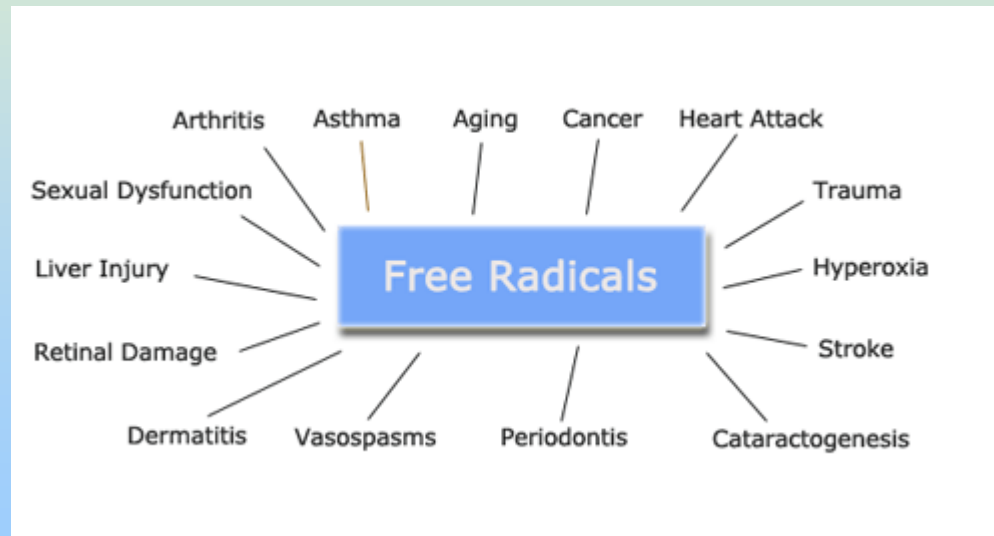
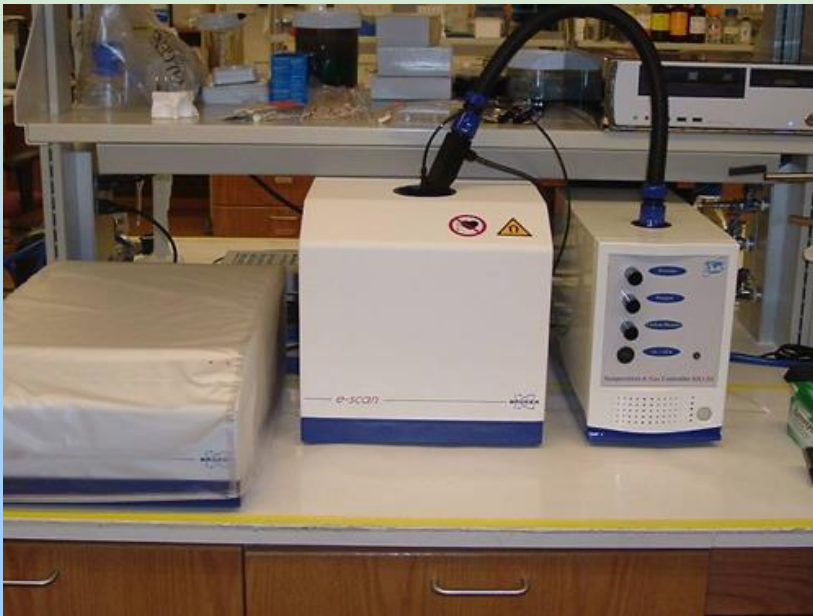


# Detection of free radicals and reactive oxygen/nitrogen species



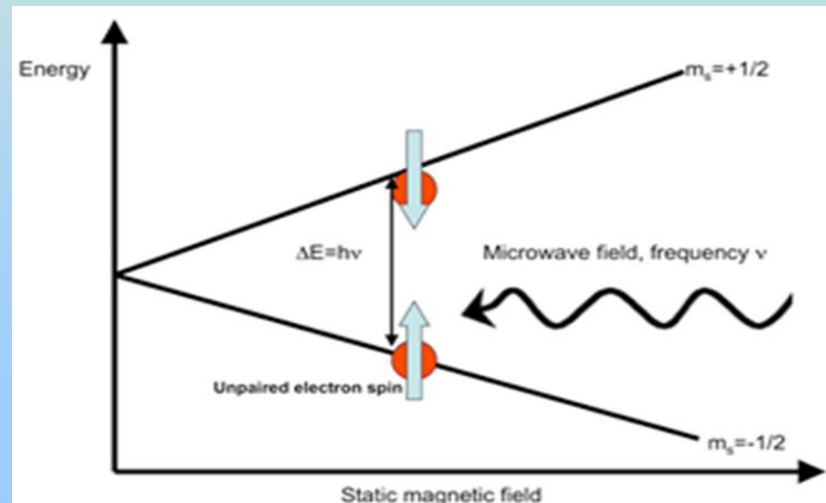
# Methods

- Direct assay
- Indirect assay
- Chemical and physical method
- Biochemical methods



# Electron spin resonance, electron paramagnetic resonance (ESR, EPR)

- Method for directly measuring of free radicals
- ESR was developed in the late 1940s
- ESR uses paramagnetism of free radicals
- Sample is given in magnetic field generated by magnets and exposed to microwave radiation
- After absorbing energy, unpaired electrons are excited, they change spin and may jump from the ground state to a higher energy state



- Unpaired electron can move between the two energy levels by either absorbing or emitting of energy
- Absorption and emission is monitored and converted into a spectrum



