

**Histological Atlas of  
Cassava  
(*Manihot esculenta*  
Crantz),  
Euphorbiaceae**

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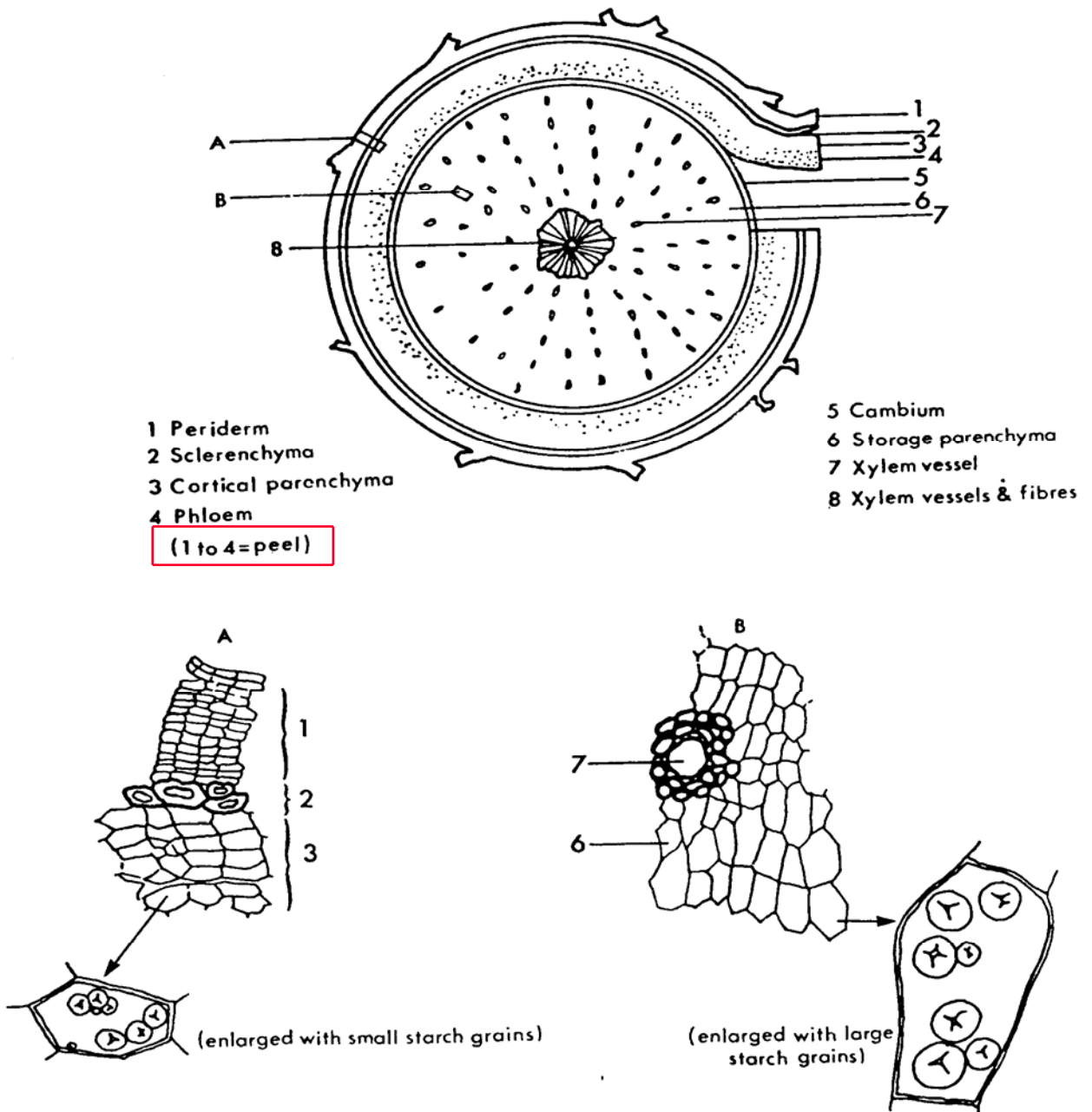


Fig 1: Transverse section of a young storage root.  
 from: Hunt, L.A., Wholey, D.W. and Cock, J.H. (1977):  
 Growth physiology of cassava (*Manihot esculenta*  
 Crantz). Field Crop Abstracts 30 (2), pp. 77.

# **Root Tubers**



Fig 2: Transverse section of a cassava root (waxed material from CIAT) showing vascular streaking

