



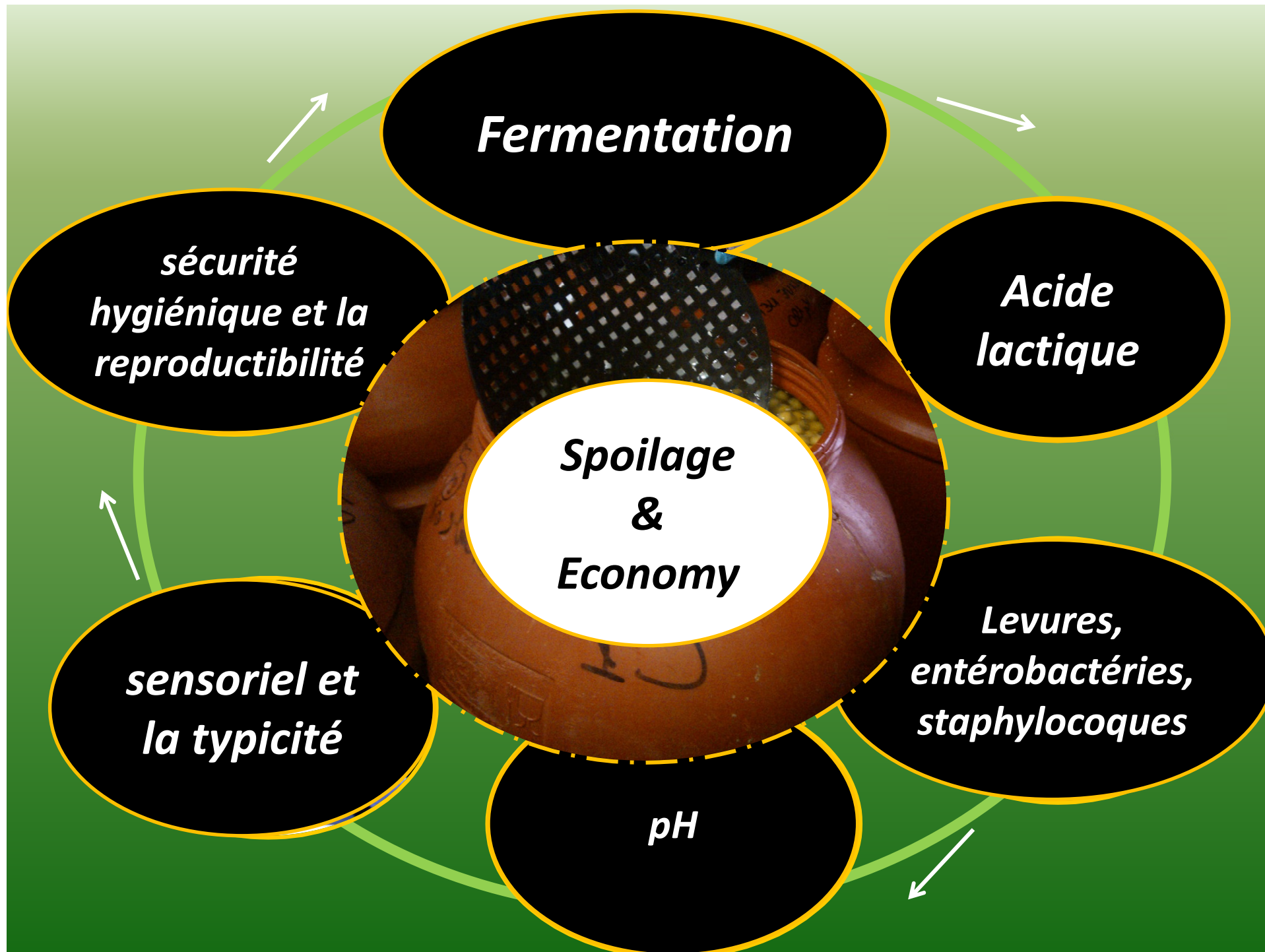
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New protocols for the production of high quality table olives

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Les olives de table & la production mondiale

2.550 MILLIONS ton
per year
(IOOC, 2014/15 estimated data)

34%
Spain-Greek-Italy

Spain 515000 ton

Greek 235000 ton

Italy 79500 ton

Portugal 16800 ton

French 1100 ton



Les ol *ket*





Les olive  *arket*



Harvesting



Olives & Production

Selection



Size calibration



**Style
espagnol**

Hydroxyde
de sodium
(1.8-3.5%)
(5-12h)

Lavage à l'eau
(1-3 days-water)

Saumure
(10-12% NaCl)

Fermentation +
acides organiques
(+/-months)

Style de production

Gluconate
ferrique

Ajouter de
l'air

Hydroxyde de
sodium
(dilué)

**Style
californien**

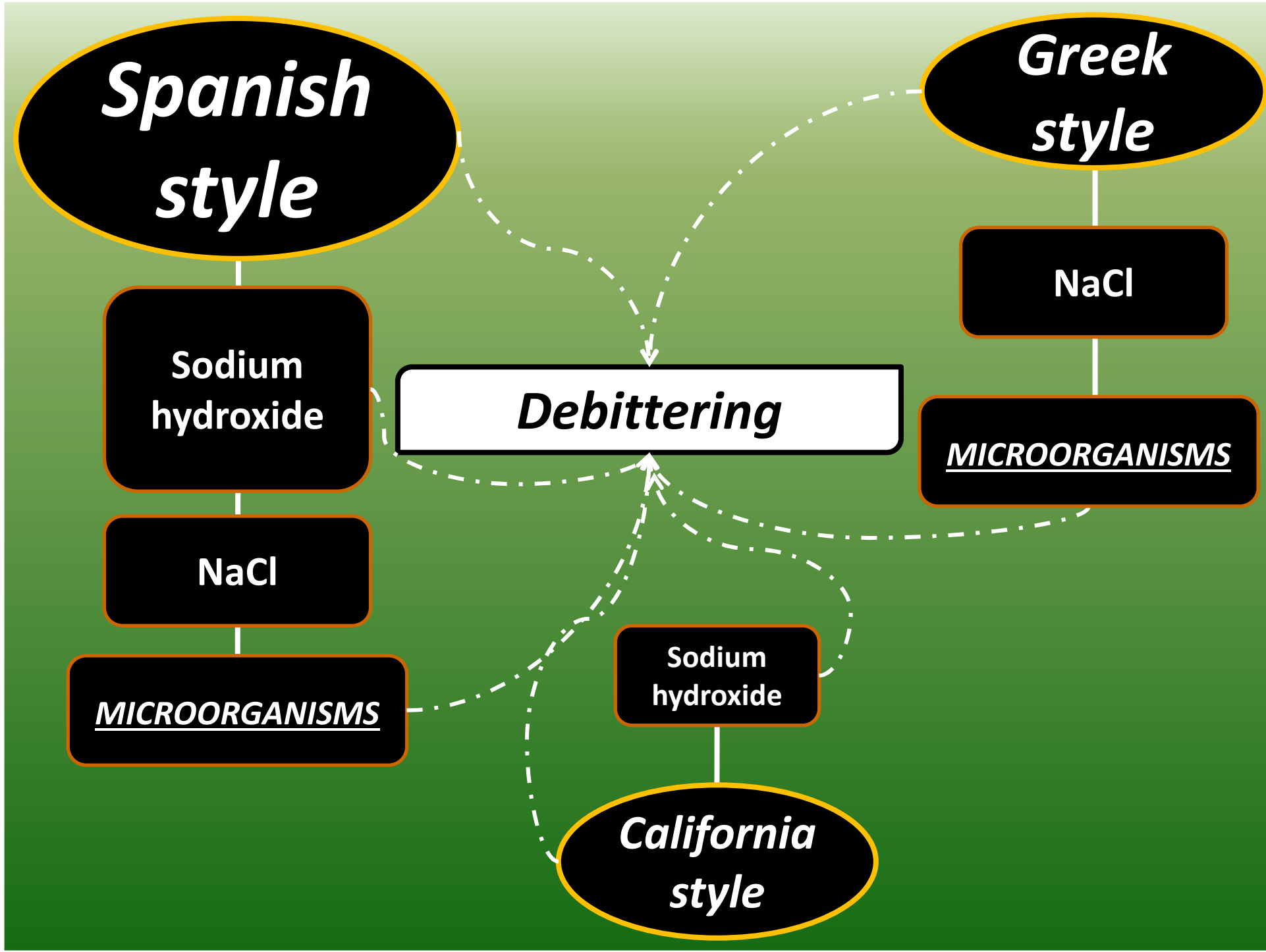
**Style
grec**

Brining
(10-12% NaCl)

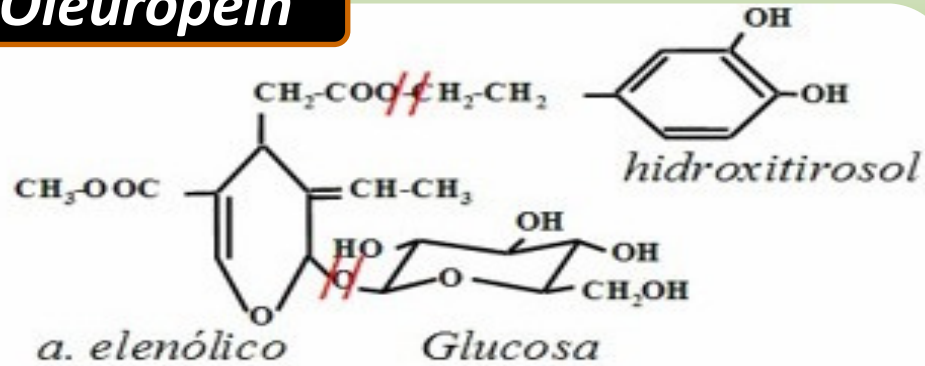
Fermentation
(+++mois)

SANS
FERMENTATION





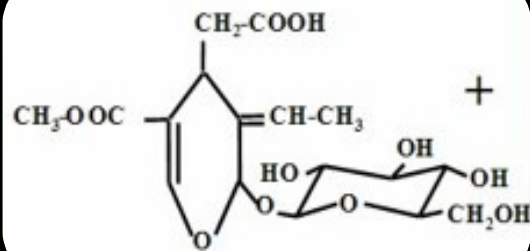
Oleuropein



Glucose, elenolic acid and *o*-diphenol hydroxytyrosol compounds

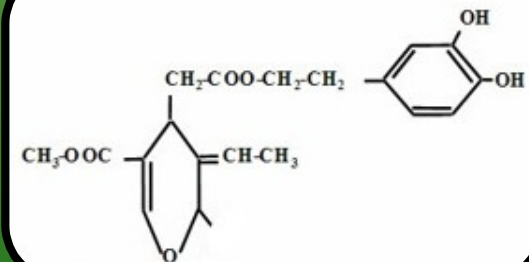
Debittering

Sodium hydroxide



Hydroxytyrosol

Fermentation



Glucose

Fiberglass tank to ferment olive in brine



*Spanish/Greek
style*

Tank to ferment olive in brine



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*Spanish/Greek
style*

Transfer of olives from tank after fermentation



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style*

Transfer of olives from tank after fermentation



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*Spanish/Greek
style*

Calibration of size of fermented olive



*Spanish/Greek
style*

Fermented olives
«Nocellara del Belice olive cultivar»



Spanish/Greek
style

Distribution of fermented olives



*Spanish/Greek
style*

Fermented GREEN olives



*Spanish/Greek
style*

Fermented BLACK olives



*Spanish/Greek
style*

***Addition of alkaline solution and
iron salts***



***California
style***

Transfer into tank for the oxidation

*California
style*



Tank for the oxidation



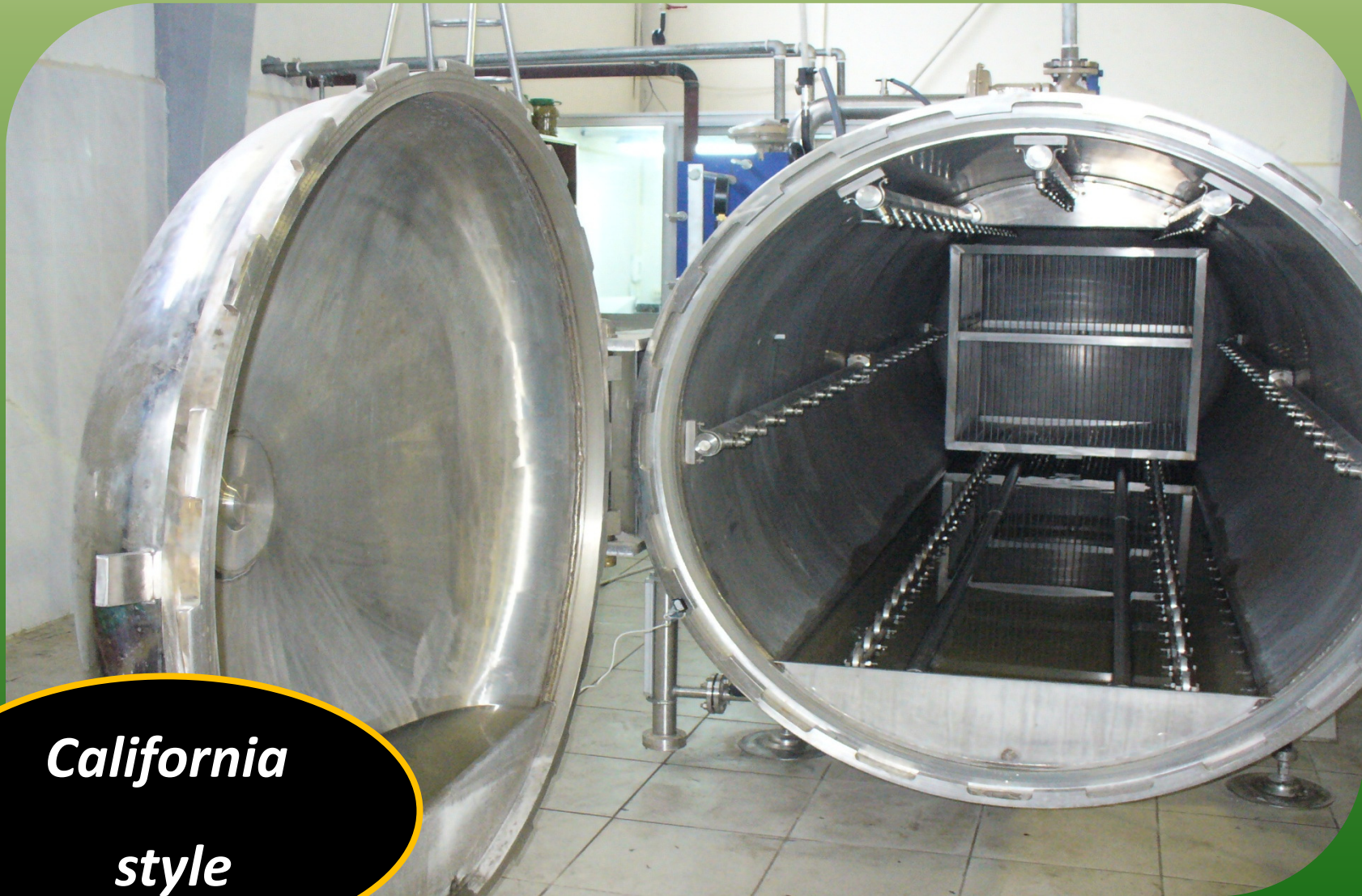
*California
style*

Sterilization



*California
style*

Sterilization



*California
style*

Pastorization



*California
style*

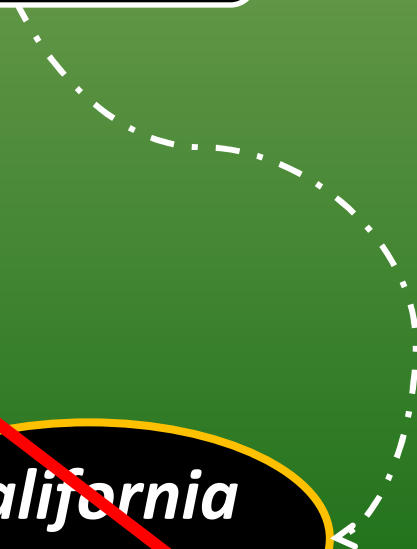
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style*

