



Characterization of the relationship between olfactory perception and quantified compounds as phenotypes for genetic selection against boar taint using a recursive model

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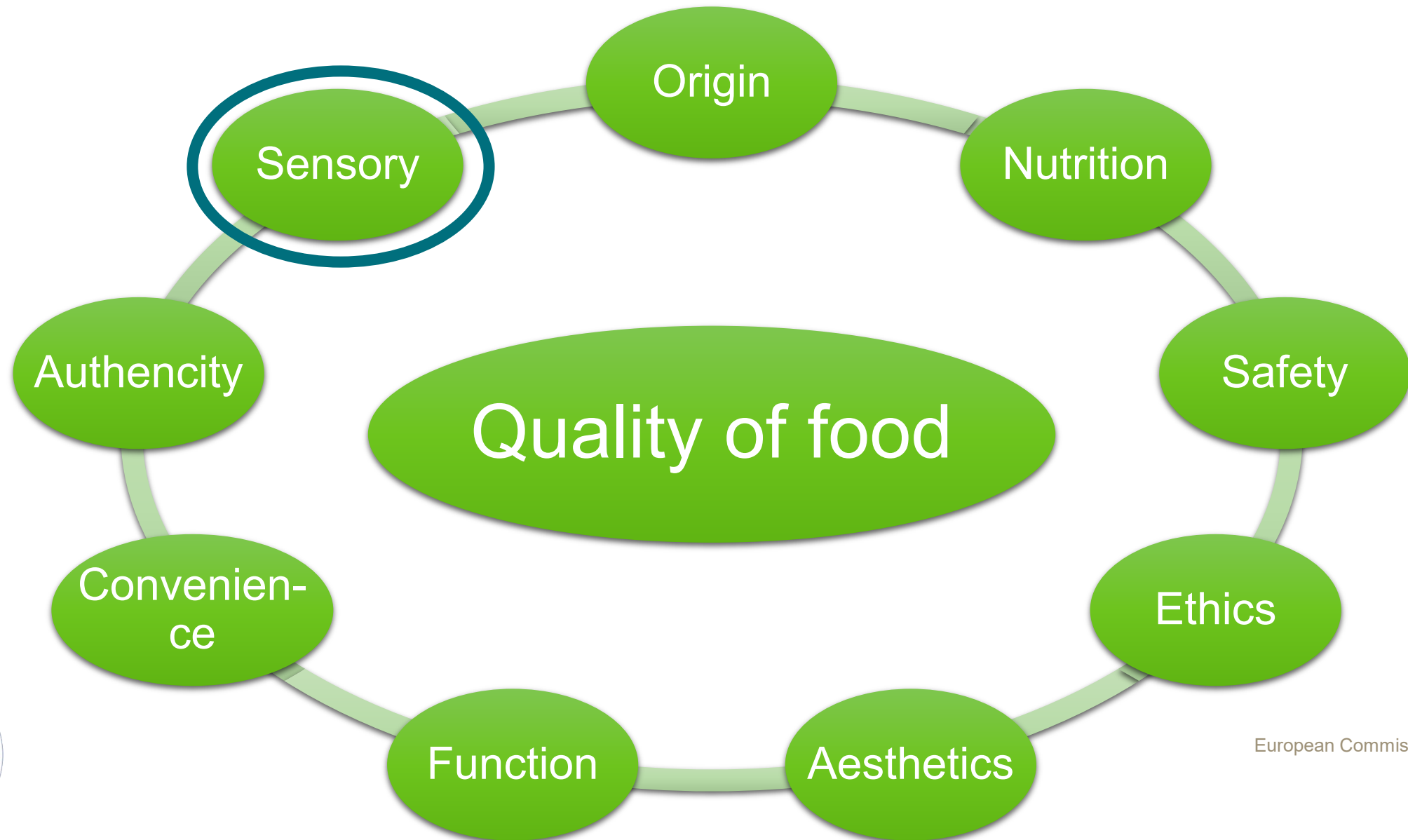
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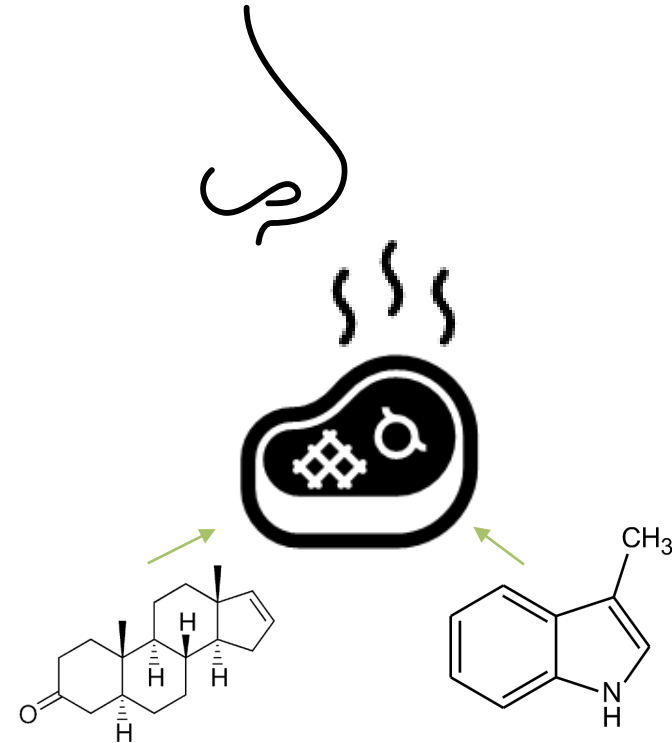
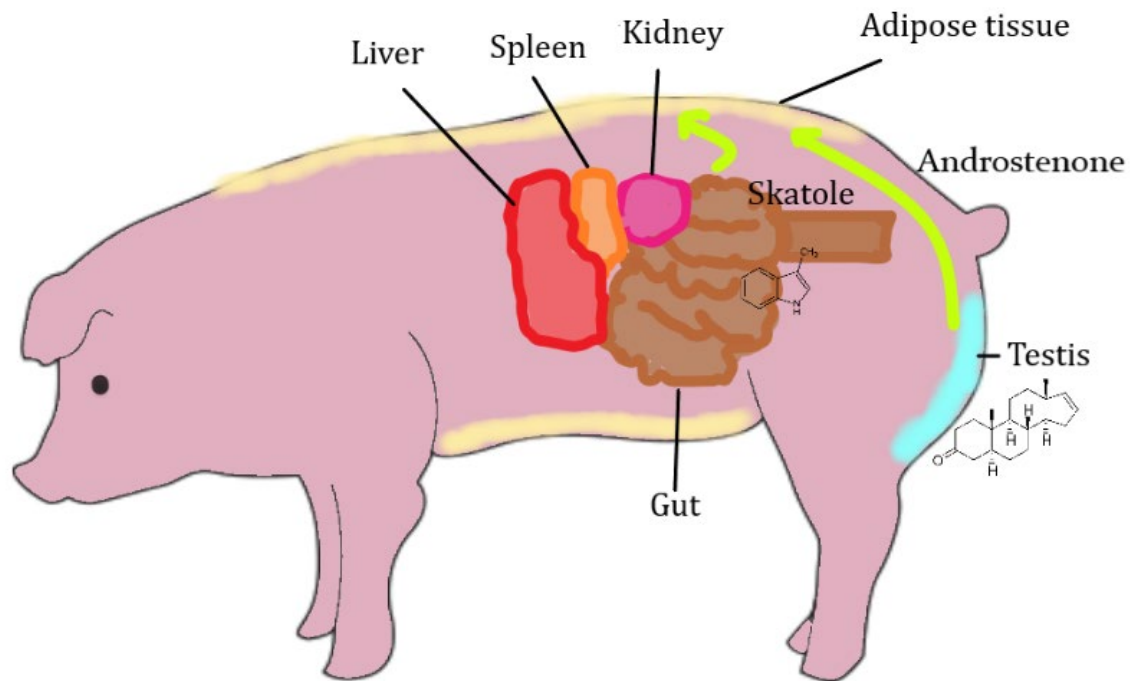


