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## **Exploring biodiversity to introduce nutritional quality criteria in potato breeding program**

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# 1. Introduction

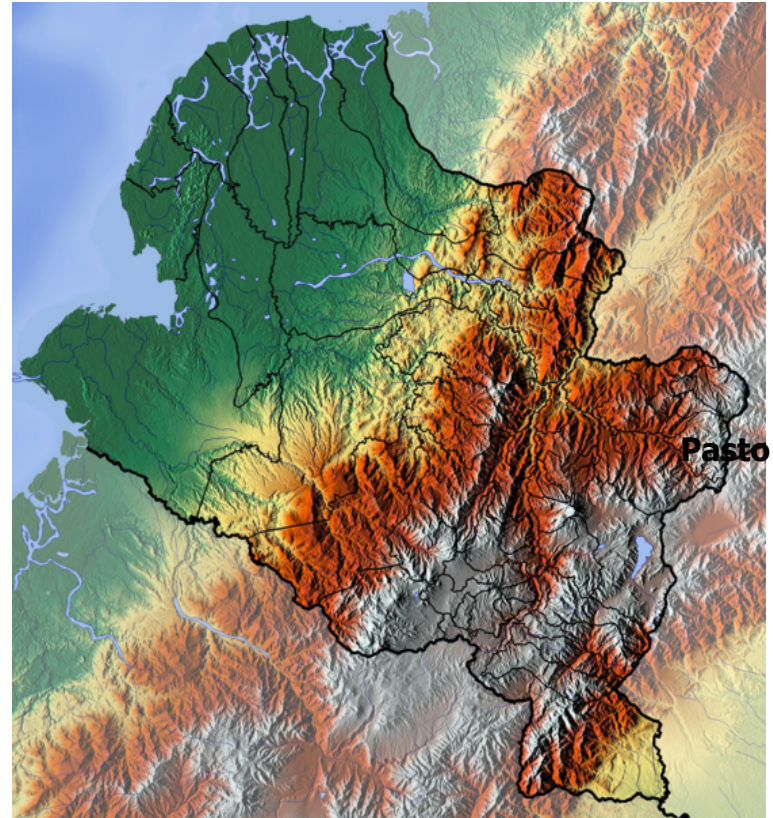


# Where are we working?





# Working with Andean communities



# Why are we working in nutritional quality?

- ❖ Nariño is the second undernourished province in Colombia.
- ❖ High percentage of food insecurity.
- ❖ 21.5% of the population younger than five years suffers malnutrition.
- ❖ There is not accurate data to design public policies about food security and nutrition.
- ❖ Breeding programs have not considered nutritional quality criteria for selecting new cultivars.
- ❖ Nariño is a potato biodiversity center.

# Food security is built on three pillars

## 1. Food use:

appropriate use based on knowledge of basic nutrition and care, as well as adequate water and sanitation.

## 2. Food availability:

sufficient quantities of food available on a consistent basis.

## 3. Food access:

having sufficient resources to obtain appropriate foods for a nutritious diet.

## We have worked on:

- ❖ Nutritional status of the population.
- ❖ Analysis of potato intake.
- ❖ Analysis of nutritional quality for potato tubers.
- ❖ Producing tuber seeds of good quality for potato production.
- ❖ Delivering new potato cultivars, with high yield and reducing costs.

## 2. Objective

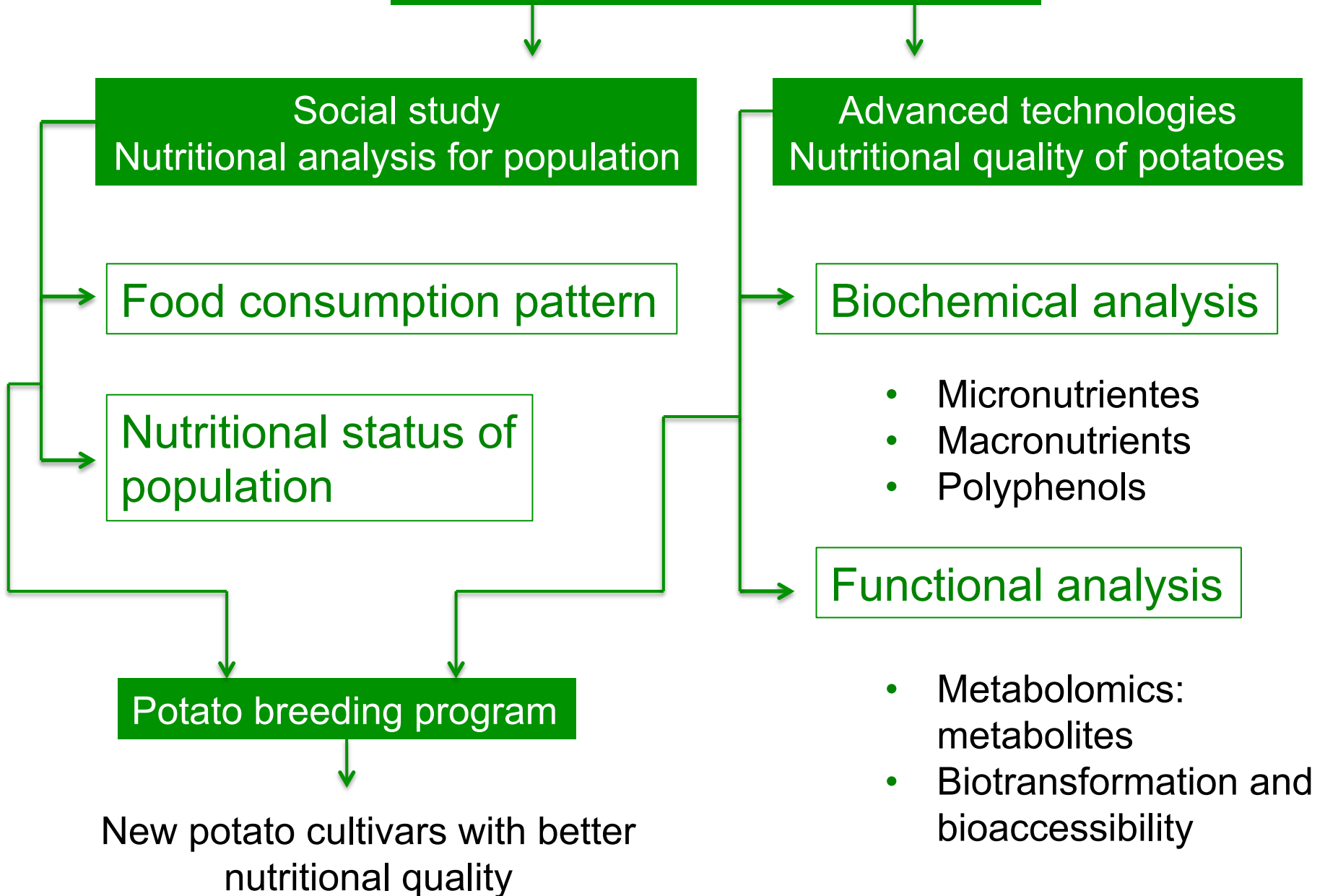


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Improve food security in indigenous communities by selection of potato cultivars with high yield and nutritional qualities to improve their daily diet.



