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Pathogens



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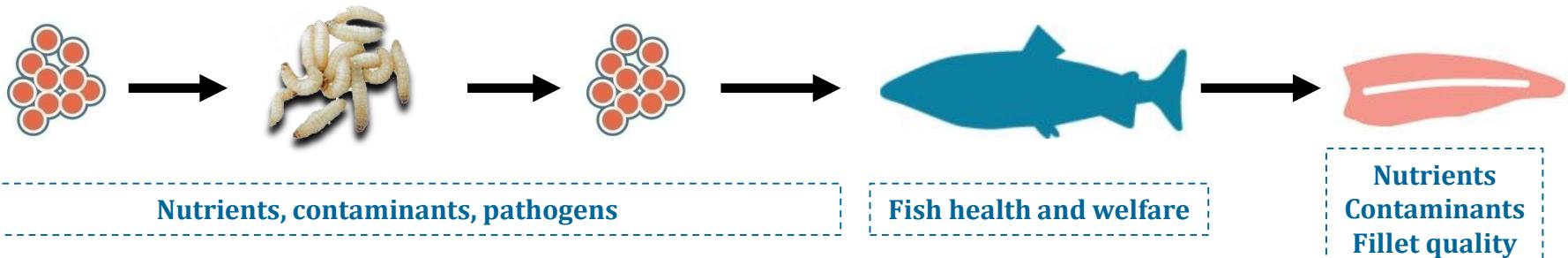


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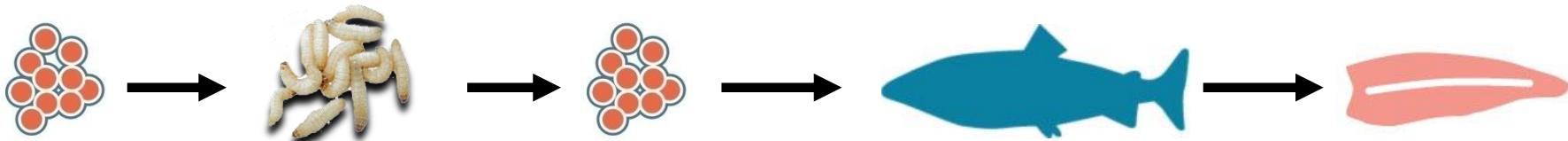


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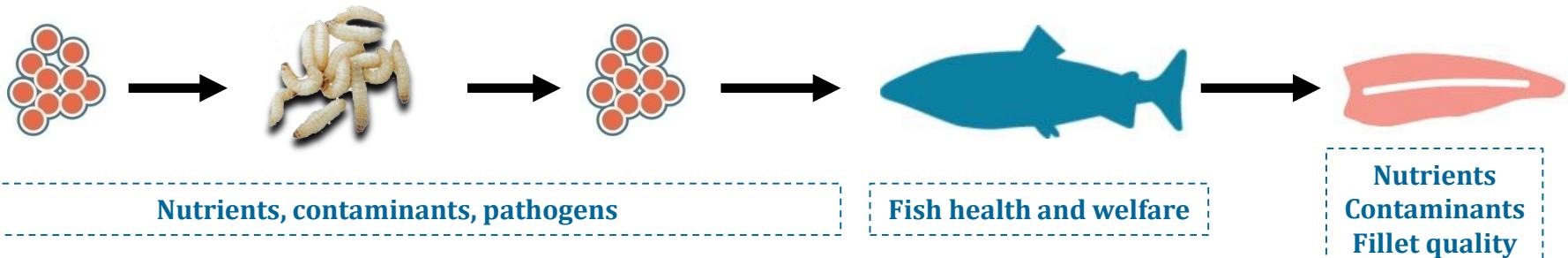
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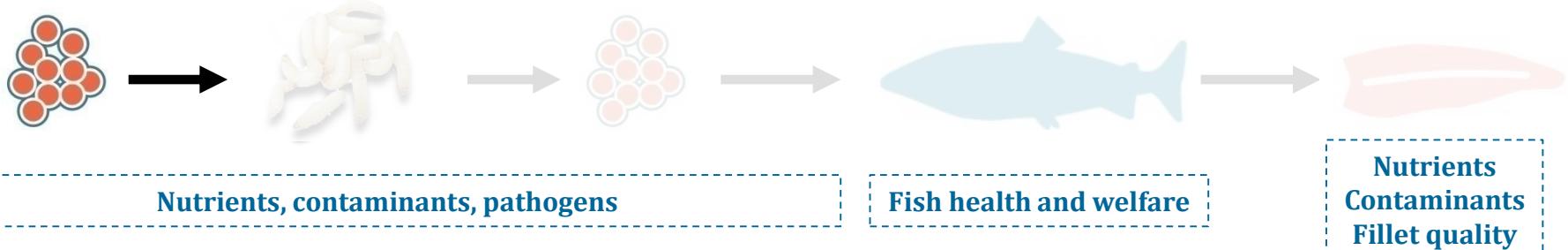
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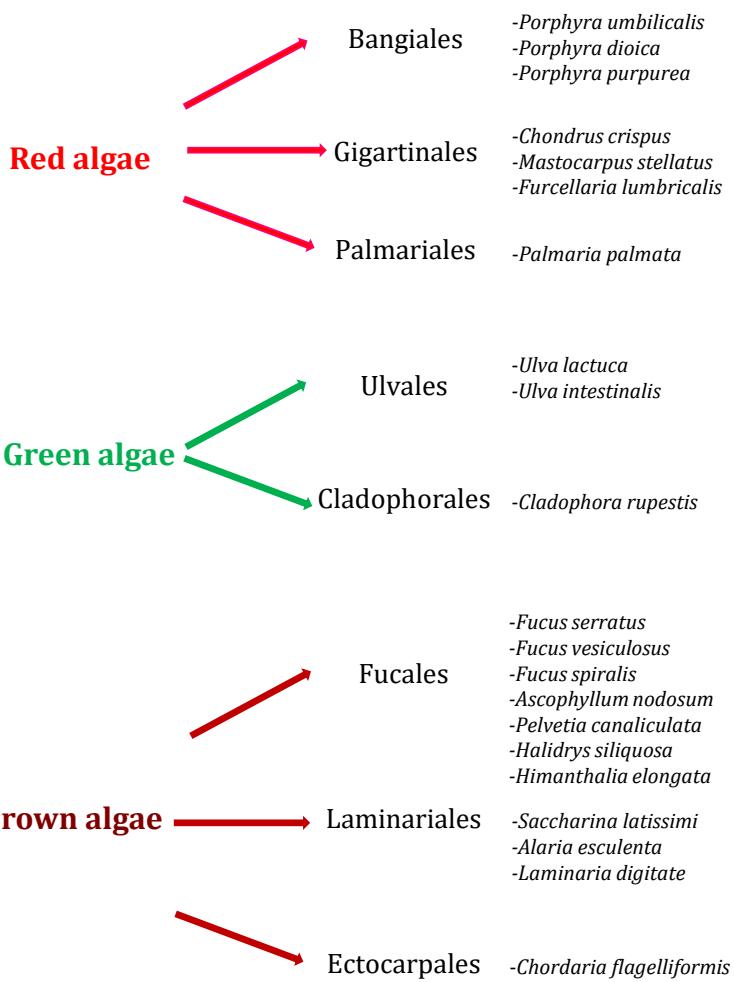
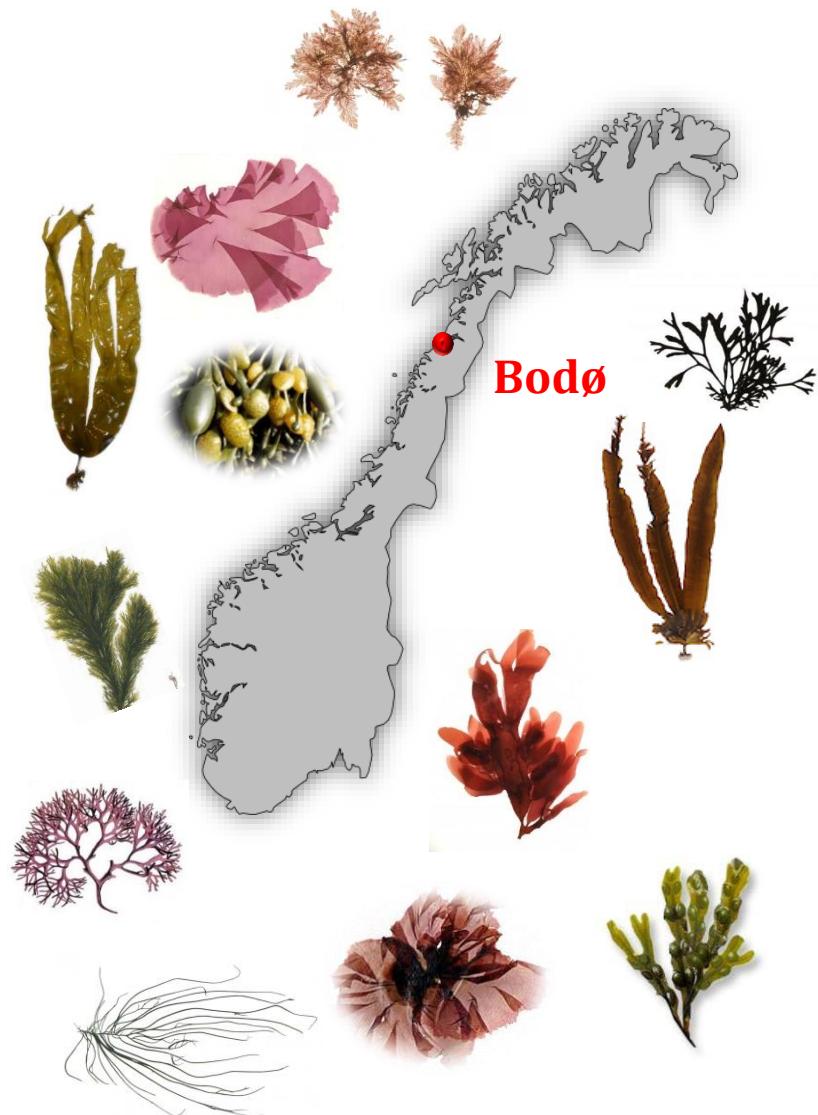


