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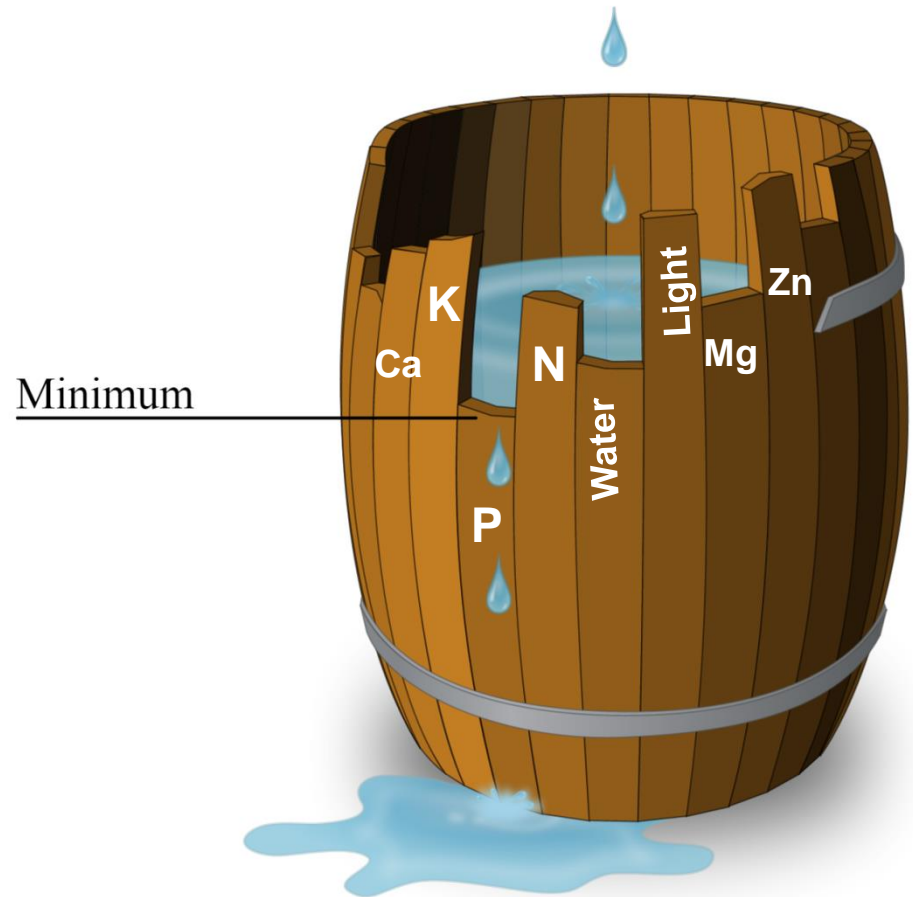
# **Progress in quantifying mineral micronutrient deficiencies in Malawi through Agriculture-Nutrition links**

# The Law of the Minimum

Justus von Liebig (1803-1873)



Liebig's Law of the Minimum



# Selenium



Essential for animals (but not plants)

25 selenoprotein genes in mammals

Many roles in health:

immune function

thyroid function / iodine metabolism

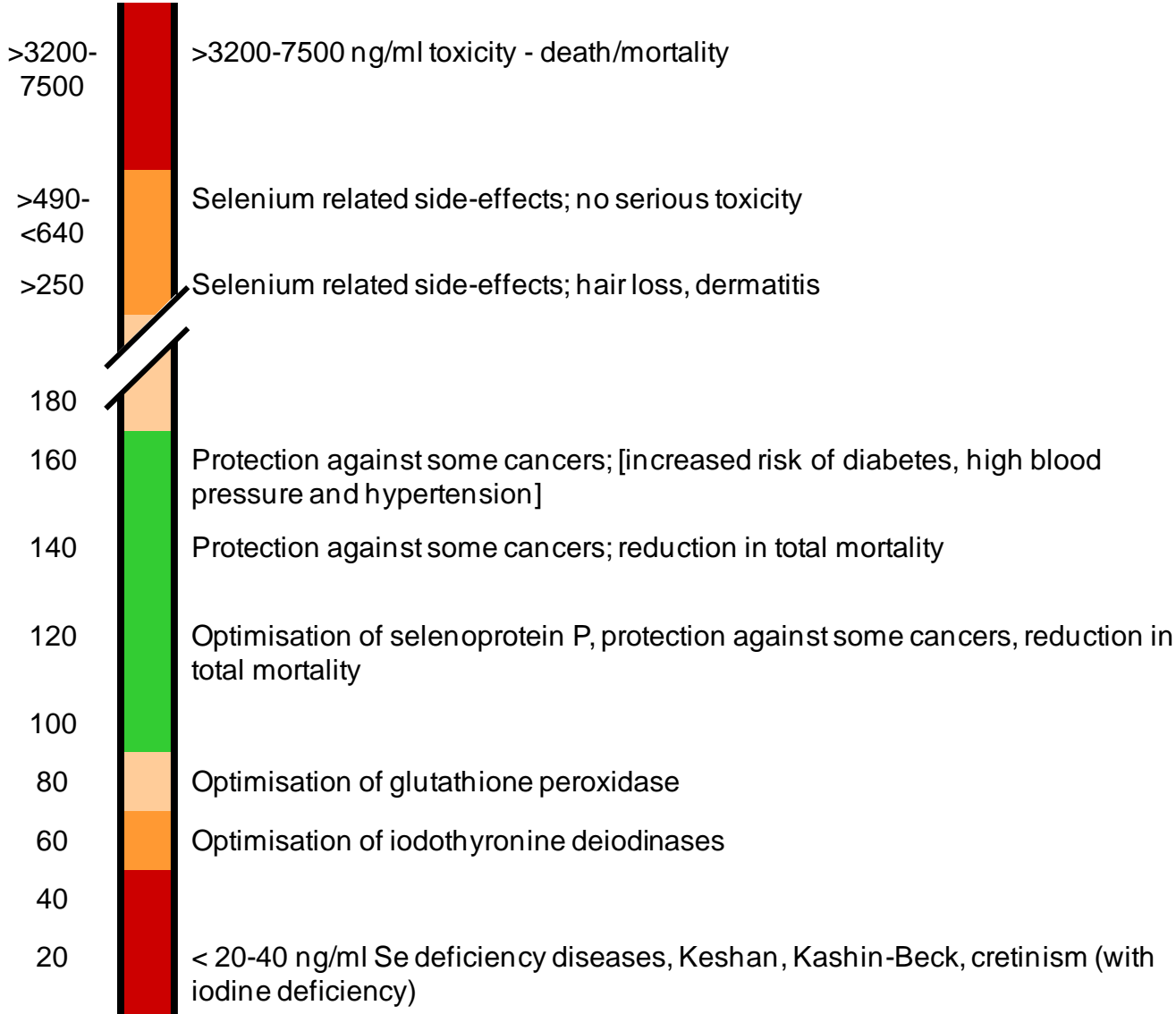
cardiovascular health

fertility

cancer ?

# Selenium biomaker

Serum/  
plasma  
selenium  
(ng/ml)



Fairweather-Tait SJ et al. (2011). Selenium in human health and disease. Antioxidant & Redox Signaling, 14: 1337-83.

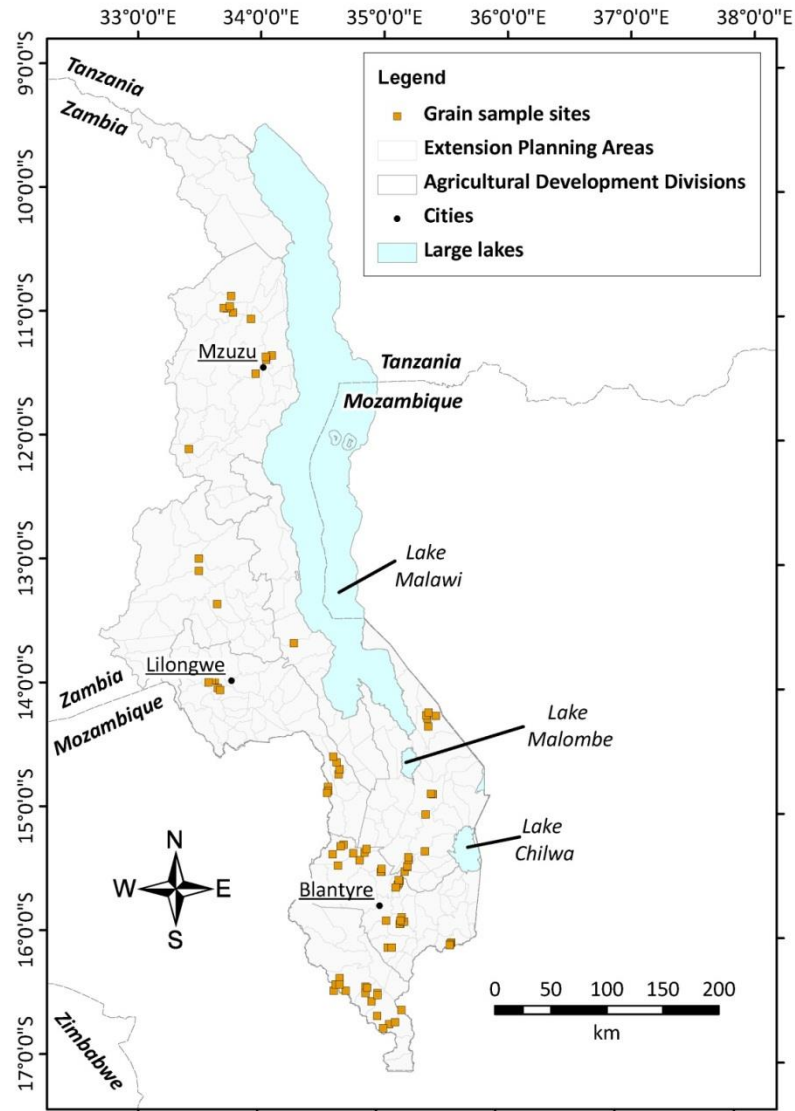
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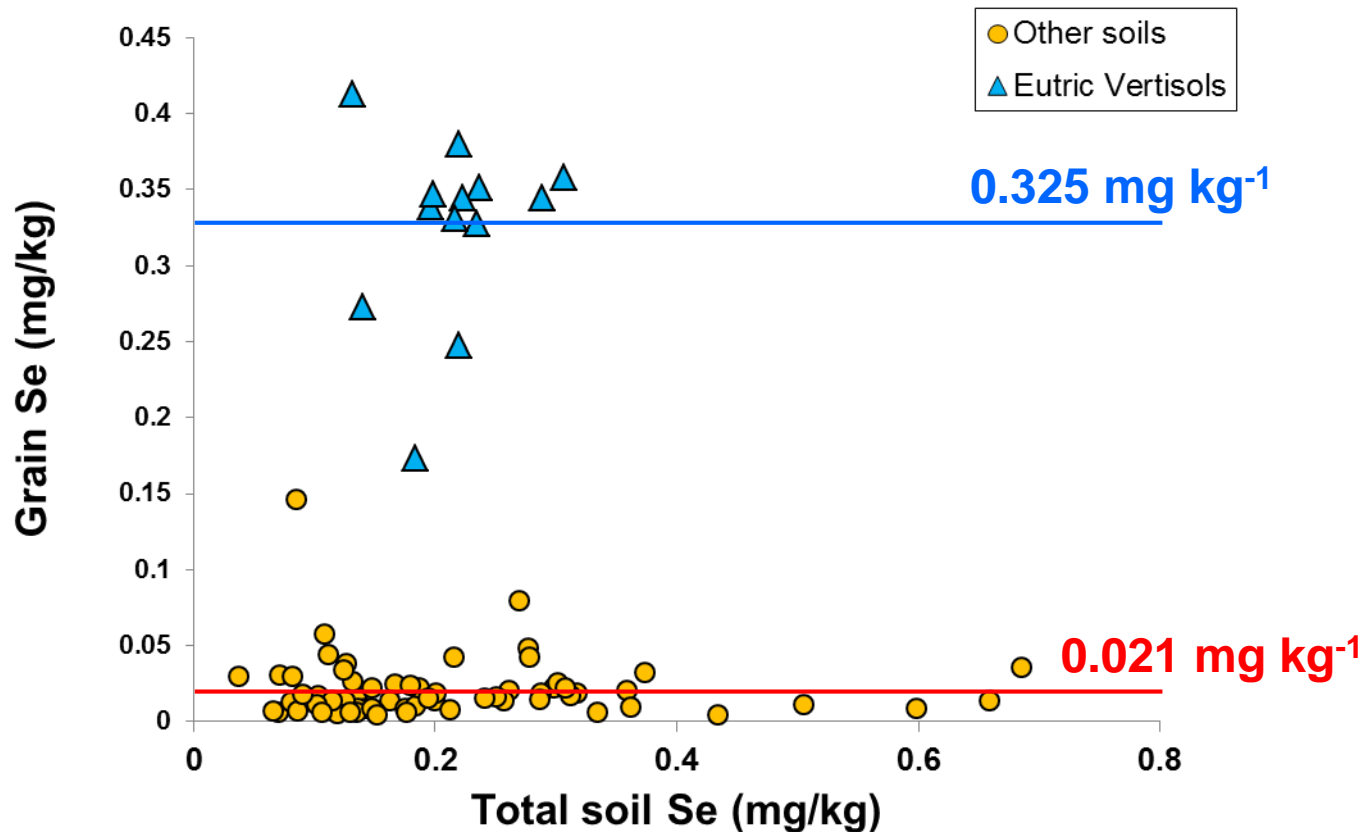