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Boar taint

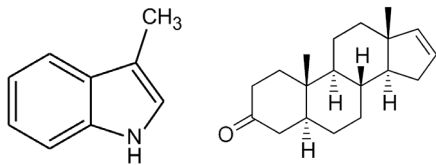
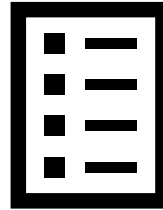
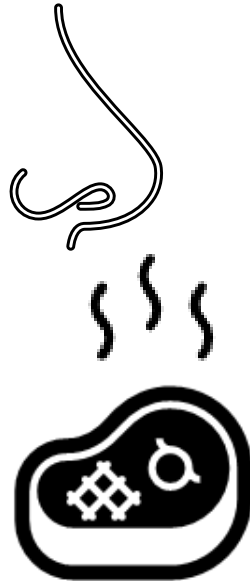
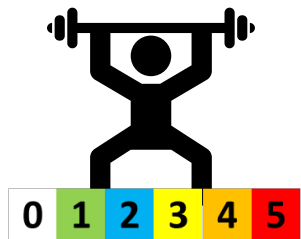


Androst-4-en-3-one
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Skatole
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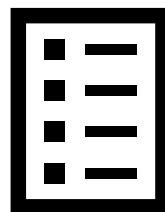
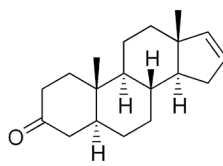
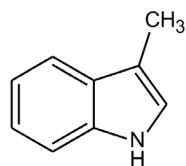
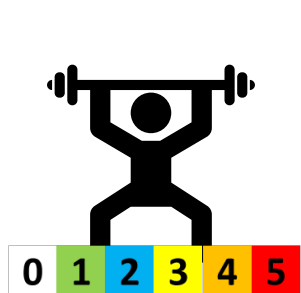


Font-i-Furnols et al., 2020



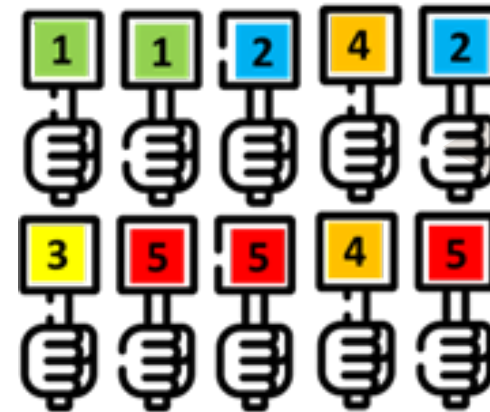
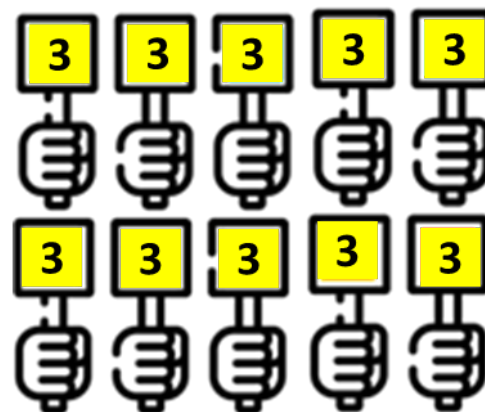
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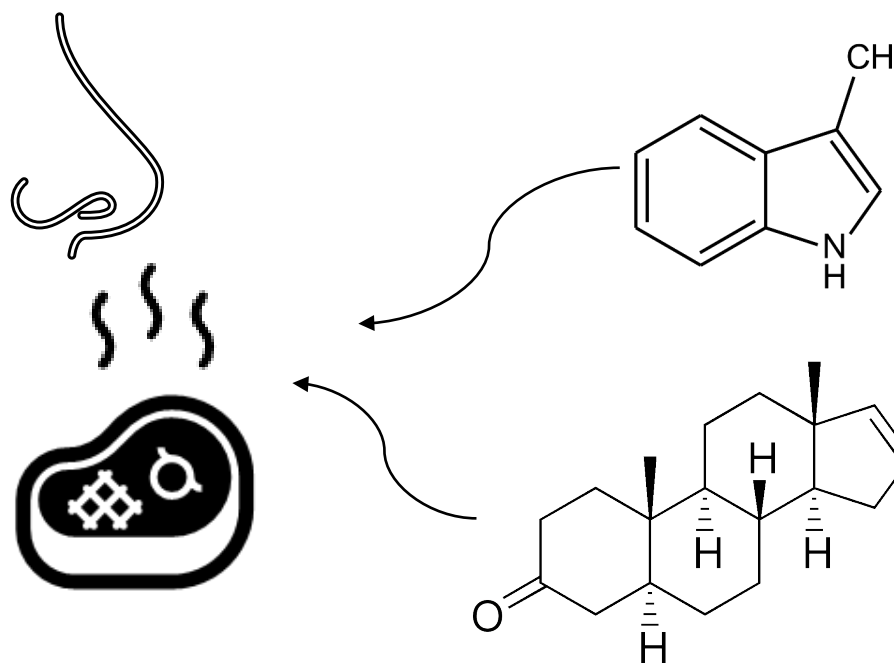
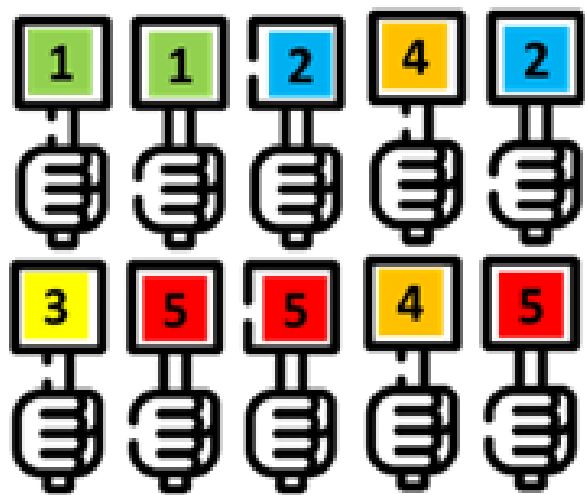
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vs Reality

