

# Escritura científica

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# Objetivos

- Al finalizar el participante podrá:
  - Definir el concepto de escritura científica
  - Enumerar las propiedades y criterios de la escritura científica
  - Mencionar el propósito de la escritura científica
  - Distinguir entre los diferentes tipos de escritura científica
  - Conocer el ciclo de vida de la información escrita
  - Conocer las partes de un abstracto
  - Conocer las partes de un afiche

¿Qué es escritura científica?

# Escritura científica: definición

“La escritura científica, es un estilo estructurado, tiene sus partes visibles para el lector como una introducción, metodología, conclusiones, entre otras”

Roberto Camana

“Los críticos sobre escritura técnica afirman que no es simplemente un tipo de escritura cultivada que evita el uso de un número de elementos literarios, sino que es una forma de expresión distinta gobernada por un conjunto de criterios estilísticos consistentes diseñados para transmitir datos objetivos”

M<sup>a</sup> del Mar Duque García

# Escritura Científica: Aspectos históricos

- Inicia en el siglo XIV DC
  - En el campo de la medicina
  - Inclusión de terminología científica
  - Inclusión de nuevos hallazgos de la ciencia

## Image gallery:



# Escritura científica: Propósito

- Comunicar
  - hallazgos científicos
  - aplicaciones de un hallazgo científico
  - Descubrimiento de nuevo conocimiento que avance nuestro entendimiento



# Estructura científica: criterios

- Unión que existe entre el contenido y el estilo de la comunicación

*“It is impossible to dissociate language from science or science from language, because every natural science always involves three things:  
the sequence of phenomena on which the science is based;  
the abstract concepts which call these phenomena to mind,  
and the words in which the concepts are expressed.*

*To call forth a concept a word is needed; to portray a phenomenon, a concept is needed. All three mirror one and the same reality”.*

(Lavoisier, 1968: 474)

# Estructura científica: criterio

- Léxico (vocabulario)
  - Vocabulario técnico
  - Vocabulario sub-técnico
  - Vocabulario general
- Sintaxis
  - Asertivo
    - Voz pasiva → voz active
- Funciones
  - Definir
  - Clasificar
  - Describir



**Función Referencial**

Miñana es el examen de Matemática

El emisor entrega información de manera objetiva. Así, el acto comunicativo se centra en el mensaje.

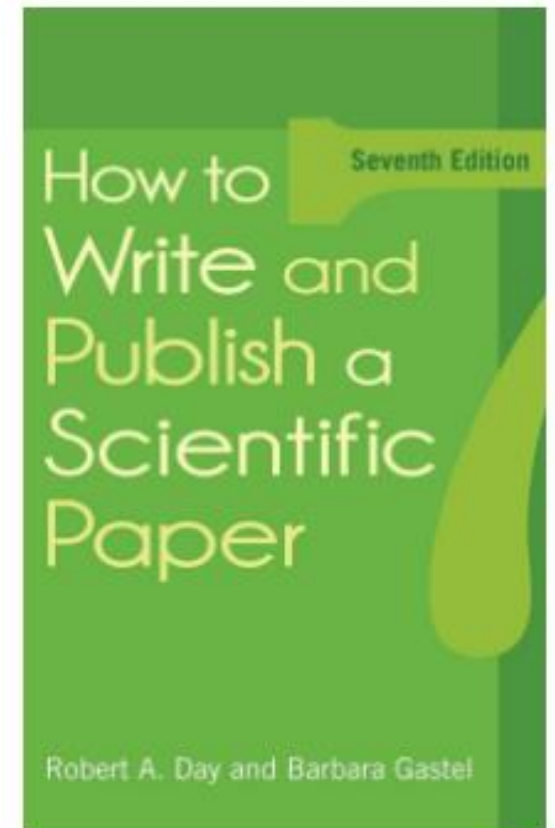


# Escritura científica: Fundamentos

- Presenta los resultados de un proceso investigativo
  - Facilita la comprensión del mismo desde la perspectiva del lector
    - Estandarizados
      - Abstracto
      - Introducción
      - Materiales y métodos
      - Resultados o Discusión
        - Formato de tablas y gráficas, fotografías, figuras
      - Conclusión