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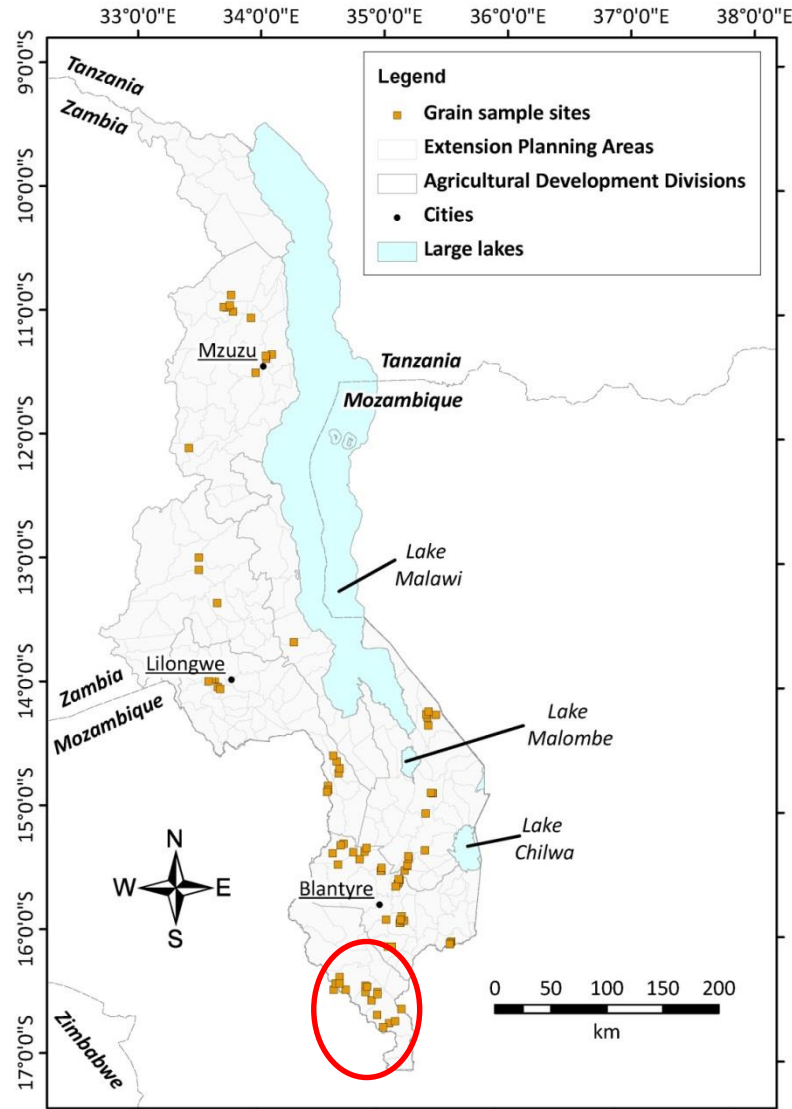
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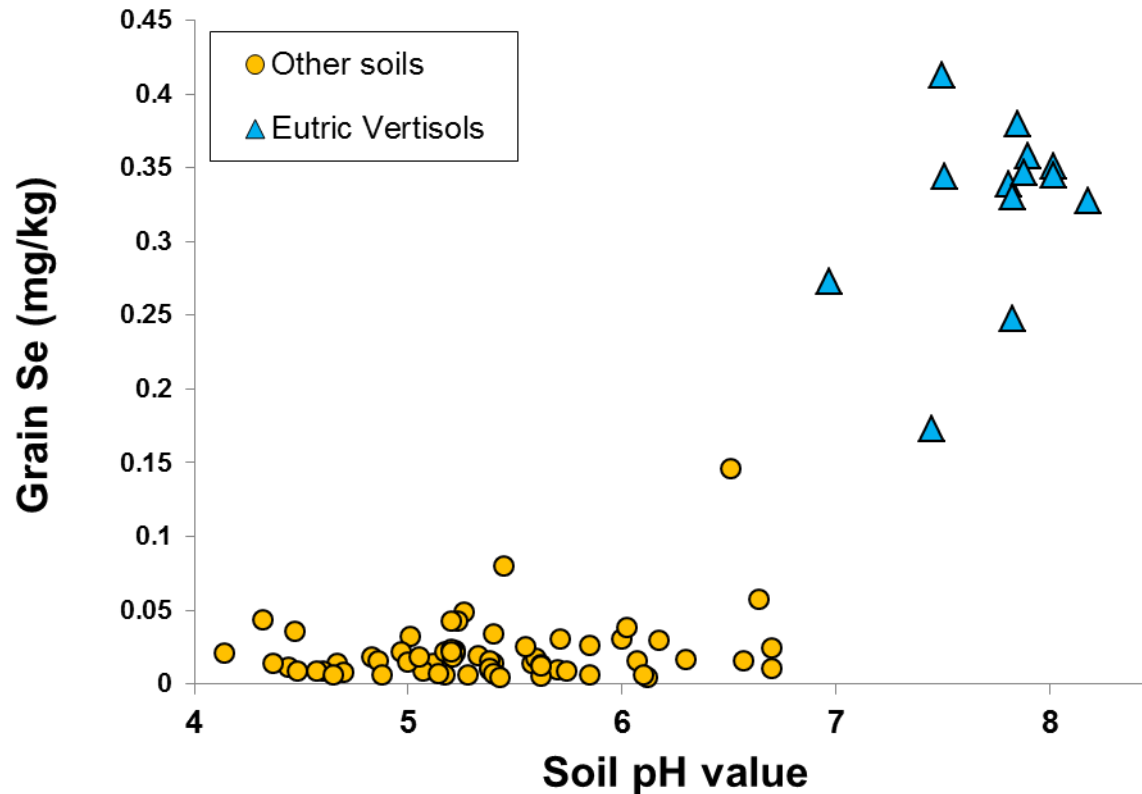


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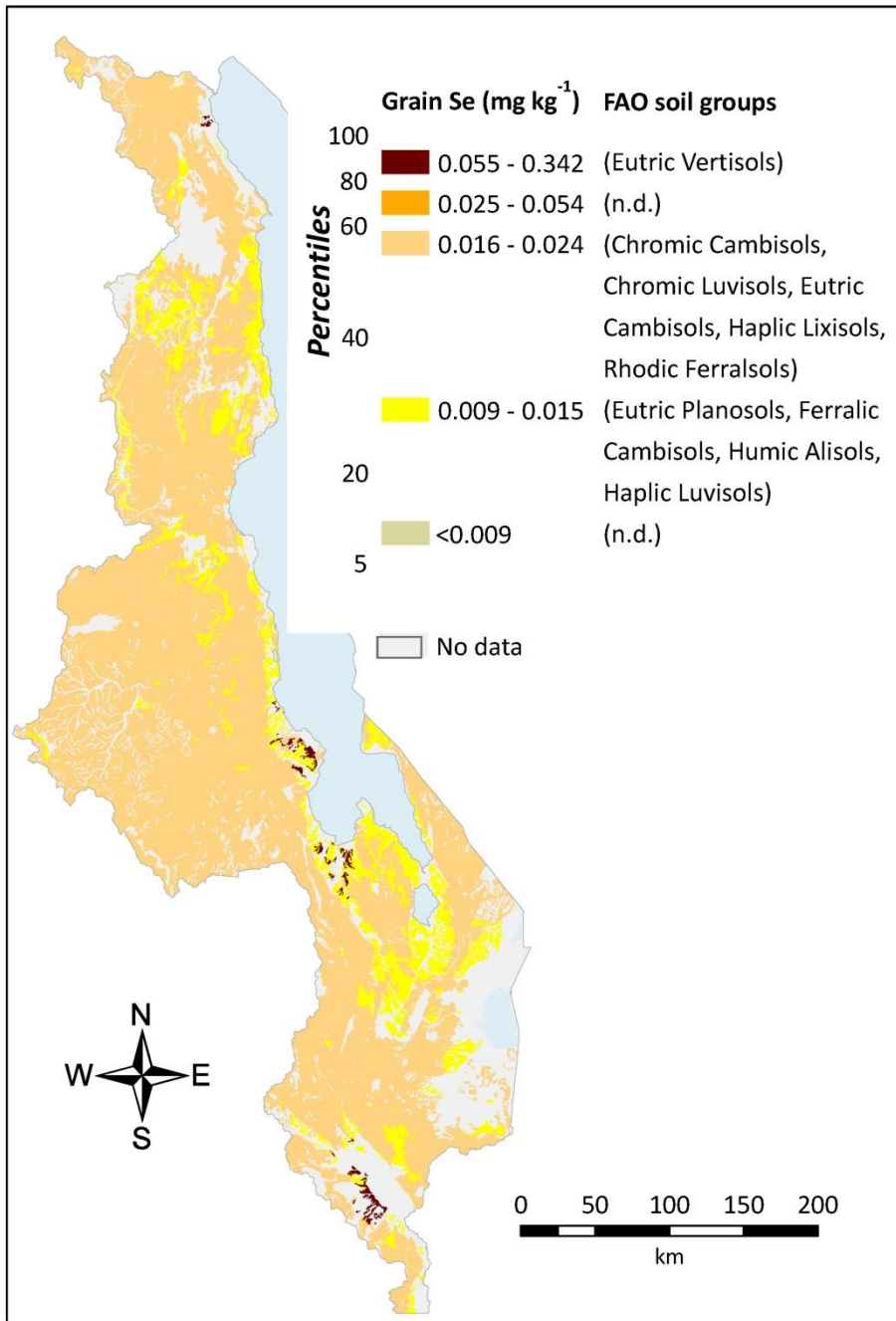


**Shire valley  
(Eutric Vertisols)**

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## Maize grain and soil surveys reveal suboptimal dietary selenium intake is widespread in Malawi

SUBJECT AREAS:  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCES  
PLANT SCIENCES  
BIOGEOCHEMISTRY  
HUMAN

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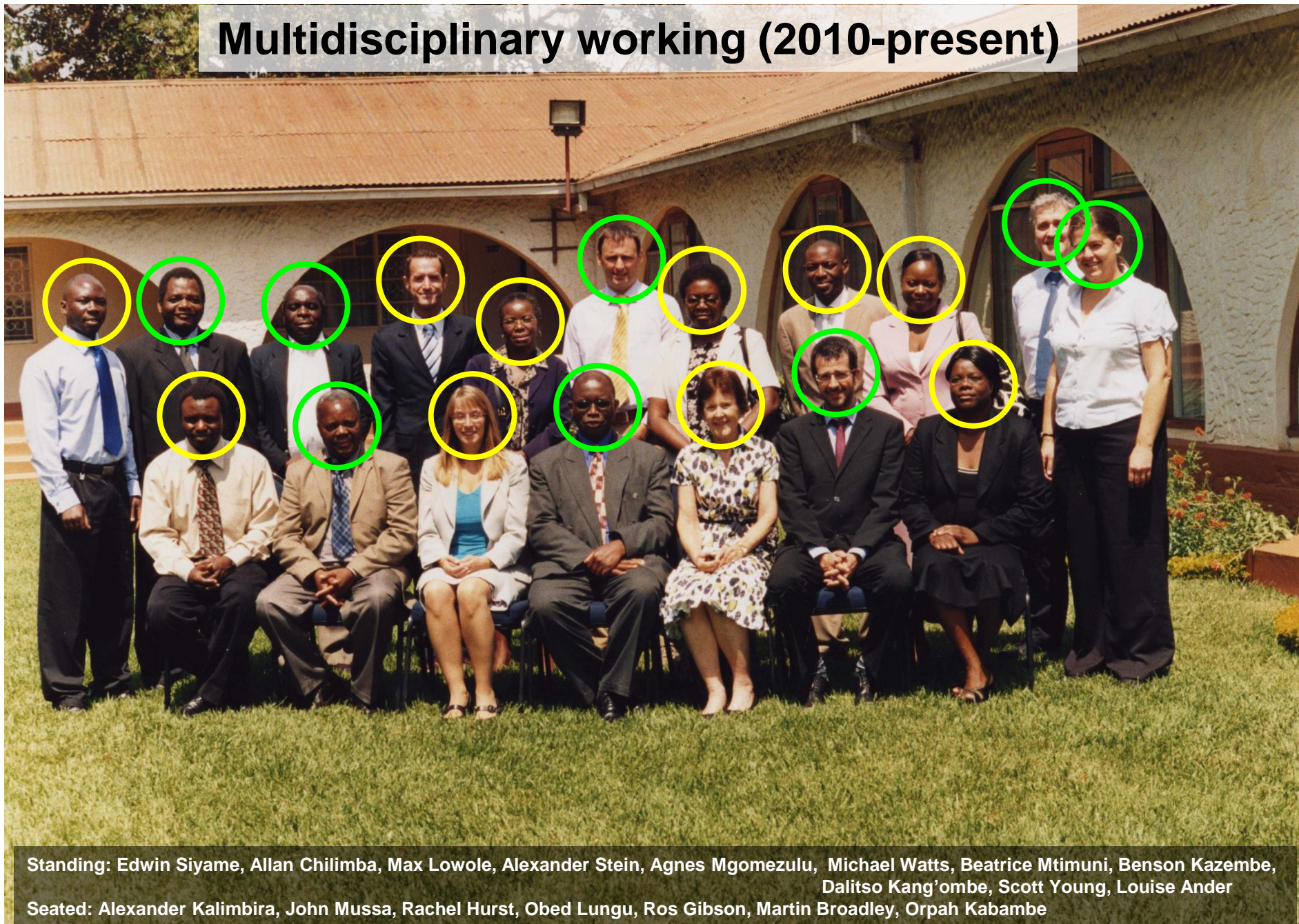
Selenium is an essential element in human diets but the risk of suboptimal intake increases where food

**Se supply from maize:**

**90% of population <7.5  $\mu\text{g d}^{-1}$**

***UK Recommended Intake = 75  $\mu\text{g d}^{-1}$***

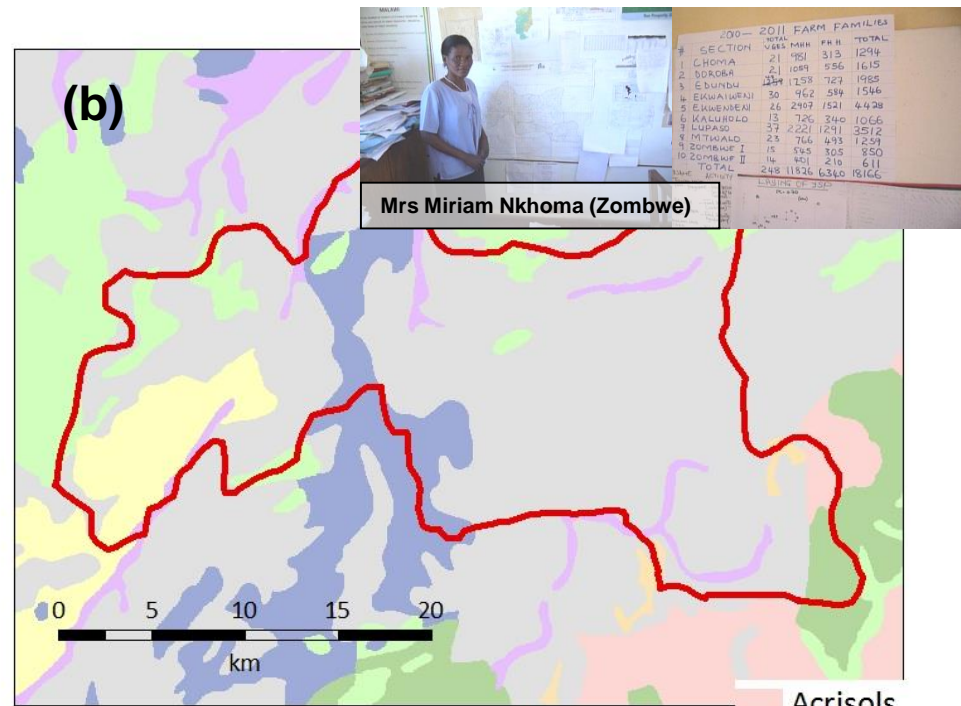
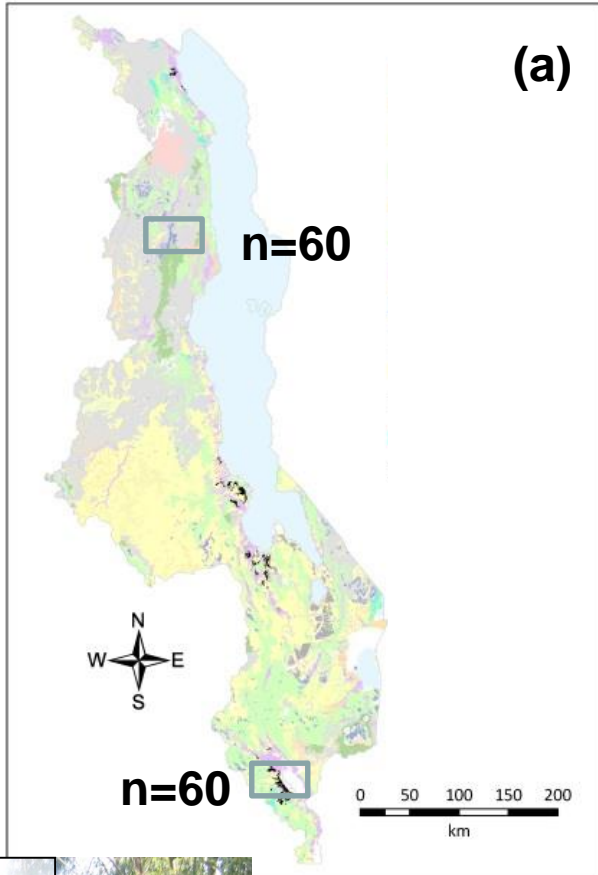
# Multidisciplinary working (2010-present)