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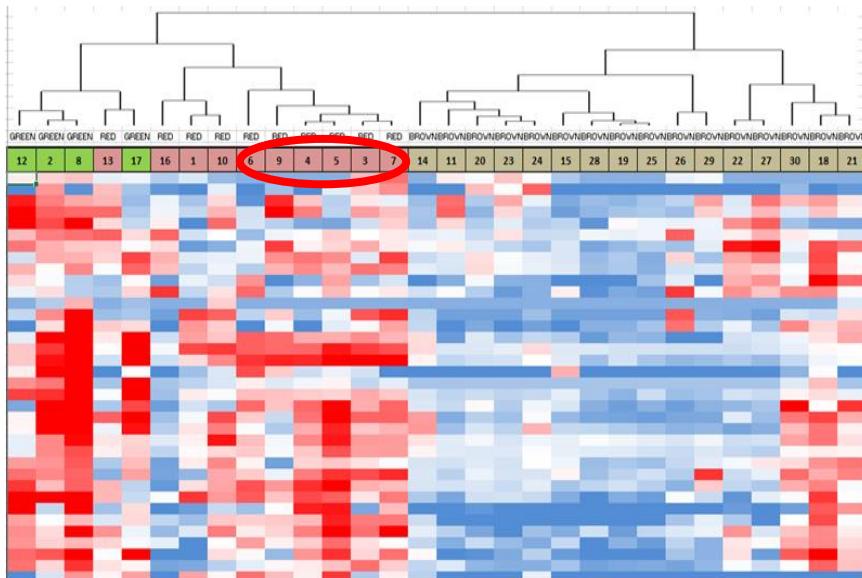




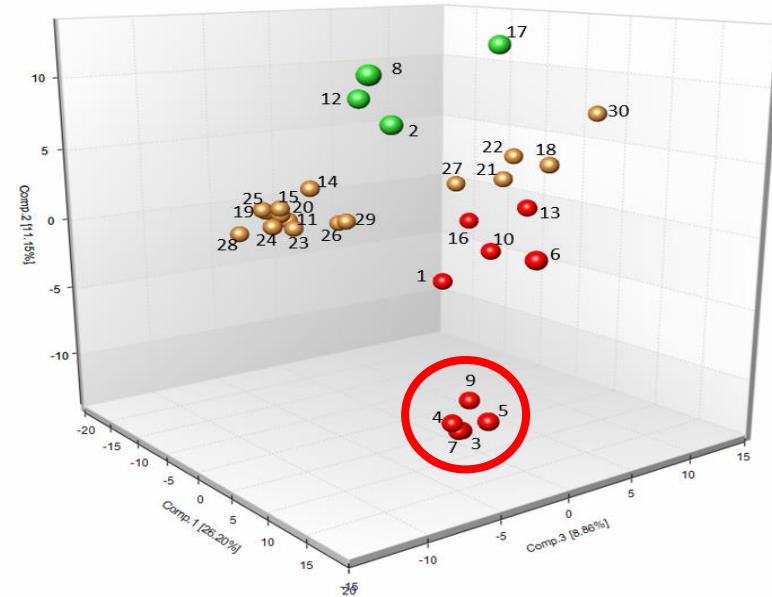


*Porphyra cf. purpurea*  
*Porphyra dioica*  
*Porphyra cf. Umbilicalis*  
*Palmaria palmata*

### Hierarchical cluster analysis



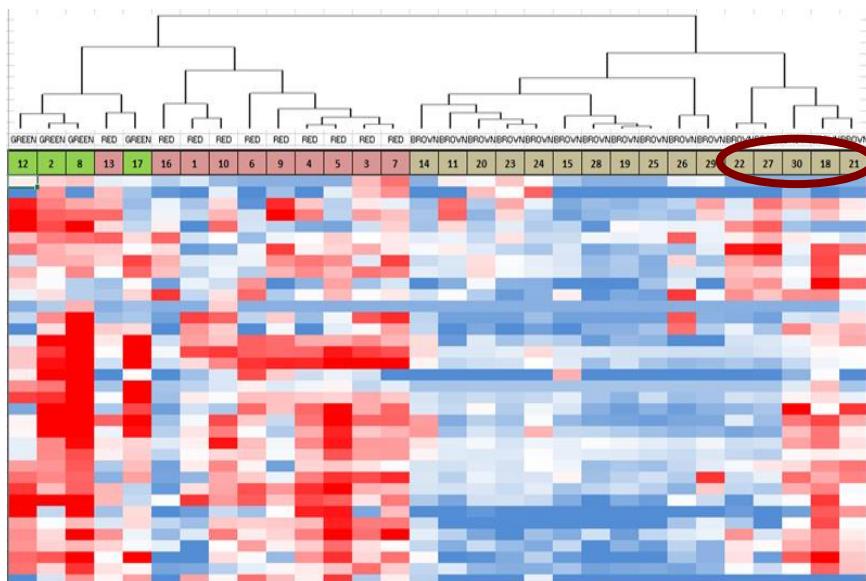
### Unsupervised principal component analysis



Bangiales and Palmariales species exhibited similar metabolite profiles in comparison to profiles from other red algae

