

Interactions of *Solanum* spp. with pectinolytic bacteria

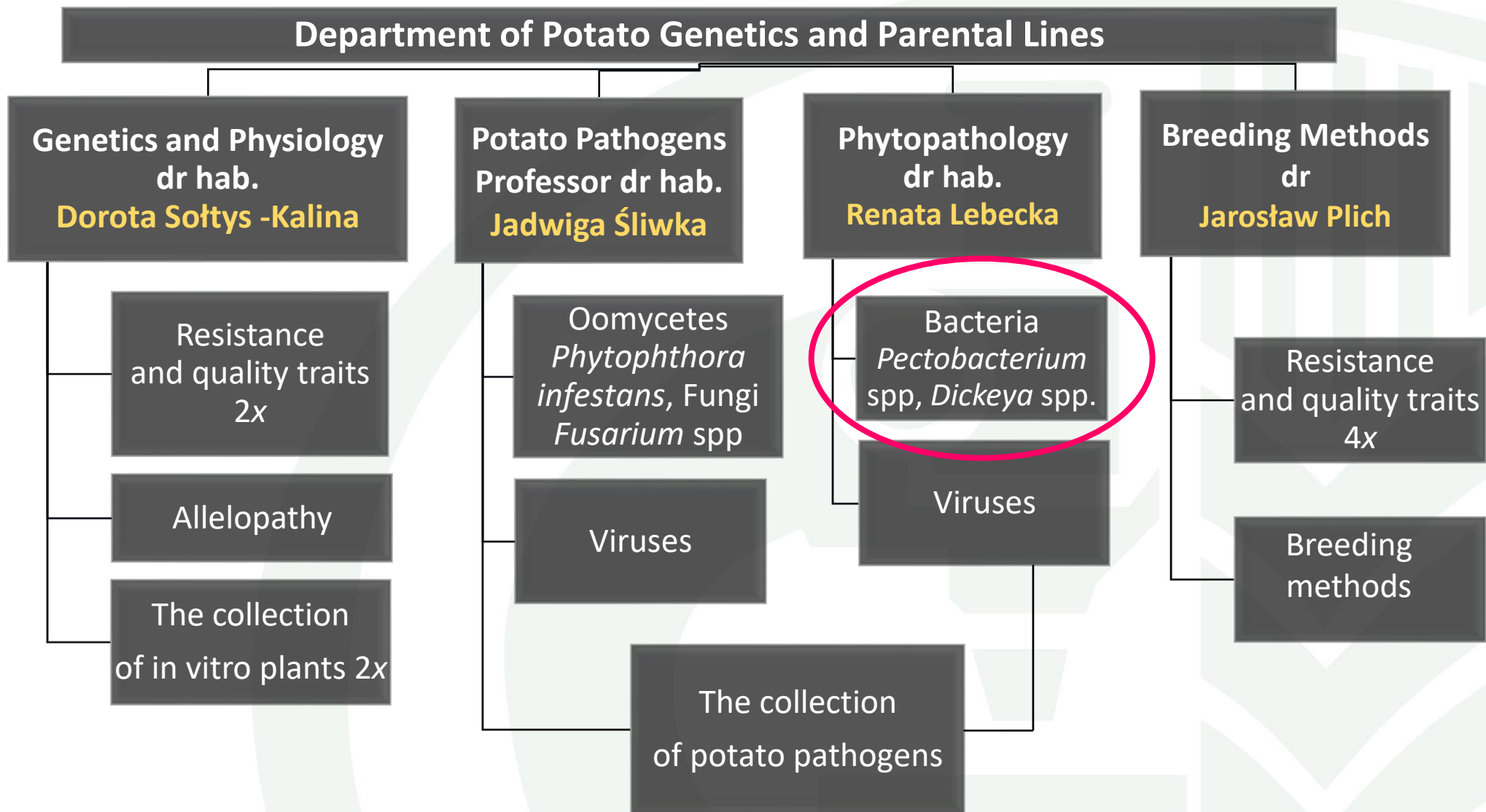
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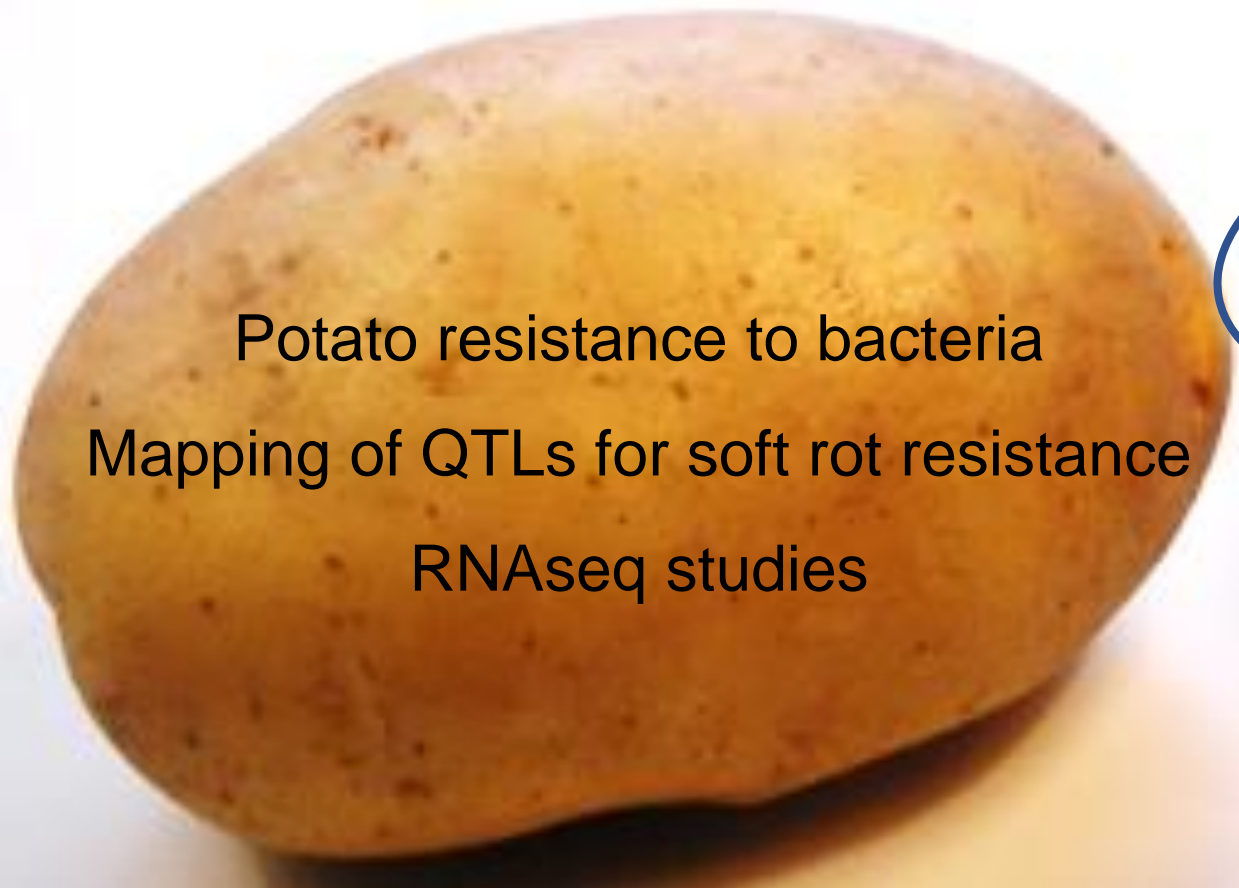
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Potato resistance to bacteria
Mapping of QTLs for soft rot resistance
RNAseq studies

Pectinolytic bacteria
Glycoalkaloids from *Solanum* spp.
Virulence of bacteria

Introduction

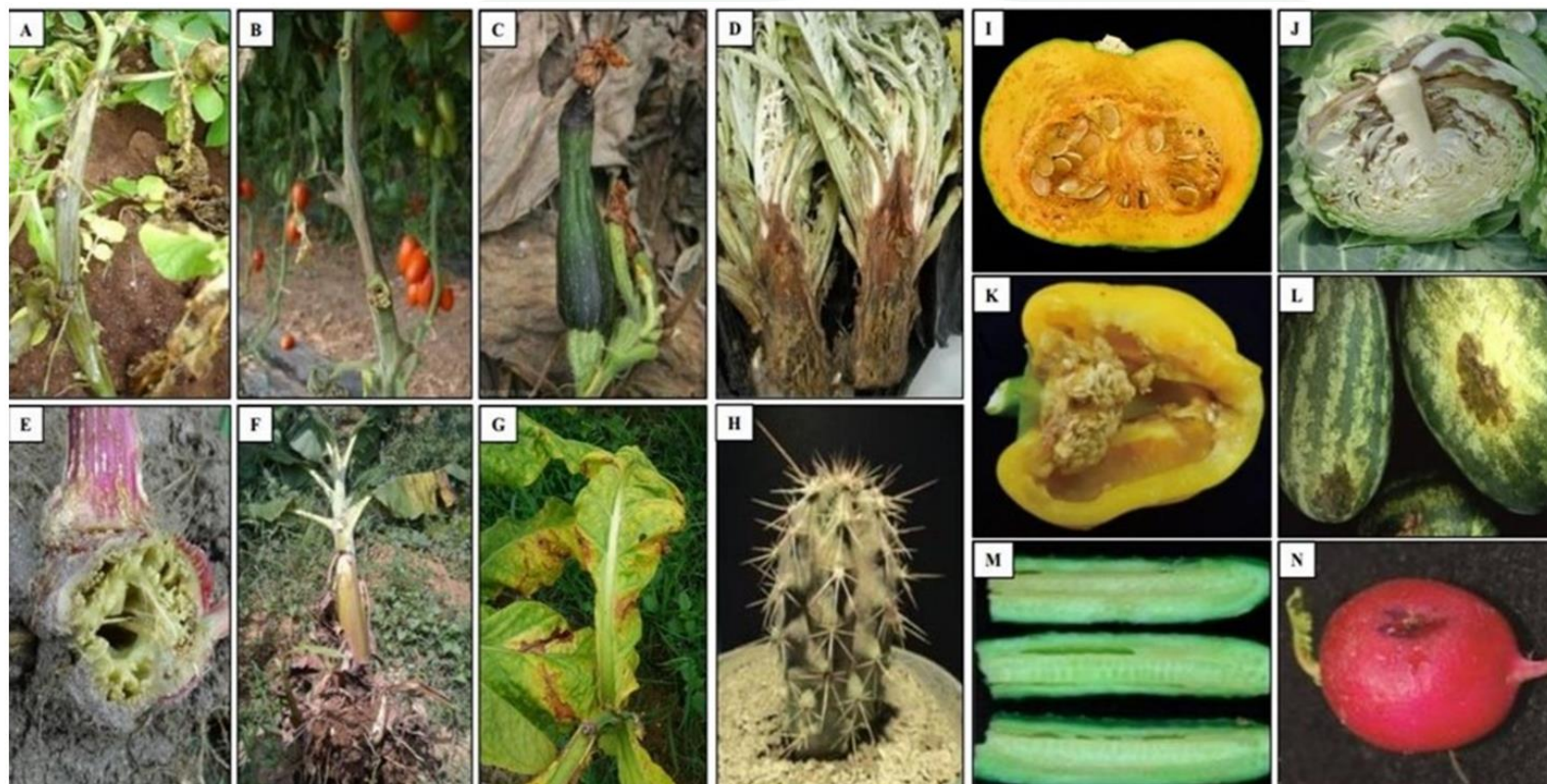
Order: *Enterobacteriales*

Family: *Pectobacteriaceae*

Genus: *Dickeya*, *Pectobacterium*

21 species of *Pectobacterium*

12 species of *Dickeya*



Oulghazi et al. 2021. *Microorganisms* 9, 106.

