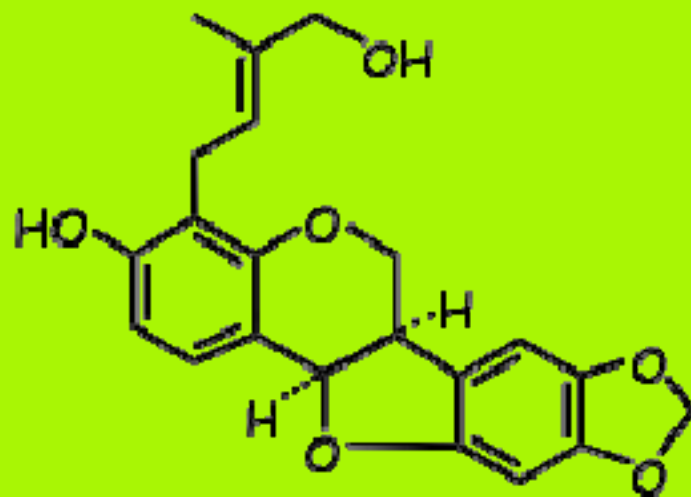


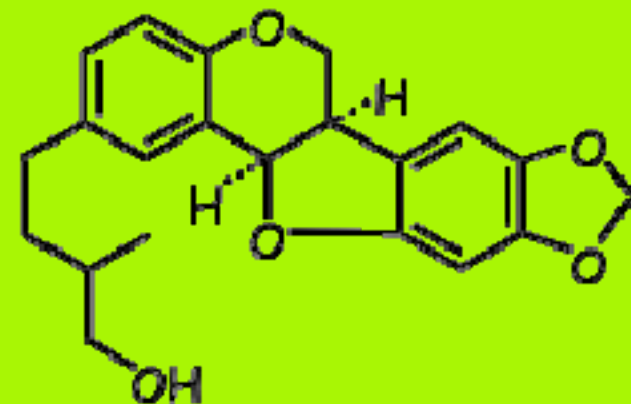
## anti-snake venom from Cabeça de negra

aq. alcoholic extract "especifico pessoa" of root, 135 ml

cabenegrin A-I, 44 mg



cabenegrin A-II, 1 mg

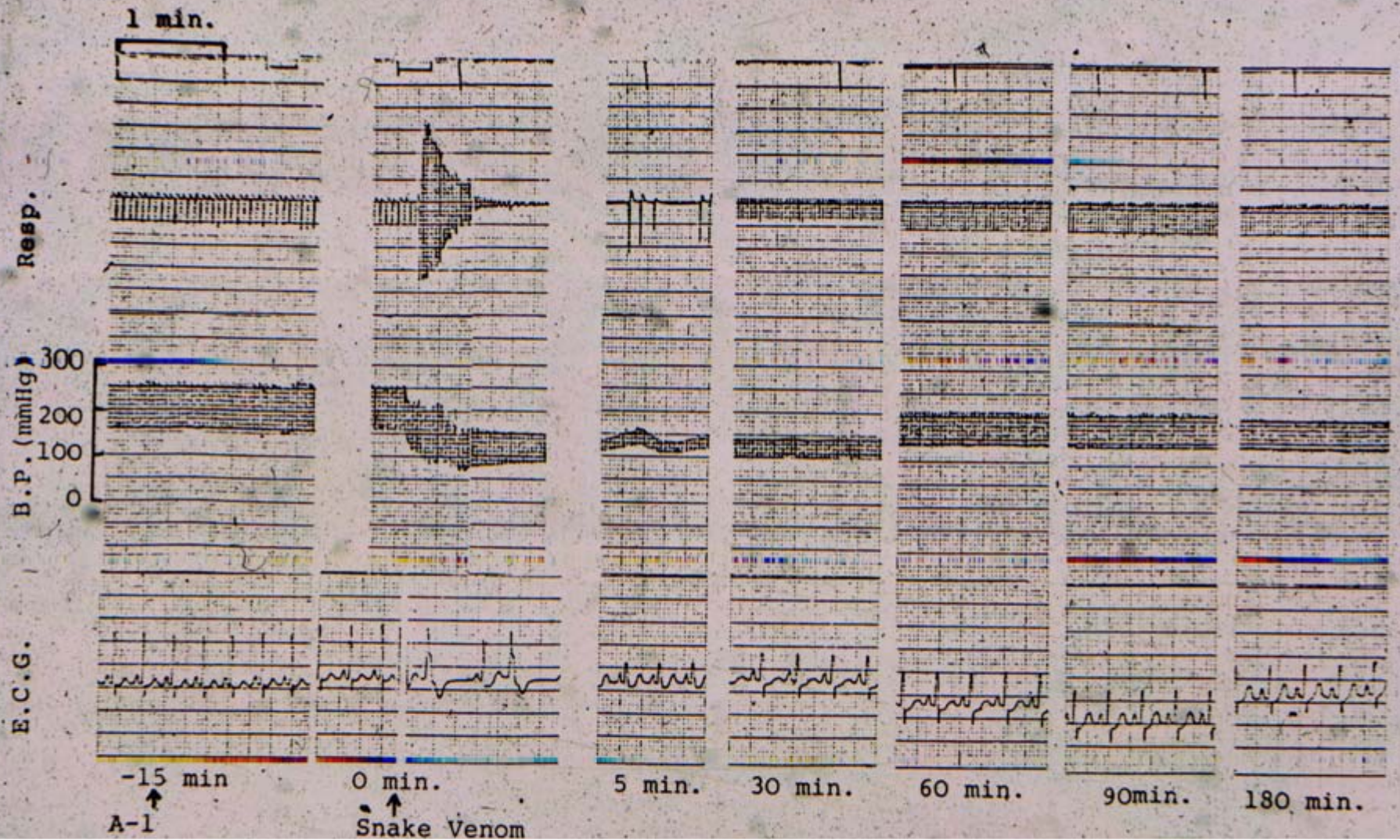


**antidote** against Fer de lance (*Bothrops atrox*) snake venom

injection of 2.5 mg / kg venom (lethal dose) into 9 kg beagle dog  
leads to hypotension, respiratory and cardiac arrest.

injection of 1.0 mg / kg A-I, 15 min before or after venom injection  
**restores or reverses all effects in 90 min**

nakagawa, Nakanishi, Darko, Vick, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 38, 3855 (1982)



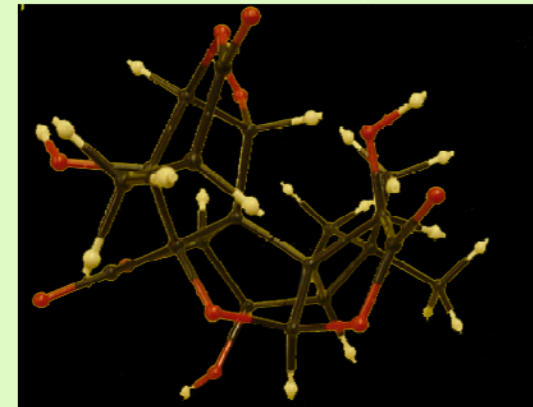
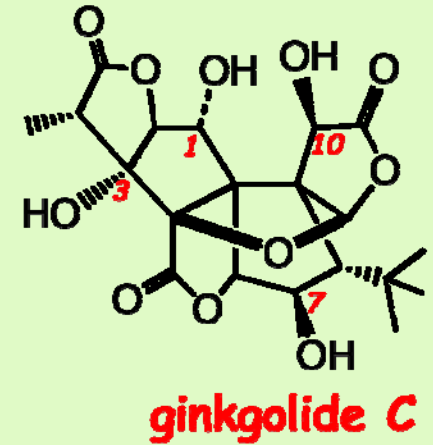
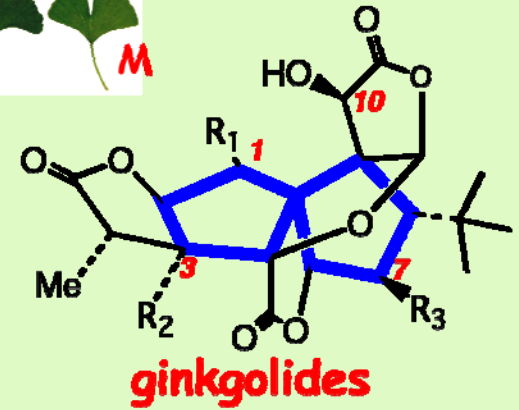
Effect of A-I on respiratory and cardiovascular responses to snake Venom (*Bathrops atrox*) in anaesthetized dogs

# *Ginkgo biloba*

Division *Ginkgophyta*

Order *Ginkgoales*

Family *Ginkgoaceae*

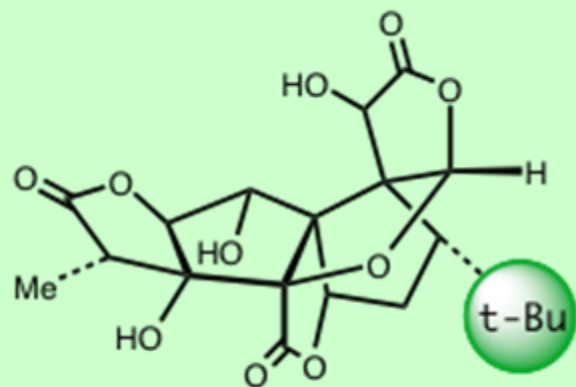
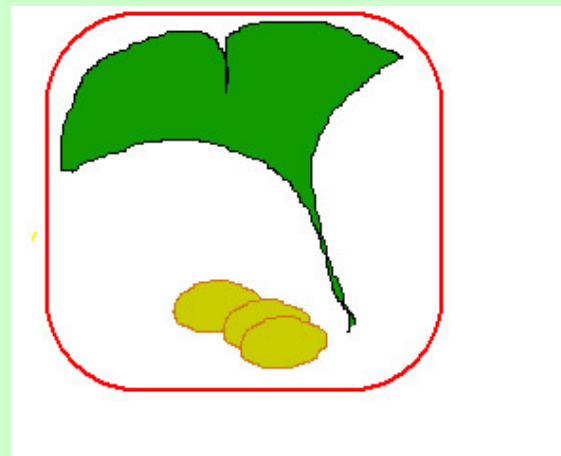




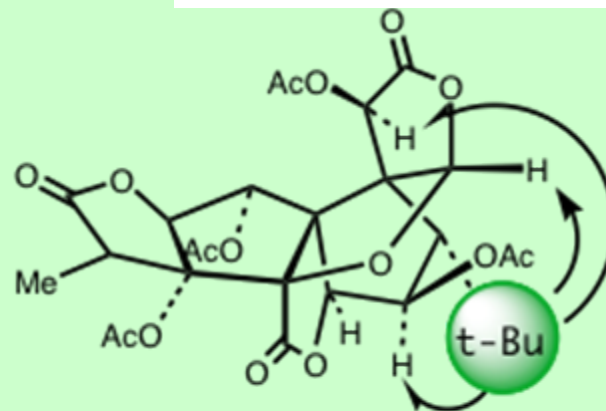
# *Ginkgo biloba*, the ginkgo tree

One of the first tree, *Ginkgoales*, appeared 250 million years ago.

All species vanished, except one, *Ginkgo biloba*, which remains unchanged 150 million years.



Maruyama, Terahara, Itagaki ('67)



nuclear Overhauser effect  
Woods, Miura ('67)

Mentioned in Chinese materia medica, 2800 B.C.

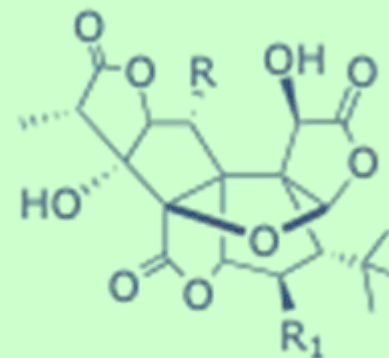
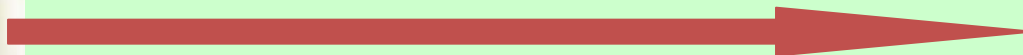
Inhibitor of platelet activating factor.

\$ 3 billion of *Ginkgo* tree extract sold over-the-counter annually.

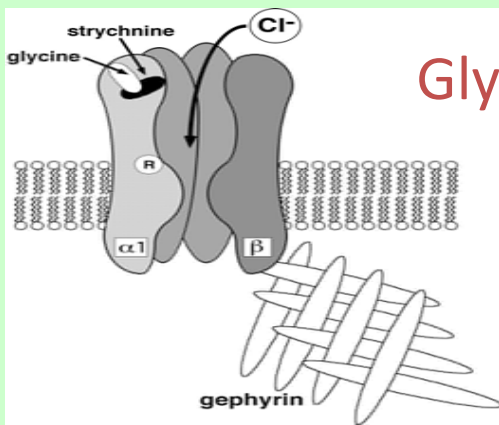
## Summary of ginkgolide isolation from *Bioginkgo* extract

1. Solid-liquid Extraction
2. Bilobalide separation by chromatography
3. Ginkgolide functionalization (benzylation, etc.)
4. Separation by chromatography
5. De-functionalization (debenzylation, etc.)

1-2 days

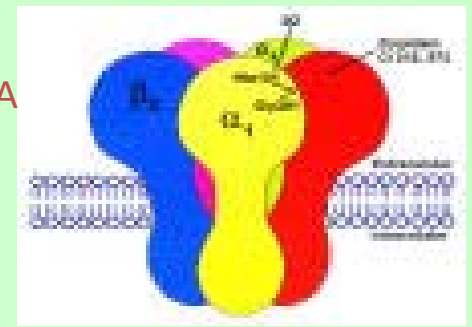


R, R<sub>1</sub> = H, OH



GlyR

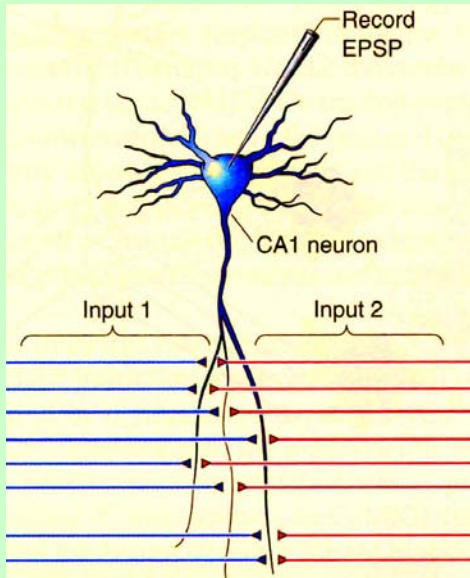
S. Jaracz, K. Nakanishi, A. A. Jensen, K. Stromgaard, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2004, 10, 1507



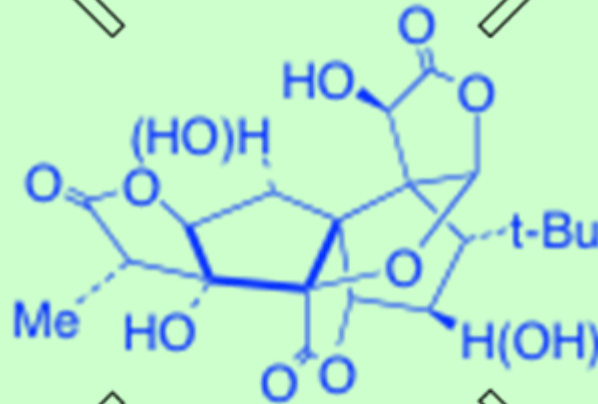
GABA<sub>A</sub>

L.Ivic, T. T. J. Sands, N. Fishkin, K. Nakanishi, A. R. Kriegstein, K. Stromgaard, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2003, 278, 49279