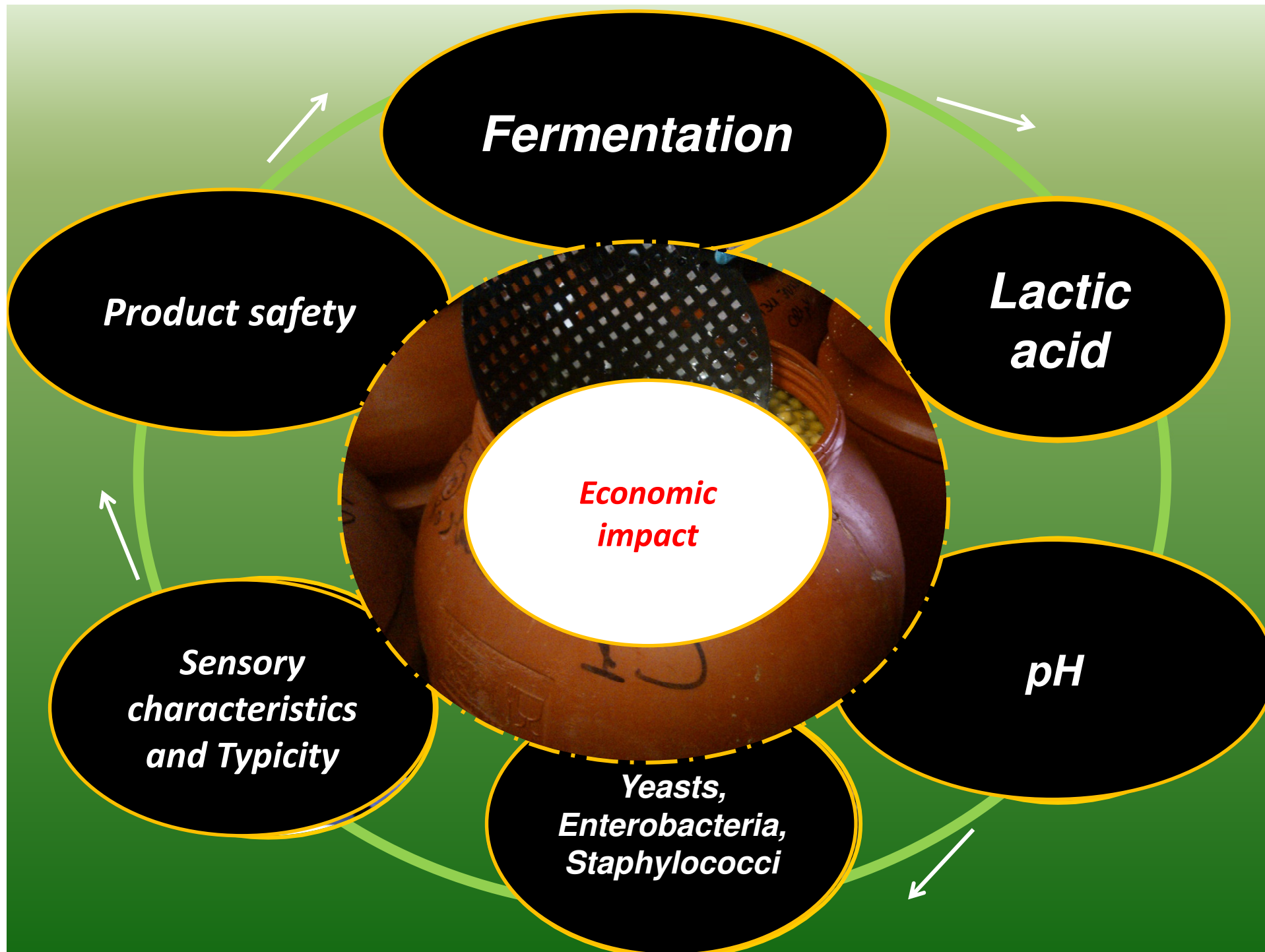
*Greek
style*

Style production

Fermentation

~~*California
style*~~





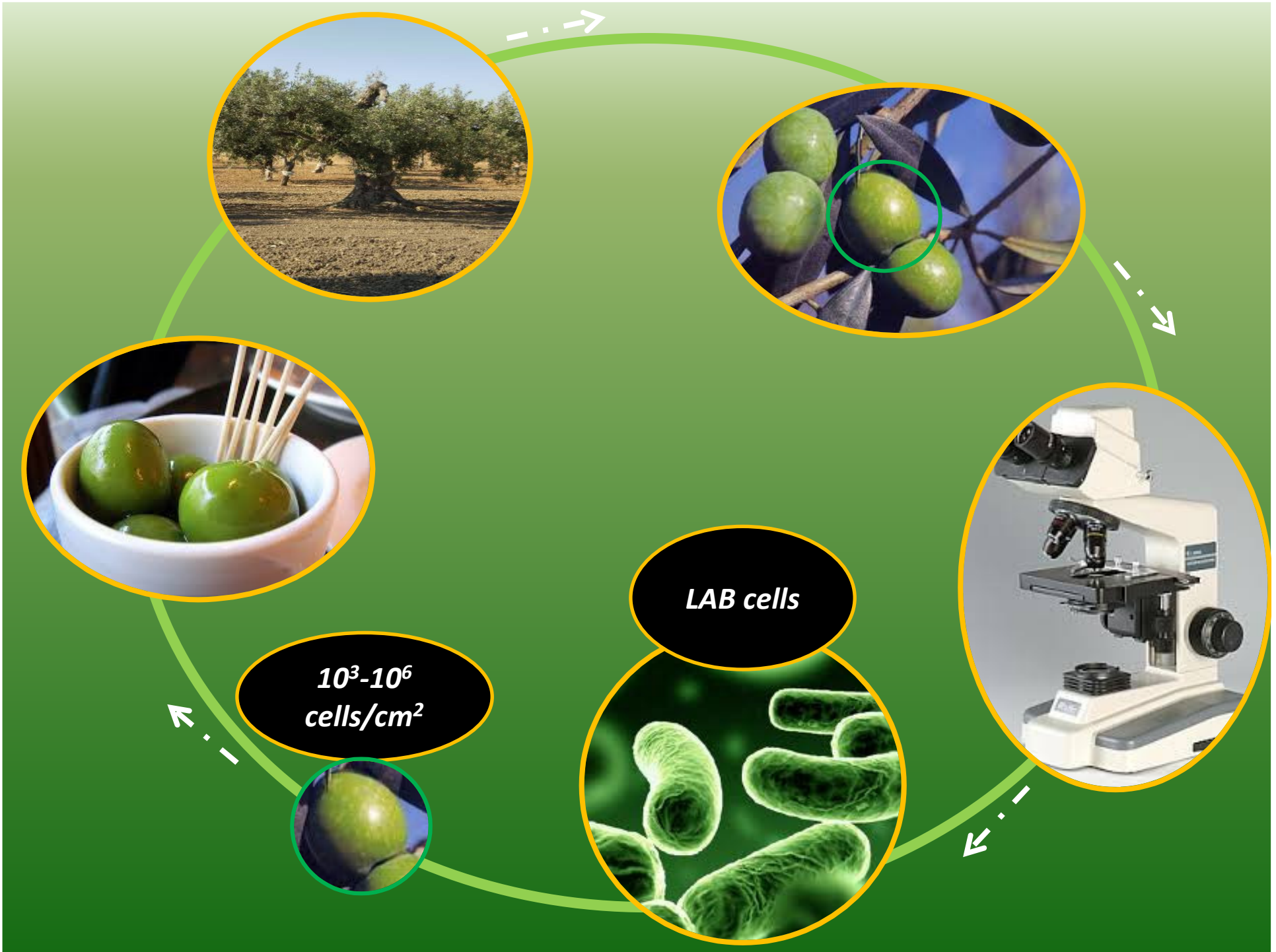
Fermented olives
«Nocellara del Belice»





LAB cells

**10^3-10^6
cells/cm²**



Microorganisms

**Lactic acid
bacteria**



Lactobacillus spp.
Enterococcus spp.
Pediococcus spp.
Leuconostoc spp.

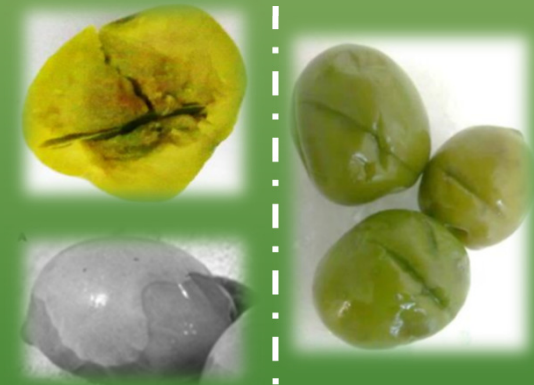
Microrganismi pro-tecnologici



Yeasts

Saccharomyces spp.
Pichia spp.
Rhodotorula spp.

**Alterative or
pathogenic**



Pseudomonas spp.
Staphylococcus spp.
Enterobacteriaceae
Bacillus spp.

Lactic acid bacteria and Yeasts

Lactobacillus plantarum

Lactobacillus pentosus

Sugars

- *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
- *Wickerhamomyces anomalus*
- *Candida boidinii*
- *Candida diddensiae*
- *Pichia galeiformis*
- *Pichia membranefaciens*
- *Kluyveromyces lactis*

Homofermentants
(Lactic acid)

Heterofermentants :

- Facultative (lactic acid, ethanol, acetic acid)
- **Obligated (+CO₂)**



Ethanol and CO₂
production

Role of yeasts



Protechnological

Improved organoleptic characteristics of the fruit
(glycerol, ethanol, alcohols, esters and other volatile organic compounds)

Polyphenol degradation
(β -glucosidase)

Biocontrol agents

Antioxidant action
(prevents oxidation of fatty acids and formation of hydrogen peroxide)

The use of yeast starter cultures is limited or almost absent !!!!

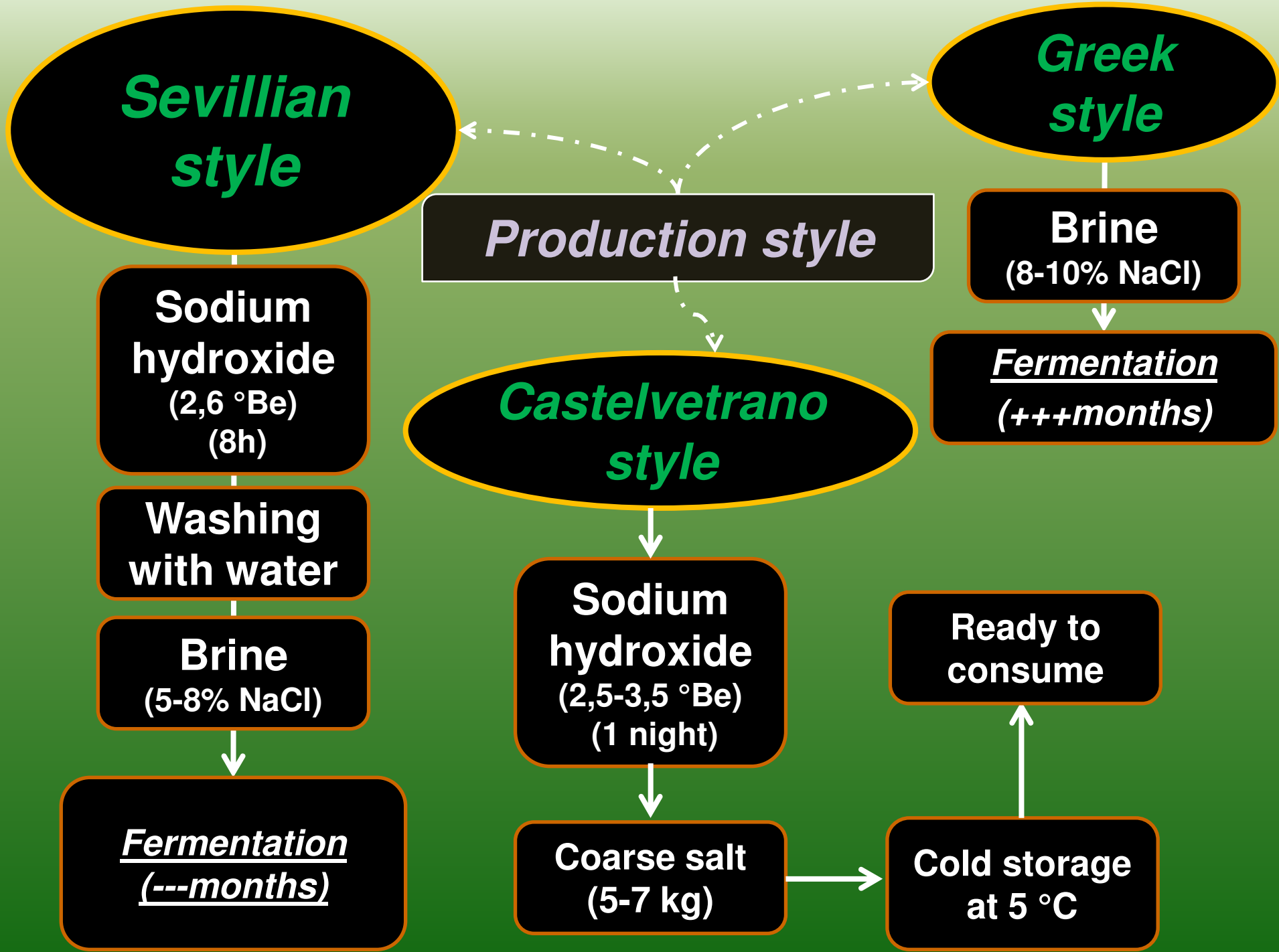
Alterative

Yeasts > LAB

Lower aromaticity
(low production of volatile organic compounds)

