

Spatial and ontogenetic variability of omega-3 fatty acid composition in European sea bass *Dicentrarchus labrax* from two French estuaries

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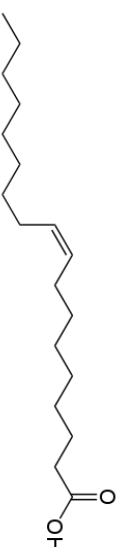
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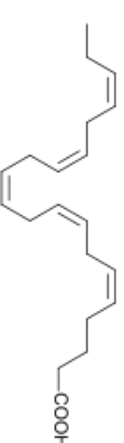
(e.g Palmitic acid)

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Mono-unsaturated

(e.g Oleic acid)



Poly-unsaturated

(e.g Eicosapentaenoic acid)

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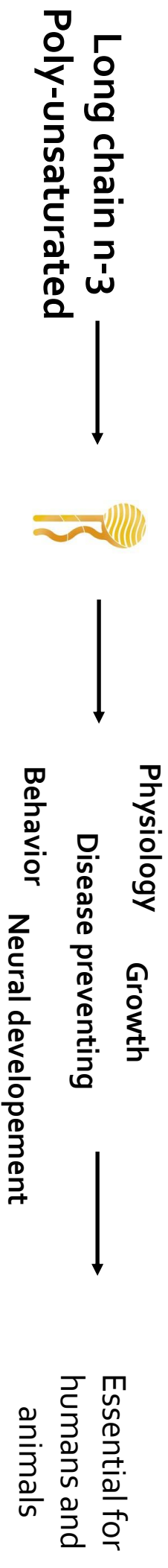
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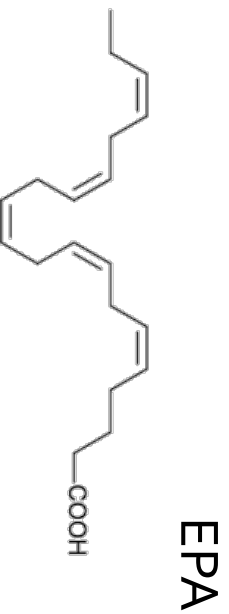


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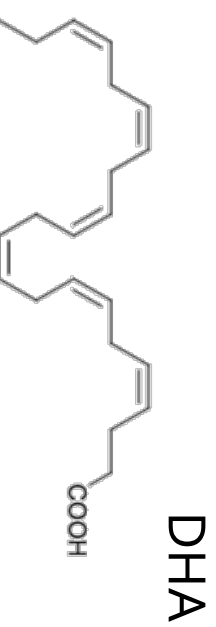


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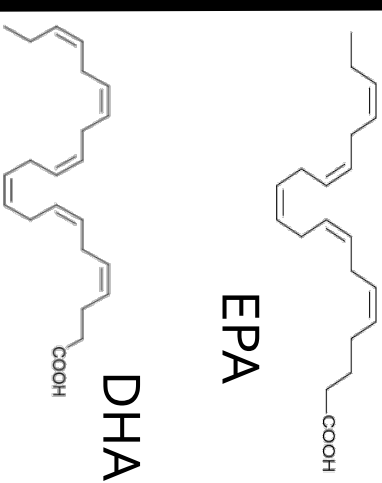
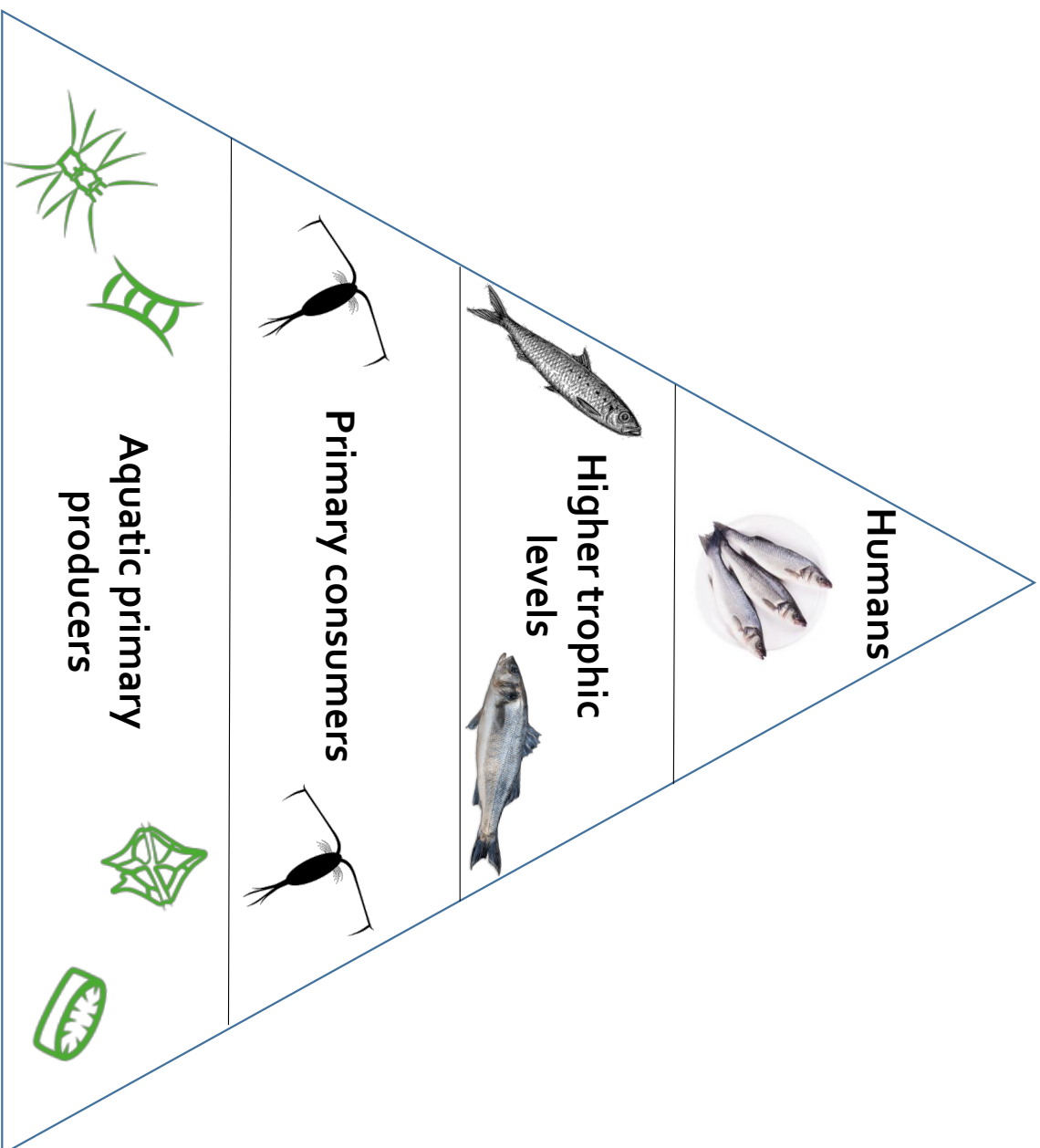
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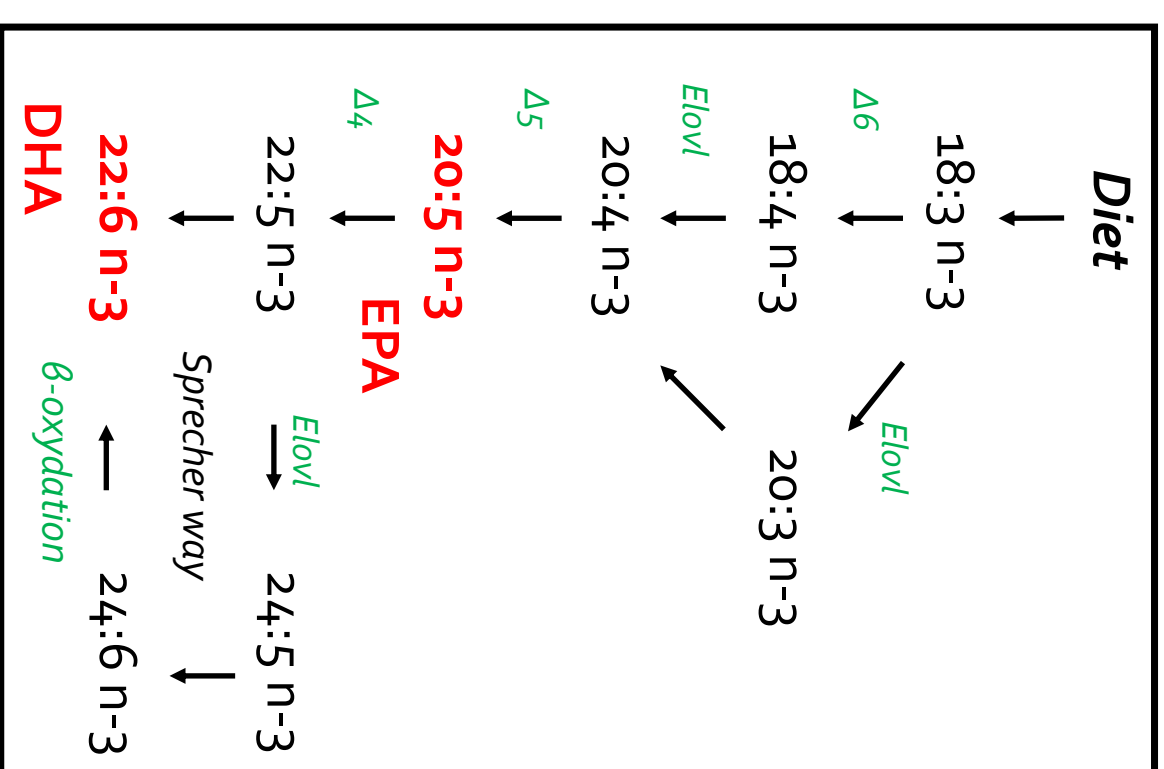


22:6 n-3



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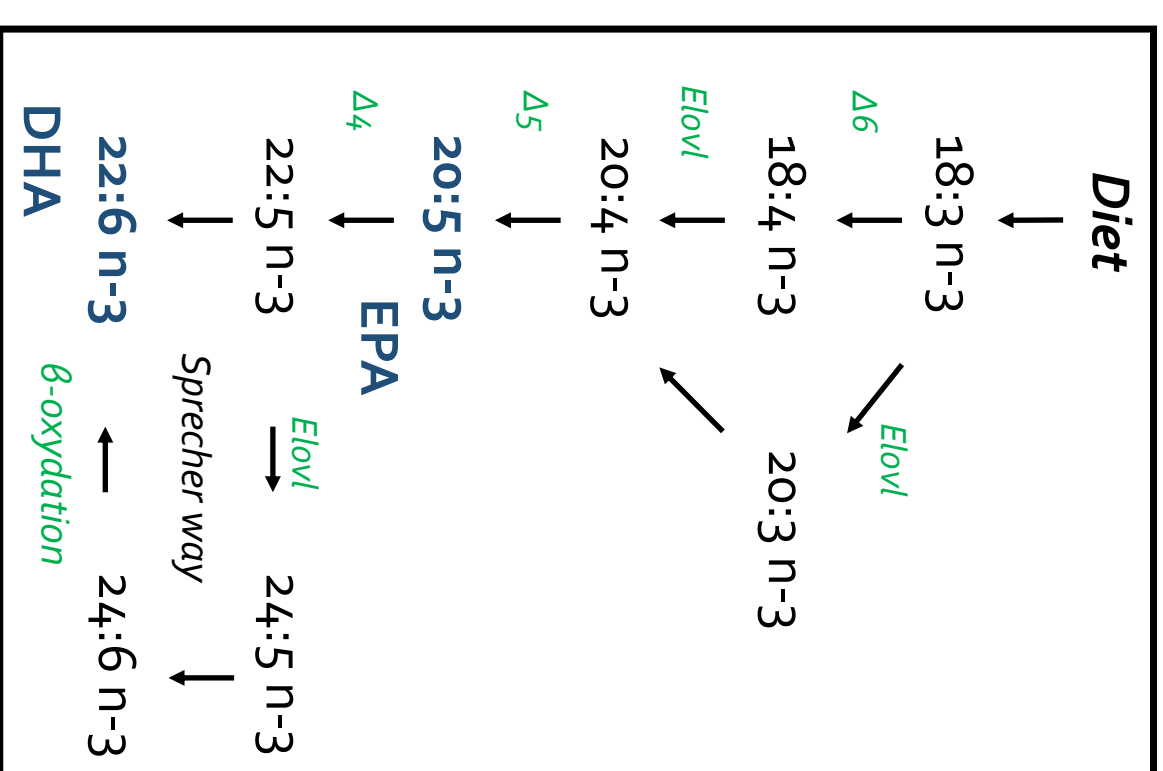


