

New approach for better assessing consumer acceptability of improved cassava food products

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Why consumer acceptability study ?

A study on consumer acceptability of new products is useful :

- To know if a **new or improved traditional process** developed for making new or improved traditional products could be **adopted**
- To know if **improved varieties** used for making new or improved traditional products could be **adopted**



New or improved traditional products are acceptable by consumers



CRP Complementary funding on Cassava

Case Study 3 : Consumer Study



The objective : Ensure that cassava products from new varieties and new processing technologies **meet consumer taste**

Nigeria	Tanzania	Cameroon	Benin
Fufu	Ugali	Gari Fufu Bâton	Gari
Drying Flash-dried Sun-dried Wet paste	1 Cassava variety 3 Drying (Flash-dried, Sun-dried, Cabinet-dried) 1 Traditional Cassava Flour 1 Maize flour	17 improved varieties in 3 regions	3 Supplemented Gari with Soybean and/or Palm Oil 9 traditional Gari

Workshop in Dar es Salaam, January 2014

Sensory evaluation or consumer acceptance study ?



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Sensory evaluation

- **Trained panellists (8 to 15)**
- **Products (8 to 12)**
- **In a sensory laboratory**
- **Standardized methodology**
(Quantitative descriptive analysis)
- **Generation of sensory descriptors**
- **Scoring of each sensory descriptor**
- **Mapping of all the products**
(sensory profile)
- **Cluster analysis**
(groups of products with different sensory properties)

Consumer acceptability

- **Consumer (100 and more)**
- **Products (3 to 5)**
- **In different locations**
- **Several methodologies :**
 - ✓ **Hedonic tests**
 - ✓ **CATA question**
 - ✓ **JAR tests**
 - ✓ **Willingness to pay**
 - ✓ **Questionnaire on consumption habits**
 - ✓ **Consumer preferences**

Methodology in three steps

1

Sensory Profiling (QDA)

3

Physicochemical analysis

2

Consumer Acceptance



Hedonic tests

JAR Tests

CATA question

Willingness to pay

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Qualitative Surveys
Food chain Surveys
With each stakeholder

Four steps



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The Objective of the study : Acceptability of gari supplemented with soybean and/or palm oil compared to traditional gari

- Gari is a sort of « semolina » with dried, white and little sour particules
- Gari is a cassava product obtained after
 - . Peeling the roots,
 - . rasping,
 - . fermentating, pressing
 - . sieving
 - . cooking-drying (roasting)



Peeling



Rasping



Pressing



Cooking / Drying



Sieving



Gari in Benin : Food chain surveys two regions in the South and in the Centre



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Region	Processors	Retailors	Consumers
Southern region	14	22	51
Centre region	12	24	55
Total	26	46	106

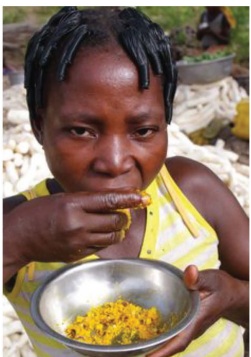
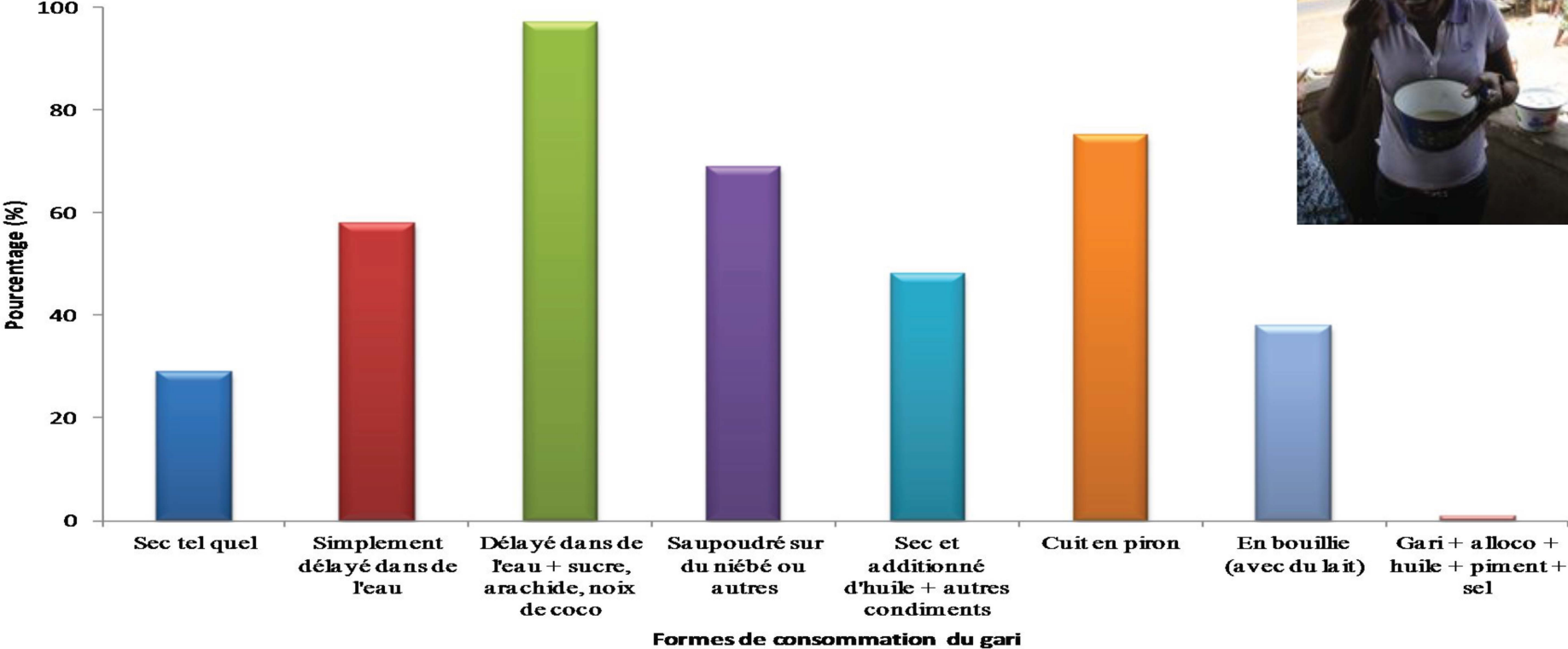


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- Large variability of traditional Gari with very different characteristics, depending on the process
- Colour : white to brown
- Particle size : fine to coarse particles
- Homogeneity of particle size : homogeneous to heterogeneous
- Presence of fibers : few or many fibers
- Dryness : very dried to slightly humid in the heart
- Sour taste : little to very fermented



Consumption form of Gari in Benin



Quantitative descriptive analysis of gari

18 panellists
In the University of Abomey Calavi

9 Traditional Gari
3 supplemented Gari

Tested dry and added with water



9 traditional gari

3 supplemented gari

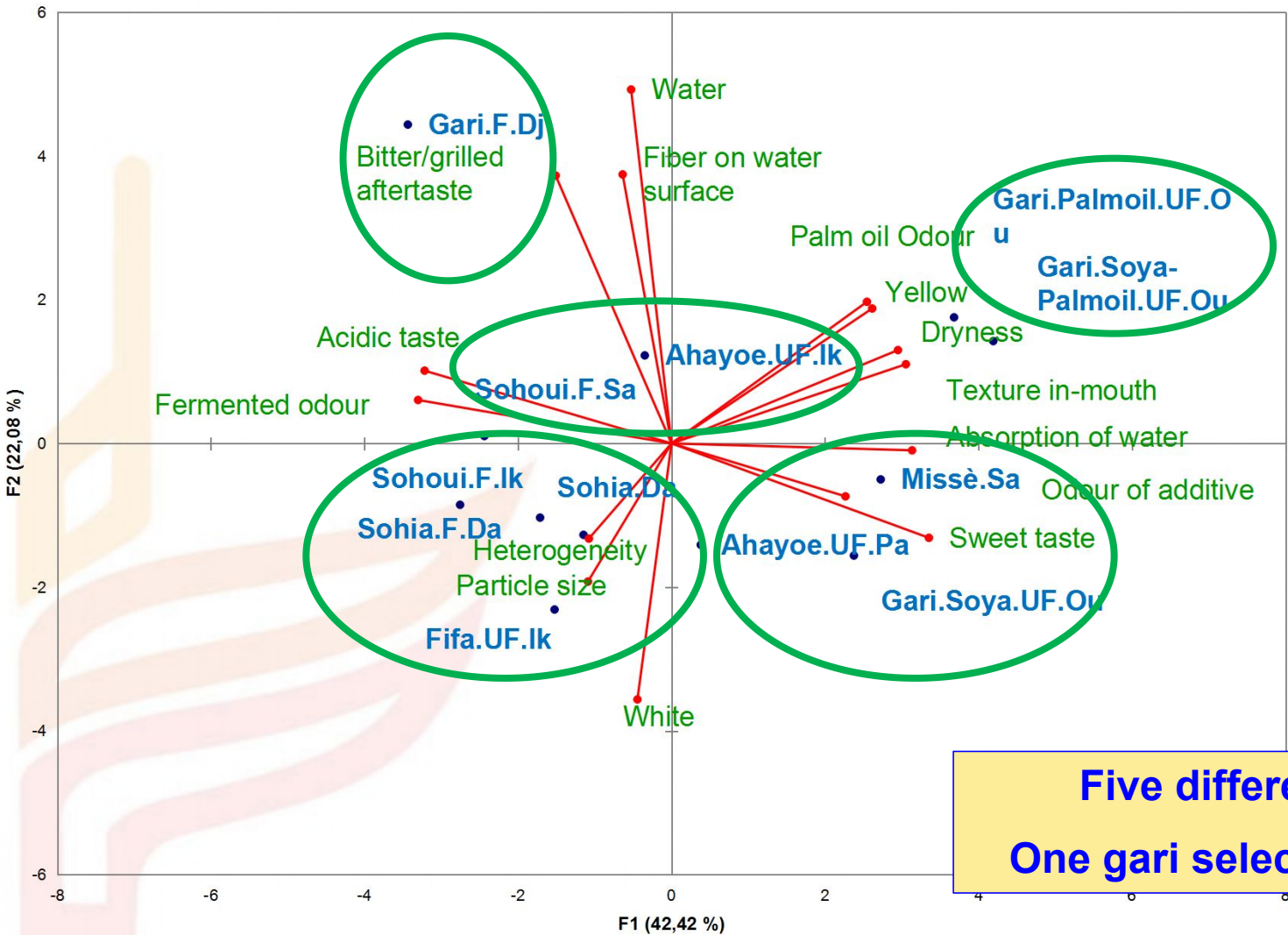
- 2 Gari Sohoui
- 2 Gari Ahayoé
- 2 Gari Sohia
- 1 Gari Fifa
- 1 Gari Missè
- 1 Gari from Djeffa

