

# MORE THAN NUTRITION AND BASIC HEALTH



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# What is Nutrition?

- Nutrition is a study of foods, their nutrients and other chemical constituents, and the effects of food constitutes on health.
- Nutrition is an interdisciplinary science.
- Nutrition recommendations for the public always change as new knowledge about nutrition and health relationships is gained.
- Healthy individuals require the same nutrients across the life cycle but in differing amounts. Nutritional needs can be met a wide variety of cultural and religious practices.





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# What should we know about nutrition?

## Nutrients

Chemical substances in foods that are used by the body for growth and health.

## Food Security

Access at all times to a sufficient supply of **safe, nutritious** foods to meet their dietary needs and food preference for active and healthy life.

FAO (2009)

## Food Insecurity

Limited or uncertain availability of safe, nutritious foods.

## Nutrition Security

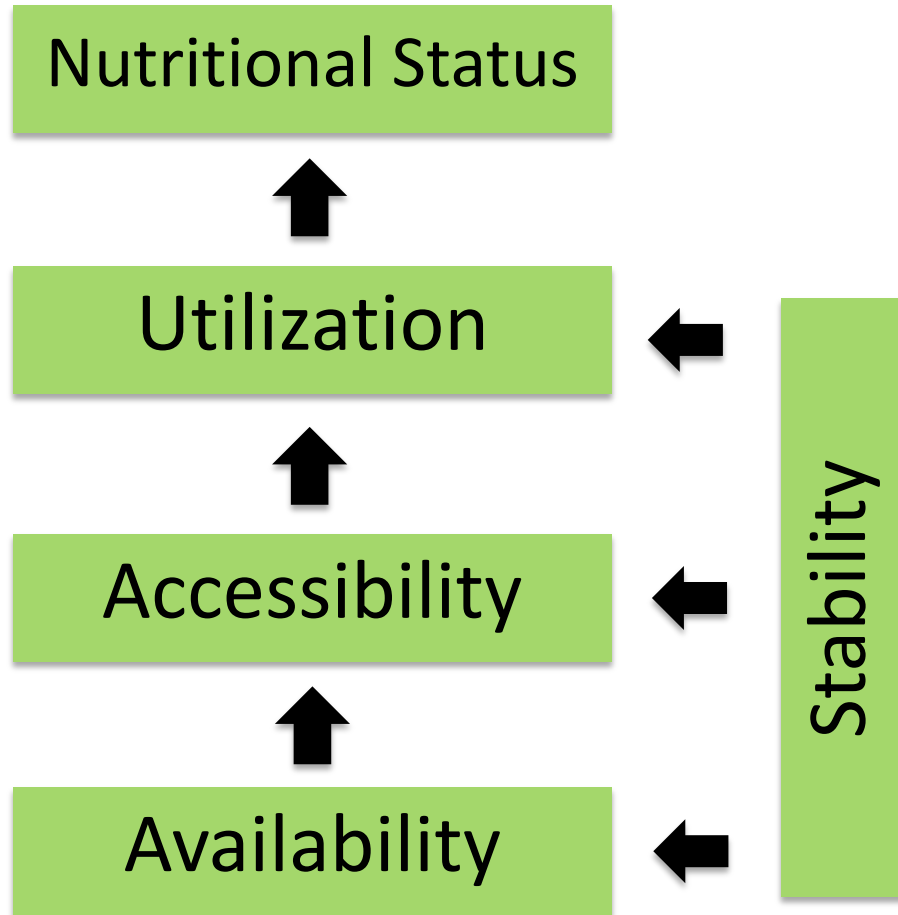
Access at all times to an adequate utilization and absorption of nutrients in food, in order to be able to live healthy and active life.

International Fertilizer Association (2016)



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# Food Security Dimensions



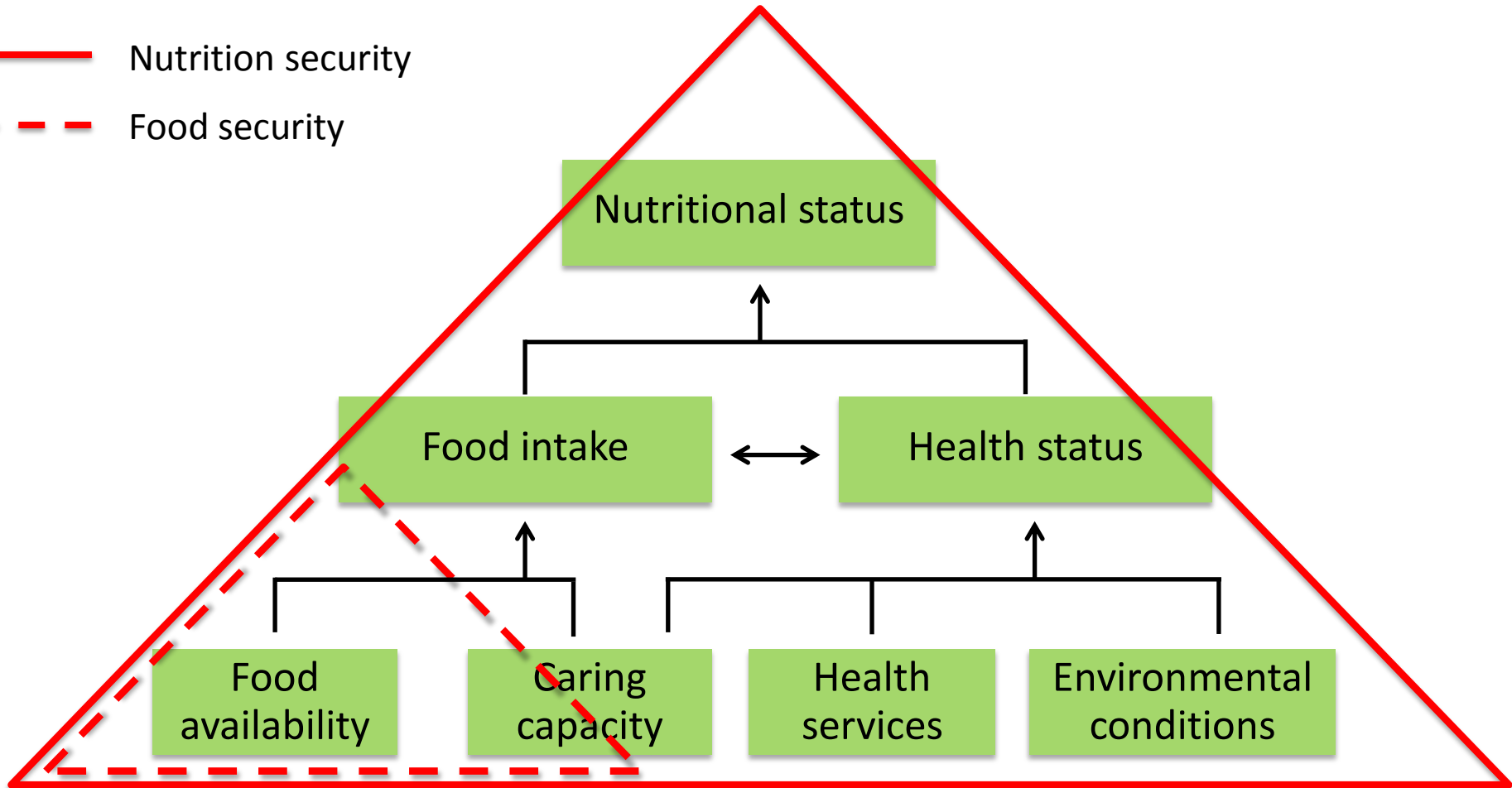


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# Nutritional Status at Household Level

— Nutrition security

- - - Food security





## Essential nutrients

- Body cannot make or generally produce in sufficient amounts
- “Must be obtained from the diet”

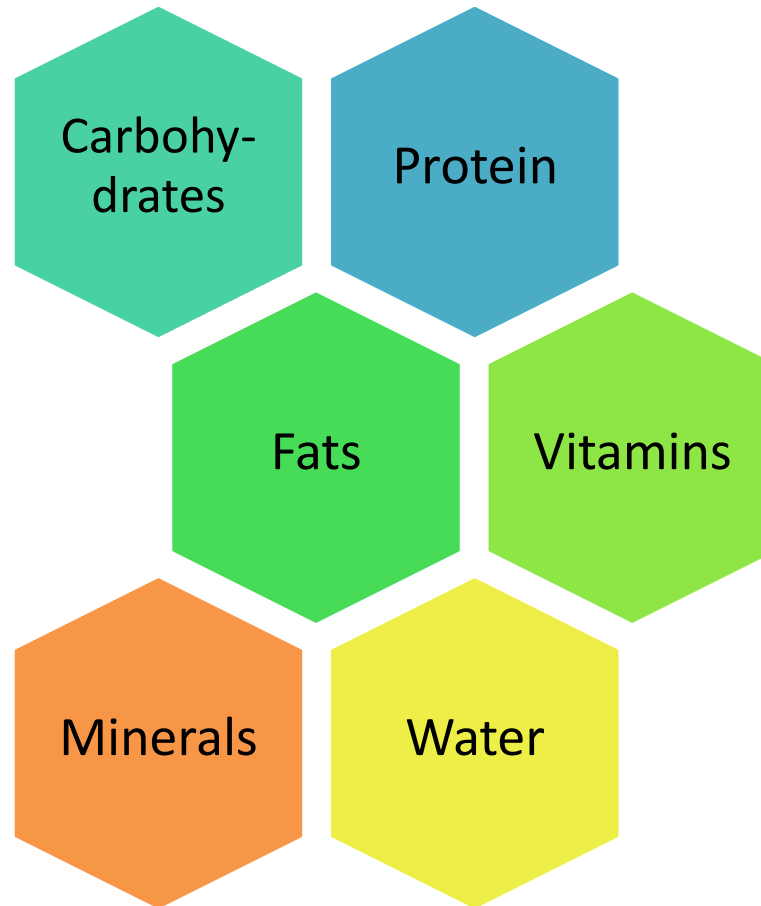
## Nonessential nutrients

- Required for growth and health that can be produced by the body from other components of the diet



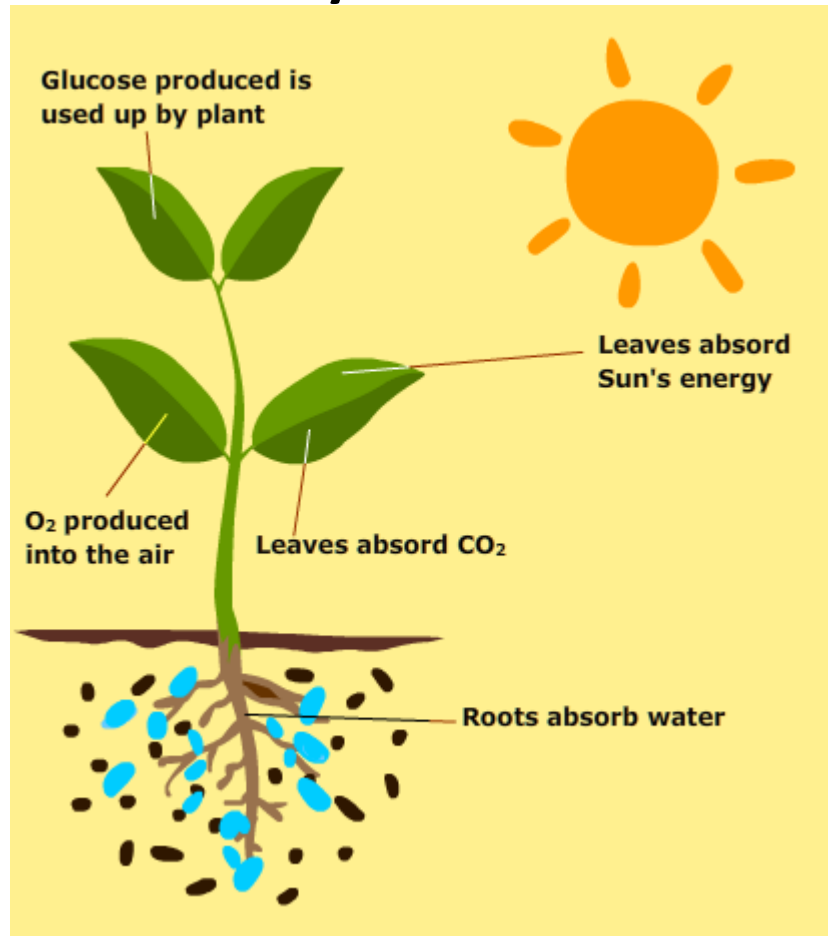
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# Essential Nutrients



# Carbohydrates

## Photosynthesis







# Carbohydrates

- Used as a source of readily available energy
- Consists of **simple sugars, complex CHO, dietary fiber, alcohol sugars**
- Provides 4 calories/gram





# Carbohydrates

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- **Fibers** do not count as a source of energy because they cannot be broken down by human digestive enzymes
- Main function of fiber is to provide “**bulk**” for normal elimination.
- High-fiber diets reduce the rate of glucose absorption and help prevent cardiovascular disease and some types of cancers.