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European sea bass

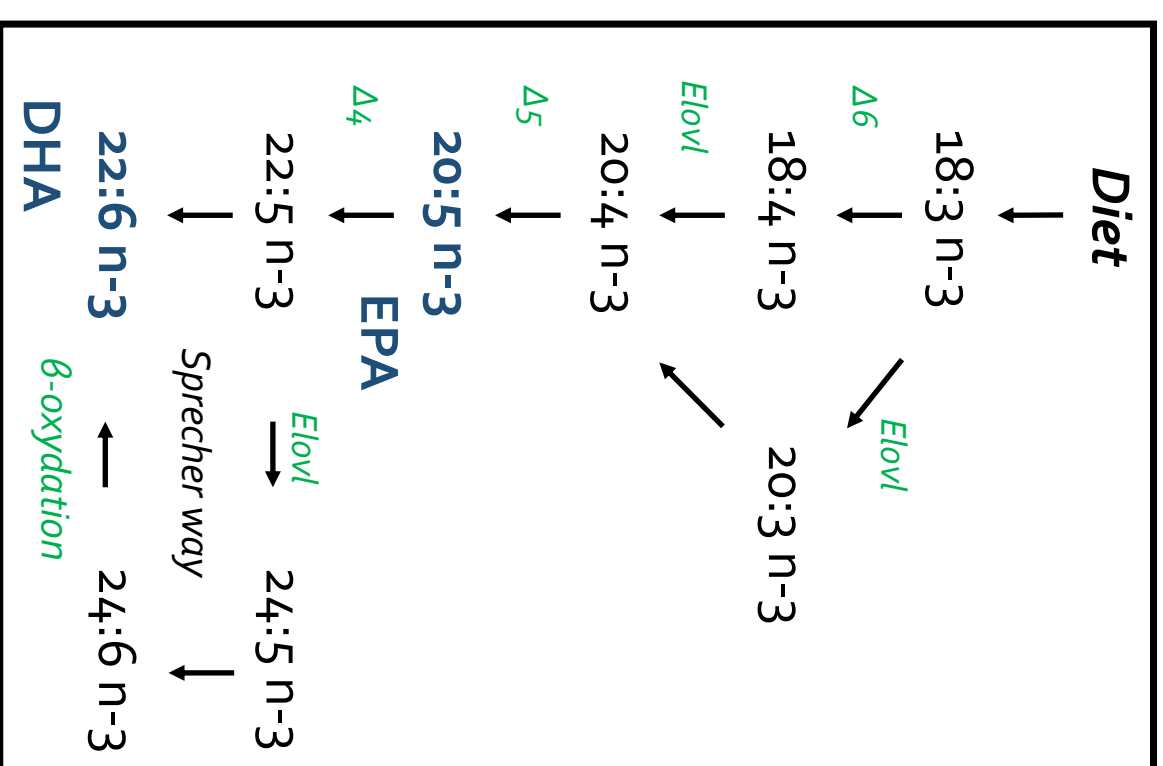
Dicentrarchus labrax :

juvenile stages in estuaries

Habitat / life stage effect on n-3 tissue composition

Low in-natura information

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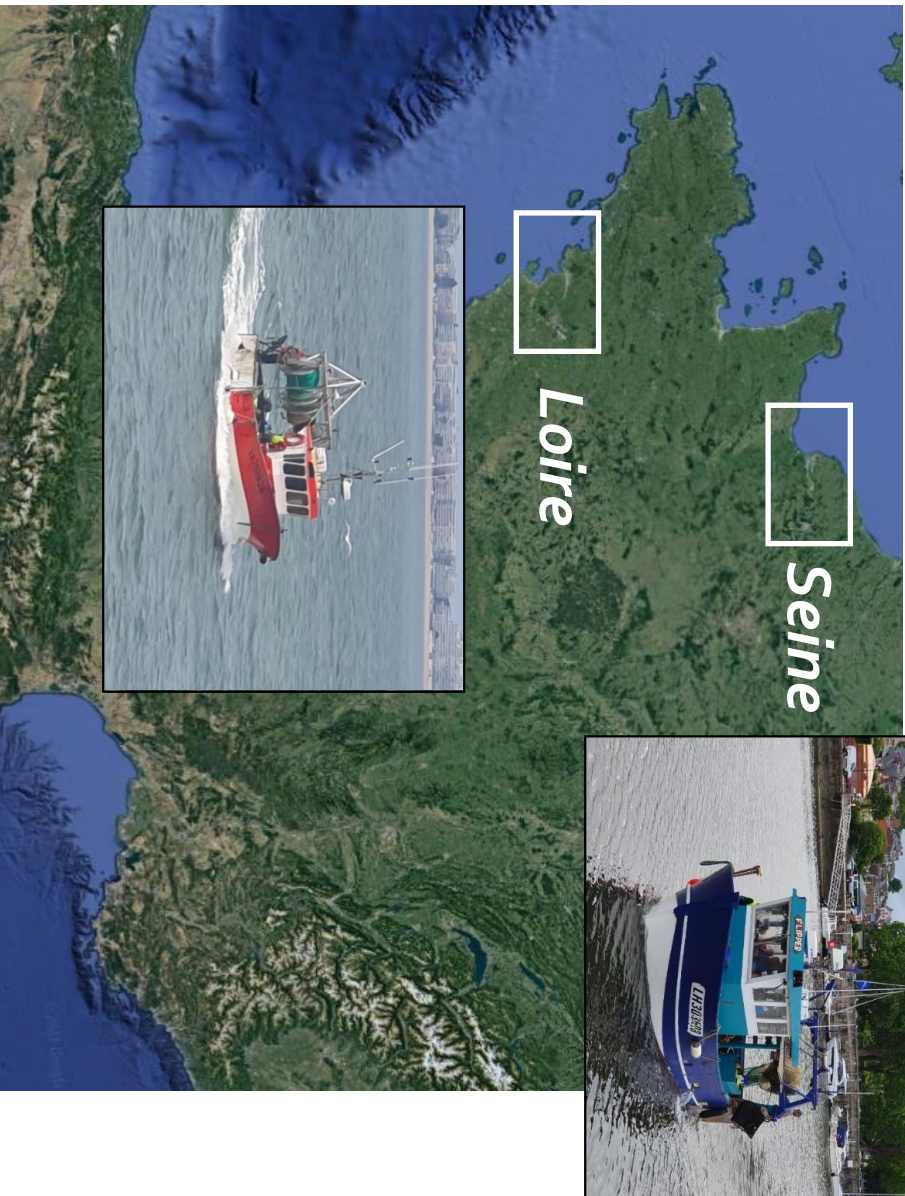


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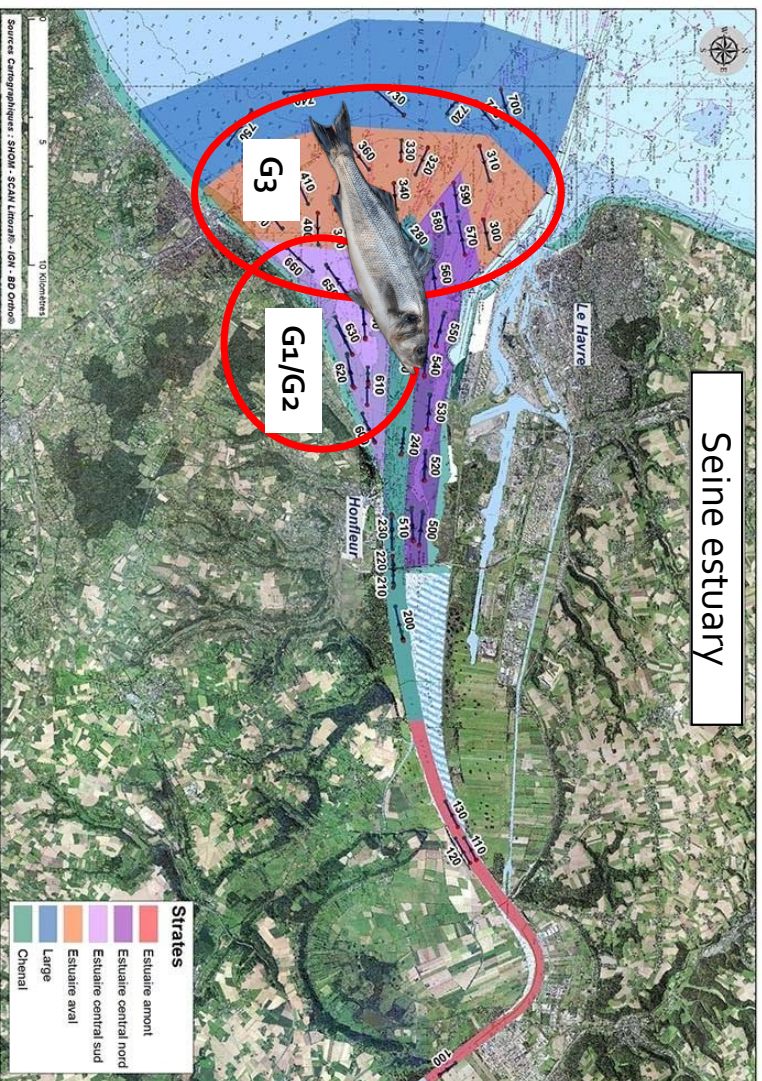


Dicentrarchus labrax

- How is the n-3 FA composition modulated ?
- How does it vary in natural habitat
- Does it depend on sampling site / life stage ?



Three different life stages : G1 / G2 / G3



N = 12 – G1
N = 10 – G2
N = 12 – G3

76 juveniles

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N = 18 – G1
N = 12 – G2
N = 12 – G3

