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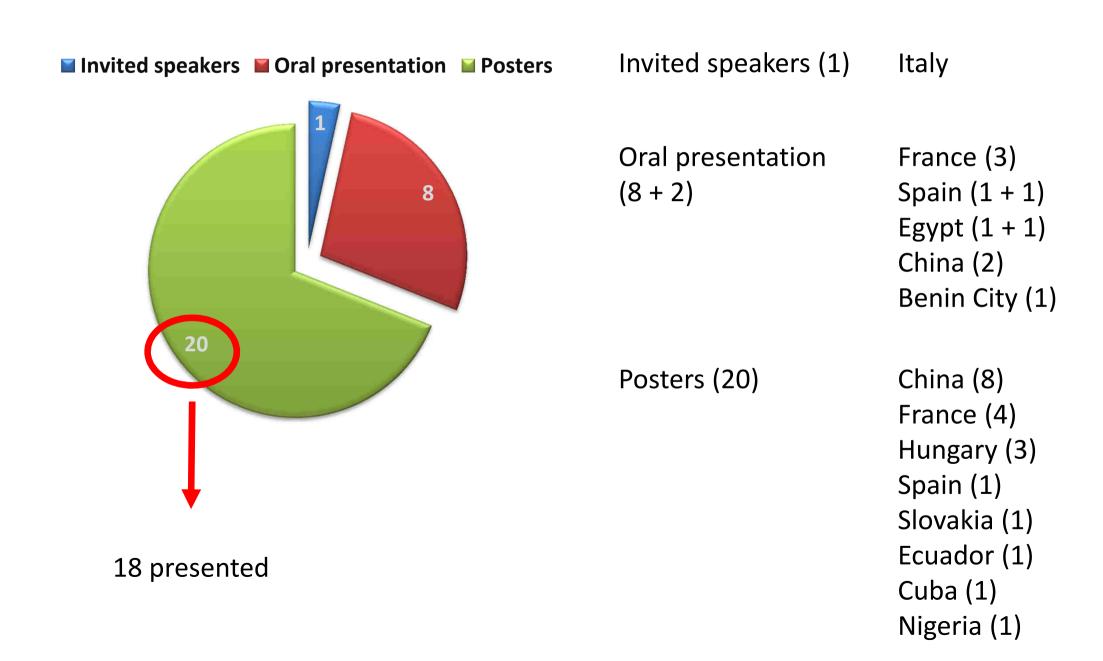
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#### 7. BREEDING AND GENETIC

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# THE RABBIT IN THE GENOMICS ERA: APPLICATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES IN RABBIT BIOLOGY AND BREEDING

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#### The rabbit genome



21 autosomes plus the sexual chromosomes (2n = 44)

~ 2.6 Gbp

19,203 coding genes

Carneiro et al. (2014)

50 million SNPs 5.6 million insertion/deletion (OryCun2.0)

Fontanesi et al. (2012b)

155 CNVRs

#### Candidate gene analyses for production traits

Gene symbol	Gene name	Polymorphisms	Populations	Associated traits	References			
Growth and meat production traits (carcass and meat and fat quality traits)								
GH1	Growth hormone	SNP in a putative regulatory region	Commercial meat rabbit line	Finishing weight	Fontanesi et al. (2012a)			
Reproduction traits in does								
TIMP 1	TIMP metallopeptidase inhibitor 1	1 SNP in the promoter region	F2 cross of two lines divergently selected for uterine capacity	Embryo implantation	Estellé et al. (2006); Argente et al. (2010)			
Disease/disorder resistance traits								
JAK3	Janus kinase 1	1 missense mutation (exon 9) and 1 synonymous SNP (exon 21)	New Zealand white (case and control study)	Nonspecific digestive disorder	Fu et al. (2014)			

**QTL analyses** (F2 population)

chromosome 7 (for different carcass weights)

chromosome 9 (for bone mass)