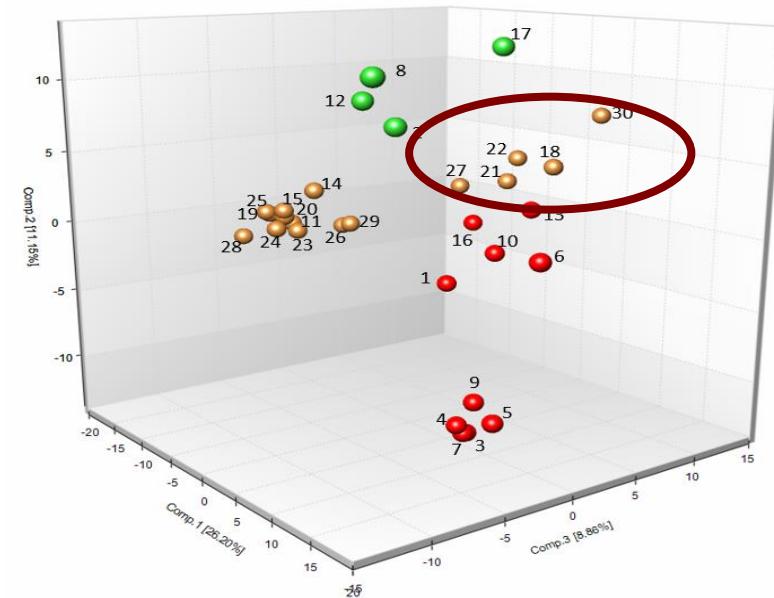


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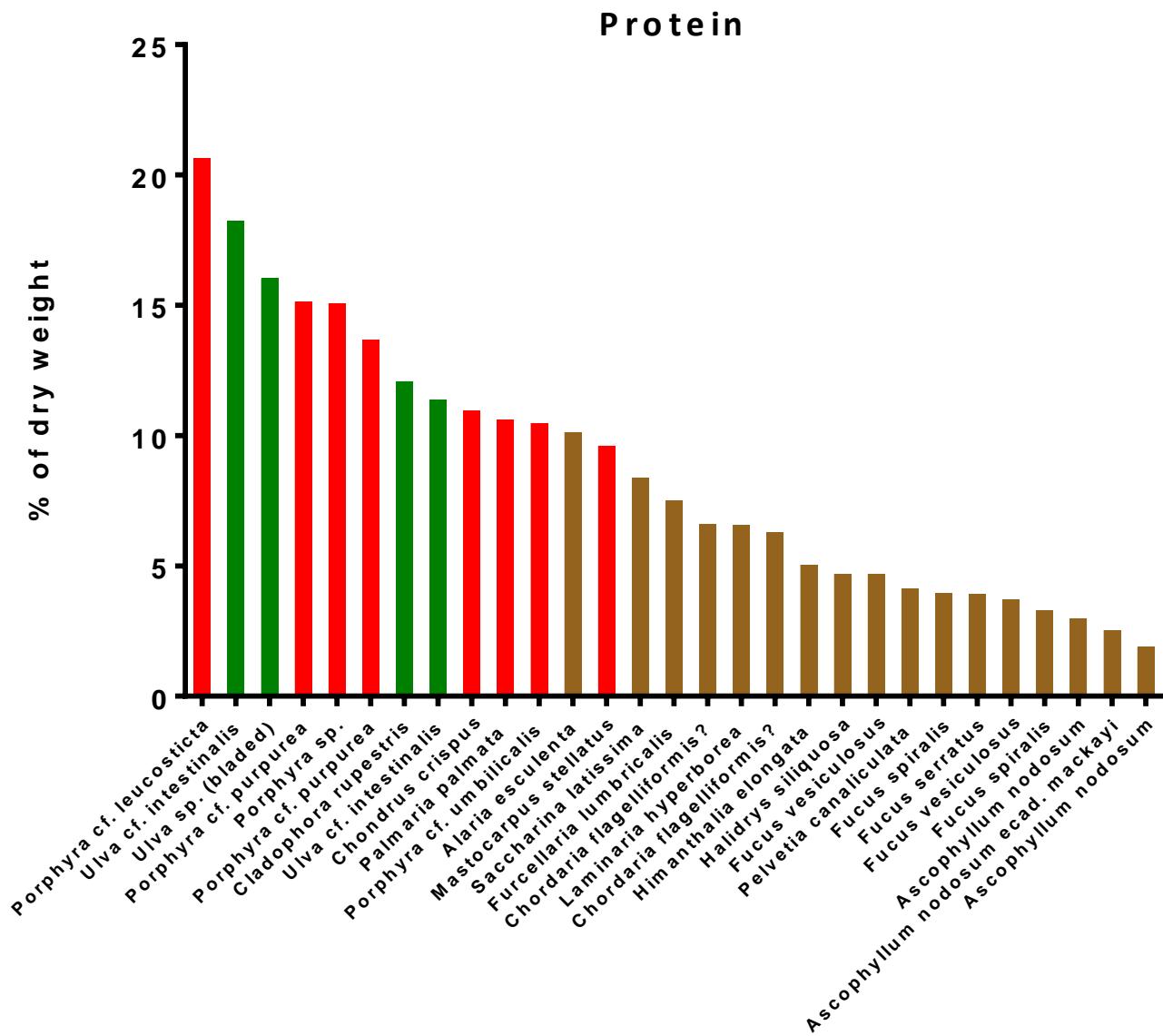


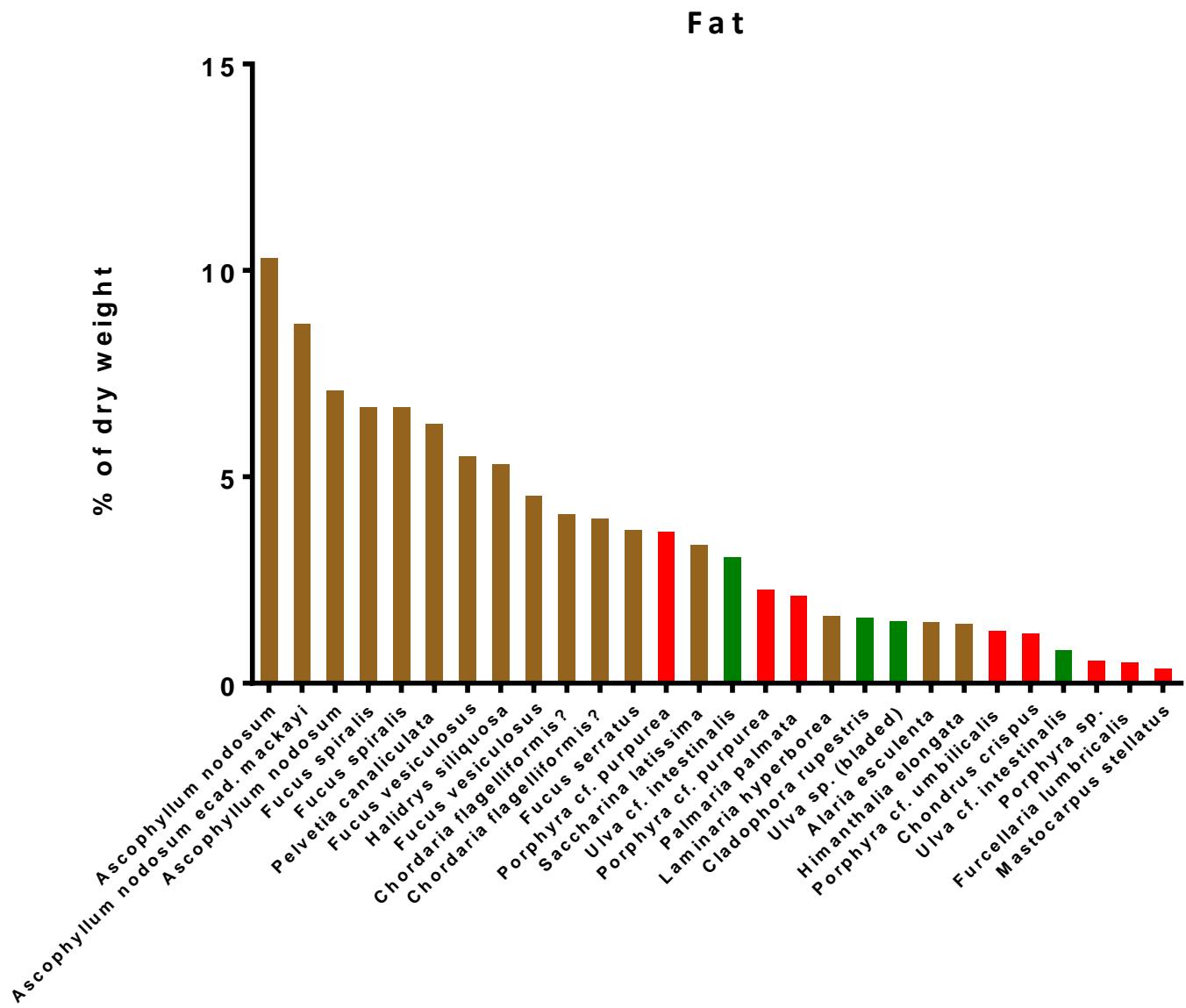
*Chordaria flagelliformis*  
*Alaria esculenta*  
*Saccharina latissima*  
*Laminaria digitata*

