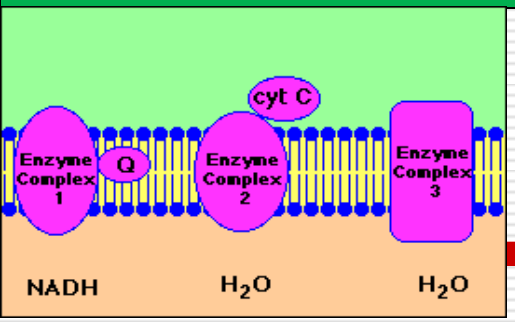
NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE CHEMISTRY AND FUNCTIONS OF COENZYME Q



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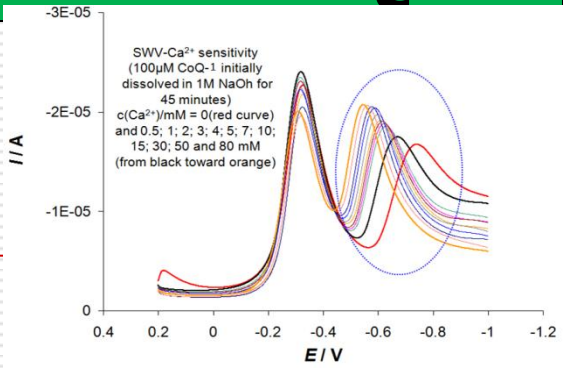

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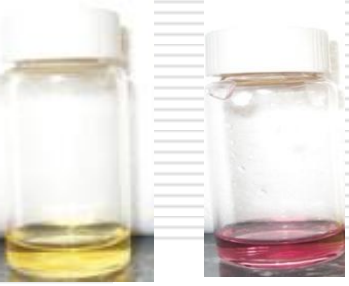

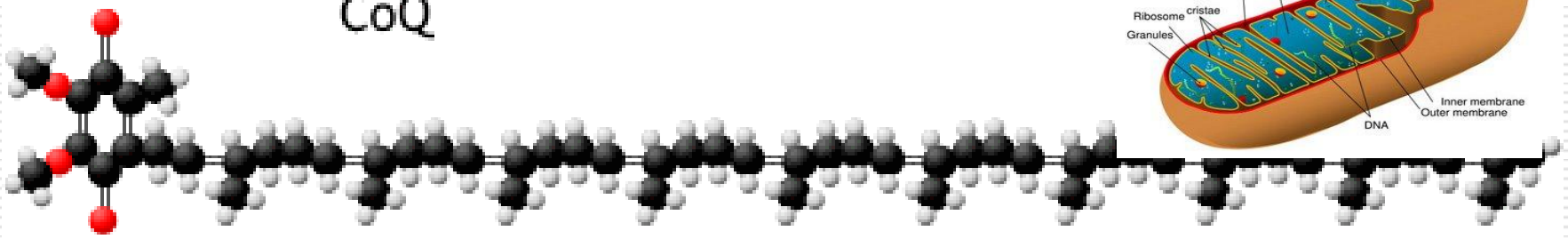

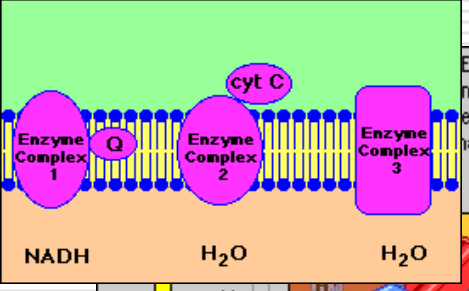

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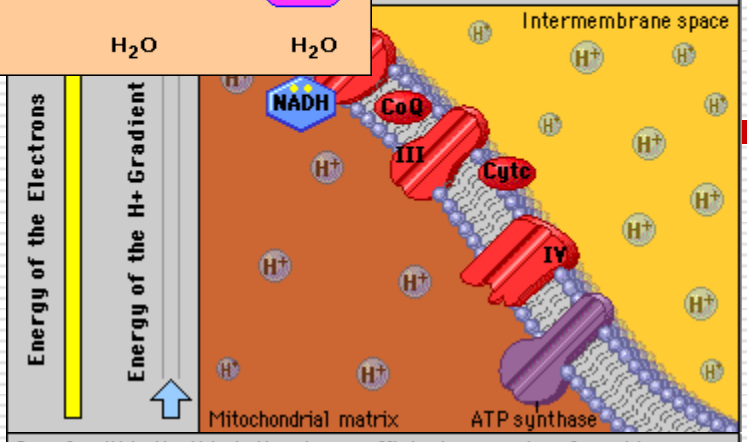
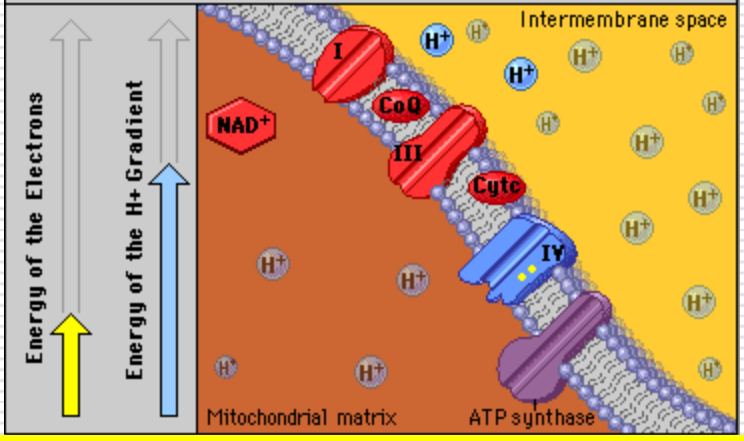


Complex IV is the third site where sufficient energy is released by oxidation-reduction reactions to 'pump' H+ from the matrix to the intermembrane space against the electrochemical gradient. As a consequence, a H+ concentration gradient is established across the inner membrane.



Again, the energy released by the electrons movi
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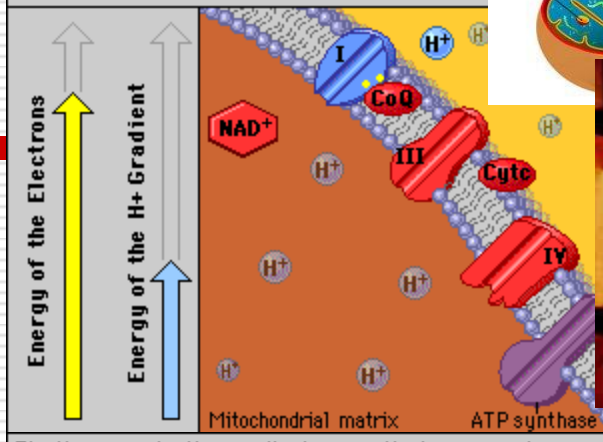
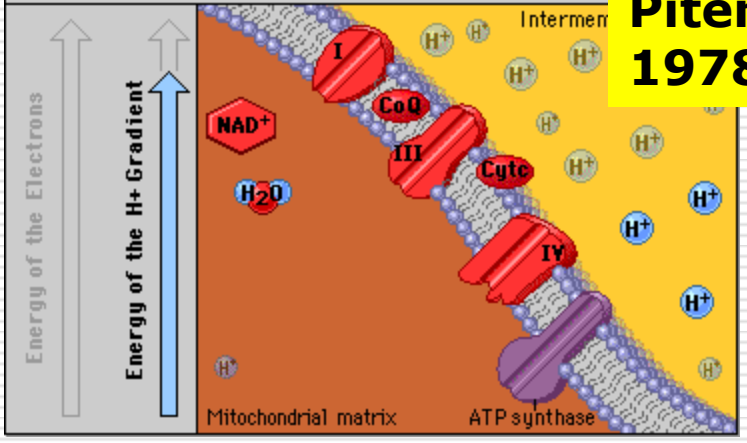
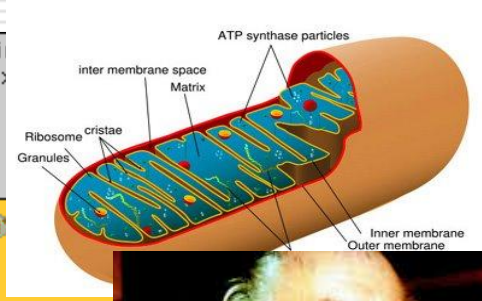
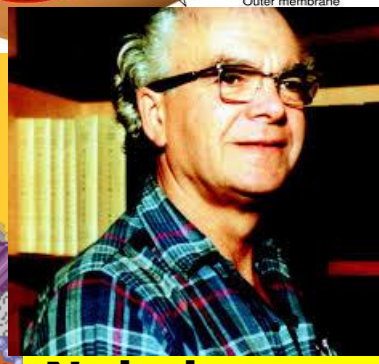


The H+ concentration gradient across the inner membrane re
reservoir of energy; it is dissipated when H+ flows back acro
membrane through enzyme groups called ATP synthases. As t
back into the matrix, the energy of the hydrogen ion concentr
gradient is harnessed to synthesize 3 ATP from
ADP and inorganic phosphate.

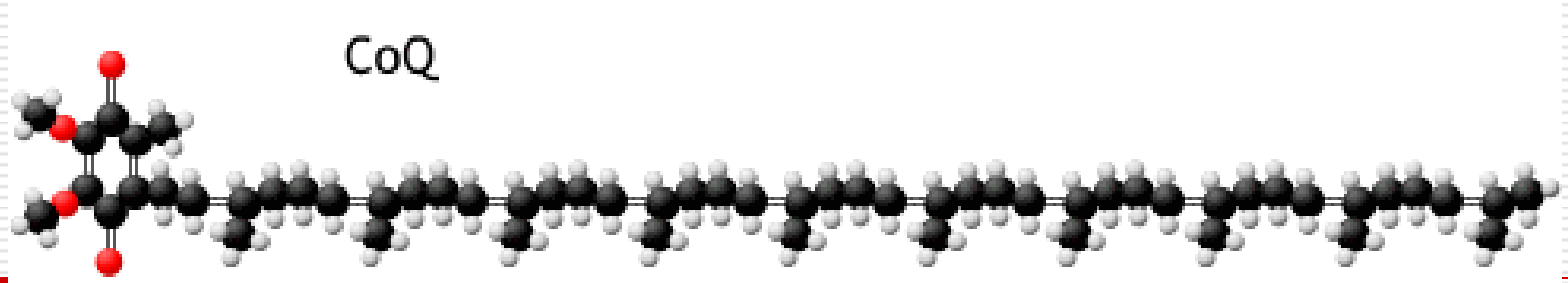




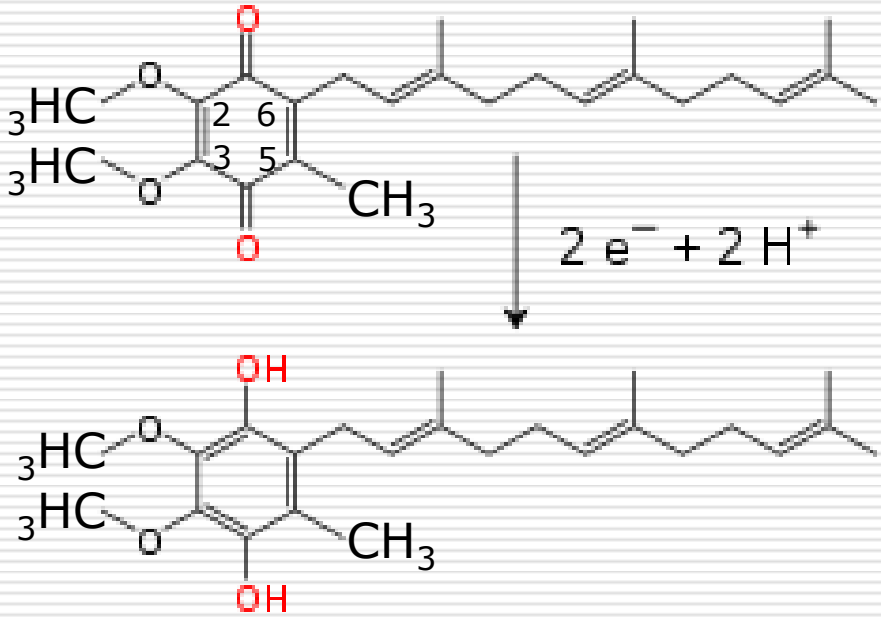


Nobel Prize Chemistry Piter Mitchel 1978

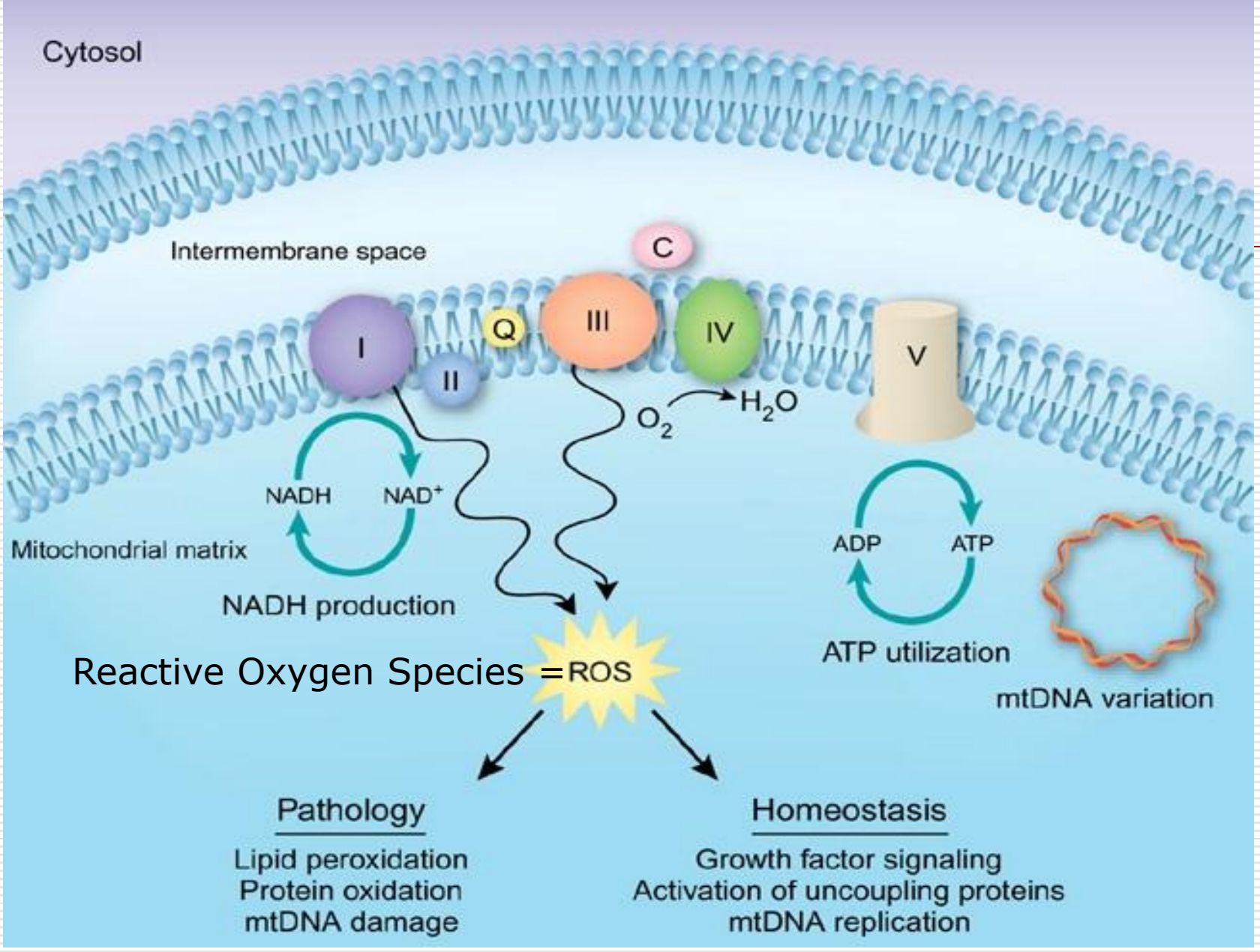
Coenzyme Q10 is a crucial redox mediator in the Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain-ATP production



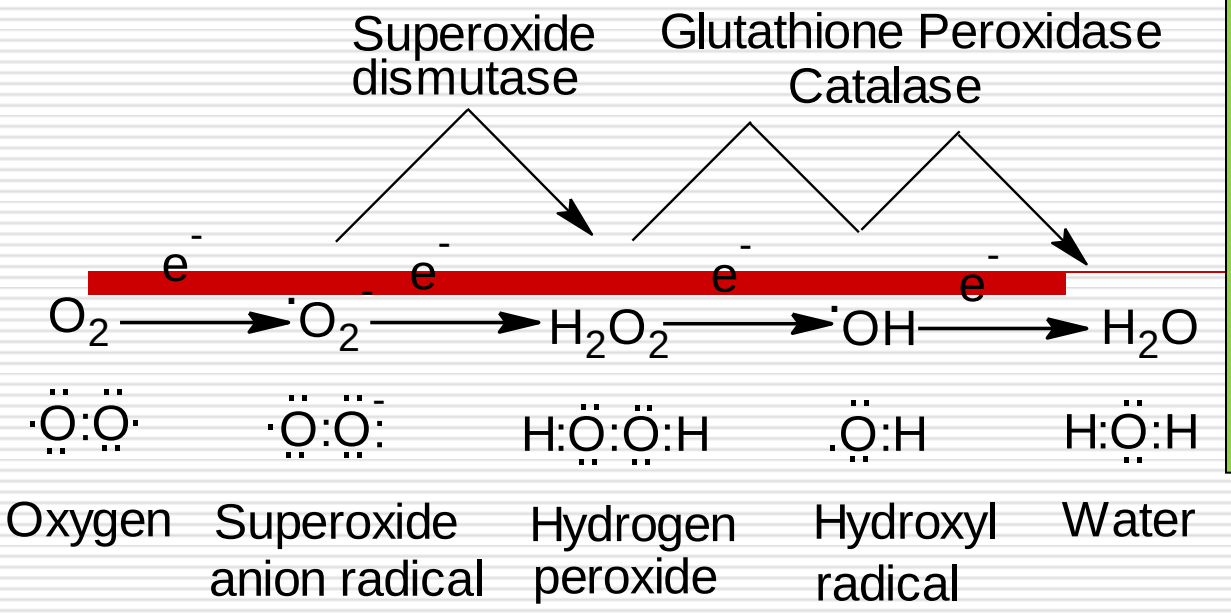
QUINONE (oxidized form)



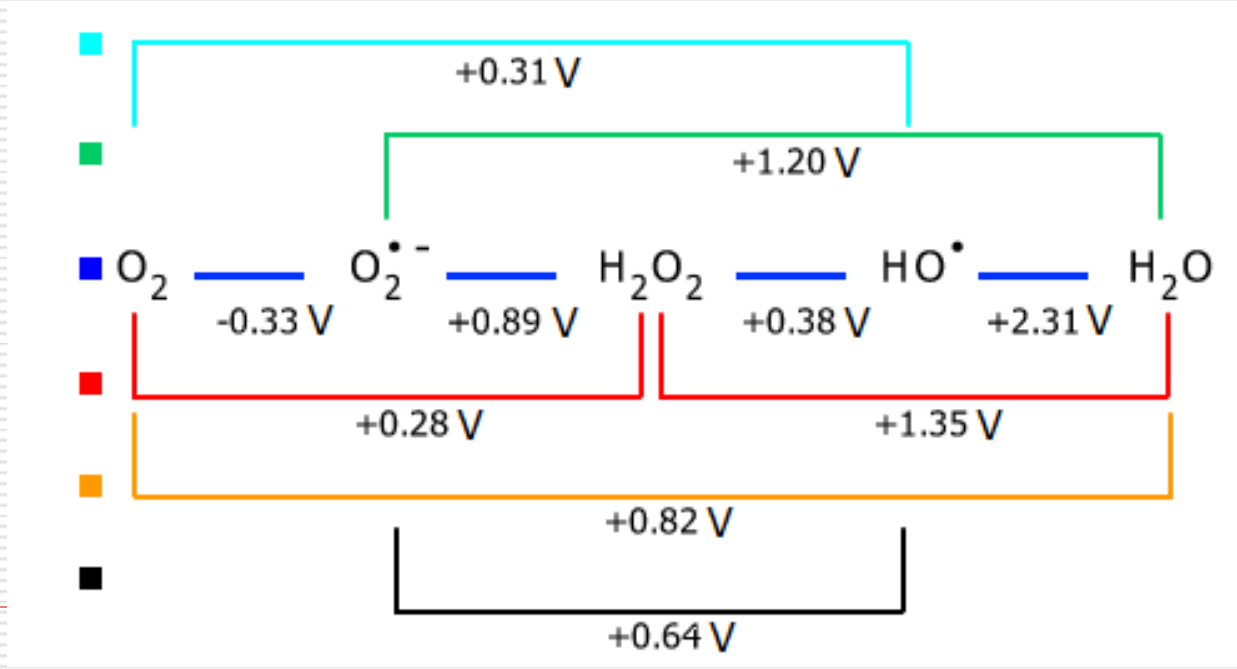
QUINOL (reduced form)



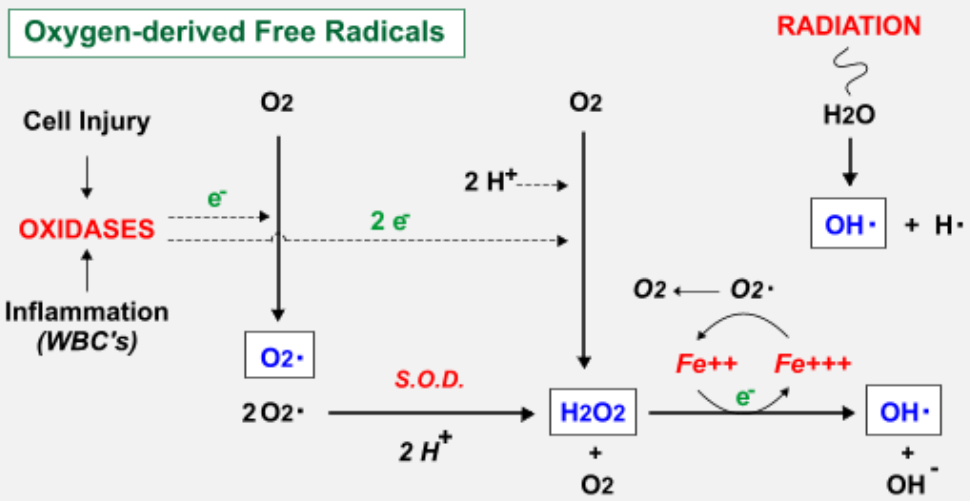
Mitochondrial **electron transport chain** is a major **source** of **highly dangerous ROS**!!!



Structures of the most common Reactive Oxygen Species evaluated from O_2

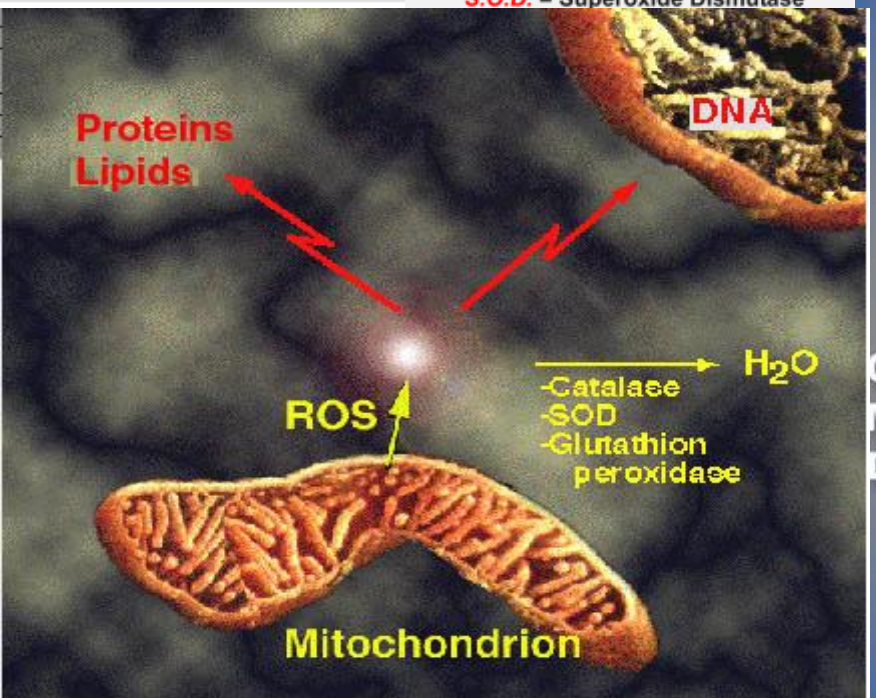


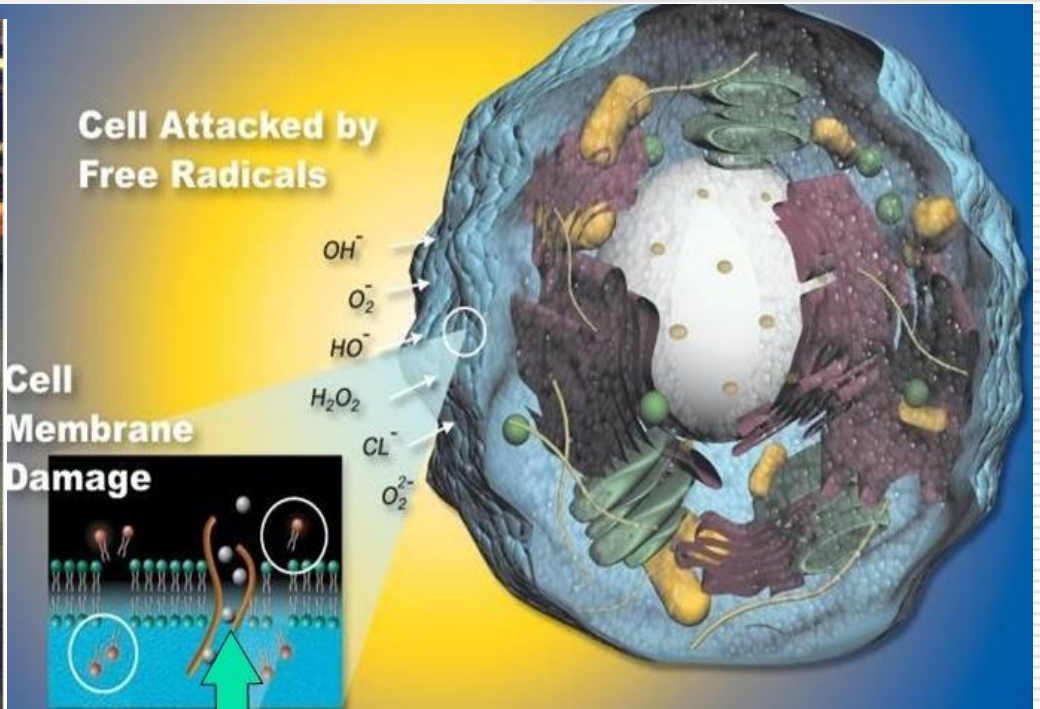
Oxygen-derived Free Radicals



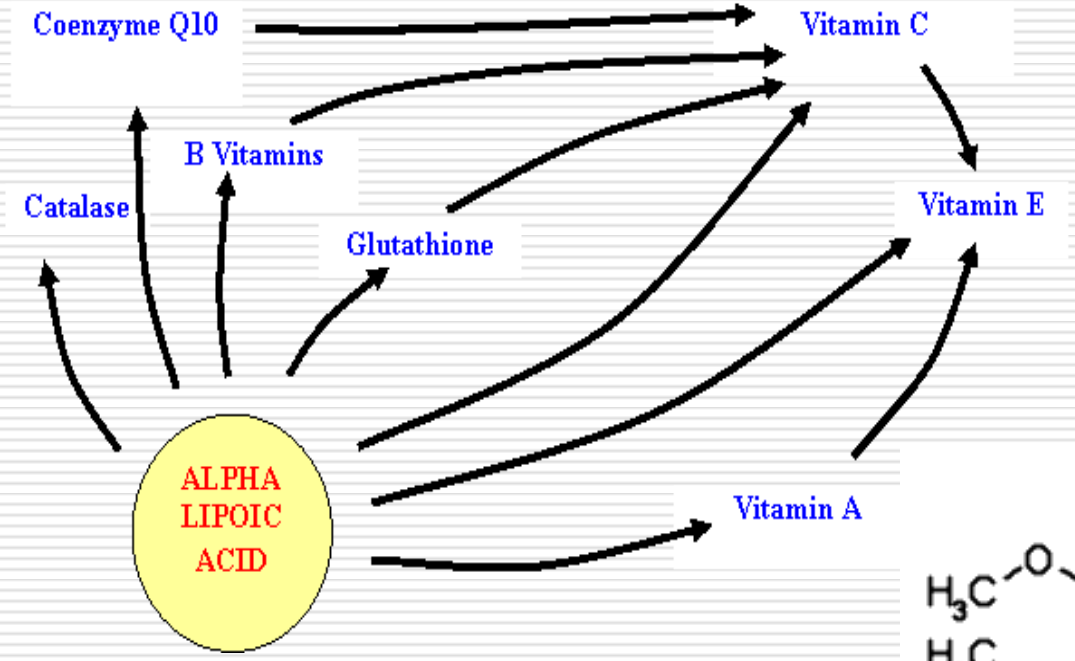
Oxygen-derived Free Radicals			
	$O_2\cdot$	Superoxide	Lipid Peroxidation
	H_2O_2	Hydrogen Peroxide	Peptide Fragmentation
	$OH\cdot$	Hydroxyl Free Radical	DNA Strand Breaks

