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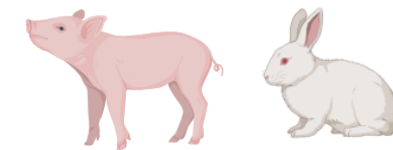


Animal breeding

Animal production



Productivity
Quality
Homogeneity



HOMOGENEITY has been related to:

✓ Reduction of the production costs

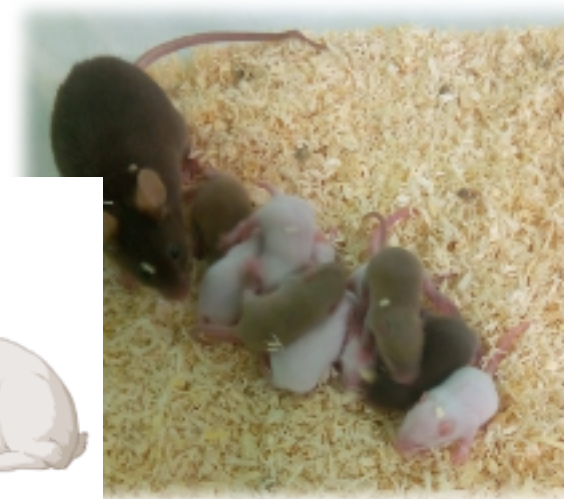
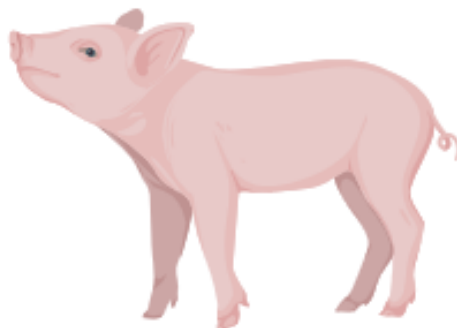
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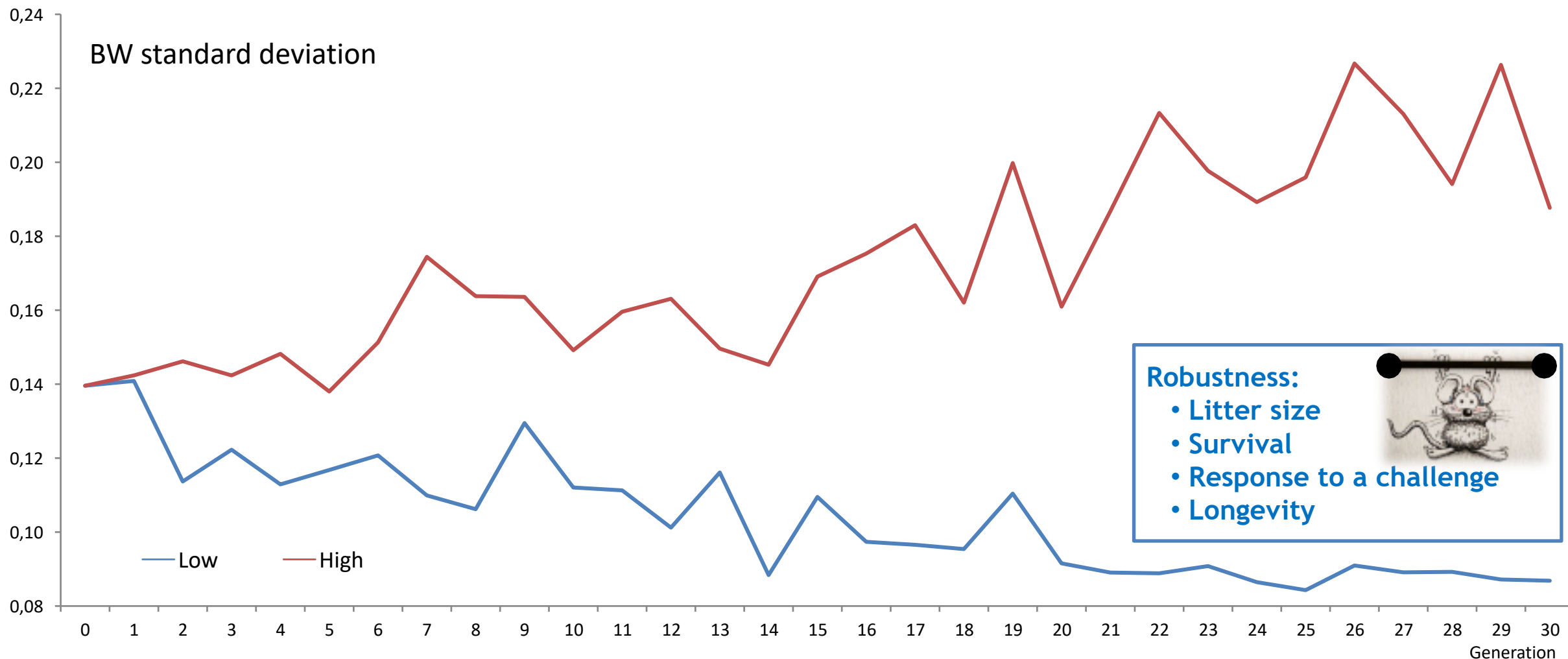
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✓ **ROBUSTNESS**