- Gari supplemented with palm oil
- Gari supplemented with soybean
- Gari supplemented with soybean- palm oil



Sensory profile of supplemented and traditional gari

Biplot (axes F1 et F2 : 64,51 %)

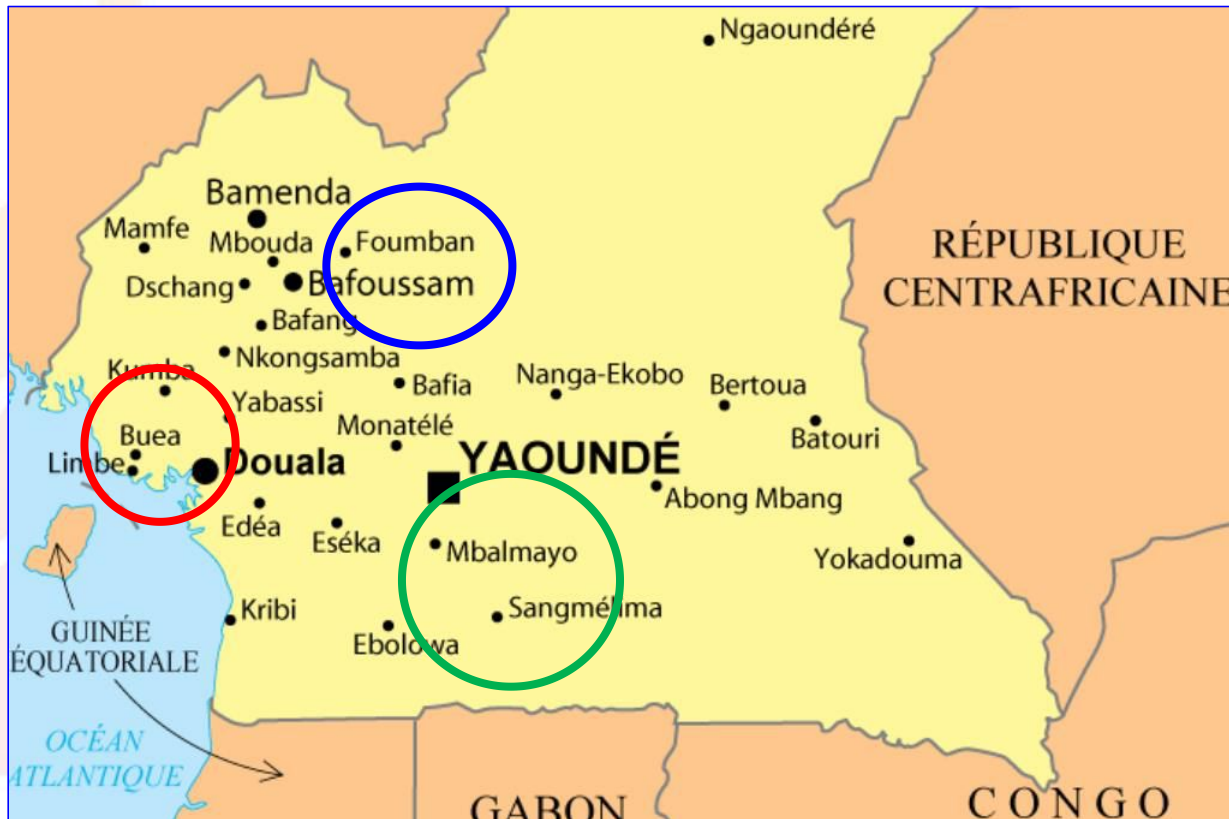


Five different clusters
One gari selected per cluster

The study in Cameroon



- IITA Cameroon has planted **17 improved cassava varieties** in 9 different agro-ecological regions in Cameroon
- IITA Cameroon would like to test the **acceptability of three traditional products** made from these 17 varieties
 - **Gari in Buea**, South-West region
 - **Bâton in Mbalmayo**, Centre region
 - **Fufu in Foumbot**, North region



Cameroon

Gari
Fufu
Bâton

17 improved varieties
in 3 regions

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The bâton de manioc or Bobolo

Objective of the study : Acceptability of « bâton de manioc » or « Bobolo » made from 17 IITA improved varieties

- Bâton is a traditional product made from cassava roots
- It is a whitish, translucent and elastic gel
- It has the shape of a long cylinder of 60 to 65 cm long and 2.5 cm in average diameter, with tip ends

