

Introduction to phytochemical pathways

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Plant Metabolism

- The biological reactions are essential to maintain life in living organisms and are known as primary metabolism.
- Plant convert sunlight energy to chemical energy, such as ATP, NADPH, by the mediation of chlorophyll in chloroplasts and synthesize sugars and starch from CO₂ by using ATP and NADPH+.
- These carbohydrates are stored and used for differentiation and formation of plant tissues.

كلمة تأخذ ال plant ال CO₂ و H₂O مع "ATP" التي 2, قبل عليها من sunlight energy
 ال reduction ال CO₂ و يقول ال sugar وال H₂O ال بصرها ال oxidize ويقول ال O₂.

في عنده two processes

① photosynthesis $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{sugar} + \text{O}_2$

② cellular respiration

$\text{sugar} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{energy}$
 تسمى طريقها إنتاج الطاقة

معلومة حكيها من قبل بمادة الفيرست أنه secondary metabolite
 interaction between plant and surrounding environment or microorganism
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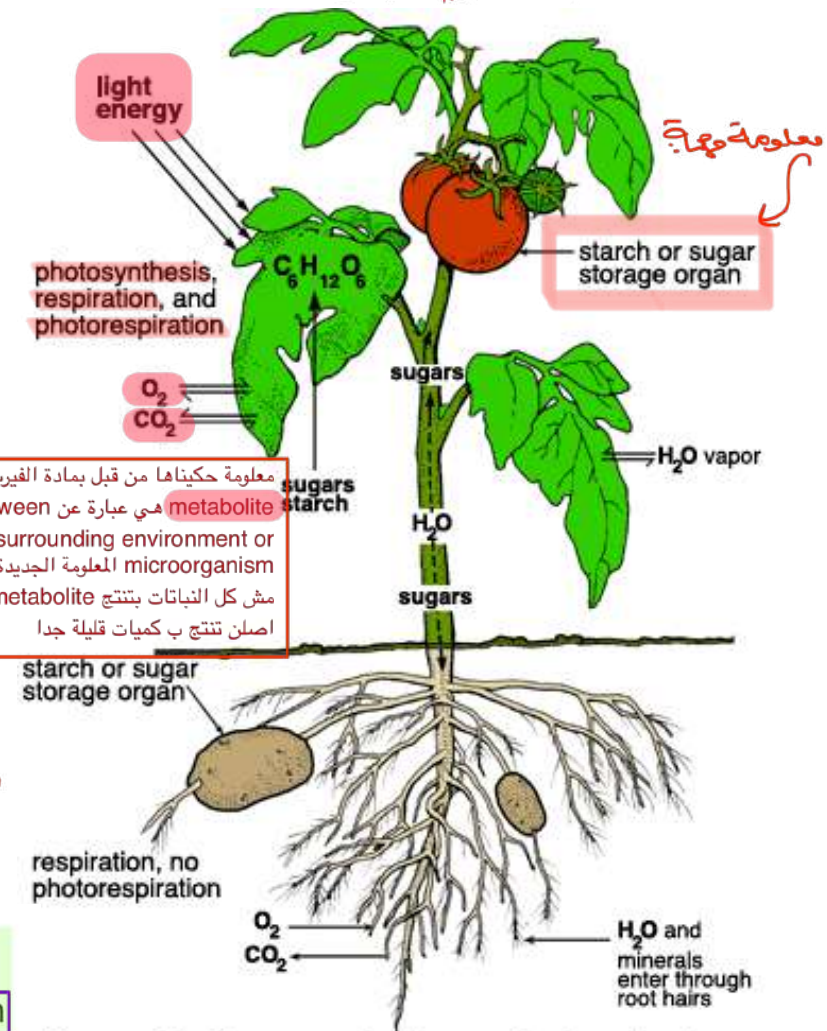
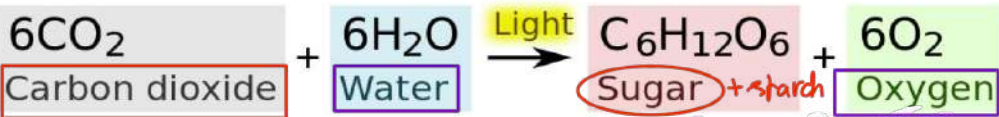
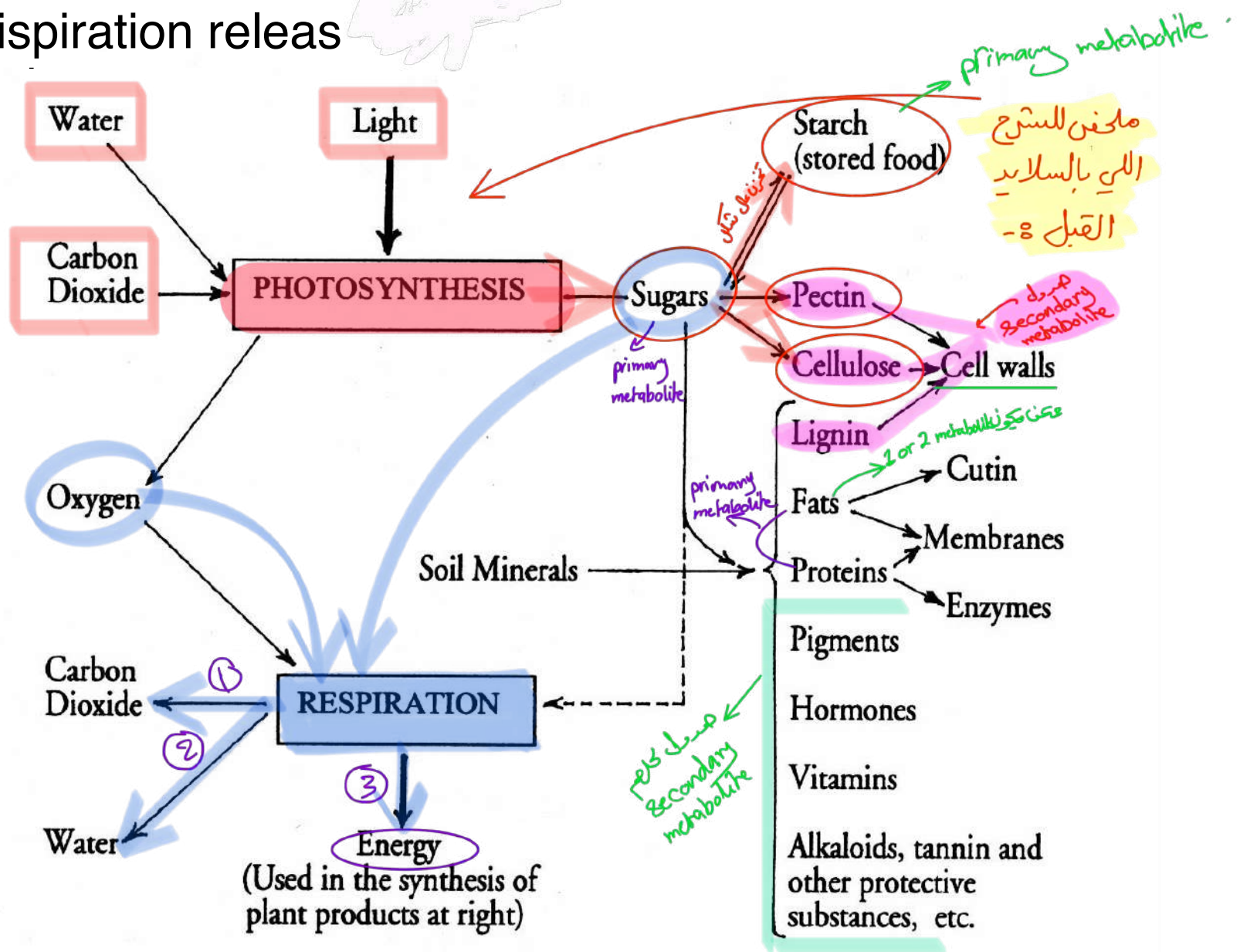


Figure 24. Photosynthesis, respiration, leaf water exchange, and translocation of sugar (photosynthate) in a plant.



In serial respiration releases



An outline of plant metabolism

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يعني جميع النباتات تنتج
primary metabolite

A* All organisms need to transform and interconvert a vast number of organic compounds to enable them to
→ live → grow → and reproduce.

B* They need to provide themselves with energy in the form of ATP.

C* They need a supply of building blocks to construct their own tissues.

D-An integrated network of **enzymes** mediated and carefully regulated chemical reactions is used for this purpose collectively referred to as → **intermediary metabolism** and the pathways involved are termed → **metabolic pathways**.

E* Some of the important molecules of life are:

1-Carbohydrates, 2- Proteins, 3-Fats and 4-Nucleic acids.