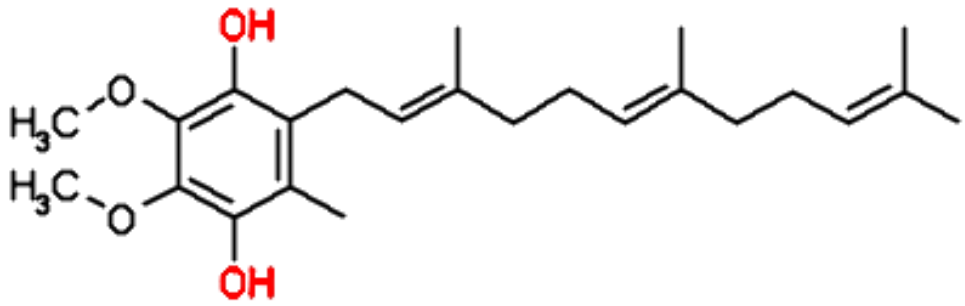
S.O.D. = Superoxide Dismutase





Effective „**cure**“ *against* **ROS** are the **Antioxidants**





Ubiquinol-moderate antioxidant


Coenzyme Q10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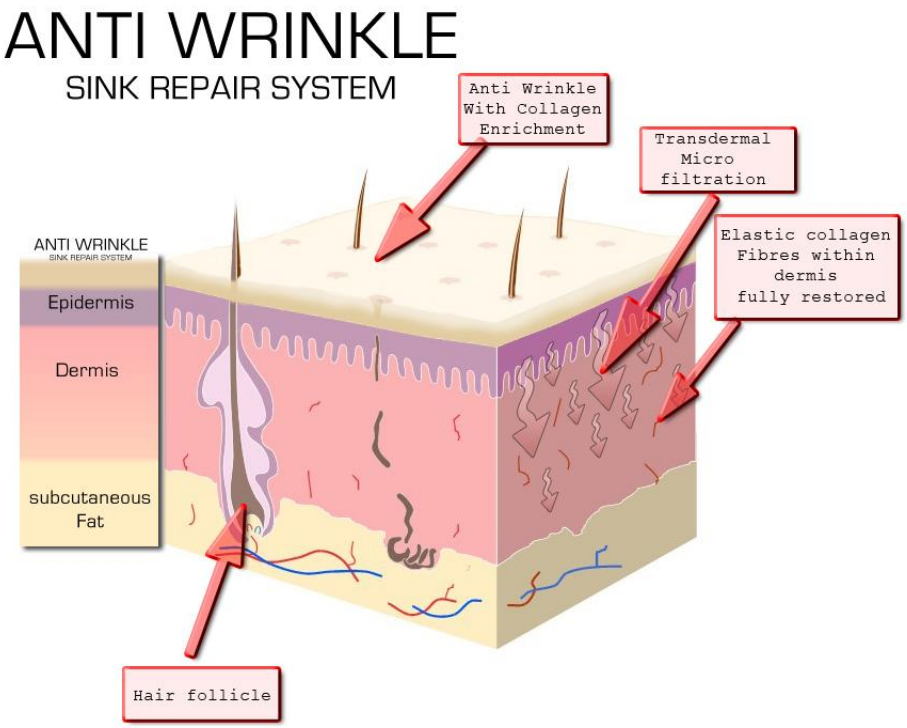
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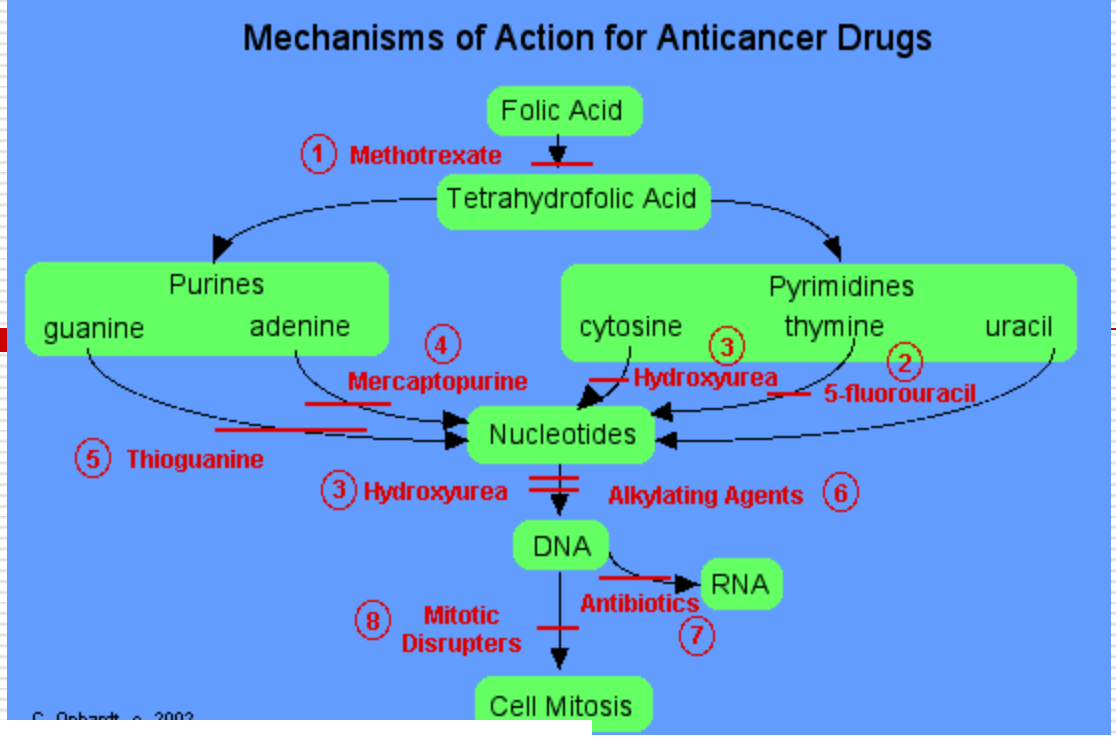

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Antioxidant Effects of Quercetin and Coenzyme Q10 in Mini Organ Cultures of Human Nasal Mucosa Cells

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Abstract. *Background: Oxidative DNA damage is a known risk factor of head and neck cancer. Antioxidants, such as coenzyme Q10 (CoQ_{10}) and quercetin, a member of flavonoids present in red wine and tea, are thought to play a significant role in protecting cells from oxidative stress induced by reactive oxygen species (ROS). The aim of this study was to investigate antioxidant effects of quercetin and CoQ_{10} on mini organ cultures (MOCs) of human nasal mucosa. Materials*

prevention plays an important role in this subject. In this context, antioxidants and may help to prevent DNA damage caused by reactive oxygen species (ROS) (2) and flavonoids represent one of the most important group of substances. These low molecular weight compounds are found in seeds, citrus fruits, olive oil, tea and red wine, and to have possible antioxidant activities *in vivo* (3, 4). Antiproliferative effects on human cancer cell lines have been shown in various

CoQ10 and Cancer

(NCI Report)

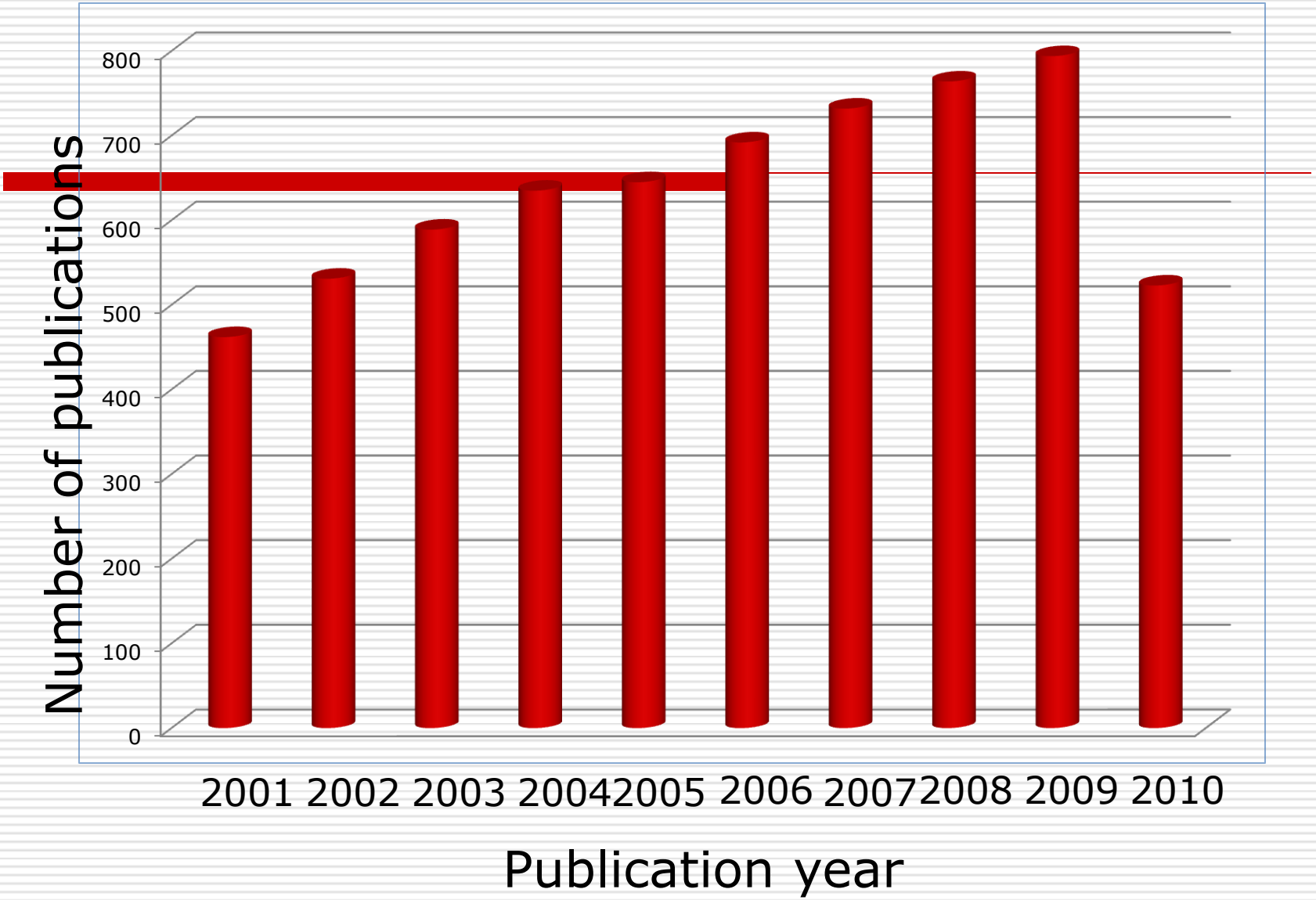
The following information is from a U.S. Government web site (the National Cancer Institute at the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine).

What is the history of the discovery and use of coenzyme Q10 as a complementary or alternative treatment for cancer?

Coenzyme Q10 was first identified in 1957. Its chemical structure was determined in 1958. Interest in coenzyme Q10 as a potential treatment for cancer began in 1961, when a deficiency of the enzyme was noted in the blood of cancer patients. Low blood levels of coenzyme Q10 have been found in patients with myeloma, lymphoma, and cancers of the breast, lung, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney, and head and neck.

Studies have yielded information about how coenzyme Q10 works in the body to produce energy and act as an antioxidant. Some studies have suggested that coenzyme Q10 stimulates the immune system and increases resistance to disease. In part because of this, researchers have theorized that coenzyme Q10 may be useful as an adjuvant therapy for cancer. (Adjuvant therapy is treatment given following the primary treatment to enhance the effectiveness of the primary

The number of papers on CoQ10 increases permanently



We started working on this project in 2006

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Redox Chemistry of Ca-Transporter 2-Palmitoylhydroquinone in an Artificial Thin Organic Film Membrane

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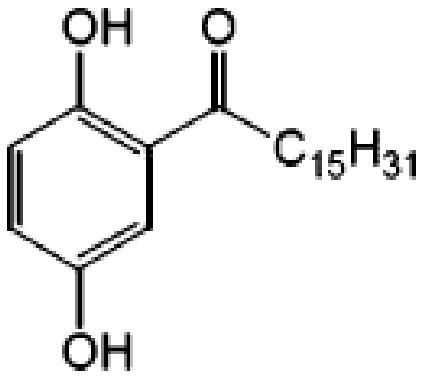
The redox chemistry of 2-palmitoylhydroquinone (H_2Q), a recently introduced synthetic transmembrane Ca^{2+} transporter, was studied with cyclic and square-wave voltammetry in an artificial thin organic-film membrane sandwiched between a pyrolytic graphite electrode and an aqueous solution. The membrane has a micrometer dimension and consists of the water immiscible organic solvent nitrobenzene, which contains suitable electrolyte and H_2Q as a redox active compound. The potential drop at the electrode/membrane interface is controlled by the potentiostat, whereas the potential drop at the membrane/water interface is dependent on the ClO_4^- concentration, which is present in a large excess in both liquid phases. The redox transformation of H_2Q at the electrode/membrane interface is accompanied by a corresponding ion-transfer reaction at the other side of the membrane. Proton transfer at the membrane/water interface is critical for the redox transformation of H_2Q in the interior of the membrane, as a strong dependence of the voltammetric response on the pH of the aqueous medium was observed. H_2Q undergoes two oxidation processes due to existence of two distinctive redox forms of H_2Q. The electrochemical mechanism can be explained with two tautomer forms of H_2Q formed by migration of a proton between the 1-hydroxyl group and the adjacent carbonyl group of the palmitoyl residue. Both tautomers undergo $2e/2H^+$ distinctive redox transformations to form the quinone form of the studied compound. In the presence of Ca^{2+} in the aqueous phase, voltammetric experiments confirmed the capability of both tautomers to form 1:1 complexes with Ca^{2+} and to extract it into the organic membrane. Upon the oxidation of the complexes, Ca^{2+} is expelled back to the aqueous phase. The studied compound exhibits very similar complexing affinity toward Mg^{2+}, implying that it is not highly selective for transmembrane Ca^{2+} transport.

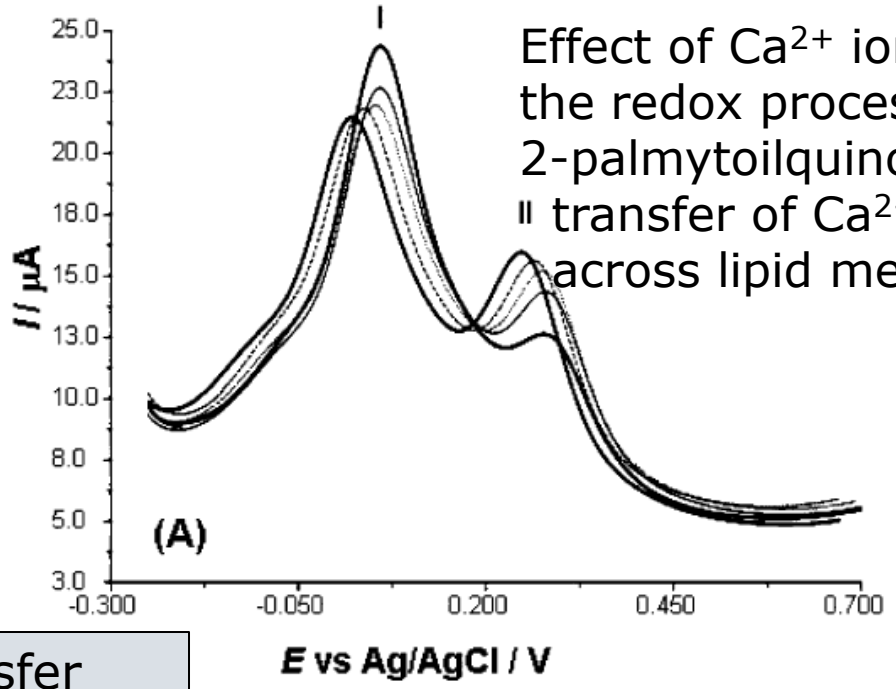
1. Introduction

Organic compounds containing a benzoquinone/hydroquinone moiety are subjects of longstanding research efforts in various scientific areas due to their high relevance to biochemical systems. The most important example is ubiquinone-10 (also called coenzyme Q), which plays a critical role in the respiratory chain of mitochondria.[1] Embedded in the inner mitochondria membrane, ubiquinone-10 serves as an electron shuttle and a proton pump, generating a proton and potential gradient at the inner mitochondrion membrane. The energy conserved in a form of a potential gradient is further used for synthesis of adenosine-triphosphate. The redox chemistry of the quinone/hydroquinone

Electrochemical techniques are very well suited for characterizing quinone-like compounds.[2−9] As most of the physiologically active quinones are lipophilic, electrochemical methods in nonaqueous medium have been developed.[4,6,8] Particularly important are biomimetic studies in which lipophilic quinone is embedded in a lipid membrane supported on the electrode surface.[3] Liposomes are also suitable for membrane immobilization of lipophilic quinones. In this context, Bennett et al.[10] have recently incorporated the synthetic 2-palmitoylhydroquinone (H_2Q) in a liposome membrane to build an artificial light-driven transmembrane calcium pump. Although the redox chemistry of H_2Q is hardly known, these authors have utilized its redox

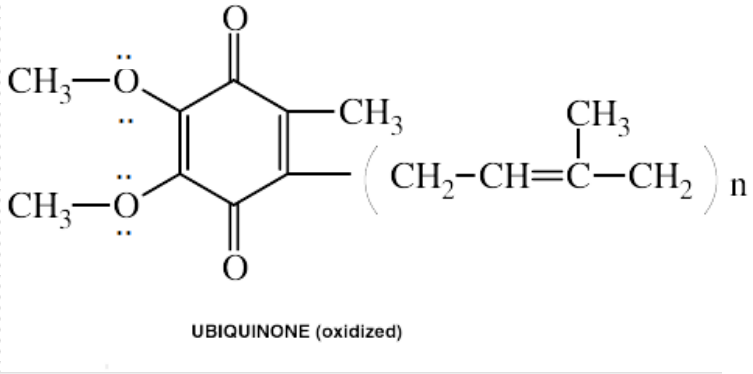


Structure of
2-palmytoilhydroquinone

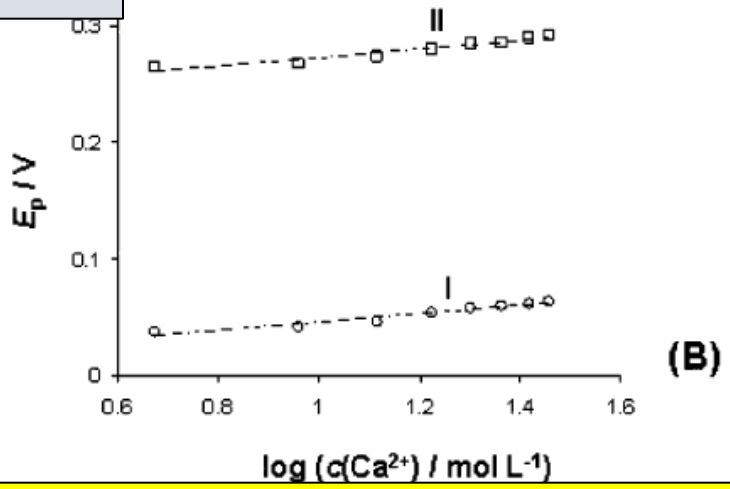


Effect of Ca^{2+} ions to the redox process of 2-palmytoilquinone-II transfer of Ca^{2+} across lipid membrane

This compound can bind and transfer Ca^{2+} ions across biomimetic membranes

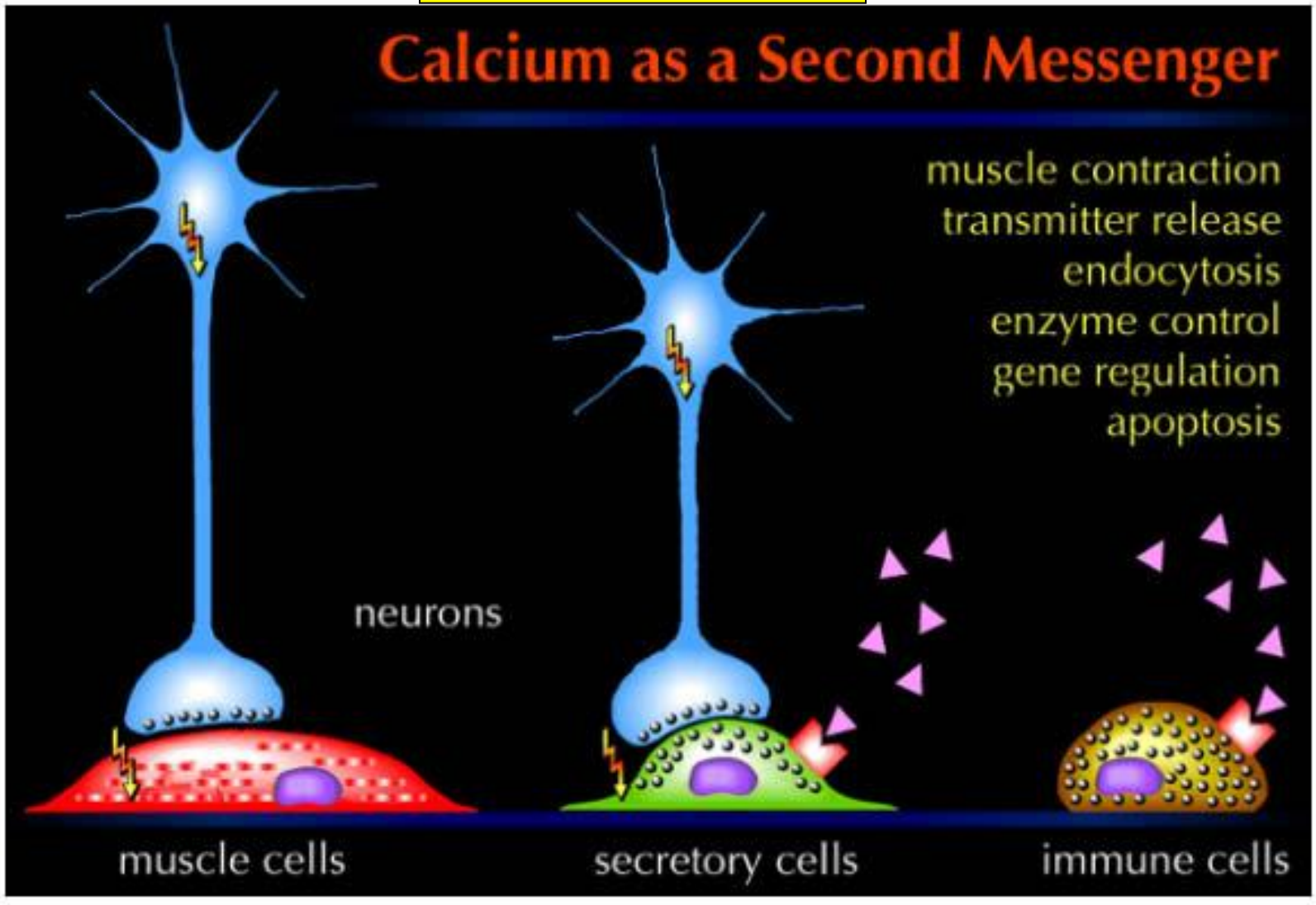


UBIQUINONE (oxidized)



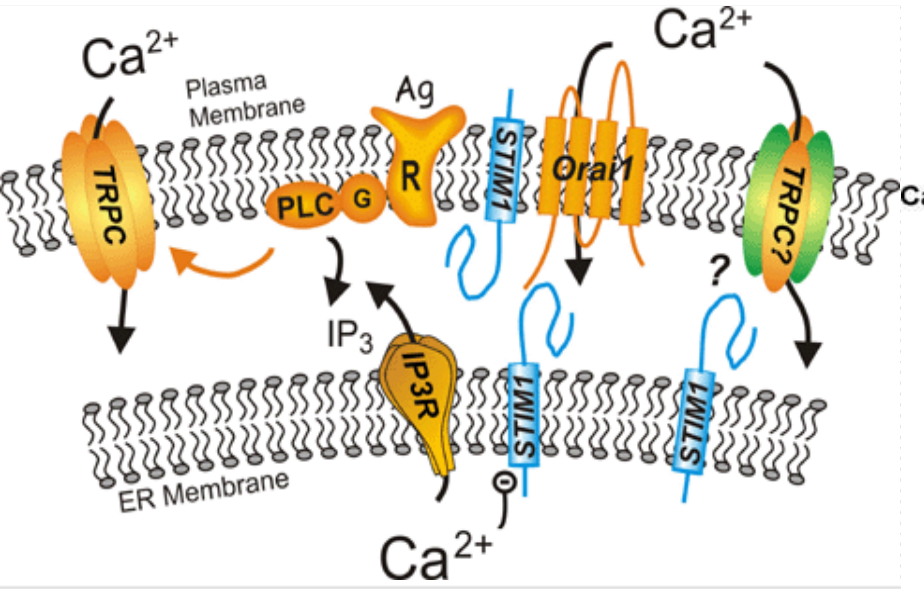
<u>Our Aim</u>: to see whether CoQ's have something to do with Ca^{2+} transfer across mitochondrial membranes

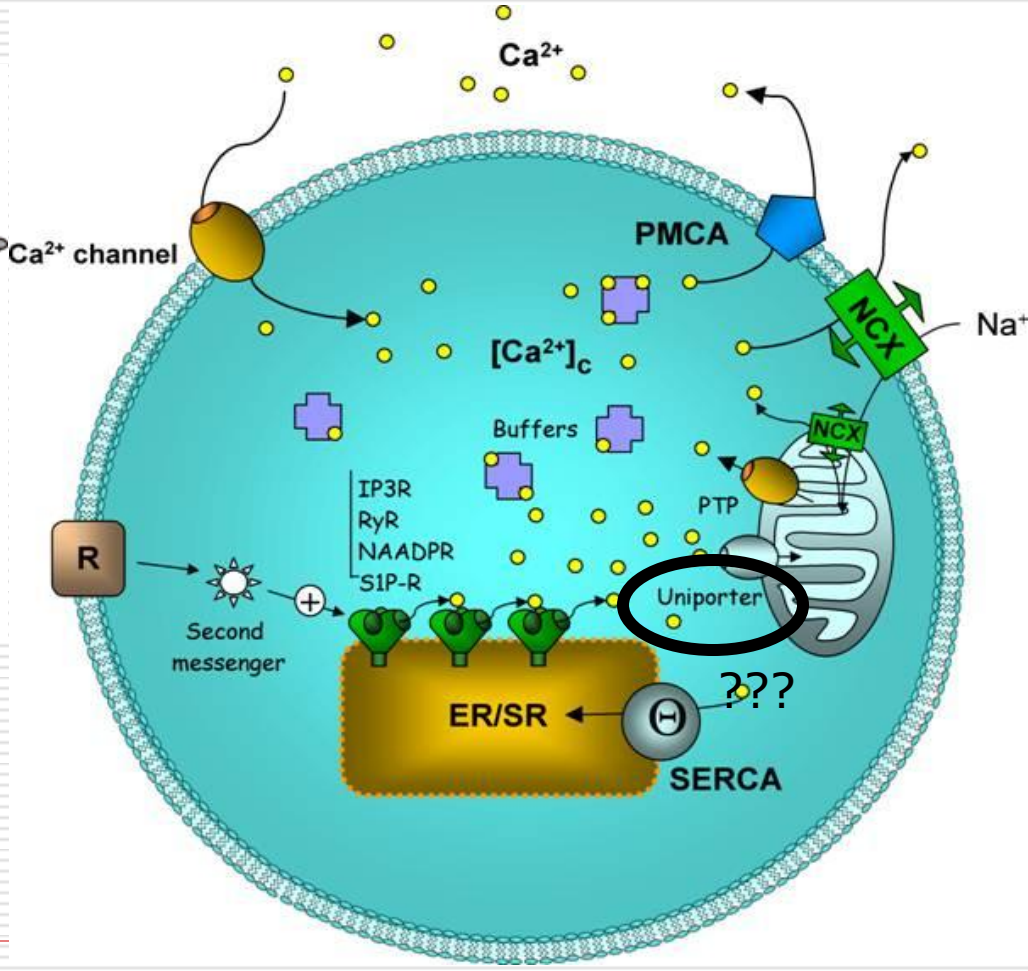
Why Ca^{2+}?