# Carbohydrates

## Dietary Fiber

- Indigestible
- Insoluble or Non-fermentable fiber
  - Cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin
  - Not fermented by the bacteria in the colon
- Soluble or Viscous fiber
  - Gum, pectin, mucilage
  - Fruits, vegetables, rice bran, psyllium seed





# Carbohydrates

## Functional Fiber

- Fiber added to food
  - Provides health benefits
- Prebiotics (type of functional fiber)
  - Stimulate growth or activity of beneficial bacteria in the large intestine





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# Carbohydrates

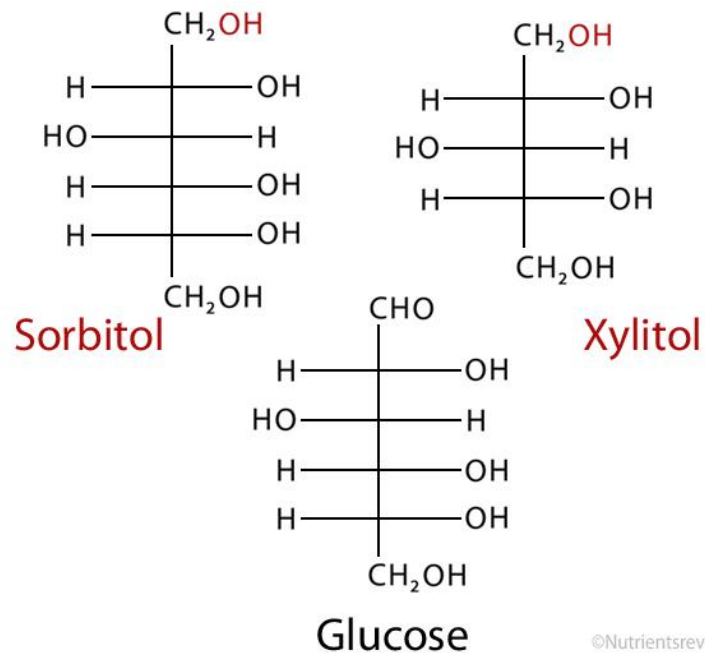
## Alcohol sugars (Polyols)

In case you were wondering...





## Alcohol sugars (Polyols)



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# Carbohydrates

## Alcohol sugars

- Alcohol sugars are like simple sugars, except that they contain a chemical component of alcohol.
- Xylitol, mannitol, sorbitol
- Unlike simple sugars, they do not promote tooth decay.





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# Functions of Carbohydrates

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- Energy source
- Protein sparing
- Prevent ketosis
- Sweeteners





# Proteins

- Provides the body with amino acids used to build and maintain tissues
- Can be used as a sources of energy
- Provides 4 calories/gram
- Some amino acids are essential amino acids.
- Some are non-essential amino acids.





# Protein in Foods

Food Group	Grains	Vegetables	Fruits	Oils	Milk	Meat & Beans
Sources of protein	-Bread -Breakfast cereal -Rice -Noodles	-Carrots -Corn -Broccoli	-Apples -Oranges -Bananas	None	-Milk -Yogurt -Cheese	-Meat -Eggs -Fish -Dry beans -Nuts
Gram per serving	2-3	2-3	<1	<1	8-10	7

# Are all proteins the same?





# Health and Plant Proteins

- Provide protein with minerals and dietary fiber
- Contain no cholesterol
- Limited saturated fat
- High fiber

However, time is needed to adjust to the higher fiber load

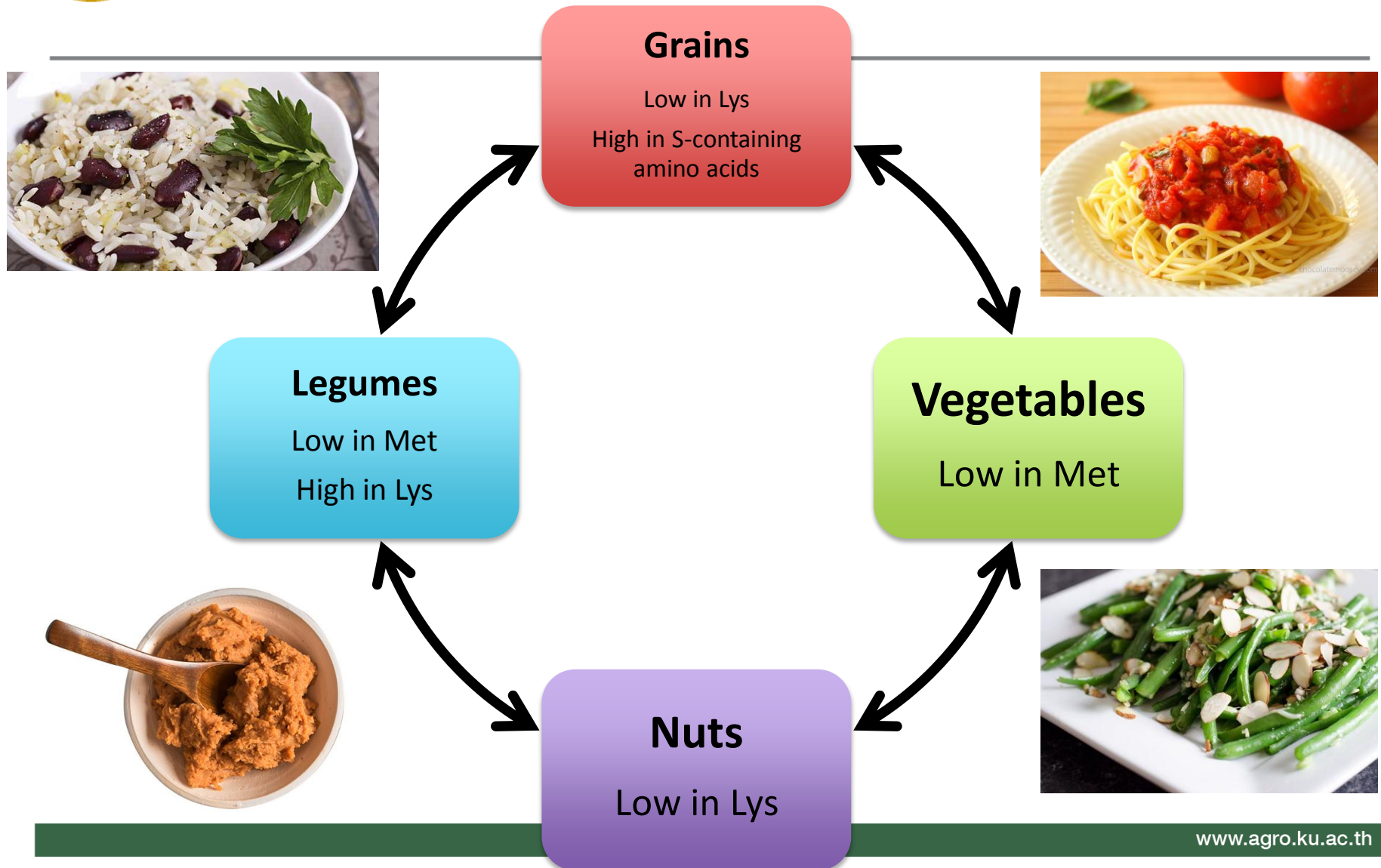


- Heart healthy
- Cancer-fighting
  - Bone health
- Better glucose control
- Soy and menopause symptoms





