



The 35th International Vegetable Training Course Vegetables: From Seed to Table and Beyond

Bioactive compounds (phytochemicals)



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Course outline



- What are bioactive compounds?
- Types and sources of bioactive compounds and their health benefits
- Factors affect bioactive compound contents during cultivation
- Effect of postharvest handling on bioactive compounds
- Effect of cooking on bioactive compounds





FAO/WHO recommends to consume 400 g of fruits and vegetables per day.



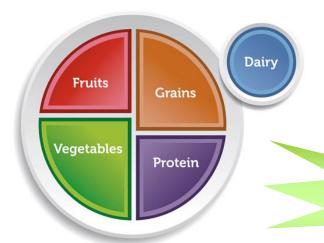
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables



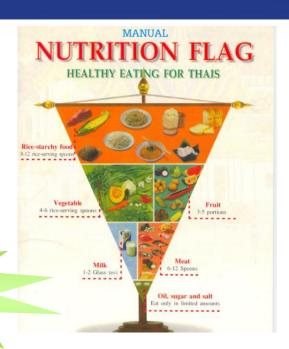
Food recommendation

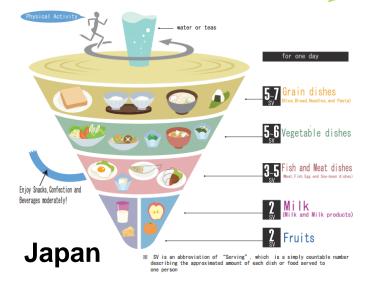




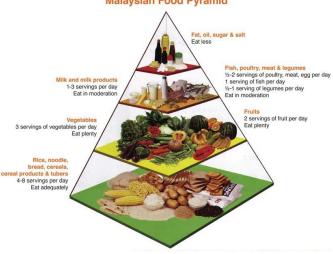


Why??













Because

Fruits and vegetables are sources of

- vitamins
- minerals
- fiber











Consumption of fruits and vegetables reduces risk of cancers and cardiovascular diseases 50 and 33 percent, respectively.

Lower blood pressure

Control blood glucose

Lower risk of digestive problems

etc.





Dr. Ann Kulze, M.D.

Medical Advisory Board for the Wellness Councils of America and Prevent Cancer Foundation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKxwaKk9wG8

Professor Richard Mithen

Institute of Food Research (England)



foodandhealth.ifr.ac.uk/research-themes/food-bioactives/





Phytochemicals

- It is found in fruits and vegetables
- Give color in the plants and act as plant protectors
- Maintain and improve health
- Four key features of phytochemicals

Anti-inflammatory power: inflammation is the key of chronic diseases

Antioxidant power

Immune boosting power

Detoxify property



Examples: flavonoids, glucosinolates and n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid





What is bioactive compounds?



Extranutritional constituents: occur in small quantities in food



Plant-based bioactive compounds = "Phytochemicals"

- Phyto means "plant" in Greek
- Secondary metabolites synthesized by plants
- Do not provide nutritive value
- Function of bioactive compounds in plants:
 - Protect against stress
 - Plant hormones
 - Pigments (green, yellow, orange, etc.)
 - Photosensitizing and energy transferring compounds







Where are the bioactive compounds accumulated?







Major classes of bioactive compounds

Phenolic compounds

(flavonoids, phenolic acids)

Phytosterols

(stigmastanol, campasterol)

Terpenoids

(carotenoids)

Fiber

(soluble/insoluble fiber)

Organosulfur compounds (allicin)

Glucosinolates

(isothiocyanates, indoles)

Alkaloids

(capsaicinoids, caffeine)

Betalains

(betaxanthin, betacyanin) Institute of Nutrition





<u>Fiber</u>

Sources: grains, wheat bran, oat bran, barley, nuts, seeds, beans, peas, fruits and vegetables

Mechanism of action:

- attracts water and turns to gel during digestion: slows digestion
- adds bulk to the stool and appears to help food pass more quickly through the stomach and intestines











<u>Fiber</u>

Health benefits:



- Weight management and lower risk of obesity
- Diabetes prevention and management
- Lower blood cholesterol
- Management of gastrointestinal tract
- Lower risk of colon cancer









Phenolic compounds

Flavonoids

Flavonols

Flavones

Flavonones

Flavanols

Isoflavones

Anthocyanins

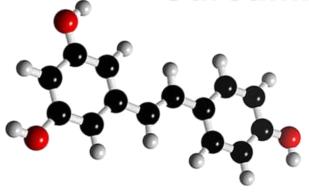
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Non-flavonoid compounds

Phenolic acids

Stilbenes

Curcuminoids



Water soluble compounds





Flavonoids

Sources

Flavonols

Onion, kale, broccoli, apple

Flavones

Parsley, celery, chili/pepper

Flavonones

Orange, grapefruit, lemon

Flavanols

Apple, tea, cocoa

Isoflavones

Soybean

Anthocyanins (Pigments: blue, purple, red)

Grape, blue berry, strawberry





Health benefits:



Prevention disorder of gastric and duodenal ulcers



Feduce risk of cancers and act as anti-cancer agents



Lower blood cholesterol



Heart disease prevention



Prevention of osteoporosis







Phenolic acids

Two major subclasses:

hydroxybenzoic acids and hydroxycinnamic acids

Sources: Coffee

Grains

Fruits

Vegetables

Nuts









Health benefits:



Prevention or treatment of cancers



Prevention of atherosclerosis



Lower blood glucose







Stilbenes

Resveratrol







Health benefits:

- ✓ Increase metabolism: burn fat and calories
- ✓ Prevention of coronary heart disease
- ✓ Defense against cancers: chemopreventive and chemotherapeutic activity







Curcumin

Bright yellow pigment

Sources: turmeric

Health benefits:



- ✓ Prevention of cancers (skin and colon cancer)
- ✓ Prevention Alzheimer's disease
- ✓ Lower risk of cardiovascular diseases
- ✓ Reduce risk or treatment of diabetes mellitus





Phytosterols

Fat soluble compounds

Sources: Nuts

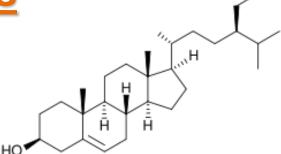
Seeds

Beans

Vegetable oils

Margarine









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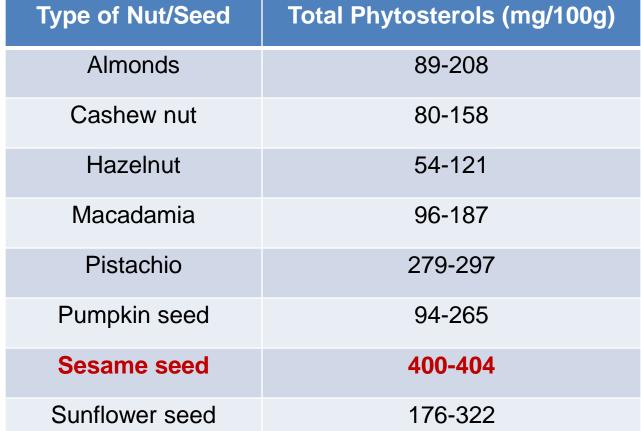






Phytosterol contents in some nuts and seeds





















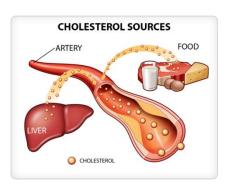
Competitively absorption between cholesterols and phytosterols

"Phytosterols are easier to absorb than cholesterols."

Health benefits:



Lower blood cholesterol





Reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases



Carotenoids

Fat soluble compounds

Pigments: yellow-orange-red









Carotenoids

Carotenes

β-carotene

α-carotene



Xanthophylls

Lutein

Zeaxanthin

β-cryptoxanthin





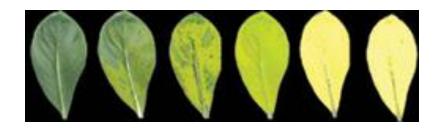
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Sources: Fruits and vegetables (also green leafy vegetables)







Carotenoid

β-Carotene



Examples of major contributors of carotenoids in

North American diet

Amount

17600

9771

Food source

Apricot, died

Carrots, cooked

	4	Spinach, cooked	5300
		Green Collard	5400
		Canteloupe	3000
		Beet Green	2560
		Broccoli, cooked	1300
-		Tomato, raw	520
	a-Carotene	Carrots, cooked	37 23
	Lycopene	To matoes, raw	3100
		Tomato juice	10000
		Tomato paste	36500
		Tomato ketchup	12390
		Tomato sauce	130 <i>6</i> 0
	β-Cryptox anthin	Tangenne	10 <i>6</i> 0
		Рарау а	470
	Lutein	Spinach, cooked	12475
		Green collard	16300
		Beet, green	7700
		Broccoli, cooked	1839
		Green peas, cooked	1690



Gac fruit contain lycopene 70 times more than tomato.



