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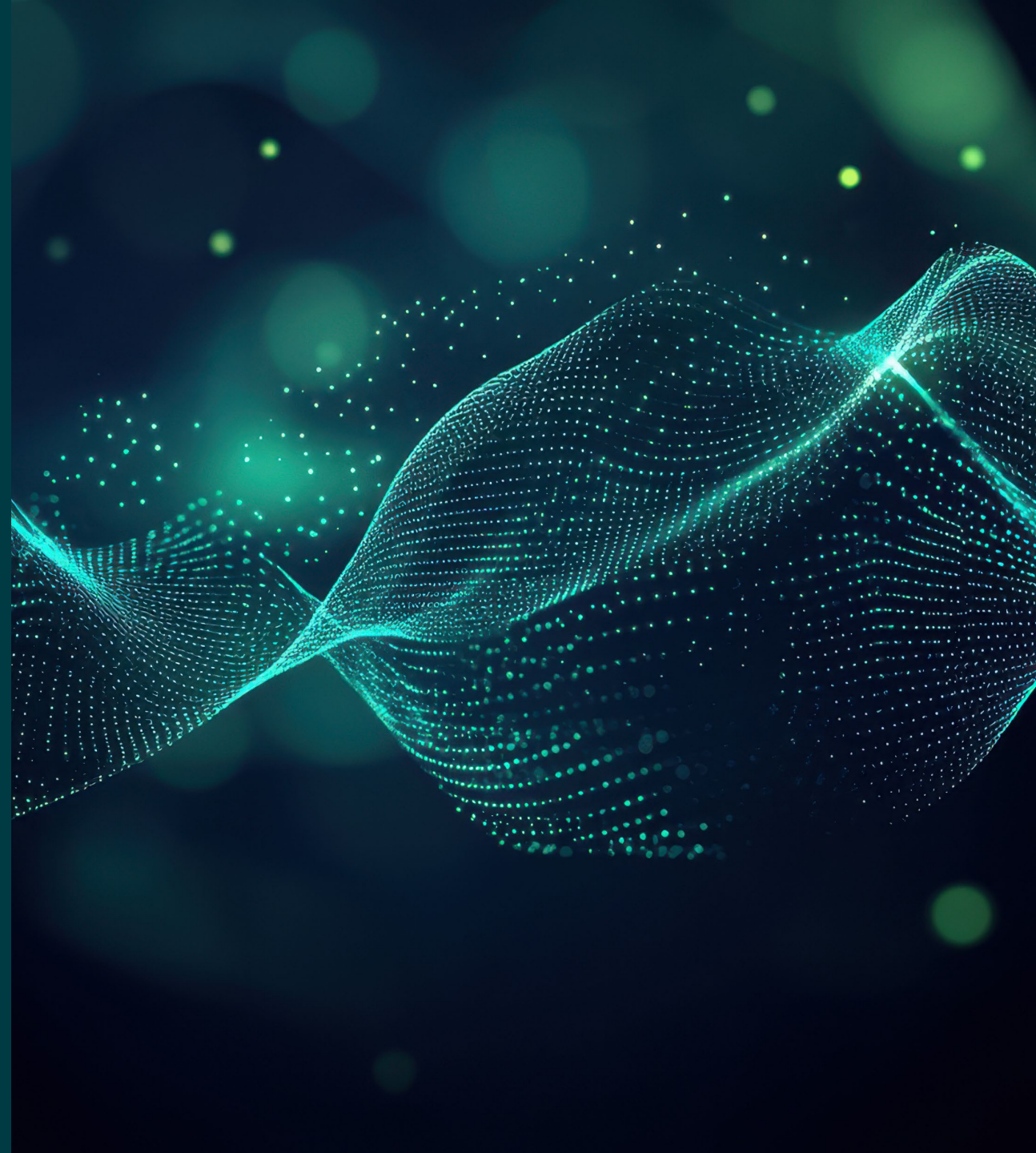
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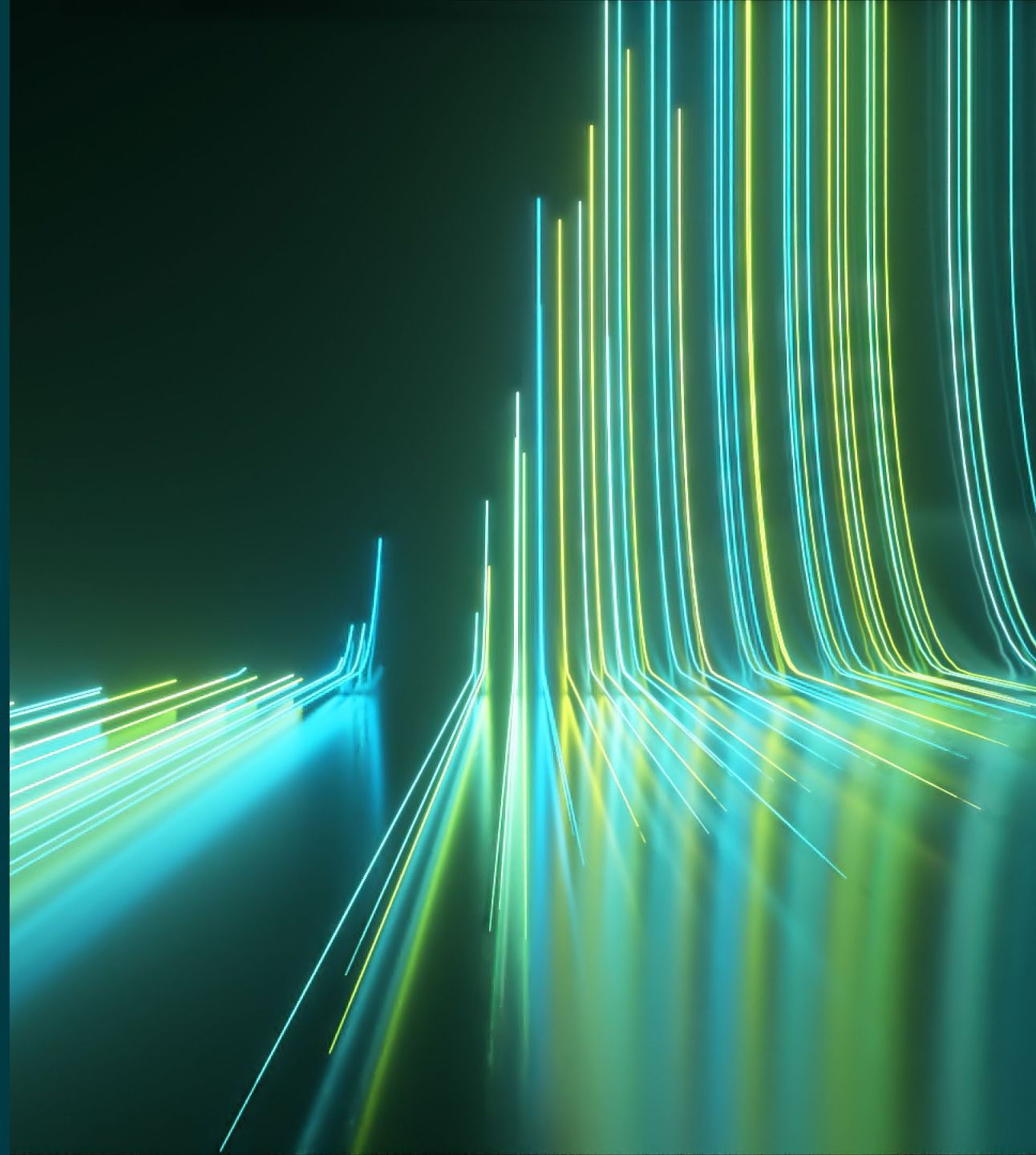