#### **Genomic selection**

It is based on the genotype at thousands of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) covering the whole genome

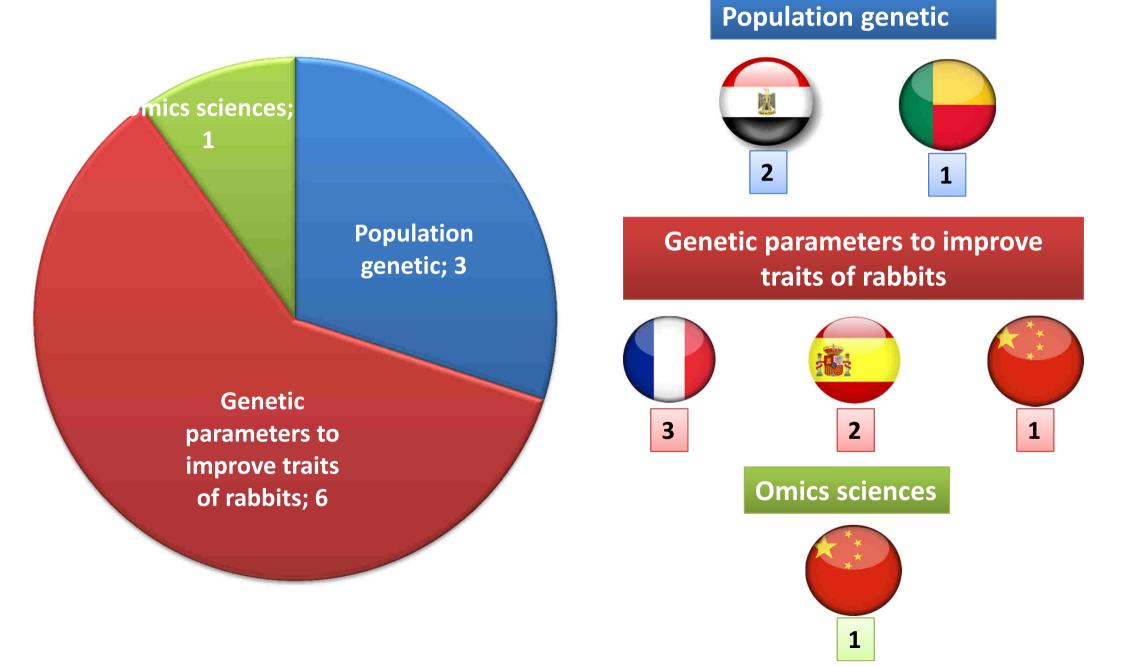
The sequencing of genome

The development of high throughput genotyping technologies

Increase accuracy of genetic predictions and to predict new phenotypes







**Population genetic** 

2 (+1) presentations



Microsatellite polymorphism in some Egyptian and Spanish common rabbit breeds. *Emam A.M., Afonso S., Azoz A.A.A., González-Redondo P., Mehaisen G.M.K., Ahmed N.A. Ferrand N.* 

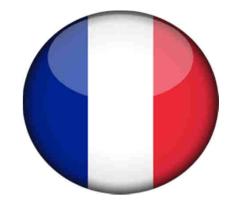
Origin of Egyptian and Spanish common rabbits: evidence from mitochondrial DNA cytochrome b sequence analysis. *Emam A.M., Afonso S., Azoz A.A.A., González-Redondo P., Mehaisen G.M.K., Ahmed N.A., Ferrand N.* 



Assessing the genetic similarities and distance among rabbit populations using the random amplified polymorphic DNA (PAPD) technique. *Orheruata A.M., Imasuen A.J., Ichekor C.* 

#### **Genetic parameters to improve traits of rabbits**

4 (+1) presentations



Genetic parameters for resistance to infectious diseases in two French paternal meat rabbit lines. *Gunia M., David I., Hurtaud J., Maupin M., Gilbert H., Garreau H.* 

