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Symbols and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
A	Absorbance
Cm	Centimeter
$\Delta H°$	standard enthalpy change
$\Delta S°$	standard entropy change
$\Delta G°$	standard free energy change
ΔH	Change in Enthalpy
ΔS	Change in Entropy
ΔG	Change in free energy
K_{eq}	Equilibrium constant
HOMO	Highest occupied molecular orbital
I_o	Incident light
K	Kelvin
LUMO	Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
M	Molar
ε	Molar absorptivity
X_{max}	Mole fraction
I	Transmitted light
α	Degree of dissociation
R	Gas constant
π	3.14
T	Temperature
t	Time
UV-Vis	Ultra Violet-Visible light
k	Rate constant
λ_{max}	Wave length at the maximum absorbance

Abstract

There is a wide variety of polyphenolic compounds named flavonoids. These are extensively distributed in plants, and they are considered to be dietary antioxidants. They occur naturally in a broad range of vegetables, fruits, and Green tea recognized as the pigments .

Many flavonoids have a metallic ion complexation capacity. The study of this capacity is important because it can be used in producing nutritional supplements, medicine, and heavy metal detoxification.

Chelation therapy is the use of chelating agents (complexing agents) to detoxify poisonous metal such as Nickel, Cadmium , and lead by converting them to chemically inert form that can be excreted without further interaction with the body.

Lead is considered as one of the most hazards and cumulative environmental pollutants that affect all biological systems through exposure to air, water and food sources. It is toxic a heavy metals which is known to induce a broad range of physiological, biochemical and behavioral dysfunction in humans. lead poisoning still remains an important health problem.

This prompted us to examine some known chelating agents such as (Curcumin, Quercetin, Vitamin C and Catechin) to interact with Ni II, Cd II and Pb II ions and formation of safe

complexes after that to calculate their physical thermodynamic functions, using spectrophotometric measurements.

The UV-Vis measurements were carried out in 40% ethanol/water for Quercetin, 60% ethanol/water for Curcumin and 0% ethanol/water for Vitamin C and Catechin as a best media for this work.

The electronic spectrum of free chelators in ethanol/water solutions were characterized by a single band for Curcumin, a single band for Catechin and a single band for Vitamin C, these are λ_{max}= 429nm, λ_{max}= 278nm, λ_{max}= 256nm respectively, while Quercetin shows double bands at $\lambda_{max}(I)$= 373nm and λ_{max} (II)= 256nm.

Addition of Ni II, Cd II and Pb II ions to the chelators solutions shows a increasing in absorbance with Catechin and Curcumin with little shift in λ_{max}. While with Vitamin C and Quercetin it shows a decreasing in absorbance and red shift in λ_{max} this change caused to form complexes but there is no reaction between Cd II and Quercetin.

The stoichiometry of the formed complexes were investigated by the method of continuous variation and they were found (1:1),The stability constants were calculated at four temperatures at the range of
(293 – 308) K which have a value at 293K with the order of:
Curcumin-Cd (16.25×10^4) > VitaminC-Cd (1.46×10^4) > Catechin-Cd (0.79×10^4)

and for Curcumin-Pb (4.76×10^4)> Quercetin-Pb (4.52×10^4) > VitaminC-Pb (1.86×10^4)> Catechin-Pb(0.69×10^4).

and for Quercetin-Ni(9×10^4)> Curcumin-Ni(2.37×10^4)> VitaminC-Pb(1.69×10^4)> Catechin-Ni(1.54×10^4). That means the Curcumin was more effective than any of the other four chelators for both Cadmium and lead. And Quercetin was more effective than any of the other four chelators for Nickel

Thermodynamic parameters, ΔH^o and ΔS^o were determined at four different temperatures these are: The negative value of ΔG^o indicate that the indication will be favored and hence spontaneously happened to release energy as it was indicated by the negative value of ΔH^o, except Ni(II)-Curcumin, Ni(II)-Quercetin, Pb-(II)-Catechin, Cd(II)-Catechin, in which ΔH^o values were positive. ΔS^o be positive for all complexes , Expect Pb(II)-Quercetin

Chemical kinetics show, this effect subjects to the pseudo-first order chelation with Ni , Cd and Pb ions.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Metal Toxicity

Metal Toxicity is the toxic effect of certain metals in certain forms and doses on life. Some metals are toxic when they form poisonous soluble compounds. Certain metals have no biological role . In the case of lead, any measurable amount may have negative health effects[1] . Many ordinary, everyday products have toxic metals in them. Toxic metals are in the foods we eat, water we drink, and the air we breathe. The human body requires extremely trace amounts of few metals, but too often the concern is with getting too much, rather than too little. Metal poisoning occurs as a result of the unhealthy accumulation of specific metals in the body. Metals become toxic when the quantity is too high. Mercury, lead and cadmium are three metals that can be especially harmful and aluminum has also presented concerns. These toxic metals enter the body through drinking, eating, inhaling, and skin and eye contact. Once in the body, they cause damage at the cellular level by initiating oxidative stress. This damage can contribute to the development of many diseases and health problems[2]. Some people have the ability to excrete these toxins out of their system, others, particularly those suffering from chronic conditions, are not so lucky and develop a build-up of metals called heavy metal toxicity. Further, heavy metals can accumulate in the body over time, causing symptoms you might not equate with heavy metals[3].

In many cases, the symptoms brought on by metal toxicity are often misdiagnosed for chronic conditions such as autism, chronic fatigue syndrome, depression and multiple sclerosis, There are two types of heavy metal toxicity: acute and chronic. Symptoms of acute toxicity are easy to recognize because they are usually quick and severe in onset. The symptoms include[4]:

1. Cramping, nausea, and vomiting

2. Pain

3. Sweating

4. Headache

5. Difficulty breathing

6. Impaired cognitive, motor, and language skills

7. Mania

8. Convulsions

Chronic exposure, on the other hand, produces different symptoms, which can be easily confused with symptoms of different illnesses. Some of the symptoms are impaired cognitive, motor, and language skills, learning difficulties, nervousness and emotional instability, insomnia and nausea.

In fact, because toxic metals block the absorption and utilization of essential minerals, this in itself can set up a whole cascade of symptoms that gradually get worse over time.

There a more specific checklist of symptoms of metal toxicity poisoning:

1. Chronic pain throughout the muscles and tendons or any soft tissue of the body

2. Chronic malaise -- general feeling of discomfort, fatigue, and illness

3. Brain fog -- state of forgetfulness and confusion

4. Chronic infections such as Candida

5. Gastrointestinal complaints, such as diarrhea, constipation, bloating, gas, heartburn, and indigestion

6. Food allergies

7. Migraines and/or headache

8. Visual disturbances

9. Mood swings, depression, and/or anxiety
10. Nervous system malfunctions - burning extremities, numbness, tingling, paralysis, and/or an electrifying feeling throughout the body .

Heavy metals are ubiquitous in the environment[5]. Humans risk overexposure from environmental concentrations that occur naturally eg, arsenic-rich mineral deposits) or human activities (eg, lead or mercury release as a result of industrial pollution)[6, 7].

It is not possible to completely avoid exposure to toxic metals [8]. Even people who are not occupationally exposed carry certain metals in their body as a result of exposure to other sources, such as food, beverages, or air [9, 10]. It is, however, possible to reduce metal toxicity risk through lifestyle choices that diminish the probability of harmful heavy metal uptake, such as dietary measures that may promote the safe metabolism or excretion of ingested heavy metals [11].

