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# Application of metabolomics for discrimination and sensory predictive modeling of food products

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# Omics

*(Science by means of  
“Total profile” of biomaterials)*

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Object	Total profile	Omics
Gene	Genome	Genomics
Transcript(mRNA)	Transcriptome	Transcriptomics
Protein	Proteome	Proteomics
<b>Metabolite</b>	<b>Metabolome</b>	<b>Metabolomics</b>

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# What is metabolomics?

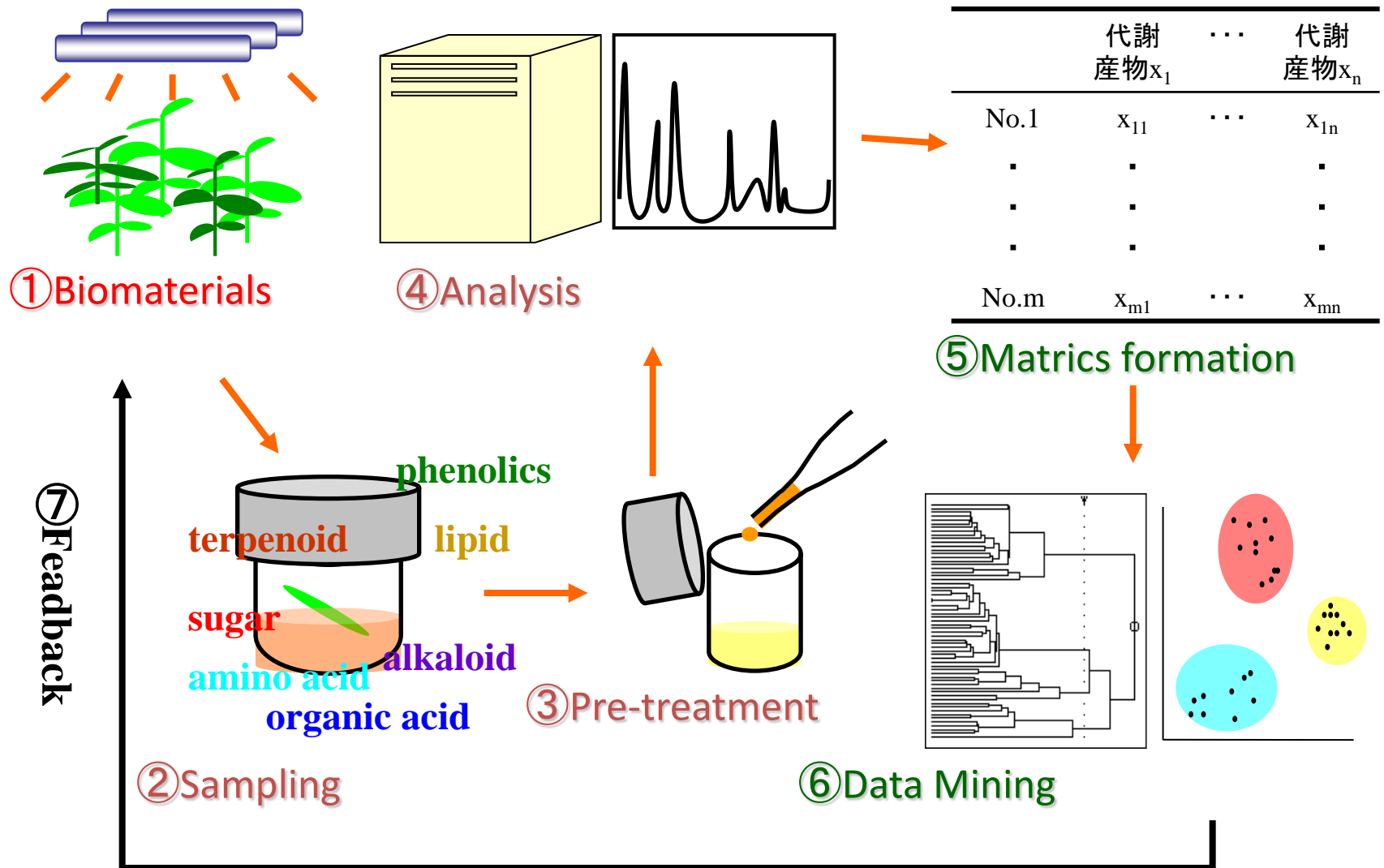
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Metabolomics is a research field concerned with the **comprehensive analysis of metabolites** and other small molecules in biological samples

Metabolomics involves the analysis of a **wide variety of biological samples** (animal/plant/microbe cells, food, pharmaceuticals etc) using **various instruments and techniques** (chromatography, mass spectrometry, data analysis etc).

