



# EXBERRY® Basics Training for Beverages

How to use EXBERRY® Coloring Foods?

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## What are Coloring Foods?

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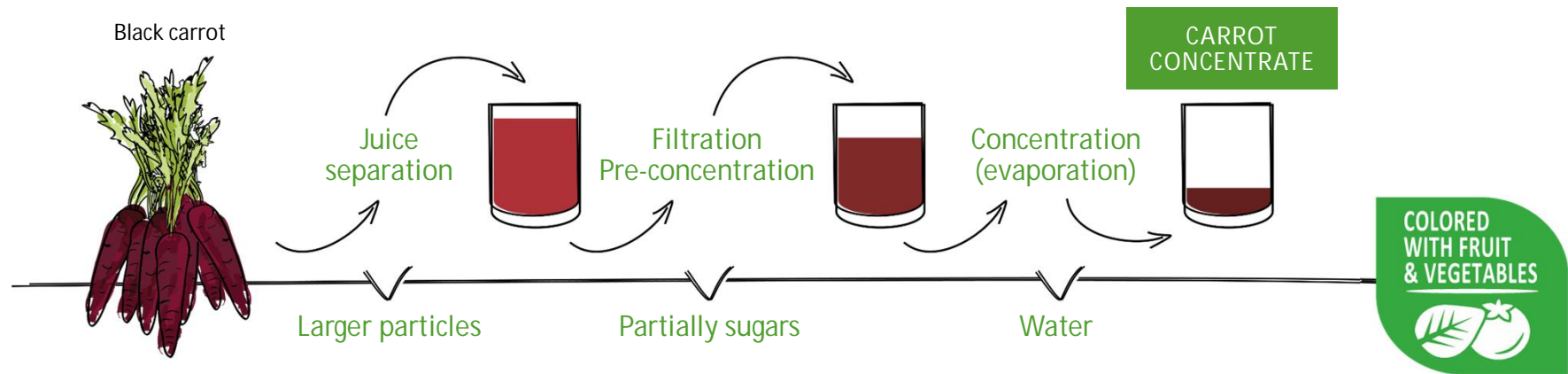
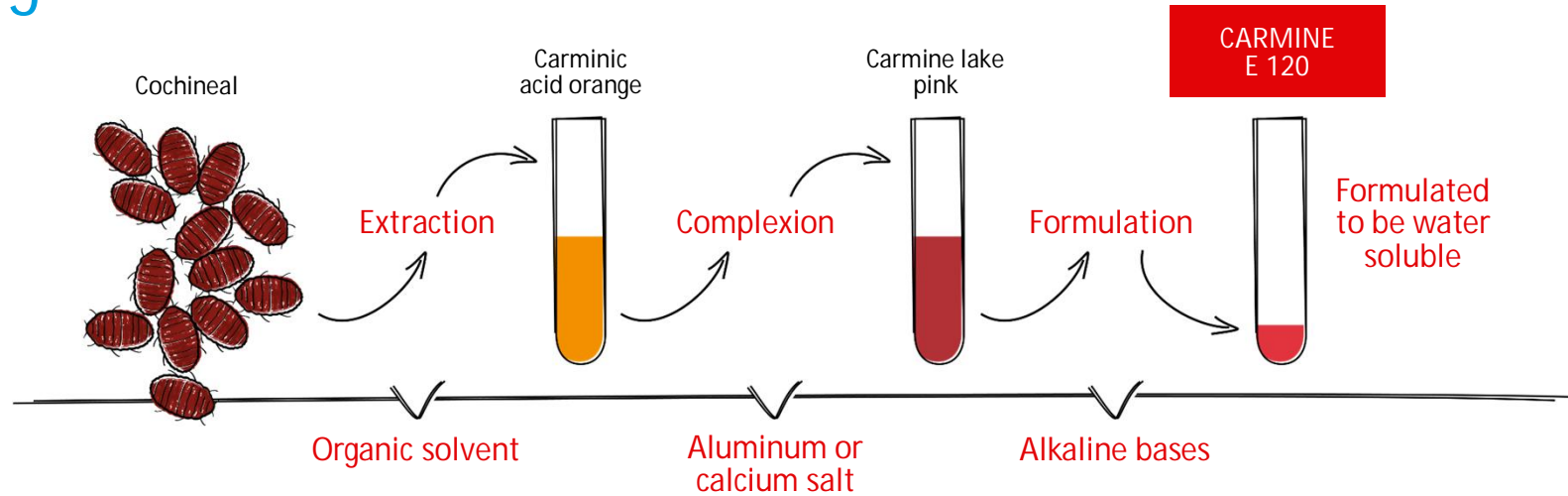
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# What are Coloring Foods?



- “Food ingredients with coloring properties”
- “Concentrates of fruits and vegetables”
- “Coloring food with food”
- “No additives – different from colorants”