# What could we do to get high-quality protein?





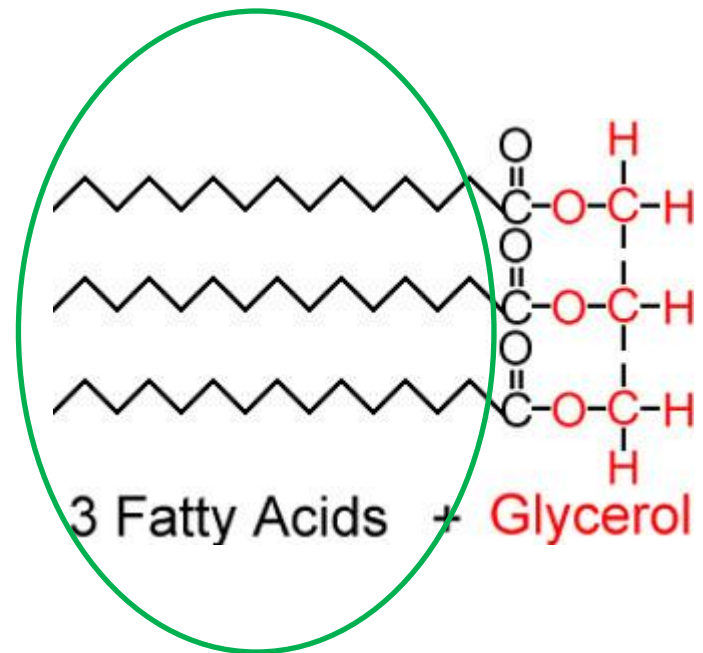
# Functions of Proteins

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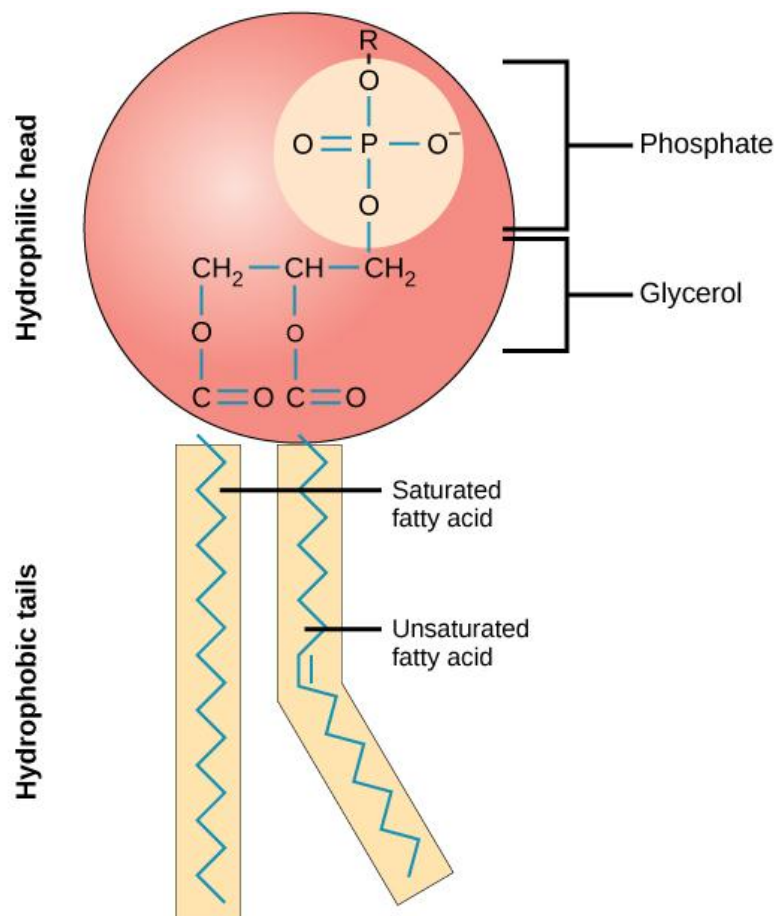
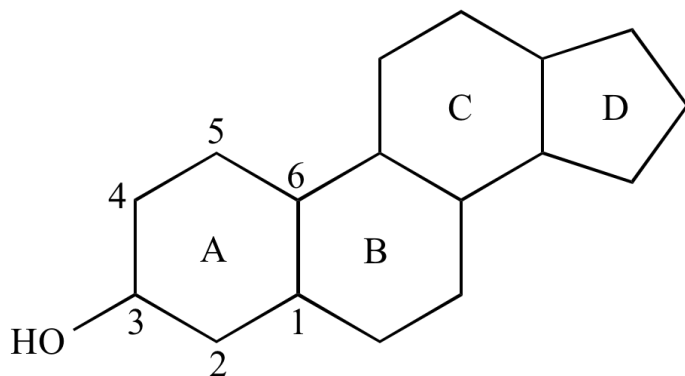
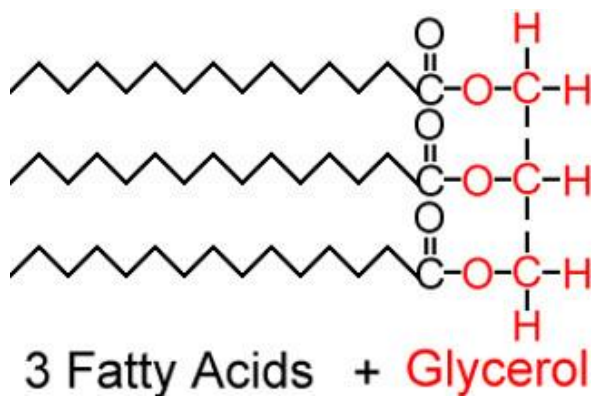
- Building blocks of body components
- Fluid balance maintenance
- Acid/Base balance
- Building blocks of hormones and enzymes
- Immune function
- Gluconeogenesis
- Energy yielding (non-preferred source)
- Provides highest feeling of satiety after meal

# Lipids

- Include fats, oils and related compounds such as cholesterol
- Types of lipids
  - Triglycerides
  - Phospholipids
  - Sterols (Cholesterol)
- Provides 9 calories/gram



# Types of Lipids



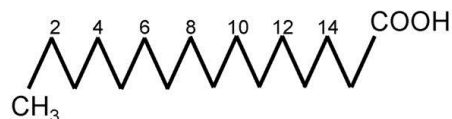




# Fatty acids

## Saturated Fatty Acids

Palmitic Acid



## Unsaturated Fatty Acids

Oleic Acid



## $\omega$ 6 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids

Linoleic Acid



Arachidonic Acid



## $\omega$ 3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids

$\alpha$ -Linolenic Acid



Eicosapentaenoic Acid



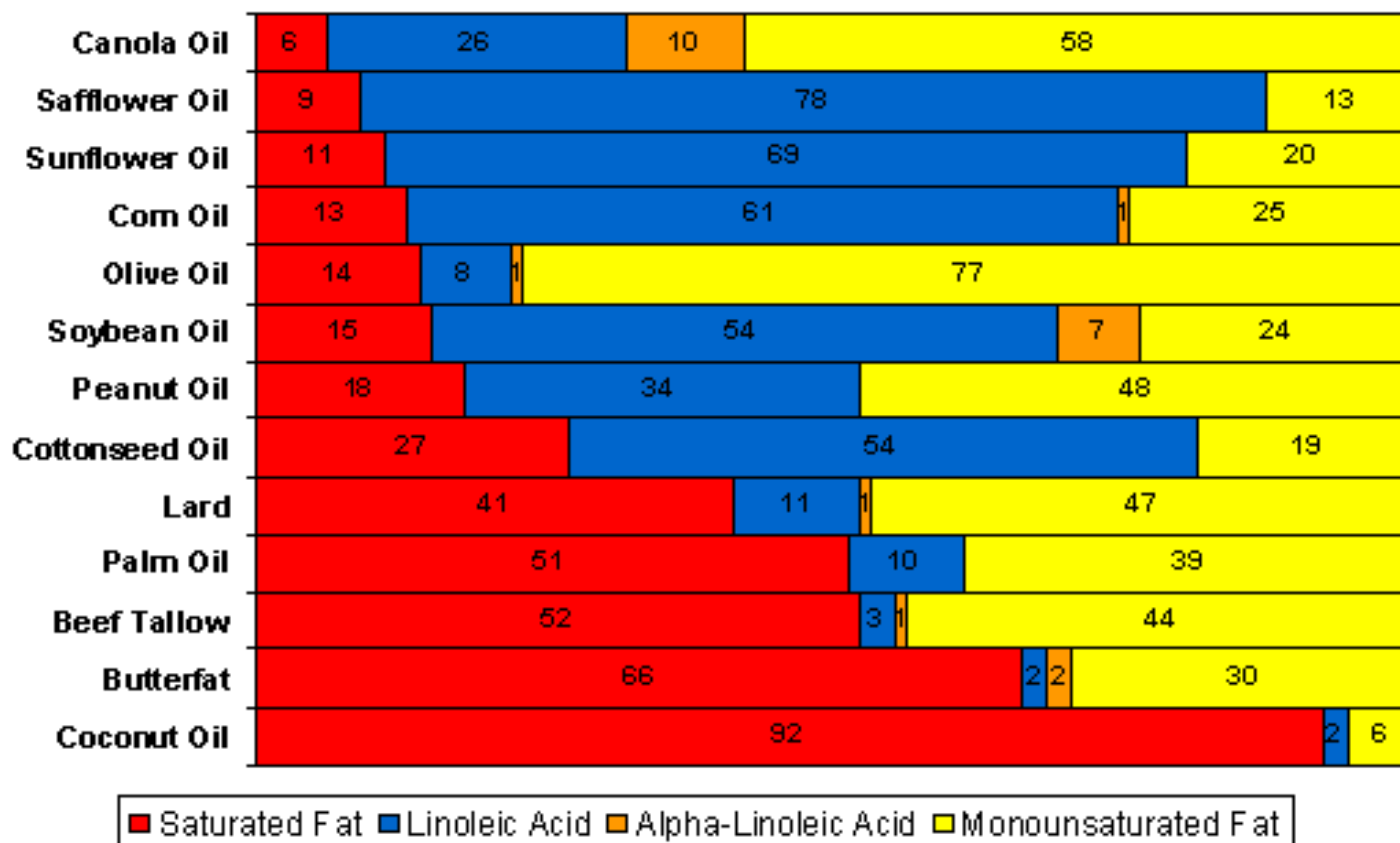
Docosahexaenoic Acid





# Fatty Acids

## Comparison of Dietary Fats





## How to choose oils?

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Be aware, though, that using any cooking oils too generously, even healthier oils and ingredients, can result in weight gain. All fats typically contain more than double the calories of either carbohydrates or protein.



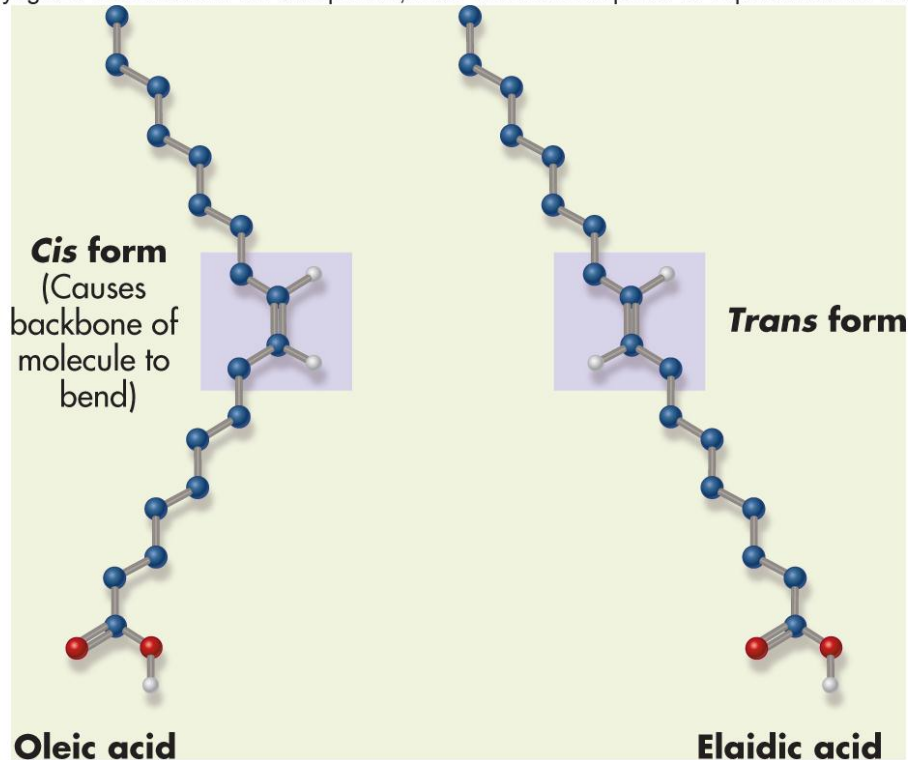
# Essential Fatty Acids

- Omega-3 fatty acids (alpha-linoleic acid)
- Omega-6 fatty acids (linoleic acid)
- Body can only make double bond after the 9<sup>th</sup> carbon from the omega end.
- Functions
  - Immune function, vision, cell membrane and production of hormone-like compounds

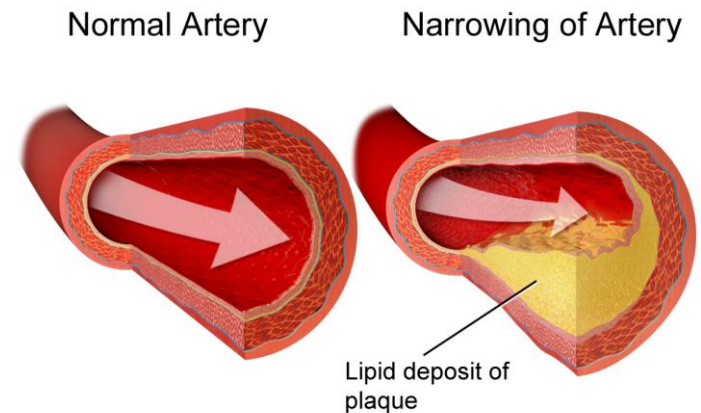


# Trans Fat

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- Hydrogenation: adding hydrogen to the double bonds
- Enhance storage life and baking qualities

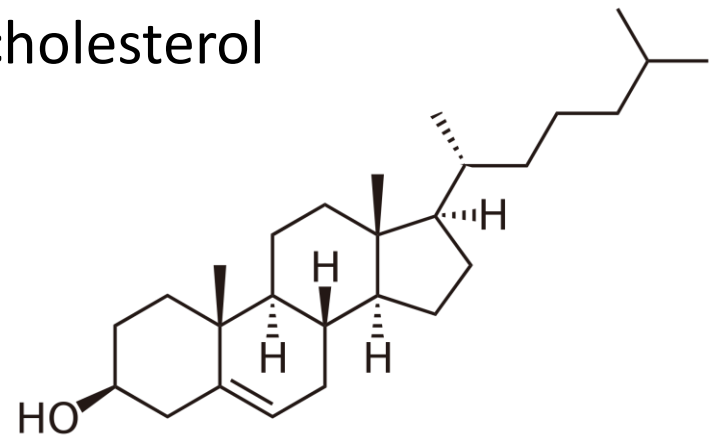


**Coronary Artery Disease**





- A component of animal cell membranes, the brain, and the nerves.
- Precursor of estrogen, testosterone, vitamin D, which is manufactured in the skin upon exposure to sunlight.
- Precursor of bile acid
- Body generally produce 1/3 of the cholesterol our bodies use.
- Produced by the liver
- Found only in animal products







# Fat in Foods

Amount Per Serving	Calories	% Daily Value
<b>Total Fat</b> 7 g	310	20%
Saturated Fat 4 g		
Trans Fat 0 g		
Polyunsaturated Fat 1 g		
Monounsaturated Fat 0g		
<b>Cholesterol</b> 15 mg		
430 mg		
90 mg		
hydrate		



## Reduced-fat food

- Calories content is about the same.
- Sugar is commonly added in place of fat.