Standing: Edwin Siyame, Allan Chilimba, Max Lowole, Alexander Stein, Agnes Mgomzulu, Michael Watts, Beatrice Mtimuni, Benson Kazembe, Dalitso Kang'ombe, Scott Young, Louise Ander  
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Lilongwe, Malawi, September 2010

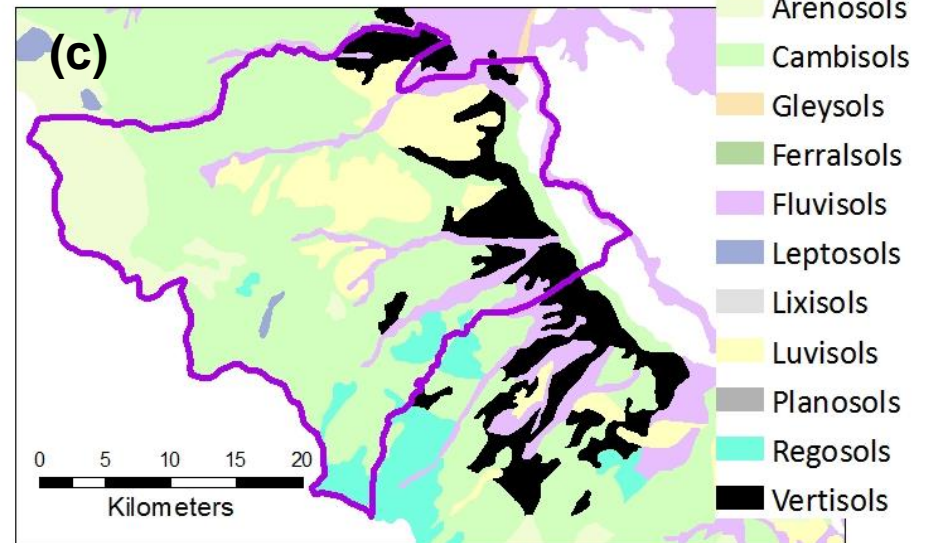
# Selenium intakes and status in Malawi



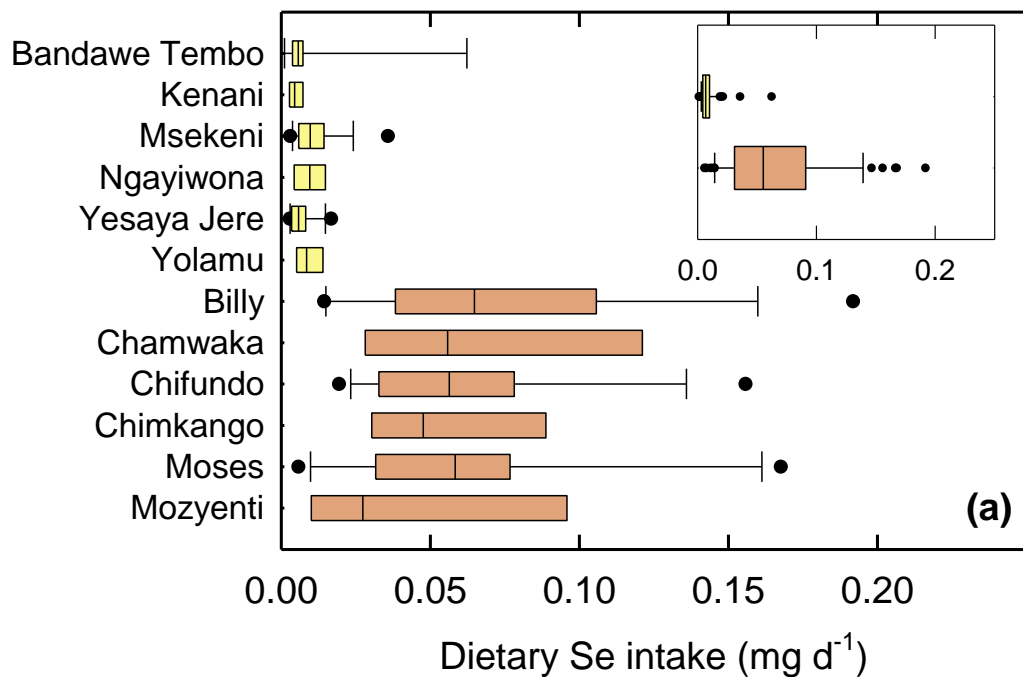
200-2011 FARM FAMILIES

#	SECTION	TOTAL VES	MHH	FR H	TOTAL
1	CHHOYA	21	191	313	1294
2	BDORA	21	1089	956	1615
3	EDUNDU	34	179	727	1965
4	EMWAIWAI	30	162	584	1546
5	EMWEMEN	26	2497	1521	4428
6	KALUBOLO	13	726	340	1066
7	LUPALO	37	2221	1241	3512
8	MITHALO	23	746	493	1239
9	ZOMBWE I	15	525	305	850
10	ZOMBWE II	14	451	216	611
	TOTAL	248	11826	6340	18166

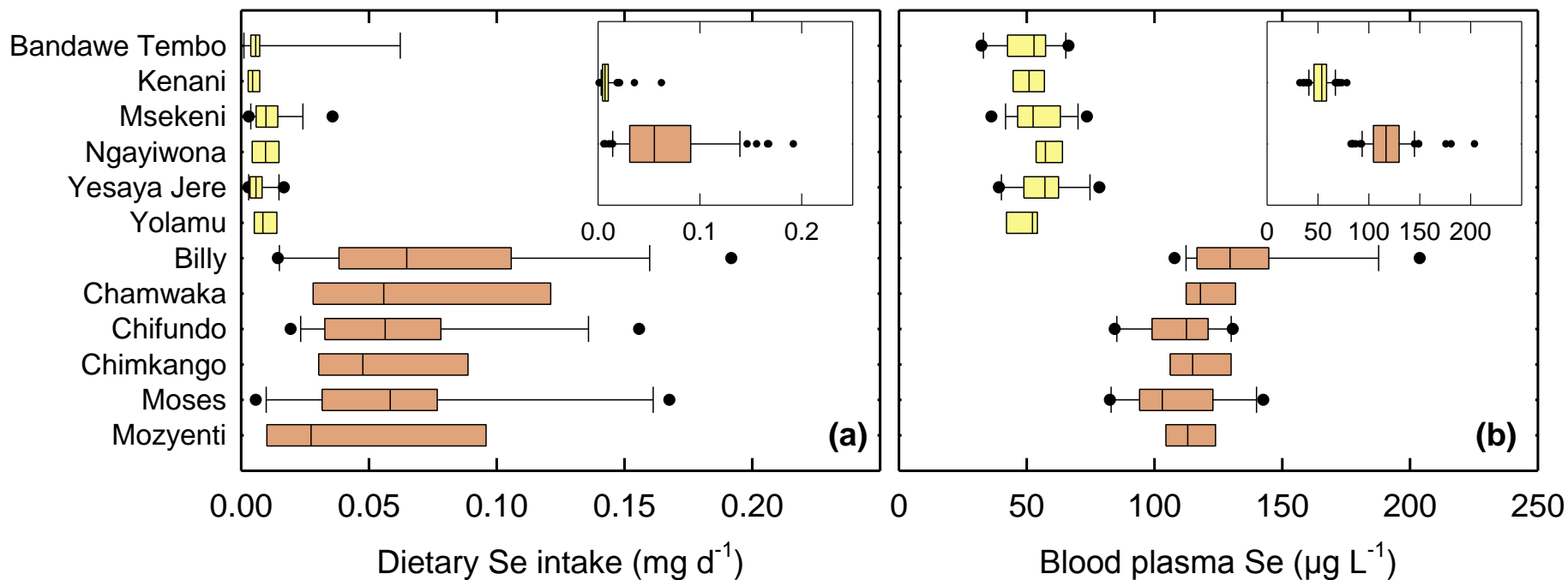
- Acricols
- Alisols
- Arenosols
- Cambisols
- Gleysols
- Ferralsols
- Fluvisols
- Leptosols
- Lixisols
- Luvisols
- Planosols
- Regosols
- Vertisols



# Soil geochemistry linked to selenium intake...

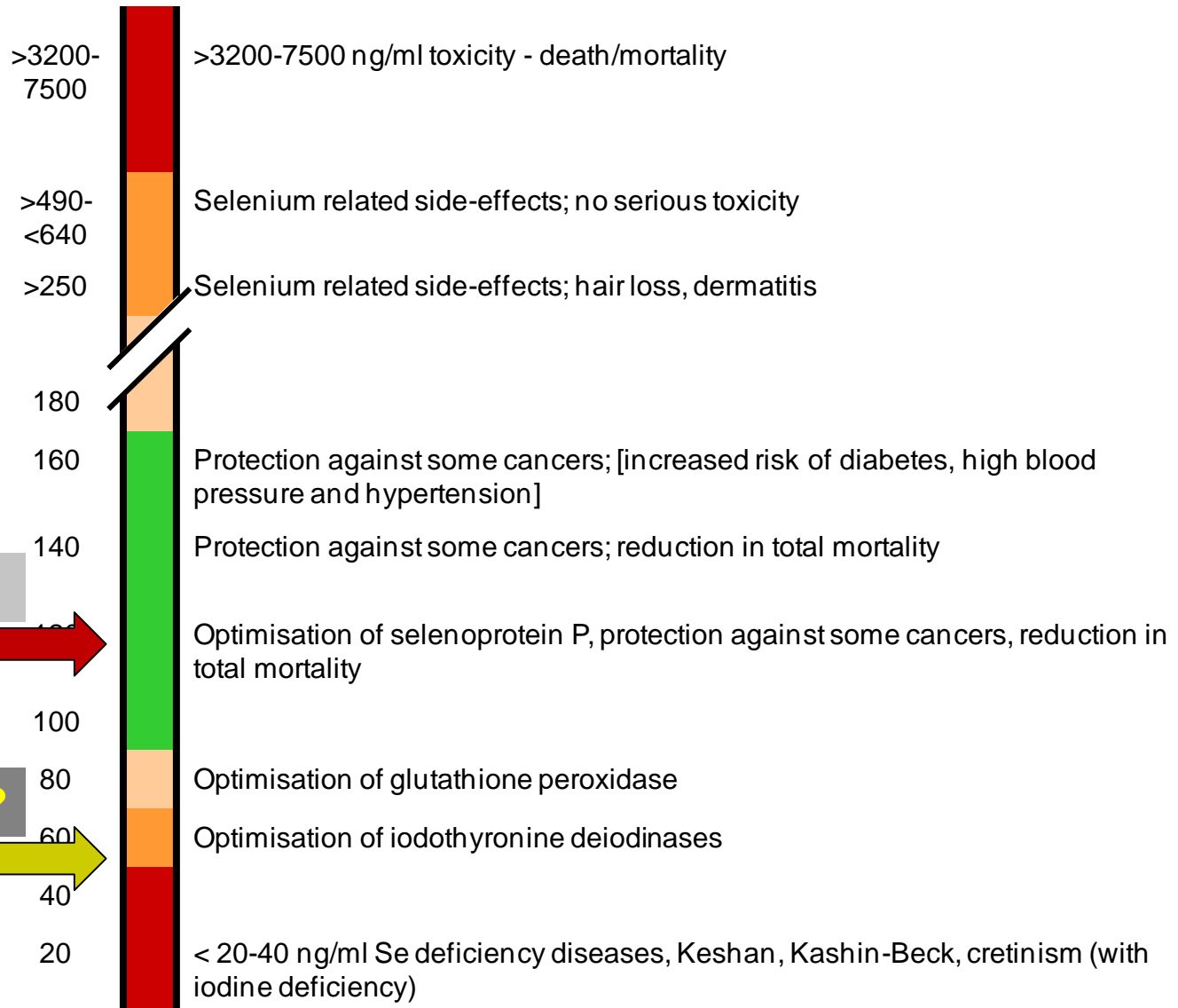


# Soil geochemistry linked to selenium intake... ...and status



# Selenium status in Malawi

Serum/  
plasma  
selenium  
(ng/ml)



**Shire Valley**



**Most of Malawi ?**





# Improving dietary mineral supplies

1. Diet diversification
2. Fortification
3. Agronomy
4. Crop breeding



# **Diet Diversification**

**2011-2015**

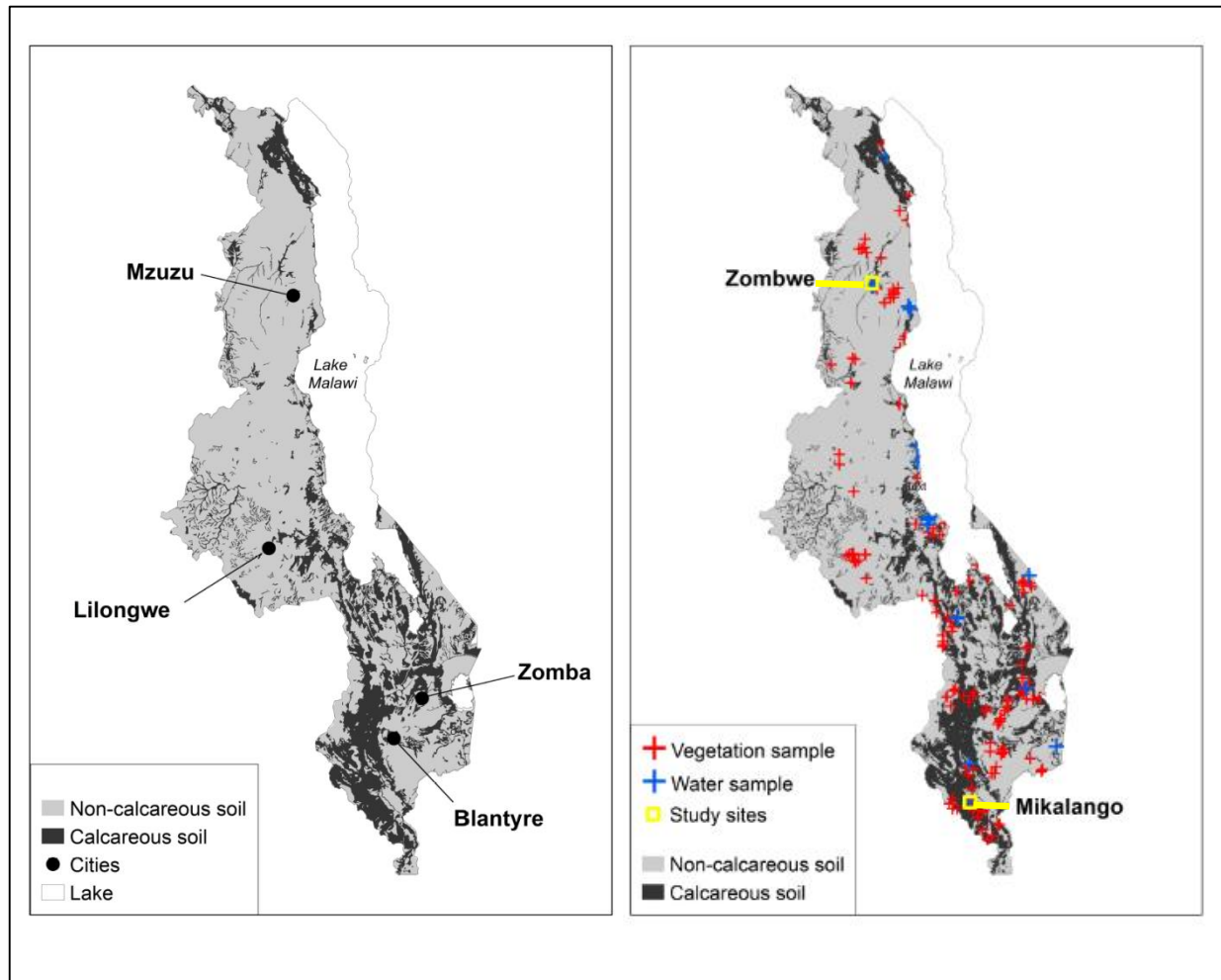


**Edward Joy**

**Lazarus Singano**

**Dr Allan Chilimba**

# GeoNutrition: geographical variation in selenium supply



700 samples (+)

100 edible foods

Joy EJM, Broadley MR, Young SD, Black CR, Chilimba ADC, Ander EL, Barlow TS, Watts MJ (2015). Soil type influences crop mineral composition in Malawi. *Science of the Total Environment*, 505, 587-595.