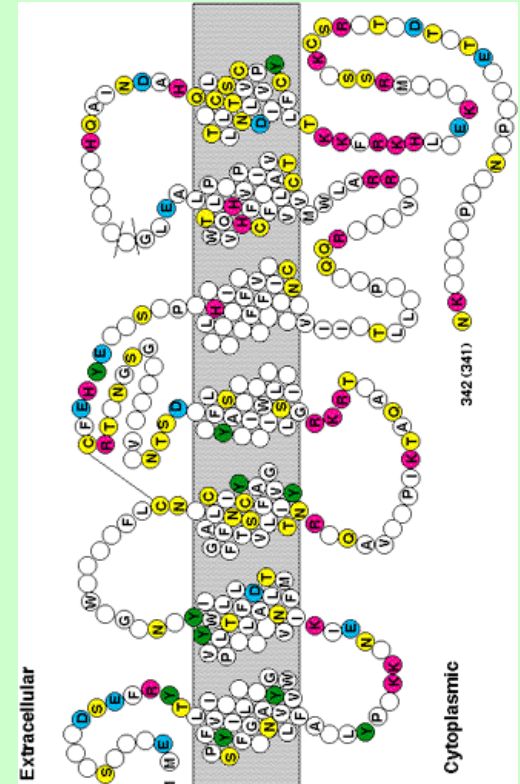
Neuronal cell



O. Vitolo, Z. Cao, H. Ishii, S. Jaracz, K. Nakanishi, O. Arancio, S. V. Dzyuba, M. Shelanski, *Neurobiol. Aging*, in press



PAFR



K. Stromgaard, D. R. Saito, H. Shindou, S. Ishii, T. Shimizu, K. Nakanishi, *J. Med. Chem.*, 2002, 45, 4038.

# Syntheses of 7-[<sup>3</sup>H]-GB & 7-[<sup>18</sup>F]fluoro-GB

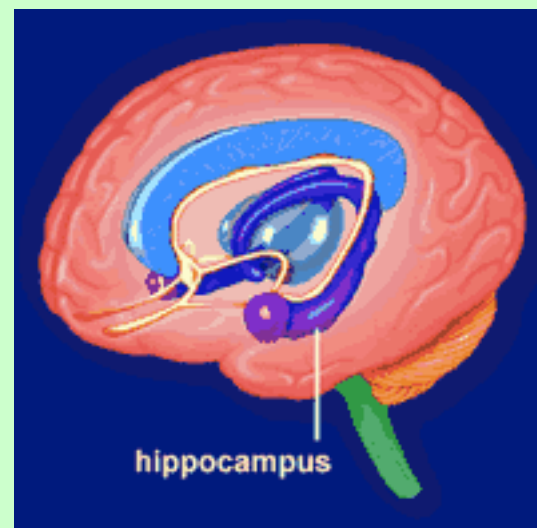
<sup>18</sup>F: positron emitter,  $T_{1/2} = 110$  min. produced from  $H_2^{18}O$  in in-house cyclotron.

Goal: to visualize ginkgolide action sites in living brain by PET (Positron Emission Tomography).

Suehiro, Simpson, Underwood, Castrillon, Nakanishi, van Heertum, *Planta Medica*, 2005, 71, 622

Goal: to study GB and its action site interactions by in vivo autoradiography and in vitro competitive binding studies.

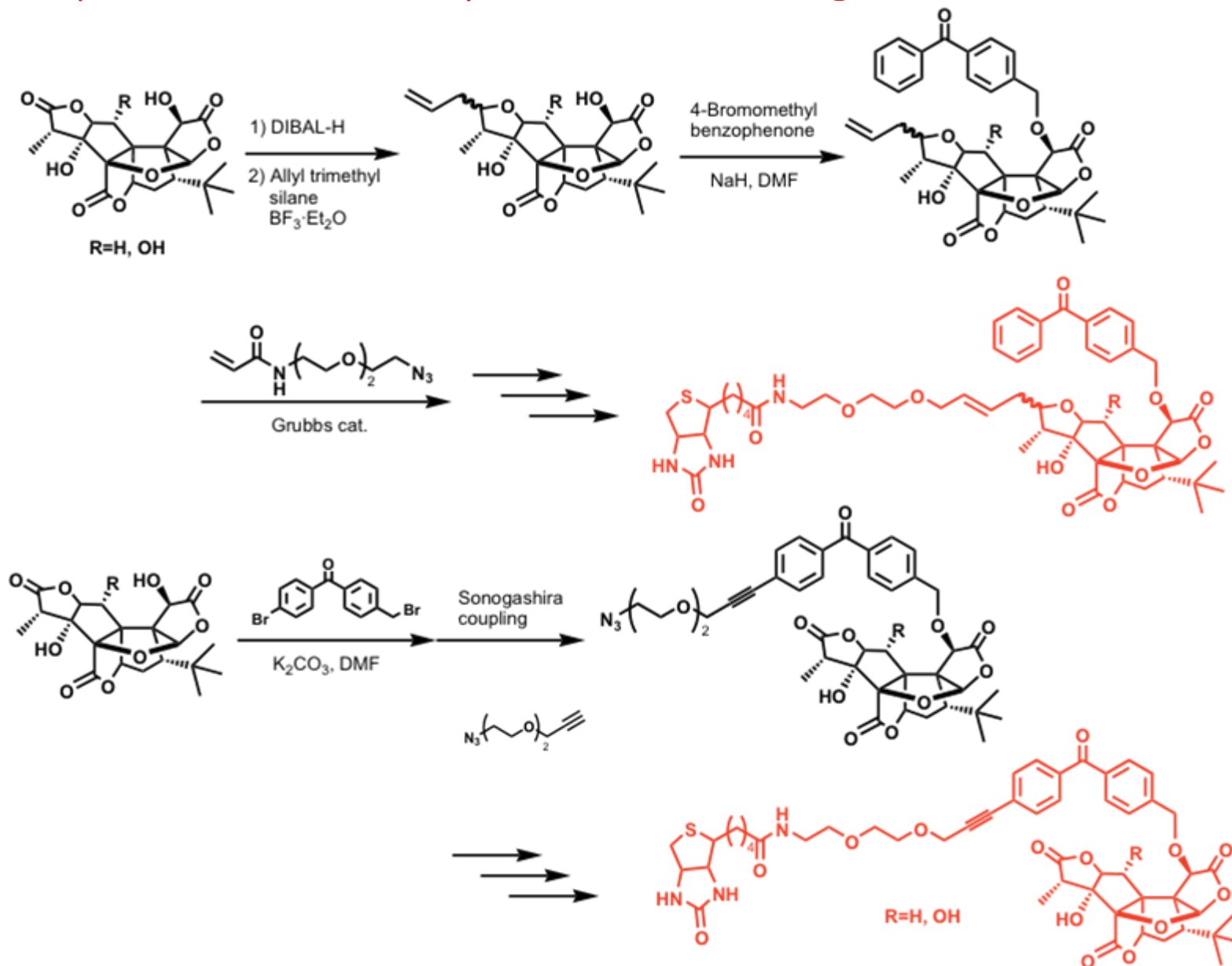
Strømgaard, Suehiro, Nakanishi, *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, 14, 5673-75 (2004)



hippocampus: site of long term potentiation (LTP)



# Biotinylated derivs. for photo-crosslinking









**syngonid**

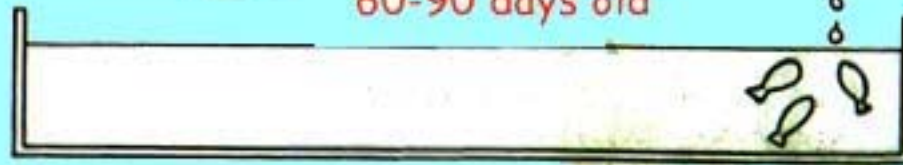
*Radianthus  
kuenkenthali*

*Amphiprion clarkii*

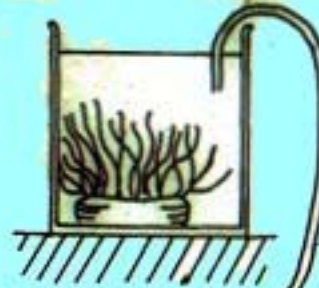


2 - 3 cm long

60-90 days old



**non-syngonid**



# Amphikuemine, aymbiosis inducing substance

Secreted by the sea anemone *Radianthus kukenthali*  
Specifically attracts the anemone fish *Amphiprion perideraion*.

15 kg of sea anemone homogenate

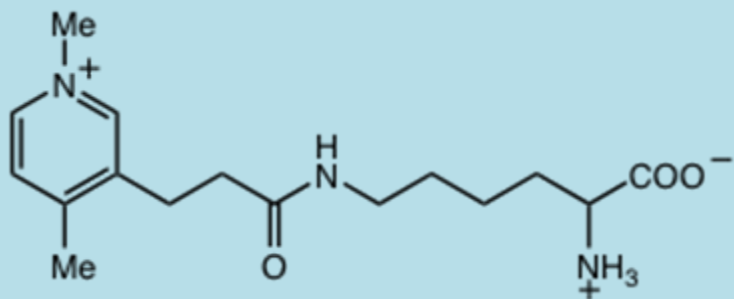
1 % acetic acid /20 % aq. MeOH

extract

residue

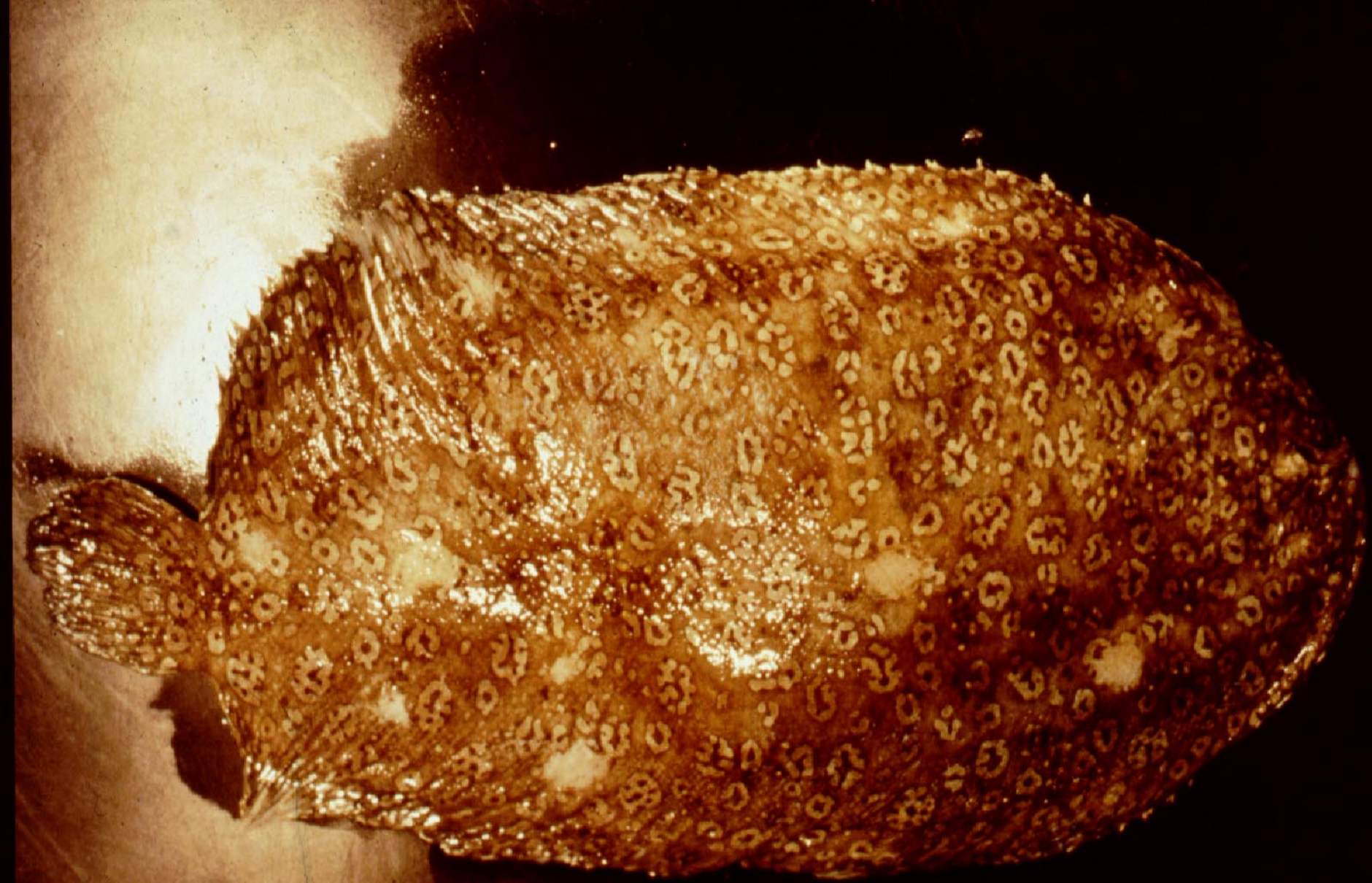


0.048 mg of symbiont (corresponding to 70% yield)

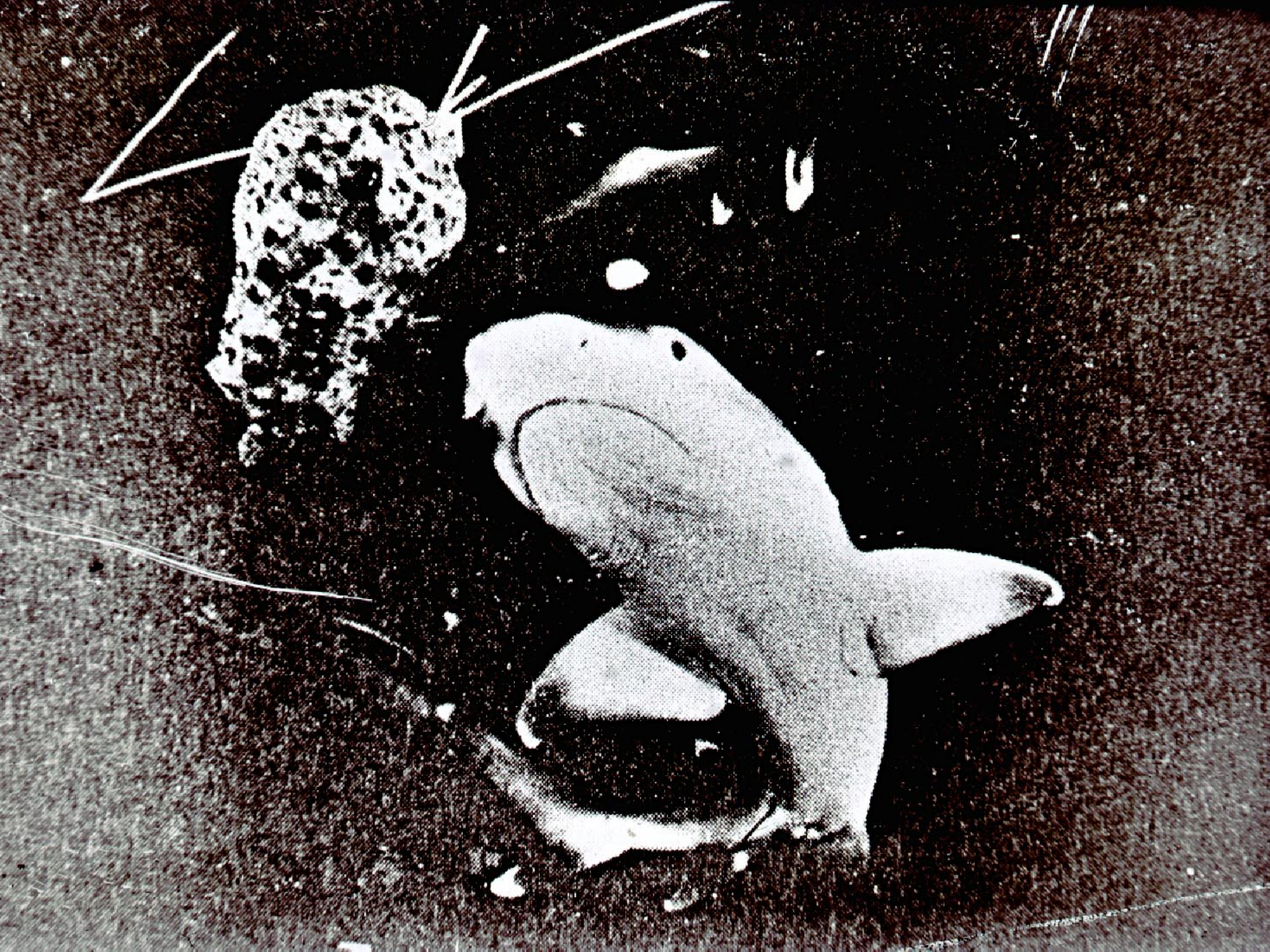


Structure; Murata, Naya...  
*Science*, 234, 585 (1986)  
Synthesis; konno, Naya (1990)