# Coloring Foods versus additive colorants

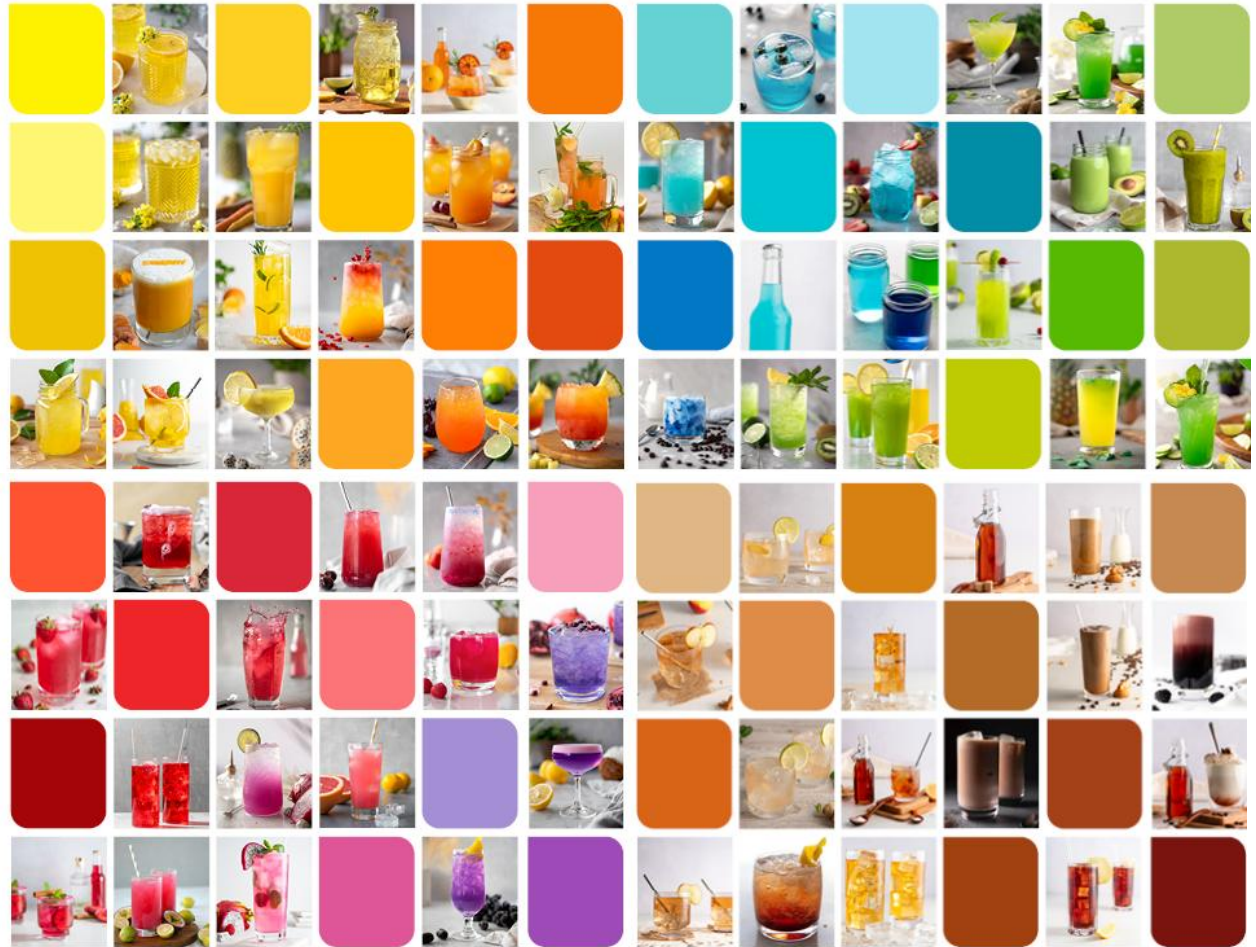
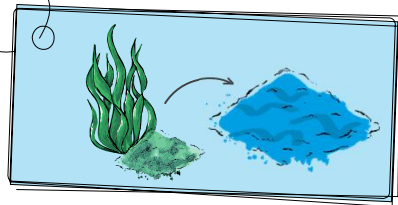
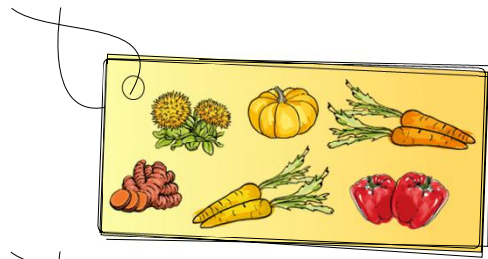


Labelling recommendation within the EU

Coloring food (concentrate of carrot, ...) or concentrate (carrot, ...).



# Raw materials for color opportunities



Tasting of three different EXBERRY® products. Which raw materials do you taste?

1. EXBERRY® Shade Mandarin → Carrot + Apple
2. EXBERRY® Shade Vivid Red → Carrot + Blackcurrant
3. EXBERRY® Shade Blue - HP → Spirulina





# 2

What type of  
EXBERRY® products  
exist?

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# EXBERRY® ranges

1



Standard liquid concentrate



2



HP (hard panning) range



3



Standard powder



*dry applications & reconstitution*



4



MN (micronized) powder



*water-free applications*



5



OD (oil dispersible) range



*water-free, fat-based applications*



GNT offers more EXBERRY® ranges for specific purposes, e.g. the OS (oil soluble) range. We also have **organic EXBERRY®** products in our portfolio (liquids and powders).



# Instant powder beverage application

[Product parameters](#)

Ingredients: Sugar, dextrose, maltodextrin, citric acid, tri-sodium citrate  
 10 g powder mix per 100 mL water  
 pH 3.0 when reconstituted with still water



Color	[%] w/w Powder	[%] w/w RTD	EXBERRY® Shade...
Yellow	0.70	0.070	Yellow - MN Powder
Orange	0.70 0.30	0.070 0.030	Yellow - MN Powder Rubescent Red - MN Powder
Red	1.00	0.100	Rubescent Red - MN Powder
Pink	0.50	0.050	Pink - MN Powder
Plum	0.50	0.050	Purple - MN Powder
Purple	0.50 0.25	0.050 0.025	Blue - MN Powder Pink - MN Powder
Violet	0.80 0.15	0.080 0.015	Blue - MN Powder Pink - MN Powder
Blue	1.00	0.100	Blue - MN Powder
Green	1.00 0.50	0.100 0.050	Blue - MN Powder Yellow - MN Powder
Lime Green	0.80 0.70	0.08 0.07	Blue - MN Powder Yellow - MN Powder



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## What is important when using EXBERRY®?

# EXBERRY®: Experiment

1. In front of you are three small bottles with buffer solutions (pH 3, 4 and 7).
2. If you choose one of these EXBERRY® products **(RED)**, add **2 drops** into the buffer solutions:
  - Lemon Yellow
  - Sunstone Orange
  - Rubescent Red
  - Vivid Red
  - Brilliant Pink
  - Purple Plum
3. If you choose one of these EXBERRY® products **(BLUE)**, add **4 drops** into the buffer solutions:
  - Yellow – Cloudy
  - Mandarin
  - Fiesta Pink
  - Green
  - Blue – HP
  - Golden Brown



# Properties of RED, PINK & PURPLE EXBERRY® products

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## Product overview: Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY®