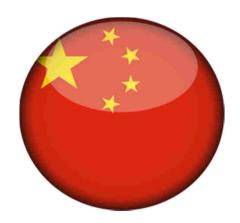
Estimation of genetic parameters for carcass traits evaluated by in vivo real-time ultrasonography in meat rabbit breeding. *Lenoir G., Morien F.* 

Direct and correlated responses to selection in two lines of rabbits selected for feed efficiency under ad libitum and restricted feeding. *Garreau H., Gilbert H., Molette C, Larzul C, Balmisse E., Ruesche J., Secula-Tircazes A., Gidenne T., Drouilhet L.* 



Effect of selection for intramuscular fat on instrumental texture and sensory traits in rabbits. *Martínez-Álvaro M., Penalba V., Blasco A., Hernández P.* 

Effect of selection for intramuscular fat on fatty acid composition of several muscles in rabbits. *Martínez-Álvaro M., Blasco A., Hernández P.* 



Polymorphisms of PIK3CA and AKT3 genes and their association with growth traits of rabbits. Wang L., Jia X., Chen S., Wang J., Lai S.

**Omics sciences** 

1 presentation

Profiling of intestinal microbiome in rabbit. *Deng F., Jia X., Chen S.Y., Wang J., Lai S.J.* 

#### Profiling of intestinal microbiome in rabbit

Deng et al., 2016

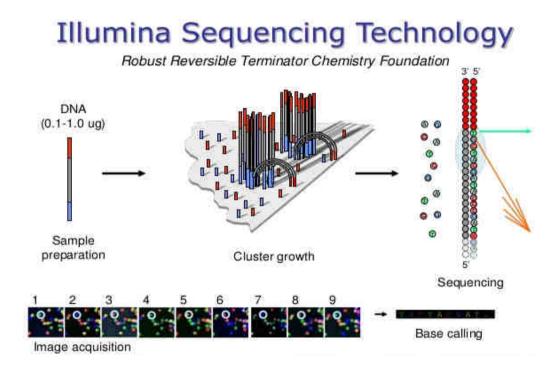
The intestinal digestive disorder is one of the most important diseases in rabbit