ESR spectrum



sample cavity

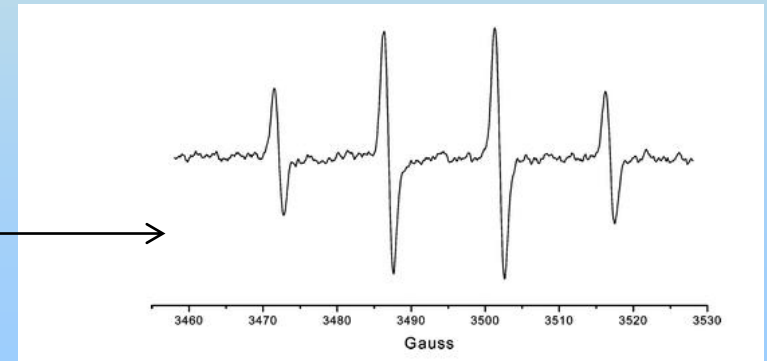
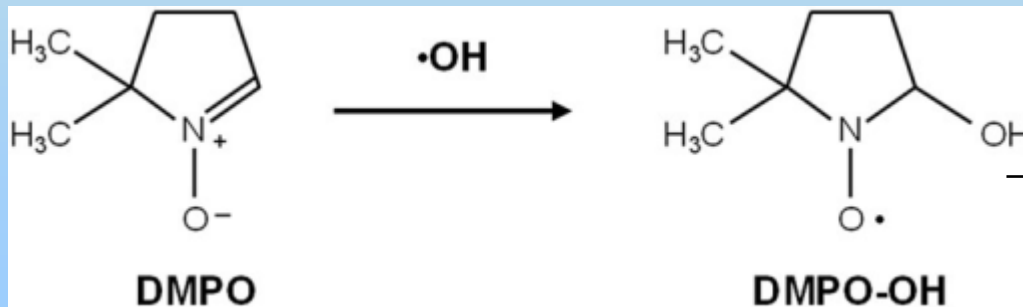


Electron spin resonance spectrometer



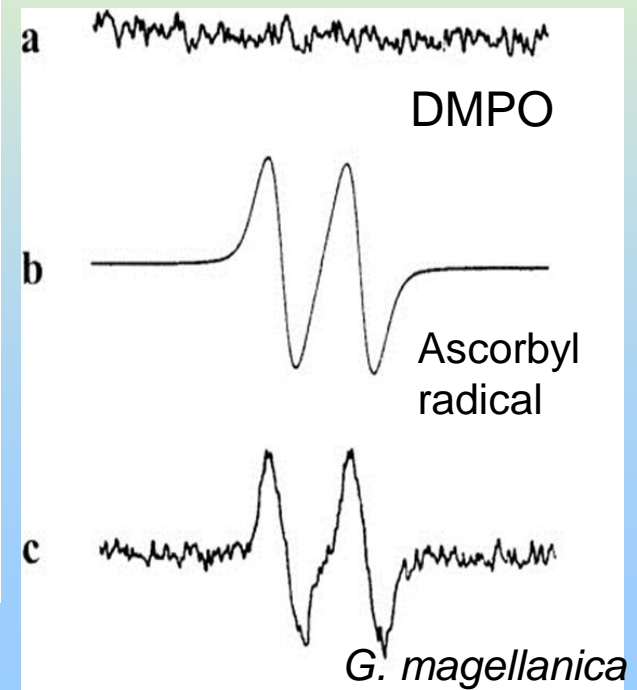
# Spin trapping

- Spin trapping uses compounds called spin-traps - 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline-N-oxide (DMPO), 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxyl (TEMPO)
- Spin-trap reacts rapidly with the free radical to form radical-adducts that are more stable and can be detected
- Spin-traps have been used in experimental animals to demonstrate the production of free radical *in vivo*
- Toxicity of spin-traps