**The applications of metabolomics** are as **diverse** as understanding biological function, assessment of drug toxicity, evaluation of food processing methods and others, many of which are directly linked to the **improvement of our everyday lives.**

# “Metabolomics” is an interdisciplinary research between **Bioscience**, **Analytical chemistry** and **Informatics**





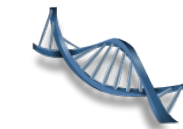
# Metabolomics in food science

**FOOD**

Chemical pools consisting of thousands of metabolites and its interaction in a form of solid, semi-solid and liquid matrix

**Metabolomics**

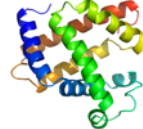
Exhaustive profiling of metabolites



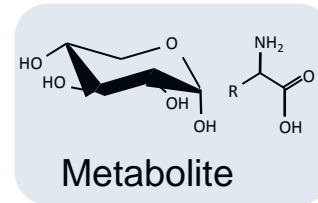
DNA



mRNA



Protein



Metabolite

**Final  
readouts of  
metabolism**

Physiological  
Phenomenon

**Food quality evaluation**

Determination of  
the ratio of chemical  
constituents

Seeking specific  
marker

Global (physical &  
chemical) analysis



# The power of metabolomics

## Biological samples

~ ¥ 3000/100gr



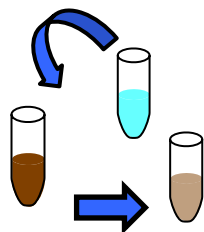
Kopi Luwak

~ ¥ 300/100gr



Regular coffee

## Extraction & Derivatization



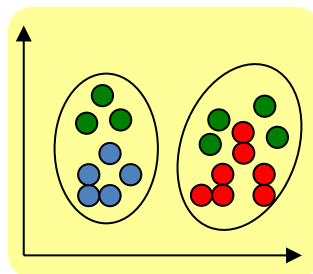
- ☐ Methanol, water, chloroform = 5/2/2
- ☐ Methoxyamine hydrochloride & MSTFA

## Metabolite measurement (GC/MS, GC/FID)

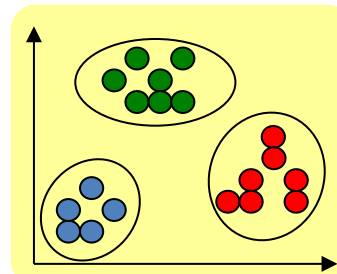


## Multivariate data analysis

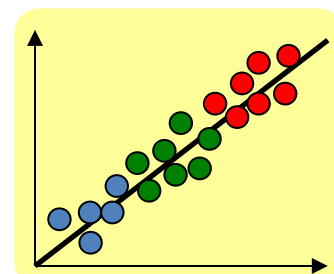
### Discriminative



### Informative



### Predictive



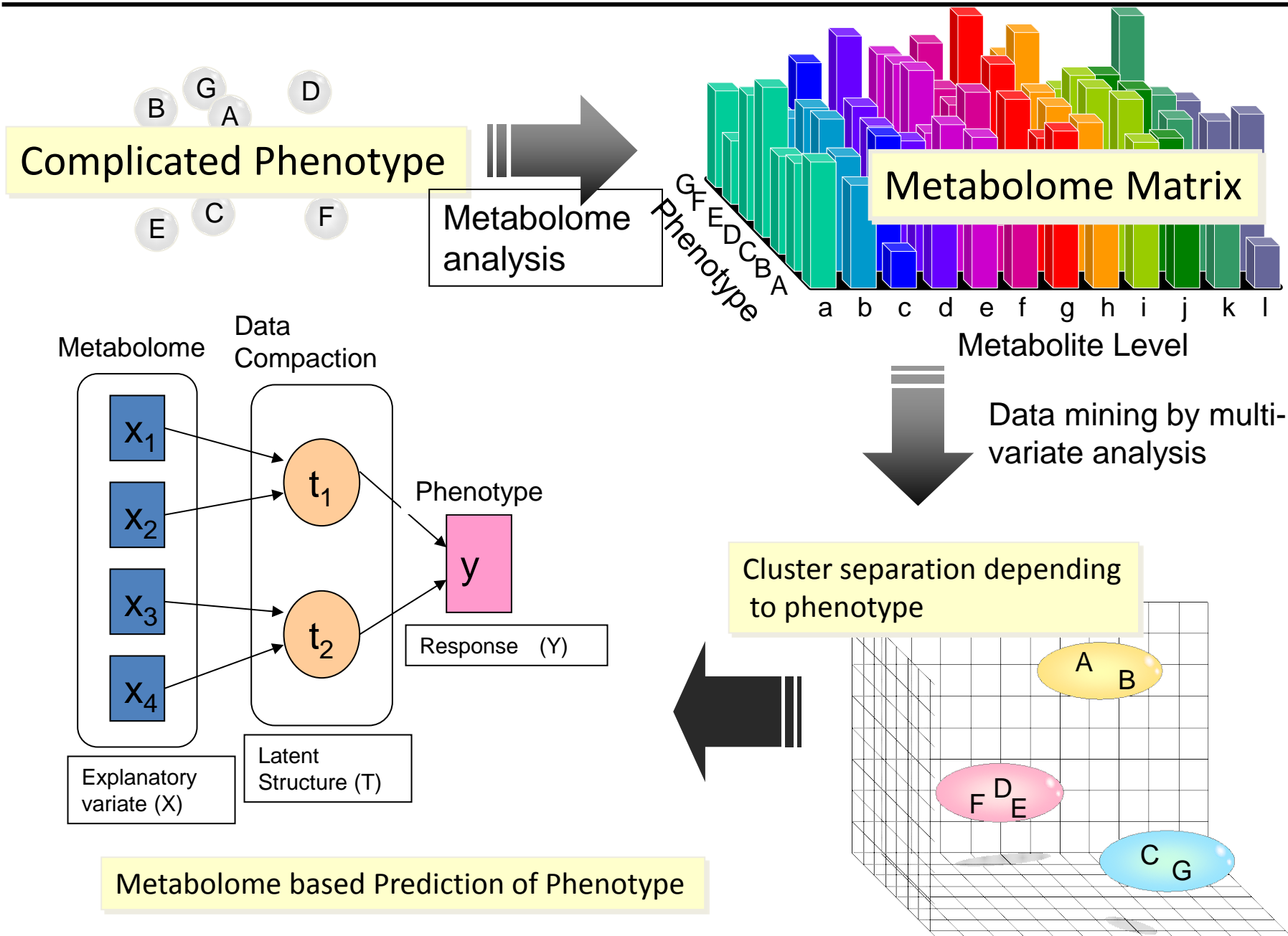
Seeking specific marker (and its expandability)