# Vitamins

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- Essential organic substances
- Produce deficiency symptoms when missing from diet
- Yield no energy, not serve as structural components of the body
- Basic functions:
  - Facilitate energy-yielding chemical reactions
  - Function as co-enzymes
- Fat-soluble vitamins
- Water-soluble vitamins



# Fun Facts about Vitamins

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- Vitamins were named in order of discovery (A, B, C, D, ...)
- Other substances found not to be essential were dropped (e.g. vitamin P)
- B-vitamins were thought to be one vitamin; turned out to be many (e.g. B1, B2, B3, ...)
- Scientists believe they have discovered all the vitamins



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# Vital Dietary Components

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- Megadose ( $> 3-10x$  needs as a starting points)
- Plant and animal foods provide vitamins
- Most synthesized vitamins work equally well in the body



# Vitamin Toxicity

- Fat-soluble vitamins

Can accumulate in the body

- Water-soluble vitamins

Some can cause toxicity, but tend to last a shorter time and more quickly remedied.

- Mostly likely due to supplementation

 **CAUTION**





# Preservation of Vitamins

- Decreased vitamin content due to:
  - Improper storage
  - Excessive cooking
  - Exposure to light, heat, air, water, and alkalinity
- Eat foods soon after harvest
- Freeze foods not consumed within a few days
- Blanching destroys enzymes
  - Slow down vitamin degradation





# Vitamin-like Compounds

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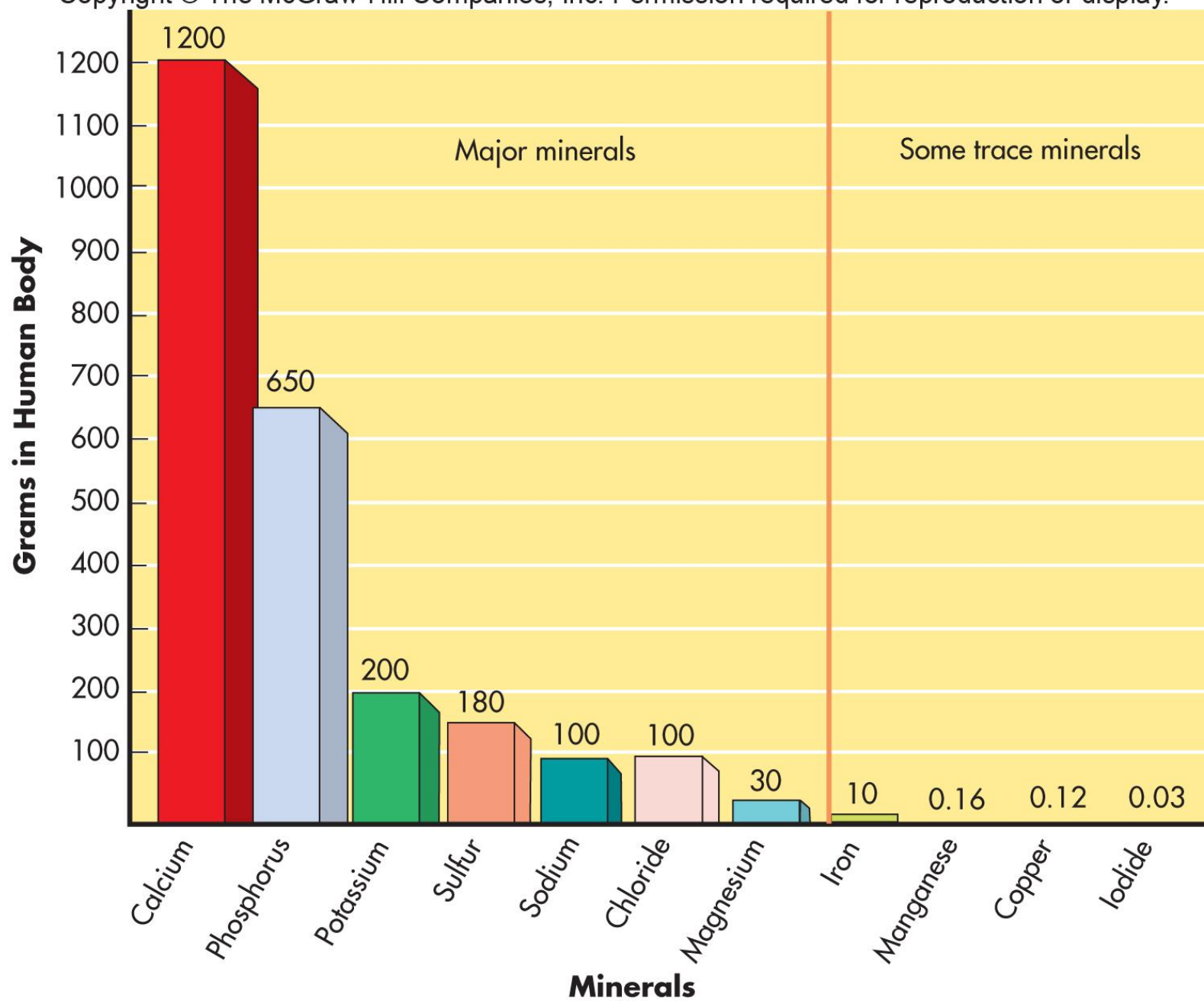
- Carnitine (energy production)
- Inositol (promote hair growth, reduces skin disorder, diabetic nerve pain, depression)
- Taurine (cardiovascular function, central nervous system)
- Lipoic acid (restore vitamin E, C levels)
- Coenzyme Q10 (cell growth and maintenance, antioxidant)
- Synthesized in the body at the expense of amino acids and other nutrients



# Minerals

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- Various functions in the body
- Major minerals
  - Require  $> 100$  mg / day
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- Trace minerals
  - Require  $< 100$  mg / day
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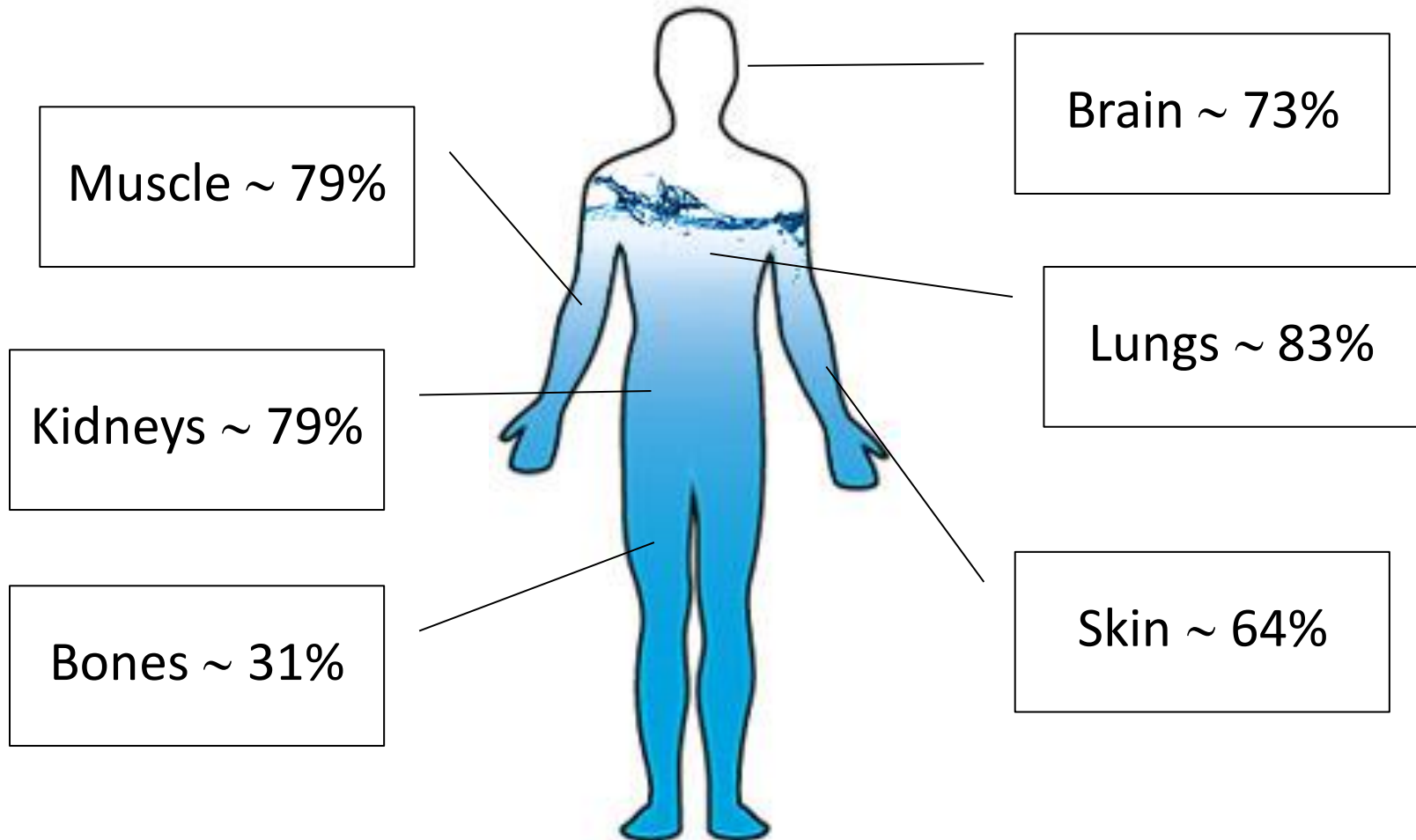
# Bioavailability of Minerals

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- Degree of absorption
- Presence of binders and fiber
- Animal products are better absorbed
- Plants depend on mineral content of soil
- Refinement lowers mineral content
- Mineral-mineral competition
- Vitamins-mineral competition



# Water





# Functions of Water

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- Body temperature regulator
  - By sweating and respiration
- Vital nutrient to the life of every cell, acts first as a building material
- CHO and proteins that our bodies use as food are metabolized and transported by water in the bloodstream
- Assists in flushing waste mainly through urination
- Acts as a shock absorber for brain, spinal cord, and fetus
- Forms saliva
- Lubricates joints



# Ignoring the Thirst Signal

- Shortage of water increases fluid conservation
- Antidiuretic hormone
  - Released by the pituitary gland
  - Forces kidneys to conserve water (reduce urine flow)
- Aldosterone
  - responds to drop in blood pressure
  - Signals the kidney to retain sodium (water)