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Health benefits:

Carotenes: β -carotene & α -carotene



Convert to vitamin A



Reduce risk of cardiovascular diseases



Reduce risk of cancers



Reduce risk of osteoporosis



Improve immune function



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Xanthophylls: lutein & zeaxanthin





Pigments in macula and retina (eyes)



Protect tissues from phototoxic damage



Prevention of cancers











Lycopene



Reduce risk of cardiovascular diseases



Reduce risk of cancers, particularly prostate,

breast, cervical, ovarian and liver cancers



Reduce the risk of osteoporosis



Protective effect in hypertension



Improvement of sperm motility











Betalains

Water soluble compounds

Pigments: yellow (betaxanthins)

red-violet (betacyanins)

Sources: yellow beet, red beet, dragon

fruit, cactus pear, Swiss chard,

Amaranth leaves

















Health benefits:

Reduce risk of cancers and act as chemopreventive agent







Allicin

Organosulfur compounds

Sources:

Garlic

Shallot

Onion

Scallion

Chinese leek

Chinese chive











Health benefits:



Prevention and treatment of cancers

Reduce risk of atherosclerosis

Reduce blood cholesterol



Reduce fat deposition

Decrease blood pressure



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<u>Isothiocyanates</u>

Sulforaphane

Sources: Cruciferous vegetables (e.g. broccoli,

cauliflower, kale, turnips, collards, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, radish, and watercress)

Mustard

Wasabi











Health benefits:

Potential compounds which can inhibit carcinogenesis and tumorigenesis











Capsaicinoids

Fat soluble compounds

Give pungent taste (hot)

Sources: pepper and chili











Health benefits:



Reduce pain sensation



Cancer prevention



Weight reduction (increase energy expenditure)



Inhibit platelet aggregation



Reduce the incidence of cardiovascular

diseases







Example:Bioactive compounds in plants







Rice













Indica rice



Basmati rice
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Dehusking and milling

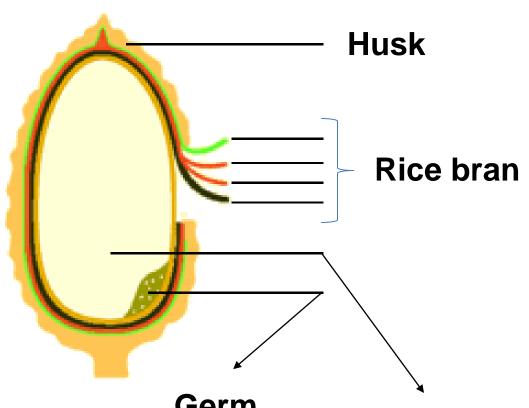






Bioactive components in rice





γ-aminobutyric acid

Vitamin E

γ-Oryzanols

Phenolic acids

Anthocyanins

Germ

γ-aminobutyric acid (GABA)

Endosperm

Carbohydrate **Anthocyanin**



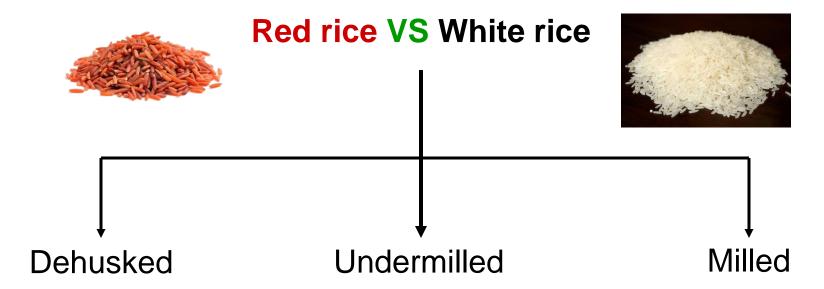


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Comparison of bioactive components and antioxidant activities in different rice









Bioactive components and antioxidant activities in different rice

Rice	Ferulic acid ¹	Anthocyanin ¹	Vitamin E ¹	γ-Oryzanol¹	AA^2		
Red rice							
Dehusked	120.8	76.00	50.4	470	12.33		
Undermilled	52.9	17.95	30.7	255	2.53		
Milled	25.6	2.47	14.7	90	2.34		
White rice							
Dehusked	66.2	Not detected (nd)	43.4	744	1.01		
Undermilled	11.1	nd	10.1	191	0.88		
Milled	5.9	nd	10.2	58	0.83		

¹ unit in mg/kg,

² antioxidant activity unit in mmolTrolox/kg





Bioactive compounds in Chinese kale







- Phenolic compounds (Flavonoids)
- Carotenoids











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Bioactive compounds in bitter gourd

- Charantin
- Vicine

- Lower blood glucose
- Cucurbitacins: induce appotosis
- Phenolic compounds















Bioactive compounds in pumpkin











- Carotenoids (lutein, β-carotene)
- Phenolic compounds (flavonoids, phenolic acid)
- Cucurbitacins







Bioactive compounds in tomato



- Carotenoids (lycopene)
- Vitamin C
- Phenolic compounds (flavonoids)













Bioactive compounds in pepper/chili

Capsaicinoids: pungent taste

β-c antiviol viol anthocyanin

capsanthin β-cryptoxanthin, antheraxanthin, violaxanthin

lutein & violaxanthin

Chlorophyll capsanthin & capsorubin

Carotenoids

Flavonoids: high flavonoid content

Phenolic acids

Vitamin C

Vitamin E

Combination of carotenoids & chlorophyll

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Bioactive compounds in *Allium* species (e.g. garlic, shallot, onion)

- ✓ Organosulfur compound: allicin
- √ Flavonoids (flavanols, anthocyanins)
- √ Phenolic acids
- ✓ Saponins (terpene/steroid + sugar)















Bioactive compounds in turmeric



- **Curcumin**
- \triangleright Carotenoids (β -carotene)
- ➤ Phenolic acids



≻Vitamin C











Bioactive compounds in black pepper



Piperine: alkaloids (antitumor activity)

Flavonoids

Phenolic acids

Phytosterols











Bioactive compounds in berry



- ✓ Phenolic compounds (flavonoids, phenolic acid)
- ✓ Vitamin C
- ✓ Carotenoids (Goji berry)









Bioactive compounds in guava



- **≻**Vitamin C
- ➤ Phenolic compounds (flavonoids, catechin)
- ➤ Carotenoids (lycopene)









Bioactive compounds in pineapple

- √ Carotenoids (lutein and zeaxanthin)
- √Phenolic compounds (phenolic acids, catechin)
- ✓ Saponins
- ✓ Phytosterols











Bioactive compounds in mango





- Carotenoids (lutein, zeaxanthin, β-carotene)
- Phenolic compounds (flavonoids, tanin, phenolic acids)
- > Vitamin C



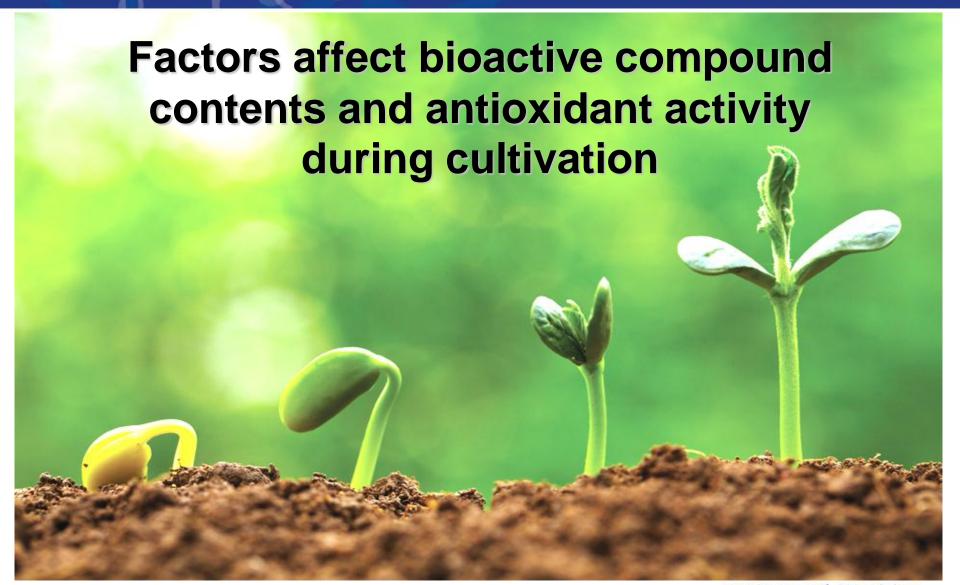




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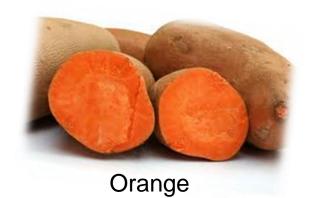








Effect of genotypes with varying flesh colour on bioactive components and antioxidant activities in sweet potato



Purple



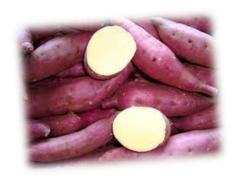
Light orange



Light purple



Yellow



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(Teow et al., 2007)