Determination of the ratio of chemical constituents

Peak table list (sample vs metabolite)  
Data preprocessing



# Concept of predictive metabolomics





# Metabolic profiling of food

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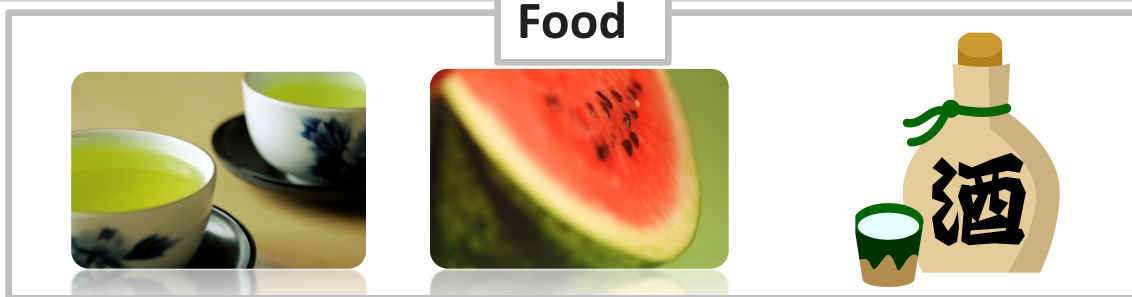




# Research of food

Basically, there are 4 steps for research using technique of metabolic profiling

1. Sample preparation
2. Acquisition of food quality data such as sensory evaluation
3. Acquisition of components data
4. Data analysis by using multivariate analysis



Sensory analysis  
(Quality evaluation)

Analysis by instruments

Functions

Taste

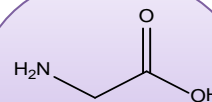
Flavors

Palatability

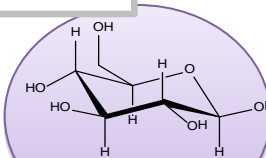
Grades

etc.