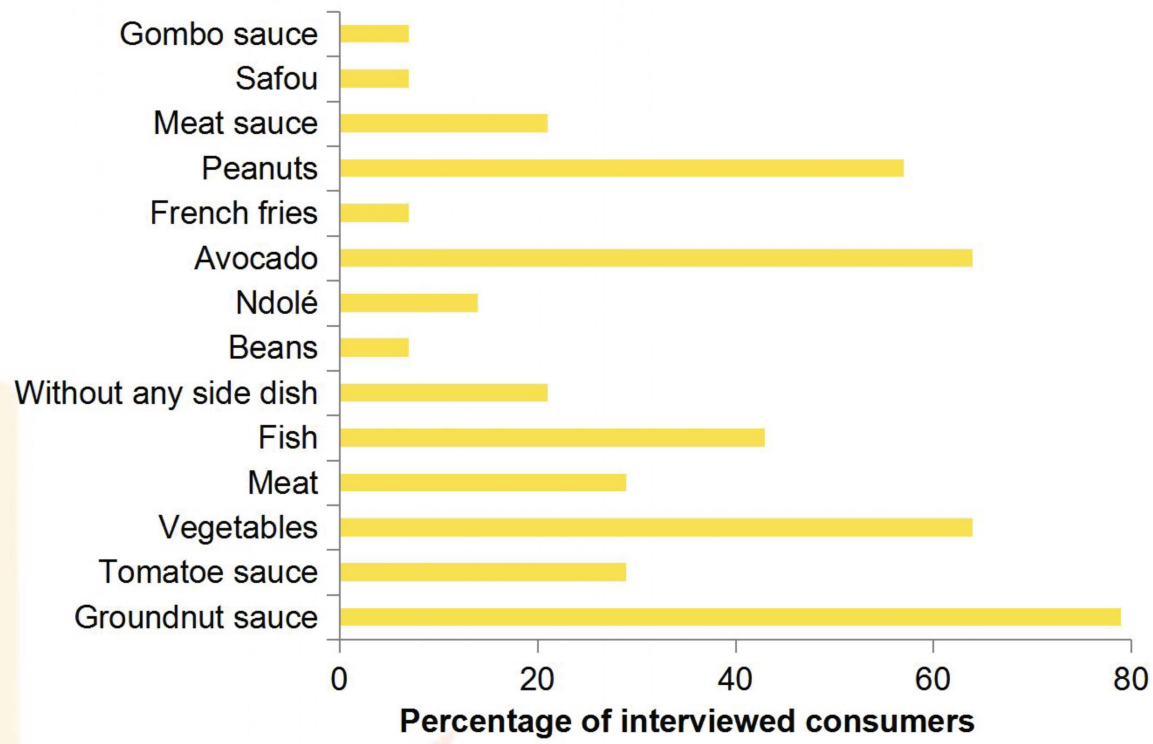


Surveys in Centre region in Cameroon

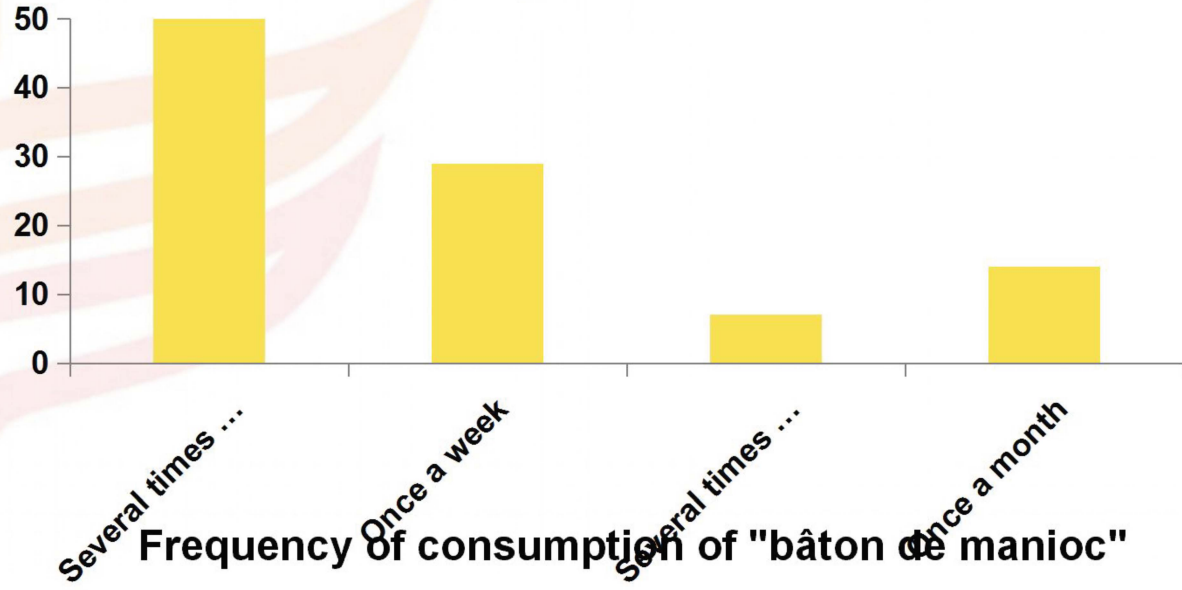


Habits of consumption of bâton

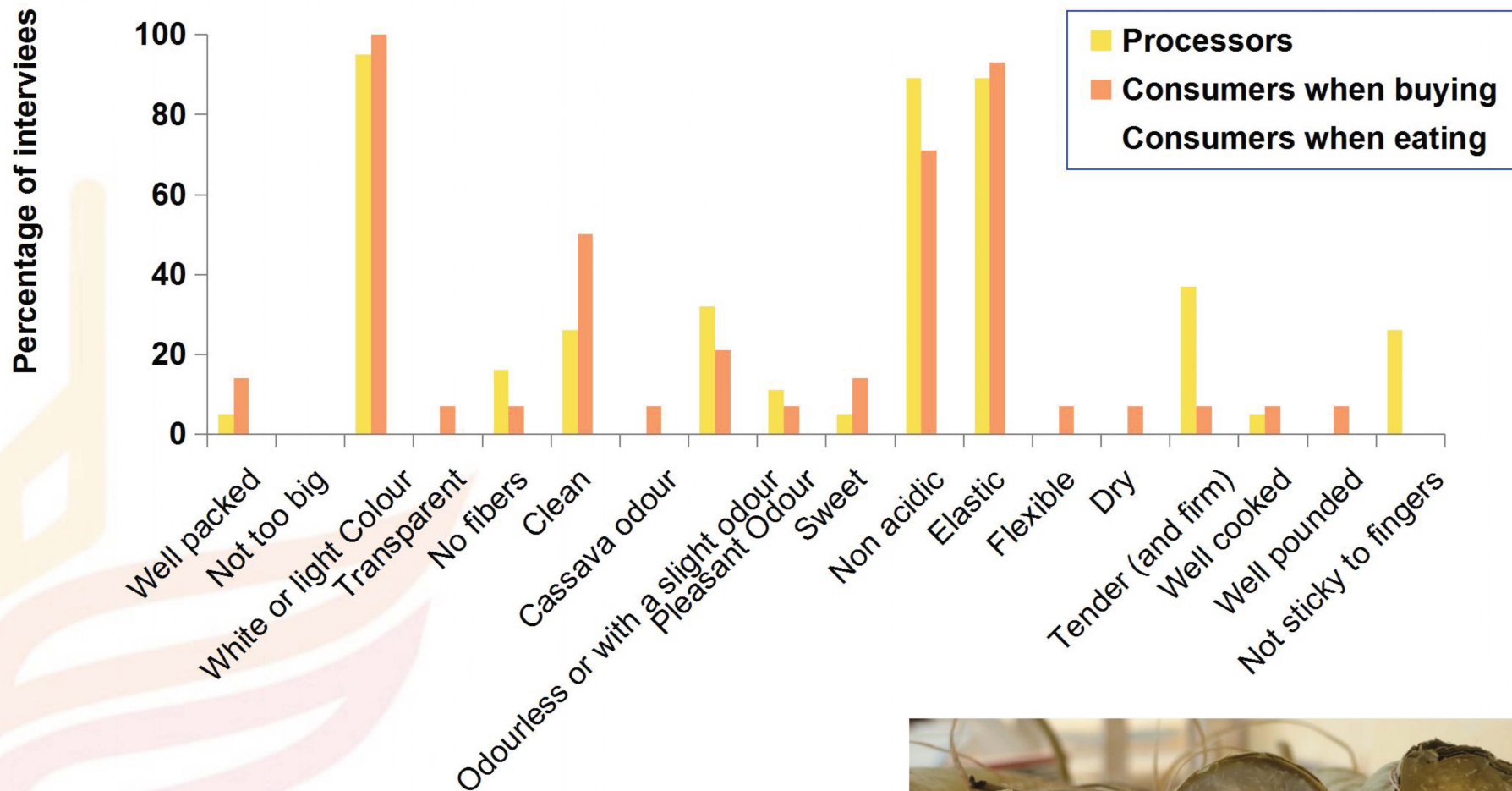
Side dish or accompaniment



Percentage of interviewed consumers

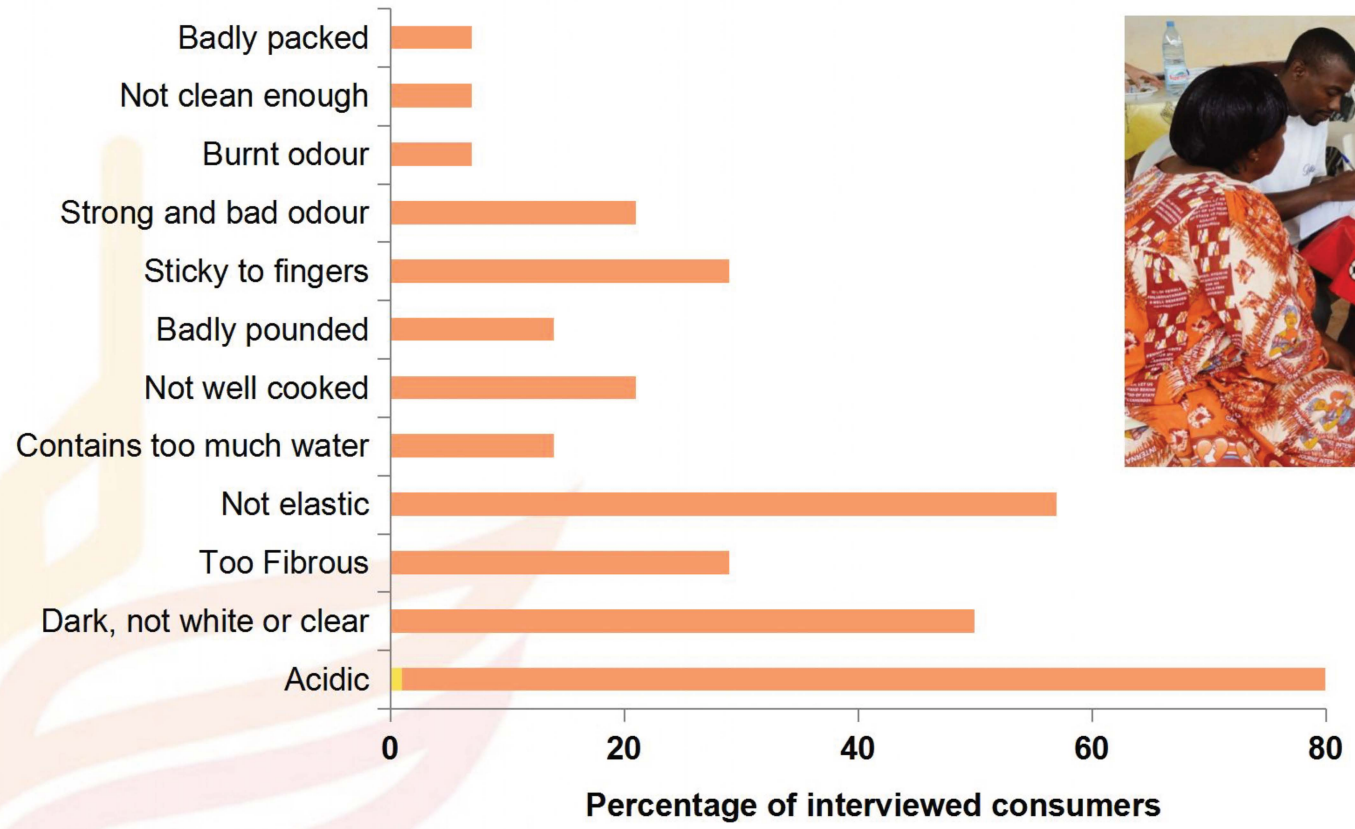


Quality criteria of bâton de manioc



Bad quality according to the consumers

Reasons for a bad quality



Cassava local varieties preferred by processors



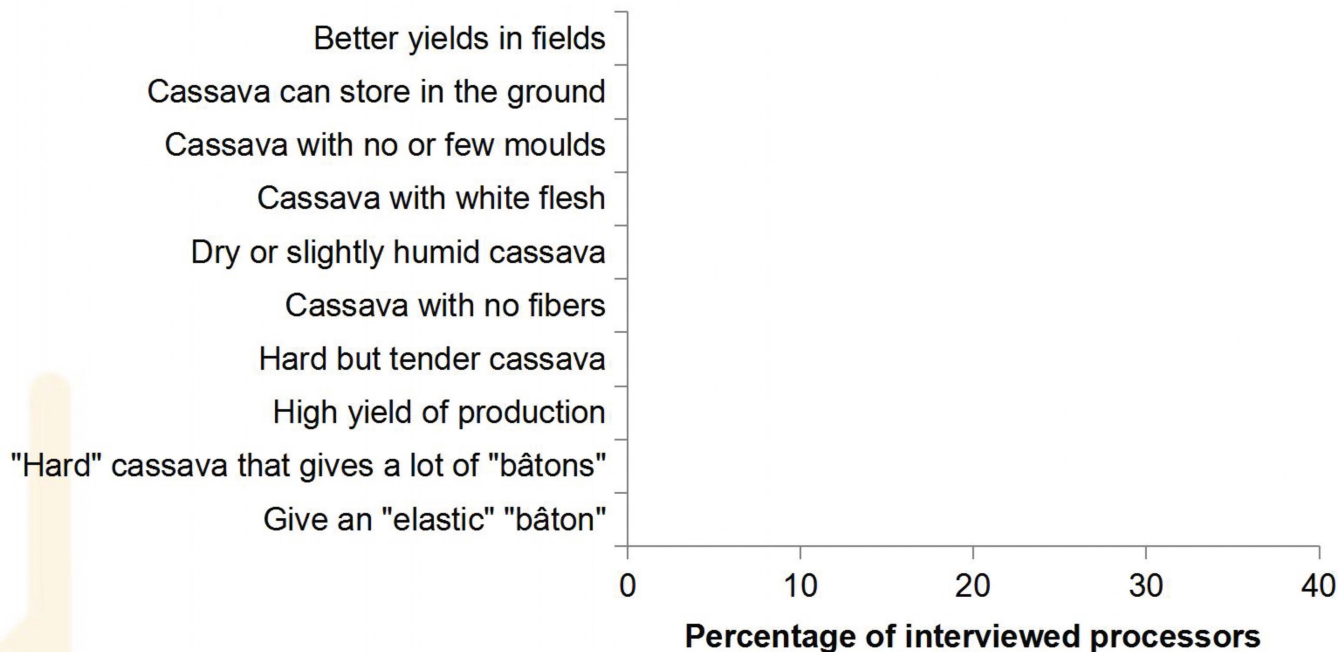
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	Mbalamayo	Awae III	Evodoula
CITED VARIETIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Variety with white peel and flesh - Variety with a red peel - Nkolovone - Ntlobikoua (bitter cassava) - Ola - Manafobo - Mimboudou - « 6 month » - Ziambomadzé 	<p><u>Local varieties :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mevini - Mvousou - Director - Sola - Ngon-Ebe - Ignuma <p><u>Improved varieties :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mademoiselle (023) - 326 - 057 - Marcel (211) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - « 6 month » - Kampo - Ziambomadzé - Cassava from Bassa - Moon - Gabon - Manmbon
PREFERRED VARIETIES	Not predominant preference	Mevini and Mademoiselle (023)	Not predominant preference

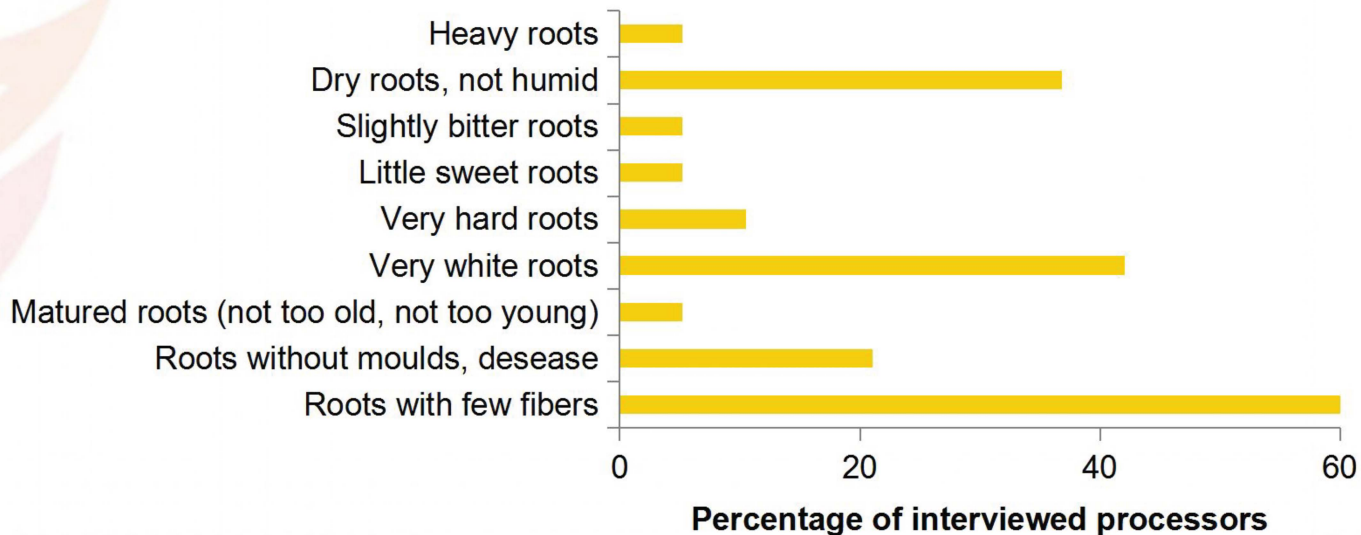
Cassava varieties preferred by processors



Preference criteria



Quality criteria



“Le bâton de manioc” in Cameroon

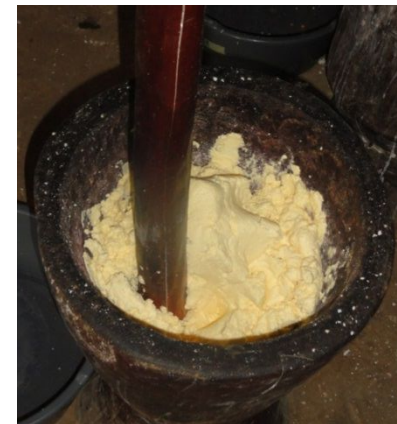
- Qualitative surveys all along the food chain :
 - . Identification of the « champion » processor
- Processing of cassava roots into « bâton »
 - . Adoption or rejection of some varieties : 8 out of 17 have been selected
- Acceptability by consumers: with 5 out of 8 bâtons, finally selected with the agronomists



Processing of bâton de manioc

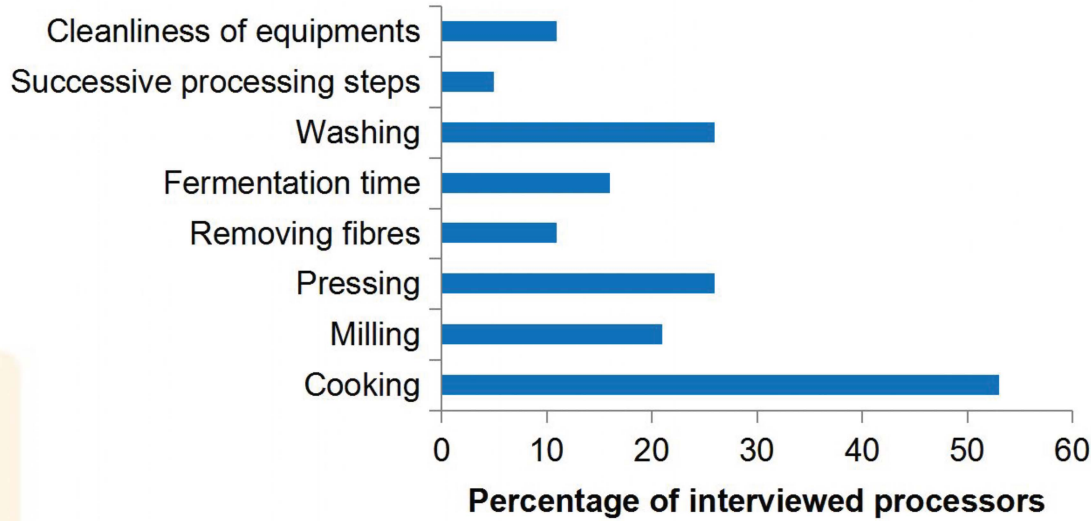
Bâton is a cassava product obtained after