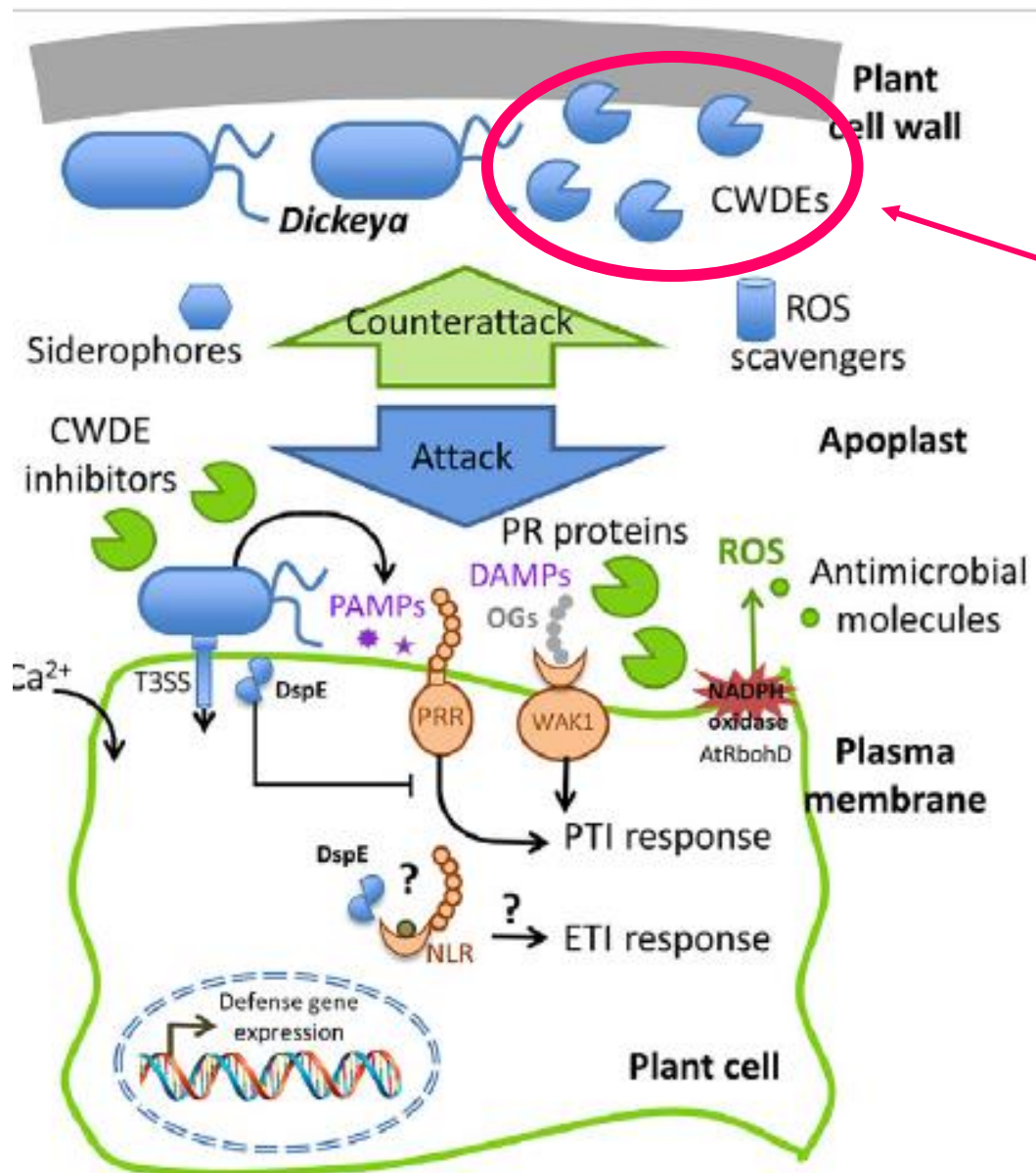
The most threatening of phytopathogens to the health of vegetable, ornamental and fruit crops.

Blackleg



Soft rot



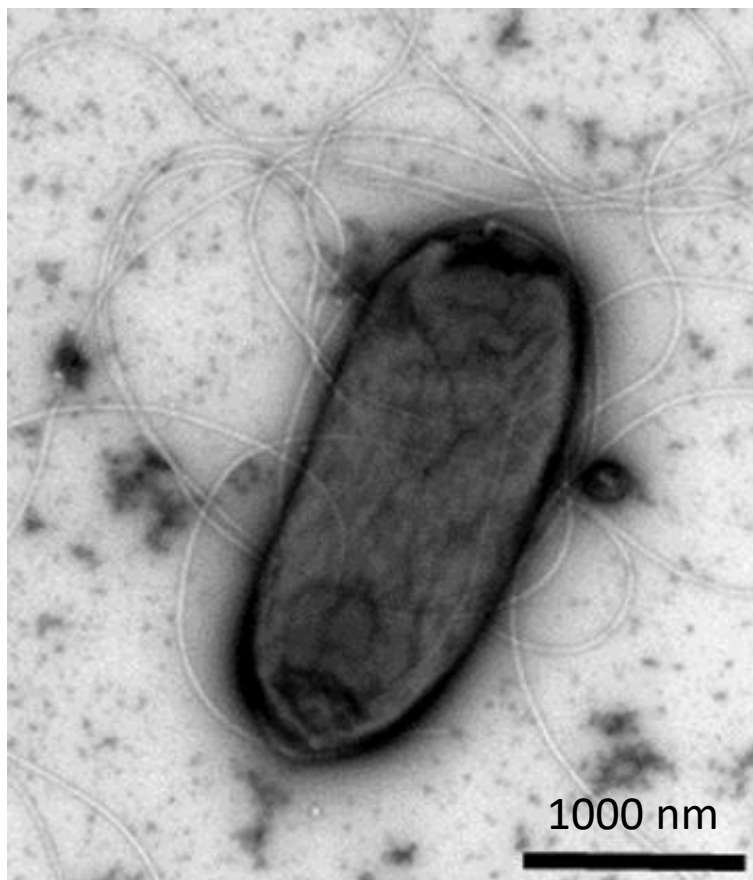


Virulence factors – Quorum Sensing

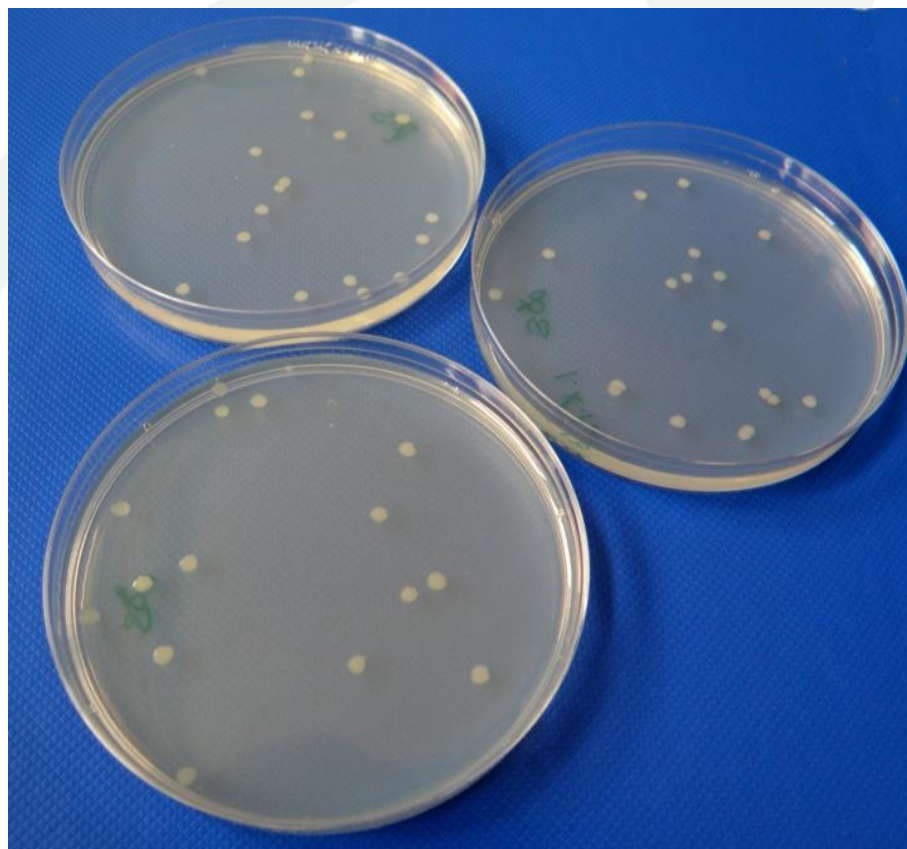
Vfm and ExpI-ExpR

- Pectin Cell Wall Degrading Enzymes,
- Motility,
- Biofilm formation,
- Siderophores,
- ROS scavengers.