من أهم الأمثلة على " primary " metabolite

Primary Metabolites

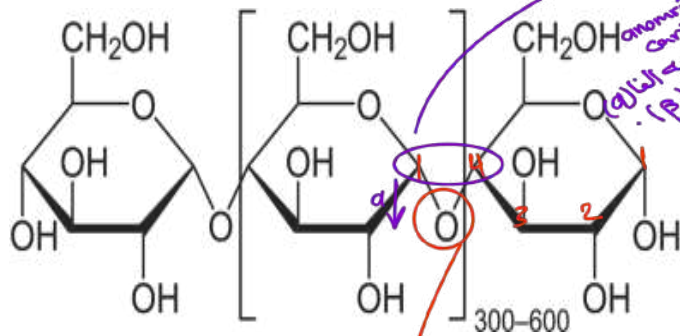
- **Primary metabolites** are compounds produced by a living organism that are essential for its life and growth.
 - The **main primary metabolites** are carbohydrates, proteins, nucleic acids, and lipids.
 - They are occurring in all plants (**in all green plants**).
- # Apart from fats, these are polymeric materials.
- * Carbohydrates(CHO): are composed of sugar units.
 - * Proteins : are made up from amino acids
 - * Nucleic acids:are based on nucleotides.

ال primary metabolite

polymeric materials
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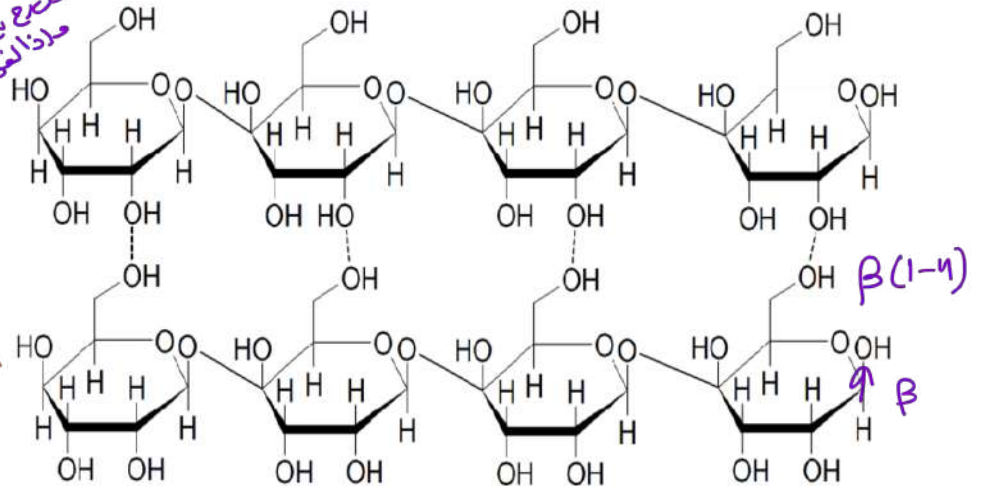
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Primary Metabolites



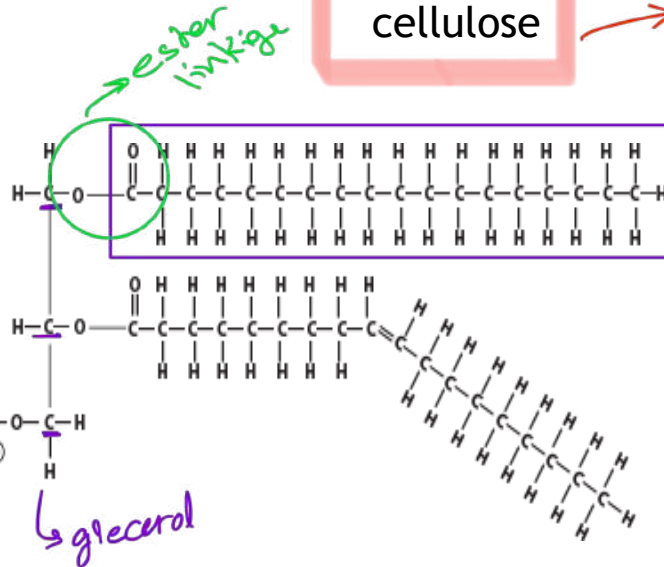
starch

glycosidic bond



cellulose

secondary metabolite



phospholipid

in membrane

phosphate group

glycerol

fatty acid

Plants and their metabolites

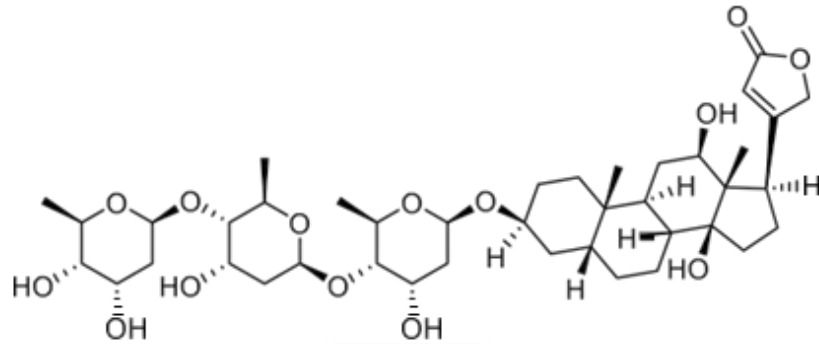
- **Primary metabolites:** Compounds produced during the fundamental pathways; essential for the plant life (H_2O , CO_2 → Photosynthesis): carbohydrates, fats, proteins, nucleic acids → primary activity of green plants
- **Secondary metabolites:** Not involved in the essential metabolism of the cell, but exert physiologic activity for the plant, its environment and human (phyto-hormones, plant-protection, plant-insect-, plant-animal interactions, source of drugs); produced through specific pathways with a limited distribution in nature; condition and species sensitive; **most pharmacologically active natural products are 2^{ry} metabolites**

Relationship between primary and secondary metabolism:

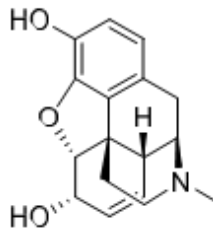
- The processes and products of **primary metabolism** are **similar in most organisms**, while those of **secondary metabolism** are **more specific**.
- In plants, **primary metabolism** is made up of photosynthesis, respiration, etc., using CO₂, H₂O, and NH₃ as starting materials, and forming products such as glucose, amino acids, nucleic acids. These are similar among different species.
- **Secondary metabolites** are low molecular weight compounds that are not required for the growth of an organism, but **are produced for adaptation** for its specific functions in nature and are considered a **phenotype** of the organism.
- They are derived from primary metabolites via secondary metabolic pathways
 - Pathways
 - They are more important than primary metabolites as a **therapeutic agents**.

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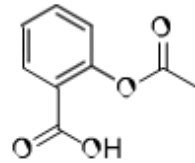
Secondary Metabolites



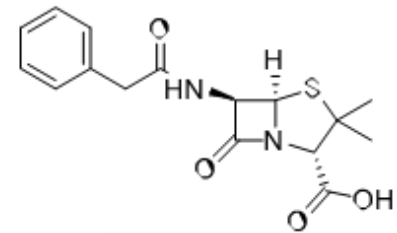
digoxin



morphine



aspirin



penicillin

Secondary Metabolites

معلوماتی آخذناها بمادة الفيرست

- **Digoxin**: cardiotonic, from foxglove (*Digitalis lanata*).
- **Morphine**: pain killer, from opium (*Papaver somniferum*). This is generally believed to be the first isolation of an active ingredient from a plant.
- **Aspirin**: painkiller and anti-inflammatory, from willow (*Salix spp*).
- **Penicillin**: antibiotic, from (*Penicillium spp*).