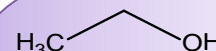
Components



Amino acids



Sugars



Alcohols

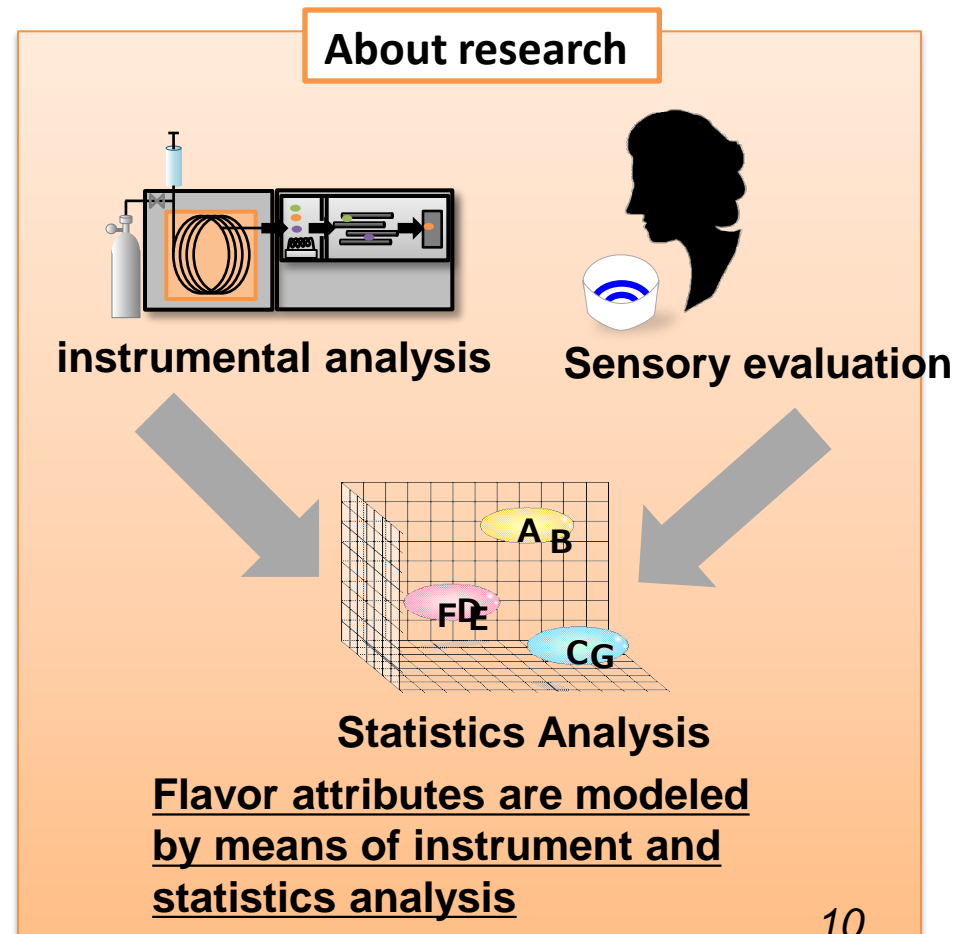
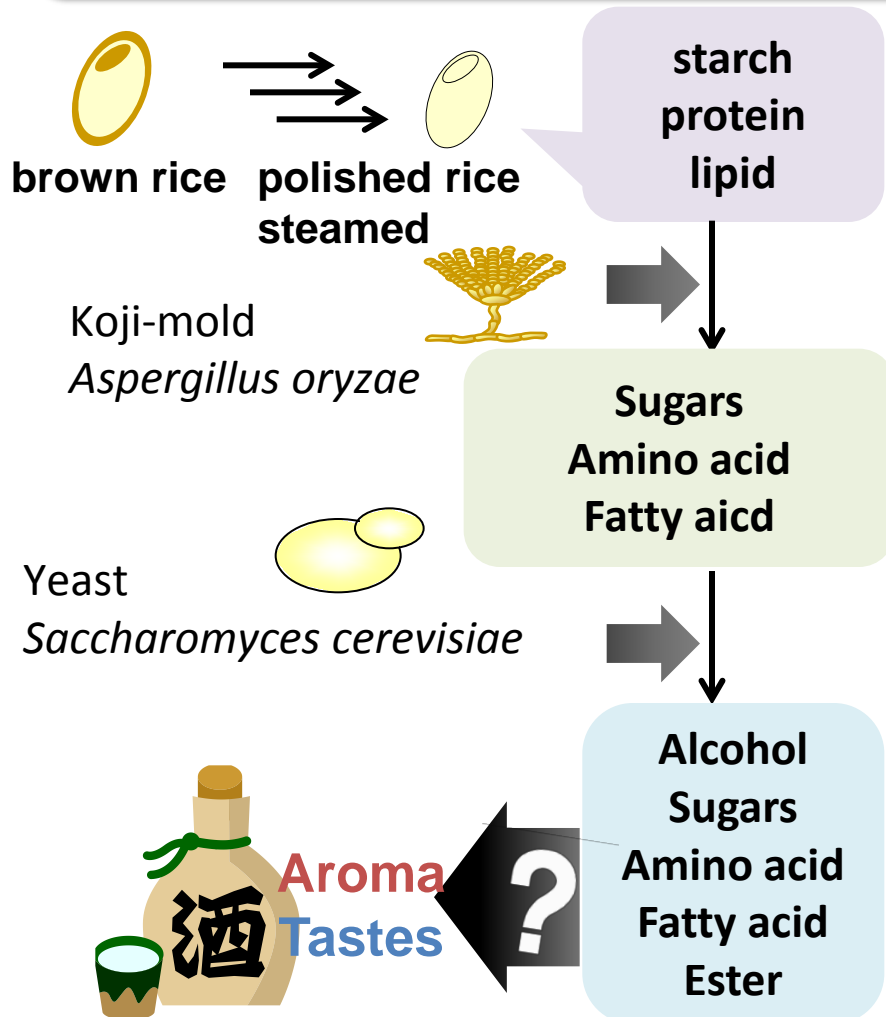
etc<sub>9</sub>

Analysis of relation  
between functions  
and components



# Components profiling of Sake (Japanese rice-wine)

Sake, a Japanese rice wine brewed with *koji* and yeast, is a traditional alcoholic beverage. Various components are generated in fermentation process and contribute to flavor. The history of the research about sake is long but it has unclear about the relationship between components and sake flavor such as “Kire” or “smoothness”





# Prediction of green tea ranking by instruments

A set of ranked green tea samples from a Japanese commercial tea contest was analyzed with the aim of creating a reliable quality-prediction model. In addition, metabolites that play an important role in green tea's grade classification were identified.