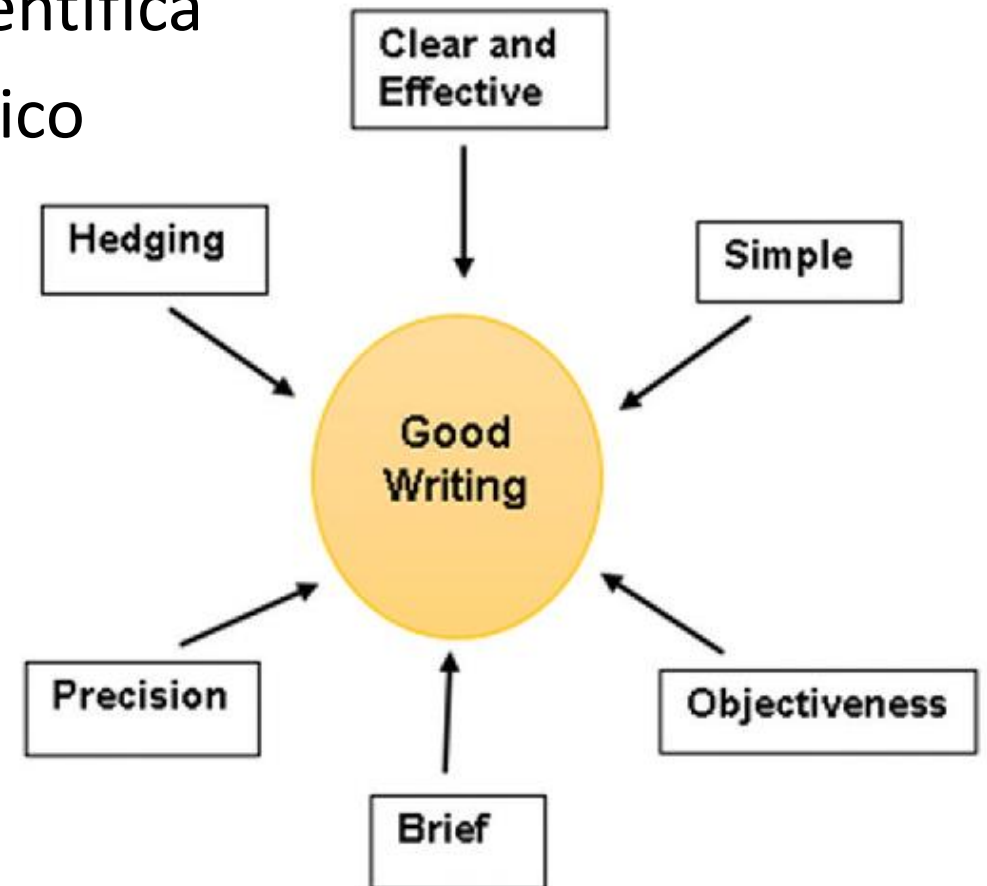
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Uso de voz activa



# Escritura científica: Propiedades

- Objetiva
- Precisa
  - Especificidad
- Clara
- Breve o Concisa
- Medible
  - Sostenida en datos
- Verificable
- Universalidad
- Transparente
- Expresa lógica científica
- Pensamiento crítico
- Estructurada
- Referenciada
- Colaborativa