Dickeya solani



Lisicka et al. 2018.
Front. Plant Sci. 9:374



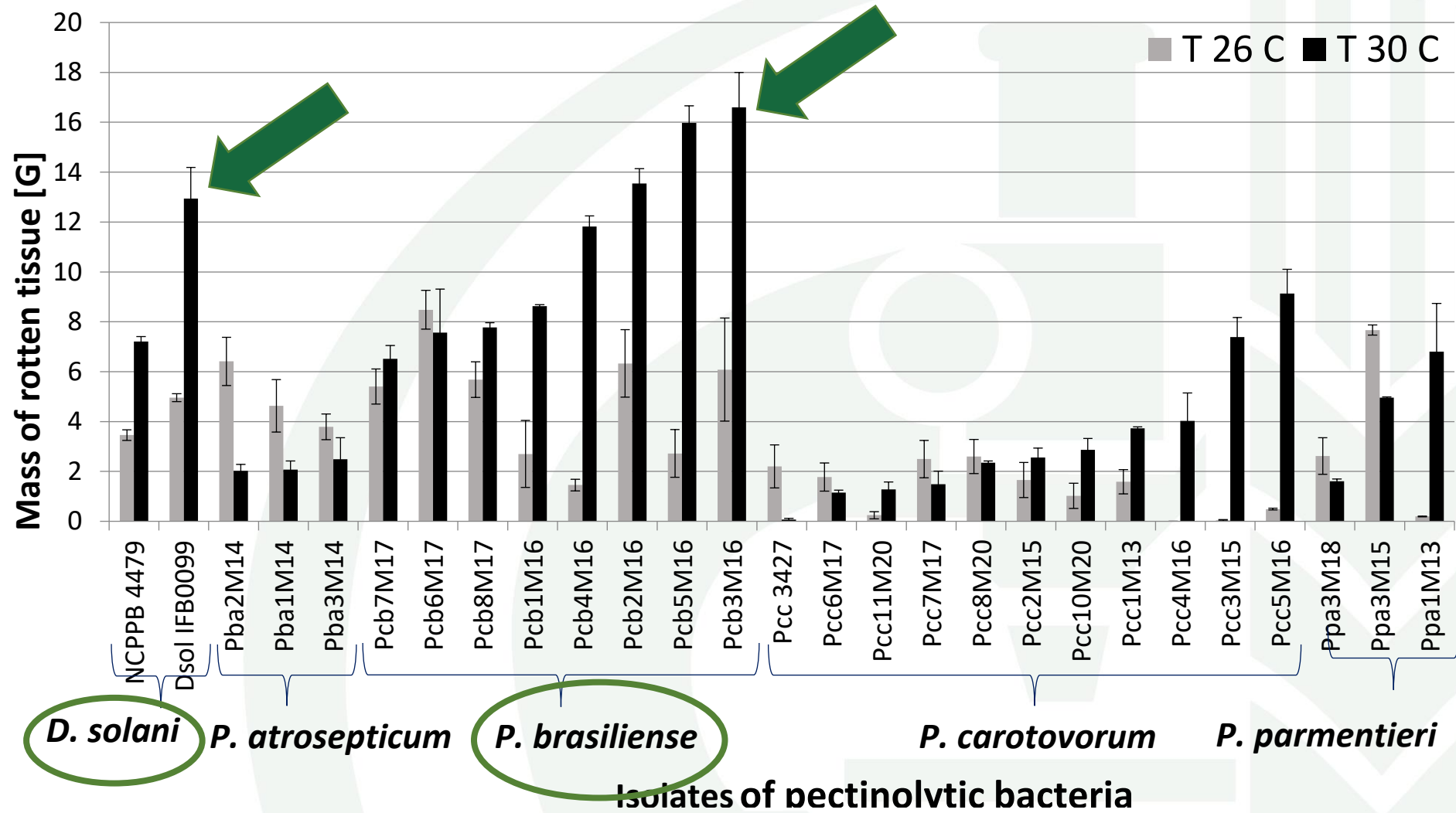
D. solani IFB0099

Pectobacterium brasiliense



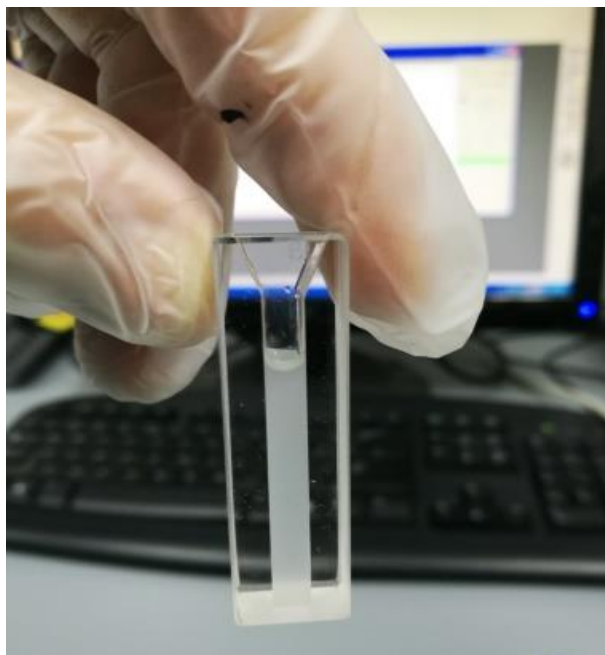
Moleleki et al. 2017.
Molecular Plant Pathology 18: 32–44

Aggressiveness of bacteria to potato tuber



Methods

Bacterial inoculum: *Dickeya solani* IFB0099 OD₆₀₀ = 1.0, 10⁹ CFU mL⁻¹, 10 μL



(Lebecka R., 2001)



Cultivar Irys



Lady Claire



Lady Rosetta



Highly susceptible



Medium resistant

DS - the **disease severity** - the mean weight of macerated tissue

DI - the **disease incidence** - the proportion of tubers with rot symptoms

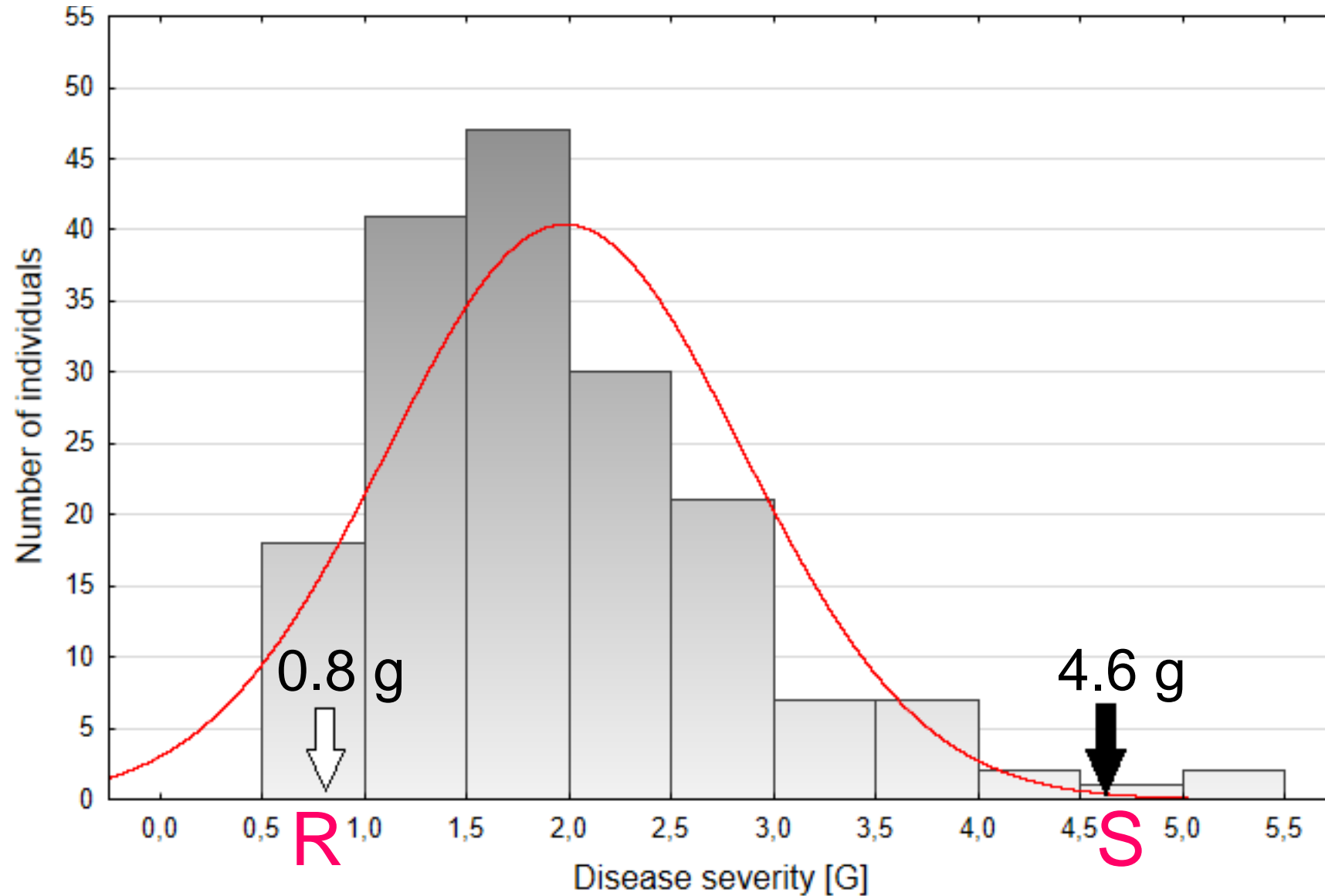


Reaction of **potato tubers** to inoculation with bacteria *D. solani*

in the highly resistant parent DG 00-270 (**R**) and susceptible parent DG 08-305 (**S**)