# Mineral nutrient supply from surveys (Malawi)

**Data from Malawi Third Integrated Household Survey (IHS3)**

**>12,500 households interviewed in 2010-11**

**Food consumption module: households asked to recall foods consumed in past 7 d from 112 items (e.g. 'Maize *u*fa refined (fine flour)', 'Dried fish')**



# Mineral nutrient supply from surveys (Malawi)

## MODULE G: FOOD CONSUMPTION OVER PAST ONE WEEK

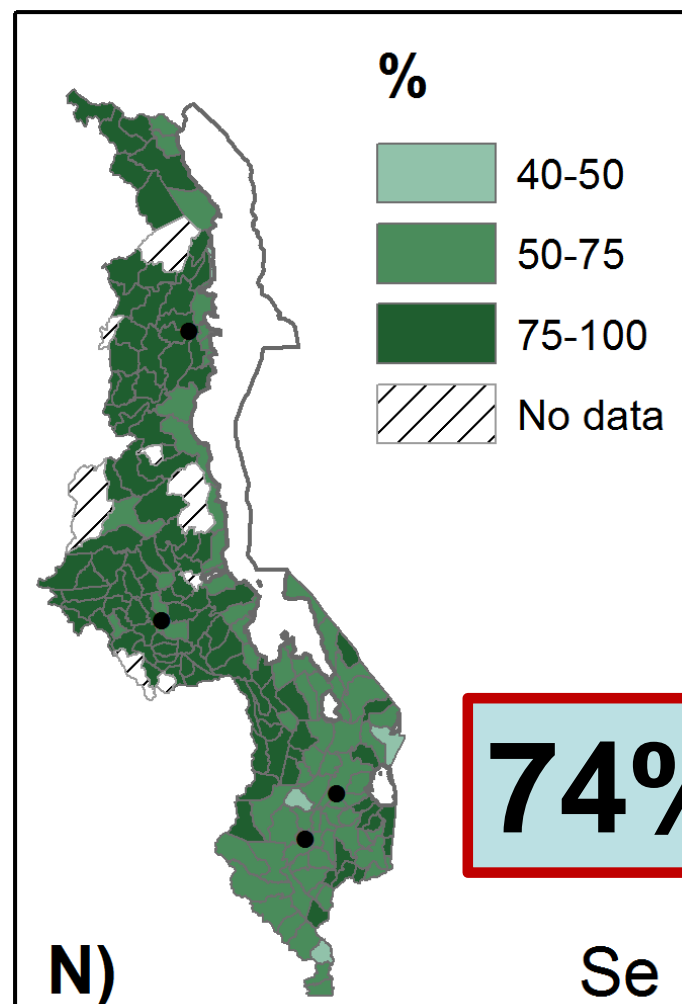
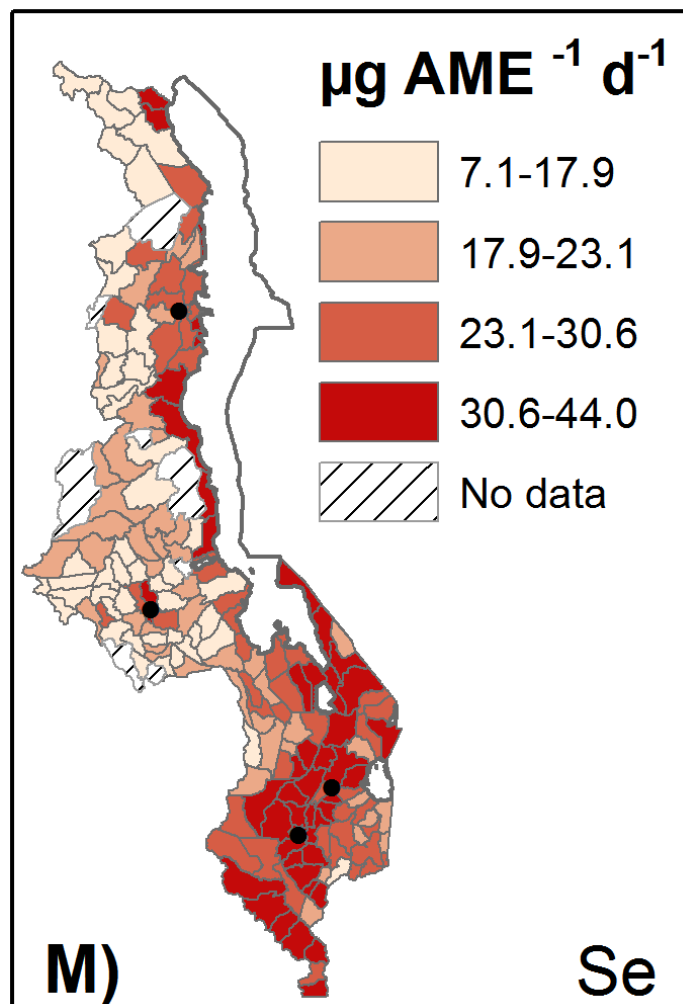
DATA ENTRY LINE NUMBER	Over the past one week (7 days), did you or others in your household consume any [ . . . ]?  INCLUDE FOOD BOTH EATEN COMMUNALLY IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND THAT EATEN SEPARATELY BY INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.	G01  YES . . . 1 NO . . . 2 >> NEXT ITEM	G02  ITEM CODE	G03 How much in total did your household consume in the past week?		G04 How much came from purchases?		G05 How much did you spend?  MK	G06 How much came from own-production?		G07 How much came from gifts and other sources?	
				QUANTITY	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT		QUANTITY	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT
1	<b>Cereals, Grains and Cereal Products</b>											
2	Malze ufa mgalwa (normal flour)		101									
3	Malze ufa refined (fine flour)		102									
4	Malze ufa madeya (bran flour)		103									
5	Malze grain (not as ufa)		104									
6	Green malze		105									
7	Rice		106									
8	Finger millet (mawere)		107									
9	Sorghum (mapira)		108									
10	Pearl millet (mchewere)		109									
11	Wheat flour		110									
12	Bread		111									
13	Buns, scones		112									
14	Biscuits		113									
15	Spaghetti, macaroni, pasta		114									
16	Breakfast cereal		115									
17	Infant feeding cereals		116									
18	Other (specify)		117									
19	<b>Roots, Tubers, and Plantains</b>											
20	Cassava tubers		201									
21	Cassava flour		202									
22	White sweet potato		203									
23	Orange sweet potato		204									
24	Irish potato		205									
25	Potato crisps		206									
26	Plantain, cooking banana		207									
27	Cocoyam (mas/mbi)		208									
28	Other (specify)		209									

**CODES FOR UNIT:**

KILOGRAMME . . . . 1  
 50 KG. BAG . . . . 2  
 90 KG. BAG . . . . 3  
 PAIL (SMALL) . . . . 4  
 PAIL (LARGE) . . . . 5  
 No. 10 PLATE . . . . 6  
 No. 12 PLATE . . . . 7  
 BUNCH . . . . . 8  
 PIECE . . . . . 9  
 HEAP . . . . . 10  
 BALE . . . . . 11  
 BASKET (DENGU)  
 (SHELLED) . . . . 12  
 BASKET (DENGU)  
 (UNSHELLED) . . . 13  
 OX-CART  
 (UNSHELLED) . . . 14  
 LITRE . . . . . 15  
 CUP . . . . . 16  
 TIN . . . . . 17  
 GRAM . . . . . 18  
 MILLILITRE . . . . 19  
 TEASPOON . . . . . 20  
 BASIN . . . . . 21  
 SATCHET/TUBE . . . 22  
 OTHER (SPECIFY) . 23

# Selenium supply and deficiency risks in Malawi

AME =  
adult male  
equivalent



**74%**

**Median Se supply**

**= 21.4 µg *capita*<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>**

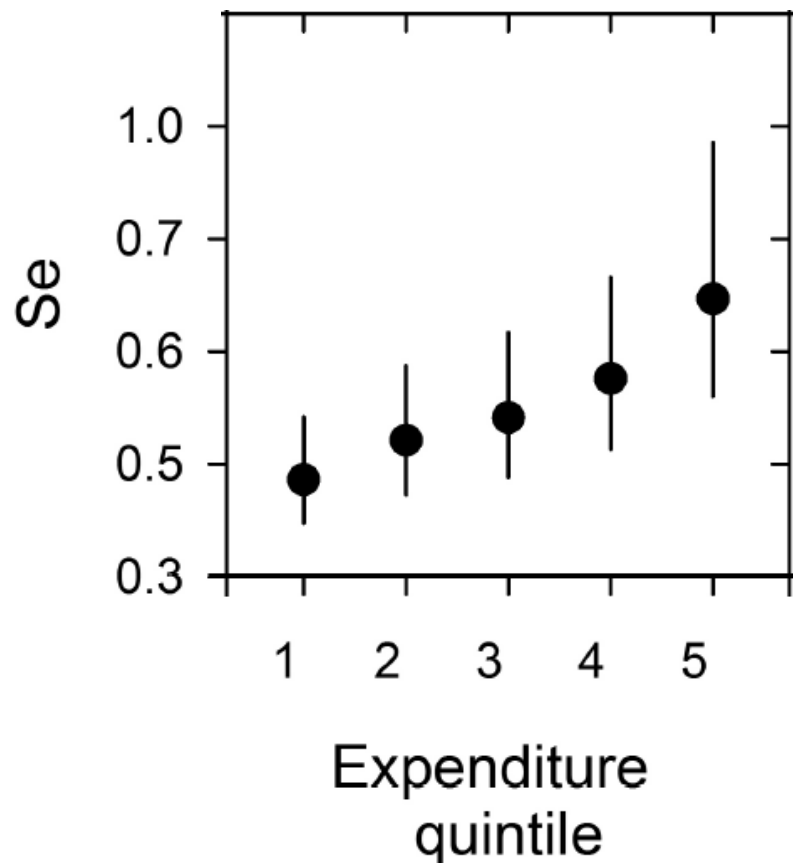
**Estimated Average Requirement**

**= 36.0 µg *capita* d<sup>-1</sup>**



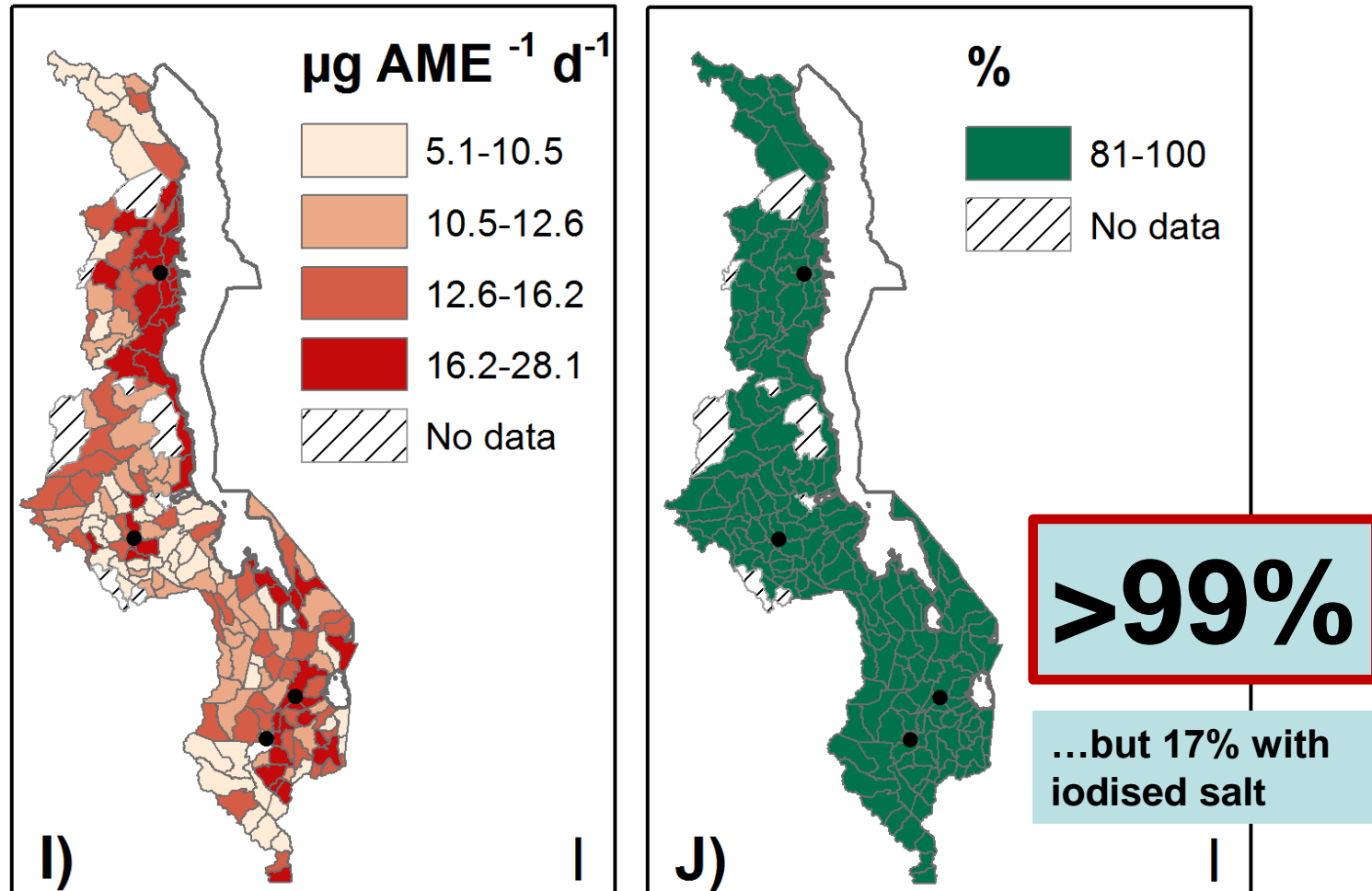
# Se supply vs socioeconomic factors in Malawi