1.2 Heavy Metals

The phrase "heavy metals" points to mineral element that has a comparatively high density and is venomous, even at low concentration[12]. "Heavy metals" is a general plural term , which applies to the group of metals and metalloids with atomic density greater than 4 g/cm^3, or 5 times or more,[13]. greater than water[7, 14-18]. However being a heavy metal has little to do with density but concerns chemical properties. Heavy metals include lead (Pb), cadimum (Cd), zinc (Zn), mercury (Hg), arsenic (As), silver (Ag), chromium (Cr), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), nickel (Ni), and the platinum group elements[19]. Environment is defined as the totality of circumstances surrounding an organism or group of organisms especially, the blend of exterior physical conditions that have an effect and influence on the

growth, development and survival of organisms[20]. Several heavy metals such as Co, Cu, Fe, Mn, Mo, Ni, V, and Zn are required in minute quantities by organisms[21]. However, excessive sums of these elements can become harmful to organisms. Other heavy metals such as Pb, Cd, Hg, and As, (a metalloid but generally termed as a heavy metal) do not have any beneficial effect on organisms and are thus regarded as the "main threats" since they are very harmful to both plants and animals[22].

Table (1-1): Effect of heavy metal toxicity on plant

Heavy Metal	Plant	Toxic effect on plant	Reference
Cd	Wheat (*Triticum*sp.)	Reduction in seed germination; decrease in plant nutrient content; reduced shoot and root length.	[23, 24]
	Garlic(*Alliumsativum*)	Reduced shoot growth; Cd accumulation.	[25]
	Maize (*Zeamays*)	Reduced shoot growth; inhibition of root growth.	[26]
Ni	Pigeon pea	Decrease in chlorophyll content and stomatal conductance; decreased enzyme activity which affected Calvin cycle and CO_2 fixation	[27]
	Rye grass	Reduction in plant nutrient acquisition; decrease in shoot yield; chlorosis	[28]
	Wheat (*Triticum*sp.)	Reduction in plant nutrient acquisition	[29, 30]
	Rice	Inhibition of root growth	[31]
Pb	Maize	Reduction in germination percentage; suppressed growth; reduced plant biomass; decrease in plant protein content	[32]
	Portia tree	Reduction in number of leaves and leaf area; reduced plant height; decrease in plant biomass	[33]
	Oat (*Avena sativa*)	Inhibition of enzyme activity which affected CO_2 fixation	[34]

The most common heavy metals found at contaminated sites, in order of abundance are Pb, Cr, As, Zn, Cd, Ni, Cu, and Hg[35]. Those metals are important since they are capable of decreasing crop production due to the risk of bioaccumulation and biomagnification in the food chain. There is also the

risk of superficial and groundwater contamination. Knowledge of basic chemistry, environmental, and associated health effects of these heavy metals is necessary in understanding their speciation, bioavailability, and remedial options. The fate and transport of a heavy metal in soil depends significantly on the chemical form and speciation of the metal. Once in the soil, heavy metals are adsorbed by initial fast reactions (minutes, hours), followed by slow adsorption reactions (days, years) and are, therefore, redistributed into different chemical forms with varying bioavailability , mobility, and toxicity[36, 37]. This distribution is believed to be controlled by reactions of heavy metals in soils such as (i) mineral precipitation and dissolution, (ii) ion exchange, adsorption, and desorption, (iii) aqueous complexation, (iv) biological immobilization and mobilization, and (v) plant uptake[38].

1.2.1 Nickel

Is a transition element with atomic number 28 and atomic weight 58.69g/mol . Nickel is silvery white. It is hard, malleable, ductile, somewhat ferromagnetic, and a fair conductor of heat and electricity. It belongs to the iron-cobalt group of metals and is chiefly valuable for the alloys it forms. nickel is rarely found in its pure form on the Earth's surface, Nickel is an element that occurs in the environment only at very low levels and is essential in small doses, but it can be dangerous when the maximum tolerable amounts are exceeded. This can cause various kinds of cancer on different sites within the bodies of animals, mainly of those that live near refineries. The most common application of Ni is an ingredient of steel and other metal products. , both nickel in solution and the nickel in stainless steel are known to cause a skin irritation known as nickel itch, which is a form of dermatitis. Stainless steel watches, jewelry, and glasses frames have all been known to cause this irritation. More serious health hazards can come from

inhaling nickel dust. In nickel mining and other industrial environments where nickel is used, inhaling the dust has been linked to nasal and lung cancer[39]. The major sources of nickel contamination in the soil are metal plating industries, combustion of fossil fuels, and nickel mining and electroplating[40]. symptoms of poisoning Nickel are

1- Dizziness and headache.

2- Chest pain.

3- Vomiting

4- Mine workers are susceptible to nickel poisoning.

5- A urine sample may be collected to diagnose nickel poisoning.

6- Trouble sleeping[41].

1.2.2 Lead

Is a metal belonging to group IV and period 6 of the periodic table with atomic number 82, atomic weight 207.2g/mol , density 11.4 g /cm^3, melting point 327.4◦C, and boiling point 1725◦C. It is a naturally occurring, bluish gray It is very soft, highly malleable, ductile, and a poor conductor of electricity. It is very resistant to corrosion, It is usually found as a mineral combined with other elements, such as sulphur (i.e., PbS, $PbSO_4$) , or nitrate $Pb(NO_3)_2$[42].Inhalation and ingestion are the two routes of exposure, and the effects from both are the same. Pb accumulates in the body organs (i.e., brain), which may lead to poisoning (plumbism) or even death. The gastrointestinal tract, kidneys, and central nervous system are also affected by the presence of lead. Children exposed to lead are at risk of impaired development, lower IQ, shortened attention span, hyperactivity, and mental deterioration, with children under the age of six being at a more substantial risk. Adults usually experience decreased reaction time, loss of memory, nausea, insomnia, anorexia, and weakness of the joints when exposed to

lead[43]. Lead is not an essential element. It is well known to be toxic and its effects have been more extensively reviewed than the effects of other trace metals. Lead can cause serious injury to the brain, nervous system, red blood cells, and kidneys[44]. Exposure to lead can result in a wide range of biological effects depending on the level and duration two words of exposure. Various effects occur over a broad range of doses, with the developing young and infants being more sensitive than adults. Lead poisoning, which is so severe as to cause evident illness, is now very rare. Lead performs no known essential function in the human body, it can merely do harm after an uptake from food, air, or water. Lead is a particularly dangerous chemical, as it can accumulate in individual organisms, but also in entire food chains.

Studies have shown that lead does not readily accumulate in the fruiting parts of vegetable and fruit crops (e.g., corn, beans, squash, tomatoes, strawberries, and apples). Higher concentrations are more likely to be found in leafy vegetables (e.g., lettuce) and on the surface of root crops (e.g.,carrots)[45]. symptoms of poisoning Lead are

1- High blood pressure
2- Joint and muscle pain
3- Difficulties with memory or concentration
4- Headache
5- Abdominal pain
6- Mood disorders
7- Reduced sperm count and abnormal sperm
8- Miscarriage, stillbirth or premature birth in pregnant women[46].

1.2.3 Cadmium

Cadmium is located at the end of the second row of transition elements with atomic number 48, atomic weight 112.4g/mol , density 8.65 g/cm^3,

melting point 320.9 $^\circ$C, and boiling point 765°C. Together with Hg and Pb, Cd is one of the big three heavy metal poisons and is not known for any essential biological function.