# Types of Scientific Writing

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## Public

## Not public

Peer-reviewed

- Original research papers
- Reviews
- Meeting abstracts
- Conference reports

- Grant Applications
- Fellowship proposals

Not peer-reviewed

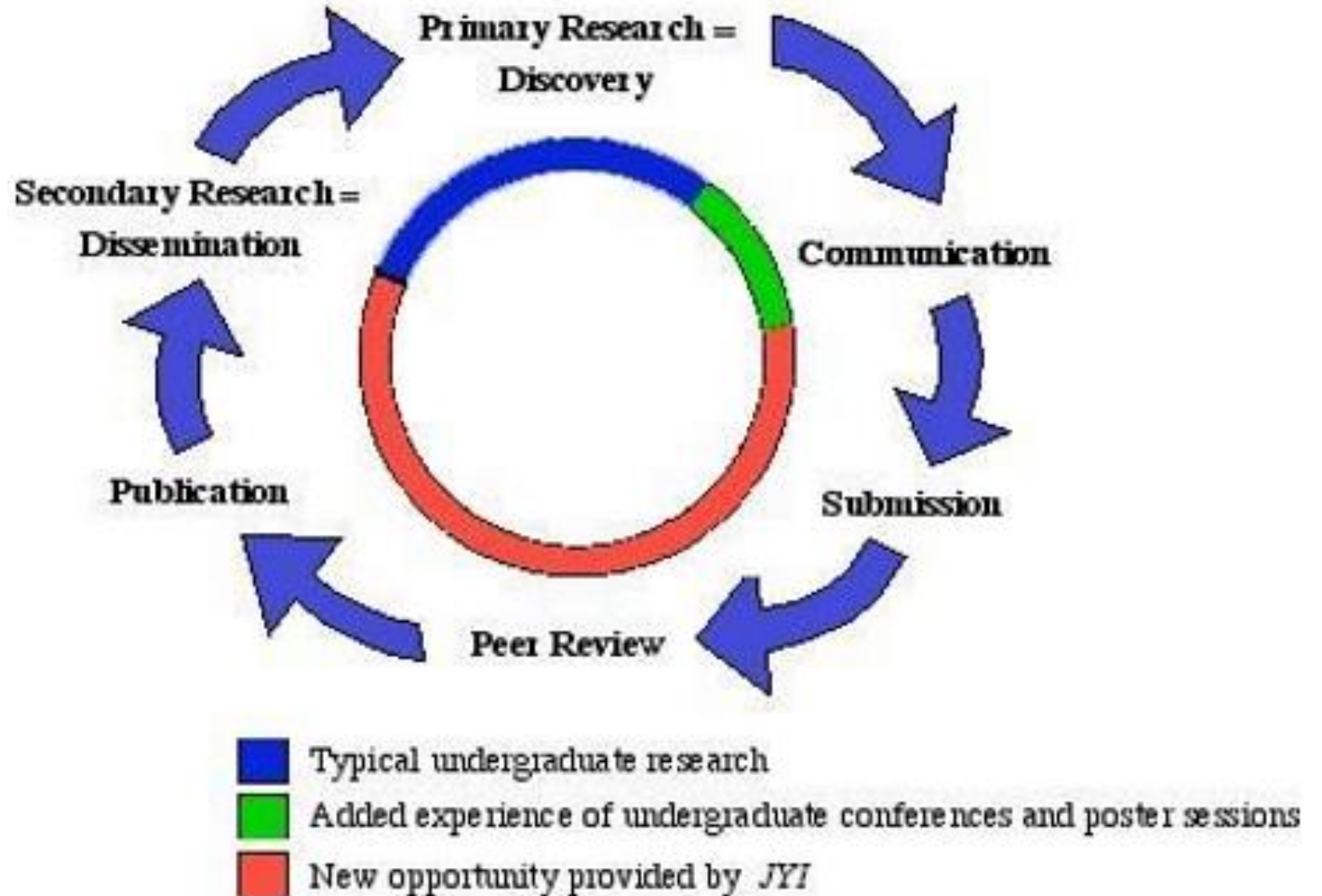
- Books, chapters
- Book reviews
- Teaching materials
- Theses/dissertations
- Editorial comments
- Letters to the editor
- Research reports (sometimes)
- Web pages

- Correspondence
- Confidential reports

Tipos de escritura científica

# Information Life Cycle

Ciclo de vida  
de la  
información  
científica



# Escritura científica: Abstracto

- Presenta un resumen de la idea a comunicarse
- Consiste de:
  - Una o dos oraciones introductorias
  - Presenta el problema en una oración
  - Presenta la hipótesis en una oración
  - Menciona la metodología utilizada una o dos oraciones
  - Menciona los resultados obtenidos una o dos oraciones
  - Menciona las conclusión en una oración
  - Menciona la importancia y contribución a la ciencia en una o dos oraciones
- No mas de 250 palabras
- Sigue todas las características y propiedades de la escritura científica

