

# Successful and unsolved cases in European fish larviculture: major gaps

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Blue growth:  
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económicamente coherente de  
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# Recursos materiales



# Docencia



3 Másteres



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Docencia  
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Cursos para  
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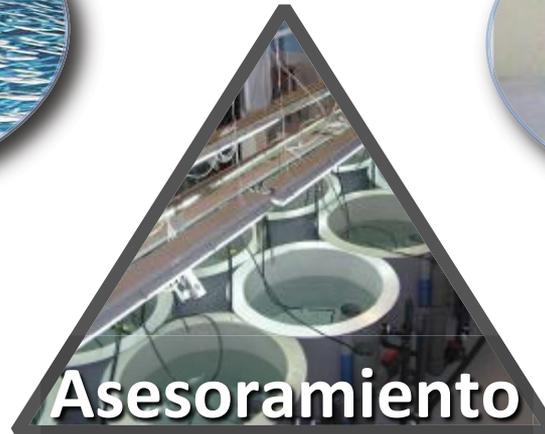


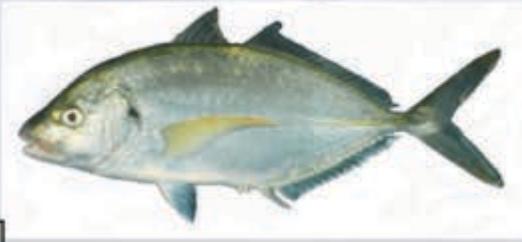
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# Colaboración con la industria



Se ha colaborado con mas de 80 empresas de distintos sectores







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Distribución de  
género: 1,14

2% del profesorado de la ULPGC en el 2014

Alcanzó el 11% de la productividad científica de la ULPGC

Aportó el 23% de la financiación competitiva externa conseguida por la ULPGC  
6 investigadores entre los 15 mejores índices h de la ULPGC

# Three EU-funded projects related to larviculture during the last 6 years



Seabream, seabass, carp, salmon, trout  
*S. aurata*, *D. labrax*, *C. carpio*, *S. salar*, *O. mykiss*

Meagre, seriola, pikeperch, wreckfish  
*A. regius*, *S. dumerili*, *S. rivoliana*, *L. lucioperca*, *P. americanus*





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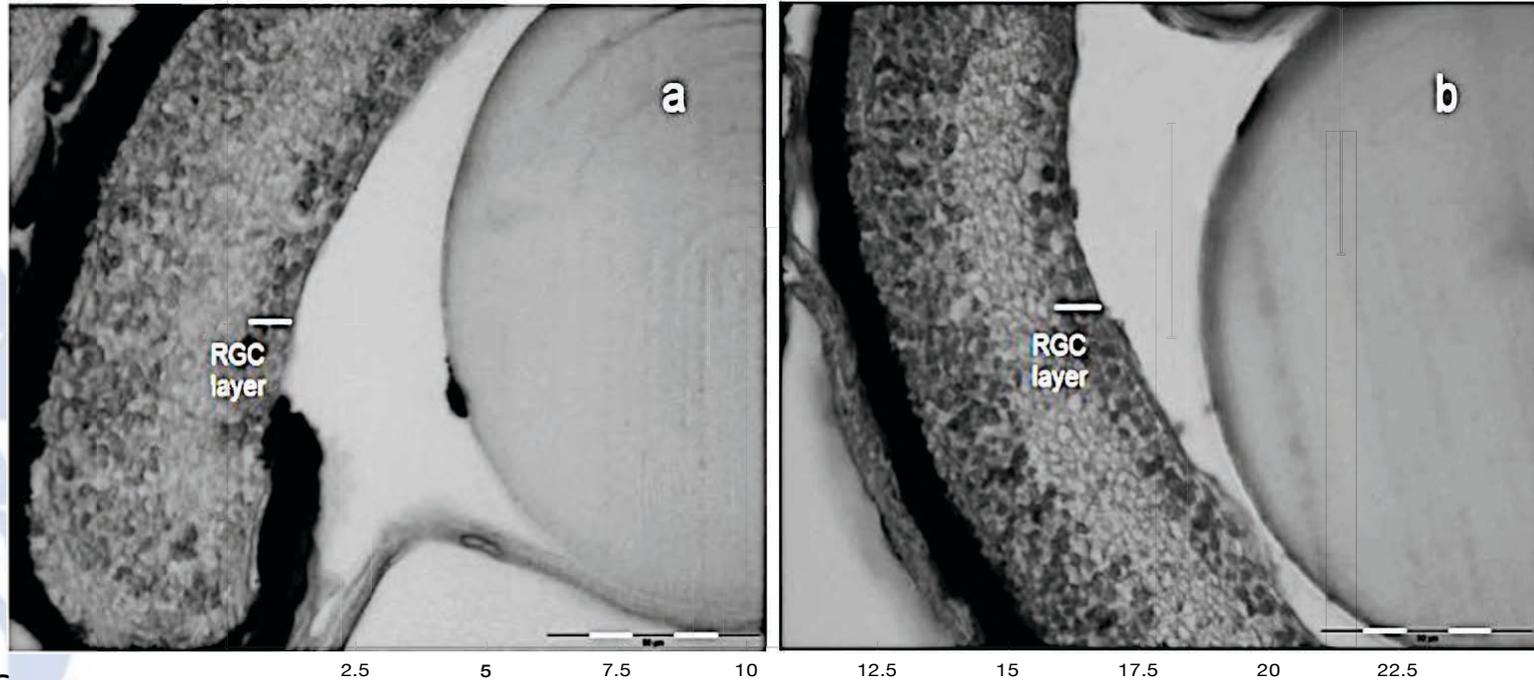
## Larvanet: Critical success factors for fish larval production in European Aquaculture

- **Basic knowledge on fish larvae biology**
  - Neural development
  - Bone development
  - Digestive tract development
  - Nutritional requirements
- **Quality indicators for larval production**
  - Biological
  - Morphological
  - Molecular
  - Health
- **Improved production protocols and hatchery management**



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# Desarrollo neural

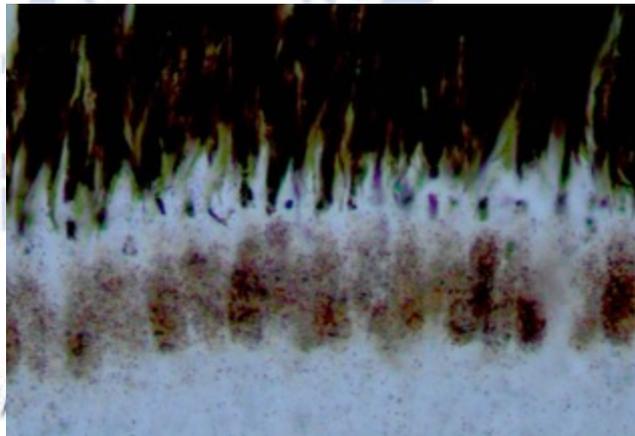


Castro et al., 2016

**n-3 HUFA\* Fatty Acids Content of the Diet**

El incremento de  $\omega$ -3 LC-PUFA en la dieta incrementa la densidad de células ganglionares en la retina (RGC)

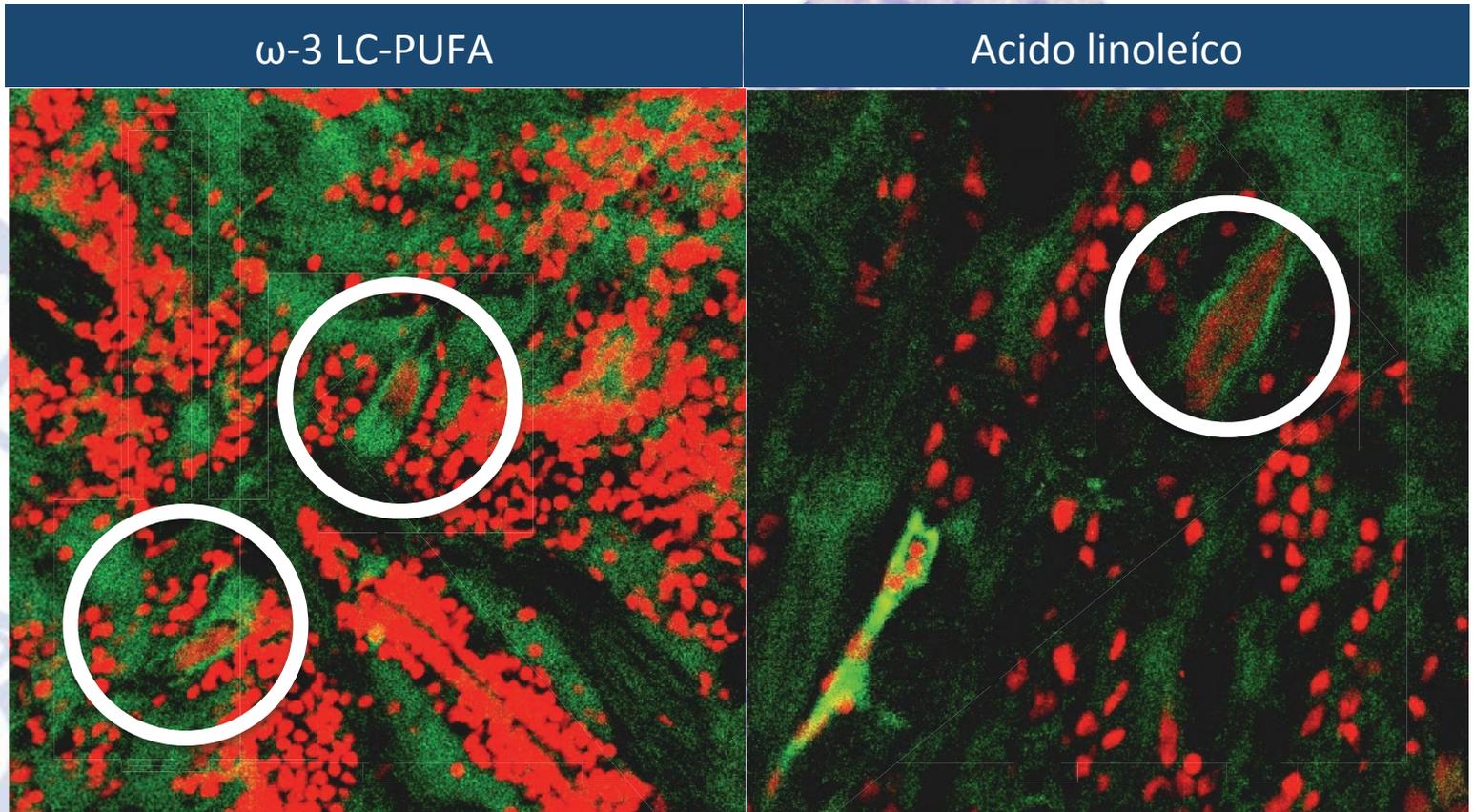
El tipo de Zn en la dieta afecta a su incorporación en la retina





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# Nutrición y desarrollo neural



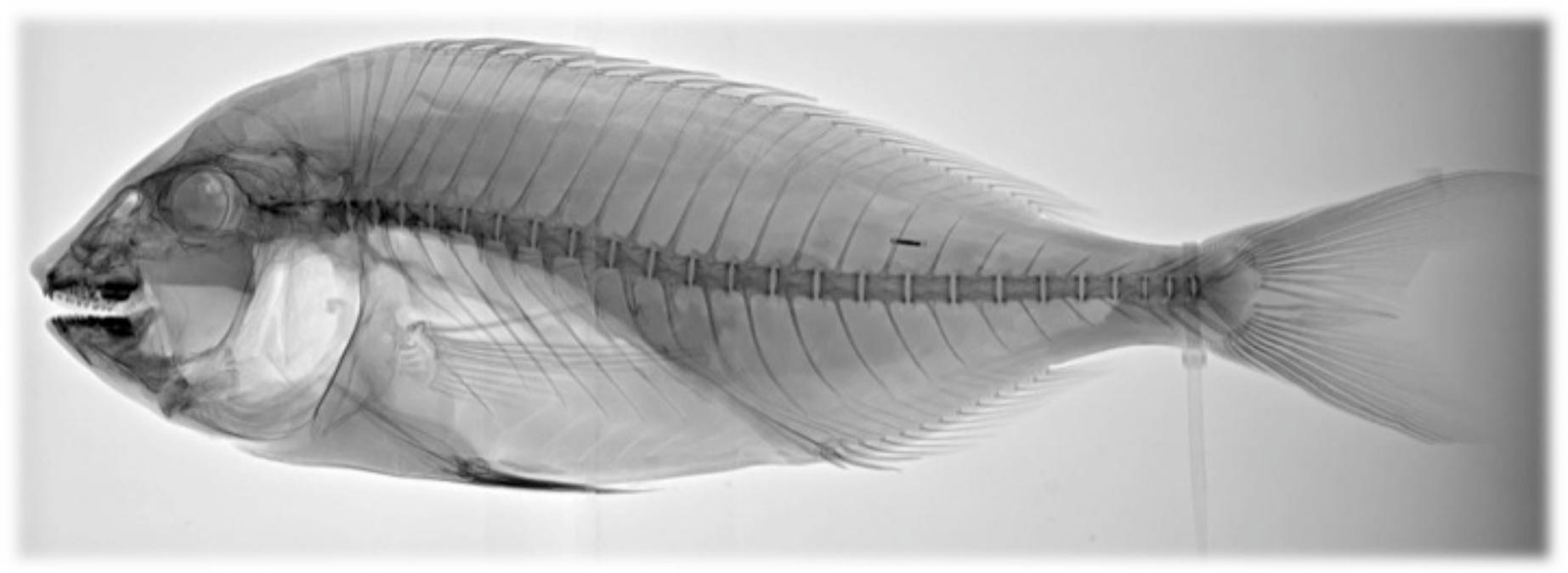
Benítez-Santana, et al., 2012  
Br. J. Nutr.,

Benítez-Santana, et al., 2014  
Physiology and Behavior

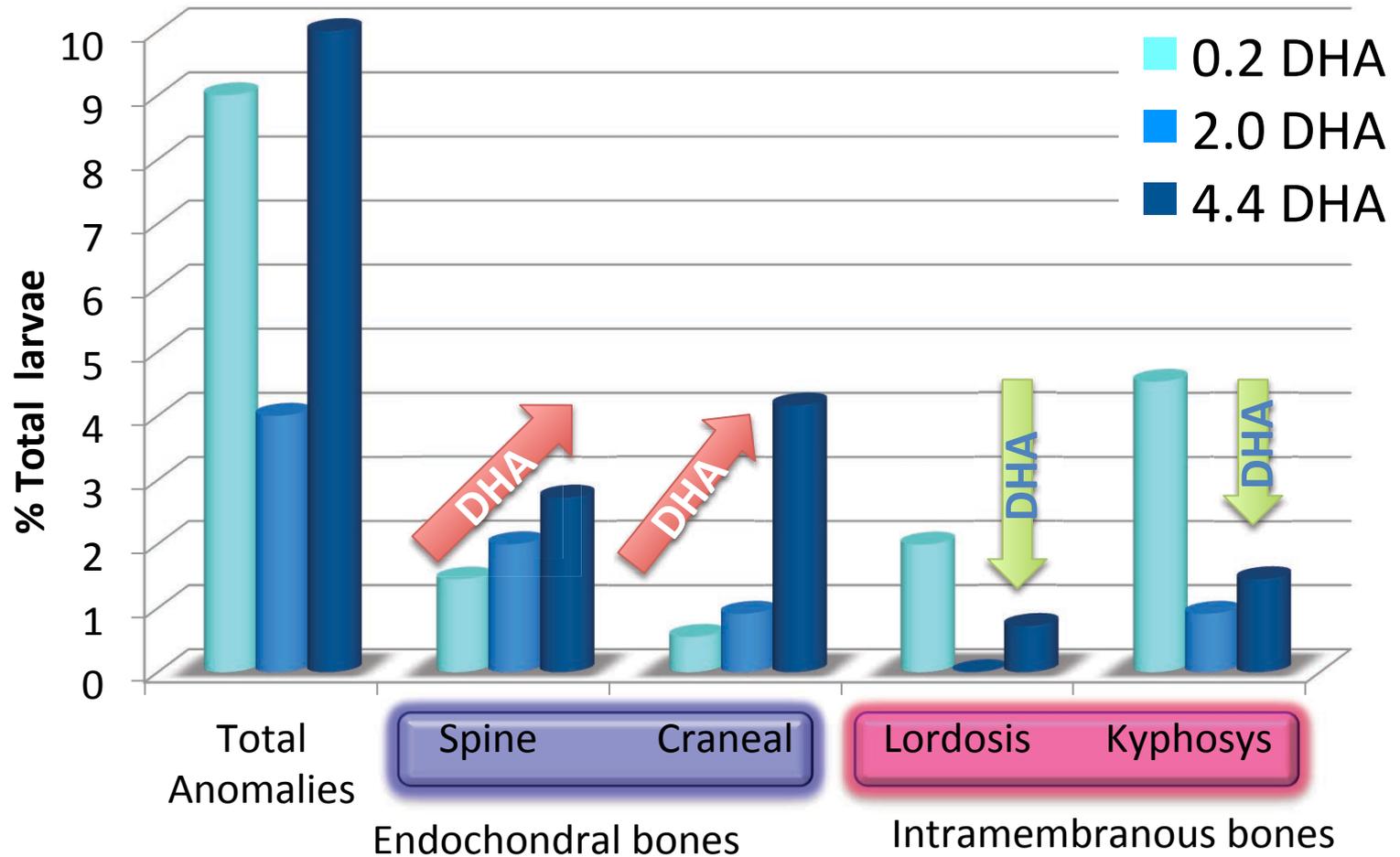
- Los  $\omega$ -3 LC-PUFA dietéticos afectan el comportamiento, desarrollo neural y actividad neuronal de dorada, bocinegro y pez cebrá