Selecting to modify **environmental variability** of some traits has been shown to be possible

Divergent selection experiment for birth weight (BW) environmental variability



JUSTIFICATION

Due to one male to one female mating design, it was not possible to differentiate the paternal or the maternal determination of the performances

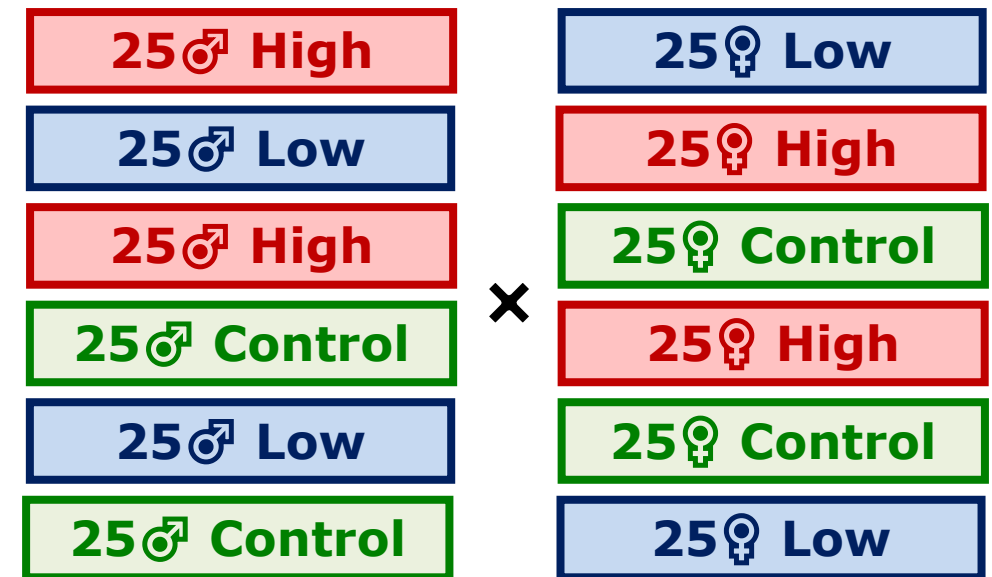
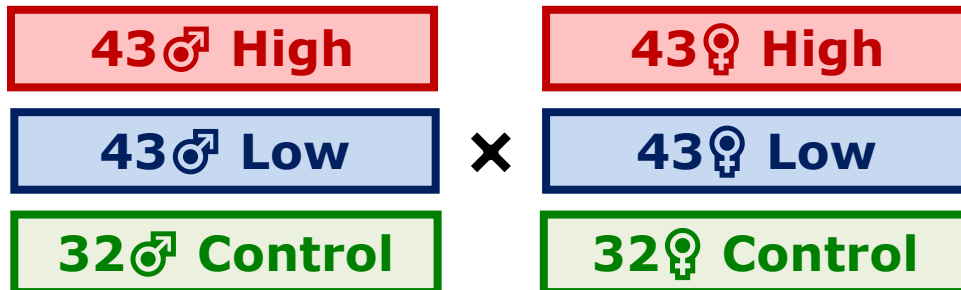
OBJECTIVE

To ascertain the maternal or the paternal nature of the genetic component of birth weight variability crossing mice selected lines between them and with the control line



EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

- Divergent selection experiment for BW environmental variability $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Low variability line} \\ \text{High variability line} \end{array} \right.$
- A non-selected population as **Control line**
- Matings between lines
- *GSEVM v2.0* (Ibáñez-Escriche et al., 2010)