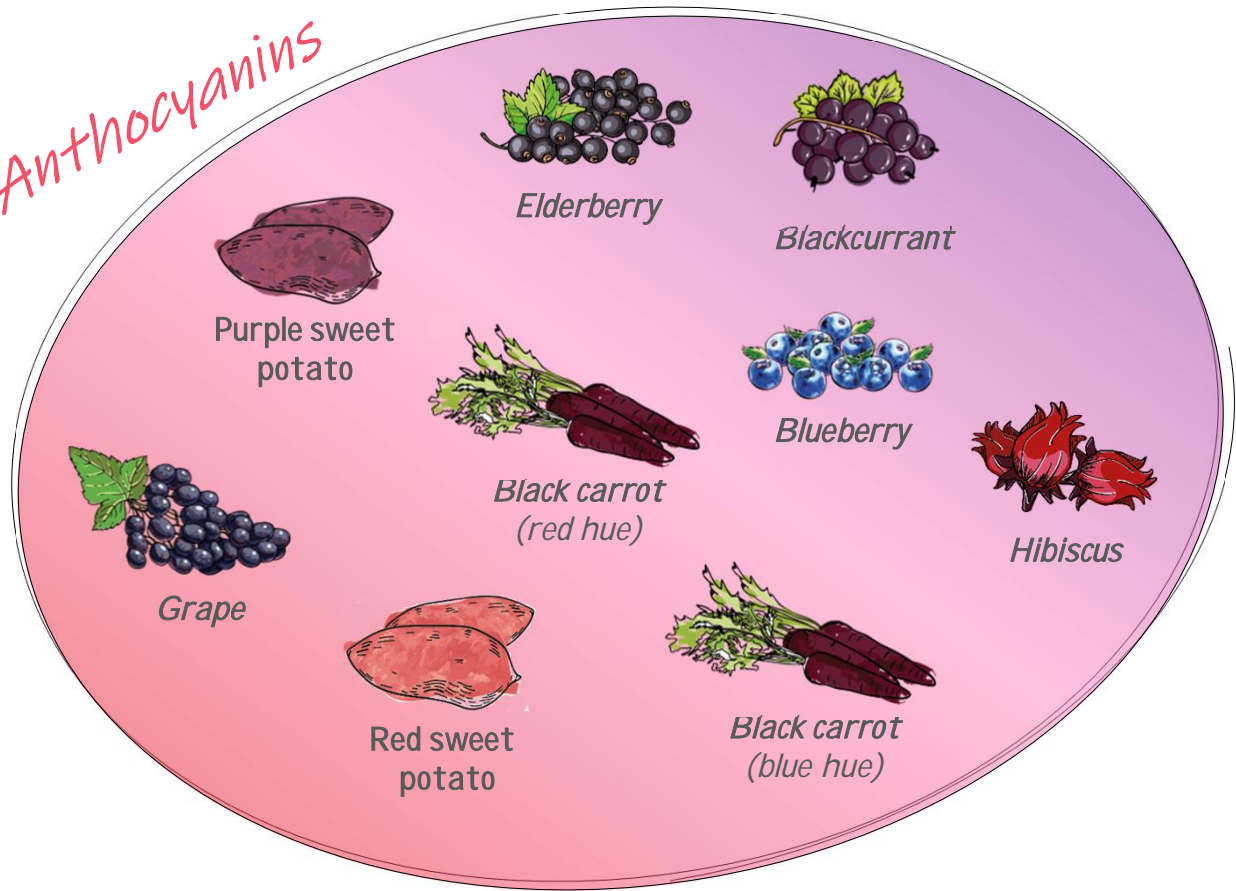


EXBERRY® Shade Rubescent Red (0.10 %)  
EXBERRY® Shade Vivid Red (0.07 %)  
EXBERRY® Shade Brilliant Pink (0.04 %)  
EXBERRY® Shade Pink Red (0.06 %)  
EXBERRY® Shade Purple Plum (0.04 %)

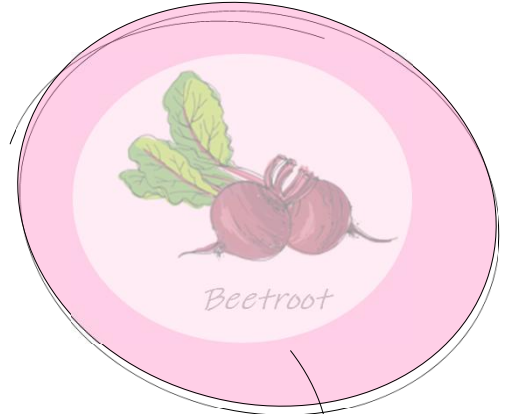
- All red, pink and purple EXBERRY® products suitable for acidic non-alcoholic beverages are **completely water soluble** and give a **clear solution**.
- Depending on the raw material, a variety of color hues from **yellowish red to bluish red** can be achieved.

# Pigments in Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY® raw materials

*Anthocyanins*



*Betainin*



*Only suitable for refrigerated juices & smoothies*



# EXBERRY®: Experiment

1. Add 10 drops of EXBERRY® Shade Vivid Red into the beaker with tap water (2 L) and mix.

Take a sample by pouring the colored water into one of the small beakers.

2. Add 1 drop of citric acid solution (50 % w/w) to the beaker and mix.

Take a sample.

3. Add a whole pipette of citric acid solution to the beaker and mix.

Take a sample.

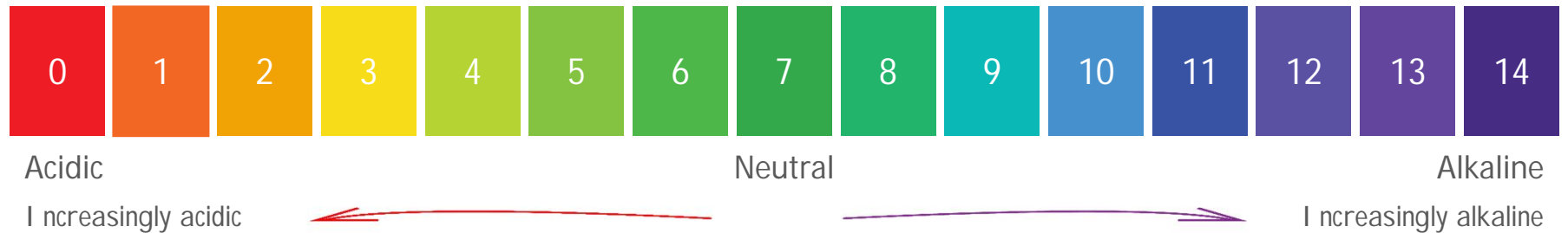
➤ What do you see?



# Beverage parameters: pH value

## pH value

- Measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution
- Ranges from 0 to 14

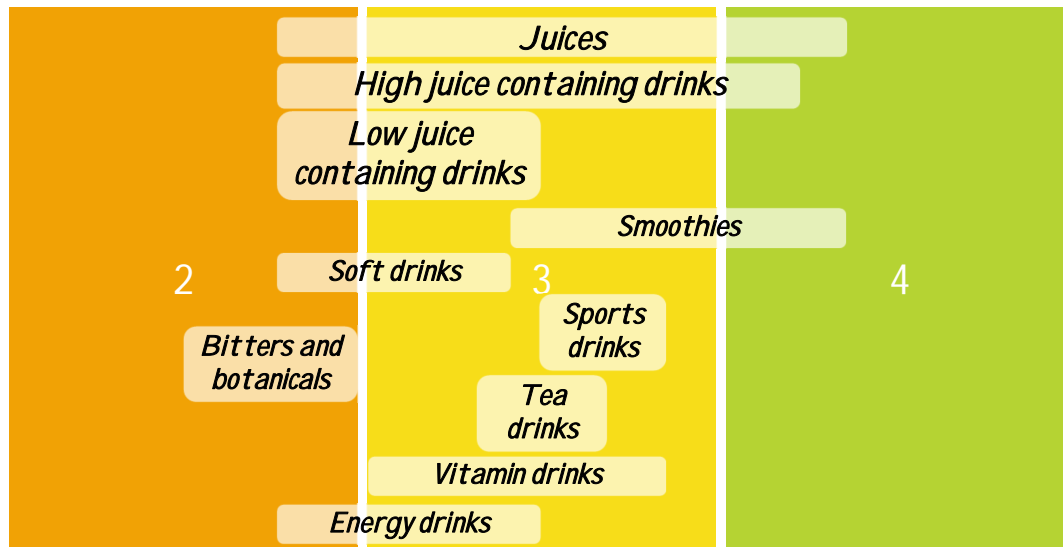




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# Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY®: Influence of pH value

- Appearance of RED, PINK & PURPLE EXBERRY® at different pH values



EXBERRY® made from beetroot are not pH dependent.