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The 2019-new coronavirus epidemic: Evidence for virus evolution

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Abstract
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KEYWORDS
coronavirus, epidemiology, macromolecular design, SARS coronavirus

1 | INTRODUCTION

The family Coronaviridae comprises a group of large, single, plus-stranded RNA viruses isolated from several species, and it is previously known to cause the common cold and diarrheal illnesses in humans.^{1,2} In 2003, a new coronavirus (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus [SARS-CoV]) was associated with the SARS outbreak.^{1,2} Recently, a new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has emerged in the region of Wuhan (China) as a cause of severe respiratory infection in humans. Since December 2019, different cases of pneumonia of unknown origin associated with permanence at the Wuhan market in China have been reported.^{3,4} A new coronavirus, named 2019-nCoV, belonging to the Orthocoronavirine subfamily, distinct from MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, was described.⁵ To date, a total of 1975 pneumonia cases have been confirmed in China (the State Council Information Office in Beijing, capital of China, 26 January 2020).^{5,7} Animal to human transmission is considered the origin of epidemics, as many patients declared to have visited a local fish and wild animal market in Wuhan in November. Quite recently, evidence has been gathered for the animal to the human and interhuman transmission of the virus.^{7,8}

Although prompt diagnosis and patient isolation are the hallmarks for initial control of this new epidemic, molecular epidemiology, evolutionary models, and phylogenetic analysis can help estimate genetic variability and the evolutionary rate, which in turn have important implications for disease progression as

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2 | MATERIAL AND METHODS

The complete genomes of 15 2019-nCoV sequences have been downloaded from GISAID (<https://www.gisaid.org/>) and GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/>). A dataset has been built using five highly similar sequences for SARS, two sequences for the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), and five highly similar sequences for bat SARS-like coronavirus. The percentage of similarity has been identified using a basic local alignment search tool (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>); eventually duplicated sequences have been excluded from the datasets. The dataset including 27 sequences has been aligned using multiple sequence alignment online tool⁹ and manually edited using BioEdit program v7.0.5.¹⁰ Maximum likelihood (ML) methods were employed for the analyses because they allow for testing different phylogenetic hypotheses by calculating the probability of a given model of evolution generating the observed data and by comparing the probabilities of nested models by the likelihood ratio test. The best-fitting nucleotide substitution model was chosen by jModeltest software.¹¹ ML tree was reconstructed using generalized time-reversible plus gamma distribution and invariant sites (+G+I) as an evolutionary model using MEGA-X.¹²

The adaptive evolution server (<http://www.datamonkey.org/>) was used to find eventual sites of positive or negative selection. For this purpose, the following test has been used: fast unconstrained Bayesian approximation (FUBAR).¹³ This test allowed us to infer the site-specific pervasive selection, the episodic diversifying selection across the region of interest, and to identify episodic selection at individual sites.¹⁴ The statistically significant positive or negative selection was based on P value less than .05.¹⁴

Homology models have been built relying on the website SwissModel.¹⁵ Structural templates have been searched and validated using the software available within the SwissModel environment and HHPred.¹⁶ Homology models have been validated using the QMEAN tool.¹⁷ Three-dimensional structures have been analyzed and displayed using PyMOL.¹⁸ To map the structural variability of the N, E, S, and M regions of the virus and their sites under selection pressure, homology modeling has been applied to the sequence of 2019-nCoV.

3 | RESULTS

The ML phylogenetic tree, performed on whole genome sequences, is represented in Figure 1. In the tree, MERS virus sequences formed a distinct clade (clade I) from Bat SARS-like coronavirus, SARS virus, and the 2019-nCoV clustering together in clade II. This clade includes

