
DIVERSITY AND APPLICATIONS OF VERSATILE PIGMENTS PRODUCED BY *MONASCUS* SP

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9.1. INTRODUCTION

A pigment is a colored substance or matter that absorbs one color of light and reflects another. As per the American Heritage Dictionary, “Pigments are defined as organic compounds that give characteristic color to plants or animal tissues and are involved in essential life processes” (www.thefreedictionary.com/pigment). Some pigments