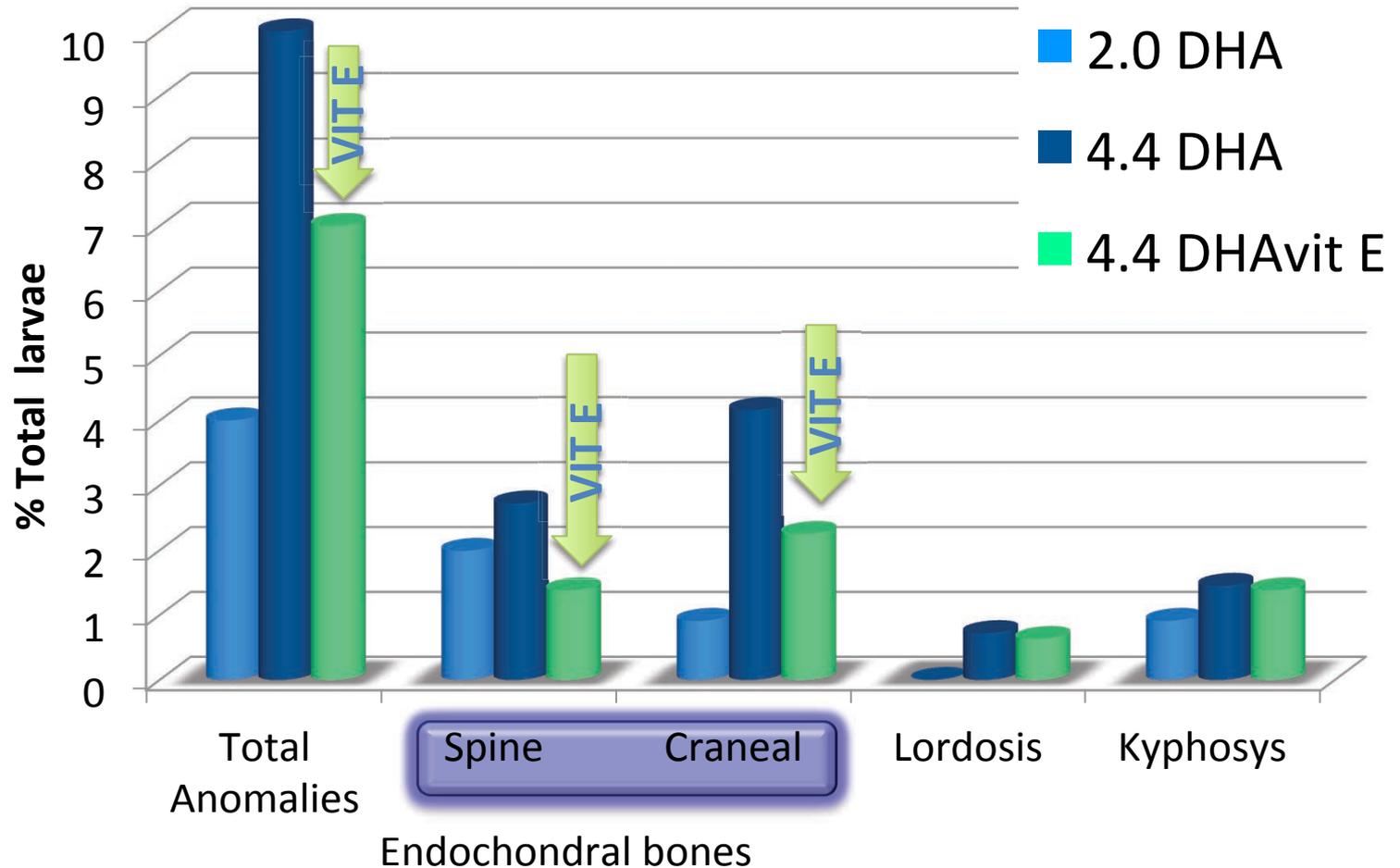
# Desarrollo óseo



In 45 dph gilthead seabream fed rotifers with increase DHA contents (from 0.2 to 4.6% d.w.) from 3 to 21 dph: Craneal and spines deformities were increased and lordosis and kyphosis reduced



# But $\alpha$ -tocopherol supplementation in rotifers high in DHA reduced craneal and spines deformities



Izquierdo et al., 2012 Br.J.Nutr.

# DHA incrementa la mineralización en larvas de peces



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2% DHA



0.2% DHA

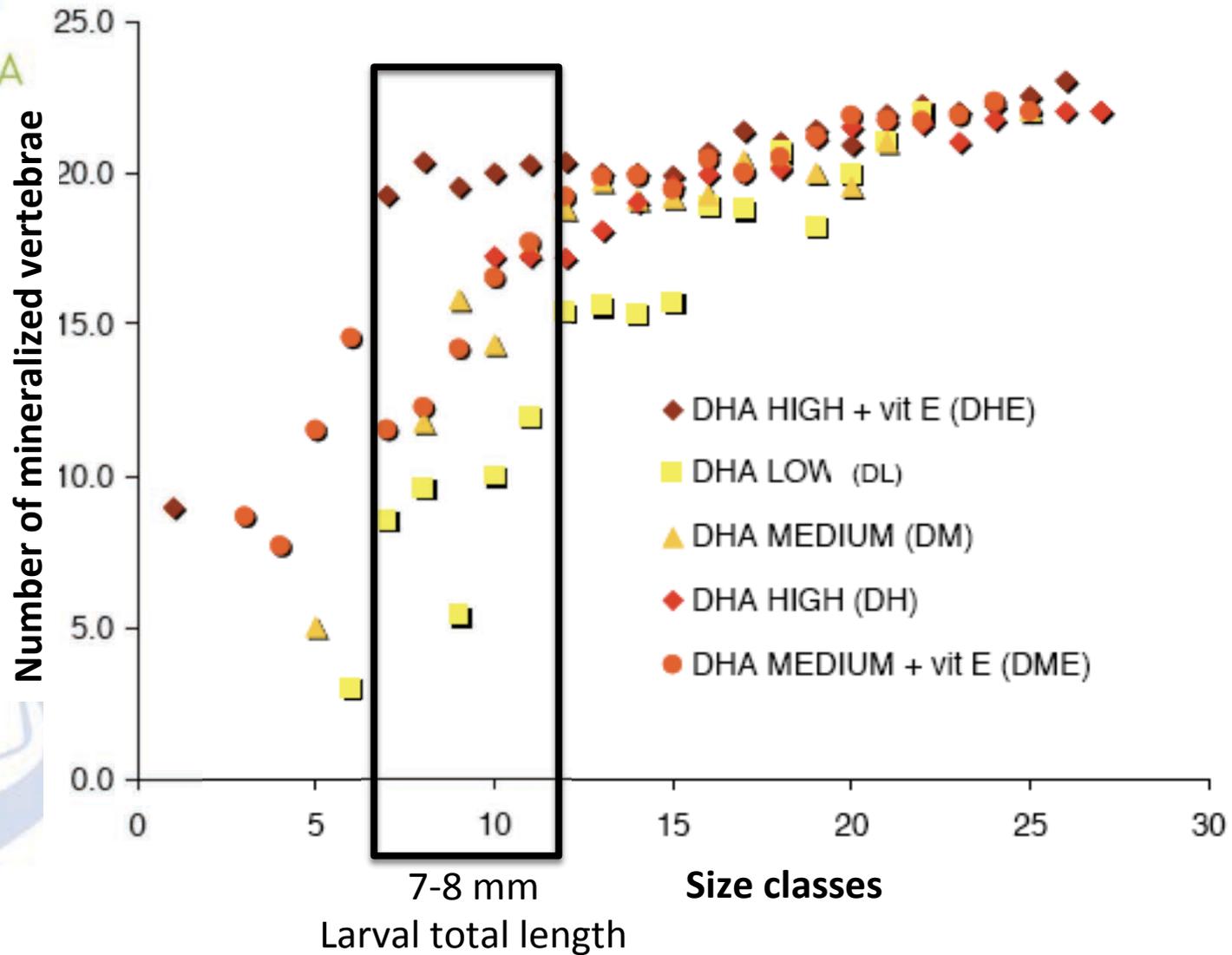


Izquierdo et al.,  
2012 Br.J.Nutr.



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# Distribution of the number of mineralized vertebrae for each size class of *S. aurata* fed different DHA and vit E levels



Izquierdo et al., 2012 Br.J.Nutr.

# Algunos resultados resumidos en Aquaculture Reviews

## **Fish larval nutrition and feed formulation - knowledge gaps and bottlenecks for advances in larval rearing**

Hamre, Kristin<sup>1\*</sup>, Manuel Yúfera<sup>2</sup>, Ivar Rønnestad<sup>3</sup>, Clara Boglione<sup>4</sup>, Luis E.C. Conceição<sup>5</sup>,  
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# EARLY MARKERS FOR FISH JUVENILES QUALITY

- Early quality parameters, from industry and research, used as predictors of fish larval and

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Transcriptómica

Metabolómica

Science-based certification to aquaculture

Nutrigenómica

Epigenética

Microbiota

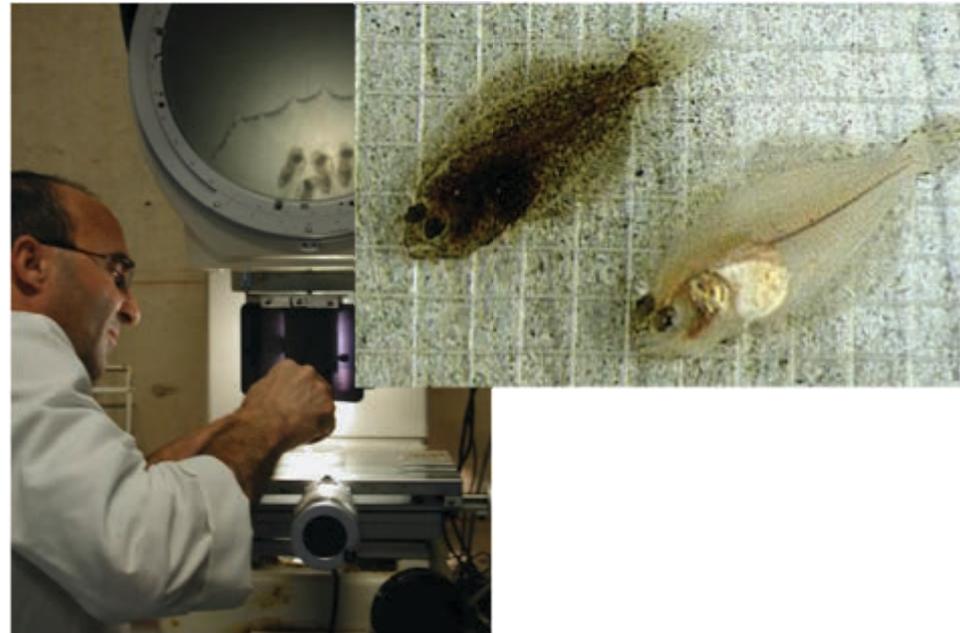
Metanálisis



# BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS

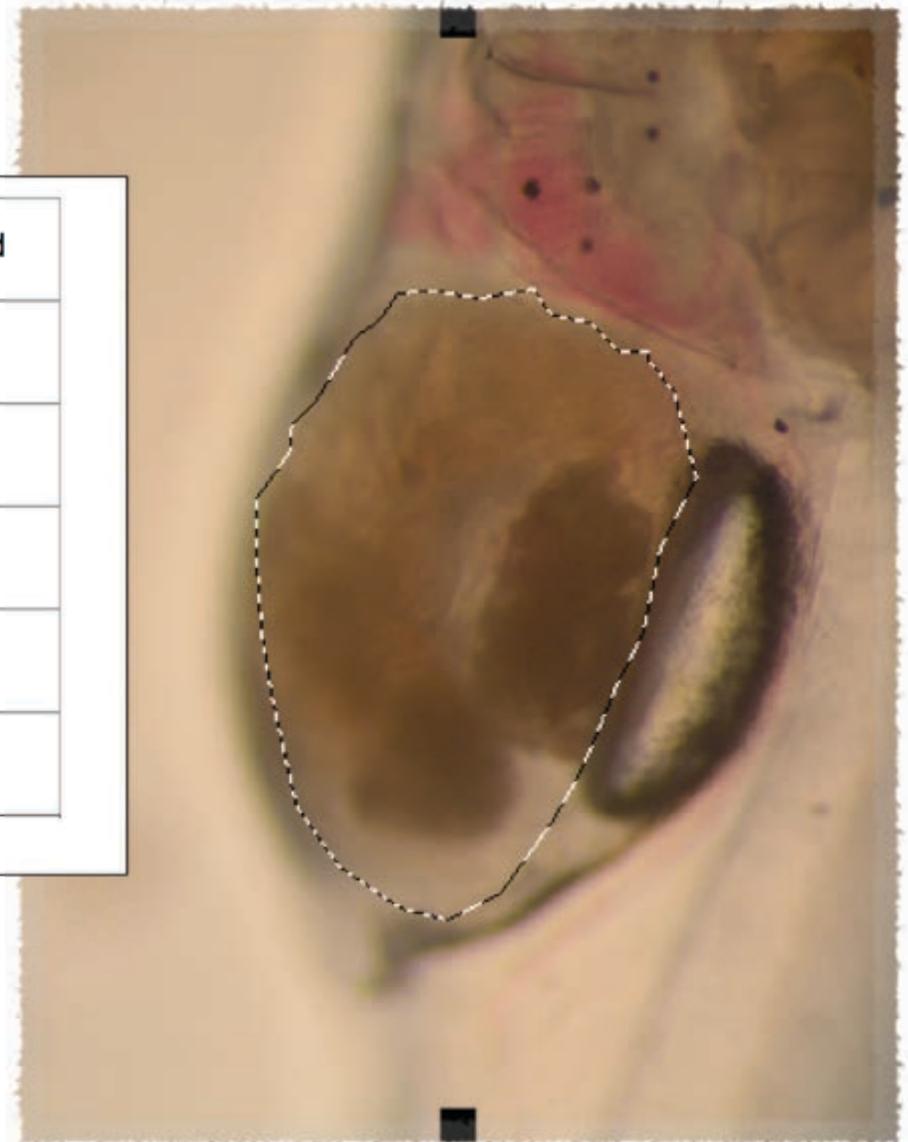
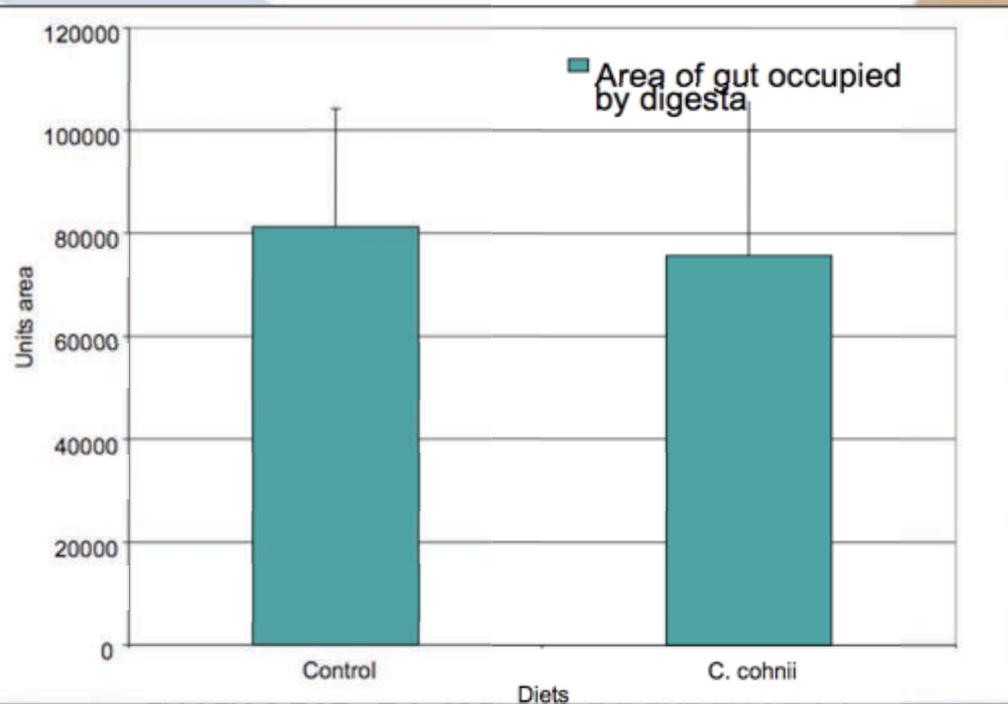
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- Methodology: age, representative numbers, method:
  - Survival
  - Standard length
  - Whole body (dry) weight
  - Feed acceptance
  - Pigmentation
  - Development
  - Biochemical composition



# BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS

● Methodology: age,



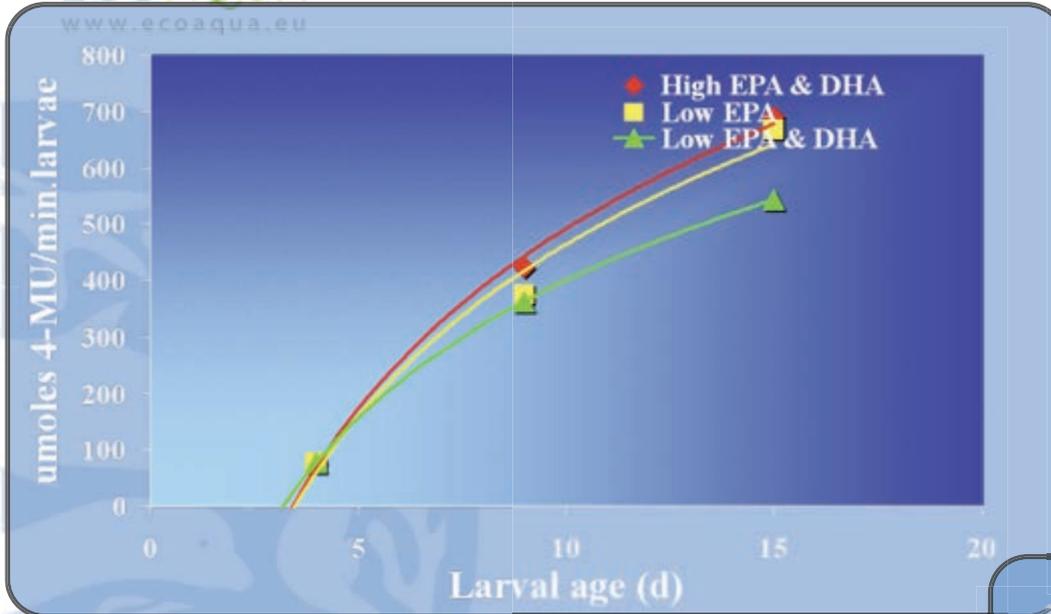
Liu et al., 2002; Izquierdo et al.,  
in press



# PHYSIOLOGICAL INDICATORS

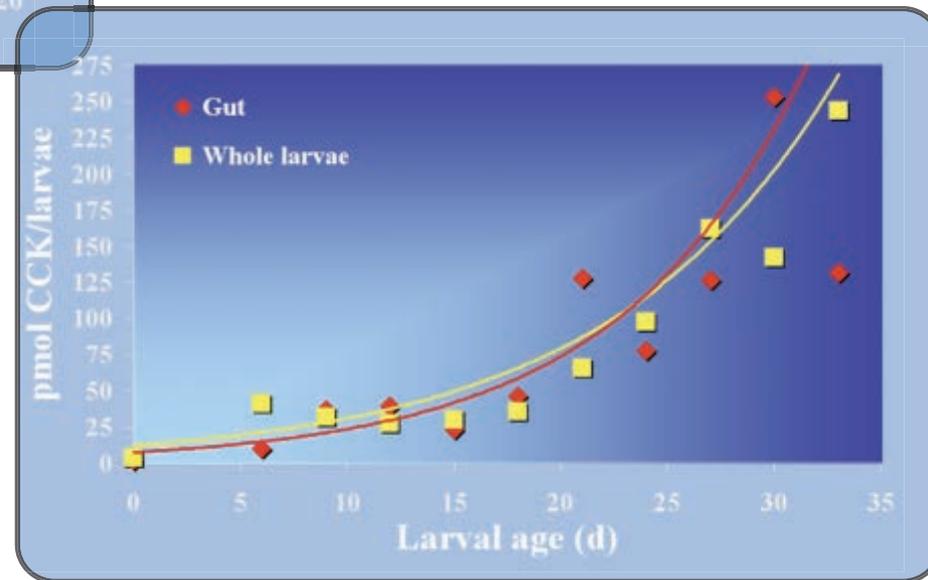
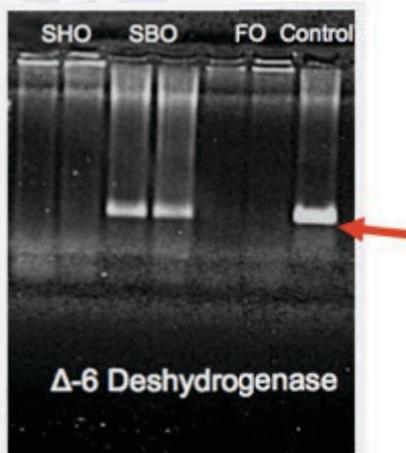
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- Digestive enzymes
- Digestive hormones
- Reacilation enzymes
- Desaturase gene expression

Izquierdo et al., 2008

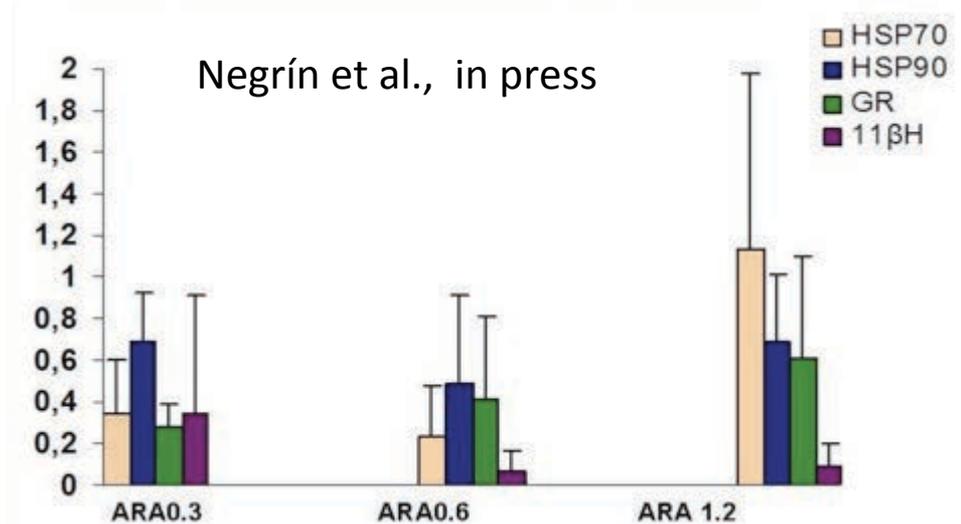
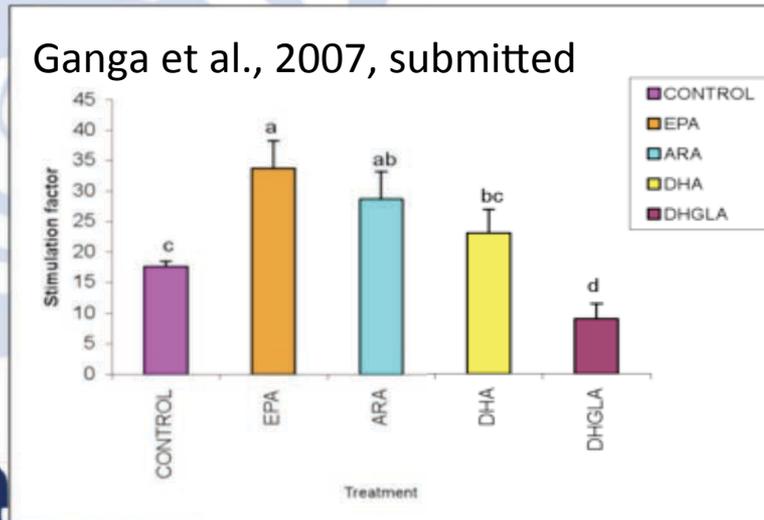
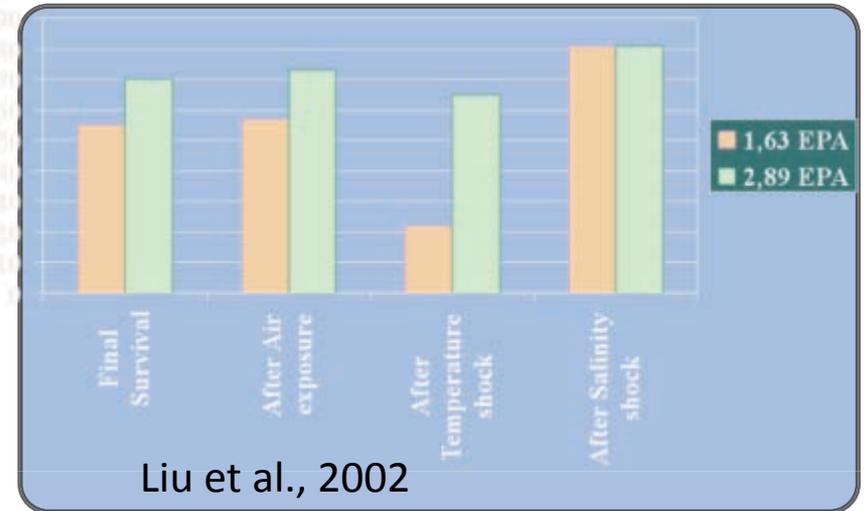




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# STRESS RESPONSE

- Air, temperature, salinity response
- HSP as molecular markers of stress response
- In vitro cell culture studies

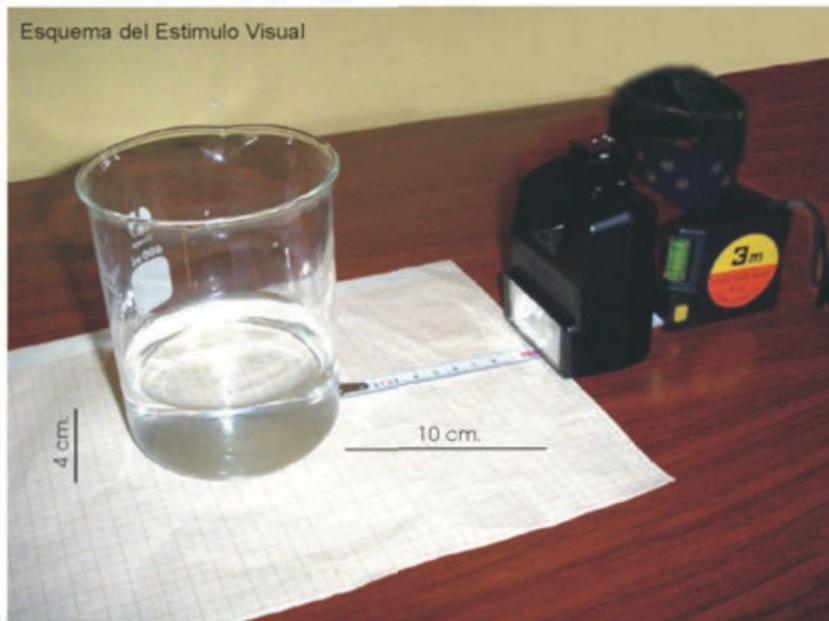




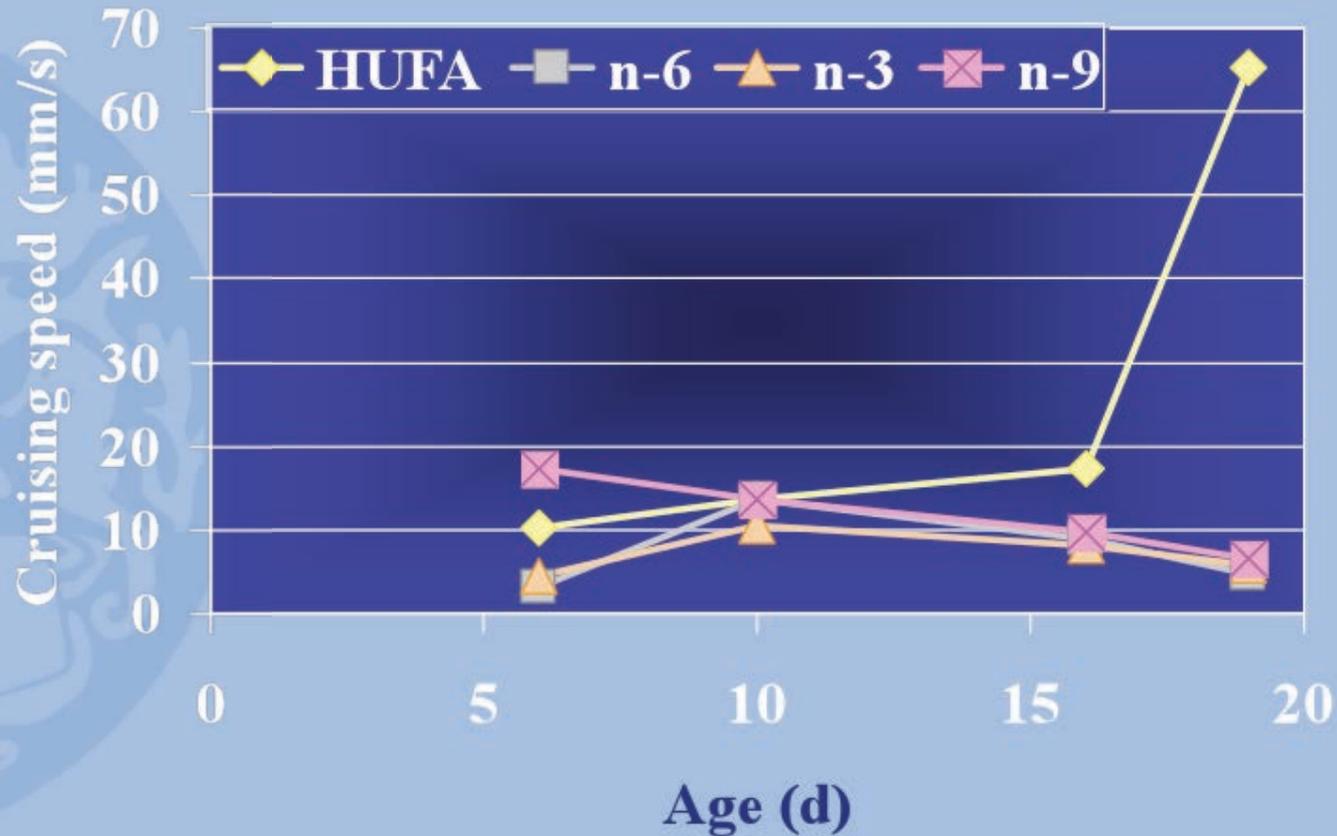
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# BEHAVIOUR INDICATORS

