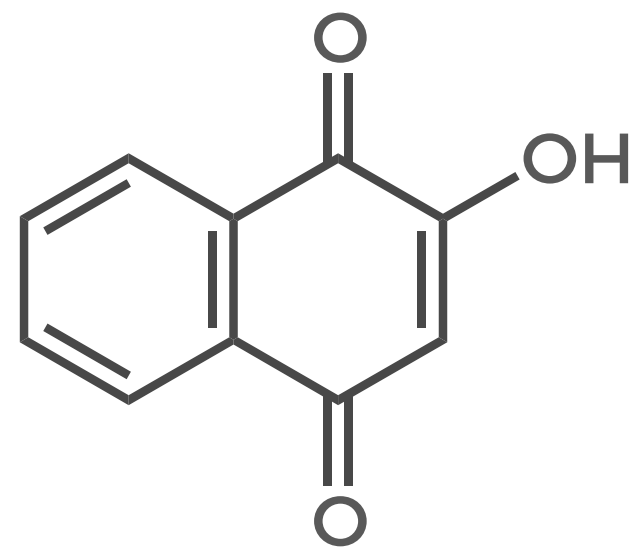


THE CHEMISTRY OF HENNA

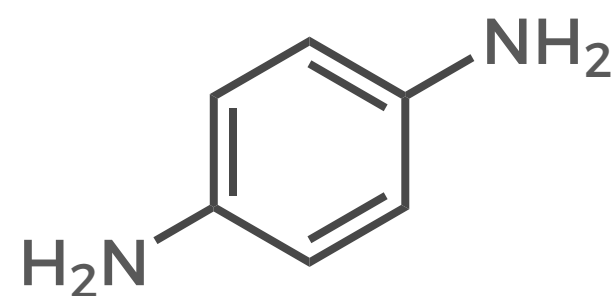
The red-orange dye from the leaves of the henna plant contains lawsone. Lawsone reacts chemically with keratin in the skin, leaving a stain that lasts for 2-6 weeks.



Black henna is red henna which has had the dye paraphenylenediamine (PPD) added to it. PPD can cause allergic skin reactions, and its use in black henna is discouraged.



LAWSONE



PPD

