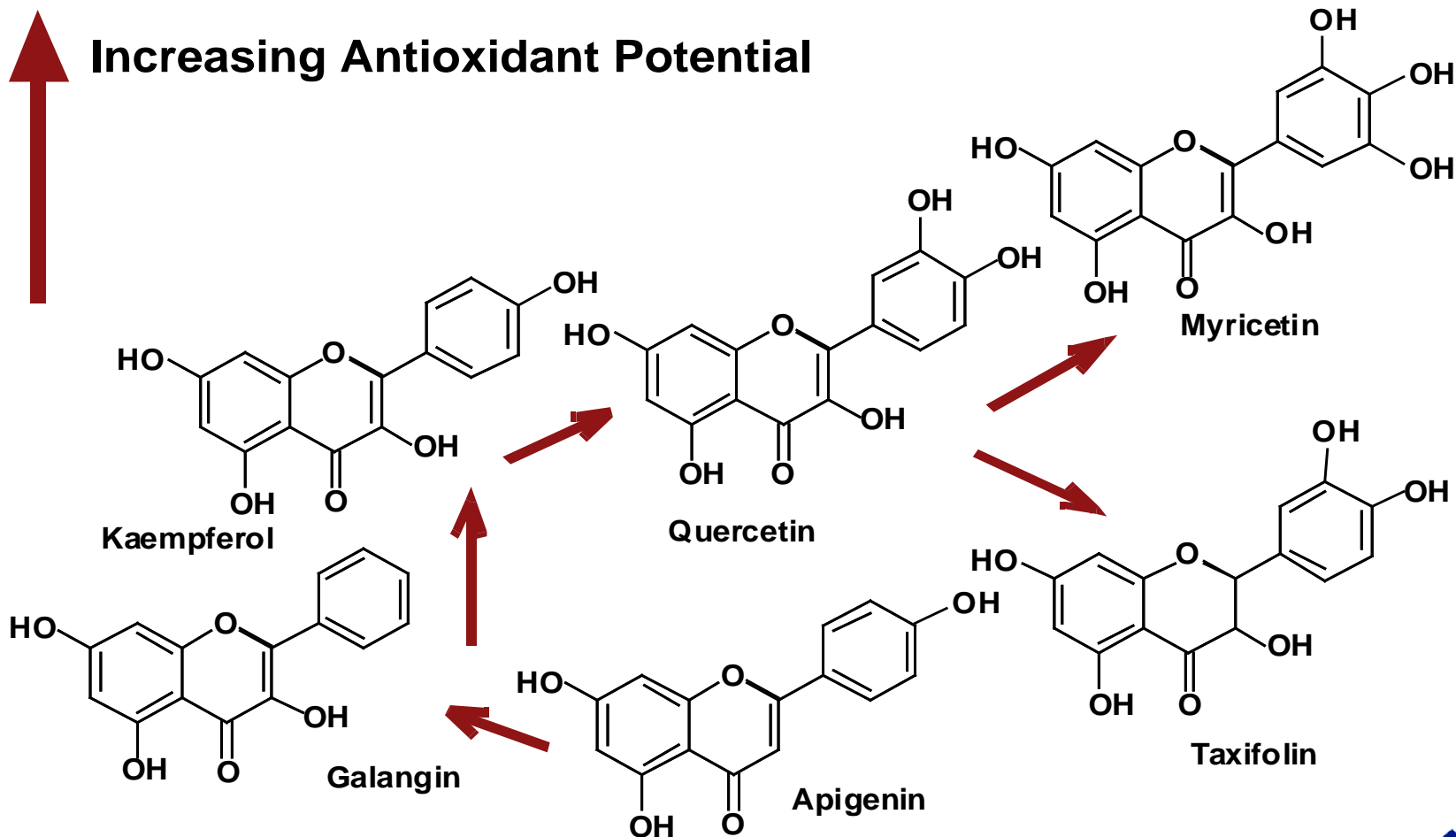
Two-Stage Oxidation of Quercetin



(*J. Agric. Food Chem.* 2003;51:1684-90)