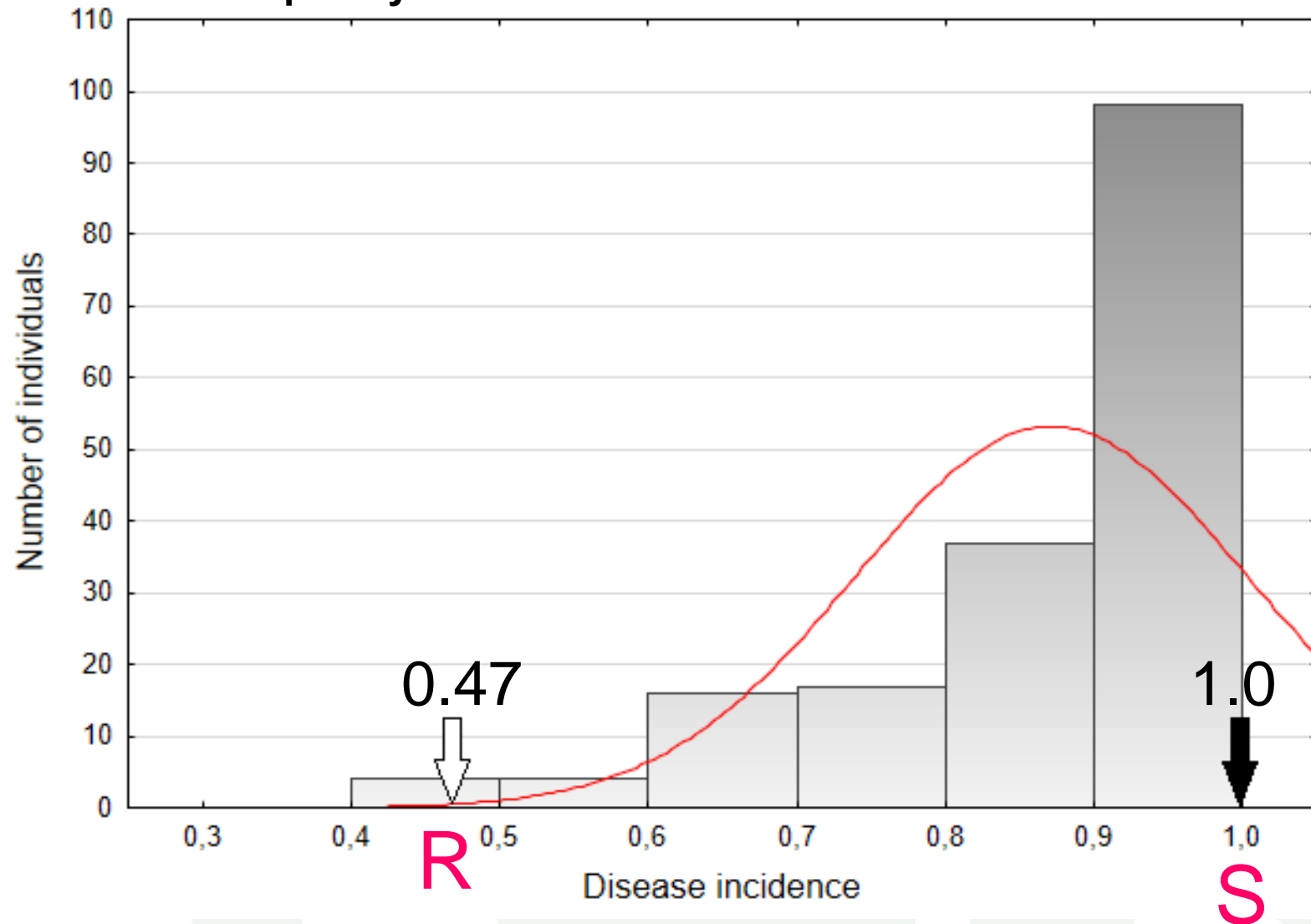
DS

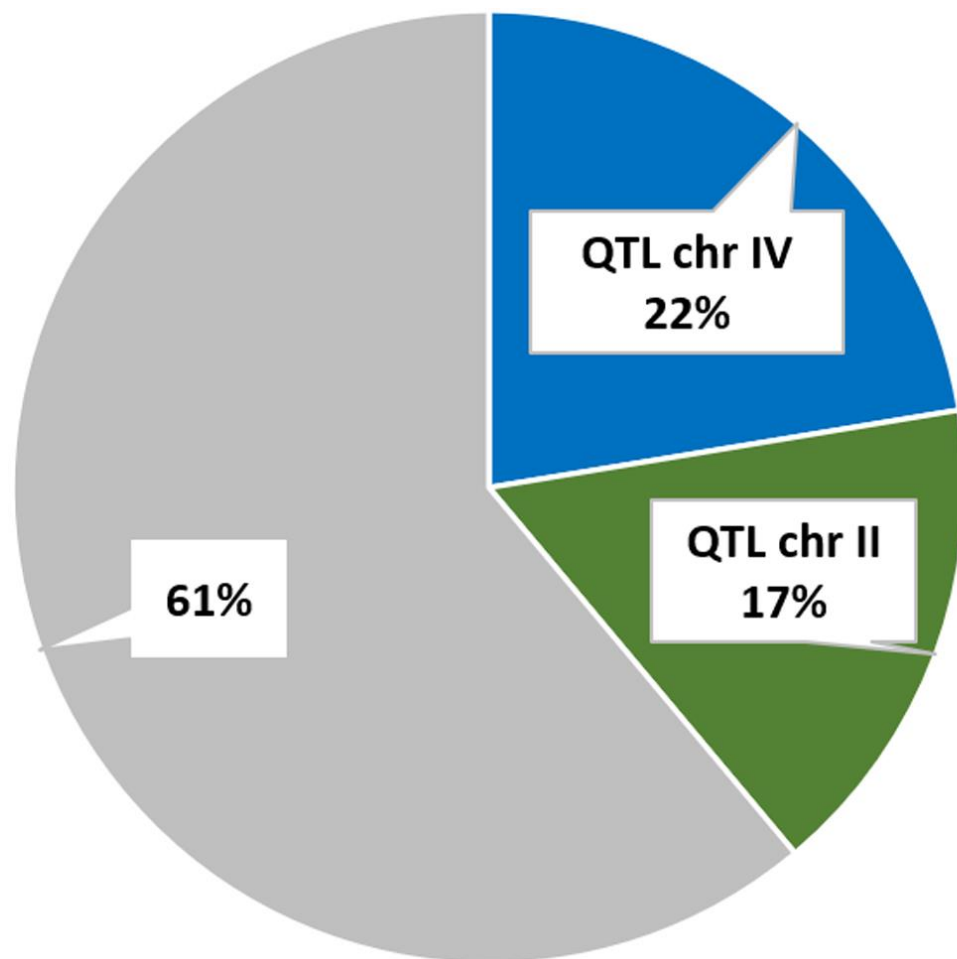
Frequency distribution of disease severity



DI

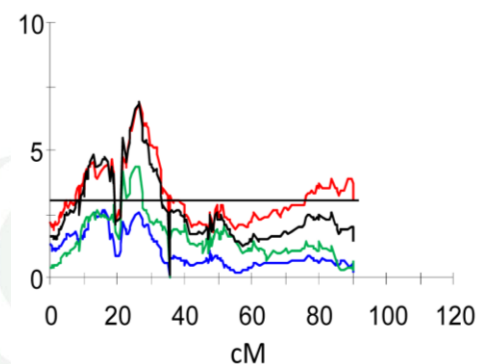
Frequency distribution of disease incidence



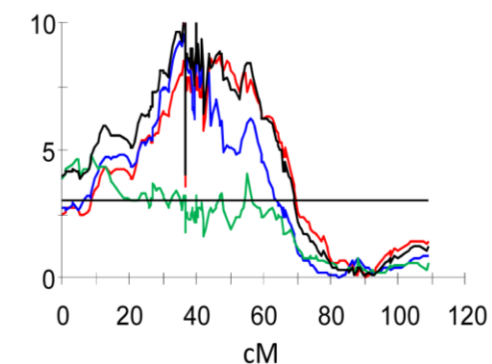


QTL for **disease severity**

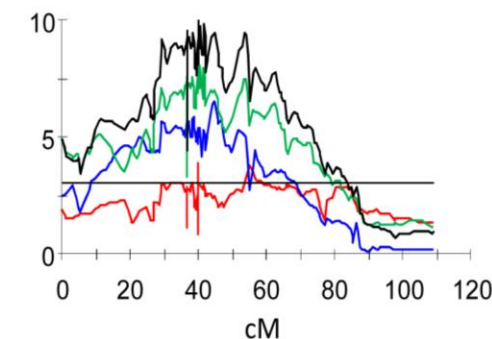
Chromosome II



Chromosome IV



QTL for **disease incidence**



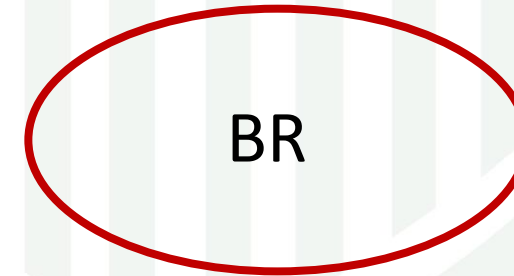
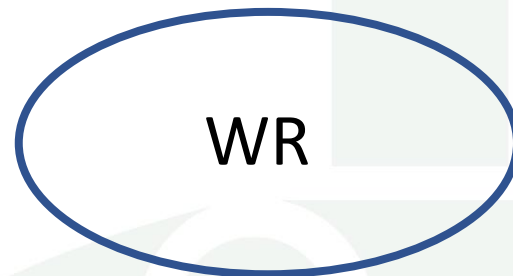
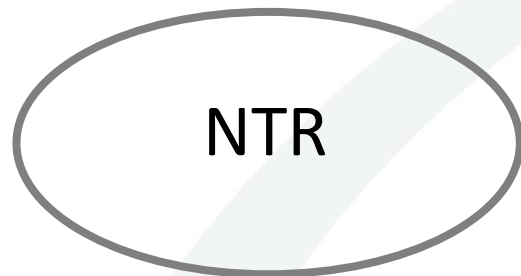
Legend
— 2017
— 2018
— 2019
— Mean 2017-2019

Not treated

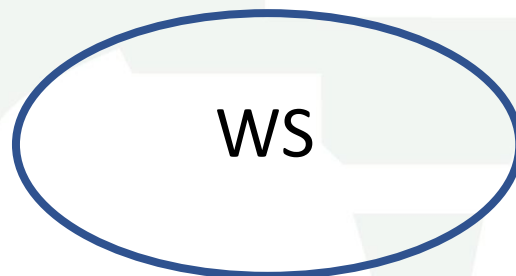
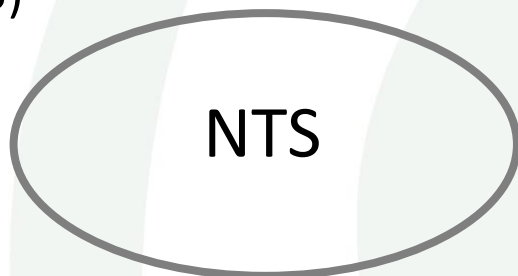
Wounded + Water