4 | DISCUSSION

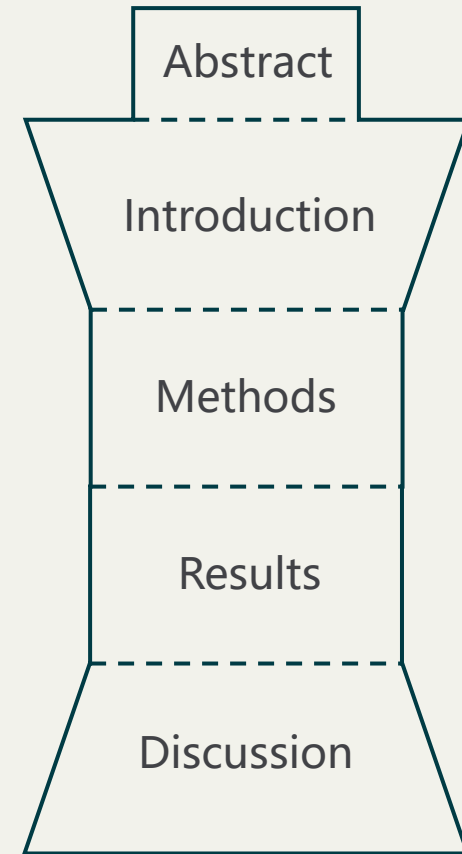
The data reported above show that the new 2019-nCoV significantly clustered with a sequence from the bat SARS-like coronavirus isolated in 2015. Moreover, in the phylogenetic tree, these two sequences are separated from the other bat SARS-like coronavirus sequences, suggesting that this bat SARS-like coronavirus is homologous and genetically more similar to the 2019-nCoV than to the other sequences of Bat SARS-like coronavirus. This supports the hypothesis that the transmission chain began from the bat and reached the human. All other genomic sequences represented in the phylogenetic tree, also including SARS and MERS coronavirus, clustered separately, thus excluding the fact that the virus involved in the actual epidemic could belong to these subgenus. The structural analysis of two important viral proteins, the nucleocapsid and the spike-like nucleoprotein (protein S), confirmed the significant similarity of the new coronavirus with the bat-like SARS coronavirus and its difference from SARS coronavirus.

From the selective pressure and structural analysis, mutations of surface proteins, as the spike protein S, and of nucleocapsid N protein conferring stability to the viral particle have been shown. The viral spike protein is responsible for virus entry into the cell after binding to a cell receptor and membrane fusion, two key steps in viral infection and pathogenesis. The N protein is a structural protein involved in virion assembly, playing a pivotal role in virus transcription and assembly efficiency. Mutation of these proteins could determine two important characteristics of the coronavirus isolated during the 2019-nCoV epidemic: a higher ability to infect and enhanced pathogenicity than the bat-like SARS coronavirus but lower pathogenicity than SARS coronavirus. These features can explain the 2019-nCoV zoonotic transmission and its initial lower severity than SARS epidemic. These results do not exclude the fact that further mutation due to positive selective pressure by FUBAR analysis, suggesting that the S region could be highly conserved.

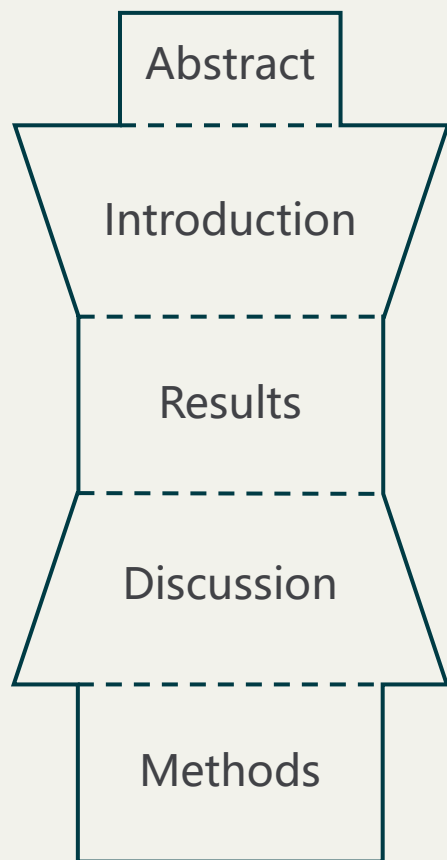
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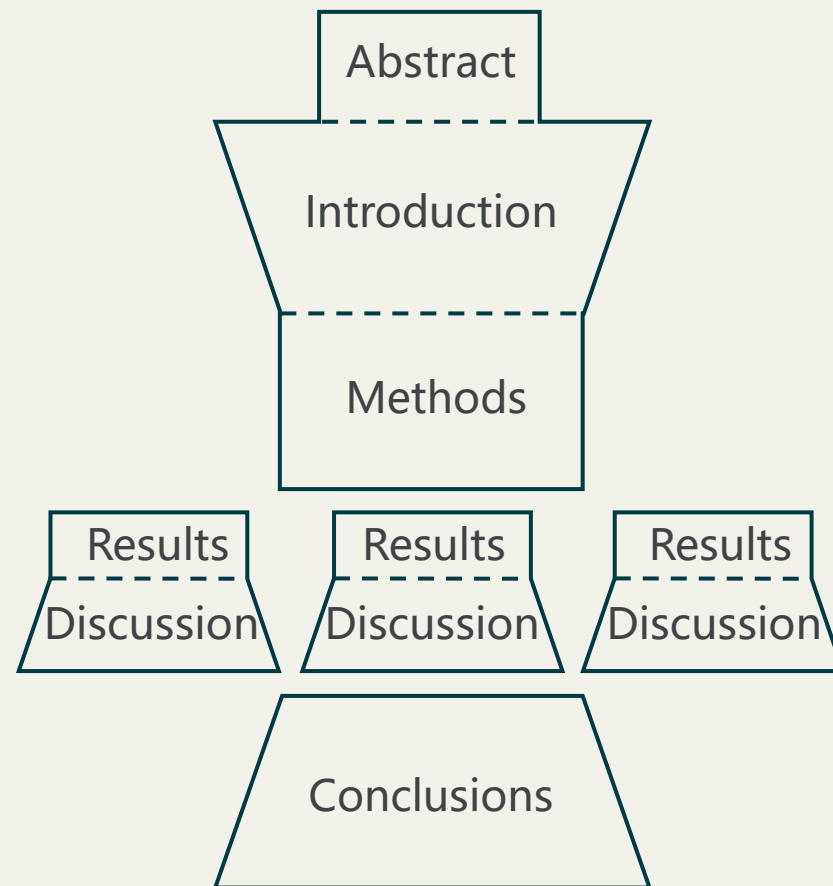
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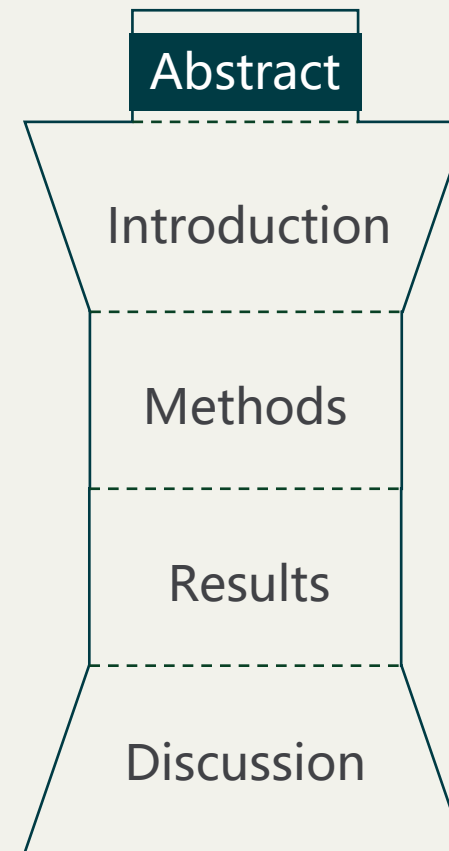
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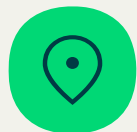
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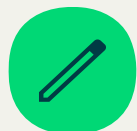