Se supply as proportion of household requirements (adequacy = 1)





# Iodine supply and deficiency risks in Malawi



**Median I supply**

**= 12.6  $\mu\text{g capita}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$**

**Estimated Average Requirement = 107.0  $\mu\text{g capita}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$**

# **Agronomy**

# Se-fertilizer experiments in Malawi (2009 & 2010, plots=979)



THE EFFECT OF SODIUM SULPHATE APPLICATION ON MAIZE YIELD  
And  
SILENIUM (Se) CONTENT IN GRAIN AND STALKS

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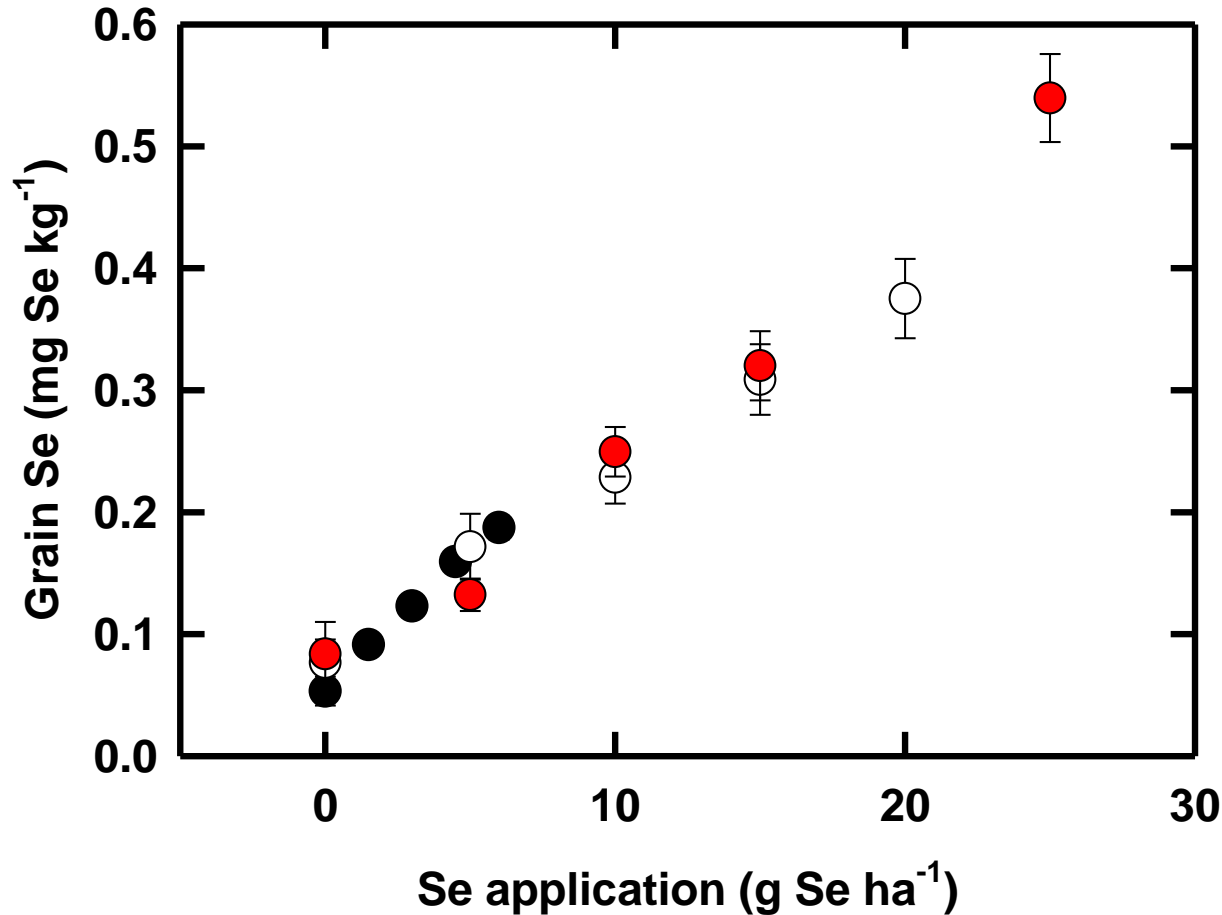
January 2009

# Se-fertilizer experiments in Malawi (2009 & 2010)



January 2009

# Se-fertilizer experiments Malawi: results summary



● Liquid drench  $y = 0.019x + 0.061$

○ CAN+Se (granular)  $y = 0.015x + 0.085$

● NPK+Se (granular)  $y = 0.022x + 0.056$

**15-22  $\mu\text{g Se kg}^{-1}$  grain .  $\text{g}^{-1}$  Se ha<sup>-1</sup>**

# Ultra-trace amounts of selenium are required



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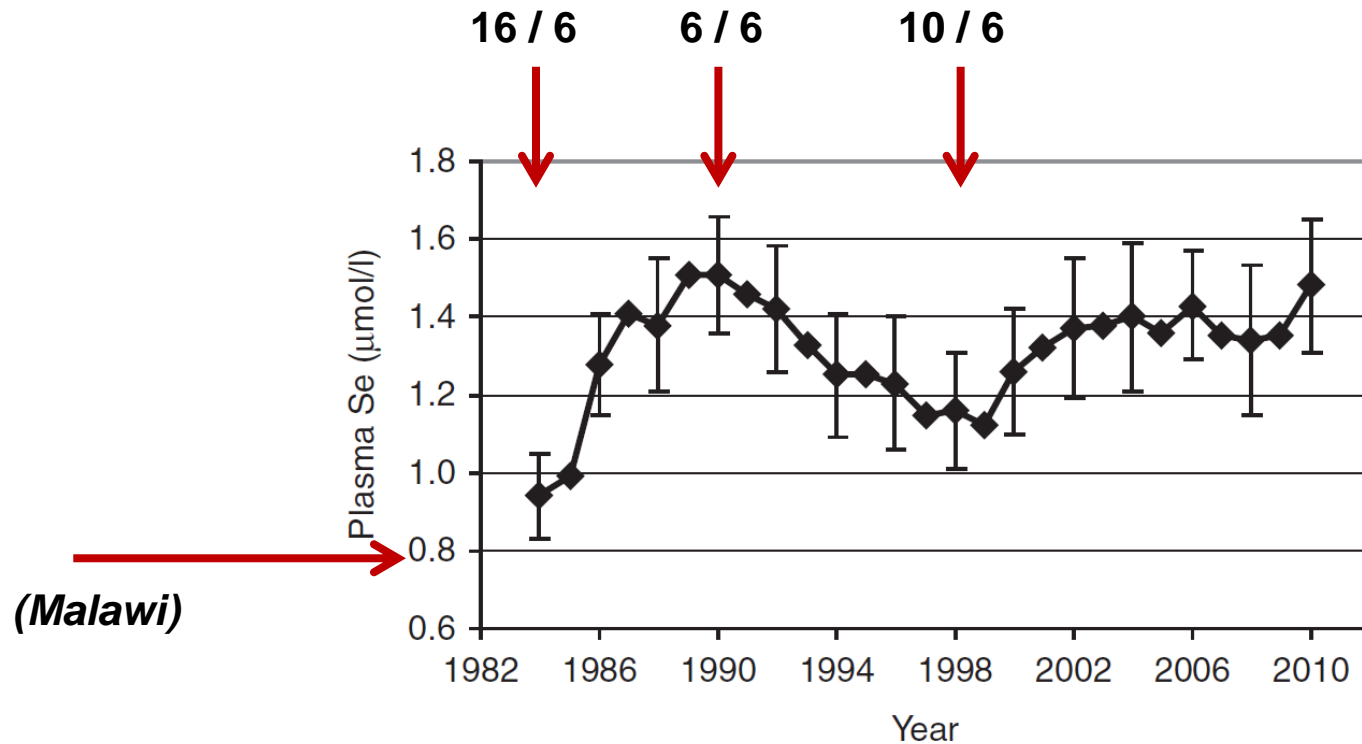
# Options to alleviate selenium deficiency in Malawi

1. Do nothing?
2. Change fertilizer policy  
[as done in Finland]



# Precedent for using selenium fertilisers in Finland

Selenium added to solid multi-nutrient fertilizers (mg kg<sup>-1</sup> arable / grass sectors)



**Fig. 17.7.** Mean annual plasma selenium concentration in healthy Finns before and during the selenium fertilization.

**Alfthan G. et al. (2012).** Nationwide supplementation of sodium selenate to commercial fertilizers: history and 25-year results from the Finnish Selenium Monitoring Programme. In: Thompson B, Amoroso L (eds), Combating micronutrient deficiencies: food-based approaches. CAB International and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, pp 312-337.

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# Extend the evidence base

CHSU Labs, Lilongwe, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

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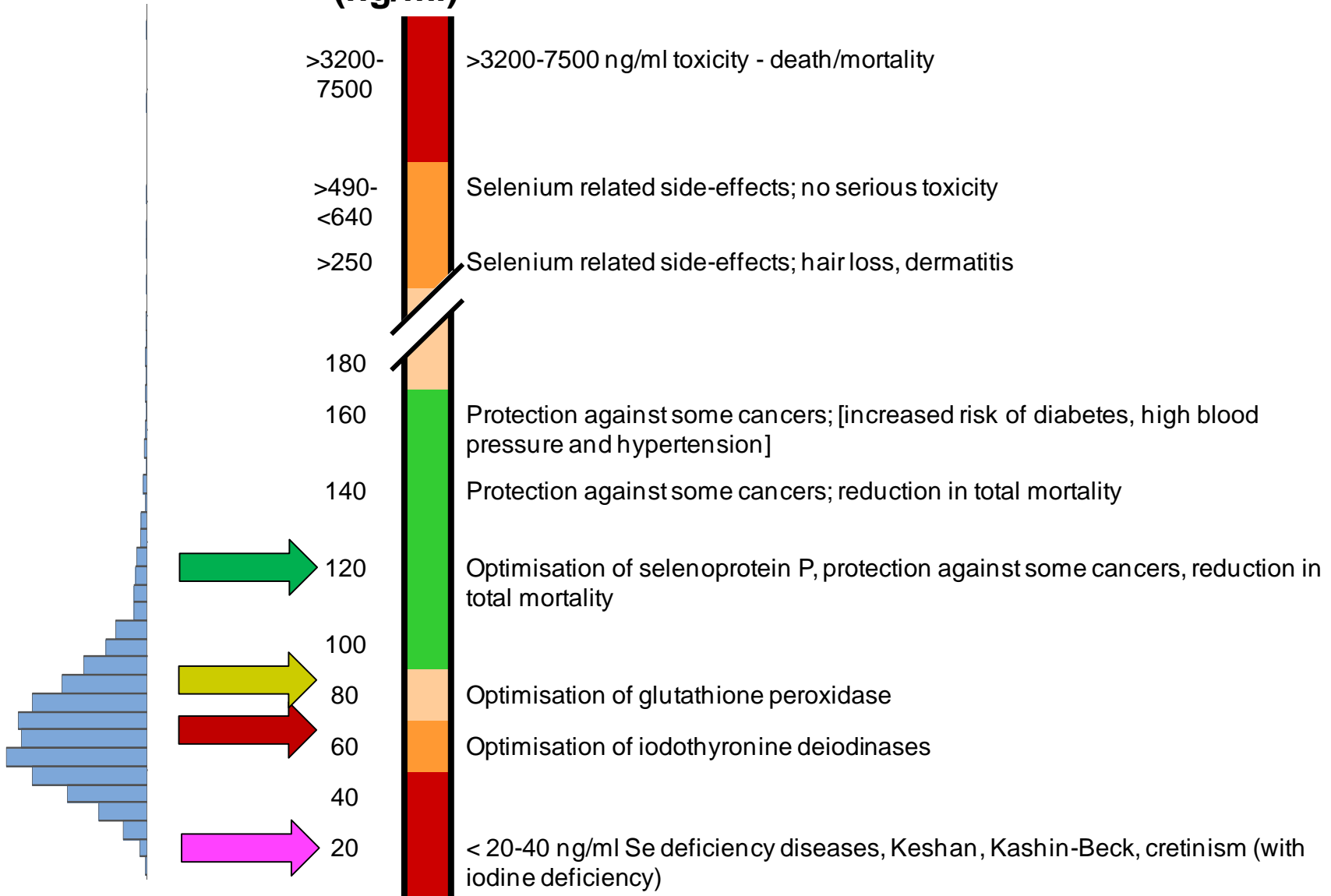


Felix Phiri



# Selenium status in Malawi

**Serum/  
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3. Extend the evidence base

4. R&D

[intervention studies, single/multiple inputs, long-term health outcomes, cost-benefit, socio-economic analysis, social sciences, ethics]



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## Zinc (Zn) fertiliser use and its impact on human health