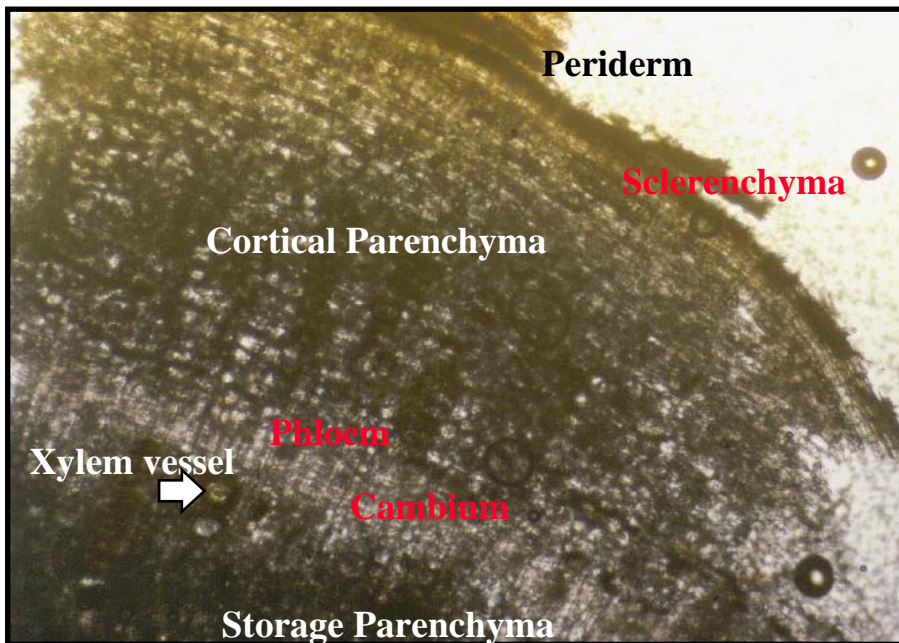


Fig 3: Overview over the outer root tissues

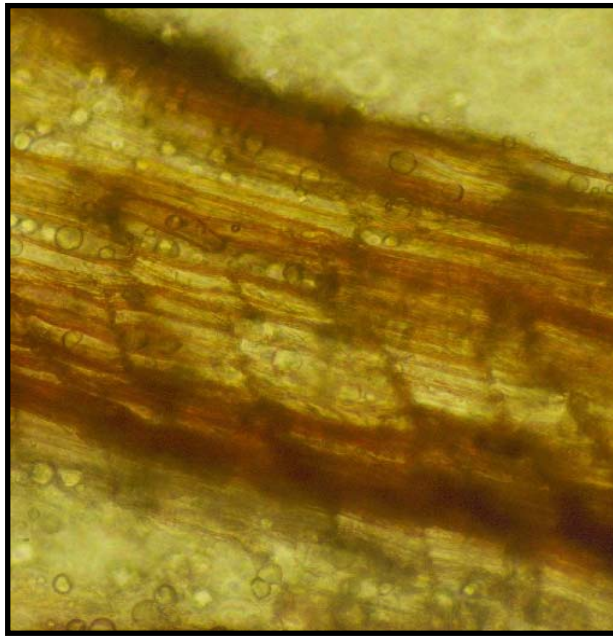


Fig 4: Periderm (cork layers) as secondary boundary tissue (suberification, yellow-brown). Cells are built by a secondary meristem the phellogen or cork cambium.

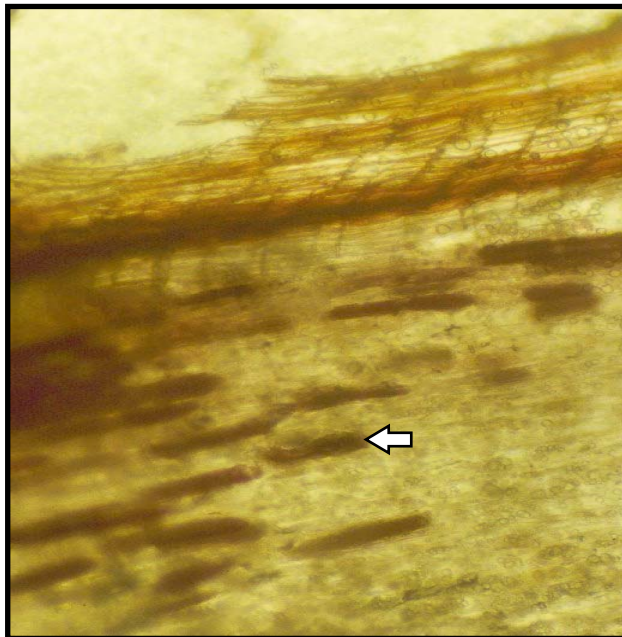


Fig 5: Some cells of the cortical parenchyma contain red coloured pigmentation. Pigmentation does not occur in all cassava cultivars.

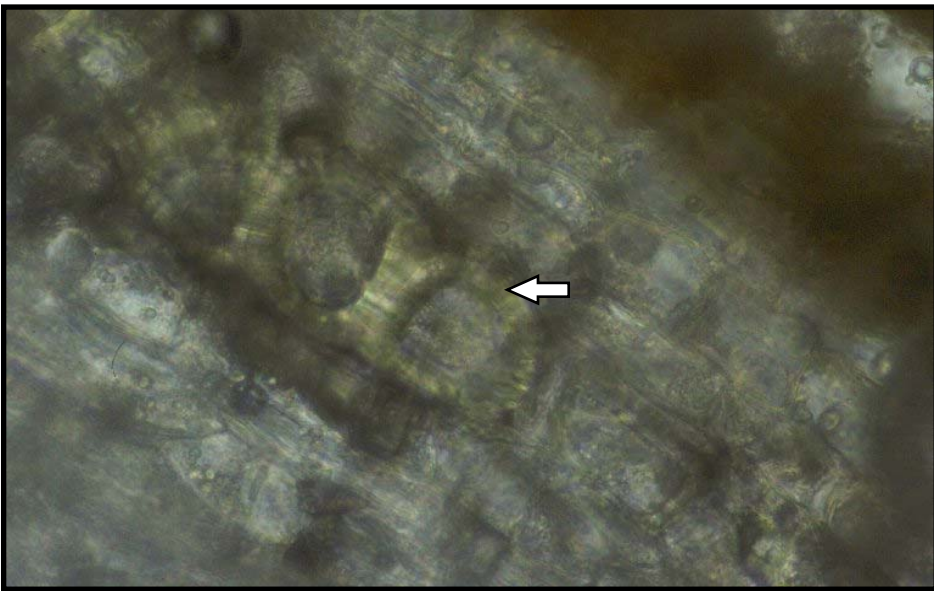


Fig 6: Sclerenchyma with sclereids (stone cells). Sclereids do not occur in all cassava roots. Cell walls are passed through by pits.