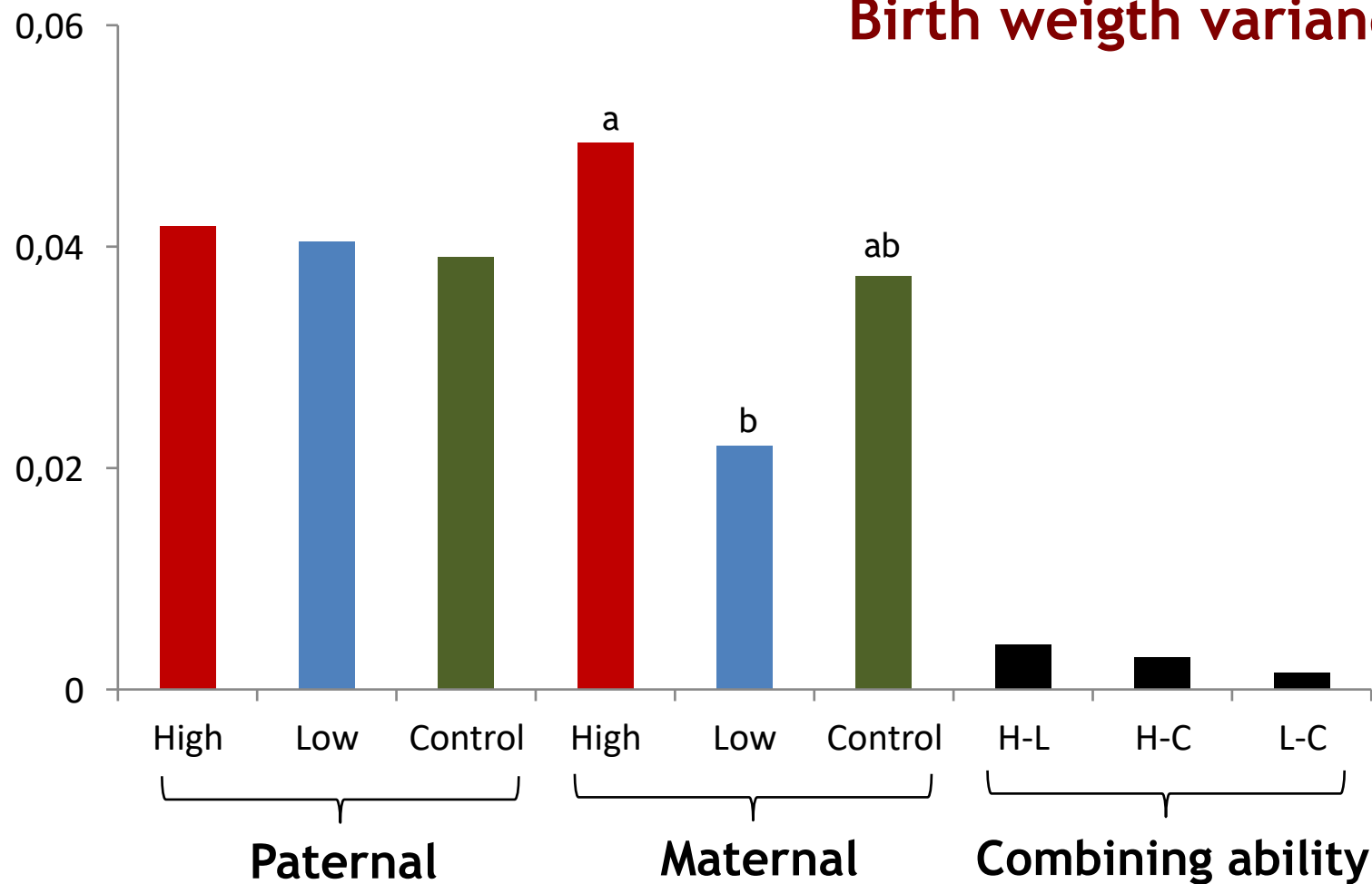


METHODS

$$y = PL_i + ML_j + SCA_{ij} + PN + sex + LS + e$$

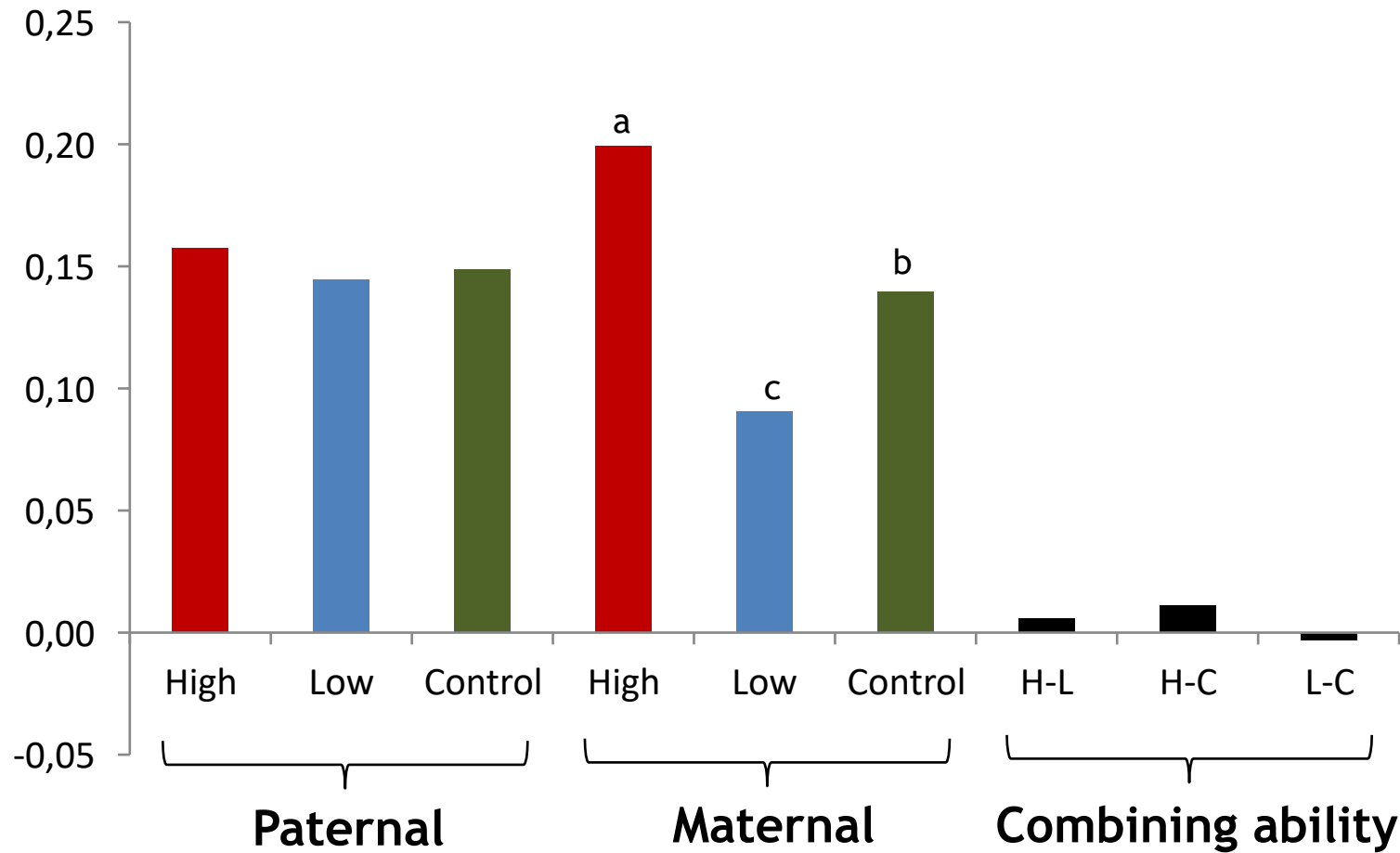
- **Traits:**
 - Birth weight variability: variance, standard deviation and coefficient of variation
 - Birth weight: individual and mean
 - Weaning weight
 - Litter size
- **Effects** → PL: paternal line (3), ML: maternal line (3), SCA: specific combining ability (3), PN: parturition number (2), sex (3), LS: litter size (16)
- **TM Software** (Legarra, 2008)

