## Pigments isolation and spectrum of absorption

Lab (7)

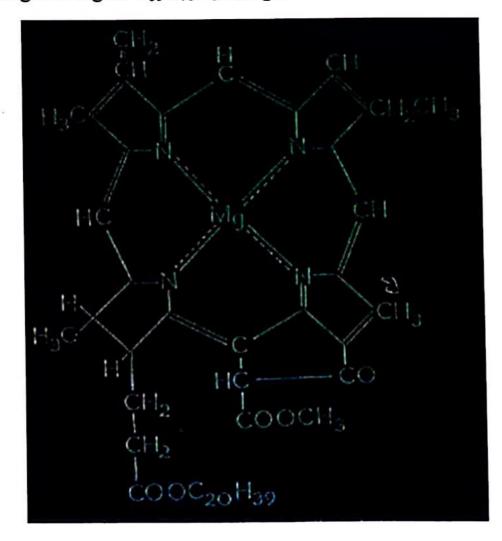
In plant there are two type of pigments:-

1- Essential pigments: which is chlorophyll necessary for photosynthesis. We can called a (green stain), there are some types of chlorophyll in plant (a, b, c)

Chlorophyll a:- blue-green color. Existed in autotrophic organisms (except photosynthetic bacteria).

## C55H72O5N4Mg

Chlorophyll b:- yellow-green color. Existed in high plant and green algae. C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>70</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Mg.



## 2- Assistance pigment :-

- a- Carotenes :- yellow-orange (  $\alpha$  ,  $\beta$  , lycopene )  $C_{40}H_{56}O$
- b- Xanthophyll: red-orange (lutein, violoxen, zeaxanthin, neoxan) C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

## Isolation of pigment:-

- 1- Take a leaf of (chard or lettuce) put it in porcelain bowl.
- 2- Add 10 ml of acetone (80%).
- 3- Squash the leaf well for 3 min.
- 4- After the pigments exiting from leaf, filtered the extract by layers of gauze.
- 5- Complete the extract to 100 ml, by acetone.
- 6- Then measured the extract by spectrophotometer and record the (O.D) (Optical Density) using acetone as a control.
  - Wave length (645, 663)
- 7- Take some extract, put it in beaker or cylinder, and put a strips of filter paper (arrow shape), waiting for 10 min and record what you see.

Spectrophotometer: equipment for measuring the (O.D) for solutions. Depended on absorption and transmition.

Absorption:- the light or ( wave length ) that absorbed by sample.

Transmition: - the light or (wave length) that pass through the sample.

This above depended on color of sample and turbidity.