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### **Abstract:**

There is a growing interest in using marine phospholipids (PL) as ingredient for food fortification due to their numerous health benefits. However, the use of marine PL for food fortification is a challenge due to the complex nature of the degradation products that are formed during the handling and storage of marine PL. For example, non-enzymatic browning reactions

may occur between lipid oxidation products and primary amine group from phosphatidylethanolamine or amino acid residues that are present in marine PL. Therefore, marine PL contain products from non-enzymatic browning and lipid oxidation reactions, namely Strecker aldehydes, pyrroles, oxypolymers, and other impurities that may positively or negatively affect the oxidative stability and quality of marine PL. This review was undertaken to provide the industry and academia with an overview of the current understanding of the quality changes taking place in PL during their production and their storage as well as with regards to their utilisation for food fortification.

**INTRODUCTION**

Marine phospholipids (PL) are different from PL derived from other sources such as soybean, egg yolk, etc. Most of the PL derived from marine sources, especially phosphatidylcholine (PC) has a polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) at sn-2 position of its glycerol backbone. According to Le Grandois and co-workers (2009), the most dominant PL molecular species in marine sources such as Antarctic krill are C16:0-20:5 PC and C16:0-22:6 PC and therefore these marine PL are rich in eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA, C20:5) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, C22:6). In general, PC is the most abundant PL derived from marine sources such as salmon, tuna, rainbow trout, blue mackerel, bonito, herring etc. The second abundant PL is phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and followed by other minor PL such as phosphatidylinositol (PI), phosphatidylserine (PS), sphingomyelin (SPM) and lyso-PC. PL derived from marine sources have been the focus of much attention recently. Many studies have shown that marine PL provide more advantages than fish oil containing only triglyceride (TAG). These advantages include: i) a higher content of physiologically important n-3 long chain (LC) PUFA such as EPA and DHA (Peng et al., 2003); ii) a better bioavailability of EPA and DHA (Wijendran et al., 2002); iii) a broader spectrum of health benefits including those from n-3 LC PUFA, their polar head groups and the combination of the two in the same molecule (Ierna et al., 2010); iv) a better resistance towards oxidation (Cho et al., 2001; Moriya et al., 2007). Nevertheless, it is important to note that the oxidative stability of marine PL is influenced by other factors such as purity, presence of other residues and structures that PL can be formed in different matrix such as micelles, liposomes, etc.

Due to the numerous advantages of marine PL, there is a growing awareness of using marine PL as ingredient for food fortification. Marine PL contain a high level of PC, which has amphiphilic properties and therefore they are potential natural surfactants for emulsion preparation. Furthermore, marine PL emulsions could be used as effective carriers of n-3 LC PUFA rich oil as they could be incorporated easily into aqueous and emulsified foods. To date, many studies on n-3 TAG fortified functional foods are available in literature, whereas food fortification with marine PL is a new area in food industry. Only several studies have been carried out to investigate the potential use of marine PL (Lu et al., 2013b) and krill oil (which comprises approximately 30-40% PL) for food fortification (Pietrowski et al., 2011; Kassis et al., 2010, 2011; Sedoski et al., 2012). Nevertheless, these studies reported that both marine PL and krill oil fortified foods are still susceptible to oxidation due to the high content of n-3 LC PUFA in marine PL and krill oil. Therefore, the oxidative stability of marine PL and krill oil in real food systems need to be further investigated. Information on the oxidative stability of marine PL are scarcely available except a few studies on marine PL based liposomes (Mozuraityte et al., 2006a, 2006b, 2008), marine PL liposomes under gastrointestinal condition (Cansell et al., 2001; Nacka et al., 2001a, 2001b) and several studies on marine PL emulsions and krill oil from our laboratory (Lu et al., 2012a, 2012b, 2012c, 2013a, 2013b, 2014; Thomsen et al., 2013).

In addition, the composition of marine PL and krill oil are more complex than TAG fish oil as they are not refined and deodorized as fish oils are. Due to the presence of the primary amine group from PE or amino acids and carbonyl groups, non-enzymatic browning reactions were observed in marine PL, marine PL emulsions and also in krill oil (Lu et al., 2012b, 2014). This observation was substantiated by several other studies, which also reported the occurrence

of non-enzymatic browning reactions in model system or matrix containing primary amine groups and lipid oxidation products (Hidalgo et al., 2003, 2005a, 2005b, 2006, 2007). The interaction between non-enzymatic browning reactions and lipid oxidation may complicate the study of oxidative stability of marine PL. Therefore, the main objectives of this review study are to provide food industries and academia with: a) new insights into the lipid oxidation and non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL, b) suggestions to improve the quality of current marine PL, and c) insight into the potential use of marine PL for food fortification.

### ***OXIDATION OF MARINE PHOSPHOLIPIDS***

PL are degraded through two main pathways of hydrolysis and/or oxidation. Hydrolysis usually occurs in the presence of water to produce lysophospholipids and free fatty acids. Lysophospholipids are subsequently degraded to glycerophospho compounds as the end product of PL hydrolysis. In addition, PL hydrolysis is catalysed under either basic or acid conditions (Gritt et al., 1993). On the other hand, the PL degradation via oxidation of its fatty acids is similar to other lipids. There are several proposed mechanisms for lipid oxidation, namely lipid autoxidation, photooxidation, and enzymatic or non-enzymatic oxidation. The discussion of photooxidation and enzymatic oxidation for marine PL is beyond the scope of this review paper. Therefore, the discussion of this part will mainly focus on autoxidation of marine PL with special emphasis on n-3 LC PUFA (EPA and DHA).

Similar to the oxidation of TAG in fish oil, the n-3 LC PUFA chains in marine PL are the primary targets of oxidation. Autoxidation of n-3 LC PUFA in PL occurs via a free radical chain reaction that can be divided into 3 stages, namely initiation, propagation and termination. A



simplified scheme of lipid autoxidation is given in Figure 1. Autoxidation of lipids produce a great variety of compounds with different polarities, stabilities and molecular weights. These compounds can be classified as three main groups as suggested by Dobarganes and Marquez-Ruiz (2007): a) compounds with molecular weights similar to those of the unsaturated lipid molecules (LH) but with one of their fatty acids undergone oxidation, b) volatile compounds such as aldehydes, hydrocarbons, alcohols and ketones, c) oxypolymerization compounds such as dimers or polymers, which are formed through the interactions of two or more lipid radicals ( $L^\bullet$ ) and therefore they have higher molecular weights than the initial lipid LH. Dimers and polymers are large molecules that are formed by a combination of  $-C-C-$ ,  $-C-O-C-$  and  $-C-O-O-C-$  bonds (Kim et al., 1999). They have either acyclic or cyclic structures depending on the reaction process and types of fatty acids in lipids (Tompkins and Perkins, 2000). Oxypolymerisation usually occurs at high temperature or at the accelerated stage of oxidation when the solubility of oxygen decreases drastically and most of the hydroperoxides (LOOH) decomposed to form peroxy ( $LOO^\bullet$ ) and alkoxy radicals ( $LO^\bullet$ ). Oxypolymers are formed through reaction mainly involving alkyl radicals ( $L^\bullet$ ) and alkoxy radicals ( $LO^\bullet$ ). According to Khayat and Schwall (1983), oxypolymerisation of lipid oxidation products generated from highly unsaturated fatty acids produced brown colored oxypolymers.

Lipids are susceptible toward oxidation in the presence of catalysts/initiators such as transition metals (iron and copper). The presence of transition metal in marine PL is an important factor decreasing the oxidative stability of marine PL. Transition metals such as ferrous and ferric ions ( $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$ ), primarily promote lipid oxidation by decomposing lipid hydroperoxide into free radical via a Fenton-type reaction as suggested by Dunford (1987).

Therefore, lipid oxidation could be greatly suppressed when the level of hydroperoxides was reduced in model system as suggested by Tadolini and Hakim (1996). In addition, the type, concentration and chemical state of transition metal may influence the decomposition rate of hydroperoxides differently. For instance, ferrous ion is a stronger pro-oxidant than ferric ion due to its higher solubility and reactivity (Halliwell and Gutteridge, 1990). Transition metals decompose hydroperoxides (LOOH) to form alkoxy radical ( $LO^{\bullet}$ ) and peroxy radicals ( $LOO^{\bullet}$ ), which can then abstract further H atoms. Free radicals ( $L^{\bullet}$ ) can then react with triplet oxygen to form peroxy radicals. In addition, transition metals can also abstract H from unsaturated lipid (LH) to form free radical ( $L^{\bullet}$ ), but this reaction is relatively slow and therefore is not an important pathway of lipid oxidation (Reische et al., 2008).