Murata, Miyagawa-Kohshima, Nakanishi, Y. Naya, *Science*, 234, 585 (1986)  
Konno, Qin, Nakanishi, Murata, Naya, *Heterocycles*, 30,247 (1990)



*Pardachirus pavoninus*

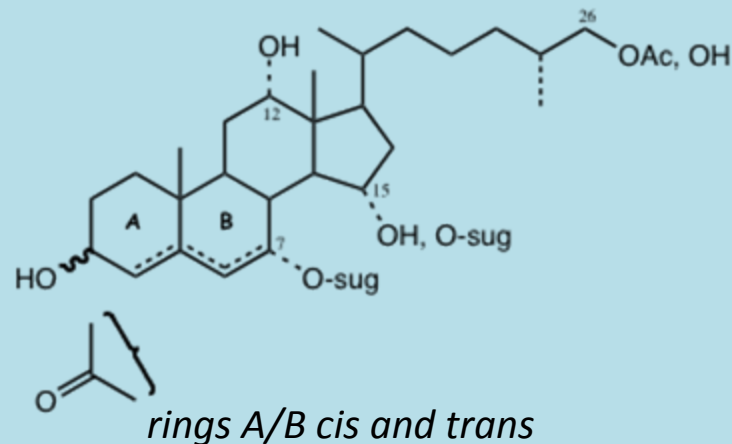


# Shark Repellents from Flatfish

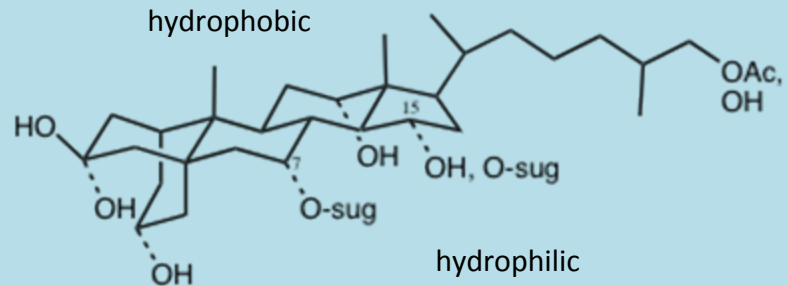
*Pardachirus marmoratus*, "Moses sole"(Red Sea) : Clark (1974)  
mixture of detergent-like compounds very difficult to separate  
also present in *P. pavoninus* (Indian Ocean, Ryukyus)

Tachibana, Sakaitanai Nakanishi, *Science*, 226, 703 (1984).

## I) Steroidal saponins



*pavoninins* : glcNAc at C-7 or C-15  
*mosesins* : gal or gal-6-Ac at C-7



Tachibana, Gruber (1985~88)  
Gargiulo (1989) synthesis

## II) Amphiphilic 33-peptides

similar to bee venom "mellitin"

Tachibana, Thompson, Kubota (1986~89)

Thompson, Tachibana, Nakanishi, Kubota, *Science*, 233, 341-343 (1986).

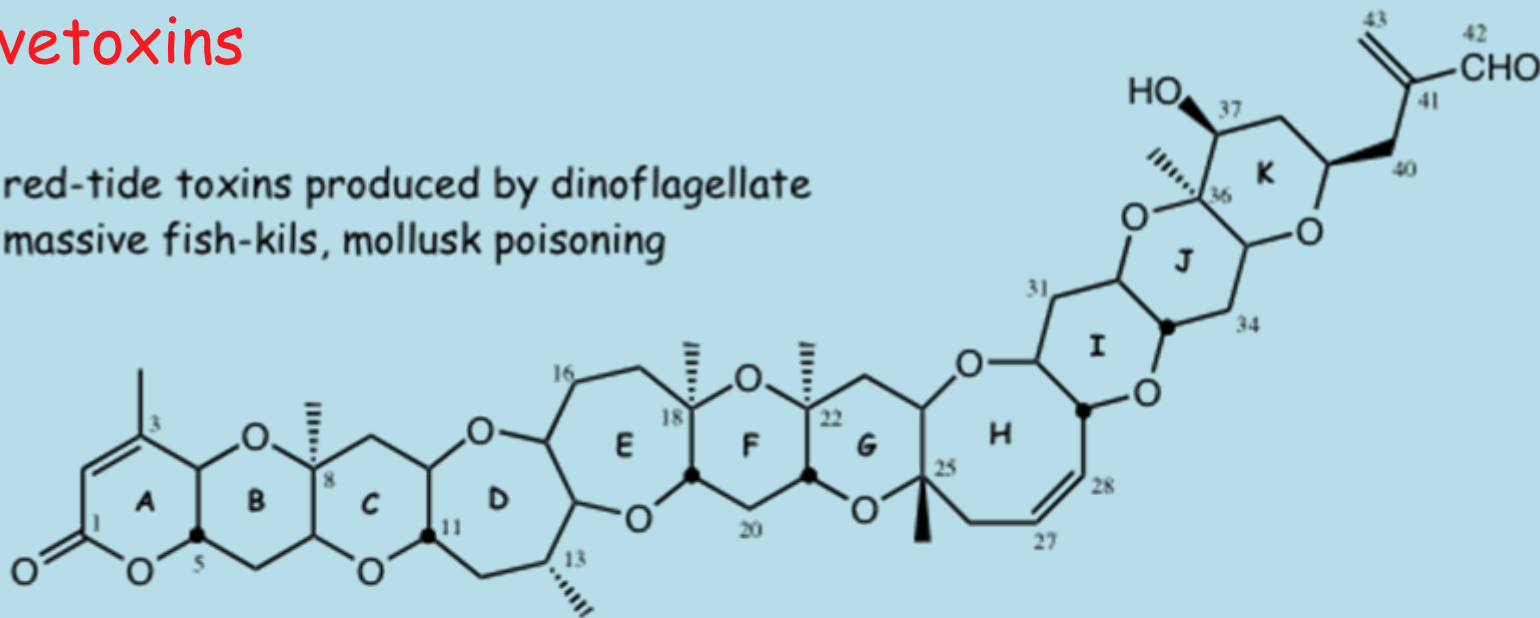






# Brevetoxins

red-tide toxins produced by dinoflagellate  
massive fish-kills, mollusk poisoning

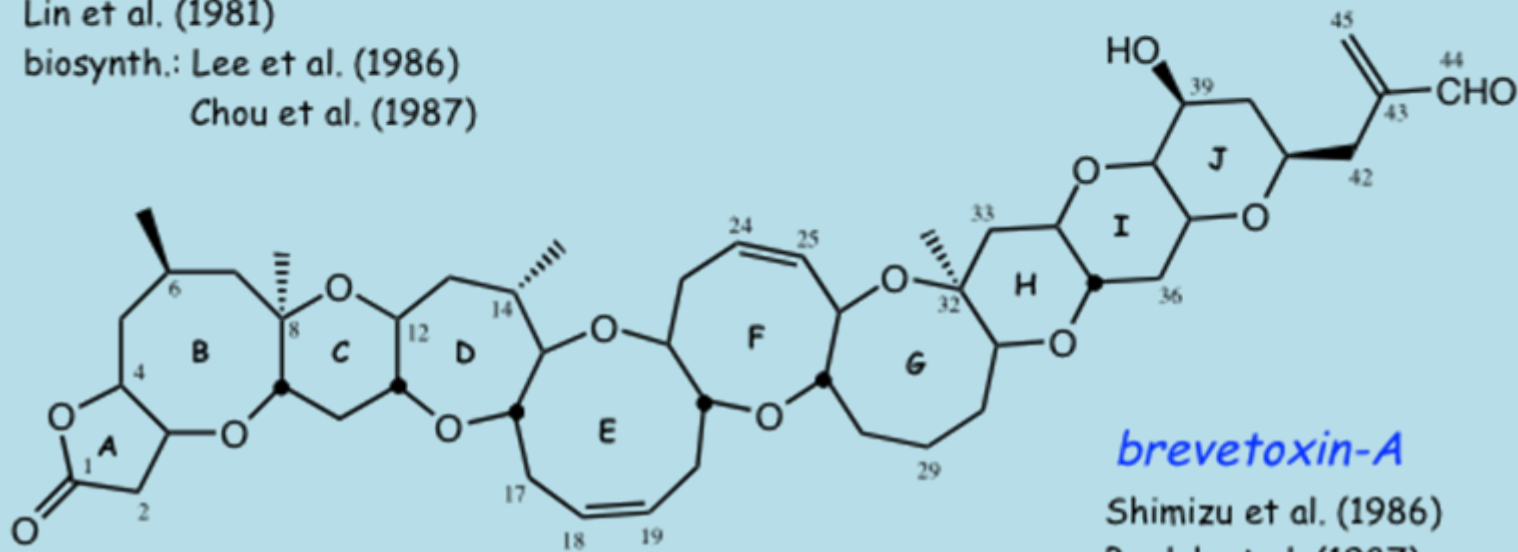


## *brevetoxin-B*

Lin et al. (1981)

biosynth.: Lee et al. (1986)

Chou et al. (1987)

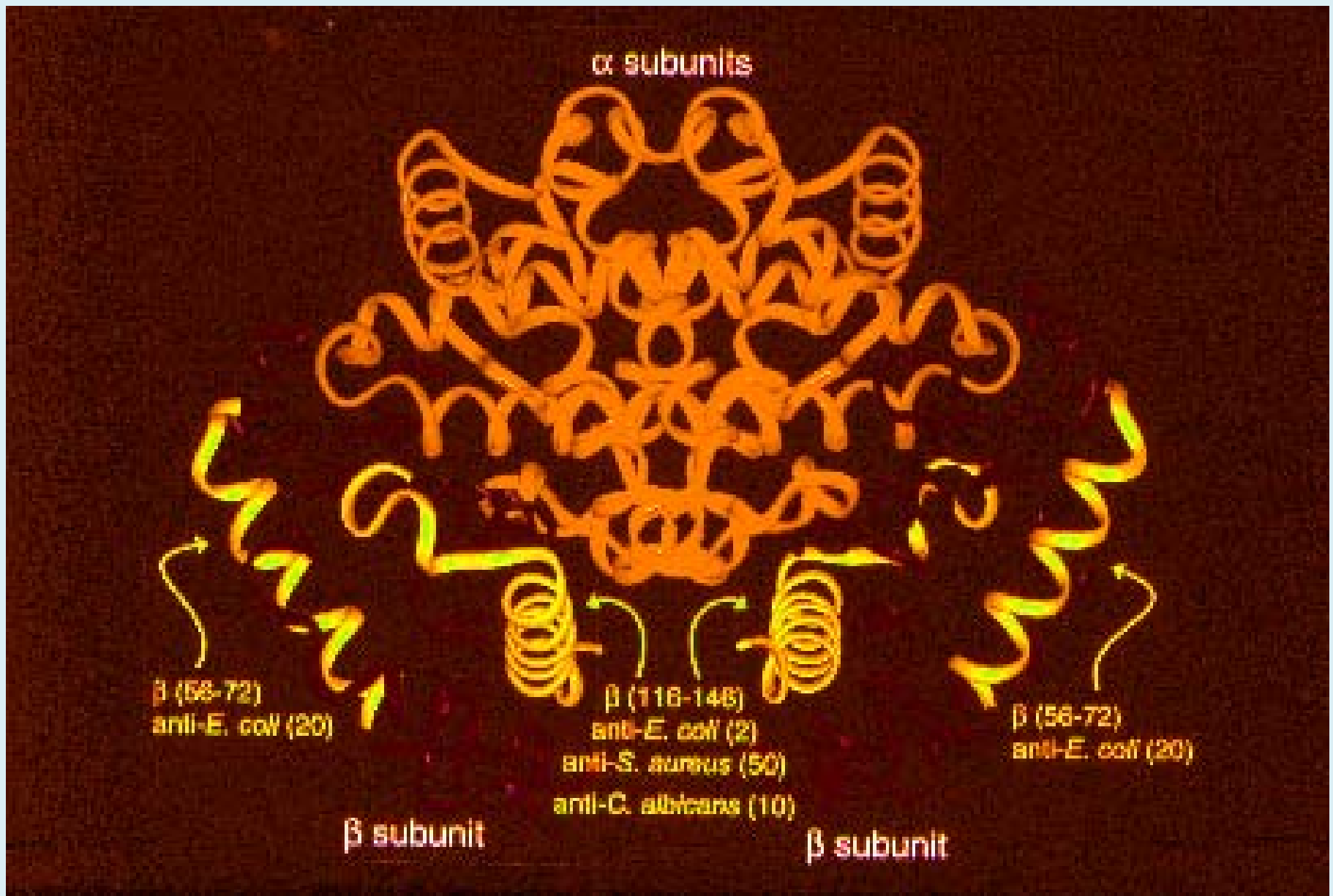


## *brevetoxin-A*

Shimizu et al. (1986)

Pawlak et al. (1987)

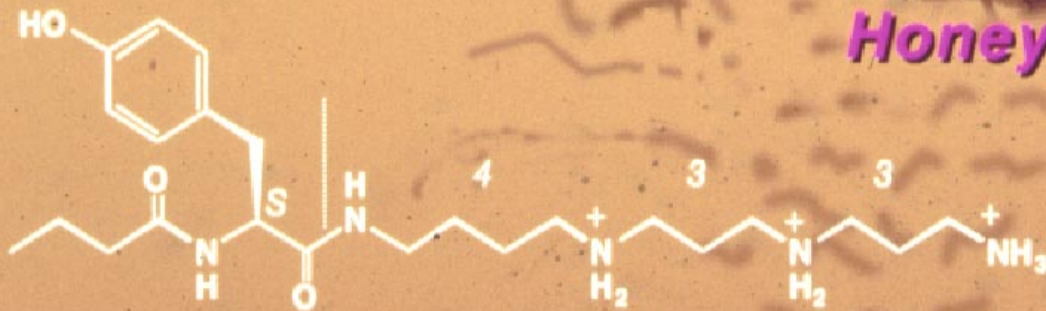




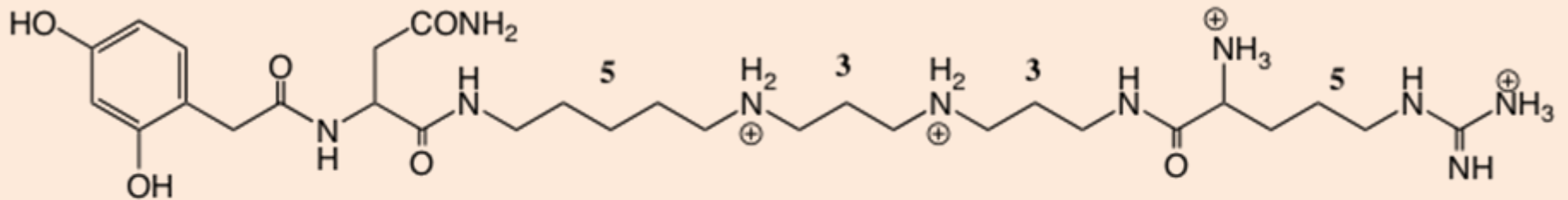
Parish, Jiang, Tokiwa, Berova, Nakanishi, McCabe,  
Zuckerman, Xia, Gabay, *Bioorg. & Med. Chem.* **9** 377 (2001)