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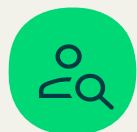
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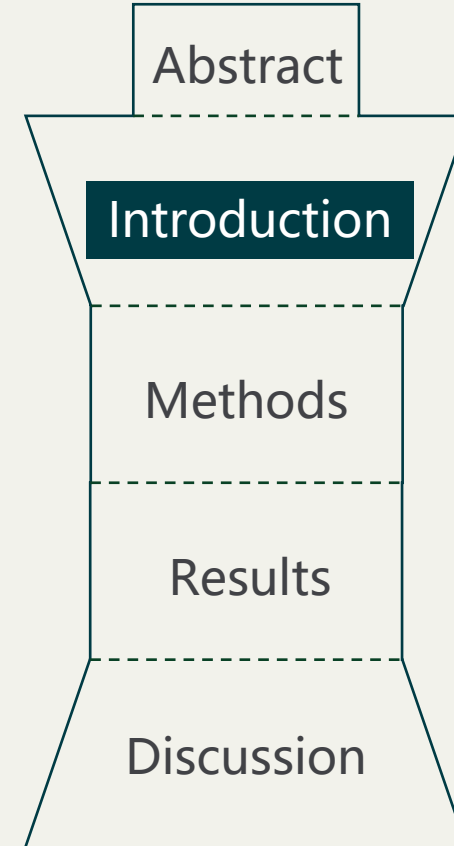
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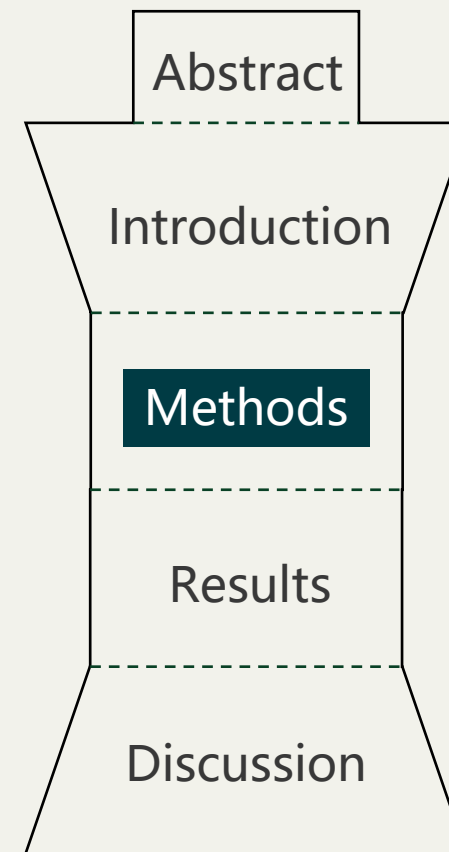
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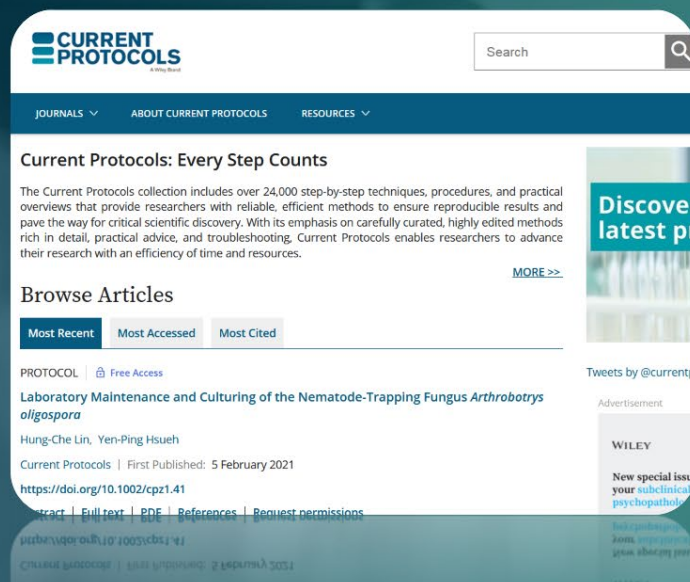


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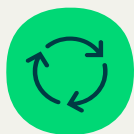
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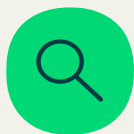


