

# Reduction of bamboo shoot cyanide by lactic acid fermentation

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# 1. Introduction

# Bamboo shoots?

- A sprout or young bamboo
- Edible: fermented, boiled, canned, dried, etc.



## Nutritional value

- Antioxidants
- Carbohydrates
- Dietary fiber



- Vitamins
- Essential amino acids
- Minerals



- Fat content

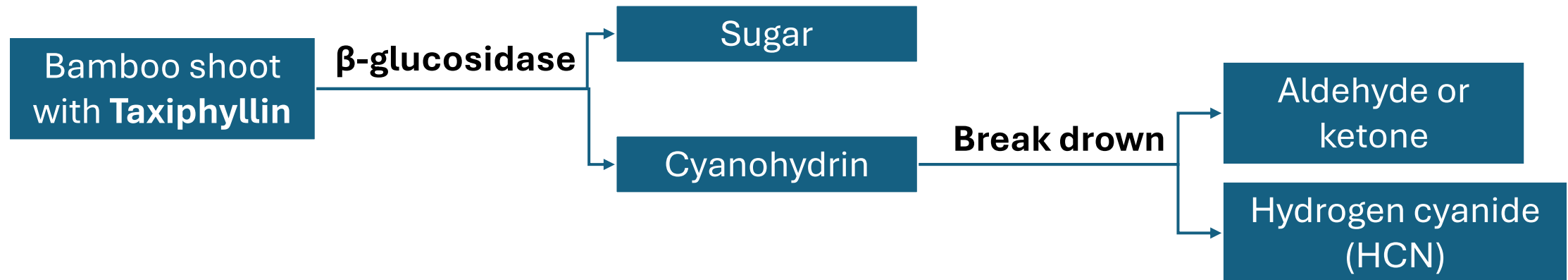
# Social impact

- Helping to reduce malnutrition in poor communities
- **Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero hunger (UN)**



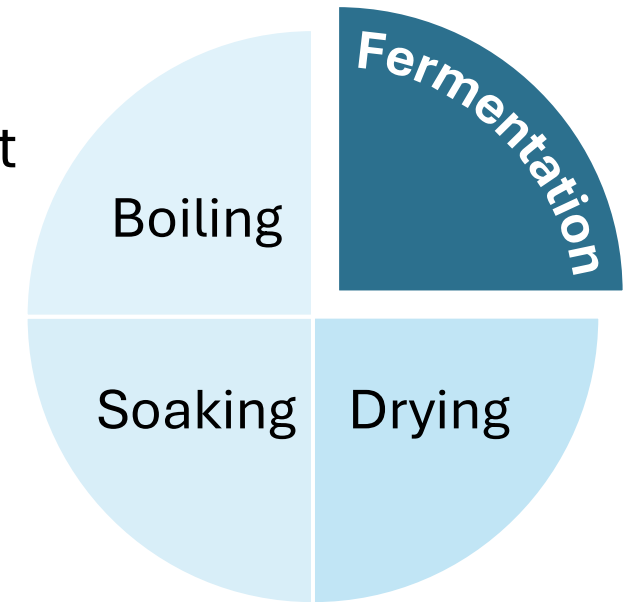
# Drawbacks

- Presence of cyanogenic glycosides



# Reduction of HCN

- HCN is toxic at doses from 0.5 to 3.5 mg/kg of body weight
- Pre-treatment is needed to reduce HCN



## Fermentation

- Additional benefits (Palatability, shelf-life and health improvement)
- Less studies in reduction of HCN
  - Species belonging to other regions and with native microorganisms

## 2. General objective

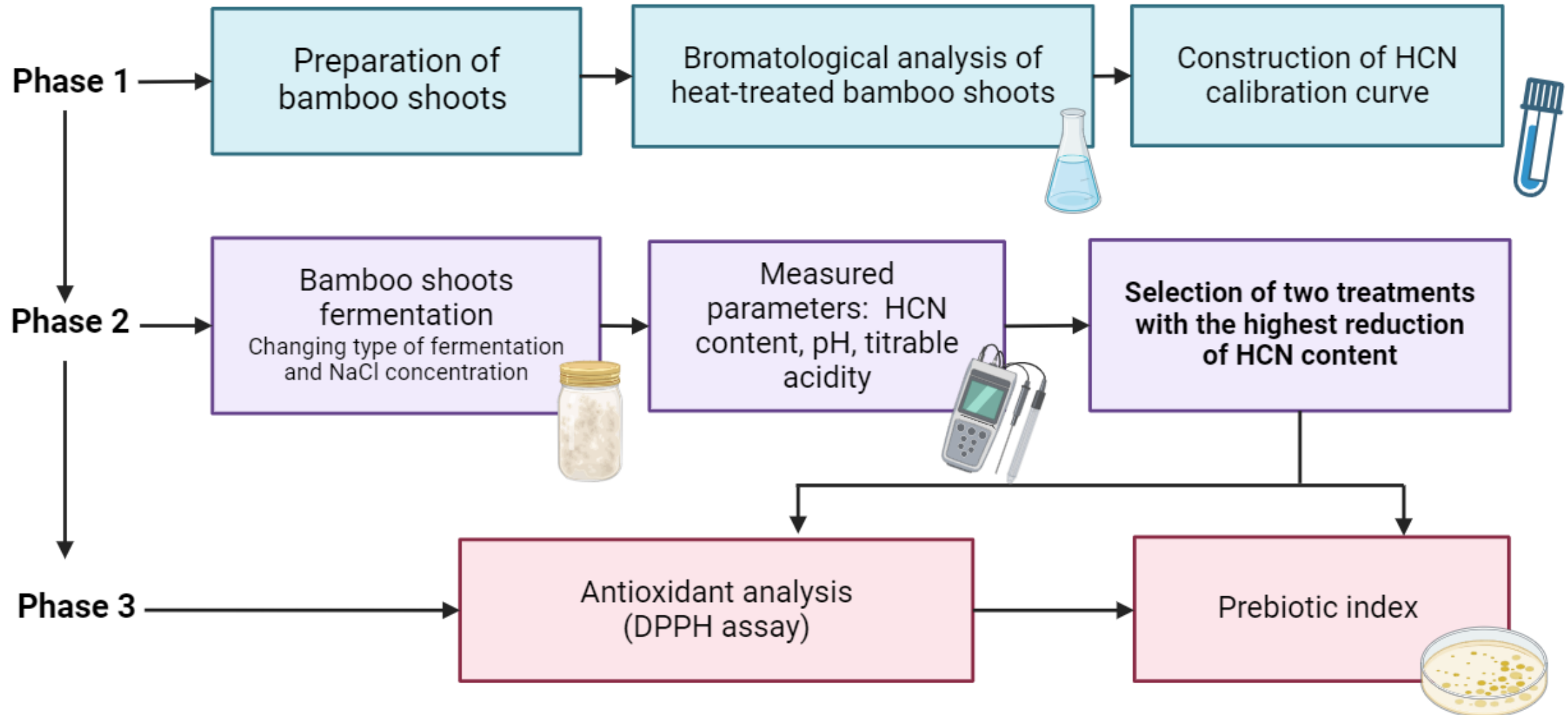
- To **evaluate** the effect of different **fermentation conditions** of *Dendrocalamus asper* bamboo shoots in **cyanide** content, **pH** and **titratable acidity**, in order to **reduce** their **HCN** concentration, **increase** their **antioxidant capacity** and **prebiotic index**, laying the foundations for the development of a product with high nutritional value.