**Philanthus wasp**

**Honey bee prey**



## Spider toxins

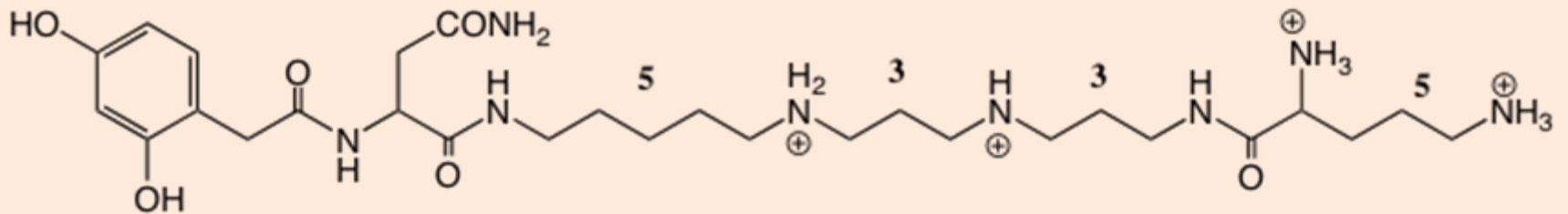


argiopine

argiotoxin 636

Grishin et al. 1986

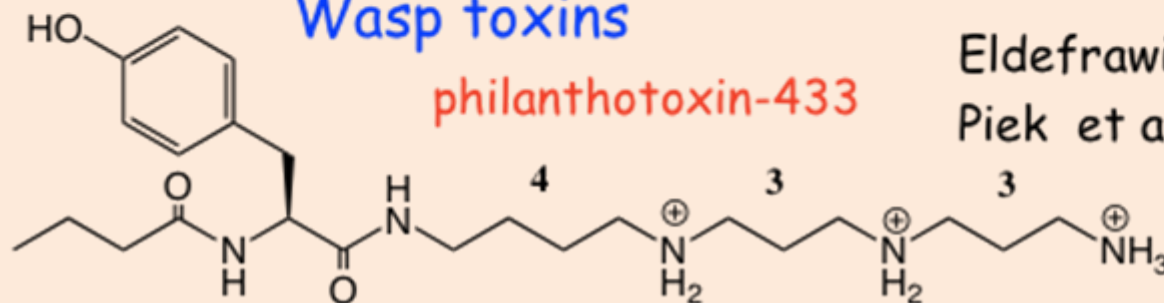
Adams et al. 1987



JSTX-3

Aramaki et al. 1986

## Wasp toxins

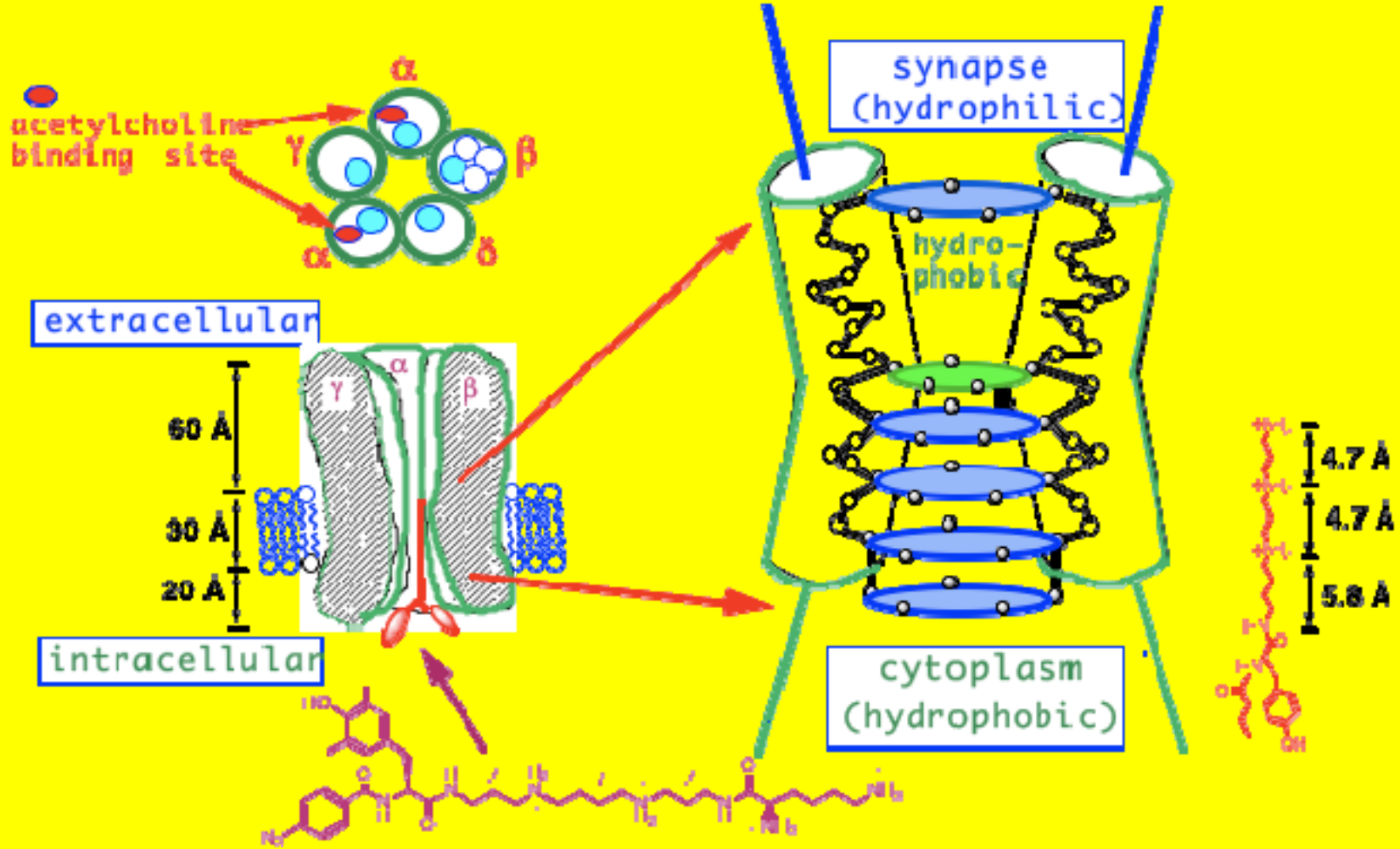


philanthotoxin-433

Eldefrawi et al. 1988

Piek et al. 1988

Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor  
(270 kDa)



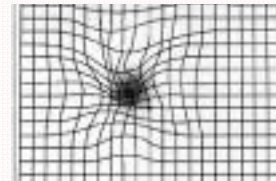
Choi, Kalivretanos, Usherwood, Nakanishi, *Chem. & Biol.*, 2, 23-32 (1995).



# Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

- Leading cause of blindness in people over 60
- No cure or treatment
- Progression of atrophic (dry) AMD
- RPE cell atrophy leads to photoreceptor cell death and loss of vision

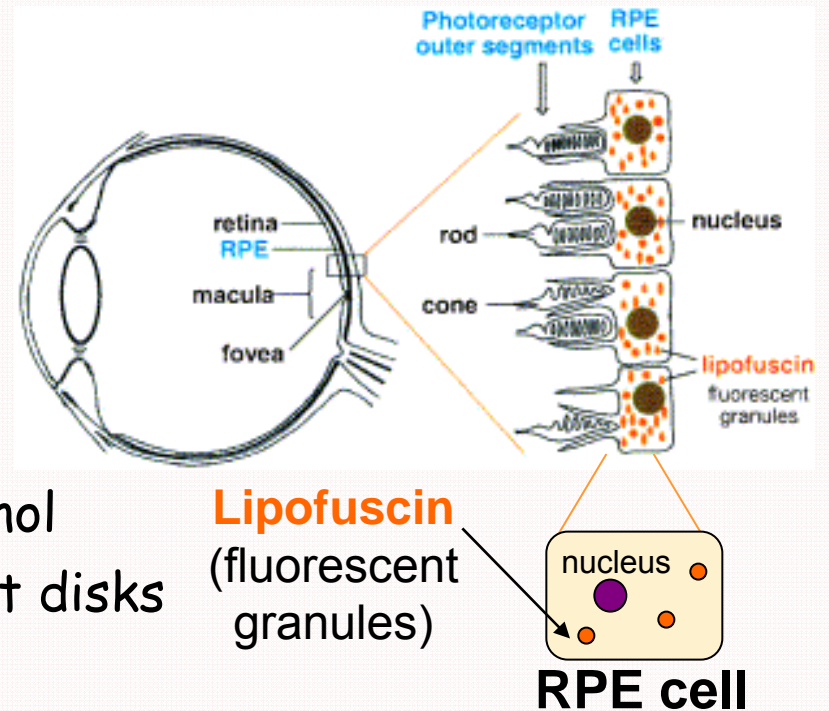
Vision loss with AMD



## •RPE: retinal pigment epithelium

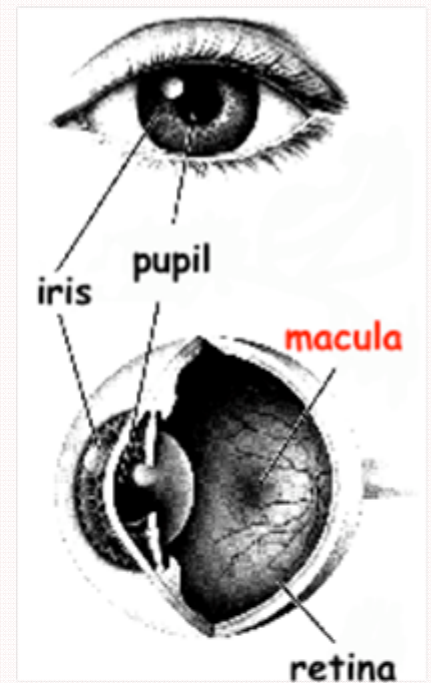
Critical for vision since it stores and supplies nutrients, e.g., retinol

Phagocytoses used outer segment disks



## Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

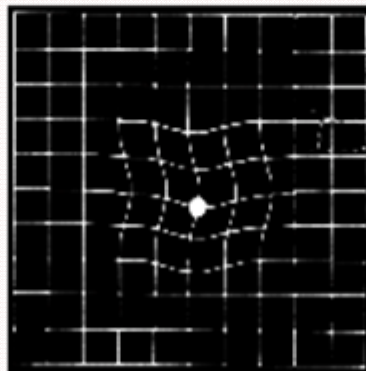
- \*Macular degeneration is damage or breakdown of macula
- \*Close work becomes difficult or impossible
- \*Many elderly people develop AMD as part of natural aging process, eventually leading to untreatable blindness.
- \*AMD affects >10 M in U.S.A., and ca. one in every three people over the age of 65.
- \*There is no remedy for this disease.



### Symptoms associated with AMD



A dark or empty area in the center of sight



Straight lines distorted

Low vision optical aids help improve vision for people with macular degeneration. Many different types of magnifying devices are available. Spectacles, hand or stand magnifiers, telescopes, and closed circuit television for viewing objects are some of the available resources. Aids are either prescribed by your ophthalmologist or by referral to a low vision specialist or center. Special lamps with brighter illumination are often beneficial. Books, newspapers and other items available in large print offer further help.

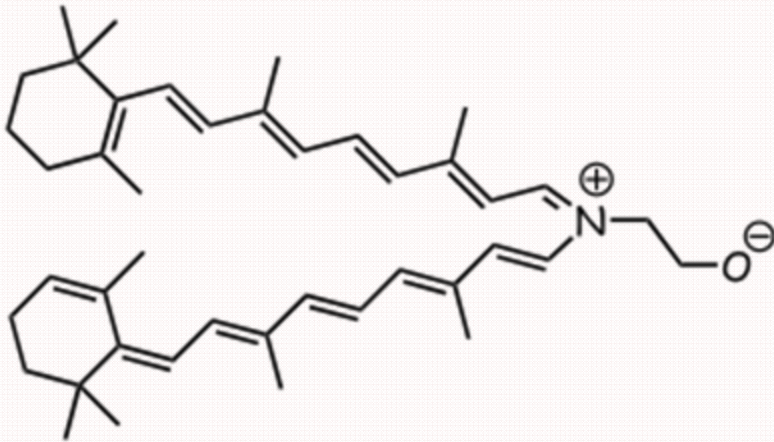
Words look blurred

(from Am. Acad. of Ophthalmology "Keeping an eye on your sight.")

# A2E Fluorophore

Human RPE cells  
(from > 250 eyes, > 40 yrs. old)

Orange fluorophore < 100  $\mu\text{g}$



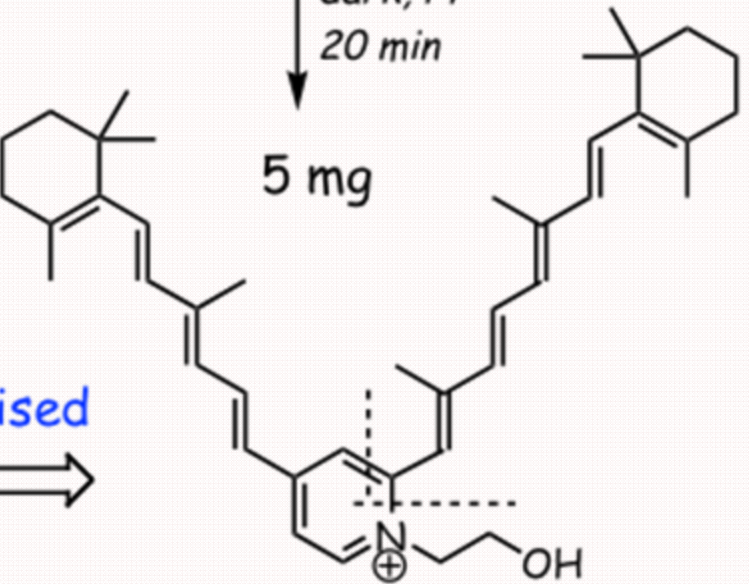
Eldred & Lasky  
*Nature* 361, 724 (1993)

all-trans retinal (1 g),  
ethanolamine, pH 5.2 with AcOH

dark, rt  
20 min

5 mg

revised  
⇒



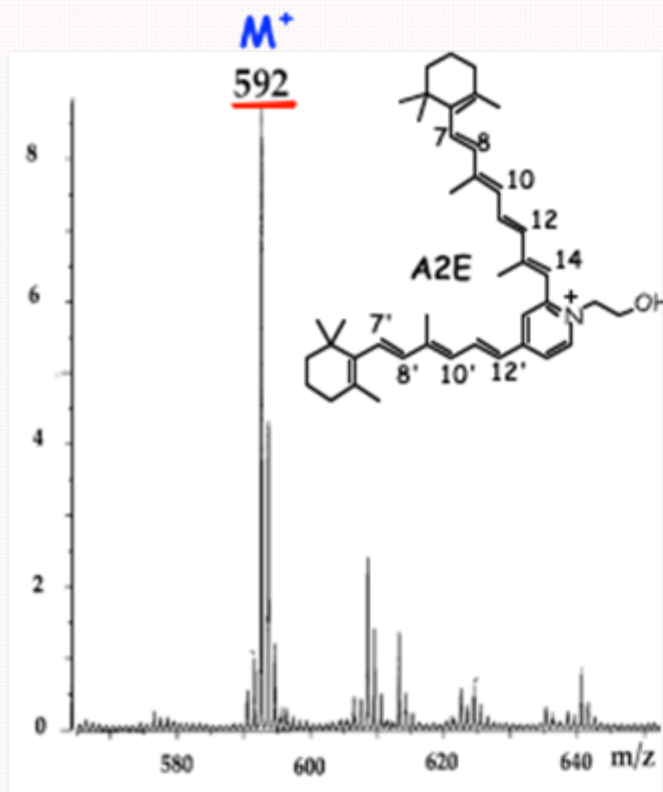
geometrically rigid wedge shape

structure: N. Sakai et al. *JACS* 118, 1559 (1996)  
synth.: R. Ren et al. *JACS* 119, 3619(1997)