- Peeling of the roots
- Soaking, fermentating
- Removing fibers
- Pressing
- Pounding and/or milling
- Shaping into leaves of *Megaphrynium macrostachyum* or other *Marantaceae*
- Steam cooking

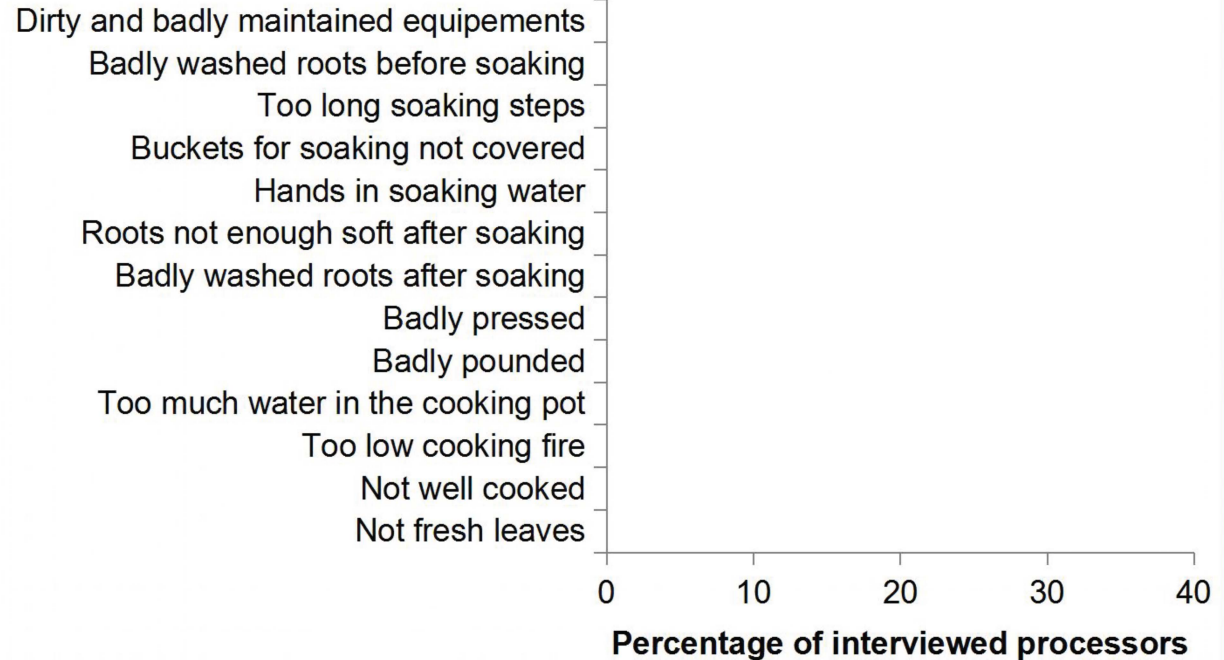


Quality according to the processors

Processing steps for a good quality bâton



Reasons for a bad quality



Participation of processors in the adoption of the 17 IITA improved varieties

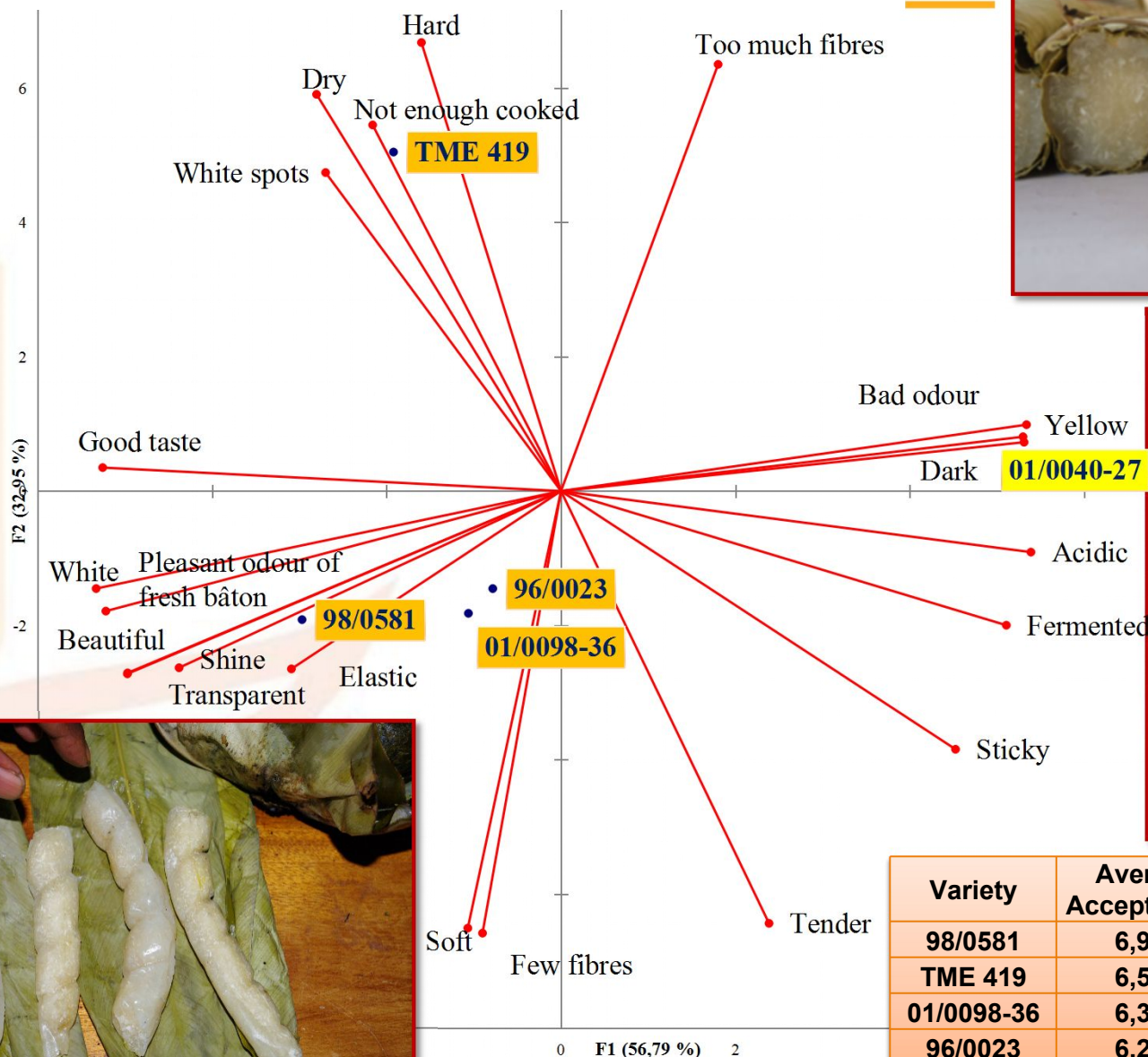


Varieties	Observation at the harvest	Processors' comments during peeling
01/0098		Tender and very white roots, with no fibres, but seem very wet
96/0023	Moulds but many and beautiful roots	No fibres, big roots with a high weigh, that will produce a lot of bâtons
8034		Too tender and too wet roots ; they will not give a lot of pulp
01/1814-9		Yellow cassava : not good for making bâton (difficult to sell it at markets), difficult to be peeled, too much fibres, The processor would not choose a yellow variety to make and sell bâton
92/0057		Too fibrous, plus que 01/18149, la machette passe difficilement pour couper la racine
98/0581		Good cassava because white, not a lot of fibres
95/0211		Beautiful cassava, no fibres but roots are too small
01/009836		Easy and fast to peel, not humid, not too many fibres
01/009832		Too small roots, more difficult to be peeled, no fibres, not too much humid
01/108655		Too much fibres but very dry
96/1414		Beautiful , dry and big roots that will produce a lot, Few fibres . Moulds on some roots
92/0326	Moulds but many and beautiful roots	Humid, no fibres
01/0040-27		Yellow cassava with a red peel, no fibres., not bitter, not humid, just the colour
MM97/JW2-2		Yellow cassava, no fibres, dry, problem with the colour only
LMR	A lot of moulds	Good, roots are very big, tender, not humid, no fbres
95/0109		Peel is attached, dry, not too much fibrous
TME419	Moulds	Well dry, very white, no fibres