Gas pocket o Alambardo
(CO₂ accumulation)

Consistency of pulp
(polygalacturonase production)



Sevillian style

Greek style

Production style

Sodium hydroxide
(2,6 °Be)
(8h)

Brine
(8-10% NaCl)

Washing with water

Castelvetro style

Fermentation
(+++months)

Brine
(5-8% NaCl)

Sodium hydroxide
(2,5-3,5 °Be)
(1 night)

Ready to consume

Fermentation
(---months)

Coarse salt
(5-7 kg)

Cold storage
at 5 °C

Ready to consume

Spontaneous fermentation

High microbial biodiversity

High sensory complexity

Sevillian style

Lb. pentosus, *Lb. plantarum*
Leuconostoc mesenteroides

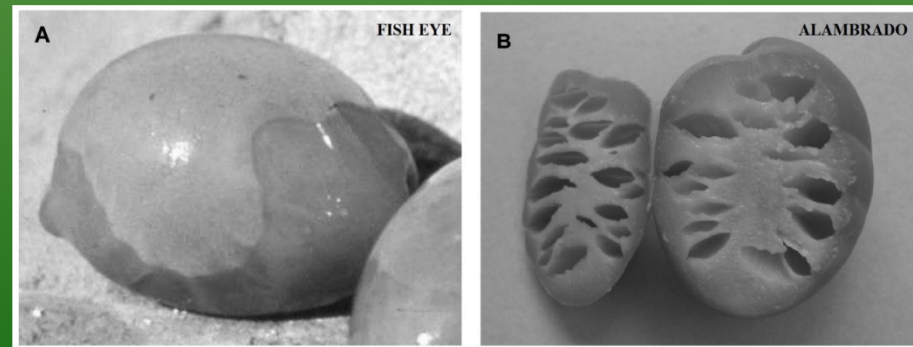
Greek style

C. boidinii, *C. diddensiae*,
C. membranaefaciens,
Kluyveromyces lactis,
Pichia kluyveri,
Pichia membranaefaciens,
Rhodotolura glutinis

Processi imprevedibili

- ZAPATERA (*Propionibacterium* sp)
- PULP SOFTENING (*B. pumilus*)
- ANOMALOUS FERMENTATIONS (off-flavours)
- FISH-EYES (o GAS POCKET)
- ALAMBRADO (fessurazione polpa)

Danni economici (40%)



Propionibacterium spp.

Salmonella spp.

Spontaneous fermentation

Distribution of microbial groups

pH: 8.5-7.0
> *Enterobacteriaceae*

1st

pH: 6.0-5.0
> LAB

2nd

pH: 5.0-4,0 e $T^{\circ} < 15$
< LAB
> Yeasts

3rd

Increased final product value

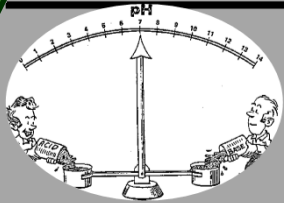


Probiotic product

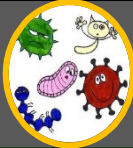
Improvement of the aromatic component



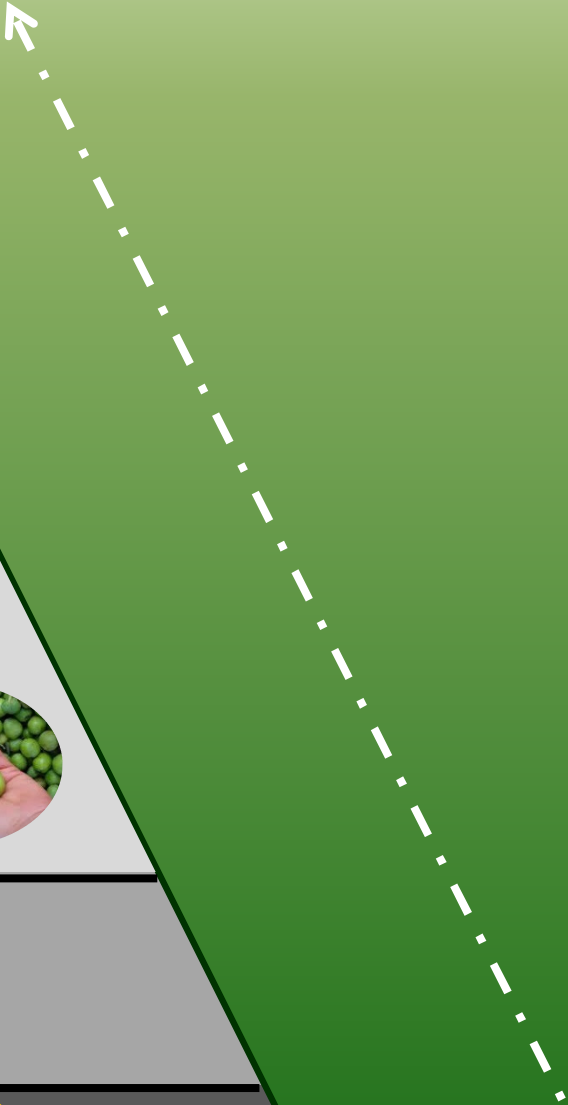
Reproducible process



Health and hygiene safety



Use of STARTER cultures



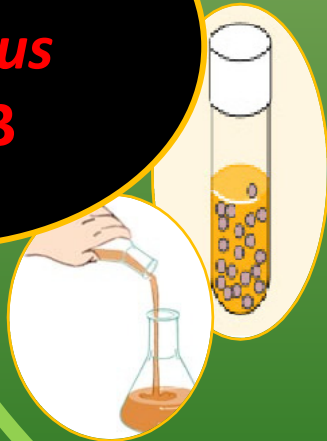
Isolation assays



Genotypic differentiation of isolates



Lactobacillus pentosus
OM13



2007 - 2020



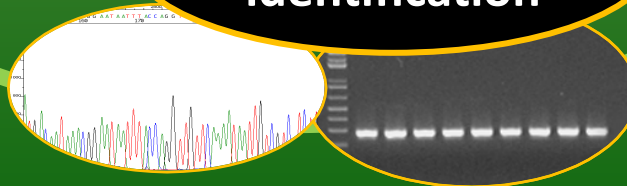
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Technological screening



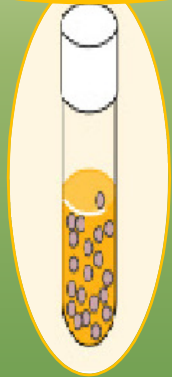
Genotypic identification



*Lactobacillus
pentosus* OM13

2007

Laboratory-scale
production

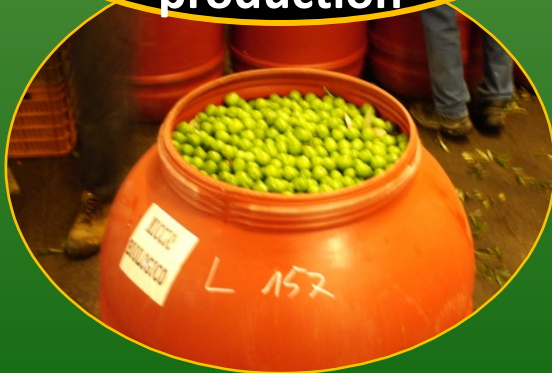


*Spanish-style research
and production*

2012

Industrial-
scale
production

Pilot scale
production



1

pH

How to manage?

2

Inoculum starter strain

When to do it?

3

Fermentation

How to optimise it?

4

Economic losses

- Safety of table olives
- Sensory quality

Optimization of
protocol for the
starter inoculum

To reduce the

CoSts of starter
production

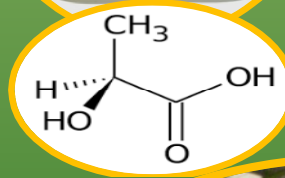
starter culture

Lallemand

L. pentosus OM13



Lactic acid



Nutrient LPO2014



Acclimatisation



Scope:

to optimize the protocol
for inoculum of *L. pentosus* OM13
to produce table olives at large-scale