- Video-recorded swimming speed
- Response to visual or sound stimuli
- Video image analysis of quantifiable parameters

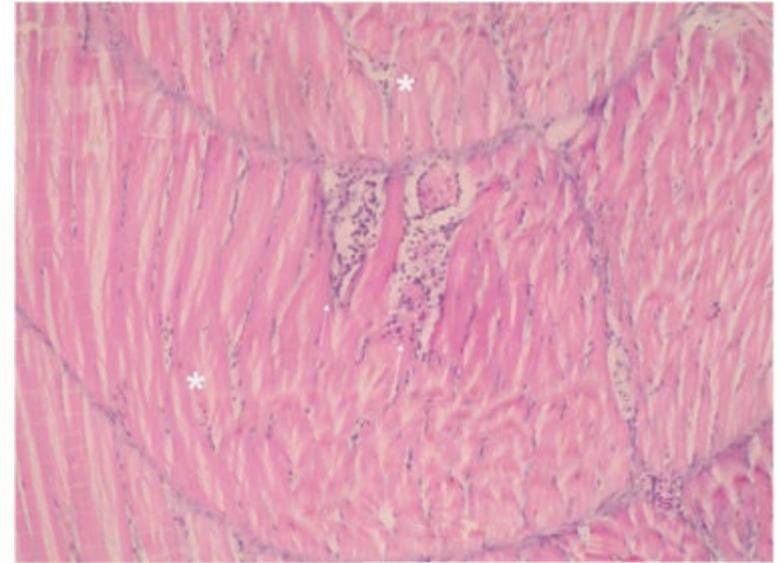
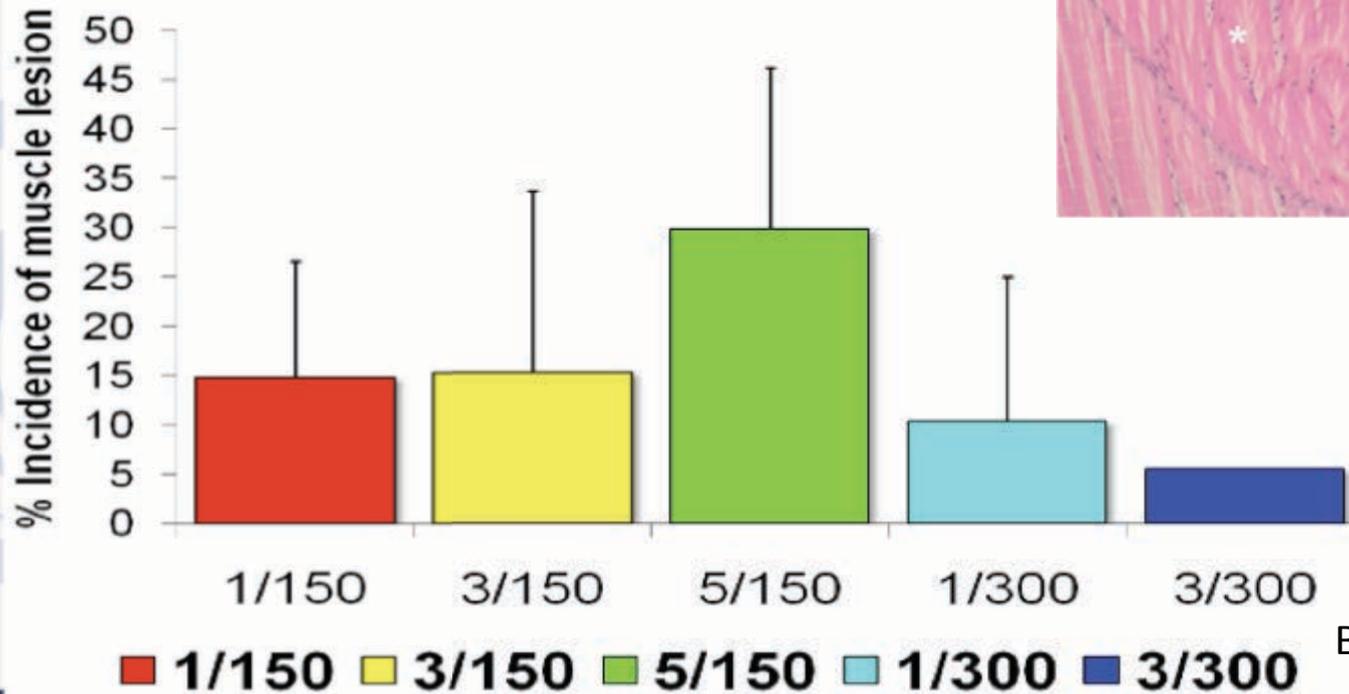


# BEHAVIOUR INDICATORS



Benítez et al., 2007, in press

# MUSCULAR DEVELOPMENT



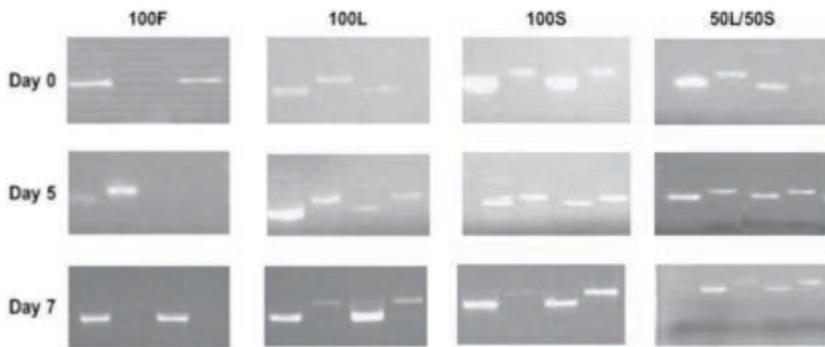
Betancour et al., in press



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# MOLECULAR MARKERS OF IMMUNE RESPONSE

## Markers of immune response



Detection of Mx transcripts by Rt-PCR

Fig 4

Mx kinetic of response to a sublethal dose of p.d.s.p

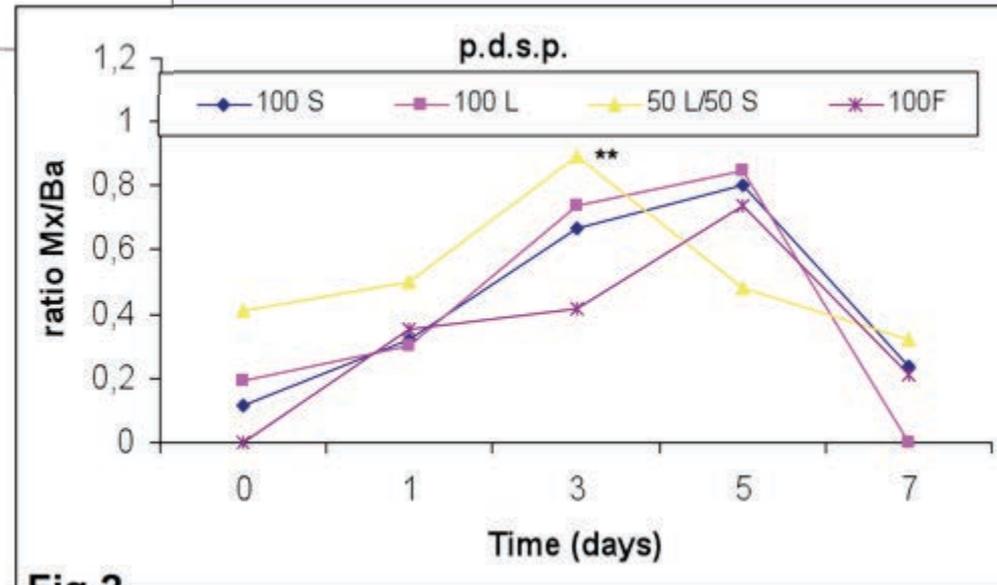


Fig 2

Montero et al., in press

# DETECTION OF QTLs FOR SKELETAL DEFORMITIES IN GILTHEAD SEABREAM (*Sparus aurata* L).

- The aim of the present study was to analyze the existence of QTLs (Quantitative Trait Loci) affecting the most important skeletal deformities in this specie, which could be used as a tool to minimize the prevalence of these deformities in this species under genetic breeding programs
- A set of 13 multiplex PCR reactions (Negrín-Báez et al., 2015a) containing 106 microsatellite markers that covers 100% of the linkage groups was used for analyze fish from 3 different studies
- The QTLs detected for lack of operculum deformity in study 2, explain about 25% of phenotypic variation for this deformity
- QTLs detected for vertebral fusion, lordosis and jaw deformity showed low values of phenotypic variation.



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- Transfer of nutrients to the embryo
- Transfer of nutrients to the larvae
- Development of microdiets
- Nutritional requirements of fish larvae
  - Phospholipids
  - Vitamins
  - Minerals
  - Interactions Vit E/VitC, PL/Vit E, Tau/Vit E/Vit C
- Nutritional Programing

# Specific requirements for marine fish larvae are not well known

Fatty acids

Phospholipids

Vitamins

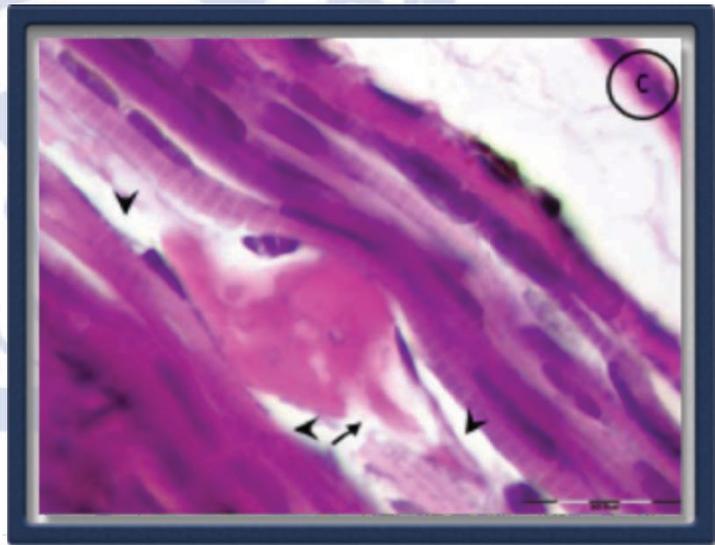
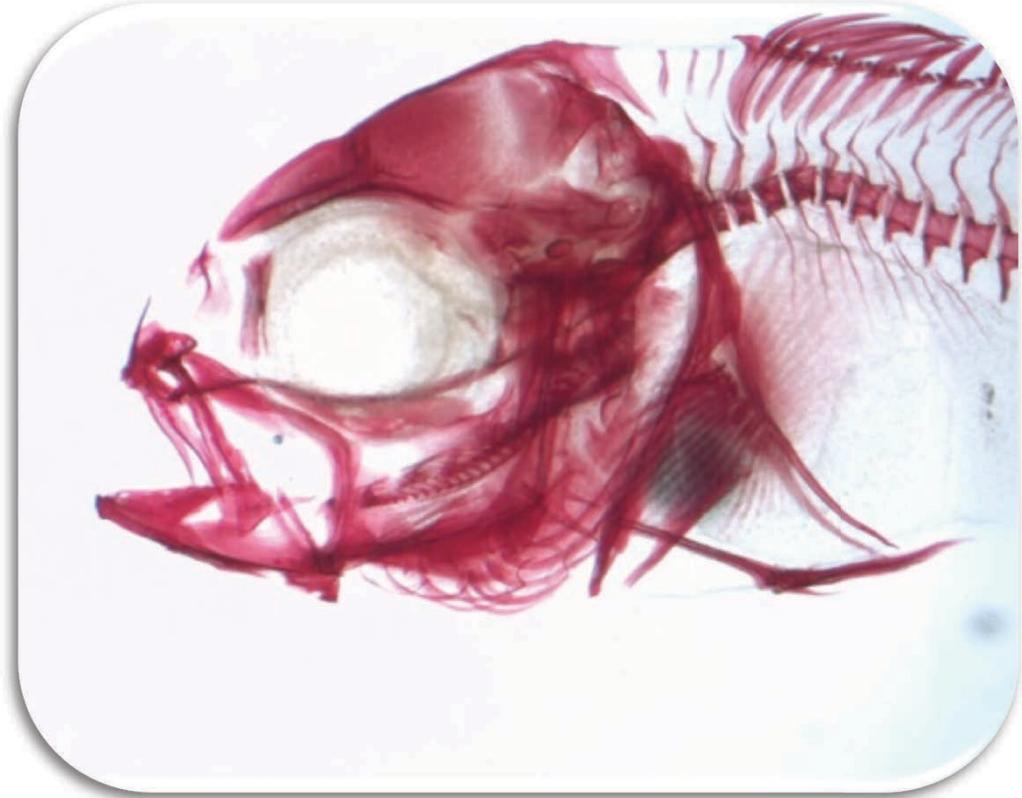
Minerals





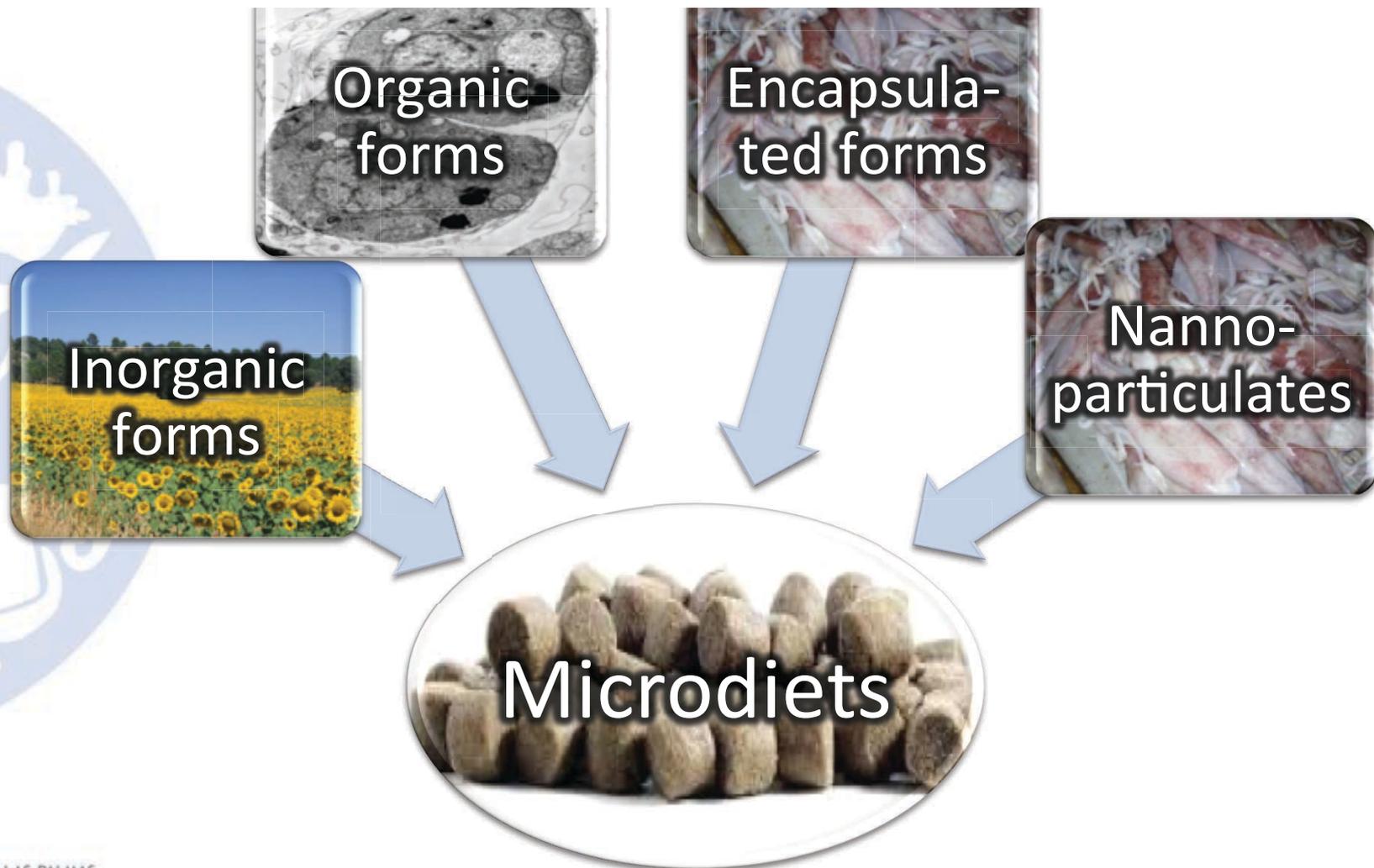
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Live preys are much lower in certain minerals than copepods, marine fish larvae natural prey, and even lower than the NRC requirements for juveniles