#### *Formation of secondary volatile oxidation products in marine PL*

Under certain conditions such as high temperature and the presence of transition metal ions, unstable lipid hydroperoxides may decompose through the formation of peroxy and alkoxy radicals, and cleavage of the alkoxy radicals by homolytic  $\beta$ -scission to form a wide variety of shorter-chain secondary oxidation volatiles. To the best of our knowledge, study on the characterizations of marine PL derived volatiles is scarcely available in the literature except several studies from our laboratory (Lu et al., 2012b, 2012c, 2013a, 2013b). Due to the high content of n-3 LC PUFA in marine PL, we obtained an almost similar lipid derived volatile profile as fish oil for marine PL emulsions. Several studies have investigated the secondary volatiles derived from n-3 LC PUFA in bulk fish oil system (Karahadian et al., 1989; Aidos et

al., 2002) and real food systems such as milk, mayonnaise, etc (Hartvigsen et al., 2000; Venkateshwarlu et al., 2004; Sørensen et al., 2010a, 2010b). Some of the selected n-3 LC PUFA derived volatiles and their associated odours with comparison to those from marine PL are listed in Table 1. Although the primary oxidation products of n-3 LC PUFA themselves are tasteless and odourless, decomposition of these products such as ketones and aldehydes that have low odour thresholds may adversely affect the flavour, taste and overall quality of foods containing n-3 PUFA. For instance, volatiles such as 1-penten-3-one, (*Z*)-4-heptenal, 1-octen-3-one, 1,5-octadien-3-one, (*E,E*)-2,4-heptadienal, and (*E,Z*)-2,6-nonadienal derived from n-3 LC PUFA have been reported as the most potent odorants in fish oil. Despite the potency of these volatiles, none of this individual volatile but rather a combination of volatiles is responsible for a fishy or metallic off-flavour in fish oil enriched milk (Venkateshwarlu et al., 2004). As mentioned earlier, marine PL have been shown to have a more complex matrix than fish oil as marine PL may contain amino acids residues or protein in addition to the high n-3 PUFA content in glycerophospholipids (Lu et al., 2012b). Therefore, marine PL have been shown to have a broader spectrum of secondary volatiles, including those derived from n-3 LC PUFA and those from non-enzymatic reactions.

### ***NON-ENZYMATIC BROWNING IN MARINE PL***

The most common non-enzymatic browning reactions is the Maillard reaction. It is a usually described as reaction between a reactive carbonyl group from reducing sugar with a nucleophilic amino group from amino acid. In addition to the reactive carbonyls from sugar or carbohydrates, lipid oxidation also produces reactive  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyls that can be engaged in non-

enzymatic browning reactions as reviewed by several studies (Pokorny and Sakurai, 2002; Zamora and Hidalgo, 2005, 2011). This review was undertaken to discuss the non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL from the aspect of lipid oxidation. Therefore, the discussion of browning development in marine PL which may be due to the other factors such as the presence of reducing sugar or microbial mediated enzymatic reactions is beyond the scope of this review paper. In general, non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL can be divided into two groups a) pyrrolisation to form pyrroles and b) Strecker degradation of amino acids if amino acid residues are present in marine PL (as shown in Figure 2a). Studies on non-enzymatic browning in marine PL system are scarcely available in the literature. Only a few studies on non-enzymatic browning in marine PL liposomes were reported by Thanonkaew et al (2005, 2006a, 2006b, 2007). These studies investigated non-enzymatic browning reactions only from the aspect of lipid oxidation and pyrrolisation. However, new findings on non-enzymatic browning reaction in marine PL emulsions and krill oil including both pyrrolisation and Strecker degradation were reported by our recent studies (Lu et al., 2012b, 2012c, 2013a, 2014). The selected volatiles derived from non-enzymatic browning reactions as reported by our studies with reference to other studies are shown in Table 2.

#### ***Proposed mechanisms for non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL***

Based on several studies by Hidalgo and co-workers (Hidalgo and Zamora, 2004, 2005; Zamora and Hidalgo, 2005, 2011), several pathways were proposed for non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL (as shown in Figure 2). It is suggested that extraction of PL at high temperature in the production of marine PL causes lipid oxidation and forms firstly secondary volatile oxidation products/carbonyl compounds and subsequently tertiary lipid oxidation

products ( $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl derivatives analogous to that of carbohydrate). Tertiary lipid oxidation products such as unsaturated epoxy keto fatty esters, epoxyalkenals and hydroxyalkenals are reactive toward primary amine group that are present in marine PL (Zamora et al., 2007; Rizzi, 2008). An example of tertiary lipid oxidation products is 4,5-(*E*)-epoxy-2-(*E*)-heptenal with two oxygenated function groups. This epoxyalkenal was derived from secondary oxidation product, (*E,E*)-2,4-heptadienal. Zamora and co-workers (2007) suggested that the presence of two oxygenated, namely one carbonyl group and one epoxy or hydroxyl group is required for the Strecker degradation and pyrrolisation to occur.

*Strecker degradation:*

Strecker degradation is a minor pathway in non-enzymatic browning and involves the oxidative deamination of  $\alpha$ -amino acids in the presence of compound such as reducing sugars, lipid oxidation products, dehydroascorbic acid, quinones or other Strecker reagents (Rizzi, 2008; Zamora and Hidalgo, 2011). In marine PL, it is suggested that tertiary lipid oxidation products firstly react with amino acids to form an imine (as shown in Figure 2a and 2b, mechanism A). This imine undergoes rearrangement, decarboxylation, hydrolysis and subsequently evolves into a Strecker aldehyde and a hydroxyl amino compound, hydroxyl amino compound is responsible for the formation of 2-alkylpyridines (Hidalgo and Zamora, 2004, 2005). Therefore, if this reaction occur between an epoxyalkenal (4,5-(*E*)-epoxy-2-(*E*)-heptenal) and an amino acid (leucine) in marine PL, a Strecker aldehyde (3-methylbutanal) and 2-methylpyridine could be produced. Moreover, it is suggested that secondary lipid oxidation products could also degrade amino acids to their corresponding Strecker degradation products. Zamora and co-workers

(2007) investigated the Strecker degradation of amino acids (phenylalanine) in aqueous medium by using secondary lipid oxidation products (alkadienals and ketodienes) at 180°C. Their findings showed that alkadienals and ketodienes are not the final lipid oxidation products in this reaction. Alkadienals and ketodienes could degrade amino acids to their corresponding Strecker degradation products when they are pre-oxidized to an epoxyalkenal prior to the ensuing Strecker degradation.

### *Pyrrrolisation*

In addition to Strecker degradation, pyrrrolisation is another alternative pathway for lipid oxidation products and primary amine group. Firstly, tertiary lipid oxidation products react with the amine groups to produce an imine, which then evolves into a cyclic intermediate (as shown in Figure 2b). This intermediate subsequently is converted into two different pyrrole derivatives and a short chain aldehyde depending on the reaction conditions, namely 2-(1-hydroxyalkyl)pyrroles and *N*-substituted pyrroles. Formation of 2-(1-hydroxyalkyl)pyrroles is always accompanied by a formation of *N*-substituted pyrroles (Zamora and Hidalgo 1994, 1995). As far as the stability is concerned, *N*-substituted pyrroles are stable, whereas 2-(1-hydroxyalkyl)pyrroles are unstable. 2-(1-hydroxyalkyl) pyrroles polymerize spontaneously to form melanoidin/lipofuscin-like macromolecules and therefore cause non-enzymatic browning development (as shown in Figure 2a and 2c). Polymerization occurs by successive dehydrations between the polymers and the monomers, and may also include other pyrroles. Pyrrrolisation could occur between lipid oxidation products with PE or amino acids/protein residues. As shown in Figure 2a (mechanism B and C), if a reaction takes place between tertiary lipid oxidation

products with PE, the pyrroles produced are most likely to be hydrophobic, but if a reaction takes place with amino group of amino acids or protein, the pyrroles produced are most likely to be hydrophilic. This hypothesis was further supported by the findings in Lu et al (2013a), which showed that hydrophilic pyrroles were found only in PL liposomal dispersion with amino acids added (Figure 3a), whereas hydrophobic pyrroles were found only in dispersions containing PE after incubation at 60 °C for 6 days (Figure 3b). In addition, the formation of hydrophobic pyrroles from PE pyrrolisation was further confirmed by the PE losses, which was observed in liposomal dispersion after incubation (Figure 3c). Between PE and amino acids, the amino group of PE undergoes pyrrolization 10 times more readily than the amino group of amino acids. This is due to the close proximity of the generation place of lipid oxidation products to the amino group of PE (Zamora et al., 2005).

#### *Oxypolymerisation*

As mentioned earlier, oxypolymerisation of lipid oxidation products might form brown colored polymers. Therefore, the presence of oxypolymer might be another reason for browning development in marine PL. Our most recent study (Lu et al., 2013a) showed that browning development in liposomal dispersion prepared from PC (which has a DHA at sn-2 position) was attributed to oxypolymerisation as PC do not contain primary amine and therefore no pyrroles were found in this liposomal dispersion (as shown in Figure 3a and 3b). In contrast, browning development in dispersion containing PE was attributed to both hydrophobic pyrrole formation and oxypolymerisation (as shown in Figure 3b and 3d). However, further investigation is required to find out which reaction, pyrrolisation or oxypolymerisation contributes more to

browning development in marine PL. As a summary, the browning development in marine PL might be attributed to the presence of both oxypolymers and pyrrole polymers. The issue of pyrrolisation will be further discussed in the later part of this paper.