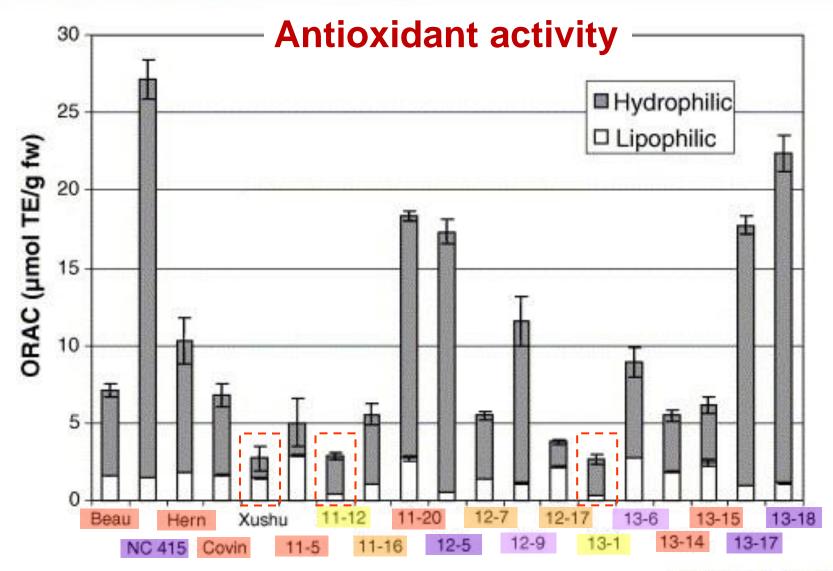




Bioactive components in different sweet potato genotypes

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Sample	Phenols (mg/g)	Total anthocyanin (mg/g)	β-carotene (µg/g)	
Xushu 18	0.003	ND (Not detected)	0.2	
11-12	0.011	ND	1.5	
13-1	0.033	ND	2.3	
11-16	0.118	ND	13.0	
12-7	0.130	ND	29.8	
12-17	0.108	ND	11.8	
Beauregard	0.211	ND	92.3	
Hernandez	0.517	ND	167	
Covington	0.183	0.038	120	
11-5	0.168	0.017	77.1	
11-20	0.472	ND	226	
13-14	0.130	ND	44.9	
13-15	0.140	ND	127	
12-9	0.248	0.030	22.3	
13-6	0.257	0.069	56.6	
NC415	0.792	0.430	6.3	
12-5	0.477	0.246	46.9	
13-17	0.571	0.322	31.3	
13-18	0.949	0.531	5.4	









Genotypes (flesh color) affected bioactive compounds (amount and type) and antioxidant activities.





Effect of <u>genotype</u>, <u>cultivated area</u> and <u>year</u> on bioactive components in chickpea

Three different genotypes

Three different areas

Two different years of cultivation (2003 and 2004)





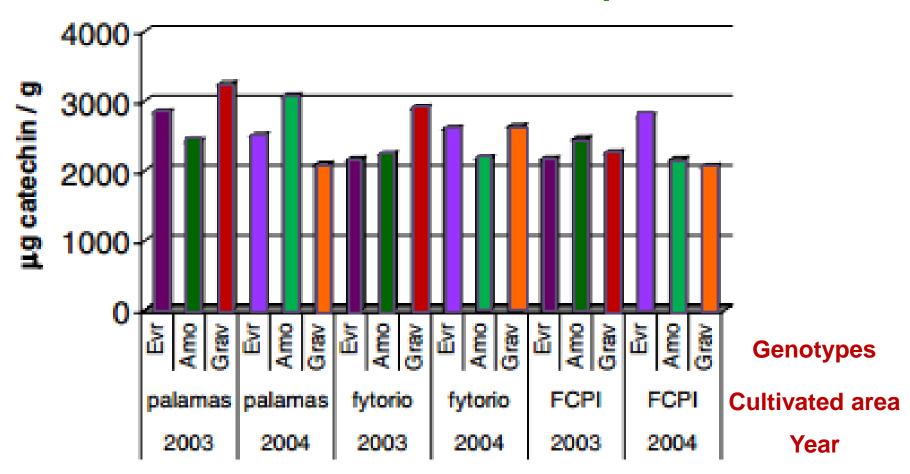


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Tannin contents in chickpeas



Evr = Evros, Amo = Amorgos, Grav = Gravia





Genotypes, cultivated areas and

years of cultivation affected

tannin contents.





Effect of <u>maturity</u> and <u>season</u> on bioactive components and antioxidant activities in strawberry

Maturity: 10 stages





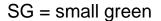
Season: Summer vs Winter







Anthocyanins = red color



LG = large green

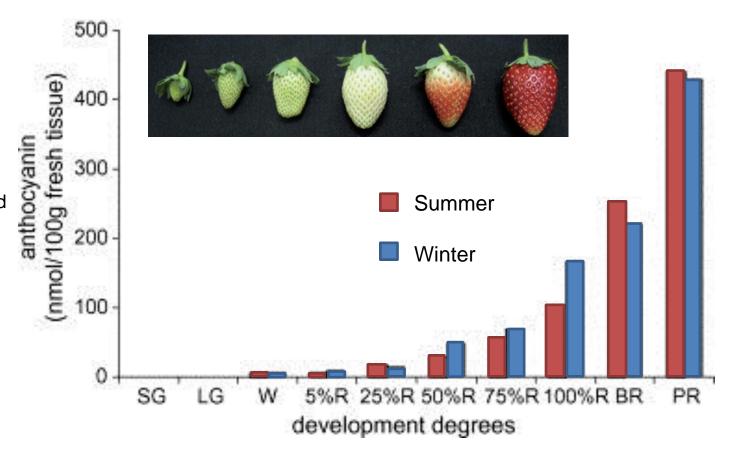
W = white

5-100%R = 5-100% red

BR = bright red

PR = purple red







SG = small green

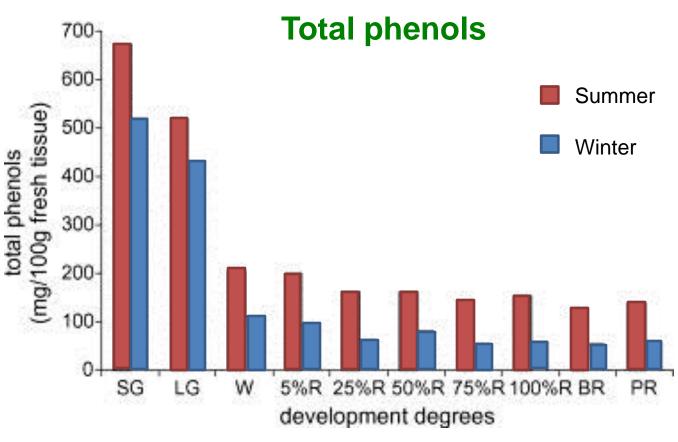
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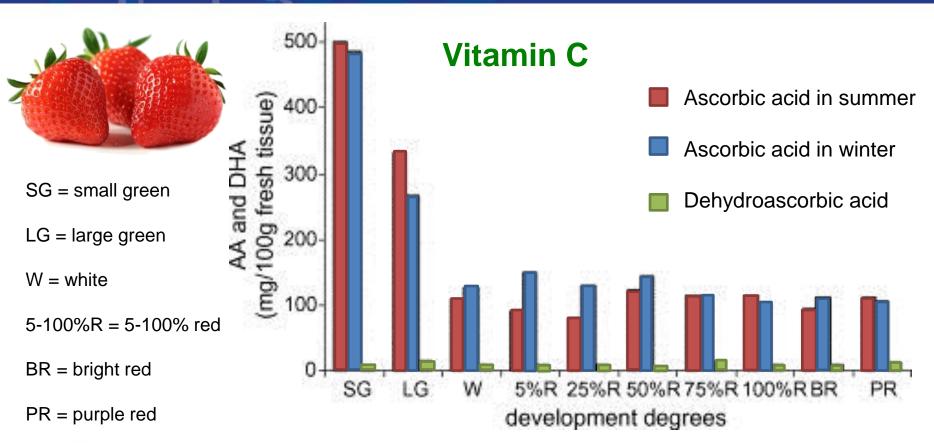


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SG = small green

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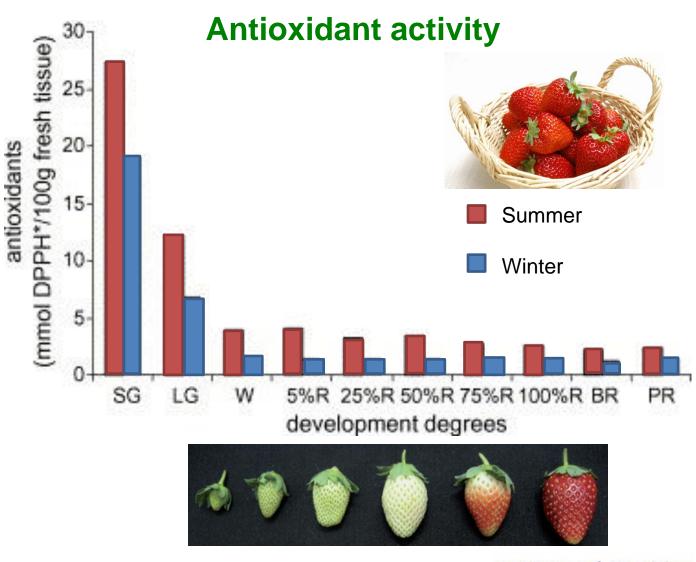
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Maturity affected all bioactive compound contents and antioxidant activity