Green tea



Sensory analysis

Ranking	sample
1	Green tea A
2	Green tea B
3	Green tea C
⋮	⋮
64	Green tea X

Analysis by instruments



or



or



or



FT-IR

NMR

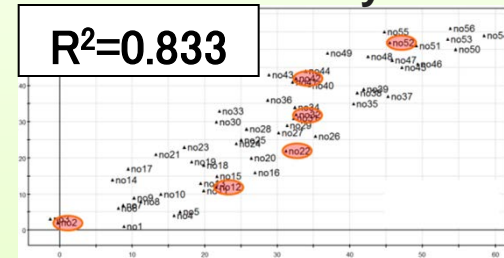
LC/MS

GC/MS

Observed ranking

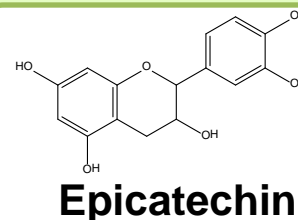
Multivariate analysis

$$R^2=0.833$$



Predicted ranking

It is possible to predict  
green tea ranking by instruments



High rank green tea contains epicatechins.

Pongsuwan, W., et. al., J. Agric. Food Chem., 55, 2, 231-236(2007)  
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# Sensory test of Green Tea by skilled panelist



**Taste**

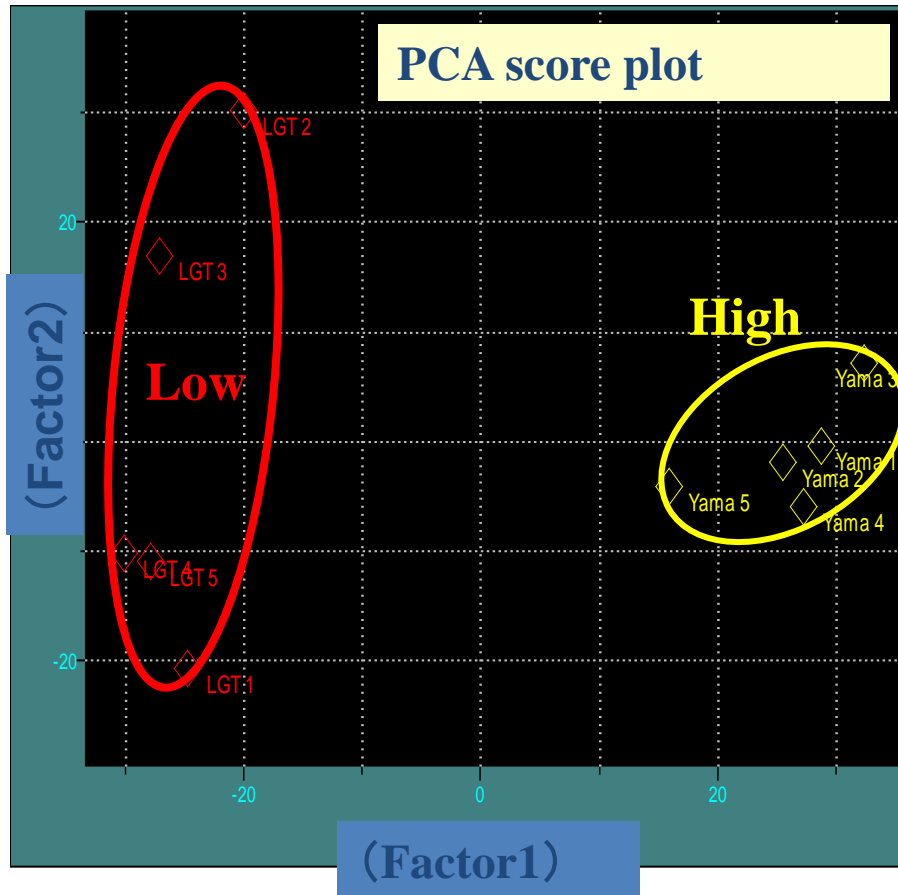


**Aroma**

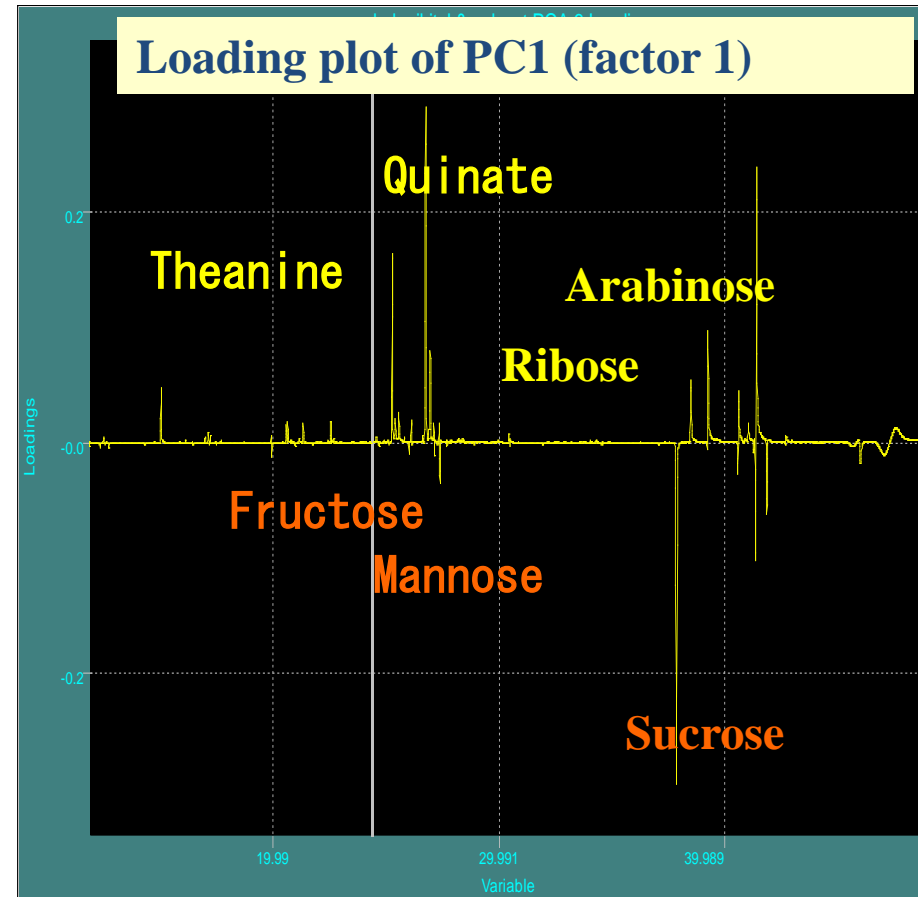


**Color**

# Comparison of high grade green tea and low grade one



High grade tea and Low grade tea are clearly separated by GC/MS based PCA analysis.