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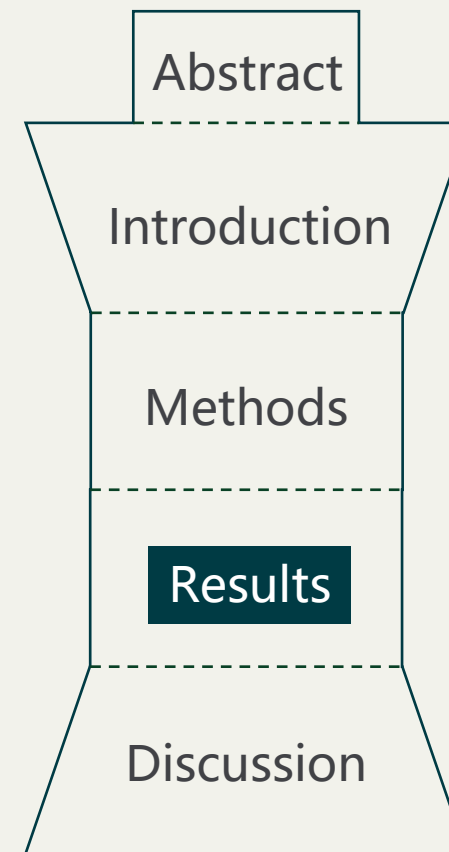
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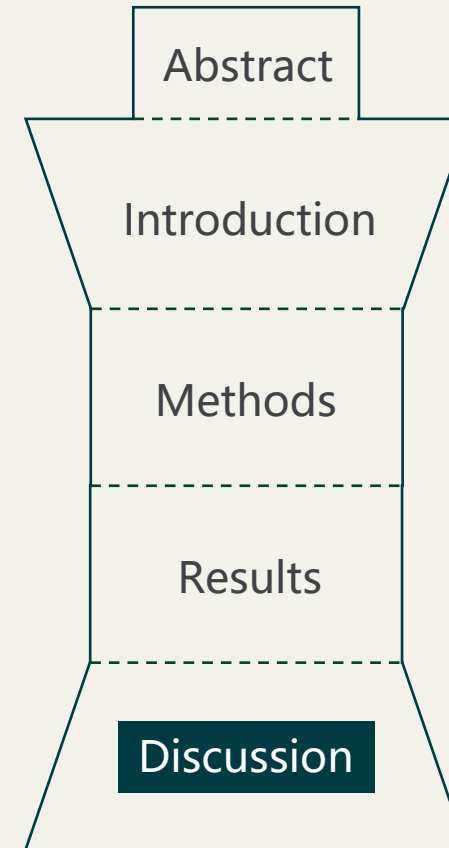


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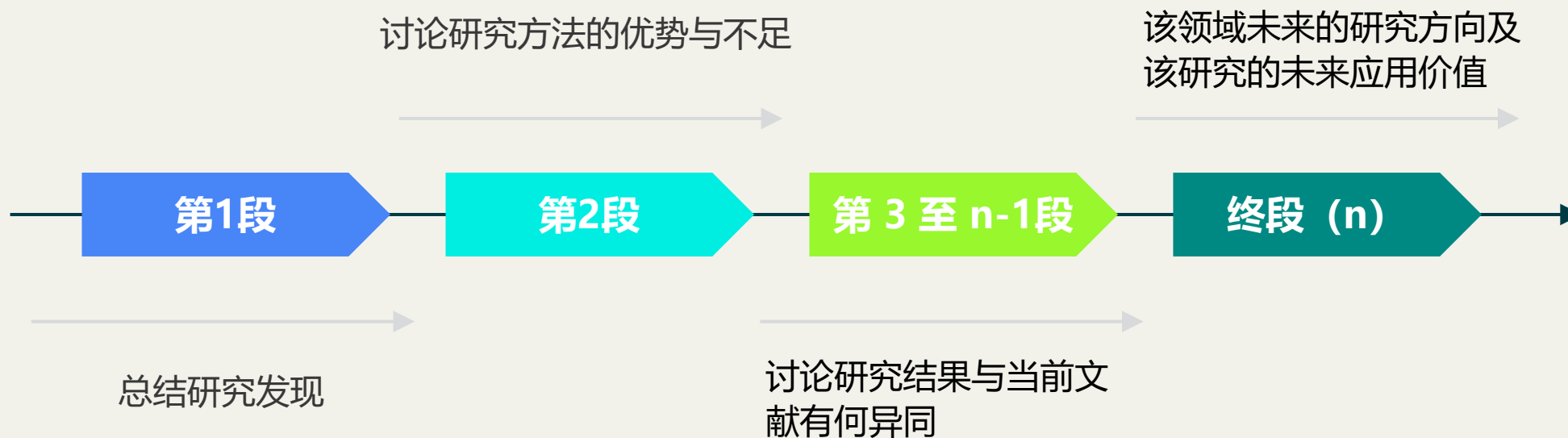
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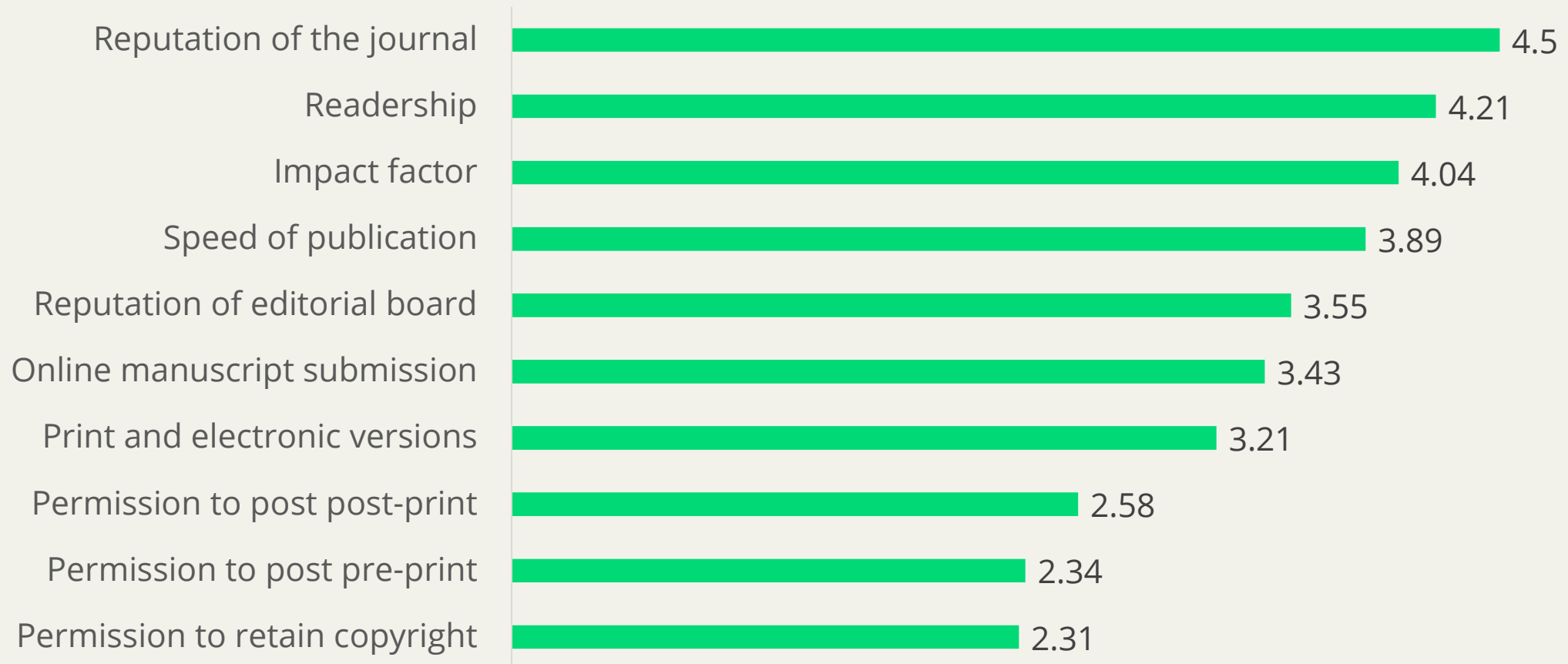
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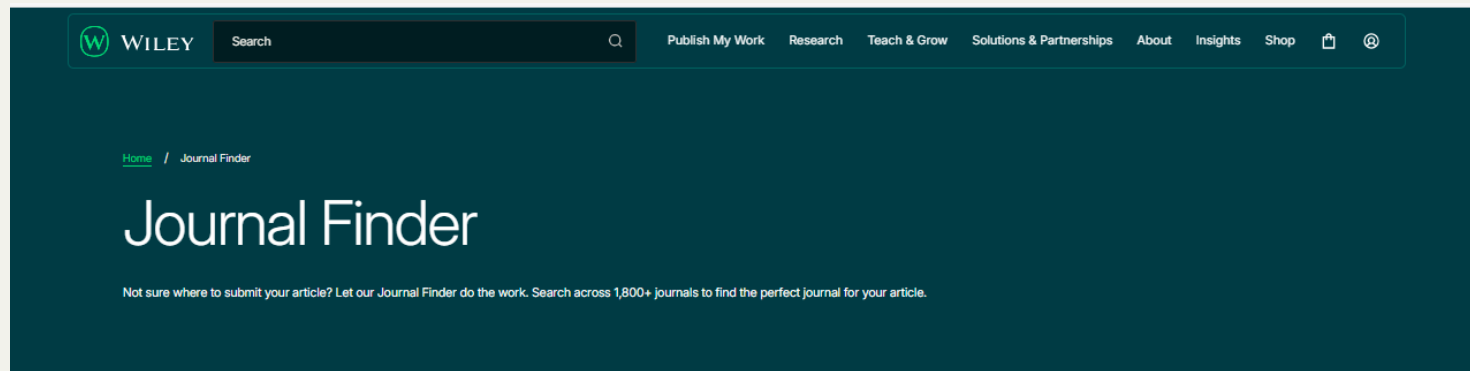