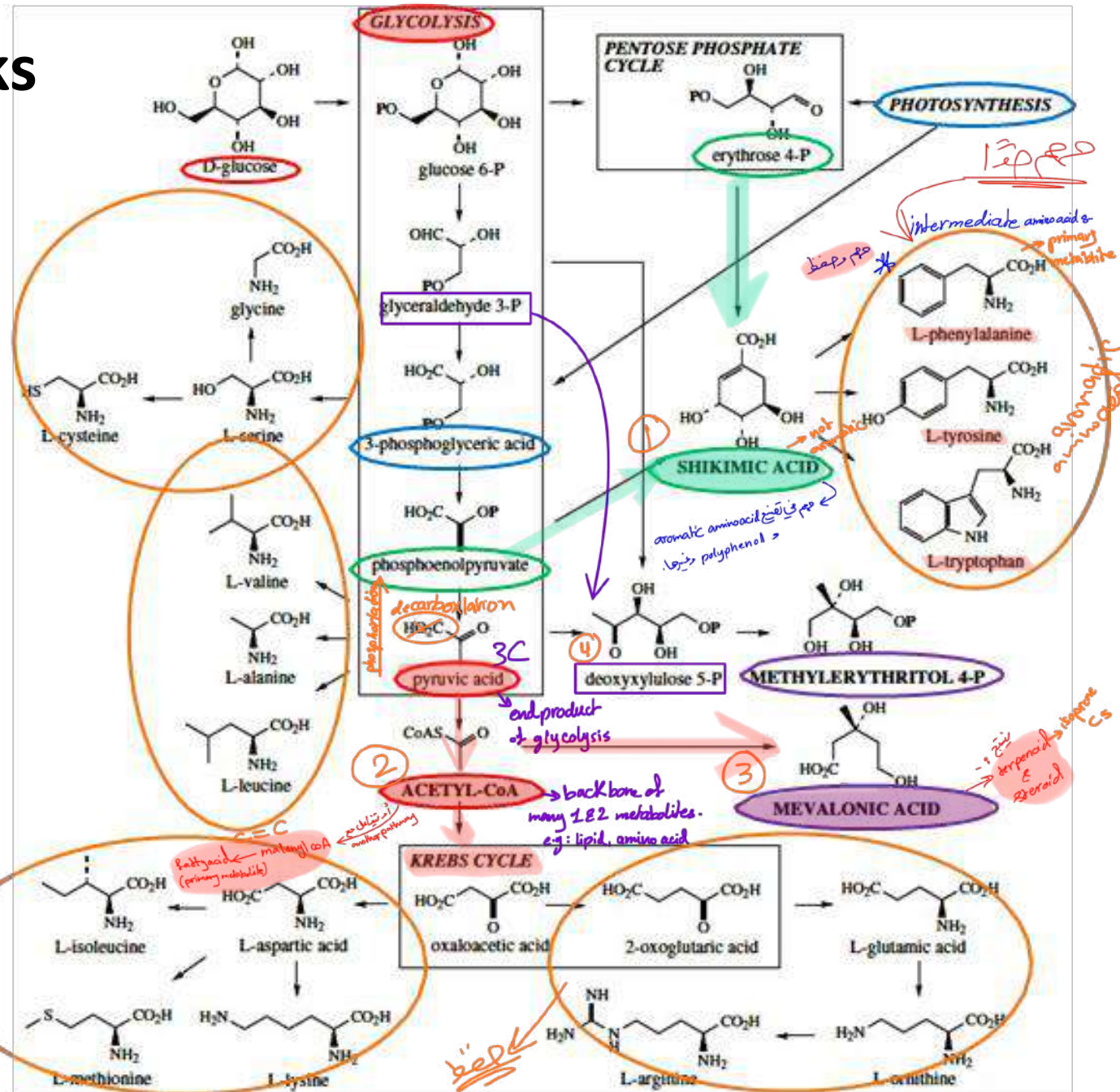
Functions of Secondary Compounds

- The most common roles for secondary compounds in plants are ecological roles that govern interactions between plants and other organisms.
- Many secondary compounds are brightly colored pigments like **anthocyanin** that **color flowers red and blue**. These attract pollinators and fruit and seed dispersers.
- **Nicotine and other toxic compounds** may protect the plant from herbivores and microbes.
- Other secondary compounds like rubber and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) **from cannabis plants** have no known function in plants.

← مواد أكلة الأعشاب "حيوانات عاشبة"

يسبب موهما الناس
الذين يستخدمون
زيادة الشهية
ويستخدمون

Building blocks



GLYCOLYSIS

- Glycolysis: The final product is the pyruvic acid
(3 carbon) → Then the pyruvate has **2 options**:
- **A** → Further degradation to **acetyl-CoA** (2 carbon)
→ it is a backbone of many primary and secondary metabolites
- **B** → **Shikimic acid** pathway:

Pyruvic acid (phosphoenolpyruvate) combines with
erythrose-4-P → to form shikimic acid.

from Krebs-cycle

- * So to form shikimic acid we need:

A-Calvin cycle

B-Glycolysis

- Degradation of carbohydrates and sugars generally proceeds via the well characterized pathways, known as ^①glycolysis and the ^②kerbs / citric acid / tricarboxylic acid cycle, which release energy from the organic compounds by oxidative reactions.
- Oxidation of fatty acids from fats by the ^③sequence called β -oxidation also provides energy

- **Acetyl-CoA can go to one of the following pathways:**

- **1- Tricarboxylic acid cycle** → non aromatic plant acids (citric, succinic and malic acids)
- **2-** To form primary metabolites as fatty acids depending on the enzymatic specificity: → Acetyl- CoA + malonyl- CoA will start the formation of fatty acids ←
- **3-** Can enter the secondary metabolites formation depending on enzyme availability by **two pathways:**

- **A- Mevalonic acid pathway** → terpenoids and steroids

- **B- Acetate-malonate pathway** → aromatic, monocyclic and polycyclic compounds (Anthraquinones, Prostaglandins, Fats, Marolide antibiotic (erythromycine), Tetracyclines

- * Krebs cycle = tricarboxylic acid cycle = citric acid cycle

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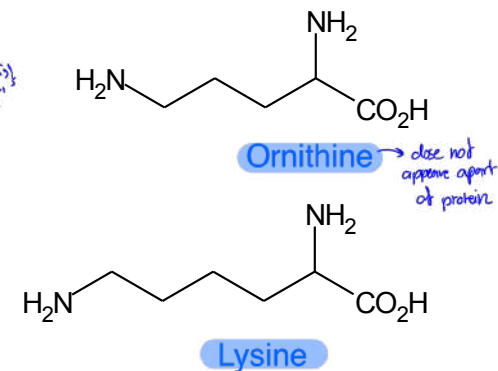
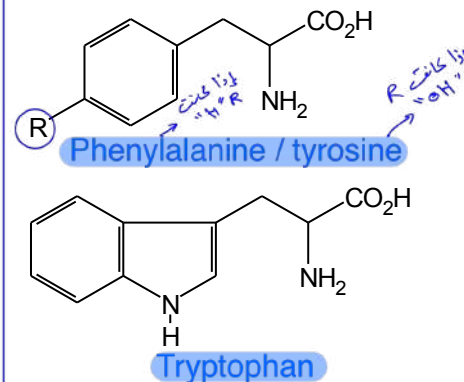
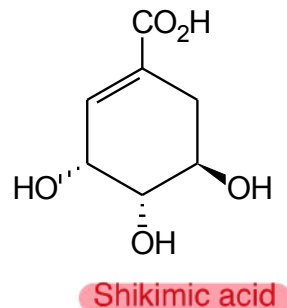
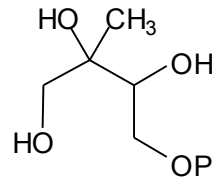
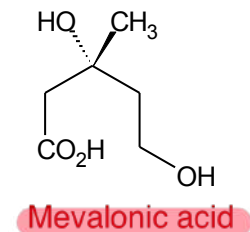
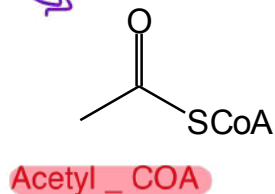


كل مدار السلاية يشرح ال pathways بالحسي .

- # **AcetylCoA** is formed by
- 1 → Oxidative decarboxylation of the **glycolytic pathway** product **pyruvic acid**.
- 2 → It is also produced by → the β -oxidation of fatty acids, effectively reversing the process by which fatty acids are themselves synthesized from acetyl-CoA .
- ♦ **Mevalonic acid** → mevalonate (Mevalonate - acetate) →
 - 1- Isoprene (Terpenoids)
 - 2- Isoprene → Squalene → steroids
- **Mevalonic acid** ^{6C} is itself formed → from **three molecules of acetyl-CoA**, but the mevalonate pathway channels acetate into a different series of compounds
- than does the acetate pathway.
- ♠ **Deoxyxylulose phosphate pathway:**
 - → arises from a combination of **two** glycolytic pathway intermediates, namely → pyruvic acid and → glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate.
- ♦ **Shikimic acid** → shikimate pathway → 1- Aromatic amino acids , 2- phenols, 3- Alkaloids, 4- lignans, 5- peptides and 6- antibiotics (penicillins)
- **Shikimic acid** is produced from a combination of → phosphoenolpyruvate, a glycolytic pathway intermediate, and → erythrose 4-phosphate from the pentose phosphate.
- pathway (see figure of the building blocks).

Secondary metabolism: refers to the biosynthesis, utilization and breakdown of smaller organic compounds found in the cell. These compounds, called **secondary metabolites**, arise from a set of intermediate building blocks : acetyl coenzyme A (acetyl-CoA), mevalonic acid (MVA) and methyl erythritol phosphate (MEP), shikimic acid, and the amino acids phenylalanine/tyrosine, tryptophan, ornithine and lysine.