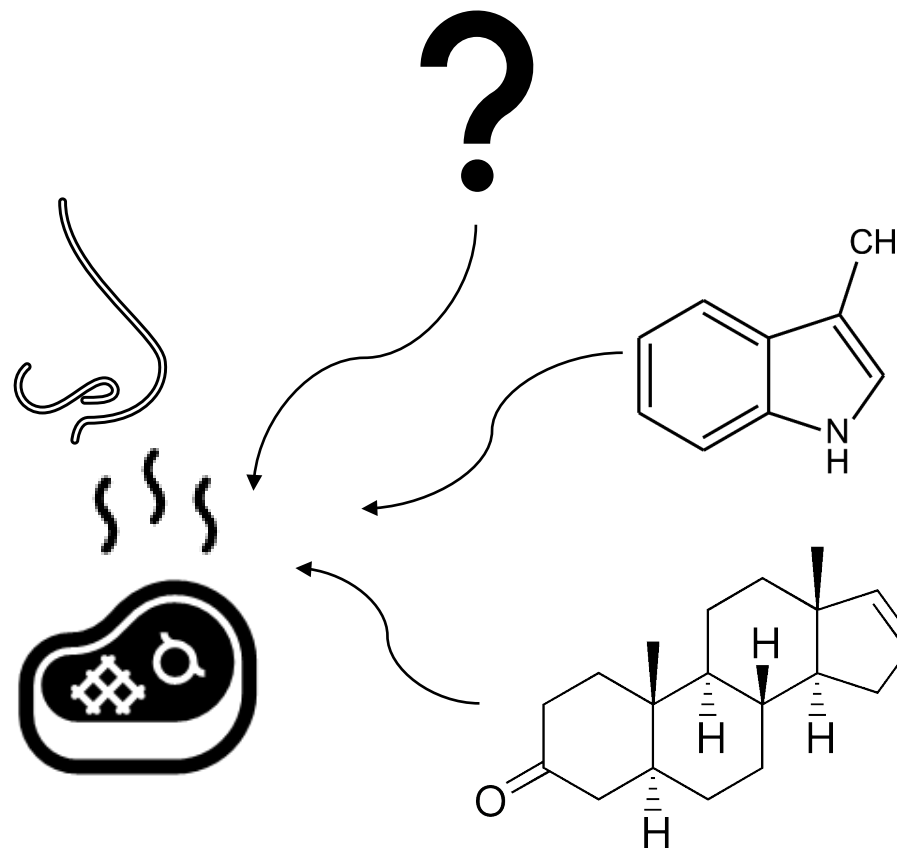
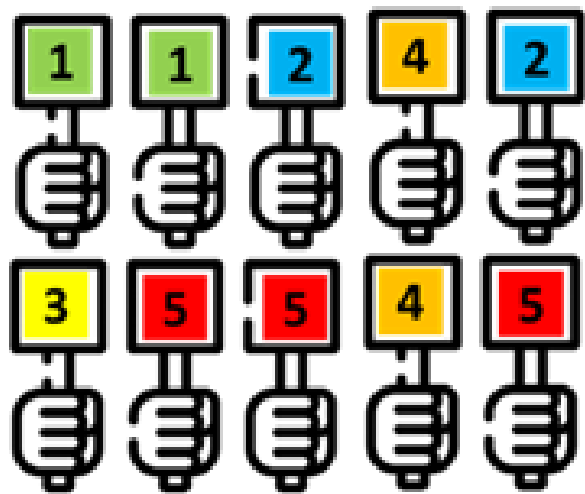