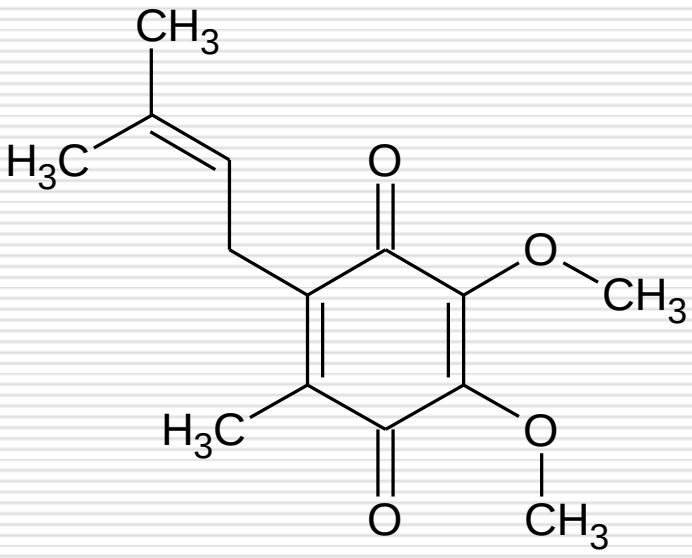


Ca^{2+} -is one of the most important secondary messengers

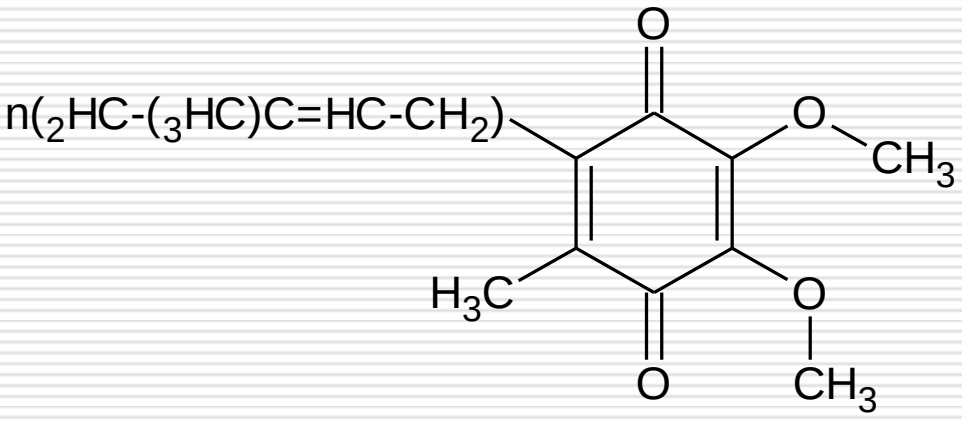
Mechanisms of Ca^{2+} transfer in mitochondria





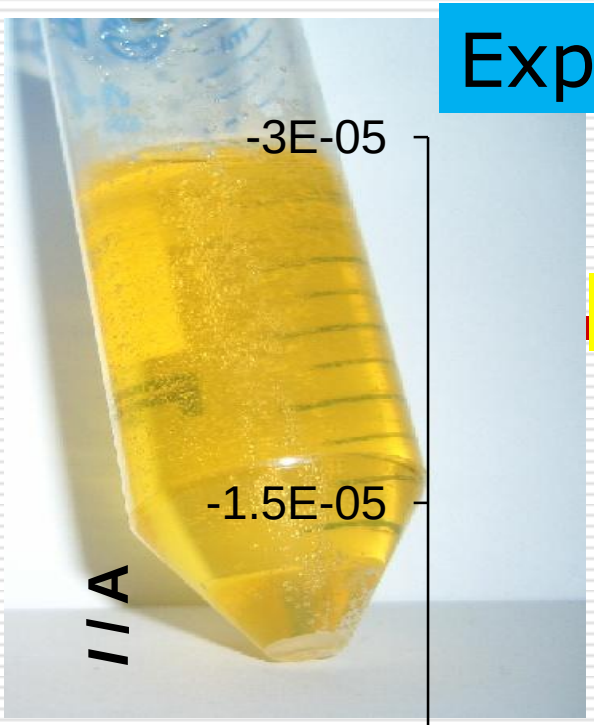


Coenzyme Q_1

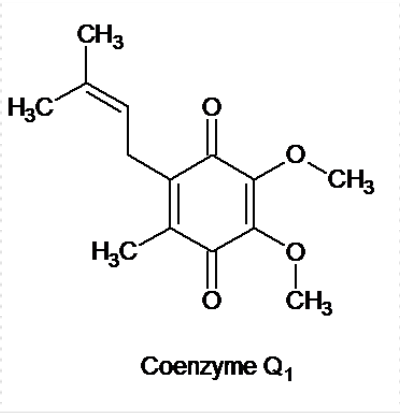


Coenzyme Q_{10}

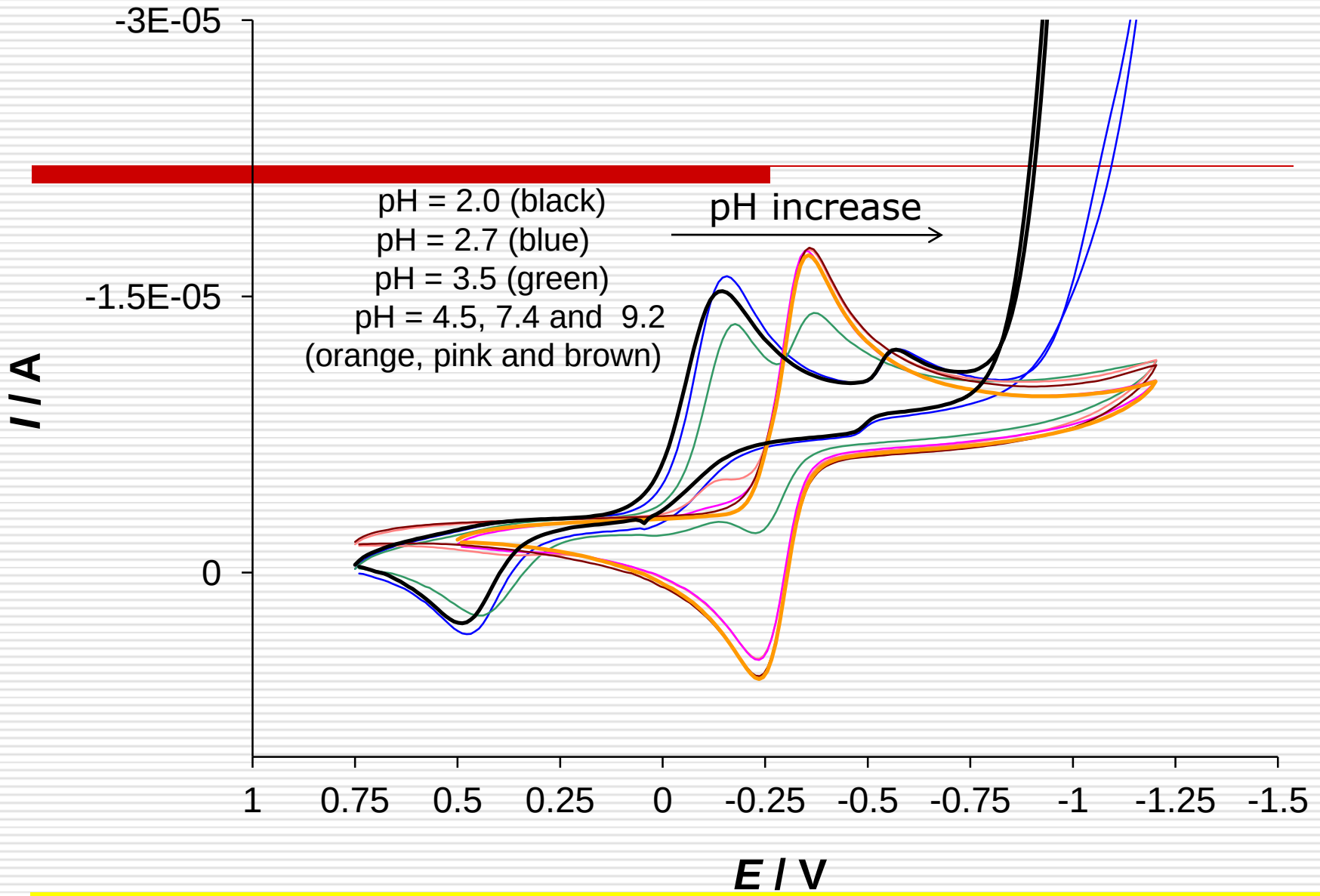
Experiments with Coenzyme Q1-CoQ1



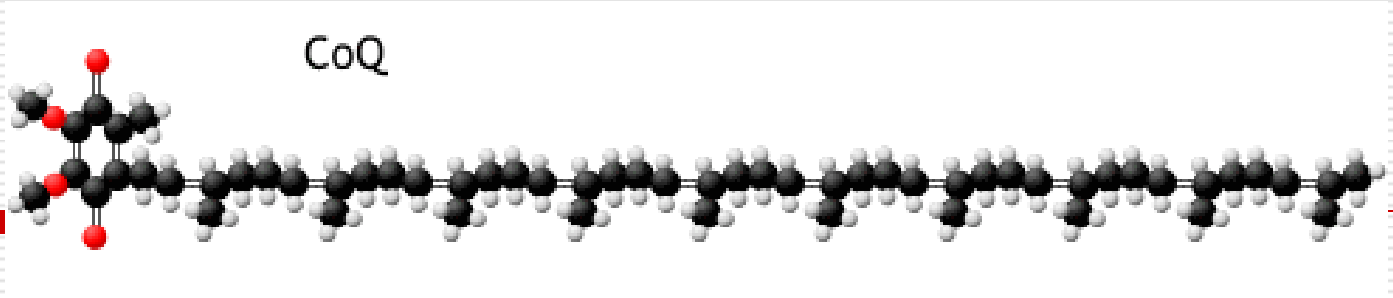
Cyclic voltammogram of 100 µM CoQ1 in pH of 7.00

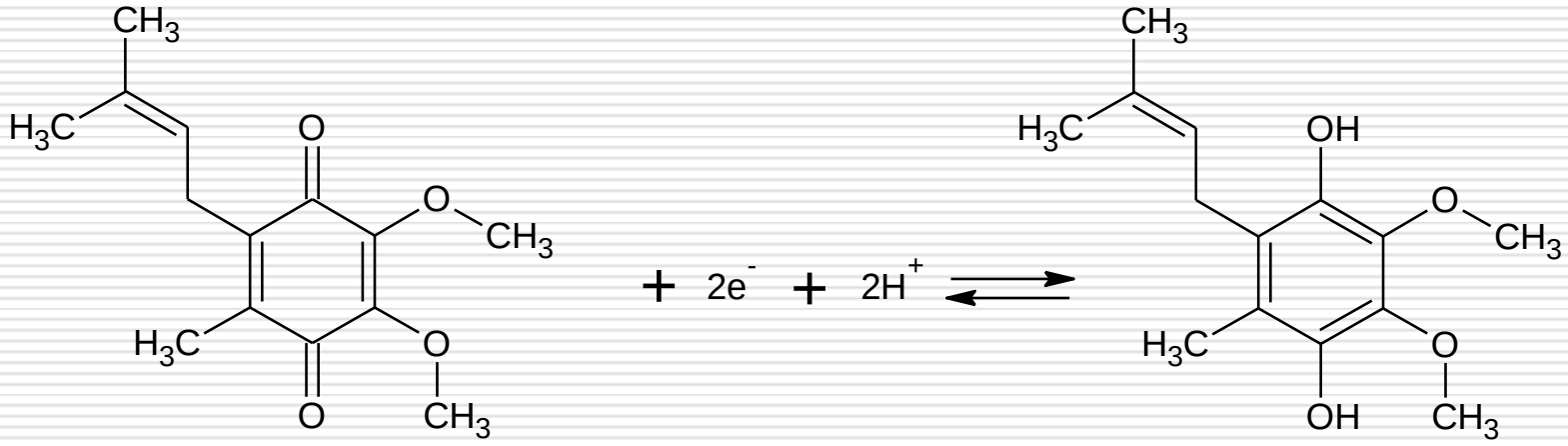


Coenzyme Q_1



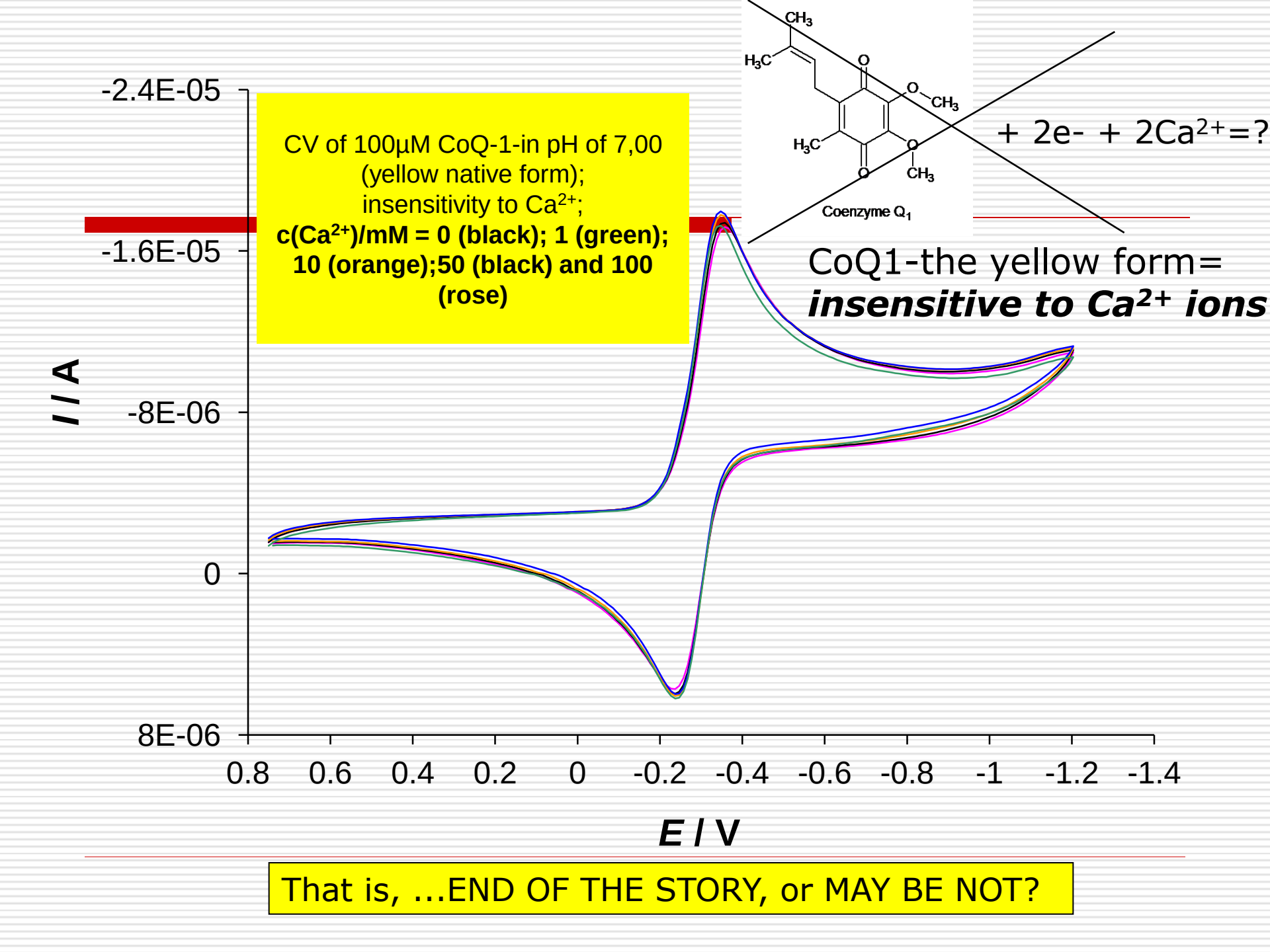
pH dependence of the redox process of CoQ1-the “yellow form” in the pH range from 1 to 9





Coenzyme Q_1 (oxidized)

Coenzyme Q_1 (reduced)


CV of 100µM CoQ-1-in pH of 7,00 (yellow native form); insensitivity to Ca2+; c(Ca2+)/mM = 0 (black); 1 (green); 10 (orange);50 (black) and 100 (rose)
Coenzyme Q1
+ 2e- + 2Ca2+=?
CoQ1-the yellow form= insensitive to Ca2+ ions
-2.4E-05
-1.6E-05
-8E-06
0
8E-06
I / A
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0
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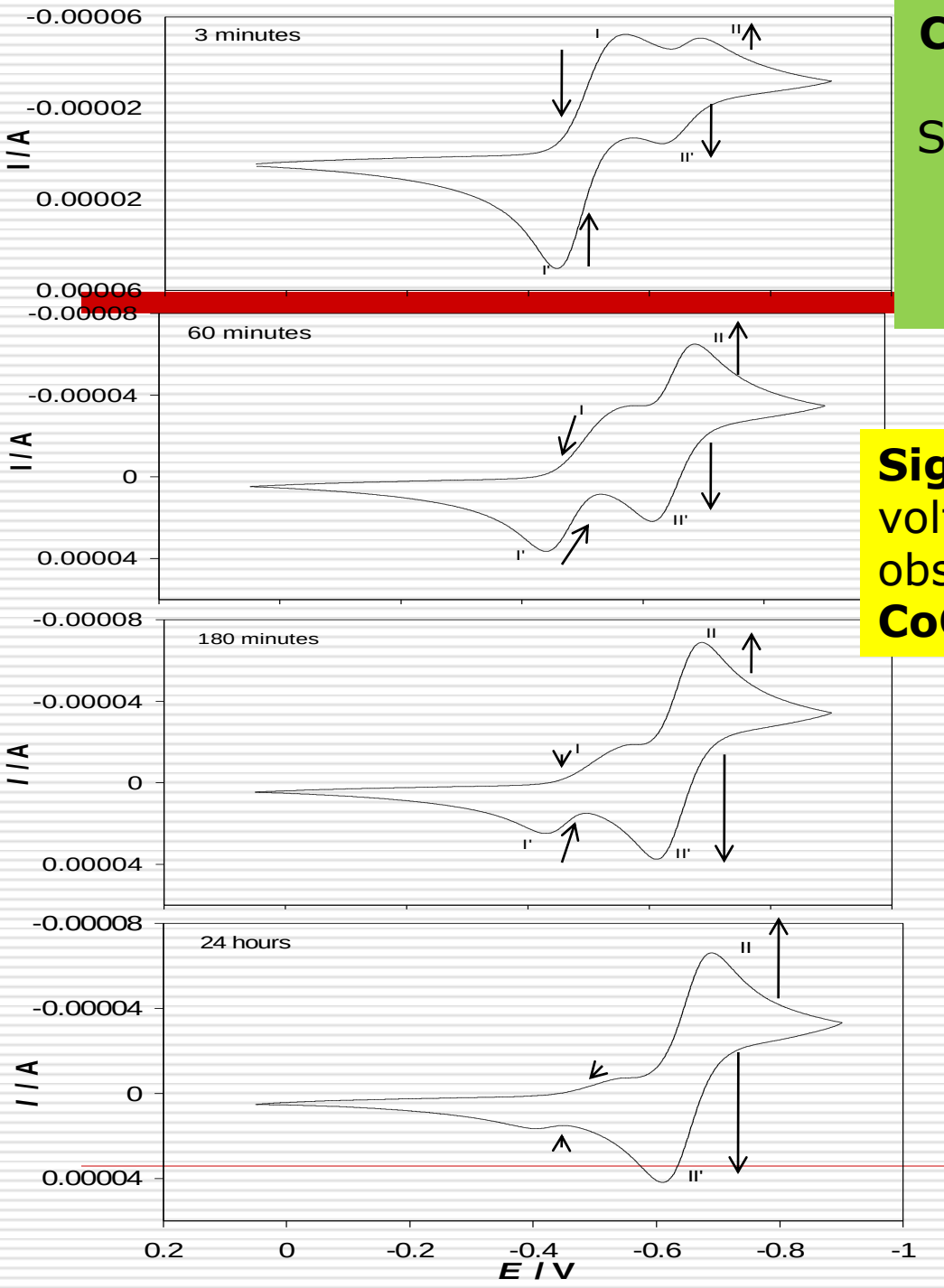
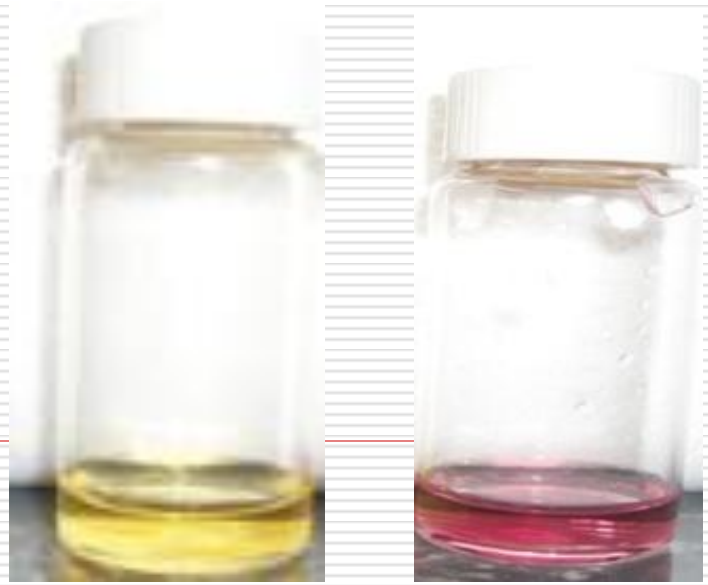
That is, ...END OF THE STORY, or MAY BE NOT?

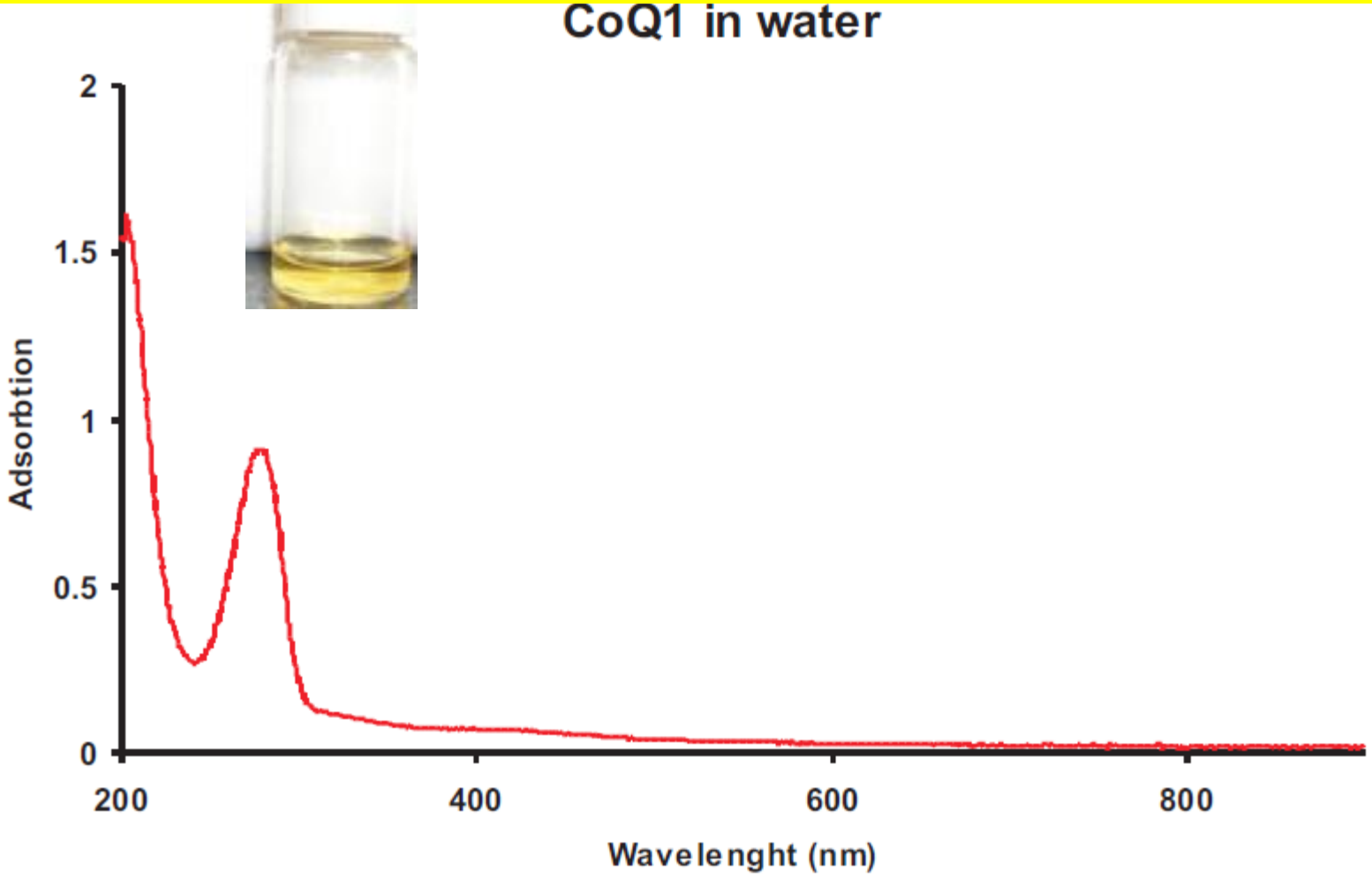


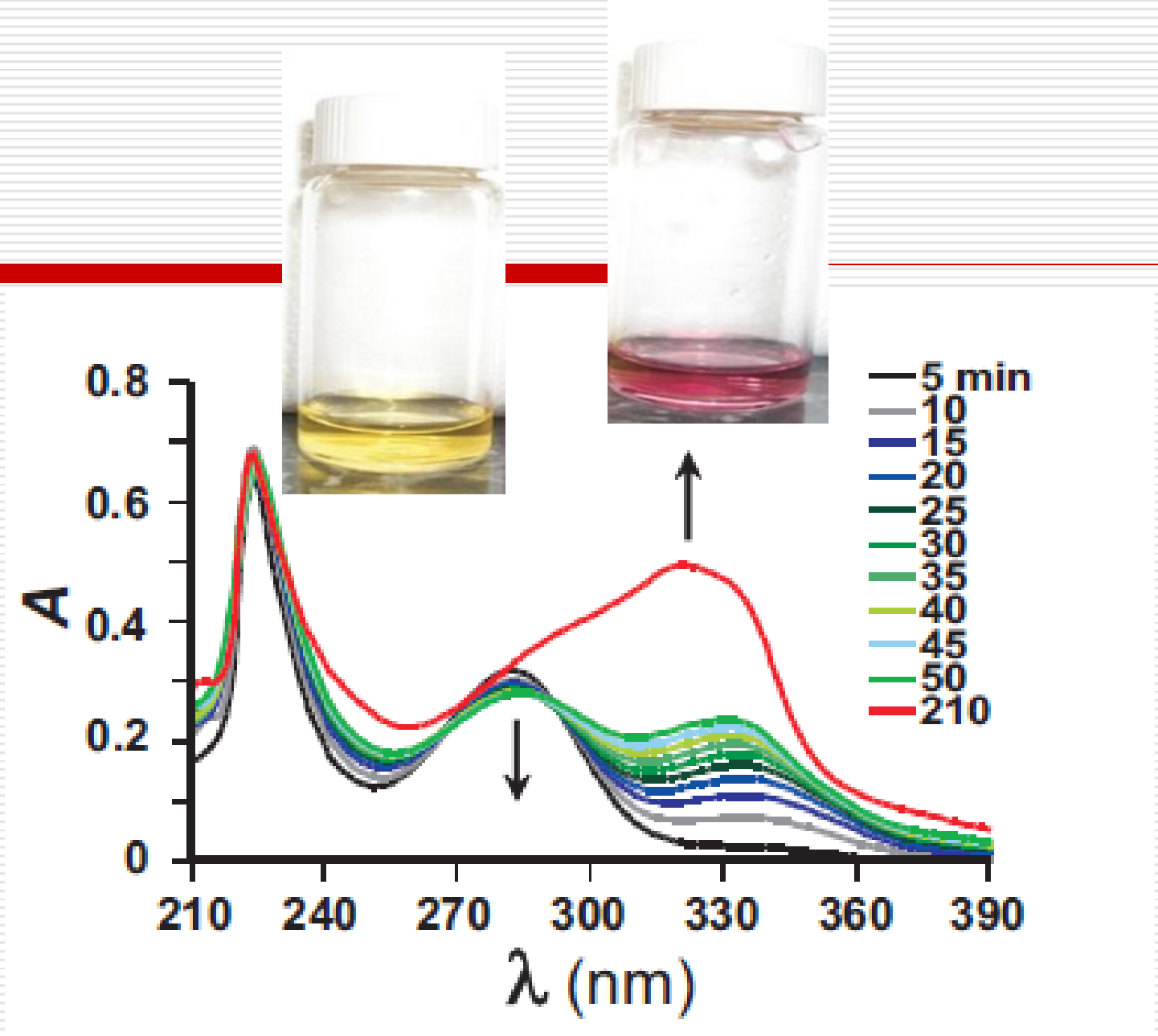
Cyclic voltammograms of CoQ1 recorded in 1 mol/L NaOH. Scans recorded after 3 min (1) 1 h (2) 3 h (3) and 24 h (4). Scan rate of 30 mV/s, *c*(CoQ1) = 0.075 mmol/L.

Significant changes in the voltammetric responses have been observed **when CoQ1 was dissolved in 1M NaOH**!