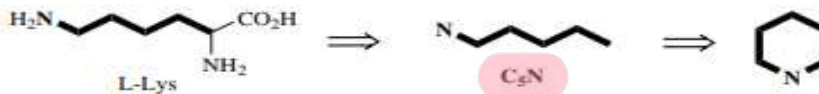
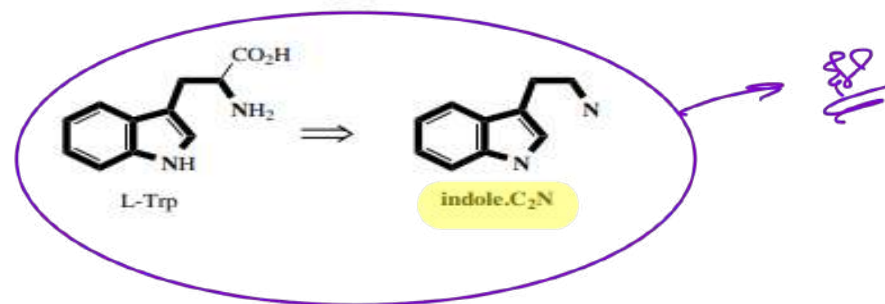
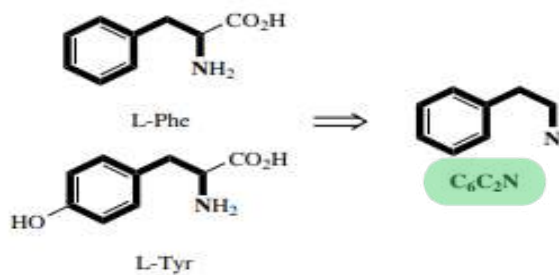
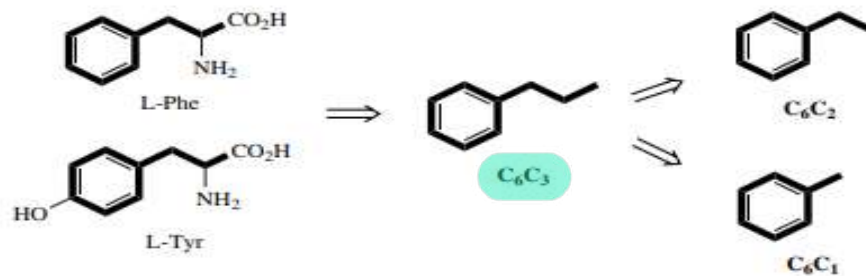
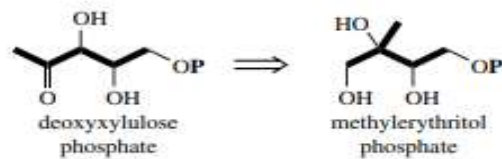
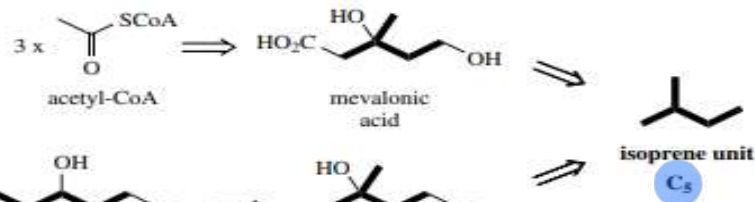
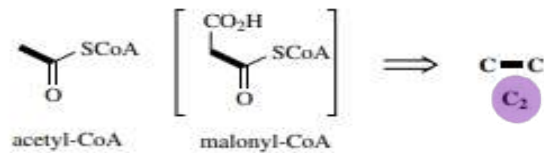
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Constructing of natural products

- * In addition to acetyl CoA ,shikimic acid, mevalonic acid and deoxyxylulose phosphate, **other** building blocks based on **amino acids** are frequently employed in **natural** products.
- **1**-Peptides, proteins, alkaloids, and many antibiotics are **derived**→ from amino acids, and the **origins** of the most important amino acid components of these are briefly indicated in.
- Figure
- **2** -Intermediates from the glycolytic pathway and the Krebs cycle are used in constructing many of them.
- **3**- Shikimate pathway → aromatic amino acids
→phenylalanine, tyrosine, and tryptophan.
- **4**- Krebs cycle intermediates →Ornithine,
a non-proteinamino acid, along with its homologue lysine,
→ are important alkaloid precursors.

The building blocks



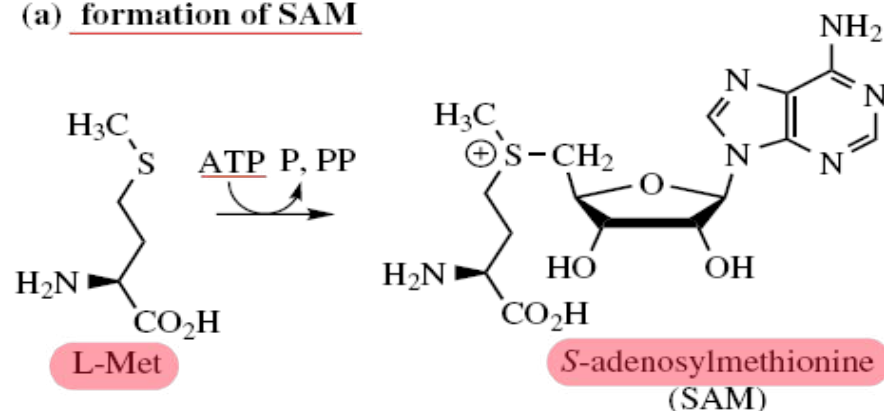
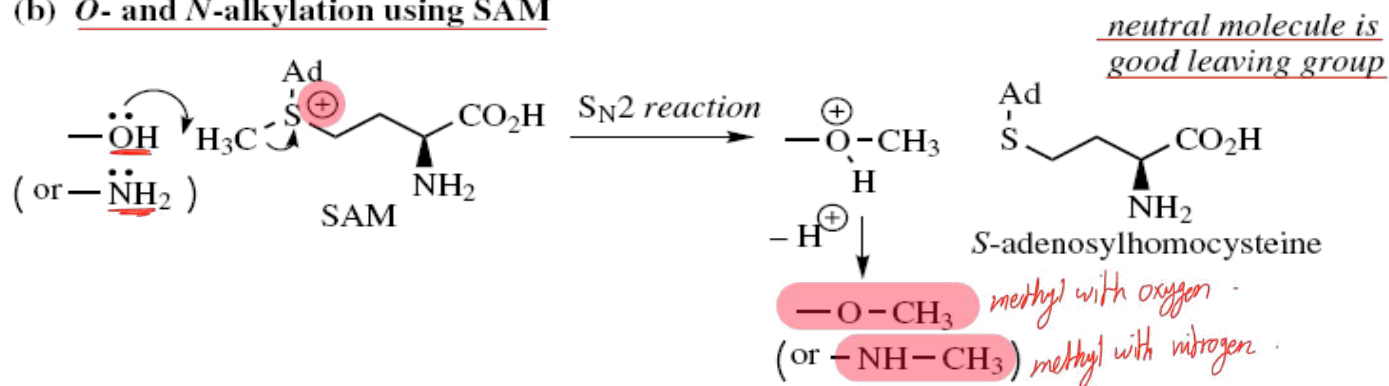
C1:

- ♣ The **C1 methyl** building unit is supplied from Lmethionine and is introduced by
→ a **nucleophilic substitution** reaction.
- → In nature, the leaving group is enhanced by converting **L-methionine** into
S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)

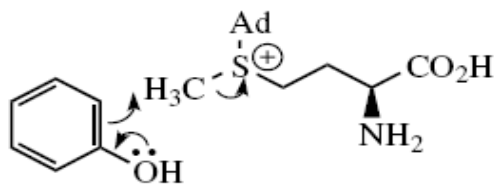
→ C1: comment → Formation of SAM

- 1- This gives a positively charged sulphur and facilitates
- → the nucleophilic substitution (SN2) type mechanism
- 2- Thus, *O*-methyl and *N*-methyl linkages may be obtained
- → using hydroxyl and amino functions as nucleophiles.
- 3- The methylenedioxy group (OCH₂O)

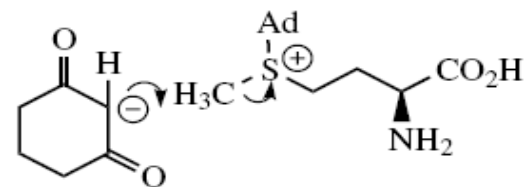
Alkylation reactions: nucleophilic substitution

(a) formation of SAM(b) O- and N-alkylation using SAM(c) C-alkylation using SAM

ortho (and para)
positions are
activated by OH

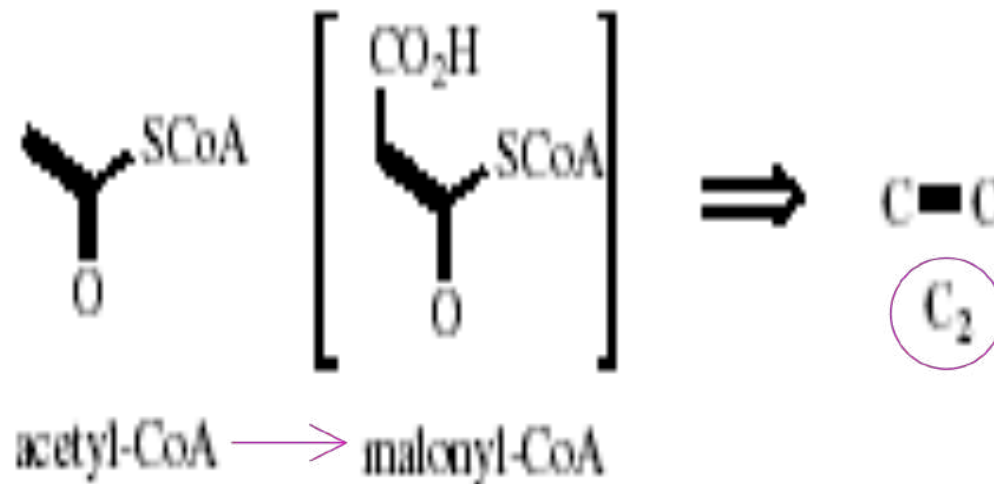


carbonyl groups
increase acidity and
allow formation of
enolate anion



C2:

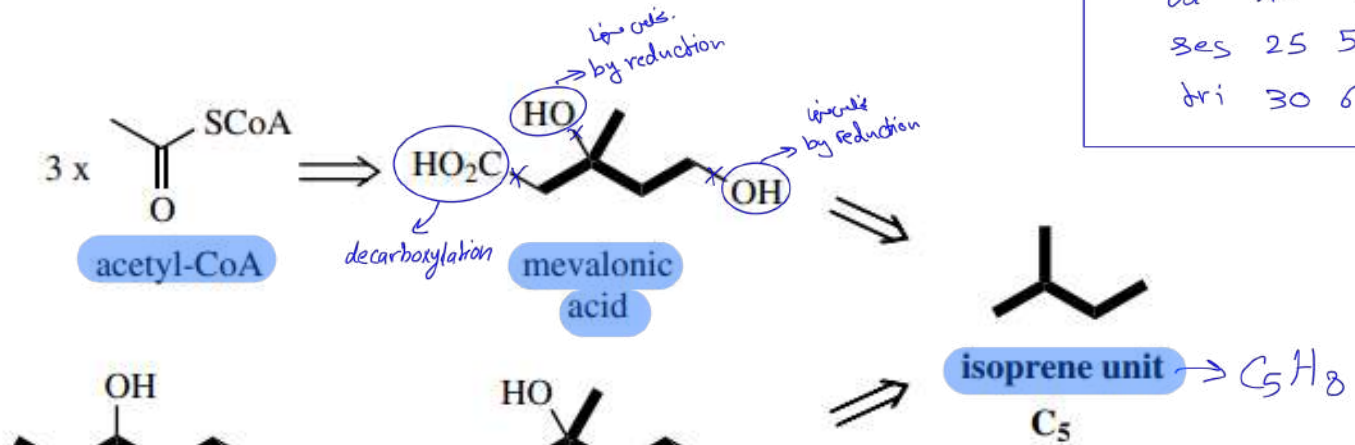
- 1- A two-carbon unit **may** be supplied by **acetyl-CoA**.
- 2- It **forms** part of a **long alkyl chain** (as in a **fatty acid**) or **may** be part of an **aromatic system** (e.g. **phenols**).
- 3- Of particular relevance is that in the latter examples, acetyl-CoA is first converted into the **more** reactive **malonyl-CoA** before its incorporation.



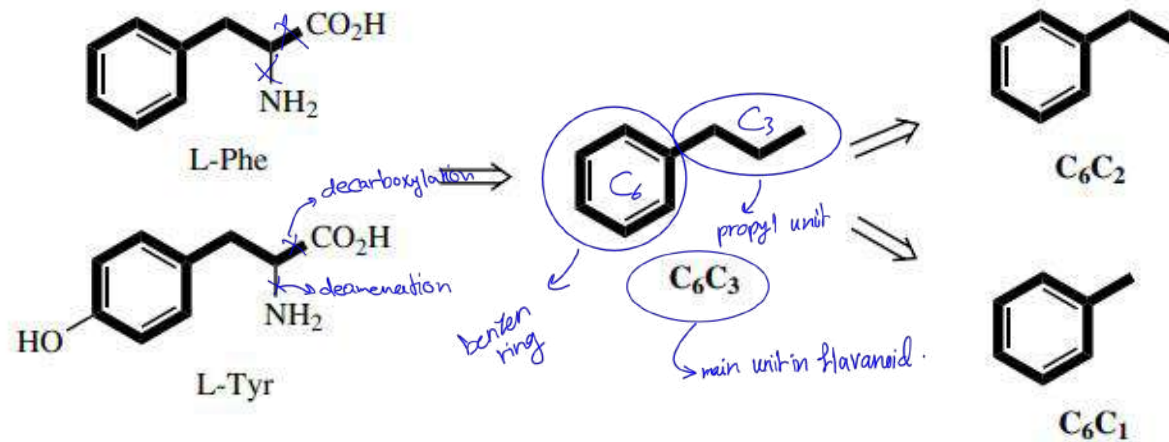
C5:

1-The branched-chain C5 'isoprene' unit is a feature of compounds formed→from **mevalonate**.

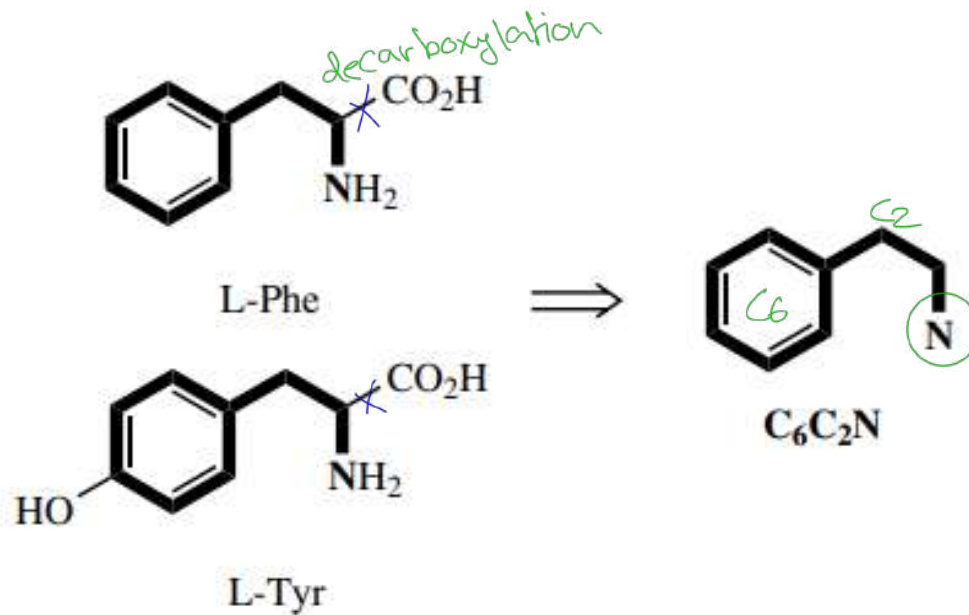
-Mevalonate itself is the product from three acetyl-CoA molecules, but only five of mevalonate's six carbons are used, the carboxyl group being lost.



C6C3



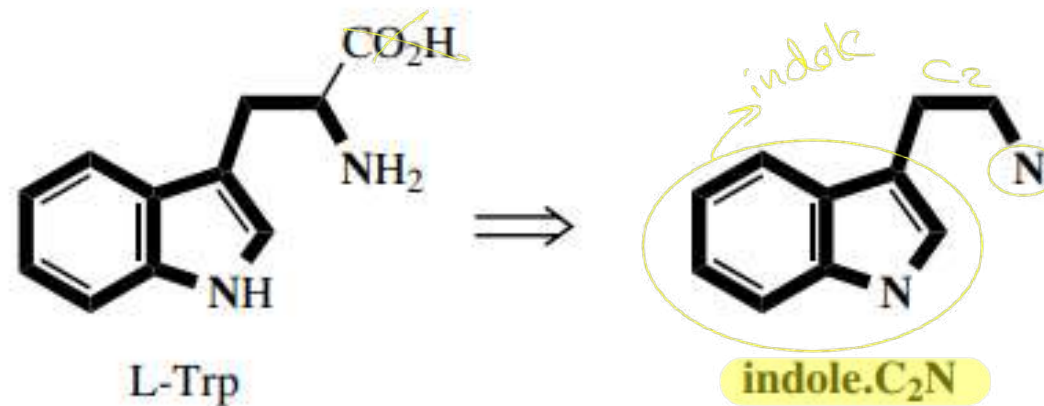
- **1**-This refers to a **phenylpropyl** unit and is obtained
- →from the carbon skeleton of **either** **L-phenylalanine** or **L-tyrosine**, →two of the **shikimate**-derived **aromatic amino acids**.
- **2** -This, of course, requires loss of the amino group.
- **3** -The C3 side-chain **may** be saturated or unsaturated, and may be oxygenated.
- **4** - Sometimes the side chain is cleaved, **removing one or two carbons**.
- →Thus, **C6C2** and **C6C1** units **represent**
- →modified **shortened forms** of the **C6C3 system**.