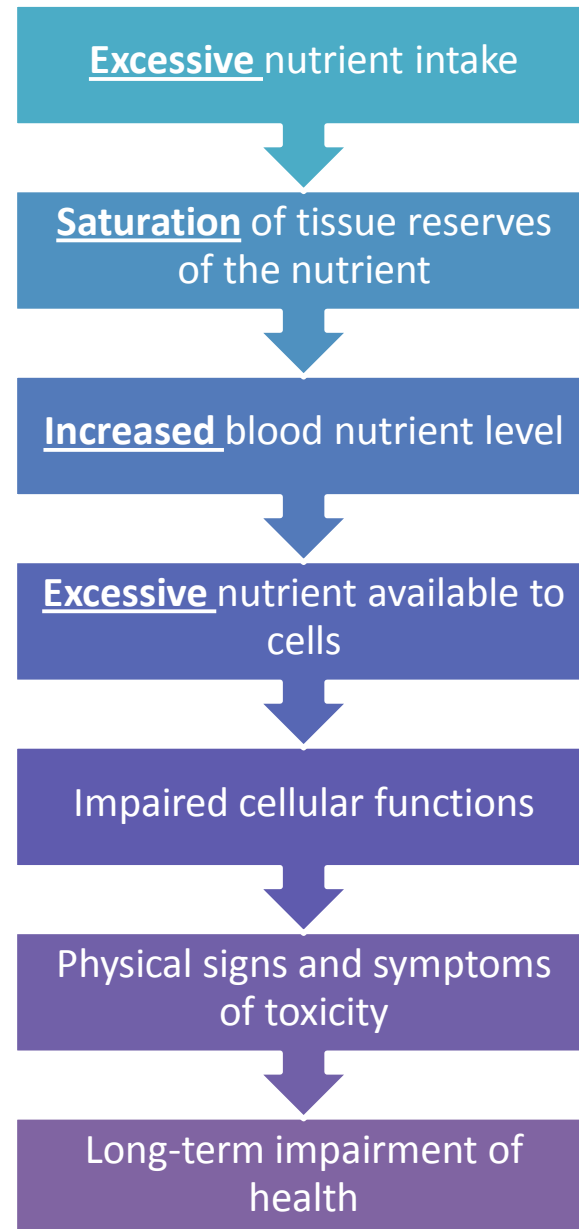
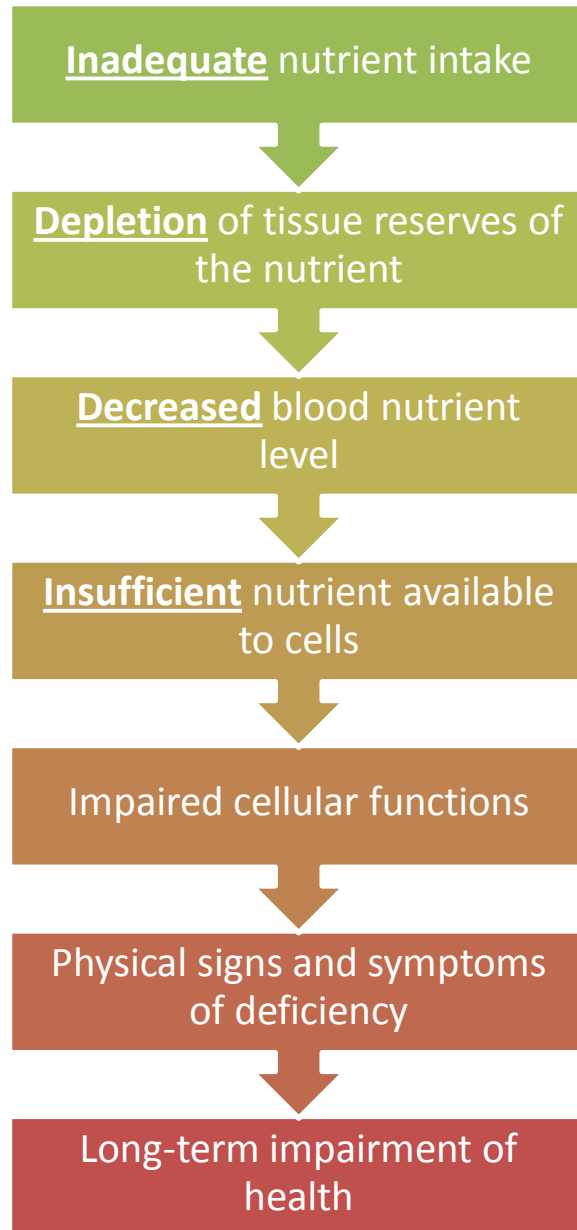


# Too Much Water

- Overburden the kidneys
- Low blood electrolyte concentrations
- Blurred vision

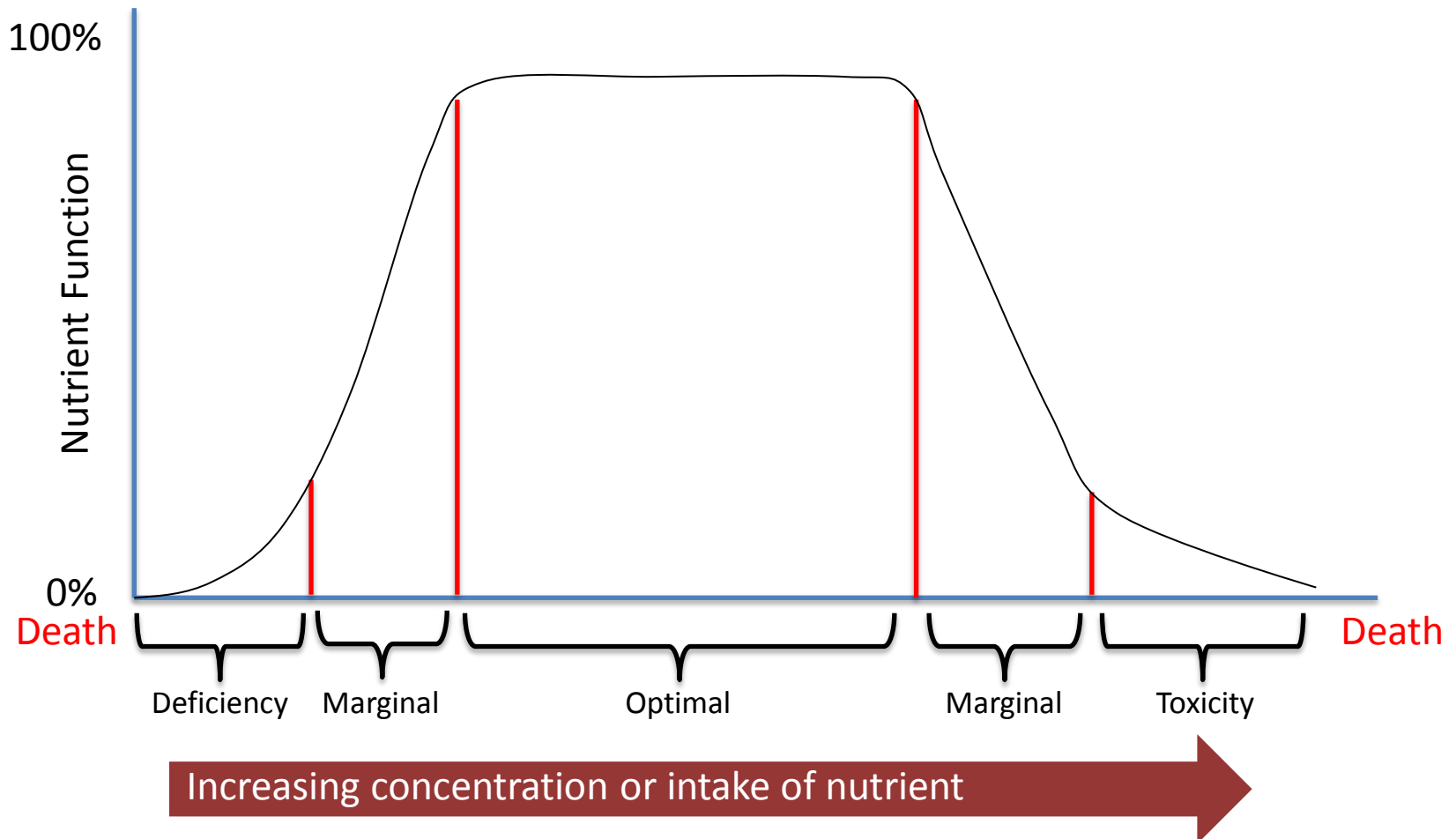


# Development of Nutrient Deficiencies and Toxicities





# Food Security Dimensions





Nutrient deficiencies are usually multiple



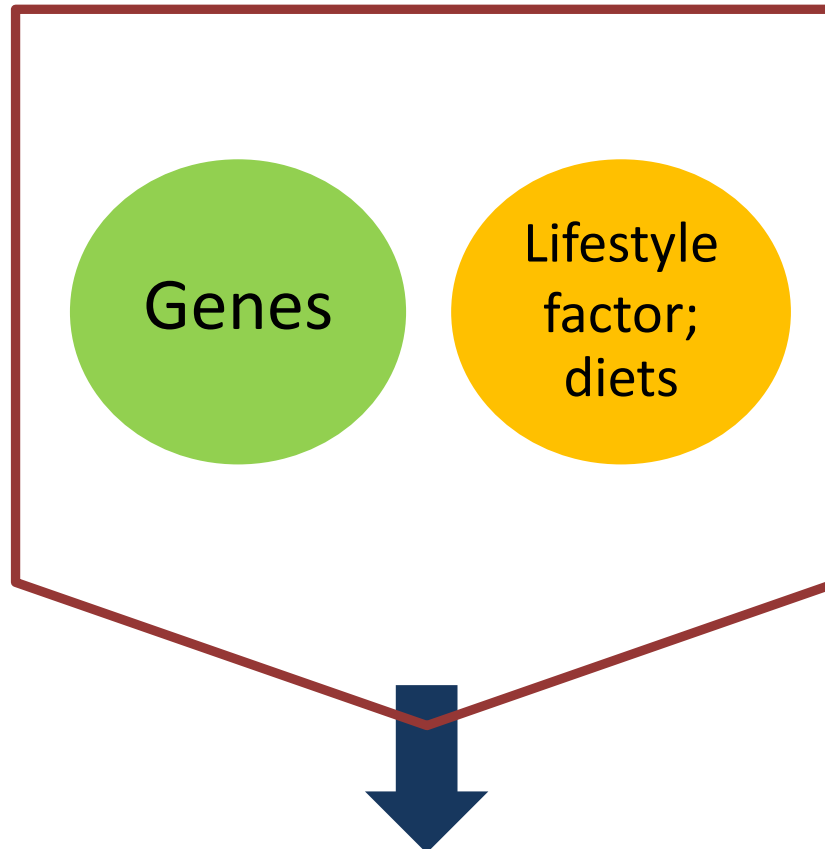
Malnutrition can result from poor diets, disease states, genetic factors or combinations of these causes





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# Nutrient – Gene Interactions



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# Nutrient – Gene Interactions

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- Consumption of whole oats lowers blood cholesterol level in some people but not others.
- High alcohol intake during pregnancy in some women sharply increases the risk of fetal alcohol syndrome in her fetus, but the fetuses of other women with different genetic traits are not affected by high alcohol intake.
- Regular consumption of green tea reduces the risk of prostate cancer in certain individuals with a particular genetic trait.