# Escritura científica: abstracto - Ejemplo

## Abstract

Rocky seashores are ecosystems that foster multiple life forms ranging from algae to gastropods to echinoderms. These organisms have an impact in our daily life as they serve as food, biological indicators and are a source of chitin and other substances. Their ecosystems have been threatened by contaminants coming from river runoff that alter the nitrates, ammonium and phosphate levels of the ocean. River runoff carries contaminants from fertilizers, pesticides and soil erosion that serve as an external selective pressure that can induce mutations. Our project explores the relationship between genetic polymorphism, as revealed by Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP) of the mitochondrial 16s rRNA gene, of *Nerita peloronta* and the zonation and water quality at Surfer's Beach, Aguadilla in Puerto Rico. Water quality will be determined by phosphate, nitrate, and ammonium concentration in it. The *Nerita peloronta* zonation will be correlated with physicochemical parameters such as: humidity, pH, salinity and temperature. Horizontal and vertical zonation will be examined, establishing two transects and 10 quadrants per transects. Mitochondria will be isolated from snail muscle and mitochondrial DNA isolated by enzymatic digestions. 16s rRNA gene will be amplified using specific primers and digested by *Taq* 1, *Nsp* 1, *Sfu* 1 restriction enzymes. Educational and social impact of this project are: mentoring undergraduate students, enhance and developing scientific method skills, learning of basic molecular analysis tools and develop of scientific communication skills through oral presentations on scientific meetings, posters and abstract.

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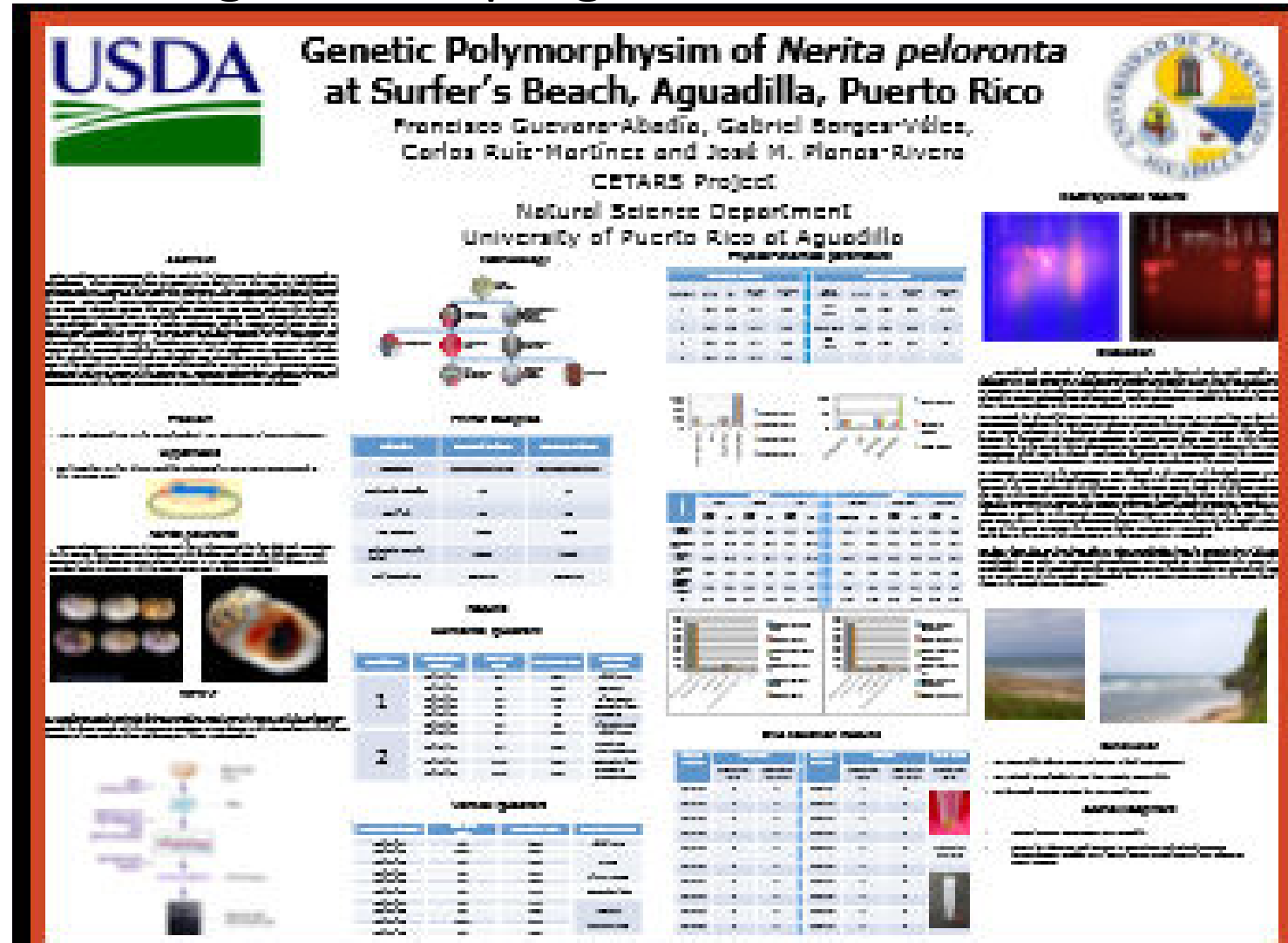
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# Escritura científica: Afiche