### 3. General methodology



# 4. Results



## 4.1. Nutritional status of the population



### Percentage of boys and girls under nutritional standards

Nutritional situation by anthropometry	Boys	Girls
Stunting	41.6	30.8
Overweight	23.4	44.4
Obesity	18.0	7.0
Underweight	3.1	1.8

### Percentage of the population with deficient intake

Age groups	Calories	Proteins	Minerals			Vitamins	
			Fe	Zn	Ca	A	C
Under 5	56.6	15.8	21.8	81.6	50.8	45.7	5.9
From 5 to 12 years	73.8	33.2	26.1	91.0	92.1	72.5	17.3
Adults	88	85.1	42.7	99.8	91.9	87.9	42.7
Total	72.9	41.9	29.0	91.1	82.7	70.4	20.8

# Samples preparation for the analysis

Planting and harvesting



Clasification and washing



Cooking according to the tuber size



Grind and pulverization



Lyophilization



Cutting in slides

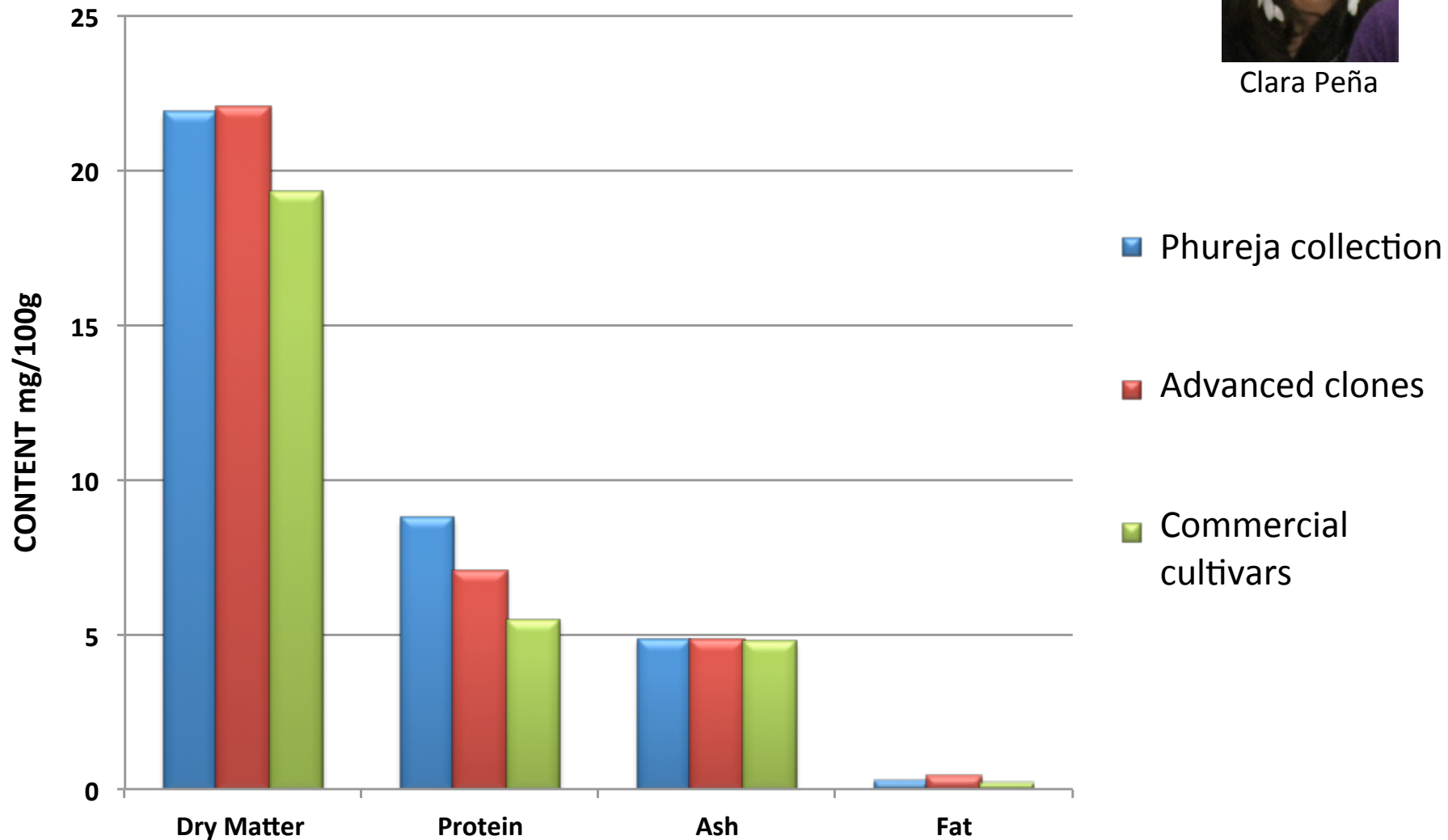




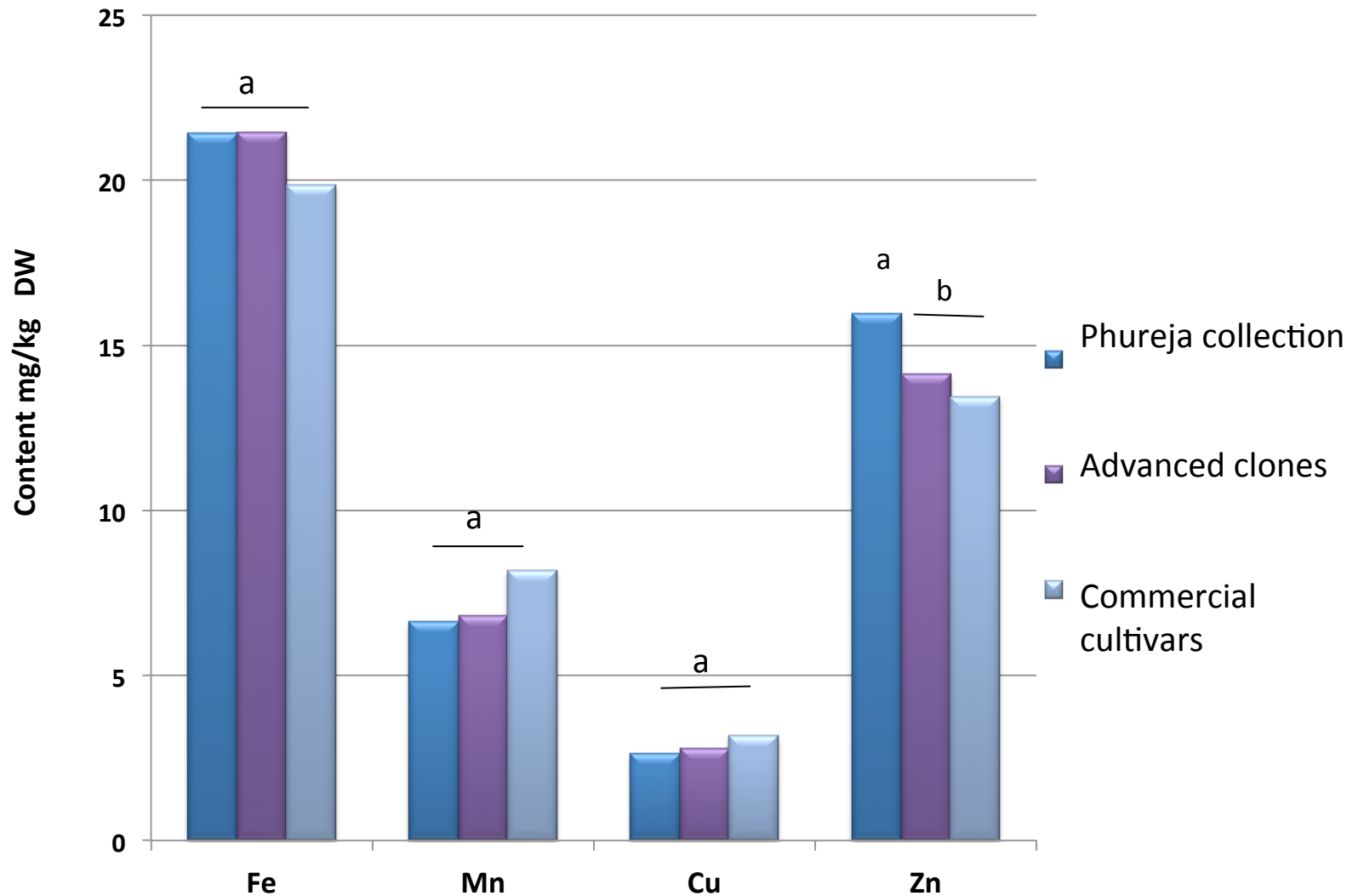
## 4.2. Proximal analysis: Macronutrients content in *Solanum phureja* genotypes



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## 4.2. Proximal analysis micronutrients: mineral content in *Solanum phureja* genotypes