Variability traits: Birth weight variance



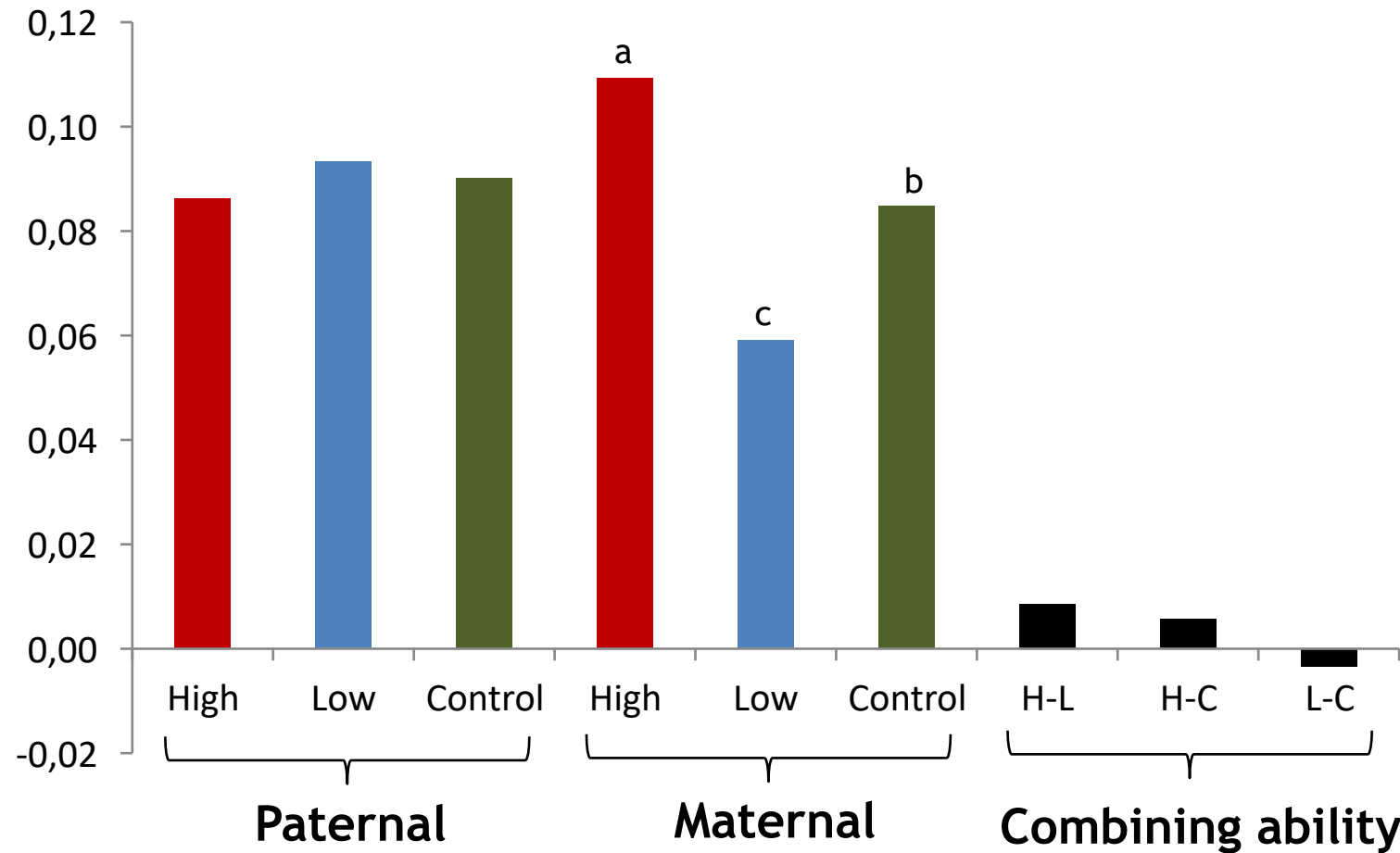
Maternal significant differences between
Low and High lines