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Original Communication

# A High Prevalence of Zinc- but not Iron-Deficiency among Women in Rural Malawi: a Cross-Sectional Study

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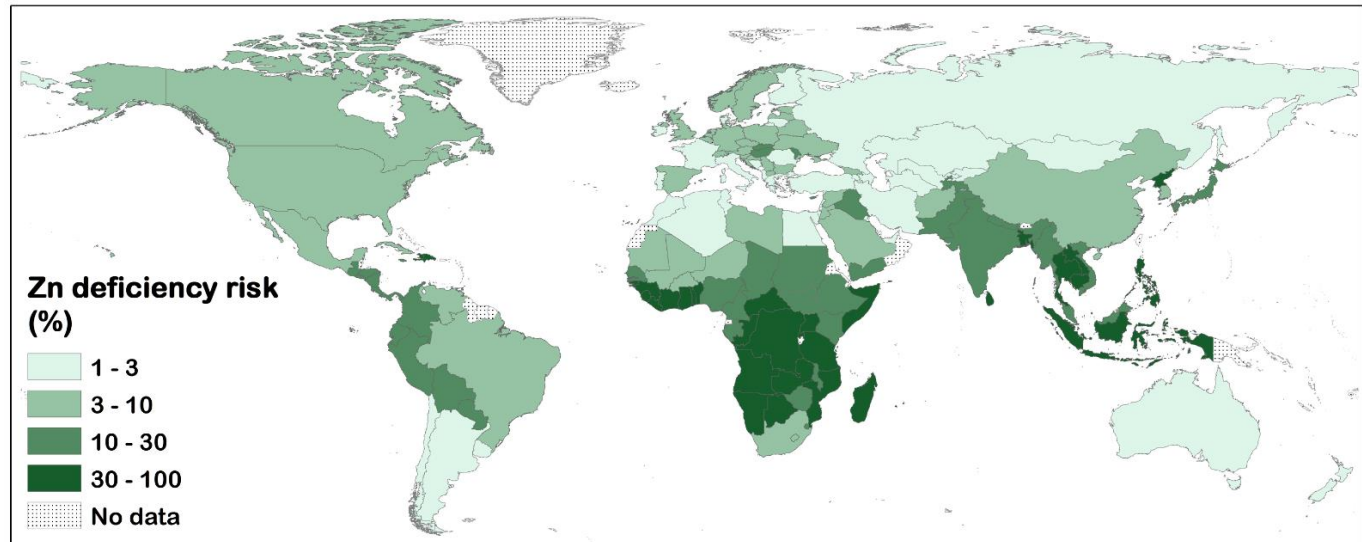
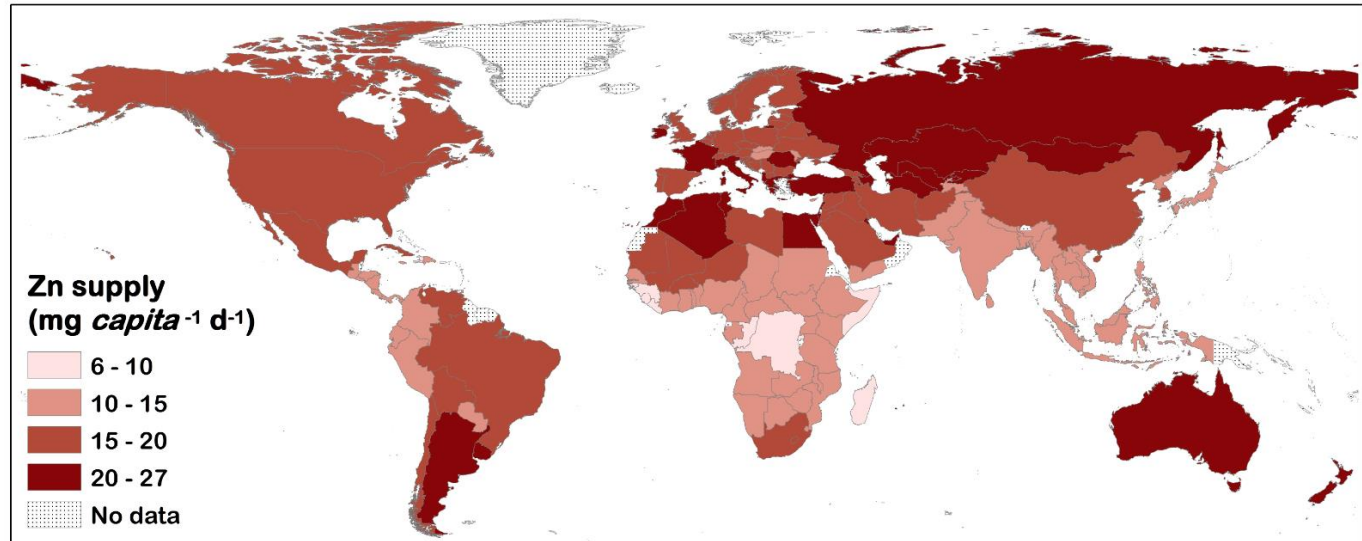
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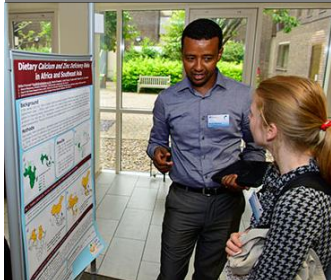
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# Dietary Zn supply: ~20% are deficient



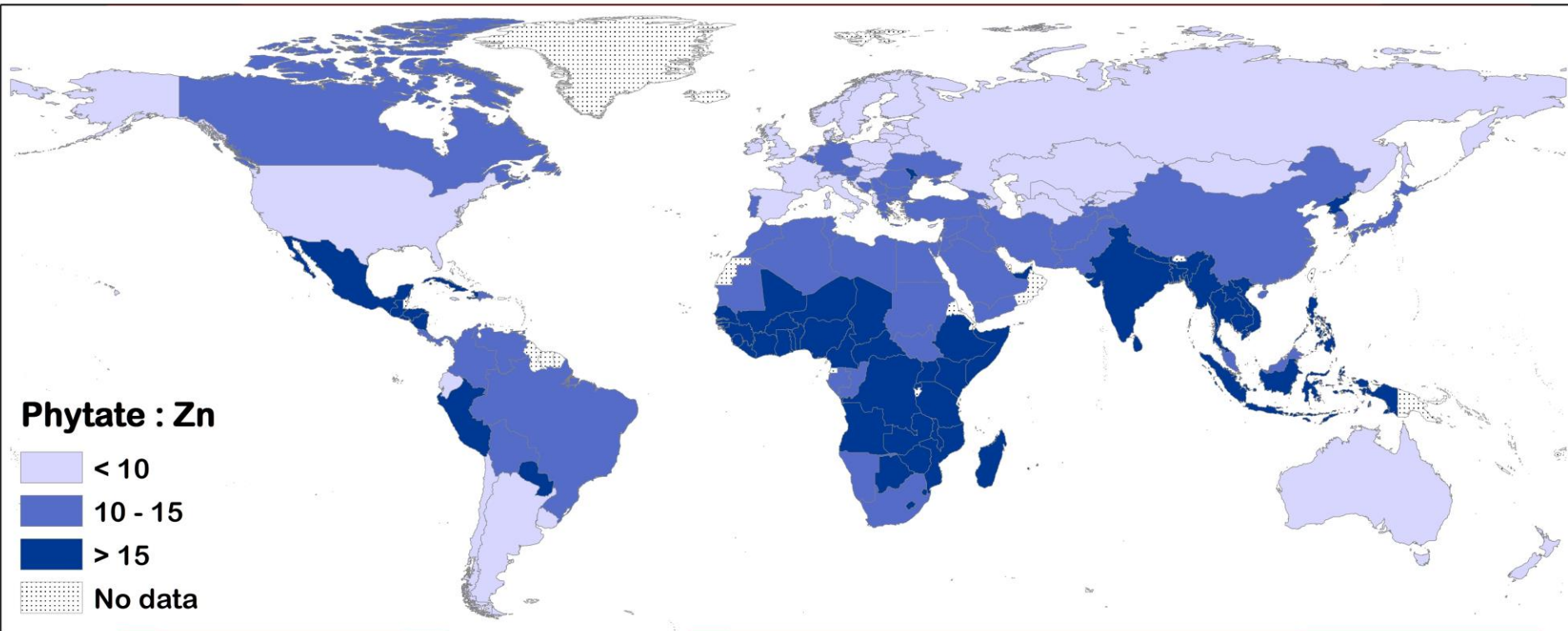
Diriba Kumssa



Kumssa DB, Joy EJM, Ander EL, Watts MJ, Young SD, Walker S, Broadley MR (2015). Dietary calcium and zinc deficiency risks are decreasing but remain prevalent. *Scientific Reports*, 5, 10974.



# Zn deficiency risks increased due to phytate-P in cereal grains and legume seeds



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# Health Economic Analyses (based on Disability Adjusted Life Years, DALYs)

Intervention	Cost per DALY saved (US \$)	Notes	Source
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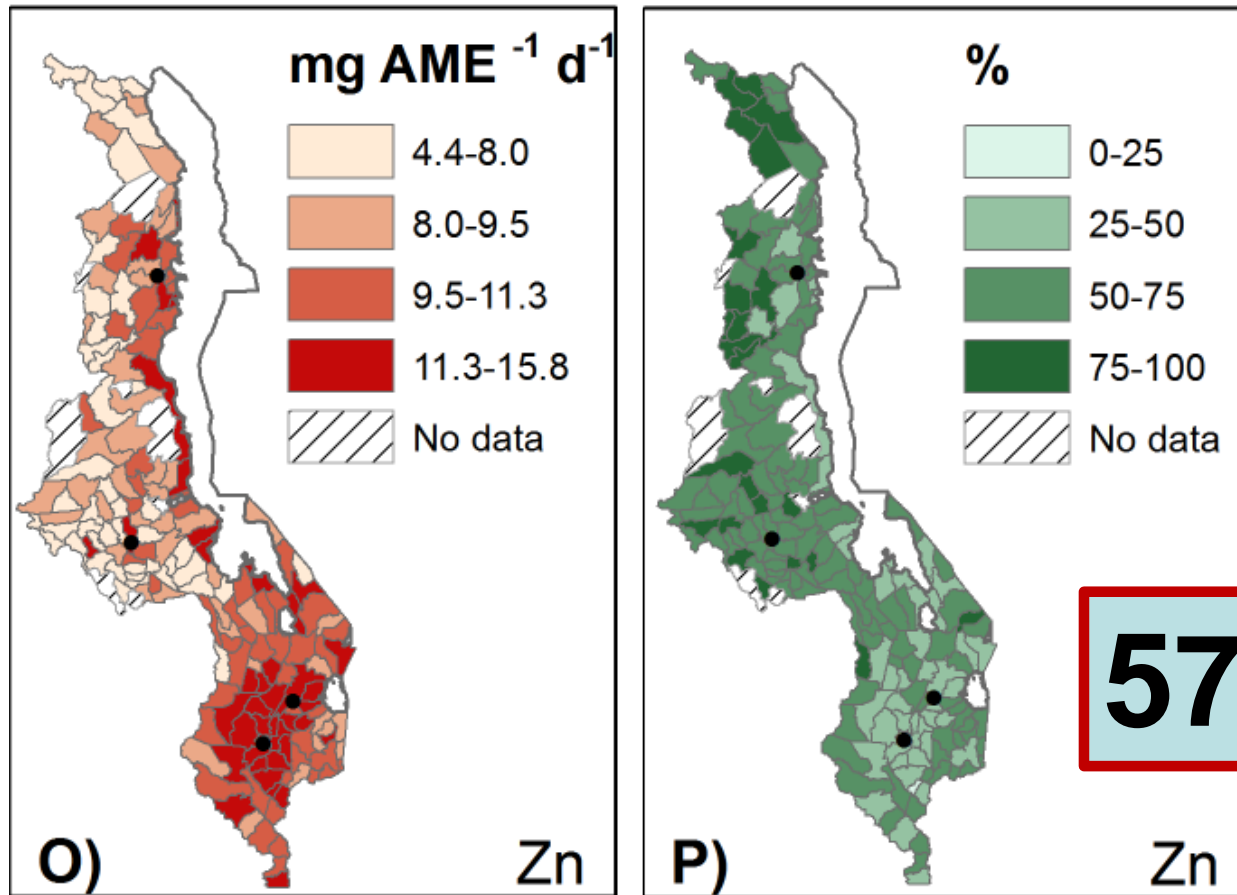
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# **Diet Diversification**

# Zn supply in Malawi

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male equivalent**

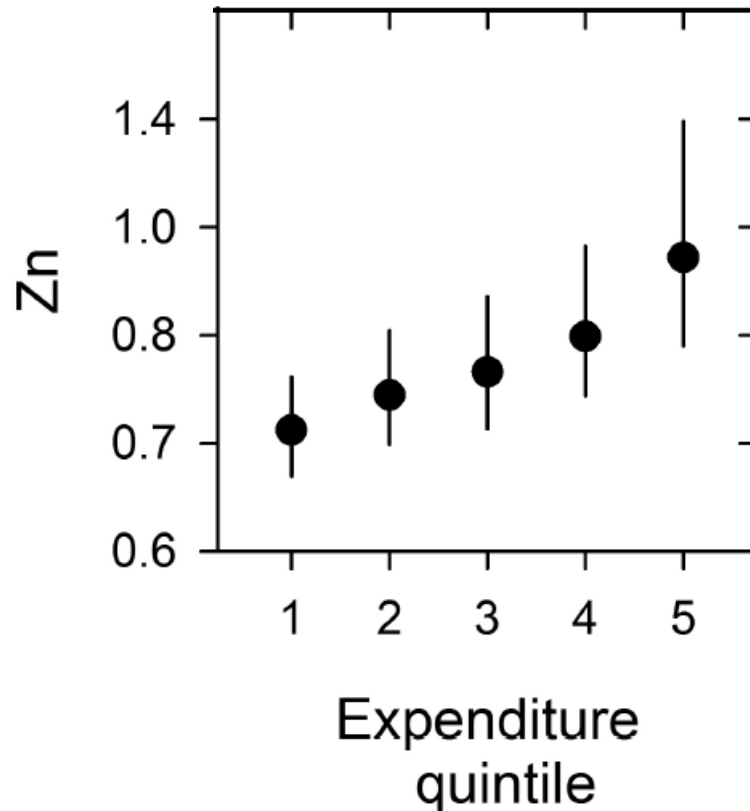


**Median Zn supply (per AME) = 10 mg *capita*<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>**  
**Estimated Average Requirement = ~12 mg *capita*<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>**