EXBERRY® products made from red fruits and vegetables that contain anthocyanins are pH dependent.

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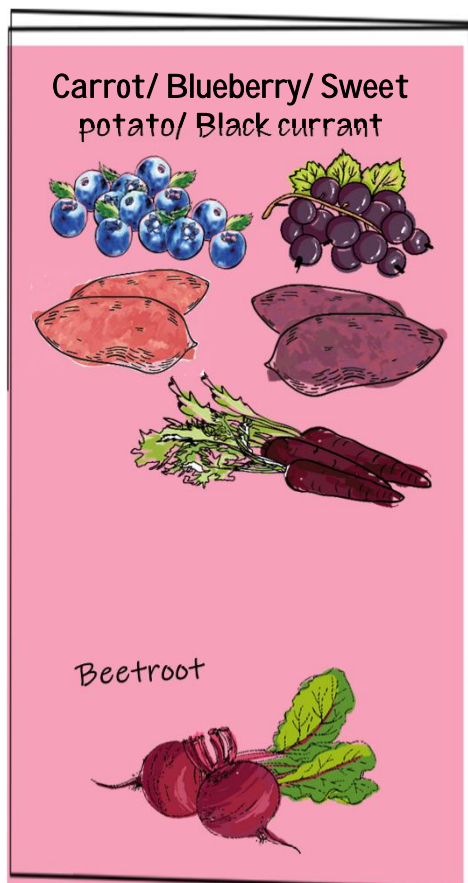
# Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY®: Influence of heat

- Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY® containing **anthocyanin**-based raw materials are very stable against heat.
- EXBERRY® Shade Fiesta Pink which contains **beetroot (pigment: betanin)** is less heat stable.
  - Ascorbic acid can help to reduce color loss during pasteurization to some extent.
  - Nevertheless, color loss over shelf life will still be worse compared to all other Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY® products (stored at non-refrigerated conditions).



# Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY®: Color stability

## Raw Materials



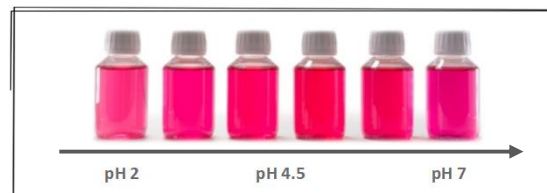
- Red, Pink and Purple EXBERRY® made from raw materials containing anthocyanins are:

- Heat stable
- Light stable
- pH dependent



- Pink EXBERRY® made from raw materials containing betanin are:

- Less heat stable
- Less light stable
- pH independent



Light and heat stability can be improved with **ascorbic acid** addition.





# Properties of YELLOW & ORANGE EXBERRY® products

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# EXBERRY®: Experiment

1. In front of you are two bottles containing instant beverage powders.
  2. Fill water into the bottles and shake well.
- What do you see?



0.10 % EXBERRY® Shade  
Lemon Yellow - Powder



0.12 % EXBERRY® Shade  
Yellow - Cloudy Powder

## Product overview: Yellow and Orange EXBERRY®

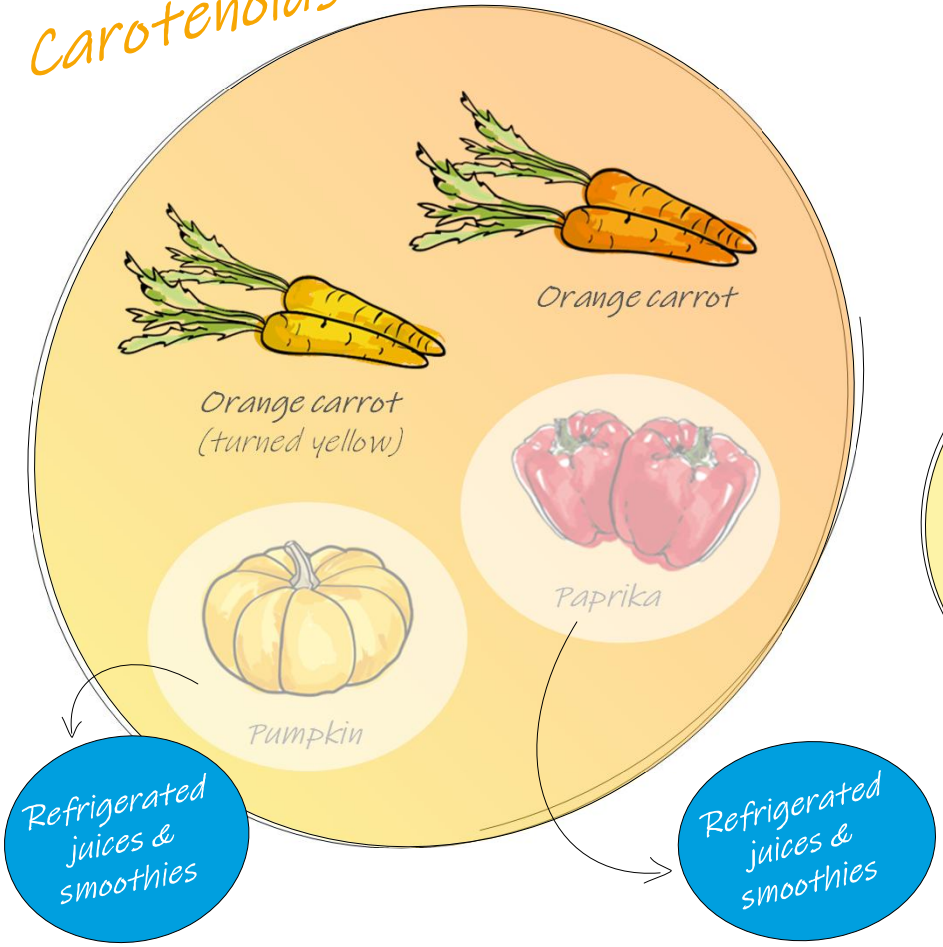


- EXBERRY® Shade Lemon Yellow and Sunstone Orange are completely **water soluble**
- Clear yellow and orange EXBERRY® products contain safflower as one raw material
- EXBERRY® Shade Yellow - Cloudy Powder and Mandarin are not completely water soluble but can be **dispersed in water**
- Cloudy EXBERRY® products are based on raw materials like carrot