*Comparison with other studies (formation of furans, pyridines, pyrazines and their alkyl substituents)*

Several more recent studies of Adams and co-workers (Adams et al., 2009, 2011a, 2011b) proposed different mechanisms for non-enzymatic browning reactions (aldol condensation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes and this process was strongly catalyzed by the presence of amino acids). Their model systems comprise amino acids (glycine or lysine) and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes ((*E*)-2-hexenal and (*E,E*)-2,4-decadienal) in anhydrous medium with and without addition of glucose. After incubation at 125° C or 200° C for 120 min., melanoidin like polycondensation products such as furans, pyridines, pyrroles, pyrazines and benzene derivatives were found in these systems (Adams et al., 2009). Different from the mechanisms proposed by Hidalgo and co-workers, their findings showed that the formation of 2-alkylpyridine required no compound with two oxygenated function groups. For instance, an alkylpyridine (5-butyl-2-propylpyridine) was found in the model system comprising (*E*)-2-hexenal and amino acids (glycine or lysine). They proposed that this compound was formed through condensation of two molecules of (*E*)-2-hexenal with NH<sub>3</sub> through a Michael type addition toward a second molecule of (*E*)-2-hexenal. After rearrangement of the double bond and cyclization, alkylpyridine was formed after elimination of water (as shown in Figure 4a). The same mechanism was also applied for model system comprising (*E,E*)-2,4-decadienal to form 2-pentypyridines. However, it



is worth noting that the Hidalgo and co-workers investigated the Strecker degradation of amino acids in aqueous medium at much lower temperature, whereas Adam and co-worker investigated the reaction in anhydrous medium at much higher temperature. For instance, Hidalgo and Zamora (2004) reported the formation of phenylacetaldehyde and 2-alkylpyridines in aqueous system comprising 4,5-(*E*)-epoxy-2-(*E*)-heptenal and phenylalanine after incubation at 37 °C, or in aqueous system comprising 4-hydroxy-2-nonenal and phenylalanine after incubation at 37 or 60 and 80 °C.

In another study of Adams and co-workers (2011b), they investigated the formation of 2-alkylfuran from lipid derived  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes under dry roasting condition (180 °C for 20 min). Their findings showed that the presence of amino acids, peptides and proteins induced non-enzymatic browning reactions and catalyzed the formation of 2-alkylfuran from  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes. However, they suggested that intermediate compounds with two oxygenated function groups such as 4-hydroxy-2-alkenals were formed prior to their intramolecular cyclization into 2-alkylfuran. They also reported that an oxidizing condition and involvement of radicals were required for 2-alkylfuran formation (as shown in Figure 4b). For instance, the addition of an aqueous oxidizing  $\text{CuCl}_2$  solution, the presence of oxygen and radical initiator significantly enhanced the formation of 2-alkylfuran. With respect to pyridines and pyrazines formation, several earlier studies in the literature suggested that ammonia or hydrogen sulphide, which were generated via degradation of amino acids after incubation at high temperature (140 or 180°C for 1 hour) might contribute to the formation of pyridines and pyrazines in model system containing  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl/carbonyl compounds (Farmer and Mottram, 1990; Hwang et al., 1993; Kim et al., 1996). Pyridines could be formed when ammonia or amino

acids react with carbonyl compounds such as unsaturated aldehydes derived mainly from lipid oxidation (Kim et al., 1996; Kim and Ho, 1998).

On the other hand, pyrazines could be formed when ammonia or amino acids react with  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl compounds to form  $\alpha$ -amino carbonyl compound, which is the precursor for pyrazine formation. Both carbohydrate and lipid could be the source for  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl compounds in marine PL. It is no doubt that  $\alpha$ -amino carbonyl compounds could be formed through the Strecker degradation of amino acids by methylglyoxal or glyoxal ( $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl compound derived from sugar or carbohydrates). Nevertheless, methylglyoxal and glyoxal have been shown to be lipid oxidation products in system containing no reducing sugar (Zamora and Hidalgo, 2005; Mlakar and Spiteller, 1995; Loidl-Stahlhofen and Spiteller, 1994). Therefore, formation of pyrazines in marine PL is partly attributed to the presence of lipid oxidation products. In addition, Negroni, D'Agostina, and Arnoldi (2001) reported that the presence of lipid oxidation products greatly influenced the formation of pyrazines in model system containing vegetable oils, lysine, xylose and glucose. In addition, it is important to note that pyrazines formation in marine PL could be associated with the incomplete removal of shell during marine PL manufacturing process. Our previous study reported that the formation of pyrazines and its alkyl substituents in krill oil was partly attributed to the presence of residual krill shell in krill oil (Lu et al., 2004).

The most accepted mechanism for pyrazine formation was firstly reported by Shibamoto and co-workers (1979) and later by Adam and co-workers in 2008. Adam et al (2008) reported that the incubation of an anhydrous medium comprising various amino acids and 1,3-dihydroxyacetone as a precursor of methylglyoxal at 90°C for 30 min led to the formation of pyrazine. They proposed that pyrazine formation involved the condensation of two  $\alpha$ -amino

carbonyl compounds to form dihydropyrazine, which later oxidized to form pyrazine. Subsequently, the incorporation of Strecker aldehyde or other aldol condensation products in the intermediate dihydropyrazine might occur to form other less abundant pyrazine with additional substituents (Figure 4c). In general, different proposed mechanisms for non-enzymatic browning reactions could be found in the literature. Due to the presence of various non-enzymatic browning products in marine PL, it is suggested that more than one chemical pathways are involved for their formation. Therefore, more studies are required in future to further investigate these complex mechanisms in marine PL.

#### *Strecker degradation in marine PL*

In marine PL, Strecker degradation may occur between lipid oxidation products and amino acids. Our recent study showed that more than ten different types of Strecker degradation products were found in emulsions prepared from marine PL through solid phase microextraction (SPME) GC-MS and dynamic headspace (DHS) GC-MS determination (Table 2). Several studies (Flores et al., 1998; Ventanas et al., 2007; Lu et al., 2013a) suggested that 2-methylbutanal and 3-methylbutanal are Strecker degradation products from isoleucine or leucine, respectively. Dimethylsulphide, dimethyldisulphide and dimethyl trisulphide might be degraded from sulphur containing compounds such as methionine or cysteine (Methven et al., 2007; Ventanas et al., 2007; Lu et al., 2013a). It is important to note that the presence of sulphur containing compounds in marine PL might also be associated with phytoplankton, which could be degraded to form dimethyl sulfide as exemplified in krill oil. As suggested by Budzinski and co-workers (1985), the presence of sulphur containing compounds in krill products might be attributed to the disintegration of whole intact krill (including its digestive tract, where phytoplankton was

accumulated) during their manufacturing process. On the other hand, 2-methyl-2-pentenal and 2-methyl-2-butenal were suggested to be the major volatiles resulting from a reaction between (*E,E*)-2,4-heptadienal with a lysine (Zamora and Hidalgo., 1994). To the best of our knowledge, the study by Lu et al (2012b) was the first to report the generation of Strecker degradation products in marine PL emulsions. The most dominant Strecker degradation products in marine PL emulsions are 3-methylbutanal, dimethyldisulphide and 2-methyl-2-pentenal, respectively (Lu et al., 2012b). The hypothesis that amino acids were involved in the formation of Strecker degradation products in marine PL was supported by the detection of amino acids in marine PL preparations in our recent study (Lu et al., 2012b). Moreover, our recent study also showed that Strecker degradation products of amino acids only were found in liposomal dispersions to which amino acids were added or in dispersions containing PE (as shown in Figure 3e). The high level of Strecker degradation products found in marine PL emulsions could be attributed to the high level of amino acid residues in marine PL used for emulsions preparation (Lu et al., 2012b, 2012c). Among the measured Strecker degradation products, some of them slightly increased in marine PL emulsions after 32 days storage at 2 °C. Therefore, Strecker degradation might occur at low reaction rate in marine PL emulsions during their storage at low temperature as shown by our recent studies (Lu et al., 2012b, 2012c). However, most of the Strecker degradation reaction seemed to occur in marine PL during their manufacturing process which involves high temperature (Lu et al., 2012b).