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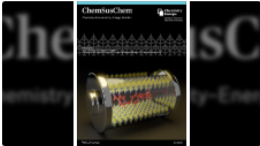

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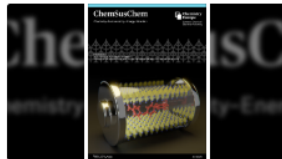

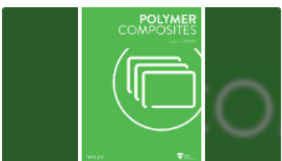



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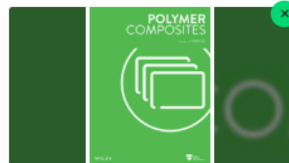
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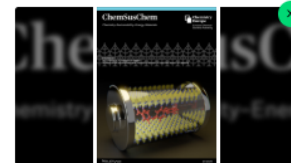
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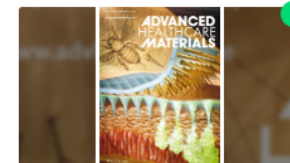
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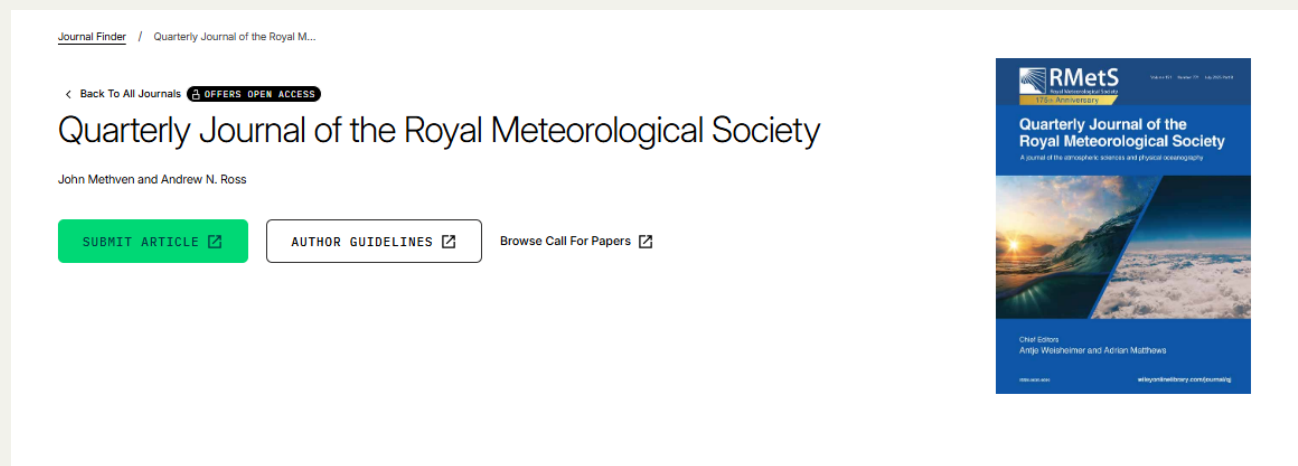
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Replies to the referee's comments:

Reviewer 1 Comments:

1) The authors describe that *ladA* is disrupted by a homolog of *A. niger pepD*. It would be interesting to determine the fate of the original locus of that gene. Was *pepD* duplicated or translocated? Is it expressed?