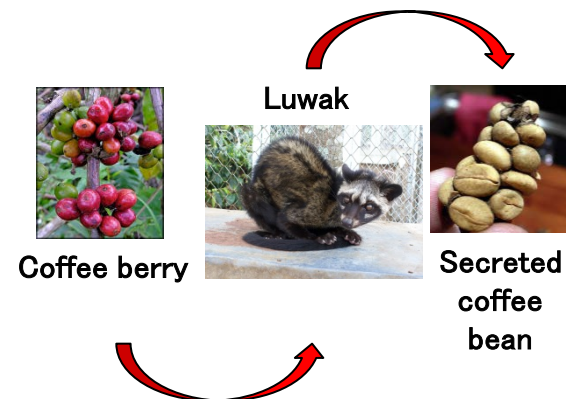


Yellow: high amount in high grade tea

Orange: high amount in low grade tea

# GC/MS-based metabolic profiling of civet (Luwak) coffee

- ❖ Luwak coffee made from coffee berries that have been eaten by Asian palm civet or Luwak.
- ❖ Luwak coffee acclaimed as *the world's most expensive coffee*, owing to unique flavor and unexpected processing.
- ❖ However, practical method for authentication is not available.



## Objective

To develop rapid and robust method for the authenticity assessment of civet (Luwak) coffee

## Strategy

Ground coffee bean



Roast bean



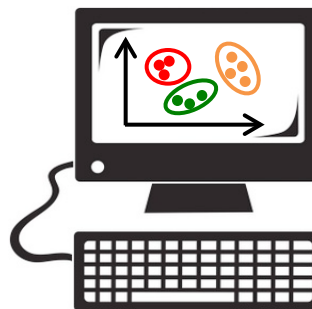
Raw bean  
(washed & dried)



Metabolic  
profiling  
(GC-Q/MS)



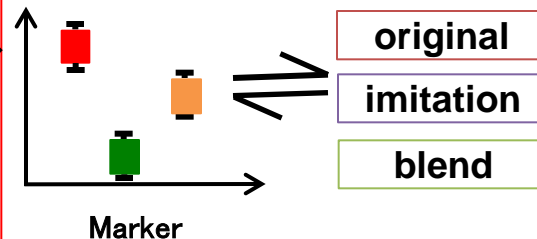
Identification of  
discriminant marker



Multivariate data analysis  
(PCA, OPLS/DA)