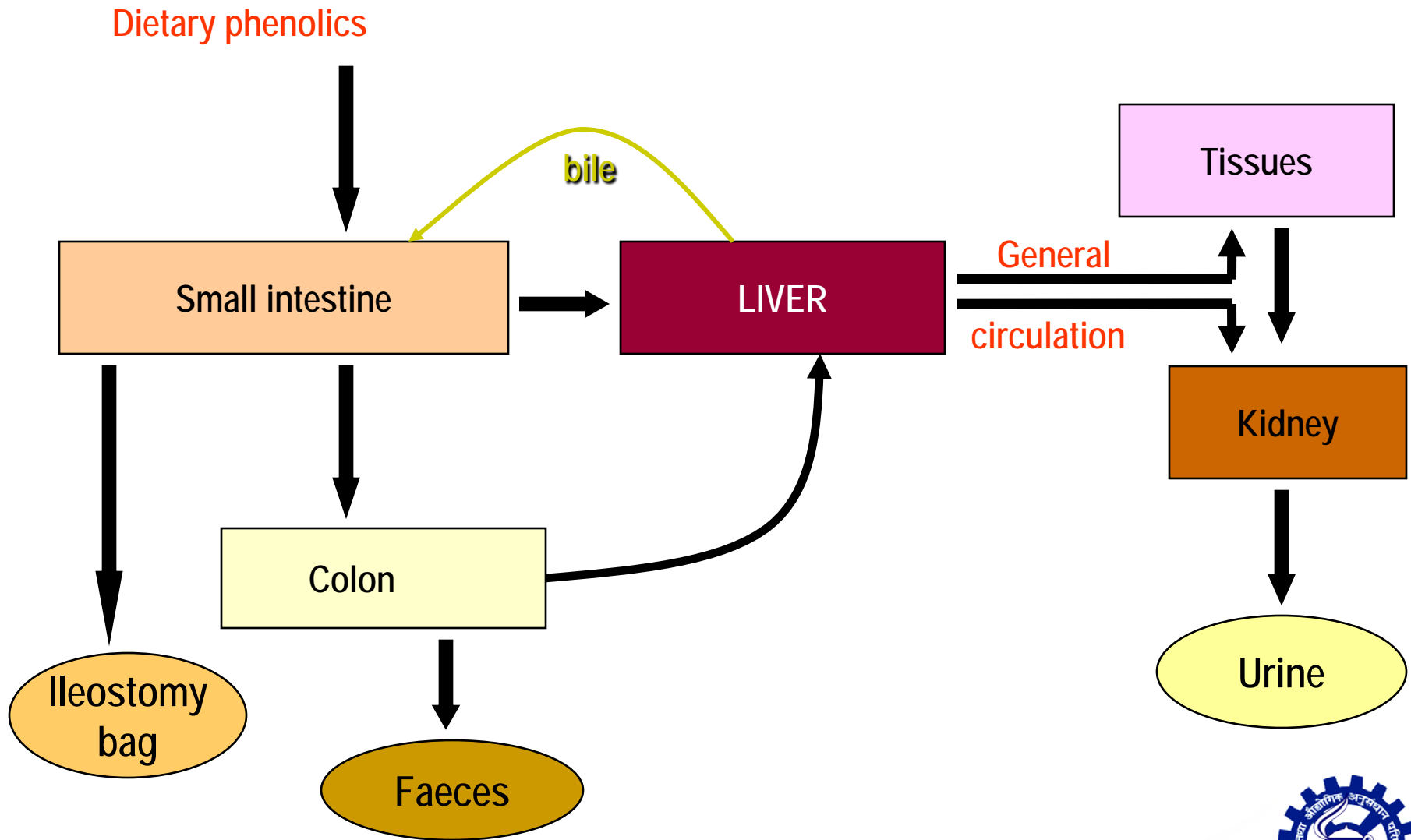
Structure – activity relationships



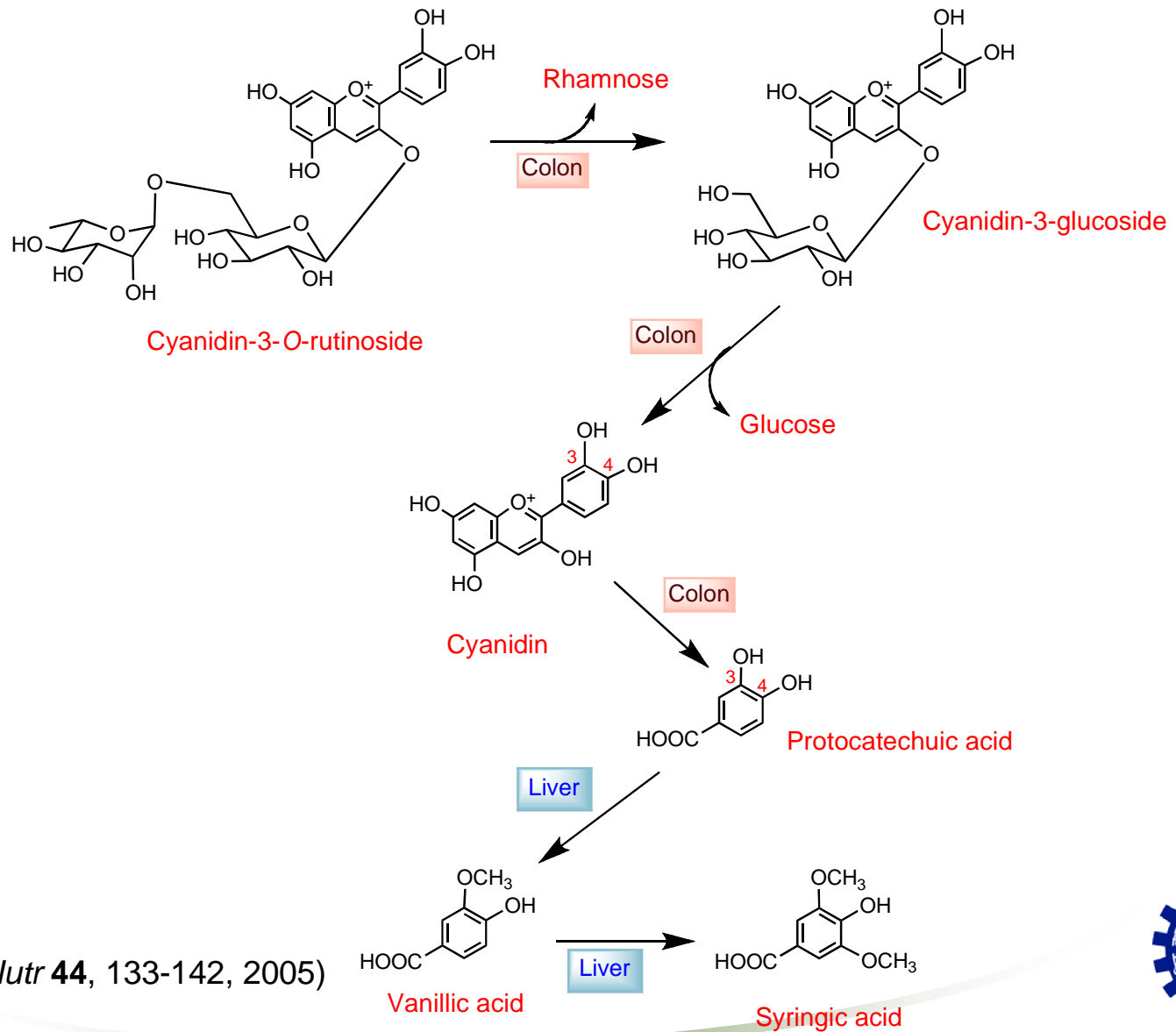
ANTIOXIDANT MEASURE

Item	Antioxidant Capacity (μ mol Trolox/g DM)
Black Tea	927
Green Tea	814 30
Spinach	129 6
Beet	81 25
Leaf Letuce	49 7
Cauliflower	46 11
Garlic	46
Onion	40 2
Cabbage	32 2
Carrot	26 8
Corn	22 4
Potato	15 5
Cucumber	15 2
Sweet potato	14 2