Control

L. pentosus OM13

IOP1

L. pentosus OM13

Lactic acid

IOP2

L. pentosus OM13

Lactic acid

Nutrient LBO2014

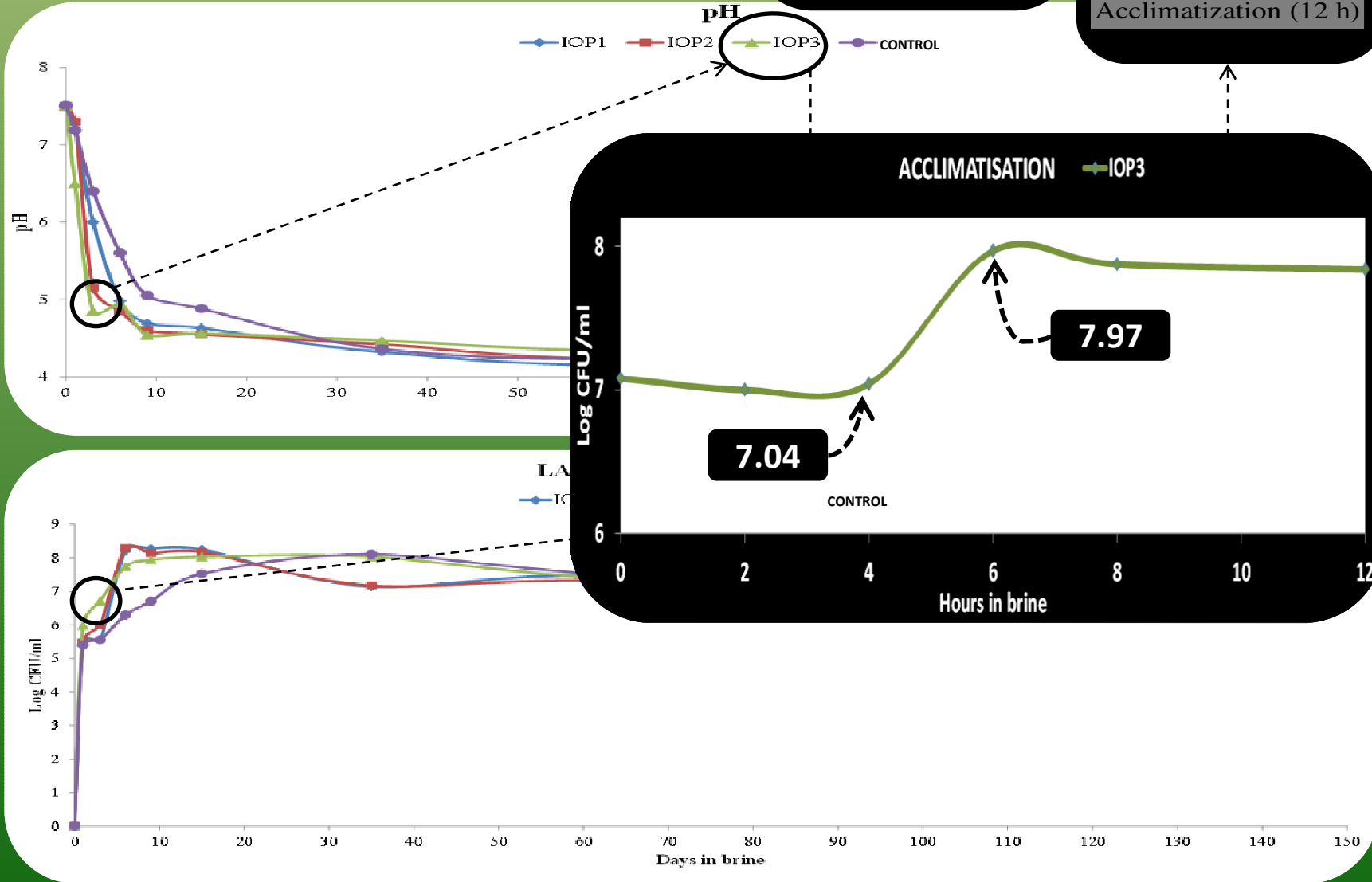
IOP3

L. pentosus OM13

Lactic acid

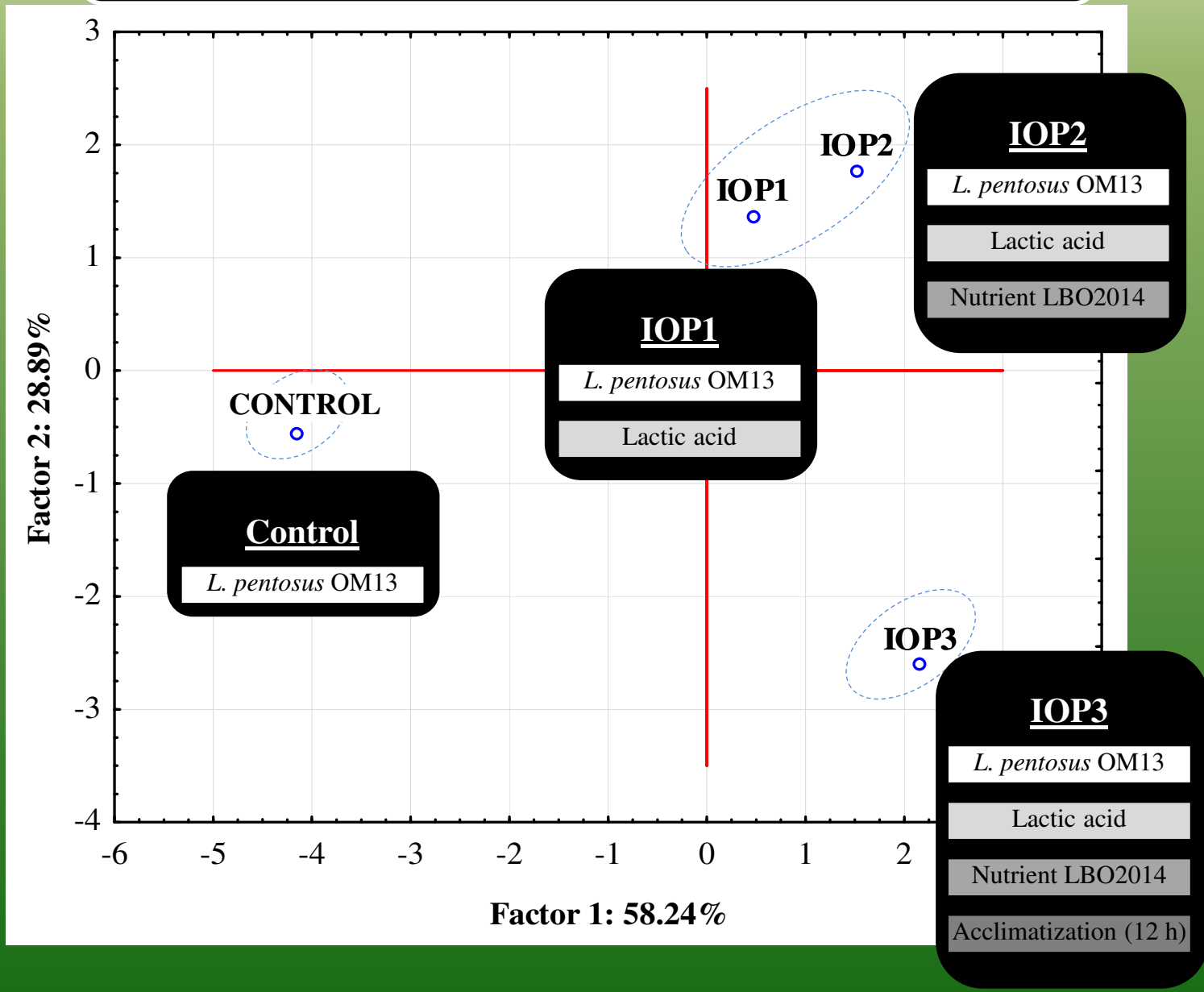
Nutrient LBO2014

Acclimatization (12 h)

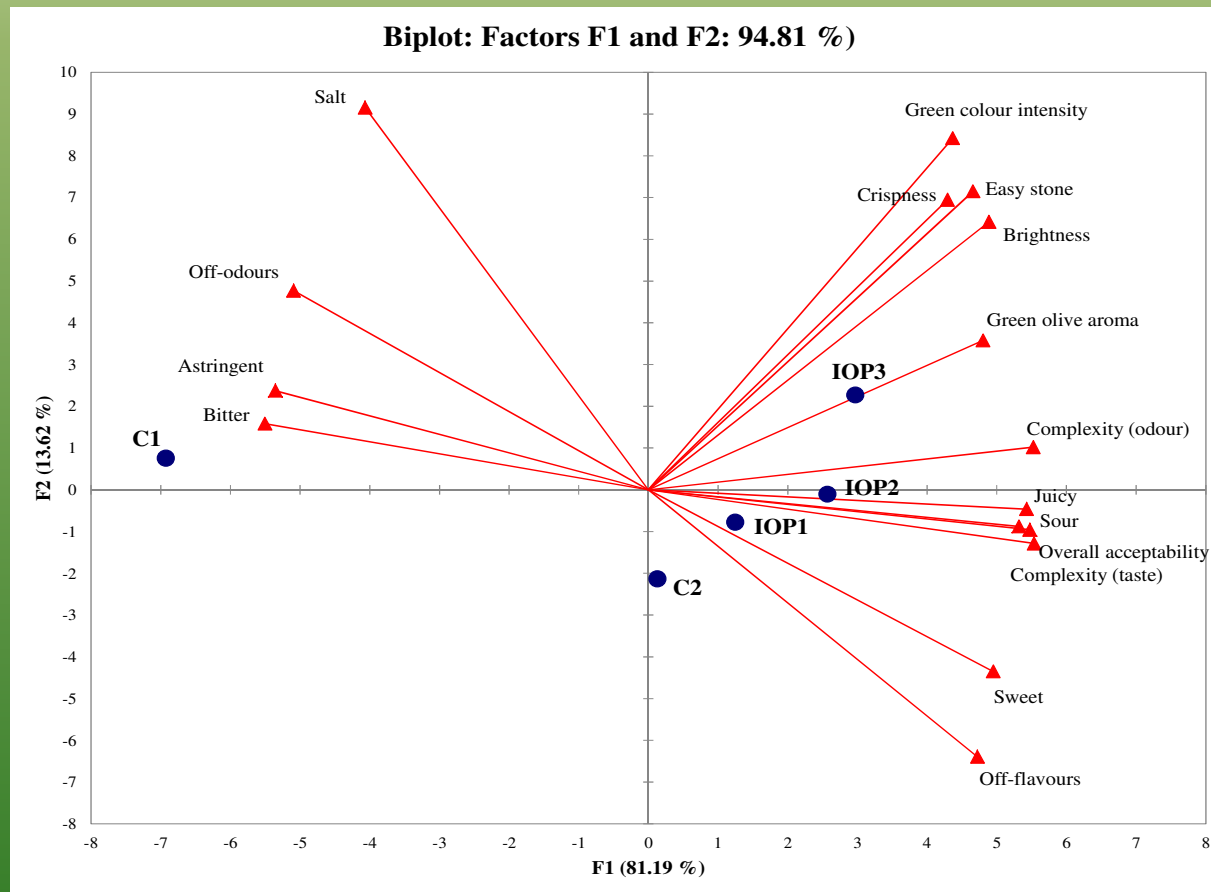


PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS

To evaluate differences among trials



PCA for sensory data of table olives at the end of process (195 day). Biplot graphs show relationships among factors, variables and trials.



The codes IOP1, IOP2 and IOP3 refer to the experimental trials; the codes C1 and C2 refer to the control trials.

Optimization of
protocol for the
starter inoculum

IOP3

L. pentosus OM13
Lactic acid
Nutrient LPO2014
Acclimatisation 12h

IOP2

L. pentosus OM13
Lactic acid
Nutrient LPO2014

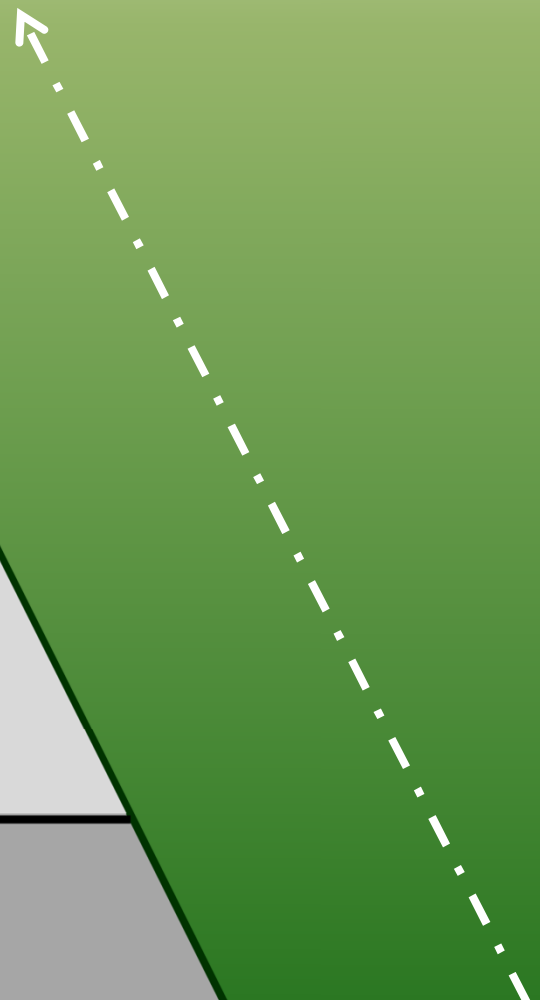
IOP1

L. pentosus OM13
Lactic acid

IOP4

L. pentosus OM13
(control)

Inoculum of
starter culture



Stages of research activities aimed at improving fermentation conditions

2007: Research demonstrating the validity of *L. pentosus* OM13.

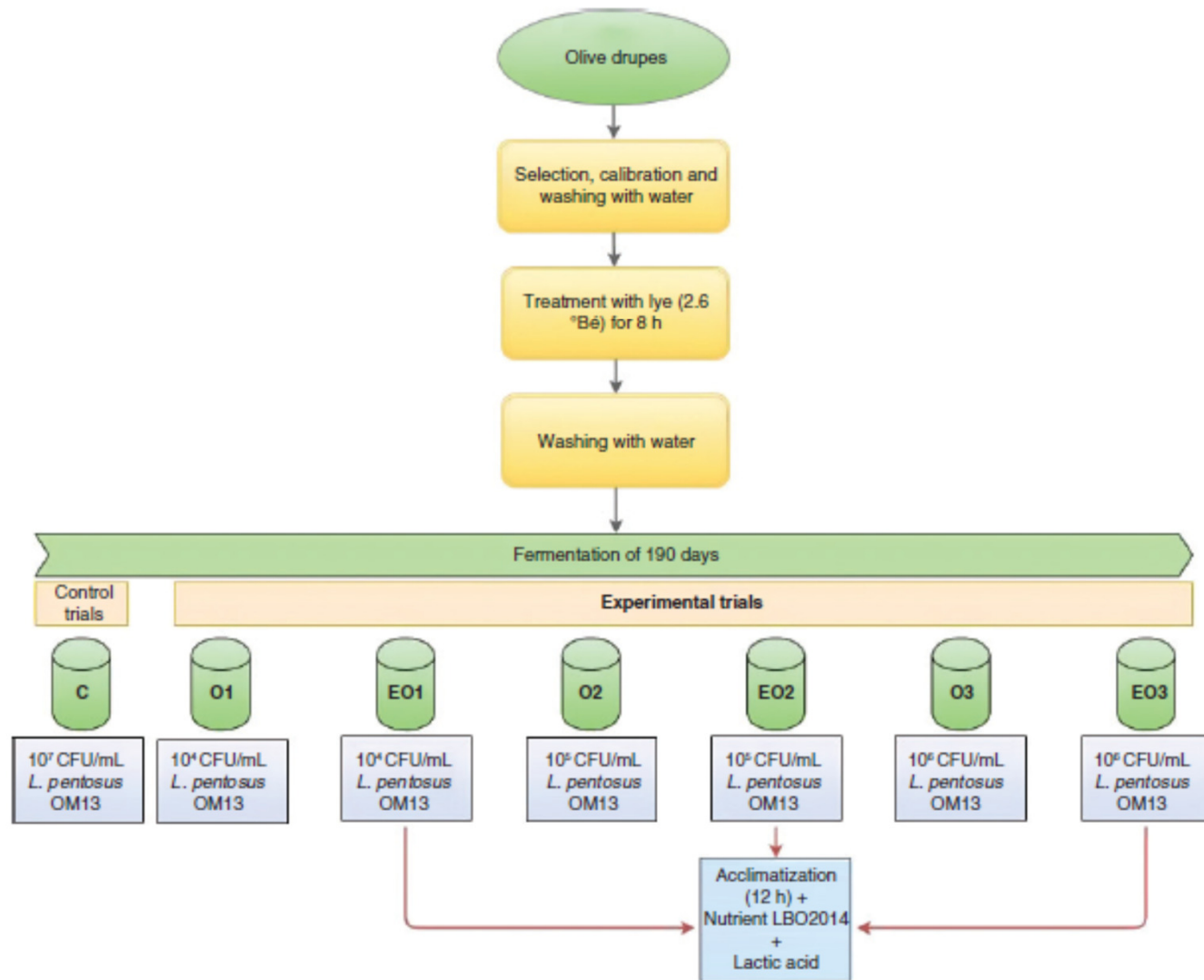
2013: Study demonstrates the validity of using a nutrient and activator.

2016: Approaches to improve the growth of the starter lactic acid bacterium OM13 during the early stages of green Spanish-style table olive production.

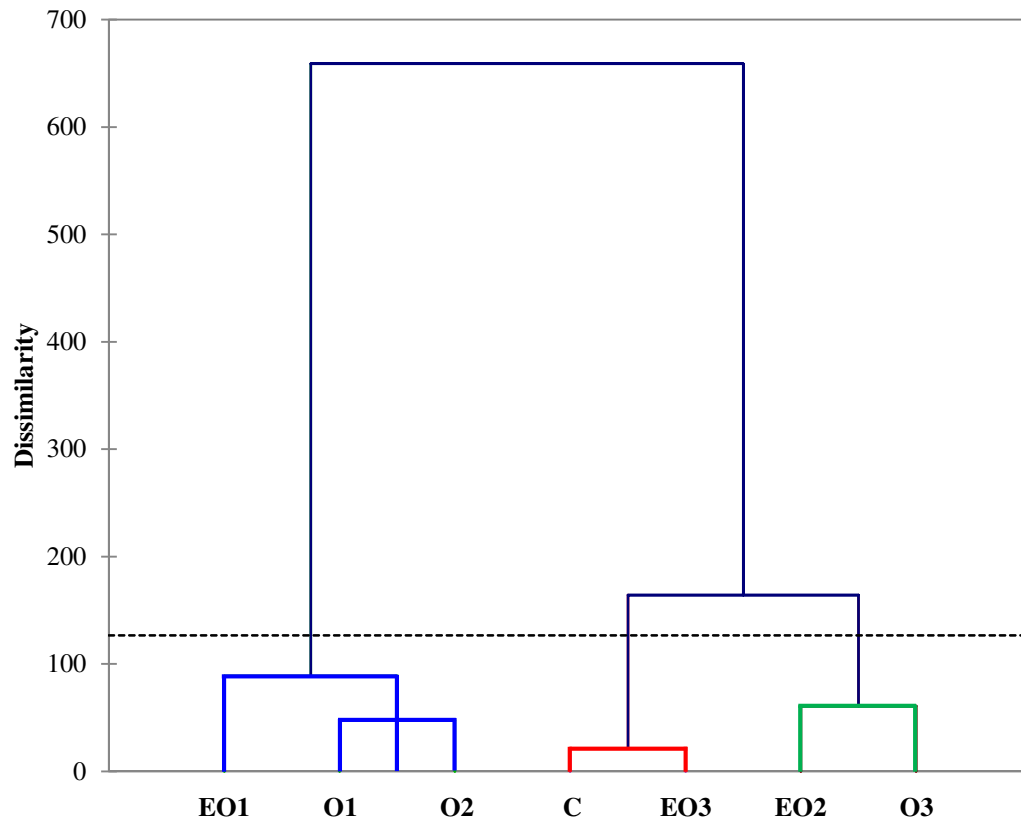
2017: Development of an innovative protocol for optimising the fermentation process using nutrients, activator and strain acclimatisation.