Variability traits: Birth weight standard deviation



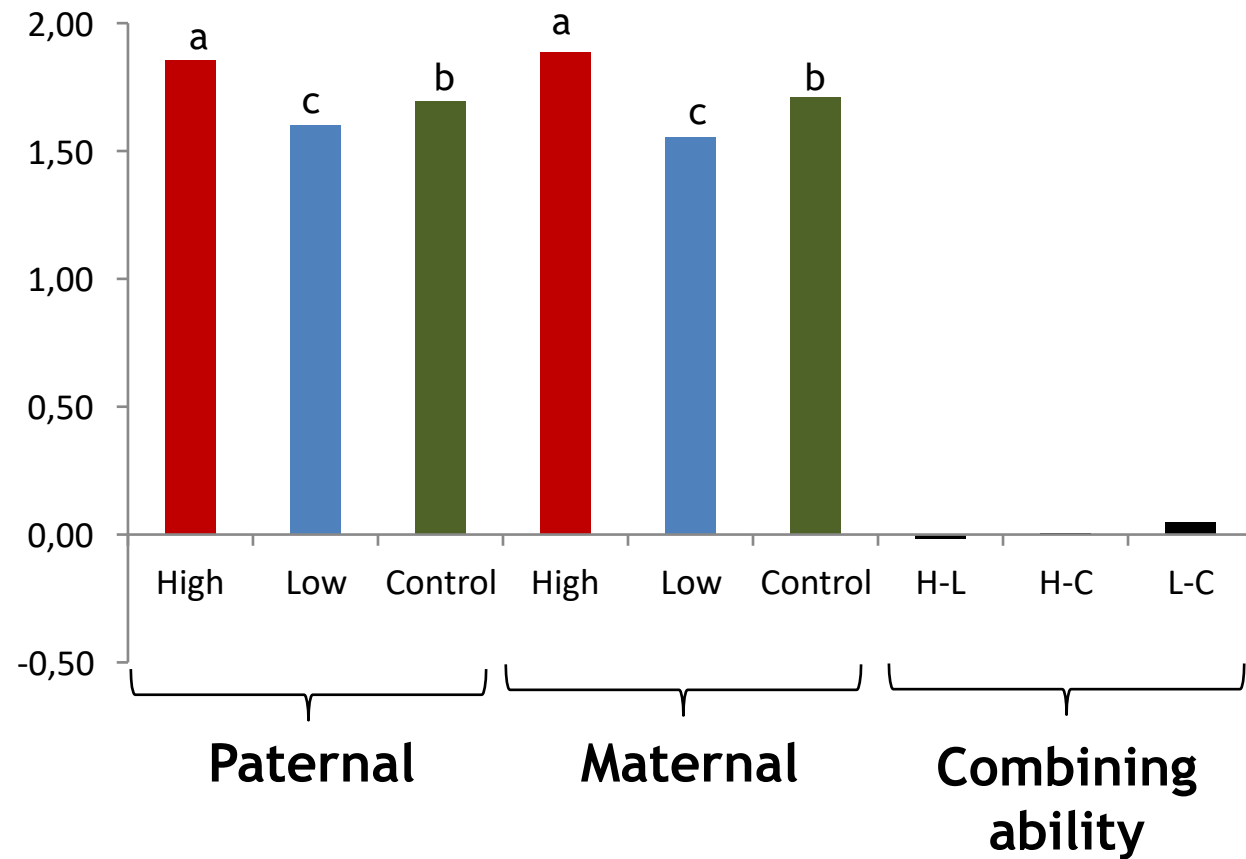
Maternal significant differences between the three lines