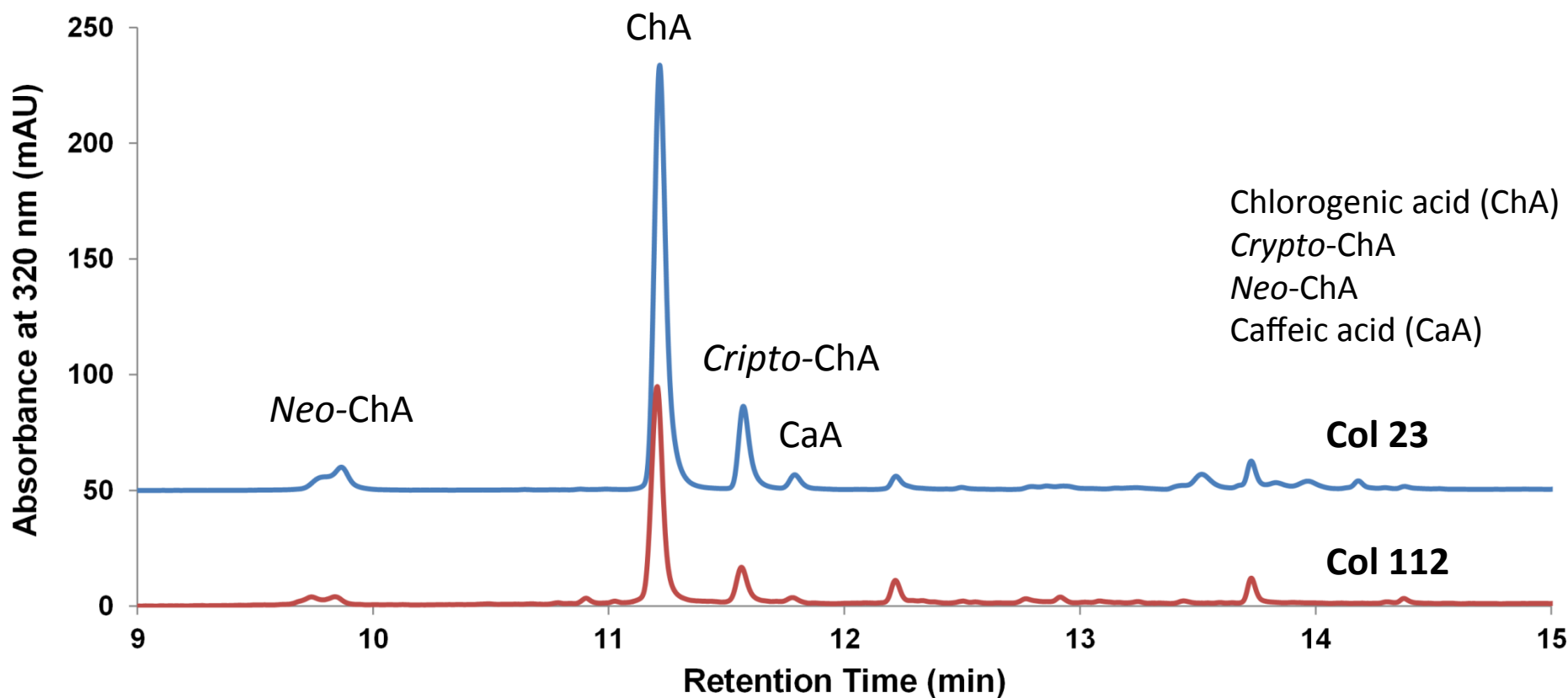




## 4.3. Phenolic compounds in *Solanum tuberosum* group Phureja

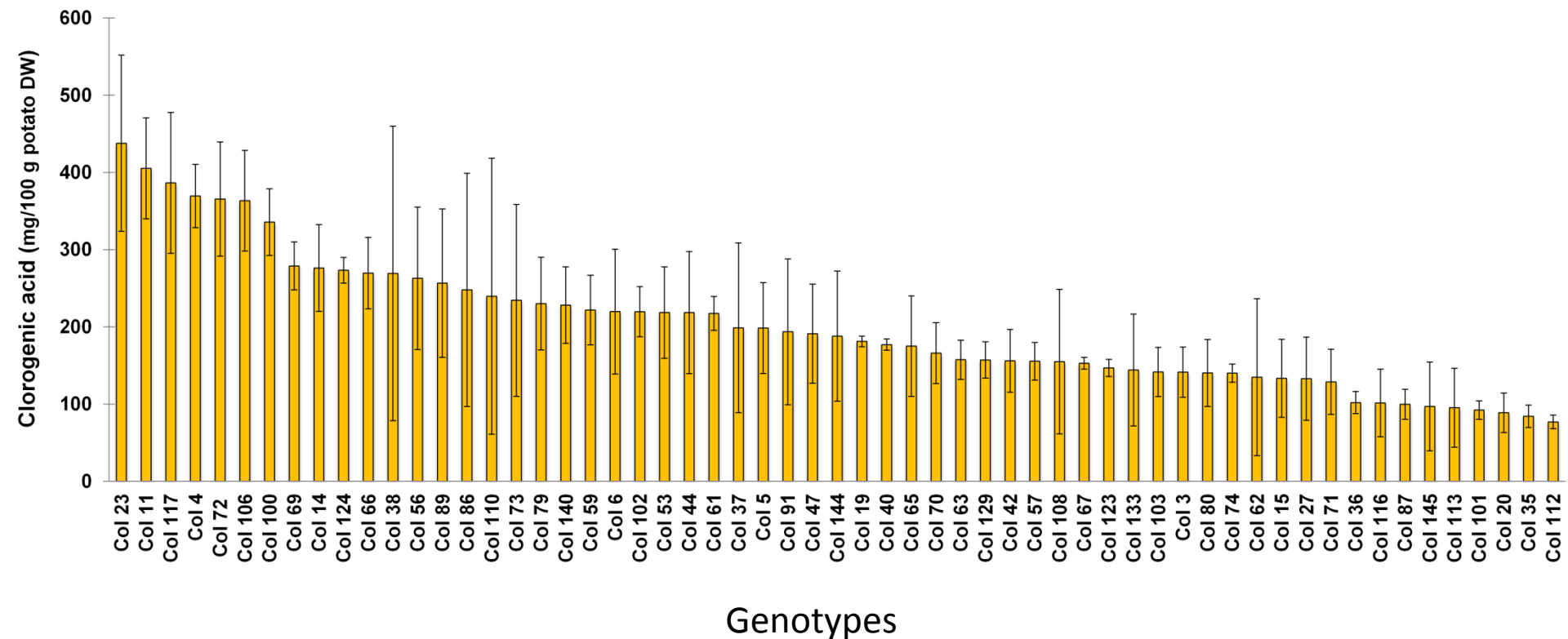
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### Chromatograms at 320 nm of two potato extracts



Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC system (Thermo Scientific corp) coupled to diode array detector

# Chlorogenic acid content in *Solanum tuberosum* group Phureja





## 4.3. Functional food analysis

### Materials and methods

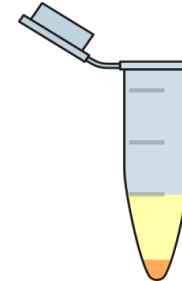
#### Metabolite extraction & LC-MS analysis



Liyao-Ji



Kushalappa A.



- ✓ Lyophilized potato flesh
- ✓ Eight advanced clones