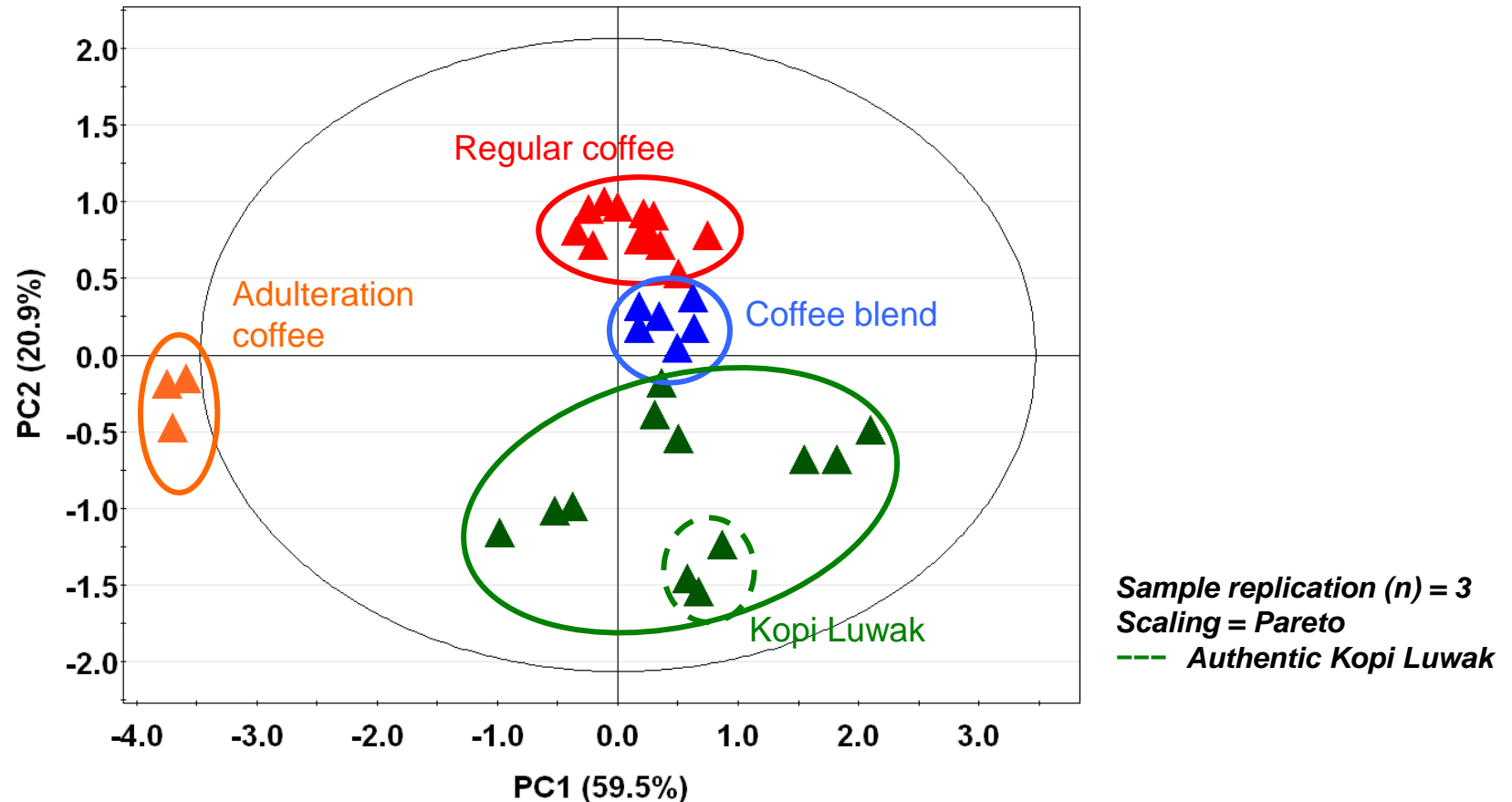
Validation of applicability of  
discriminant marker to  
distinguish various  
commercial coffee products