# 3. Materials and methods



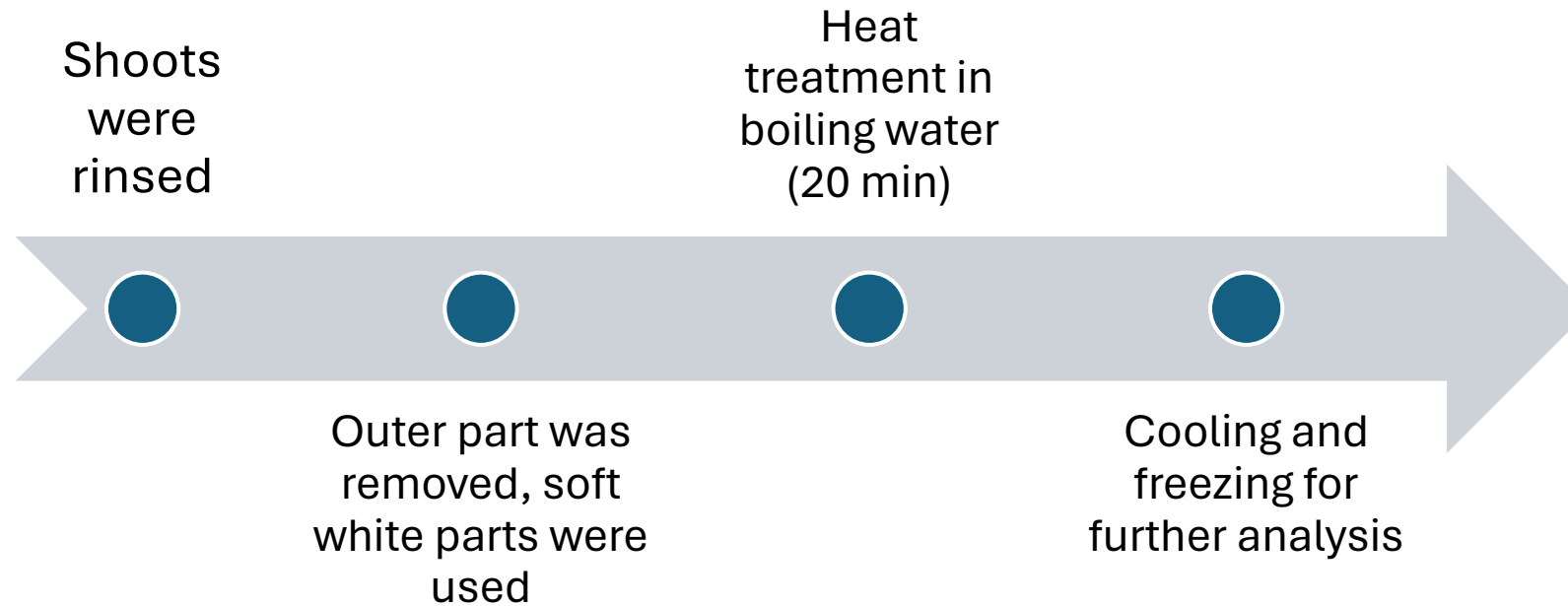
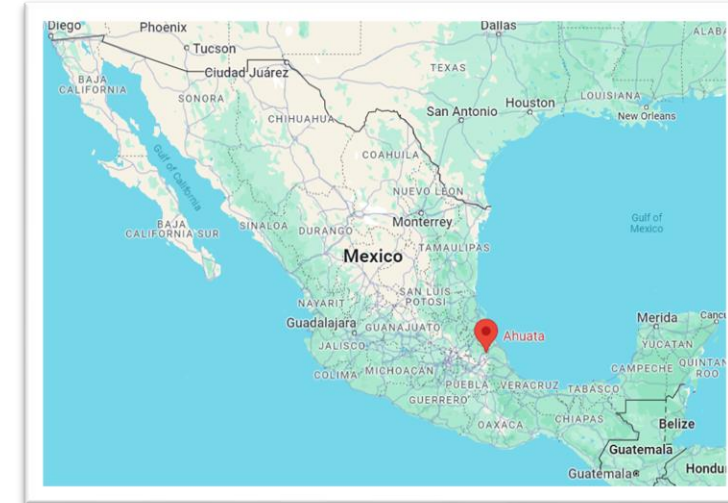
# General outline