In its compounds, Cd occurs as the divalent Cd(II) ion. Cadmium is directly below Zn in the periodic table and has a chemical similarity to that of Zn, an essential micronutrient for plants and animals. This may account in part for Cd's toxicity; because Zn is being an essential trace element, its substitution by Cd may cause the malfunctioning of metabolic processes[47]. The most significant use of Cd is in Ni/Cd batteries, as rechargeable or secondary power sources exhibiting high output, long life, low maintenance, and high tolerance to physical and electrical stress. Cadmium coatings provide good corrosion resistance coating to vessels and other vehicles, particularly in high-stress environments such as marine and aerospace. Other uses of cadmium are as pigments, stabilizers for polyvinyl chloride (PVC), in alloys and electronic compounds. The application of agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, pesticides, and bio solids (sewage sludge), the disposal of industrial wastes or the deposition of atmospheric contaminants increases the total concentration of Cd in soils, and the bioavailability of this Cd determines whether plant Cd uptake occurs to a significant degree[48]. Cadmium is very bio persistent but has few toxicological properties and, once absorbed by an organism, remains resident for many years. Cadmium in the body is known to affect several enzymes. It is believed that the renal damage that results in proteinuria is the result of Cd adversely affecting enzymes responsible for re-absorption of proteins in kidney tubules. Cadmium poisoning in the Jintsu River Valley was attributed to irrigated rice contaminated from an upstream mine producing Pb, Zn, and Cd. The major threat to human health is chronic accumulation in the kidneys leading to kidney dysfunction. Food intake and tobacco smoking are the main routes by which Cd enters the body[49]. symptoms of poisoning Cadmium are

1- Nausea and Vomiting

2- Lung Hemorrhage

3- Kidney Damage

4- Cancer

5- bone disease,

6- loss of the sense of smell and anemia[50].

1.3 Heavy Metal Detoxification

Detoxification is the removal of metallic toxic substances from the body. In conventional medicine, detoxification can also be achieved artificially using techniques such as dialysis and chelation therapy. There is a firm scientific base in evidence-based medicine for this type of detoxification. Many alternative medicine practitioners promote various other types of detoxification such as diet detoxification. The detox is performed to make the body avoid toxic metals.

Figure (1.1): Detox Diet Plants[51]

Toxic metals are individual metals and metal compounds that negatively affect people's health. Arsenic and selenium are toxic semi-metallic elements. In very small amounts, many of these are essential. In larger amounts, they become toxic. They may build up in biological systems and become a significant health hazard. Heavy metals, such as Hg, Pb and Al, accumulate in the body over time and are suspected of triggering dangerous conditions like heart disease, dementia, autism, thyroid problems, neurological conditions, infertility and birth defects. The good news is that a heavy metal detox can remove these contaminants from human and minimize their impact on health. Chelation, controversial metal detox procedure in which metals are purged from the body, usually by the way of intravenous administration of certain drugs, has been touted as a miracle cure for many sicknesses. Its effectiveness as a treatment however has come under much scrutiny. It may be harmful. There are more dietary steps we can take to get rid not only of heavy metals but other toxins as well. Detox diets and detox recipes are more popular than ever [52].

1.4 Chelation Therapy

A chelate is a chemical compound is composed of a metal ion and a chelating agent. A chelating agent is a substance whose molecules can form several bonds to a single metal ion. Chelation therapy is a medical procedure that involves the administration of chelating agents to eliminate heavy metals from the body. Chelation therapy has long history of use in clinical toxicology and remains in use for some very specific medical treatments, although it is administered under very careful medical supervision due to more inherent risk[53] .
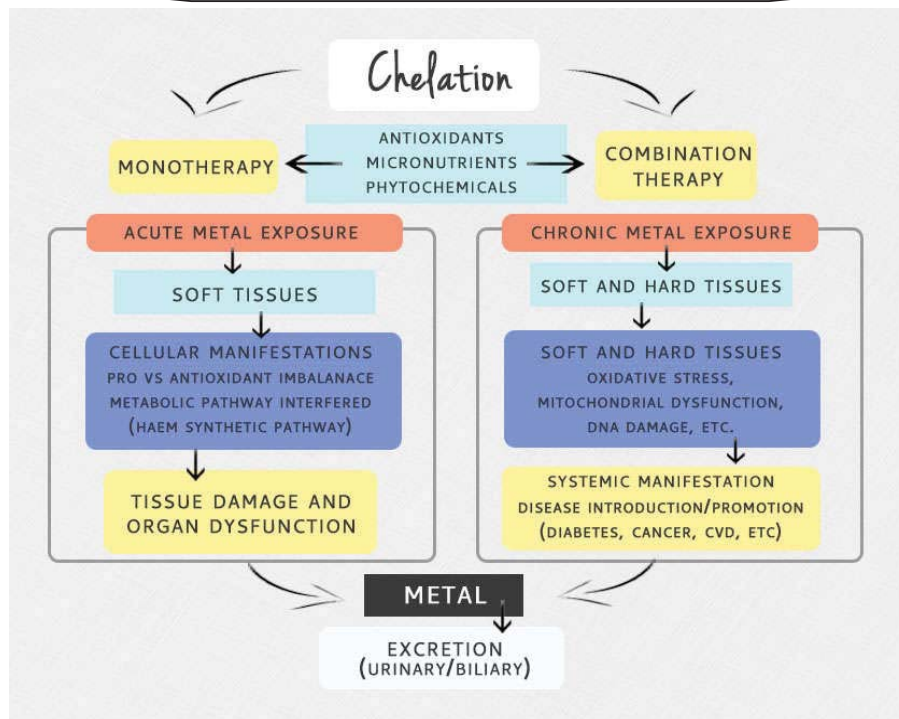
Figure (1.2): Chelation[54].

Chelation therapy should be administered with care as it has a number of possible side effects, including death. In response to the increasing use of chelation therapy as alternative medicine, and in circumstances in which the therapy should not be used in conventional medicine, various health organizations have confirmed that medical evidence does not support the effectiveness of chelation therapy for any purpose other than the treatment of heavy metal poisoning[55] .

When used properly in response to a diagnosis of harm from metal toxicity, side effects of chelation therapy include low blood calcium, harm to kidneys, lowered levels of dietary elements, increased enzymes as would be detected in liver function tests, allergic reactions, and dehydration [56] . When administered inappropriately, chelation therapy brings risk of cancer, neurodevelopment disorder from toxicity, and death[57] .

1.5 Antioxidants

Antioxidants may be molecules that can neutralize free radicals by accepting or donating electron(s) to eliminate the unpaired condition of the radical. The antioxidant molecules may directly react with the reactive radicals and destroy them, while they may become new free radicals which are less active, longer-lived and less dangerous than those radicals they have neutralized. They may be neutralized by other antioxidants or other mechanisms to terminate their radical status. For example, many antioxidants have aromatic ring structures and are able to delocalize the unpaired electron.

Most of these natural antioxidants come from fruits, vegetables, spices, grains and herbs such as ginseng, curcuman , ginkgo, rosemary, green tea, grape, ginger and garlic. They contain a wide variety of antioxidant compounds, such as phenolics (phenol and polyphenols), flavonoids, carotenoids, steroids and thiol compounds [58]. These antioxidants may help to protect cellular damages from oxidative stress and also decrease the risk of chronic diseases .The change of optical absorbance of either antioxidant or oxidant is measured for the quantitation for antioxidant capability[59]. The chemical approaches are simple and easy to study the total antioxidant activity, which includes the radical scavenging ability and reductive activity [60];

1. Slower signs of aging, including of the skin, eyes, tissue, joints, heart and brain
2. Healthier, more youthful, glowing skin
3. Reduced cancer risk
4. Detoxification support
5. Longer life span
6. Protection against heart disease and stroke
7. Less risk for cognitive problems, such as dementia

8. Reduced risk for vision loss or disorders like macular degeneration and cataracts
9. Antioxidants are also added to food or household products to prevent oxidation and spoilage

1.5.1 Dietary antioxidant

Vitamin C, Vitamin E, and beta carotene are among the most widely studied dietary antioxidants . Vitamin C is considered the most important water – soluble antioxidant in extracellular fluids. It is capable of neutralizing in the aqueous phase before lipid per oxidation is initiated.