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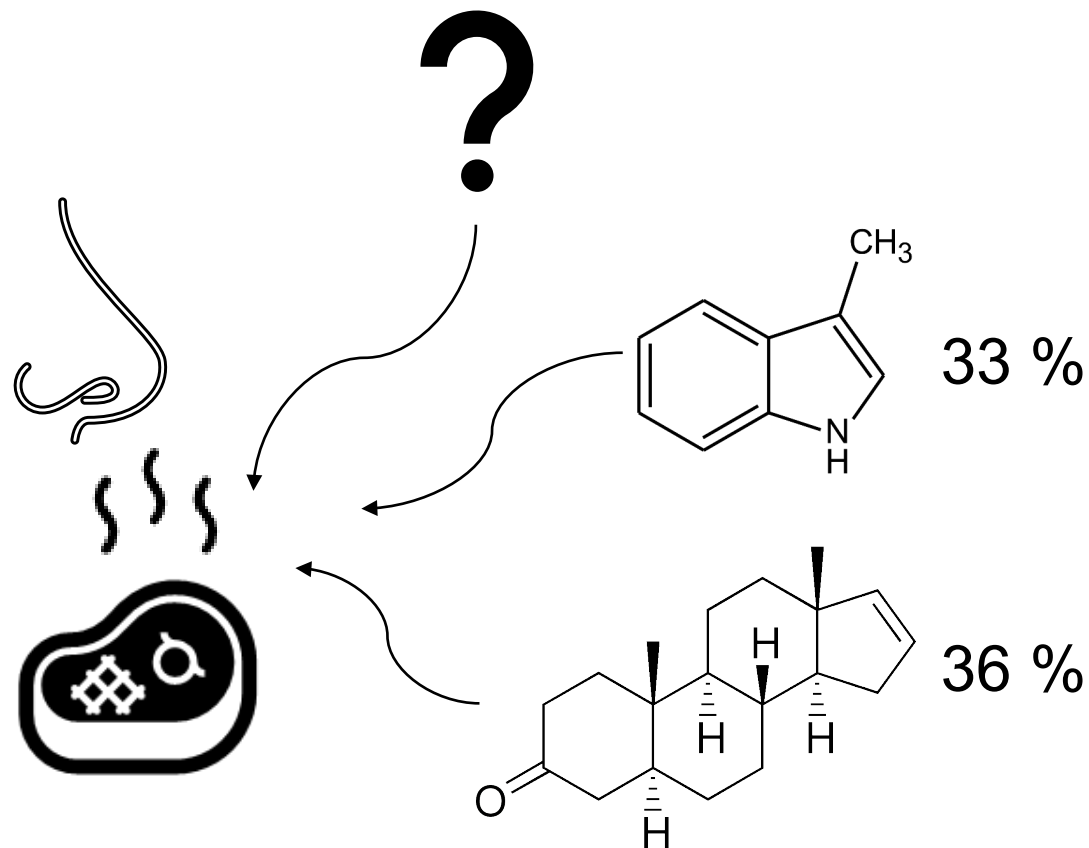
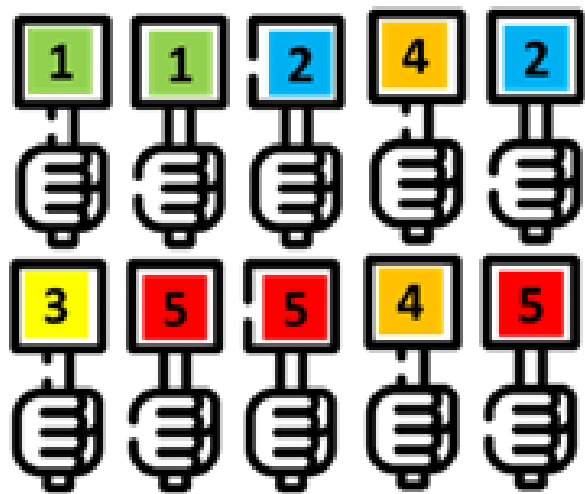
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Hansson et al., 1980

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- ▶ To characterize the origin of olfactory deviant attribution compared to skatole and androstenone concentrations



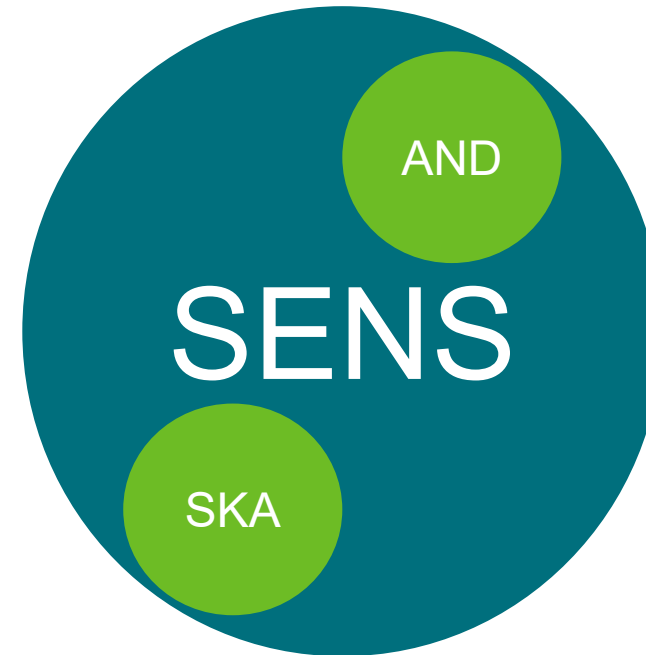
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HOW?