# Bamboo shoots preparation

- Obtained from: the town of Ahuata, in the northeastern highlands of **Puebla, México**; at 930 meters above sea level

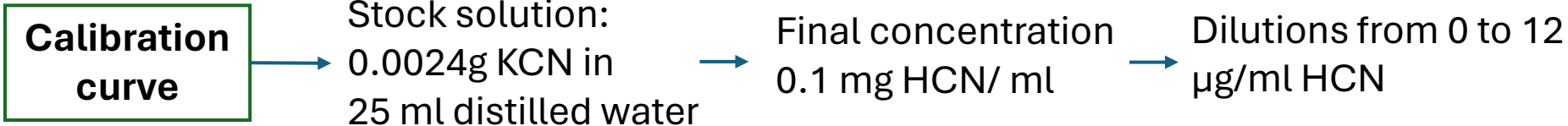
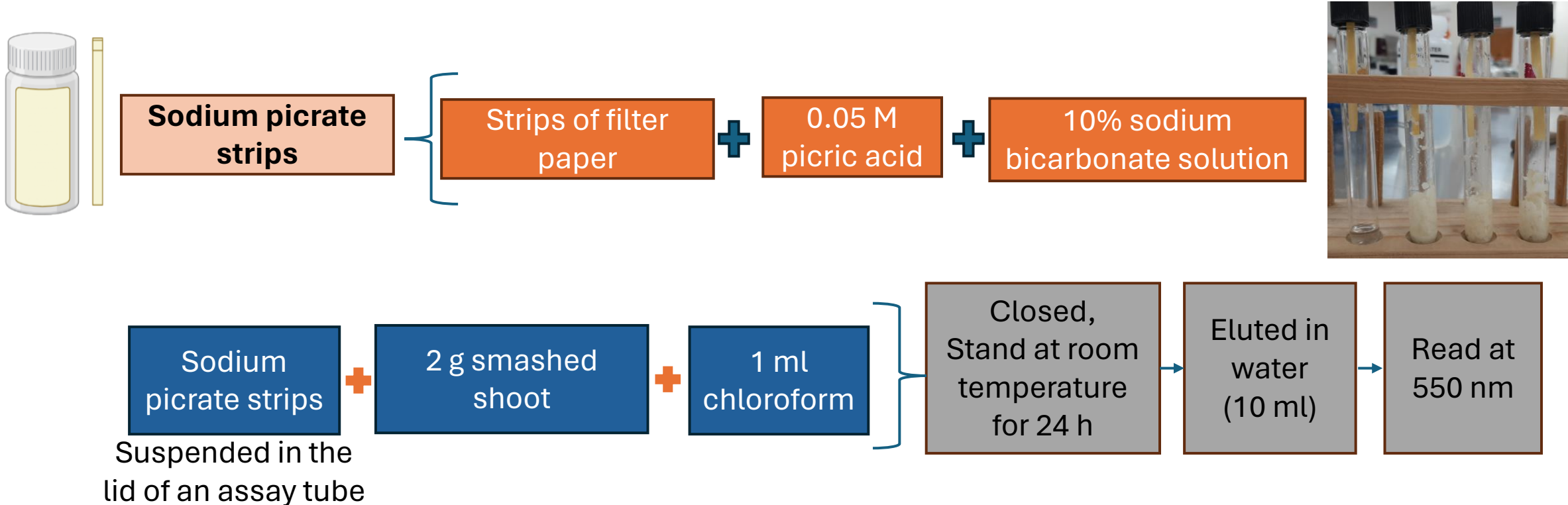


# Bromatological analysis

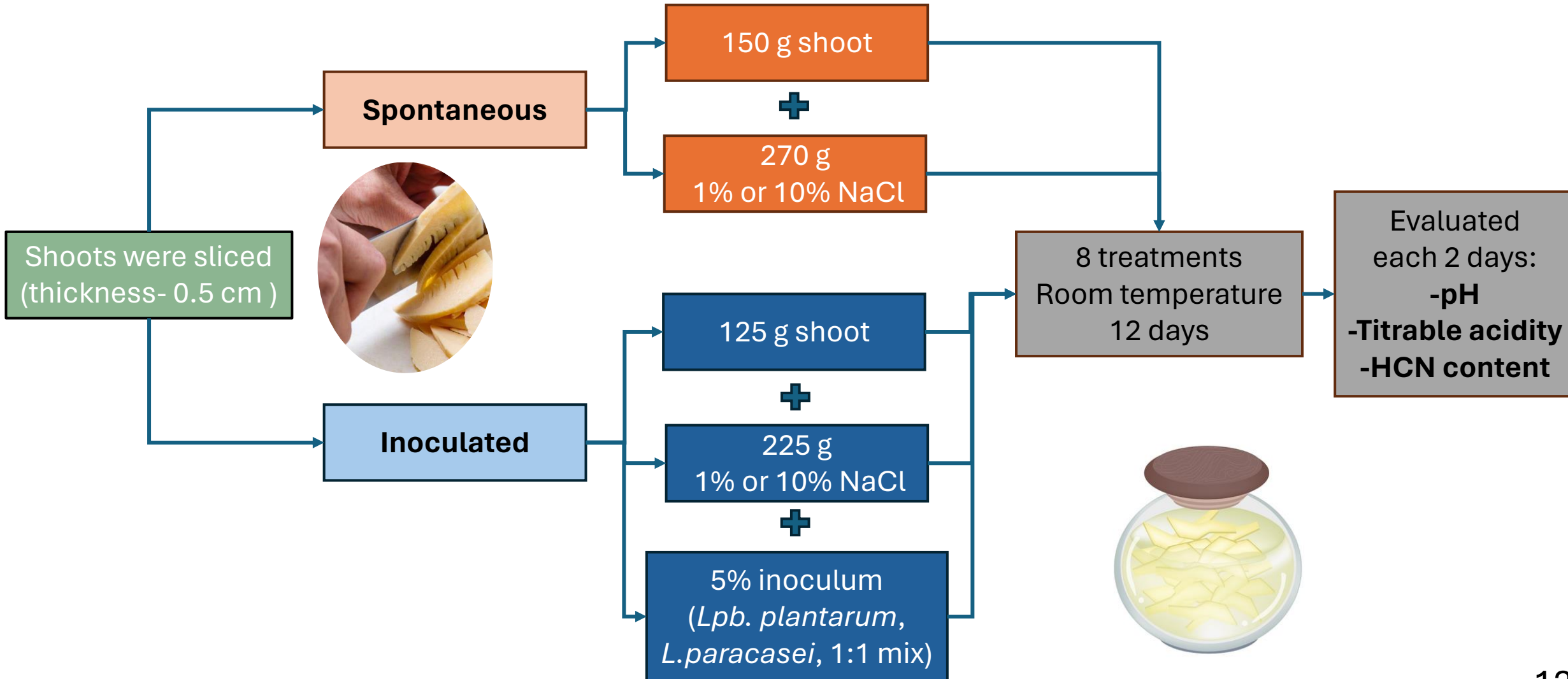
Property	Assay	Conditions
<b>Moisture</b>	Oven drying	90°C, 6 hours
<b>Ash</b>	Calcination in muffle	Previous drying, 550°C, 5 hours
<b>Total reducing sugars</b>	Dinitrosalicylic acid (DNS)	Garriga et al., 2017
<b>Lipids</b>	Soxhlet extraction	180g dried sample, petroleum ether, 6 hours extraction time (36 cycles)
<b>Protein content</b>	Spectrophotometric Lowry assay	Waterborg, 2009