ground in liquid N

60% methanol,  
0.1% formic acid

Supernatant filtered and  
injected



LC-ESI-LTQ Orbitrap, Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA, USA  
High resolution hybrid mass spectrometer system

# Functional food analysis

## Materials and methods

### ❖ Identification and classification of metabolites

- ✓ Accurate mass error <5 ppm
- ✓ MS/MS fragmentation pattern
- ✓ Classified based on their chemical groups

### ❖ Statistical analysis

- ✓ ANOVA will be done to identify significant metabolites.

### ❖ Identification of functional foods

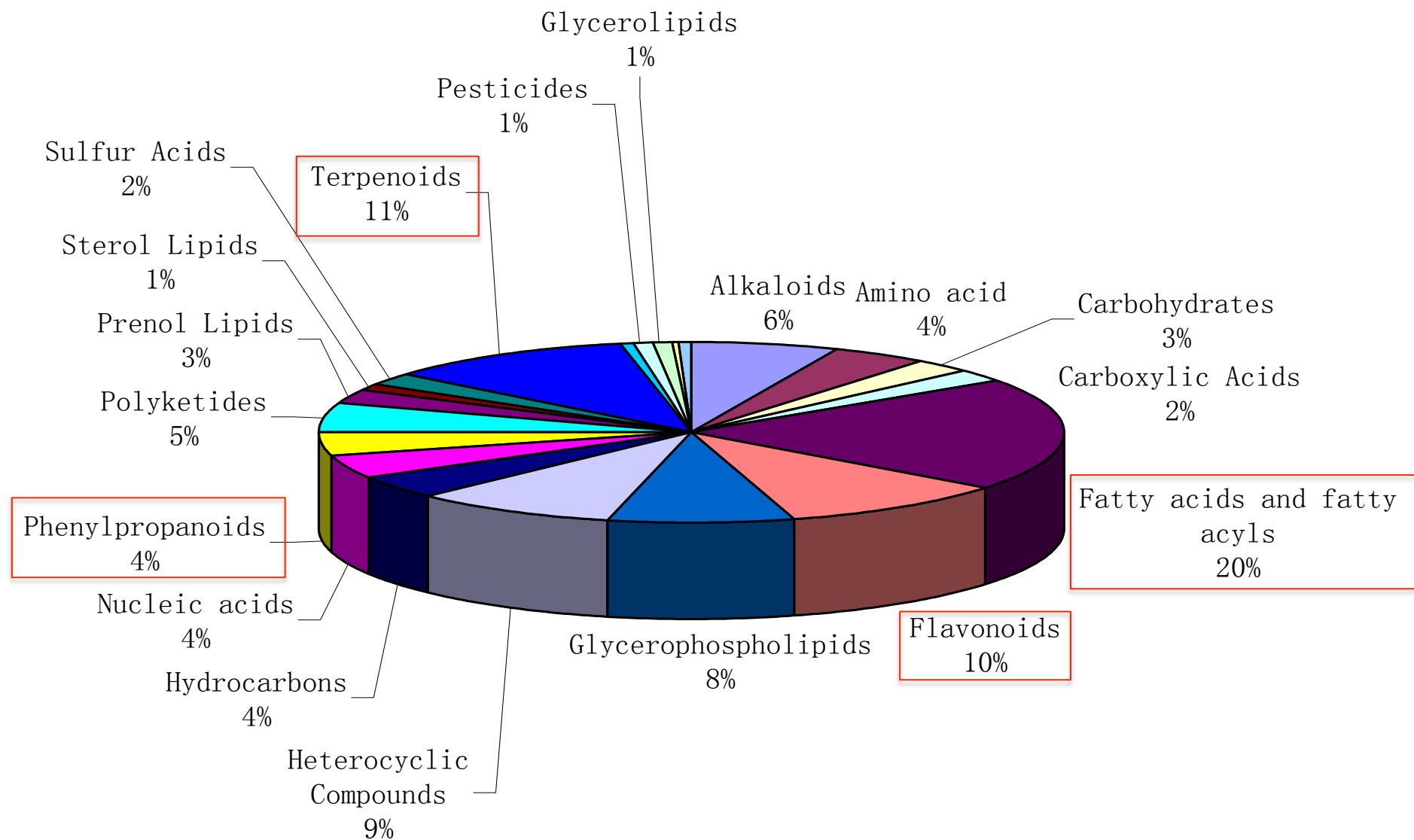
- ✓ Metabolites were searched for functional foods properties in the literature.