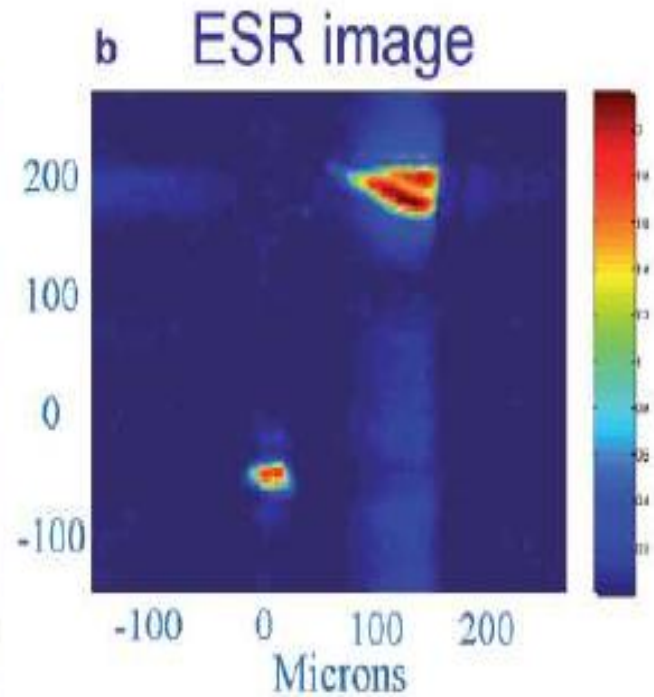


ESR spectrum of the OH adduct of DMPO

*Gunera magellanica*

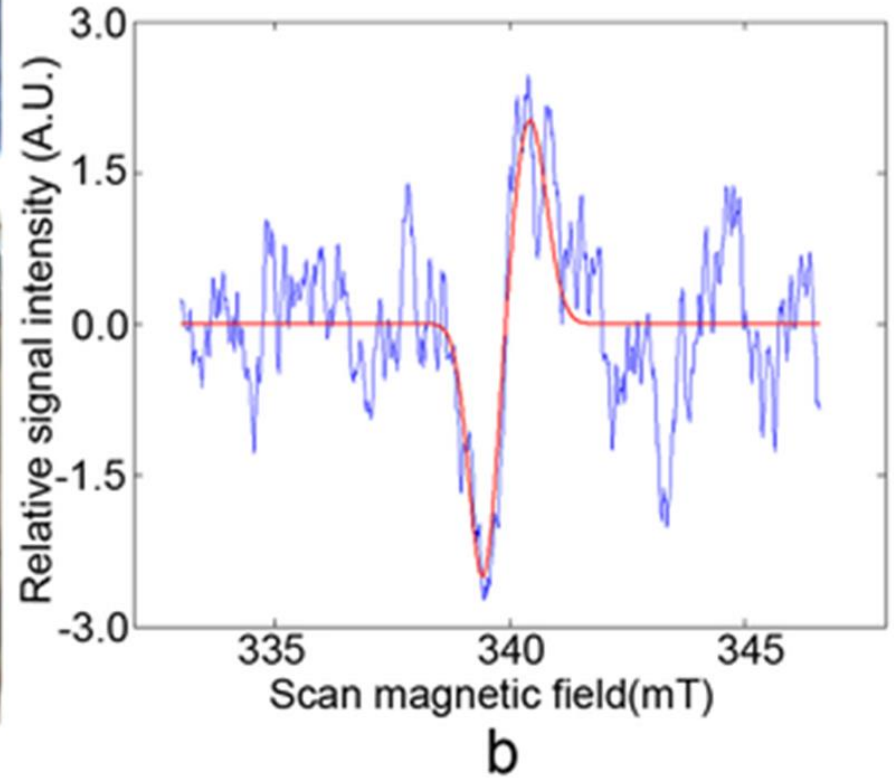
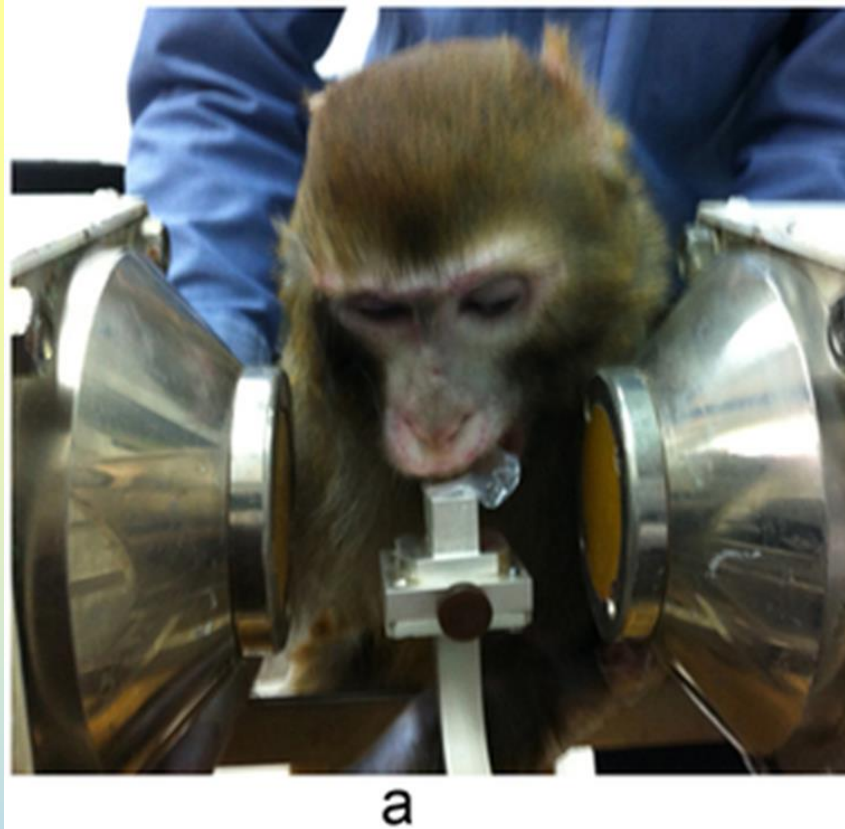




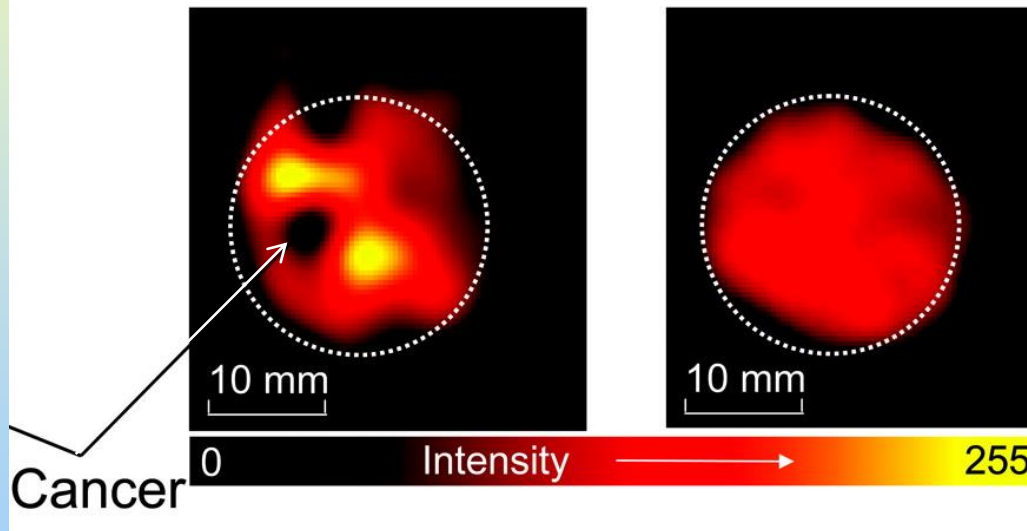
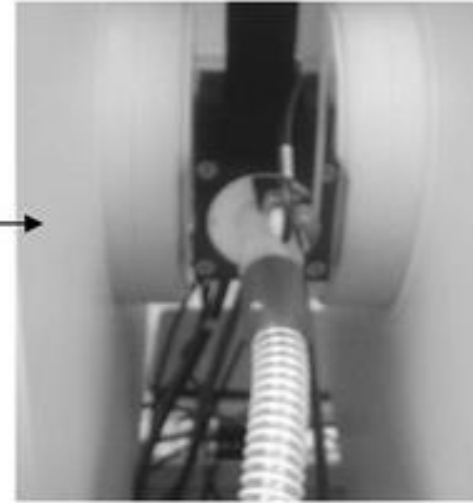