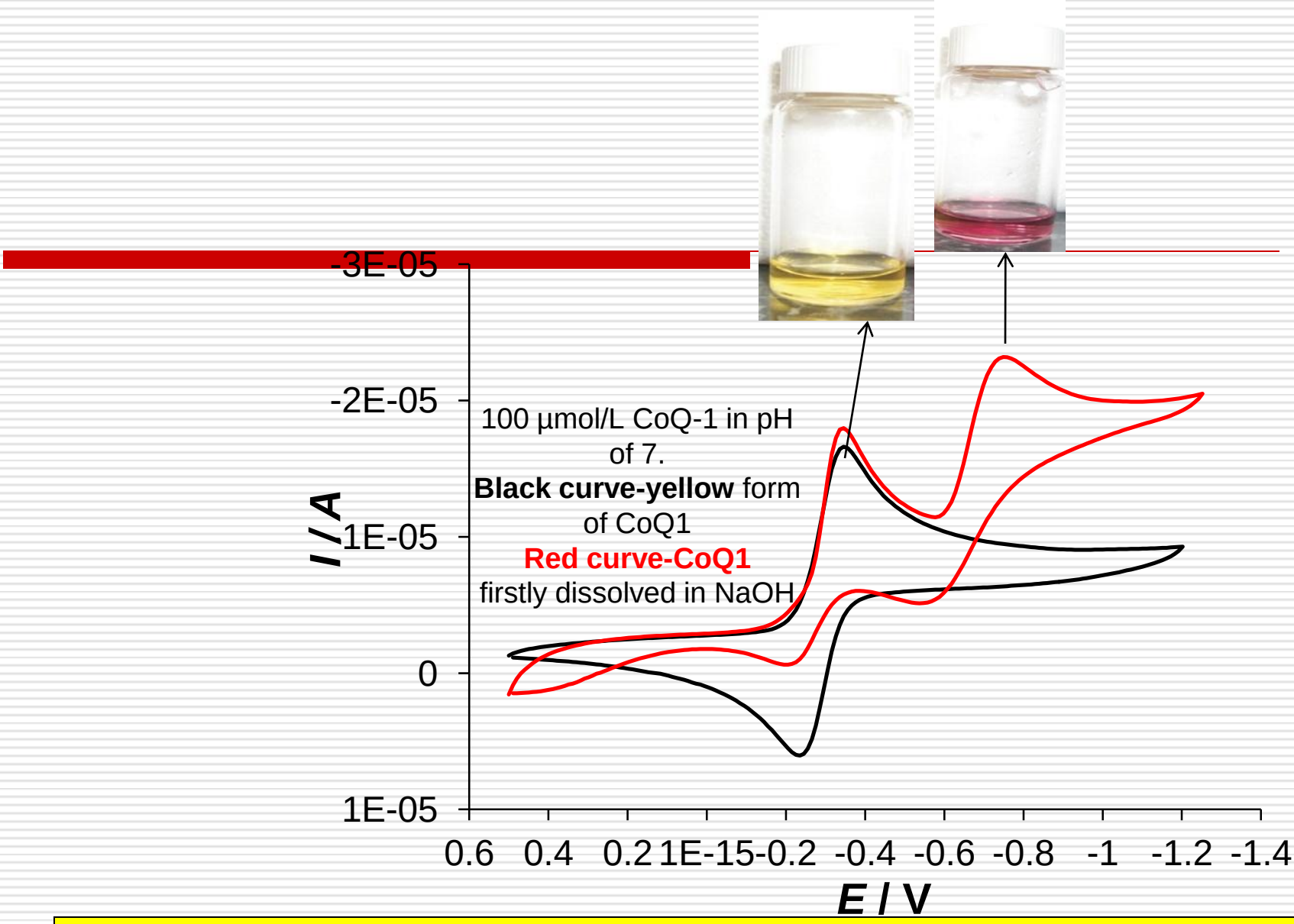


TASK: ***What kind of reaction goes on***?
what are the products and
which are **the chemical features of the products**,
what is the **mechanism**
...we explored plenty of techniques and methods

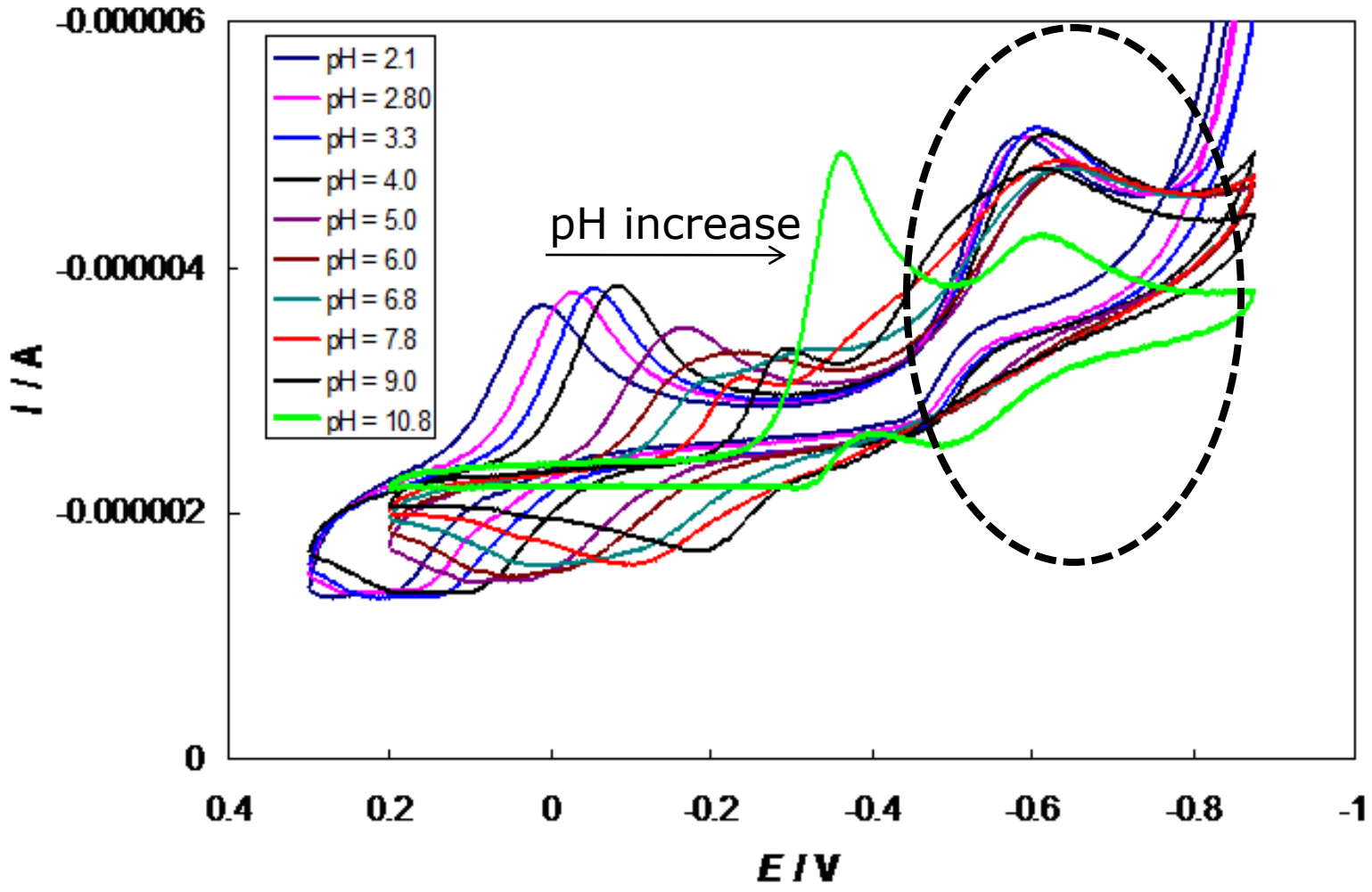




UV-Vis spectrum of 10 μM CoQ1 recorded in kinetic mode in 1 M NaOH



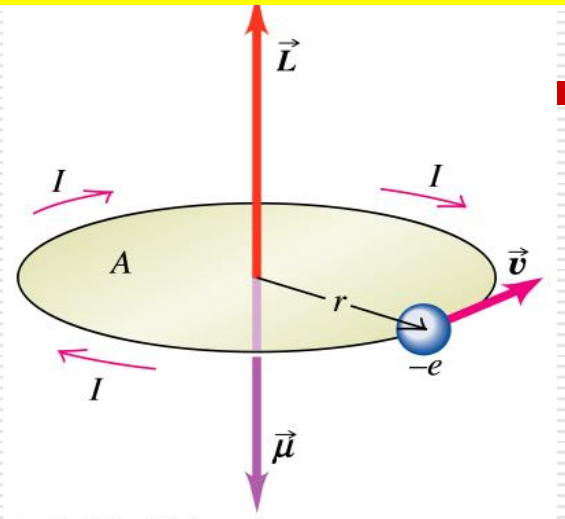
Comparison of the cyclic voltammograms of CoQ1 directly dissolved in pH of 7.00, and of CoQ1 initially dissolved in 1 M NaOH for 45 min and retitrated afterwards to pH of 7.00

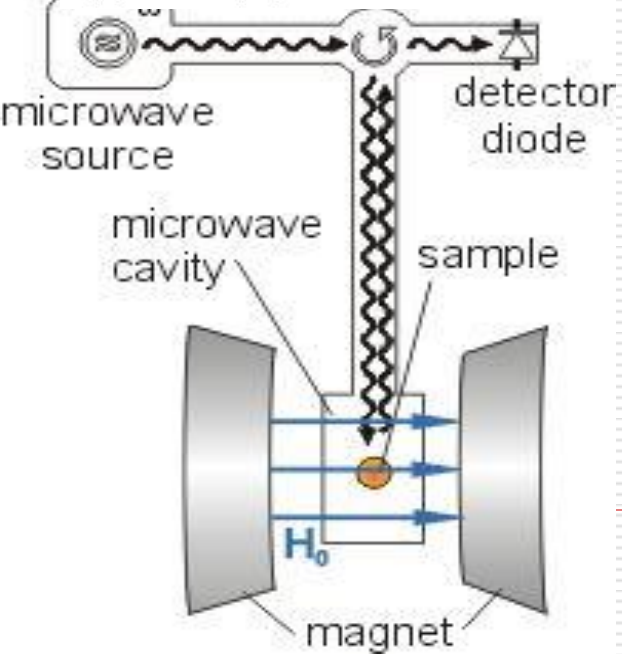


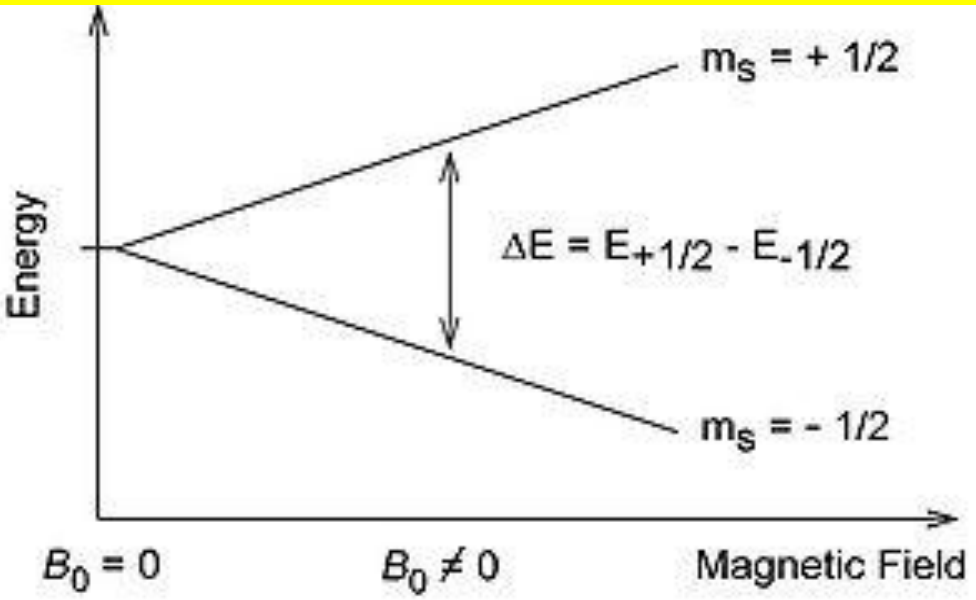
Effect of pH to the redox processes of CoQ1. In this situation CoQ1 was in contact with 0.1 M NaOH for 60 minutes

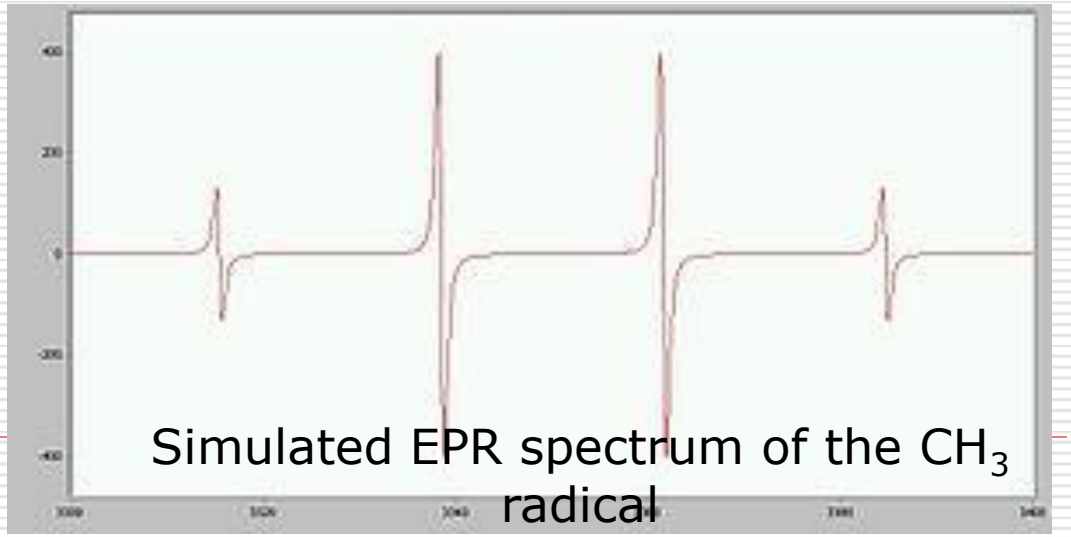
Next logical task: DETERMINE the MECHANISM and the STRUCTURE of the New Benzoquinone Product

Electron Paramagnetic resonance-EPR-suitable technique for structure evaluation by the radical species
(**many quinones form radicals when dissolved in alkaline media**)





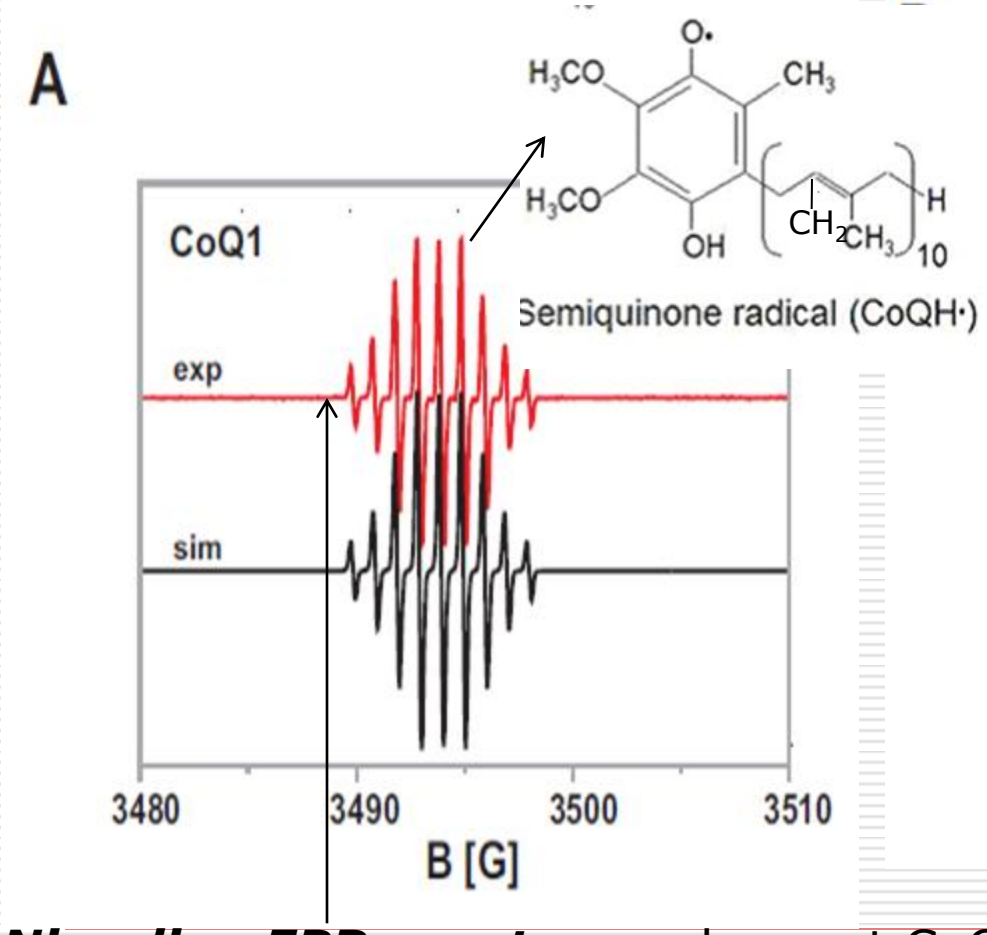


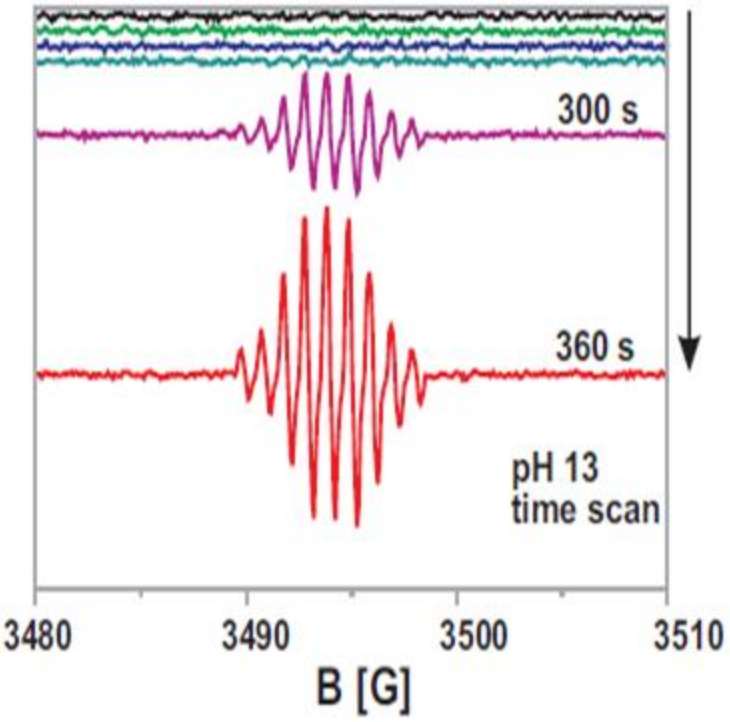


Simulated EPR spectrum of the CH_3 radical

EPR spectrum of CoQ1 after reduction with half-equimolar amount of $NaBH_4$ in pH of 7.00

EPR spectrum of CoQ1 obtained **in 0.1 M NaOH** but **without using any reductant**!!





Nine-line EPR spectrum od parent CoQ1 corresponds to **presence of one CH_3 and one CH_2 group** in the structure

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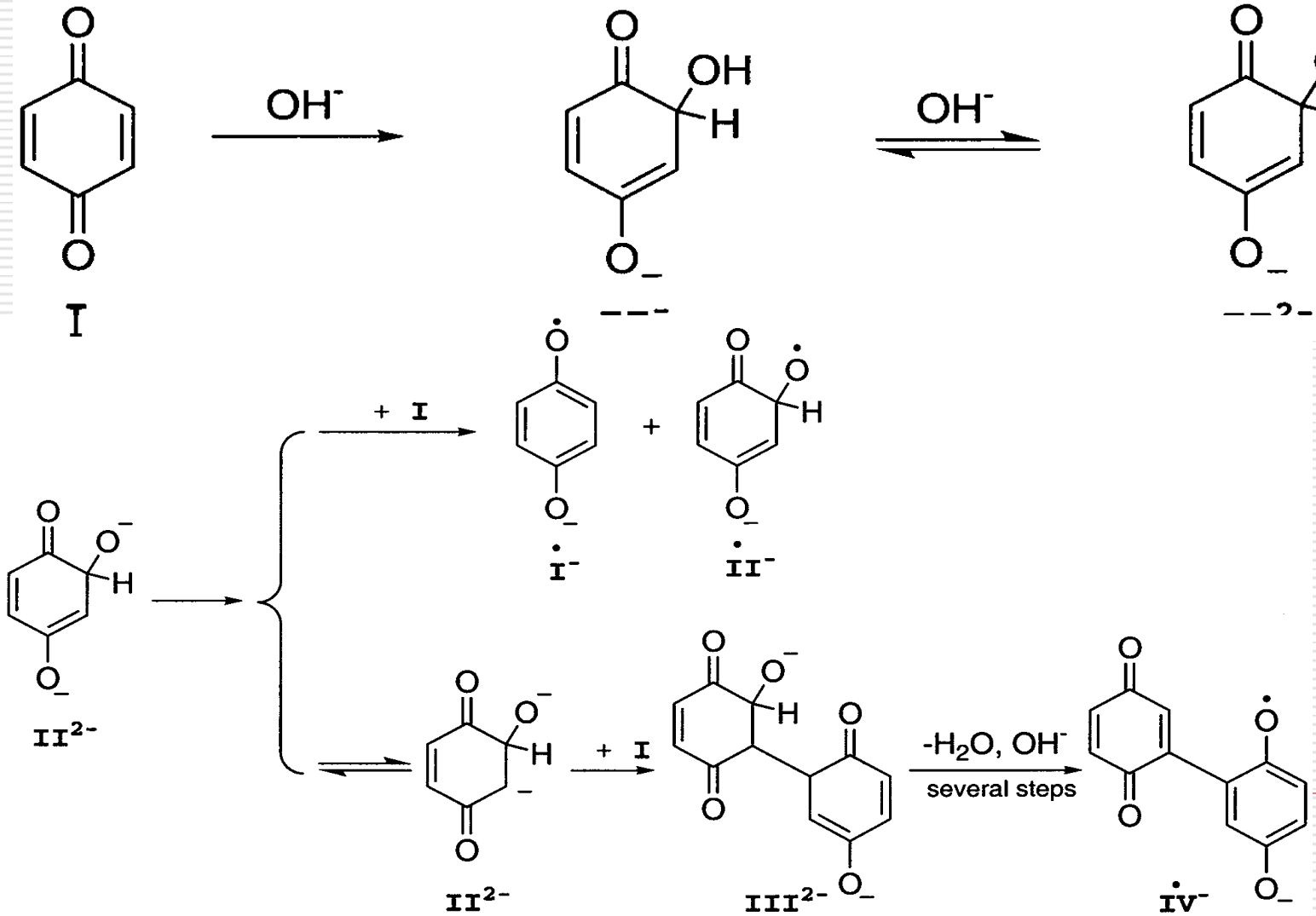

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1. All anthraquinones and all 2,3-disubstituted naphthoquinones and tetrasubstituted benzoquinones [11] require a reducing agent, say, sodium dithionite in order to be reduced [12].
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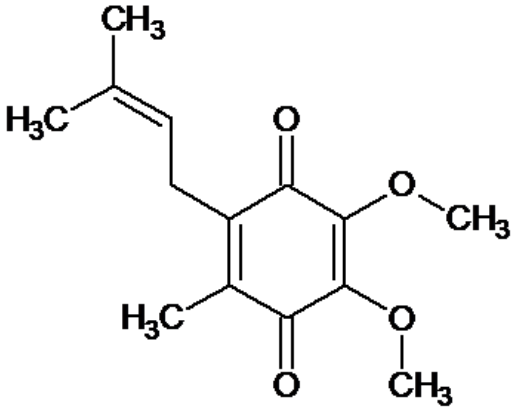
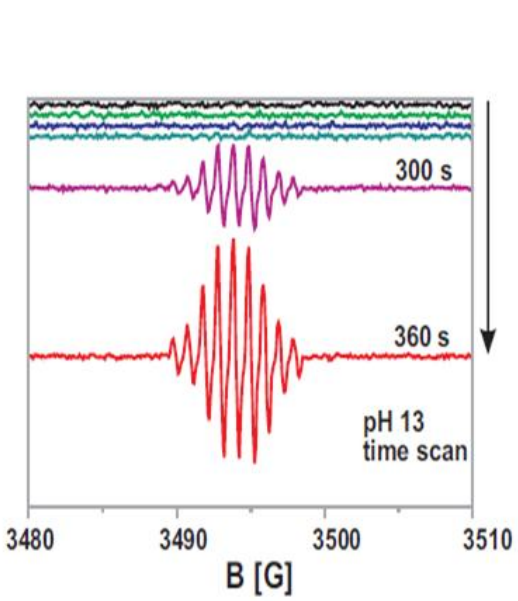
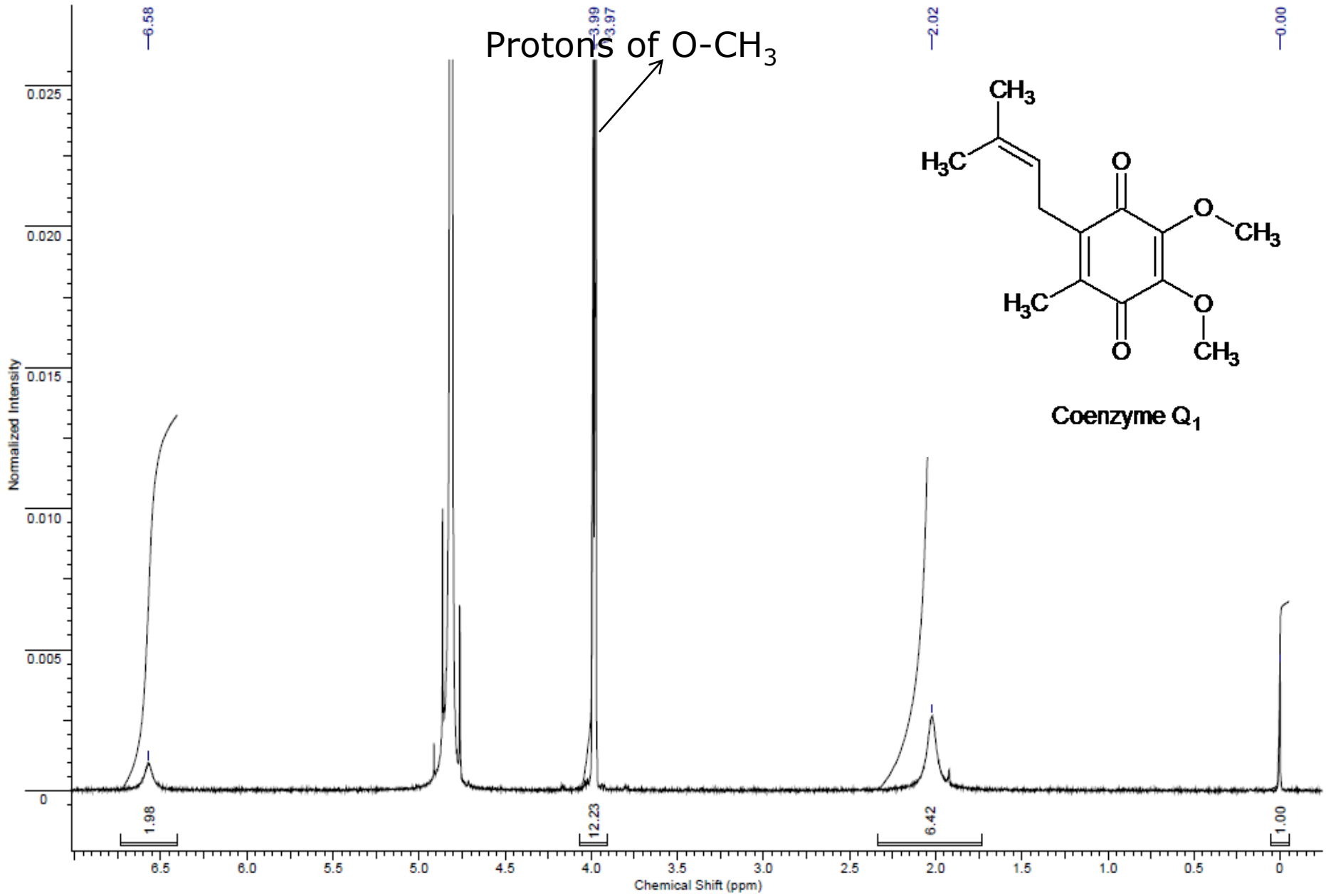