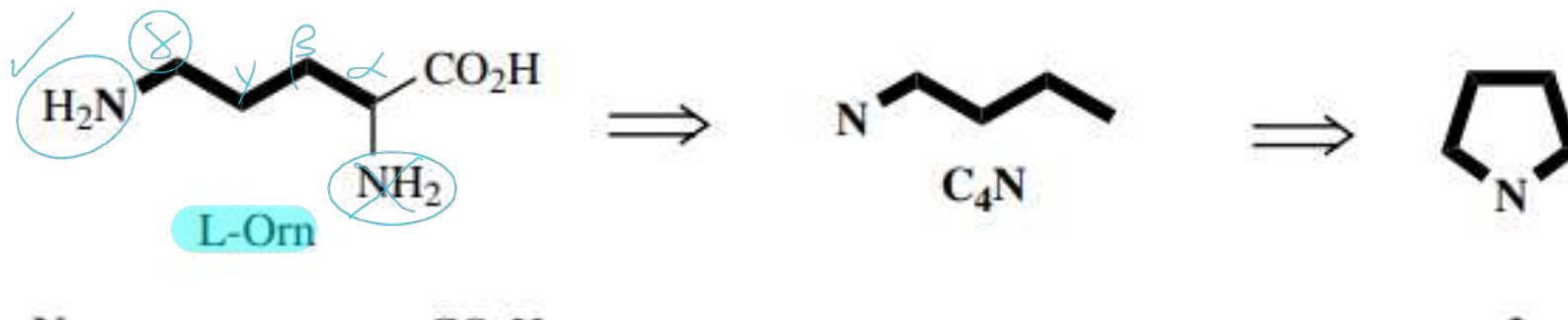
• C₆C₂N:

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- 1-This building block is formed
 → from either L-phenylalanine or L-tyrosine,
 → Ltyrosine being by far the more common.
- 2-In the elaboration of this unit, the carboxyl carbon of the amino acid is removed.



- **(Indole.C₂N):**
- **1-It is formed** $\rightarrow$ from the aromatic amino acid **L-tryptophan** (Shik. acid p.w)
- **2-This indole-containing system can undergo decarboxylation in a similar way to L- phenylalanine and L-tyrosine so providing $\rightarrow$ the remainder of the skeleton $\rightarrow$ as an indole.C₂N unit.**



• C₄N:

- 1-The C₄N unit is usually found
→ as a heterocyclic **pyrrolidine** system.

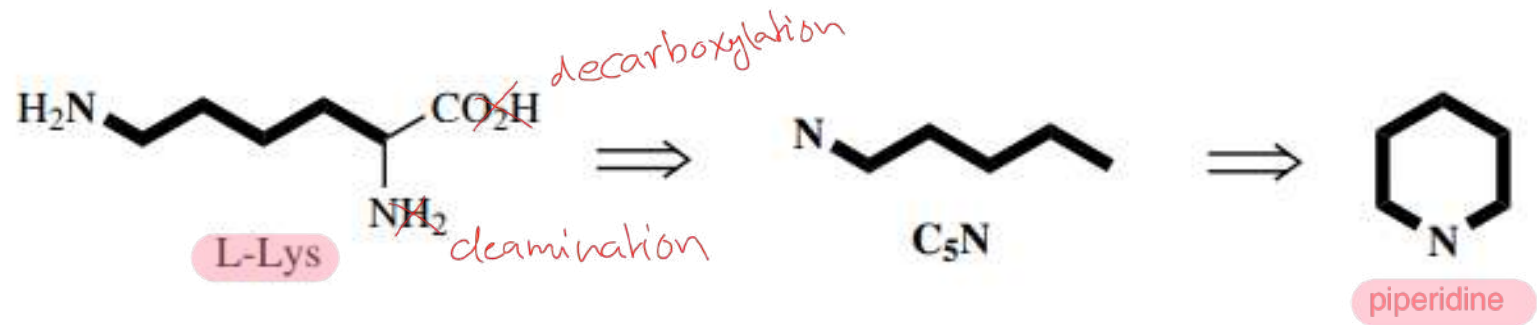
- 2-It is produced from
→ the non-protein amino acid **L-ornithine**. *→ from Krebs cycle*

3-In marked **contrast** to the C₆C₂N and indole.C₂N units described above:

- → **ornithine supplies not its α -amino nitrogen, but the δ -amino nitrogen.**

4 -The carboxylic acid function and the α -amino nitrogen

- → are **both** lost.

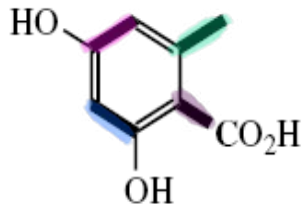


- **C₅N:**

- **1-**This is produced in exactly the same way
- → as the C₄N unit
- (piperidine)
- → but using **L-lysine** as precursor.

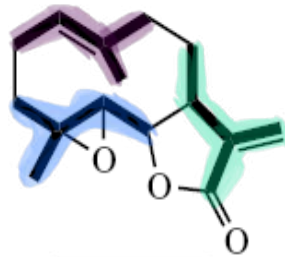
Examples of how compounds can be visualized as a combination of building blocks

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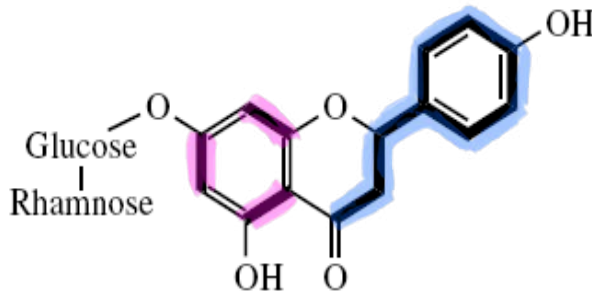
orsellinic acid