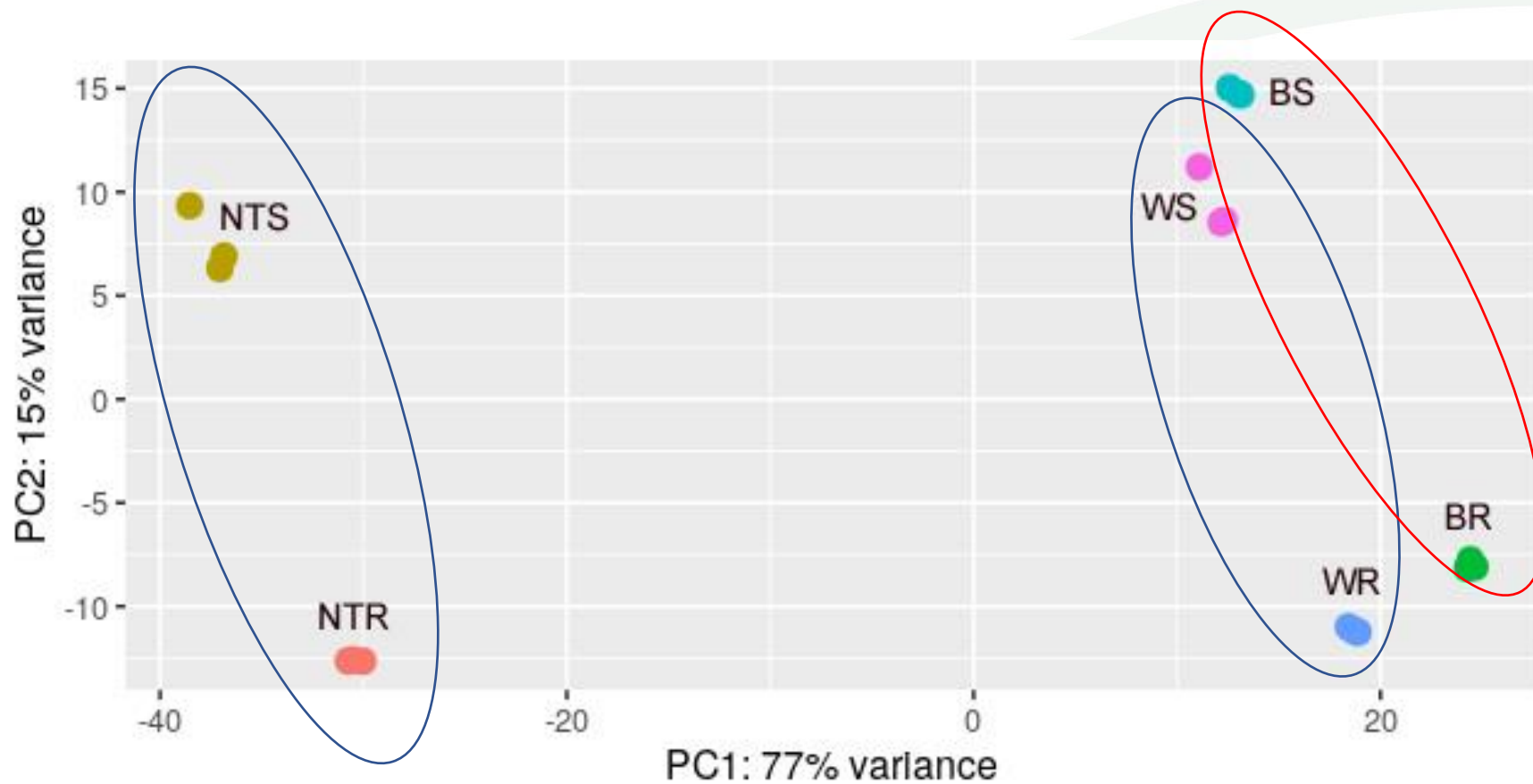
Wounded + Bacteria

Resistant individuals (5)

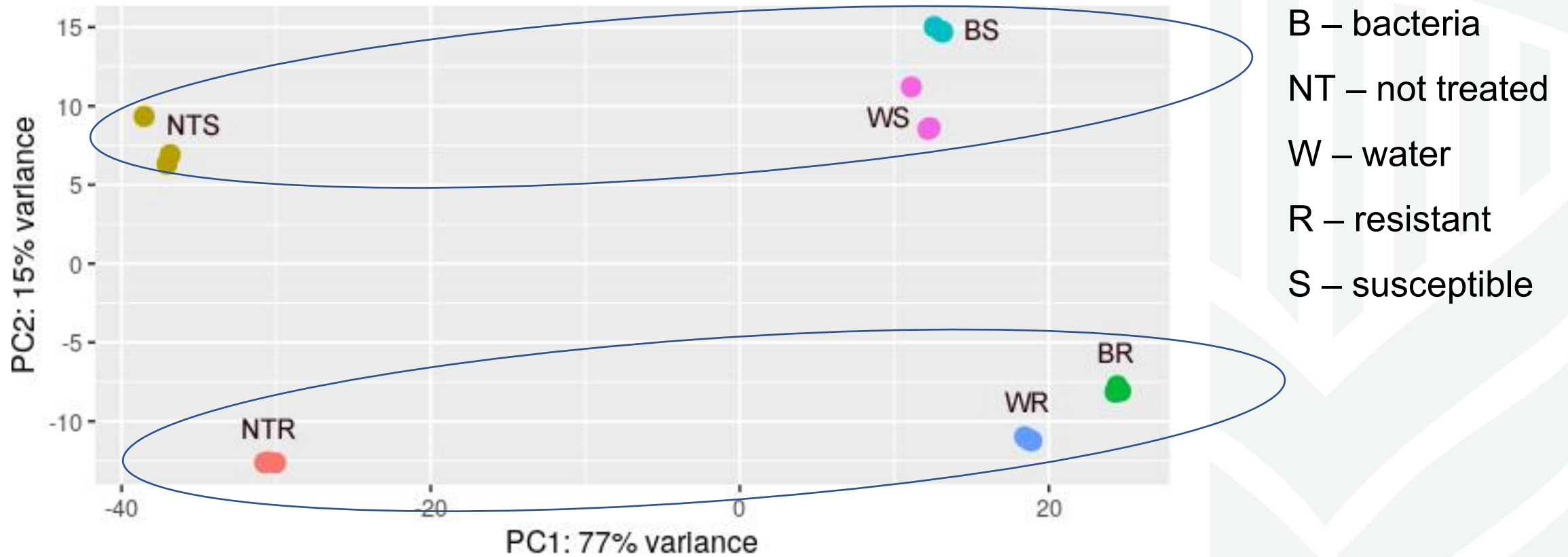


Susceptible individuals (5)

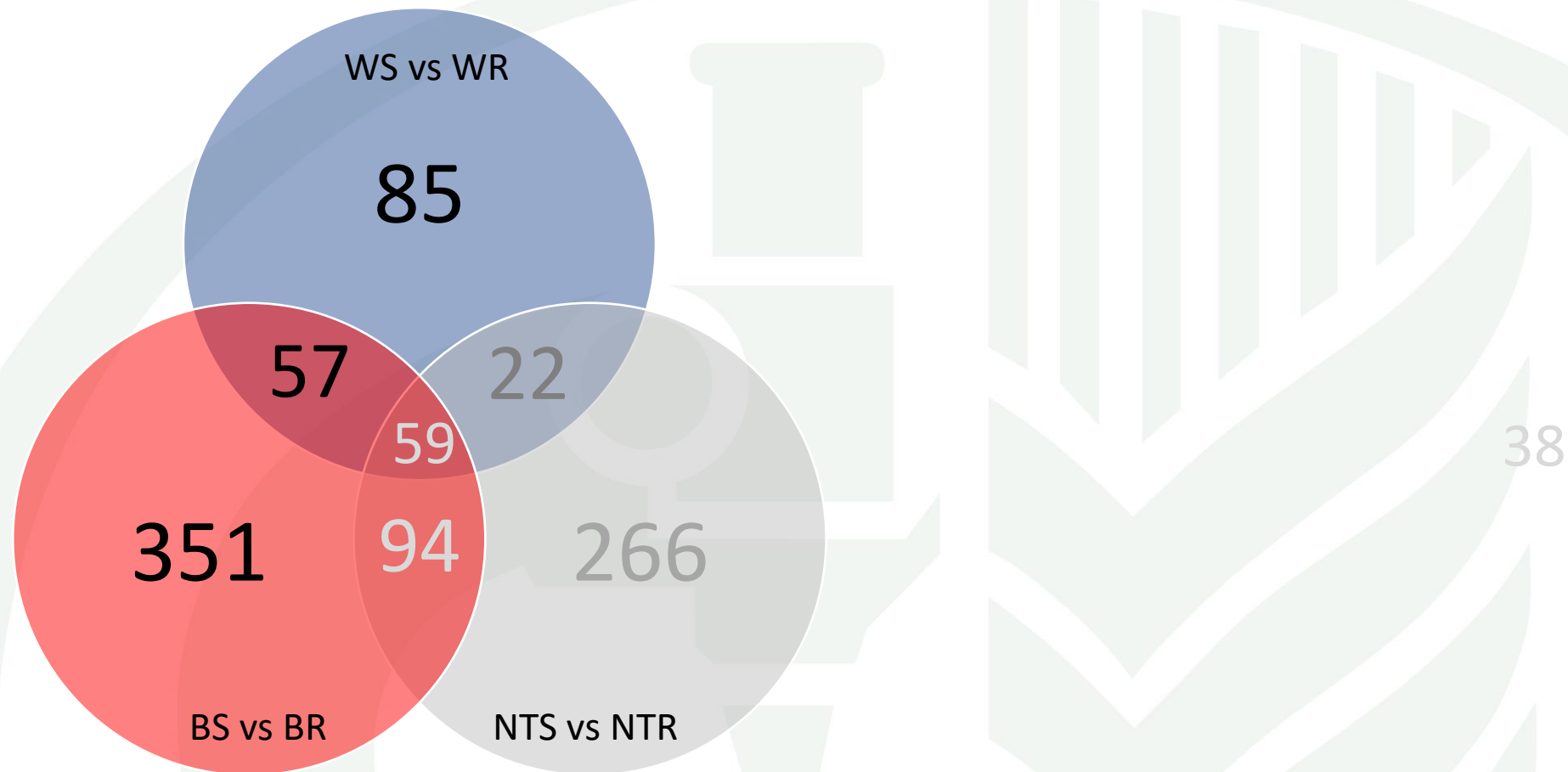




B – bacteria
NT – not treated
W – water
R – resistant
S – susceptible



Number of genes upregulated



(fold change $\lg_2 \geq 2.0$; $p \leq 0.05$)

Candidate genes

12 genes

- stress response,
- resistance to bacteria,
- pathogenesis related,
- resistance genes,
- defense mechanisms,
- pathogen recognition,
- wound healing

(Fold Change from 4 – 96)