# HCN content assay

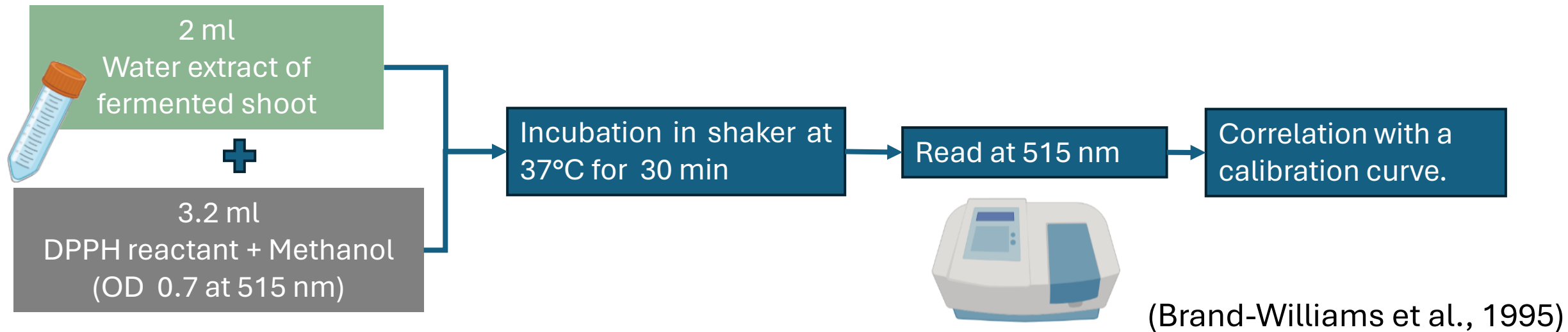
- Spectrophotometric technique of Guignard sodium picrate. (Borja-Zamora et al., 2022)



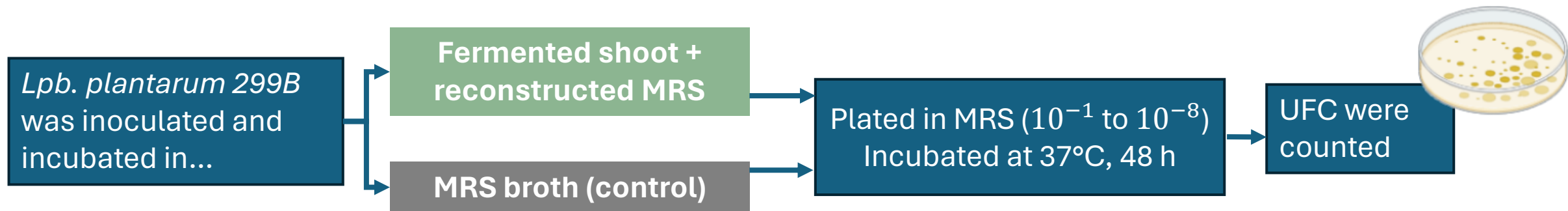
# Fermentation of shoots



# Antioxidant analysis (DPPH assay)



# Prebiotic index



## 4. Results and discussion



# Bromatological analysis

Similar levels of nutrients than previously reported for *D. asper* and other species

**Moisture: 92.61%**

Similar to 92.32% in boiled *D. hamiltonii*. (Santosh et al., 2016)

**Fat: 0.15% ww, 2.62% dw**

**Reducing sugar: 0.063% ww**

Similar to 0.1% ww in boiled *D. asper*. (Satya et al., 2010)