#### *Pyrrolisation in marine PL*

Thanonkaew and co-workers (2006b) had investigated the impact of lipid oxidation on yellow pigment formation in squid (*Loligo peali*) lipids and proteins. Their studies suggested that lipid oxidation increased simultaneously with browning development and pyrroles content, and correlated with a concomitant decrease in free amines when squid microsomes, squid PL liposomes and egg yolk lecithin liposomes were oxidized under pro-oxidative conditions. They also reported that the occurrence of non-enzymatic browning in squid muscle could primarily be ascribed to the reaction between the amine groups of PE and aldehydic lipid oxidation products. In fact, their findings are in agreement with that of Zamora and co-workers (Zamora et al., 2000, 2004). Zamora et al (2000) reported that a high correlation was obtained among the measurements of color, fluorescence and pyrroles in model systems comprising 4,5(*E*)-epoxy-2-(*E*)-heptenal/lysine or linolenic acid/lysine after incubation at 37 °C and 60 °C. The color and fluorescence production in these model systems was due to the pyrrole formation and polymerization. On the other hand, Zamora et al (2004) showed that pyrrolization of PL contributed to the oil darkening in poorly degummed edible oils, refined olive and soybean oils.

Thanonkaew and co-workers (2006b) also suggested that the degree of unsaturation affected the degree of non-enzymatic browning reactions in liposomes as proven by a higher degree of non-enzymatic browning reactions in squid PL liposomes compared to egg yolk lecithin. These findings are in agreement with that of Uematsu and co-workers (2002), who also reported an increase in browning development as the degree of unsaturation increased. When egg yolk lecithin liposomes were incubated with different aldehydic lipid oxidation products at 37°C for 15 hours, they found that the saturated aldehydes, namely propanal and hexanal had the least impact on yellowness and chemical properties of liposomes. In contrast, the monounsaturated

and polyunsaturated aldehydes especially (*E*)-2-heptenal, (*E*)-2-octenal and (*E,E*)-2,4-hexadienal increased significantly the yellowness, free amines and pyrroles content of liposomes. Another study from this group reported that the increase of incubation temperature or time led to an increase of lipid oxidation, pyrrolization and browning development in cuttlefish liposomes with a coincidental decrease in amine groups (Thanonkaew et al., 2007). The above-mentioned findings were further supported by our latest finding, which also showed that the increase in lipid oxidation led to an increase in pyrroles formation in liposomal dispersions prepared from purified marine PL after 6 days incubation at 40 °C (Lu et al., 2013a). It is worth noting that no pyrroles were found in above mentioned dispersion before incubation and that pyrroles were being formed as incubation was progressing. In addition, our other study showed that pyrroles were found mainly in marine PL preparations, which were extracted at high temperature, whereas a much lower level of pyrroles was found in marine PL, which were produced through enzymatic hydrolysis at low temperature (Lu et al., 2012b). As shown in Figure 5, different levels of pyrroles were found in emulsions (A, B and C) preparing from different marine PL preparations. Furthermore, the level of hydrophobic pyrroles was generally higher than hydrophilic pyrroles in marine PL. However, there was no increment of pyrroles before and after 32 days storage of these emulsions at 2°C. This phenomenon might imply that temperature is an important factor influencing the pyrrolisation in marine PL.

### *Antioxidative properties of pyrroles*

Pyrroles formed between oxidized lipids and the amine groups of protein/amino acids were shown to have antioxidative properties (Alaiz et al., 1995a, 1995b). However, the antioxidative

activity of pyrroles produced during the oxidative process was significantly increased with the addition of artificial antioxidants such as BHT or  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (Ahmad et al., 1998) or decreased due to the pyrrole polymerization (Anese and Nicoli, 2003; Hidalgo et al., 2003). The effect of pyrrole polymerization on the antioxidative activity of non-enzymatic browning reactions has been well studied by Hidalgo and co-workers (2003). In the first part of this study, they investigated the antioxidative activities of eight different pyrroles. According to their findings, antioxidative activity exhibited by pyrroles could be categorized into 3 main groups and was in the order stated as follows: a) pyrroles with no free  $\alpha$  position > pyrroles with free  $\alpha$  position > pyrroles with an oxygenated group. In other words, the antioxidative activity of pyrrole derivatives was in the order stated as follows: 1,2,5-trimethylpyrrole and 2,5-dimethylpyrrole > pyrrole and 1-methylpyrrole > 2-acetylpyrrole, 2-acetyl-1-methylpyrrole, pyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde and 1-methyl-2-pyrrolecarboxaldehyde. The structures of these molecules are shown in Figure 6.

In the second part, they investigated the changes in antioxidative activity during the polymerization of 2-(1-hydroxyethyl)-1-methylpyrrole (HMP). They reported that HMP firstly produced dimers (DIM), consequently both HMP and DIM polymerized to produce trimers (TRI), tetramers (TET) and higher polymers. They also reported that polymerization produced mainly the DIM rather than the higher polymers. In addition, polymerization contributed to the development of yellow color. As the incubation progressed, these DIM were transformed into polymers, and therefore their antioxidative activity decreased. Furthermore, DIM were found to be 2.5 times more antioxidative than HMP. Dimers contained two pyrrole rings without oxygenated functions and one of them having no free  $\alpha$ -position. In summary, their studies

showed that the antioxidative activity observed in a non-enzymatic browning reaction is the sum of the antioxidative activities of the different compounds present in the samples. Thus, antioxidative activity of a non-enzymatic browning reaction might change at the same time when the different pyrroles are either being produced or evolved into polymers.

Other studies on pyrroles particularly focusing on antioxidative activity of pyrroles in oxidized PL were reported by Hidalgo and co-workers (2005b; 2006; 2007). Hidalgo et al. (2005b) investigated the antioxidative activities of native and oxidized soybean phosphatylcholine (PC), phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and phosphatidyinositol (PI) in protection of soybean oil heated in darkness under air at 60 °C. They reported that the slightly oxidized PE was more antioxidative than the native PE due to the pyrroles formation in pyrrolized PE. The oxidized PL without an amine group such as PC and PI were less antioxidative than their native form as they did not produce pyrroles while they were being consumed during the oxidation.

#### ***Interaction between lipid oxidation and non-enzymatic browning in marine PL***

As described above, lipid oxidation firstly produces oxidation products that subsequently react with primary amine group to produce Strecker degradation products or antioxidative compounds (pyrroles) through non-enzymatic browning reactions (Lu et al., 2012b). Then, the produced antioxidative compounds may inhibit the lipid oxidation in marine PL. Lipid oxidation and non-enzymatic browning reactions are closely linked in marine PL system as in other systems where both lipids and amine groups are present. For instance, a low level of secondary volatile oxidation products (namely (*E,E*)-2,4-heptadienal and (*E,Z*)-2,6-nonadienal) was observed in



emulsions prepared from marine PL might be attributed to the interaction of lipid oxidation products with residues amino acids in marine PL to form pyrroles as suggested in Lu et al (2012b). This hypothesis was further supported by the findings from our model study (Lu et al., 2013a), which showed a gradual decrease or disappearance of lipid oxidation products was found in PL liposomal dispersions containing amino acids as non-enzymatic browning reactions progressed. The findings from our studies are in agreement with the findings of several other studies (Baek and Cadwallader, 1996; Ventanas et al., 2007).

Baek and Cadwallader (1996) analyzed the volatile profile of crayfish hydrolysate preparing from alkaline protease at 65 °C for 2.5 hours. They reported that Strecker derived volatiles, namely thermally generated volatiles such as dimethyl disulphide, dimethyl trisulphide, benzaldehyde and 2,5-dimethylpyrazine increased significantly after enzymatic hydrolysis of crayfish by products. In contrast, lipid derived volatiles, namely (*E,E*)-2,4-hexadienal, (*E,E*)-2,4-heptadienal, (*E,Z*)-2,6-nonadienal, etc significantly decreased. They also reported that the increase of Strecker derived volatiles in crayfish hydrolysate might be attributed to the increase of amino acids and peptides after enzymatic hydrolysis and consequently increased the non-enzymatic browning reactions. In addition, they reported that the antioxidative compounds produced from enzymatic browning reactions might decrease the lipid oxidation at later stage and thereby decrease the generation of lipid derived volatiles. Ventanas and co-workers (2007) studied the lipid oxidation and non-enzymatic browning development in sterile meat model systems preparing from polar lipid liposomes with and without addition of selected amino acids. These model systems were then stored for 35 days storage at 25 °C under pro-oxidative conditions. Their findings showed that Strecker derived volatiles were found predominantly in

model systems containing both amino acids and liposomes prepared from polar lipids. In addition, Strecker derived volatiles were found to increase whereas lipid derived volatiles were found to decrease over time.