# Preliminary results

- ❖ 302 metabolites were detected in cooked potatoes in eight genotypes.
- ❖ 99 were found to have beneficial roles in human health:
  - ✓ Anti-cancer
  - ✓ Anti-HIV
  - ✓ Anti-hypertension
  - ✓ Anti-inflammatory
  - ✓ Anti-malarial
  - ✓ Antimicrobial
  - ✓ Anti-diabetic

# Metabolites chemical groups

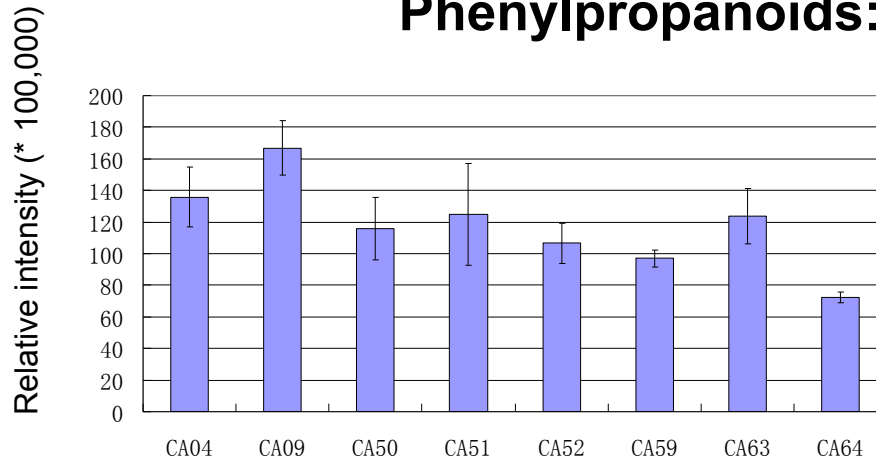
## Important chemical groups





# Relative intensity of some compounds in *S. tuberosum* group Phureja

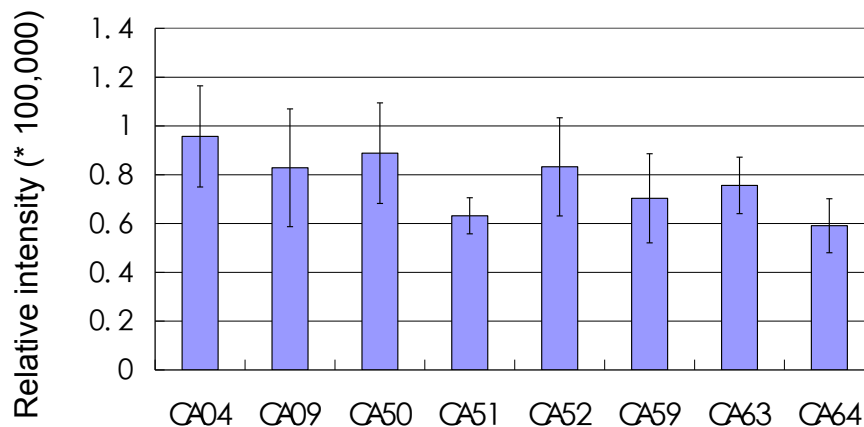
## Phenylpropanoids: chlorogenate



Health benefits: antioxidant, anti-diabetic and anti-lipidemic effects.

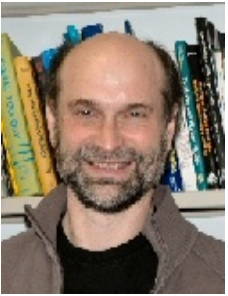
(Bouayed *et al.*, 2007; Shafi and Tabassum, 2013)

## Flavonoids: Dihydrokaempferol



Health benefits: antimicrobial

(Malterud *et al.*, 1985)



Stan Kubow

# Limitations in identifying the health benefits of polyphenolics

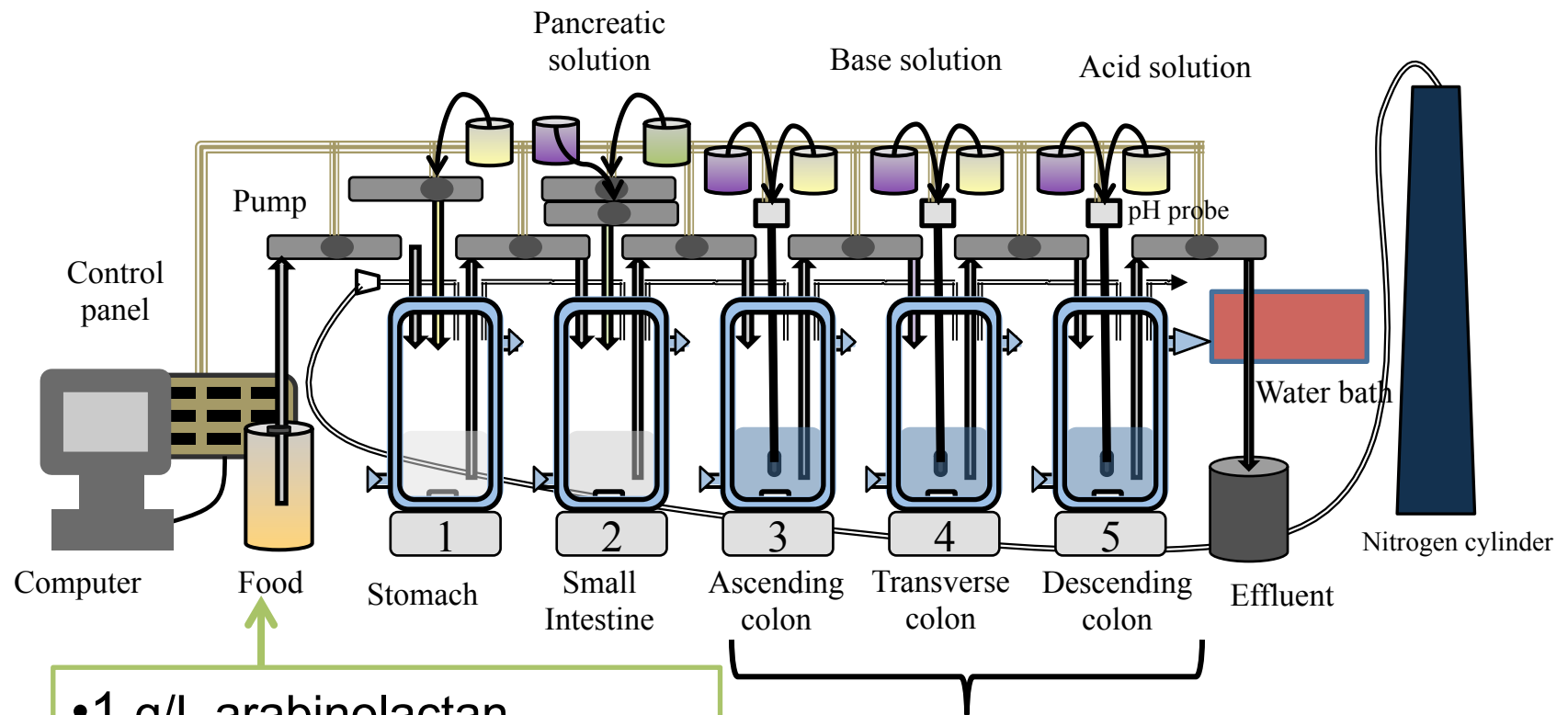
1. Most of the studies are *in vitro* studies.