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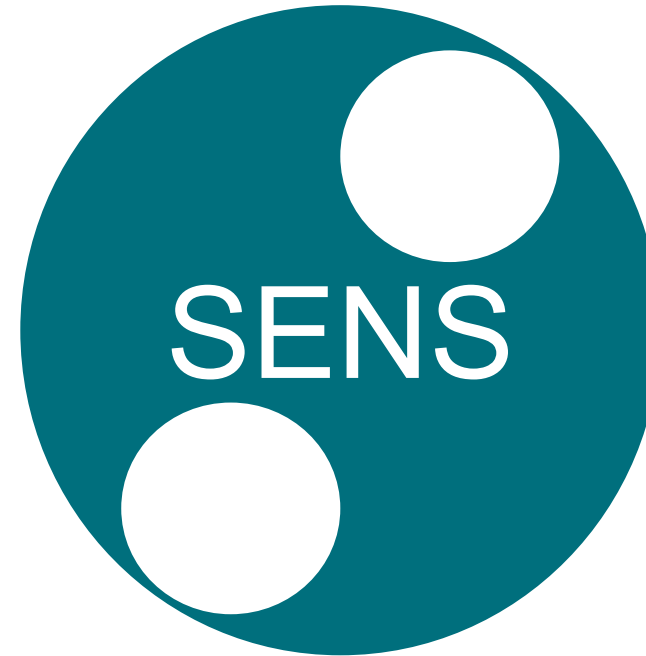
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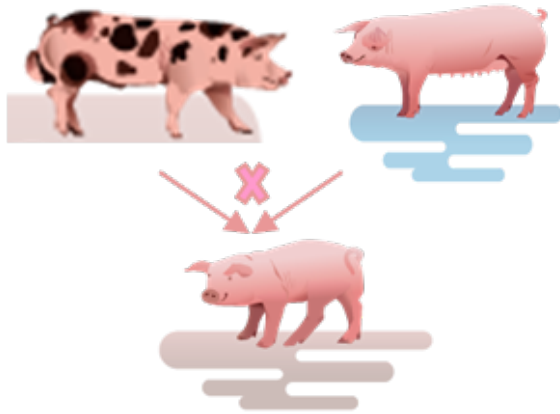
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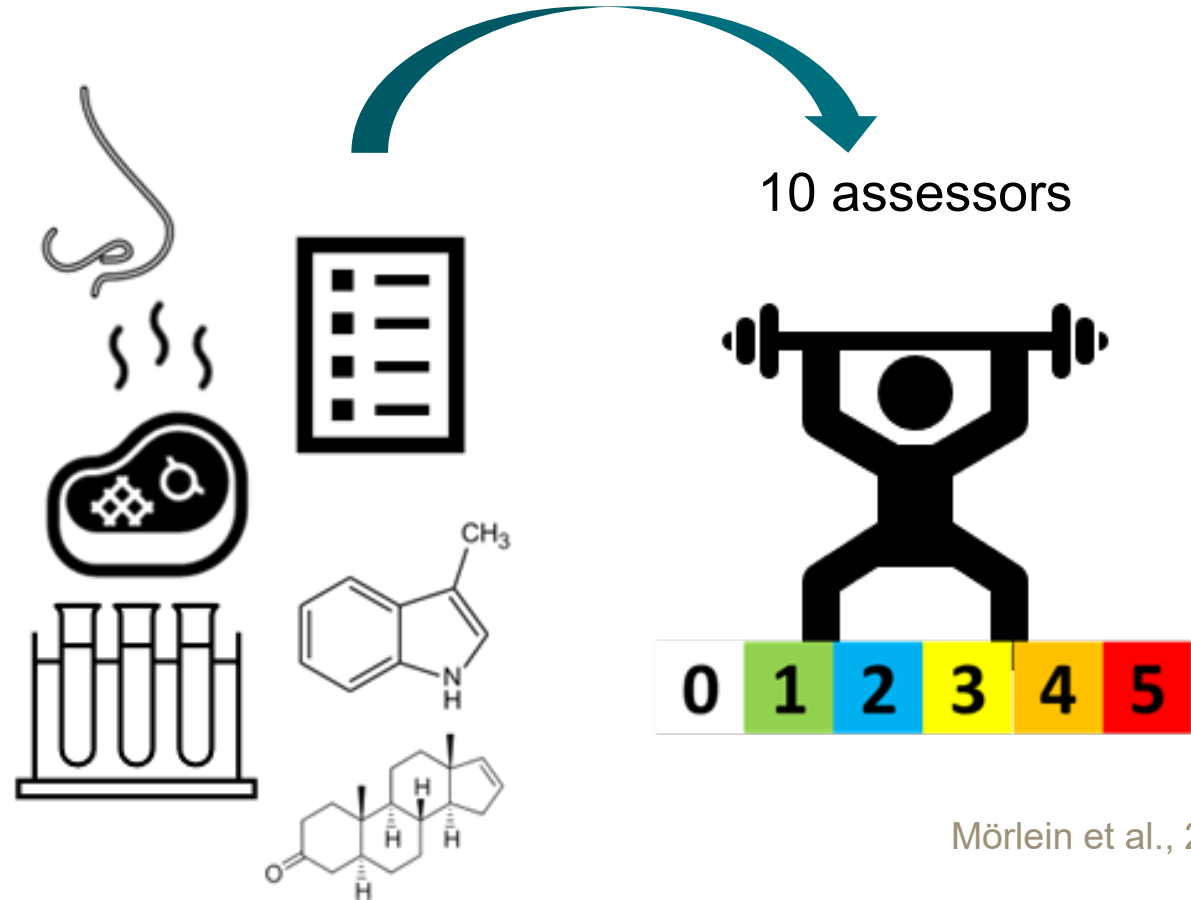
→ SKA and AND constant by
retiring causal environment