Vitamin E, a major Lipid – soluble antioxidant, is the most effective chain – breaking antioxidant within the cell membrane where it protects membrane fatty acids from Lipid per oxidation. Vitamin C has been cited as being capable of regenerating vitamin E [61, 62]

1.5.2 phytonutrients

A number of the dietry antioxidant substances exist beyond the traditional vitamins discussed above. Many plants – derived substances, collectively termed, phytonutrients, are becoming increasingly known for their antioxidant activity. Phenolic compounds such as flavonoids are ubiquitous within the plant kingdom. Flavonoids serve as protectors against a wide variety of environmental stress, while in humans; flavonoids appear to function as, biological response modifiers. Flavonoids have been demonstrated to have anti - inflammatory, anti - allergenic, anti - viral, anti - aging, and anti - carcinogenic activity [63, 64].

The broad therapeutic effects of flavonoids can be largely attributed to their antioxidant properties [65-67].

1.5.3.Endogenous antioxidants

In addition to dietry antioxidants, the body relies on several endogenous defense mechanisms to help protect against free radical – induced cell damage.

The antioxidant enzymes; glutathione peroxidase, catalase, and superoxide dismutase (SOD) metabolism oxidative toxic intermediates and require micronutrient cofactors such as selenium, iron, copper, zinc, and manganese for optimum catalytic activity [68].

1.6 Flavonoids

The flavonoids are a diverse group of low – molecular - mass poly phenolic substances, ubiquitous in all vascular plants, They occur naturally in broad range of fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, herbs, spices, stems, flowers, and beverages such as green tea and red wine[69-71].

There are more than 6000 different compounds[72]. Flavonoids contribute to the flavor of the fruits and vegetables, and primarily recognized as the pigments responsible for autumnal brush of hues and many shades of yellow, orange, and red in flowers and foods [73, 74]. They also have important roles in plant growth, reproduction and pathogen and predator resistance[75].

In the plant kingdom, flavonoids appear most often as β – o – glycoside derivatives. In leaves, flowers and fruits, flavonoids occur in the form of glycosides and esters with organic acids, whereas lignified tissues contain mainly free forms of flavonoids. Seed may contain both the glycoside forms and a glycons. With reference to polarity, plant flavonoids may be divided into lipophylic and hydrophilic ones [76, 77].

1.6.1 classification of flavonoids

Flavonoids occur as a glycones, glycosides and methylated derivatives. In plants all contain fifteen carbon atoms in their basic nucleus: two six - membred rings linked with a three carbon unit which may not apart of a third ring.For convenience, the rings are labeled A, B, and C . The individual carbon C and "primed" numerals for B - ring. Primed modified numbering system is not used for chalcones[78, 79].

Flavonoids are phenyl benzo - pyrones (Phenyl chromenes) with an assortment of structure based on common three - ring nucleus. They are usually subdivided according to their substituents into eight different classes: (Flavones, Flavonols, Flavanones, Dihydroflavonol, Flavanol, Chalcone, Isoflavone, Anthocyanidine) [80, 81].

1.6.2.Antioxidant and anti-free radical activities of flavonoids

The most described property of flavonoids is their capacity to protect the organism against free radicals and oxygenated reactive species during the metabolism of oxygen .The protective effect of flavonoids is due to several mechanisms such as free radicals trapping, enzymes inhibition and metallic ions chelation. These properties depend on the structure of the flavonoids and the degree of substitution and saturation[82].

1.7 Quercetin
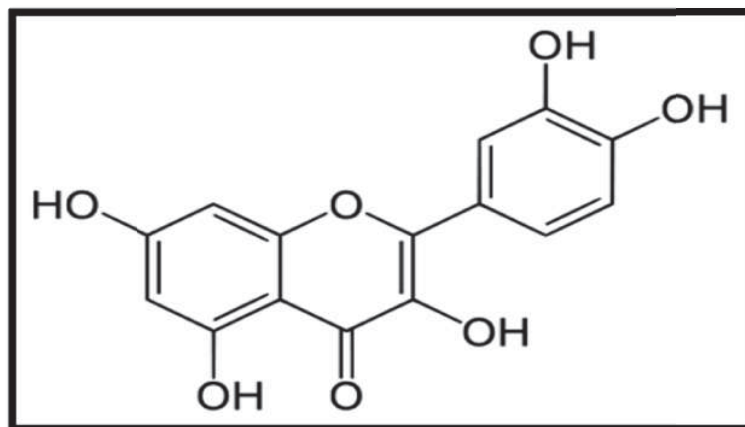
Figure (1.3): Chemical structure of Quercetin

Quercetin is a flavonol found in many fruits, vegetables, leaves and grains. It can be used as an ingredient in supplements, beverages, or foods. Quercetin widely distributed in nature. The name has been used since 1857, and is derived from quercetum[83].It is a naturally occurring polar auxin transport inhibitor [84].
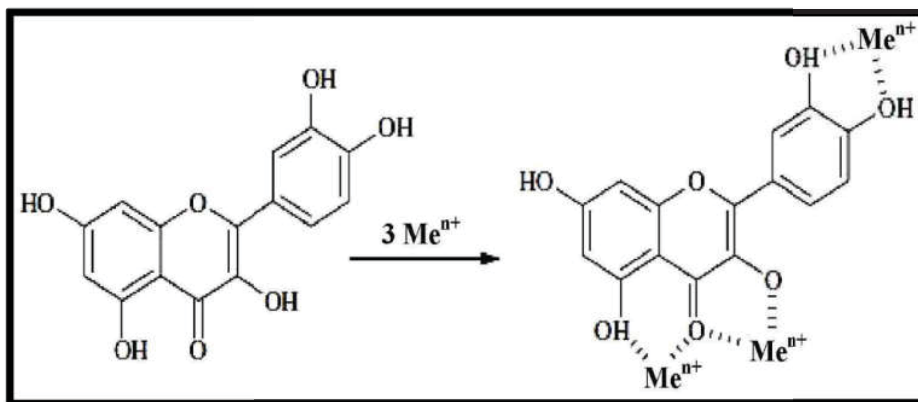
Figure (1.4): Position of chelating agents

Quercetin in higher concentration occur in the outermost rings in red onions and in the part closest to the root. The latest being the part of the plant with the highest concentration[85]. Quercetin had 79% organically grown tomatoes more than chemically grown fruit[86]. Quercetin is present in various kinds of honey from different plant sources[87].

The best described property of Quercetin is its ability to act as antioxidant. Quercetin seems to be the most powerful flavonoids for protecting the body against reactive oxygen species, produced during the normal oxygen metabolism or are induced by exogenous damage [88].

The most important mechanisms and the sequence of proceedings by which free radicals interfere with the cellular functions appear to be the lipid peroxidation leading lastly the cell death. Living organisms have developed antioxidant line of defense systems to protect this cellular death to happen from reactive oxygen species [89].

In general, Quercetin is poorly absorbed, absorbed 25% of it from small intestine in human. the humans absorb appreciable amount of quercetin, contradicts the assumption [90].

Quercetin is found as couples form with glucuronic acid, sulfate or methyl groups in human plasma, with no significant amounts of free quercetin.

Research shows that anti-inflammatory foods containing quercetin can help manage a number of

1. inflammatory health problems,
2. including heart disease
3. blood vessel problems,
4. allergies,
5. infections,
6. chronic fatigue,
7. symptoms related to autoimmune disorders like arthritis.

It all come down to high-antioxidant foods' ability to be "scavenge free radicals." As a major bioflavonoid in our diets, quercetin (a type of "polyphenolic antioxidant") helps slow the aging progress because it lessens the effects of oxidative stress on the body[91]. Oxidative stress takes place in

all of us but is increased by things like a poor diet, high levels of stress, a lack of sleep and exposure to chemical toxins. Quercetin plays a role in regulating the immune system's response to outside stressors through cell signaling pathways called kinases and phosphatases, two types of enzyme and membrane proteins needed for proper cellular function[91].