Marine fish larvae are exposed to a high oxidative risk

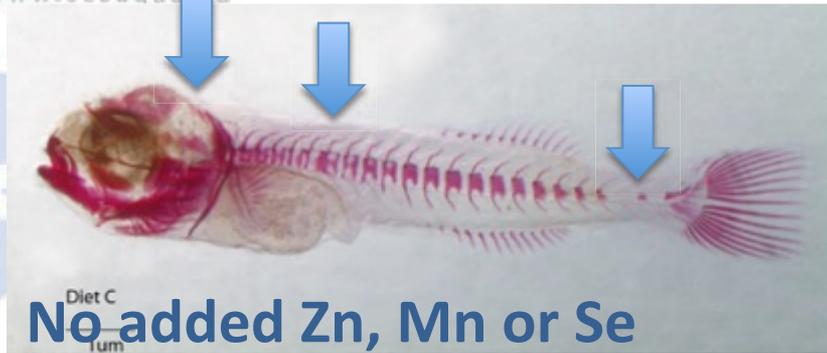
# Effect of dietary Fe, Mn, Se or Zn in organic, inorganic, nanometals or encapsulated form for seabream larvae





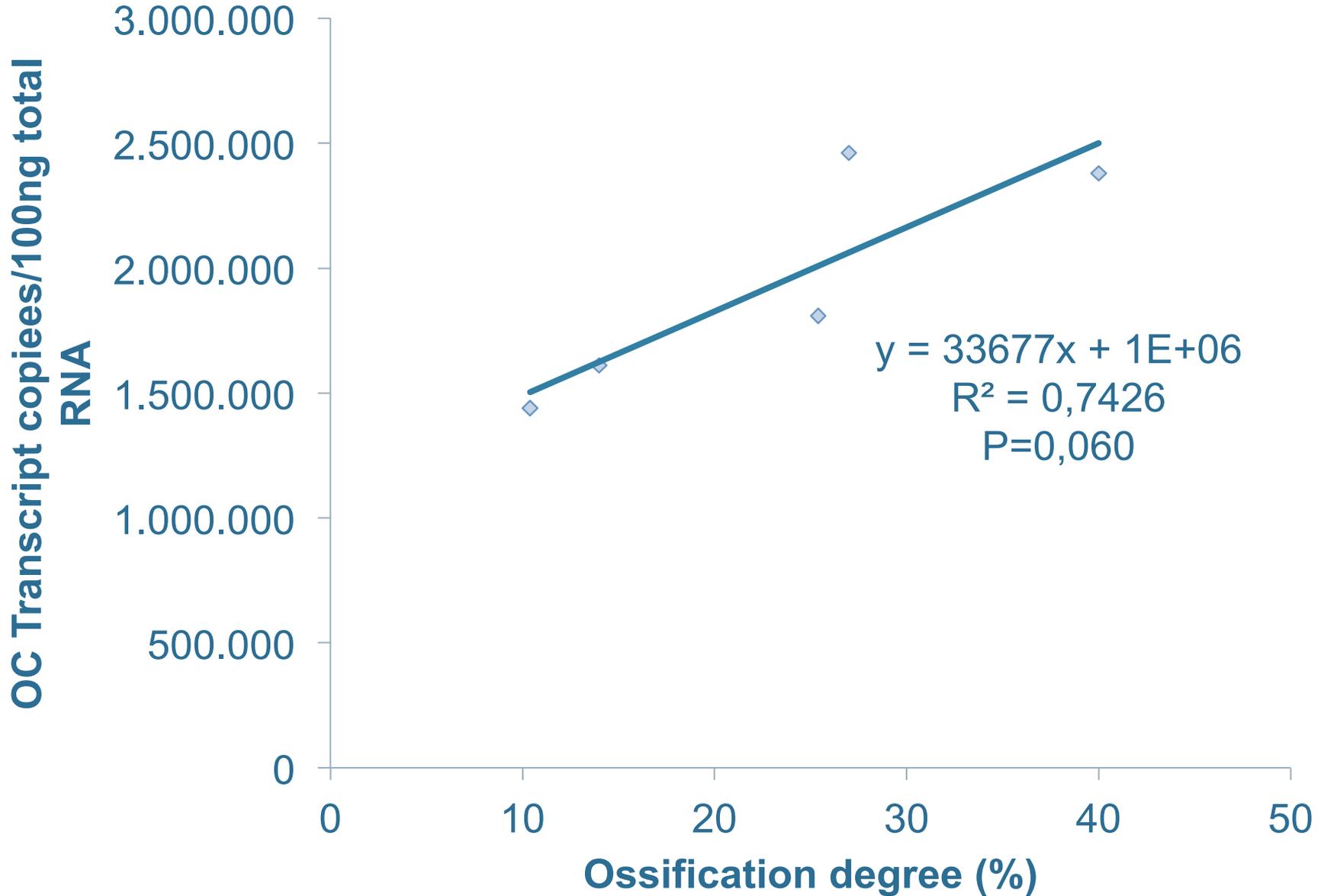
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# Bone mineralization of seabream larvae fed microdiets with different mineral sources



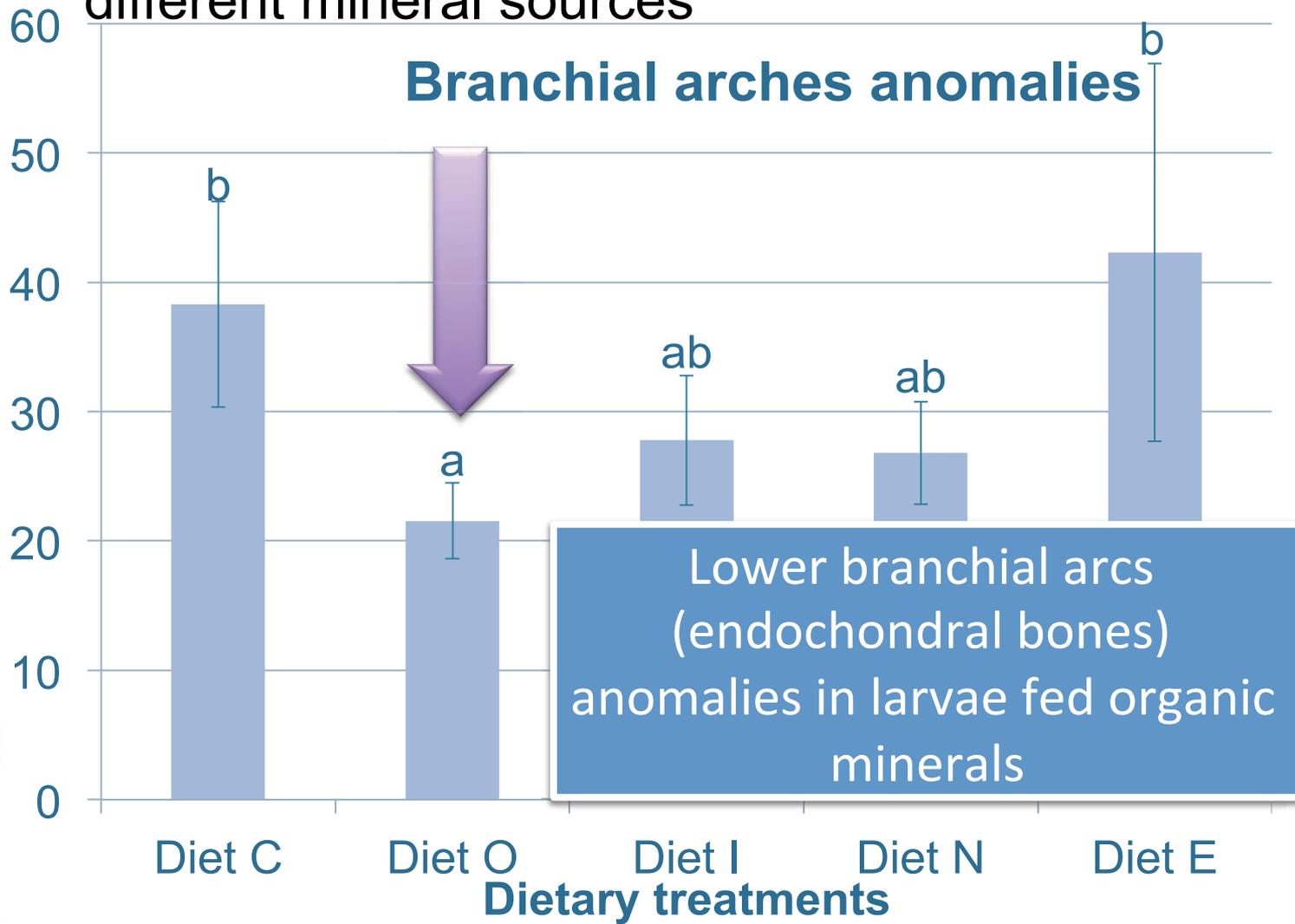
Organic and nanoparticulated minerals produced a better mineralization than inorganic and encapsulated minerals

# Ossification degree in seabream larvae fed 35 days different mineral sources



# Branchial arcs anomalies in seabream larvae fed 35 days different mineral sources

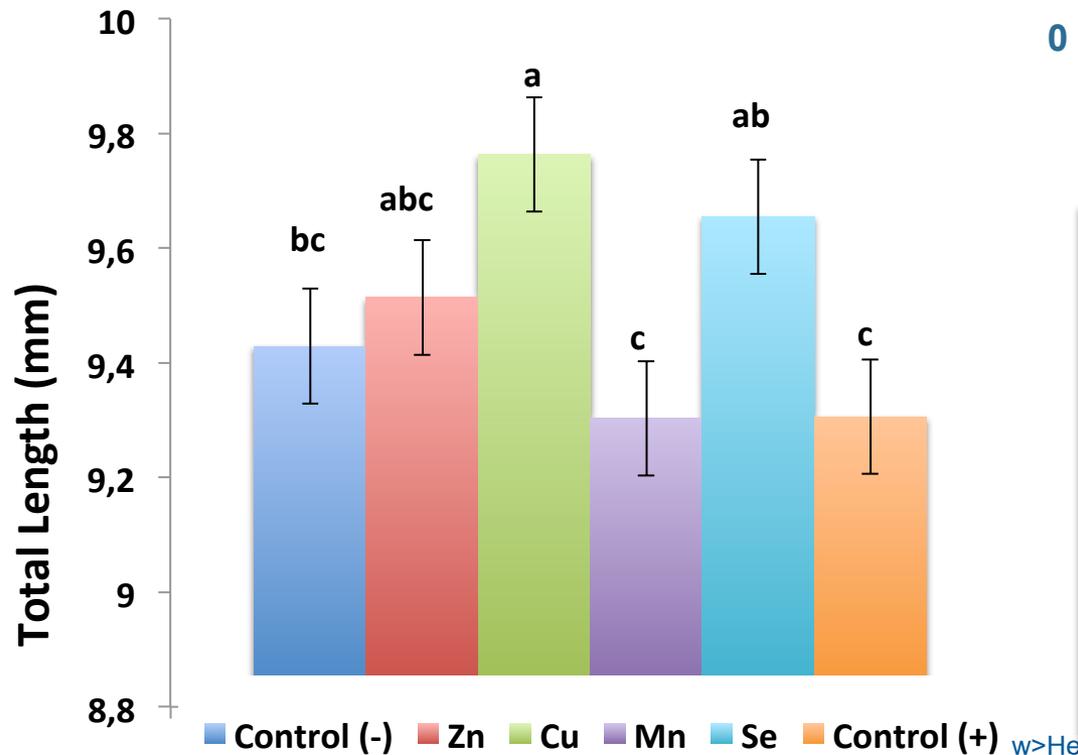
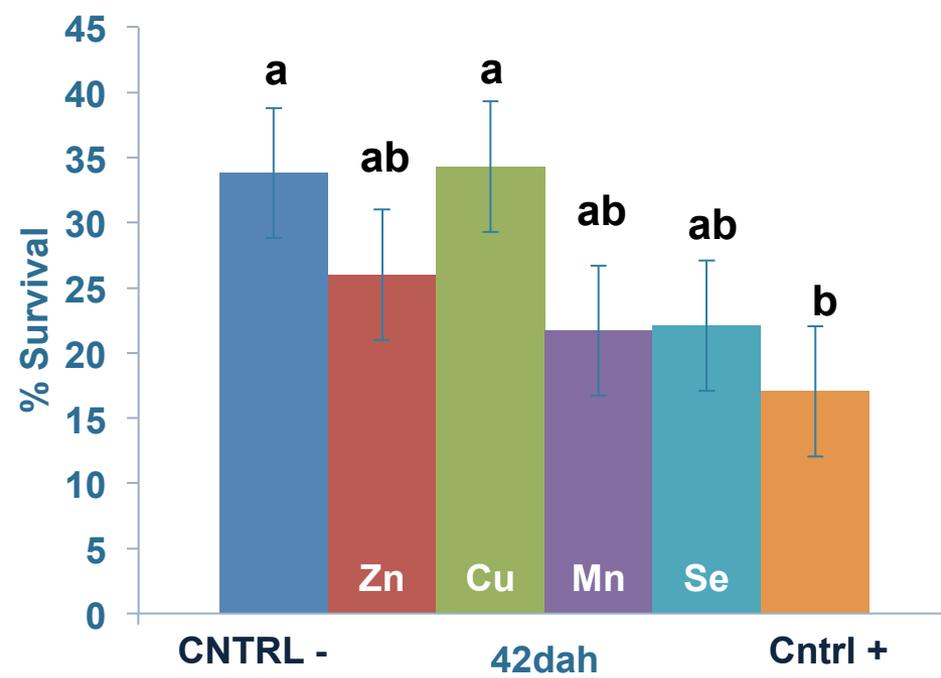
centages of sepecimens per treatment(%)



Endochondral branchial arcs staining



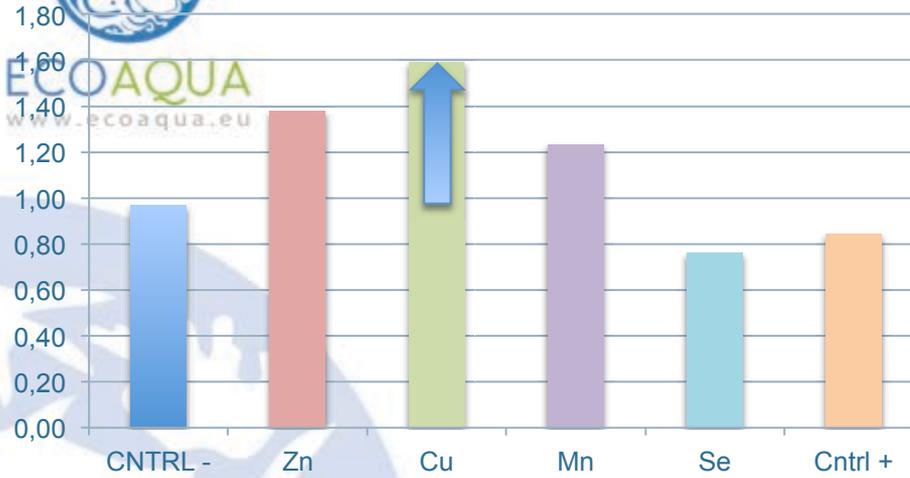
# Specific minerals supplementation in weaning diets for gilthead seabream inorganic Mn, Cu and Zn and organic Se