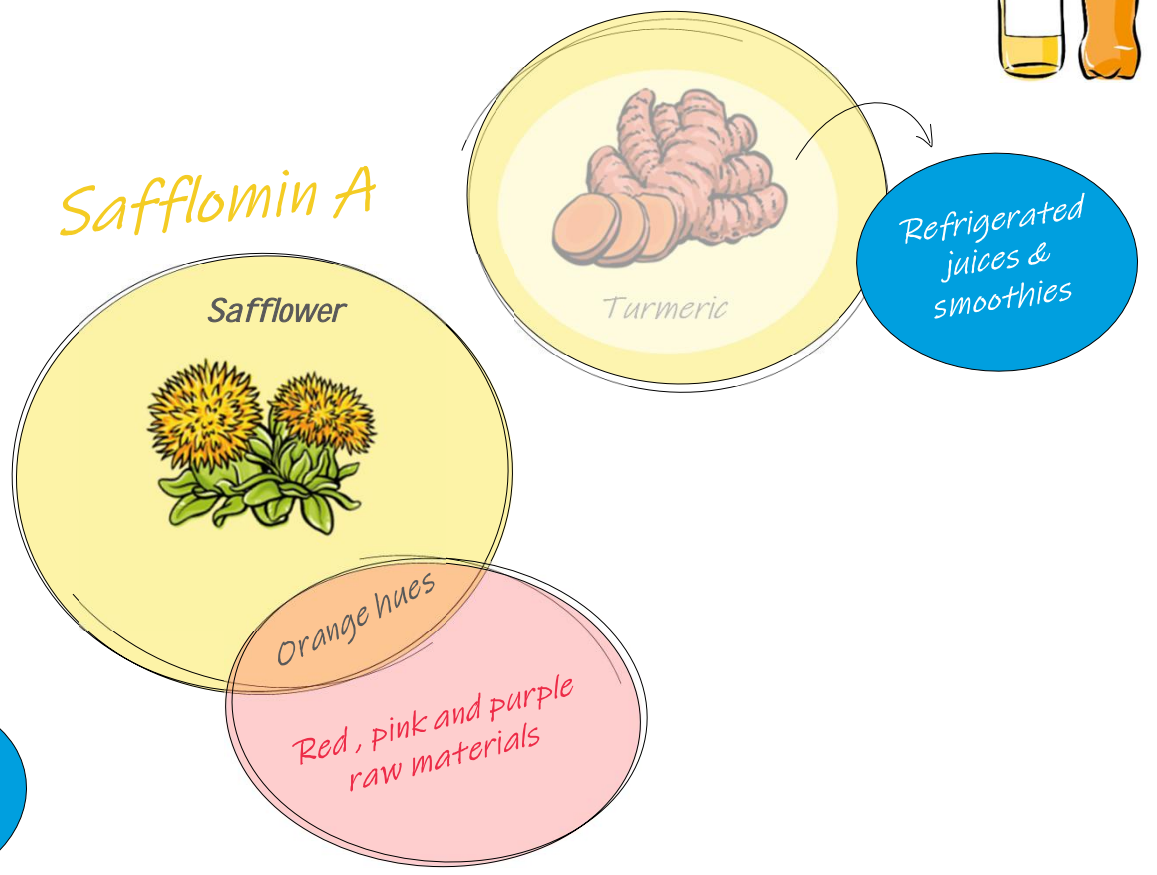


# Pigments in Yellow and Orange EXBERRY® raw materials

## Carotenoids



## Curcuminoids





# Yellow EXBERRY®: Influence of pH value



0.03 % Shade Lemon Yellow  
(safflower, lemon)

0.13 % Shade Yellow - Cloudy Powder  
(carrot, pumpkin)

Yellow EXBERRY® products are not pH dependent.

# Orange EXBERRY®: Influence of pH value



Cloudy orange EXBERRY®  
(e.g. Shade Mandarin)



Cloudy orange EXBERRY® products are not pH dependent.



Clear orange EXBERRY®  
(e.g. Shade Sunstone Orange)



Safflower



Raw material containing anthocyanins



Clear orange EXBERRY® products are pH dependent.

# EXBERRY®: Experiment

1. Mix 5 drops EXBERRY® Shade Mandarin with 80 mL invert sugar in a small bottle (2 x).
2. Add 20 mL sunflower oil to the first bottle and 20 mL invert sugar to the other bottle.
3. Shake both bottles heavily.

➤ What do you see?

- EXBERRY® Shade Mandarin contains orange carrot concentrate which contains carotenoids.
- Carotenoids are soluble in fat and the color shade shifts from reddish orange to yellowish orange with increasing fat content.

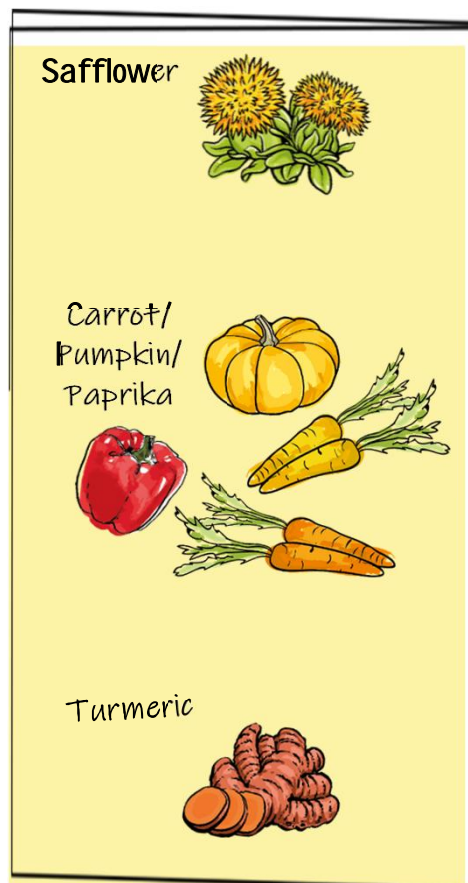


without  
sunflower oil

with  
sunflower oil  
(+ high shear mixing)

# Yellow and Orange EXBERRY® products: Color stability

## Raw Materials



- Clear yellow and orange EXBERRY® made from raw materials containing safflomin A (safflower) are:
  - Light and heat stable
  - pH dependent (only clear orange EXBERRY®)

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- Cloudy EXBERRY® products made from raw materials containing carotenoids are:
  - Light stable (highly dependent on application)
  - Heat stable
  - pH independent

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- Cloudy EXBERRY® made from raw materials containing curcumin (turmeric) are:
  - Less light stable
  - Heat stable (heat can increase color intensity)
  - pH independent

Light stability can be highly improved with antioxidants like **ascorbic acid**.