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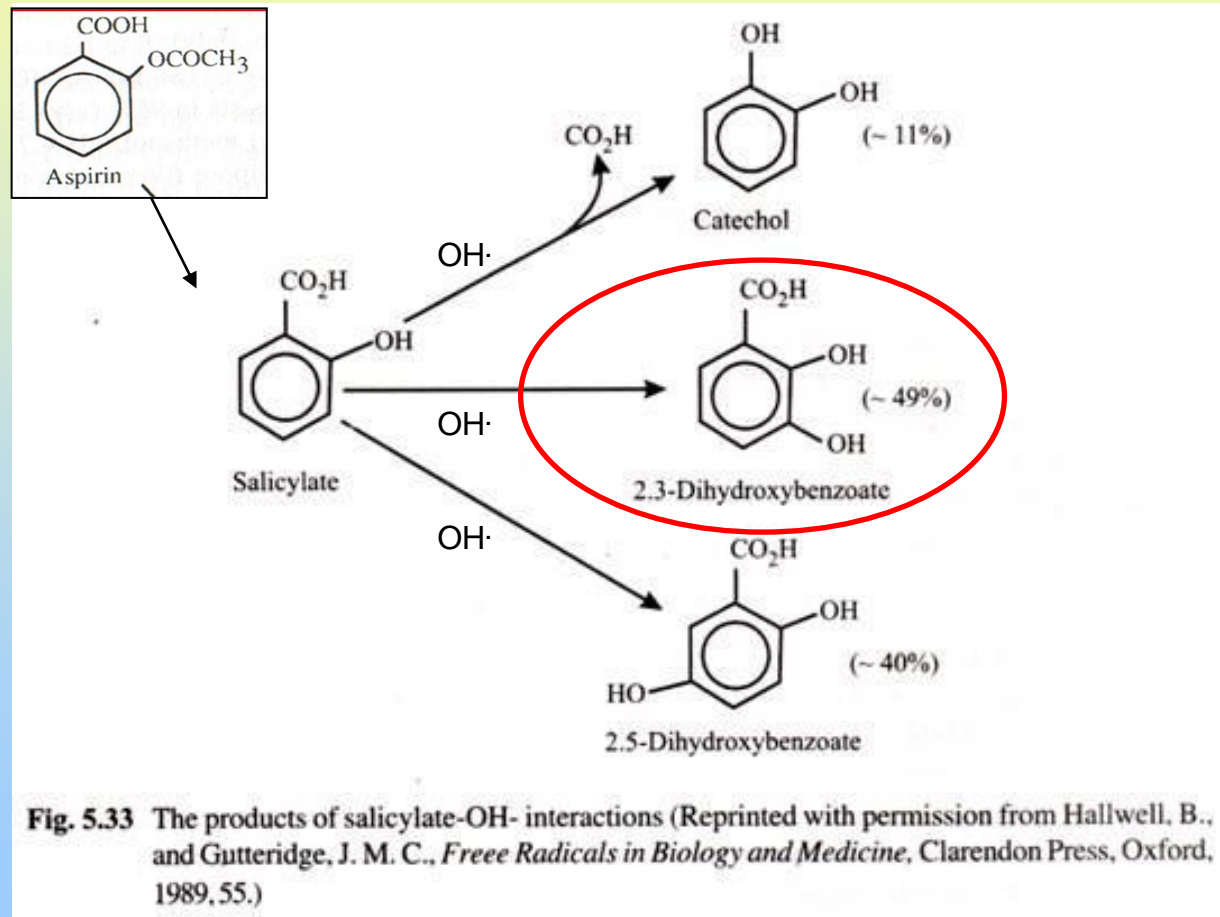
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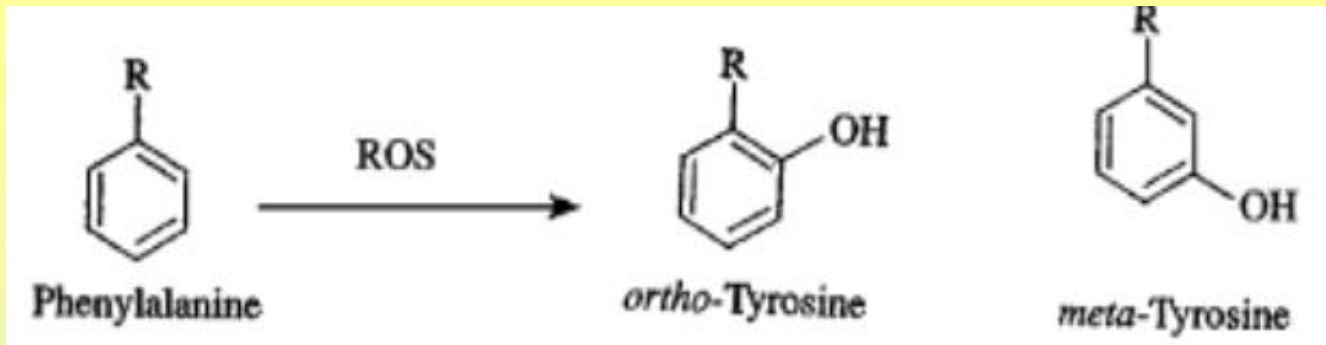
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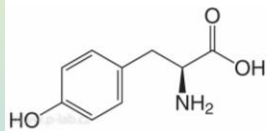
# High-Performance Liquid Chromatographic (HPLC) detection of free radicals



**Fig. 5.33** The products of salicylate-OH· interactions (Reprinted with permission from Hallwell, B., and Gutteridge, J. M. C., *Free Radicals in Biology and Medicine*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1989, 55.)



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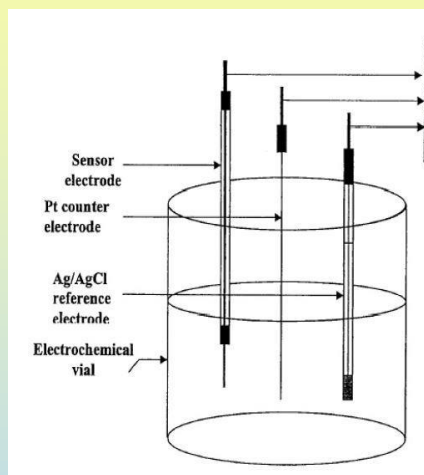
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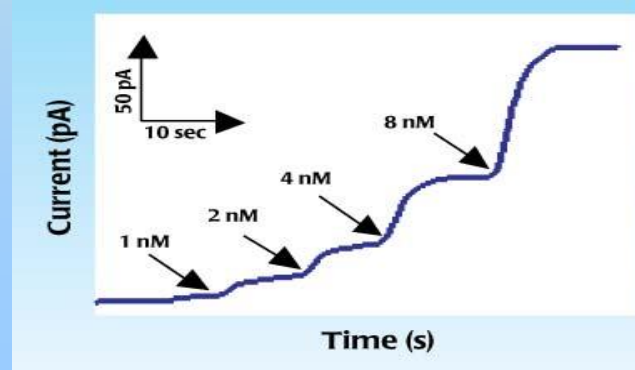
High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

# Electrochemical detection of ROS/RNS

- Electrochemical methods study an analyte by measuring the potential or current in a solution by electrodes



- Real-time detection using free radical biosensors for measuring nitric oxide, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radical