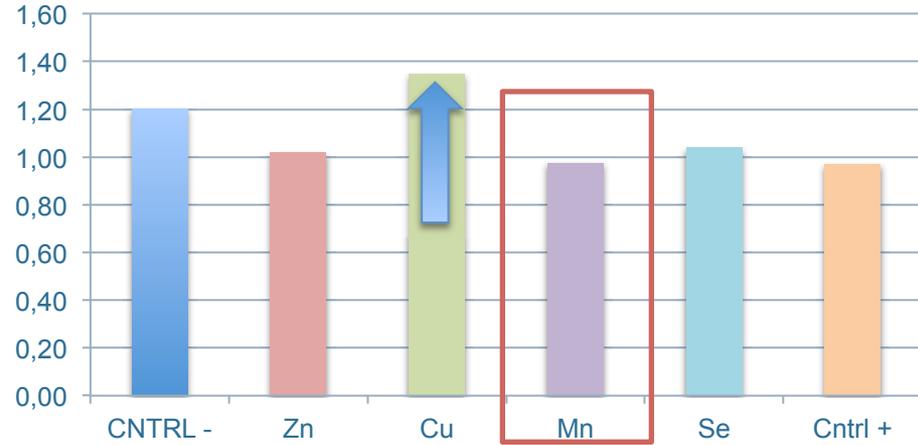
**Inclusion of Zn, Mn and Se significantly reduced survival and only Cu and Se increased larval growth**



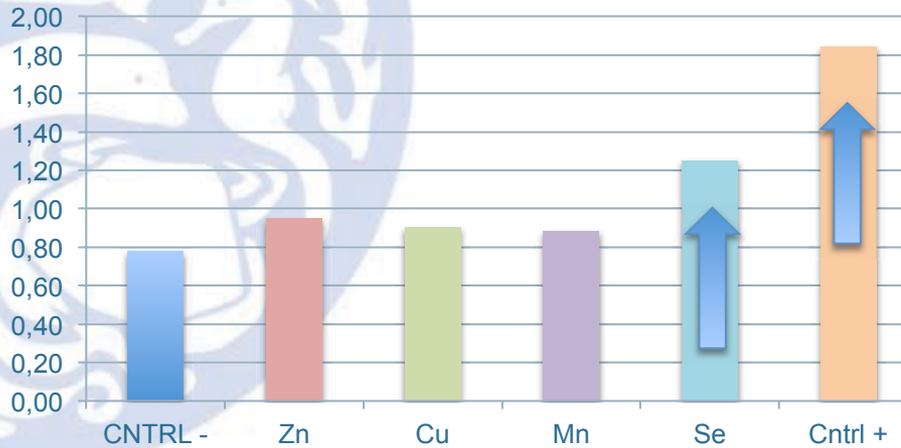
## CuZnsod



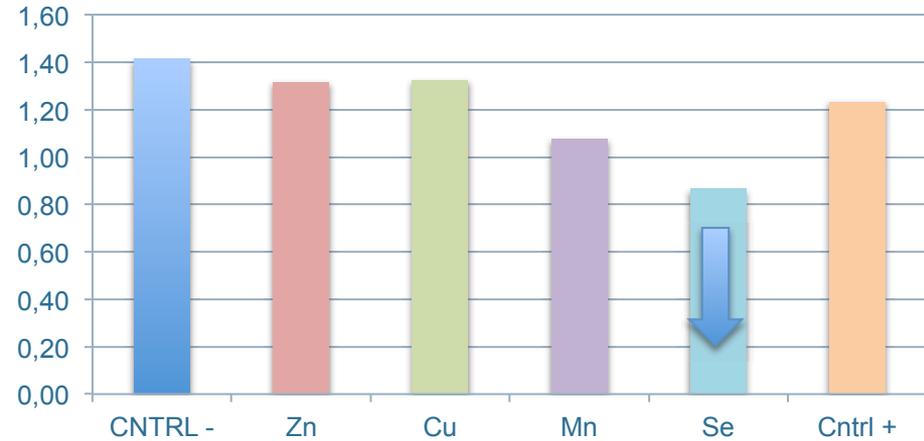
## Mnsod



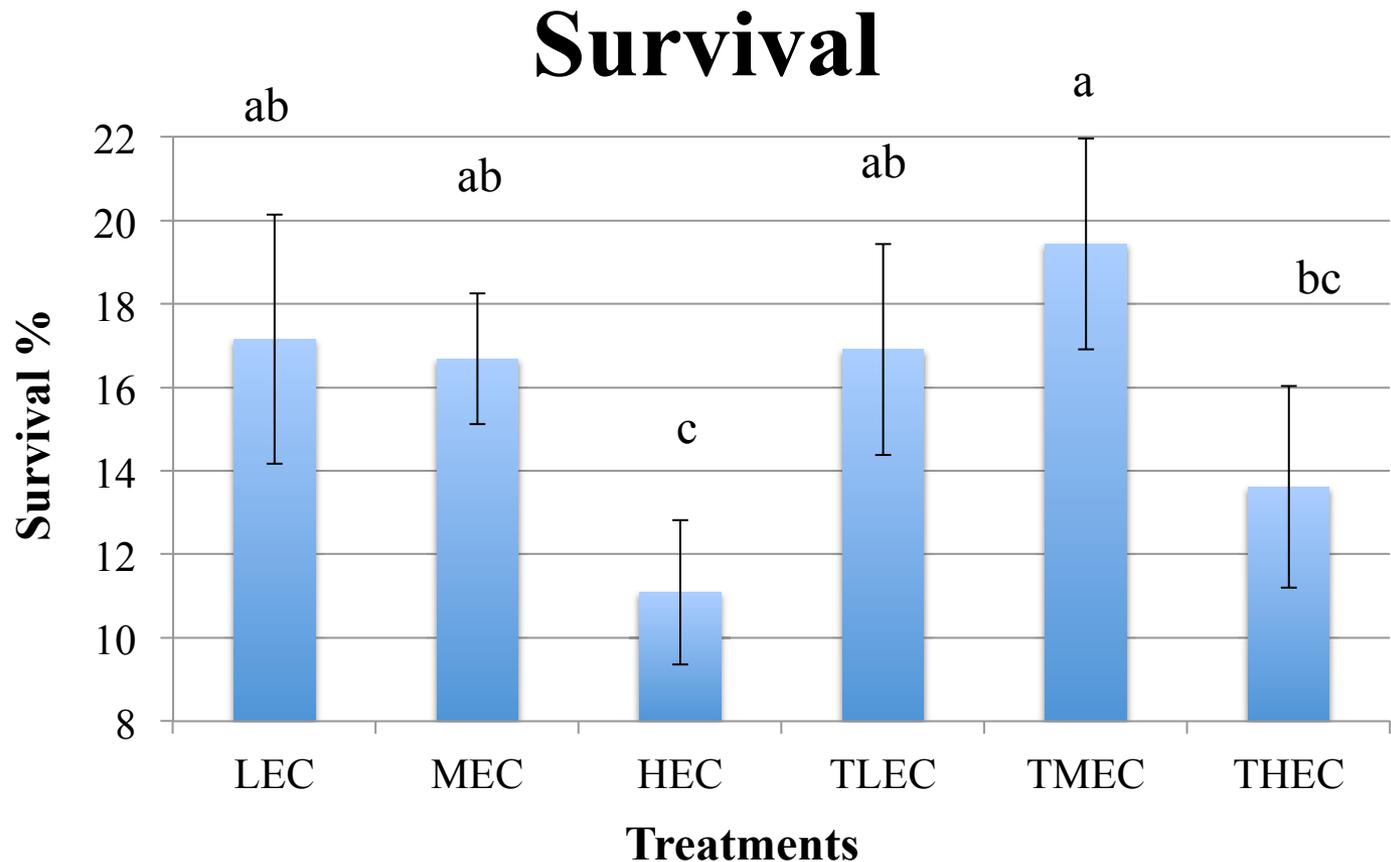
## gpx



## cat

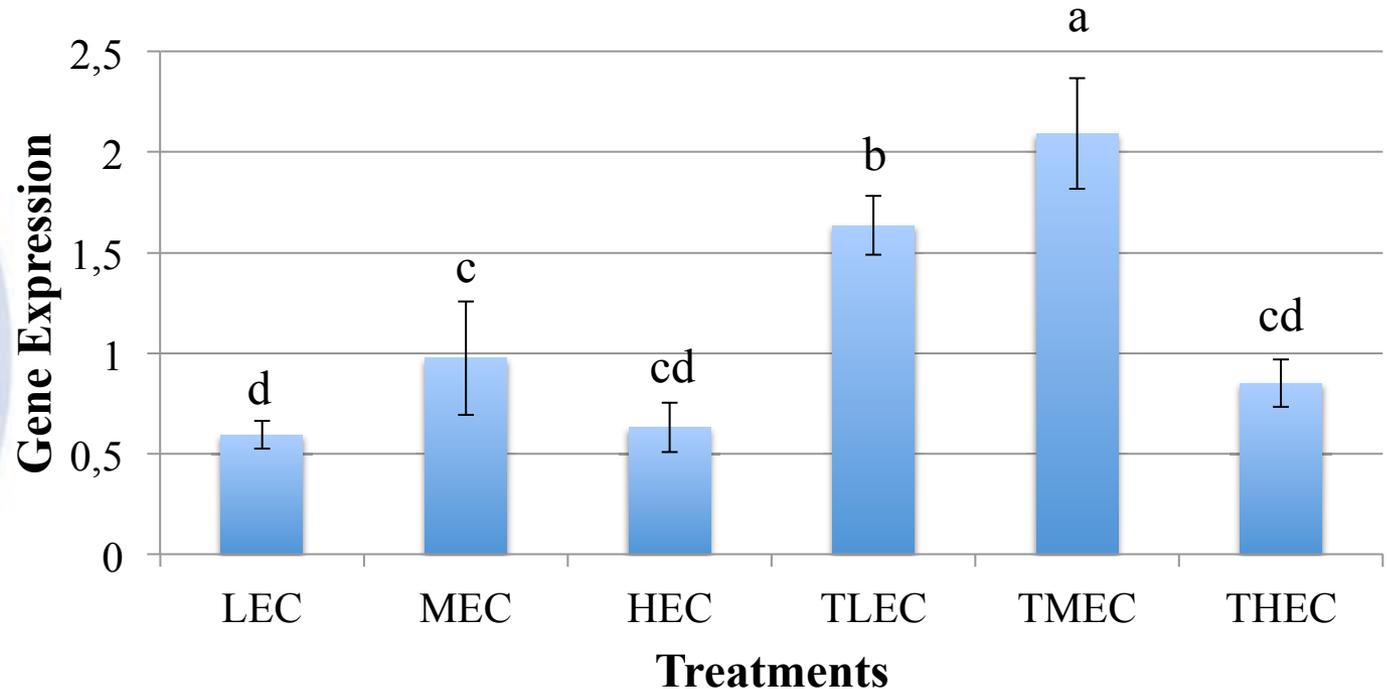


**Very high levels of dietary vit E and C, significantly reduced survival, suggesting, as in the previous meagre study the pro-oxidant effect of high level of vit E**



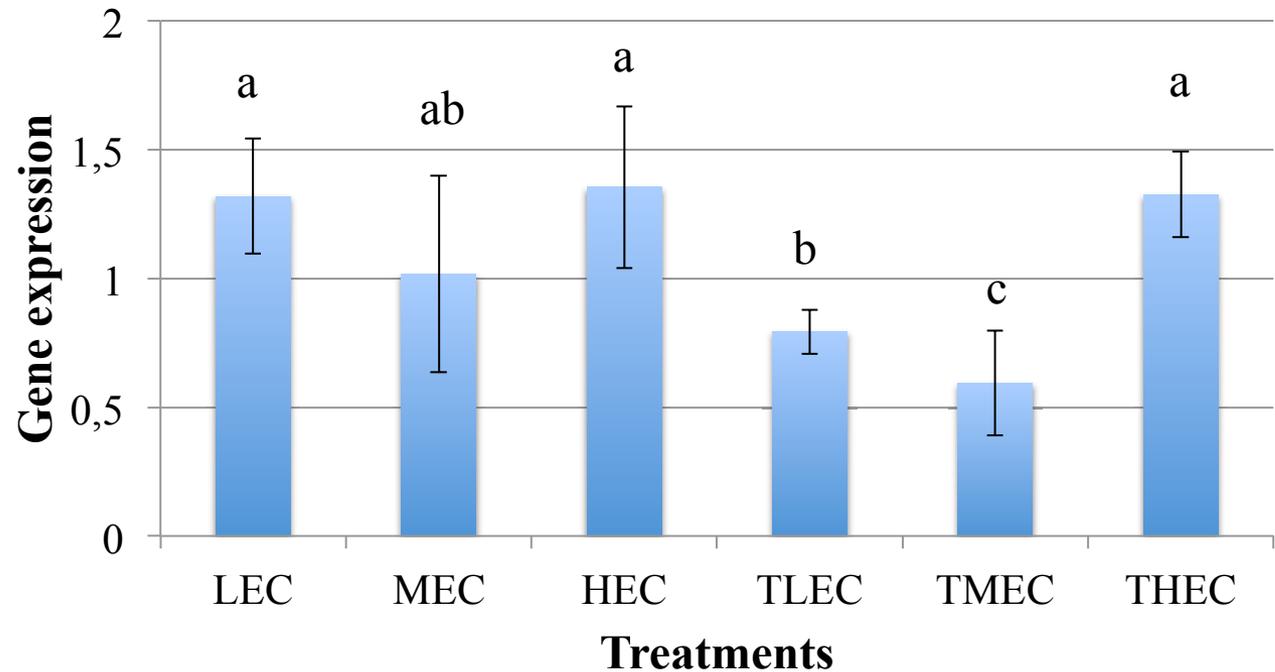
Intermediate levels of vit E and C up-regulate *oc* gene expression, and Taurine enhanced this effect.