Pure polyphenolic compound as found in foods.

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Variation in polyphenolic structure and absorption in the human gut.

2. Lack of fundamental knowledge regarding bioactive polyphenols formed in the human gut.

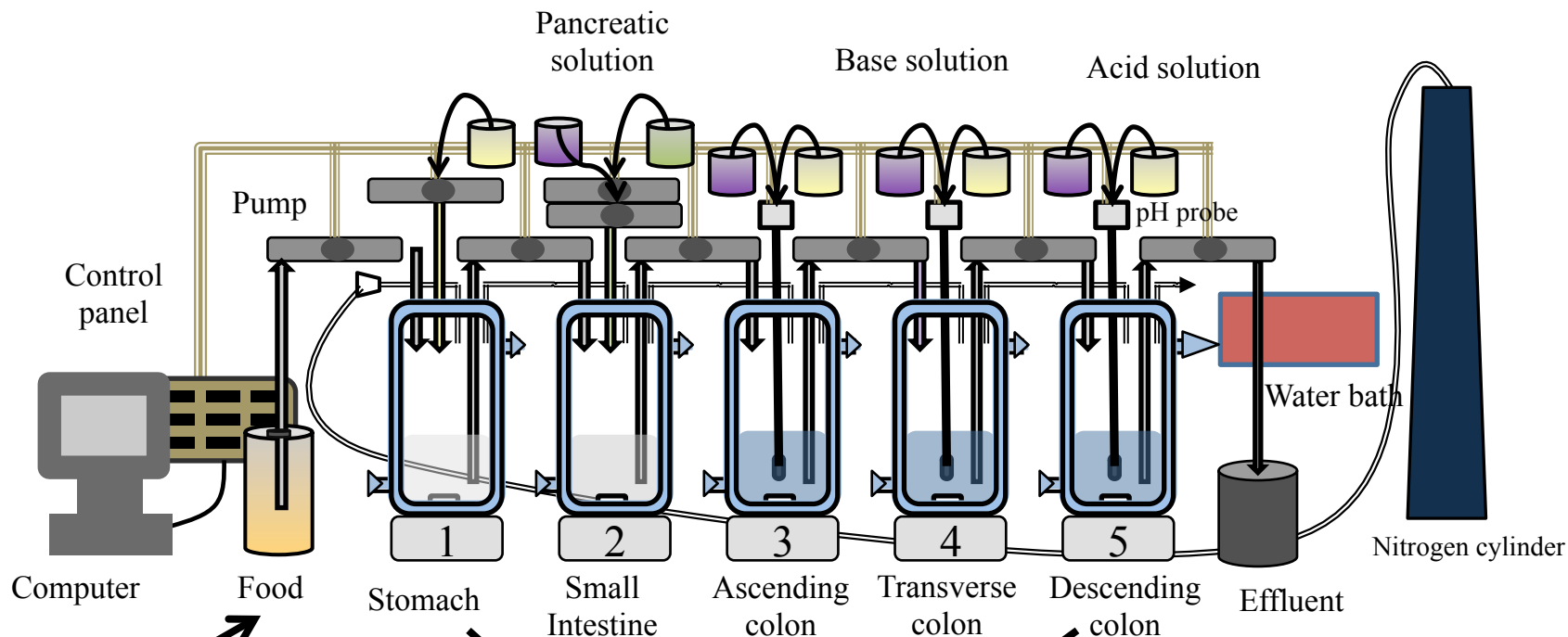


- 1 g/L arabinolactan
  - 2 g/L pectin
  - 1 g/L xylan
  - 3 g/L starch
  - 0.4 g/L glucose
  - 3 g/L yeast extracts
  - 1 g/L peptone
  - 4 g/L mucin
  - 0.5 g/L cystein powders
- GI food