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# Properties of BLUE & GREEN EXBERRY® products

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# Product overview: Blue and Green EXBERRY®

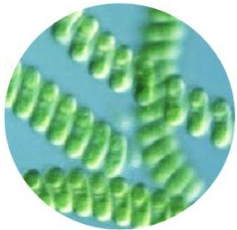


0.25% EXBERRY®  
Shade Blue - HP  
(spirulina)

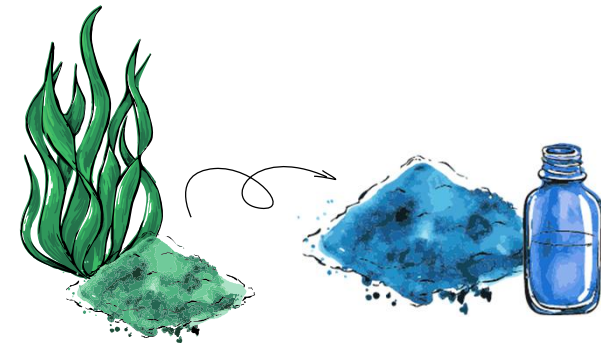
0.125% EXBERRY®  
Shade Green  
(spirulina, safflower)

0.23% EXBERRY®  
Shade Jade Green  
(turmeric, spirulina)

0.23% EXBERRY®  
Shade Lime Green  
(turmeric, spirulina)



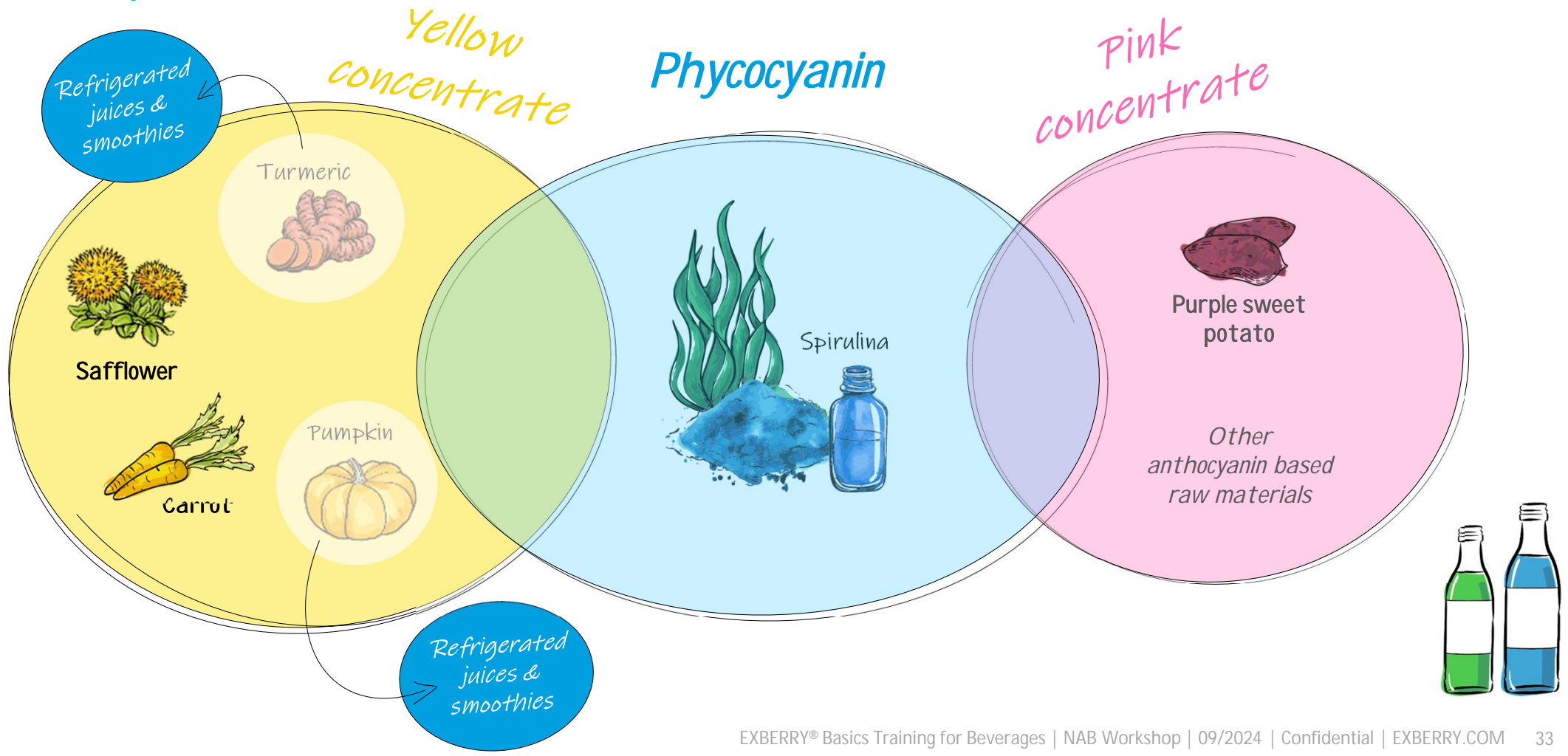
- All blue and green EXBERRY® products are **completely water soluble** or **water dispersible** depending on their raw material composition.
- The blue color is coming from the **Spirulina** algae\*.
- Coloring pigment is called **phycocyanin**.



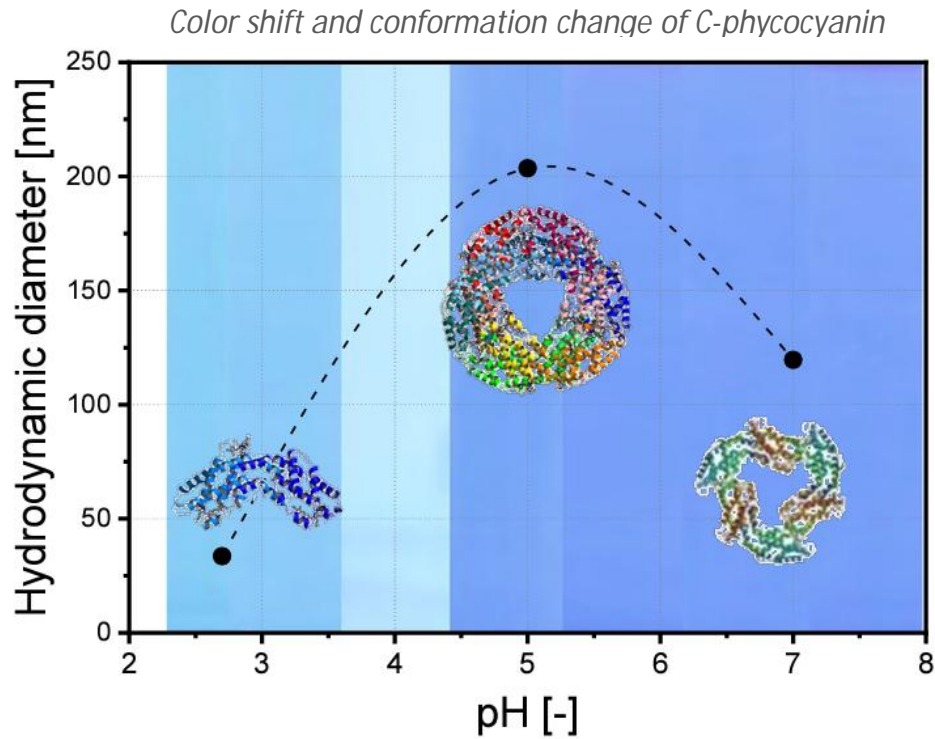
\*The common name "Spirulina" refers to the dried biomass of *Arthrospira platensis*.

# Pigments in Blue, Green and Violet EXBERRY® raw materials

Suitability for NAB



# Blue and Green EXBERRY® products: Influence of pH value



- Color shifts from purple blue to aqua blue as the pH value decreases due to the change in protein quaternary structure.



