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Class of chemical compounds; The yellow, orange or red plant pigments of the Orange Ring surrounding Grand Prismatic Spring are associated with carotenoid molecules produced by algae and bacteria mats. Carotenoids (*/kəˈrɒtɪnoɪd/*), also called tetraterpenoids, are yellow, orange and red organic pigments produced by plants and algae, as well as several bacteria and fungi. Carotenoids give a characteristic color to pumpkins, carrots, corn, tomatoes, canary, flamingos, salmon, lobster, shrimp and daffodils. Carotenoids can be derived from fats and other major organic metabolic building blocks by all of these organisms. The only terrestrial arthropods that are known to produce carotenoids are aphids, and spider mites, which have acquired the ability and genes from fungi. Carotenoids from the diet are stored in the fatty tissues of animals, and exclusively carnivorous animals receive compounds from animal fat. In the human diet, the absorption of carotenoids is improved by eating fat. The preparation of carotenoid-containing vegetables in oil increases the bioavailability of carotenoids. There are more than 1,100 known carotenoids that can be further classified into two classes, xanthophylls (which contain oxygen) and carotene (which are purely hydrocarbons and contain no oxygen). All of them are derivatives of tetraterpens, which means that they are made from 8 refined molecules and contain 40 carbon atoms. In general, carotenoids absorb wavelengths from 400 to 550 nanometers (purple to green light). This results in the compounds being deeply painted yellow, orange or red. Carotenoids are the dominant pigment in the autumn coloration of leaves about 15-30% of tree species, but many plant colors, especially red and purple, are due to polyphenols. The macular pigments of the human eye carotenoids serve two key roles in plants and algae: they absorb light energy for use in photosynthesis, and they provide photoprotectics using non-photochemical hardening. Carotenoids containing unsigned beta-ionan rings (including beta-carotene, alpha-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin and gamma-carotene) have vitamin A activity (meaning that they can be converted into retinol). In the eye lutein, meso-zeaxanthin and zeaxanthin are present as macular pigments, the value of which in visual function, at this point in 2016, remains in the stage of clinical research. The biosynthesis pathway of carotenoids synthesis The main building blocks of carotenoids are isopentenyl diphosphate (IPP) and dimethylallyl diphosphate (DMAPP). These two isopren isomers are used to create different compounds depending on the biological pathway used to synthesize isomers. Plants are known to use two different pathways IPP: cytozole pathway of mevalonic acid (MVA) and plastidic methylerythritol methylerythritol (MEP). In animals, cholesterol production begins with the creation of IPP and DMAPP using MVA. For carotenoids, manufacturing plants use MEP to create IPP and DMAPP. The mep path results in a 5:1 IPP:DMAPP mix. IPP and DMAPP undergo several reactions, resulting in the main carotenoid precursor, geranylgeranyl diphosphate (GGPP). GGPP can be converted into carotene or xanthophylls by going through a number of different steps within the carotenoids biosynthetic pathway. The mep path of Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate and pyruvate, intermediate photosynthesis, is converted into deoxy-D-xylose 5-phosphate (DXP) with the help of the DXP synthase catalyst (DXS). DXP reductoisomerase reduces and rearranges molecules inside DXP in the presence of NADPH, forming a MEP. Further, MEP is converted into 4-(citidine 5'-diphospho)-2-C-methyl-D-erythritol (CDP-ME) in the presence of CTP through the enzyme cytyltransferase MEP. CDP-ME is then converted, in the presence of ATP, into 2-phospho-4-(citidine 5'-diphospho)-2-C-methyl-D-erythritol (CDP-ME2P). Conversion to CDP-ME2P is catalyzed by CDP-ME kinase enzyme. Then CDP-ME2P is converted into 2-C-methyl-D-erythritol 2,4-cyclodiphosphate (MECDP). This reaction occurs when MECDP synthase catalyzes the reaction and CMP is removed from the CDP-ME2P molecule. THEN MECDP is converted into (e)-4-hydroxy-3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl diphosphate (HMBDP) via HMBDP synthase in the presence of flavodoxin and NADPH. HMBDP is reduced to IPP in the presence of ferredoxin and NADPH enzyme HMBDP reductase. The last two steps involving HMBDP synthases and reducts can only occur in fully