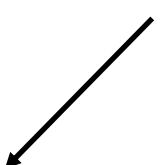


Liver = Highly influenced
by trophic differences

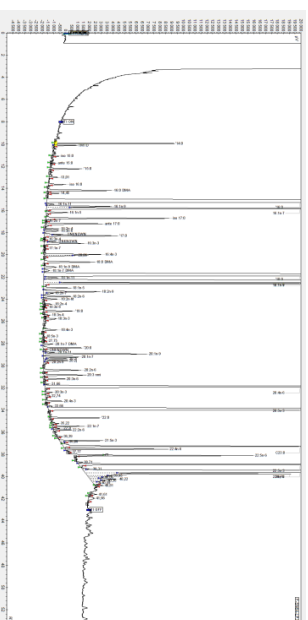
Caballero *et al*,
1999



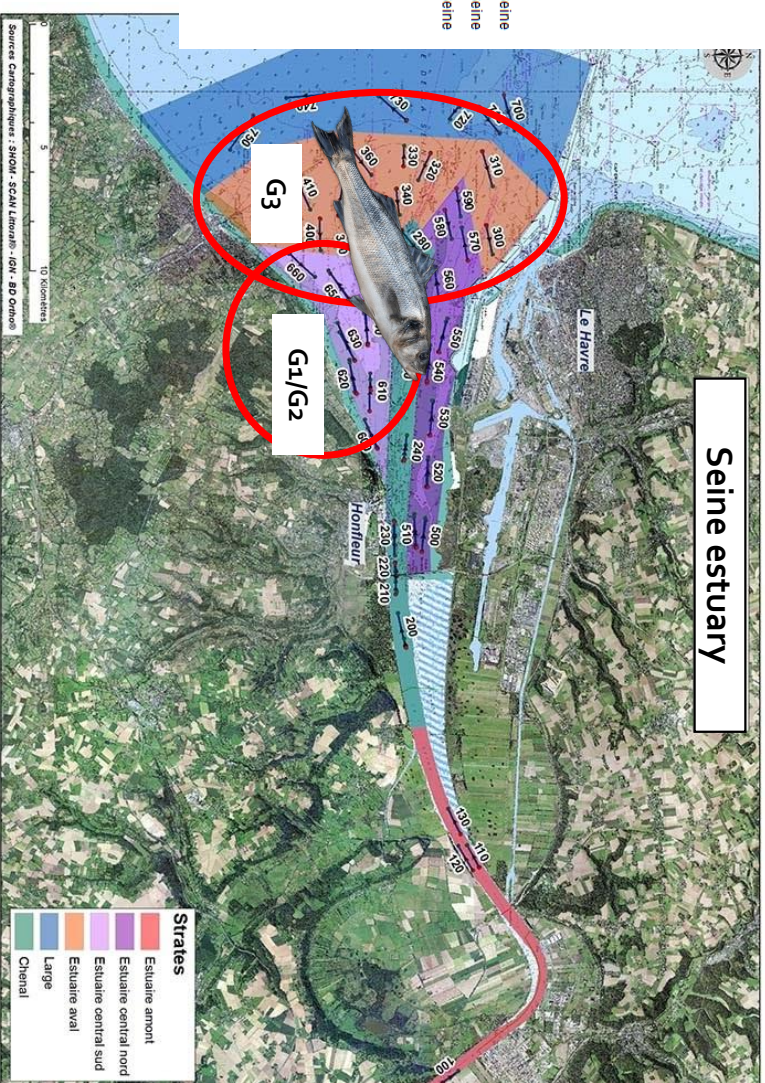
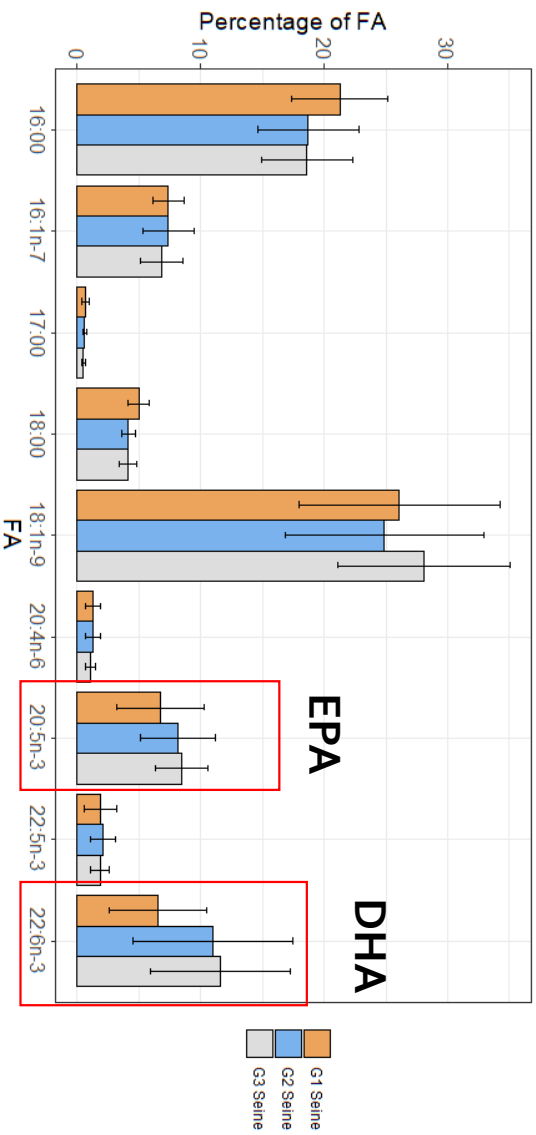
Lipid extraction and
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Membrane lipids (PL)



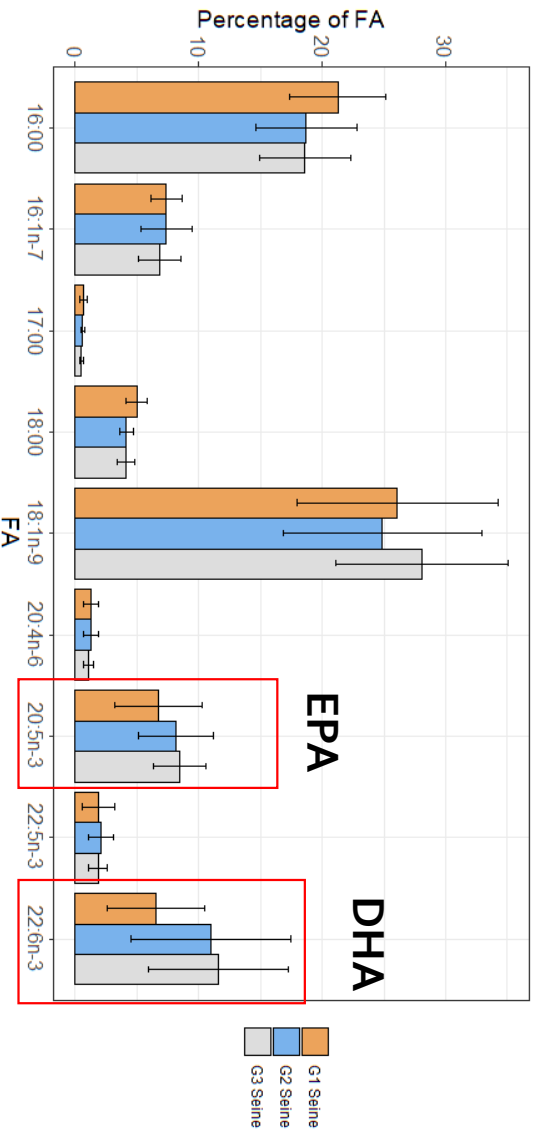
Fatty acid profiles with
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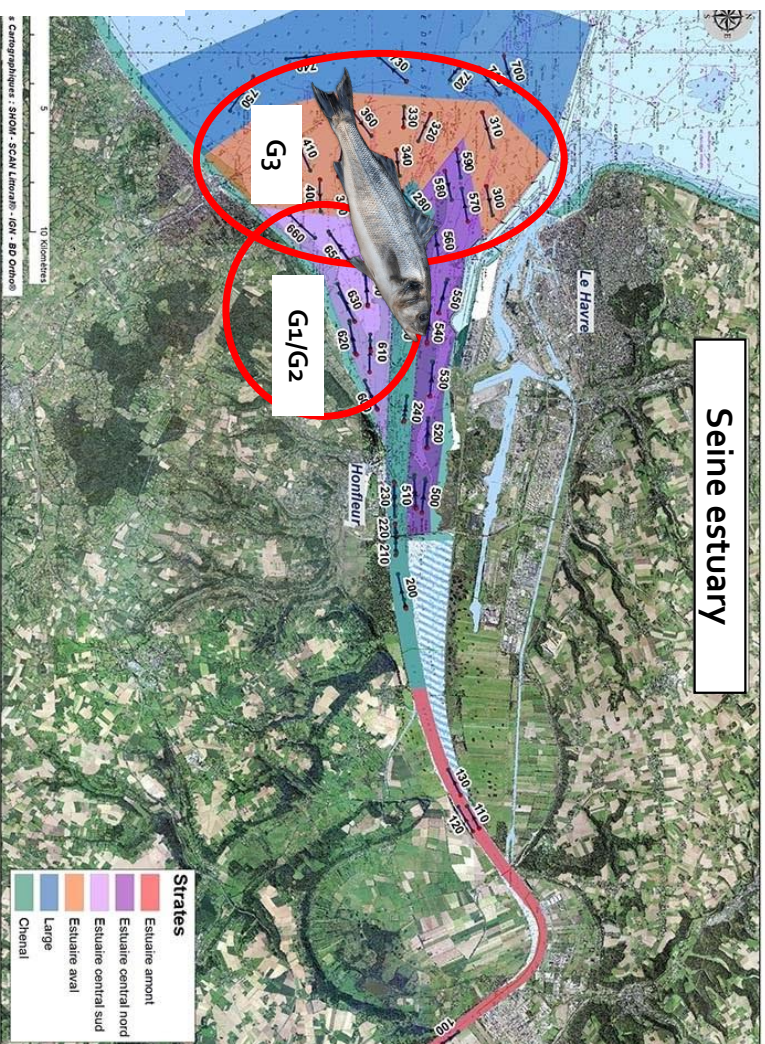
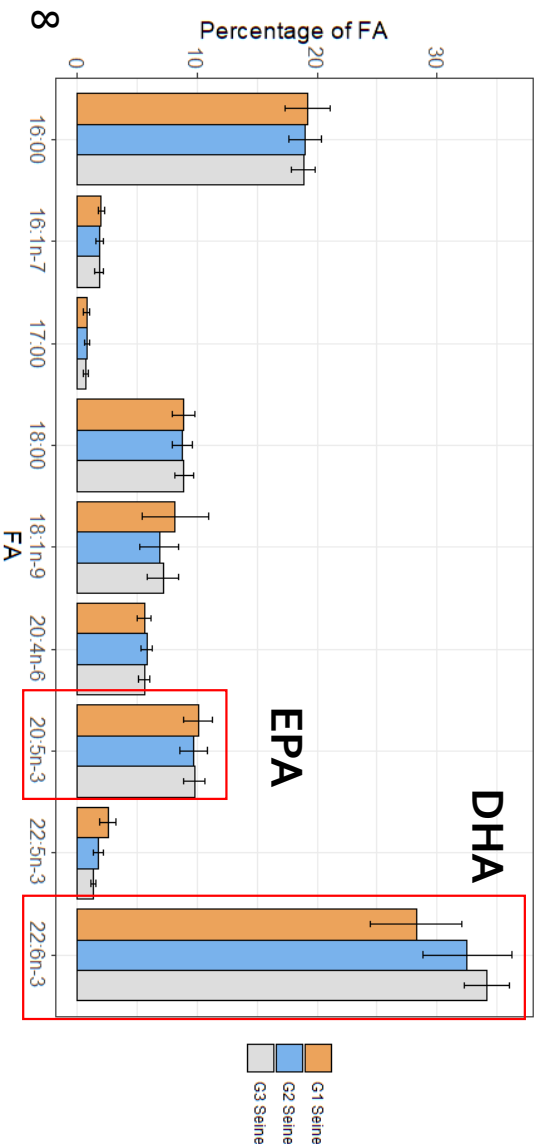
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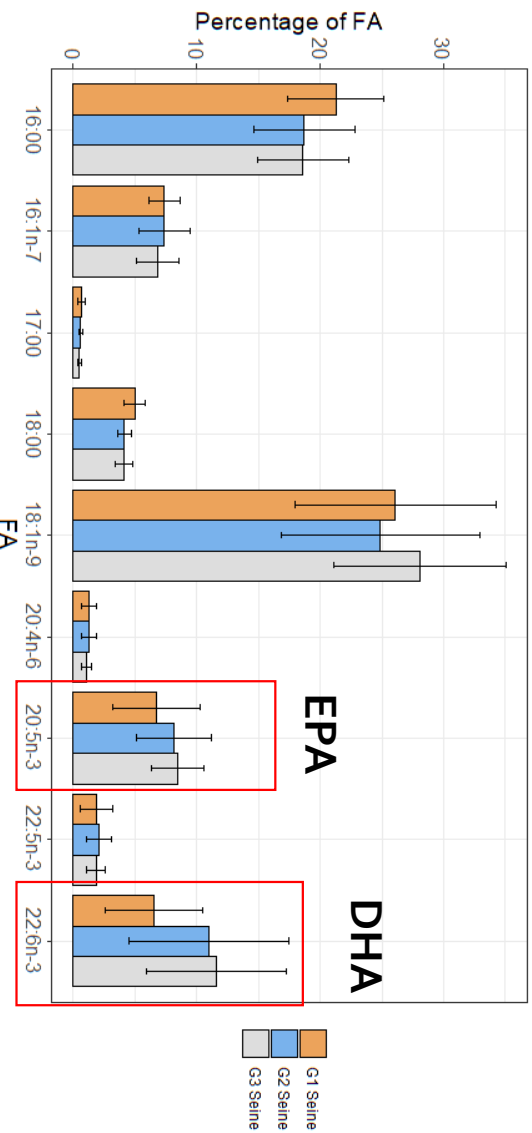
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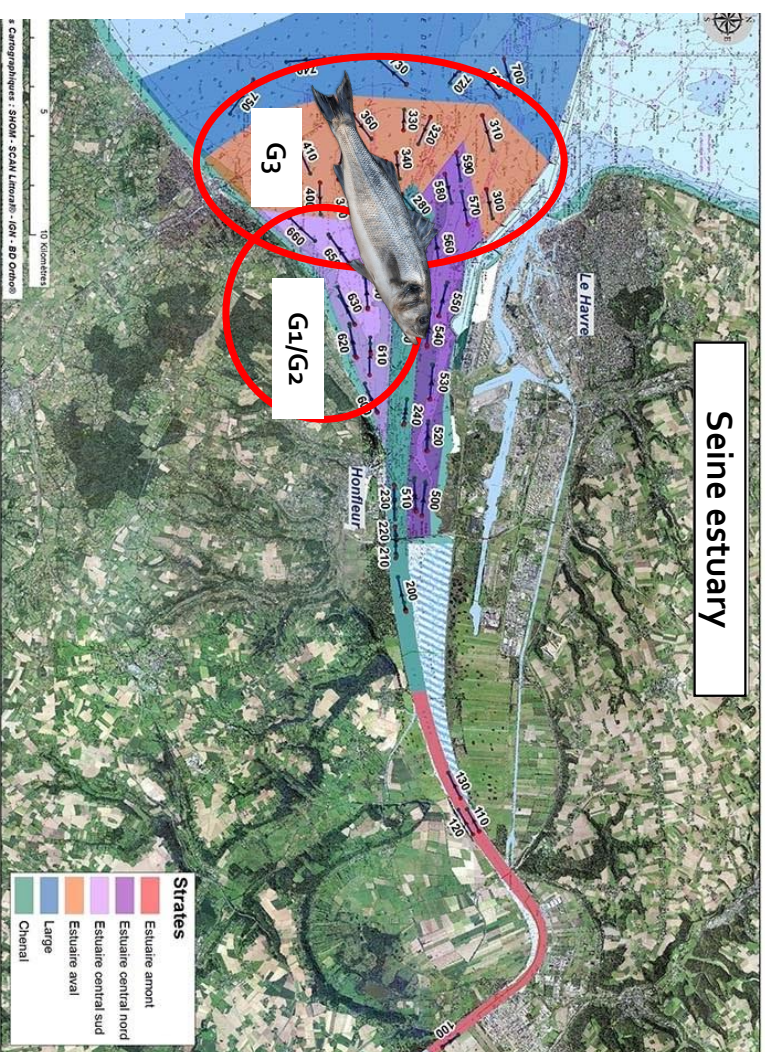
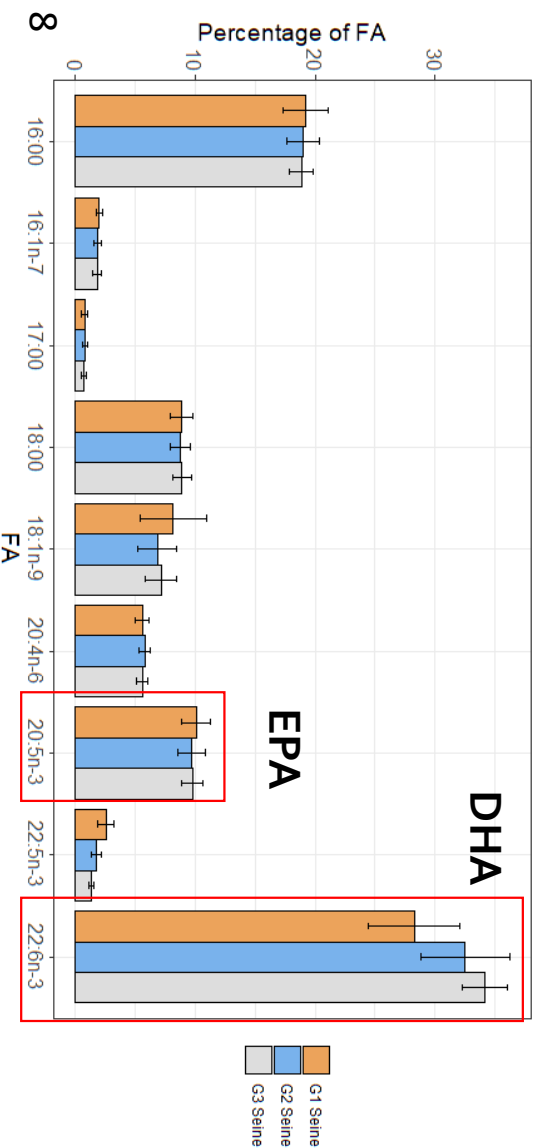
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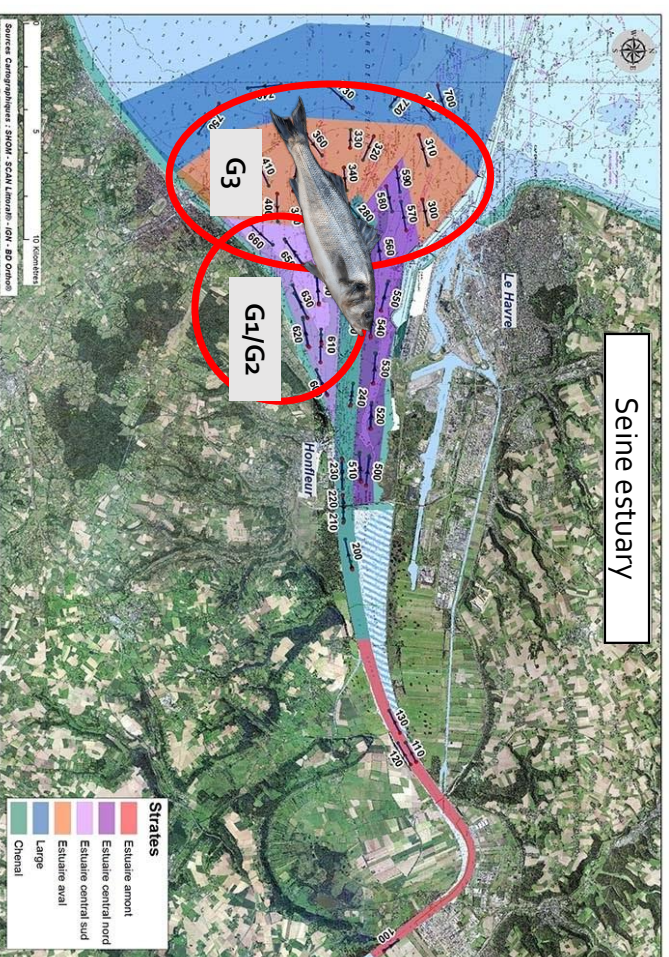
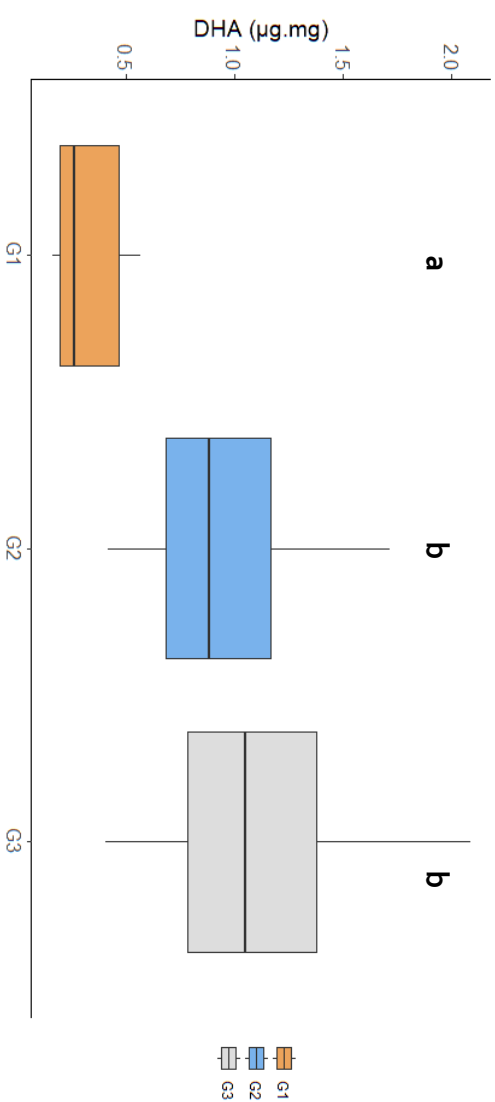