## Osteocalcine



# Intermediate levels of vit E and C down-regulate *cat* gene expression, and Taurine enhanced this effect

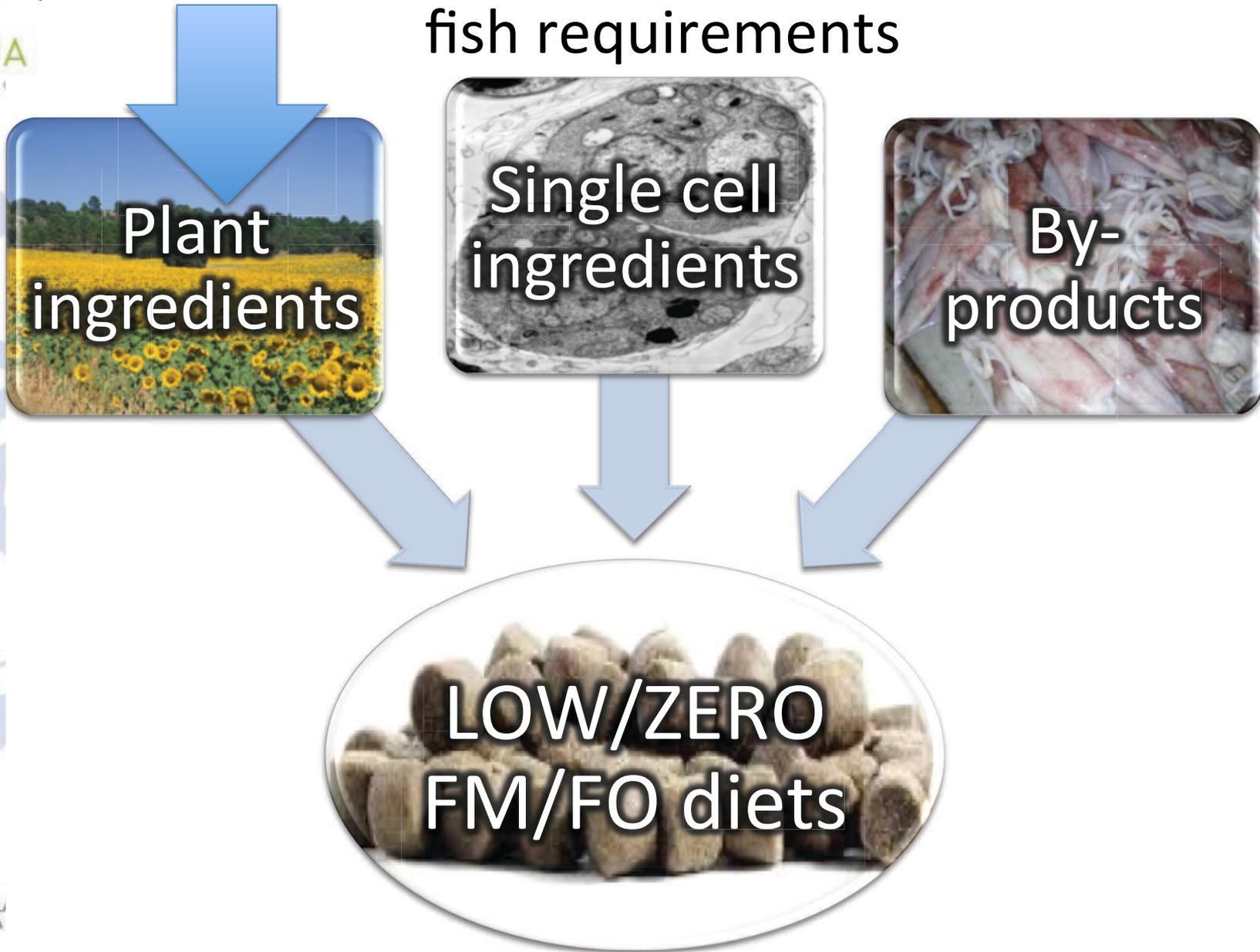
## Catalase





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**EPIGENETICS**

**Phenotype modulation**

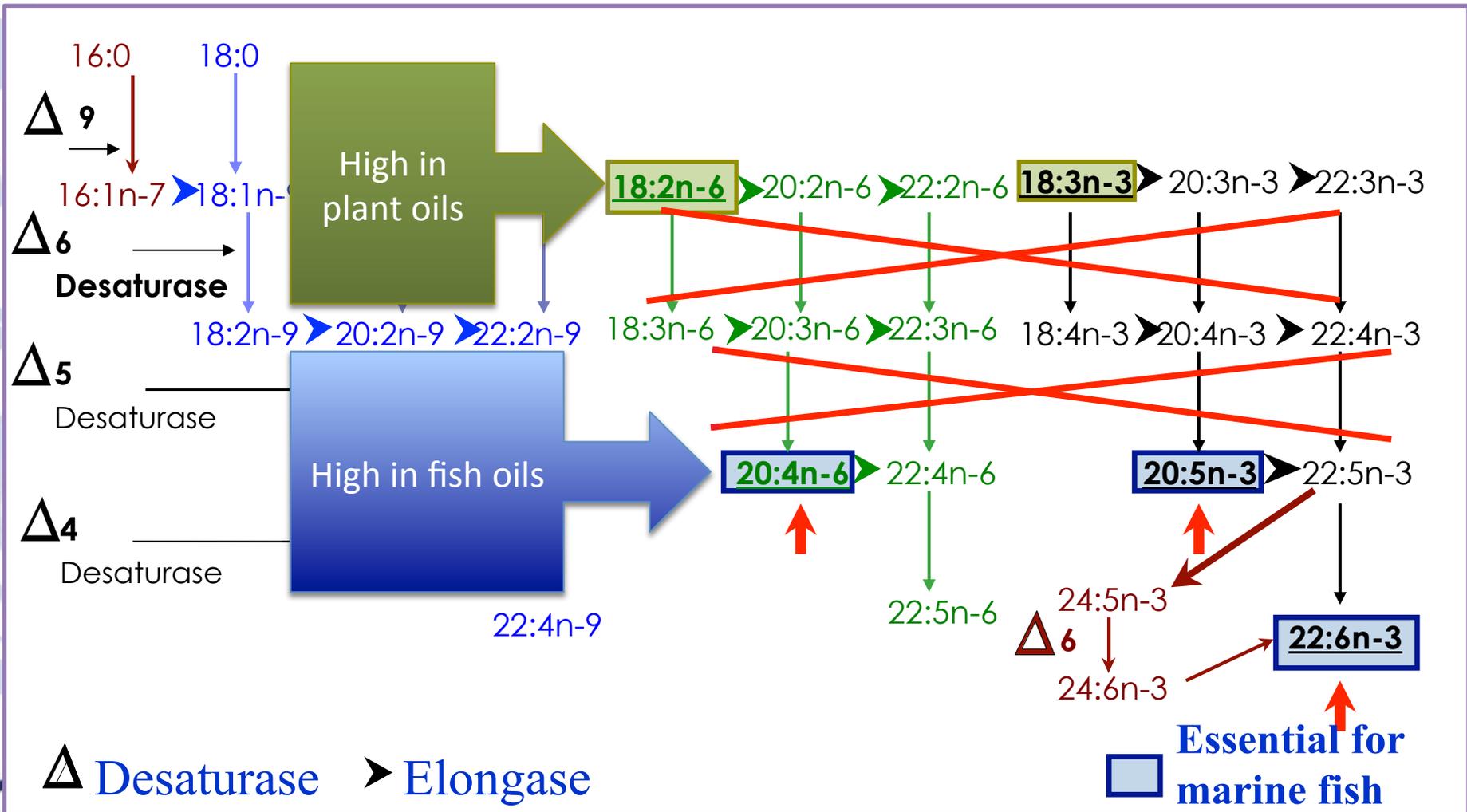
Vegetable oils are sustainable lipid sources for aquafeeds, but lack LC-PUFA essential for marine fish....



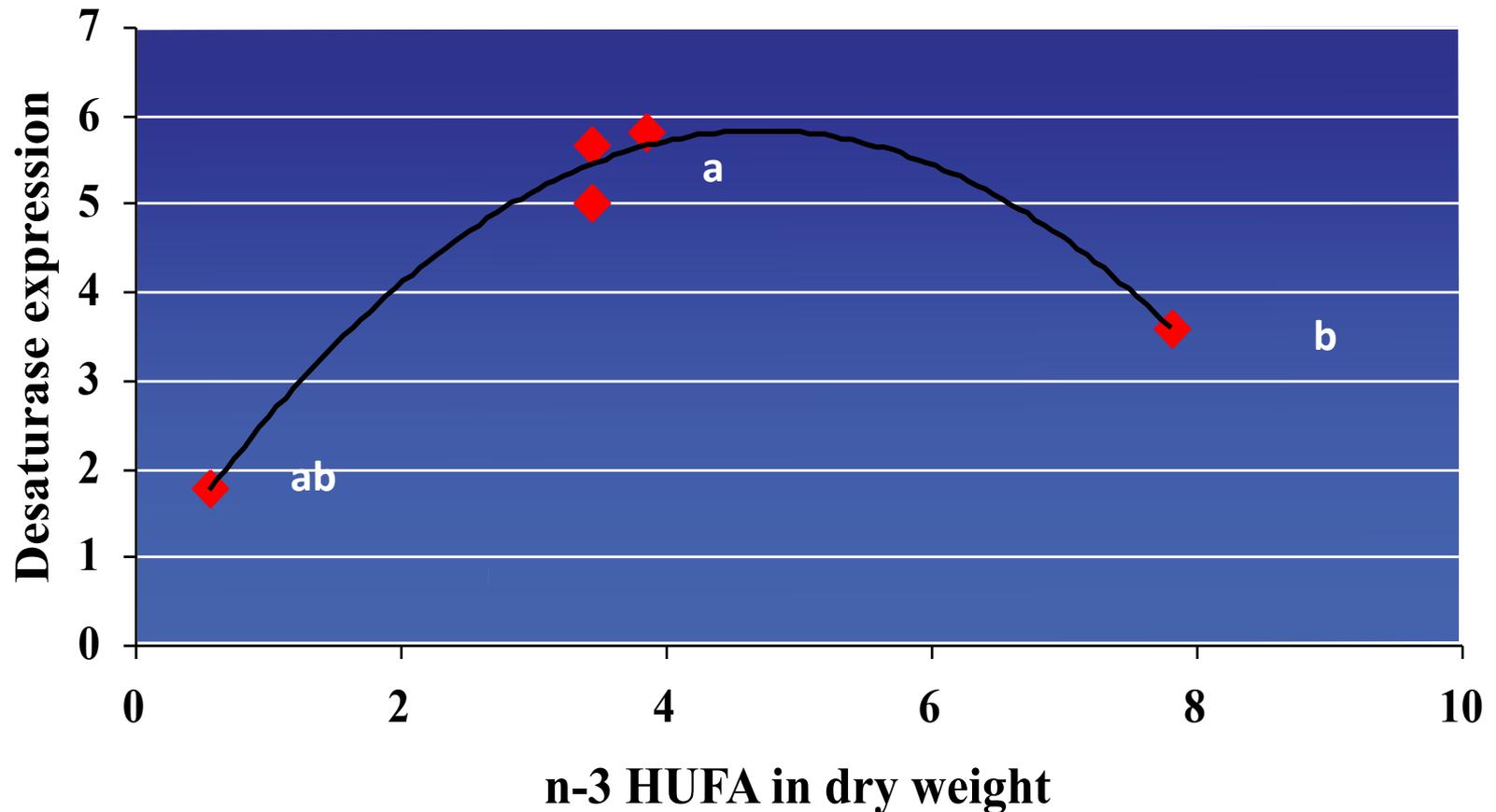
**Low Survival**  
**Slow Growth Rates**  
**Low EPA and DHA in the fillet**



# $\Delta 6$ desaturase is a key enzyme in the synthesis of essential fatty acids



Gene expression of  $\Delta 6$  desaturase can be modulated by the fatty acid composition of the diet, but it is not enough to cover essential fatty acid requirements of the fish



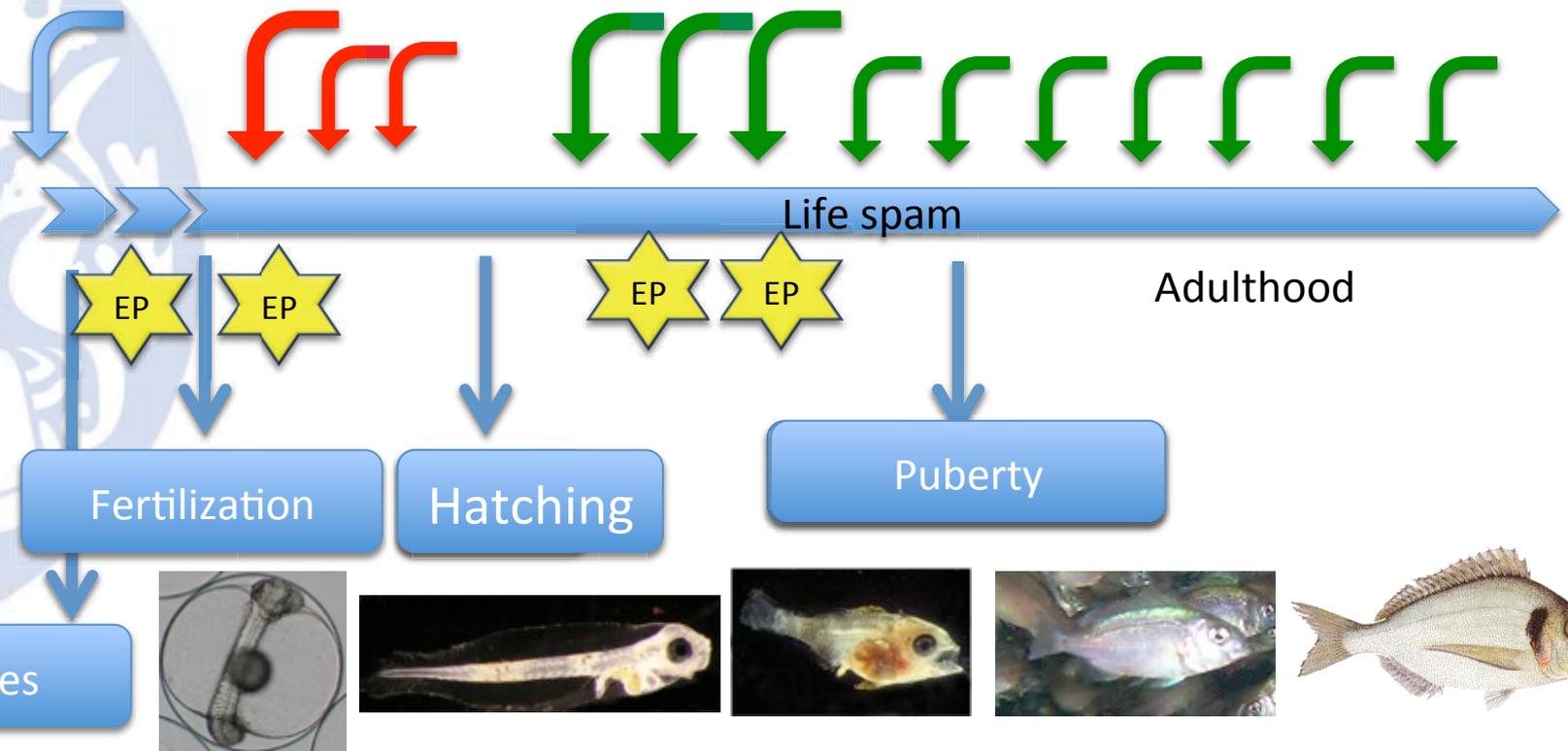
(Izquierdo *et al.*, 2007)

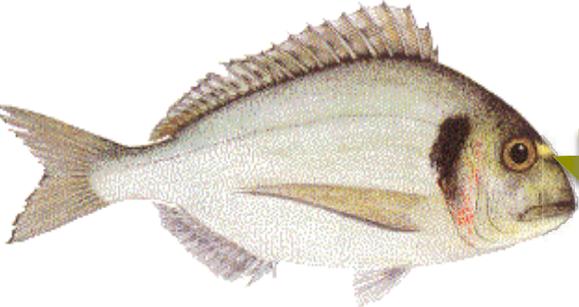
# Embryogenesis, early and late larval development are critical moments in marine fish life cycle