13 genes

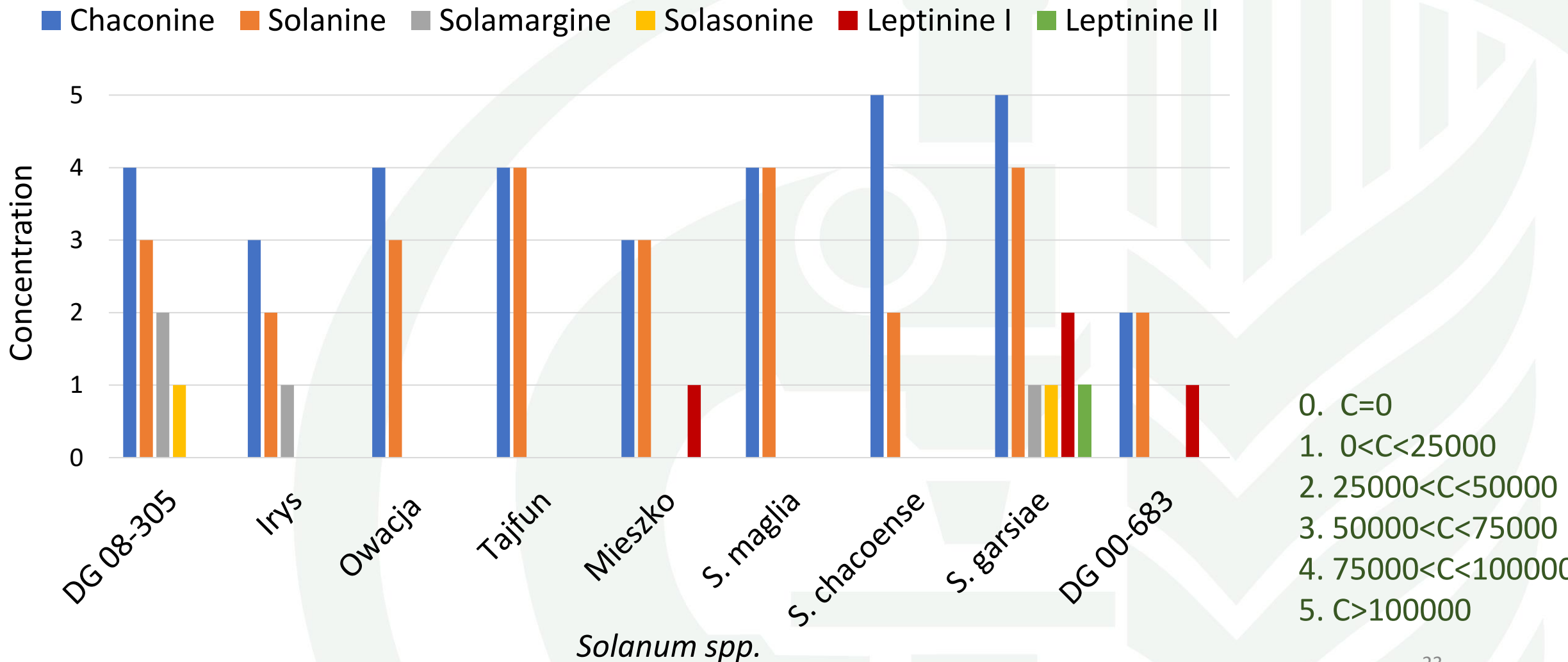
- Peroxidases (5 only BR)
- feruloyl Co-A,
- cytochrom P450

(Fold Change from 2 - 9)

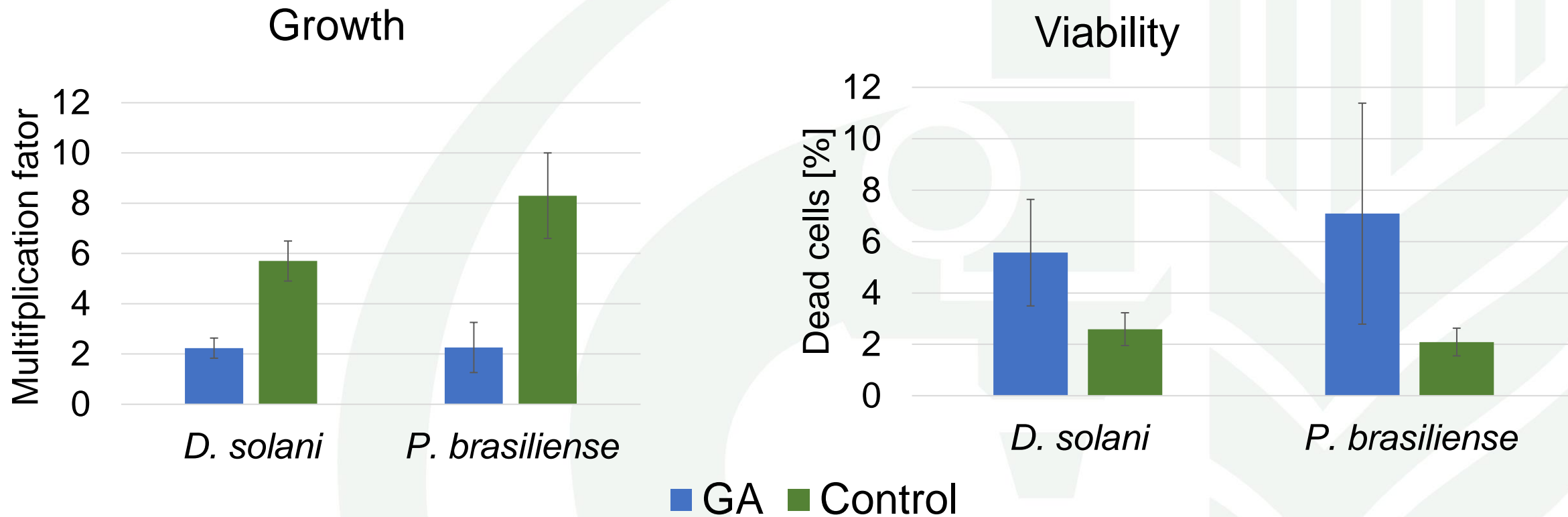
Take home message:

- Pectinolytic bacteria are brute-force pathogen with sophisticated systems of virulence.
- Bacteria can live in tubers/plants in latent forms, waiting for favorable conditions to start infection.
- There is no extreme resistance in potato.
- The highest resistance was found in hybrids originated from wild *Solanum* species, identified QTLs explain 39% of total variance.

The relative content of glycoalkaloids in leaves of *Solanum* spp. plants

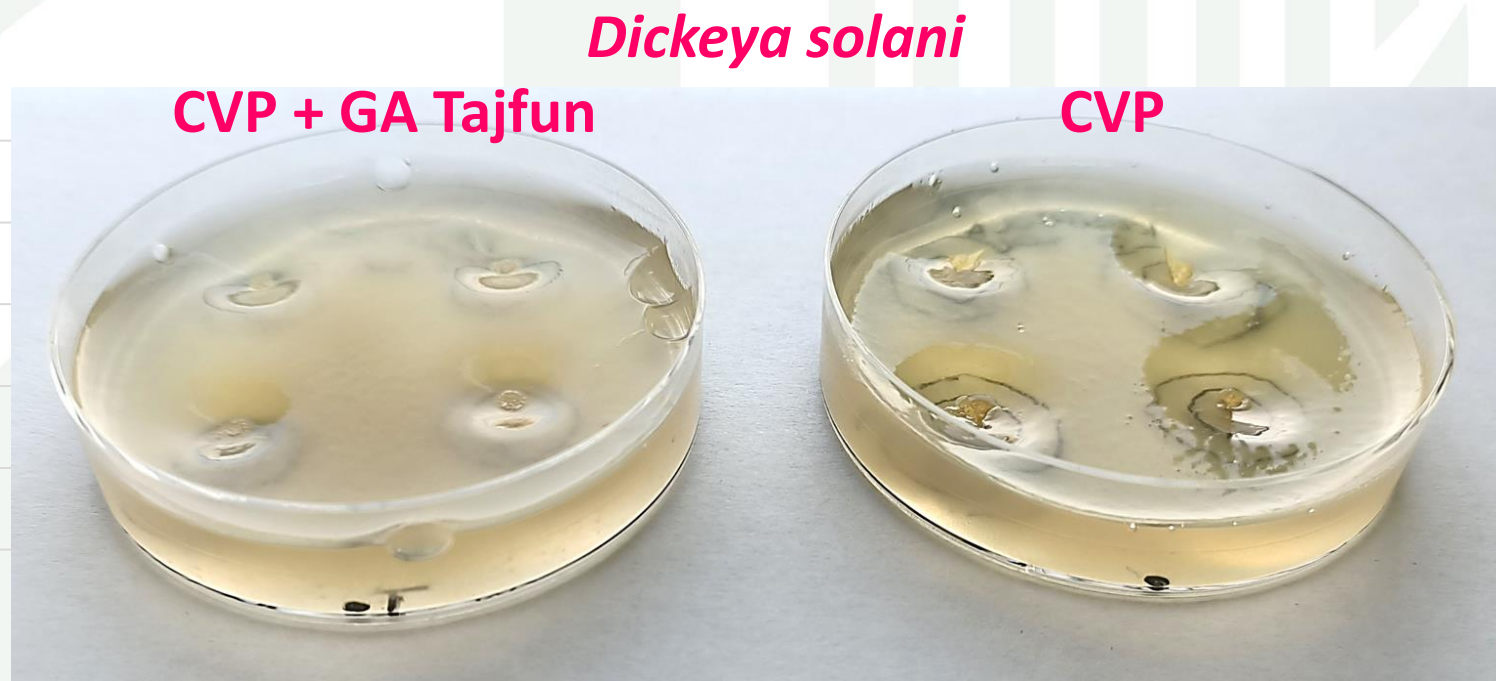
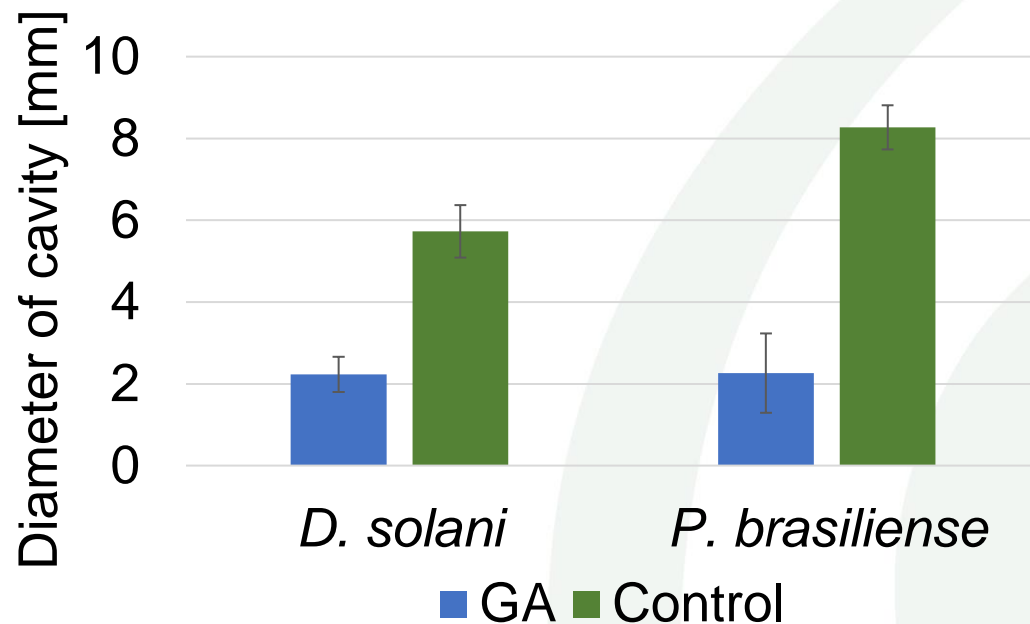


Bacterial growth and viability in LB medium with glycoalkaloids from leaves of different *Solanum* spp.