Response: We agreed with the referee's comment and performed an additional experiment to find out, if the *ladA* gene rearrangement has results from the *pepD* gene duplication and insertion or chromosomal translocation. Based on PCR data, it seems that a chromosomal translocation has occurred between the *pepD* and *ladA* loci resulting in disruption of both genes. We did not check for *pepD* transcription, as the translocation is mapped in the middle of the *pepD* coding region and therefore the correct transcript very likely cannot be formed.

2) Additionally, the authors fail to construct a clean *ladA* deletion strain, which is necessary in order to show, that mere the lack of L-Arabitol-Dehydrogenase is responsible for the observed phenotype.

Response: We did not aim to knock out *LadA* in 1M parent strain and compare it with the 3M-43 mutant. The approach was rather the opposite. We complemented the mutant with the parent *ladA* gene, confirmed restored *LadA* enzymatic levels and checked the complemented strain for extracellular production. We showed that L-arabitol dehydrogenase activity, once reverted back, resulted in extracellular hemicellulases expression similar to that observed in the parent strain. Therefore, these data indicate on direct link between the intracellular levels of L-arabitol dehydrogenase which regulates the L-arabitol flux in the fungal cell and transcription/secretion of a number of hemicellulases. We don't exclude that other mutations accumulated in the strain during mutagenesis may contribute to its improved productivity but the major effect observed resulted from the *ladA* locus rearrangement. And the *ladA* gene, homologous or heterologous, alone is able to revert the phenotype back to the parent strain.

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In particular, the authors should be considered that from previous literature (see the list below) seems that the 2-AP is an odour active compounds peculiar of the fragrant rice due to the genetic pattern. With this consideration, my doubt is: can the formation of the 2-AP in non-fragrant rice is due to the drying process or cooking process?

A discussion about this will improve the results of the manuscript.

There are studies that report 2-AP only in the aromatic rice because of their genetic characteristics. See the works reported below

Louis M. T. Bradbury et al. A perfect marker for fragrance genotyping in rice. *Molecular Breeding* 2005 16: 279-283

Melissa A. Fitzgerald et al. Is there a second fragrance gene in rice? *Plant Biotechnology Journal* 2008 6, pp. 416-423

Michael J. Kovach et al. The origin and evolution of fragrance in rice (*Oryza sativa* L.). *PNAS* 2009 106, pp. 14444-14449

Melissa A. Fitzgerald et al. Not just a grain of rice: the quest for Quality Trends in Plant Science 2009 14 pp.134-139

Response: Thanks for your comment, and valuable literatures. Maillard reaction could be an explanation of 2-AP generation in non-fragrant rice during drying and cooking but the reaction yield should be very low. Moreover, 2-AP can also be accumulated in non-fragrant rice through a BADH2 independent pathway during planting. Please see the discussion below, and this is also added into the discussion of manuscript for clarification (from Line 486-539).

In current study, popcorn attributes were noticed in boiled non-fragrant rice and 2-AP was detected in raw non-fragrant rice, which indicated that 2-AP present in not only boiled non-fragrant rice, but also uncooked non-fragrant rice. Moreover, 2-AP was reported in raw and boiled non-fragrant rice by some literature research which supported the observation in current study. Several researches determined 2-AP in non-fragrant rice with simultaneous distillation extraction (SDE); rice was boiled during SDE) (Buttery et al., 1983; Buttery et al., 1986; Widjaja et al., 1996a); Buttery et al. (1988) used Dynamic headspace extraction (Tenax)

extracted 2-AP in boiled non-fragrant rice; Maraval et al. (2010) and Mathure et al. (2014) detected 2-AP in raw non-fragrant rice with SPME. Therefore, investigation of 2-AP origin in non-fragrant rice is important to understand 2-AP generation mechanism and improve non-fragrant flavour. Since it was reported that 2-AP could be generated biosynthesis and Maillard reaction, there are three potential can lead to 2-AP generation in non-fragrant rice: from biosynthesis rice planting; from Maillard reaction during post-harvest processing drying, dehusking, polishing and storage; and from Maillard reaction during boiling.

Synthesis of 2-AP during fragrant rice planting has been studied for decades. Currently, two 2-AP generation pathways were proposed for fragrant rice: the BADH2 dependent pathway, and the BADH2 independent pathway. It is reported that 2-AP generation can be explained by the function of enzyme BADH2, which is due to the gene *badh2* through in fragrant rice through a deletion of eight base pairs and seven base pairs in exon 2 (Fitzgerald, McCouch & Hall, 2009; Handoko, Pather, Lisa Methven & Elmore, 2017). Hence amino acids metabolic compound, is dehydrated to 1-pyrroline rather than GABA through BADH2 catalysation, and 1-pyrroline is acetylated to 2-AP (Bradbury, Gillies, Brushe, & Henry, 2008). Whereas, a BADH2 independent 2-AP biosynthesis pathway in fragrant rice was proposed according to a positive correlation found between 2-AP and an amino acids metabolic product 5-carboxylate (P5C) in fragrant rice (Huang et al. 2008). BADH2 independent pathway was proposed as ornithine, and proline can metabolite to generate P5C, then P5C was converted to pyrroline, finally, 2-AP is generated through acetylation of pyrroline. However, although there is no research that provides an evidence of the correlation between P5C and 2-AP in non-fragrant rice is rarely detected in non-fragrant rice in many researches, the key intermediates of 2-AP synthesis, P5C and methylglyoxal, the key intermediates of 2-AP synthesis reported by Huang et al.(2008). Therefore, generation of 2-AP from P5C during planting can be a potential explanation for 2-AP in fragrant rice.

Several studies reported 2-AP change in fragrant rice during

process. Wongpornchai et al. (2004) compared 2-AP content in fragrant rice after drying with several different drying conditions and the effect of drying methods on 2-AP content during storage. It was reported that 2-AP was lost during drying and storage, and high drying temperature and

phosphate buffer. Hence, boiling may provide a condition for 2-AP generation through Maillard reaction. However, Yoshihashi (2002) measured 2-AP content in fragrant rice after heating at 90 °C without water and boiling with water for 8, 10, 12, 14 min and conclude that 2-AP cannot be generated during cooking or postharvest process in fragrant rice. It was reported that boiling can produce least Maillard reaction products than deep frying and baking (Semedo Tavares, et al., 2018). And because of the instability of 2-AP, generated 2-AP during boiling may not great for detectable.