# Secondary Metabolism in Plants and Fungi



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## Primary Metabolites

- Amino acids & Proteins
- Carbohydrate
- Lipids

## Secondary Metabolites

- Alkaloids
- Polyphenols
- Sterols
- Terpernoids



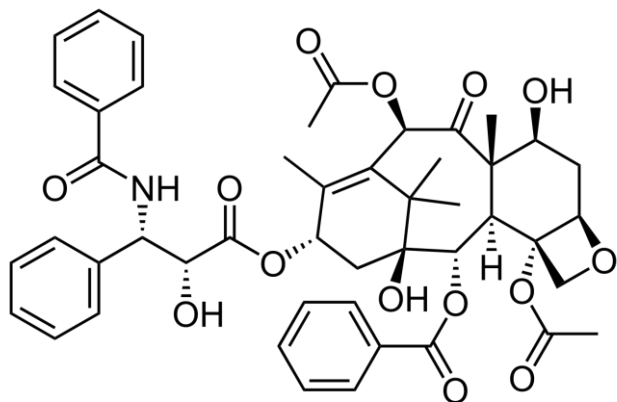
## Primary Metabolites

- Limited structural variety
- Play key role in basic organism functions
- “Extra” biological effects limited

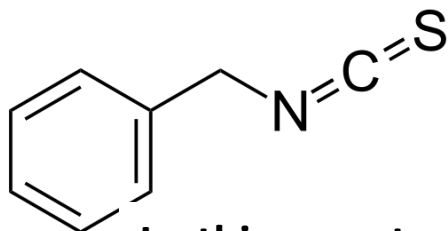
## Secondary Metabolites

- Significant chemical diversity
- Role in organism function unclear
- Large number of “extra” biological effects

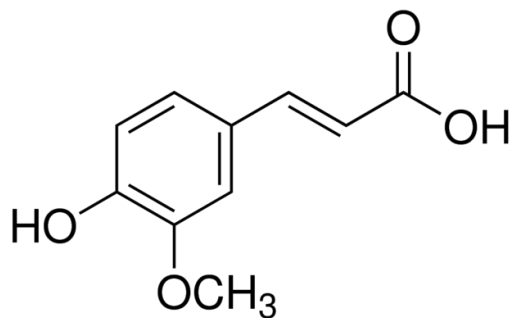
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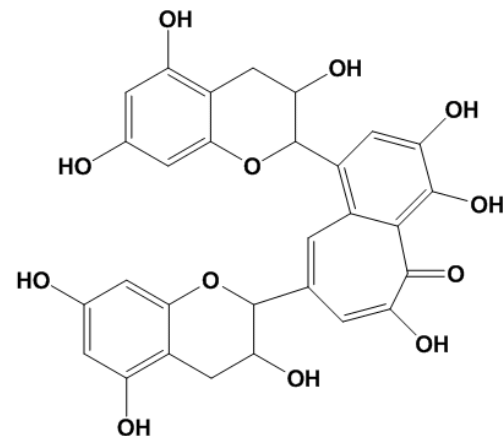
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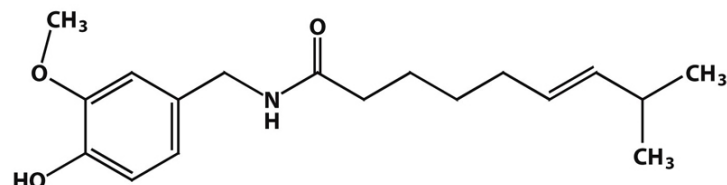
**Isothiocyanate**



**Ferulic acid**



**Theaflavin**



**Capsaicin**

**Diversity of structures**

$\text{CO}_2$   
↓ Photosynthesis

## PRIMARY CARBON METABOLISM

Erythrose-4-phosphate

Phosphoenolpyruvate

Pyruvate

3-Phosphoglycerate (3-PGA)

Tricarboxylic acid cycle

Acetyl CoA

Aliphatic amino acids

Shikimic acid pathway

Aromatic amino acids

Nitrogen-containing secondary products

Malonic acid pathway

Mevalonic acid pathway

MEP pathway

Phenolic compounds

Terpenes

## SECONDARY CARBON METABOLISM



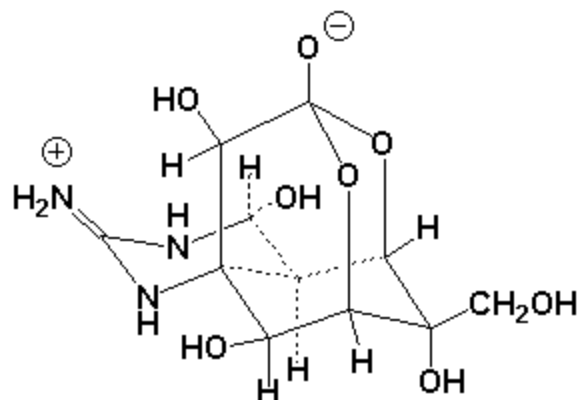
## Two alternative hypotheses:

1. Secondary metabolites are “metabolic errors” and work to lock up waste products.
2. Secondary metabolism are evolutionarily selected defense mechanism.



# Secondary Metabolites for Defense

- Tetrodotoxin is a potent sodium channel blocker.
- Produced by puffer fish.
- Removed during preparation.



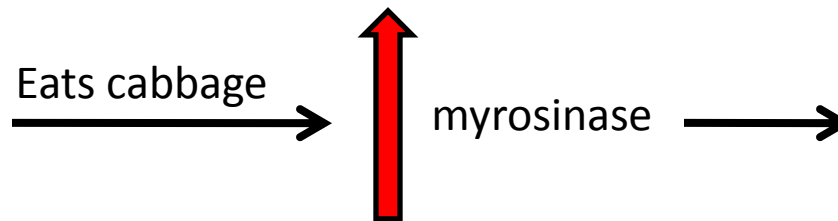
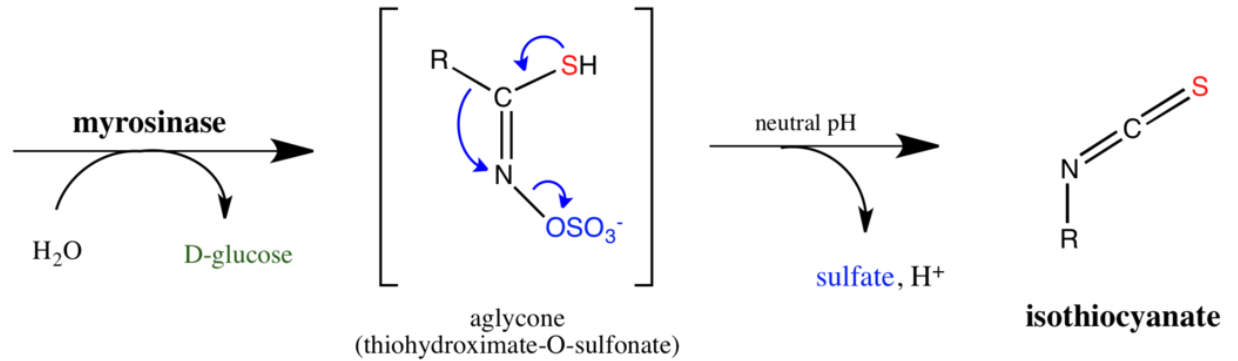
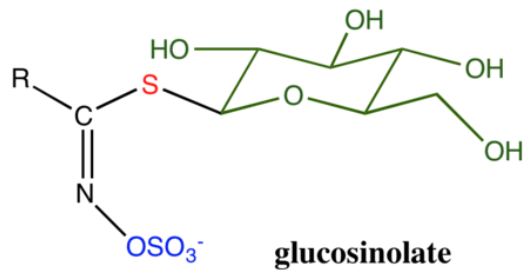
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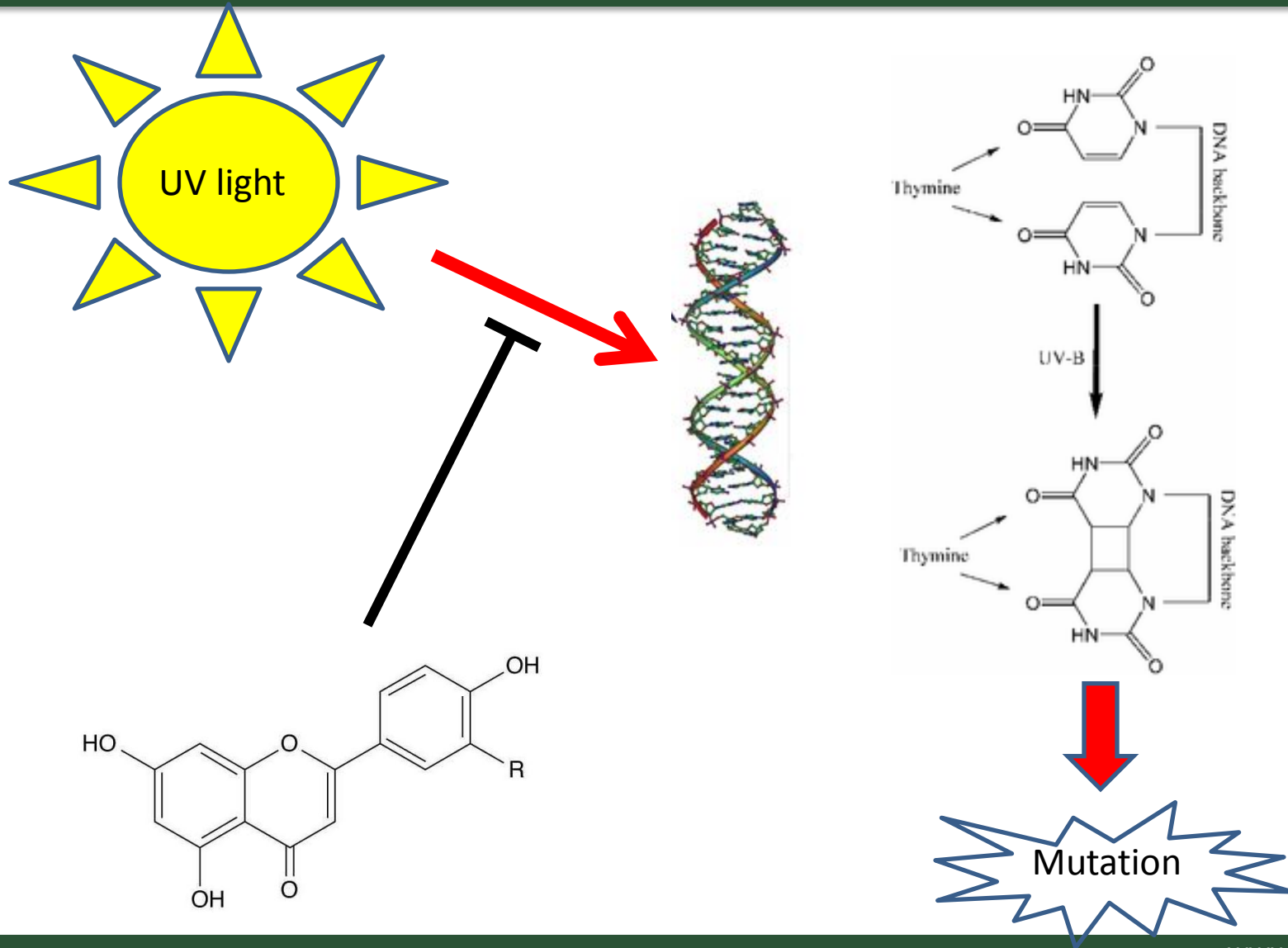
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Human (est.): 16  $\mu\text{g/kg}$  b.w.

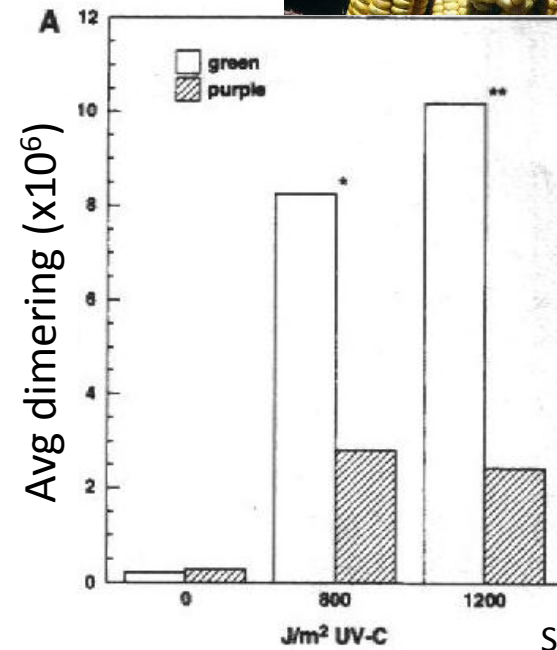
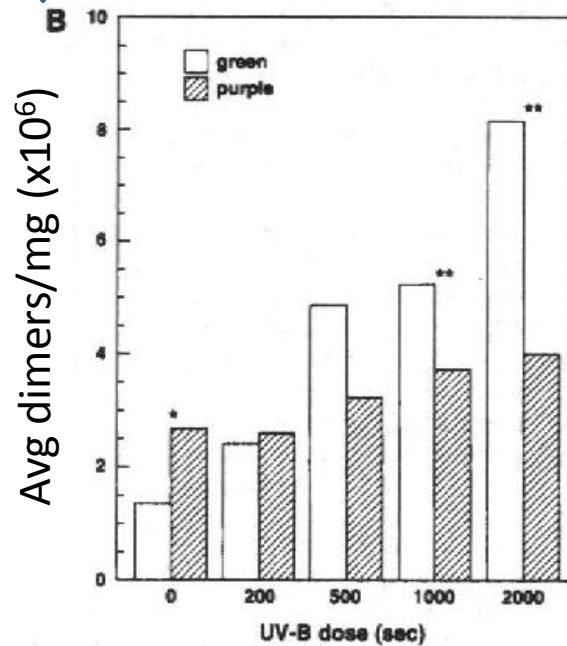
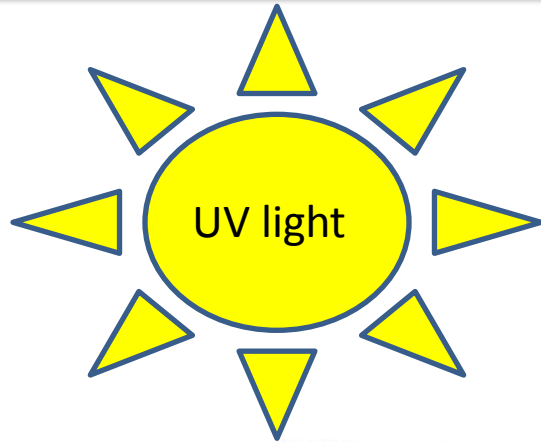
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Stapleton and Walbot, 1994



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The levels and composition of secondary metabolites are affected by several factors.