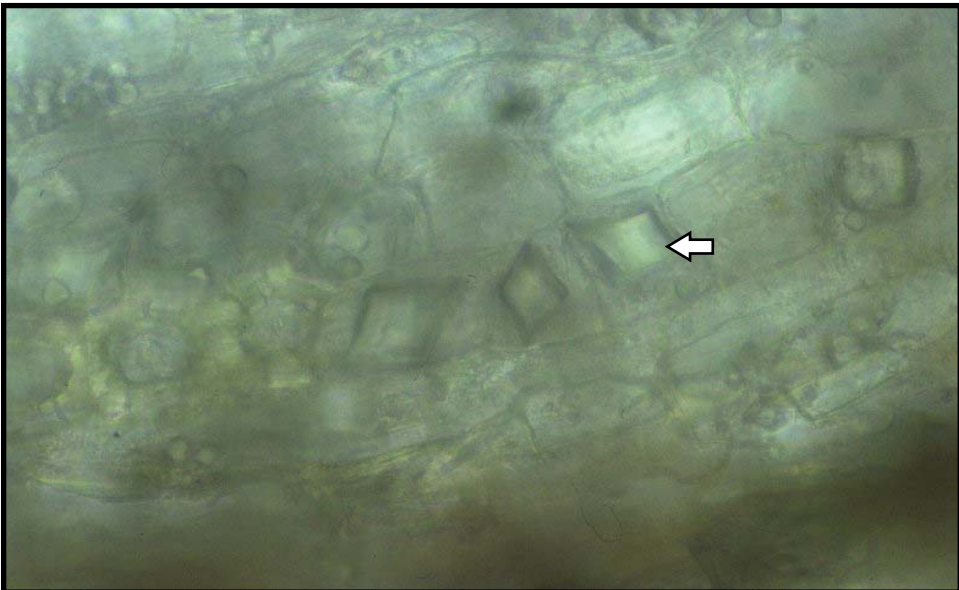


Fig 7: Sclerenchyma with cells containing crystals

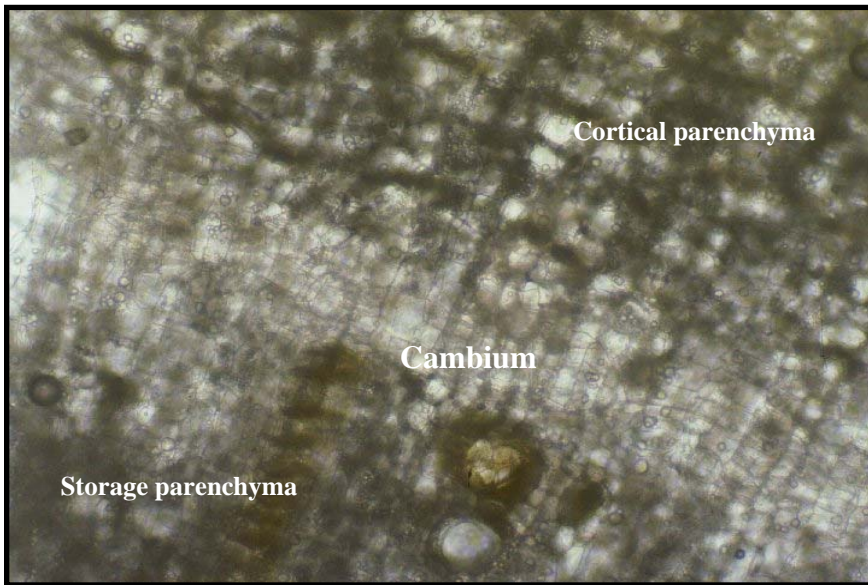


Fig 8: Detail of the cambium tissue (light cells)

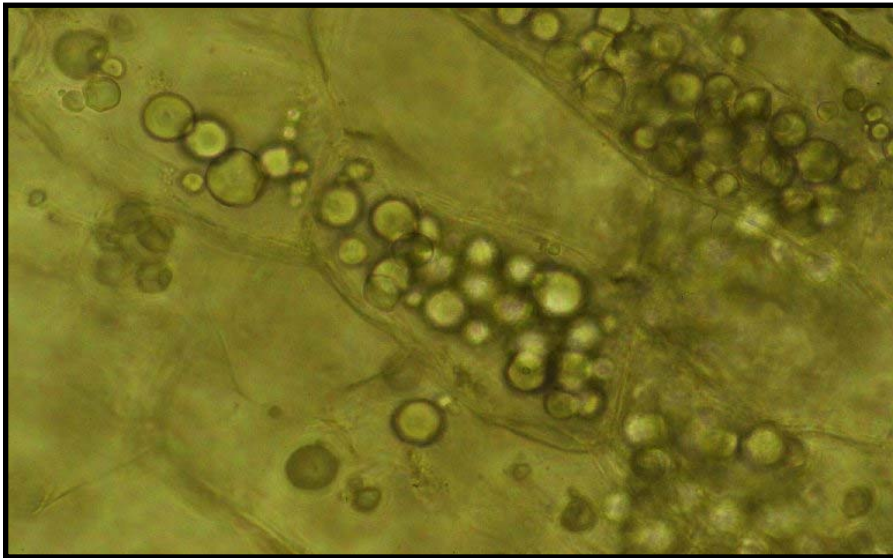


Fig 9: Cell of the storage parenchyma containing starch grains



Fig 10: Xylem vessels at the stage of "browning"



Fig 11: Xylem occlusions of callosis (thylloids).