Coenzyme Q_1



NEXT STEP to determine the structure-**NMR EXPERIMENTS**

NMR spectrum of CoQ1 in D_2O



Coenzyme Q_1

CoQ1-5 minutes in NaOD
retitrated afterwards to
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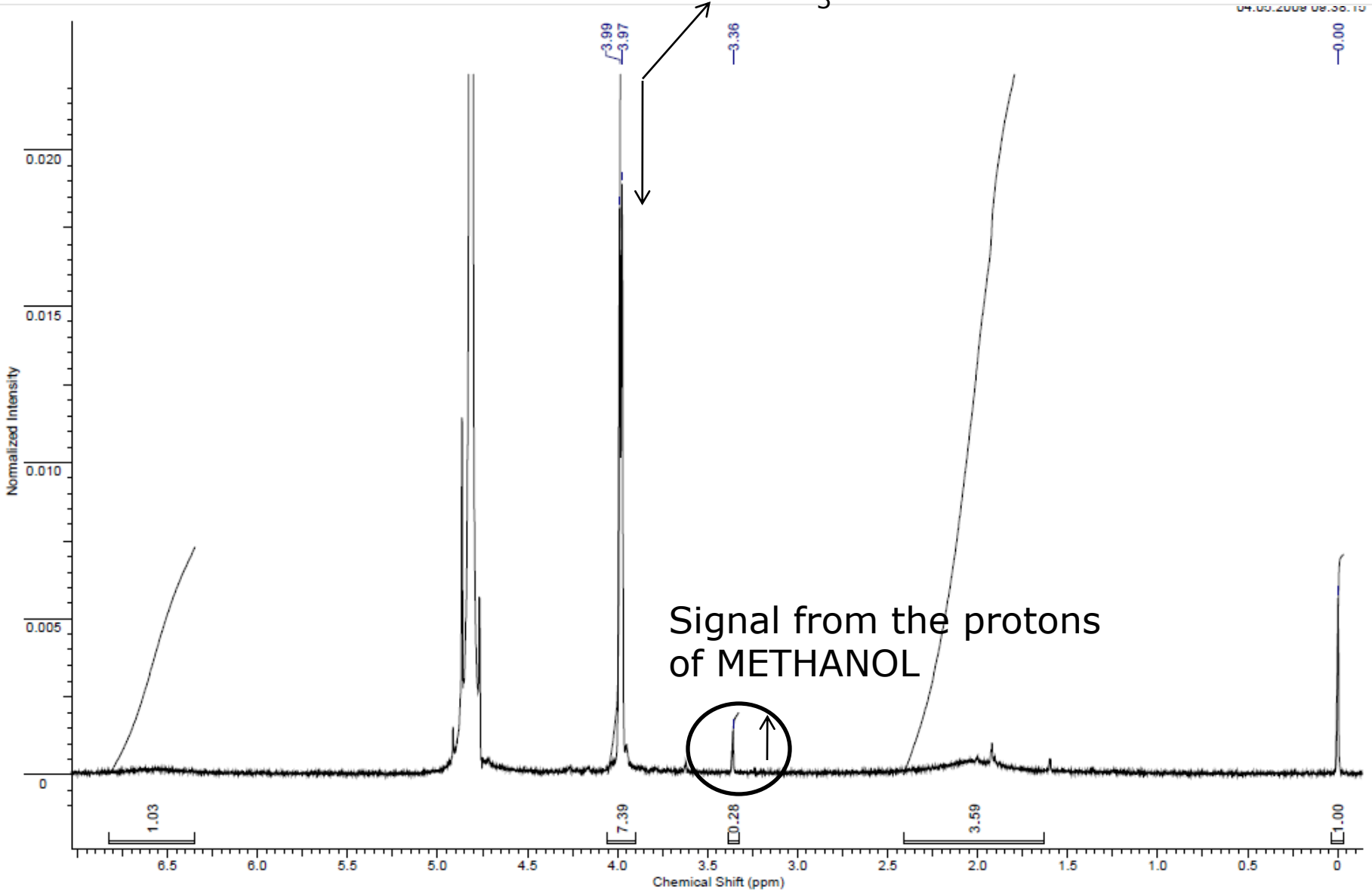

CoQ1-10 minutes in NaOD
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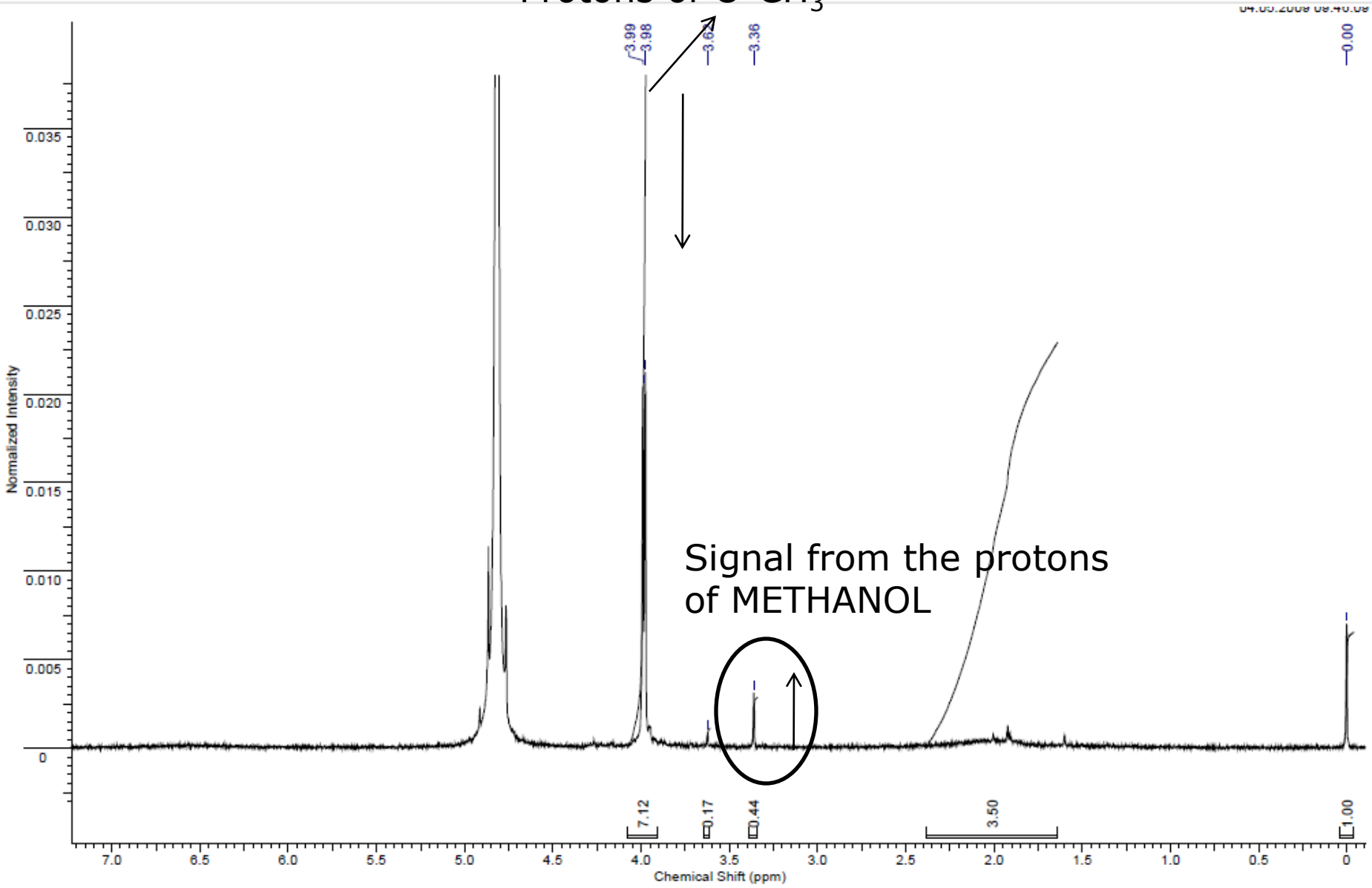

CoQ1-25 minutes in NaOD
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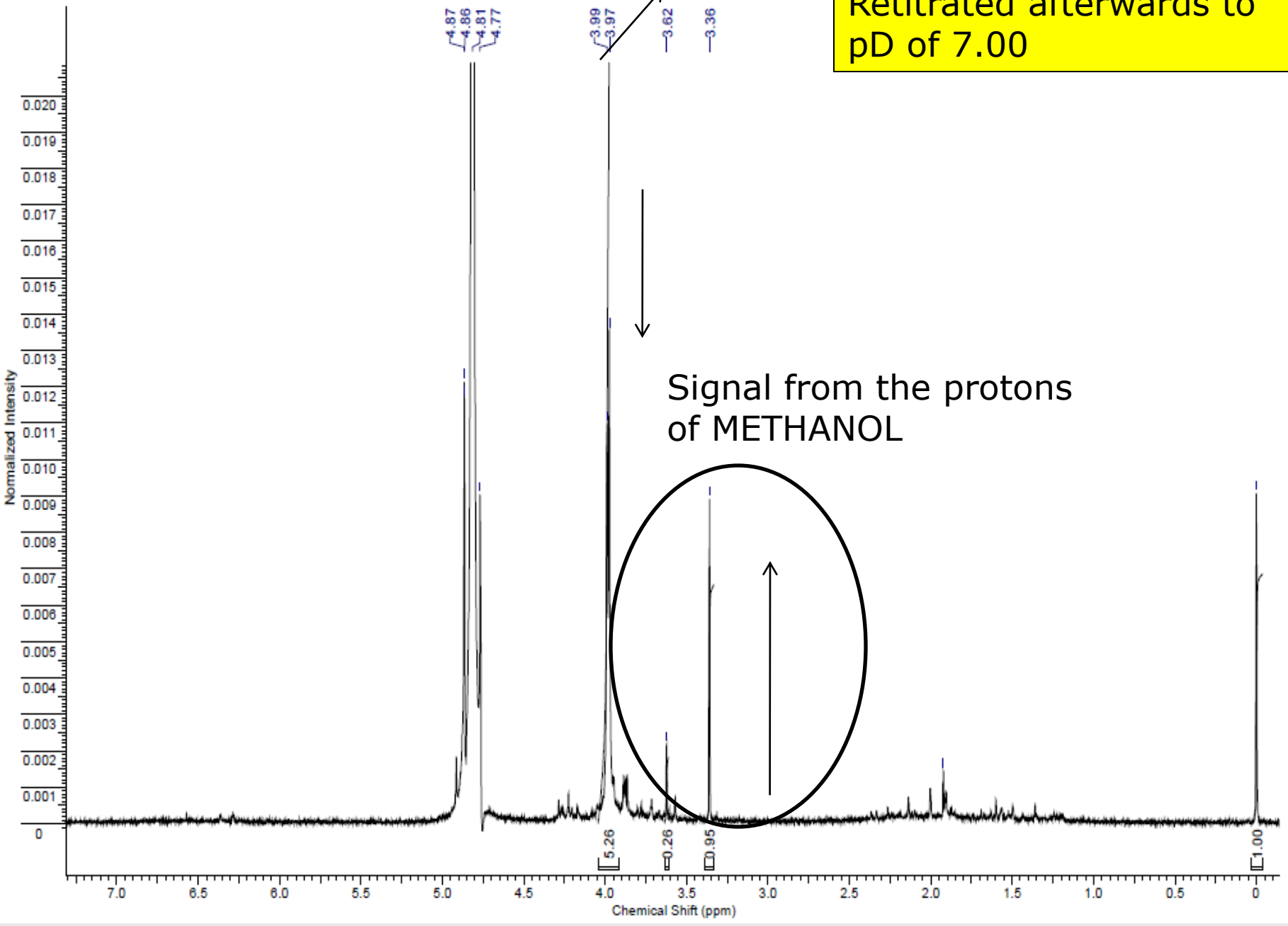

CoQ1-60 minutes in NaOD
Retitrated afterwards to
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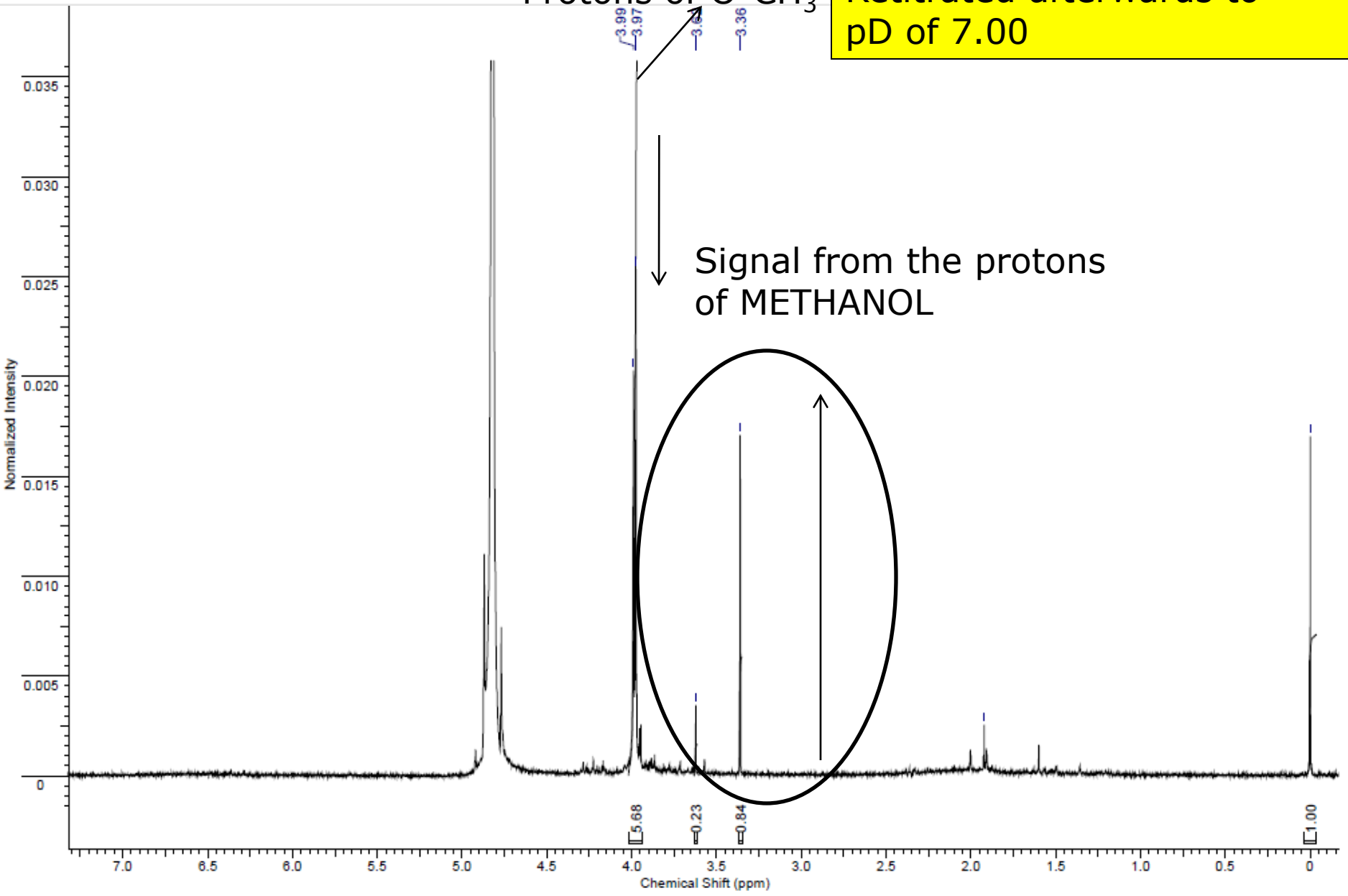


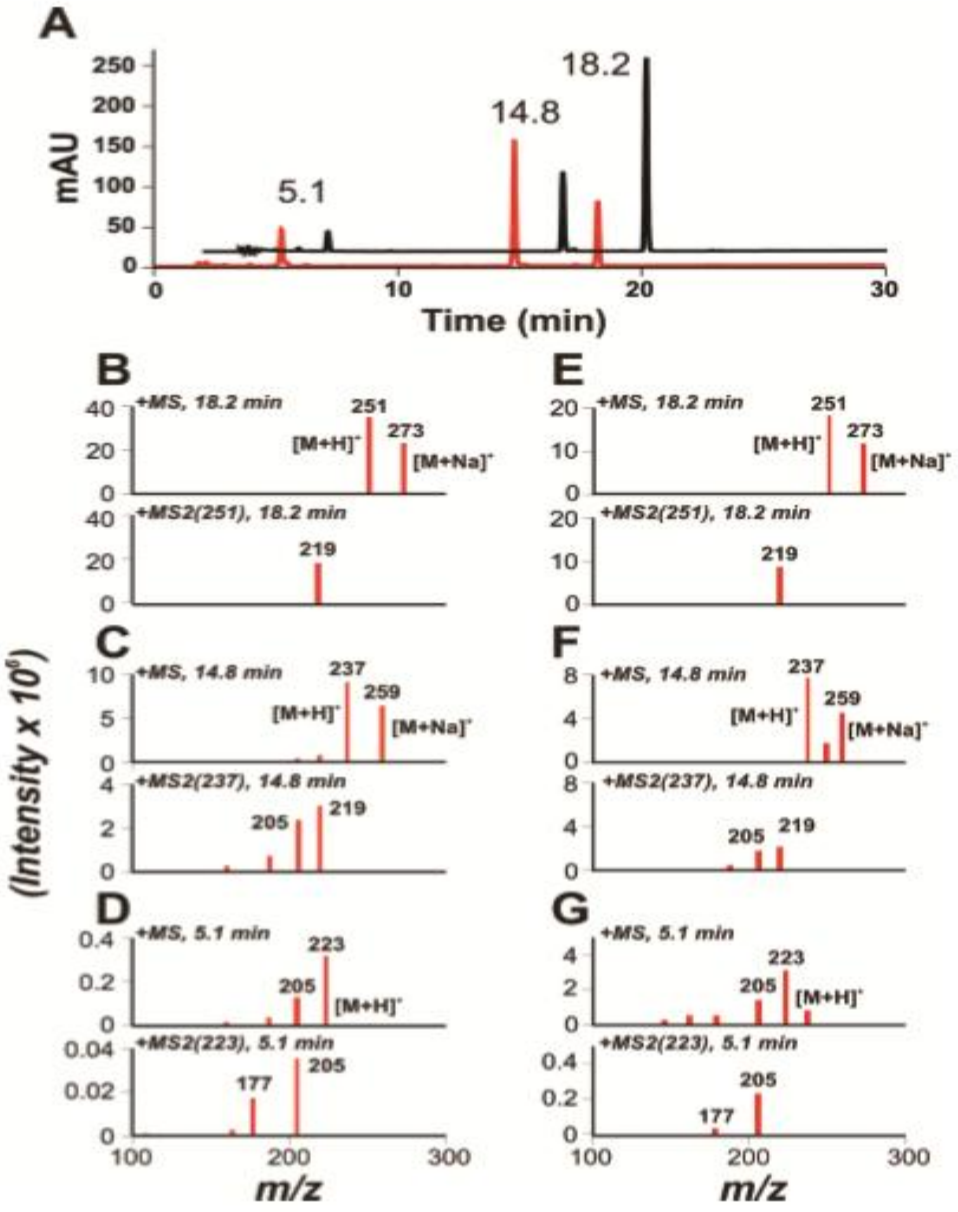
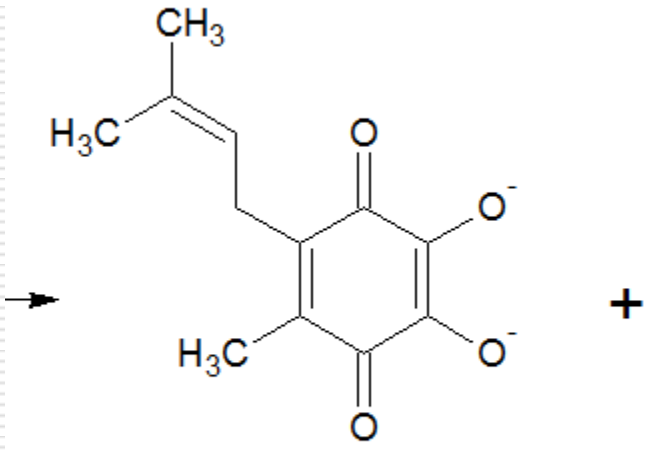


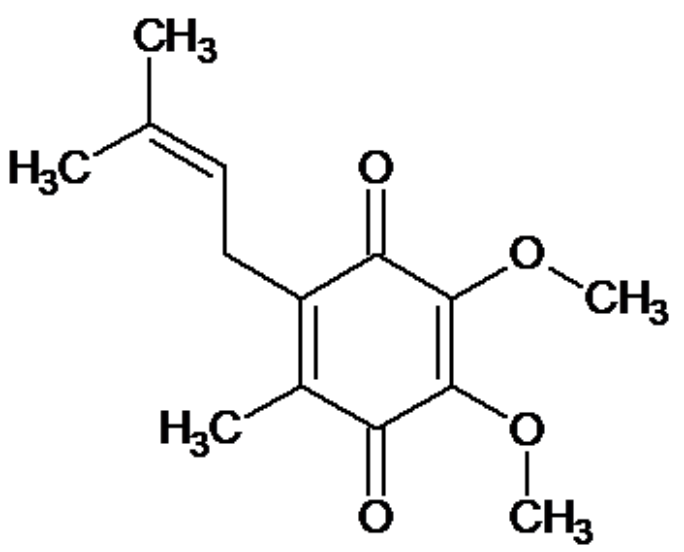
Figure 6. HPLC-MS spectra of CoQ1 treated with NaOH or CYP450. (A) Chromatograms of 0.8 mM CoQ1 treated with 0.1 NaOH for 8 h and retitrated to pH of 7.4 (black), and of 0.8 mM CoQ1 in the presence of 1 nM CYP450 (red). Mass spectra of native CoQ1 (B), monohy-

HPLC MS Spectra of Coenzyme Q1 Recorded in pH of 7.00 In presence of Cytocrome P450

Or after reaction with NaOH for 60 minutes



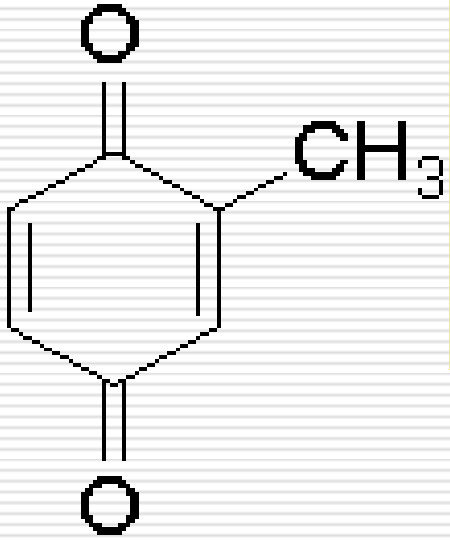
O-demethylated Coenzyme Q_1



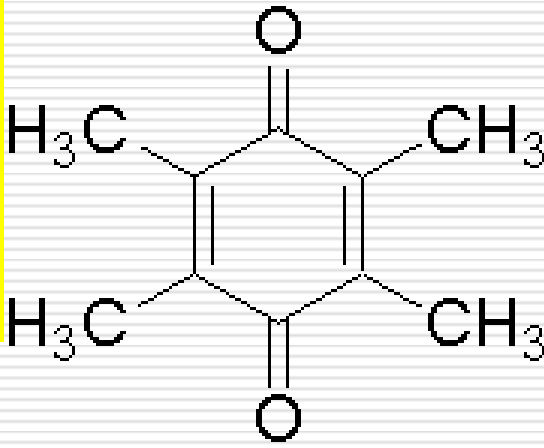
Coenzyme Q_1

Where *METHANOL* does come from, when CoQ is dissolved in alkaline media?
-from the *methyl group?*
or
-from the *METHOXY* O-CH_3 group?

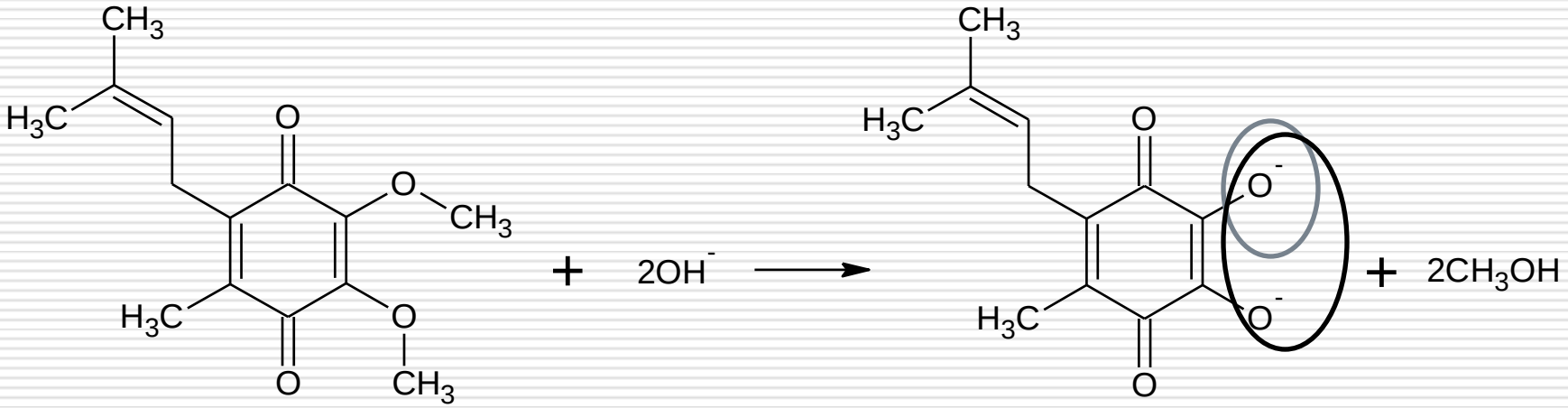
By using methyl benzoquinone derivatives we found that the *methyl group* CAN NOT BE CLEAVED from the aromatic ring!!!