Therefore, biosynthesis of 2-AP followed by BADH2 independent pathway can be a potential explanation of small amount of 2-AP presence in non-fragrant rice; on the other hand, generation through Maillard reaction during postharvest process and cooking is theoretically possible, however, several researches reported a decrease of 2-AP during drying, storage and cooking in fragrant rice, therefore, the generation of 2-AP in non-fragrant rice during drying and cooking may difficult to be observed because of the instability of 2-AP.

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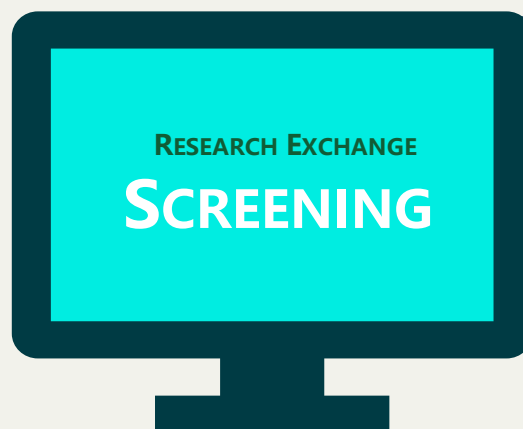
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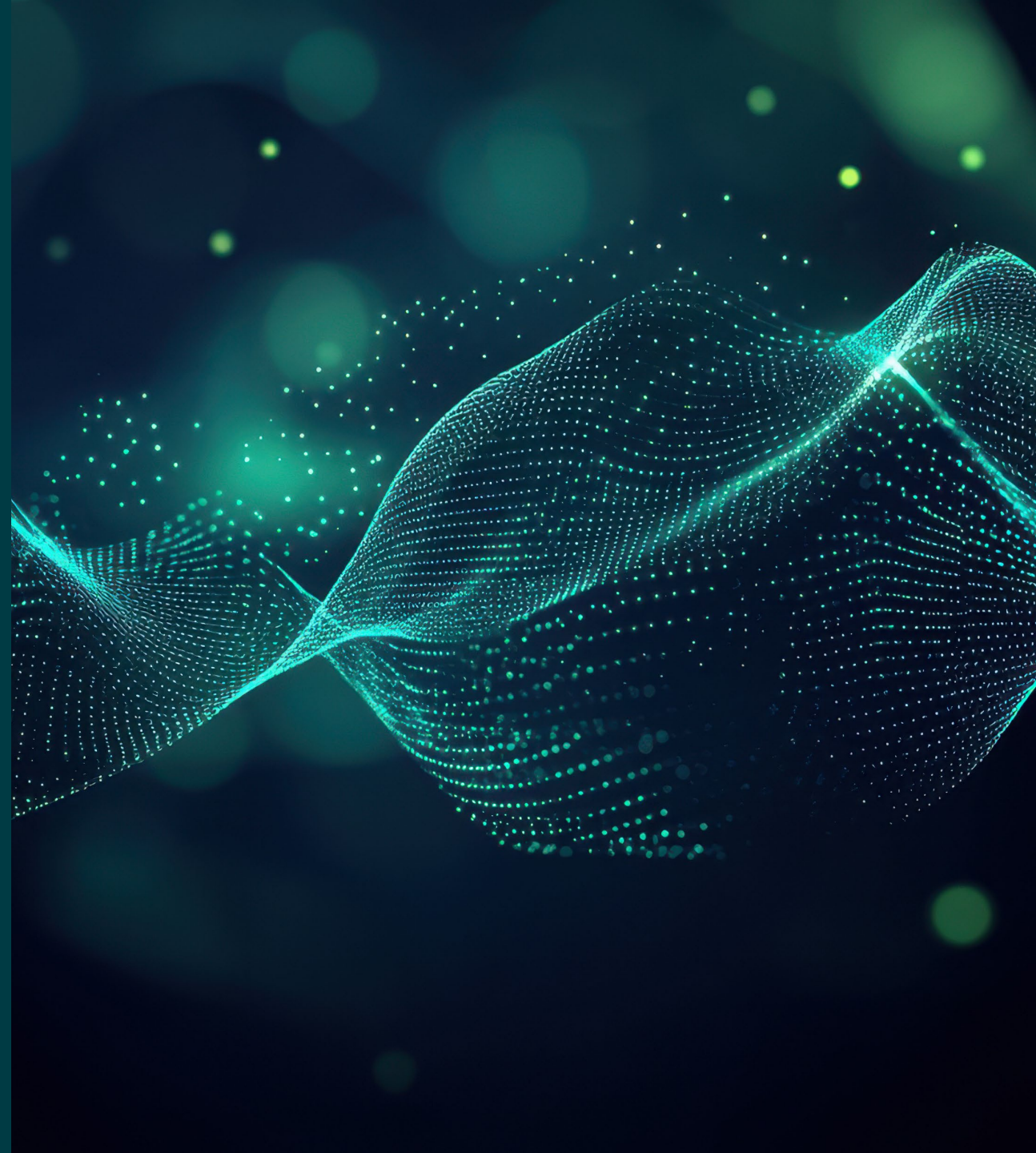
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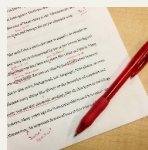


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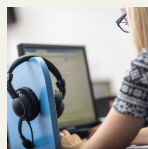
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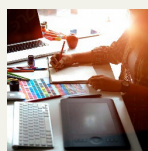
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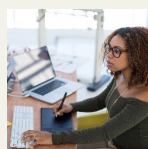
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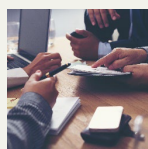
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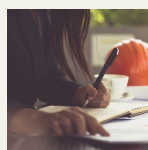
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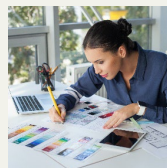
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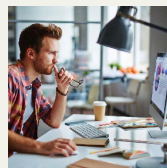
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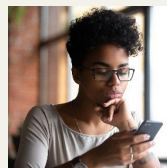
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