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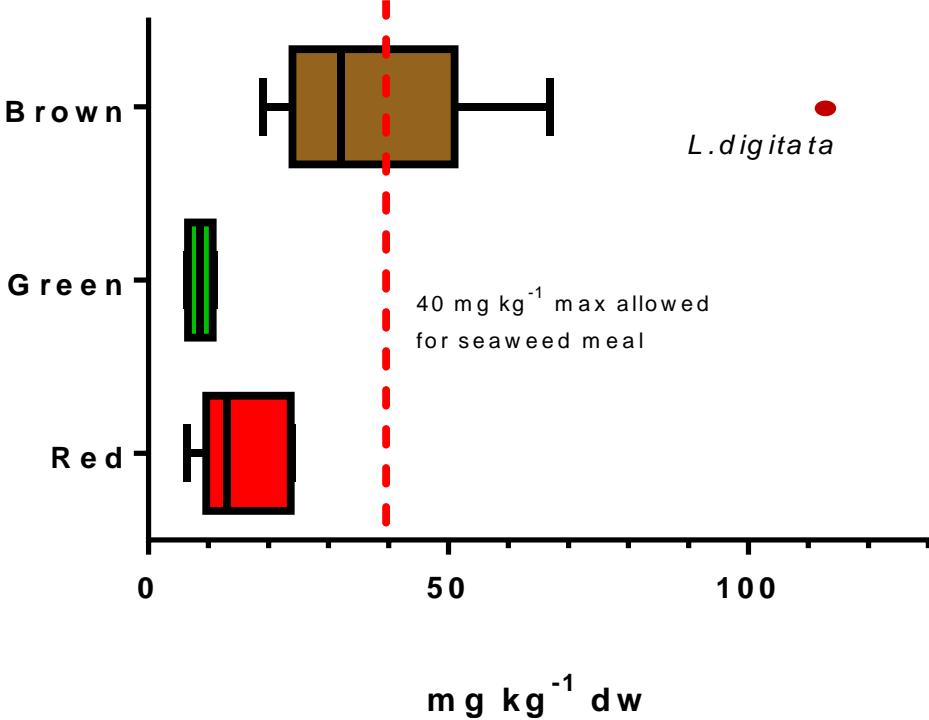
Metabolites of the algal species belongig to the laminariales and ectocarpales order were grouped separately