Sensitivity of digestive system

Dietary composition and type

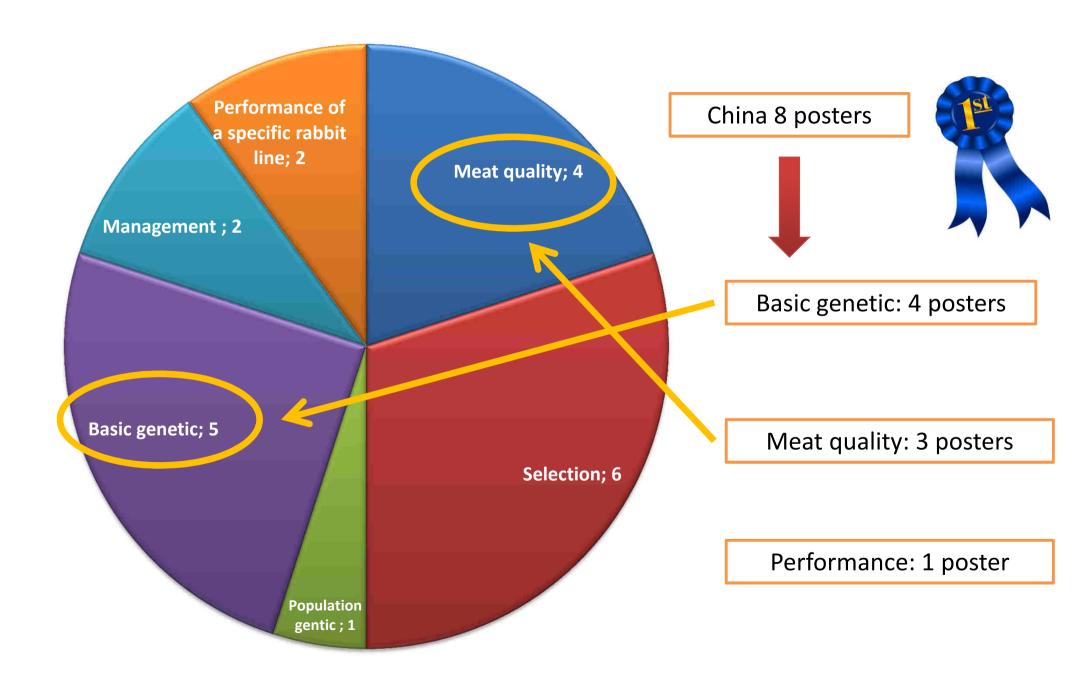
Molecular marker of 16s rRNA genes

For all samples	Number of OTUs	
Mean	3, 898	



The results revealed that all samples had the relatively high diversity according to both richness and diversity indexes

#### **Posters**



### CALPASTATIN GENE POLYMORPHISM IS ASSOCIATED WITH RABBIT MEAT QUALITY TRAITS

Wang J.<sup>1</sup>, Elzo M.A.<sup>2</sup>, Jia X.<sup>1</sup>, Chen S.<sup>1</sup>, Lai S.J.<sup>1</sup>\*

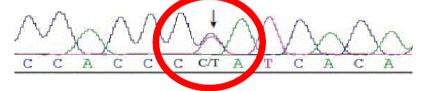
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calpastatin (CAST) gene

CAST-intron3-T67C SNP



**Table 2**: Least square means for CAST genotype effects on meat pH, color and IMF traits in rabbit *longissimus dorsi* musele

		CAST Genotype <sup>a</sup>		
Trait <sup>b</sup>	CC	TT	CT	P-value
pH <sub>0h</sub>	6.47±0.08	6.72±0.08	6.32±0.05	0.176
$ m pH_{24h}$	$5.71\pm0.03$	5.71±0.03	$5.74 \pm 0.02$	0.132
$L^*_{oh}$	$47.70 \pm 1.04$	49.38±1.03	48.63±0.68	0.304
I.*24h	56.87±0.75	60.23±1.10	58.32±0.71	0.264
a <sup>*</sup> 0h	$4.77 \pm 0.41$	5.14±0.32	5.67±0.27	0.144
a*24h	$4.02\pm0.23$	4.77±0.44	4.40±0.47	0.137
$b^*_{oh}$	1.39±0.19°	$3.09\pm0.11^{a}$	$2.81\pm0.13^{ab}$	0.037
b* <sub>24h</sub>	4.62±0.20°	5.40±0.22ª	5.20±0.23ab	0.048
IMF (%)	2.52+0.11a	1.49+0.09b	1.73+0.21ab	0.029

Values with different superscripts within the same row differ significantly at  $P \le 0.05$  (a, b) and  $P \le 0.01$  (A, B, C).

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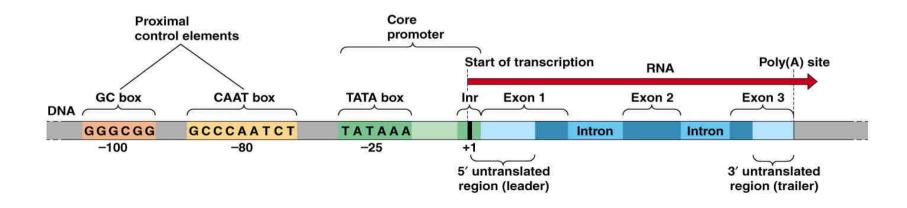
## THE CRP PROMOTER POLYMORPHISM OF DOMESTIC RABBITS. PRELIMINARY STUDY

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The identified SNPs of rabbit *CRP* gene promoter may be relevant in the divergent selection of appropriate parental genotypes



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