Season affected only total phenols and antioxidant activity

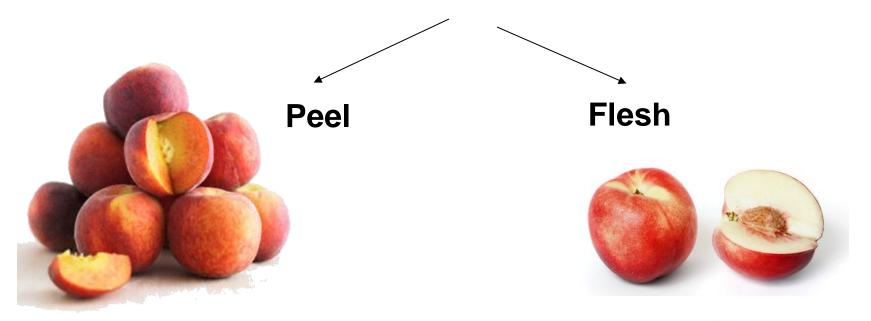
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Effect of <u>fruit tissue</u> on bioactive components in nectarine

Nectarine (white-,yellow-flesh)







Bioactive compounds and antioxidant activities in peel and flesh tissues in white-/yellow-flesh nectarines

White cultivar	Fruit tissue	Total phenolics ¹	Ascorbic acid ¹	β-carotene ²	β-cryptoxanthin ²	Antioxidant a	ctivity ¹
Arctic Star	peel	875	93	570	Not detected (nd)	393	
	flesh	154	42	40	nd	84	
Arctic Queen	peel	904	160	170	30	553	
	flesh	303	78	100	nd	145	
Arctic Snow	peel	929	200	310	50	984	
	flesh	454	122	40	nd	402	
Fire Pearl	peel	418	134	50	80	230	
	flesh	91	69	20	50	46	
Brite Pearl	peel	2020	191	280	80	1447	
	flesh	901	95	80	nd	837	
							4
Yellow cultivar	Fruit tissue	Total phenolics ¹	Ascorbic acid ¹	β-carotene ²	β-cryptoxanthin ²	Antioxidant a	ctivity ¹
Yellow cultivar Red Jim	Fruit tissue	Total phenolics ¹	Ascorbic acid ¹	β-carotene ²	β-cryptoxanthin ² 240	Antioxidant a	ctivity ¹
		<u> </u>		•			ctivity ¹
Red Jim	peel	1403	130	1870	240	981	ctivity ¹
	peel flesh	1403 415	130 55	1870 730	240 140	981 317	ctivity ¹
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Red Jim	peel flesh peel flesh	1403 415 755 287	130 55 118 58	1870 730 2730 1280	240 140 270 140	981 317 459 159	ctivity ¹
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¹ unit in mg/kg, ² unit in μg/kg

(Gil et al., 2002)





Different fruit tissue accumulated different amount of bioactive compounds and antioxidant activities.



Bioactive compound contents and antioxidant activities were different depended on cultivar/genotypes.





Effect of <u>different environment</u> on bioactive components in lettuce

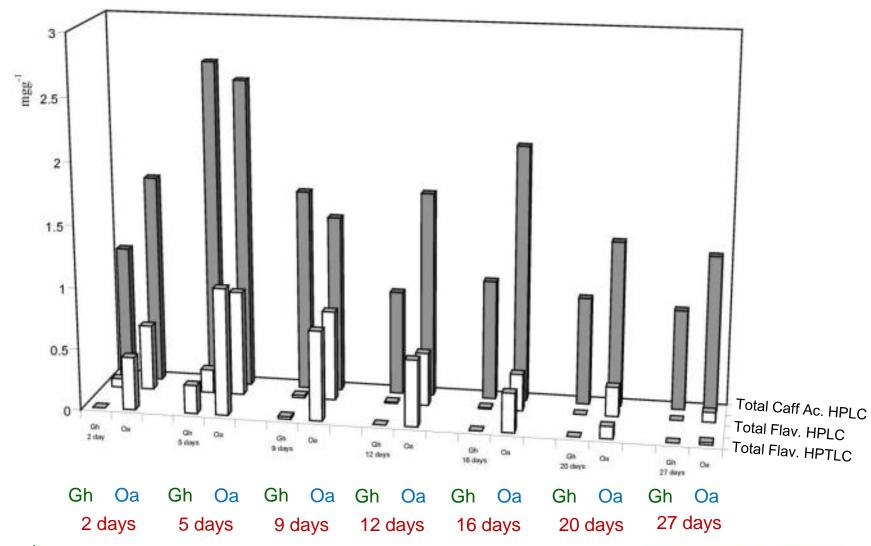


Green house



Open-air grown





Gh = Green house Oa = Open air

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Effect of <u>cultivation method</u> (hydroponic VS soil) on carotenoid contents of lettuce



Hydroponic

- Energy: nutrient solution
- Cover with a polyethylene roof

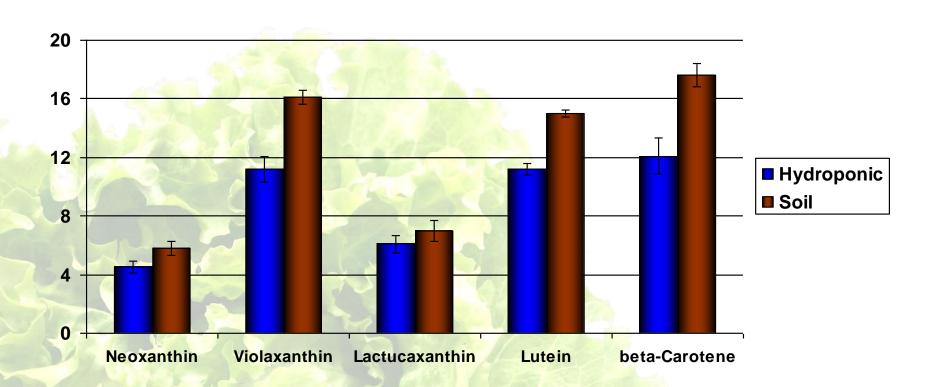


Soil

- Energy: phytosynthesis
- Open-air



Carotenoid contents in lettuce



Carotenoid content: Soil >> Hydroponic





Effect of <u>fertilizer</u> on bioactive components and antioxidant activity in cassava tubers



Empty fruit bunch compost

(N: 1.46%, P: 1.47%, K: 2.58%)



Vegetable waste vermicompost

(N: 2.32%, P: 1.54%, K: 1.06%)



Inorganic fertilizer

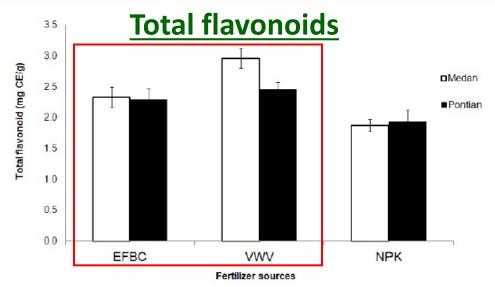
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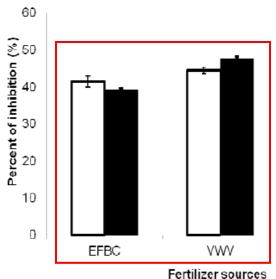