**Ash: 0.27% ww**

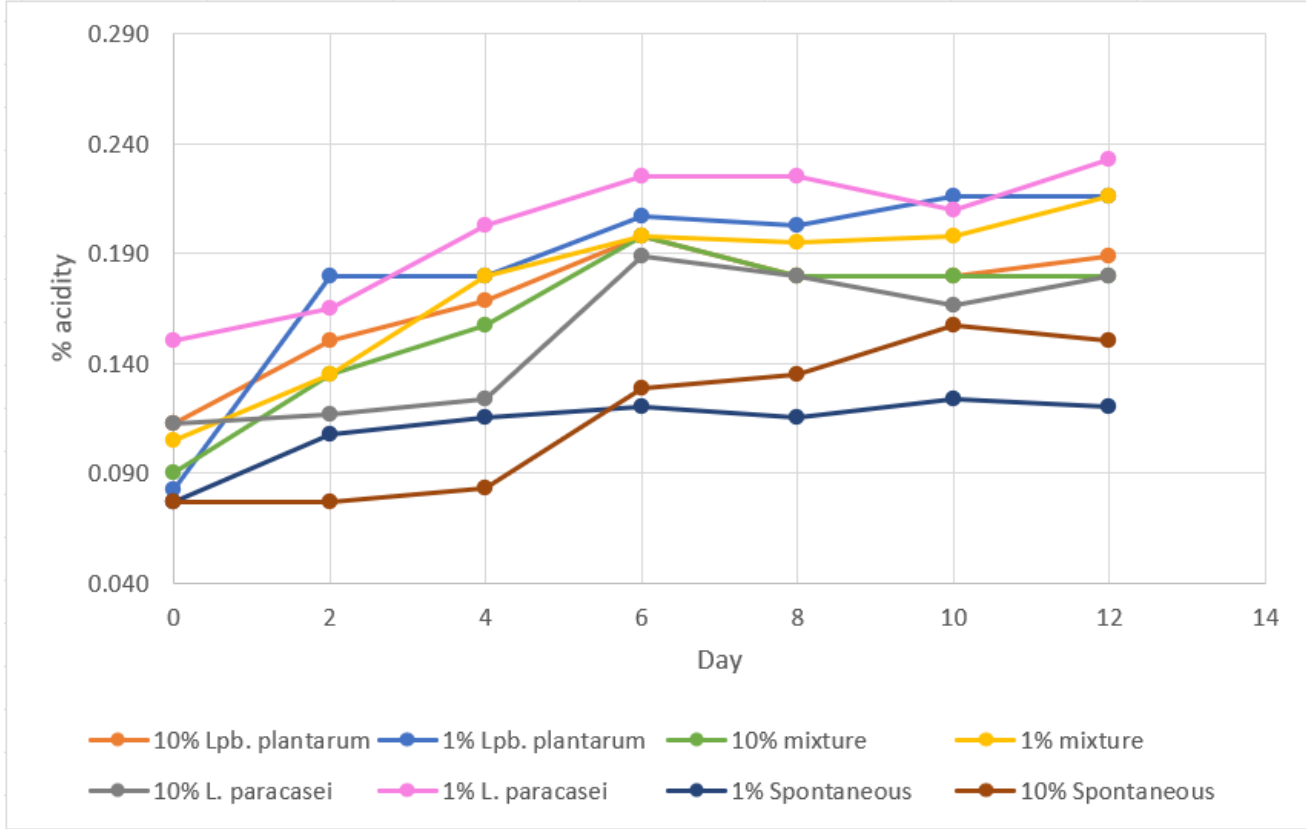
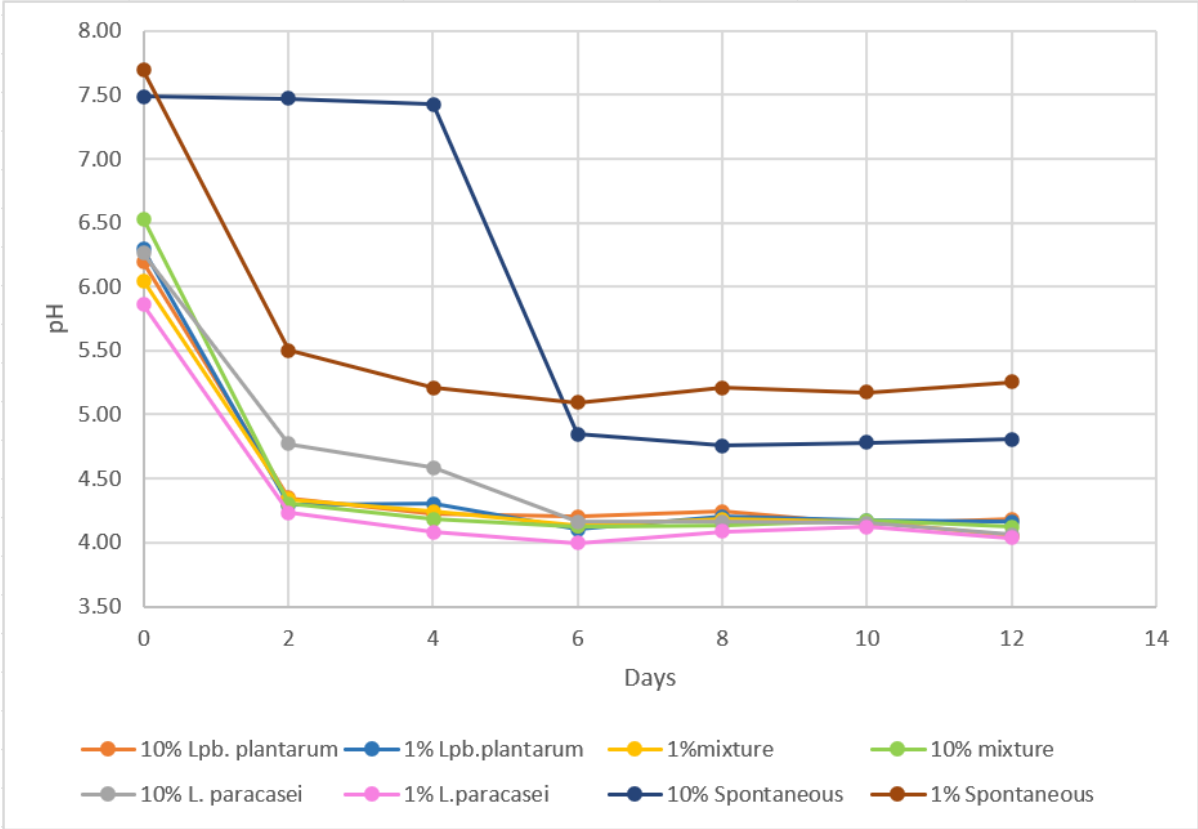
Similar to 0.75% ww in boiled *D. asper*. (Satya et al., 2010)