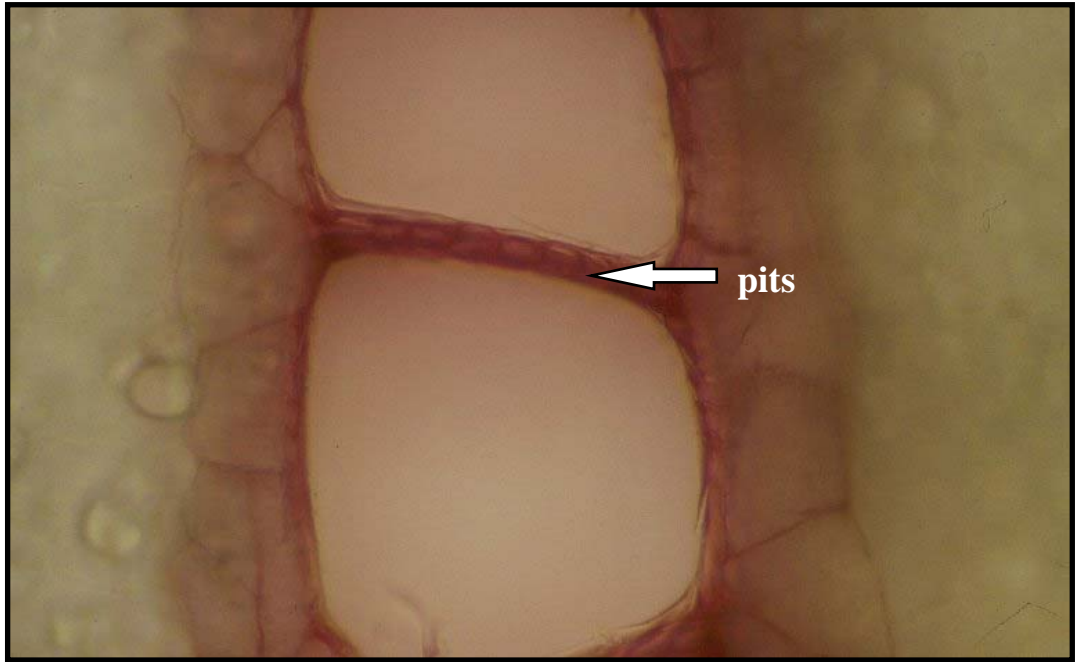


Fig 12: Xylem vessels. secondary cell walls stained with phloroglucin + HCl, indicating the lignification.