Material and methods



1016 crossbred ♂
PixF1



Quantification by
SIDA-HS-SPME-GC-MS

Mörlein et al., 2016

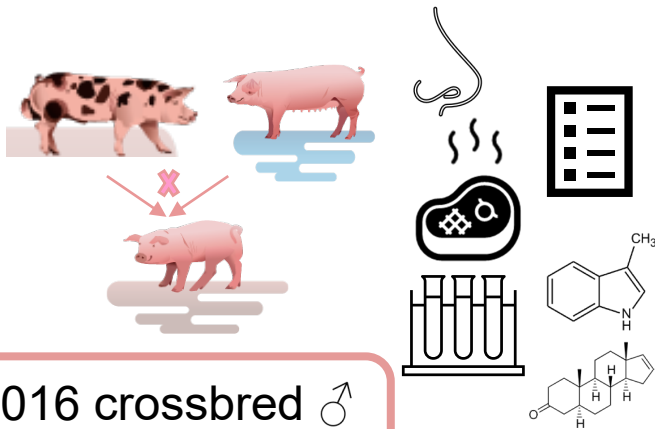
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Multivariate model (MM)

REML associated to BLUP (BLUPF90+)

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Xb} + \mathbf{Zu} + \mathbf{e}$$



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- y** - log(SKA) & log(AND) & SENS1-SENS10 (n=1016)
- Xb** - fixed environmental contributions
(slaughter month×testing station) &
- regressions on slaughterweight and age
- Zu** - random genetic (animal) contributions (n=1934)
- e** - residual

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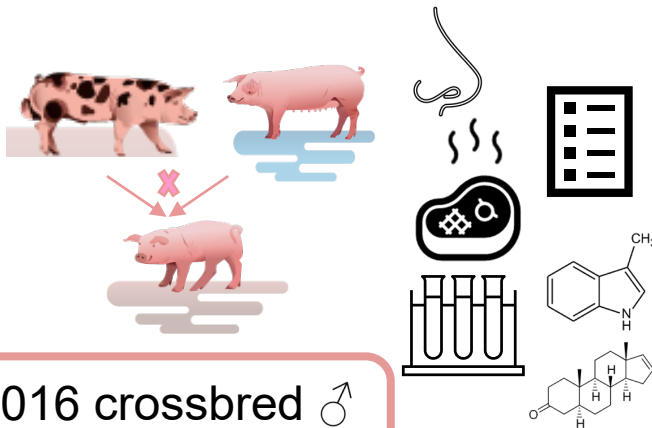
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Recursive model (RM)

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$\mathbf{R}_{\text{RM}} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{\Lambda}'$ $\mathbf{G}_{\text{RM}} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{\Lambda}'$ where $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ is a 12x12 matrix of recursive model parameters