**Protein: 332.66 µg/ml ww**



# pH and titrable acidity

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# HCN calibration curve

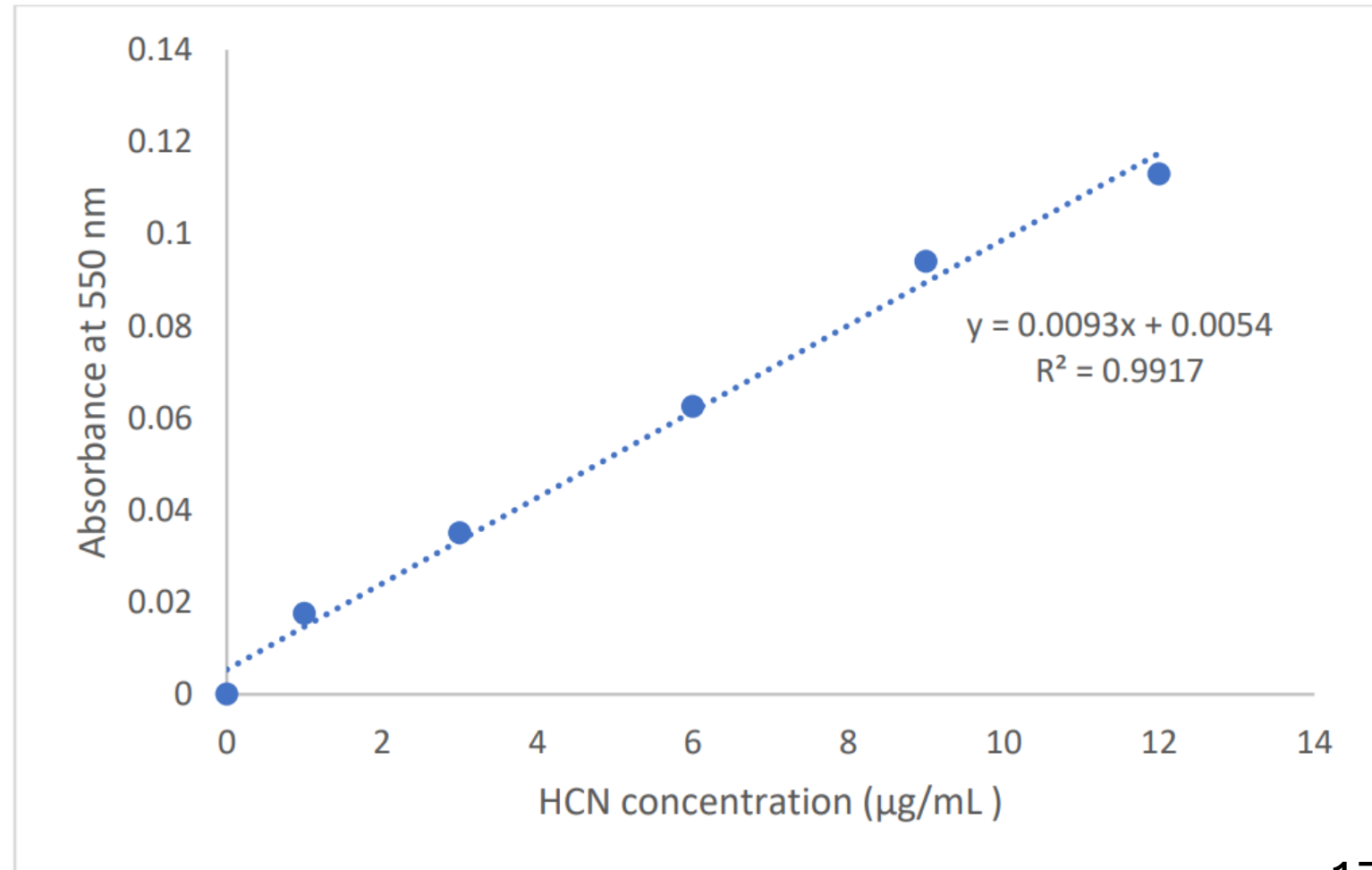
- Correlation of cyanide content with absorbance value