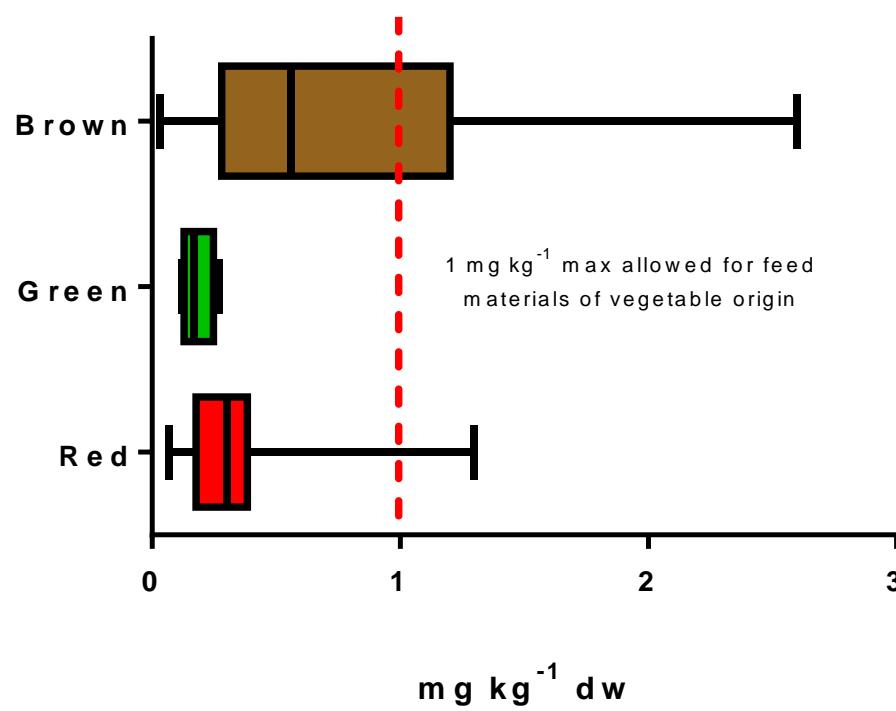




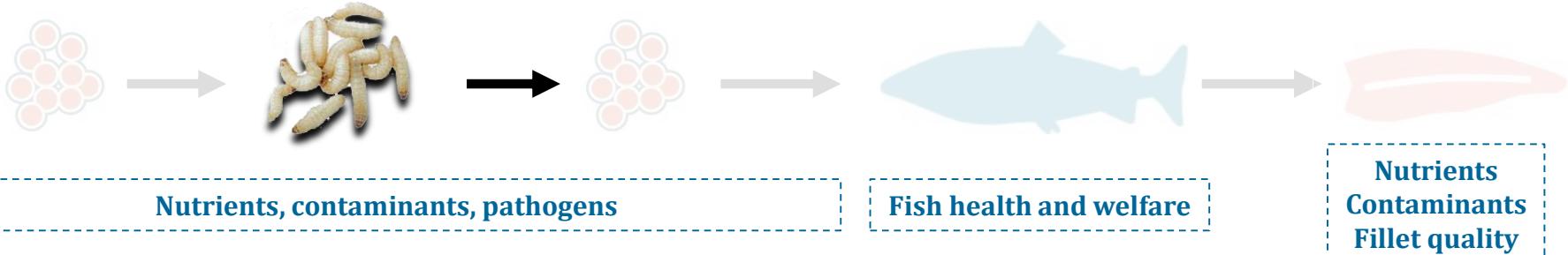
### Arsenic



### Cadmium

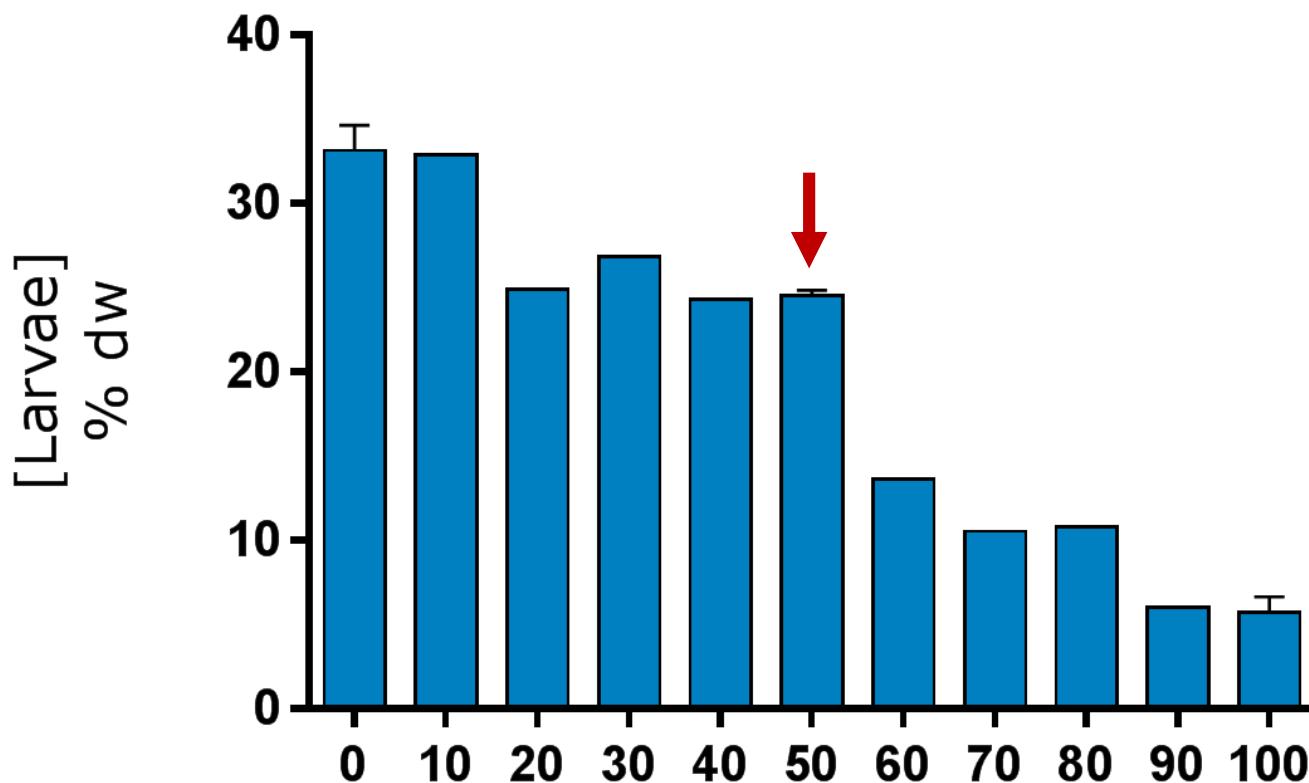


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# BSF composition

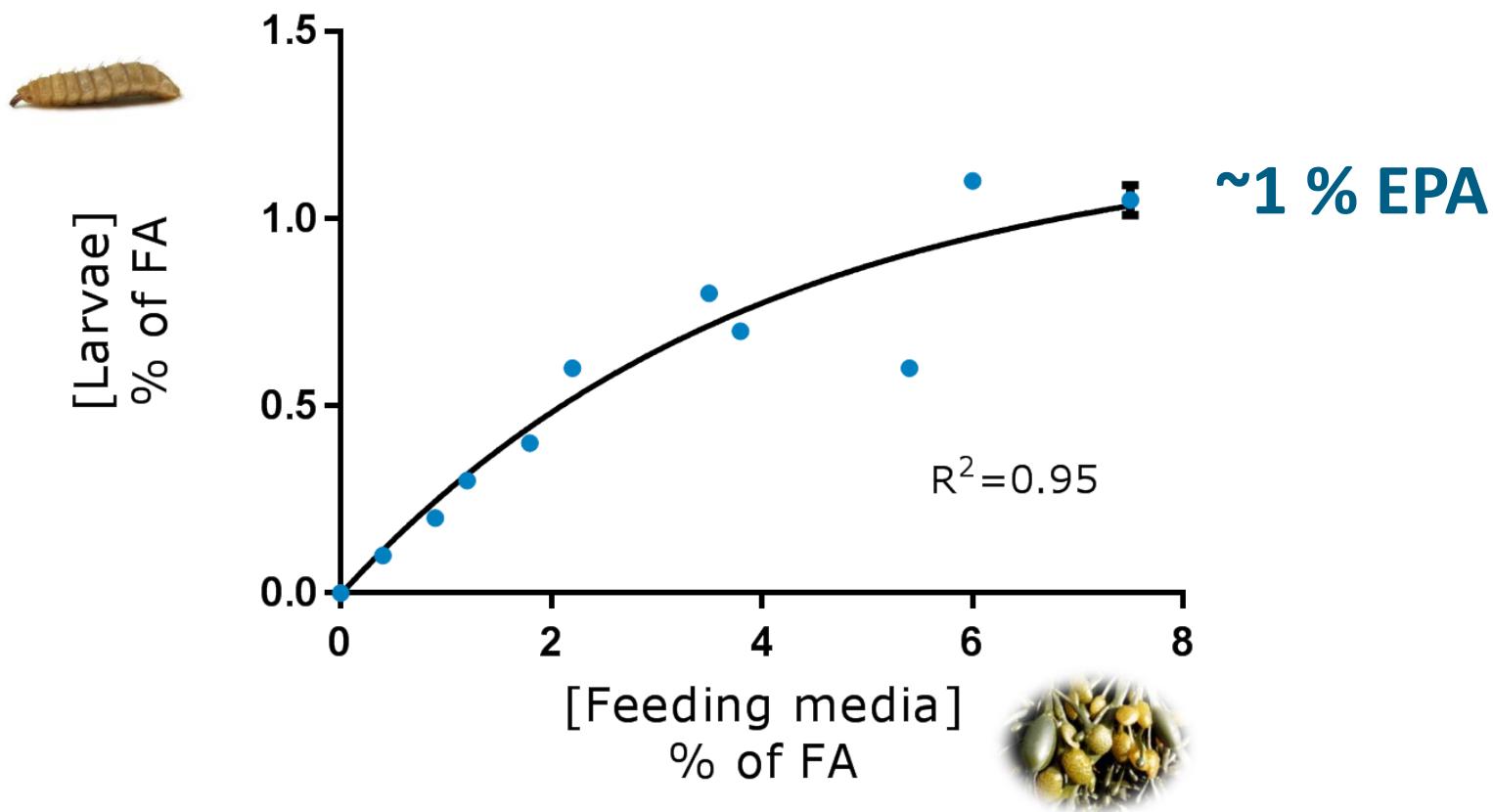
- Protein content 35-40 % DM in all groups
- Amino acid profile does not change in the larvae fed seaweed enriched media
- Lipid content changes:



# Eicosapentaenoic acid

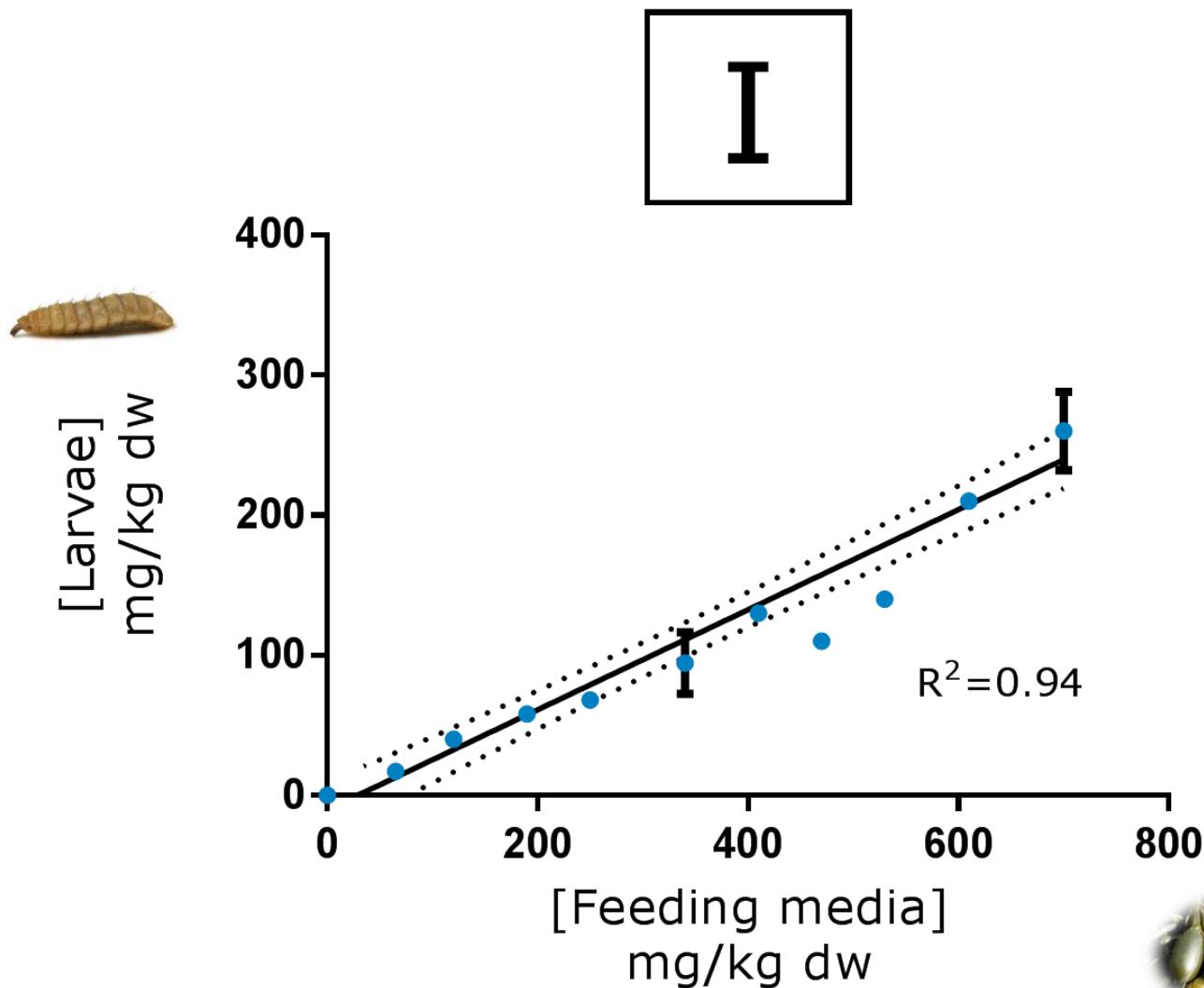
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## SCIENTIFIC OPINION



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## Risk profile related to production and consumption of insects as food and feed