Organic fertilizer

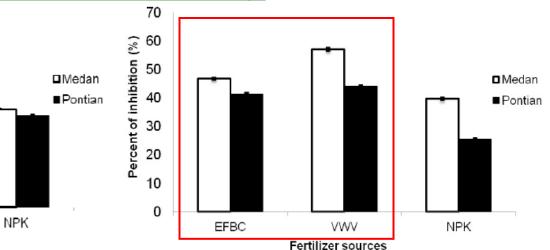
EFBC = **Empty** fruit bunch compost

VWV = Vegetable waste vermicompost

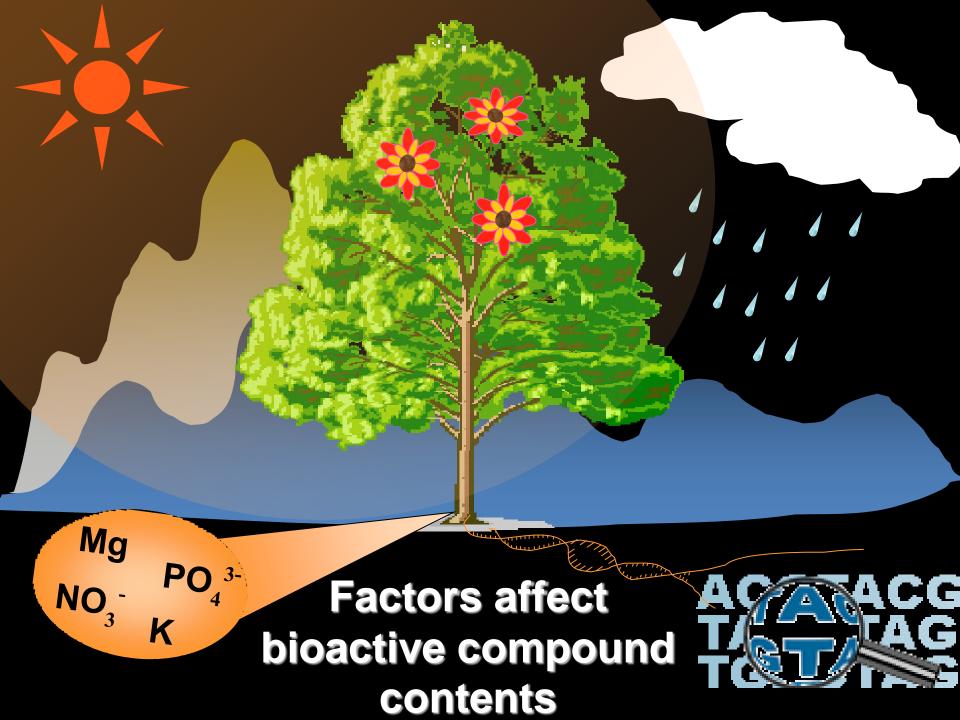
NPK = Inorganic fertilizer







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Effect of postharvest handling on bioactive compounds

Postharvest handling: The stage that occurring in the period after harvest

- Cleaning
- Packing
- Processing

- Storage
- Transportation
- Distribution





Post harvest handling: Processing

- Changes glucosinolate content in broccoli heads by shredding
- Comparisons on bioactive components and antioxidant activity of fresh, freeze-dried and hot-airdried tomatoes

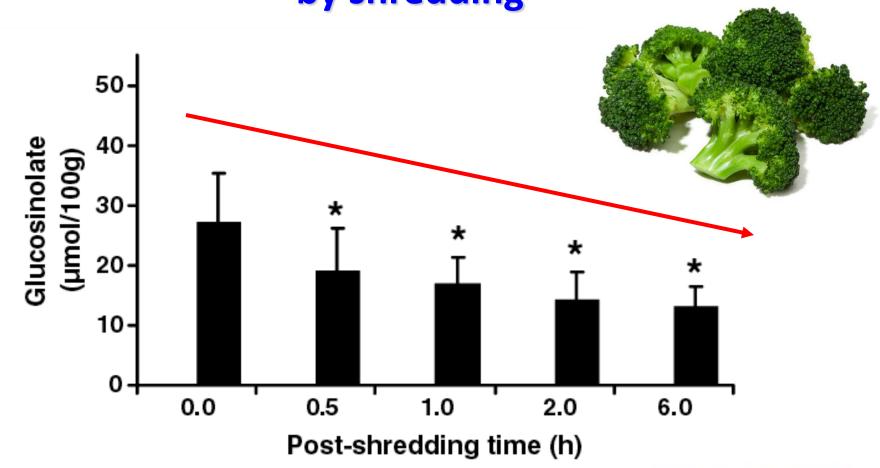








Changes glucosinolate content in broccoli heads by shredding



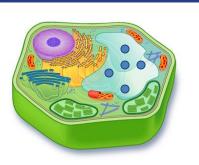


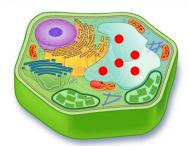


Glicoraphanin (Glucosinolate)

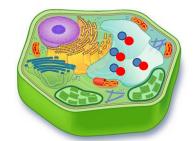
Myrosinase (enzyme)

Sulforaphane (Isothiocyanate)





Myrosin cell
Cell membrane
disruption



Enzymatic reaction







Comparisons on bioactive components and antioxidant activity of fresh, freeze-dried and hot-air-dried tomatoes







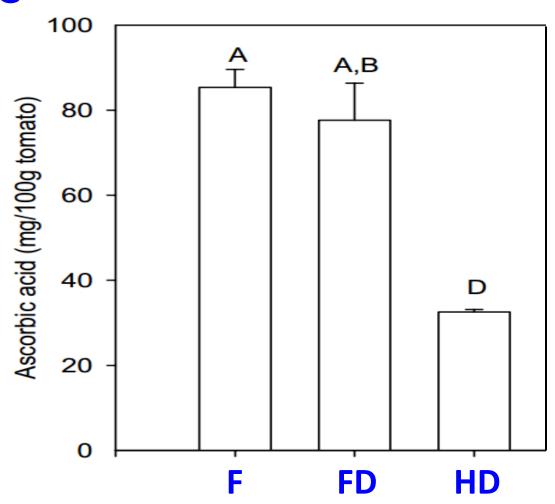
Fresh

Freeze-dried

Hot air-oven dried



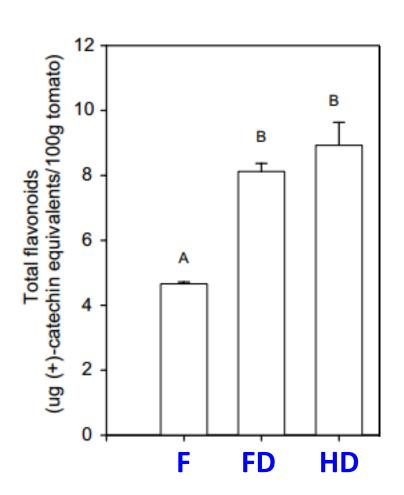
Vitamin C

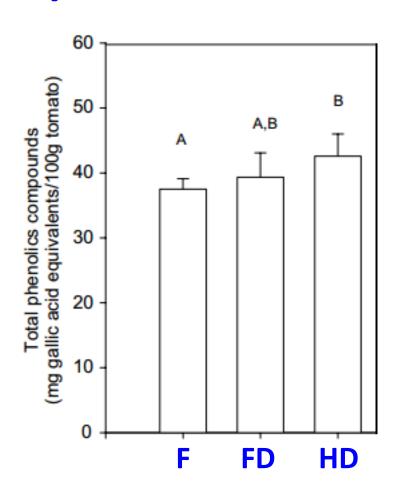






Total flavonoids and total phenolics

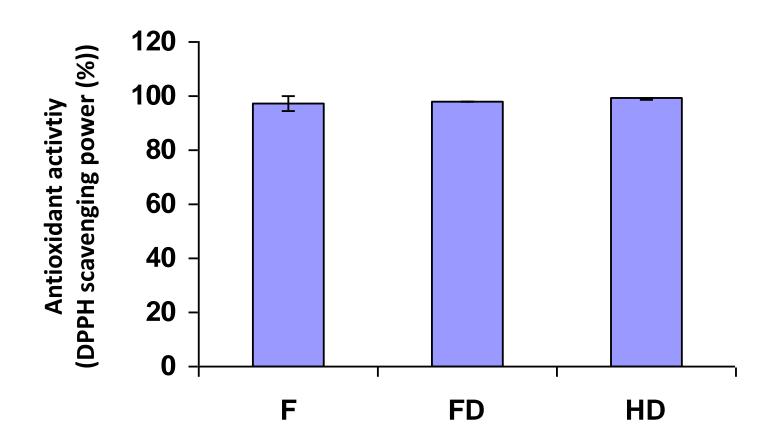








Antioxidant activity





- Different food processes affect phytochemical contents and antioxidant activity in different ways.
- Drying processes reduced vitamin C, particularly a high temperature process.
- Flavonoids & phenolic acids: high temperature of hot-airdrying process or very low temperature of freeze drying process would deactivate enzyme that is the cause of browning reaction.





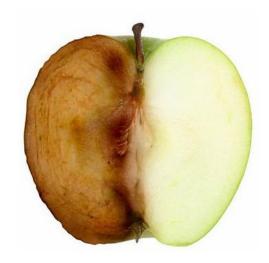








Enzymatic browning reaction



is a process of becoming brown.