Consumed Dietary Phenolics Metabolism in Humans



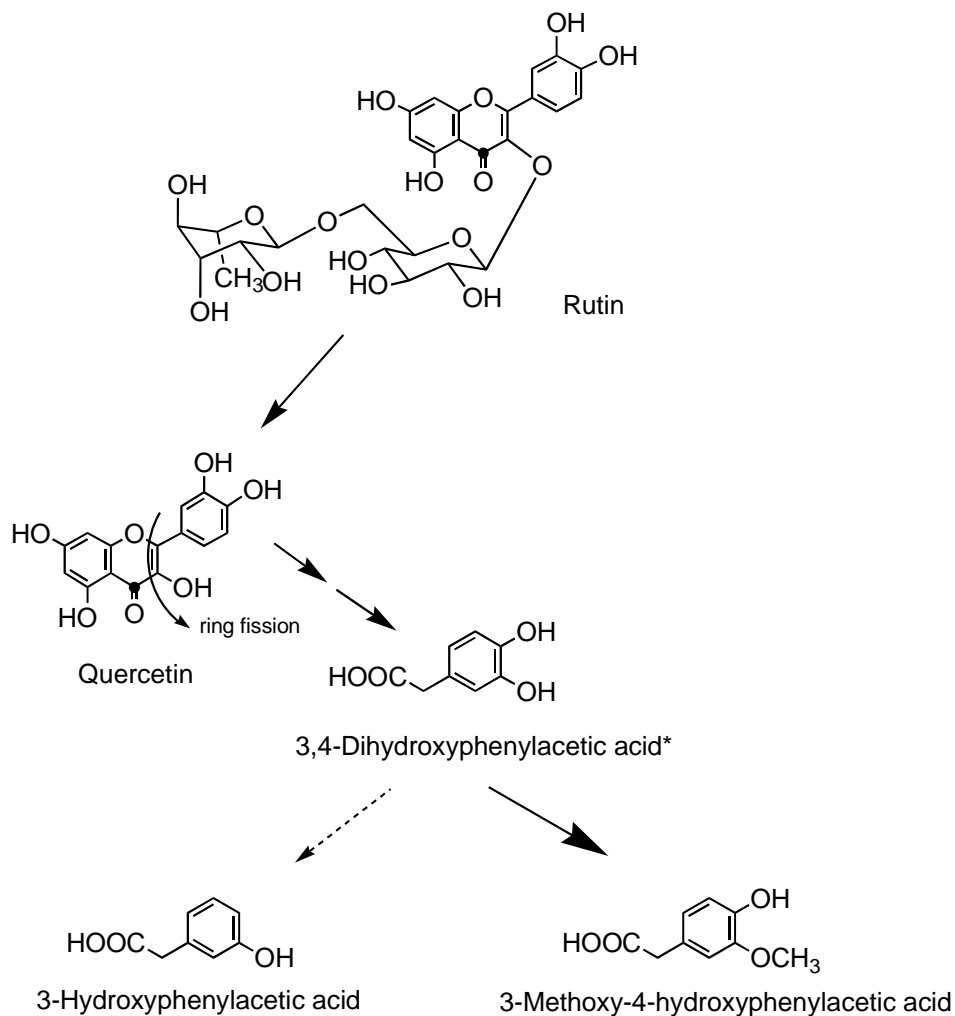
Colonic degradation of anthocyanins



(Aura et al., *Eur J Nutr* **44**, 133-142, 2005)