### **Step 1: Inoculation**

Fecal slurry from the fecal samples of five volunteers

**Step 2:** Stabilization period (two weeks)



GI food +  
Treatment /Potato

Feeding protocol:  
3 times/24 hours

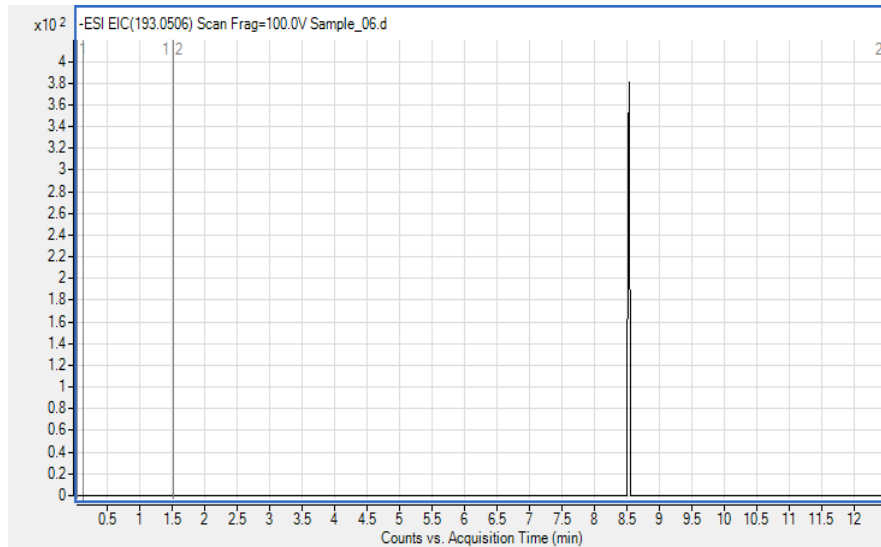
### Sampling

T= 0 hours  
T= 8 hours  
T= 24 hours

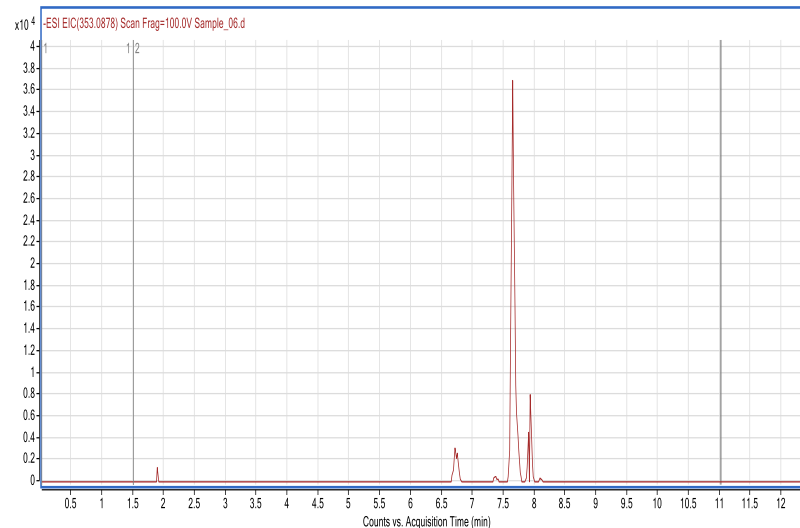
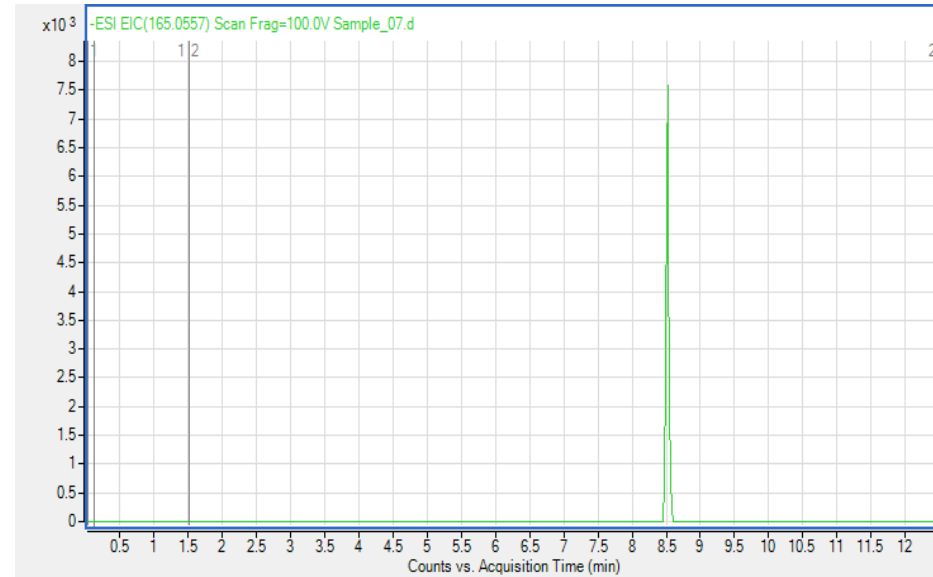
**Analyzed by LC-MS TOF**  
Liquid chromatography  
coupled to time-of-flight  
mass spectrometry.

# Transformation of ingested polyphenols

Sample taken from the stomach analyzed for ferulic acid- (trace)



Samples from the small intestine analyze for 3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-propionic acid – (x)



Sample from stomach analyzed for chlorogenic acid- (xx)

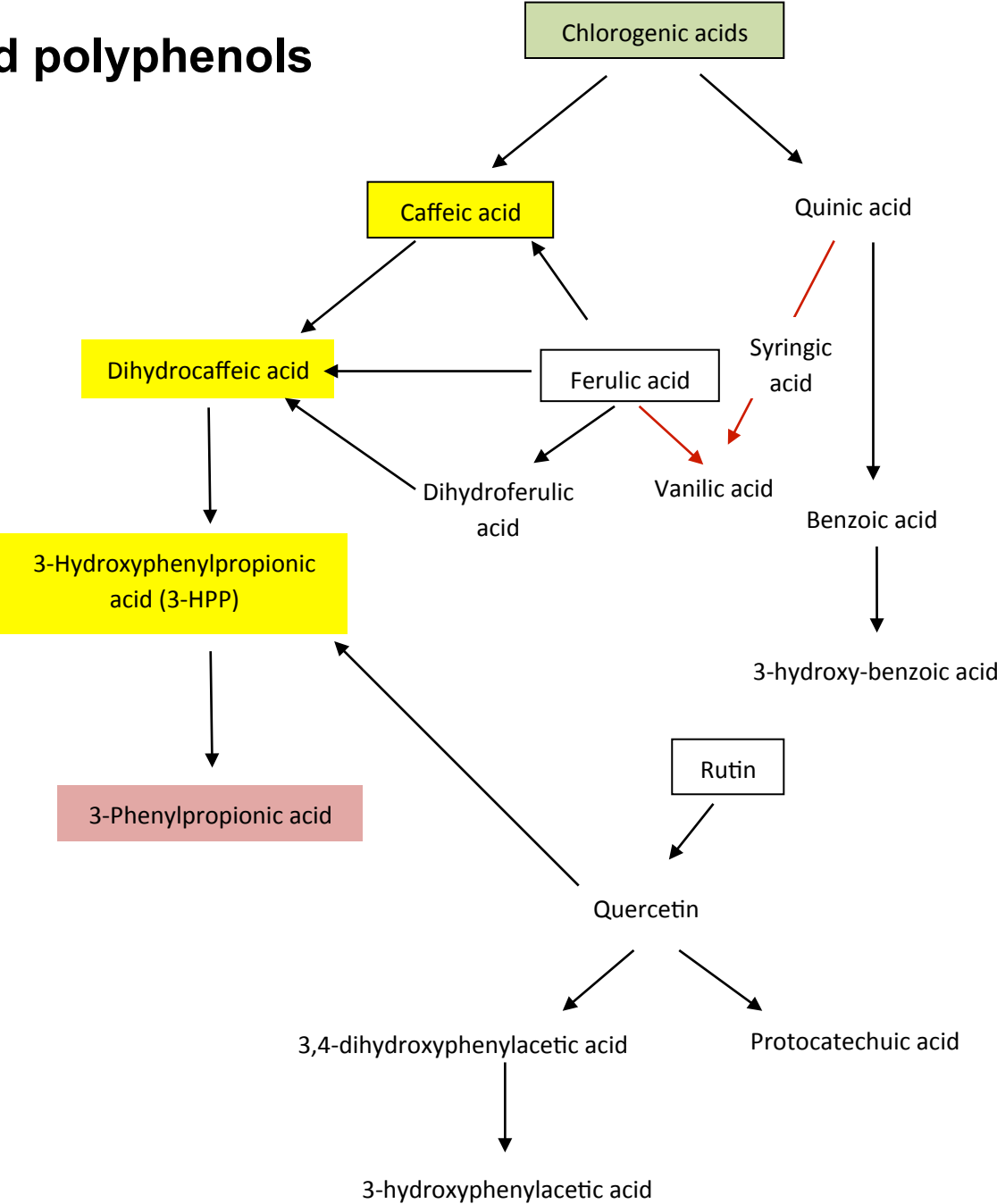
# Transformation of ingested polyphenols