### ***HYPOTHESES REGARDING THE HIGH OXIDATIVE STABILITY OF MARINE PL***

The issue on oxidative stability of marine PL has been discussed extensively in our previous review paper (Lu et al., 2011). Therefore, only a brief summary of this issue is given here together with the latest findings from our laboratory. As also reviewed in Lu et al. (2011), the high oxidative stability in marine PL is attributed to several hypothesized factors: a) The presence of a PUFA at the sn-2 position of PL, which could provide tightly packed molecular conformation if marine PL are used to prepare liposomes (Applegate and Glomset 1986; Miyashita et al., 1994; Nara et al., 1997, 1998). For instance, salmon roe PC was found to contain mainly 1-palmitoyl-2-PUFA-phosphatidylcholine, whereas soybean PC contains mainly 1, 2-dilinoleoyl-phosphatidylcholine (Miyashita et al., 1994). Therefore, it is difficult for free radicals and oxygen to attack PUFA in bilayer of tighter conformation in marine PC liposome as compared to that of soybean PC. This finding was further supported by the recent findings from our laboratory (Lu et al., 2012a, 2012b), which showed that marine PL dispersions/emulsions containing a high level of purified marine PL were less oxidized than those containing a low level of purified marine PL. It is because a larger population of liposomes, which are thermodynamically stable could be formed and thereby increase the oxidative stability of these dispersions (Lu et al., 2012a, 2012b).

b) The presence of both PL and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol increases oxidative stability of marine PL as reported by several studies (Bandarra et al., 1999; Cho et al., 2001; Moriya et al., 2007; Weng and Gordon, 1993). Our recent studies showed that a high oxidative stability was obtained for emulsion prepared from marine PL with a high level of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (Lu et al., 2012b). The same observation was obtained for dispersion prepared from purified marine PL with addition of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol and not for dispersion prepared with the same level of PL but without  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (Lu et al., 2012c). This indicated that  $\alpha$ -tocopherol is an efficient antioxidant to maintain the high oxidative stability of marine PL (Lu et al., 2012b, 2012c). Lu et al. (2012c) also reported that the induction period of purified marine PL decreased drastically after acetone precipitation due to the removal of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol. These findings are in agreement with that of Hidalgo and co-workers (2007), who also reported the high efficiency of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol as antioxidant to improve the antioxidant activity of oxidized PE.

c) The presence of pyrroles might also contribute to the oxidative stability of marine PL as discussed above. Several studies reported that the antioxidative property of pyrroles in marine PL was significantly improved with the present of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (Hidalgo et al., 2007; Lu et al., 2012c). However, it cannot be ruled out that the oxidative stability of marine PL is also influenced by the presence of other compounds such as astaxanthin, coenzyme Q10, lutein, cholesterol and residue amino acids (Moriya et al., 2007; Lu et al., 2012b). Several amino acids have been shown to have antioxidant properties (Chen et al., 1996; Guo et al., 2009). In addition, our recent studies showed that the presence of cholesterol in marine PL could improve both the physical and oxidative stabilities of marine PL emulsions (Lu et al., 2012a, 2012b). Cholesterol has a condensing effect on the PC liposome (Finean, 1990). It could increase the rigidity of ‘fluid

state' liposomal bilayers and thus improve the oxidative stability of liposomes (Fiorentini et al., 1989). In addition, the presence of pro-oxidants such as transition metals and initial hydroperoxide is an important factor influencing the oxidative stability of marine PL. As a summary, the oxidative stability of marine PL seems to be influenced by several factors: the level of PL (especially PC), antioxidants ( $\alpha$ -tocopherol and pyrroles), pro-oxidants (transition metals and initial hydroperoxides) and other impurities (residues of amino acids) as observed in our recent studies (Lu et al., 2012a, 2012b, 2012c). It is also worth noting that a selection of appropriate methods is important to obtain a real picture of lipid oxidation in marine PL. For instance, the classic techniques which involve the measurement of primary and secondary lipid oxidation products such as Peroxide and Anisidine measurements were found to underestimate the lipid oxidation in krill oil as reported in our recent study (Thomsen et al., 2013; Lu et al., 2014). These techniques did not quantify the products formed from non-enzymatic browning reactions and their formation might partly consume the lipid oxidation products generated in krill oil. Therefore, more advanced techniques such as the measurement of both lipid and Strecker derived volatiles by dynamic headspace (DHS-GC/MS) or thermal desorption unit (TDU-GC/MS) are recommended to investigate the oxidative stability of marine PL.

***Impact of matrix: lipid oxidation in marine PL emulsions and liposomes***

The mechanism of lipid oxidation in the o/w emulsion is different from the bulk oil system. This is because an o/w emulsion has an aqueous phase which contains both prooxidants and antioxidants, and an oil-water interface where the interactions between oil phase and prooxidants in aqueous phase may be enhanced (McClements and Decker, 2000). Some studies (Cercaci et

al., 2007; Chee et al., 2006) reported that the lipid is oxidized faster in o/w emulsions than bulk oil. This is because the emulsification process itself might promote oxidation and the presence of interfacial phases in o/w emulsions might also increase the interactions between lipid phase and pro-oxidant compounds in aqueous phase. In contrast, several studies (Belhaj et al., 2010; Garcia et al., 2006) reported that emulsification improved the oxidative stability of n-3 fatty acids oils due to the possibilities of using a) hydrophobic antioxidant which were more efficient in emulsions system, b) emulsifiers such as maltodextrin or PL which have antioxidative properties.

Even though marine PL were shown to have a high oxidative stability (King et al., 1992a, 1992b; Boyd et al., 1998, Belhaj et al., 2010), the oxidative stability of marine PL emulsions/dispersions was influenced by the quality, chemical composition and source of marine PL used (Lu et al., 2012b, 2012c). For instance, marine PL were found to contain pro-oxidant impurities such as free fatty acids, hydroperoxides, transition metals and etc. The presence of free fatty acids may promote lipid oxidation in marine PL o/w emulsions through their ability to increase the negative charge of the emulsion droplets and thus increase the metal-lipid interactions (Waraho et al., 2011). Several studies (Mei et al., 1998a, 1998b; Minotti and Aust, 1989) suggested that the interactions between lipid hydroperoxides, which are located at the surface of droplets with the transition metals originating in the aqueous phase is the most common cause of lipid oxidation. For instance, a study of Mozuraityte and co-workers (2006a) showed that the lipid oxidation rate as measured by oxygen consumption increased immediately in liposome dispersion prepared from cod PL after addition of transition metal, ferrous ions ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ). This phenomenon is due to the fast fixation of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  to the negative surface charge of PL liposome.

## *POTENTIAL USE OF MARINE PL FOR FOOD APPLICATIONS*

The use of marine PL for food fortification is a new challenge in food industries. This is due to the presence of brown pigments such as pyrroles/oxypolymer (products of non-enzymatic browning reactions), dark red pigment (astaxanthin in krill PL) and unpleasant odor in most of the current marine PL that are available in the market. As mentioned earlier, only few studies on krill oil fortification are available in the literature (Kassis et al., 2010, 2011; Pietrowski et al., 2011; Sedoski et al., 2012). For instance, fortification of surimi seafood with n-3 fatty acids rich oils, namely flaxseed, algae, menhaden, krill and a blend of these oils has been reported (Pietrowski et al., 2011). They reported that fortification of surimi seafood product with krill oil increased the susceptibility of fortified product towards lipid oxidation. This phenomenon was due to the high content of EPA and DHA in krill oil, however the lipid oxidation of the fortified product was still within ranges acceptable to consumers. In addition, the above research group also studied the sensory properties, lipid composition and antioxidant capacity of novel nutraceutical egg products fortified with the same n-3 fatty acids rich oils as mentioned earlier (Kassis et al., 2011; Sedoski et al., 2012). Their results again showed that the fortified products were acceptable to consumers. However, our recent studies showed that fortification of fermented milk product with a mixture of fish oil and marine PL did not provide a better oxidative stability than fortification with only fish oil (Lu et al., 2013b). Incorporation of neat/pre-emulsified marine PL into fermented milk system increased lipid oxidation in fortified products. This unexpected result is probably due to the initial quality of current marine PL that are available in the market for food application.

There are several precautions that food manufacturers must beware of in producing marine PL functional foods: a) marine PL incorporation level need to be evaluated on product basis as marine PL might behave differently in different food systems. For instance, incorporation of krill oil into surimi based seafood products did not adversely affect the sensory property of the fortified products, whereas this was not the case for fermented milk product despite the very low incorporation level of marine PL. It is easier for consumers to accept the fishy flavor in surimi based seafood products than in fermented milk system. Therefore, addition of other flavors/fruits such as strawberries may be necessary to mask the fishy flavor in fermented milk system, b) the quality of current marine PL need to be improved prior to their use for food fortification, c) stabilization of marine PL in both emulsion and food systems with additional antioxidants or metal inactivators such as butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), ascorbyl palmitate, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), astaxanthin and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol. Antioxidant such as  $\alpha$ -tocopherol might be a good choice to improve the oxidative stability of marine PL fortified foods as previously mentioned (Lu et al., 2012c).

## ***CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS***

Overall, marine PL have high oxidative stability, but as demonstrated in this review the oxidative stability of marine PL is influenced by the quality, source, chemical composition of marine PL and also the degree of non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL. In general, the non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL are influenced by the marine PL manufacturing processes such as the temperature and conditions of marine PL extraction. In order to further

investigate lipid oxidation and also the mechanisms of non-enzymatic browning reactions in marine PL, more studies are required in the future to isolate, purify and identify the molecular structures of a) pyrroles, b) oxypolymers and c) the tertiary lipid oxidation products generated in marine PL. In addition, the use of marine PL for food applications is a new area in food industry. Therefore, studies are required in the future to improve the oxidative stability of marine PL in real food systems. For instance, a) the use of appropriate level of marine PL for food fortification should be evaluated on a product basis as marine PL behave differently in different food systems, b) stabilization of marine PL in food systems with addition of antioxidants should be further investigated.