Fate of Rutin In The Large Intestine



BIOAVAILABILITY

- 1.** The maximum plasma concentrations attained after a polyphenol-rich meal, which are in the range of 0.1–10 $\mu\text{mol/L}$.
- 2.** Catabolism of polyphenols in humans usually occurs only as a result of microbial activity in the (large) intestine.
- 3.** Human tissues are exposed to polyphenols via the blood, which is the only route through which dietary polyphenols can reach tissues and their cells, except for the cells lining the intestinal tract.
- 4.** Phenolic acids account for about one third of the total intake and flavonoids account for the remaining two thirds. The most abundant flavonoids in the diet are flavanols (catechins plus proanthocyanidins), anthocyanins and their oxidation products. The main polyphenol dietary sources are fruit and beverages (fruit juice, wine, tea, coffee, chocolate and beer) and, to a lesser extent vegetables, dry legumes and cereals.

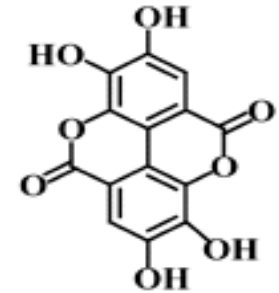
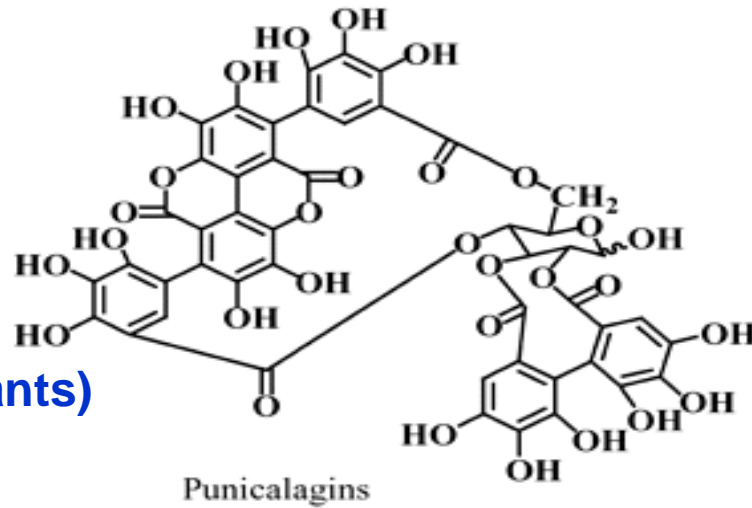


5. Endogenous plasma antioxidants, especially ascorbate, are required for disposal of the resultant phenoxyl radicals .
6. Over 95% of the intake passes to the colon and is fermented by the gut microflora. A fraction of the resulting microbial metabolites is absorbed and appears in the plasma primarily as mammalian conjugates.
7. More than 2 d are needed for the phytoestrogen metabolites to reach the baseline concentrations in plasma and urine after the consumption of soy milk and flaxseed, respectively.

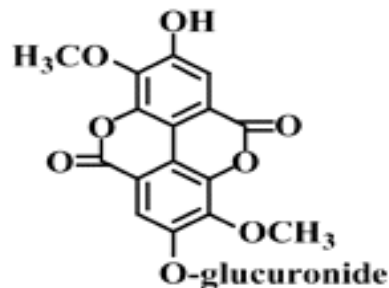


METABOLISM IN GI

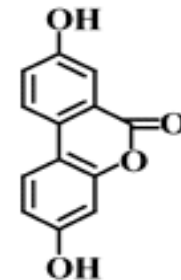
- Ellagitannins (antioxidants) are not absorbed
- Metabolized *in vivo* to bioavailable **urolithins**
- Urolithins are weakly antioxidant
- Large inter-individual variability



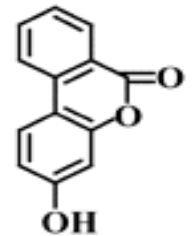
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Dimethylellagic acid glucuronide (DMEAG)



Urolithin A



Urolithin B

TISSUE DISTRIBUTION

Non-detected-in

- –Liver**, kydney**, muscle, adipose, heart, lung, brain.

Plasma concentrations

- –Below 1 μM



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