# Zn supply vs socioeconomic factors in Malawi

## Zn supply as proportion of household requirements



# **Agronomy**

# Health Economic Analyses

Plant Soil (2015) 389:1–24  
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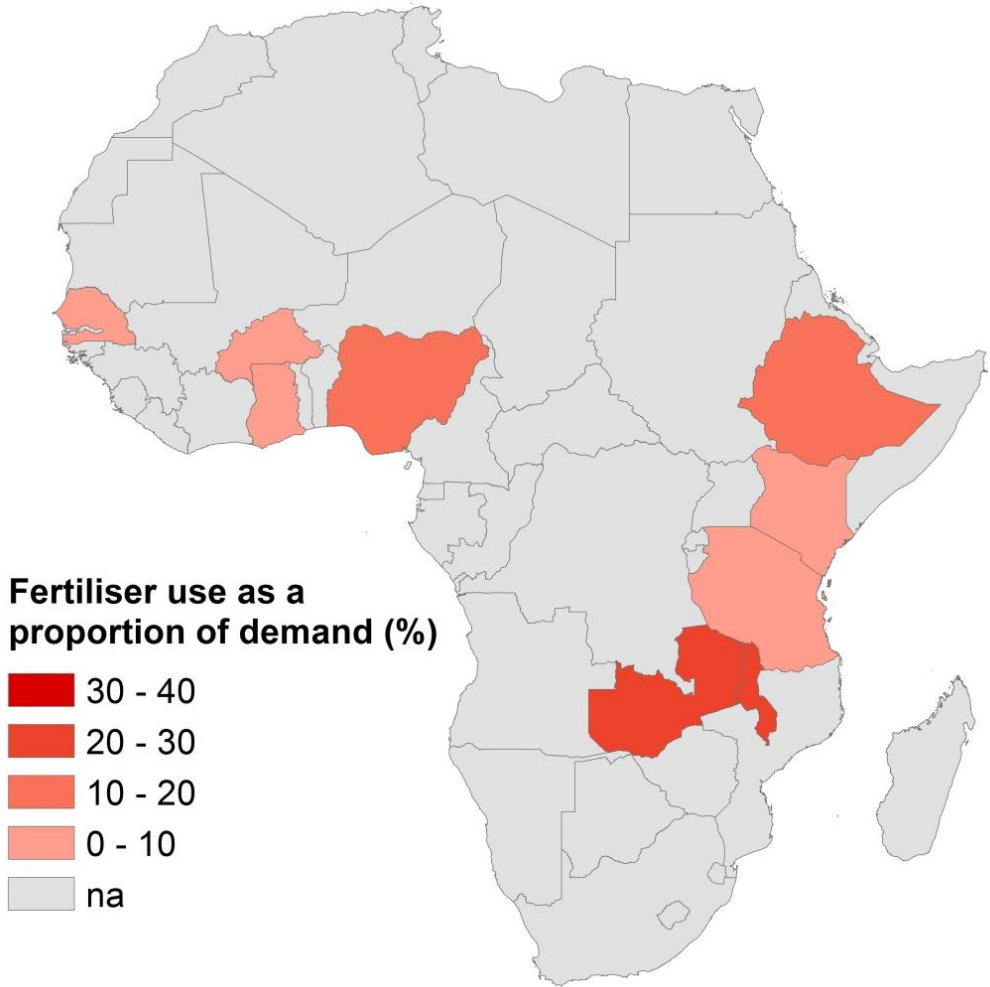
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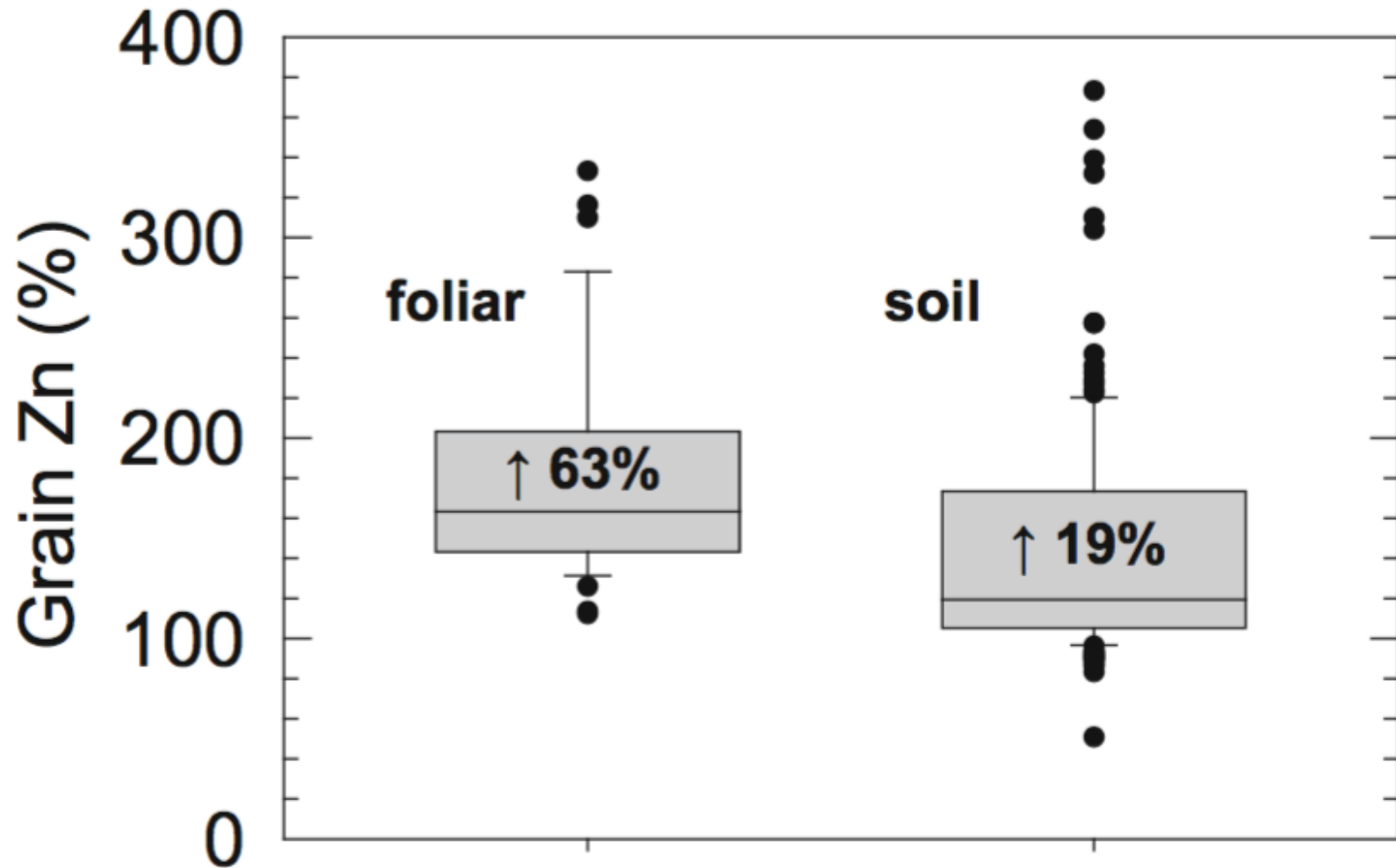


# Fertiliser-use in sub-Saharan African countries with subsidies



Data from NEPAD/IFDC (2013) Practices and policy options for the improved design and implementation of fertilizer subsidy programs in sub-Saharan Africa. [https://ifdcorg.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/sp-41\\_rev.pdf](https://ifdcorg.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/sp-41_rev.pdf) [October 2015]

# Increases in grain Zn concentration as a result of Zn fertilisation (literature-survey; Joy et al., 2015)



**Foliar Zn fertiliser application to maize on a smallholder farm, Zimbabwe, 2009 (photo, Prof. Florence Mtambanengwe, University of Zimbabwe)**



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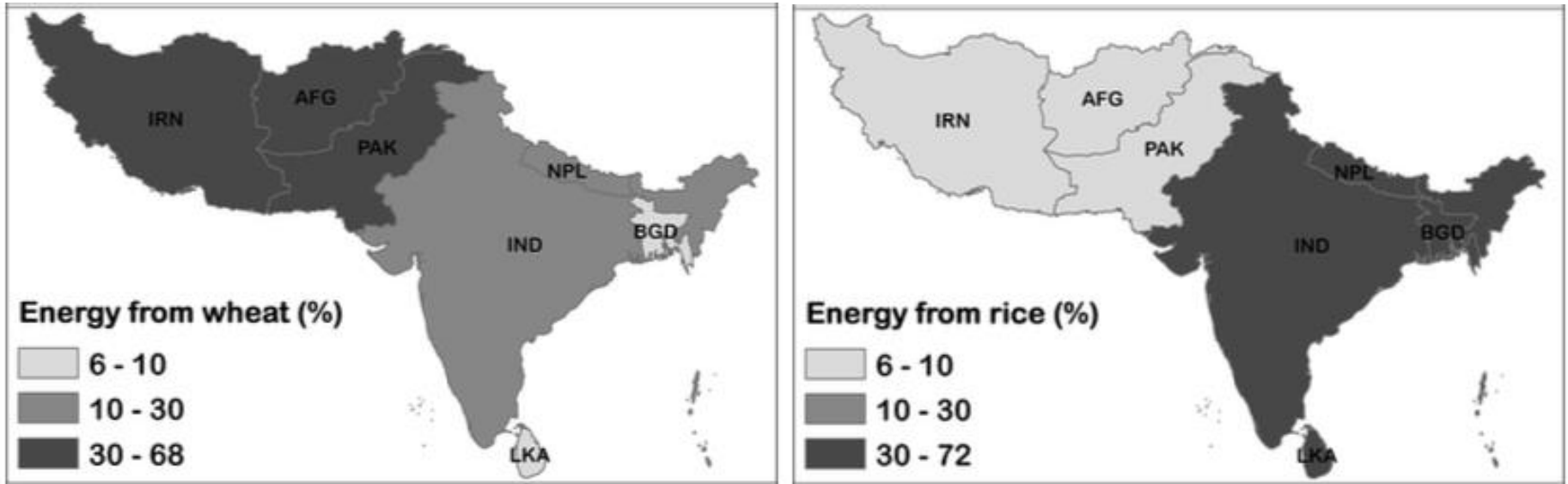
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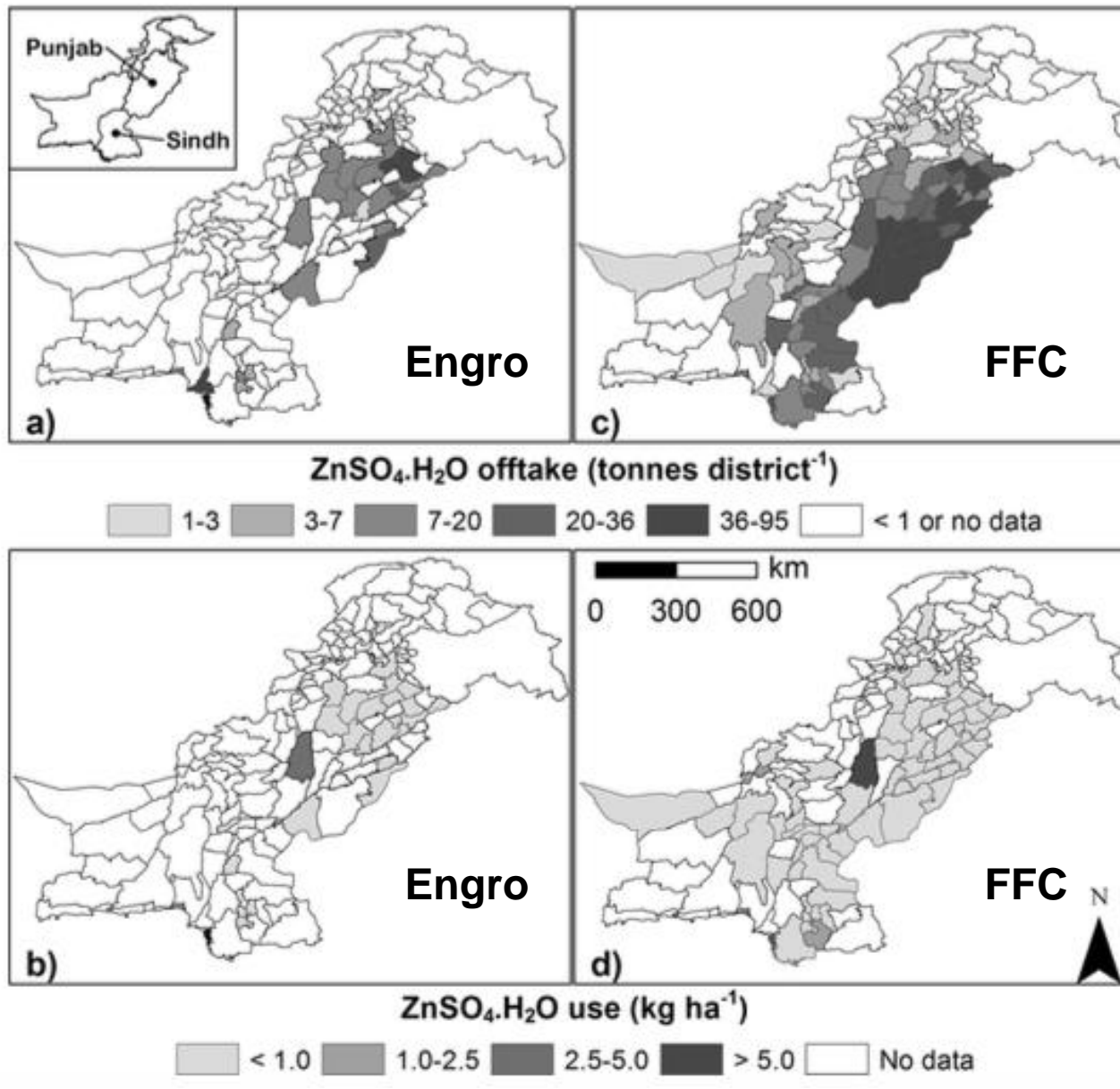


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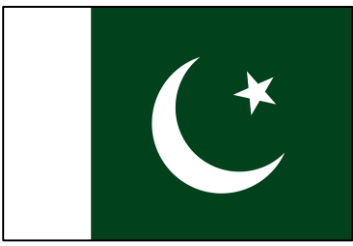
Area	Cropped area, wheat (Mha)	Wheat production (Mt)	Wheat yield (t ha <sup>-1</sup> )
Punjab	7.5	18.4	2.5
Sindh	1.9	3.5	1.9
Pakistan	~10	~25	~2.7

Source. PBS Agriculture Census 2010 (p. 36); N.B. 90/97% of wheat is irrigated in Punjab/Sindh (p.39)

# Industry estimates of Zn-use in Pakistan







# Agricultural Zn-use baselines in Pakistan

Based on rapid farmer surveys

Farmers surveyed in Punjab (n=1193), and Sindh (n=1338) Provinces

Farmers asked about their crop-specific fertiliser-usage and yields  
*wheat, rice, cotton, sugarcane, maize, 'other'*

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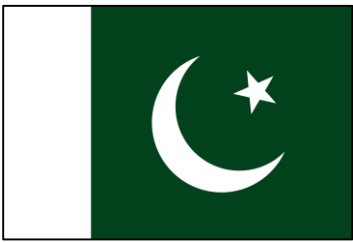