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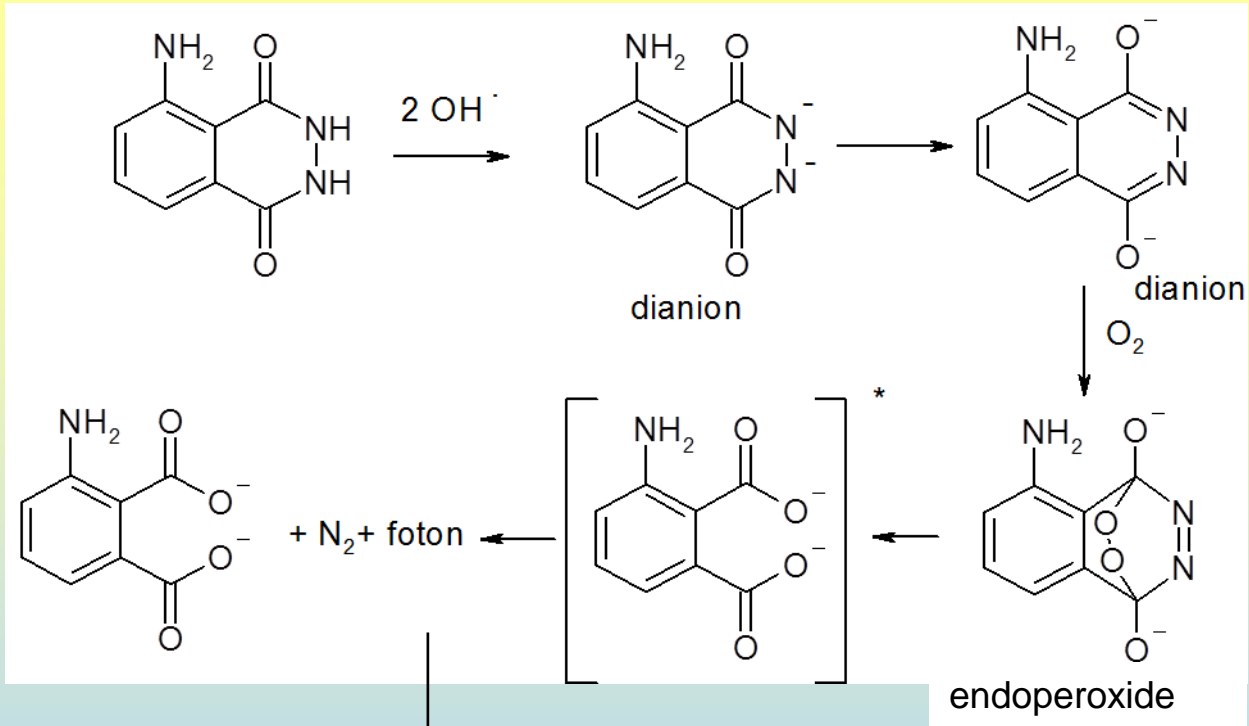
# Chemiluminescence measurement for ROS/RNS detection

- Chemiluminescence is the emission of light as the result of a chemical reaction of free radical with specific compounds
- This emitted light can be measured with the help of a luminometer



- Luminol is widely used in free radical detection





# Fluorescence measurement for free radical detection

- Fluorescence is the emission of light by a substance that absorbed light
- In most cases, the emitted light has a longer wavelength, and therefore lower energy, than the absorbed radiation

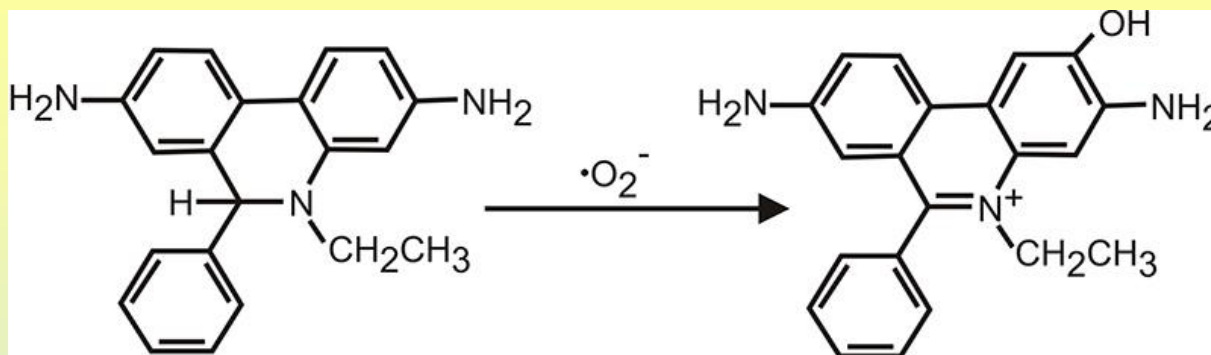


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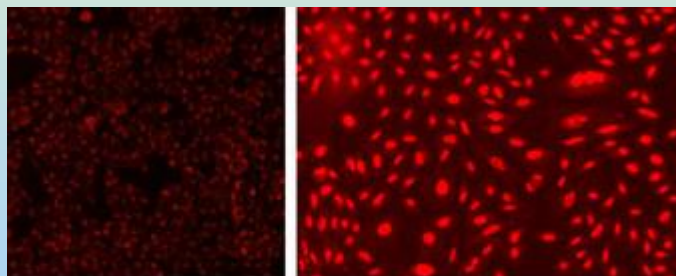
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# Fluorescence measurement for free radical detection