- The inverse equation was obtained

$$x = \frac{(y - 0.0054)}{0.0093}$$

$x = \text{HCN concentration}$

$y = \text{Absorbance}$



# Effect of fermentation in HCN content

- Analysis by Tukey test

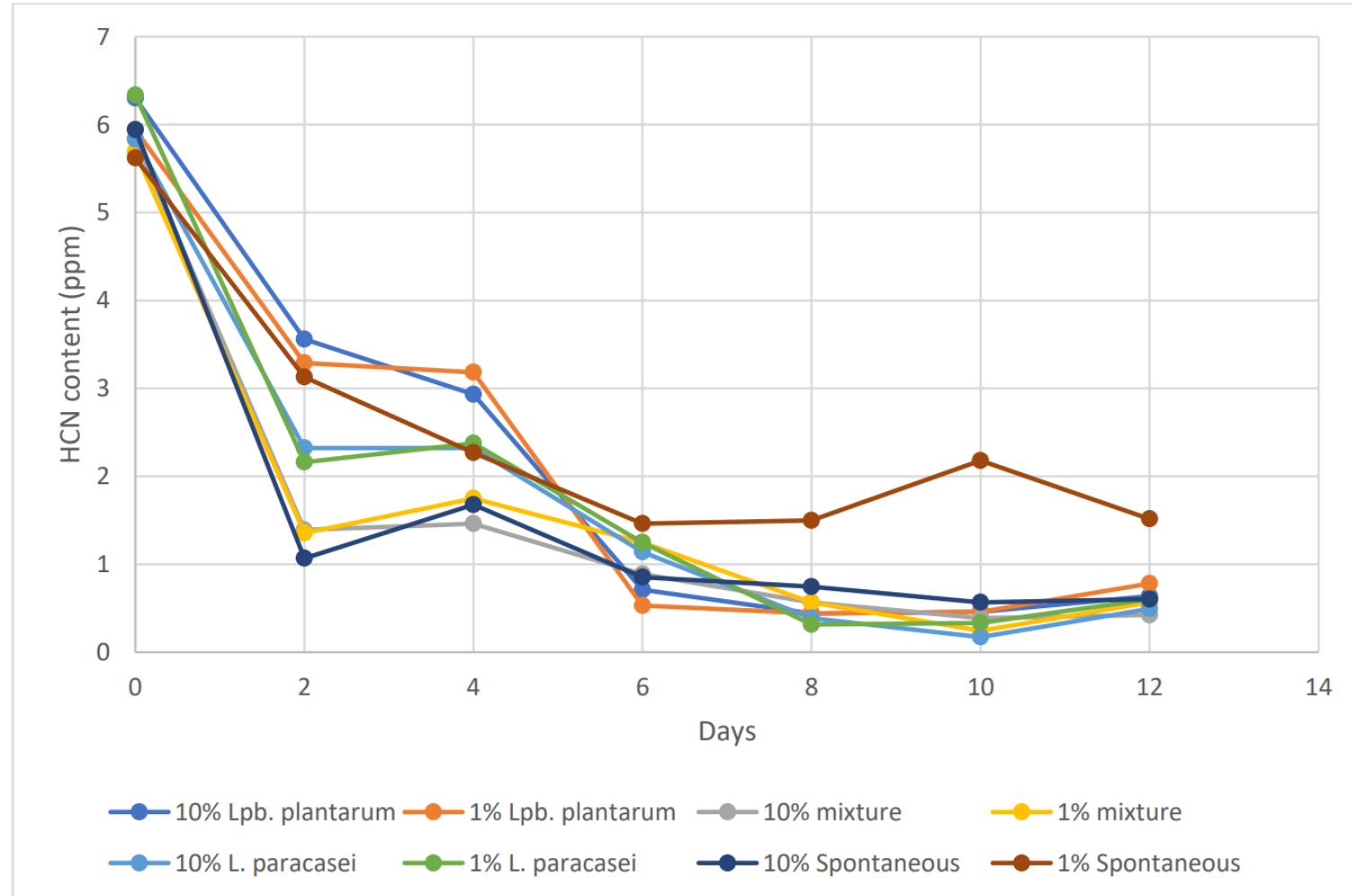
## The lowest HCN content reached

No statistically significant change on the following days (95% confidence interval)

**Day 6:** 1% and 10% spontaneous  
1% and 10% *Lpb. plantarum*

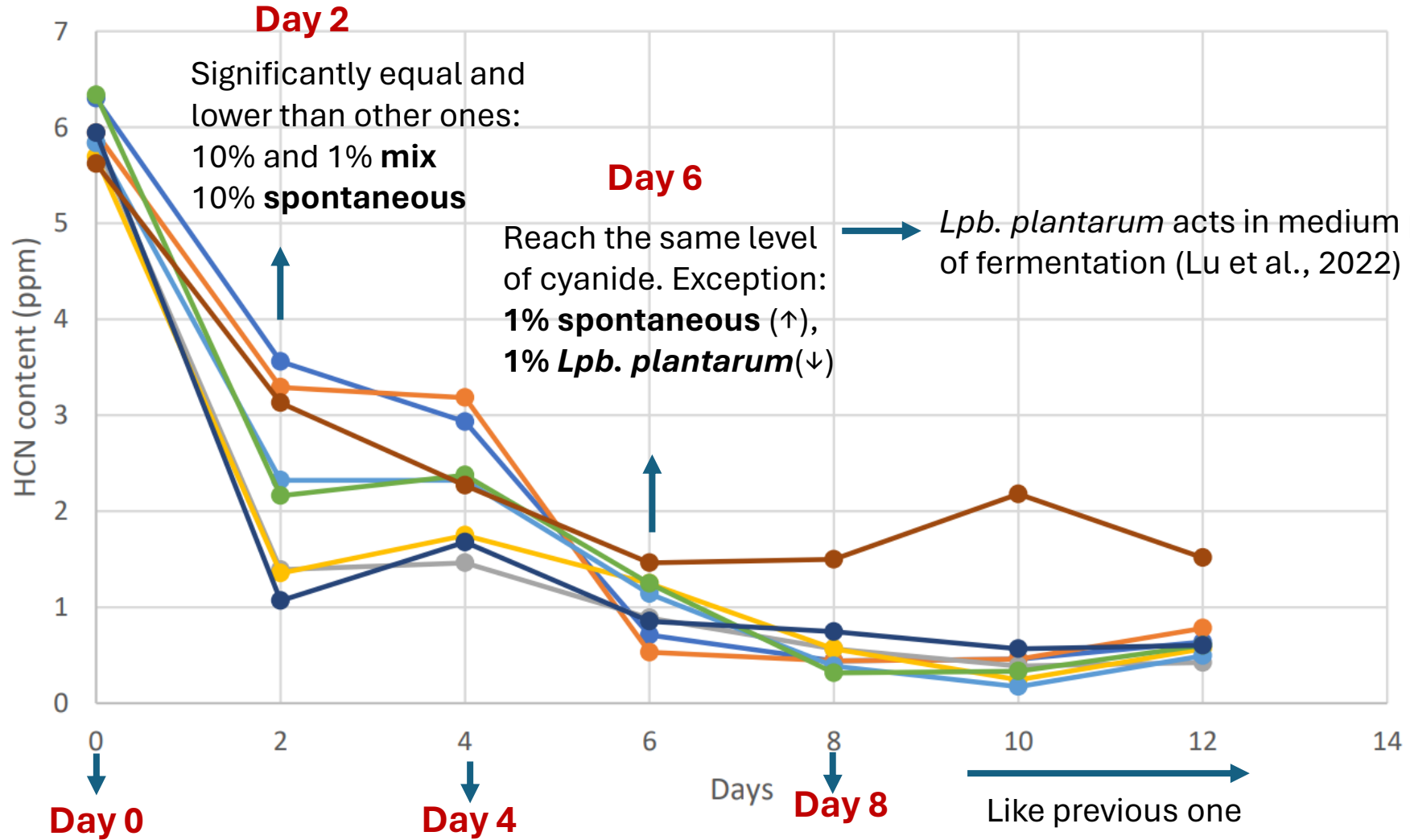
**Day 8:** 1% mix culture  
1% *L. paracasei*