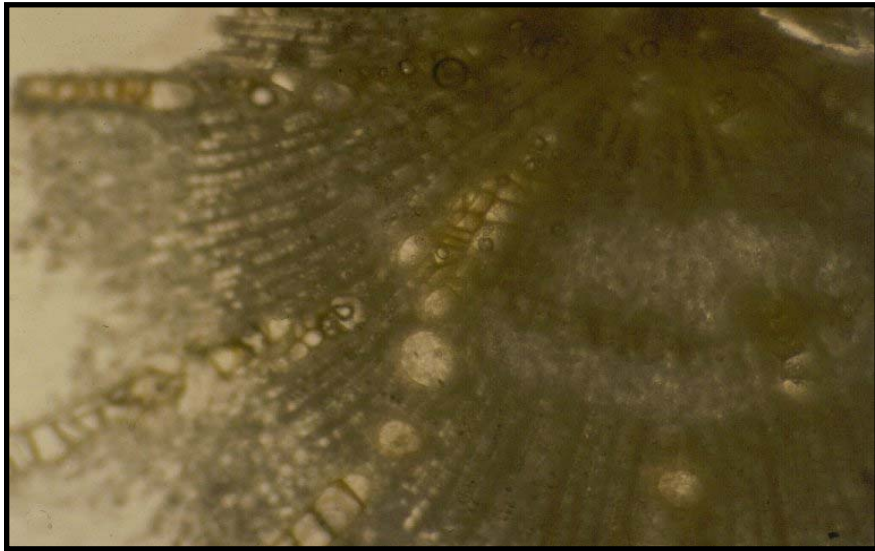


Fig 13: Xylem vessels and fibres of the central root part

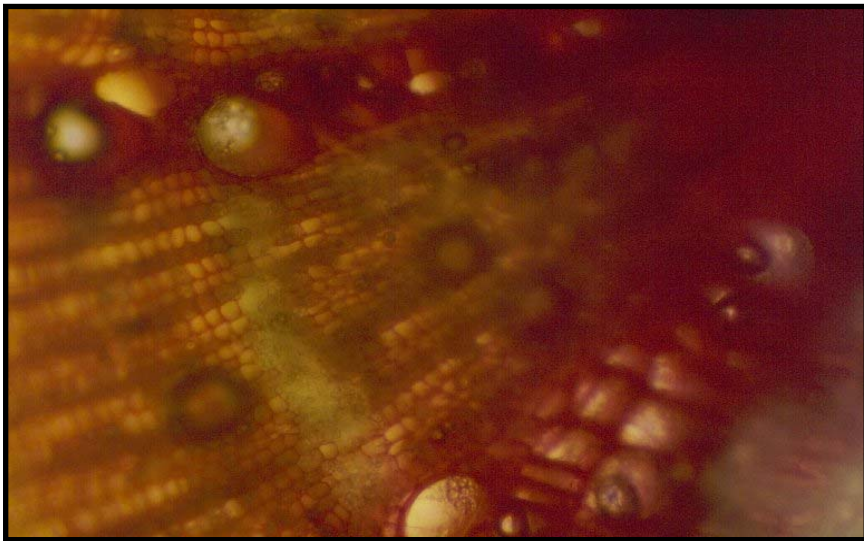


Fig 14: Xylem vessels and fibres of the central root part stained with phloroglucin +HCl. The light coloured parts are parenchymatic cells.