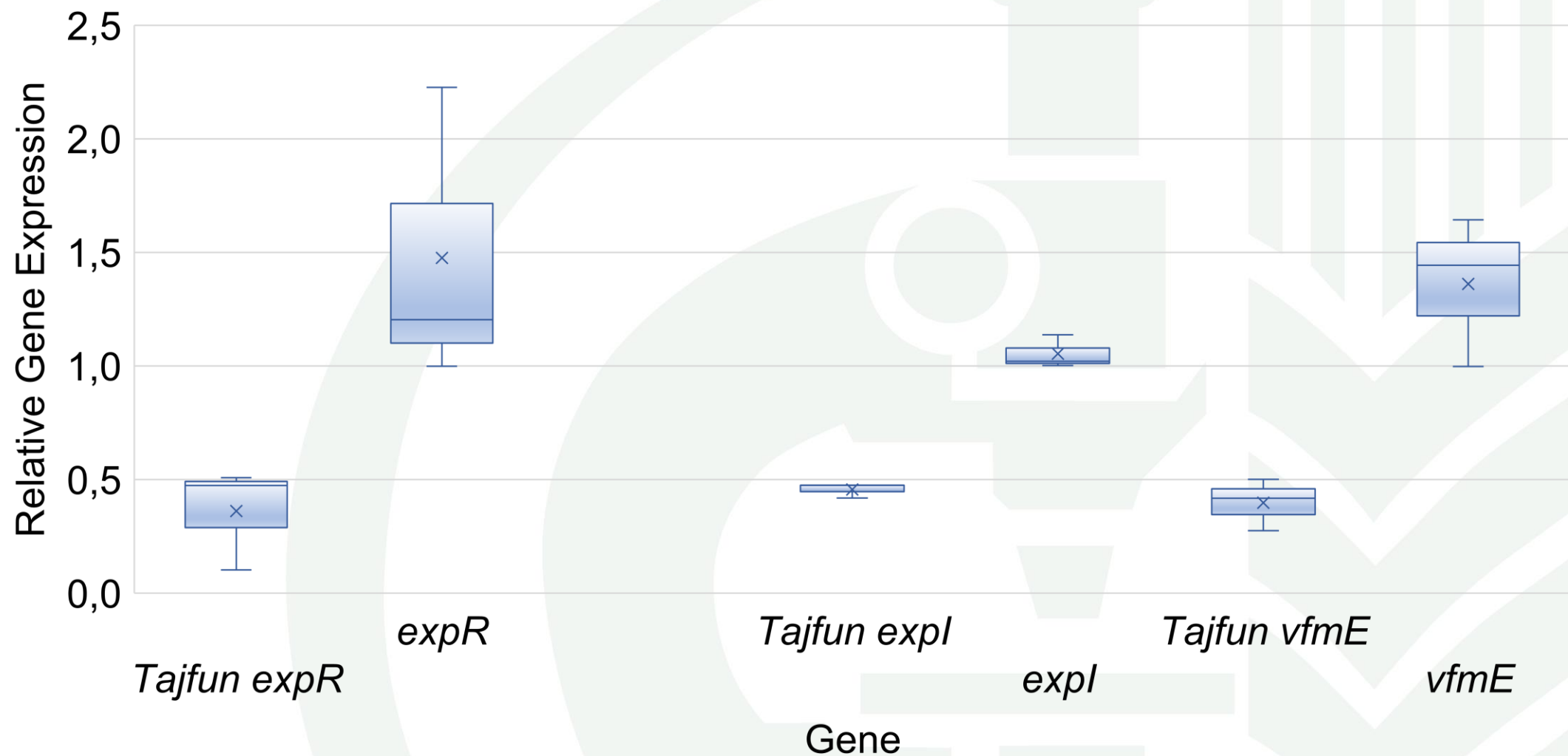


Pectinolytic activity of bacteria in Pectate medium with glycoalkaloids from leaves of *Solanum* spp

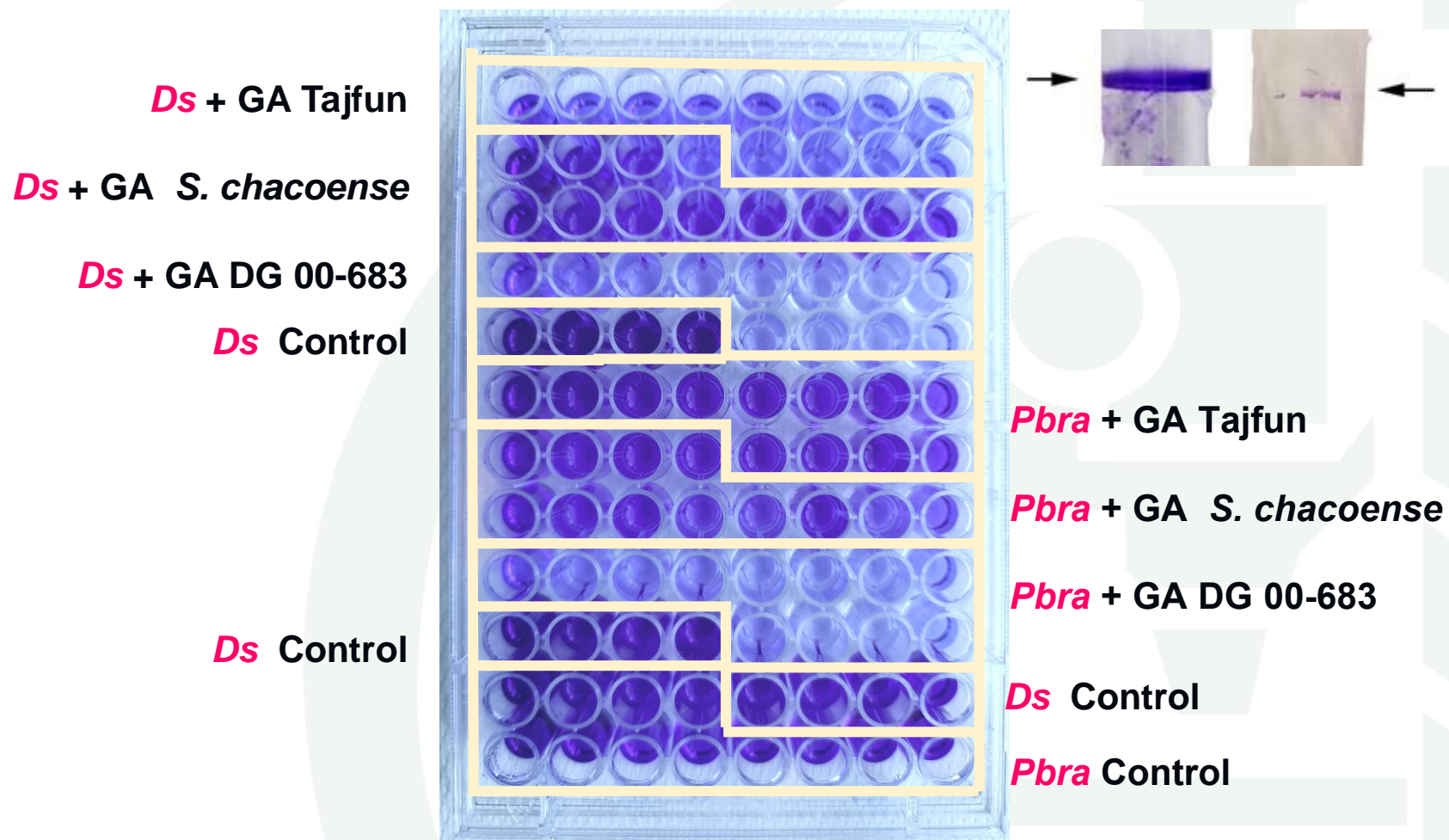
PCWDEs



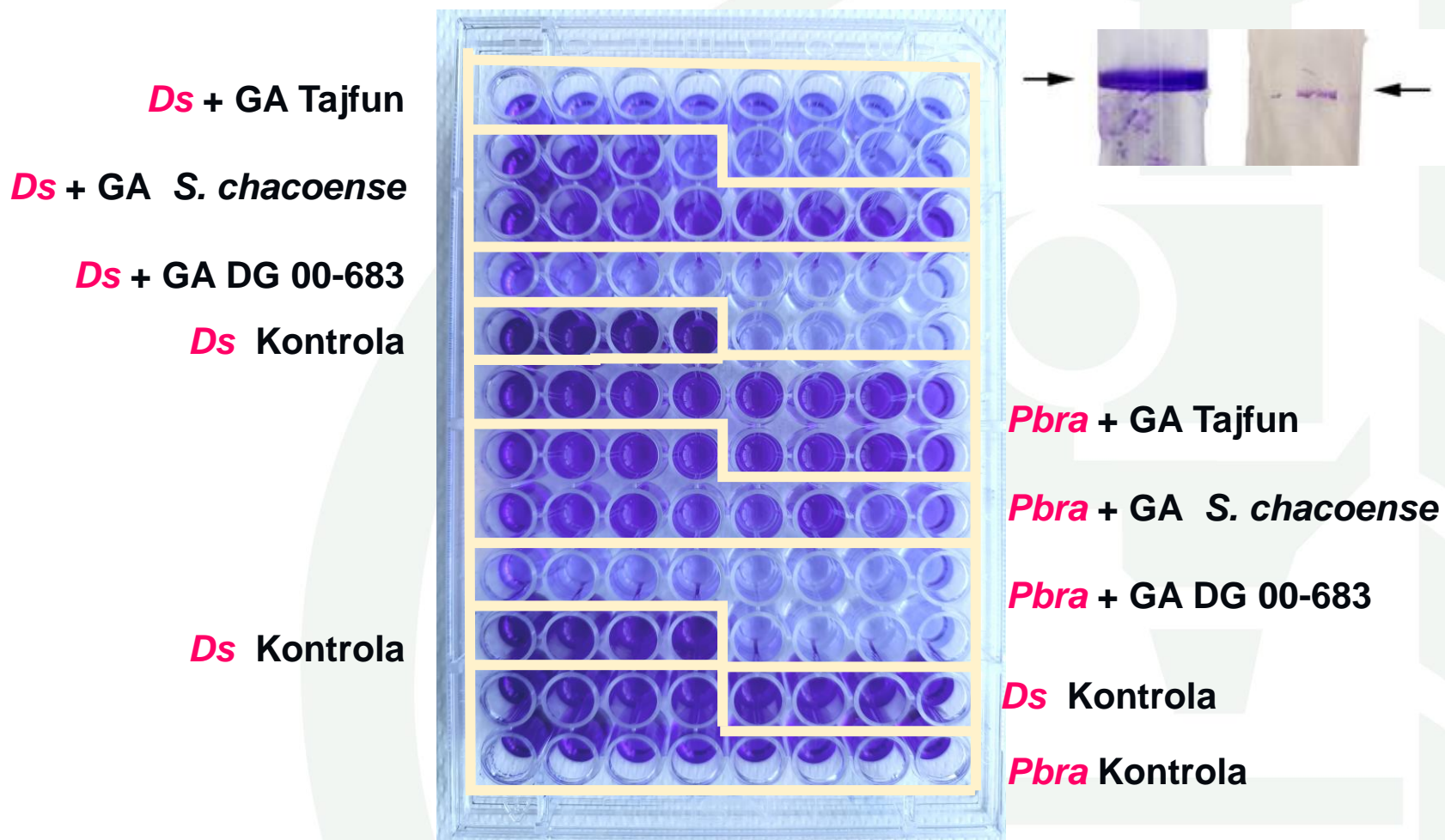
Gene expression in *D. solani* incubated in LB medium with glycoalkaloids from leaves of cv. Tajfun