Processors' participation in the adoption of the varieties

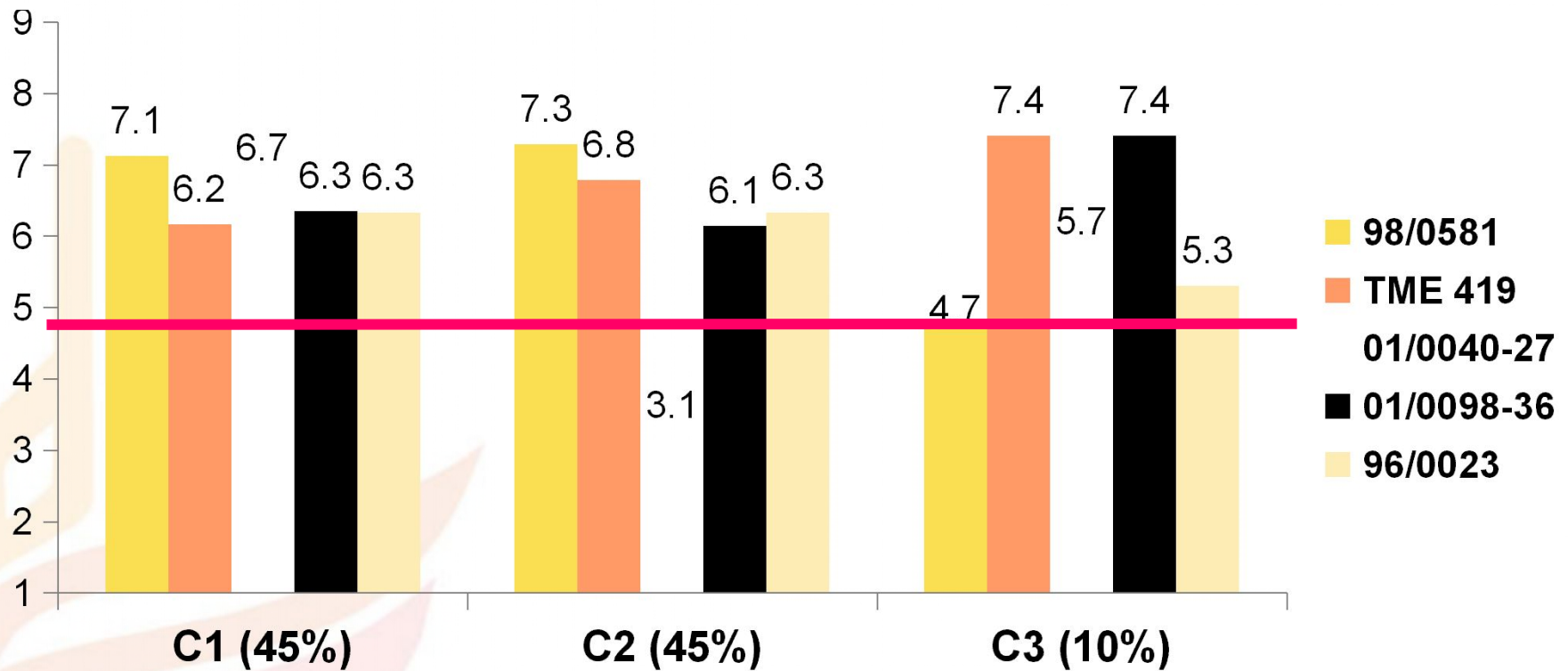
Varieties	Comments after pressing	Comments after steam cooking
01/0098	Good for bâton	Very elastic, no fibres, stick slightly to fingers, not acidic
96/0023	Good for bâton	Not elastic at all, slightly acidic, soft, the whitest
8034	Good for bâton	Fermentation odour, not acidic, well white, excellent
01/1814-9	Good, except the colour	Yellow bâton, smell soaked and spoiled cassava, no fibres, not enough elastic
92/0057	Too much fibres	X
98/0581	Good for bâton	Very white, good, slightly sweet, not acidic, not sticky, no fibres
95/0211	Not too bad, but a lot of fibres, need a lot of work to remove fibers	X
01/009836	Good for bâton	Very white, look nice, elastic, not acidic
01/009832	Too much fibres	X
01/108655	Too much fibres	X
96/1414	Not too bad, but a lot of fibres, need a lot of work to remove fibers	X
92/0326	Too hard, did not soften after three days of soaking	X
01/0040-27	Good, except the colour	No odour, more elastic than 01/1814-9, not acidic. The best yellow variety !
MM97/JW2-2	Not too bad, presence of some fibres, a little bit hard, the colour is not accepted	Not elastic, break easily, fermentation odour, slightly acidic
LMR	Good for bâton	Not elastic, too soft, light, watery, few fibres
95/0109	Good for bâton	Really very elastic, white, not acidic, no fibres, very good ++
TME419	Good for bâton	Look nice, very elastic, very good ++, not acidic

Acceptability of cassava « bâton » made from 5 IITA improved varieties in Cameroon



Variety	Average Acceptability	Groups		
98/0581	6,938	A		
TME 419	6,565	A	B	
01/0098-36	6,365		B	
96/0023	6,219		B	
01/0040-27	5,021			C

Overall acceptability of the 5 selected bâtons Hedonic test



**Bâton
All likers**

**01/0040-27
dislikers**

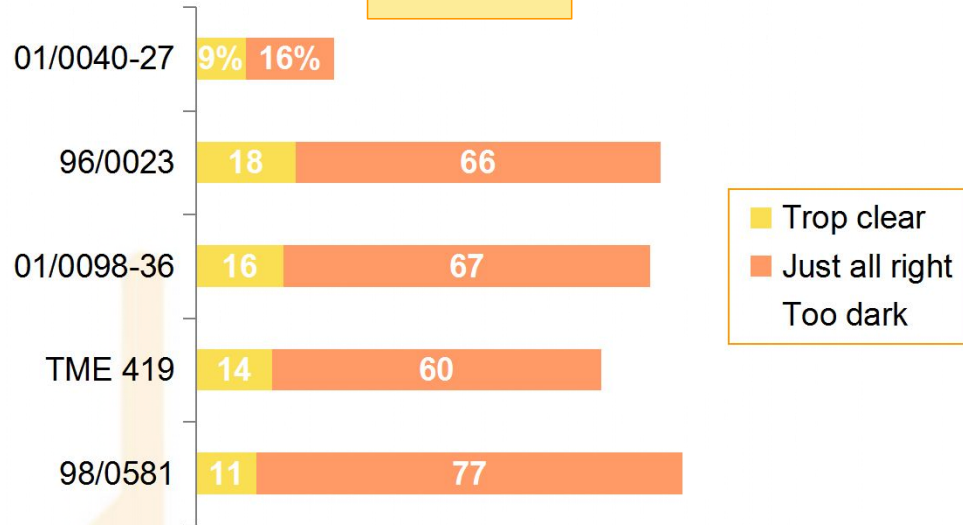
**TME419 and
01/0098-36 likers**

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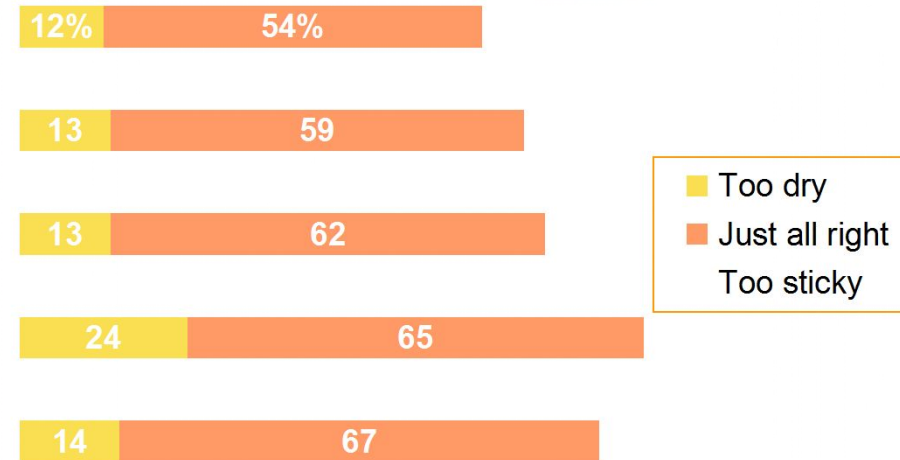
JAR test



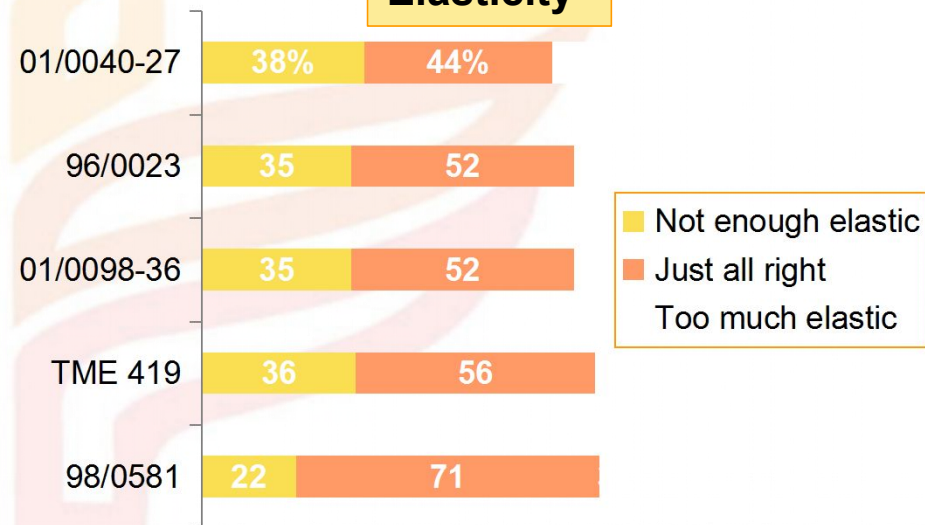
Colour



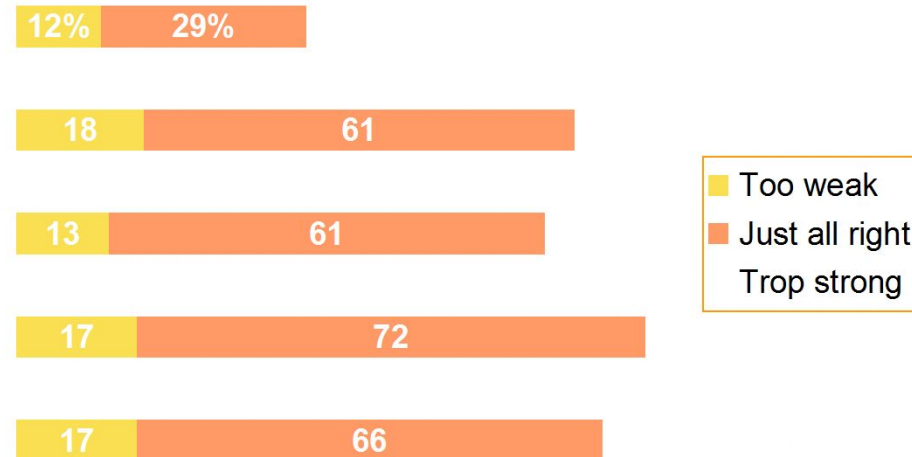
Stickiness



Elasticity



Sour taste



The Gari in Buea, South-West region, Cameroon



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Several points to underline :