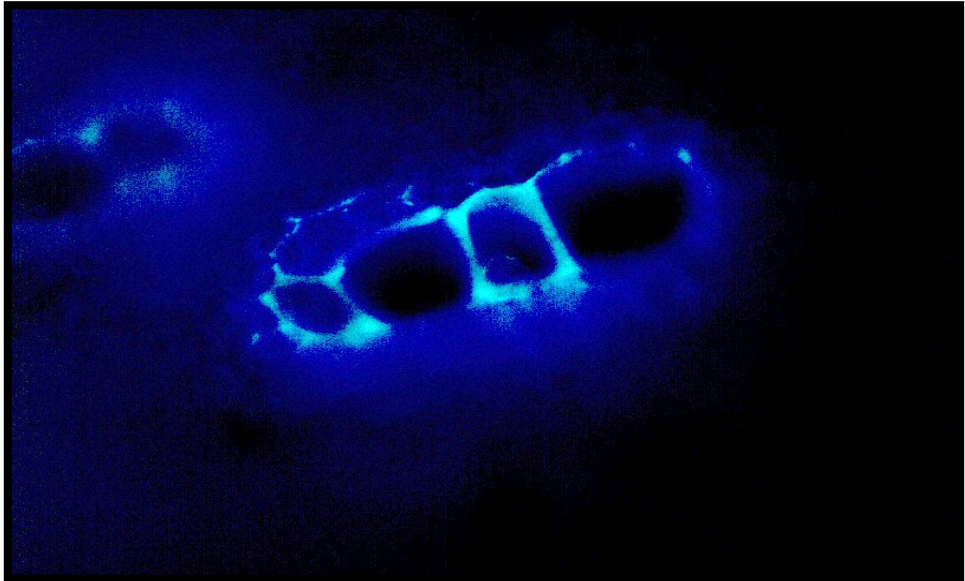


Fig 15: Fluorescence image of root tissue one day after harvest

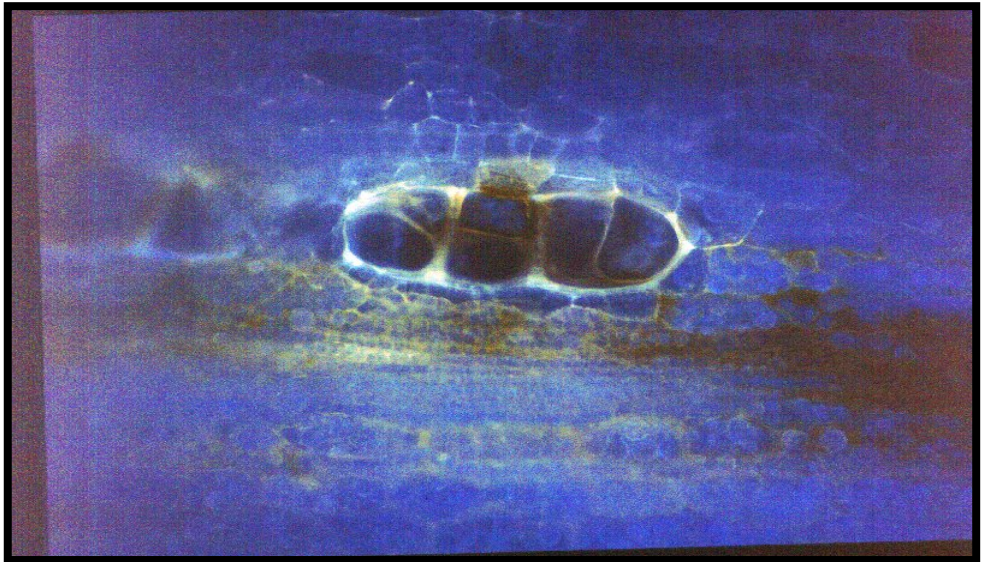


Fig 16: Fluorescence image of root tissue four days after harvest

# **Primary and Secondary** **Roots**



Fig 17: Cross-section through a primary root

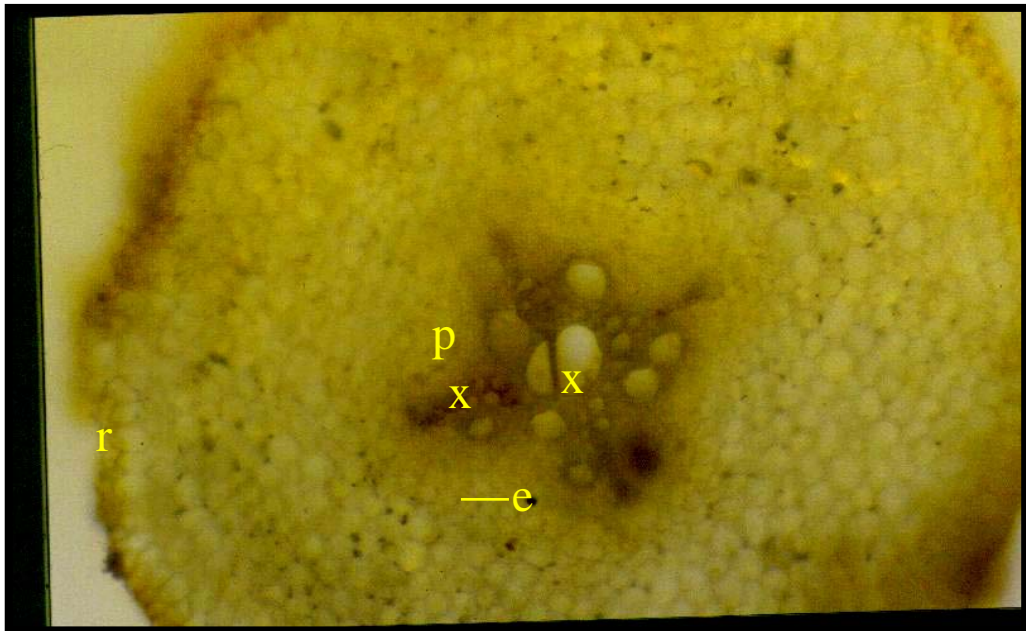


Fig 18: Cross-section through a primary root. Vascular bundles in tetrarch order (r = rhizodermis (or exodermis); x = xylem; p = phloem; e = endodermis)

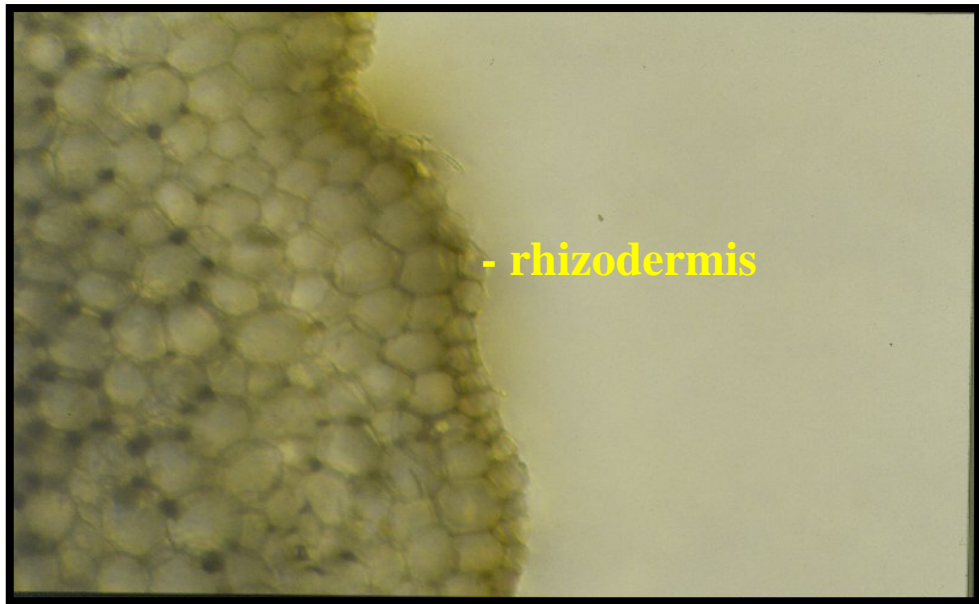


Fig 19: Detail of a primary root showing the rhizodermis and primary bark (large parenchymatic cells).

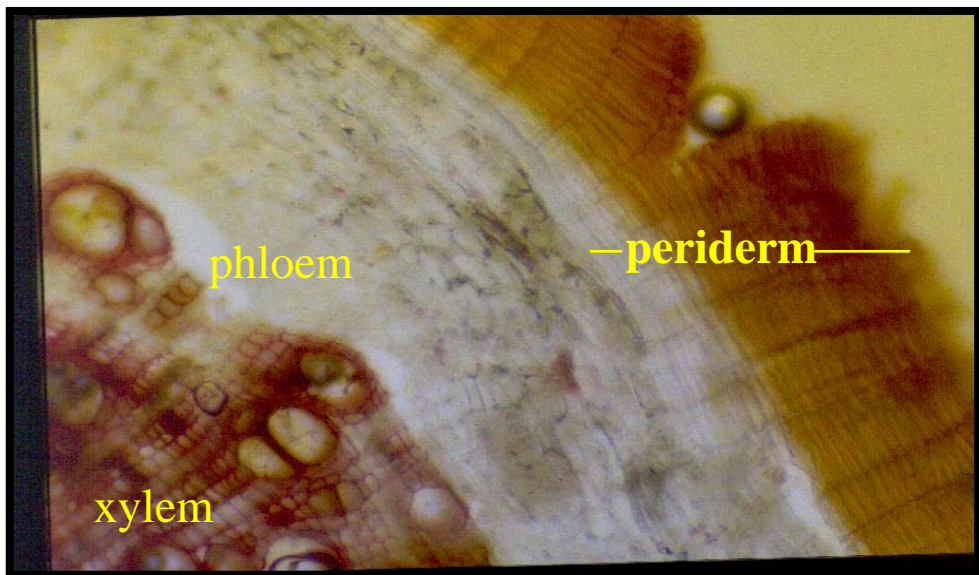


Fig 20: Detail of a secondary, non tuberous root. The morphology is similar to the storage root but it contains no storage parenchyma.