dihydroethidium

2-hydroxyethidium

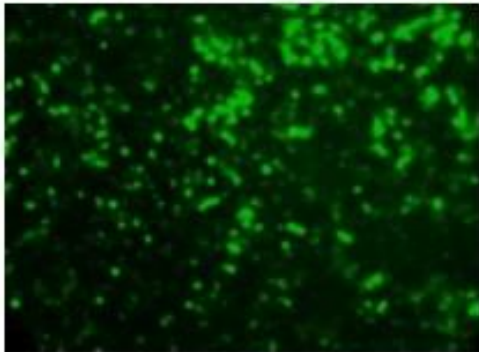
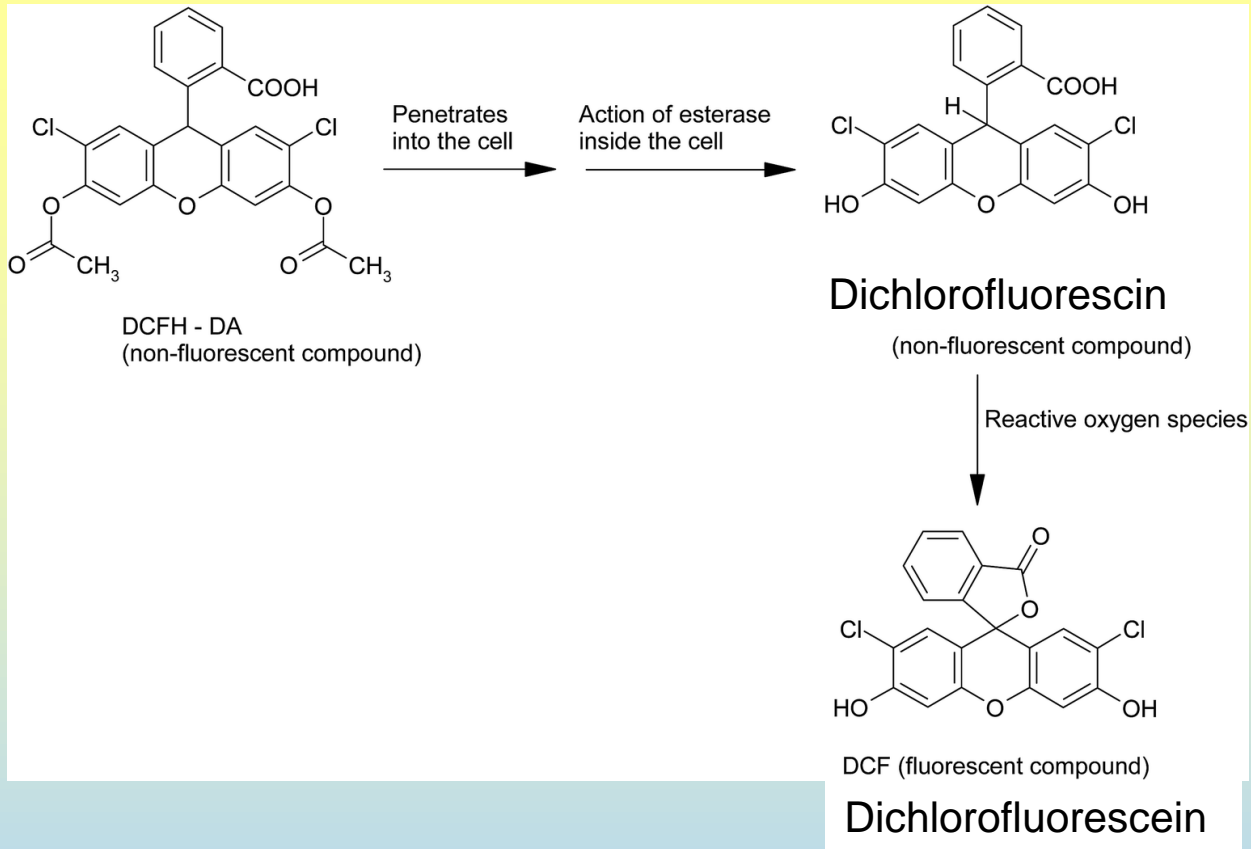


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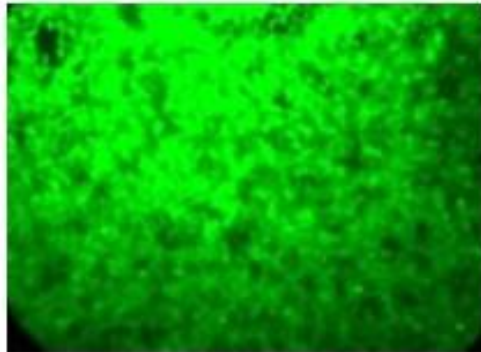
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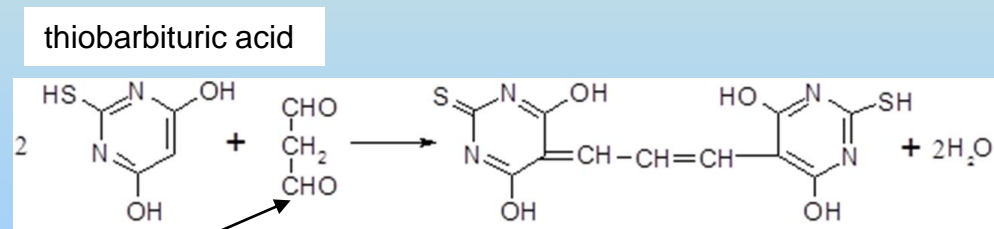
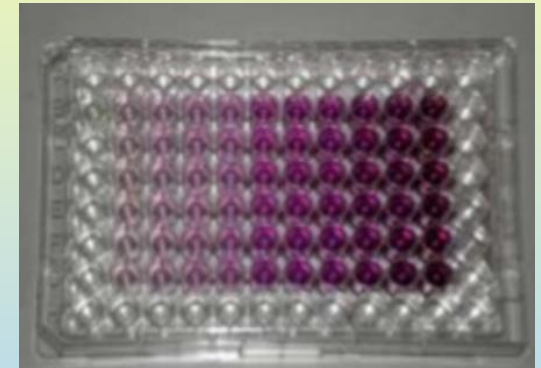
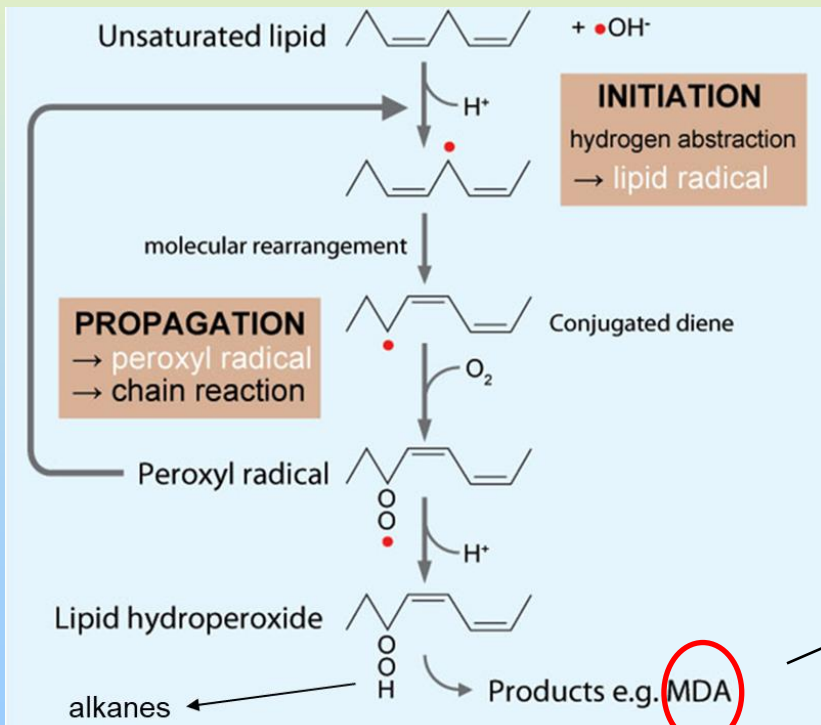