2018-19: Use of *L. pentosus* OM13 in Italy and Spain for the production of fermented olives through the Sevillian style.

Approaches to improve the growth of the starter lactic acid bacterium OM13 during the early stages of green Spanish-style table olive production.



Approaches to improve the growth of the starter lactic acid bacterium OM13 during the early stages of green Spanish-style table olive production.



Dendrogram resulting from agglomerative hierarchical clustering analysis based on values of pH and microbial populations.

The cell acclimatization procedure was found to improve the dominance of starter OM13 even just after the inoculum into brine, when its population levels were 2 Log cycles lower than that commonly reached during standard fermentation.

The treatment EO3 showed characteristics similar to those obtained for trial C. This trend was also confirmed by the results from the sensory analysis, since trials C, EO2 and EO3 showed high values of preference and satisfaction, as well as by AHC results, which indicated that trials C and EO3 were closely related to the population of LAB.

Acclimatisation

Technique used in oenology



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Extensively used in oenology

Commercial nutrient



Composed of sugars, aminoacids
and vitamins

Increases the viability and
efficiency of the starter strain

Reduces fermentation time

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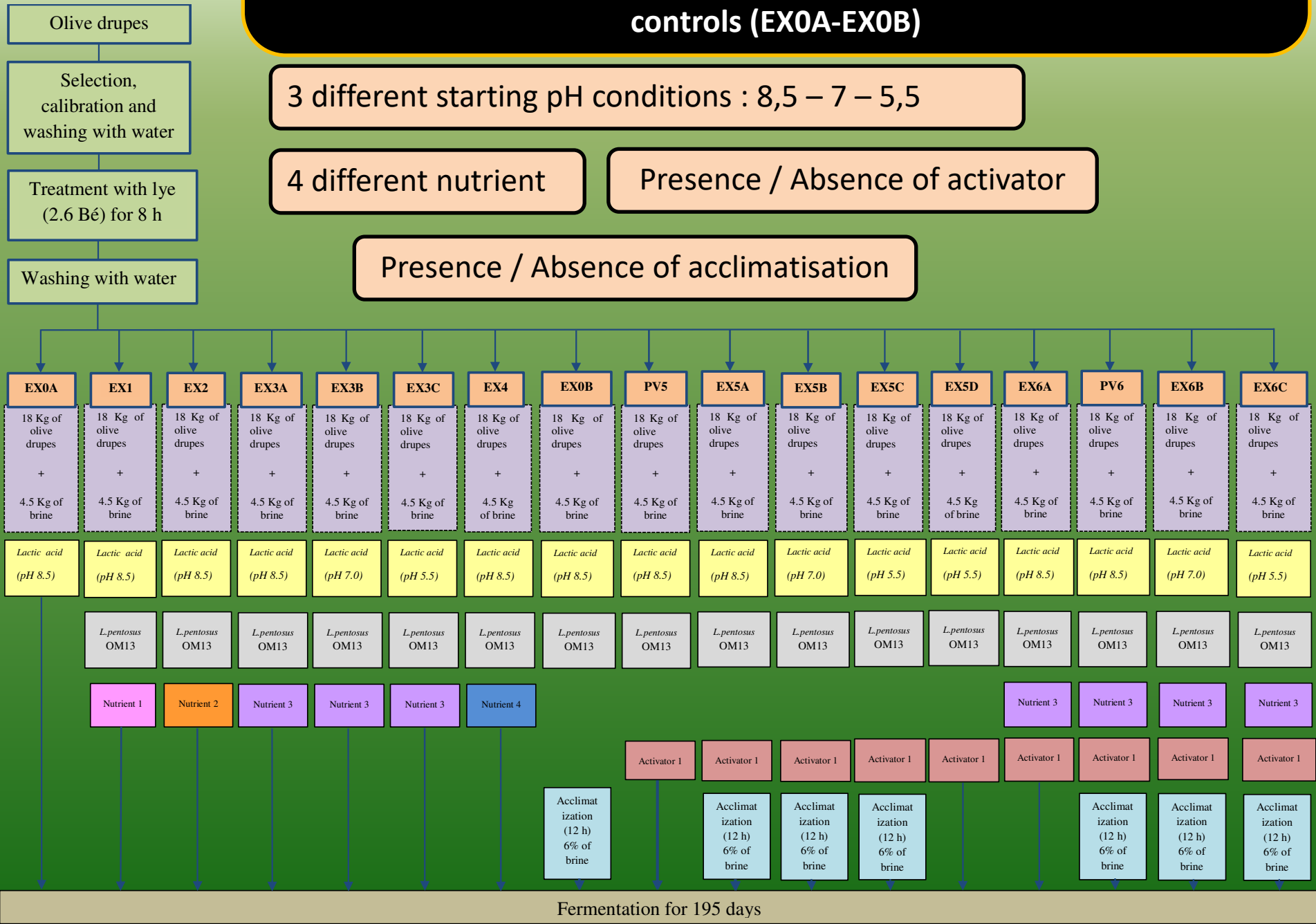
Experimental monitoring plan up to 195 days consisting of 15 trials and 2 controls (EX0A-EX0B)

3 different starting pH conditions : 8,5 – 7 – 5,5

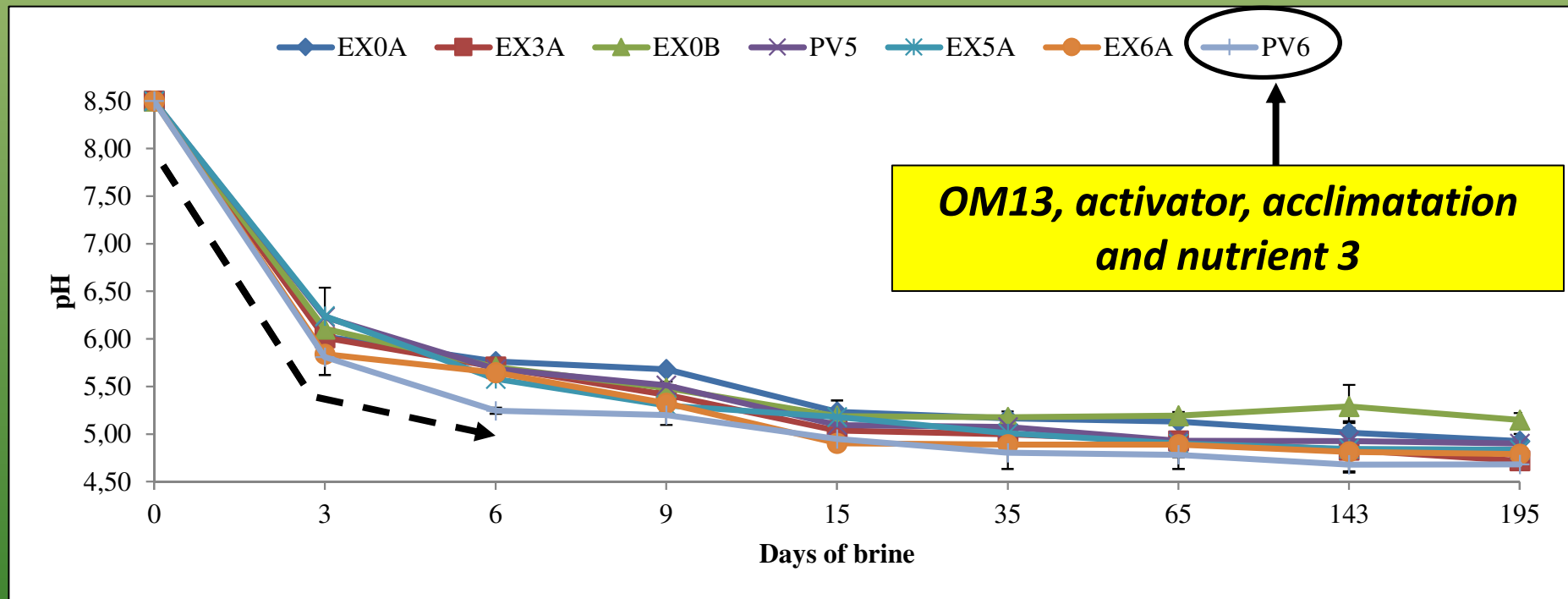
4 different nutrient

Presence / Absence of activator

Presence / Absence of acclimatisation



Kinetics of brine acidification



EX0A = spontaneous

EX3A = pH 8.5+OM13+N3

EX5A = pH 8,5+OM13+activator+acclimatation

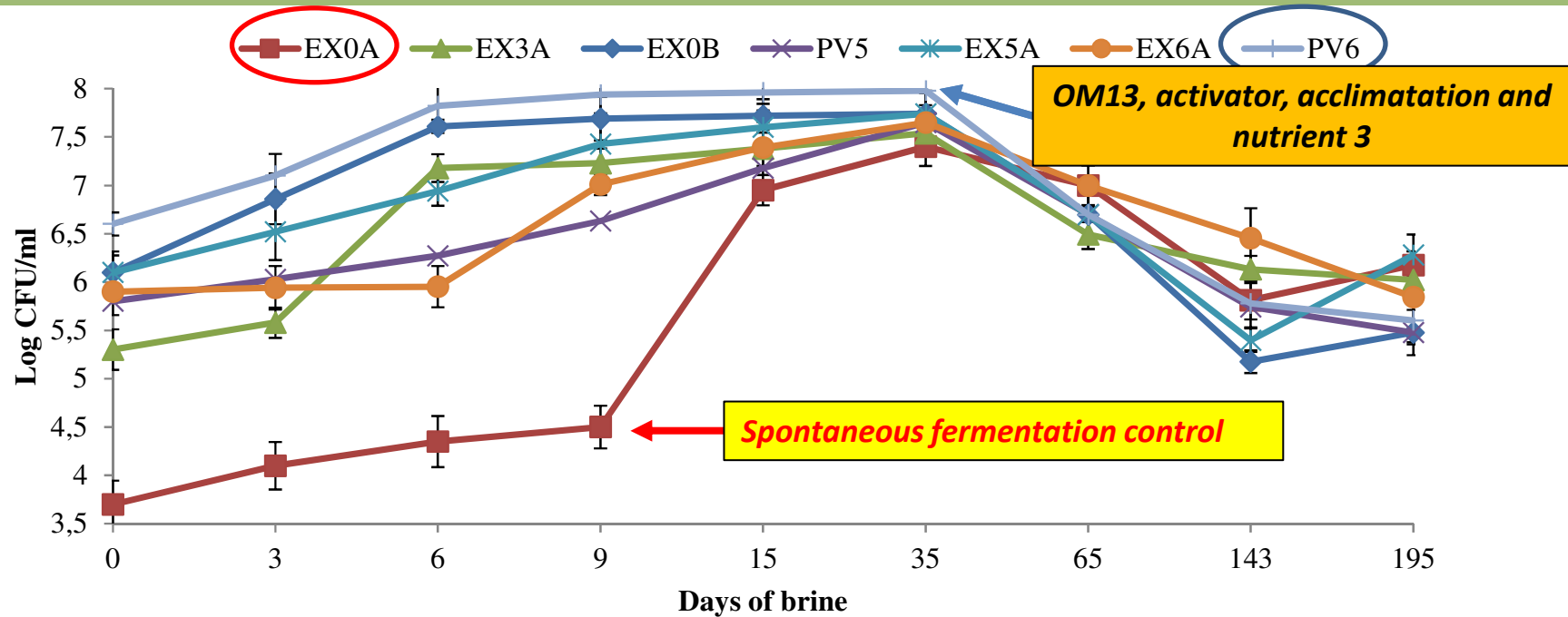
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PV6 = pH 8.5+OM13+activator+N3+acclimatation

EX6A=pH 8.5+OM13+activator+N3

Batteri lattici



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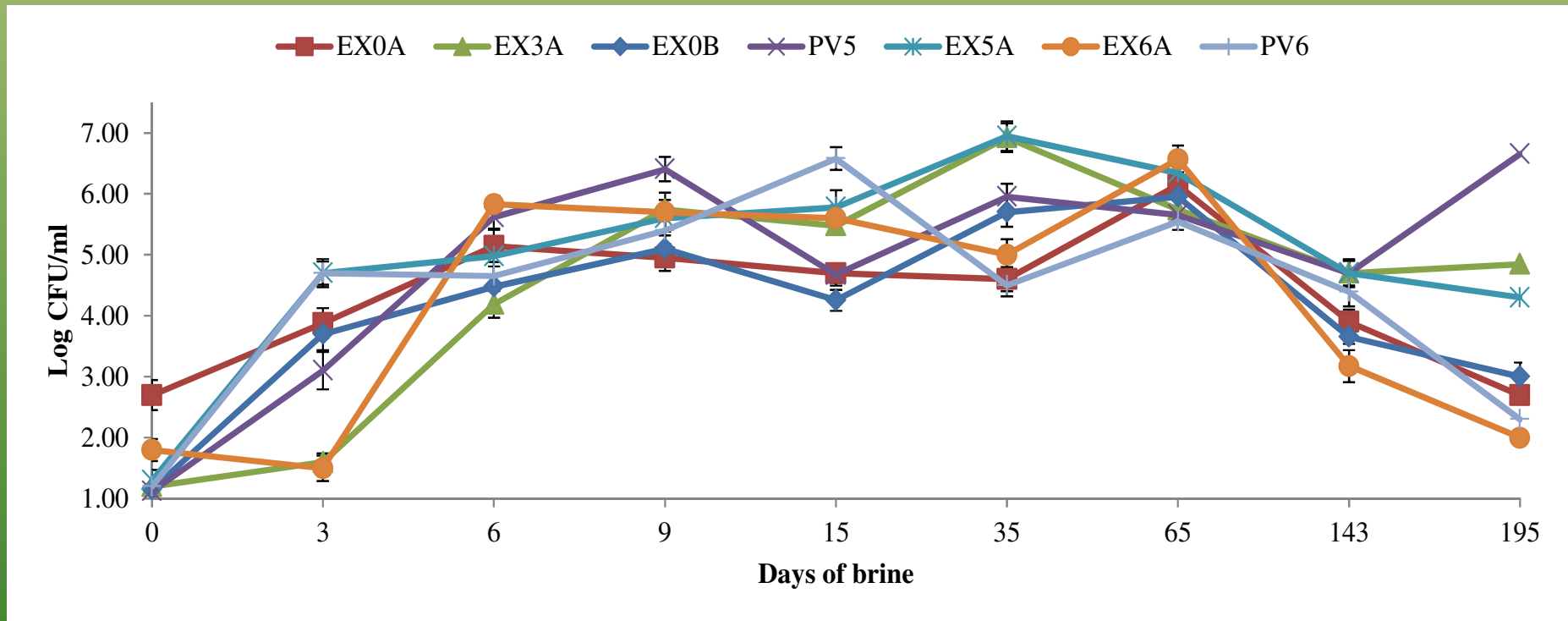
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Yeasts