2-methyl-benzoquinone



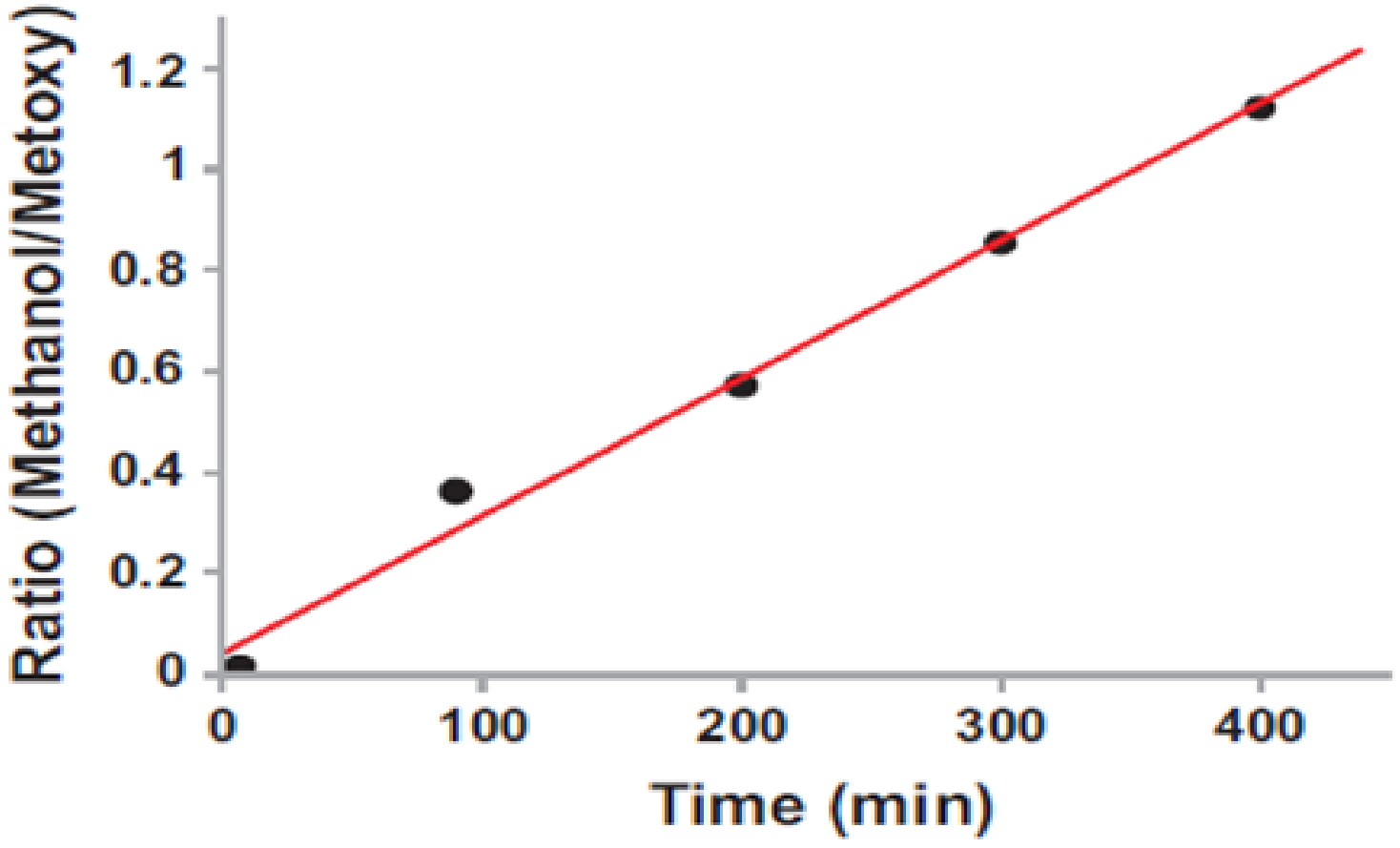
Tetramethyl benzoquinone (duroquinone)



Coenzyme Q_1

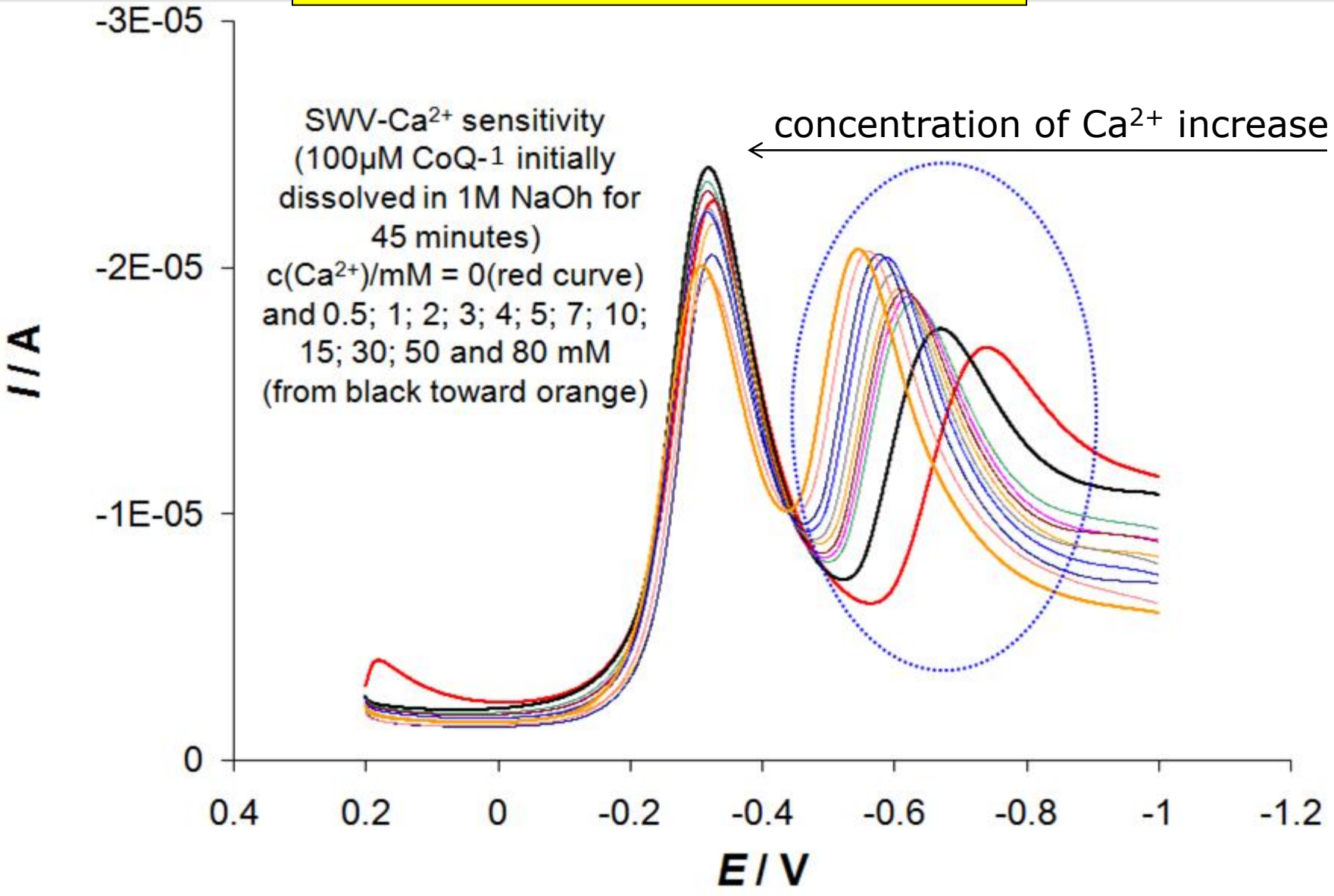
O-demethylated Coenzyme Q_1

(2,3-**dihydroxo**-5-methyl-6-isoprenyl-benzoquinone)

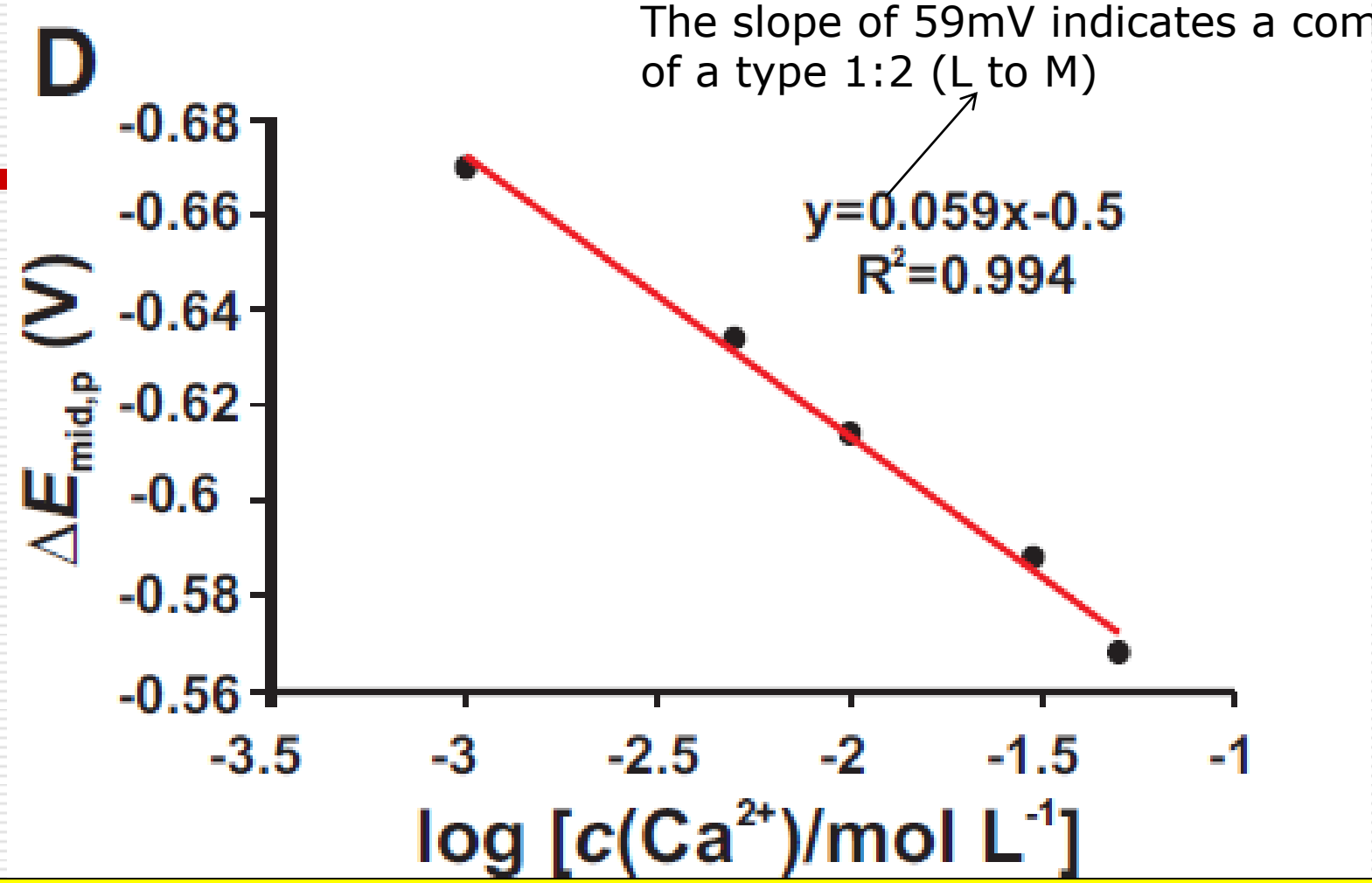


Ratio of the signal of Methanol vs Methoxy groups from NMR experiments of CoQ1 in NaOD

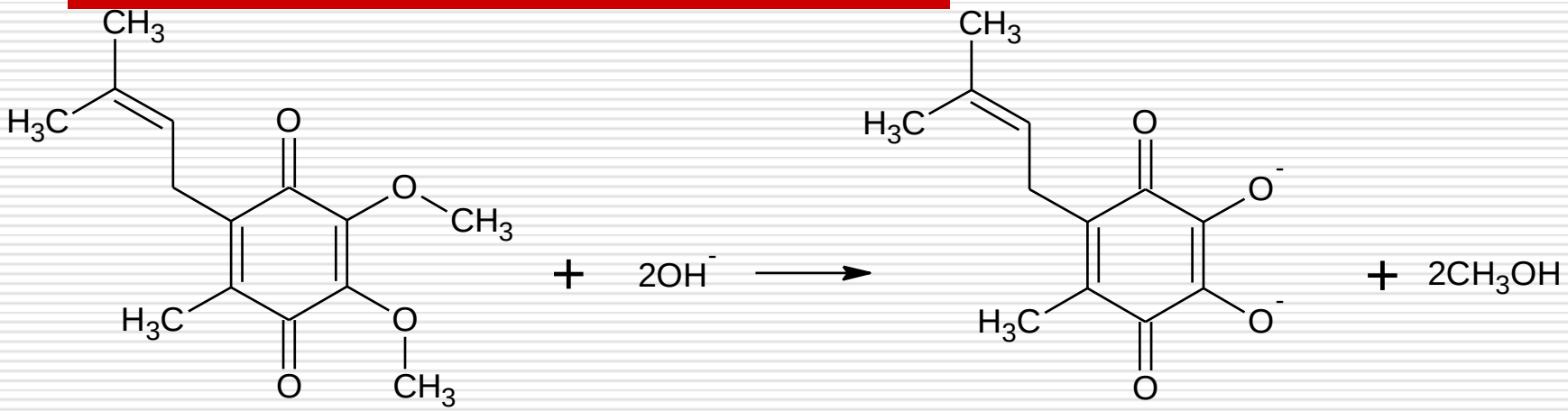
New product is able to bind Ca^{2+} ions in stochiometric ratio 1:2 ($L:M^{2+}$)



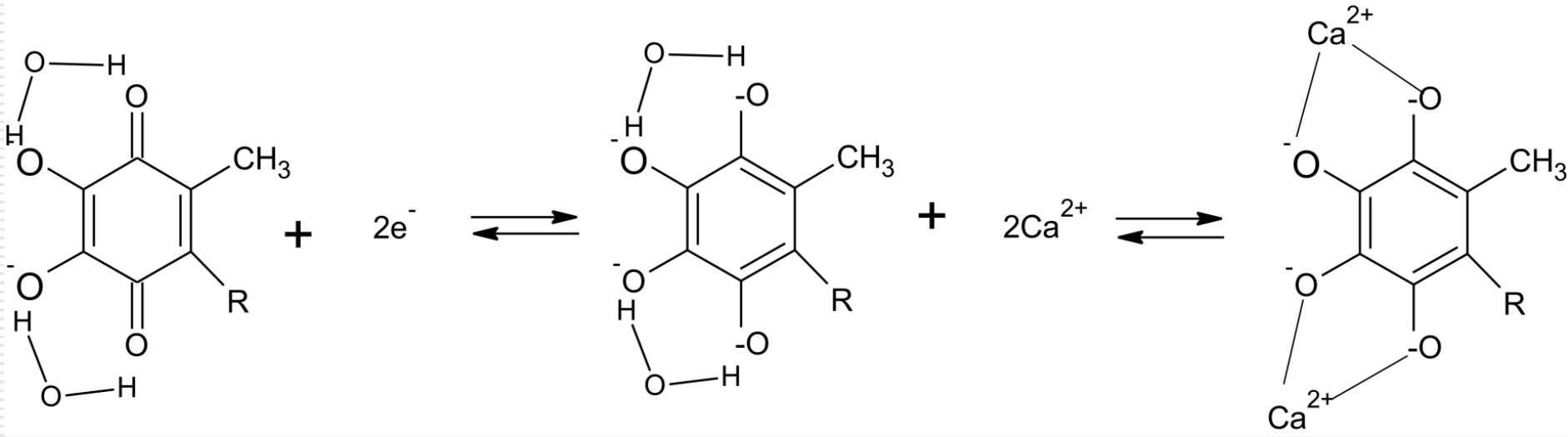
New form of CoQ-1, sensitivity to Ca^{2+} ions



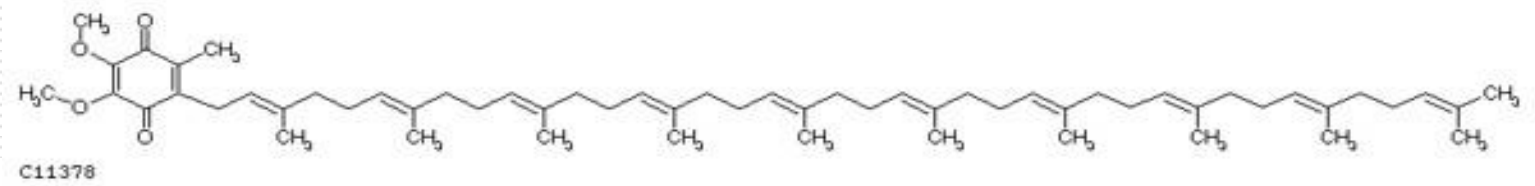
Dependence of the mid-peak potential of the cyclic voltammograms of new form of CoQ1 on the logarithm of Ca^{2+} concentration

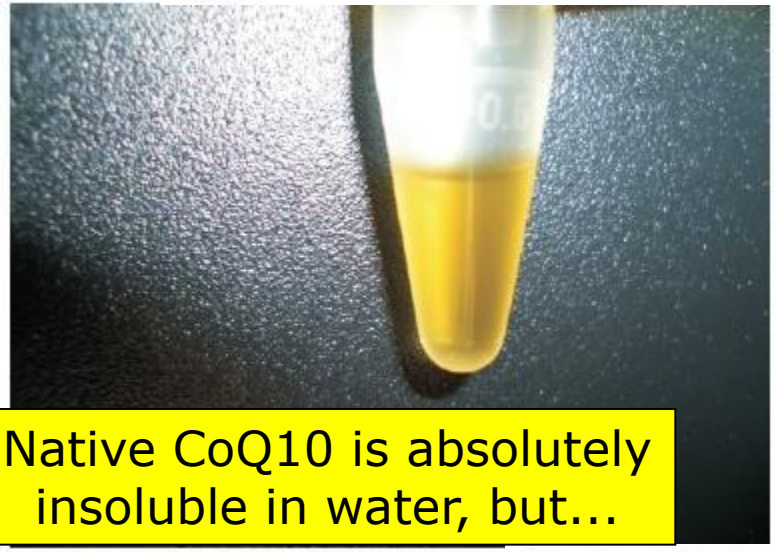


Coenzyme Q_1 O-demethylated Coenzyme Q_1

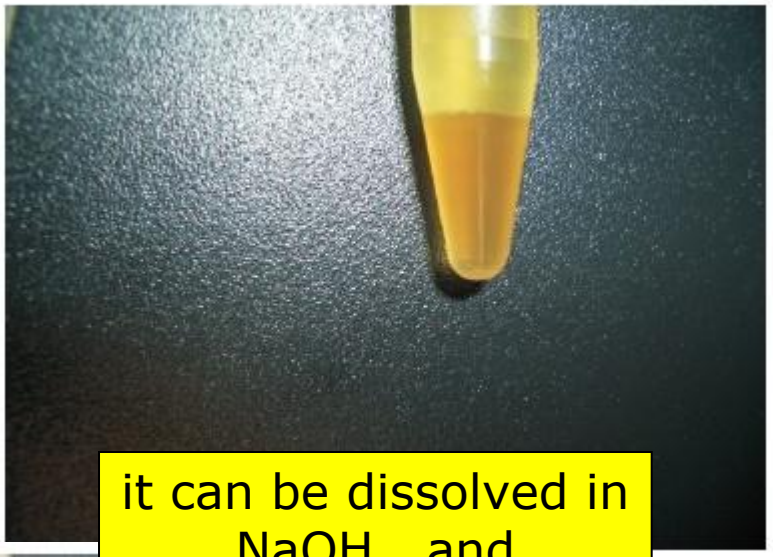


EXPERIMENTS with Coenzyme Q10-CoQ10

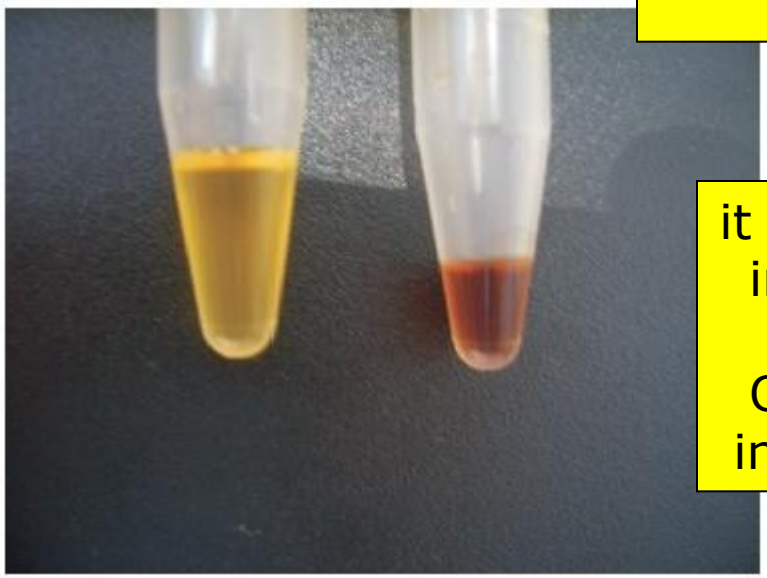




Native CoQ10 is absolutely insoluble in water, but...

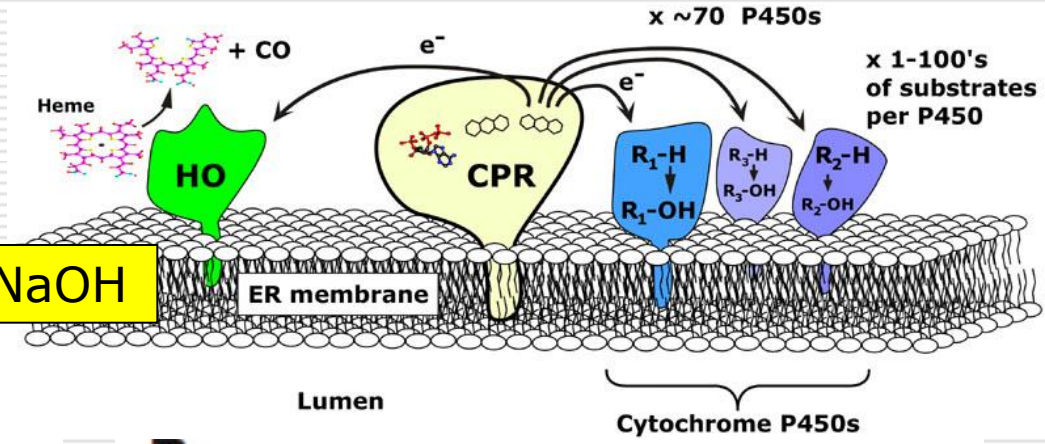


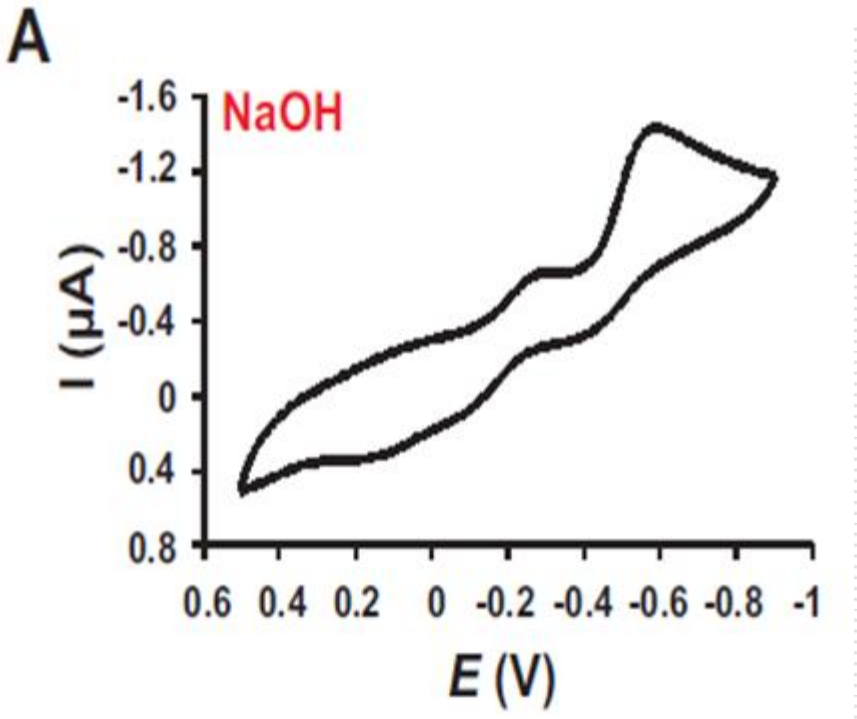
it can be dissolved in NaOH...and

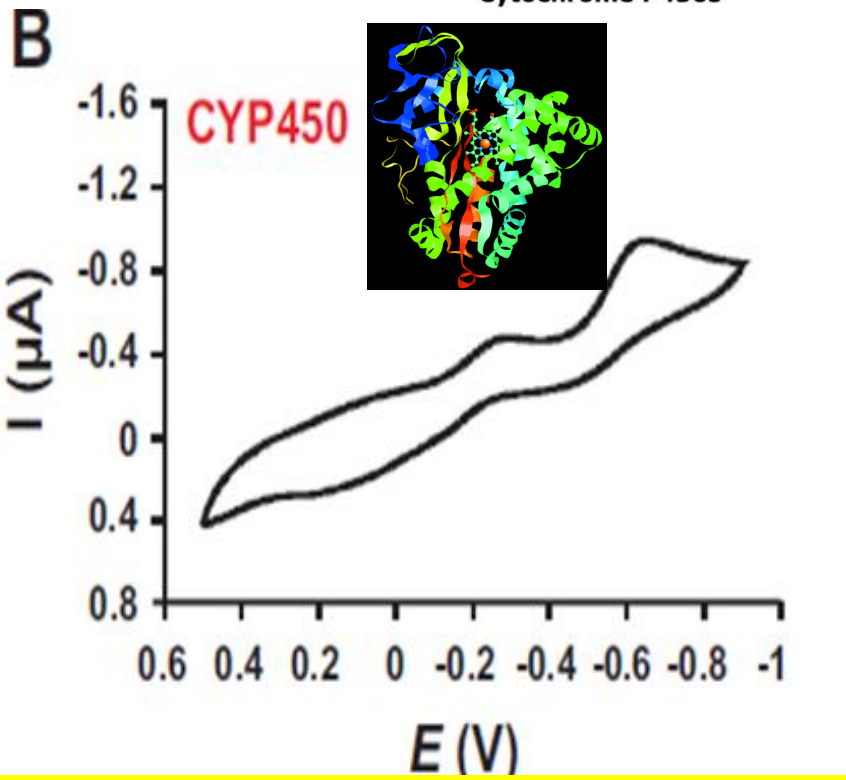


it can be transformed into a new form in presence of OH^- anions present in the organic phase

Coenyzme Q10 in presence of 1 M NaOH

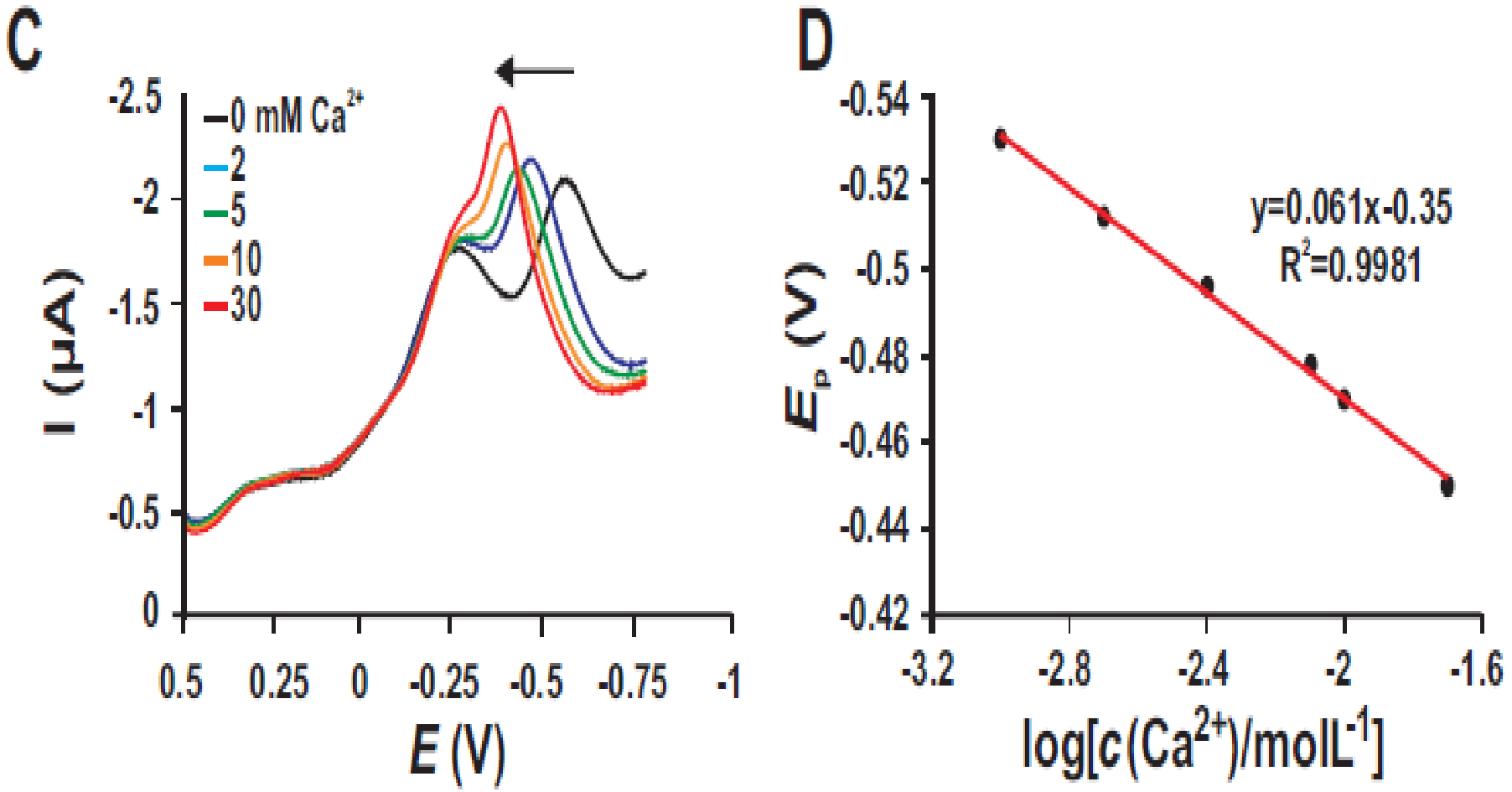




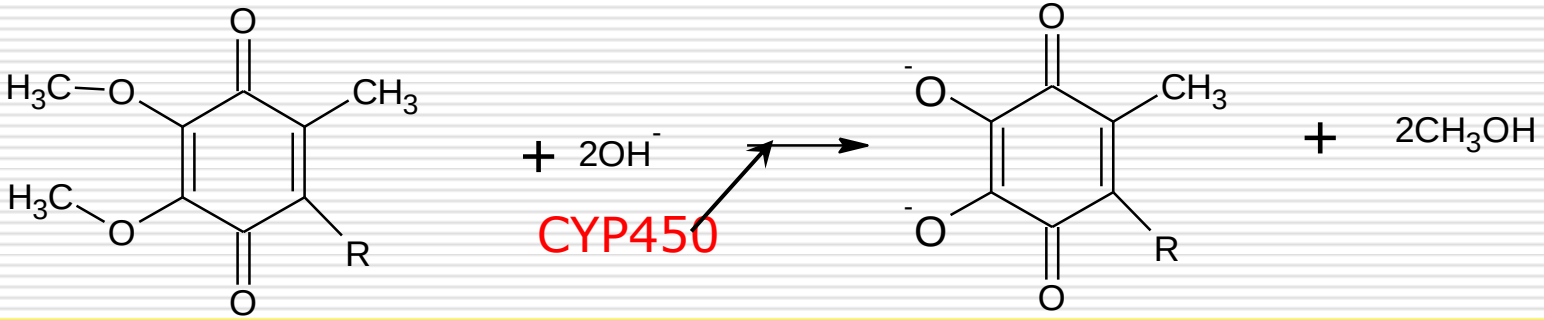


5 μM Coenyzme Q10 in presence of 1 M NaOH and retitrated to pH of 7.0 after 3 weeks

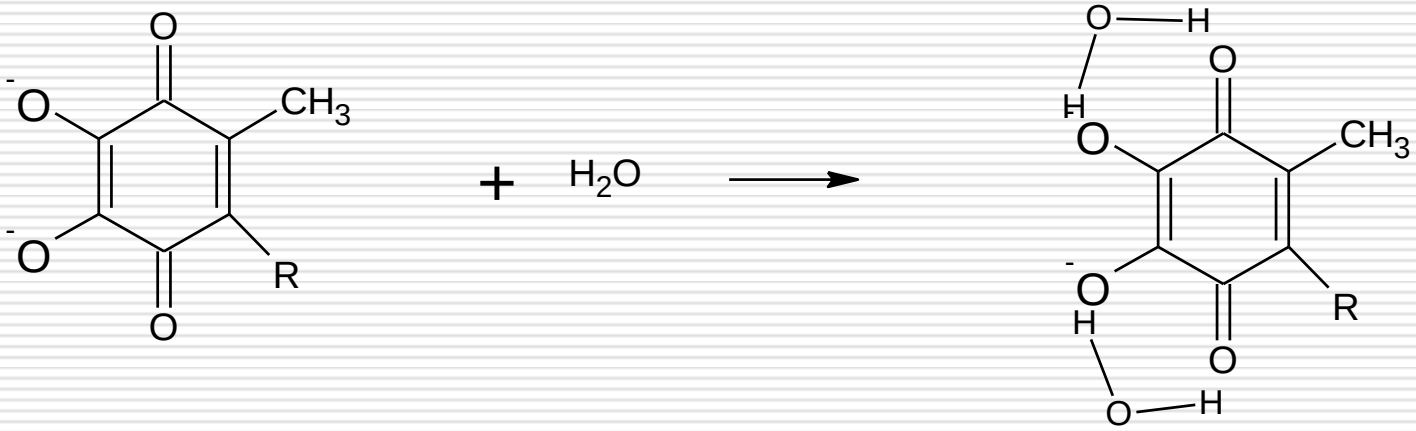
The membrane-bound enzyme Cytochrome P450 does the same task as NaOH to CoQ10!!!