Parental diet Maternal diet

Individual diet





INTERVENTION

80%  
70%  
60%  
50%

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F1 EARLY DEVELOPMENT



Monitoring

F1 LATE DEVELOPMENT

Monitoring

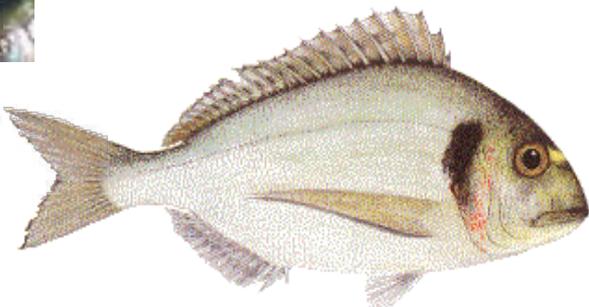


F1 JUVENILE

Monitoring



F1 ADULT



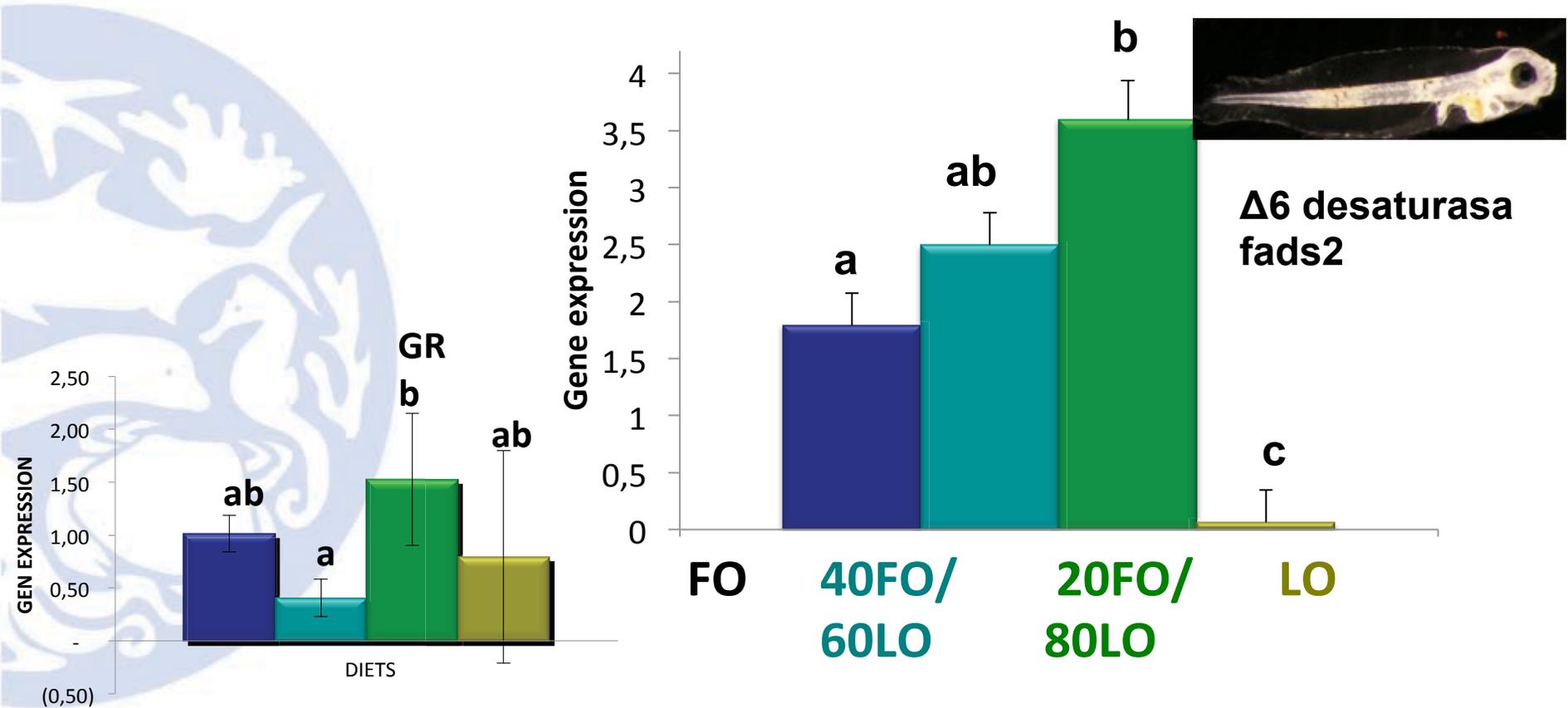
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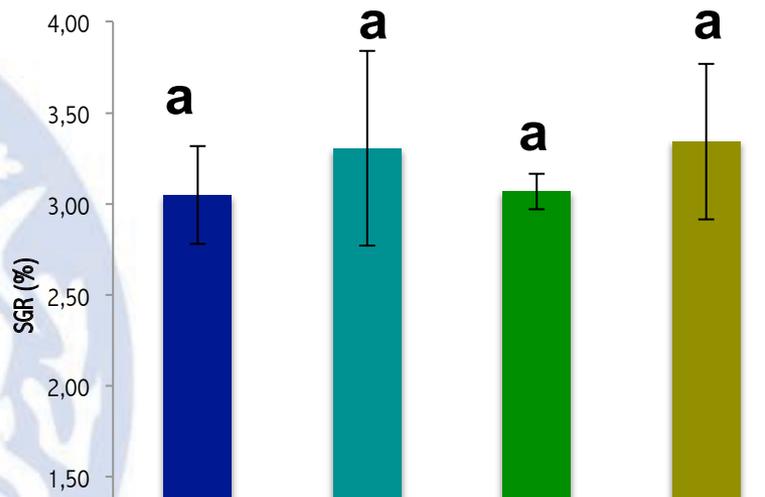


Dietas vegetales

# La alimentación de los reproductores con LC-PUFA afecto la expresión de genes del metabolismo de los descendientes



**El crecimiento de las descendencia de 3 meses (pubertad) no se ve afectado si alimentamos con harinas de pescado, pero si la dieta es rica en ingredientes vegetales los descendientes de reproductores alimentados con aceite de lino es mejor**



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Effect of broodstock nutrition on larval performance

Optimum larval density

Fatty acid requirements

Tau requirements

### *Argyrosomus regius*

Microdiet development

Fat soluble vitamin requirements (Vit A, Vit E, Vit K, Vit D)

Water soluble vitamin requirements (Vit C)

Tau requirements

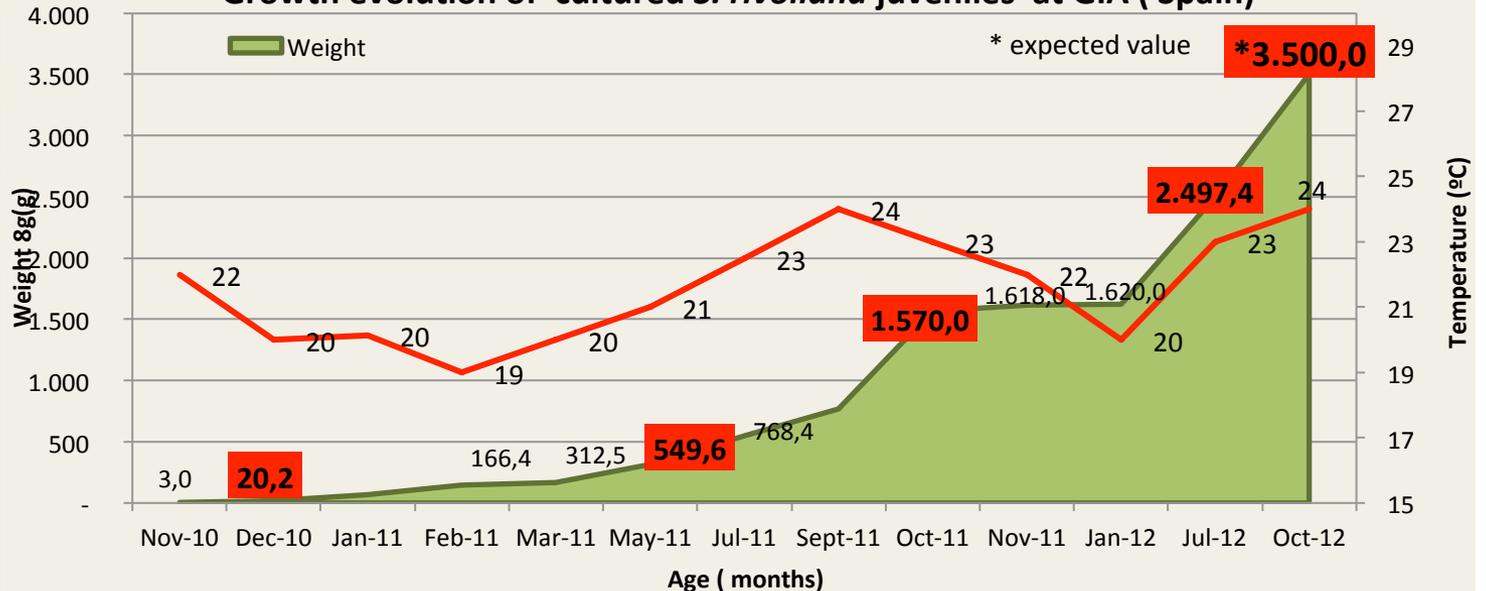


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- Weight up to 59kg
- Aquaculture: Australia, Japan, USA,
- South America, Spain.
- Fast growth species (1,5-2kg one year in tanks)
- Lack juveniles supplies ( $2.6 \pm 0.45$ )
  - poor spawns (number and quality).
  - low hatchery survival=collection of fingerlings from the wild.



Growth evolution of cultured *S. rivoliانا* juveniles at GIA ( Spain)



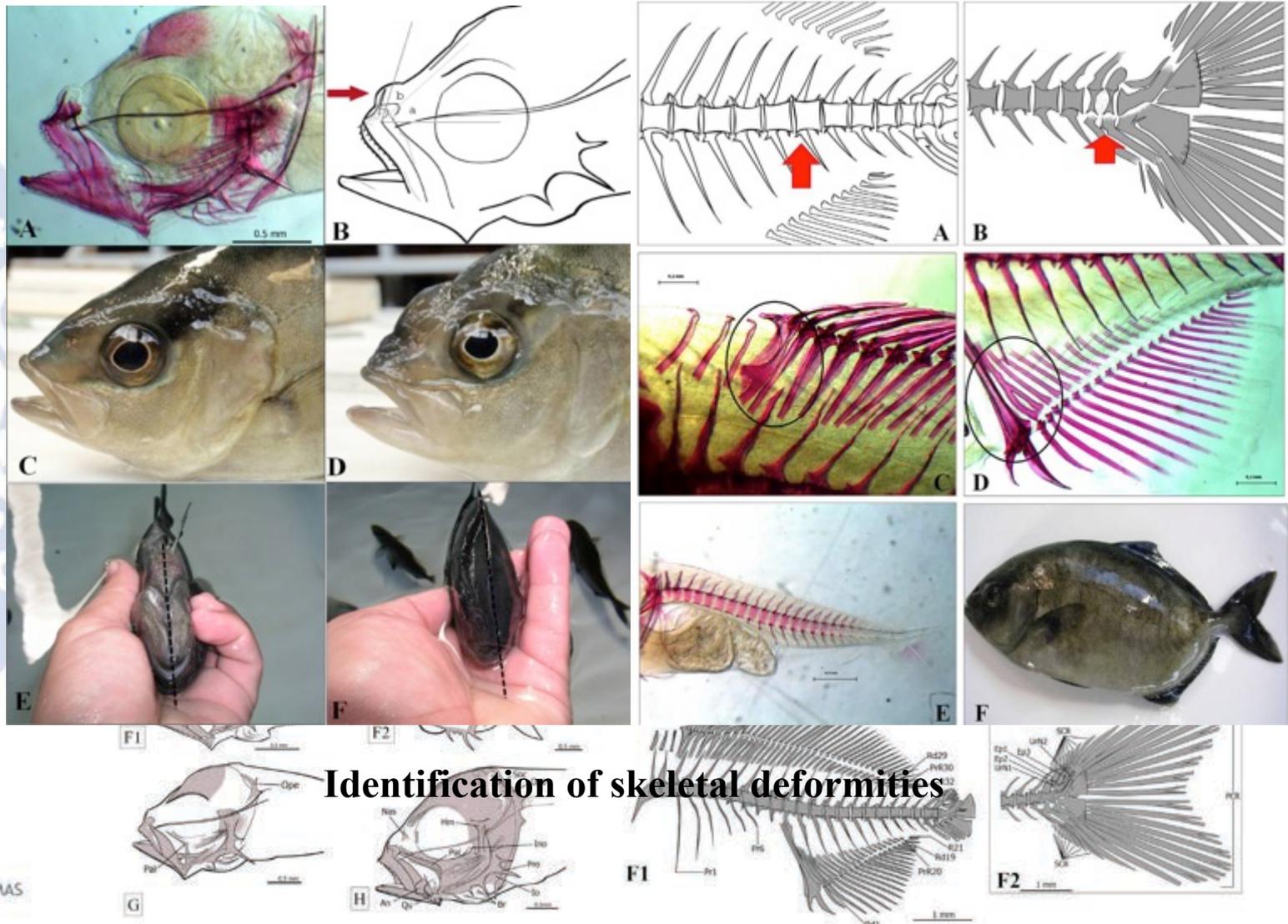




# Basic knowledge for larval rearing

Skeleton ontogeny (Mesa et al., 2009ab).

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## *Broodstock: Meagre*

- **Broodstock from F1 population in 2006.**
- **First report of F1 maturation and spawning from 2008-2012.**
- **Maturation evolution.** ( Fernandez-palacios et al, 2009 a, b in *XII Congreso Nacional de Acuicultura*).
- **Protocols for hormonal treatment** ( Fernandez-palacios et al, 2009 , 2011 ab , b in *XII, XIII Congreso Nacional de Acuicultura*).





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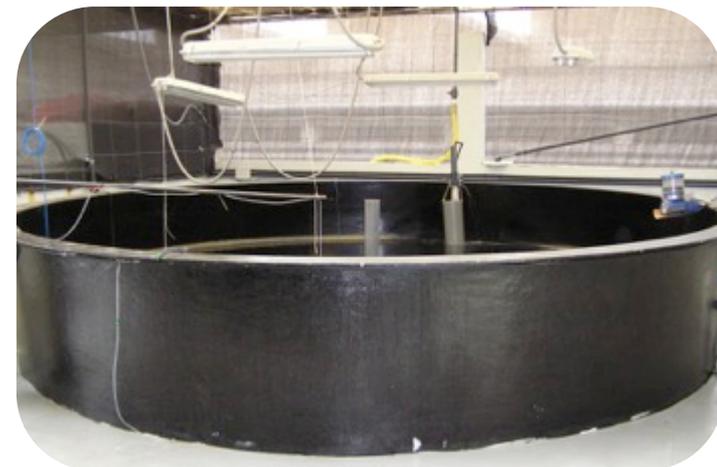
# *Larval rearing of *Argyrosomus regius**

## Larval rearing

1. **Comparison of culture systems** (Roo et al 2009, in Larvi symposium ).
2. **Nutritional studies: Feeding sequence**, Roo et al, 2010. Aquaculture).
3. **Assignment of paternity and Heretability studies on production traits.** (Soula et al 2012).
4. **SME,s collaboration in juveniles production at pilot scale from 2008-2010.**

## Ongrowth.

1. P/E studies. ACUISOST program.
2. Protein quality variation. ACUISOST program.
3. Inclusion of Antioxidants in diets. (Robaina et al 2012, Master thesis)





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Reproductive technology

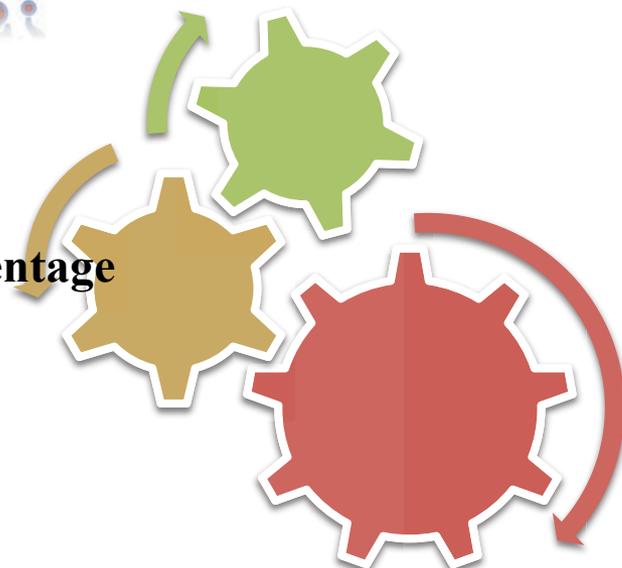


## Why *Argyrosomus regius*?

- Rapid growth
- Low adiposity
- High dressing percentage
- Tolerant captivity
- Eurihaline
- High protein levels
- Low lipid content



Larva *Arggyrosomus regius* (24 dah)





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# THE IMPORTANCE OF DIETARY CONTENT OF VITAMINS K AND D FOR MEAGRE (*Argyrosomus regius*) LARVAE





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