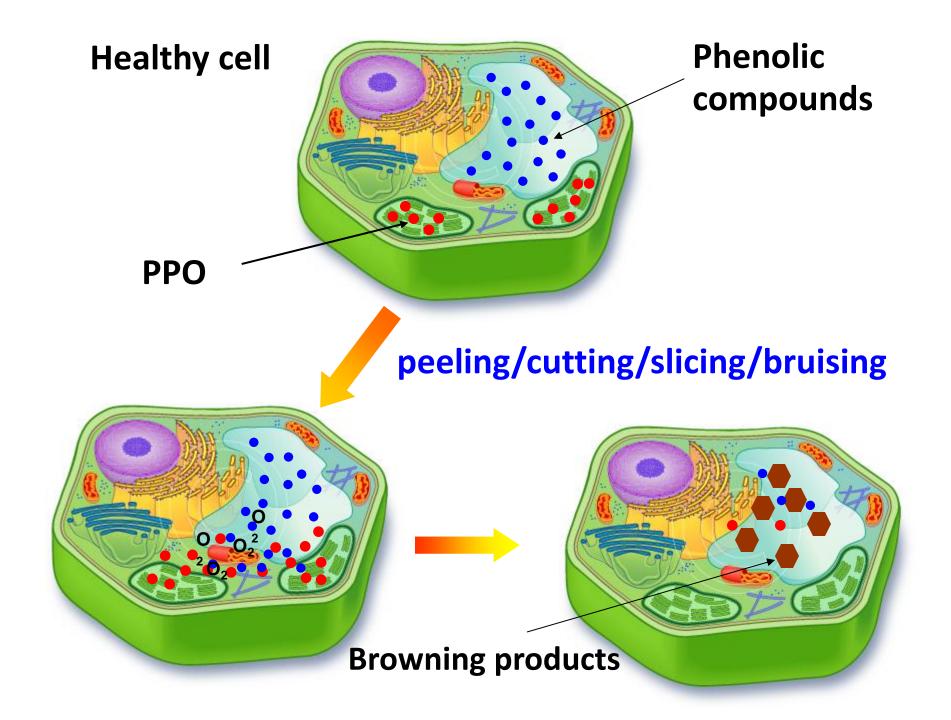
- Desirable: developing flavor in tea
- Undesirable: fresh fruit and vegetables

Enzyme: Polyphenol oxidase (PPO)

Phenolic compounds

Oxygen

Water





The techniques for preventing enzymatic browning

- Dip in acid solution: lemon juice
- Thermal process: blanching
- Keep in low temperature (reducing rate of reaction)
- Remove oxygen: vacuum pack, flush with nitrogen
- Use chemicals such as sulfites and citrates







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Postharvest handling: Storage

 Changes in phenolic acids, carotenoids, total phenolics and antioxidant activities in sweet potato during storage





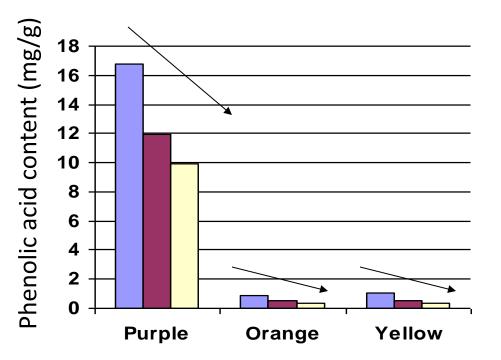
Stored at 15 °C and 80-85%RH in the dark

0, 4, 8 months

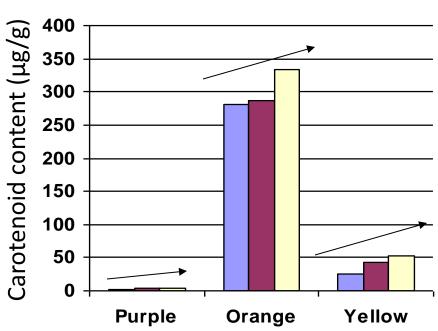




Phenolic acids



Carotenoids





4 months

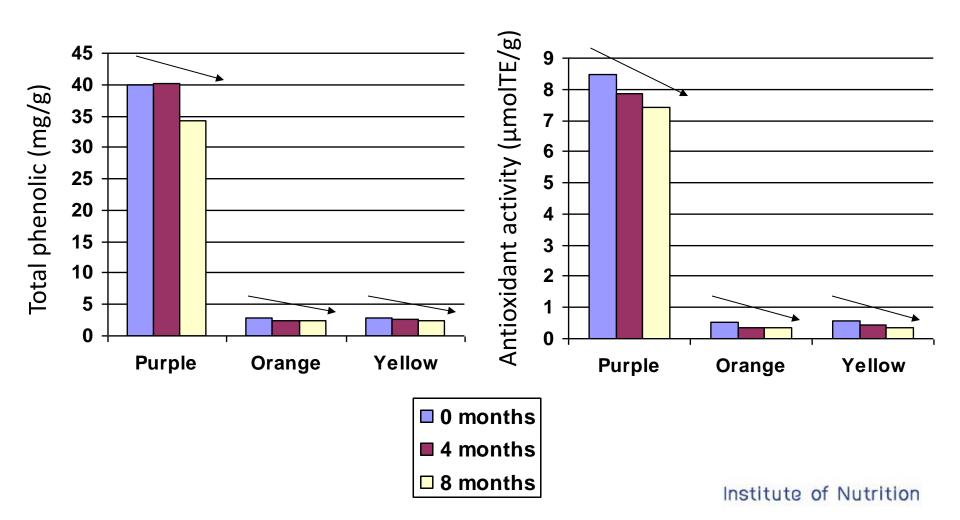
■ 8 months





Total phenolics

Antioxidant activity







Effect of cooking on bioactive compounds







Effect of different cooking methods on carotenoids, phenols and antioxidant activities in colored peppers

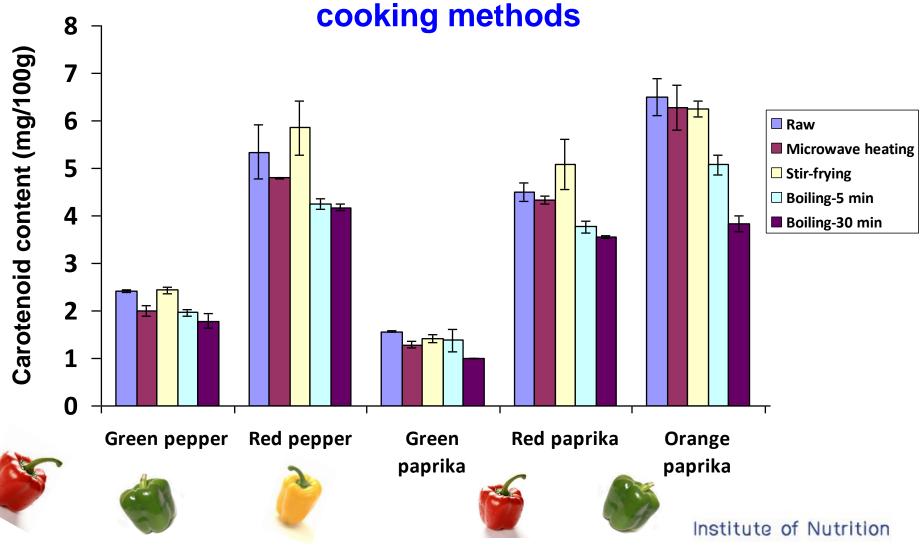
5 varieties of color peppers







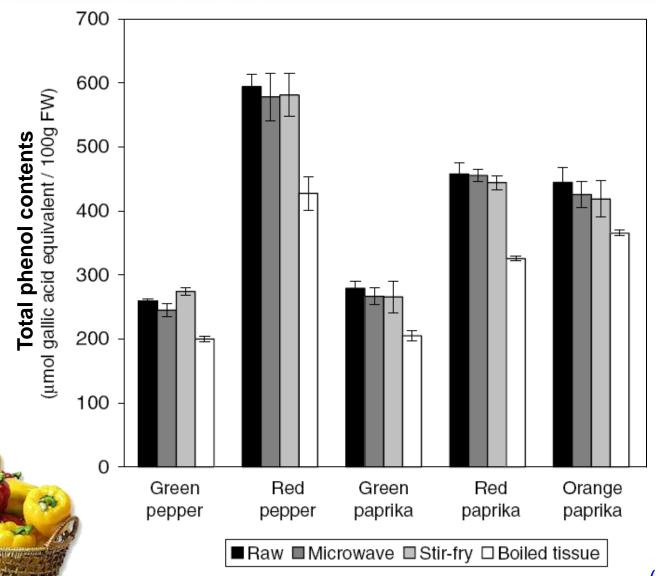
Carotenoid contents in colored peppers with different cooking methods





Change in total phenol contents of colored peppers after 5 minutes of cooking

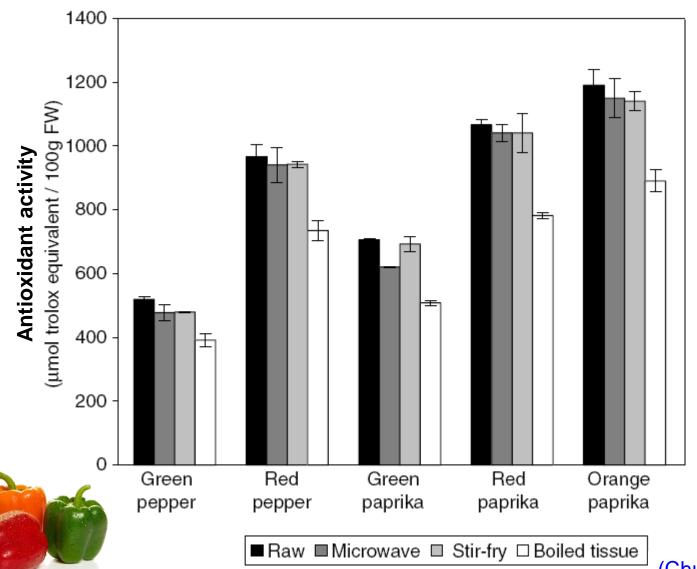




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Change in antioxidant activities of colored peppers after 5 minutes of cooking