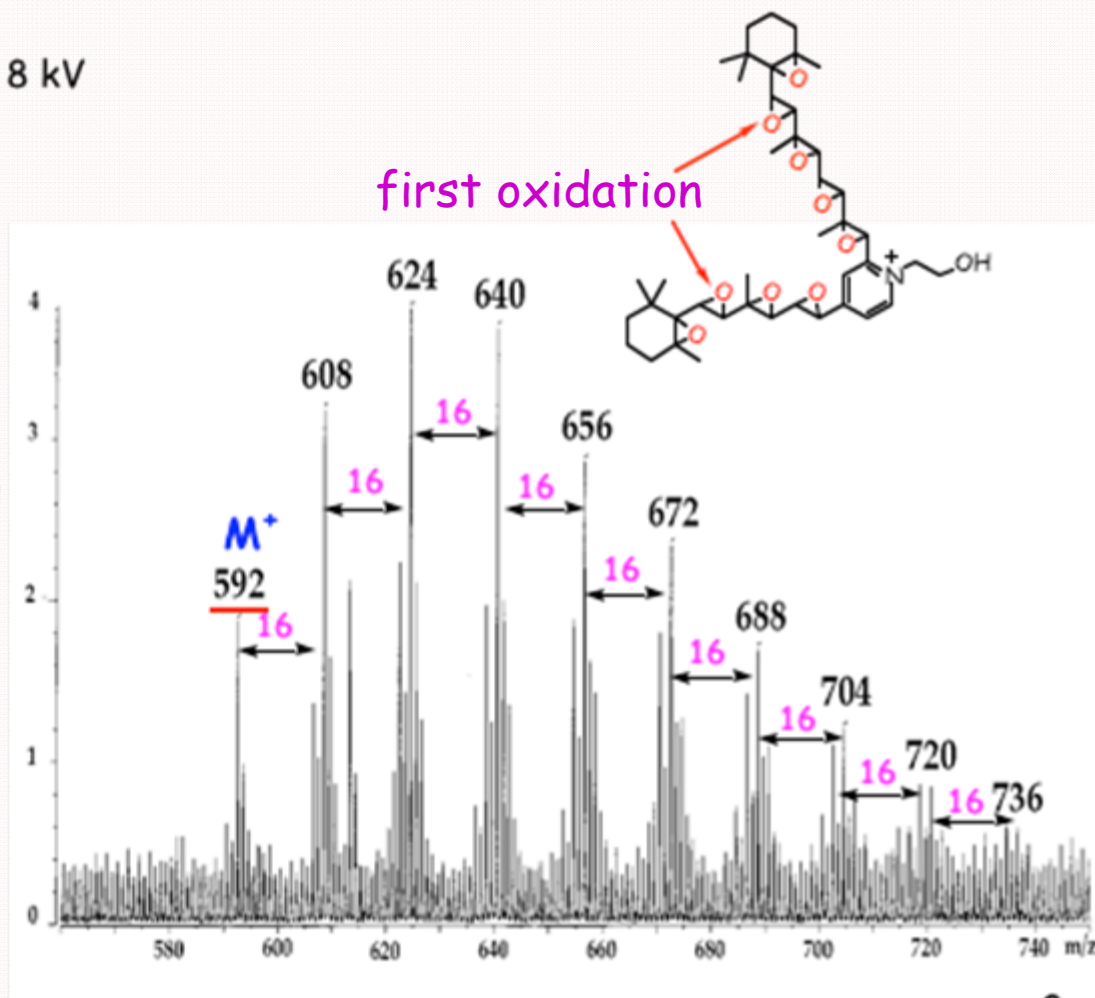
# A2E FAB-MS w/wo irr. blue light, 450 nm, 10 min, PBS

JMS HX110A/110A MS/MS

accel. volt. 10 kV  
collision cell floating : 8 kV  
collision gas : He



A2E control (in dark)

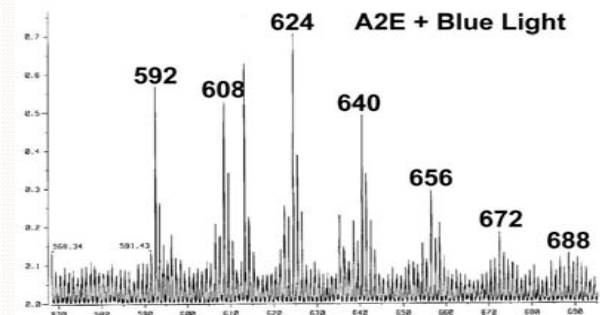
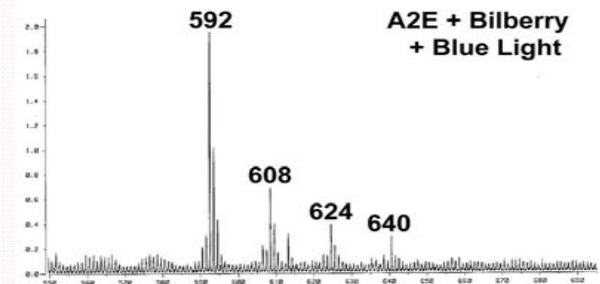
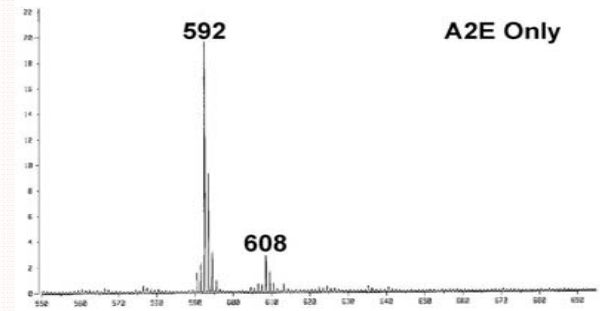


A2E after irradiation ( 0.19 mW / mm<sup>2</sup> )

## Bilberry extract vs. blue-light induced A2E epoxidation

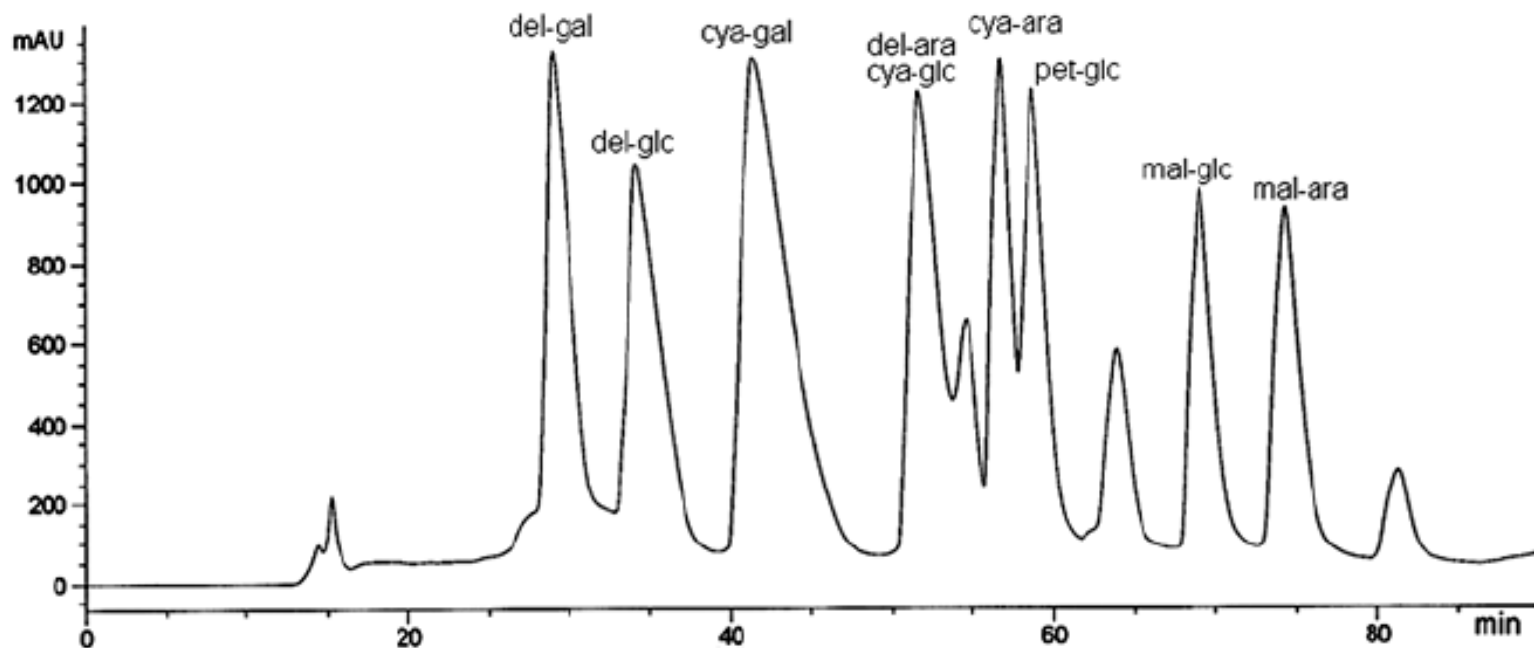
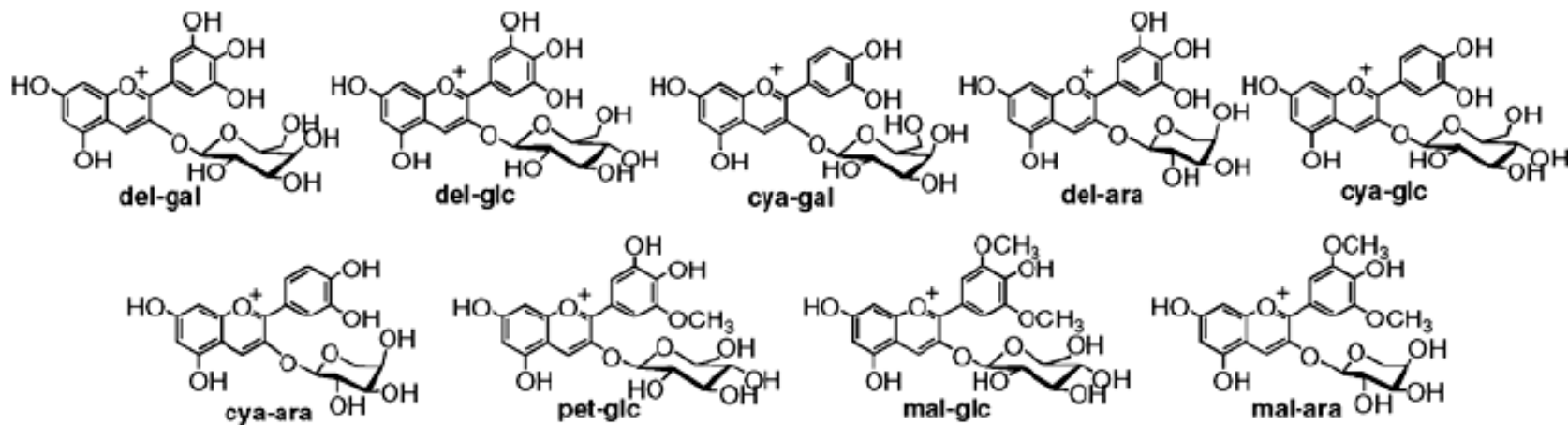


- Common name : bilberry, blueberry
- Northern Europe, western Asia, and western North America
- Edible fruits with history of medicinal usage
- Clinical application
  - Ophthalmologic disorders
  - Vascular disorders
  - Diabetes mellitus

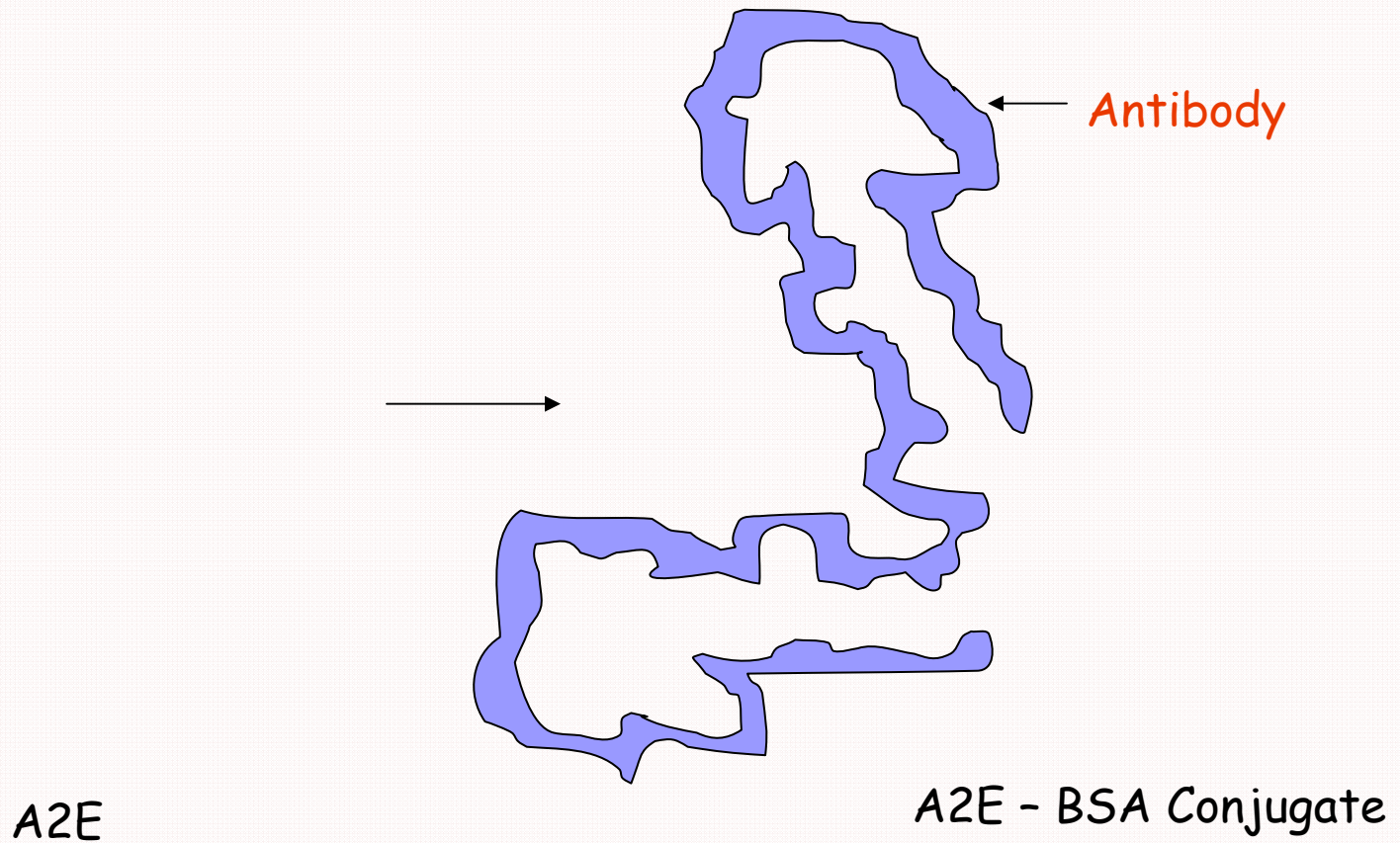


- A2E in PBS; Tungsten halogen source (470±20nm; 0.4mW/mm<sup>2</sup>); 8 min exposure
- FAB-MS (3-Nitrobenzyl alcohol as matrix)

# Anthocyanins from bilberry extract



C18 5 $\mu$ m, 22 X 250 mm, 5% Formic acid:CH<sub>3</sub>CN gradient mode



Antibody generation against two polyene moieties of A2E

Abeywickrama *et al.*, *PNAS*, 2007, 104, 14610-14615

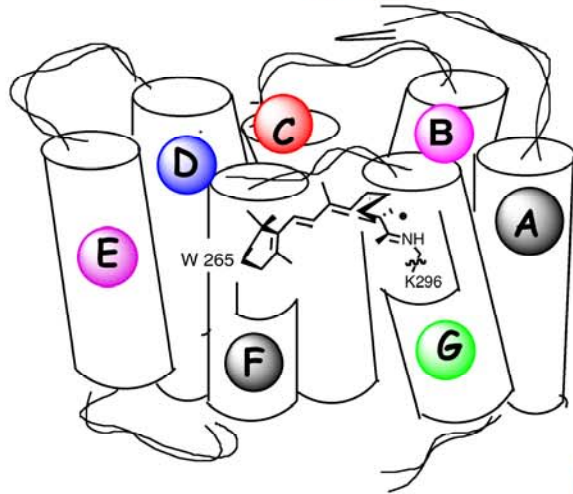
intradiscal side

2.8 Å resolution

2.6 Å resolution

intradiscal side

N-term.