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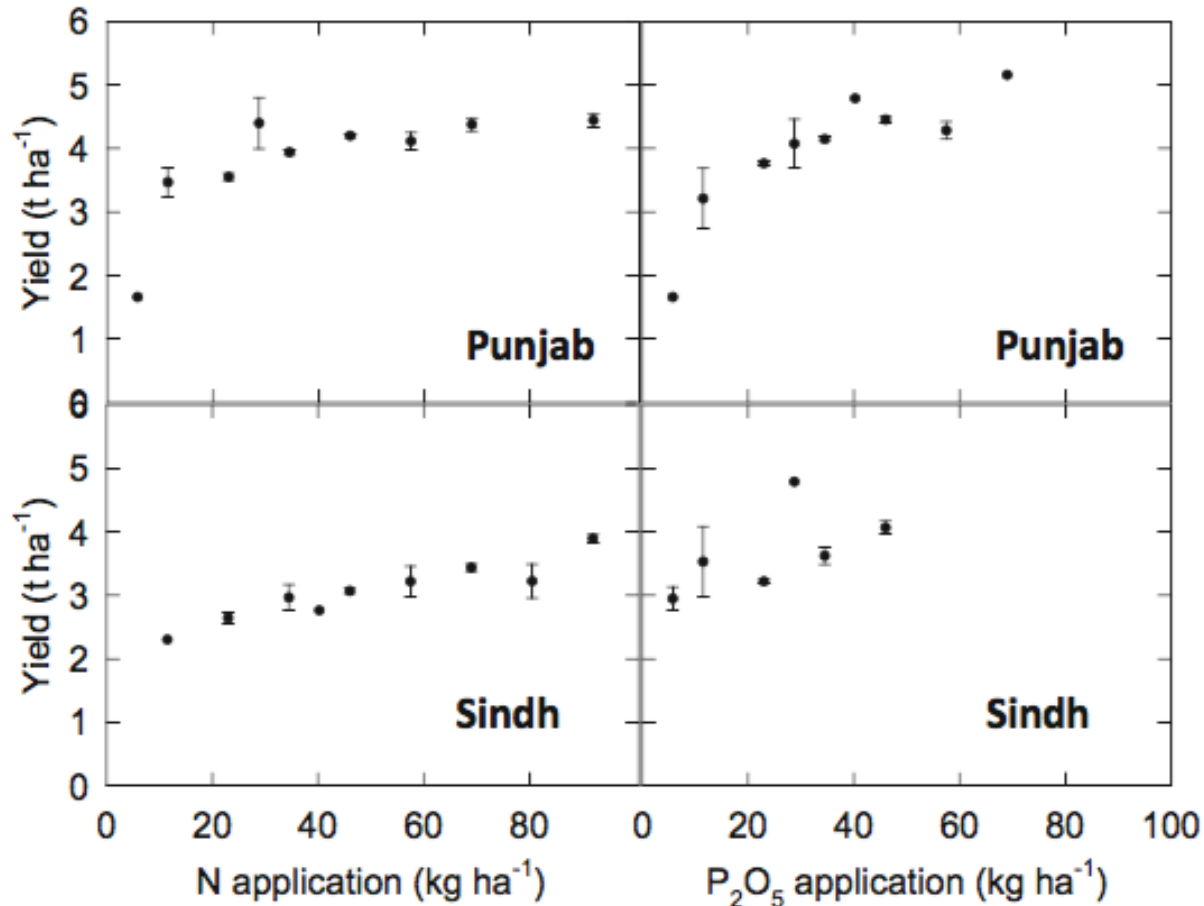
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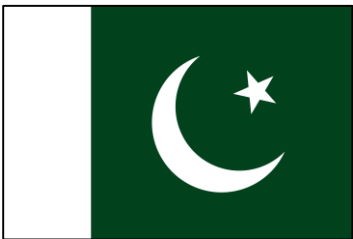
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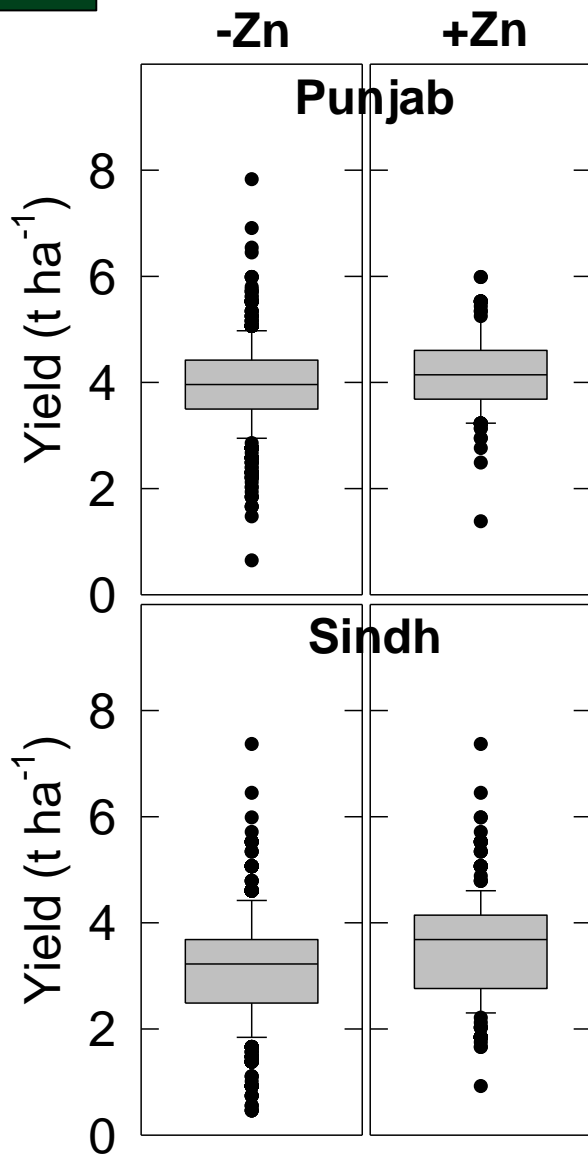


## Zn fertilisers are currently used by a proportion of (progressive) farmers

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<b>Combined</b>	2,531	482	19



# Yield response to Zn fertiliser



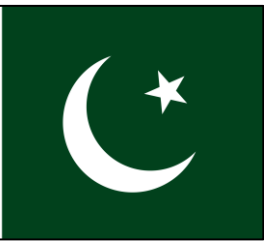
Area	-Zn mean yield ( $\text{t ha}^{-1}$ )	+Zn mean yield ( $\text{t ha}^{-1}$ )	%	<i>P</i>
Punjab	4.0	4.3	108	<0.001
Sindh	3.1	3.6	114	<0.001



# Value of increased Zn fertiliser-use in Pakistan

## Assumptions used to value Zn fertiliser-use:

1. **Baseline Zn-use 7.3 kt y<sup>-1</sup> at 4.8 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O eq. @ 33% Zn)**
2. **Constant granular:foliar ratio of 0.7:0.3**
3. **Wheat support price: \$312 USD t<sup>-1</sup>**
4. **Cost of ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O: \$1600 USD t<sup>-1</sup>**
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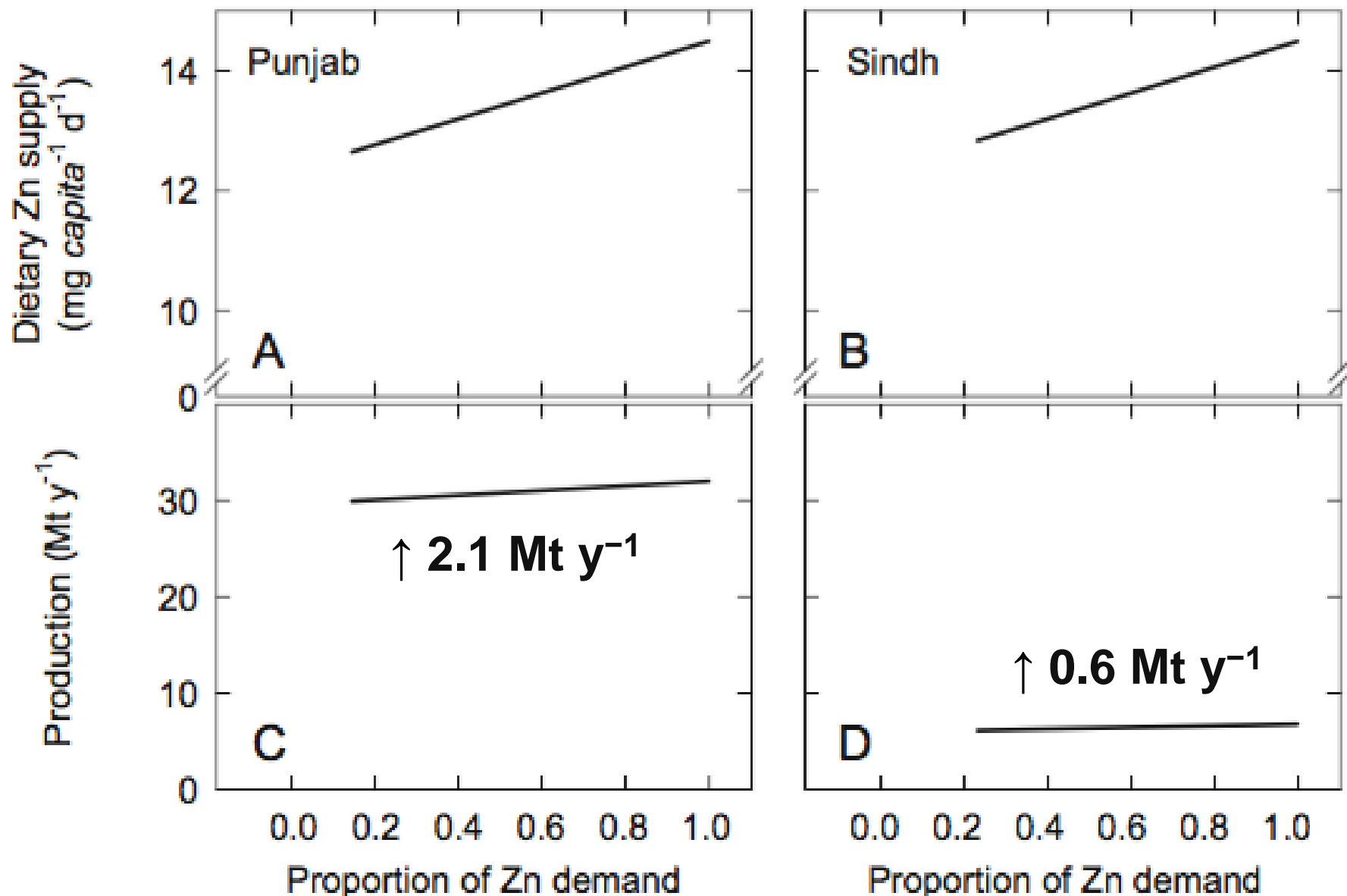


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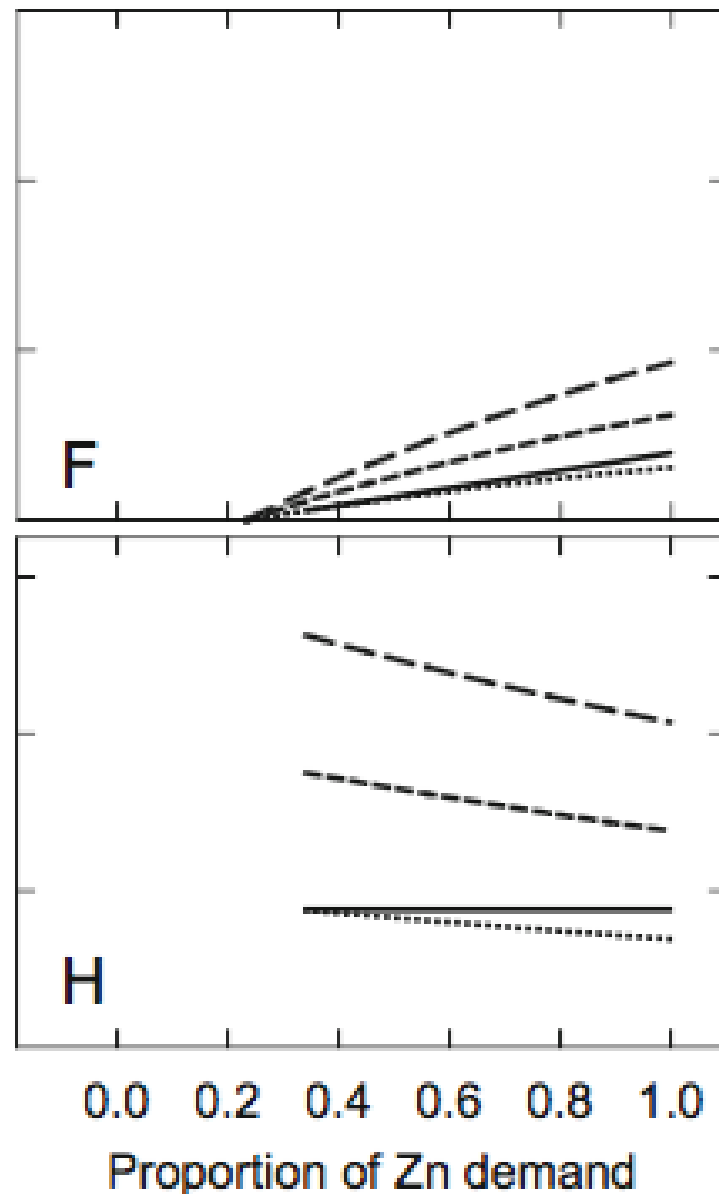
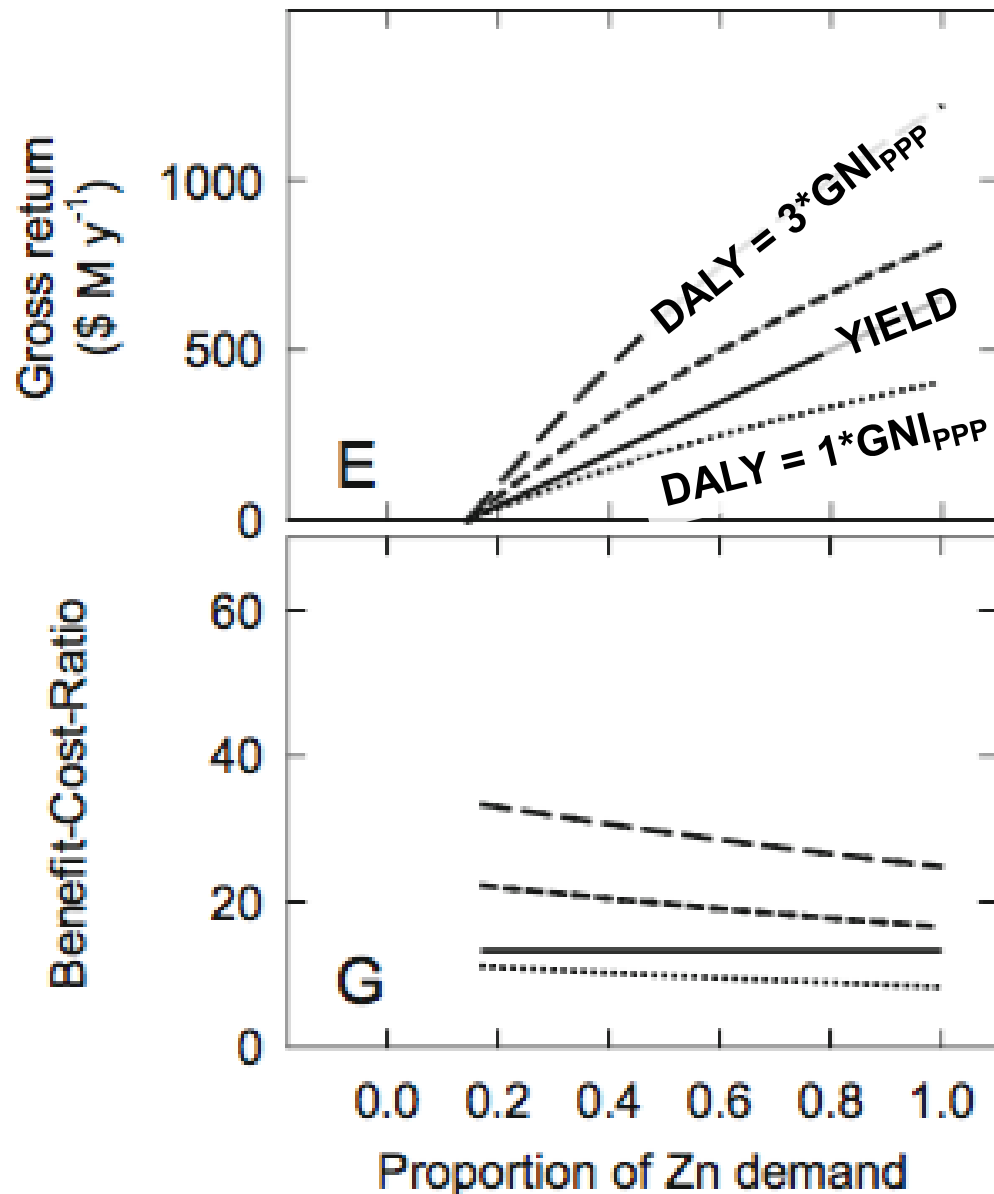
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*PPP=parity purchasing power: I\$ based on 2011 International Comparison Program\**
11. BCRs for ↑ yield and ↓ in DALYs lost are additive
12. No discounting

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