- ✓ Buea is an anglophone part in Cameroon with a **local language : pidgin**, difficult to understand even by british people !
- ✓ The process for making Gari is not so “delicate” than the one for making bâton and the “champion processor” could **process all the 17 varieties**



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Five steps



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Gari processing in Buea Cameroon



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Peeling



Washing



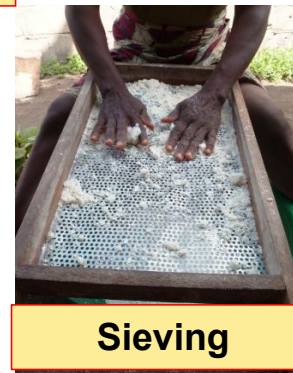
Rasping



Pressing



Pressing



Sieving



Drying



Cooking

Processors' comments on roots and during processing



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Varieties	Weight (d.b.)	Dryness	Size	Colour	Fibres	Moulds	Difficult to peel	Long to peel	
01/0040-27		x	++	Yellow					
01/0098	-	x	++	Not white shine		x			
01/009832				x	x	x			x
01/009836	-		++						x
01/108655	++			x		x			x
01/1814-9	-	x	++	Yellow			x	x	
92/0057	+	x	++	x					x
92/0326	++		+	x					x
92/0067				Not white shine		x	x	x	
95/0109	++	x		x		x			x
96/0023	++		++	Not white shine			x	x	
96/1414	++	x	++	x					x
98/0581		x	+	x					x
8034		x		x					x
MM97JW22			++						
LMR	++	x	++	x					x
TME419	+	x	+	x					x

Processors' comments of the 17 gari products



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Colour	Shine	Fiber	Particle size	Draw	Dryness	Odour	Taste	Acidity	Willingness to buy	Varieties
										01/0040-27
x			x		x	x	x	x	x	01/0098
x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	01/009832
x	x			x			x		x	01/009836
x				x				x	x	01/108655
				x						01/1814-9
x				x			x	x	x	92/0057
	x			x			x	x	x	92/0326
		x		x			x	x		92/0067
			x							95/0109
			x					x	x	96/0023
x	x		x	x	x			x	x	96/1414
				x				x		98/0581
x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8034
										MM97JW22
			x	x	x			x	x	LMR
x			x	x		x	x		x	TME419

Focus groups : Ranking test of the 17 gari



Varieties
01/0040-27
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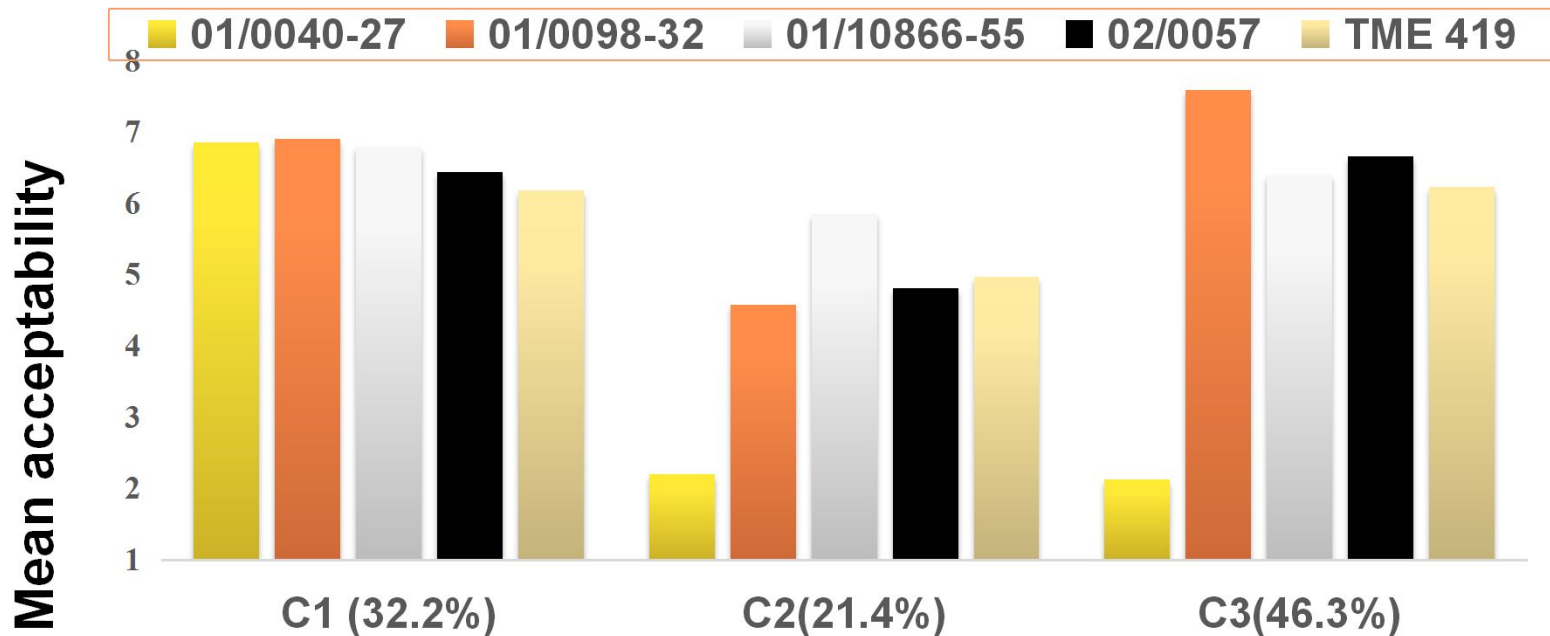


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Overall acceptability of the 5 selected gari