- Comunica los avances de una investigación en progreso
- Consiste de:
  - Título
  - Abstracto
  - Introducción
  - Problema e hipótesis
  - Metodología
  - Resultados
  - Discusión
  - Conclusiones
  - Agradecimientos







# Genetic Polymorphism of *Nerita peloronta* at Surfer's Beach, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico

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### Problem

- Exist polymorphism in the mitochondrial 16S rDNA gene of *Nerita peloronta*?

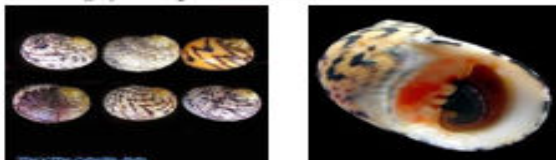
### Hypothesis

- We hypothesize that there could be polymorphic variations represented in the 16S rDNA gene.



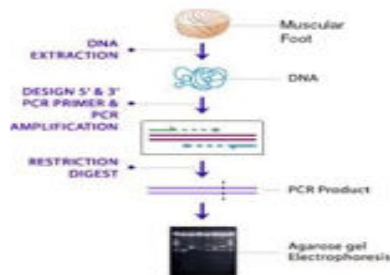
### *Nerita peloronta*

*Nerita peloronta* is a species of marine snail that is characterized for their dark red operculum, for this reason these species are also known as the bleeding tooth snail. The shell varies in each organism, it has different patterns, colors and sizes. It is a marine gastropod that belongs to the Neritidae family, it possesses gills like most marine snail to obtain its nutrient.



### PCR-RFLP

It is a technique used in molecular biology to amplify a specific gene of interest. With this technique one can observe polymorphism in DNA or a specific gene by treating it with a restriction enzyme. Once the sample has been treated with the restriction enzymes, we can observe in the electrophoresis the different fragments of DNA, analyze them and determine if there is polymorphism.



### Methodology



### Primer Designee

Criteria	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
Sequence	CGGCTTTTAAACAMAGAT	ATACATATTCCTTTATATC
Nucleotide Number	20	21
Tm (°C)	46	43
GC content	35%	24%
Molecular Weight [g/M]	6068	6354
Self Annealing	Negative	Negative

### Results

#### Horizontal Quadrant

Quadrant	Identification number	Shell Size (mm)	Foot Weight (mg)	Descriptive Statistics
1	FG-H1-01	27	342	Shell Size
	FG-H1-02	24	335	$\Sigma = 18.5$
	FG-H1-03	19	104	$S^2 = 5.6992$
	FG-H1-04	18	77	Muscular foot
	FG-H1-05	14	56	$\Sigma = 80.5$
2	FG-H1-06	15	32	$S^2 = 142.229$
	FG-H2-01	27	315	Shell Size
	FG-H2-02	25	266	$\Sigma = 25.25$
	FG-H2-03	25.5	358	$S^2 = 1.08012$
	FG-H2-04	24.5	284	$\Sigma = 299.5$ $S^2 = 40.2854$

#### Vertical Quadrant

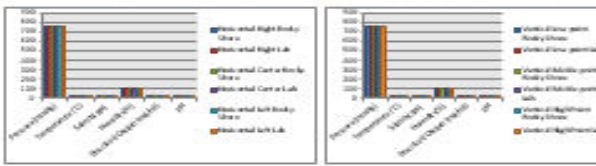
Identification number	Shell Size (mm)	Foot Weight (mg)	Descriptive Statistics
FG-V1-01	26	483	Shell Size
FG-V1-02	26.5	632	
FG-V1-03	24	324	$\Sigma = 24$
FG-V1-04	24	322	
FG-V1-05	25	268	$S^2 = 1.11056$
FG-V1-06	24	275	Muscular foot
FG-V1-07	24	191	
FG-V1-08	24	286	$\Sigma = 323$
FG-V1-09	26.5	415	$S^2 = 121.273$
FG-V1-10	24	307	