**Day 10:** 10% mix culture  
10% *L. paracasei*



● 10% Lpb. plantarum   ● 1% Lpb. plantarum   ● 10% mixture   ● 1% mixture  
 ● 10% L. paracasei   ● 1% L. paracasei   ● 10% Spontaneous   ● 1% Spontaneous

Differences between treatments on each day

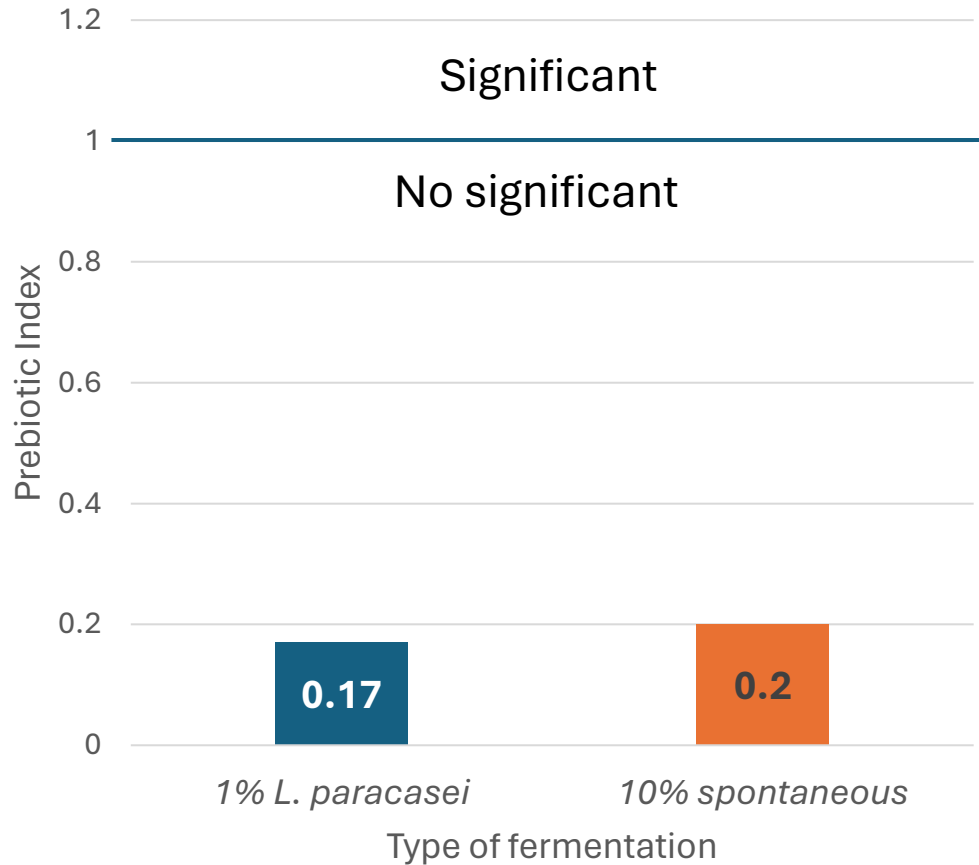


# Antioxidant activity of fermented shoots

Type of fermentation	% of inhibition against DPPH radical
10% spontaneous	30.0 %
1% <i>L. paracasei</i>	<b>82.8 %</b>

- Higher % of inhibition in **1% *L. paracasei***
- Higher than reported by Lu et al.(2022) in fermentation of **soy bean** by *L. paracasei*
  - **27%** of inhibition against DPPH

# Prebiotic index of fermented shoots



- Not a good source of prebiotics
- May be related to previous **use of carbohydrates** by lactic acid bacteria during fermentation

Carbohydrate source	CFU/ml
Control ( MRS)	$1.63 \times 10^9$
1% <i>L. paracasei</i> (fermented shoot)	$2.8 \times 10^8$
10% spontaneous (fermented shoot)	$3.4 \times 10^8$

# 5. Conclusions

- **Best treatments** from each type of fermentation:
  - 10% NaCl spontaneous and 1% NaCl *L. paracasei*
- **Natural fermentation** had variations in HCN levels **depending on % NaCl** used.
  - *The best: 10% NaCl – from 5.94 ppm to 0.6 ppm*
- **% NaCl did not affect** HCN content in **inoculated fermentation**, but there were differences among microorganism used.
- At **the late phase**, all inoculated treatments reached **similar low cyanide levels** (0.45 ppm)

THANK YOU

Questions?

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