cells with oxidative stress



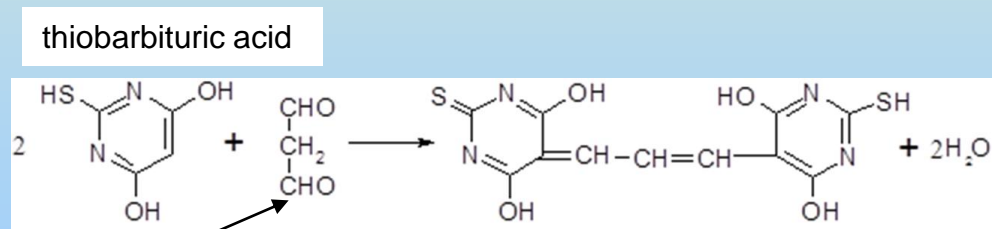
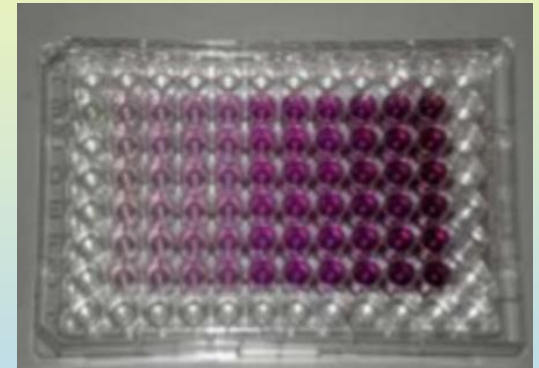
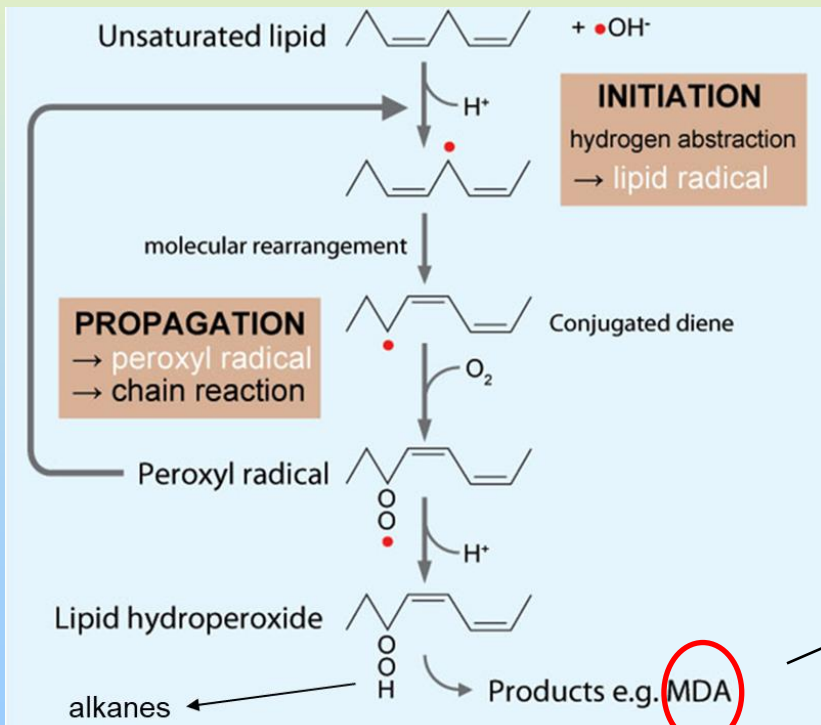
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  - Detection of malondialdehyde by thiobarbituric acid using spectrophotometer (532 nm wavelength)