### Physical-chemical parameters

Quadrant	Horizontal Transect				Vertical Transect				
	T.M.C	pH	Salinity (ppt)	Humidity (%)	Temp. (°C)	pH	Salinity (ppt)	Humidity (%)	
1	28.3	6.37	31.1	100	High point	28.3	8.49	34.7	17-18
2	28.4	7.29	31.6	100	Middle point	28.3	8.26	34.0	27
3	30.8	7.72	31.1	100	Low point	28.8	8.80	34.1	31
4	28.3	8.8	31.2	100					



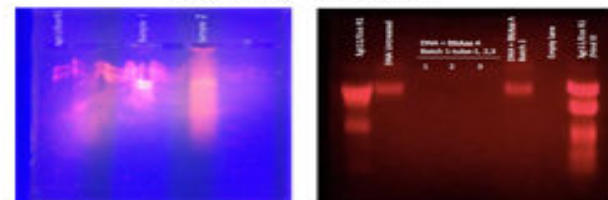
Quadrant	Horizontal					Vertical				
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Quadrant 1	27.3	26.3	27.3	26.3	27.3	26.3	27.3	26.3	27.3	26.3
Quadrant 2	27.1	26.9	27.1	26.8	27.1	26.6	27.1	26.7	26.8	27.1
Quadrant 3	28.8	33.2	31	33.1	31	33.2	32.0	33.8	32.5	31.1
Quadrant 4	300	100	100	308	100	100	180	308	180	180
Quadrant 5	6.8	5.8	4.8	5.2	4.8	5.2	6.4	6.7	5.2	5.2
Quadrant 6	8.21	7.84	8.21	7.82	8.21	7.82	8.26	7.88	8.28	7.90



### DNA Isolation Results

Sample Number	Horizontal		Sample Number	Vertical		Picture Image
	Mitochondrial DNA Isolation	Mitochondrial DNA Isolation		Mitochondrial DNA Isolation	Mitochondrial DNA Isolation	
FG-H1-01	+	+	FG-V1-01	+	+	Mitochondrial DNA Isolation
FG-H1-02	+	+	FG-V1-02	+	+	
FG-H1-03	+	+	FG-V1-03	+	+	
FG-H1-04	+	+	FG-V1-04	+	+	Mitochondrial DNA Isolation
FG-H1-05	+	+	FG-V1-05	+	+	
FG-H1-06	+	+	FG-V1-06	+	+	
FG-H2-01	+	+	FG-V1-07	+	+	Mitochondrial DNA Isolation
FG-H2-02	+	+	FG-V1-08	+	+	
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### Electrophoresis Results



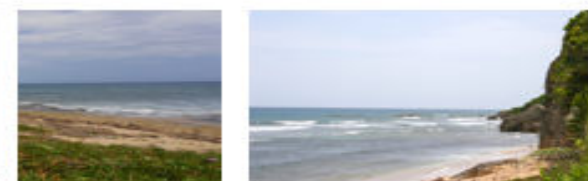
### Discussion

We recollected our sample of *Nerita peloronta* at the rocky shores of Surfer Beach, Aguadilla. The shells varies in size, organisms in the horizontal quadrant are smaller in size than those in the vertical quadrant. This may be due to a combination of physical and chemical factors in each environment, such as exposure to water, UV radiation, predation and nutrients. These factors can also play a role in variations reflected as genetic polymorphism and mutations. Further investigation is needed to determine how much these factors contribute to the variations observed in *N. peloronta*.

We measured the physical-chemical parameters in a given point in time, so we can have an idea of the environmental conditions that can serve as selective pressures that can induce polymorphism, allowing us to use *Nerita peloronta* as a biological indicator of environmental stress. Variations were observed between the horizontal and vertical environment, all levels varies, being more acidic in the horizontal transect than in the vertical. These observation was expected since the horizontal transects has a closed environment which may be affected significantly by variations in temperature cause by exposure to sunlight. The horizontal environment is not as protected from UV radiation as the vertical environment.