# Results and Discussion

## Validation of the applicability of discriminant marker



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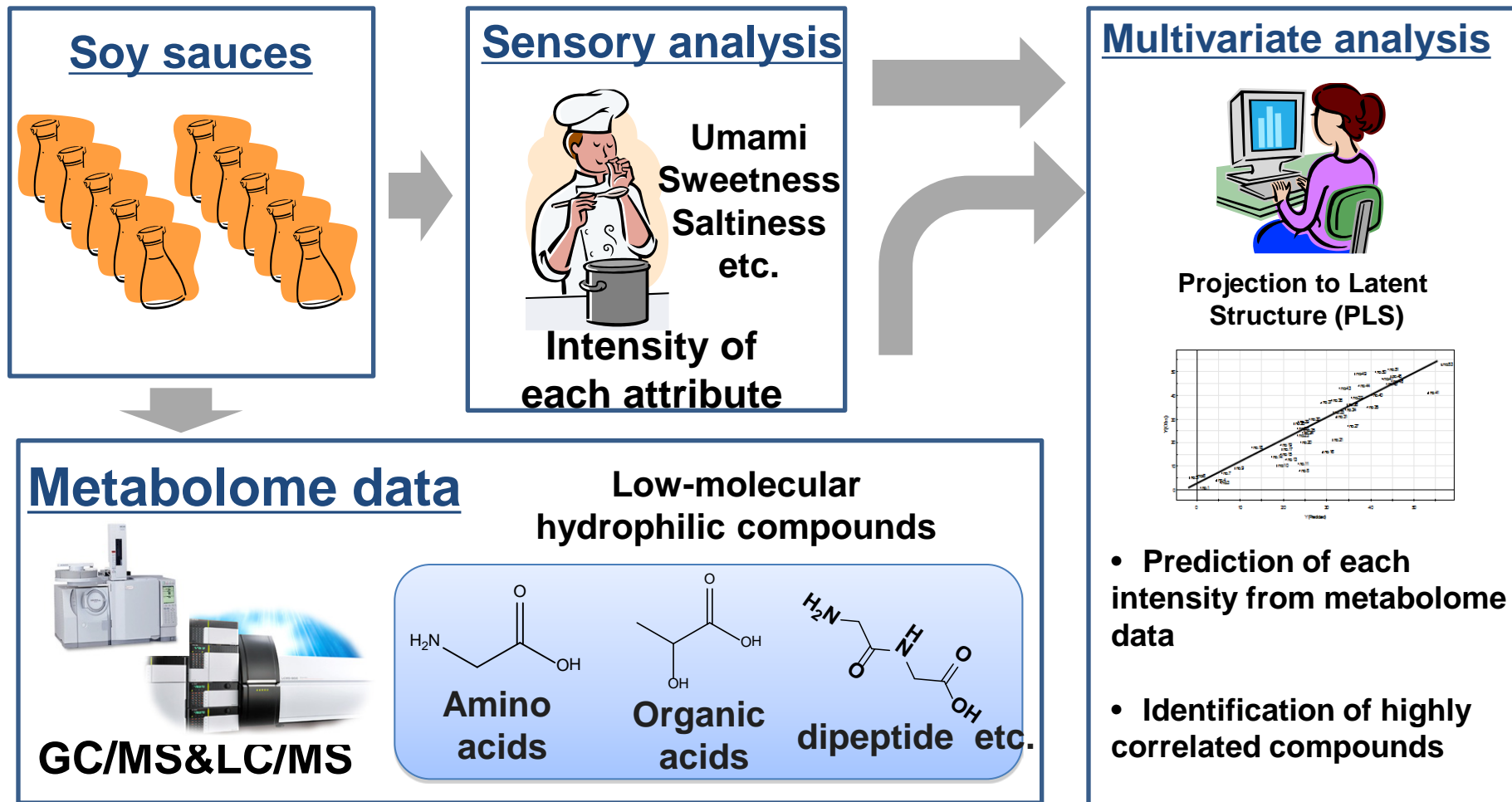
Principal component analysis for validation

**Samples were well-clustered in PCA generated by projecting discriminant marker candidates as inclusion list**





# Analysis of the relation between taste and components of soy sauce



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Yamamoto, et al., *J. Biosci. Bioeng* (in press)



# Metabolomics contribution to banana research

## Metabolites changes in banana ripening process under microgravity condition

### Sampling

CBEF(Micro-G)

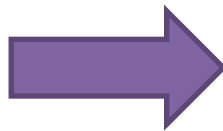


CBEF(1G)



Banana in  
different stage

Sample return  
to earth



Waring Blender  
WSB 33E



GCMS-QP2010 Ultra  
(Shimadzu)

Monosaccharide, sugar  
alcohol, organic acid,  
fatty acid, amino acid



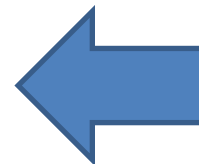
UHPLC-UV  
(Shimadzu)

Sugar, nucleic acid,  
protein, fatty acid

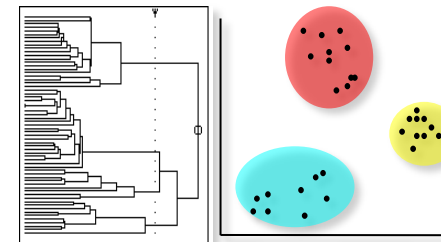
- Key metabolic steps in banana ripening process
- Dynamicity of metabolite changes of banana ripening process in space environment



feedback



results



Publications on food research



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# Final Remarks

Metabolomics is a very useful tool for various fields of science and engineering

It is up to you where and how to use this new technology. Use your imagination and you will get new and exciting discovery using metabolomics

**Thank you for your kind attention**