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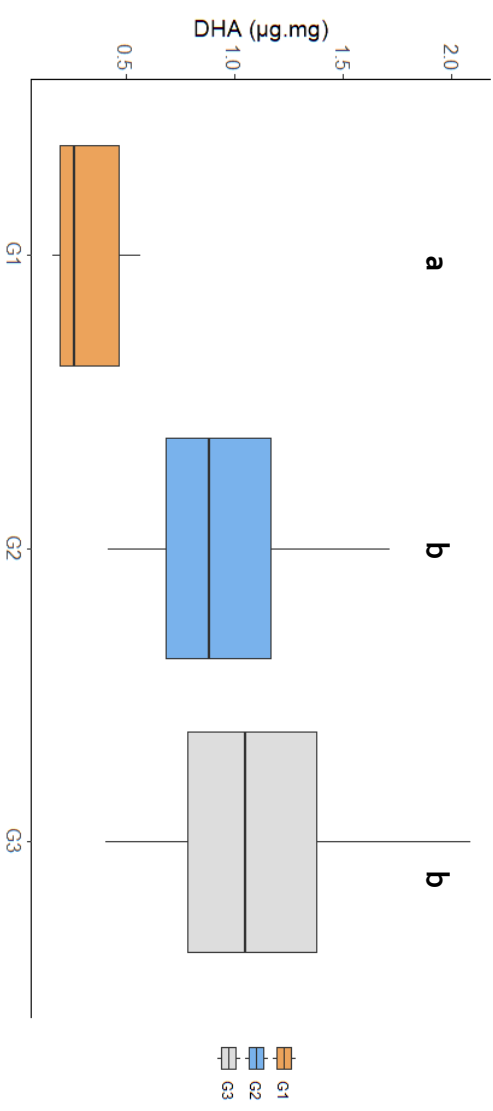


- High variations in reserve lipids -> Dietary influence
- DHA = main FA in membranes
- EPA / DHA ratio matching litterature (3x factor)