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**Table 1** Some of the selected n-3 LC PUFA derived secondary volatiles and their odours.

Volatiles	Odour description	References*
Propanal	Sharp, irritating, plastic	c - e
(Z)-4-Heptenal	Creamy, stale, burnt, fishy	a, b, d - f
(E,Z)-2,4-Heptadienal	burnt, fishy, fatty	a - e
(E,E)-2,4-Heptadienal	Fishy, rancid, green	a - c, e, f
(E,Z)-2,6-Nonadienal	fresh cucumber, green, melon	a - f
(E,E)- 2,6-Nonadienal	deep fried, fatty, cucumber,	b
1-penten-3-one	pungent, fishy, plastic	b - d, f
(E)-2-Hexenal	green	c, d, f
1-octen-3-one	mushroom	b, c
1,5-octadien-3-one	metallic	a - c

The information is adapted from other studies from literature: a) Karahadian et al. (1989), b) Hartvigsen et al. (2000), c) Venkateshwarlu et al. (2004) and several studies on marine PL emulsions from our laboratory: d) Lu et al. (2012b), e) Lu et al. (2012c) and f) Lu et al. (2013a).

**Table 2** Some of the selected volatiles from seafood products and model systems containing primary amine group.

Volatiles	previously reported in products/ derived from amino acids	References*
dimethyl sulphide	shrimp, anchovy, oyster/ methonine	a, d
dimethyl disulphide	scallop, oyster, cooked salmon, crayfish hydrolysates / methonine	a, b, d, f - h, j, p, r-t
dimethyl trisulphide	crab, cooked salmon, crayfish hydrolysates / methonine	c, d, f, i, j, p, s, t
dimethyl sulfoxide	mussel juice, squid, crab, roasted shrimps	k, l
dimethyl sulfone	scallop, processed shrimps/prawns	m, n
hydrogen sulphide	boiled clams	o
pyridines	scallop, crab, cooked salmon, crayfish hydrolysates	a - c, f, i, j, p, s, t
3-methylpyridine	scallop	a, b, s
trimethylpyrazine	crab, crayfish hydrolysates	c, i, j
3-ethyl-2,5-diethylpyrazine		p
2,3-dimethylpyrazine	shrimp (raw, fermented, cooked), crayfish hydrolysates ,	a, b, j, p
2,5-dimethylpyrazine	roasted squid, clam, cooked salmon, crayfish hydrolysates	b, f, i, j, s

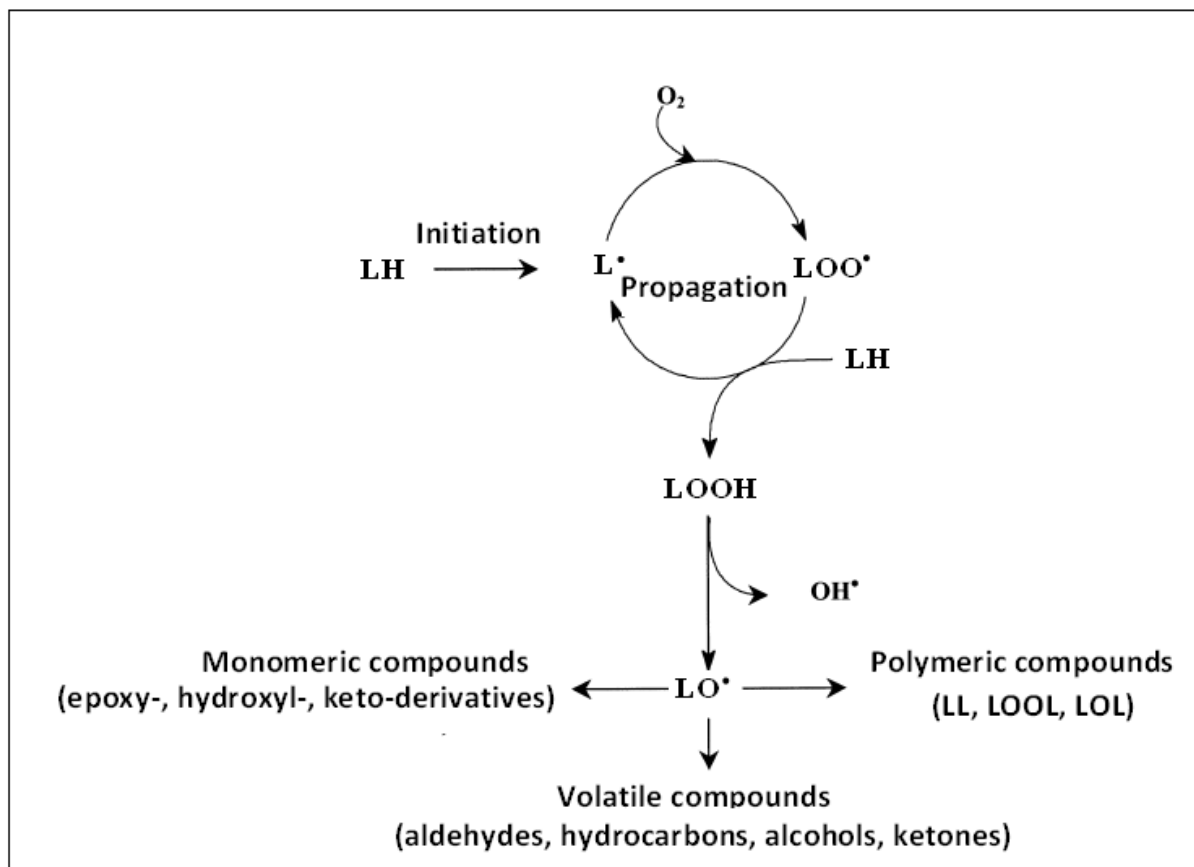
2-methyl-2-pentenal	oyster, anchovy, scallop/ lysine	a, b, e, h, i, p, r
3-methylbutanal	crab, cooked salmon / leucine	c, f – h, p - r, t
2-methylbutanal	crab, cooked salmon / leucine	c, f – h, p, s, t
benzaldehyde	cooked salmon, oyster, shrimp, crayfish hydrolysates	a, d, f - j, p, s, t
2-methyl-2-butenal	dried scallops, cooked salmon, crayfish hydrolysates / lysine	b, e - h, j, p, r
2-pentylfuran	dried scallops, cooked salmon, crayfish hydrolysates	b, d, f - h, p, s
2-methylpropanal	roasted dried squid, anchovy	a, g, h, p

The information of this table is adapted from literature studies: a) fresh adductor muscle and sea scallop (Linder and Ackman, 2002); b) dried scallops (Chung et al., 2001); c) steamed mangrove crab (Yu and Chen, 2010); d) model system containing liposomes and selected amino acids (Ventanas et al., 2007), e) model system containing epoxyalkenals and lysine or albumin (Zamora and Hidalgo, 1994), f) cooked salmon (Methven et al., 2007), g) fish meal (Giogios et al., 2008), h) krill meal (Giogios et al., 2008), i) krill meal and krill oil (Tilseth and Hostmark, 2009), j) crayfish hydrolysates ( Baek and Cadwallader, 1996); k) mussel juice, squid, crab, roasted shrimps (Varlet and Fernandez, 2010); l) mussel juices (Cros et al., 2005), m) scallop (Chung et al., 2002); n) processed shrimps/prawns (Morita et al., 2001); o) boiled clam (Kubota et al., 1991)