1.8 Curcumin

Another example of natural material with some antibacterial activities is curcumin. It is an orange–yellow crystalline powder practically insoluble in water and ether but soluble in ethanol, dimethylsulfoxide, and acetone. Curcumin was first isolated in 1815 by Vogel[92]; in 1870 it was isolated in crystalline form and identified as (1E,6E) -1,7-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)- 1,6-heptadiene-3,5-dione or diferuloylmethane[93]. The feruloylmethane skeleton of curcumin was confirmed in 1910 by the initial work and synthesis by Lampe[94]. Curcumin has a melting point of 183°C, its molecular formula is $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ and molecular weight 368.37 Besides curcumin, turmeric contains other chemical constituents known as the curcuminoids (figure1.5) [94] The curcuminoids impart the characteristic yellow color to turmeric. The major curcuminoids present in turmeric are demethoxycurcumin, bisdemethoxycurcumin, and the recently identifiedCyclocurcumin[95]. Commercial curcumin contains about 77% curcumin, 17% demethoxycurcumin, and 3% bis-demethoxycurcumin as its major components.
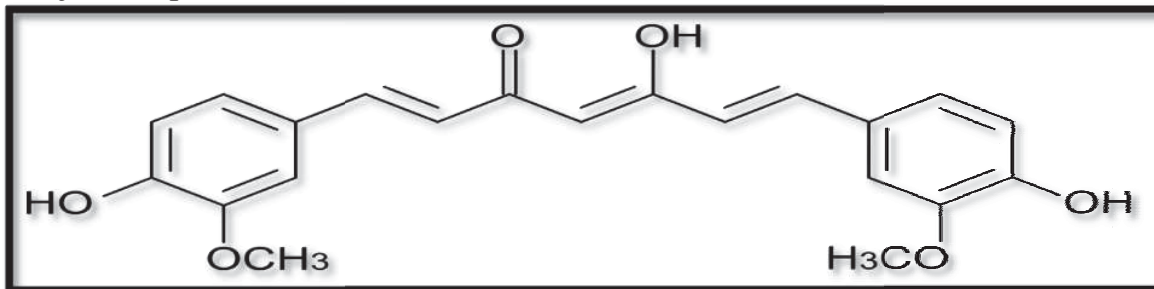
Figure(1.5): Structure of various curcumins[96]

Curcumin is the major constituent of the yellow pigments isolated from rhizome of Curcuma longa(turmeric). The root of this plant has been used in India as preservative, colorant, flavoring in meals (curry) and as a traditional medicine. Several studies in recent years have shown that curcumin has antioxidant, anti-microbial, anti-parasitic, anti-mutagen ,anticancer properties[97, 98], and anti-inflammatory[99].

Curcumin acts as a superoxide radical scavenger[100], A recent report describes the H-atom donation from the β-diketone moiety to a lipid alkyl or a lipid peroxyl radical as a potentially more important antioxidant action of curcumin[101].

Curcumin anti-inflammatory activity was attributed to the hydroxyl and phenol groups in the molecule and these groups are also essential for the inhibition of prostaglandins PG synthetase and leucotrienessynthesis(LT)[101].

Also it was suggested that the anti-inflammatory action is associated with the β-dicarbonylic system, which has conjugated double bonds (dienes). This system seems to be responsible, not only for anti-inflammatory power, but also for antiparasitic activity[102].

The presence of a dieneketone system provides a lipophilicity to the compounds and thus probably better skin penetration. Structure–activityrelationship studies suggest that a hydroxy group at the para-position is most critical for the expression of biological activity[102].

1.9 Catechins
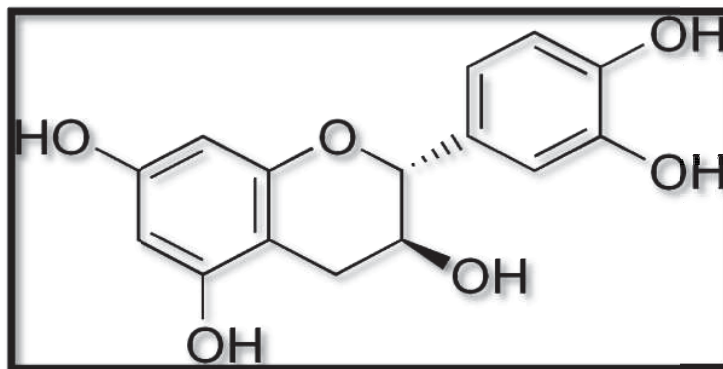
Figure (1.6): Chemical structure of Catechins[103]

(2R,3S)-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromene-3,5,7-triol are members of the flavan-3-ols (also referred to as flavanols) which is a class of flavonoid. Afzelechin, catechins and gallocatechin are three subgroupings of the flavanols which representing varying degrees of B-ring hydroxylation [104]. The epi-isomers of the catechins and gallocatechins are the dominant forms in tea. The "tea catechins" is a term commonly used to refer to both catechins and gallocatechins make up as much as 30% wt/wt of dissolved solids. A large percentage of the catechins present in tea exist as gallic acid esters. Gallation is found to be occured mainly at the 3-position[105].

Other than tea, catechins have also been found in chocolate, cocoa, apples, beer, black, red and white currants, blueberries, cacao liquor , gooseberries, grape seeds (Vitisvinifera), kiwi fruit, strawberry, red wine, etc. [106]. The major catechins in tea are (-)-epigallocatechingallate (EGCG), (-)-epigallocatechin (EGC), (-)-epicatechingallate (ECG), (-)-epicatechin (EC) and (+)-catechin (C)[107].Catechin biosynthesis is also environmentally dependent , The catechins' role in plants is to provide protection from the damage from UV rays in sunlight, and catechin production is strongly affected by photosynthesis[108-110].

Catechins have antioxidant activity by chelating redox active transition-metal ions, scavenging free radicals, inhibiting pro-oxidant enzymes,

inhibiting redox active transcription factors, and inducing antioxidant enzymes, The (+)-catechin electron/proton donating capacity and its radical scavenging antioxidant activity impacts the deprotonation of the catechol group [111].

1.10 Vitamin C
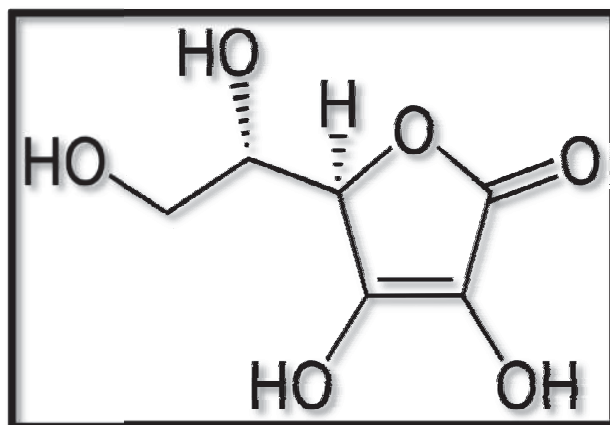
Figure (1.7): Chemical structure of Vitamin C[112]

Is the term frequently used to refer to L-ascorbic acid in a nutritional context and it also encompasses its oxidation product, dehydroascorbic acid. L-ascorbic acid is found naturally in a wide variety of plants and animals. The chemical formula $C_6H_8O_6$ and a molecular weight of 176.12 . its water-soluble vitamin C is important in forming collagen, The human body does not produce it and its only source is from diet[113].