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Distribution of yeast species

Species	Trials						
	EX0A	EX3A	EX0B	PV5	EX5A	EX6A	PV6
<i>Candida aaseri</i>							
<i>Candida atlantica</i>							
<i>Candida boidinii</i>							
<i>Debaryomyces hansenii</i>							
<i>Debaryomyces vindobonensis</i>							
<i>Kluyveromyces lactis</i>							
<i>Wickerhamomyces anomalus</i>							
<i>Yamadazyma olivae</i>							
<i>Yamadazyma takamatsuzukensis</i>							

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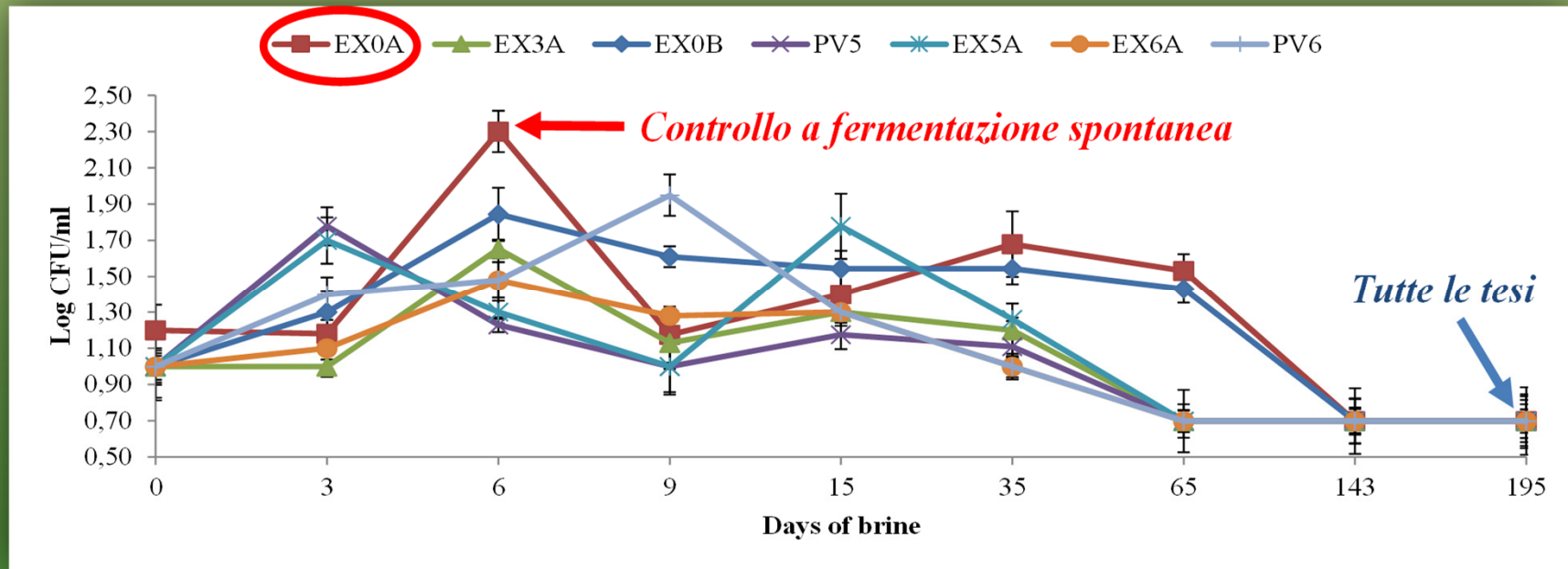
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Enterobacteriaceae



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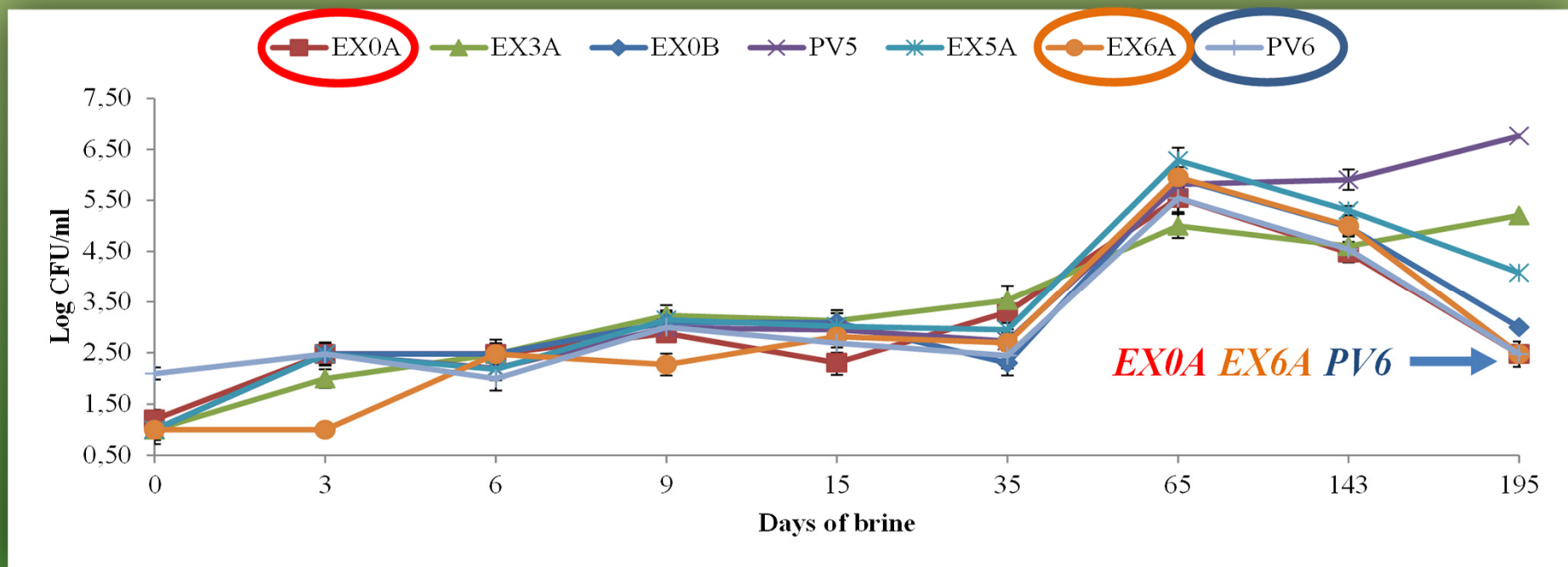
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Pseudomonadaceae



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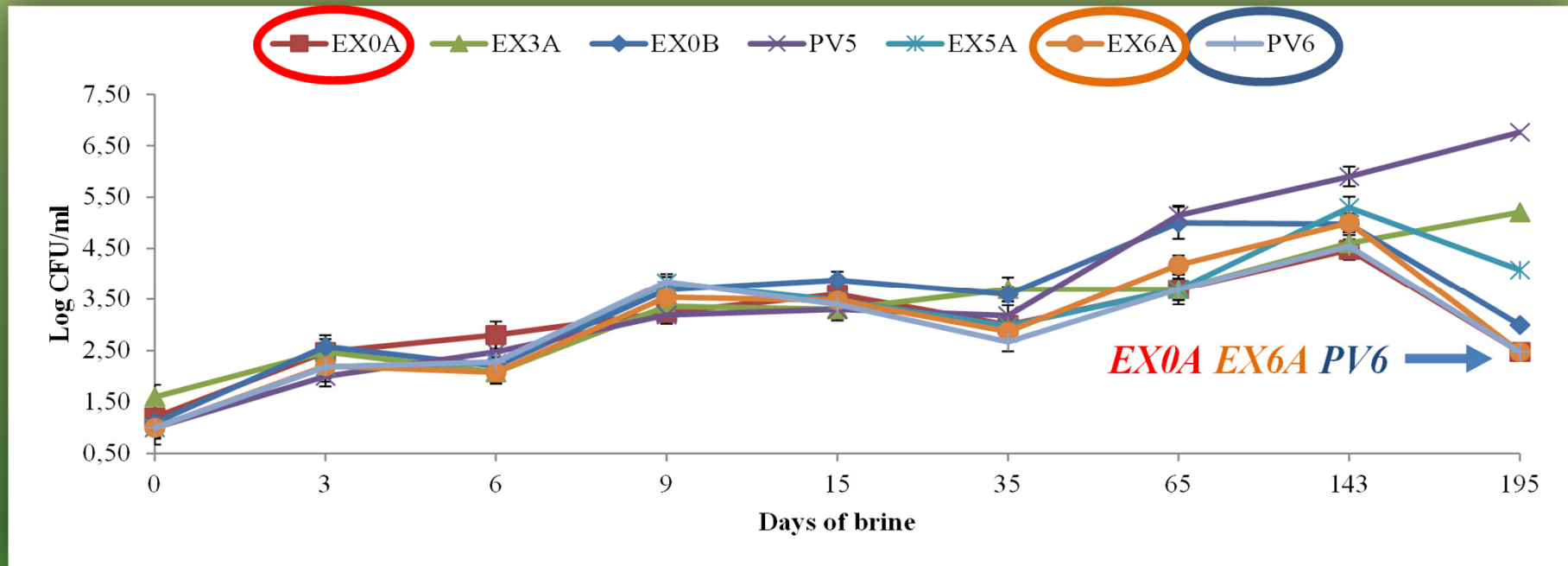
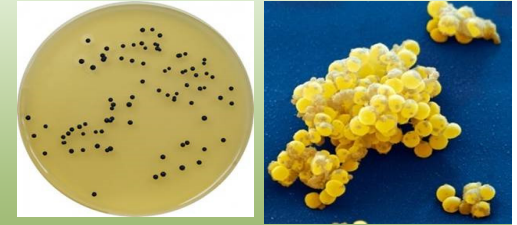
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Staphylococcaaceae



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Sensory analysis

EX0A-EX6A-PV6

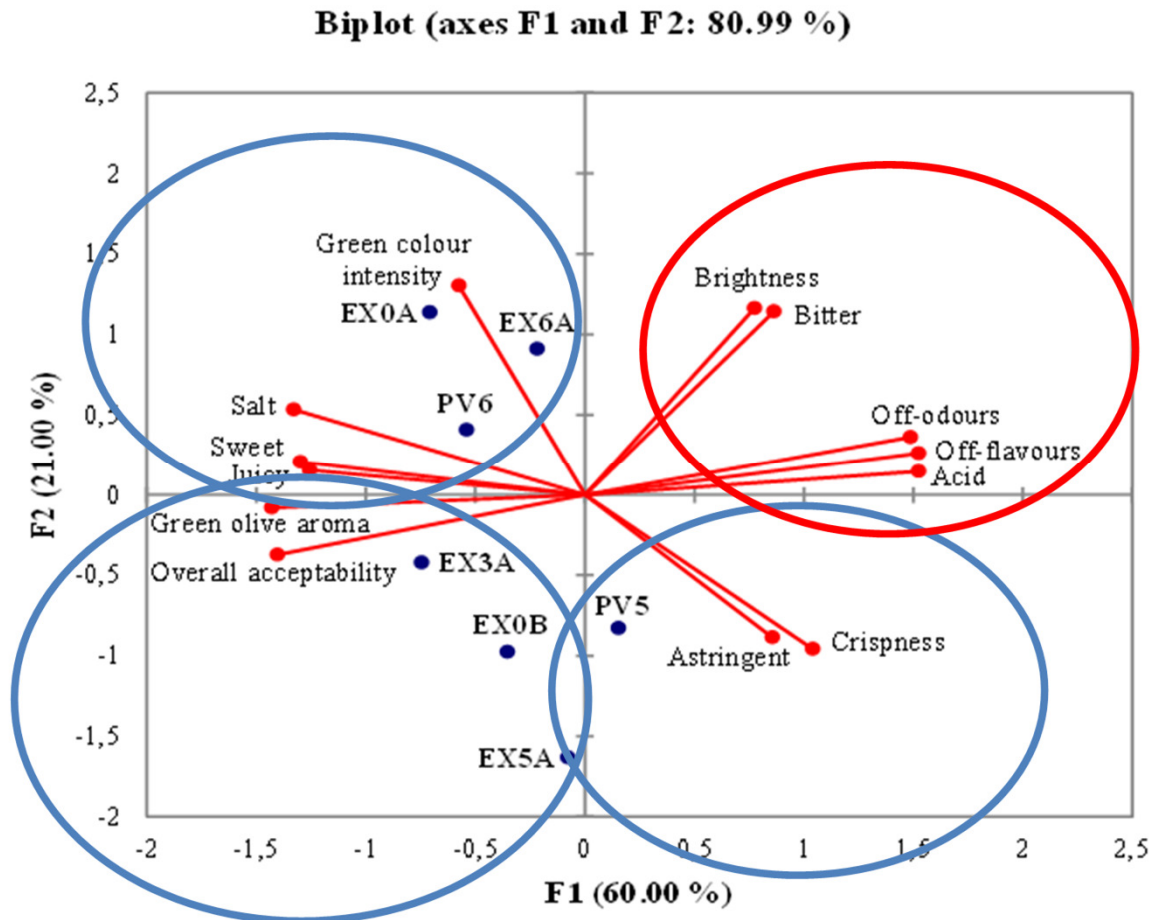
- Green colour intensity
- Salty
- Sweetness
- Juiciness