**EFSA Scientific Committee**

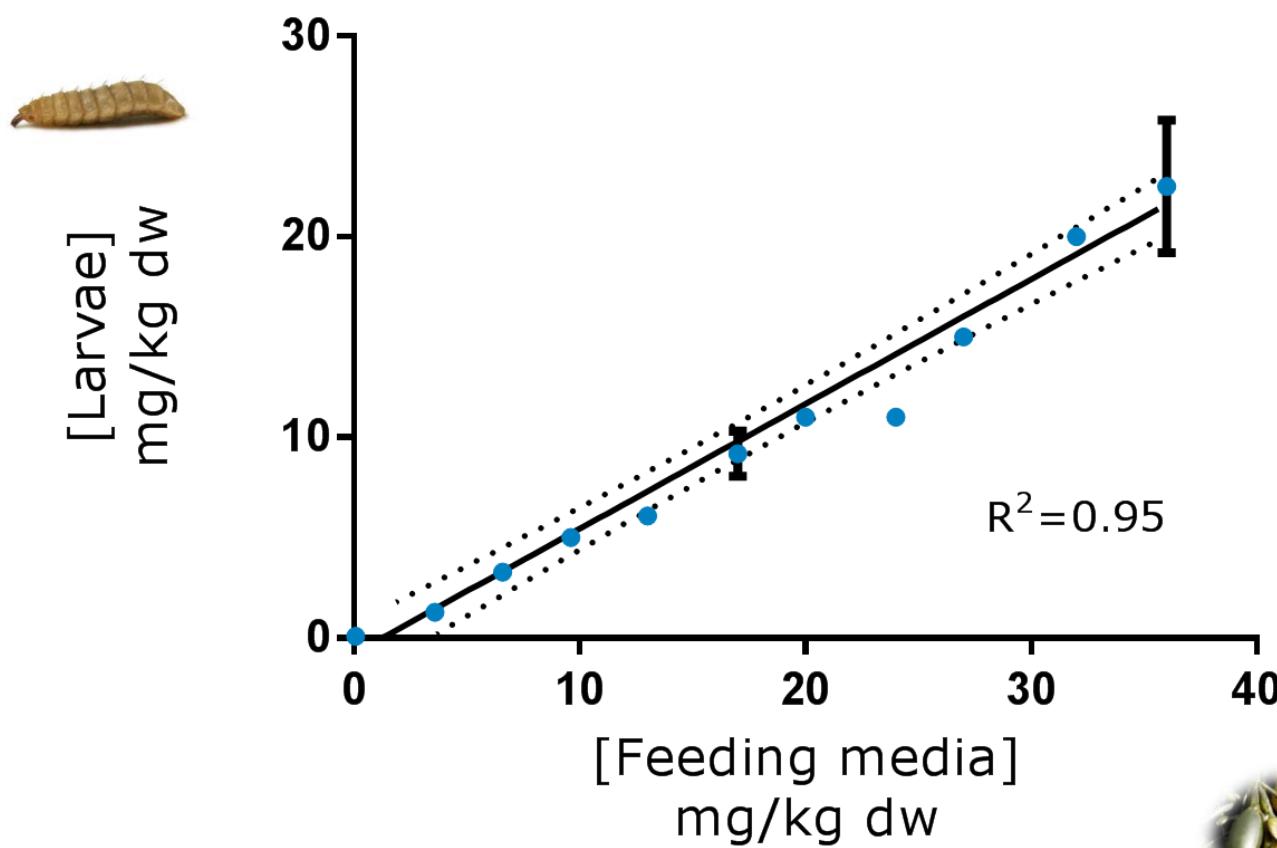
### Abstract

The present opinion has the format of a risk profile and presents potential biological and chemical hazards as well as allergenicity and environmental hazards associated with farmed insects used as food and feed taking into account of the entire chain, from farming to the final product. The opinion also addresses the occurrence of these hazards in non-processed insects, grown on different substrate categories, in comparison to the occurrence of these hazards in other non-processed sources of protein of animal origin. When currently allowed feed materials are used as substrate to feed insects, the possible occurrence of microbiological hazards is expected to be comparable to their occurrence in other non-processed sources of protein of animal origin. The possible occurrence of prions in non-processed insects will depend on whether the substrate includes protein of human or ruminant origin. Data on transfer of chemical contaminants from different substrates to the insects are very limited. Substrates like kitchen waste, human and animal manure are also considered and hazards from insects fed on these substrates need to be specifically assessed. It is concluded that for both biological

# Undesirable elements

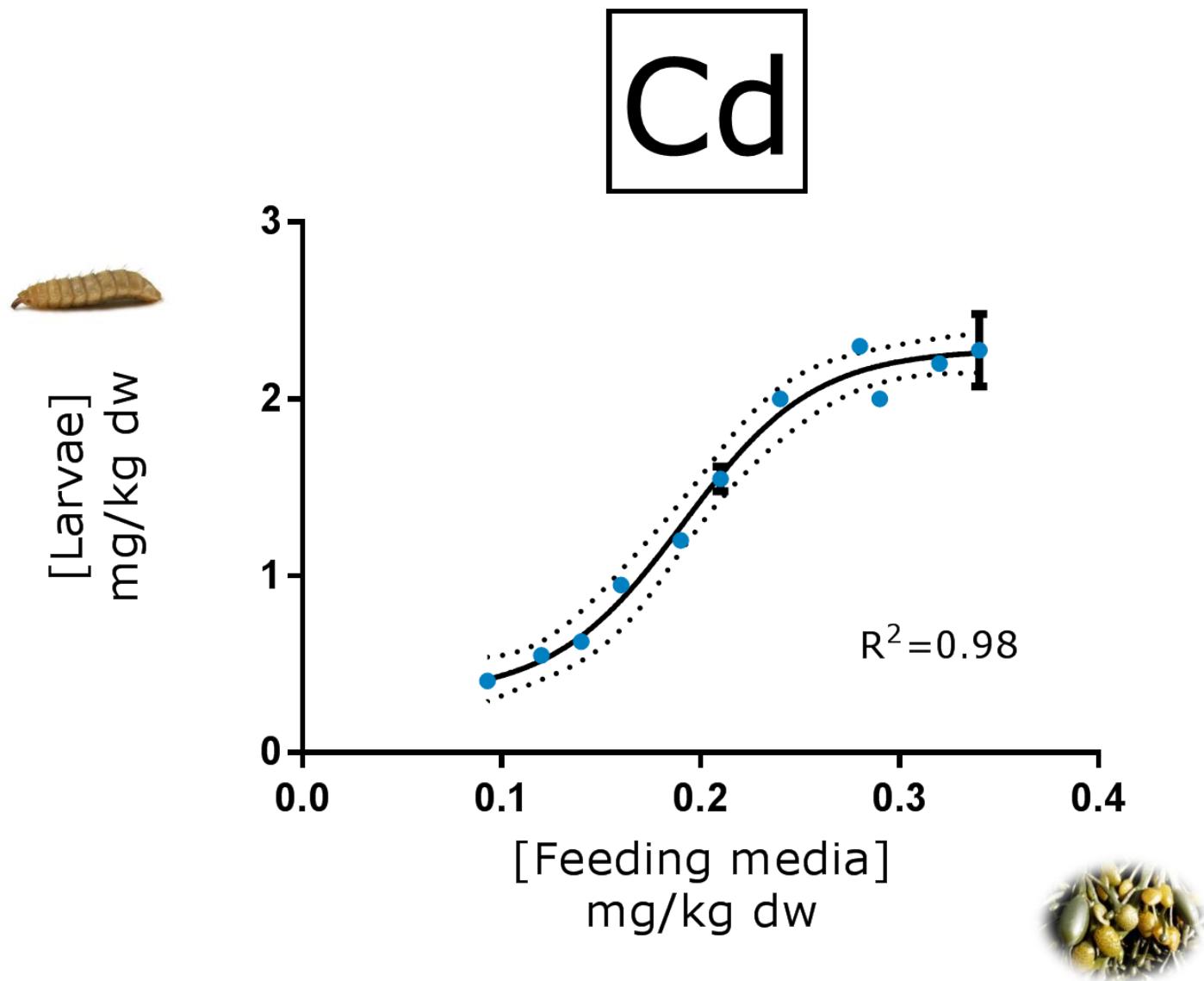
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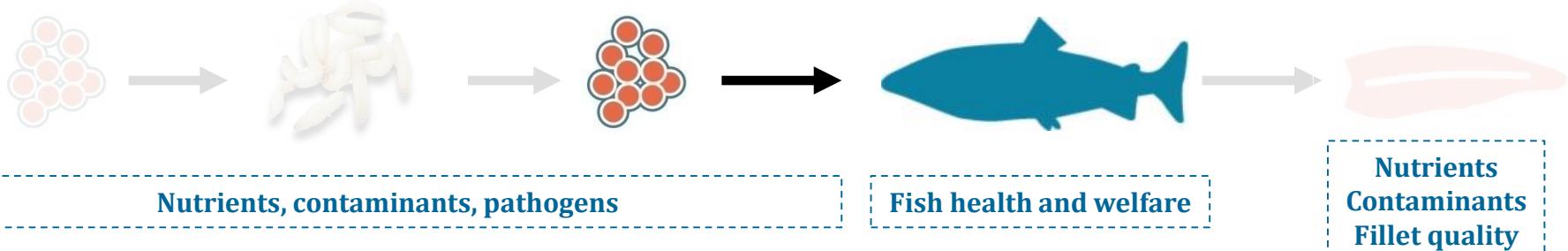