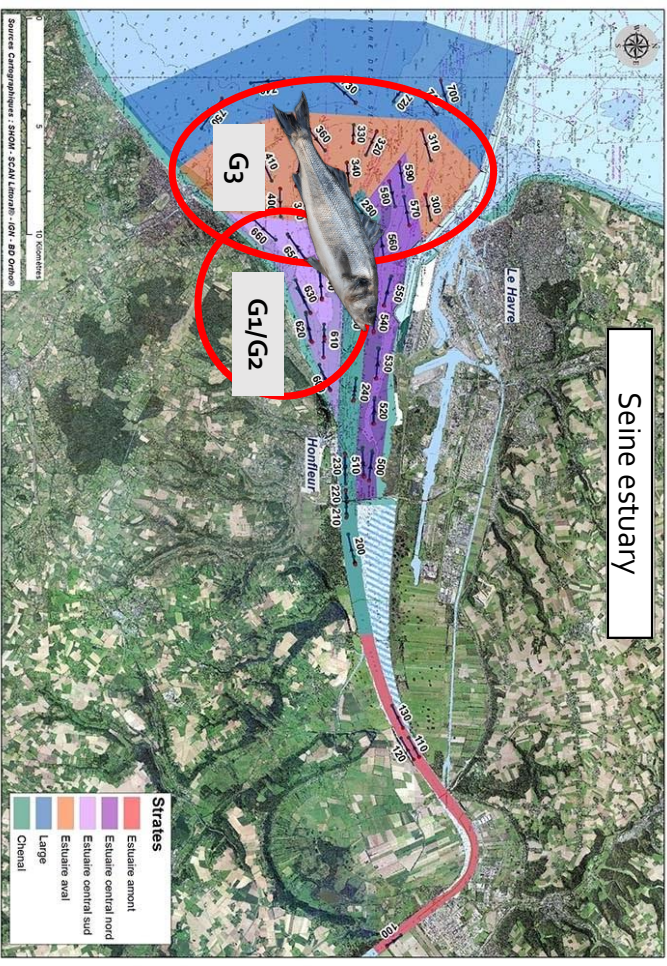
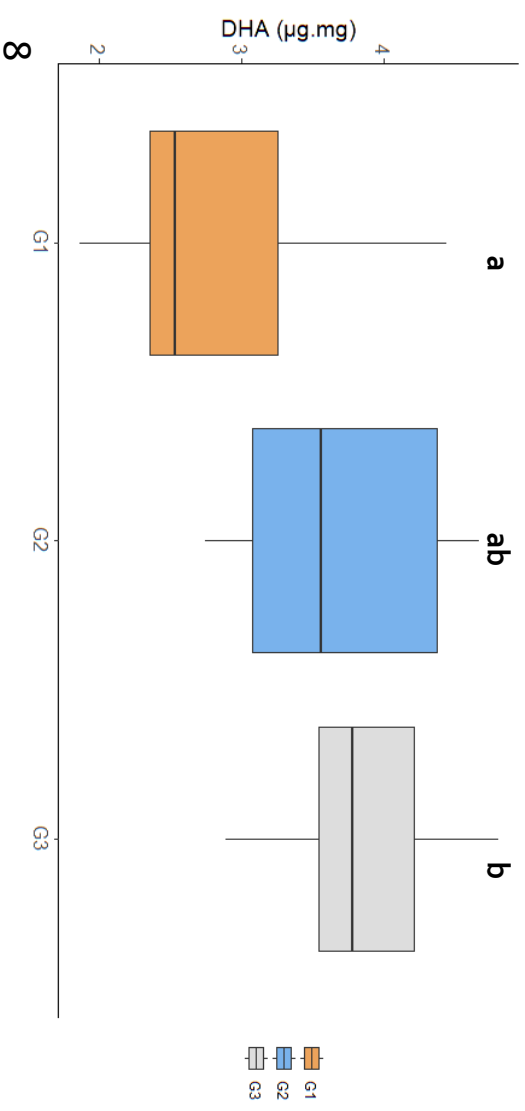
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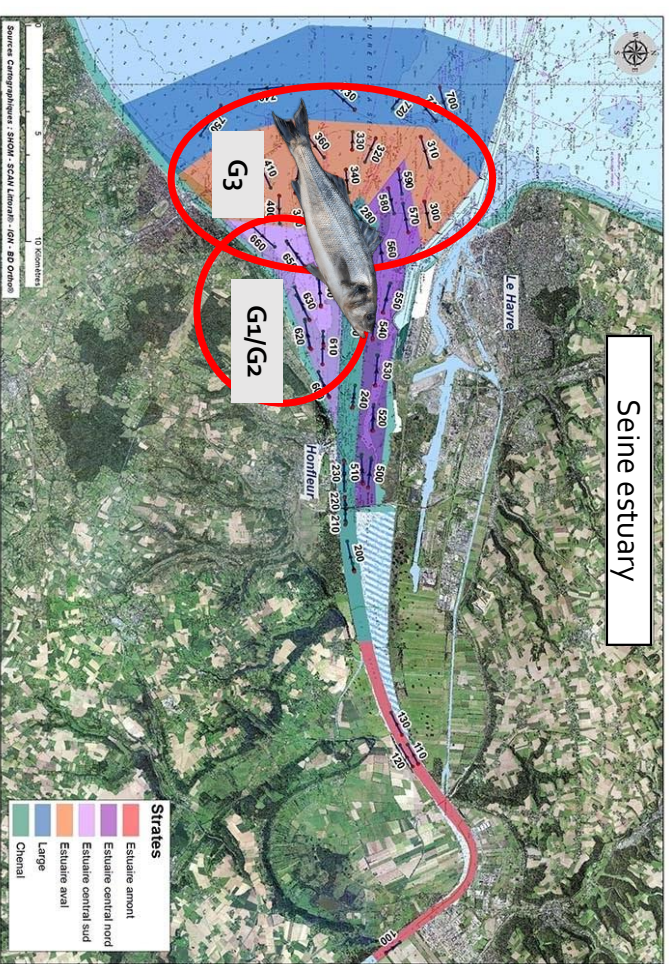
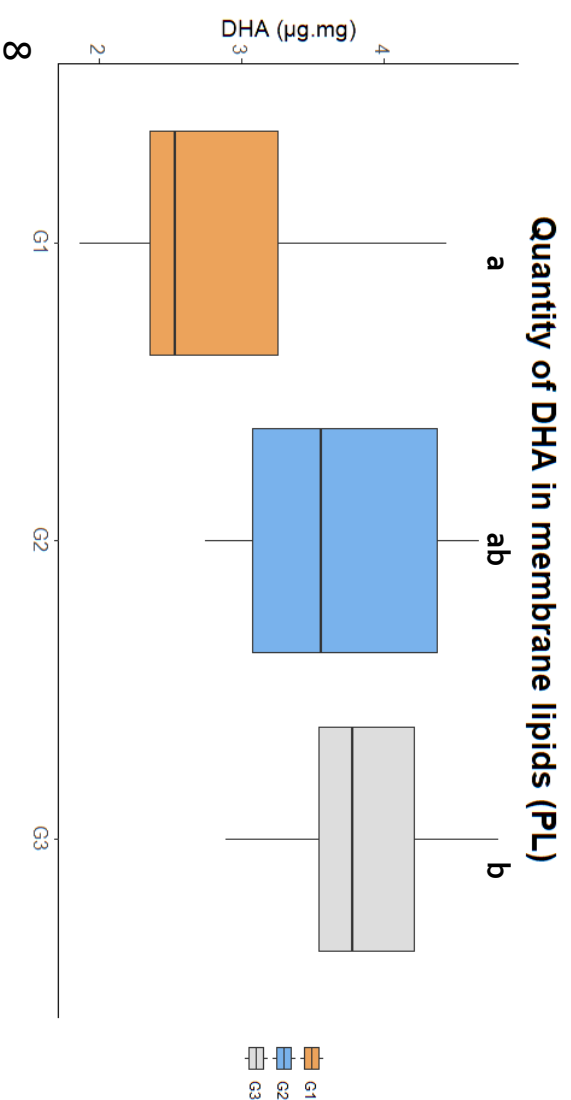
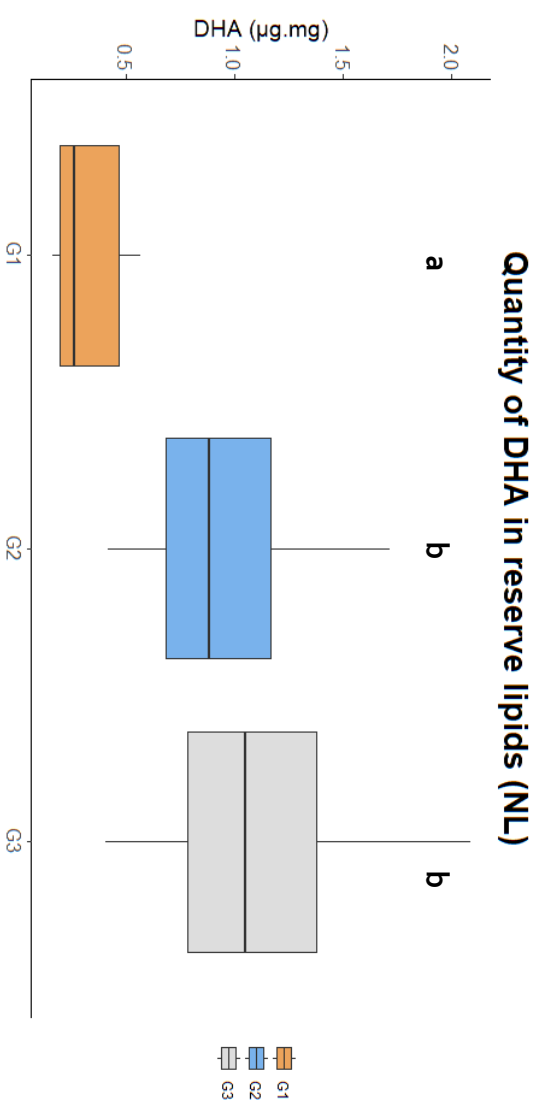


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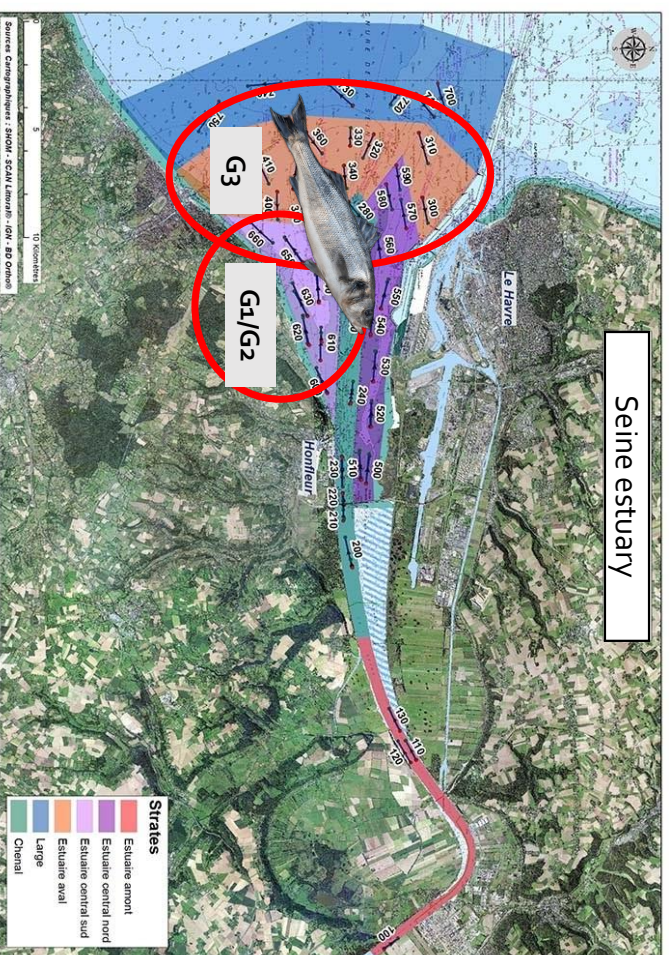
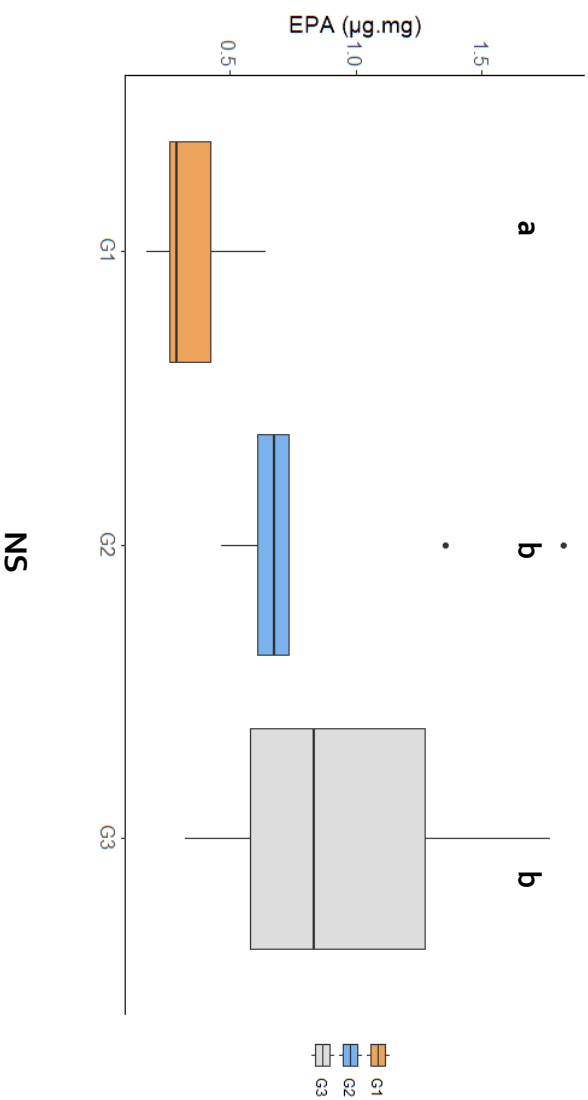
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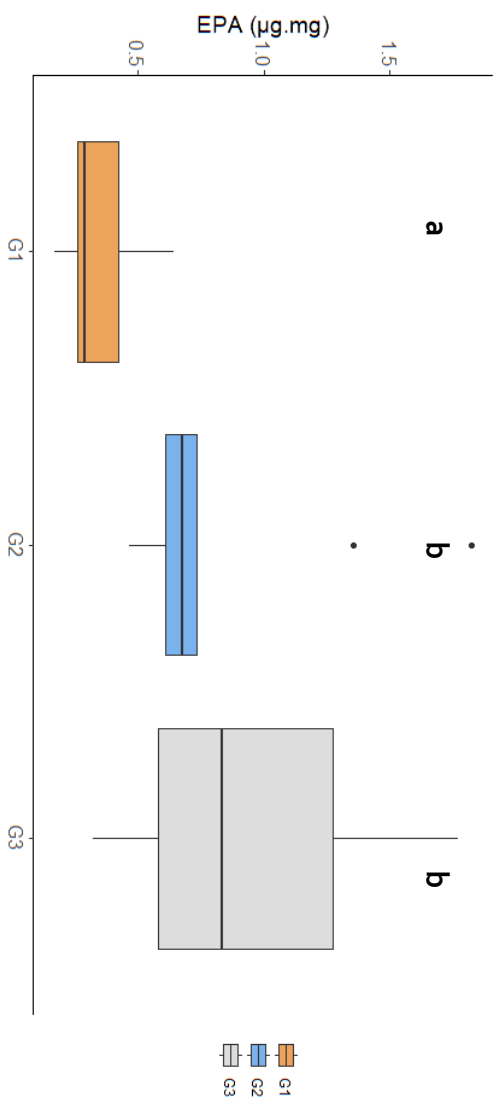


- Lower DHA quantity in G1
- Prey lipid composition influence ?
- DHA retention in tissue : PL > NL
- Retention / Synthesis plasticity :
Influence of environment / trophic level