EX3A-EX0B-EX5A

- Aroma of green olives
- Overall satisfaction

PV5

- Astringency
- Crispness



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Conclusions

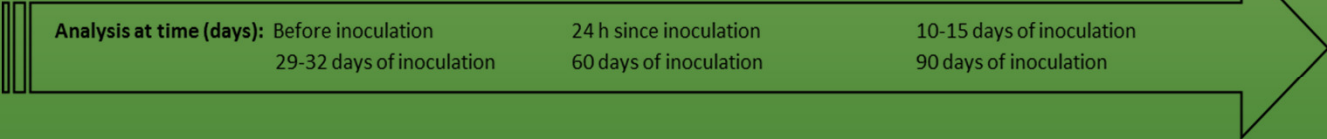
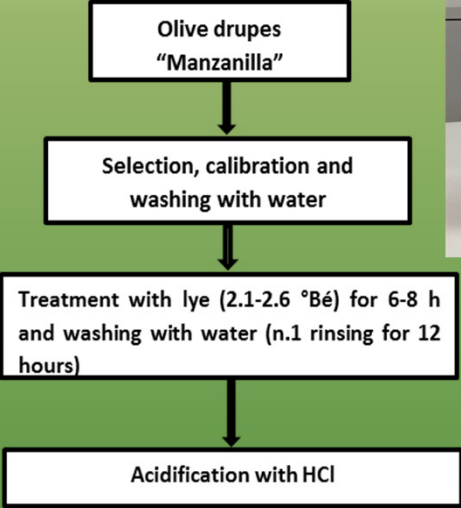
The use of the starter with acclimatisation, activator and nutrient 3 ensured a rapid lowering of the pH

Acidification ensured the hygienic safety of the product

Sensory analysis showed a total absence of unpleasant tastes and odours

The study has a high potential for industrial applicability

Cost optimisation



EXPERIMENTAL TRIALS

A	B	C	D	E
5 bags Crispy without Activator pH = 8,40	5 bags Crispy with Activator pH = 8,40	3 bags Crispy without Activator pH = 8,40	3 bags Crispy with Activator pH = 8,40	Control Starter and factory production protocol pH = 6,70

Results: Lactic Acid Bacteria

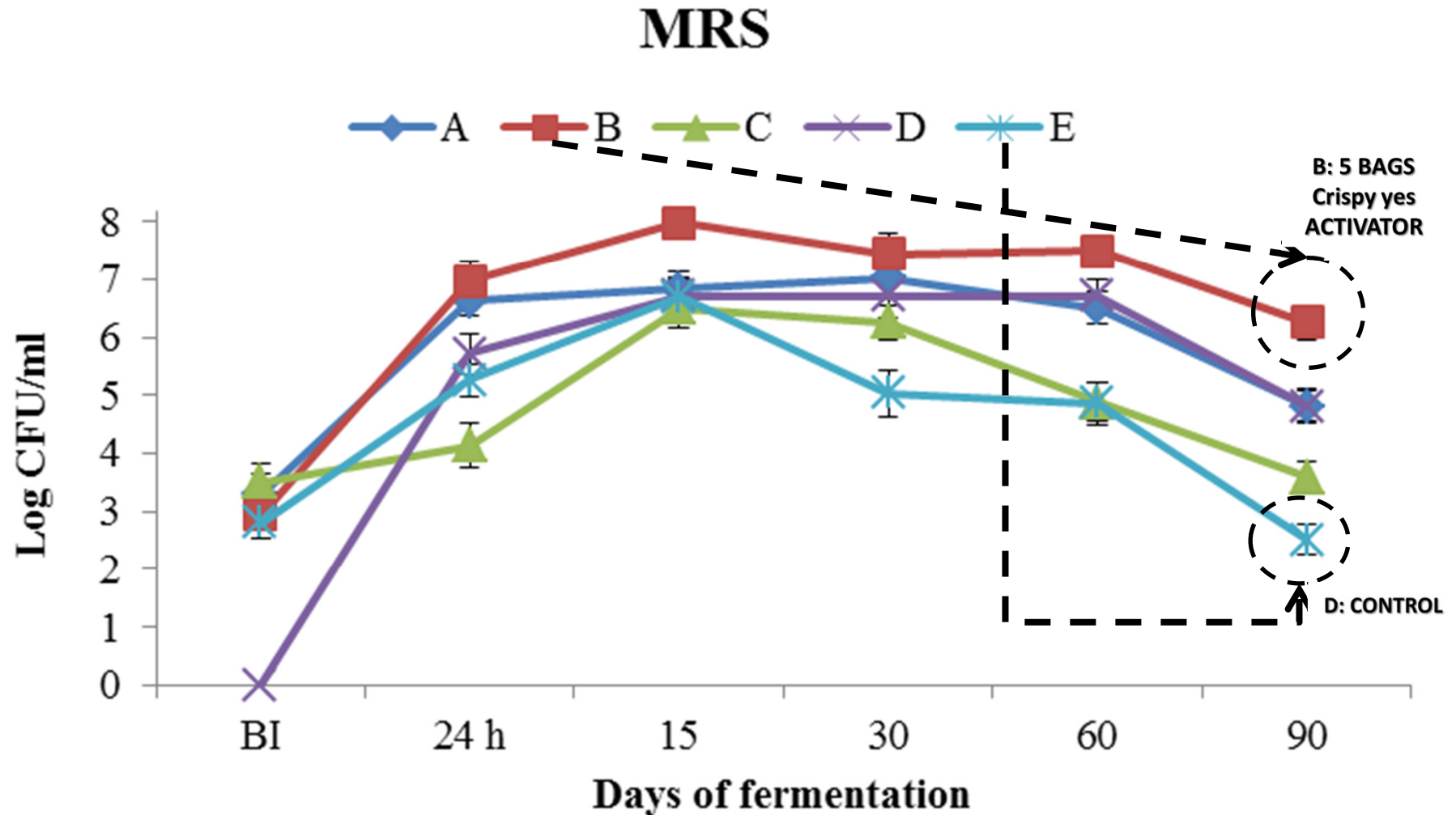
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C: 3 BAGS Crispy no activator

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E: Control



Results: pH

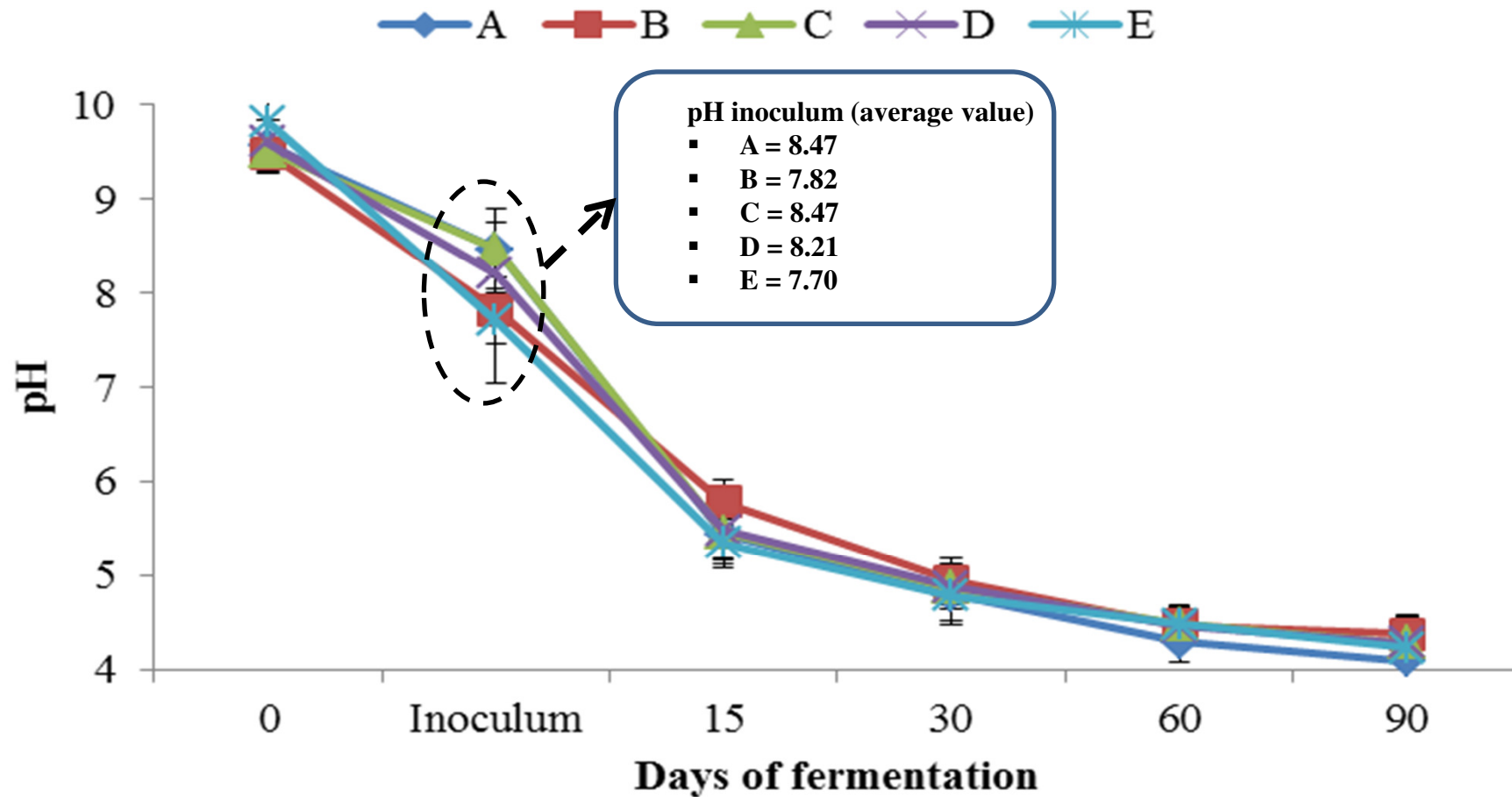
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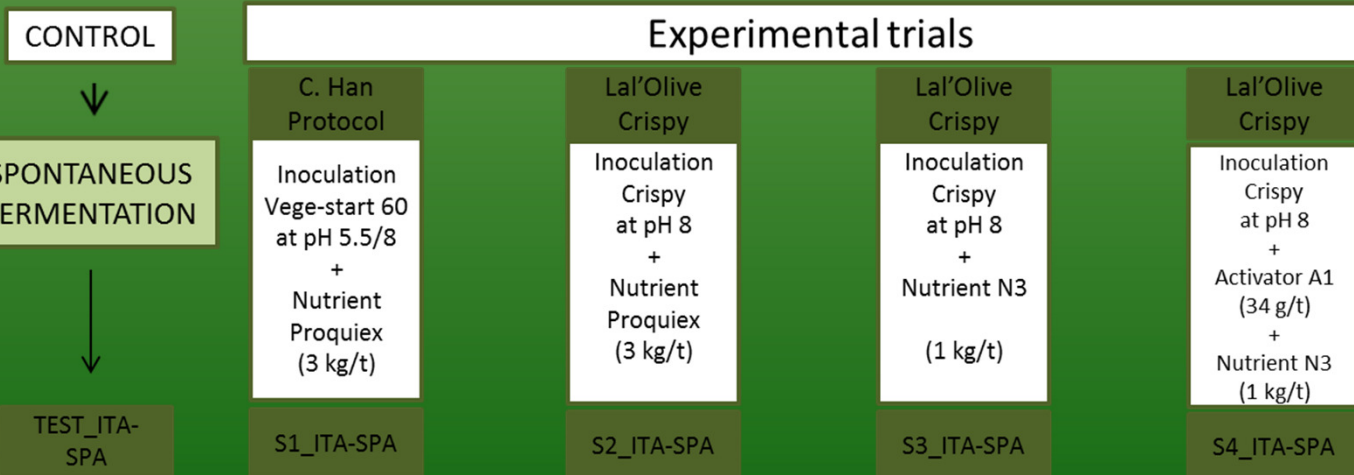
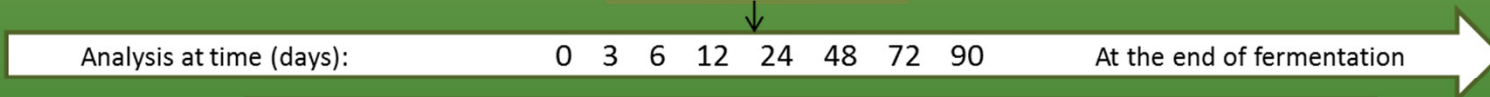
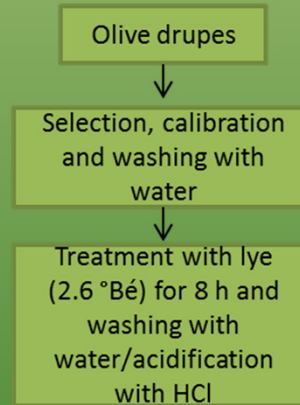
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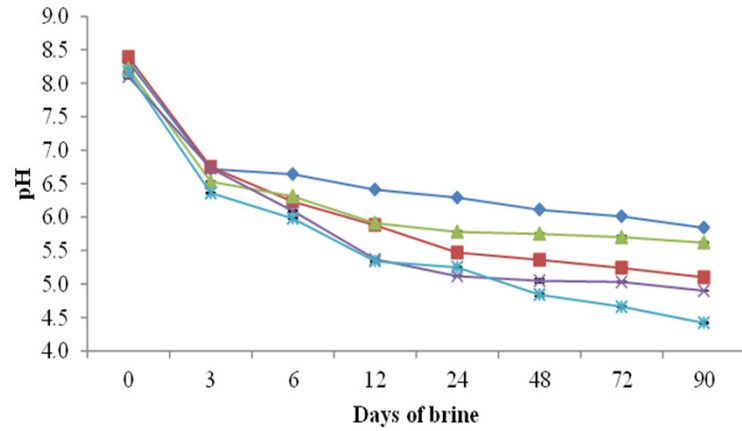
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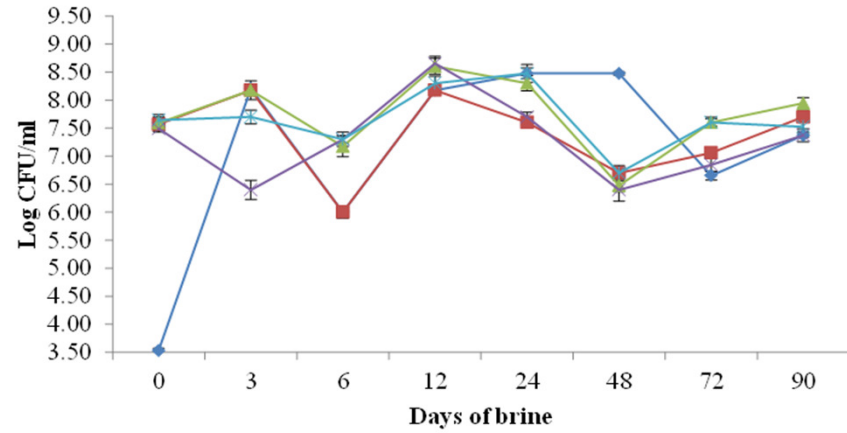
pH