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Two feeding trials:

- Freshwater salmon (2016)
  - EWOS
  - 8 weeks
  - Start 50 gr – End 130 gr
- Seawater salmon (2017)
  - GIFAS
  - 6 months
  - Start 1 kg – 4 kg

# Freshwater feeding trial EWOS

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Protein	Fish meal SPC	Diet 1	Diet 2	Diet 3
	Insect meal	Diet 4	Diet 5	Diet 6
	Fish oil	Insect lipid Protix	Insect lipid AquaFly	
	Lipid			

# Formulation and proximate composition of the experimental diets

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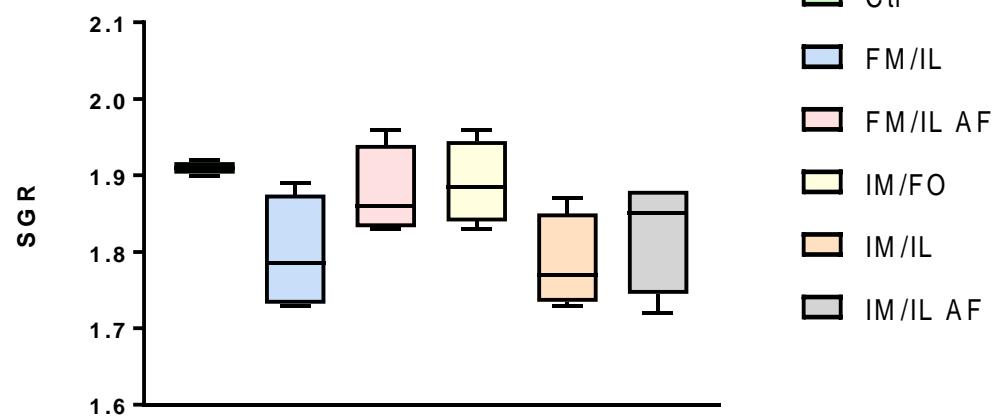
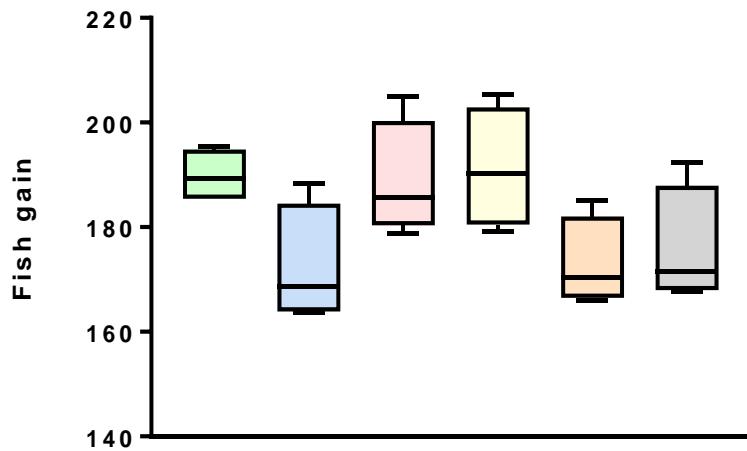
	CTL	FM/IL	FM/ILAF	IM/FO	IM/IL	IM/ILAF
FM LT94	35	35	35	6	6	6
IM	0	0	0	60	60	60
VPC	29.6	29.5	29.5	5	5	5
Binder	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.4
FO	4.6	4.6	4.6	6.9	6.9	6.9
Veg Oil	12	0	0	4.8	0	0
Insect Oil	0	12	0	0	4.8	0
Aquafly Oil	0	0	12	0	0	4.8
Vit&Min premix	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Misc	4.2	4.2	4.2	2.6	2.6	2.6
Sum	100	100	100	100	100	100

0%      12%      12%      60%      65%      65%

FA (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	CTL	FM/IL	FM/ILAF	IM/FO	IM/IL	IM/ILAF
12:0	<0.01	41	33.7	35.3	47.9	48
14:0	3.9	12.7	12.2	12	14.4	15.2
16:0	12.4	22.4	20.7	24.7	26.6	27.8
Saturated FA	20.3	81.4	71.2	78.6	95.5	97.8
Sum MUFA	88.9	41.2	39.2	73.0	45.2	47.8
Sum n-3	24.7	17.3	16.4	21.8	15.0	15.8
Sum n-6	22.6	20.9	16.3	27.8	25.9	25.5
Sum PUFA	47.3	38.2	32.7	49.6	41.0	41.4

# Growth performances

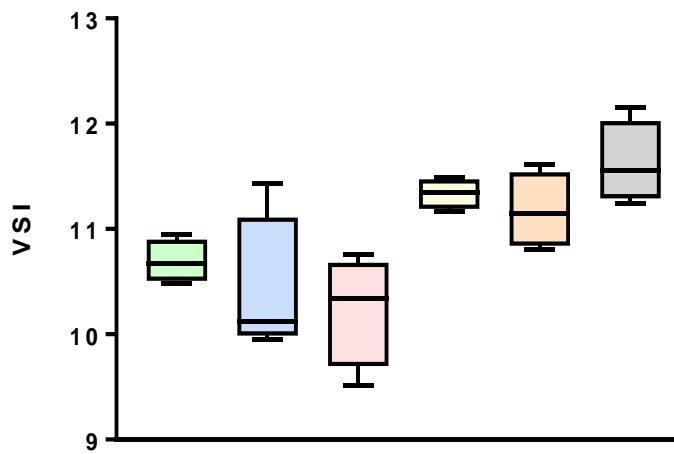
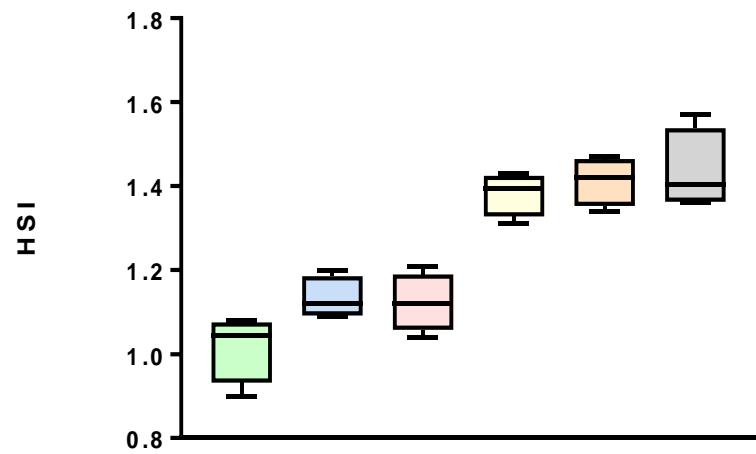
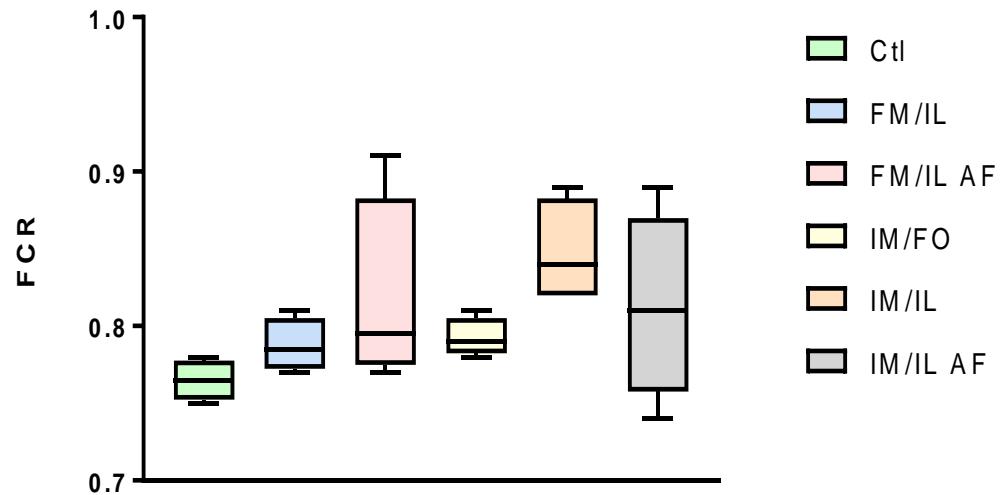
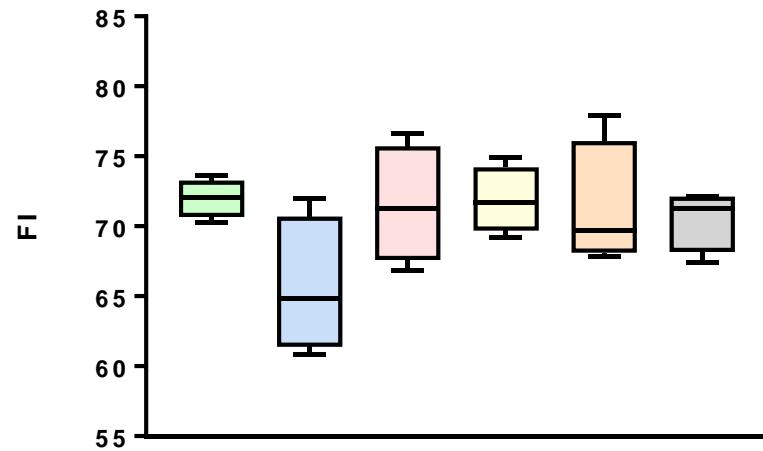
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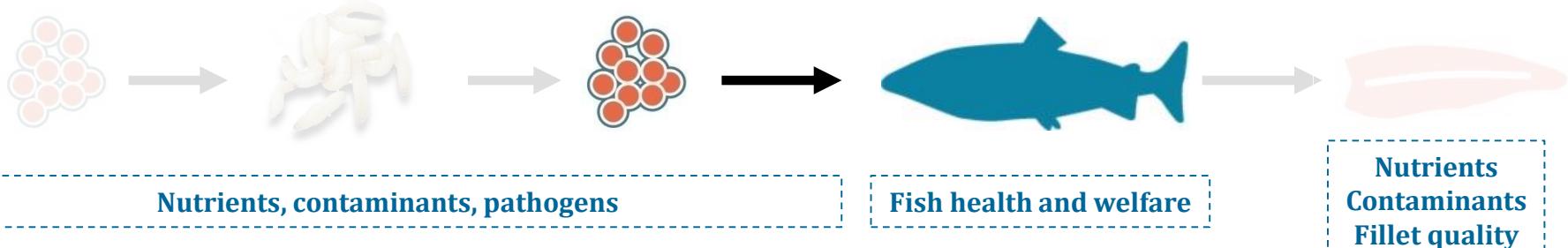
The lipid sources had a significant effect on fish gain and specific growth rate,  
no effect of protein source