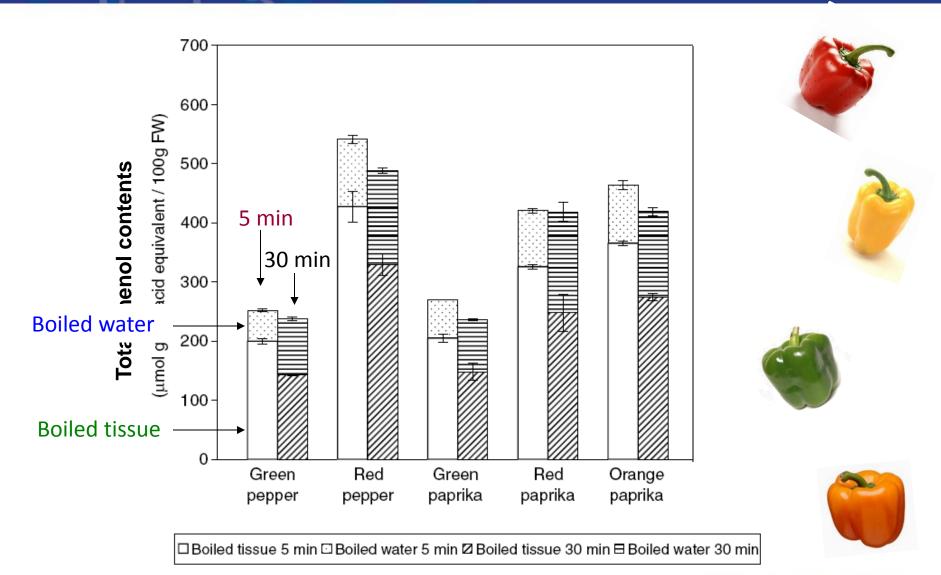






Change in total phenol contents of colored peppers after 5 and 30 minutes of boiling

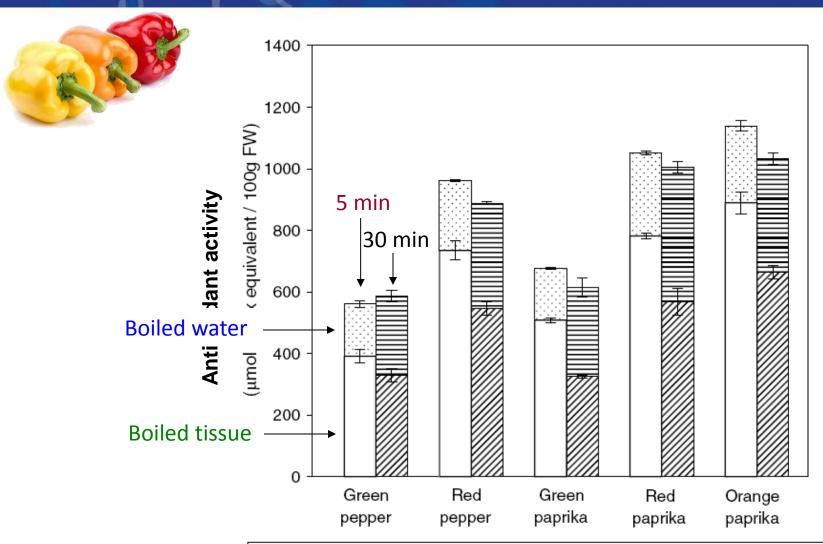






Change in antioxidant activities of colored peppers after 5 and 30 minutes of boiling





□ Boiled tissue 5 min □ Boiled water 5 min □ Boiled tissue 30 min □ Boiled water 30 min

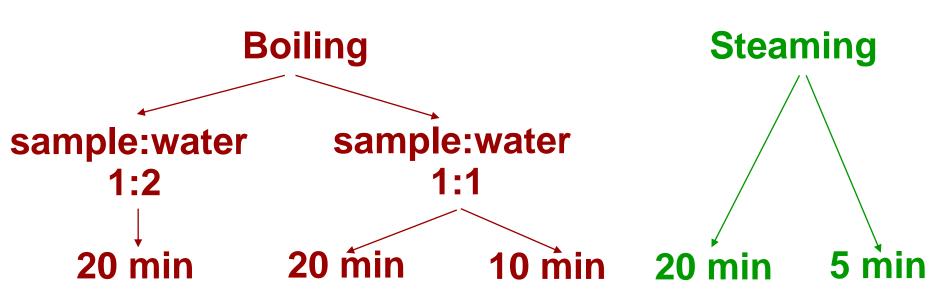




Effect of boiling and steaming on phenols and antioxidant activities in red cabbages



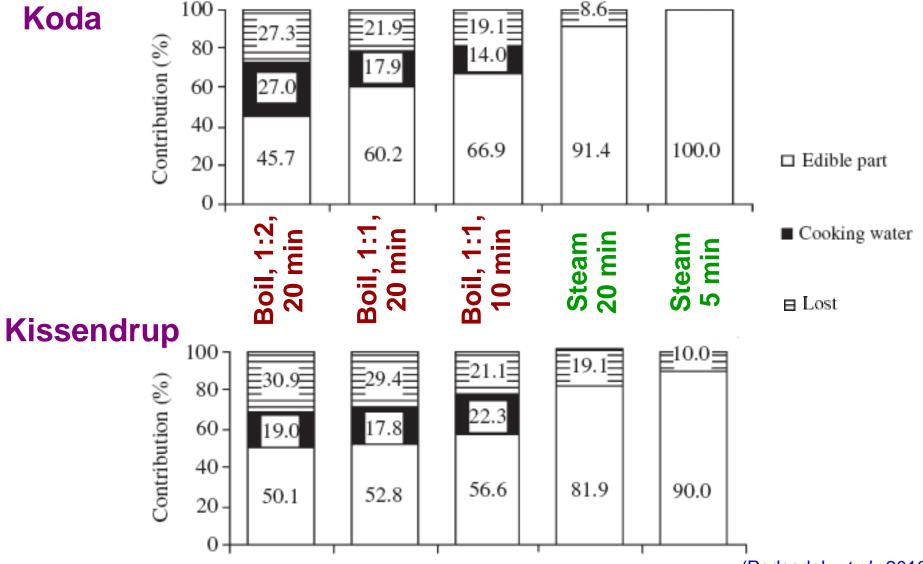
(koda and kissendrup)





Phenol contents in edible part, cooking water and lost observed in red cabbages

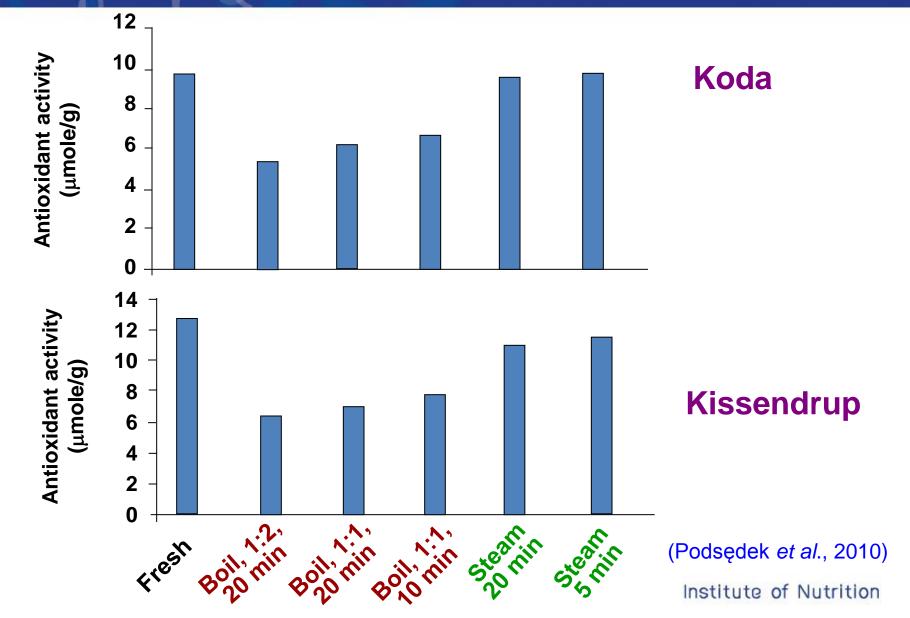






Effect of different cooking methods on antioxidant activities in red cabbage









Effect of cooking time on carotenoids, phenols and antioxidant activities in broccoli







Floret

Stem

Conventional cooking (boiling)