Variability traits: Birth weight coefficient of variation

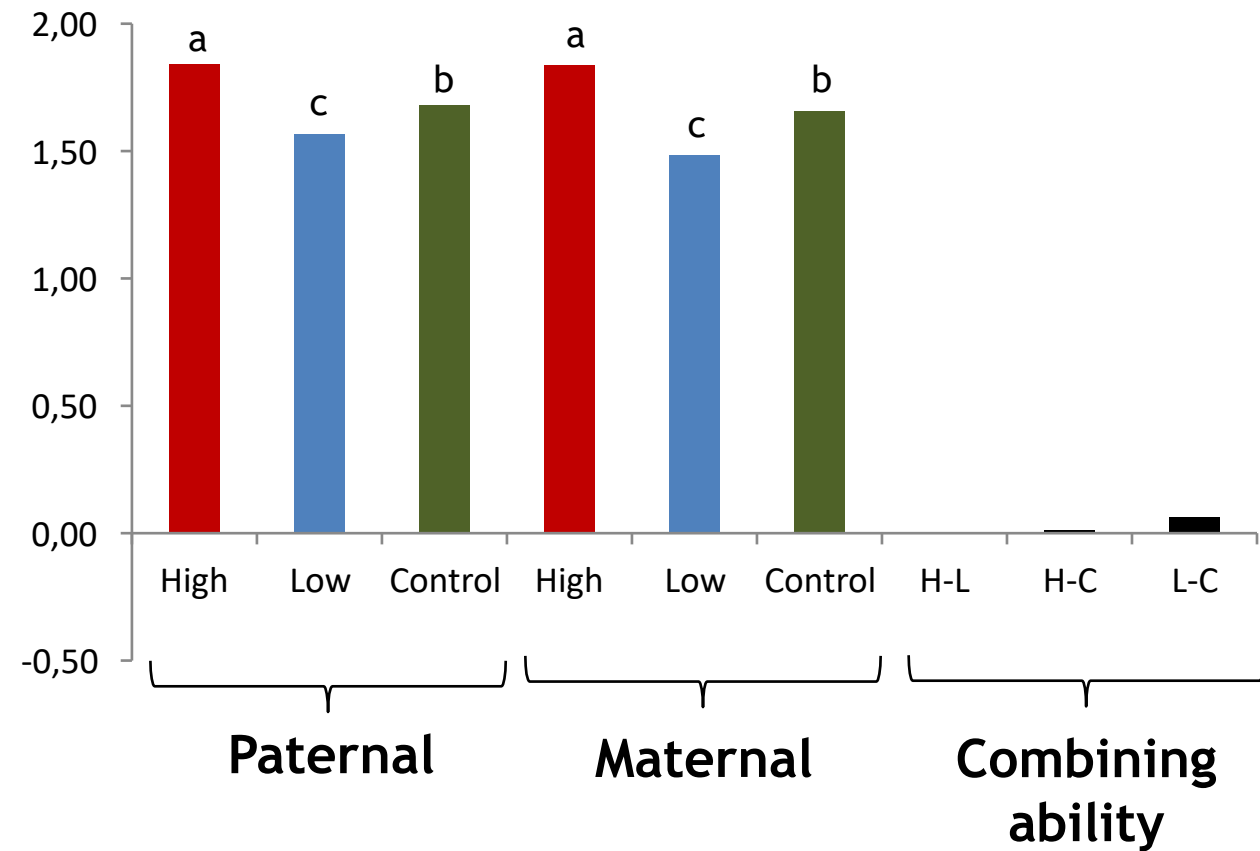


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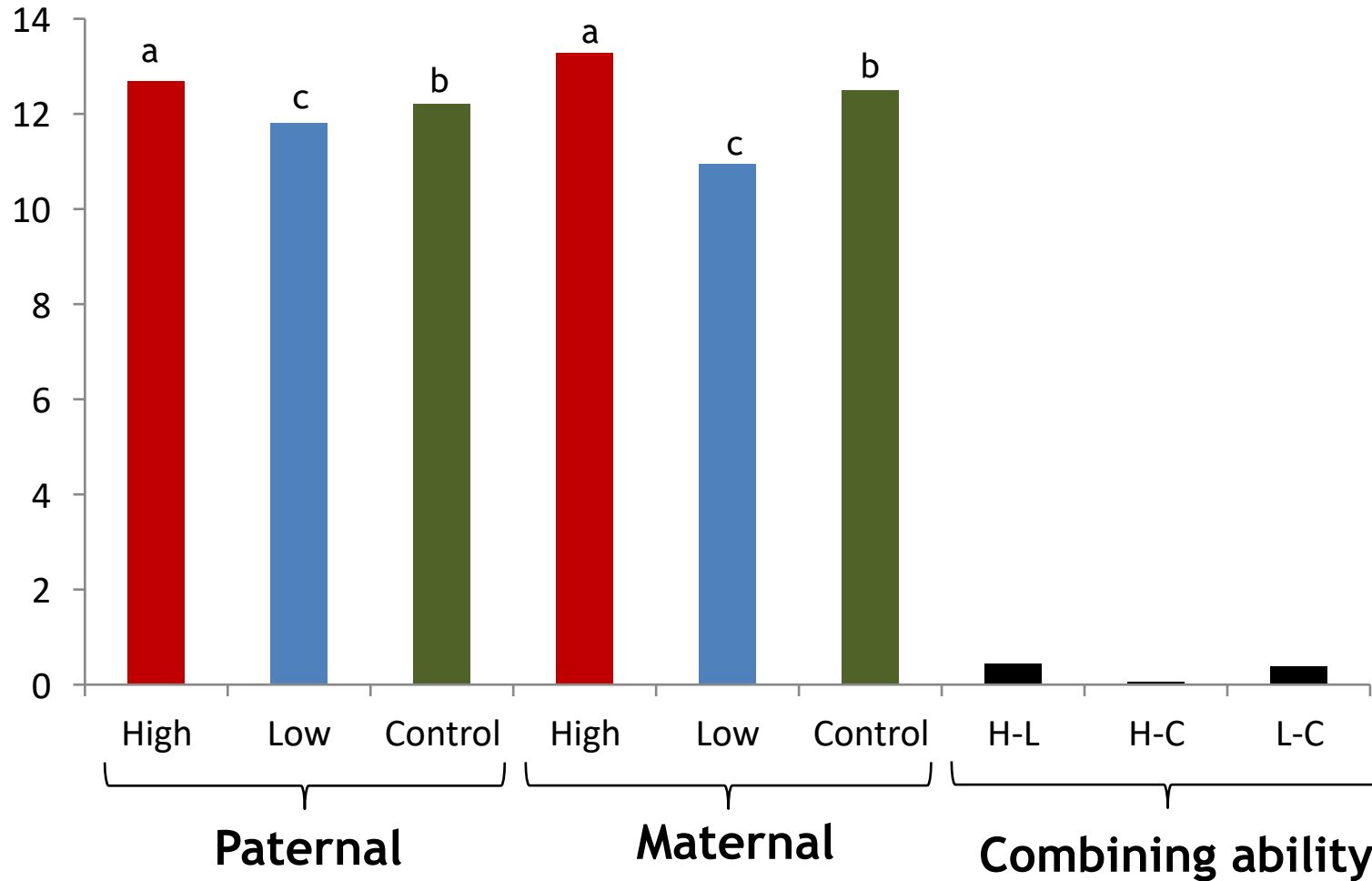
Individual birth weight