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*Insect lipid*



*Insect meal*

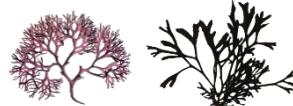
# Insects in the Circular Economy

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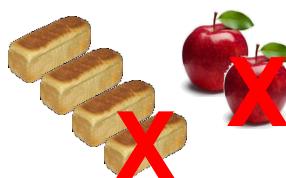
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Underused (marine) resources

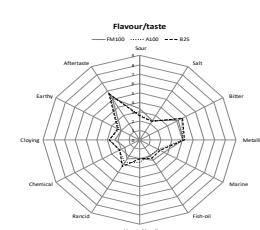


One third of the world's food is wasted

1.3 billion tons



Retain valuable nutrients in the food chain  
and increase protein supply in a  
sustainable manner



Fillet quality  
Food safety  
Sensory testing

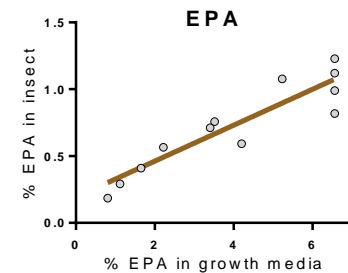
Insects convert carbohydrate-rich  
organic material into animal protein and lipid



insectmeal



insectlipid



Specific growth rate



# ENTOFÔR

## from waste to resource



**NorInsect AS**



**Myldregard AS**



**Botnggaard Bioprotix AS**

## Main aim

To deliver knowledge and tools that policy makers, companies and other stakeholders need to direct and develop a waste-fed insect industry for feed production in Norway

**WP 1: Identify attractive Norwegian organic waste streams that may be converted by insects to produce raw materials for animal feed**  
(WP1 leader: Ivar Pettersen, NIBIO)

*Task 1.1: Identify factors determining suitability of organic waste as insect feed*



*Task 1.2. Segmented study of waste streams for insect production*

**WP 2: Evaluate and establish insect species cultures and methods that are relevant to convert the suggested waste streams into protein feed sources  
(WP2 leader: Ingeborg Klingen, NIBIO)**

*Task 2.1: Determine insect species and establish methods for insect cultures on suggested organic waste streams*



*Task 2.2: Test relevant waste streams as insect feed  
- Insect feeding studies*

## Work package 3: Development of insect functional ingredients (WP3 leader: Vincenzo Fogliano, WUR)

*Task 3.1: Development and characterization of protein based insect ingredients*

- *Cost-effective isolation and fractionation of insect protein*
- *Digestibility test in fish*

*Task 3.2: Development and characterization of lipid based insect ingredient*

- *Optimization of lipid extraction methods*
- *Test in aquafeed*

**WP 4. Develop methods for detection and tracing of non-legal waste use in the insect production chain**  
(WP leader: Marc Berntssen NIFES)

*Task 4.1.: Peptidomic profiling of different insect species reared on specific waste products*

*Task 4.2.: Quantification of specific waste products or insect species in a feed ingredient mixture*

**WP 5: Validate and perform a wide scope screening for pesticides and mycotoxins for insect reared on different waste products**  
(WP leader: Marc Berntssen, NIFES)

*Task 5.1. Development and validation of a wide scope screening method for detection of pesticides and mycotoxins in insect feed and insect products*

*Task 5.2. Screening of pesticides and mycotoxins in several waste substrates and insect materials*

## WP6 Communication with stakeholders and dissemination of results (WP leader: Erik-Jan Lock, NIFES)

*Task 6.1 Participation and communication with stakeholders and end-users*

*Task 6.2 Project website with project activities and results*

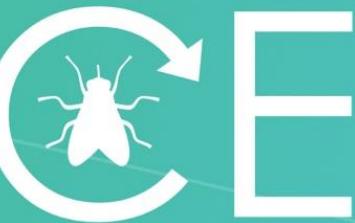


*Task 6.3: Project management*

*NICE aims to form a knowledge base  
that can support sustainable development  
of the insect industry  
in Norway and the Nordic region.*

1. Organizing seminars in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark
2. Website: [insect-network.org](http://insect-network.org) (.com)

# NICE



NETWORK ON  
INSECTS IN THE  
CIRCULAR  
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[www.insect-network.org](http://www.insect-network.org)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the NICE (Network on Insects in the Circular Economy) website. The header includes the NICE logo and a navigation bar with links for About NICE, Latest news, Projects, Members, Events, Contact, and a search icon. The main content area features a teal header with the text "From waste to high value products". Below this, there are two columns: "What is NICE?" (with a sub-section "Where?") and "How?". The "What is NICE?" section contains a photo of mealworms and a brief description. The "How?" section contains a photo of a woman in a green dress and a detailed description. At the bottom, there are four small icons for Members, News, Projects, and Contact, each accompanied by a small insect illustration.

The screenshot shows the NICE website displayed on a tablet. The top half of the screen features two columns of text: "NICE will focus on the developments in Norway and the Nordic region" and "NICE organizes seminars in the Nordic countries that bring together the researchers from the private sector or governmental organizations, legislators and other stakeholders in this developing industry". Below this is a large image of a woman smiling, framed in a white circle, set against a background of orange autumn leaves. To the right of the image is a section titled "Environment" with a short description. The bottom half of the screen is divided into four quadrants, each containing a large insect icon and a link: "Members" (dragonfly), "News" (grasshopper), "Projects" (fly), and "Contact" (cockroach).

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## Vi skal producere insekter til middagsbordet

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**Fondens investering**

- Investeringsprogram: Grand Solutions
- Investering: 19 mio kr.
- Samlet budget: 28 mio. kr.
- Varighed: 3 år

**Potentiale**

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# Thank you for your attention!