A fundamental feature of the chemistry of L-ascorbic acid is its redox behavior. In an excellent paper on the complex redoxbehaviour of L-ascorbic acid, Creutz[114] pointed out that the oxidation and reduction reactions of L-ascorbic acid and its redox companions are complicated by the intervention of simultaneous proton transfer reactions. Of particular interest in the context of transition metal chemistry is the fact that L-ascorbic acid will form chelate complexes with transition metal ions[115]. In most cases, the structures of these species have been deduced from spectroscopic studies of one sort or

another and it is generally believed that such complexes are formed to produce a five-member ring with the enediol part of the molecule[116].

Ascorbic acid is a powerful antioxidant because it can donate a hydrogen atom and form a relatively stable ascorbyl free radical. As a scavenger of reactive oxygen and nitrogen oxide species, ascorbic acid has been shown to be effective against the superoxide radical ion, hydrogen peroxide, the hydroxyl radical and singlet oxygen [117].

1.11 Chelation of metal ions

The ions of Nickel (Ni^{+2}),and Cadmium (Cd^{+2}) are essential for certain physiological functions of living cells . They can be, either as components of hemoprotiens, or of cofactors of various enzymes implicated in antioxidant defense system of cells. Besides their beneficial role, they are also responsible for the production of the sulfhydryl radical by the reduction of hydrogen peroxide ($^{\bullet}OH$), according to the following reaction.

$$H_2O_2 + Pb^{+2} \longrightarrow {}^{\bullet}OH + {}^{-}OH + Pb^{+2}$$

The flavonoid form a stable complex with transition metals (Fe^{+3}, Al^{+3}, Cd^{+2}, Ni^{+2} Pb^{+2}); the stiochiometry of the complex and the site of chelation depend on the nature of the flavonoid mainly the presence of the catechol part and the pH. Moreover, this phenomenon of chelation is accompanied by the oxidation of the flavonoid (Cd^{+2}, Ni^{+2} Pb^{+2}) . The chelation is occurred generally on the hydroxyl groups in position 3' and 4' of the B ring, on the position 5 of hydroxyl group of A ring and on the positions 3 and 4 of carbonyl of C ring[118-120].

1.12 Molecular Complex

The term molecular complex is used to describe a variety of types of association products of two or more molecules. In the past two decades or so extensive experimental attention has been given to a large group of complexes formed by the weak interaction of certain classes of organic substances, functioning as electron donors, with other substances which act as electron acceptors [121,122]

The substances which serve as donor components can be divided in two groups. The first group includes alkenes, alkynes, aromatic hydro carbons , and their substitution products. These are classed as π complexes. The second group of donors encompasses a large group of substances in which there are non- bonded electrons available for coordination. Typical example of these so – called n donors are alcohols, organic sulfides, organic iodides, and nitrogen bases in which the lone pairs are located in atomic orbital of oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen and iodine atoms. There are many types of acceptors such as, inorganic acceptors (halogens, silver salts, salt of copper (I) and mercury (II), metal halides, …) hydroxylic substance and haloforms, π acids and organic acceptors[123,124].

Donor – acceptor complexes, the compositions of which can be represented by integral mole ratios of the components, are in many instances so unstable that they cannot be isolated in the pure state at ordinary temperatures but exist only in solutions in equilibrium with their components, usually be detected readily because of differences in their physical properties (e.g., absorption spectra) from those of the pure[125].

It was recognized some time ago that certain types of molecular complex should be regarded as products of electron donor – acceptor interactions[126,127].

The exact nature of the coordinate link between the complex components however has been the subject of extensive and controversial discussion over the past several decades.

Keefer , in attempting to account for the weakness of the coordinate link between the components of certain complexes, considered the possibility that ″residual valence forces″were saturated by the interaction [128].

Bennet and Willis, took the opposite view and proposed that covalent bonds, were established between the donors and acceptors.

Rossoti , proposed that they are formed through electrostatic attraction between molecules with permanent dipoles or permanent partial moments and non-polar substance which can be polarized by induction [129].

Gibson and Loeffler suggested that these changes spectrum, which are frequently observed when complexes are formed, are associated with a transfer of electrons from one component to the other[130].

1.13 Thermodynamics and Biological Systems

All living organisms have an unrelenting requirement for energy. The flow of energy that sustains life on earth originates on the sun, a small percentage of the solar energy that reaches the earth is captured by plants and certain microorganisms, photoautotrophs, can utilize solar energy during photo synthesis .The study of energy transformations in living organisms is called bioenergetics, it is useful in determining the direction and extent to which specific biochemical reactions will proceed .Thermodynamics is concerned with heat and energy transformations, such transformations are considered to take place in a "Universe" that is composed of a system and its surroundings[131, 132].

A biological system may be an entire organism or a cell or a reaction occurring in living organism, which consume nutrients from their surroundings and release waste products to it, are open systems.

Chemical reactions are determined by three factors:

I- Enthalpy (H): a measure of heat contents.

II- Entropy (S): a measure of disorder are derived from the first and second law of thermodynamics.

III- Free energy (G): a measure of the tendey of a process to take place, is derived from a mathematical relationship enthalpy and entropy.

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S \text{--------------------------------(1-1)}$$

T: is in absolute temperature

ΔS: has a positive sign when entropy increases

and ΔH: has a negative sign when heat is released, either of these conditions, typical of spontaneous process, will make ΔG negative (spontaneous process)[133, 134].

The standard free energy ($\Delta G°$), which is a constant for each individual reaction, defined under the standard conditions of 25°C and 1atm pressure. For the reaction

$$aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$$
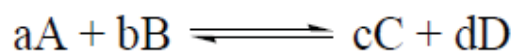
The change in free energy is related to the reaction's equilibrium constant:

$$\Delta G = \Delta G° + 2.303RT \ \log\frac{[C]^c[D]^d}{[A]^a[B]^b} \quad \text{---------------(1-2)}$$

If the reaction at equilibrium, the $\Delta G=0$ and the expression reduced

$$\Delta G° = -2.303RT \ \log K_{eq} \text{----------------------(1-3)}$$

1.14 Stability of complex in solution

A metal ion in solution does not exist isolated, but in combination with ligands (such as solvent molecules or simple ions) or chelating groups, giving rise to complex ions or coordination compounds. These complexes contain a central atom or ion, often a transition metal, and a cluster of ions or neutral molecules surrounding it.

All metals form complexes, although the extent of formation and nature of these depend very largely on the electronic structure of the metal. Stability of a complex in solution" refers to the degree of association between the two species involved in the state of equilibrium. Qualitatively, the greater association, the greater stability of the compound. The magnitude of the (stability or formation) equilibrium constant for the association, quantitatively expresses the stability[135]. Thus, if we have a reaction of the type:-

$$M + nL \rightarrow ML_n$$

then the larger stability constant, the higher proportion of ML_4 that exists in the solution. Free metal ions rarely exist in solution so that M, will usually be surrounded by solvent molecules which will compete with the ligand molecules, L, and be successively replaced by them.

1.15 Thermodynamics and equilibrium chemistry

Thermodynamics is the study of thermal, electrical, chemical, and mechanical forms of energy. The study of thermodynamics crosses many disciplines, including physics, engineering, and chemistry. the various branches of thermodynamics, the most important to chemistry is the study of the changes in energy occurring during a chemical reaction. Chemical systems spontaneously react in a fashion that lowers their overall free energy[136] in equation (1-1).