# Stem

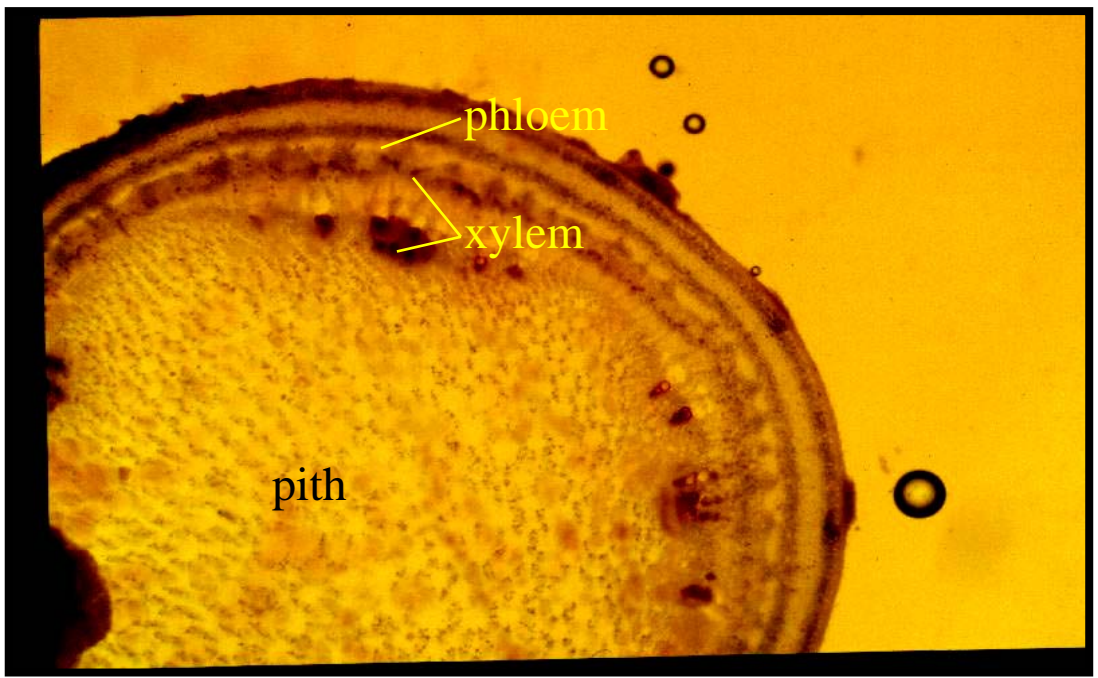


Fig 21: Cross-section of an internode (one year old twig). Staining with phloroglucin for lignification.

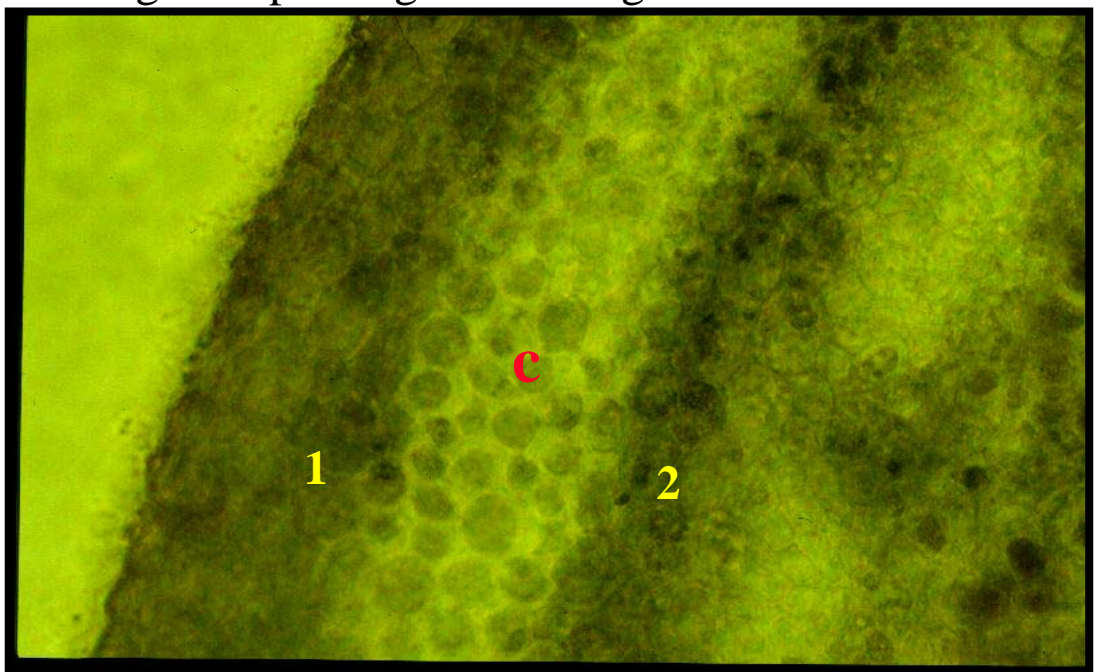


Fig 21: Cross-section of a internode (one year old twig). Staining with phloroglucin for lignification showing two tissues containing chloroplasts (1, 2) and a tangential collenchyma (c).