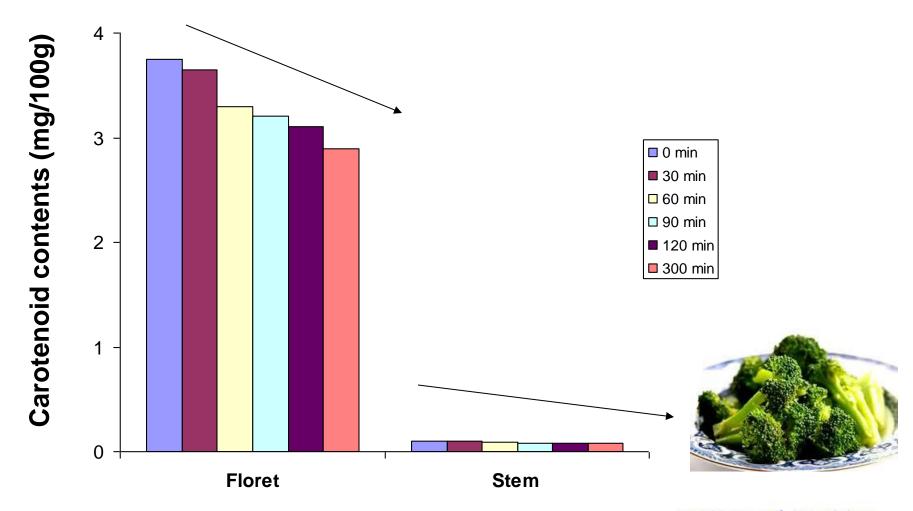


0, 30, 60, 90, 120, 300 seconds





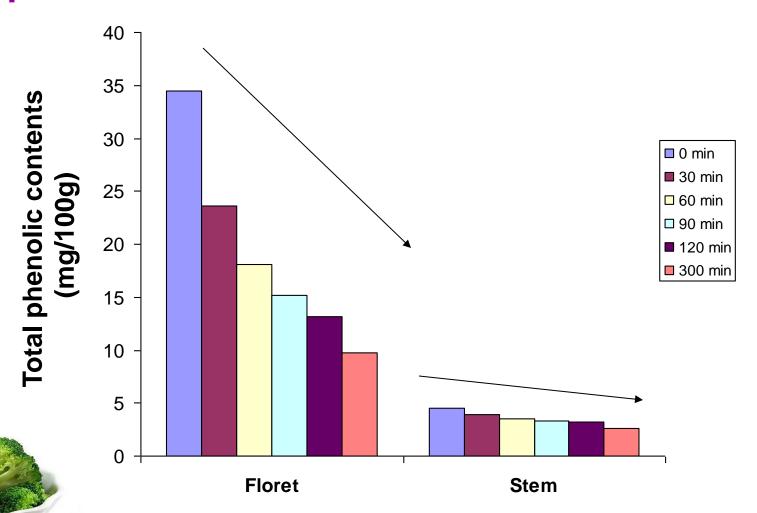
Carotenoid contents in broccoli floret and stem







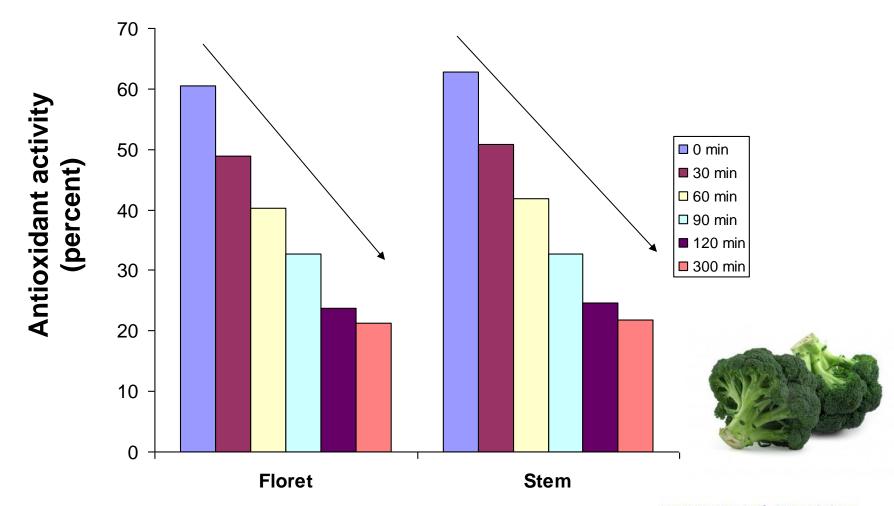
Total phenolic contents in broccoli floret and stem







Antioxidant activities in broccoli floret and stem







Effect of size of white saffron on total phenols and antioxidant activities during blanching



White saffron

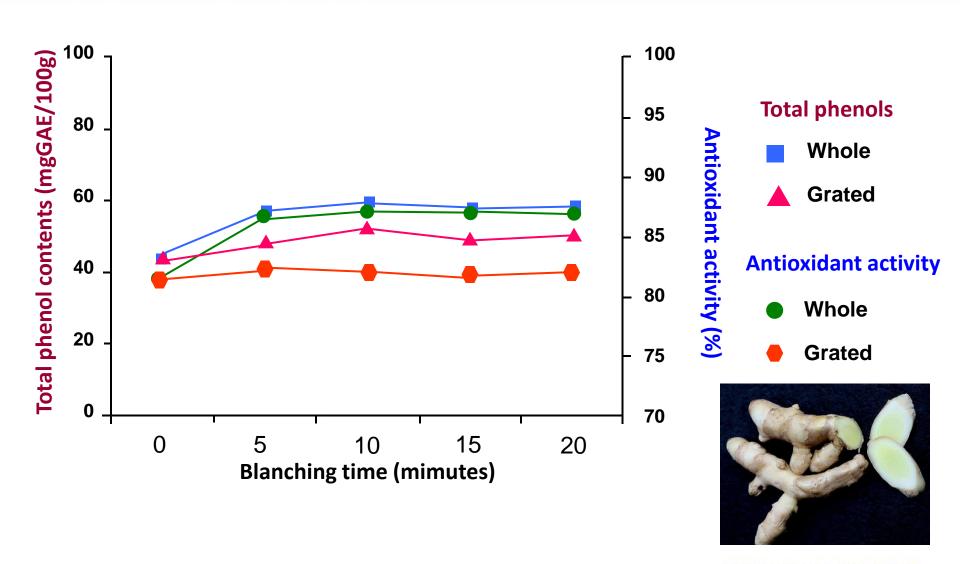
Whole vs Grated

Blanching









(Pujimulyani et al., 2004)

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Factors affect bioactive components and antioxidant activities during cooking

- Plant material (genotype, part of plant material)
- Types of bioactive components
- Method/condition of cooking
 - Temperature
 - Time
 - Size ▶
 - Ratio of sample to water (blanching or boiling)

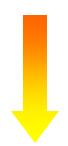




Types of bioactive components

Water soluble compounds

- Phenolic compounds
- Betanins





- Fat soluble compounds

Carotenoids

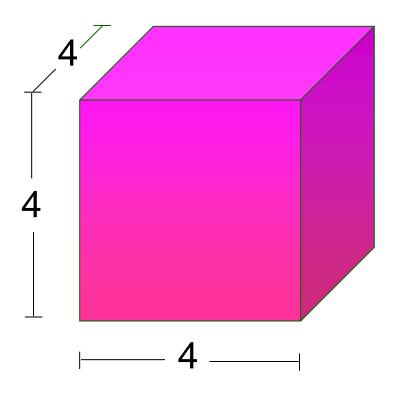
Phytosterols



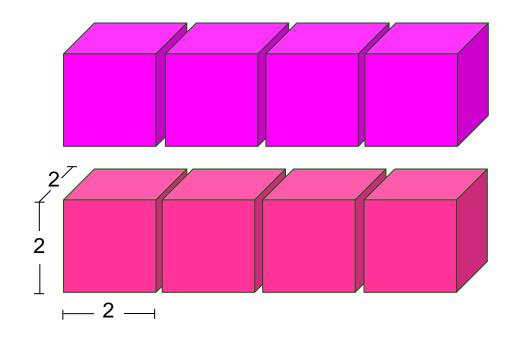
Water soluble compounds are easily to loss by cooking methods that use water as media compared to fat soluble compounds.







Size



Surface area:

$$16x6 = 96 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$4x6 = 24 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ per cube}$$

 $24x8 = 192 \text{ cm}^2$

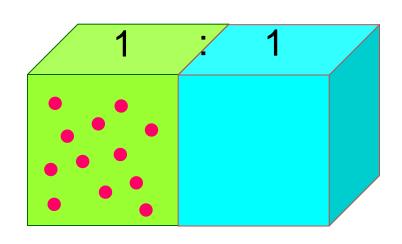




Ratio of sample to water: Diffusion

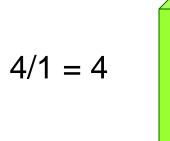
Concentration

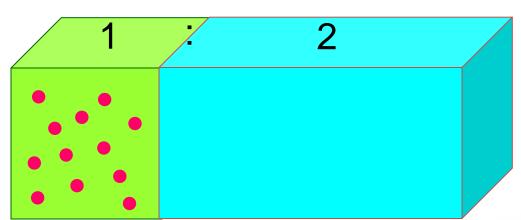
$$6/1 = 6$$



Concentration

$$6/1 = 6$$





$$8/2 = 4$$











Think back of what we eat











Thai cuisine













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Local edible plants



















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Malaysia













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Myanmar













Eat Various Foods and Do Not Always Eat the Same Dishes Repeatedly









Obtain various nutrients and bioactive components.









Also decrease accumulation of toxic substances from foods in our body.





Thank you



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