At a constant temperature and pressure, typical of many bench-top chemical reactions, the free energy of a chemical reaction is given by the Gibb's free energy function equation (1-1) [138]

Reactions in which heat is produced have a negative ΔH and are called exothermic. Endothermic reactions absorb heat from their surroundings and have a positive ΔH. Entropy is a measure of randomness, or disorder. The entropy of an individual species is always positive and tends to be larger for gases than for solids and for more complex rather than simpler molecules. Reactions that result in a large number of simple, gaseous products usually have a positive ΔS. The sign of ΔG can be used to predict the direction in which a reaction moves to reach its equilibrium position. A reaction is always thermodynamically favored when enthalpy decreases and entropy increases. Substituting the inequalities $\Delta H < 0$ and $\Delta S > 0$ into equation (1-1) shows that ΔG is negative when a reaction is thermodynamically favored. When ΔG is positive, the reaction is unfavorable as written (although the reverse reaction is favorable). Systems at equilibrium have a ΔG of zero. At equilibrium the Gibb's free energy is zero, and equation below

$$\Delta G° = -RT \ln K_{eq} \text{ ----------------(1-4)}$$

where K_{eq} is an equilibrium constant that defines the reaction's equilibrium position[136].

1.16 Spectrophotometer

Spectroscopy is the quantitative and qualitative measurement of the reflection or transmission properties of a material as a function of wavelength.

The use of spectrophotometers spans various scientific fields, such as physics, materials science, chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology. Ultraviolet–Visible spectroscopy or ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry (UV-Vis) refers to the absorbance or reflectance in the ultraviolet- Visible spectral region. This means it uses light in the visible and adjacent area (near-UV and near-infrared [NIR]) ranges.
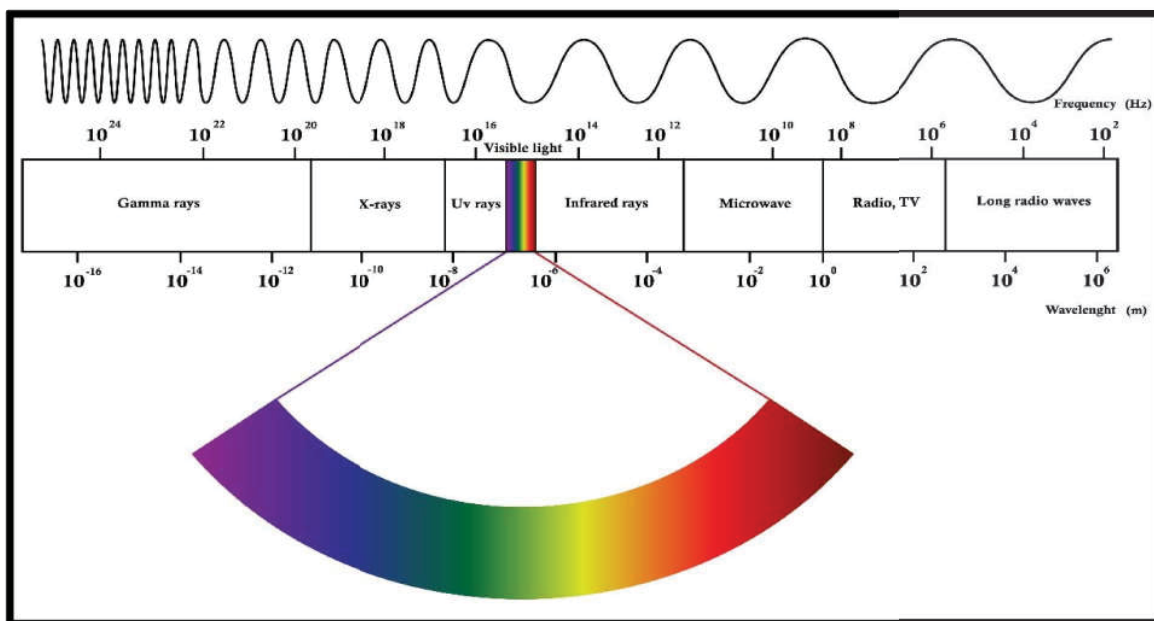
Figure (1.8): The regions of the electromagnetic spectrum [138]

The absorbance or reflectance in the visible range directly affects the perceived color of the chemicals involved. In this region of the electromagnetic spectrum, molecules undergo electronic transitions. This technique is complementary to fluorescence spectroscopy, fluorescence deals with transitions from the excited state to the ground state, while absorption measures transitions from the ground state to the excited state[138].
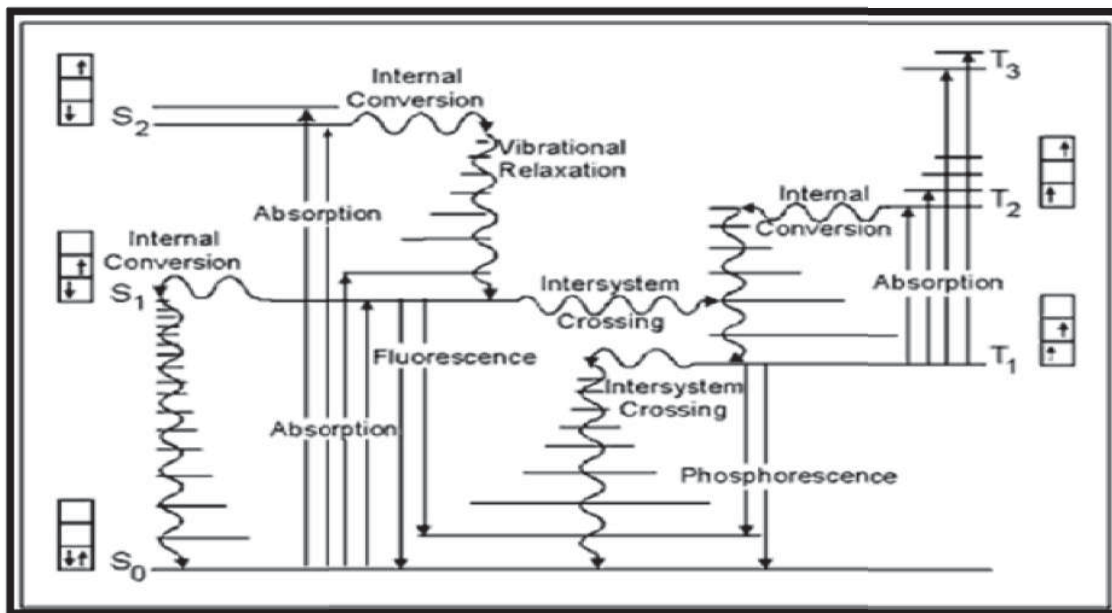
Figure (1.9): Physical basis of Absorbance, Fluorescence and phosphorescence[193]

Molecules that capable of absorbing light are called chromophores. In absorption spectroscopy the particular frequencies at which light is absorbed are affected by the structure and environment of chromophore. Light energy is used to promote electrons from the ground state to variation excited state. Different chemical structure absorb different frequencies of light since each has a different characteristic electronic structure (pattern of electron distribution). Molecules containing π-electrons or non-bonding electrons (n-electrons) may absorb the energy in the form of ultraviolet or visible light to excite these electrons to higher anti-bonding molecular orbital's.

The more easily excited the electrons (i.e. lower energy gap between the HOMO and the LUMO) the longer wavelength of light is absorbed[139].