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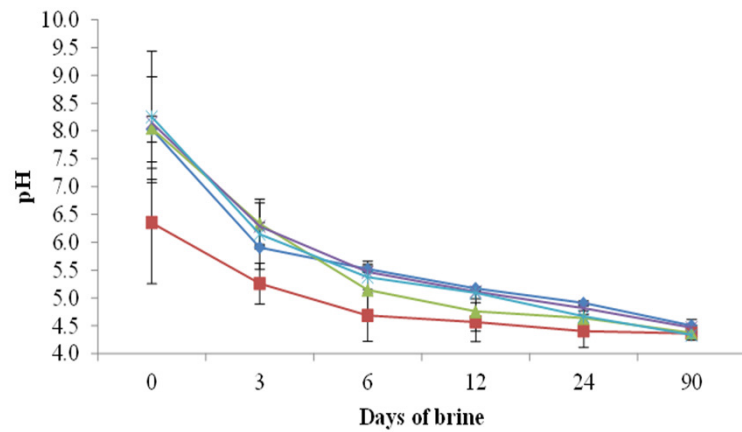
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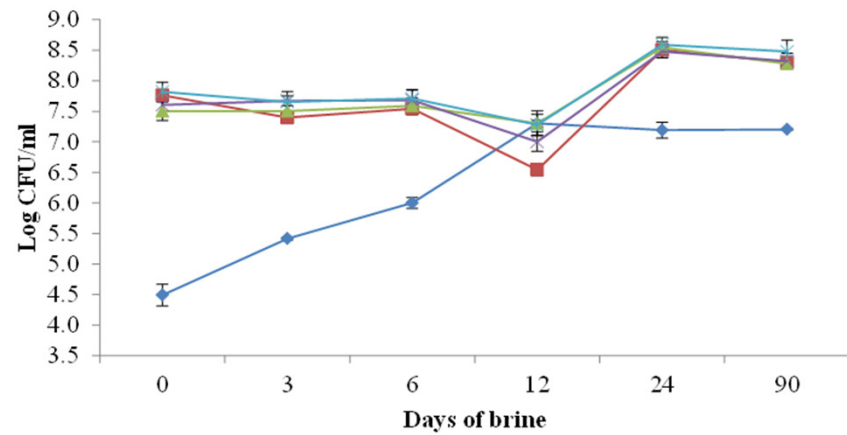
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This research activity has clarified the differences in the use of Lal'Olive Crispy *L. pentosus* OM13 and Bactoferm® Vege-Start 60 for the production of olives with the Sevillian method.

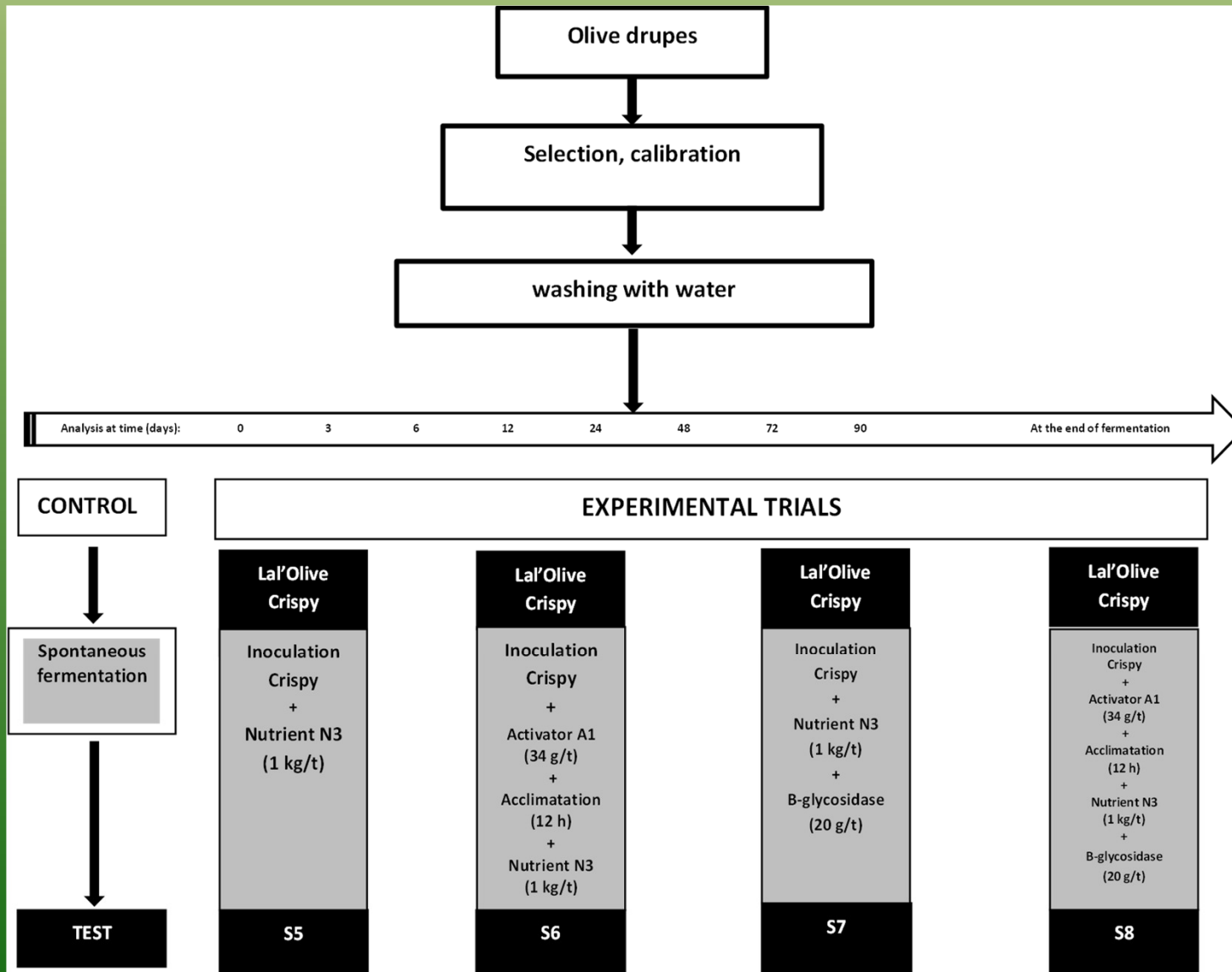
Compared to spontaneous productions, both starter strains caused a rapid decrease in the pH of the brine during the 90 days of fermentation, constantly improving the safety of the product.

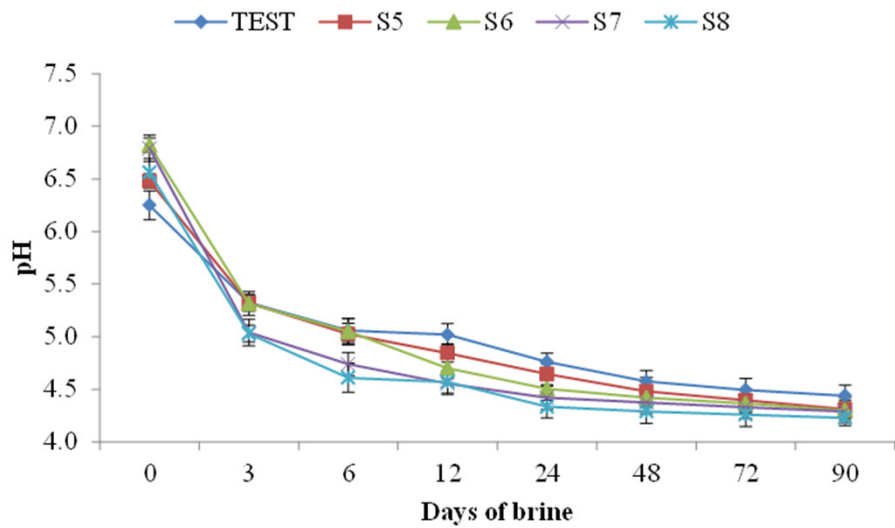
Depending on the production site (Italy or Spain), differences were observed in relation to the starter strain used. Most likely these differences are related to the different processing technology

Presumably the temperatures of the fermentation process as well as the presence/absence and number of the washings with water of the olives after deamarizing treatment with soda determined different conditions which influence the starters during the fermentation process.

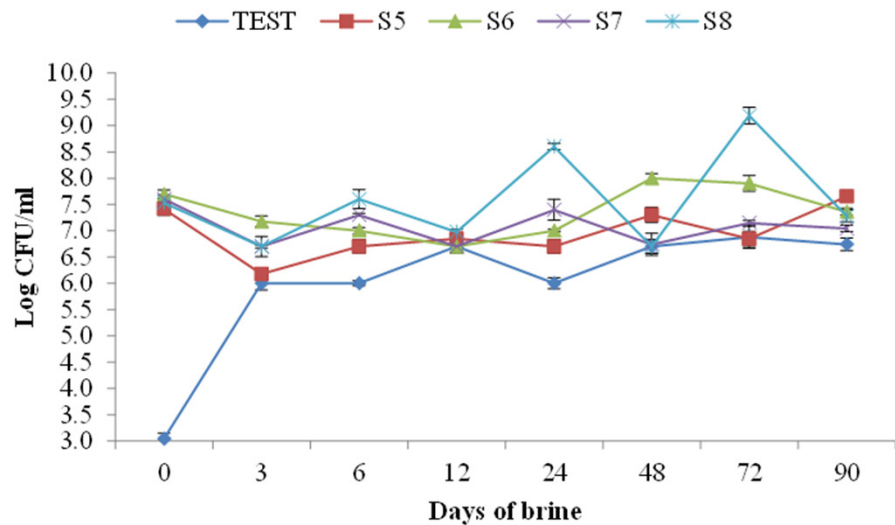
Olives fermented with Lal'Olive Crispy *L. pentosus* OM13 achieved higher overall satisfaction values.

Use of enzymes instead of soda ash for debittering table olives

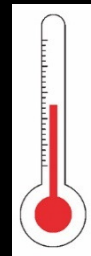




β -glycosidase does not influence the acidification dynamics of the table olive fermentation process



LAB growth follows the normal trend observed in experimental productions without the use of β -glycosidase



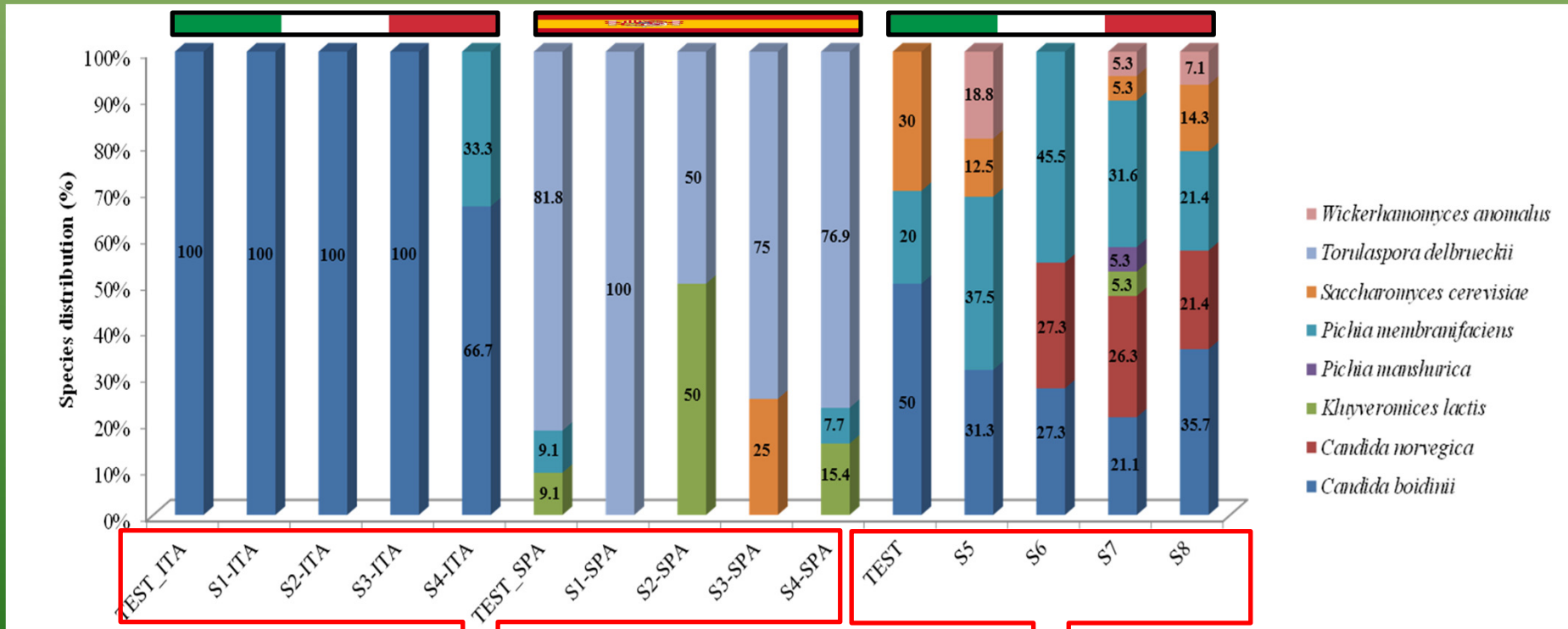
Temperature is an important factor for regulating enzyme activity.

Yeasts: alternative or protechnological?





Yeast biodiversity



Sevillian style < biodiversity

Greek style > biodiversity

Health aspects

Is eating olives good for you?



Probiotic olives

Rich in Lactobacilli and Bifidobacteria

Maintaining and improving the balance of intestinal microbial populations

It improves the well-being of the body by strengthening its natural defences

Lactobacillus pentosus
(Lactose and complex sugars digestibility)

Antioxidants

- Cardiovascular system protection
- Prevention of cholesterol formation

Unsaturated fatty acid

- Regulate blood cholesterol levels
- Reduced risk of heart disease
- Positive effects on the liver
- Protection of brain cells against ageing

Vitamina E

- Prevention of cancer formation



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Thank you for your attention