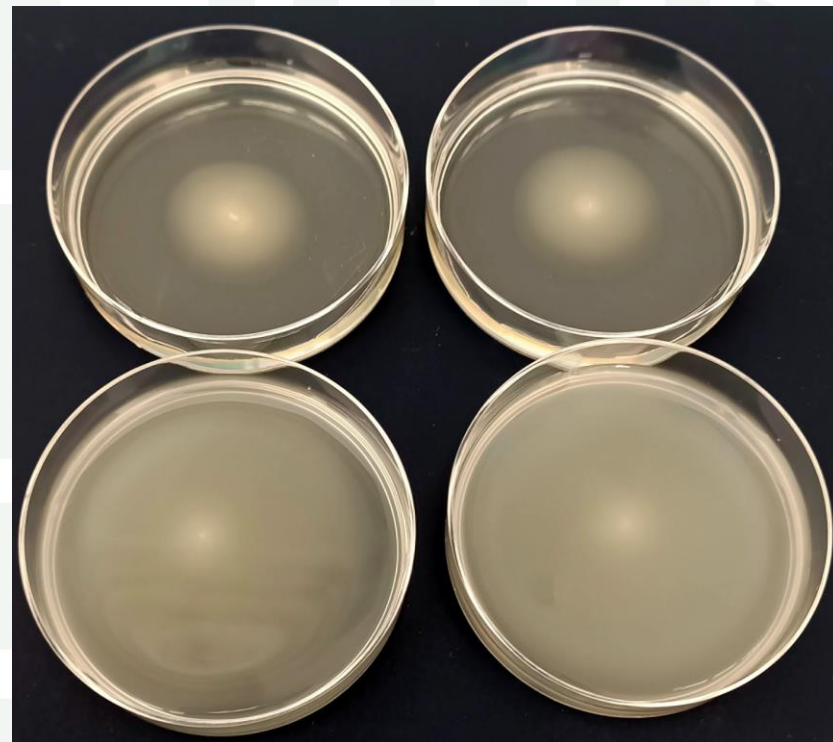
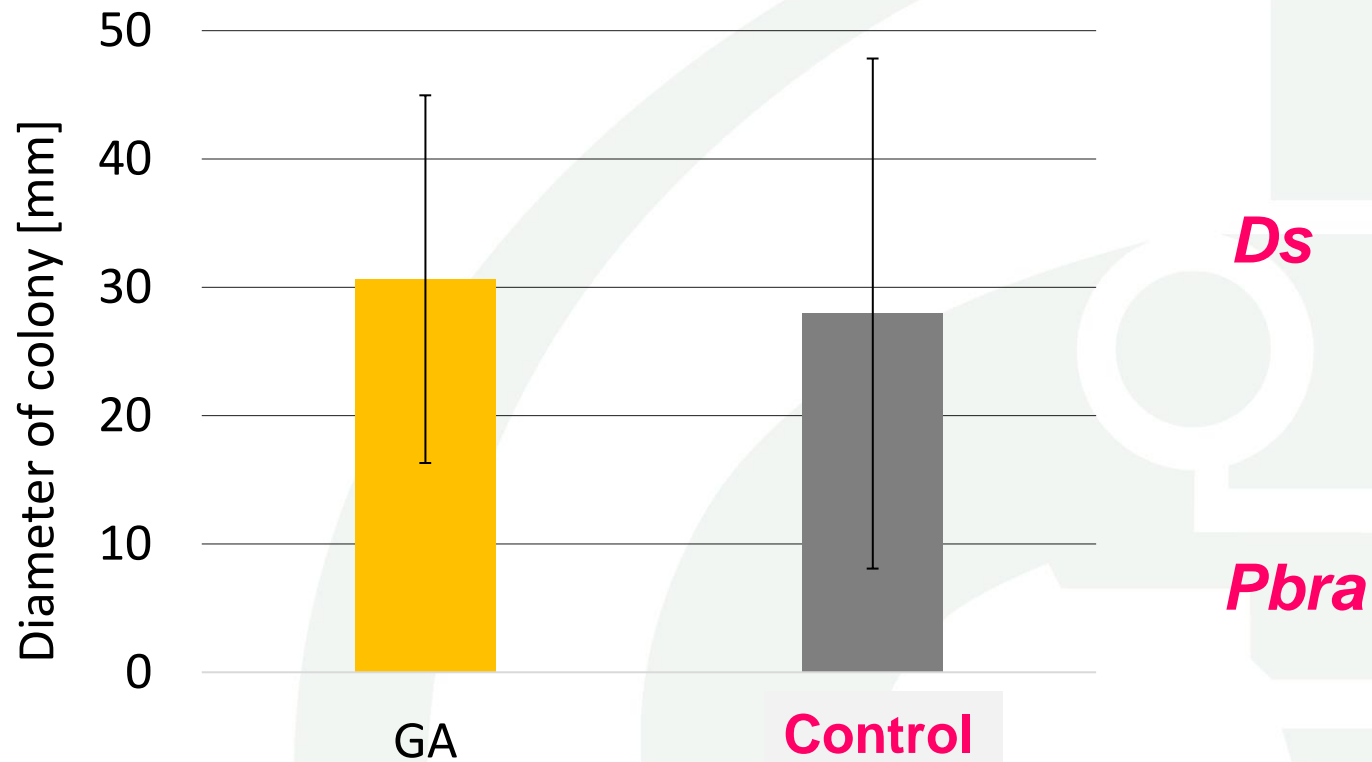
Biofilm formation with glycoalkaloids from leaves of *Solanum* spp



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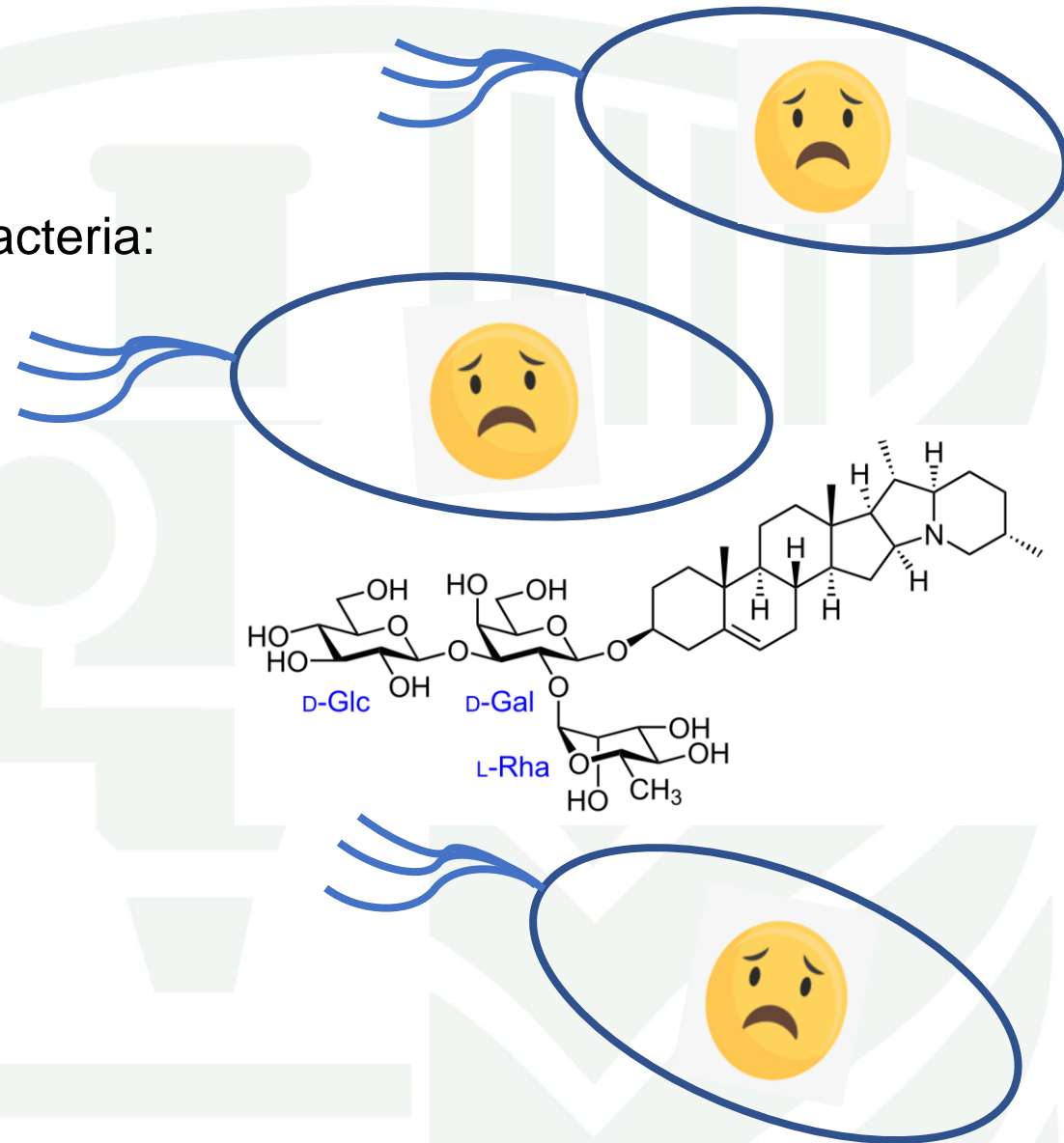
Swimming of bacteria *D. solani* and *P. brasiliense* with glycoalkaloids from leaves of *Solanum* spp plants, in Luria Berthani 2.5% agar medium



GA from cv. Tajfun, *S. chacoense* and DG 00-683

Take home message:

- **Glycoalkaloids** reduce the virulence of pectinolytic bacteria:
 - bacterial growth
 - pectinolytic activity
 - biofilm formation
 - QS key regulators genes
 - but not motility



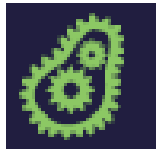
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Article

Increase of Glycoalkaloid Content in Potato Tubers by Greening as a Method to Reduce the Spread of *Pectobacterium* and *Dickeya* spp. in Seed Production Systems

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