## Chlorogenic acid conversion to 3-phenylpropionic acid

Colombian Cultivar - 24hr							
			Small	Ascending	Transverse	Descending	Possible
Compound	m/z (-ve)	Stomach	Intestine	Colon	Colon	Colon	metabolic fate
<b>Chlorogenic Acid</b>	353.088	<b>XX</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>TRACE</b>	<b>TRACE</b>	<b>CONVERTED</b>
Neochlorogenic acid	353.088	x	x	xx	x	0	CONVERTED
Cryptochlorogenic acid	353.088	x	x	xx	TRACE	TRACE	CONVERTED
<b>Caffeic acid</b>	179.033	<b>X</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>CONVERTED</b>
<b>3-Hydroxyphenylpropionic acid (3-HPP)</b>	165.056	<b>X</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>FINAL METABOLITE</b>
3-Hydroxyphenylacetic acid	151.04	TRACE	TRACE	x	xx	xx	FINAL METABOLITE
<b>3-Phenylpropionic acid</b>	149.061	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>XX</b>	<b>XXX</b>	<b>FINAL METABOLITE</b>



# Pathway of ingested polyphenols



## 4.4. Moving results to field



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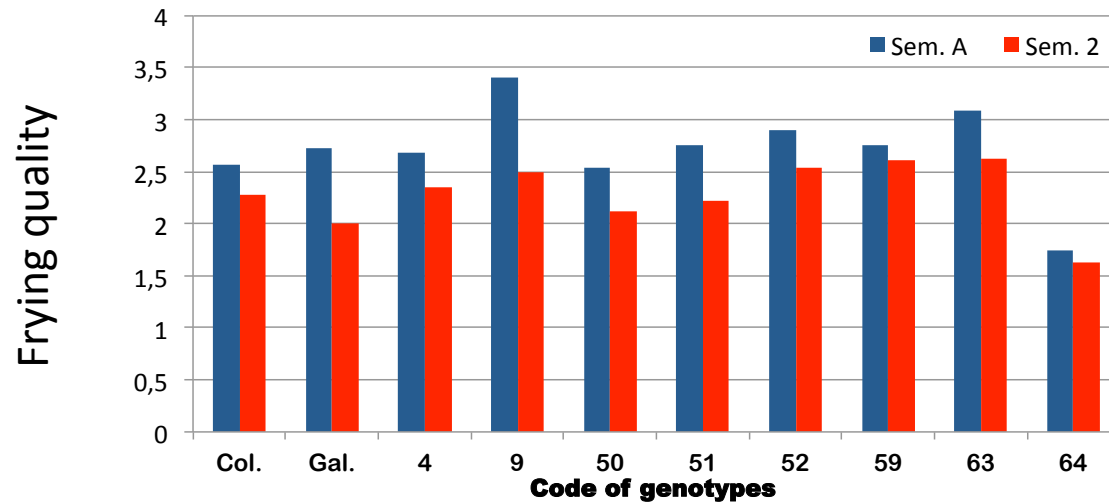
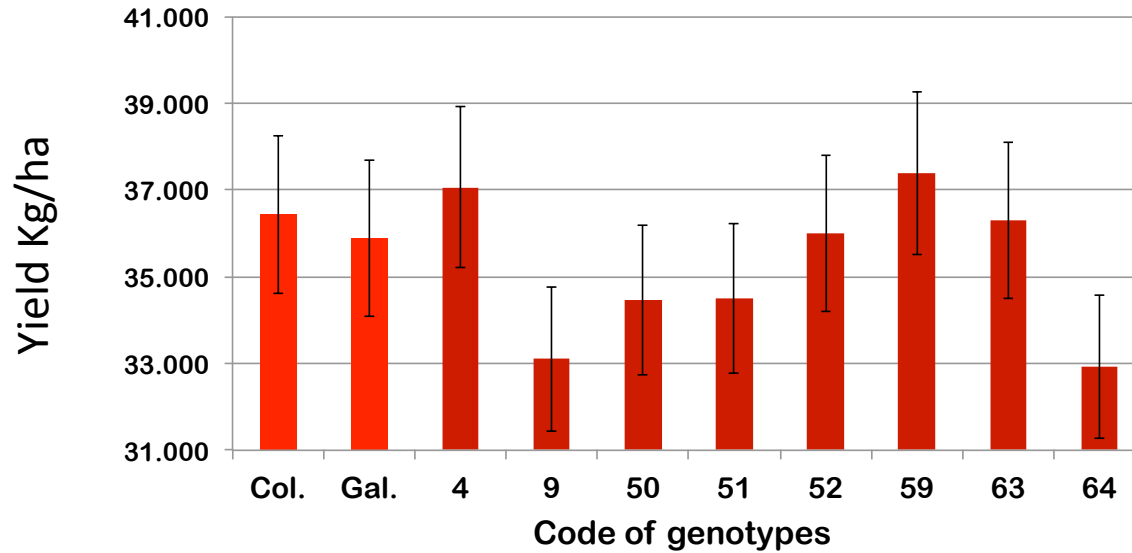


### **Participative research for selecting new potato cultivars**

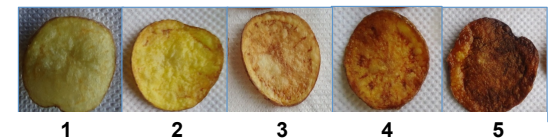
Evaluation was carried out in eight localities during four crop cycles.



# Some traits evaluated in advanced potato clones



Scale for the evaluation





## Cultivar code 59



Vegetative period: 120 das;  
Yield: 37.3 ton/ha,  
Dry matter: 23.8;  
Frying quality: 2.7

# New cultivars for linking agriculture to nutrition

## Cultivar code 64



Vegetative period: 120 das;  
Yield: 32.9 ton/ha,  
Dry matter 25;  
Frying quality: 1.7

## Cultivar code 4



Vegetative period: 120 das; yield: 37.1 ton/ha, dry matter: 24.7; frying quality: 2.5 *das: days after sowing*

## 5. Conclusions and perspectives

- ✓ Variability in the content of macronutrients, micronutrients and functional foods were found in potato. This variability allows making pre-selection and selection of advanced breeding clones for new cultivars.
- ✓ Nutritional quality criteria were introduced in the potato breeding program, in order to strengthen the link agriculture-nutrition-health.
- ✓ To measure the incidence of these new cultivars in iron and zinc assimilation for children under five.
- ✓ To find genetic associations using data from GBS and 2b-RAD.



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