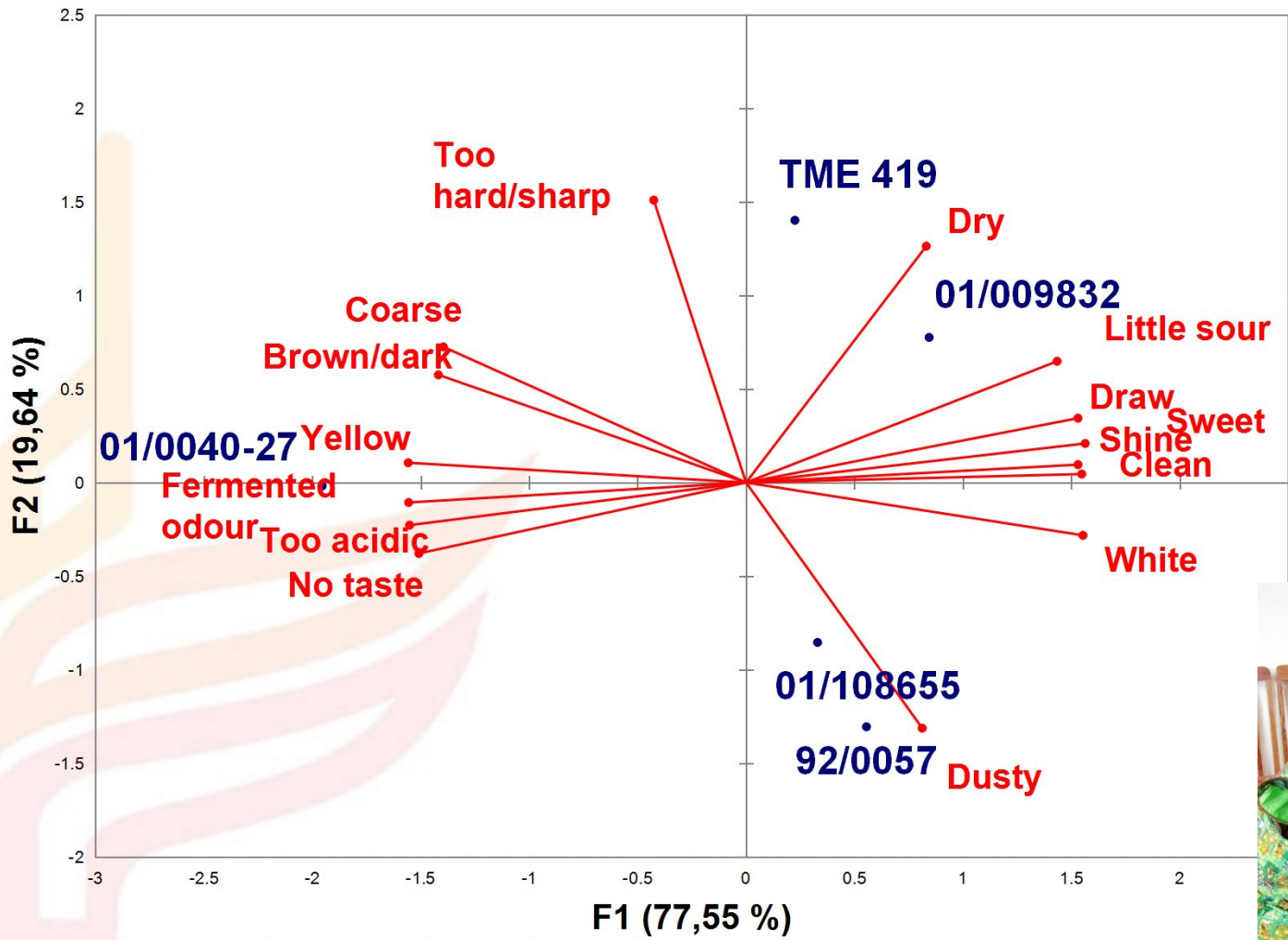


	Overall acceptability mean
01/0098-32	6.7 a
01/1086-55	6.4 a b
02/0057	6.2 a b
TME 419	5.9 b
01/0040-27	3.7 c



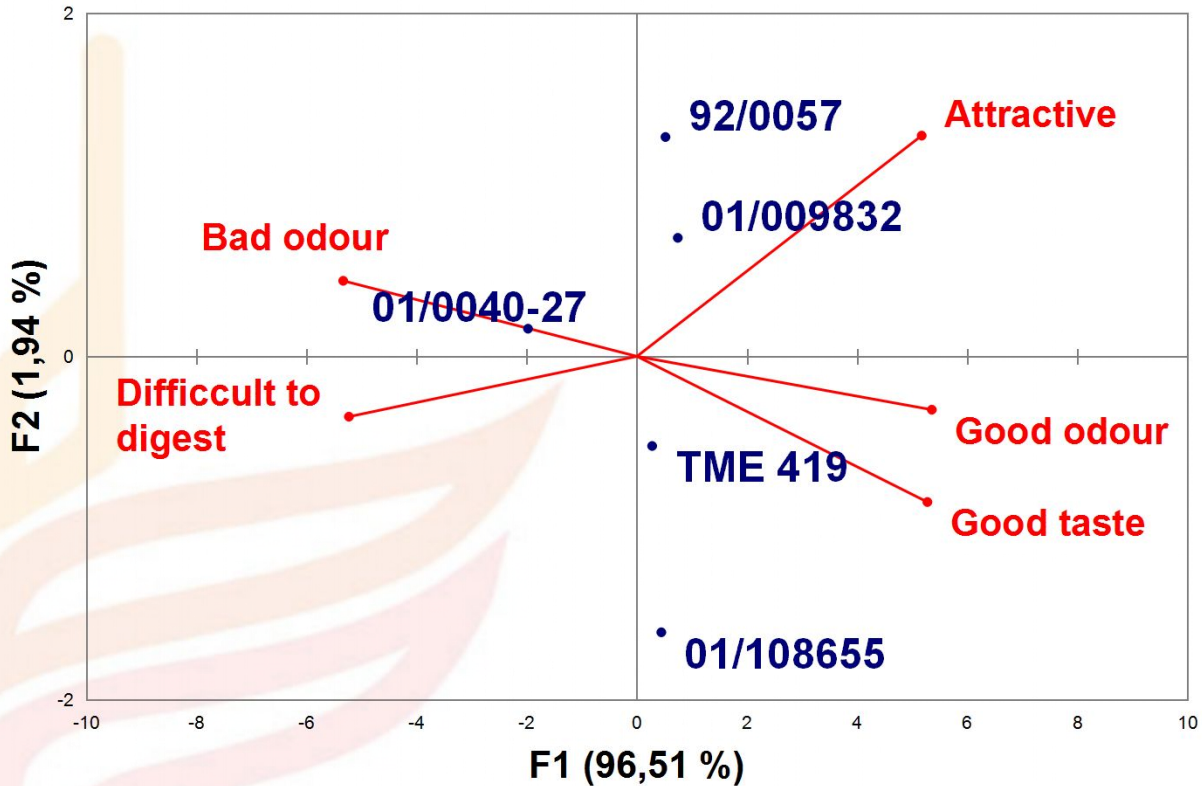
Sensory descriptors relative to the 5 selected Gari CATA question

Biplot (axes F1 et F2 : 97,19 %)



Emotional descriptors relative to the 5 selected Gari CATA question

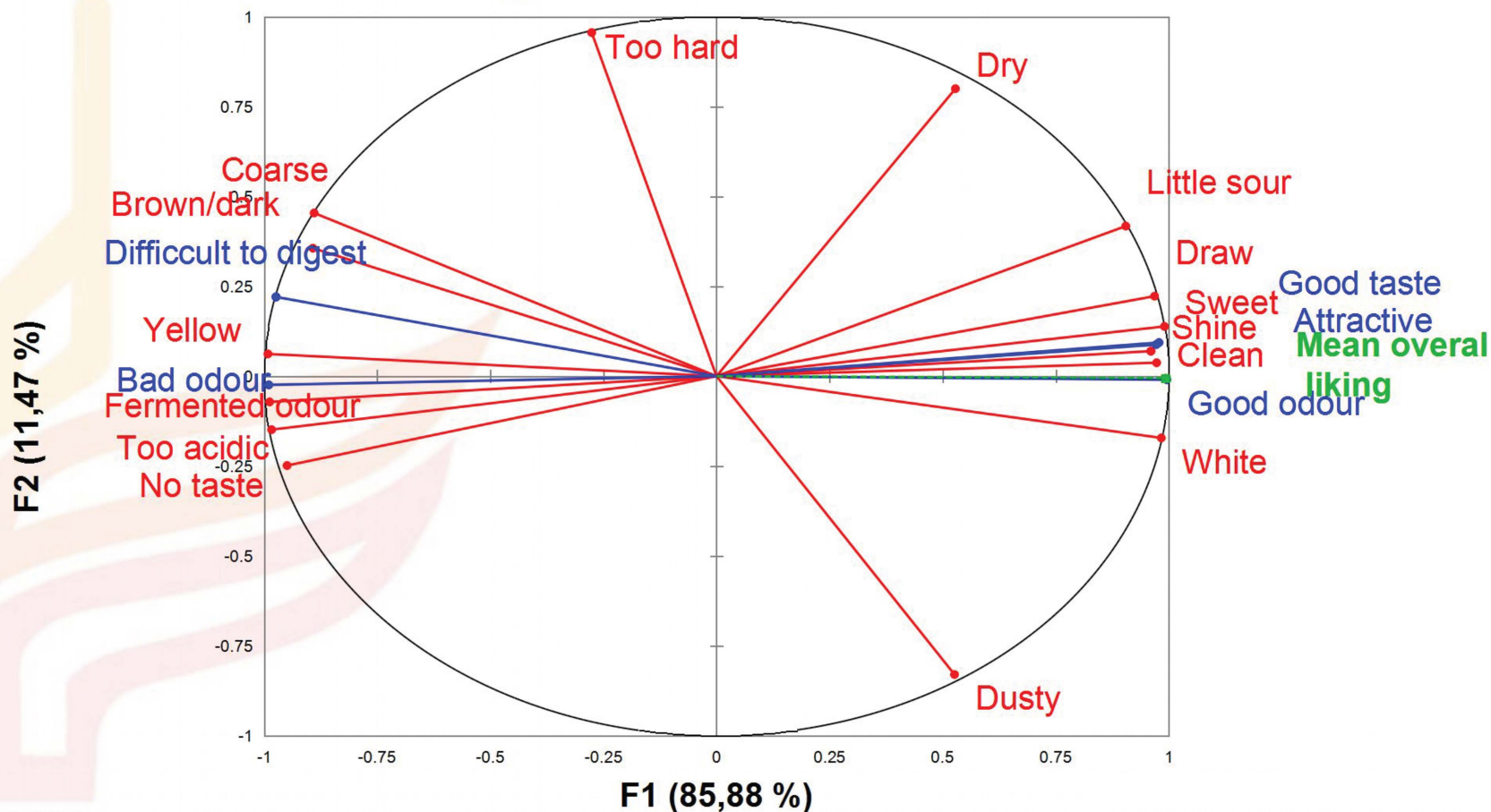
Biplot (axes F1 et F2 : 98,45 %)



Sensory and emotional descriptors and overall liking of the 5 selected Gari

Variables (axes F1 et F2 : 97,36 %)

- **Sensory descriptors**
- **Emotions**
- **Overall liking**



The most liked cassava varieties for gari and for bâton were different

	Overall acceptability mean
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01/1086-55	6.4 a b
02/0057	6.2 a b
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01/0040-27	3.7 c



	Overall acceptability mean
98/0581	6.94 a
TME 419	6.56 a b
01/0098-36	6.36 a b
96/0023	6.22 b
01/0040-27	5.02 c