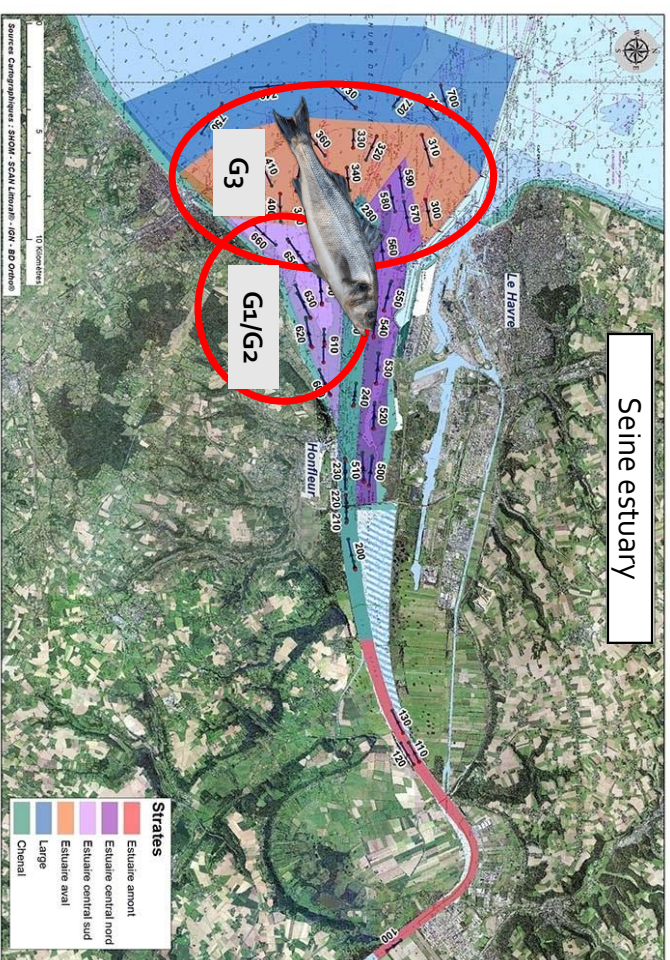
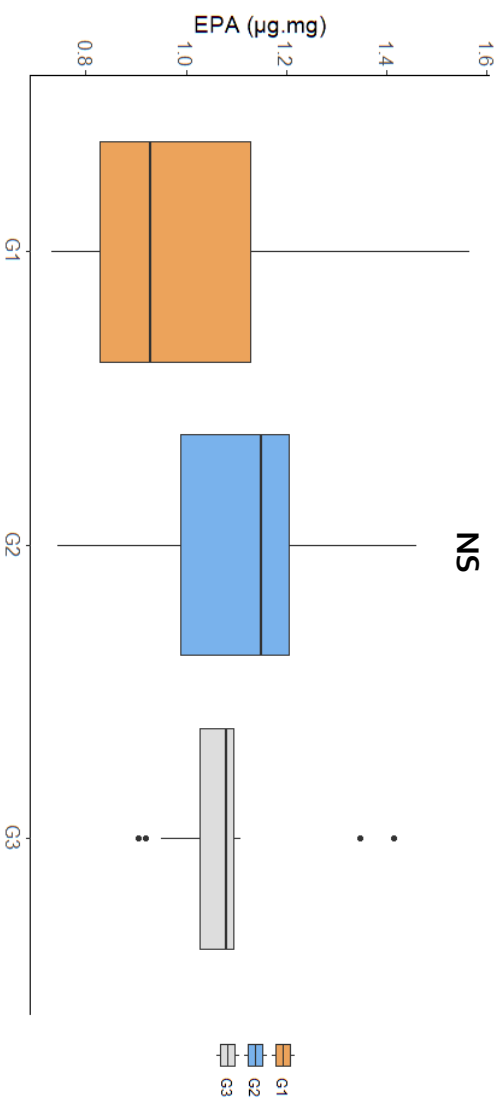
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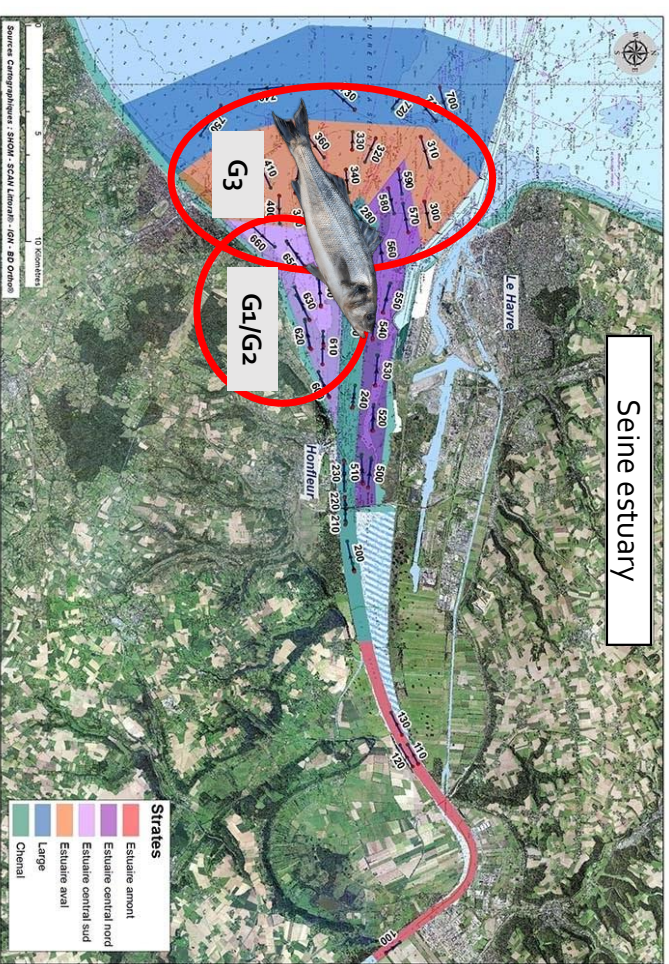
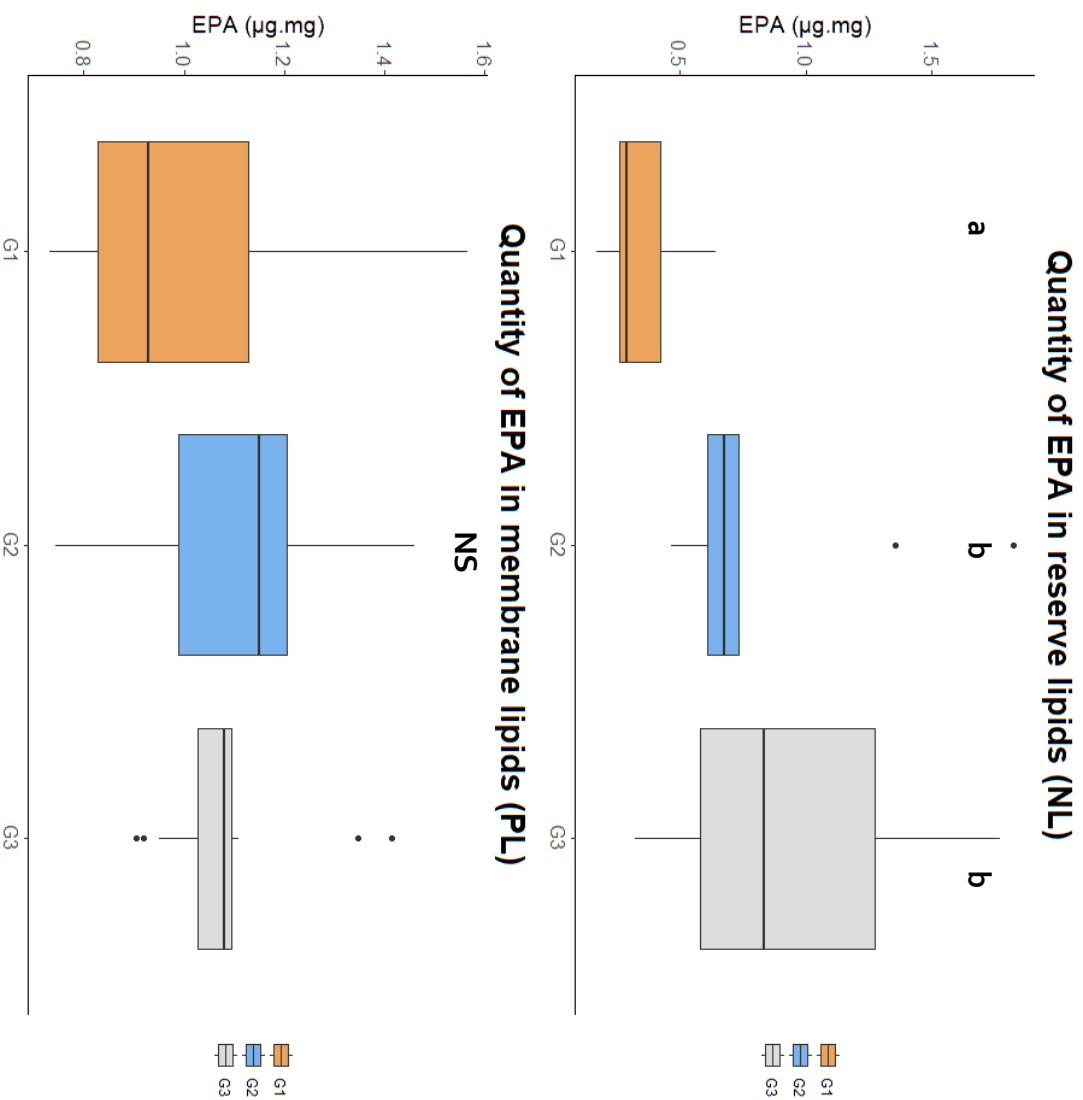


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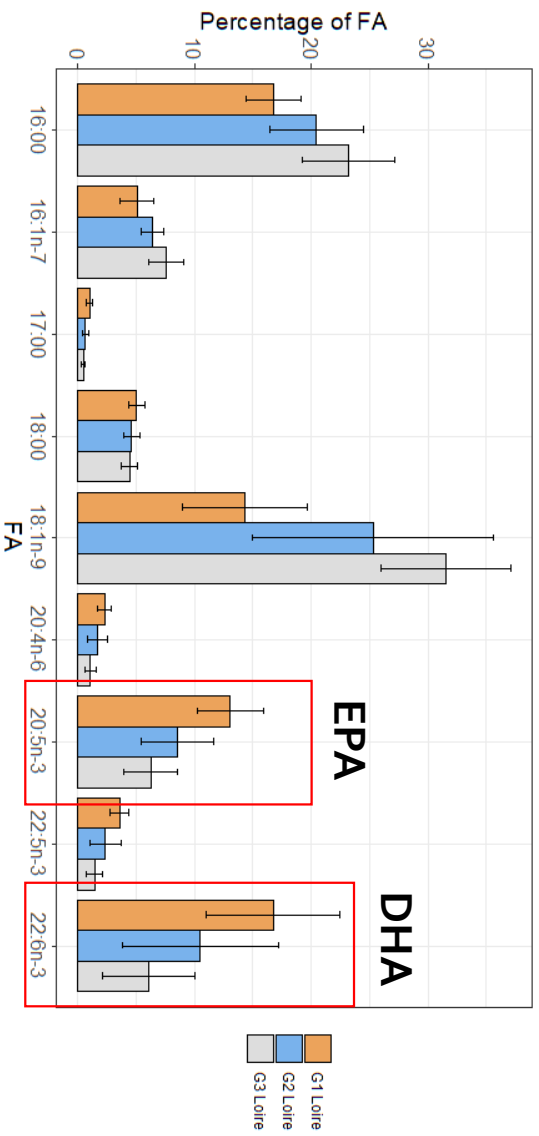
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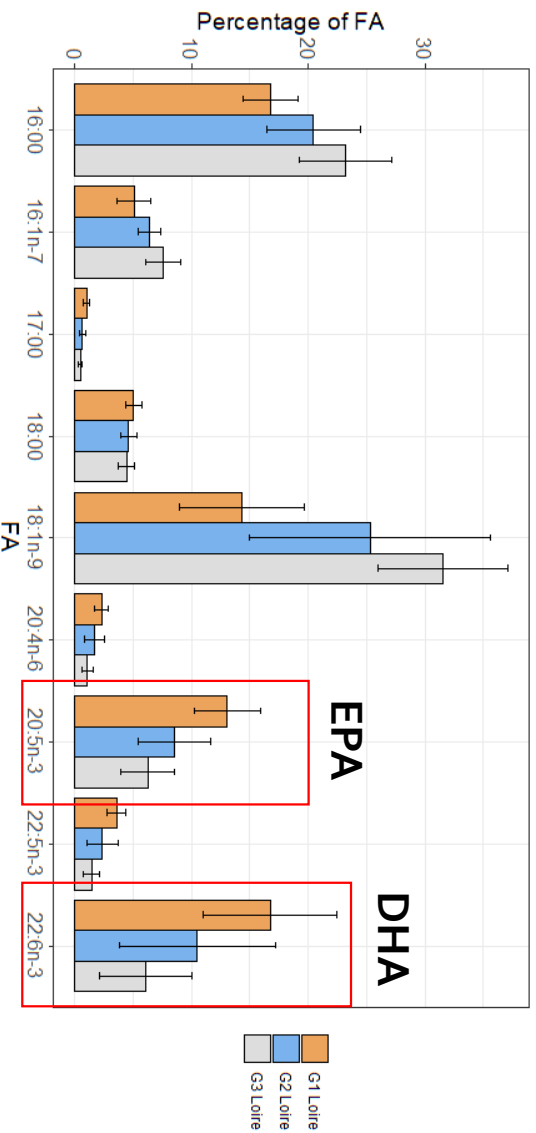


- Different profiles between reserve & membrane
DHA & EPA = different roles
Tocher, 2003
- Used for eicosanoids production ?
- Used to be converted into DHA?