$4 \times C_2$



parthenolide

$3 \times C_5$



Glucose
Rhamnose

naringin

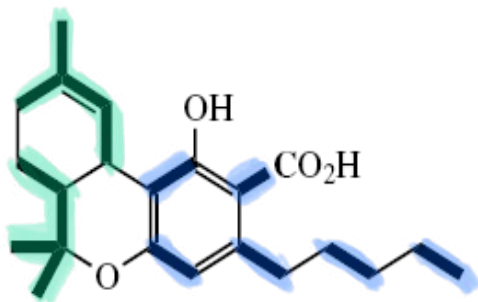
$C_6C_3 + 3 \times C_2 + \text{sugars}$



podophyllotoxin

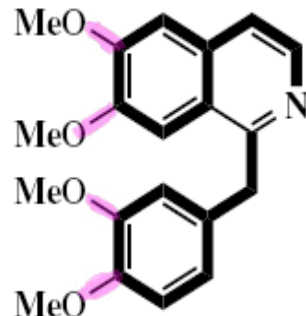
$2 \times C_6C_3 + 4 \times C_1$

from shikimic



tetrahydrocannabinolic acid

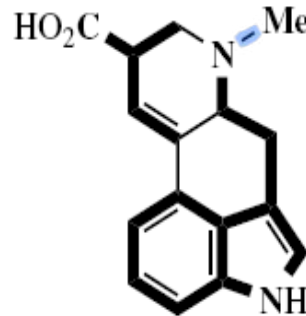
$6 \times C_2 + 2 \times C_5$



papaverine

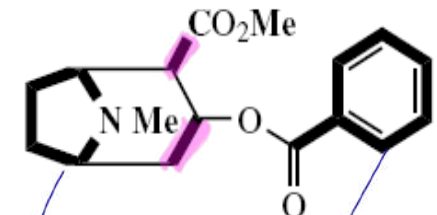
$C_6C_2N + (C_6C_2) + 4 \times C_1$

$\uparrow$
 C_6C_3



lysergic acid

$\text{indole} \cdot C_2N + C_5 + C_1$



cocaine

$C_4N + 2 \times C_2 + (C_6C_1) + 2 \times C_1$

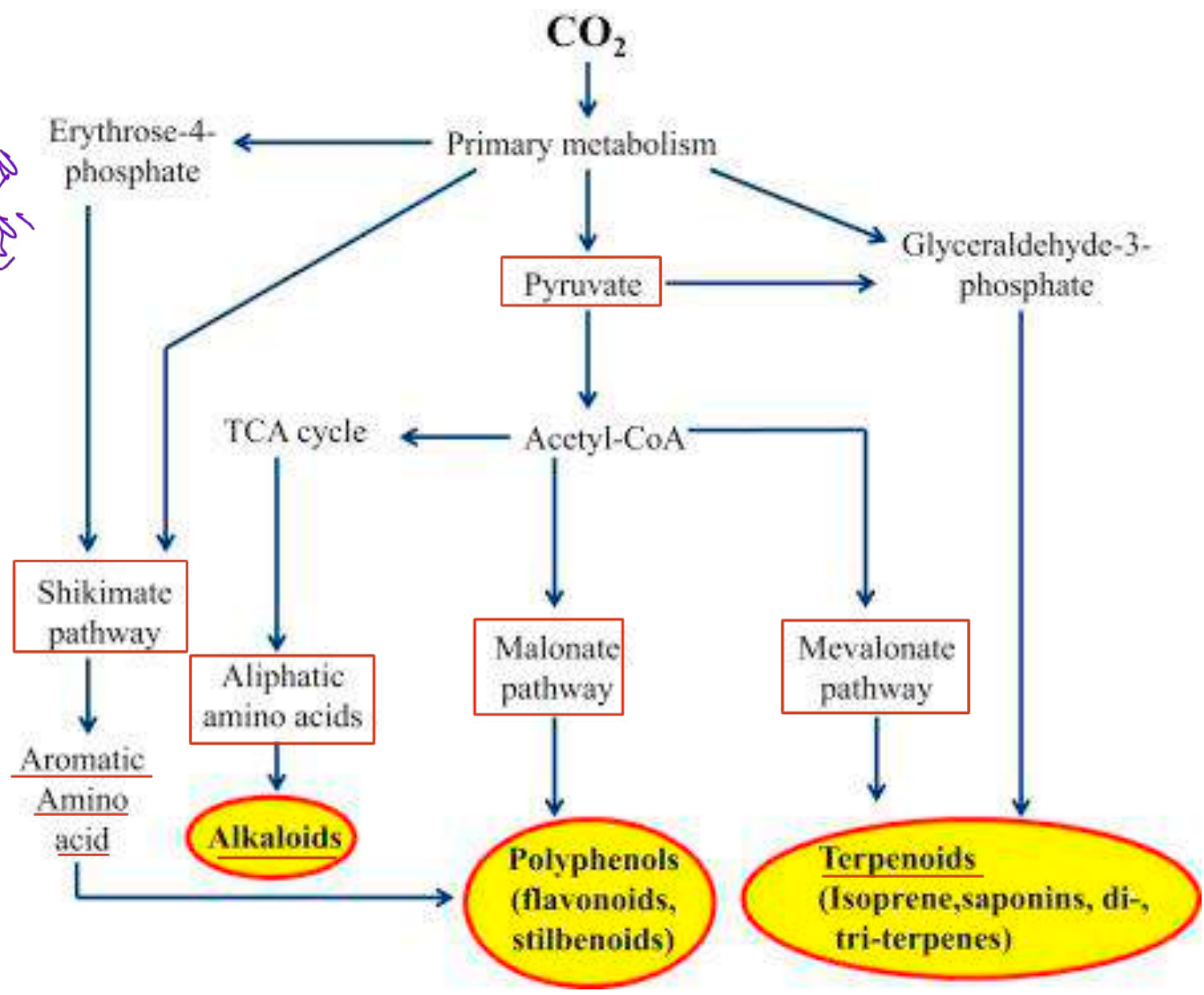
$\uparrow$
 C_6C_3

The different secondary metabolites are biosynthesized using 3 different pathways.

- ① Acetate – Malonate Pathway ② Acetate – Mevalonate Pathway : ^{e.g.} (terpenoids and steroids)
- ③ Shikimic acid pathway ^{e.g.} (aromatic amino acids and phenylpropanoids)
- Each of them is responsible for the production of certain classes of secondary metabolites.

④ - amino acid pathway .

تجزئة
المعلومات



Alkaloids

Important secondary metabolites formed from the acetate pathway include phenols, prostaglandins, and macrolide antibiotics, together with various fatty acids and derivatives at the primary/secondary metabolism interface.

Shikimic acid is produced from a combination of phosphoenolpyruvate, a glycolytic pathway intermediate, and erythrose 4-phosphate from the pentose phosphate pathway.

The shikimate pathway leads to a variety of phenols, cinnamic acid derivatives, lignans, and alkaloids.
Handwritten notes:
- "diaromatic phenyl propyl derivatives 2(C₆C₃)" with an arrow pointing to "phenols".
- "phenyl propyl derivatives C₆C₃" with an arrow pointing to "cinnamic acid derivatives".

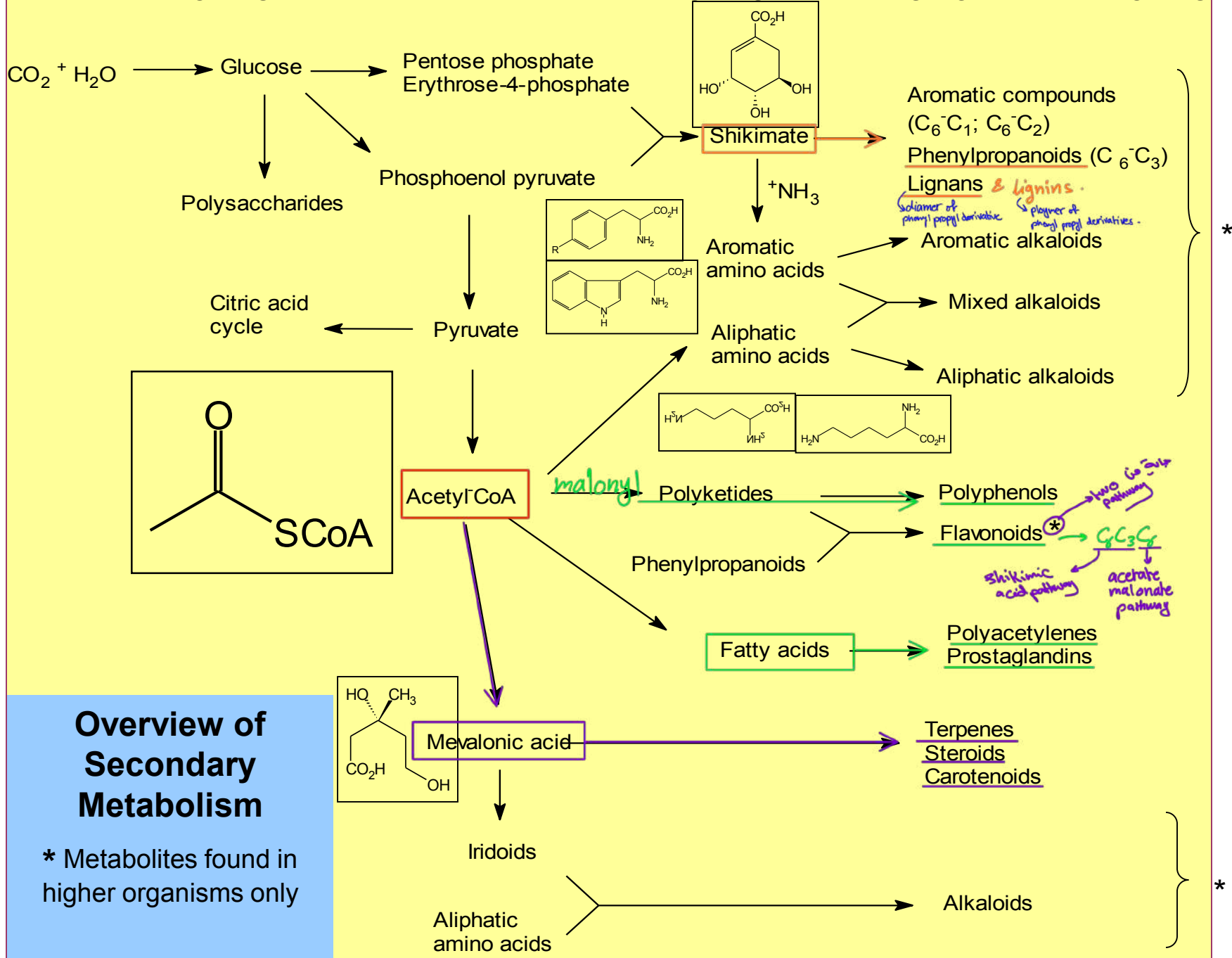
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PRIMARY METABOLITES

INTERMEDIATE METABOLITES

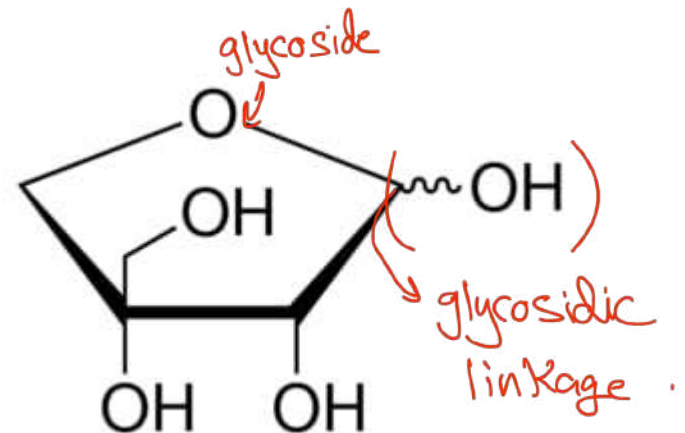
SECONDARY METABOLITES



Plant Secondary Metabolites

- Secondary compounds are grouped into classes based on similar structures, biosynthetic pathways, or the kinds of plants that make them. The largest such classes are the alkaloids, terpenoids, and phenolics.
- Secondary compounds often occur in combination with one or more sugars. These combination molecules are known as glycosides. Usually the sugar is a glucose, galactose or rhamnose. But some plants have unique sugars. Apiose sugar is unique to ^{القدونس} parsley and its close relatives.

"glycoside" أجزاء part sugar
"Aglycoside" أجزاء part non sugar



Acetate malonate pathway

- **A**-Non-aromatic derivatives (polyacetylenes, polyynes)
multi double bond ← *جانب به جانب*
acetyl → *جانب به جانب*
fatty acid ← *الحمض الدهني*
- **B**-Aromatic polyacetates (polyketides)



Acetate-derived Natural Products

Acetate formed from carbohydrate via pyruvic acid

Produce large no. of imp. natural products (flavonoids, anthraquinones, macrolides, terpenes & steroids)

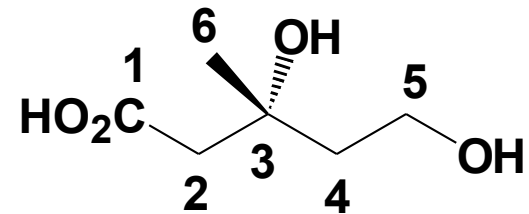
2 main routes originate with acetate pathway:

1. Acylpolymalonate pathway leading to FA & polyketides
→ aromatic acetyl unit *↳ non aromatic acetyl unit*
2. Mevalonic acid pathway producing terpenes & steroids

Acetate mevalonate pathway

→ terpenoid =
steroid.