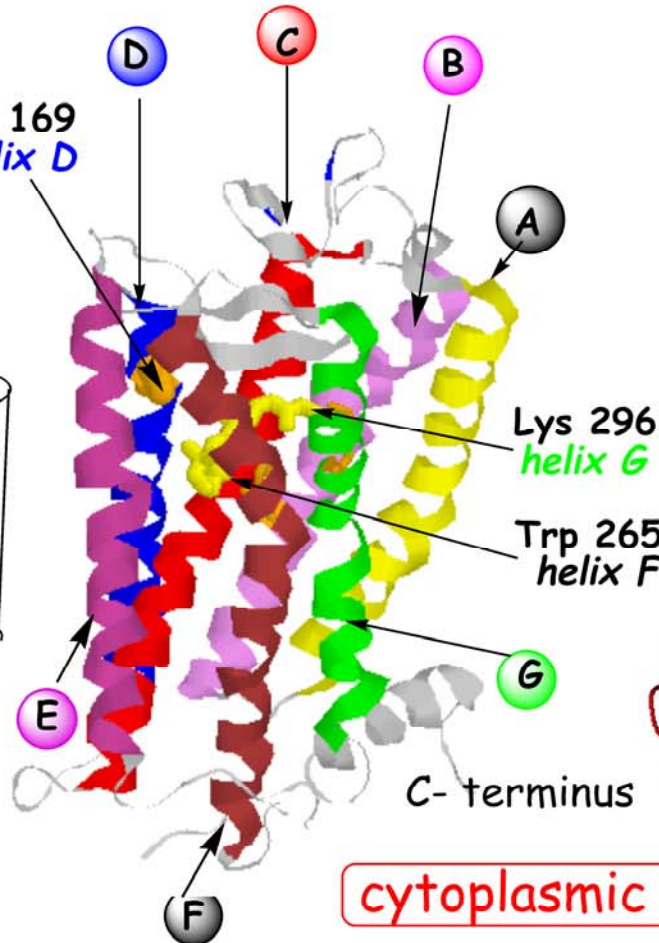


G protein

C-term

Rh kinase

Ala 169  
helix D

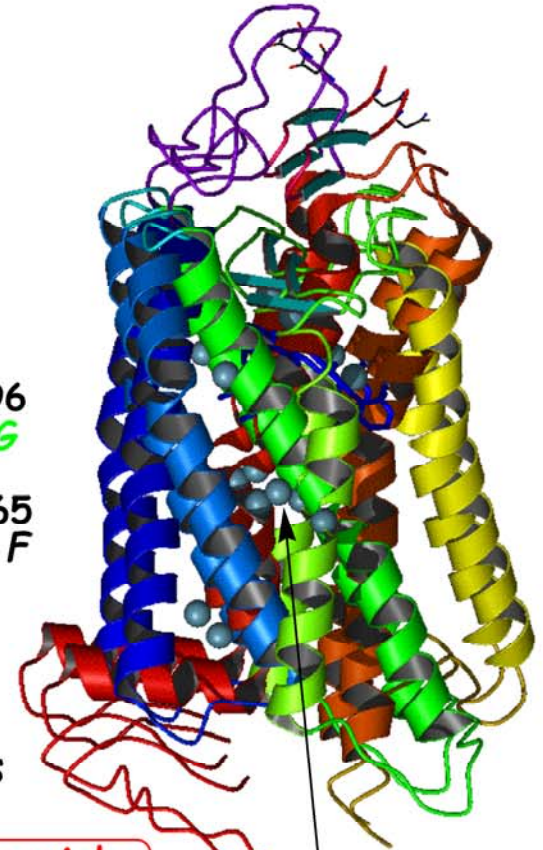


Lys 296  
helix G

Trp 265  
helix F

C-terminus

cytoplasmic side



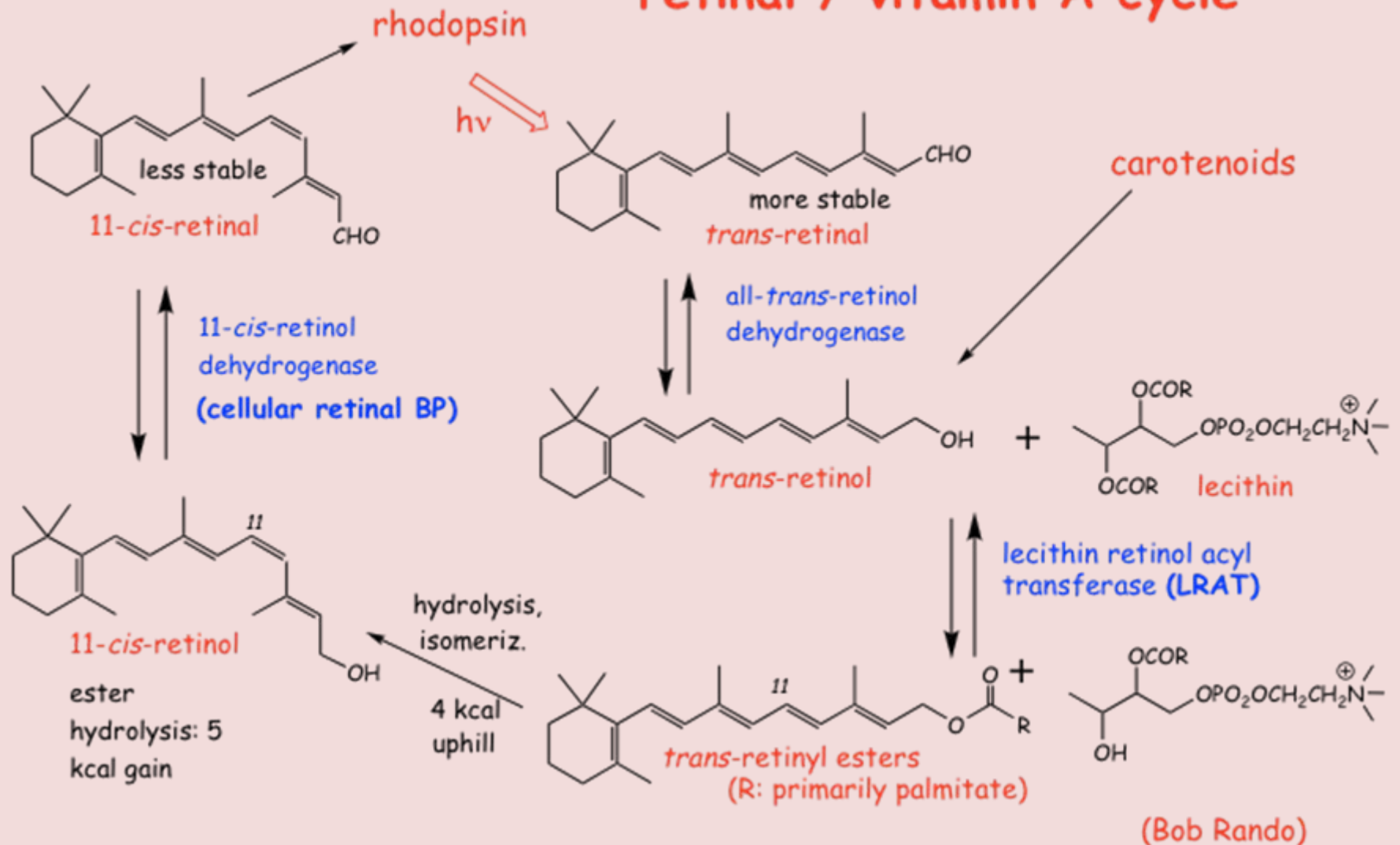
7 water  
molecules seen

Palczewski, Kumasaka, Hori, Benke,  
Motoshima, Fox, Le Trong, Okada,  
Stenkamp, Yamamoto, Miyano, *Science*,  
289, 739 (2000)

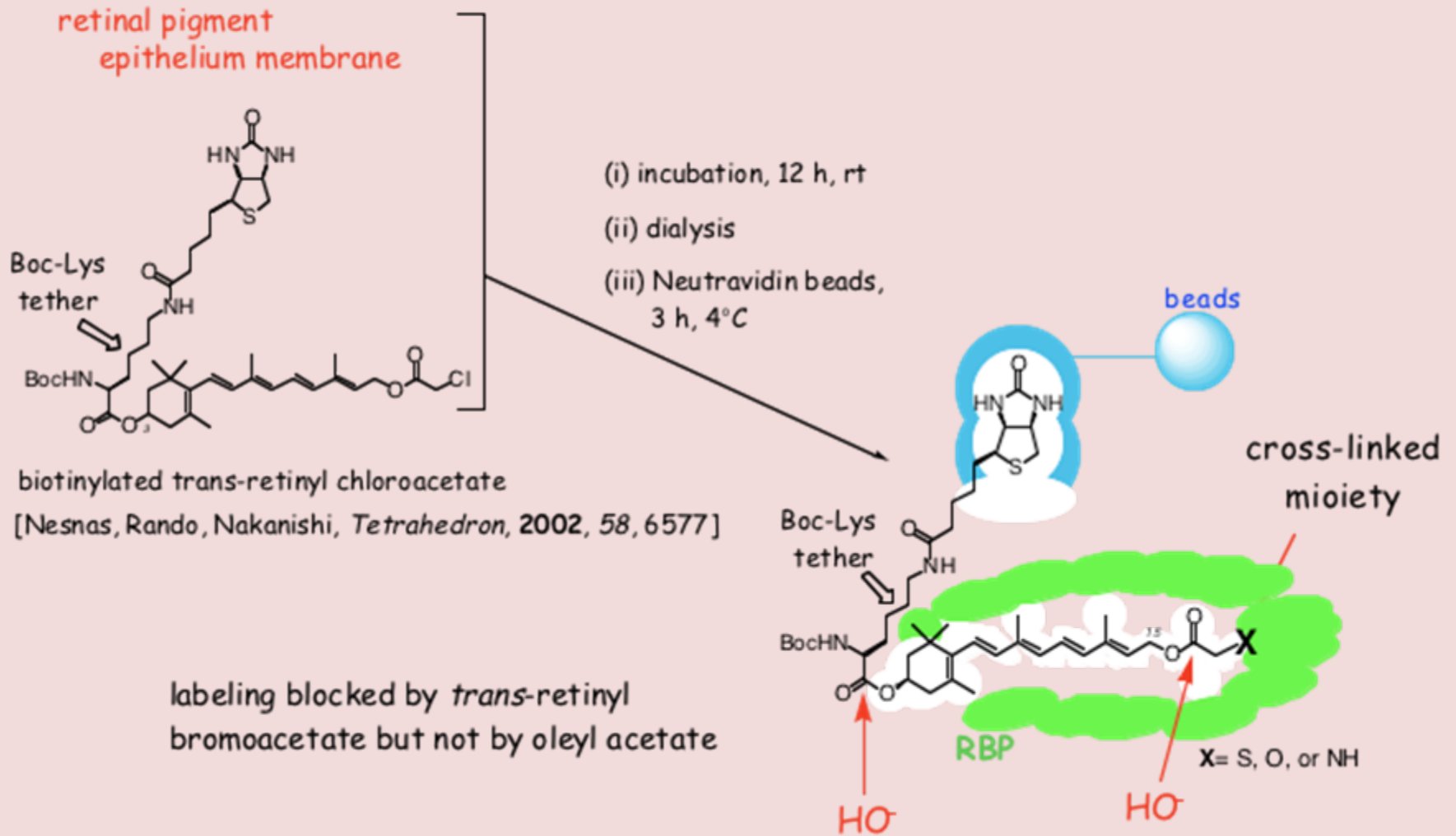
Okada, Fujiyoshi, Silow, Navarro,  
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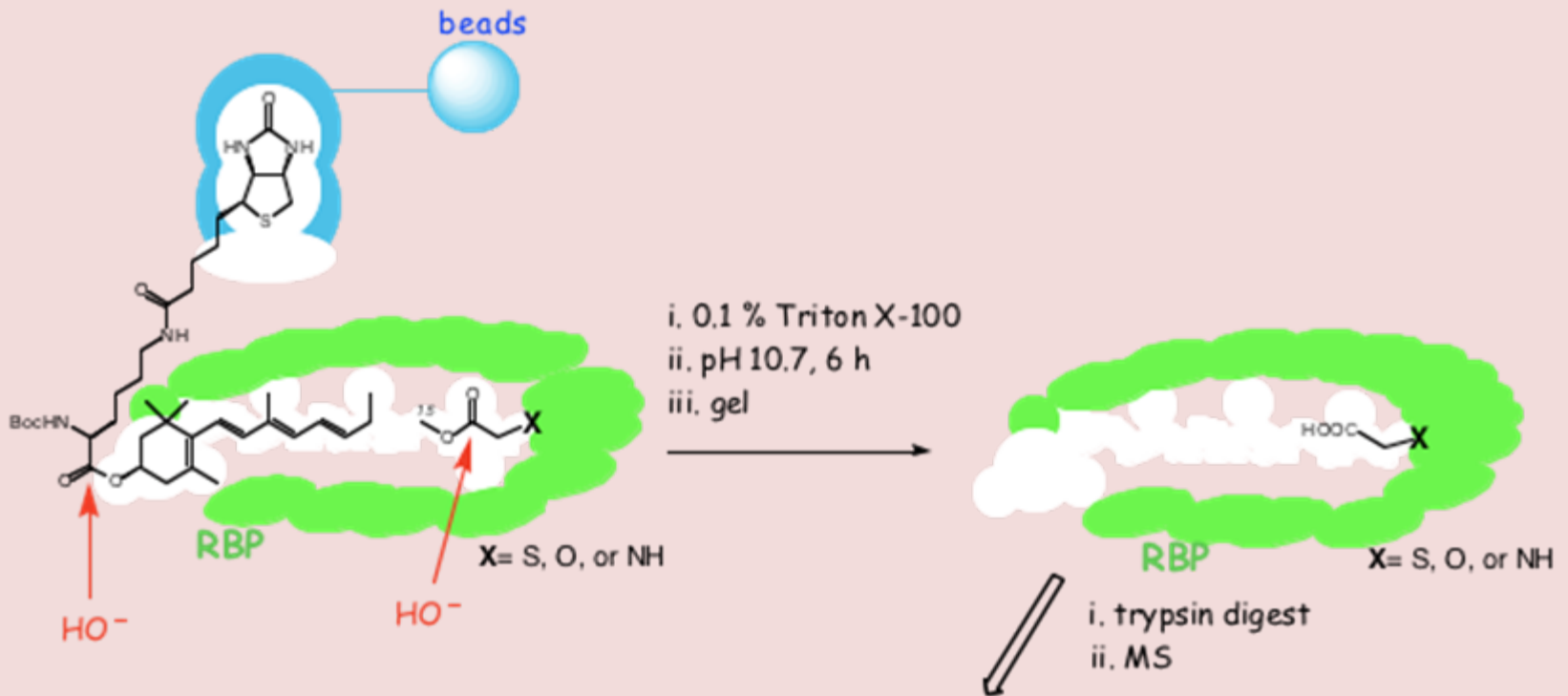
# retinal / vitamin A cycle