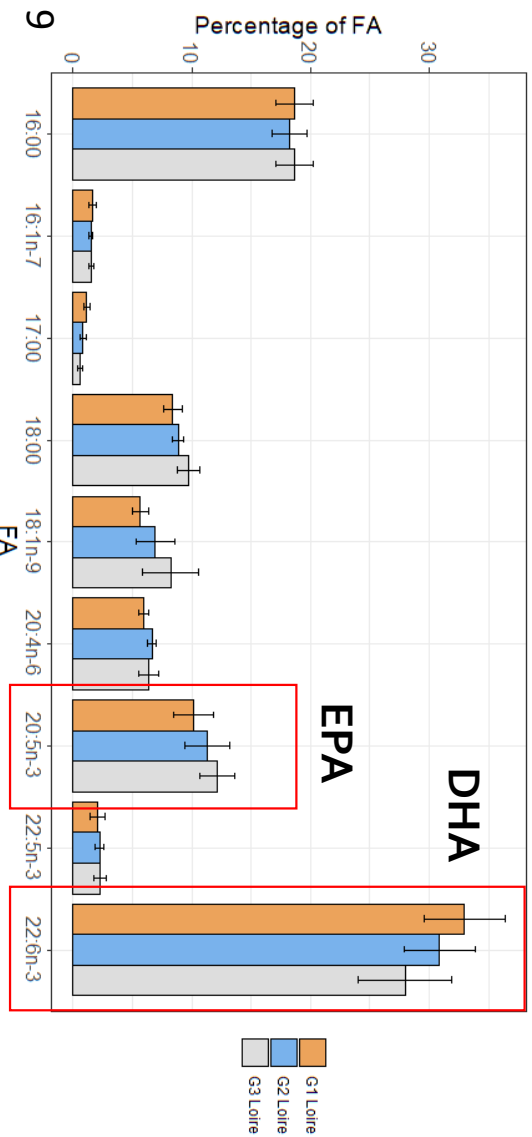
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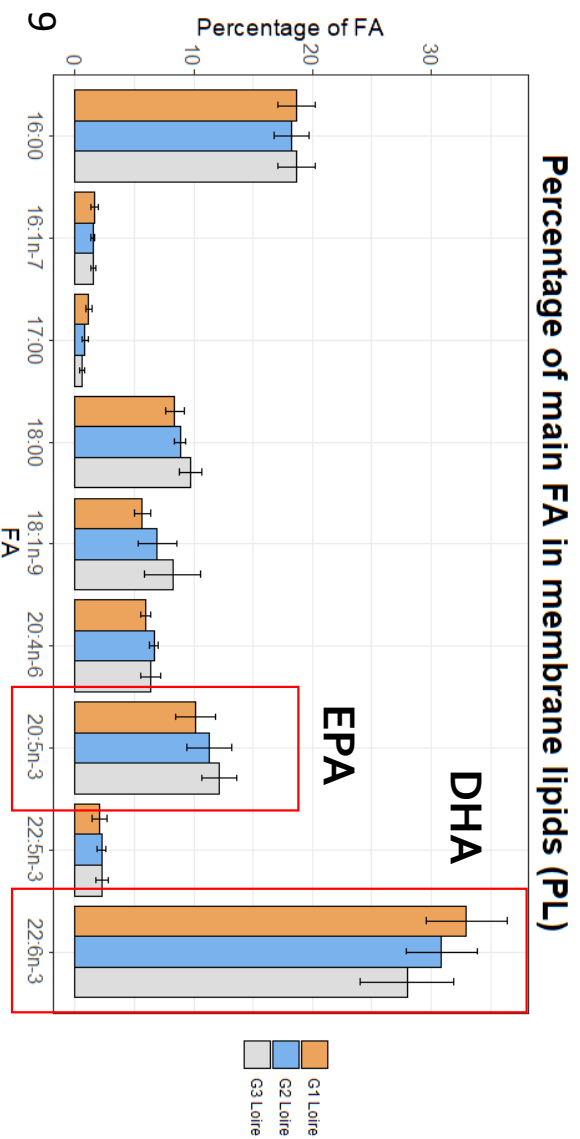
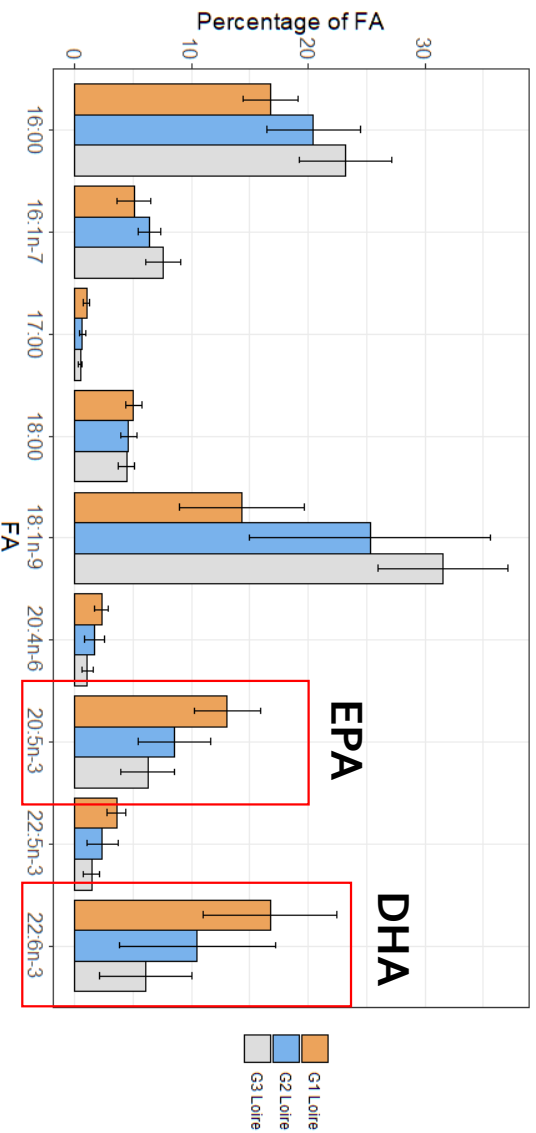
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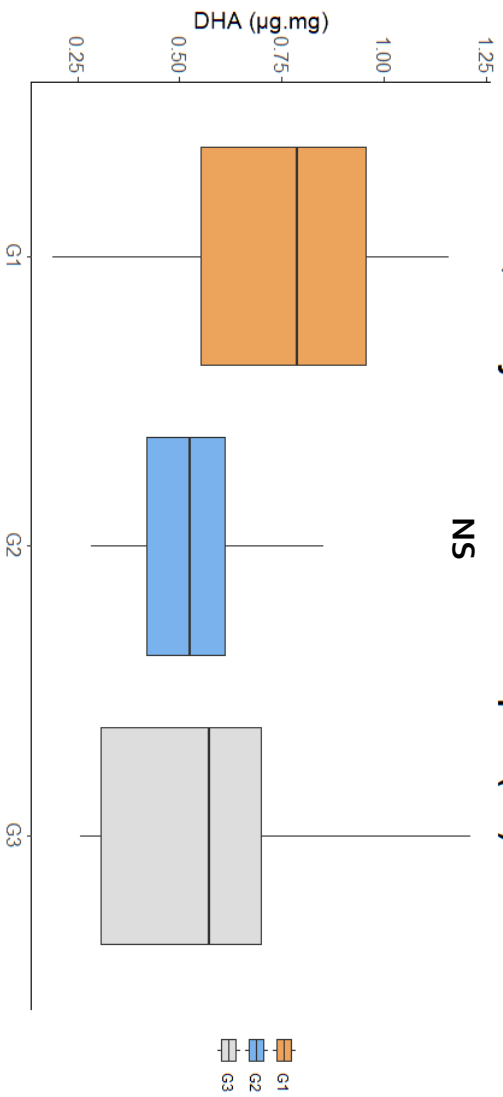


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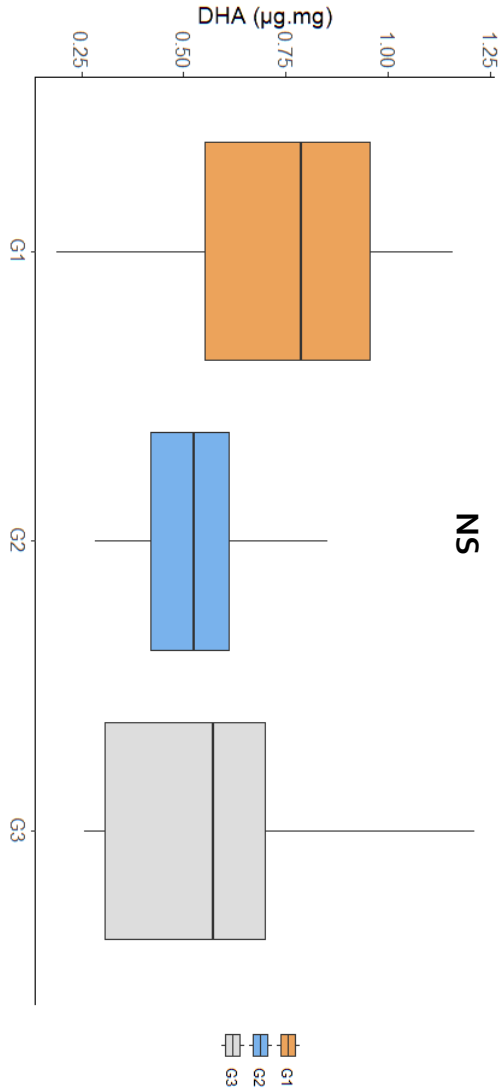


- EPA and DHA levels varying with age -> Different trophic dynamics ?
- EPA / DHA used as energy source ?