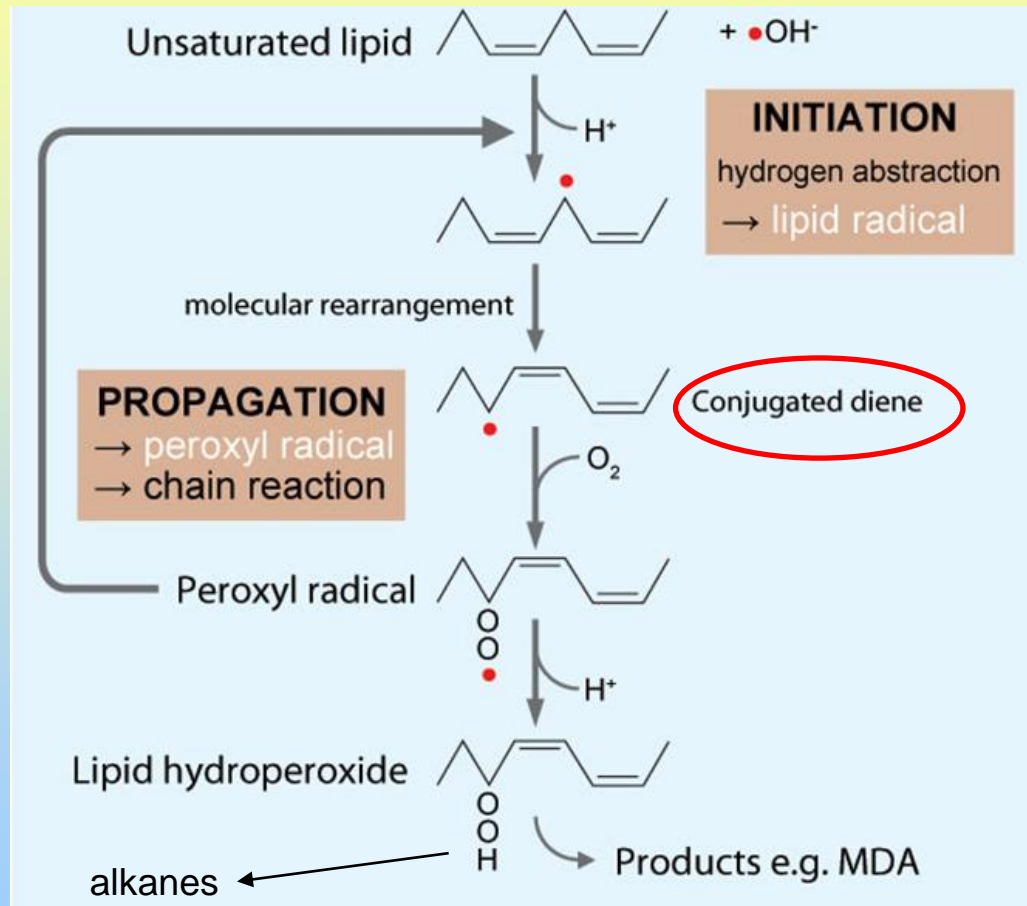
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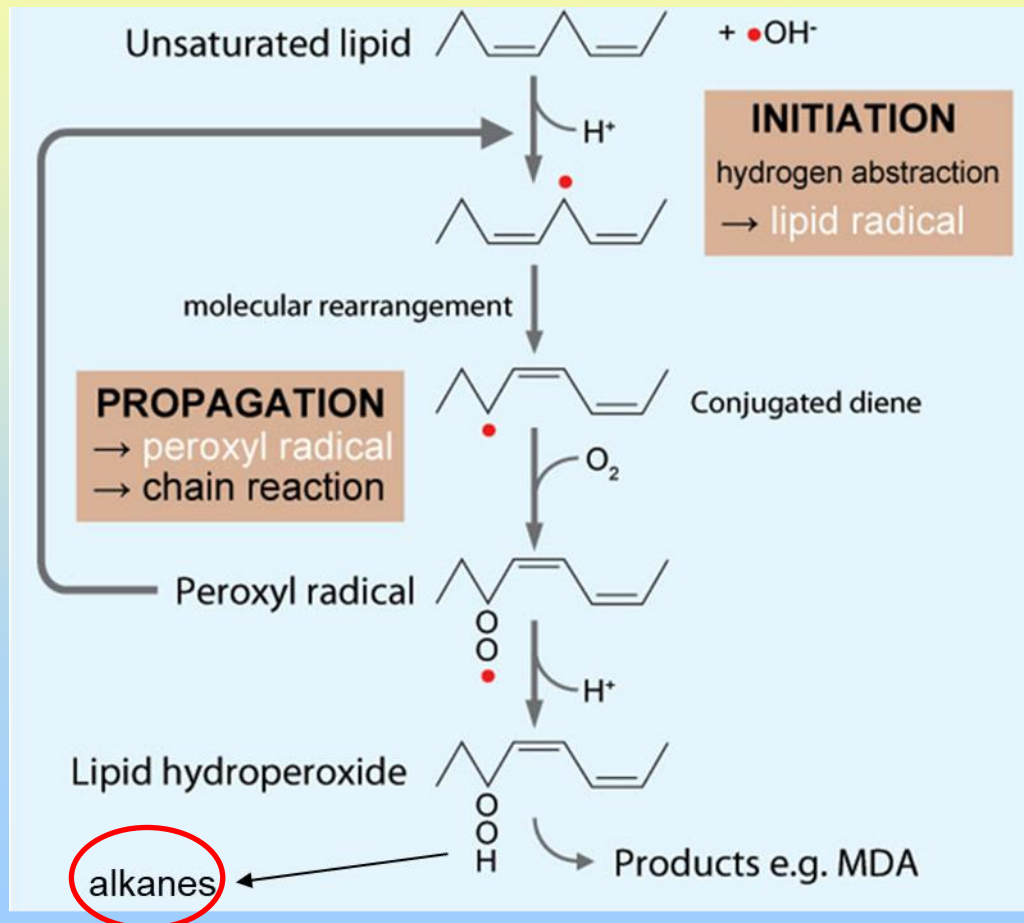


- Detection of conjugated dienes using spectrophotometer (220-300 nm wavelength)



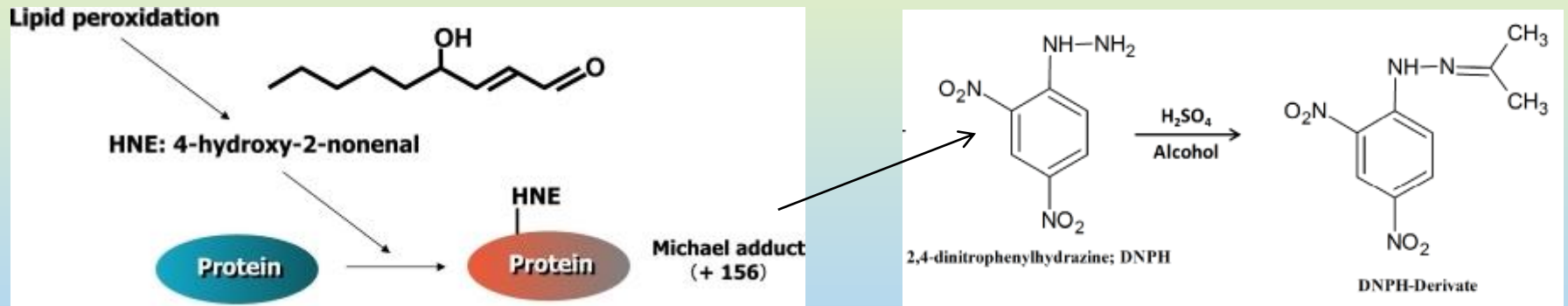


- Breath alkanes (pentane, ethane) as an index of lipid peroxidation (detection by gas chromatography)



- Monitoring of markers for oxidative damage of proteins

- Detection damaged proteins by 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine using spectrophotometer (360–390 nm wavelength)



- Monitoring of markers for oxidative damage of NA
  - Detection of 8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine by HPLC with electrochemical detection as a marker of damaged DNA