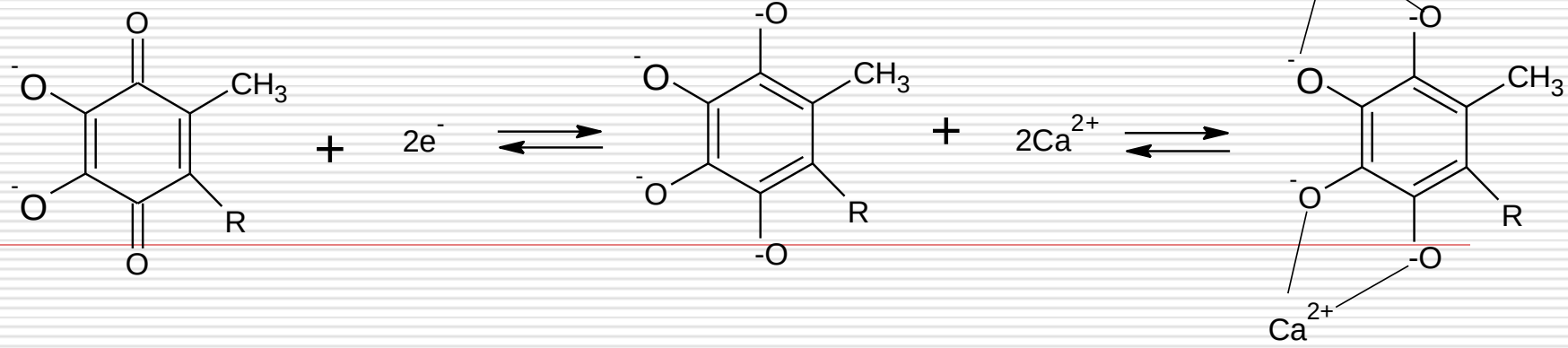
Effect of Ca^{2+} to the voltammetric response of CoQ10 in presence of CYP450 in pH of 7.40



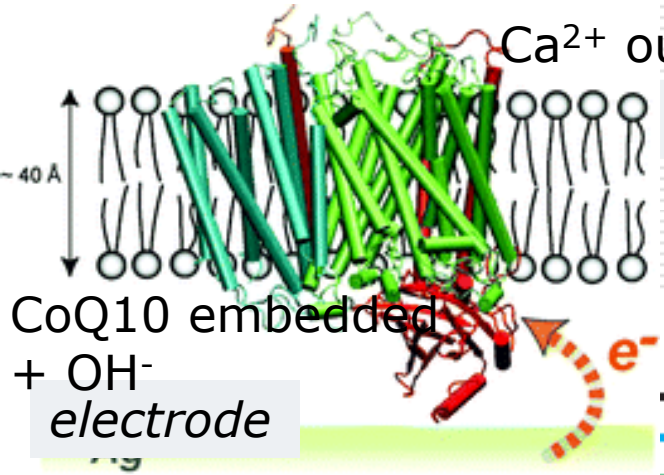
2. Stabilization of the CH_3-cleaved CoQ10 products in water

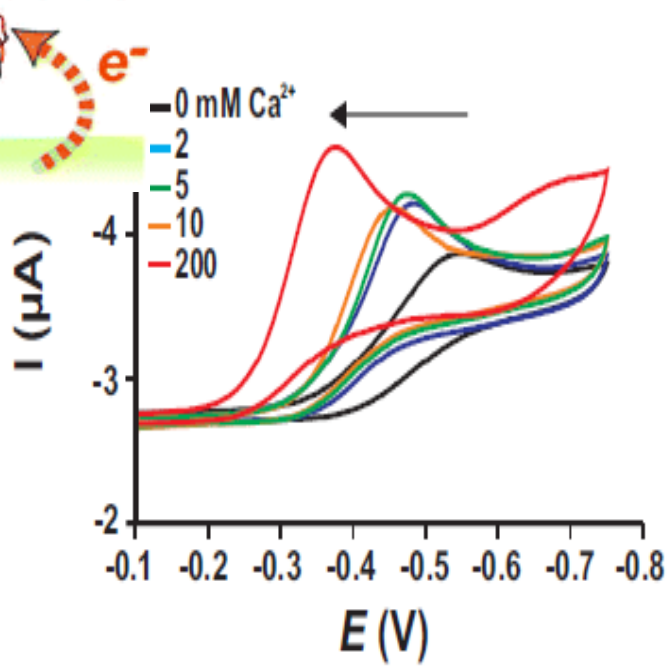


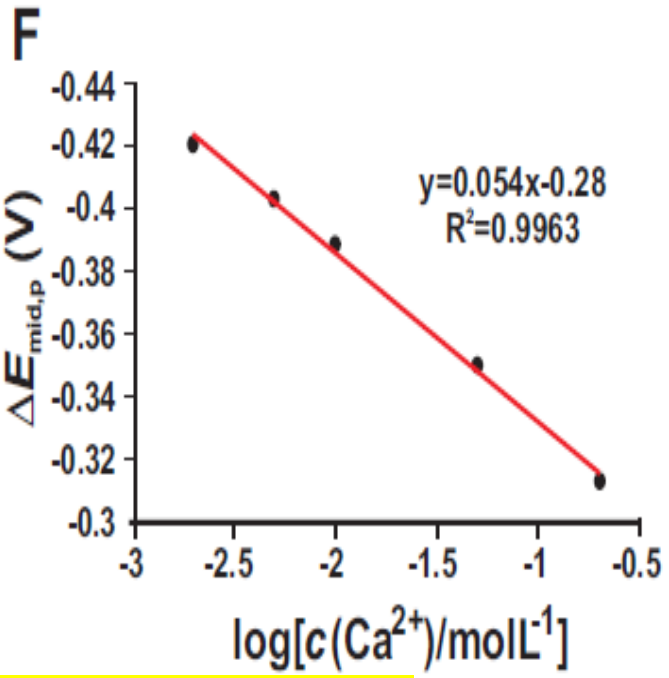
3. Reduction of the CH_3-cleaved CoQ10 product and binding of Ca^{2+}



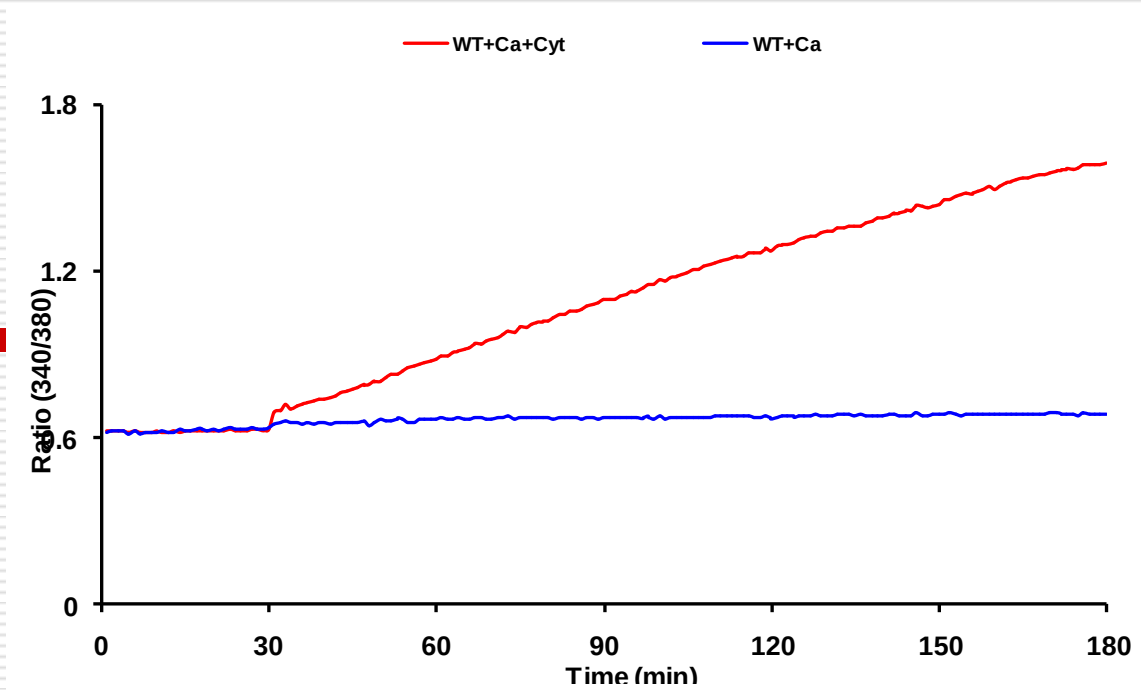
Experiments with CoQ10 embedded in organic membrane in presence of Organic Hydroxide to show whether the new form of CoQ10 can transfer Ca^{2+} ions across biological membranes

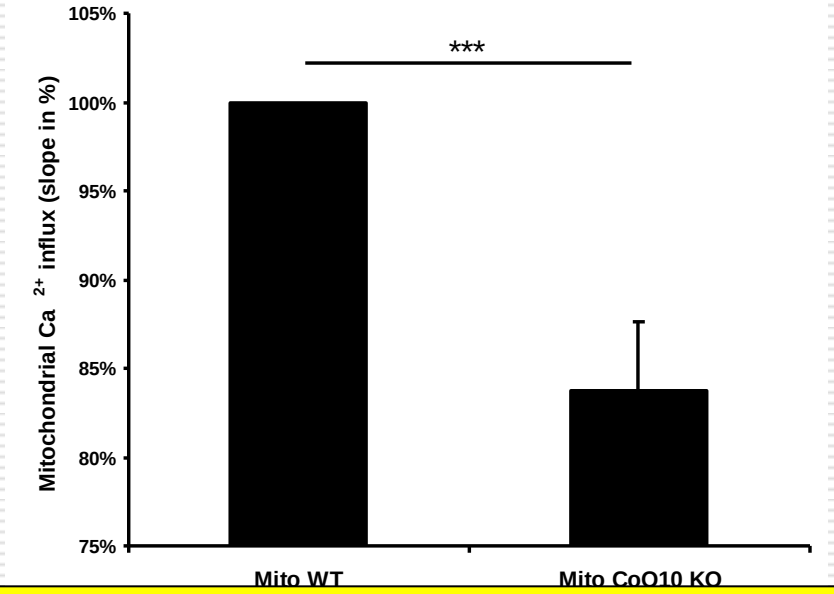




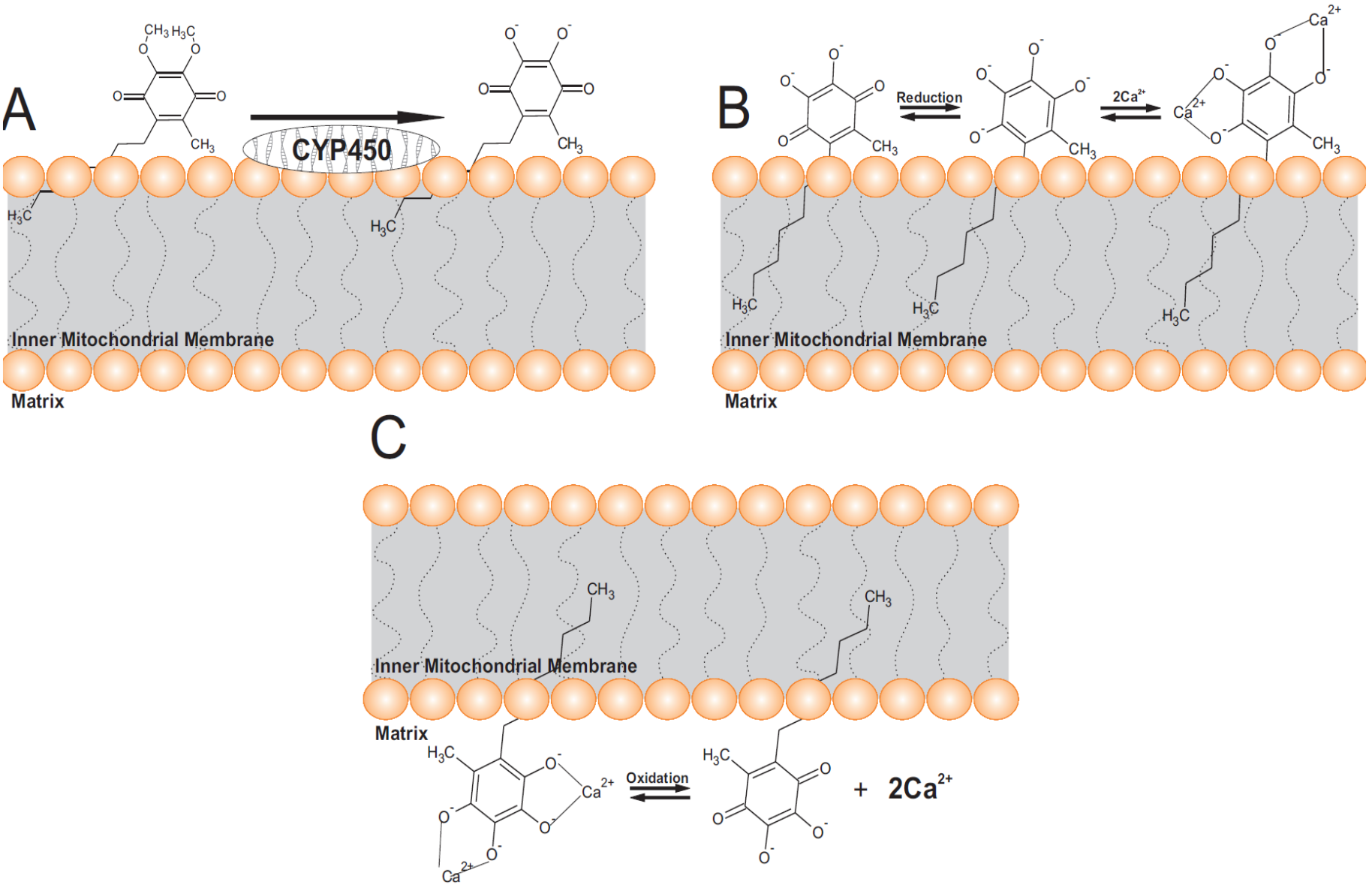


Cyclic voltammograms of CoQ10 showing transfer of Ca^{2+} ions across biomimetic membranes





Experiments with wild types of mitochondria and knockout mitochondria depleted of CoQ10 in absence and in presence of CYTP450. Effect of Ca^{2+} ions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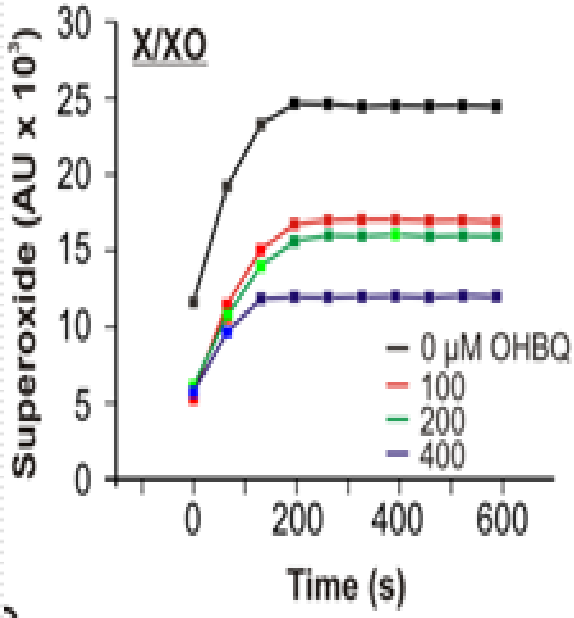

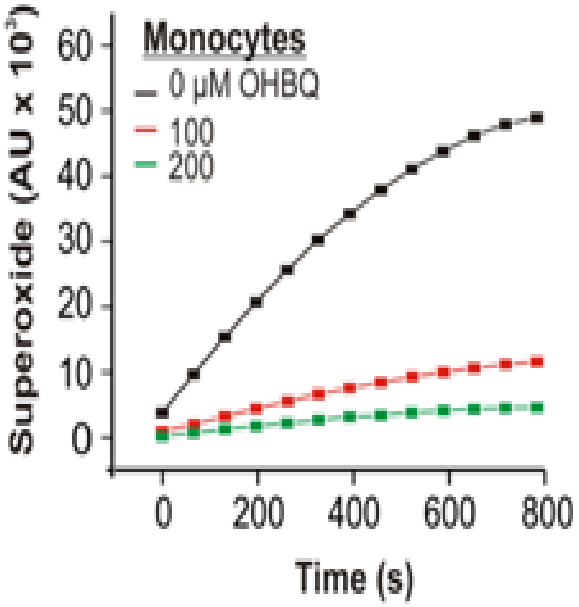

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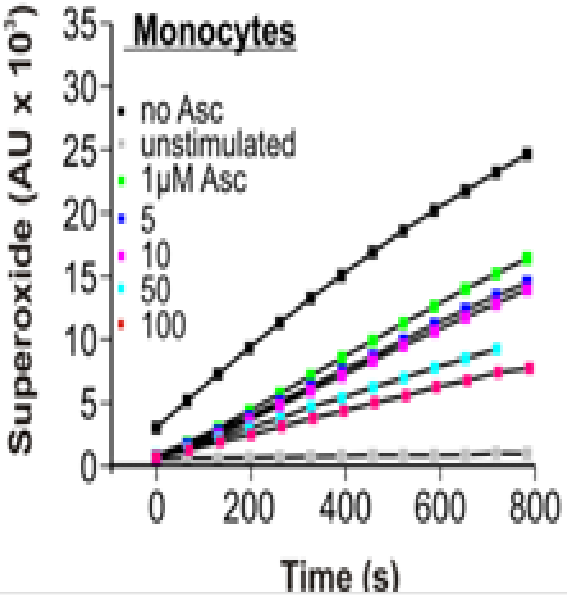
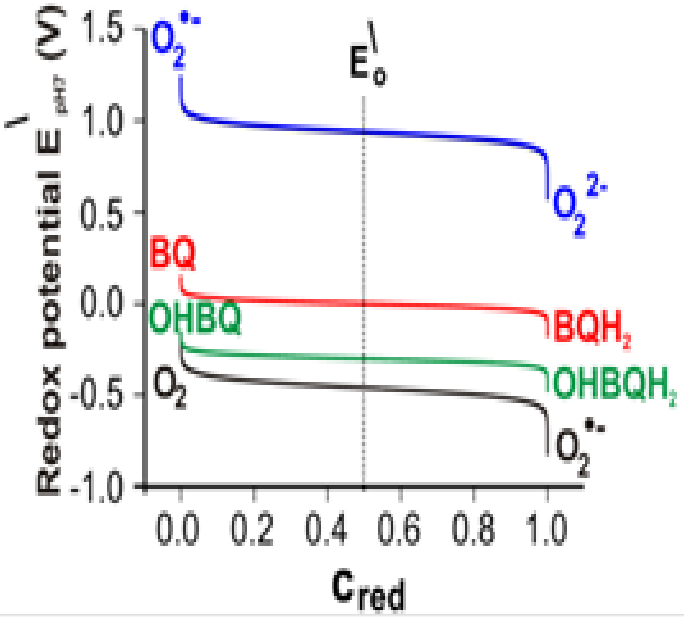
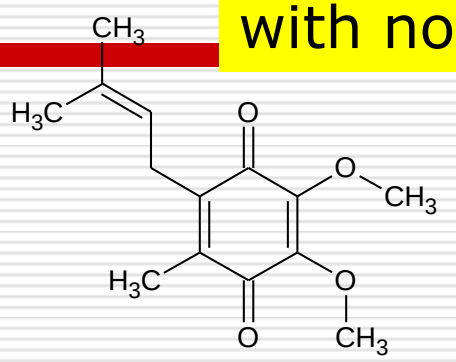




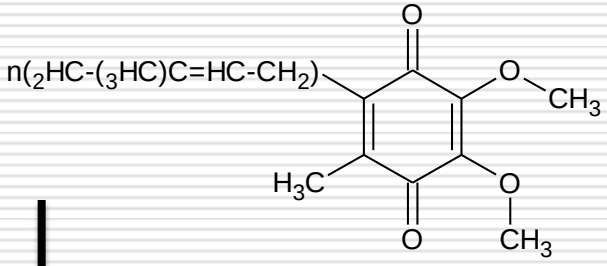
Strong Antioxidative Properties of novel Hydroxilated Derivatives of Coenzyme Q

Summary

NATIVE Coenzyme Q-10
Highly lipophilic, moderate antioxidants, with no potential for metal binding

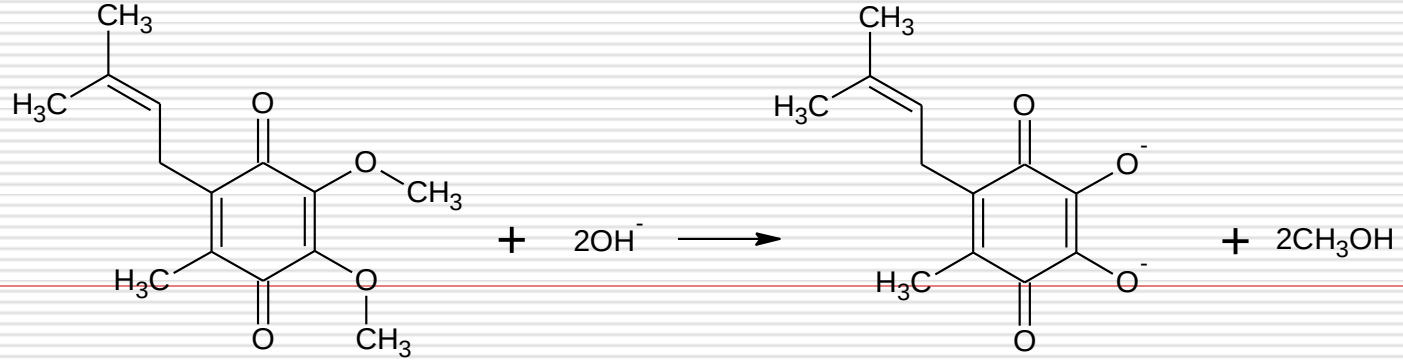


Coenzyme Q_1

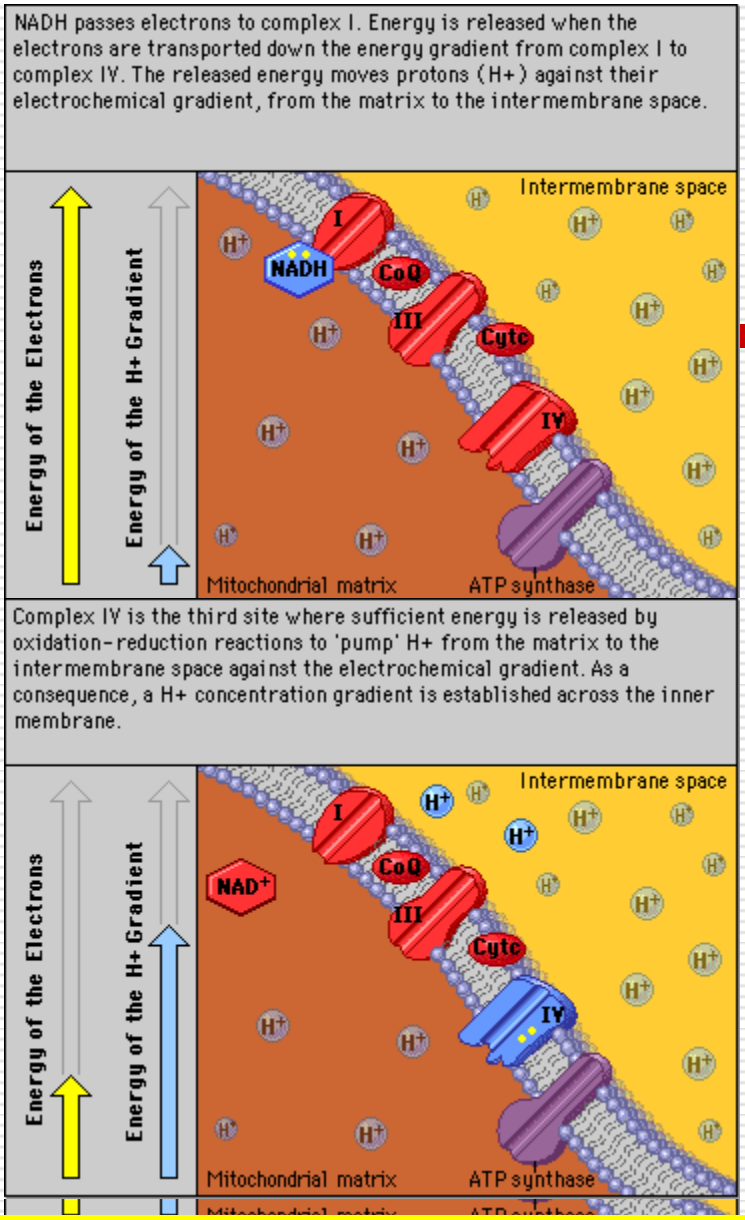


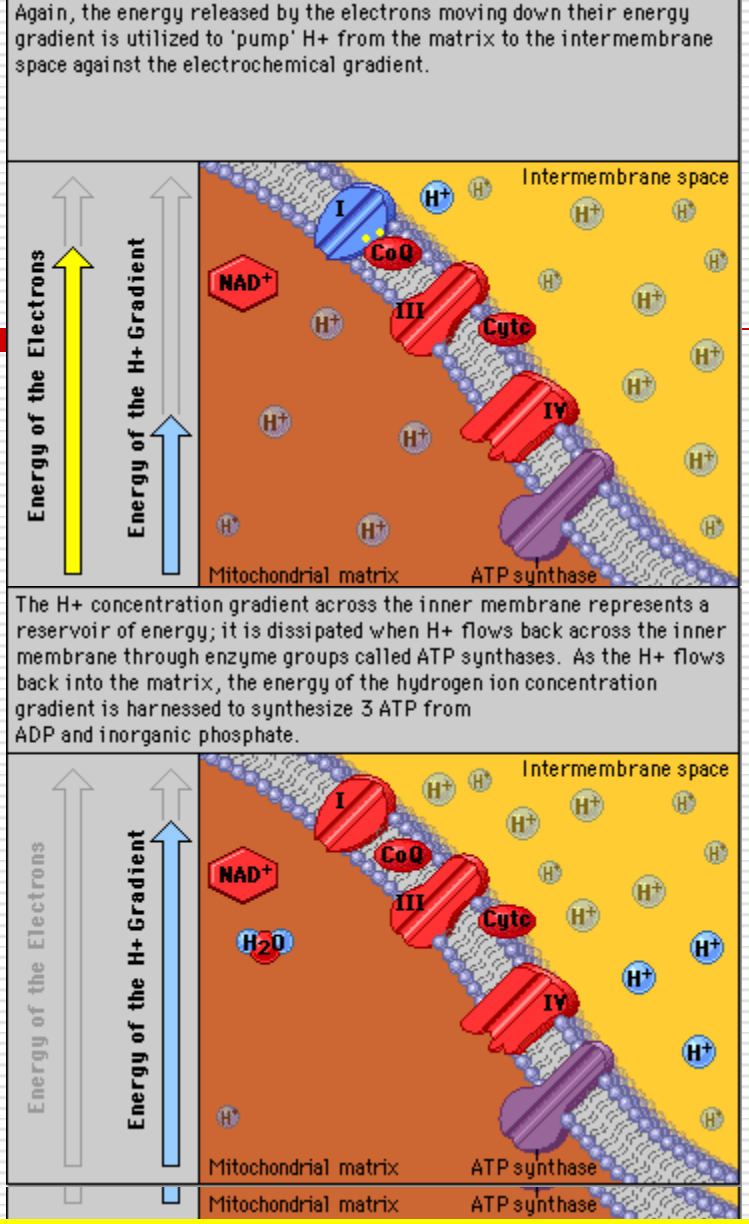
Coenzyme Q_{10}

NEW OH-Coenzyme Q-10
Amphiphilic, strong antioxidants, Good potential for metal binding



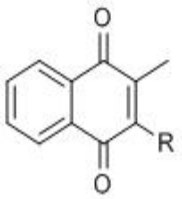
Coenzyme Q_1 O-demethylated Coenzyme Q_1

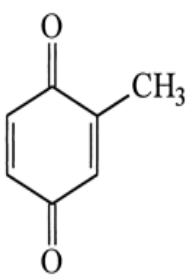




Can the story about Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain be modified in presence of Cyt P-450?