The instrument used in ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy is called a UV/Vis spectrometer. It measures the intensity of light(I) passing through the sample, then compare it to the intensity of light before it passes through the same sample (I_o). The ratio I/I_o is called the transmittance, and is usually expressed as a percentage of (T %). The absorbance may be quantified by the Beer – Lambert low:

$A = \log(100 / T\%)\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots(1\text{-}5)$

$\log I_o/I = \varepsilon.c.l \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots(1\text{-}6)$

I_o : intensity of incident light

I : intensity of transmitted light

C : molar concentration

L : length of the light path in cm

$T\%$: Transmittance light percentage

ε: the molar extinction coefficient

$\log I_o/I$: the absorbance A_λ at the particular wavelength or frequency. A plot of A or ε versus wavelength or frequency is known as absorption spectrum. Wavelengths corresponding to maxima in such spectra are denoted by λ_{max}. This spectrum is a fixed property of a pure chromophore and it is used in identification of previously-characterized molecules. Since absorbance is directly depending on molar concentration, it could be used to measure the concentration provided a standard curve for that chromophoreis also available
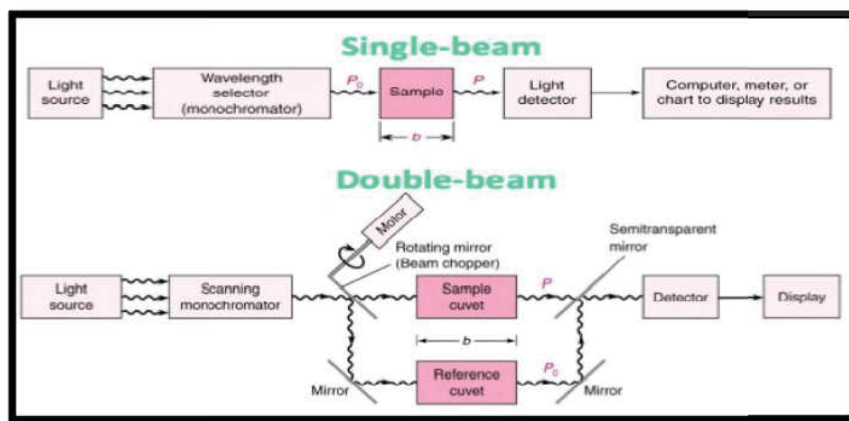
Figure (1.10): Uv-Visible Spectrophotometer [140]

The basic outline of the absorption spectra that measured in a spectro photometer are shown in Figure (1.10). Electromagnetic radiation is generated by a lamp which contains a metal filament through which an electric current flows. For a wavelength in a visible range a tungsten-halogen lamp (290-900nm) is used while deuterium lamps provide both ultraviolet and visible radiation (210-370nm). The light emitted from these sources consist of a wide

range of wavelengths. It is necessary to select a single wavelength by passing the light through a mono chromator of some sort. In modern instruments, this is usually a diffraction grating which achieves the same effect as the prism used by Newton.

This monochromatic light is then used as incident light in the absorption experiment. Many designs are available for spectrophotometer including single beam, split (double) beam and dual beam instrument (see Figure 1.10). A cuvette is a sample container, which is constructed from different materials, such as glass, plastic and quartz. Because the cuvette (and the solvent) may have its own absorption spectrum, it is essential to determine a blank spectrum of cuvette plus solvent and then subtract this from that of the solvent containing the chromophore (analyte), in order to obtain the real spectrum for the chromophore solely. In a duel beam instrument, this could be with one beam passing through the blank cuvette and the other through the analyte[140]

The applications of Absorption Spectroscopy are:

1. Advantage is frequently taken of the Beer-Lambert law to carry out quantitative measurements. If the absorptivity is known, it is possible to calculate concentrations directly from the absorbance readings at specific wavelength.

2. In enzyme assays the concentration of either substrate or product may be measured to allow calculation of rates of enzyme-catalyzed reactions.

3. Structural studies for biopolymers such as proteins and DNA.

4. Absorption spectra are characteristic for specific bio molecules.

1.17 Literature survey

Middleton & Kandaswami(1994)[141]: The earliest presented complexing reaction of flavonoids with aluminum as the central ions and flavone as the ligand. It was observed that complex formation causes a batho chromic shift in both absorption bands, I and II.

Pietta(2000)[142]: found that, the chelating properties of flavonoids towards metal ions have been attributed to the presence of the 3-or5-hydroxyl pyran-4-one, rather than the ortho-hydroxyl in the B-ring

Mira, Viswanathan(2002)[143, 144]: proposing that catechol moiety is the major site for metal chelating The results of Bodini et al indicate that coordination to the catechol group of quercetin is the strongest for iron, even in acidic media [145]

Cornard and Merlin(2002)[120]: assert the opposite, that in acidic media the ortho - dihydroxy groups of quercetin are never involved in complexation with Al (III). The same authors found two binding sites in the Al (III) – quercetin complex formation is the 3 - hydroxy groups, which are strongly depends on the medium and pH.

Torreggani et al(2005)[146]: also found that two chelating processes occurred consecutively, implicating two binding sites in the Cu (II) – Quercetin complex.

Swaran J.S. Flora and Vidhu Pachauri (2010)[54]: provide an update of the existing chelating agents and the various strategies available for the treatment of heavy metals and metalloid intoxication. 2,3-Dimercaprol haslong been the mainstay of chelation therapy for lead or arsenic poisoning ,however its serious side effects have led researchers to develop less toxic analogues.

Hydrophilic meso-2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid effectively promote renal metal excretion, but their ability to access intracellular metals is weak .

LetiziaDa Sacco and Andrea Masotti (2010)[147]: Chitin and chitosan arenatural polysaccharide polymers. they have been used in few studies dealingwith arsenic (As) removal from the groundwater and no evidence of the use of these natural polymers for arsenic trioxide (As_2O_3) delivery in tumor therapy. They suggest that chitin and/or chitosan might have the right properties to be employed as efficient polymers for such applications.

Gholamreza Dehghan and Zahra Khoshkam (2011)[148]: They studied the ability of quercetin to chelating the toxic tin in an organic stannous chloride ($SnCl_2.2H_2O$) form. To access the more information about chelation, 1H-NMR,IR and UV-visible spectroscopic measurements have been carried out .

Guangliang Liu, Aymara Fernandez, and Yong Cai (2012)[149]: Dissolved organic matter (DOM) binding with arsenic (III) in presence of iron (Fe) and formation of Fe-bridged As-Fe-DOM complexes. Were investigated using a size exclusion chromatography (SEC) and UV-inductively coupled plasma massspectrometry (ICP-MS) technique. The kinetic data of As(III)-Fe-DOM complexation were well described by a pseudo-first order rate equation (R^2 =0.95), with the rate constant (k′) being 0.17±0.04 h-1. and stability constant (Ks) derived from two-site ligand binding model, with (log Ks) ranging from 4.4±0.2to 5.6±0.4 .

C.Montoliu, J. Pungercar, J.-M. Sabatier, F. Th´evenod, and A.Yasutake (2013)[150]: Toxic metals such as arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury are ubiquitous, have no beneficial role in human homeostasis, and contribute to

non communic able chronic diseases. Novel drug targets for chronic disease are eagerly sought, potentially helpful agents that aid in detoxification of toxic elements, chelators, have largely been restricted to overt acute poisoning. Peptides glutathione and metal othionein chelate both essential and toxic elements as they are sequestered, transported and excreted .

Al-Rufaie E. M. and Al-Khafaji N. R. (2014)[151]: Study the interaction of lead (II) ion with a poly hydroxyllated flavonoids, the quercetin molecule, was investigated electrochemically in acidic media. The differential pulspolarographic technique were used to determine the kinetic parameters of K°_{th} , α_n using meites. also thermodynamic parameters such as ΔH, ΔG and ΔS of Pb^{+2}-complexes with quercetin at (293-313) K

The Aims of the present work:

The aim of the present work is to study the complexation of Pb(II),Ni(II),Cd(II) ions by four of the flavonoid compound (Curcumin , Quercetin , Vitamin C , Catechin) as follows:

1.   Optimizing of all the chemical and physical conditions for the complexation.

2.   Determining λ_{max} and the absorbance for each compound alone in their optimized condition.

3.   Measuring of the spectrum for the mixtures of these compounds with Pb (II),Ni(II) and Cd(II) ions.

4.   Determining the stoichiometric ratio of the complexes by the Job method

5.   Determining the equilibrium constant and the other thermodynamic parameters ($\Delta H°$, $\Delta G°$ and $\Delta S°$) for the complexation.

6.   Conducting kinetic studies for the rate constants and the reaction order determinations.