- Isoprenoid compounds
- Terpenes (mono-, sesqui-, di-, tri-, tetra-, poly-terpenes)
- Cardiac glycosides
- Saponin glycosides
- Steroids
- Vitamin D

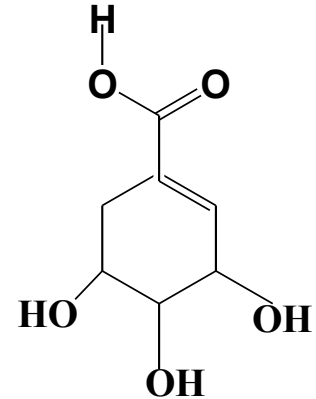


Mevalonic acid (MVA)

↓ 3 Acetyl-CoA

Shikimic acid pathway

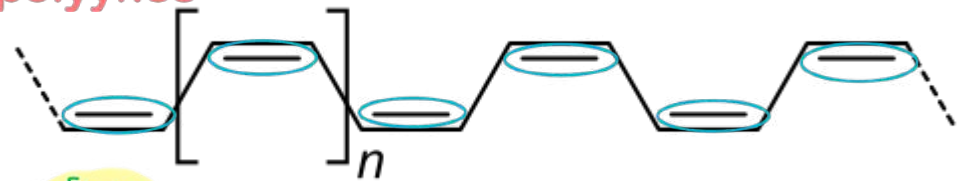
- **Shikimic acid** is a very important building block of **phenolic** substances, because it contains a ring and it's also important for the formation of three important amino acids: Phenylalanine, Tyrosine and Tryptophan.
- Aromatic biosynthesis:
- Phenols
- Phenolic glycosides
- Phenyl-propane-derivatives
- Lignins
- Lignans
- Aromatic amino acids



Shikimic Acid

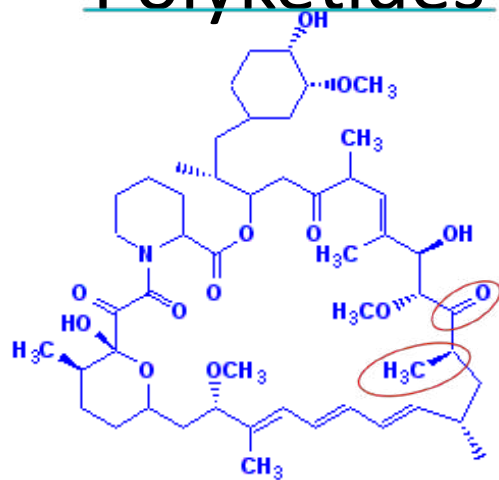
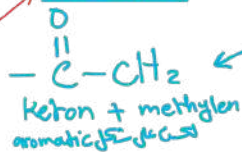
• Polyacetylene

پولی اسیٹیلین
multi double bond
polyynes

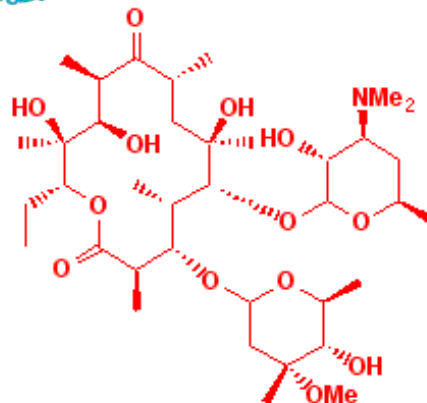


• Polyketides

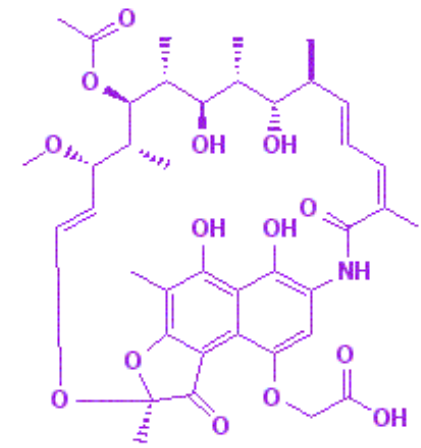
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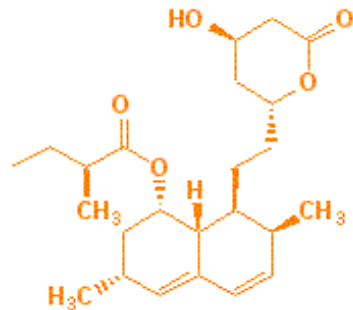
rapamycin
(immunosuppressant)



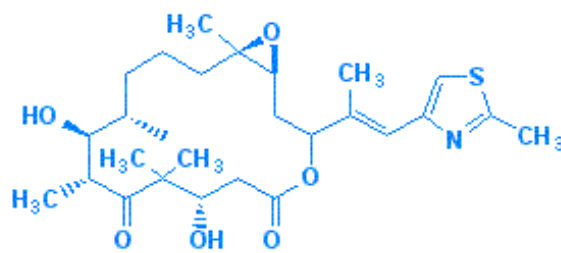
erythromycin A
(antibacterial)



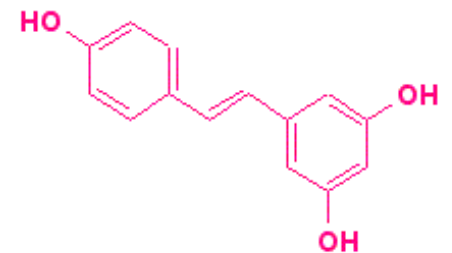
rifamycin B
(antituberculosis)



lovastatin
(anticholesterol)



epothilone B
(anticancer)



(E)-resveratrol
(chemopreventive)

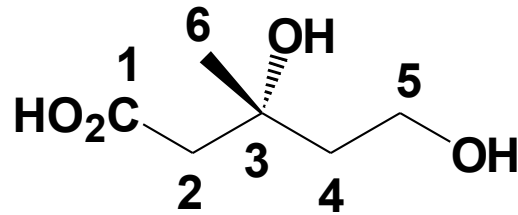
****hint:in the record, the above sentences appear as " Flavanoids from mevalonic acid(C6)+ shikimic acid(C6C3)" and this is wrong sentence. The above is correct**



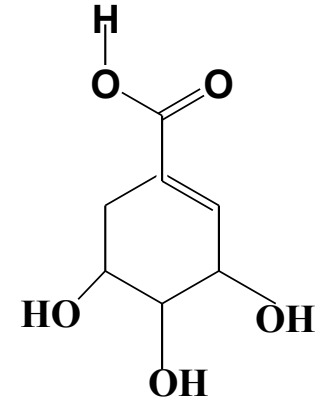
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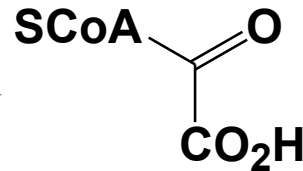
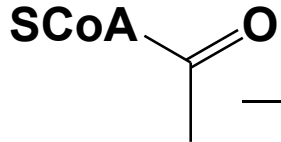
Acetyl Enzyme CoA



Mevalonic acid (MVA)

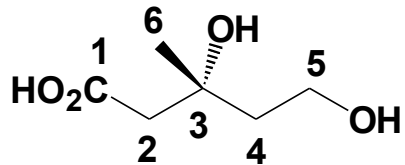


Shikimic Acid

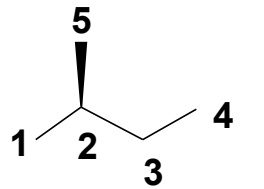


Acetyl-CoA

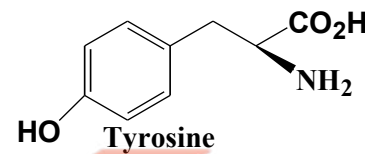
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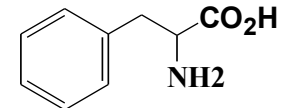
Mevalonic acid (MVA)



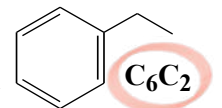
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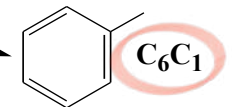
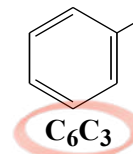
Tyrosine



Phenylalanine



C₆C₂

 C_6C_7  C_6C_3

“Amino acid” pathway

Includes all biogenetic drugs containing “N”.

-Alkaloids

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بالشكر الذي يعبه.

-Cyanogenic glycosides

-Glucosinolates

-Alliines

-Antibiotics from amino acid metabolism

-Anticancer drugs from amino acid metabolism