# **Leaf**

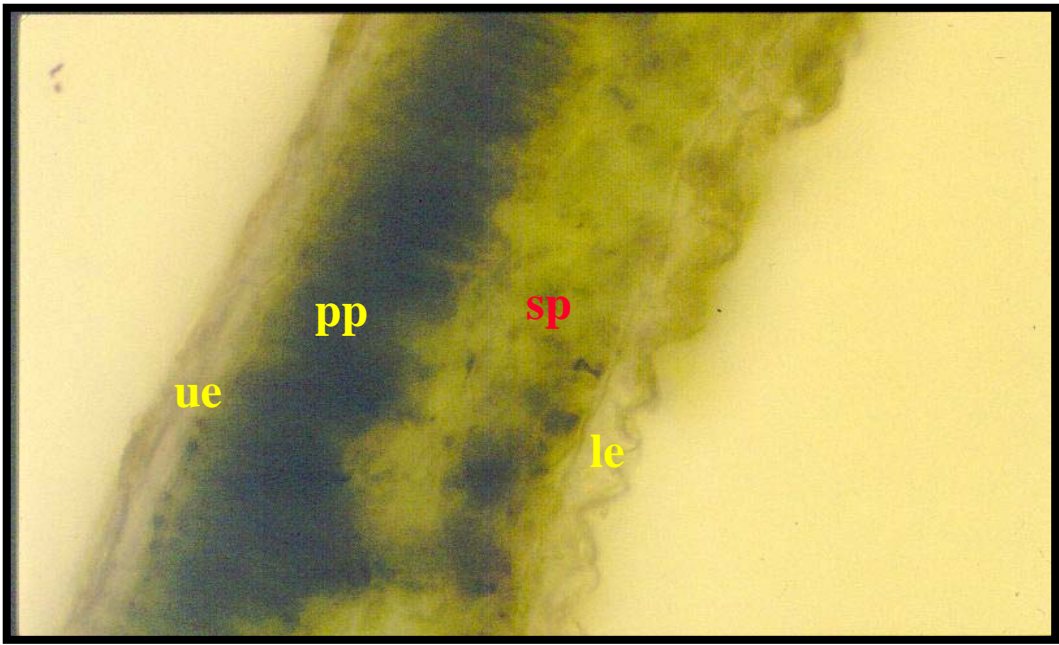


Fig 22: Cross-section of a leaf (ue = upper epidermis; le = lower epidermis; pp = palisade parenchyma; sp = spongy parenchyma)

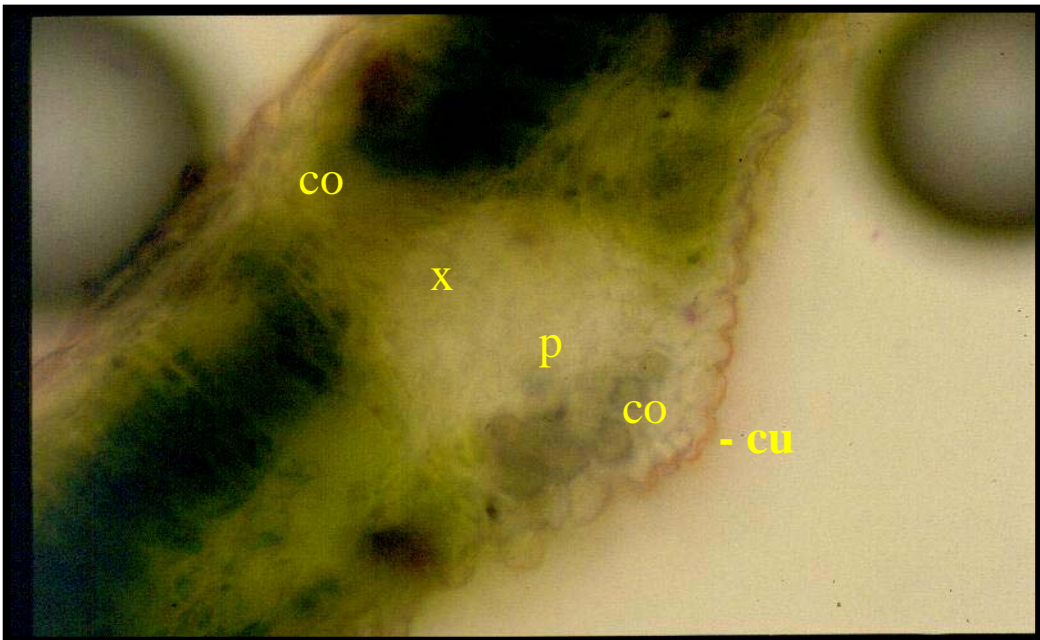


Fig 23: Cross-section of a leaf across the midrib. Cuticle stained with sudan III (co = collenchyma; cu = cuticle; x = xylem; p = phloem)