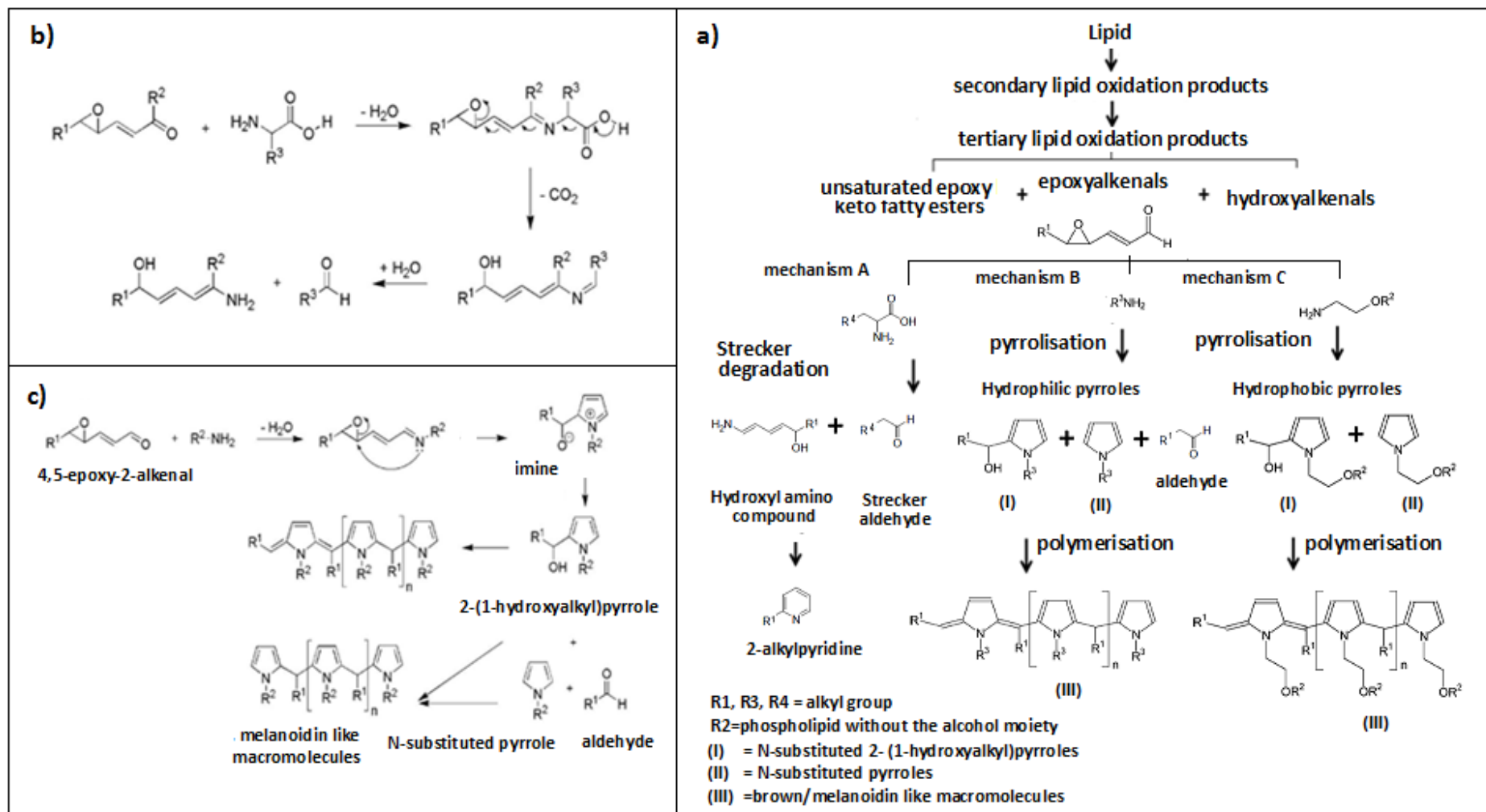
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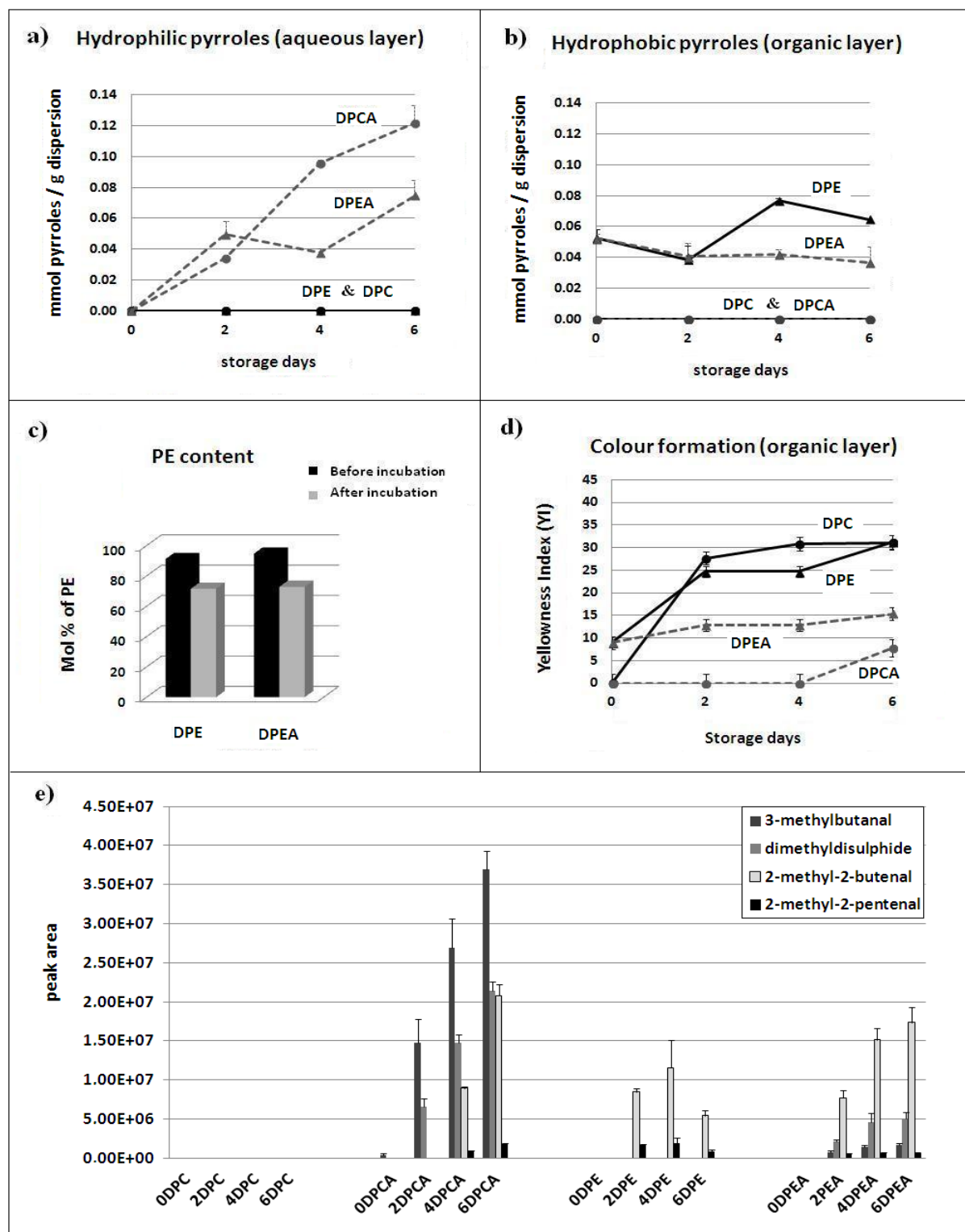




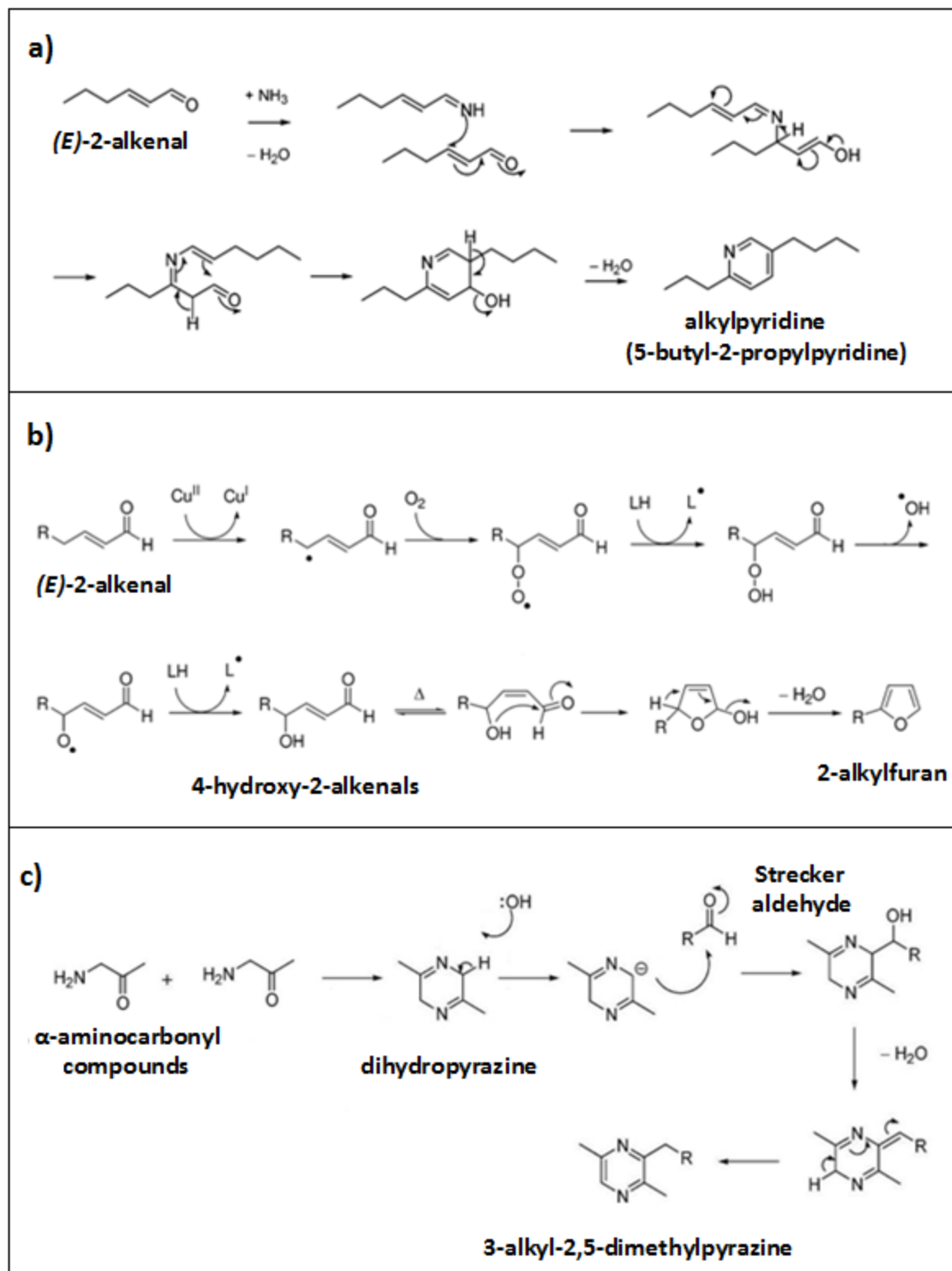
**Figure 1** Oxidation mechanisms of polyunsaturated lipids. LH: Unsaturated lipid; L•: Lipid alkyl radical; LO•: Lipid alkoxy radical; LOO•: Lipid peroxy radical; LOOH: Lipid hydroperoxide (Adapted from Frankel, 2005; Dobarganes and Marquez-Ruiz, 2007)