# Selective capture of retinoid binding proteins

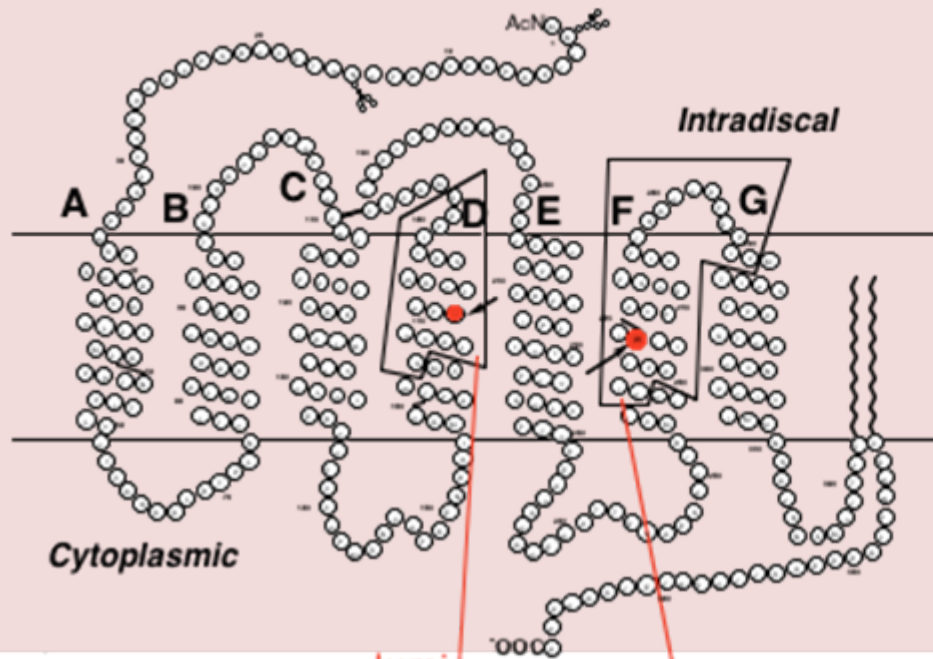


# Selective capture of proteins from bovine RPE



*selective capture of only few proteins from a mixture of perhaps thousands*

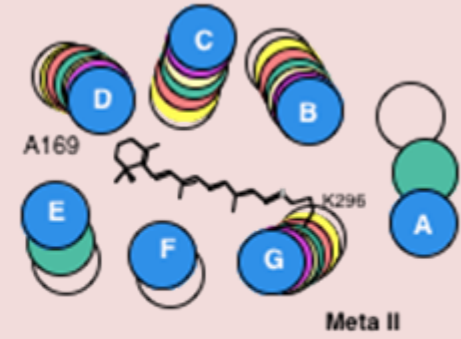
- 25 kDa LRAT: lecithin retinal acyltransferase
- 31 kDa RGR: retinal G protein coupled R (11-cis-retinol dehydrogenase)
- 63 kDa RBP



Rh (dark) & batho (-196°)  
 CN-13 (Val258 - Phe287)

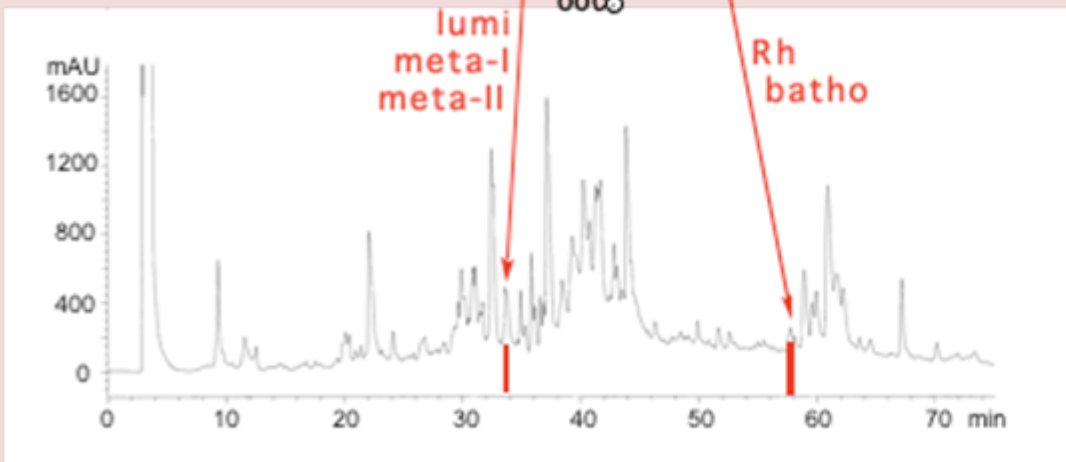


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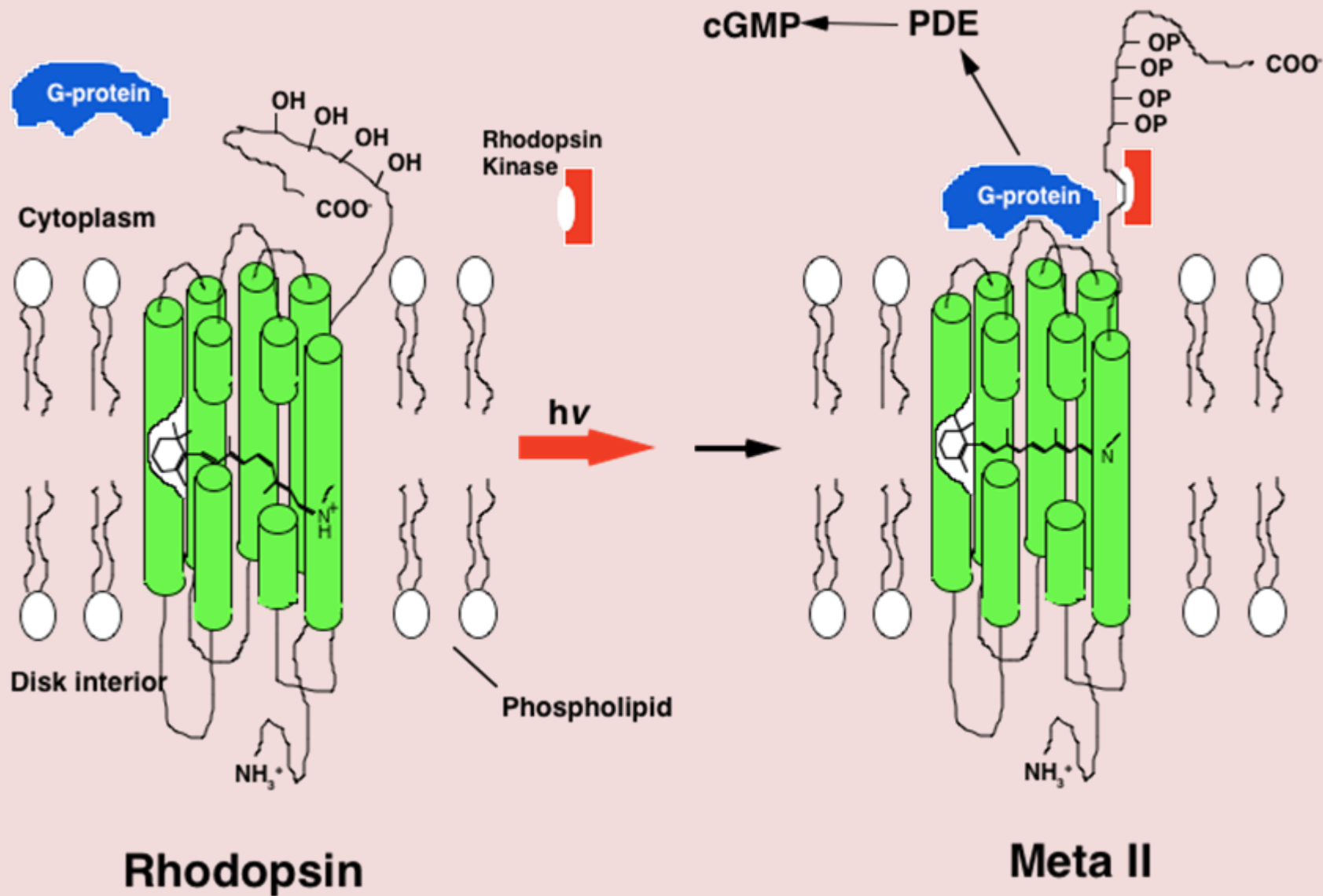


lumi (-80°), meta-I (-40°) &  
 meta-II (0°)

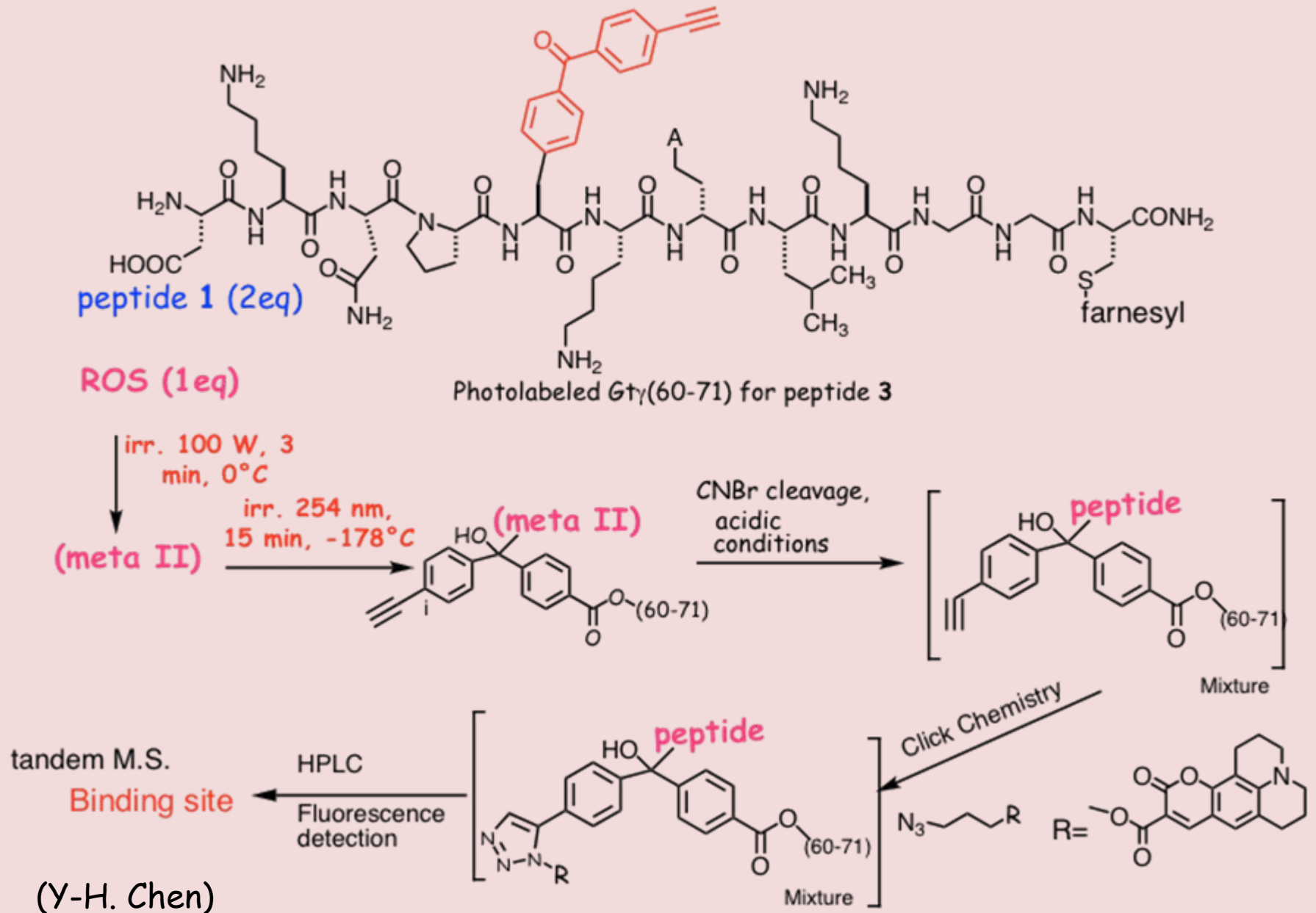
CN-9 (Ala164 - Gly182)



Borhan, Souto, Imai, Shichida, Nakanishi, *Science* **288**, 2209 (2000)

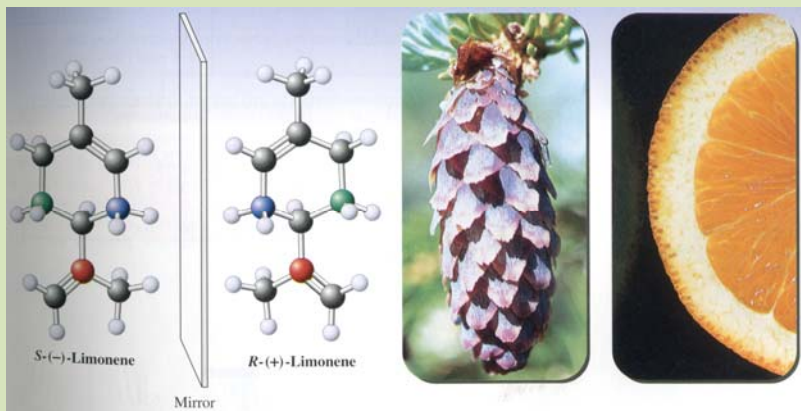


# Rh / G protein cross-linking



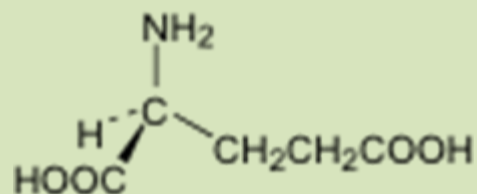
# Does bee vision differentiate two enantiomers of flower pigment?

olfactory



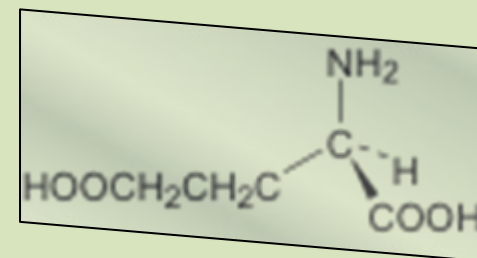
(S)-Limonene (R)-Limonene  
turpentine orange

taste



L-glutamate

*umami*  
(the fifth taste sensation)



D-glutamate

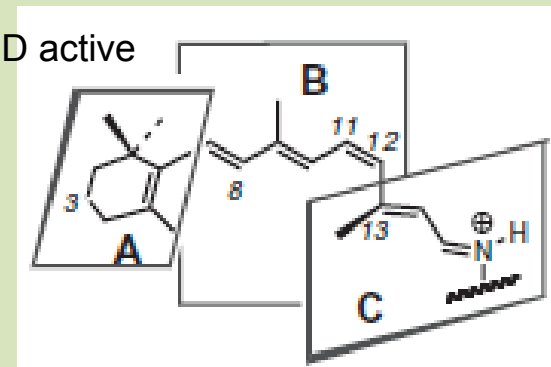
tasteless

Can vision recognize chirality?