# EXBERRY®: Experiment

## Part 1:

1. Mix 20 drops EXBERRY® Shade Blue - HP with a full pipette of citric acid solution (50 % w/w).
2. Add 200 mL invert sugar and mix again.

## Part 2:

1. Mix 20 drops EXBERRY® Shade Blue - HP with 200 mL invert sugar.
2. Add a full pipette of citric acid solution and stir again.

➤ What do you see?

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➤ What do you see?



Part 1

Part 2

- Direct contact of blue and green EXBERRY® with acids should be avoided.
- Blue and green EXBERRY® are sensitive to acid.

# EXBERRY®: Experiment

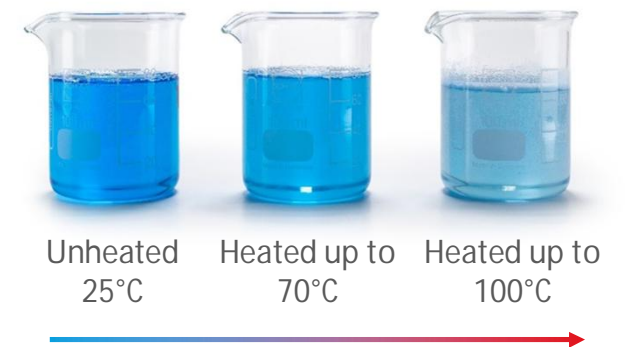
1. Mix half a pipette EXBERRY® Shade Blue - HP with 1 L invert sugar in a pot.
    - Fill ~100 mL into a beaker and do not heat it (reference sample).
  2. Heat the rest of the colored syrup to 70 °C.
    - Fill ~100 mL into a second beaker.
  3. Bring the rest of the syrup to the boil.
    - Fill ~100 mL into a third beaker.
- What do you see?

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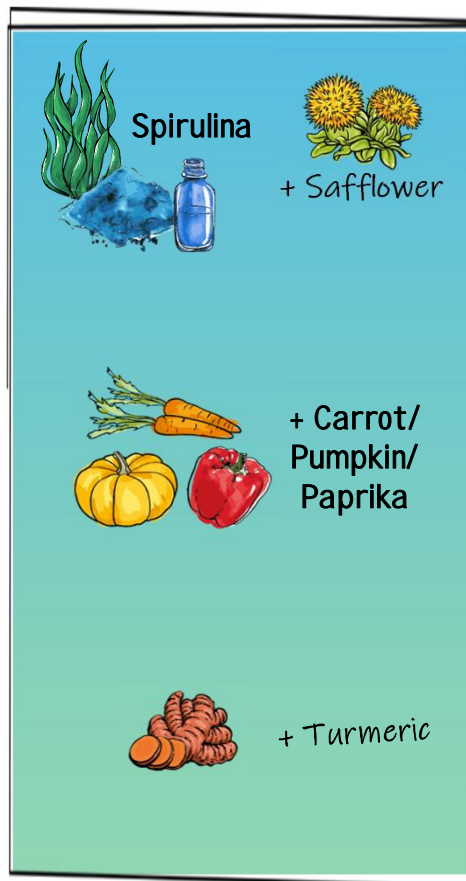
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- What do you see?

- High temperatures of blue and green EXBERRY® products should be avoided.
- Color degradation already starts at temperatures > 60°C.
- Important parameters beside the temperature itself are holding time, water availability and the dosage level of EXBERRY®.



# Blue and Green EXBERRY® products: Color stability

## Raw Materials



- Clear blue or green EXBERRY® made from raw materials containing phycocyanin (spirulina) and safflomin A (safflower) are:
  - Light stable
  - Heat and acid sensitive

- Cloudy green EXBERRY® products made from raw materials containing phycocyanin and carotenoids are:
  - Light stable (highly dependent on application)
  - Heat and acid sensitive

Light stability can be highly improved with antioxidants like **ascorbic acid**

- Cloudy green EXBERRY® made from raw materials containing phycocyanin and curcuminoids (turmeric) are:
  - Less light stable
  - Heat and acid sensitive

# What about Blue, Green and Violet low pH beverages?

- Natural Blue, Green and Violet are currently no options for low pH beverages (except juices and smoothies).
- Spirulina is the only natural blue currently approved for food in US, Europe, and codex countries.
- Spirulina has historically not been an option due to stability issues (low pH value, water activity, pasteurization).

## GNT FORMULATION SOLUTION (PATENTED)

- ✓ Solution stabilizes spirulina and prevents protein aggregation during storage and thermal processing
- ✓ Allows for a wider range of color shades – purple, green
- ✓ Applies to a wide range of beverage types









## Product overview: Brown EXBERRY®

Product parameters: 8° Brix  
pH 3.0  
Cold preserved  
Color 1



EXBERRY® Shade  
Golden Brown  
(0.17 %)



EXBERRY® Shade  
Autumn Brown  
(0.17 %)



EXBERRY® Shade  
Amber  
(0.31 %)



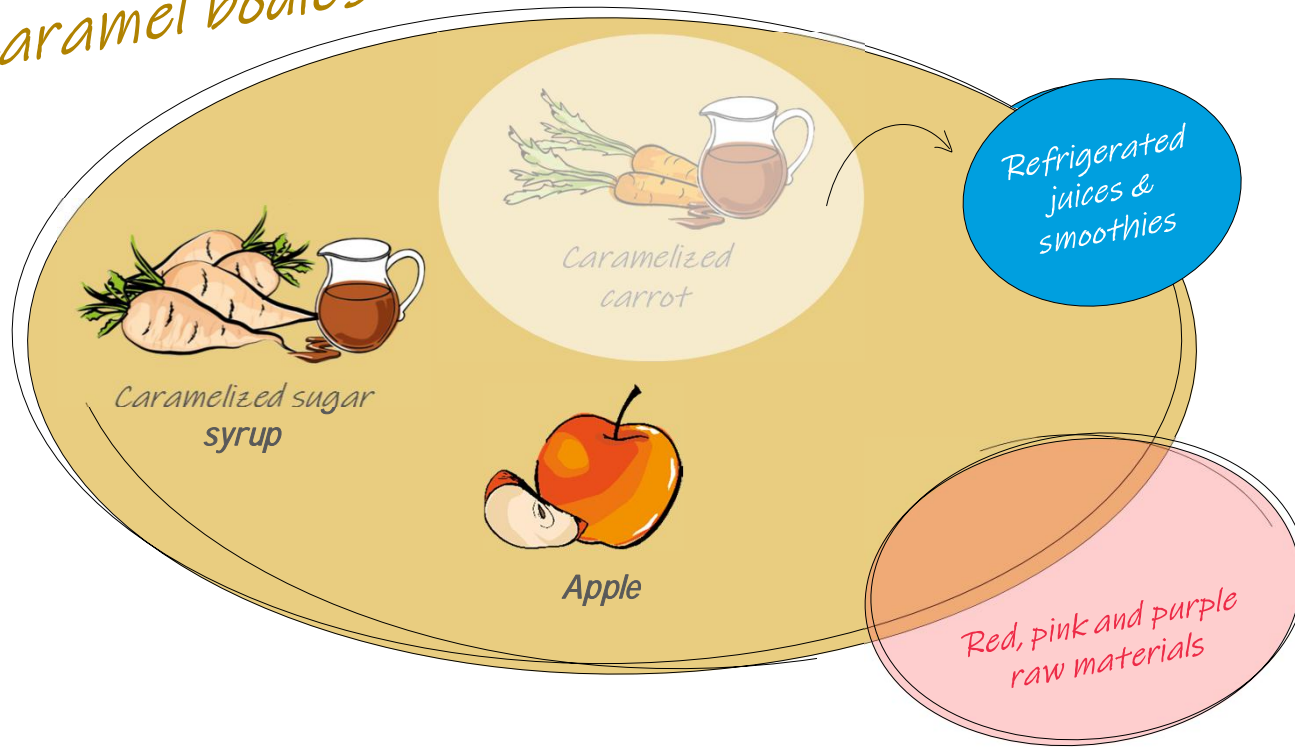
EXBERRY® Shade  
Chestnut Brown  
(0.34 %)