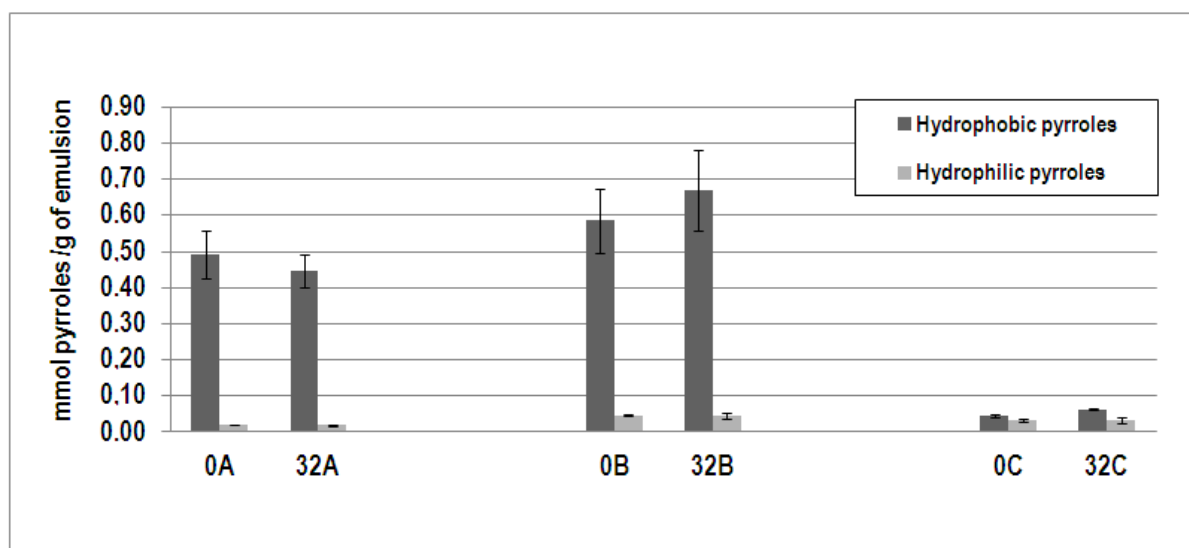
**Figure 2:** Proposed mechanisms for a) non-enzymatic browning reactions; b) Strecker degradation; c) pyrrolisation in marine PL. Adapted from Hidalgo and co-workers (Hidalgo et al., 2007; Hidalgo and Zamora, 2004, 2005; Zamora et al., 2007).



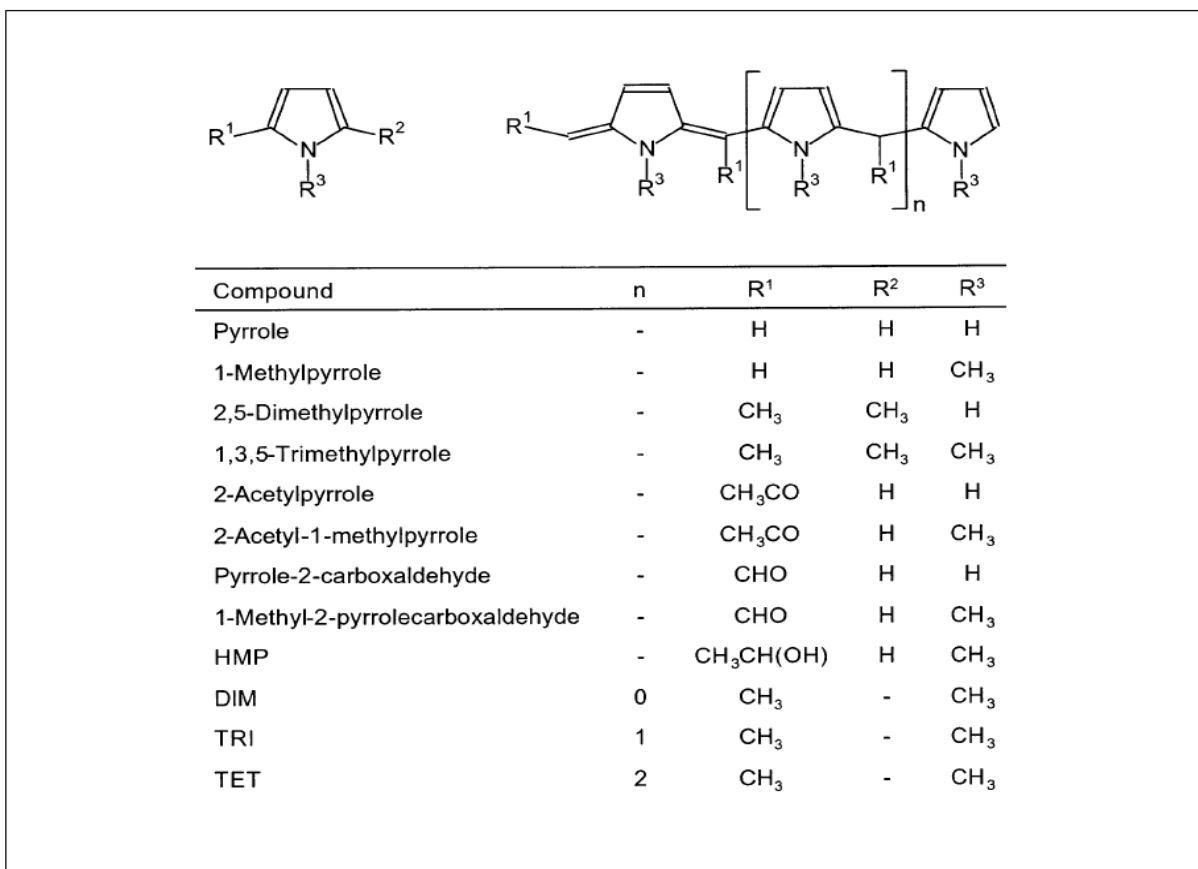
**Figure 3** Measurement of hydrophilic pyrroles (a), hydrophobic pyrroles (b) and Strecker derived volatiles (c) in liposomal dispersions over 6 days incubation at 60°C. DPE and DPC are liposomal dispersions prepared from authentic standards PC and PE (purity > 99%, contain C16:0 fatty acids at *sn-1* position and C22:6 fatty acids at *sn-2* position, purchased from Avanti Polar Lipids). DPEA and DPCA are PE and PC liposomal dispersions added with 100 mg of amino acids, namely leucine, methionine and lysine, respectively. Values are means  $\pm$  standard deviation (n = 3). Data are taken from Lu et al (2013a).



**Figure 4:** Proposed mechanisms for formation of a) alkyipyridines and b) alkylfuran from  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  unsaturated aldehydes, c) alkyipyrazines from  $\alpha$ -amino carbonyl compounds (adapted from Adams et al., 2008; 2011a, 2011b).



**Figure 5:** Comparison of hydrophobic pyrroles and hydrophilic pyrroles in three different marine PL emulsions (A, B and C) before (0) and after (32) days storage at 2°C. Values are mean±standard deviation (n=2). Data are taken from Lu et al (2012b).



**Figure 6:** Structures of the different pyrrole derivatives. HMP=2-(1-hydroxyethyl)-1-methylpyrrole, DIM=dimers, TRI=trimers, TET=tetramers. Reproduced from Hidalgo et al (2003) with permission from American Chemical Society.