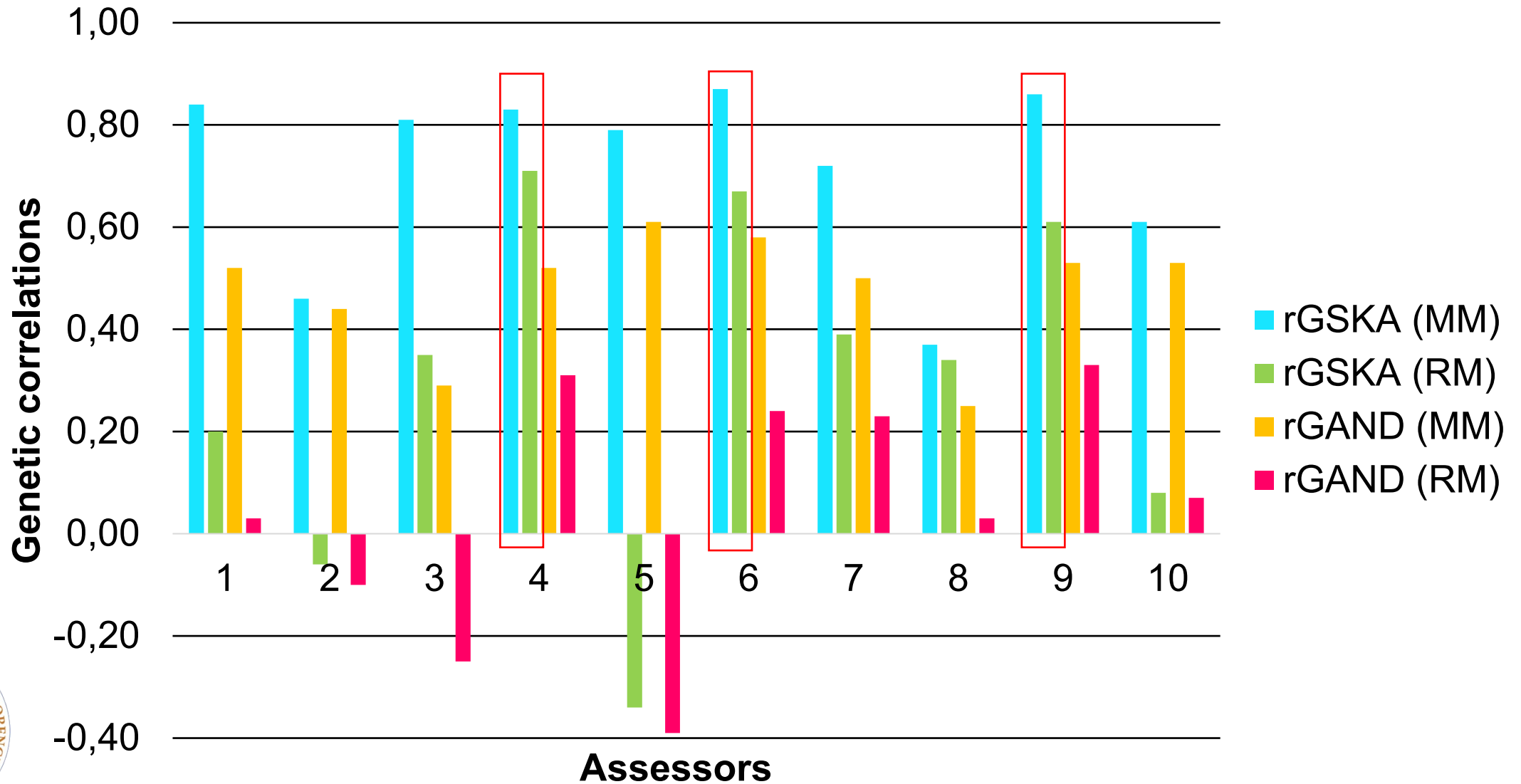
Results



Assessor	h^2 (MM)	h^2 (RM)	$\Delta \sigma_u^2$
1	0.11	0.04	71.08 %
2	0.17	0.14	27.07 %
3	0.07	0.04	48.97 %
4	0.25	0.16	43.64 %
5	0.11	0.05	62.21 %
6	0.07	0.02	64.57 %
7	0.30	0.19	46.89 %
8	0.08	0.08	1.19 %
9	0.23	0.11	62.30 %
10	0.11	0.07	45.14 %



Results



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		Assessor									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Assessor	1		0.30	-0.12	0.10	-0.42	-0.09	0.07	-0.17	0.18	-0.17
	2	0.21		0.47	-0.16	0.23	0.27	-0.04	0.18	0.19	0.35
	3	0.11	0.13		0.49	0.20	0.37	-0.03	0.31	0.37	0.35
	4	0.13	0.19	0.08		-0.38	0.16	0.18	0.03	0.61	0.06
	5	0.13	0.15	0.06	0.09		0.18	-0.08	-0.27	0.12	-0.25
	6	0.14	0.14	0.07	0.17	0.08		0.50	0.54	0.45	0.31
	7	0.18	0.13	0.04	0.23	0.14	0.14		0.40	0.53	0.40
	8	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.11		-0.16	0.83
	9	0.04	0.06	-0.04	0.08	0.04	0.08	0.13	0.01		-0.08
	10	0.18	0.25	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.03	0.06	

Genetic correlations

Phenotypic correlations





Conclusions

- ▶ SENS have moderate heritabilities.
- ▶ Other heritable compounds influence SENS assignement.
- ▶ SENS evaluation is associated with correlated compounds to SKA or AND too.
- ▶ Common relationships between the assessors assignement exist by genetically correlated compounds that are neither skatole, nor androstenone.



Thank you for your attention !



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