Mean birth weight

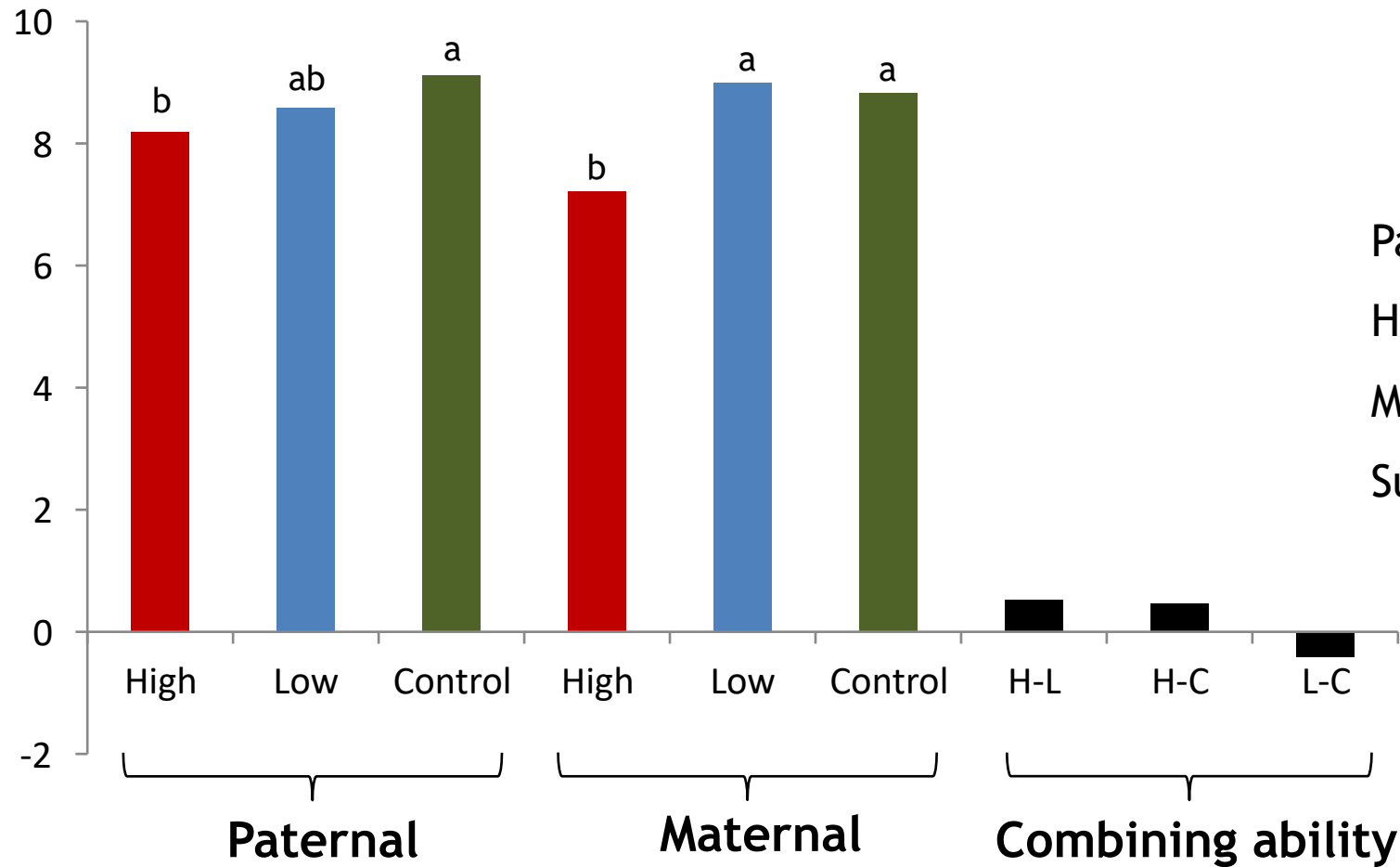


Weaning weight



Paternal and Maternal significant differences between the three lines

Litter size

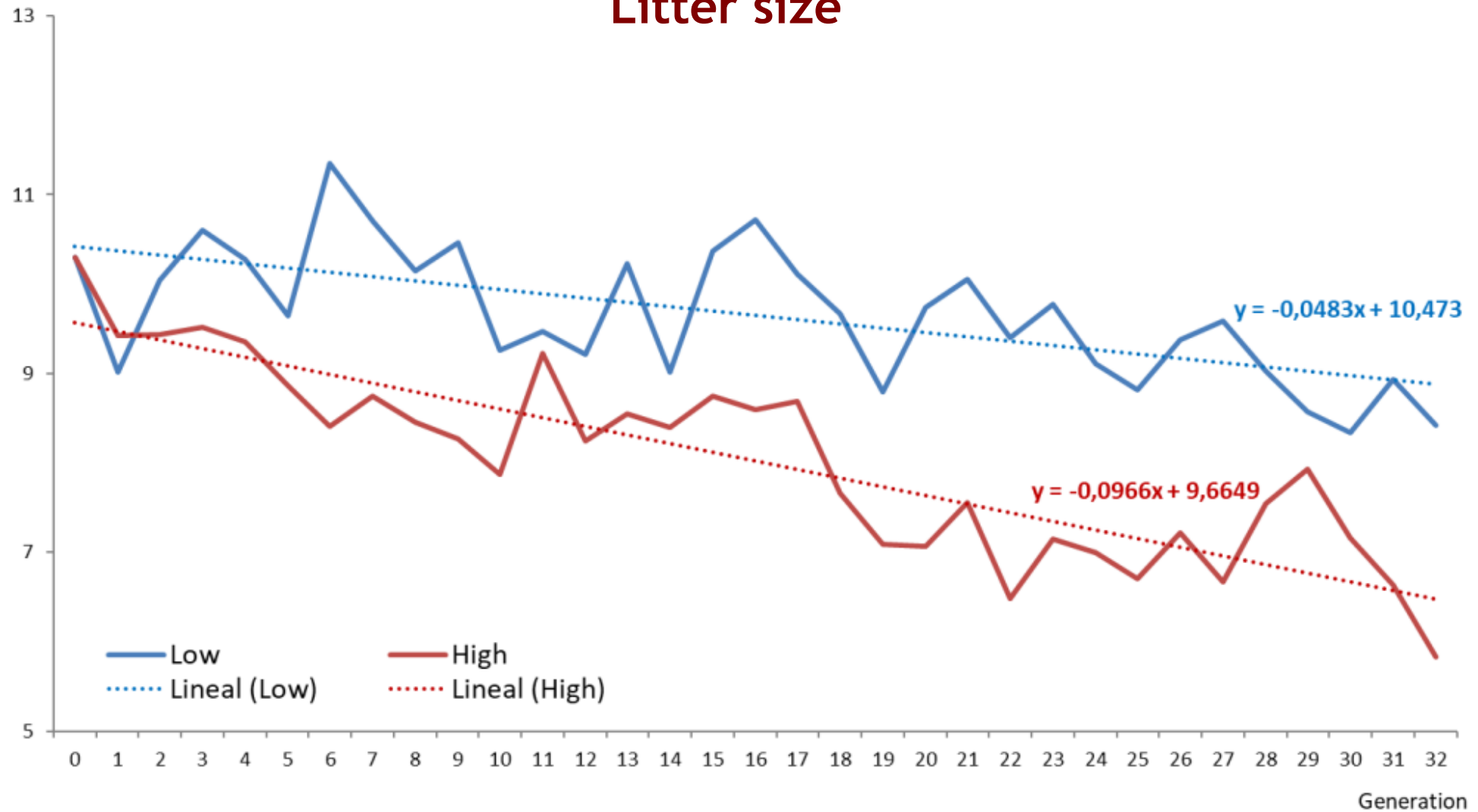


Paternal significant differences between
High and Control Line

Maternal significant differences

Superiority of Control line

Litter size



This analysis confirms that:



These results showed that variability within litter is a maternal trait



Heterosis effect was no relevant

Thanks for your attention



To a Mouse
(Robert Burns Poem)
Alloway, South Ayrshire, Scotland

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