- All brown EXBERRY® products are **completely water soluble**.
- Color shades from light caramel brown to dark reddish browns.

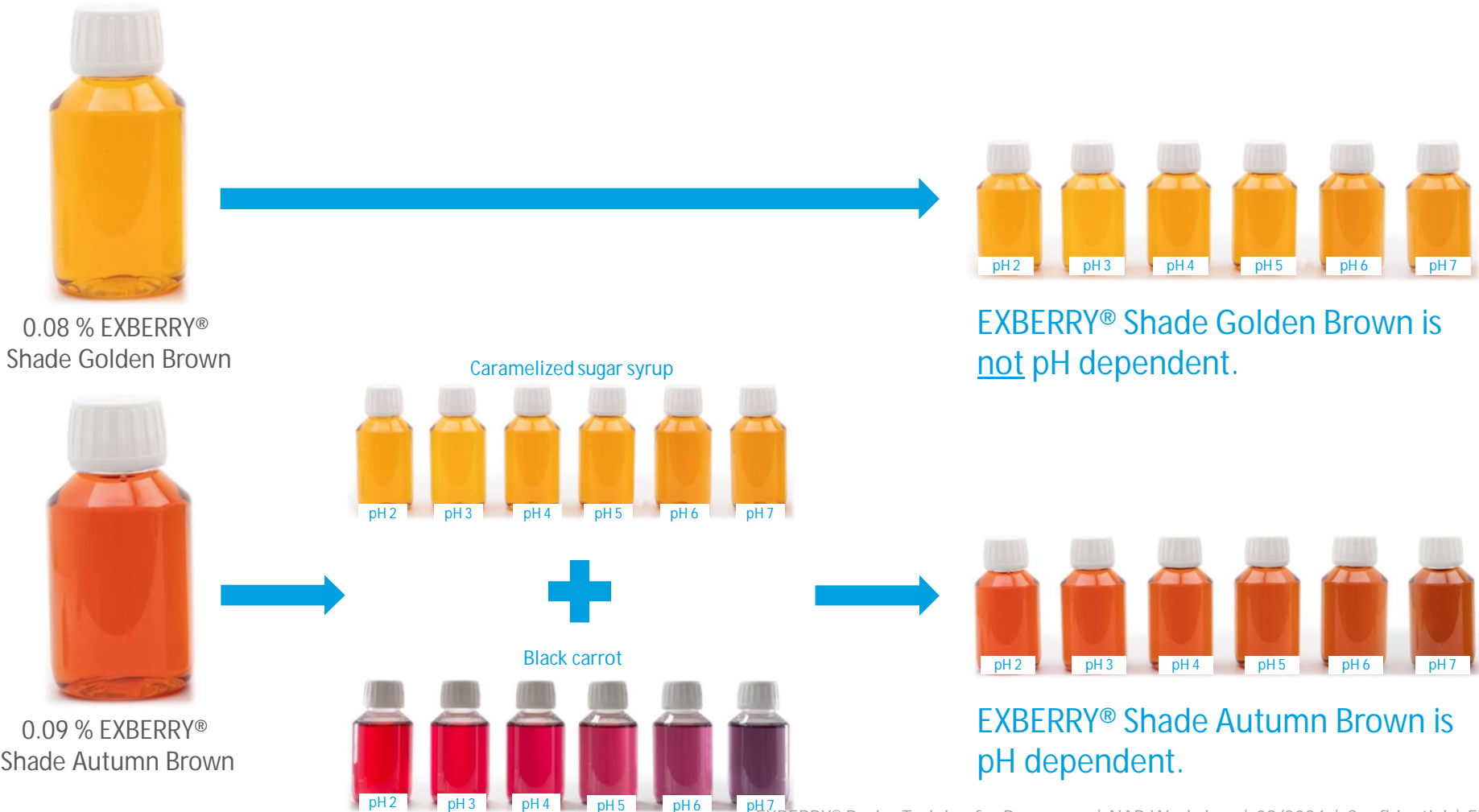
# Pigments in Brown EXBERRY® raw materials

Suitability for acidic NAB

*Caramel bodies*

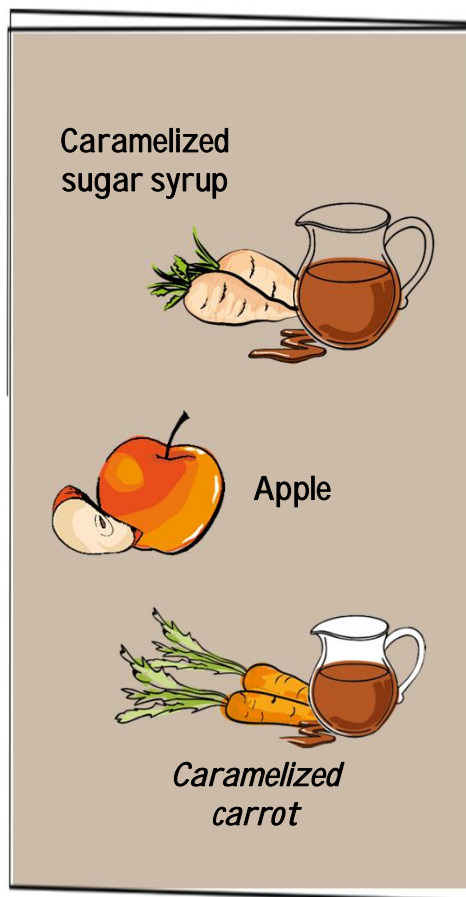


# Brown EXBERRY® products: Influence of pH value



# Brown EXBERRY® products: Color stability

## Raw Materials



- Brown EXBERRY® products based on caramelized sugar syrup, apple and caramelized carrot are:
  - Light stable
  - Heat stable
  - pH independent

GNT also offers products with a more chocolate brown color shade. These have additional black carrot and are therefore pH dependent.









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