# Genetics affect secondary metabolites



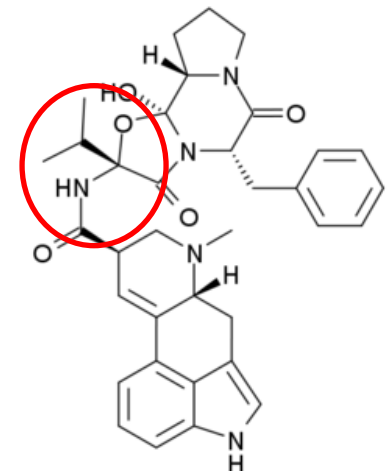
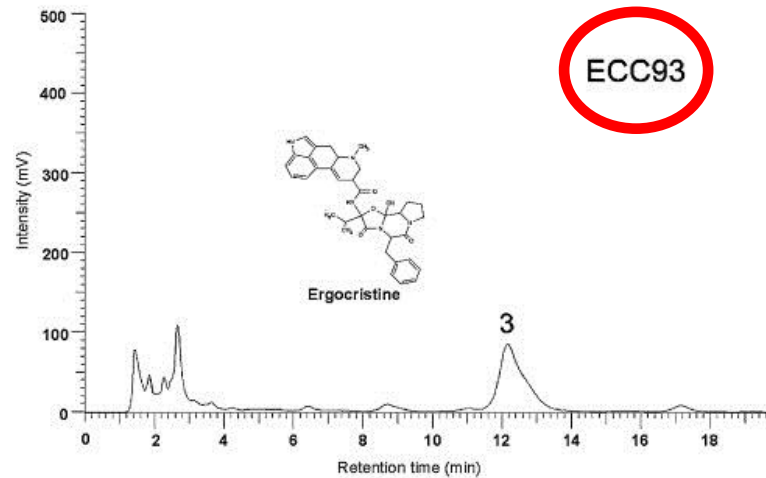
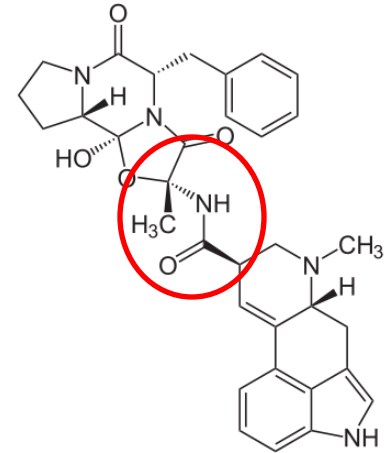
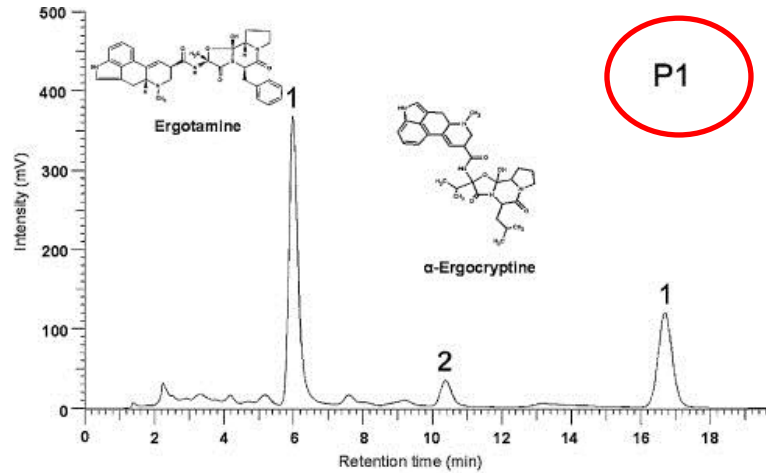
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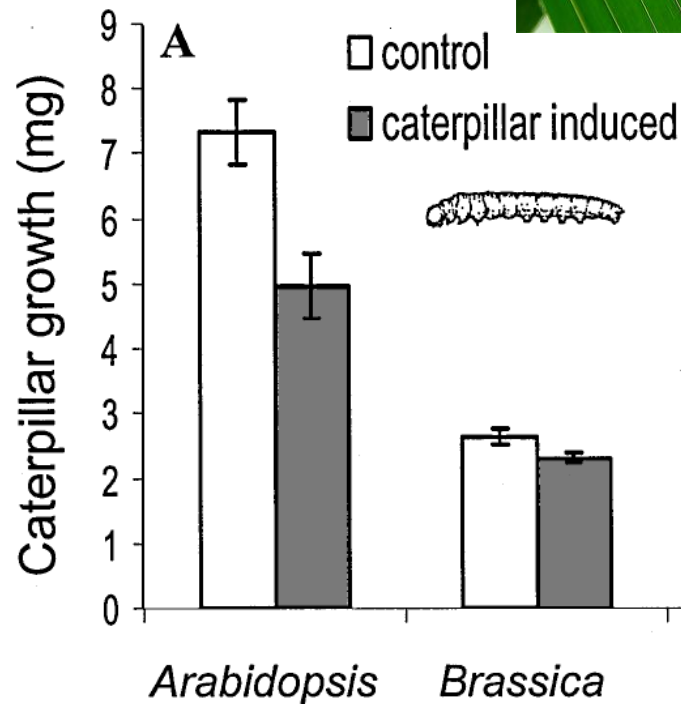
# Genetics affect secondary metabolites



*Claviceps purpurea* (ergot)