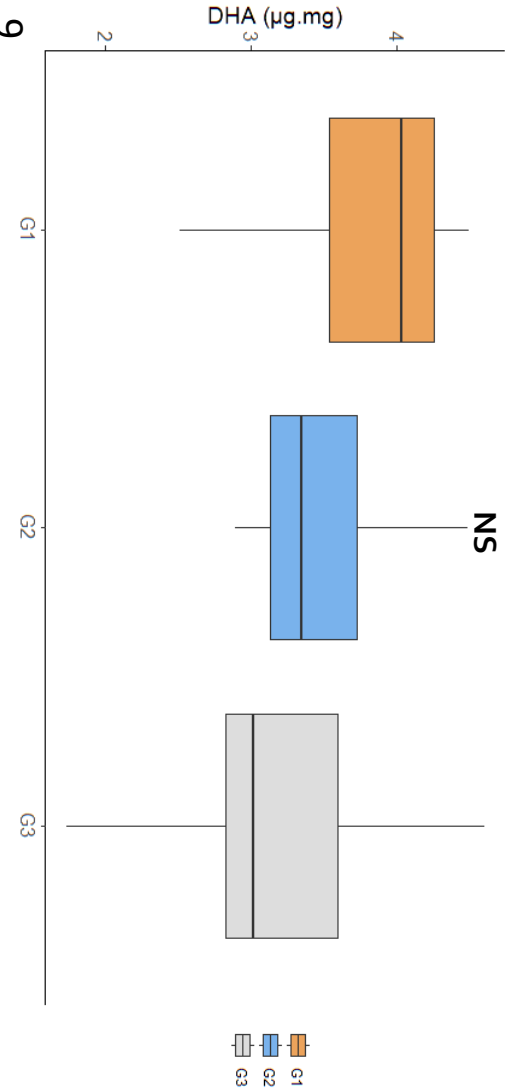
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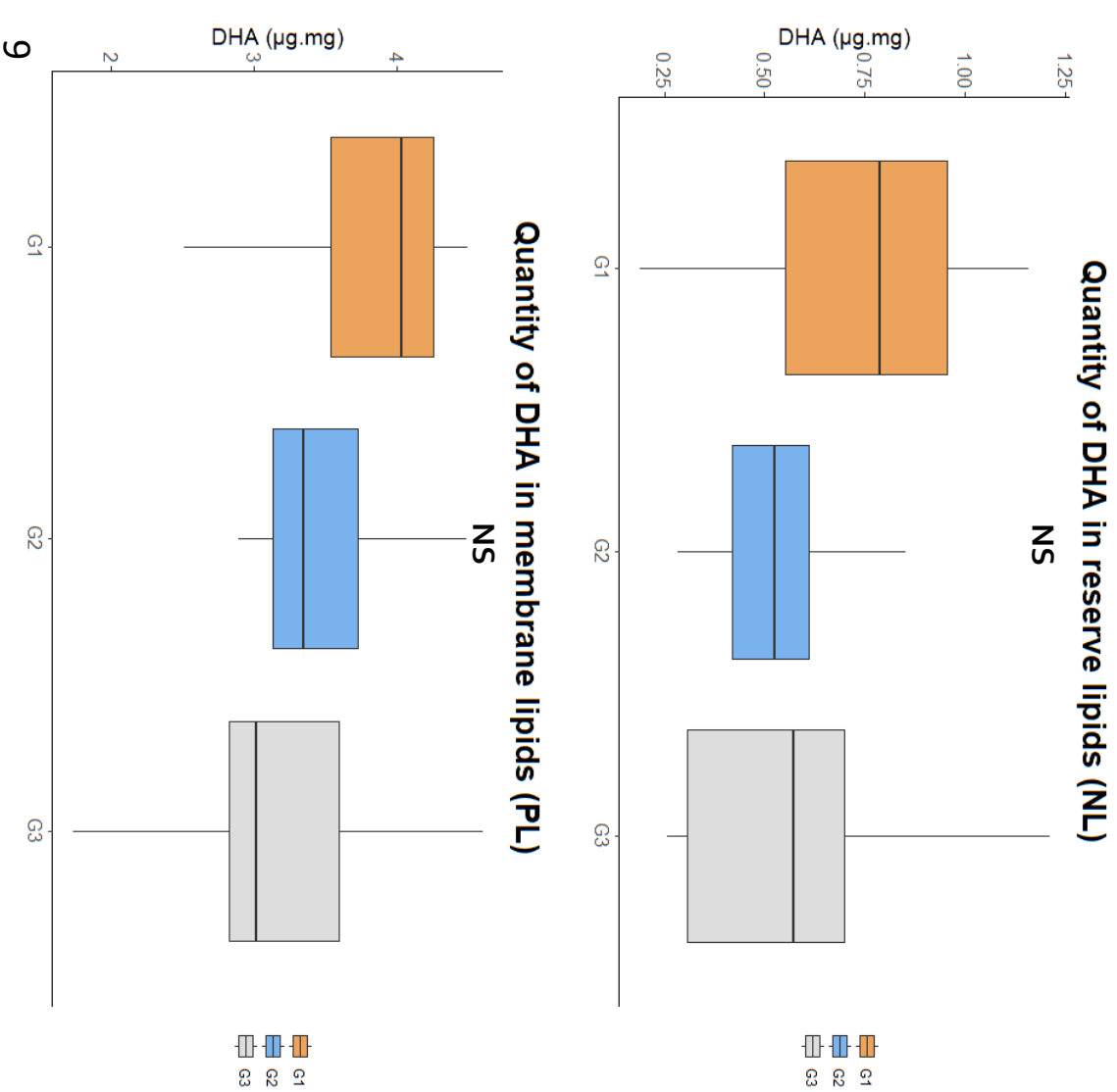


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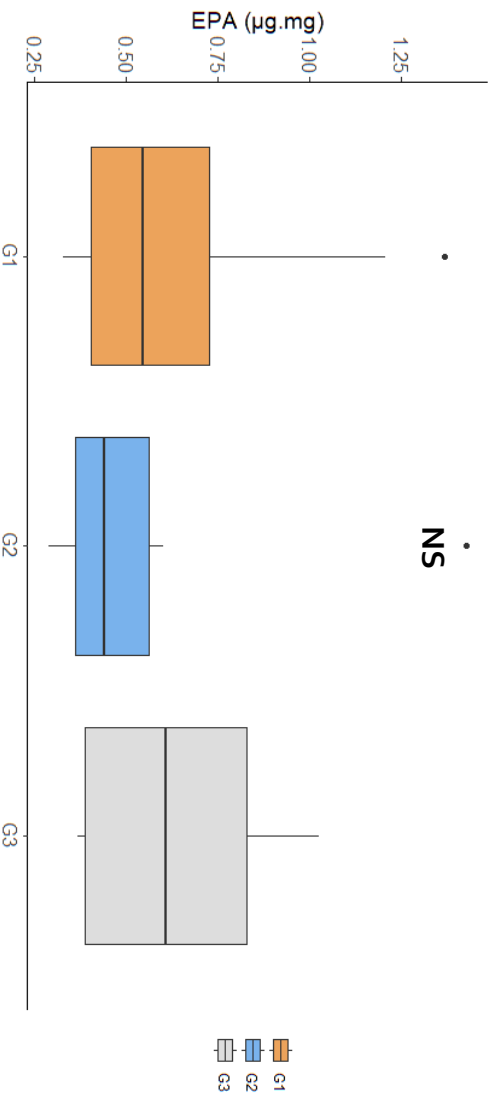
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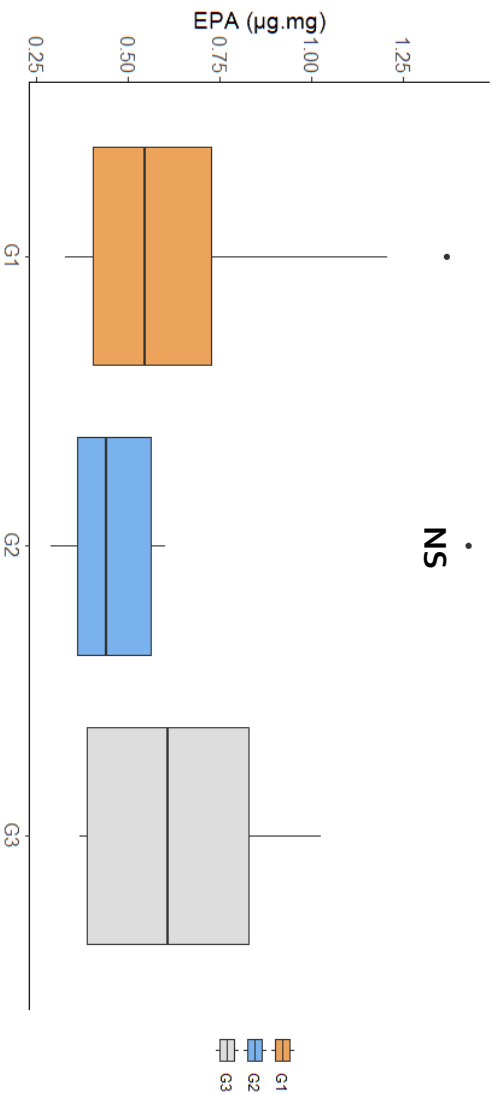


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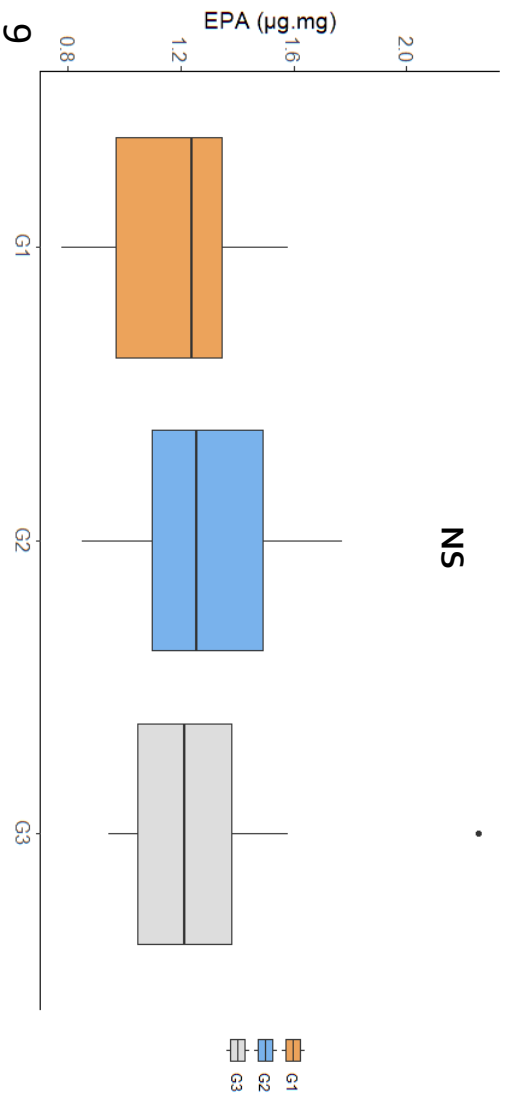
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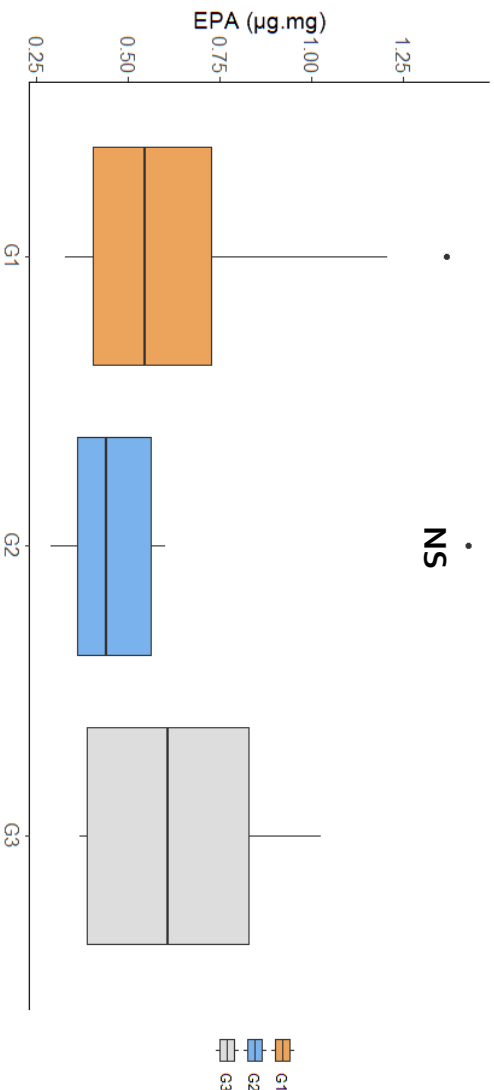
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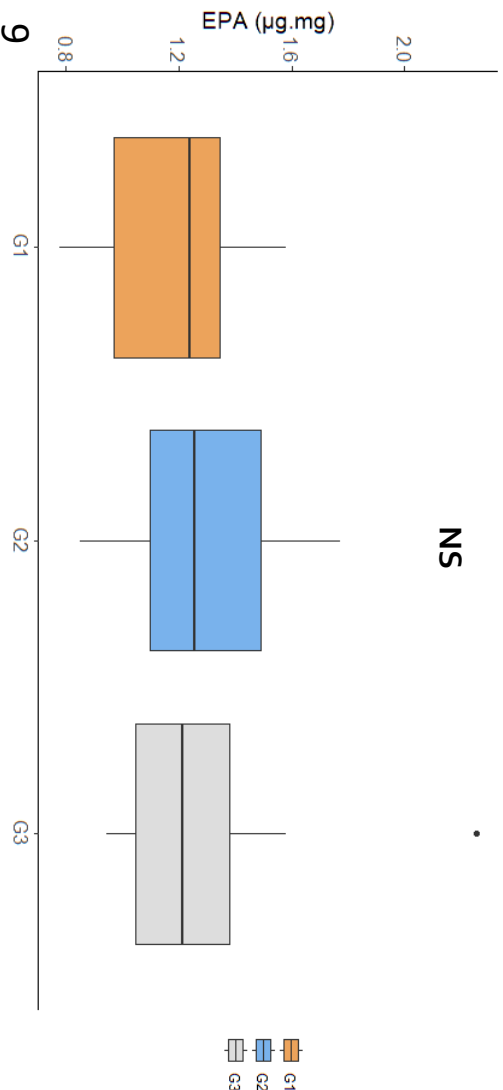
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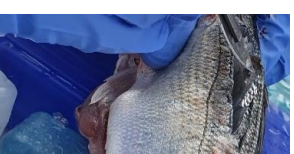
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