SUMMARY





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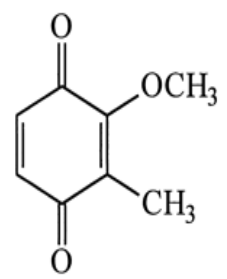
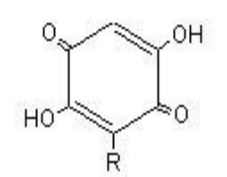


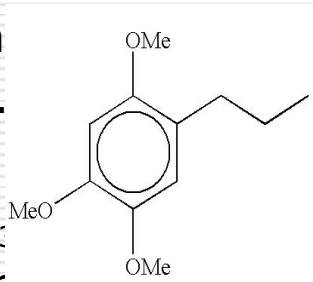
2

- ***Plenty of CoQ family members are prese… … …e li***

- The chemistry and most of the functions of the native f
members are mainly portrayed in the features of the 2e-/
and proton transfer) that leads to reversible t … tion of the quinone to quinol
forms.



- If the Coezyme Q structures are in contact with high concen
CYP450 enzymes, quite different quinonic forms can be obtained.



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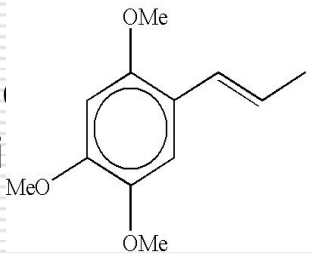
- CYP450 and NaOH can both induce scission of the both O-CH
the structure of the Coenzyme Q family members, thus cr
demethylated" quinones that bear charge of „2-".



II

- ***These new Coenzyme Q structures*** formed in alkaline me
CYP450) are more polar than their parent compounds, whi
stronger antioxidative features.

- The inherent properties of the new Coenzyme Q structures to bind the earth-alkaline cations upon their reduction classify these compounds as potential facilitators for transferring of metal ions across biological membranes.

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Calcium Binding and Transport by Coenzyme Q

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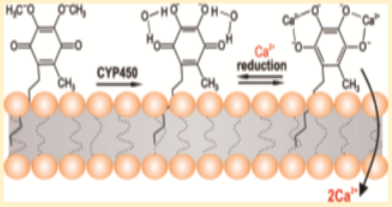
Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) is one of the essential components of the mitochondrial electron-transport chain (ETC) with the primary function to transfer electrons along and protons across the inner mitochondrial membrane (IMM). The concomitant proton gradient across the IMM is essential for the process of oxidative phosphorylation and consequently ATP production. Cytochrome P450 (CYP450) monoxygenase enzymes are known to induce structural changes in a variety of compounds and are expressed in the IMM. However, it is unknown if CYP450 interacts with CoQ10 and how such an interaction would affect mitochondrial function. Using voltammetry, UV−vis spectrometry, electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), fluorescence microscopy and high performance liquid chromatography−mass spectrometry (HPLC−MS), we show that both CoQ10 and its analogue CoQ1, when exposed to CYP450 or alkaline media, undergo structural changes through a complex reaction pathway and form quinone structures with distinct properties. Hereby, one or both methoxy groups at positions 2 and 3 on the quinone ring are replaced by hydroxyl groups in a time-dependent manner. In comparison with the native forms, the electrochemically reduced forms of the new hydroxylated CoQs have higher antioxidative potential and are also now able to bind and transport Ca^{2+} across artificial biomimetic membranes. Our results open new perspectives on the physiological importance of CoQ10 and its analogues, not only as electron and proton transporters, but also as potential regulators of mitochondrial Ca^{2+} and redox homeostasis.



INTRODUCTION

Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10, Ubiquinone 50, or 2,3-dimethoxy-5-methyl-6-decaprenyl-1,4-benzoquinone) is a lipid-soluble compound, indispensable for optimal functioning of all living organisms.[1−4] As the only nonprotein component of the mitochondrial electron-transport chain (ETC), CoQ10 is a central electron carrier between the mitochondrial reductases (complex

Numerous electrochemical studies of CoQ10 have been performed to characterize its redox properties.[11] However, experiments with CoQ10 dissolved in aqueous solutions are extremely difficult due to its high lipophilicity. To avoid this problem, electrochemical techniques with a preadsorption of CoQ10 on bare mercury,[12] carbon,[13−15] lipid modified mercury,[16,17] or gold[18] electrodes have been applied. In sum-

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Hydroxylated derivatives of dimethoxy-1,4-benzoquinone as redox switchable earth-alkaline metal ligands and radical scavengers

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Benzoquinones (BQ) have important functions in many biological processes. In alkaline environments, BQs can be hydroxylated at quinoid ring proton positions. Very little is known about the chemical reaction leading to these structural transformations as well as about the properties of the obtained hydroxyl benzoquinones. We analyzed the behavior of the naturally occurring 2,6-dimethoxy-1,4-benzoquinone under alkaline conditions and show that upon substitution of methoxy-groups, poly-hydroxyl-derivatives (OHBQ) are formed. The emerging compounds with one or several hydroxyl-substituents on single or fused quinone-rings exist in oxidized or reduced states and are very stable under physiological conditions. In comparison with the parent BQs, OHBQs are stronger radical scavengers and redox switchable earth-alkaline metal ligands. Considering that hydroxylated quinones appear as biosynthetic intermediates or as products of enzymatic reactions, and that BQs present in food or administered as drugs can be hydroxylated by enzymatic pathways, highlights their potential importance in biological systems.

Quinones constitute a broad class of biologically active substances (small molecules) involved in vital cellular processes such as respiration and photosynthesis[1–4]. In addition, there is also an increasing number of quinoid compounds produced mainly by plants and fungi, for which antineoplastic or antibiotic features have been described[5,6]. In the respiratory chain, the prime role of coenzymes Q is to mediate the electron transfer between various redox centers and to translocate protons across the inner mitochondrial membrane by turnover of the quinone/quinol (Q/H_2Q) redox couple. Because of these redox transitions, in cells, coenzymes Q can act as weak radical scavengers[7] and also as a source of superoxide ($^{\bullet}O_2^-$) and related oxidants[8].

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STATE OF THE ART

Most quinones, with coenzyme Q10 as their best known representative, are seen as very efficient radical scavengers and antioxidants, commonly acting in a way to protect the living cells from oxidative damage. Due to their anti-oxidizing activity many quinones are used as therapeutic agents e. g. in oncology.

Coenzyme Q10 is widely used as a dietary supplement and in a number of cosmetics. Although its anti-oxidative effect is undisputable, Q10 has one big disadvantage: due to the long, hydrophobic side-chain it is only slightly water-soluble. The intestinal absorption is assumed to be less than 10%. So improvement of the aqueous solubility is a major concern. Besides the reduction of particle size another way to improve the solubility is the complexation in water with cyclodextrins. But also here the water-solubility is limited.

THE IDEA

The idea was to develop antioxidants based on the commonly known ubichinons but with an improved water-solubility.

This was achieved by an easy reaction out of the natural substances coenzyme Q0 to Q10. The ubichinons are transformed in polar molecules. The new substances show high solubility.

The aqueous solutions of the new compounds are also long-time stable, considerably more then less concentrated natural coenzyme Q-solutions.

Initial tests showed the high potential of the new compounds as antioxidants:

- Compared to the natural compounds the new once show a higher negative redox-potential
- Analyzing of reactions with oxygen showed that the new substances reacted much faster than the natural once
- The new compounds are way more insensitive to changes in pH. The redox-potential is not influenced in a range from pH 4 to 13.

APPLICATION AND BENEFITS

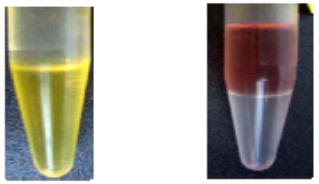
The use of the new synthesized coenzymes Q0-10 is possible same areas as the natural substances are used:

Cosmetics (skin care products, etc.), dietary supplements (e.g. against hypertension, migraine headaches, etc.), therapeutic agents

The new advantages of

- better solubility
- higher stability
- stronger redox-potential and
- less sensitive to changes in pH,

also new application areas which so far were not possible come into reach, since the so far low intestinal absorption of about 10% in humans would no longer be a hindrance. The new substances might even prove to be candidates for so far unknown application areas.



The lipophilic native form of Coenzyme Q0 (left) easily goes to the organic solvent (here dichlorethan DCE, lower phase) when an aqueous solution of Coenzyme Q0 is mixed with DCE, the new synthesized form (right) on the contrary stays in the aqueous phase.

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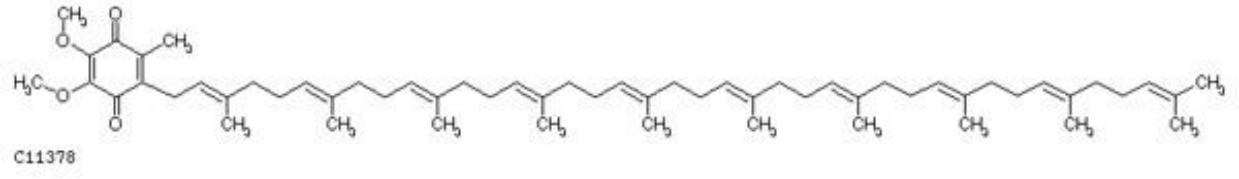
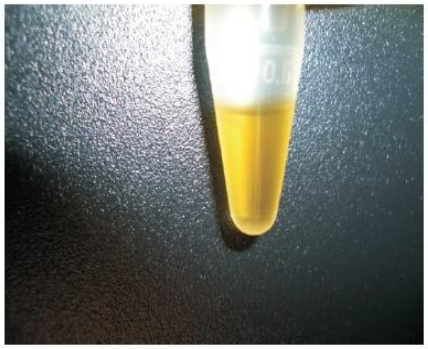
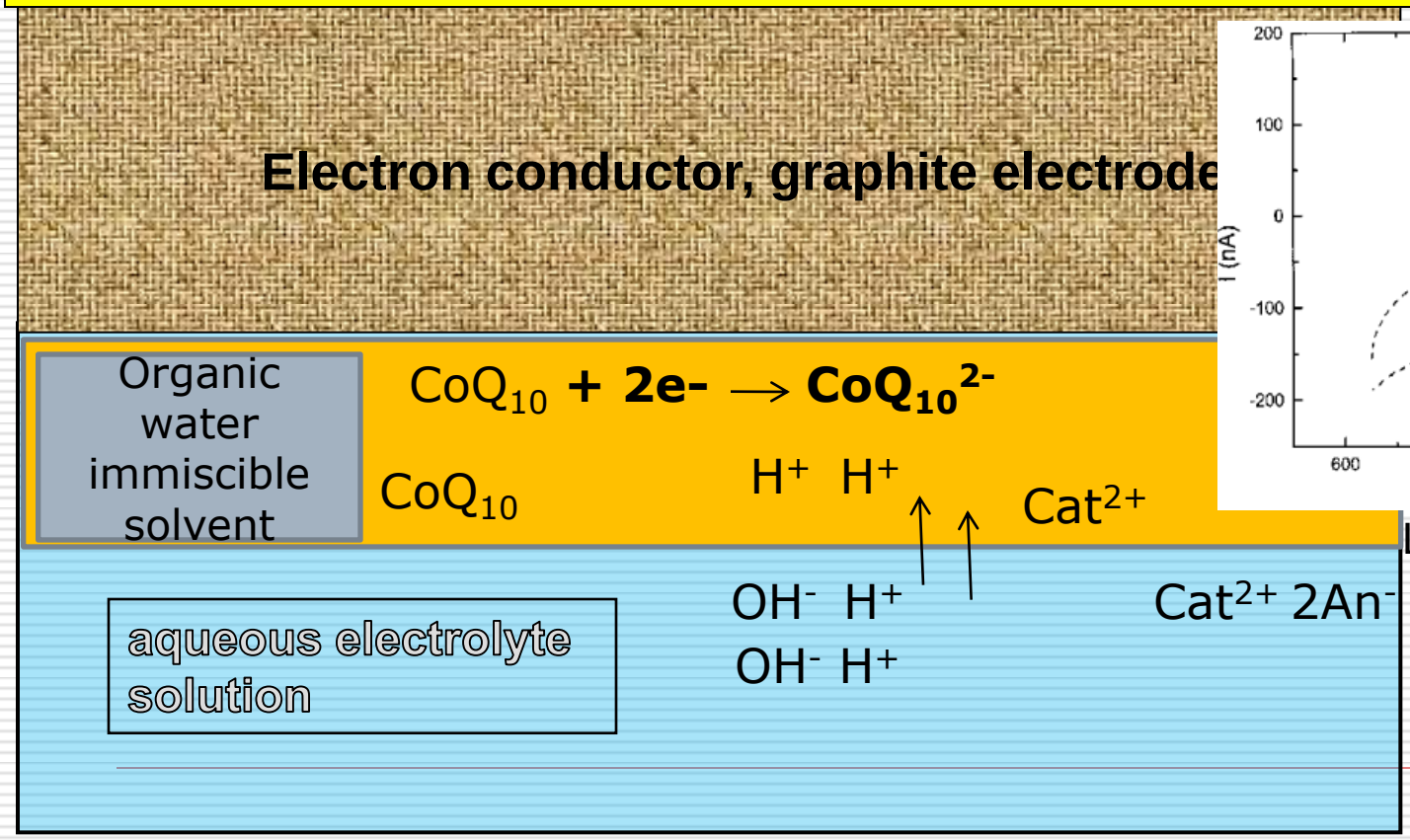
Experiments with Coenzyme Q10-CoQ10

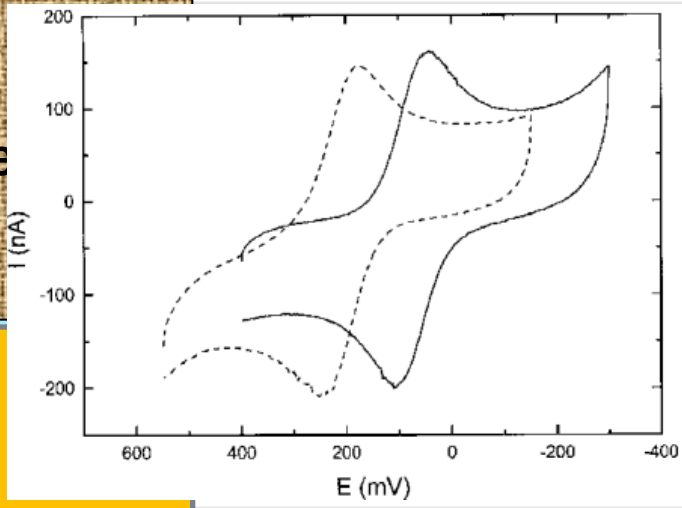
Solubility of CoQ10 in water is bellow 10 pM!!!
Impossible to perform experiments in water media!





CoQ10 studied voltammetrically in **Thin-film voltammetry set-up**

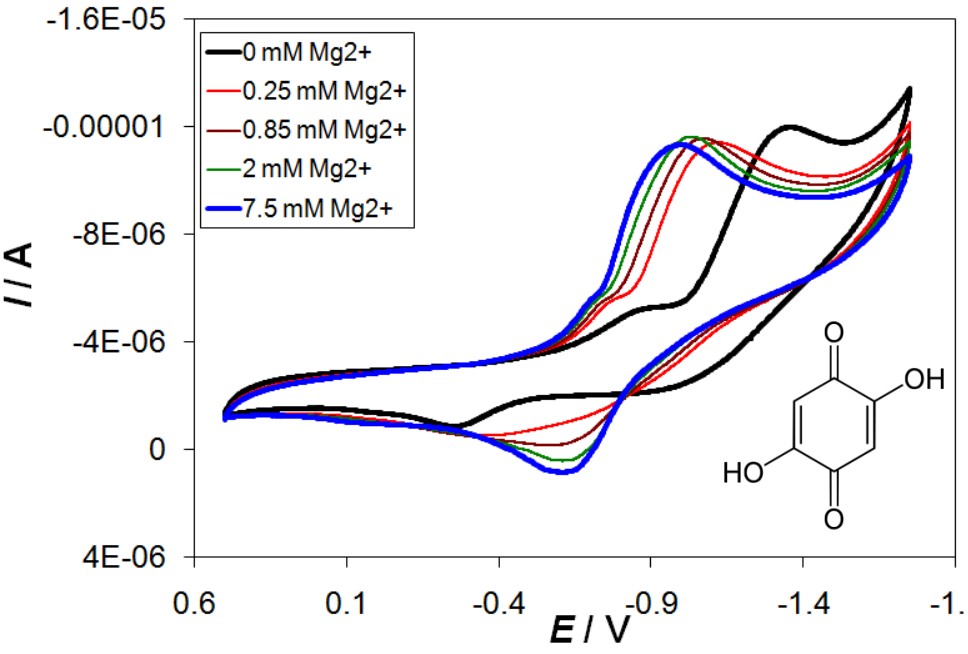




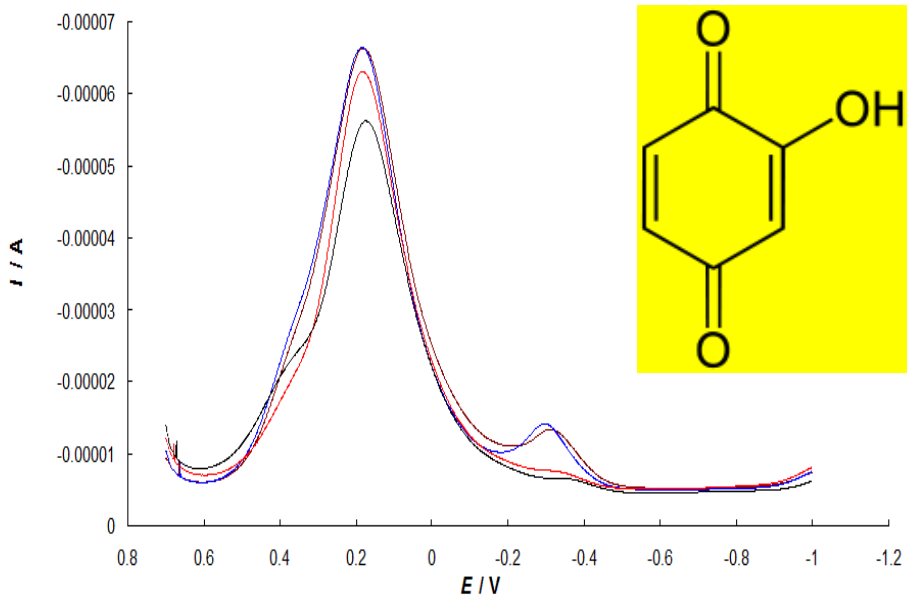
Liquid-Liquid interface

Color of solutions of
Benzoquinones with
2 OH groups in its structure

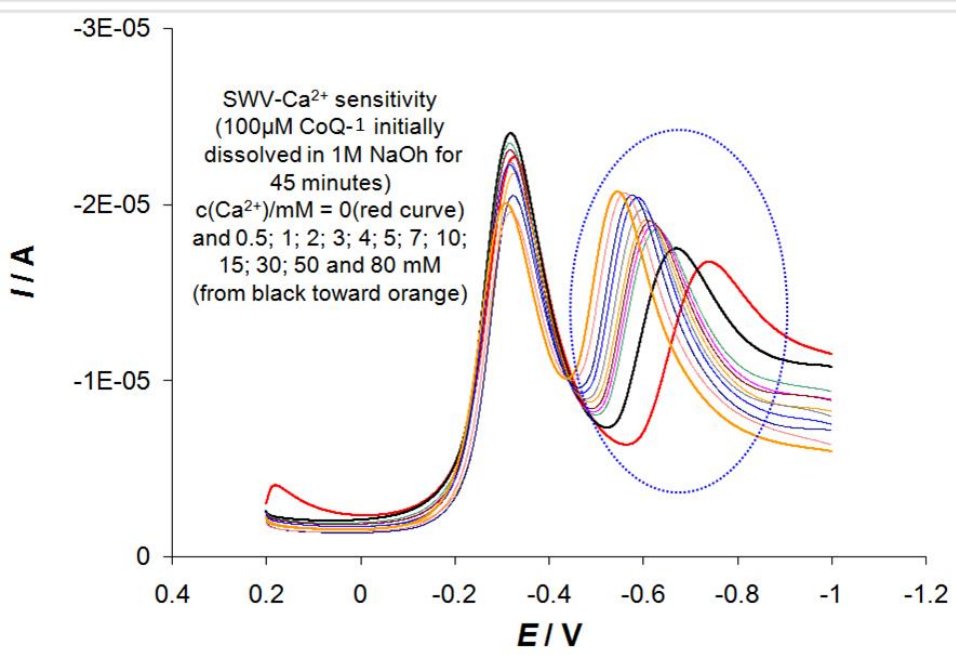
Color of solutions of
Benzoquinones with
1 OH group in its structure



Benzoquinones with 2-OH groups are able to bind earth-alkaline cations in ratio 1:2



Benzoquinones with 1-OH group **are NOT able** to bind (at least not strongly) earth-alkaline cations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(100µM CoQ-1 initially
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45 minutes)
c(Ca2+)/mM = 0(red curve)
and 0.5; 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 7; 10;
15; 30; 50 and 80 mM
(from black toward orange)
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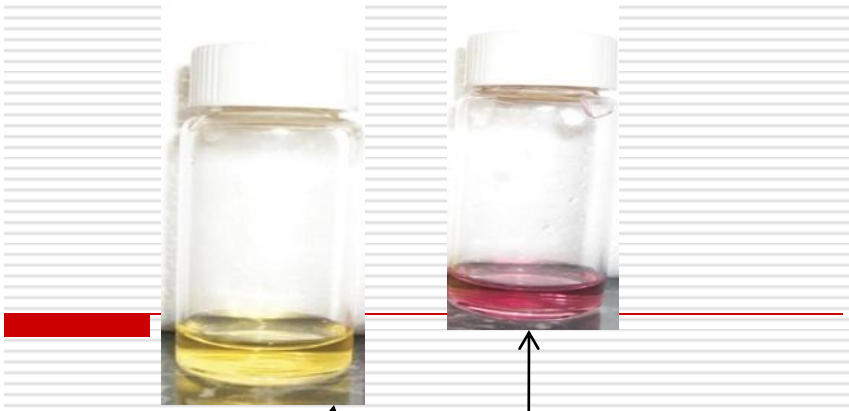

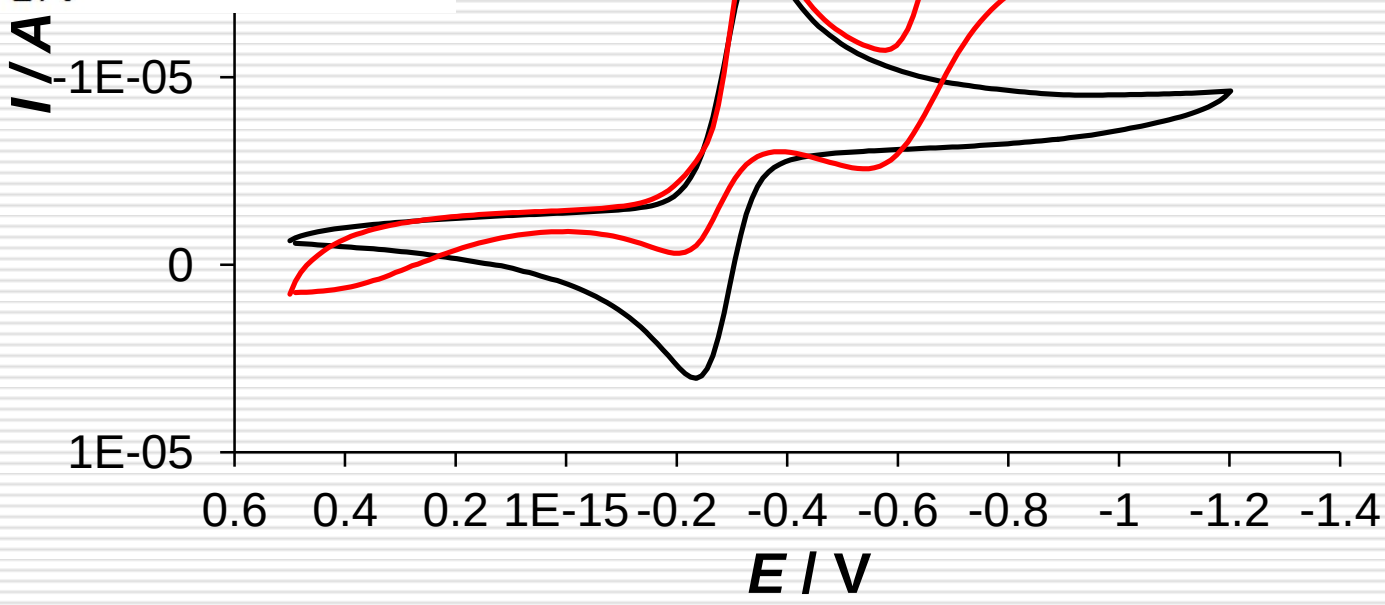
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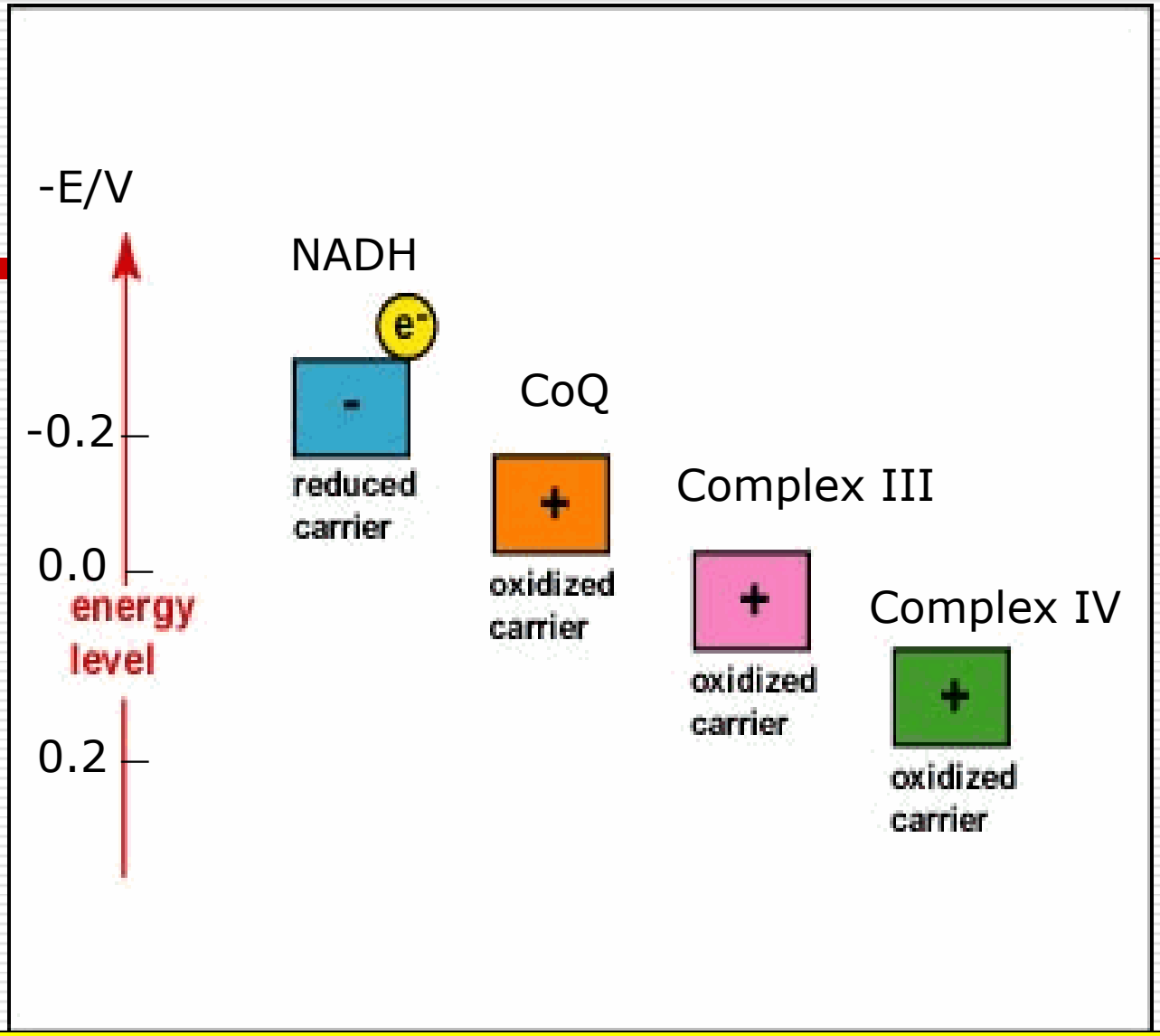

The processes in the mitochondrial electron transfer chain are driven by the differences in the standard redox potentials of the contributors