Light vs. Rodopsin

Fishkin, Berov a, Nakanishi  
The Chemical Record, 4, 120 (2004)

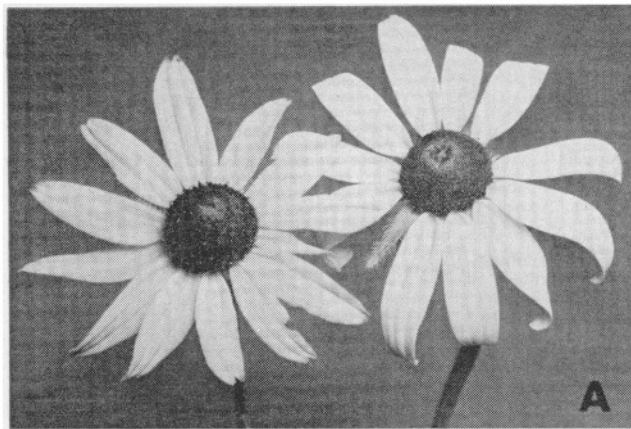
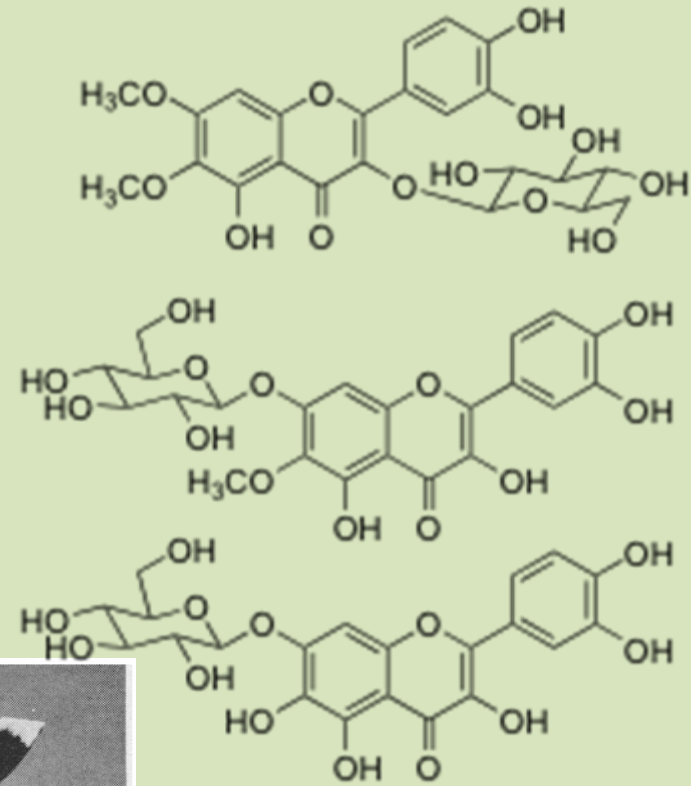
Retinal is in chiral environment, thus CD active



# Flavonol Glycoside Pigments are responsible for Ultraviolet Absorption in Nectar Guide of Flower



*Rudbeckia hirta* (black-eyed susan)



A



B

Fig. 1. (A) *Rudbeckia hirta*, photographed in visible light. (B) Same, photographed with ultraviolet transmitting lens and filter, in ultraviolet light. The absorbent basal portions of the petals are the "nectar guides."

*Science* 1972, 177, 528-530.

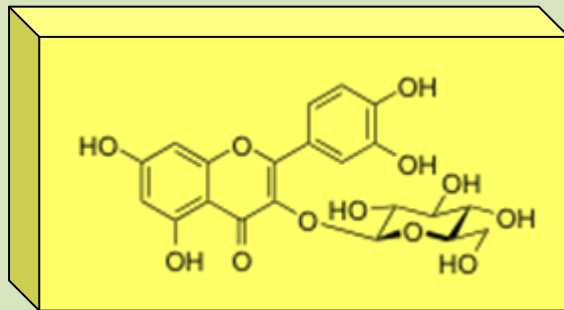
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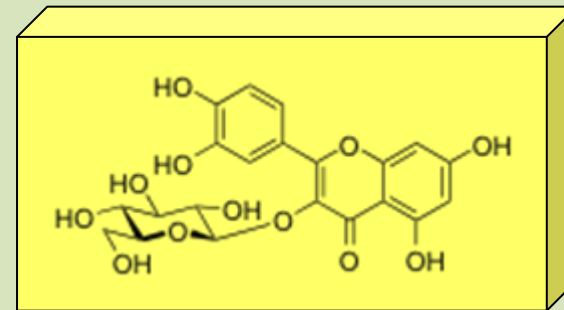
# Can vision recognize chirality?

-Biological Assays using bees-

Quercetin D-glucoside



Quercetin L-glucoside

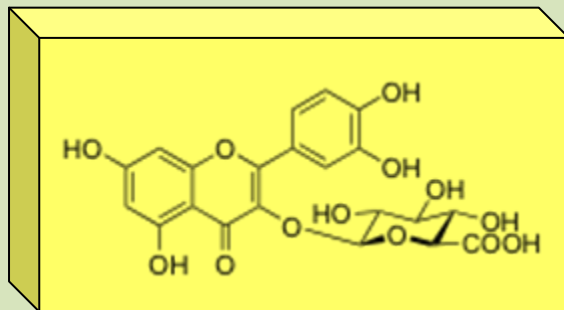


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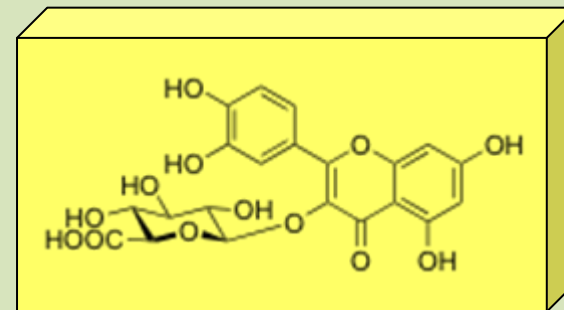
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Quercetin D-glucuronide



Quercetin L-glucuronide

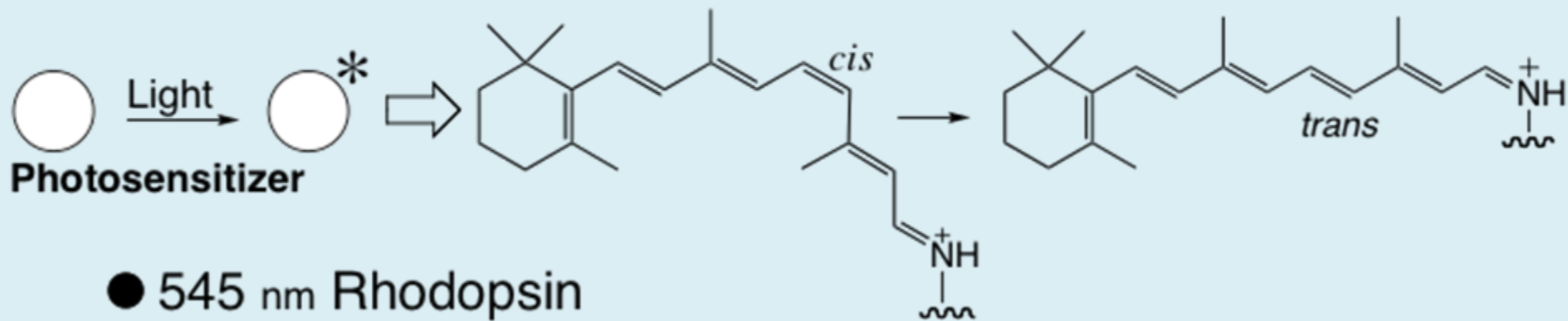


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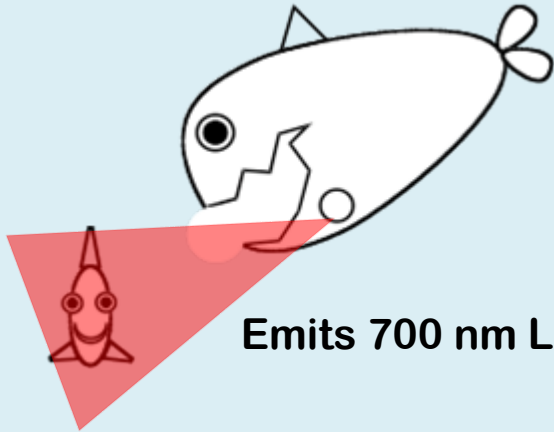
# Loose Jaw Fish and Photosensitizers



- 545 nm Rhodopsin
- Chlorophyll derivatives as sensitizers
- Bleaching at 671 nm faster than at 554 nm

# Photosensitizers for Vision

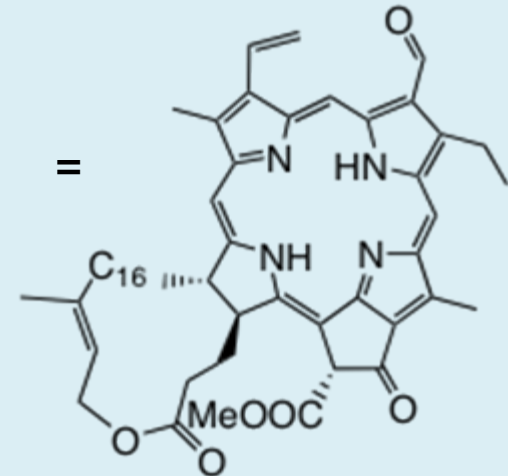
Loose Jaw Fish



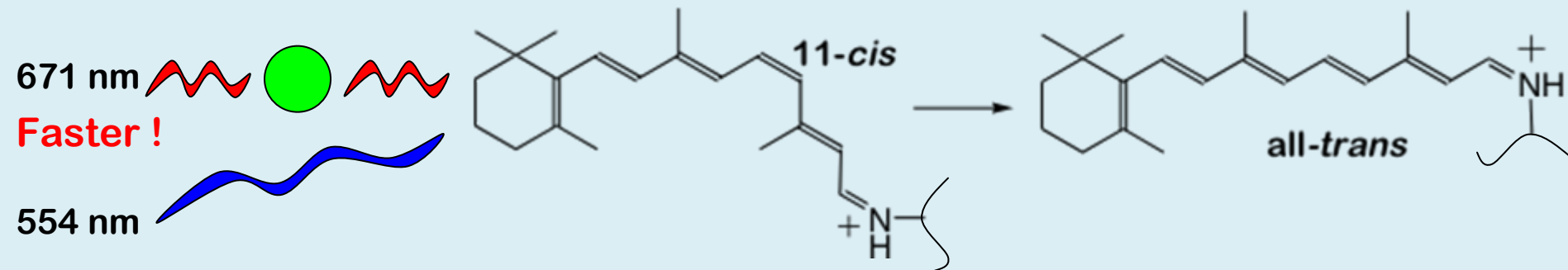
Emits 700 nm Light

But Only Contains a 545 nm Rhodopsin

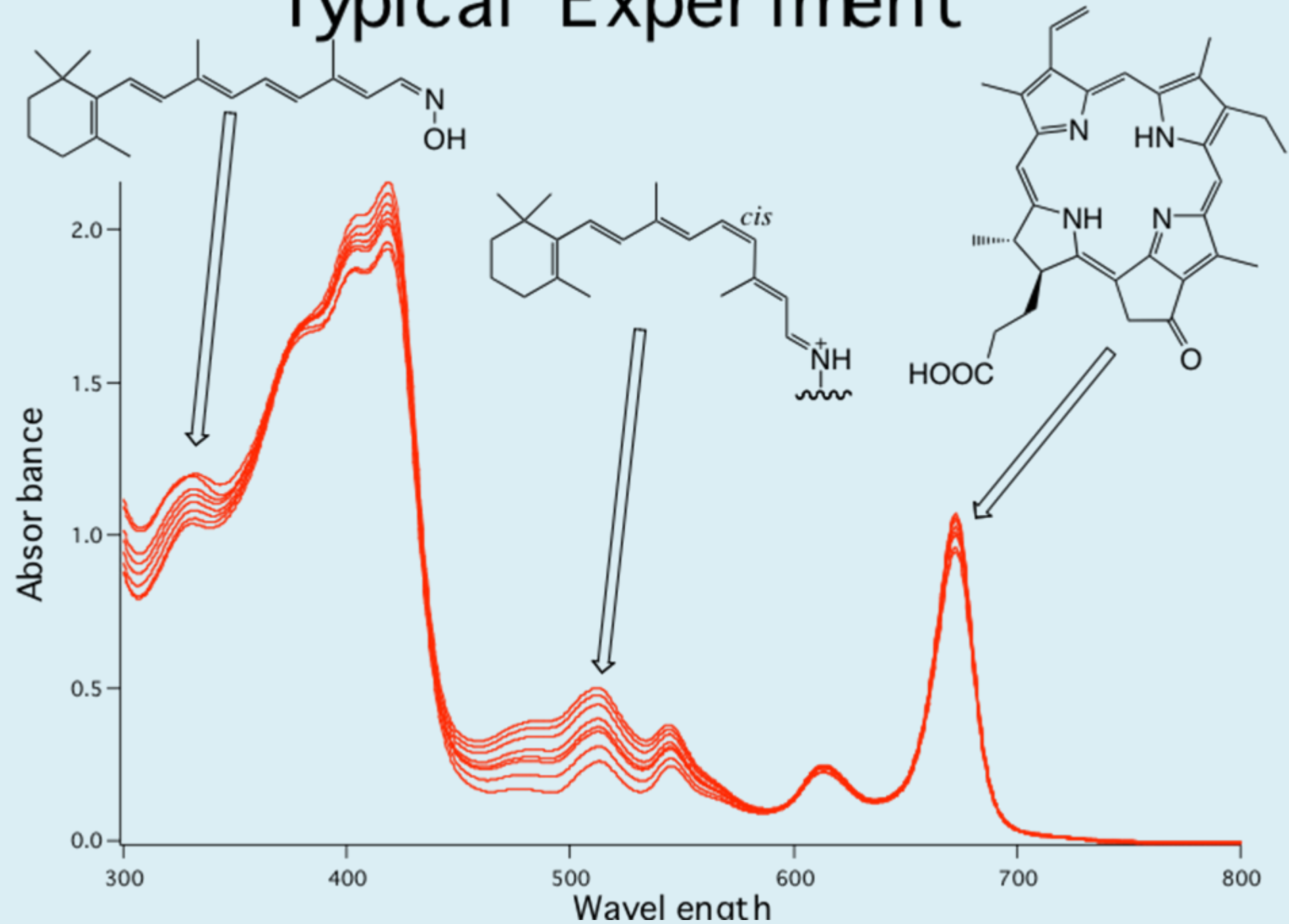
Phaeophytin b



Absorbs 680 nm



# Typical Experiment



## Studying Nature and learning from Nature

- \* Nature is efficient and sophisticated
- \* Intriguing problems lie in borderline areas
- \* Interdisciplinary approach is essential
- \* Such approaches have become feasible only recently
- \* As questions are answered, further enigmas emerge
- \* Broad and imaginative thinking is essential