# Environment affects secondary metabolites

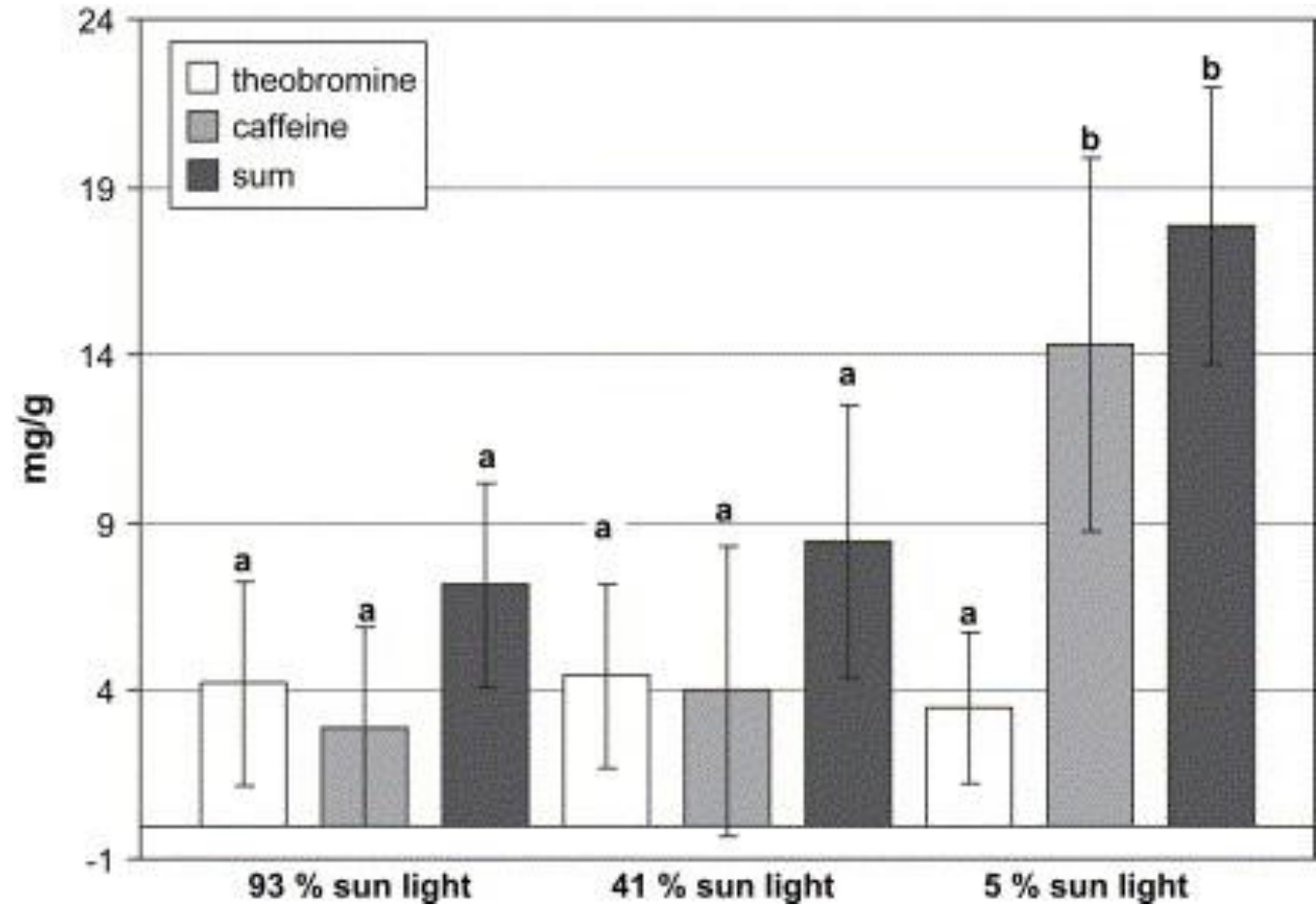




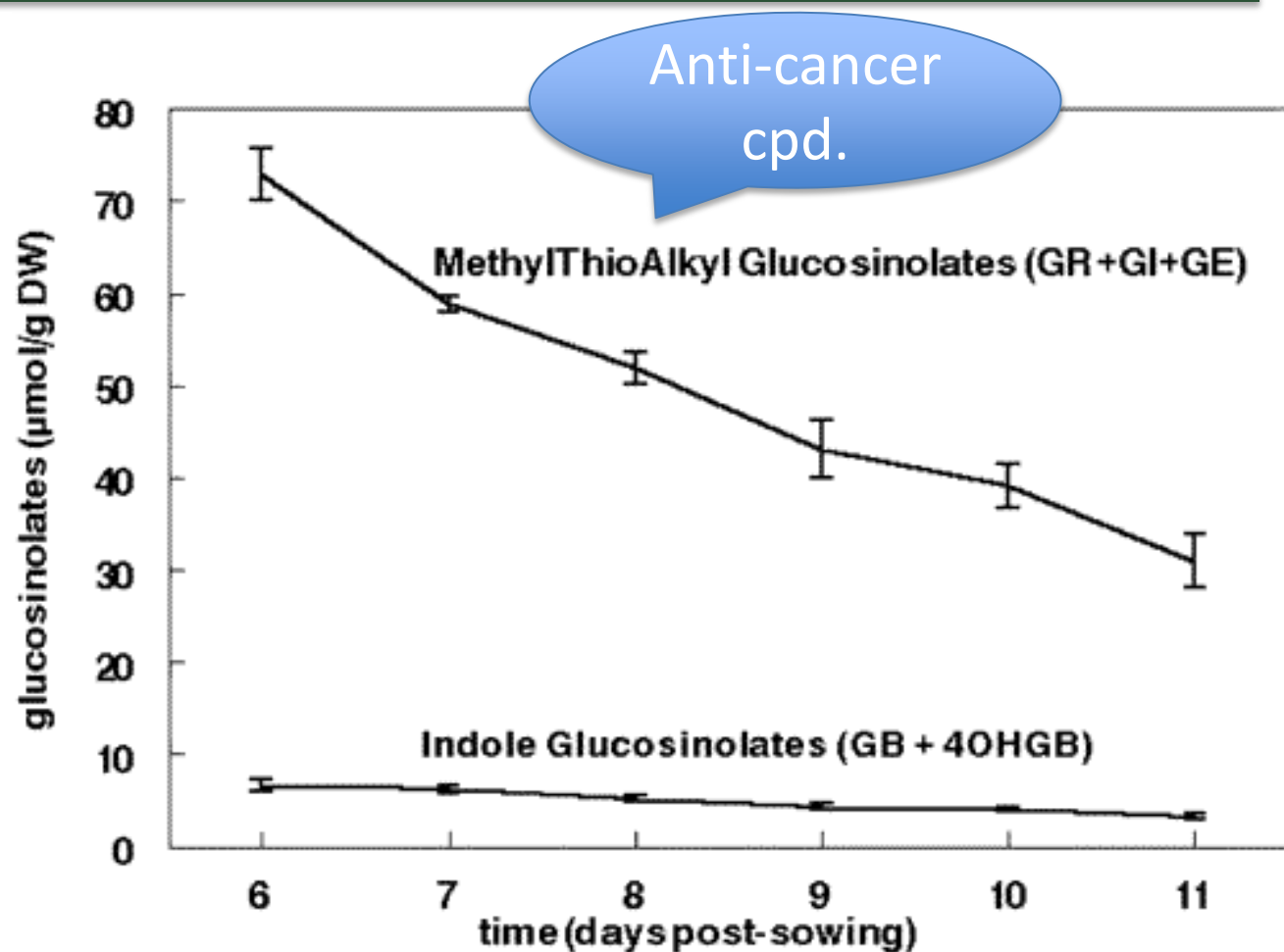
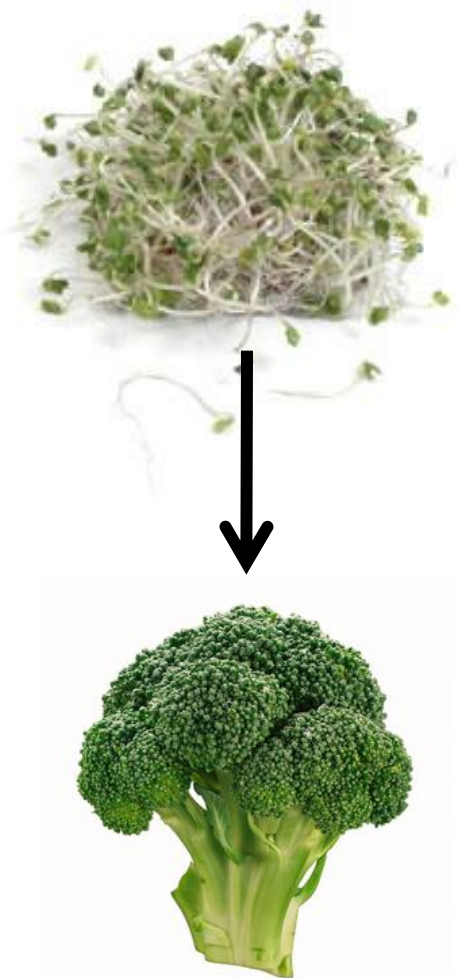
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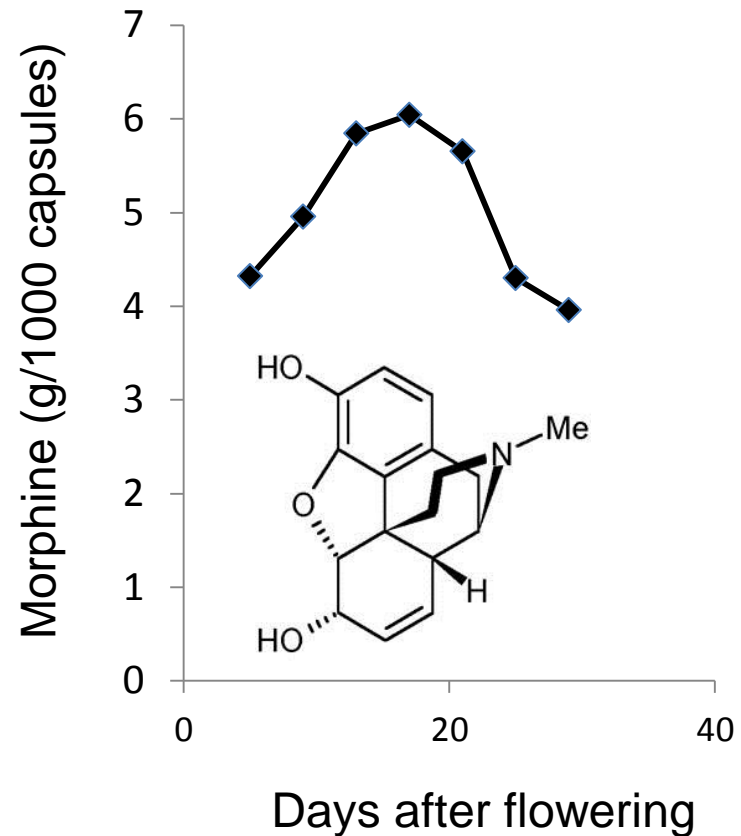
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# Ontogeny affects secondary metabolites



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# Processing affects secondary metabolites



Green tea



Oolong tea



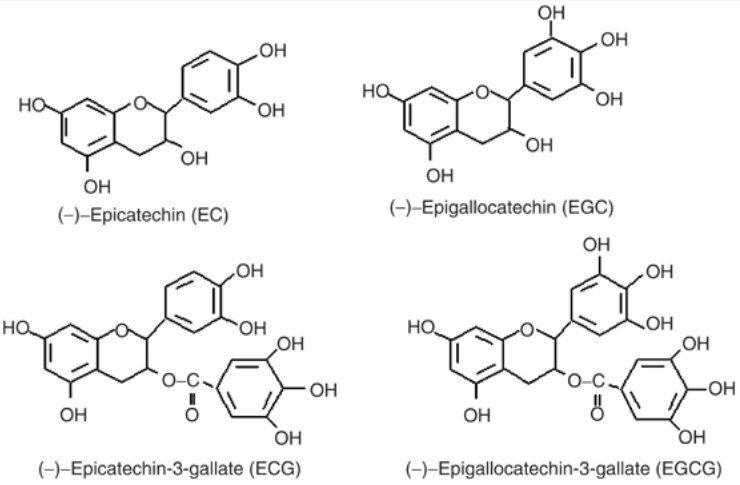
Black tea

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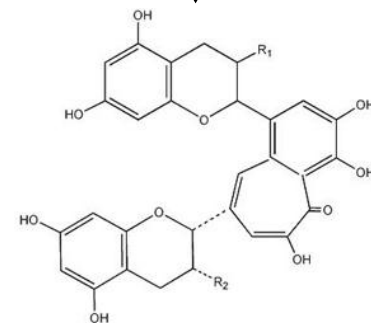


Crush tea leaves

Polyphenol-mediated oxidation



catechins



theaflavins

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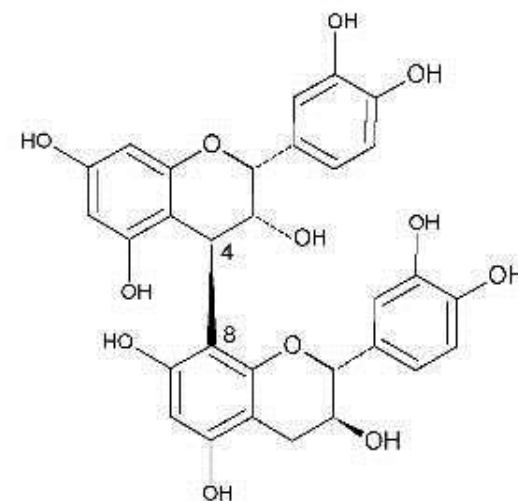
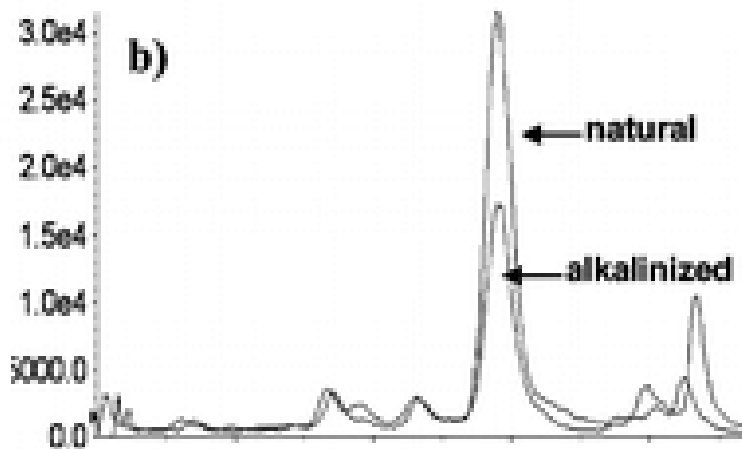
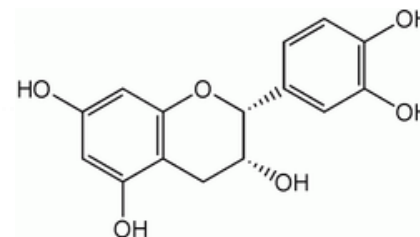
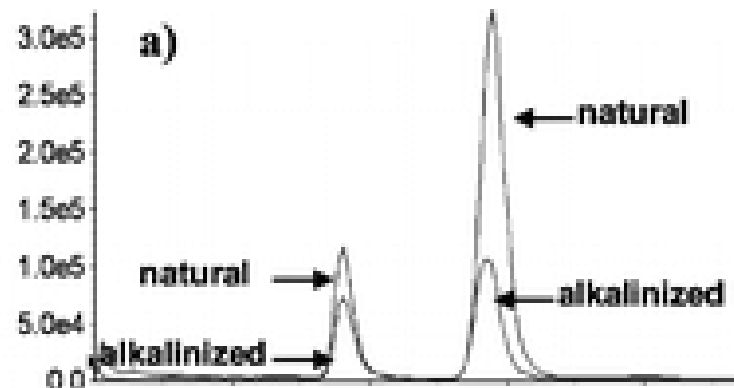


Natural Cocoa

“Dutching”



Chocolate





# Major classes of secondary metabolites

- Phenylpropanoids
- Alkaloids
- Terpenoids
- Glycosides
- Sterols



# Flavonoids







- There are more than 2000 known flavonoids
- Flavonoids and anthocyanins are conspicuous plant pigments.
- Flavones are responsible for the yellow and orange colors; and the anthocyanins are the source of red, violet and blue colors.



- The flavonoids play a major role in attracting insects to feed and pollinate these plants.
- Some of them also have a bitter taste and repel harmful insects like caterpillars.
- Flavonoids are thought to be antioxidants, and play a major role in our diet, preventing the ravages of aging caused by free-radicals.



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