An important variation in the environment was observed in the amount of dissolved oxygen in each transect. The amount of dissolved oxygen in water is larger in the vertical transect, when compared to the horizontal. This may explain why the difference in size between *Nerita* found in the different transects. The ones in the vertical transect may have more exposure to oxygen than those in the horizontal, given them the opportunity to increase their energy production through aerobic respiration. Humidity is the parameter that has the most variation, because in the horizontal transect the organisms are completely submerged in water but in the vertical transect the organisms are only splashed, with the water that the waves carries. This is an interesting observation, because if these organisms have gills why would it prefer to be out of the water. To answer this question, further investigation is necessary, but possible explanation can be due to the nature of the organisms or to the water quality it is exposed to.

Our data shows that we have been able to isolate mitochondria from the muscular foot of the *Nerita peloronta*. Furthermore, we have successfully isolated mitochondrial DNA as reflected by the presence of mitochondrial DNA pellet. 1% Agarose electrophoresis was carried out to determine the status of the mitochondrial DNA. Gel suggested possible RNA contamination, therefore sample was treated with RNase A. To our surprise, all the sample was degraded, due to a DNase contamination in the RNase batch as shown in the second electro electrophoresis.



### Conclusion

- We successfully obtain *Nerita peloronta* in both environments.
- We isolated Mitochondrial DNA from sample successfully.
- We designed 16S rDNA primer for PCR amplification.

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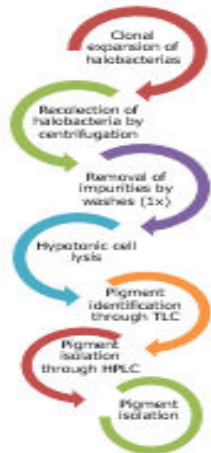
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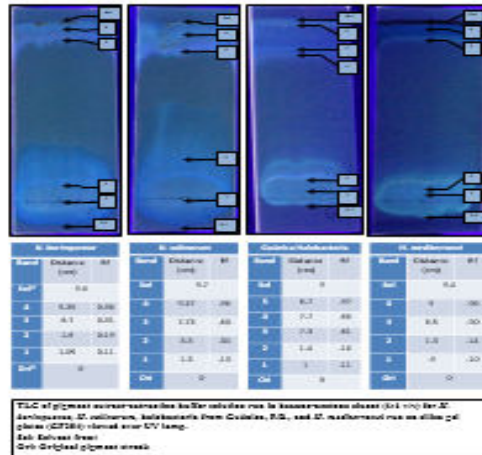
## Food coloring pigments



## Methodology



## Thin Layer chromatography



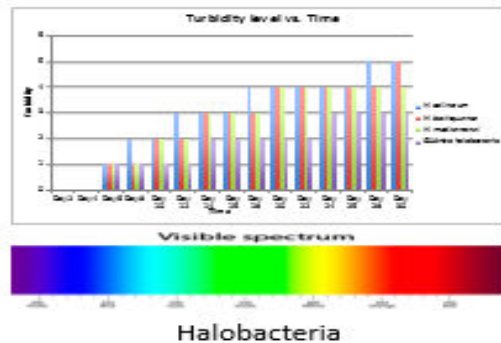
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The turbidity of the media was used as an indicator of growth for the four halobacteria. The turbidity shows growth, which led us to the extraction of pigments (Table 1). Thin Layer Chromatography for the halobacteria demonstrated 4-5 bands, which corresponds to the numbers of carotenoid pigments produced by the organisms. Guánica halobacteria was the only one that showed 5 bands. The production of 5 pigments can be attributed to the adaptation of this archaeon to provide itself with more protection from radiating conditions manifested in the tropical territories, such as Puerto Rico. By sharing a similar retention factor of (Rf = 0.90) it is possible that the four species probably produce a common pigment. *H. borinquense*, *H. mediterranei* and Guánica halobacteria have a common Rf of 0.10 and 0.13. In addition, *H. borinquense* and *H. mediterranei* presented a band with a similar Rf value. *H. salinarum* and Guánica halobacteria presented a similar case, as did *H. salinarum* and *H. mediterranei*. In the other hand, *H. salinarum*, *H. borinquense* and Guánica halobacteria presented unique bands, which means that these bands are pigment present only in these organisms when compared between the four.

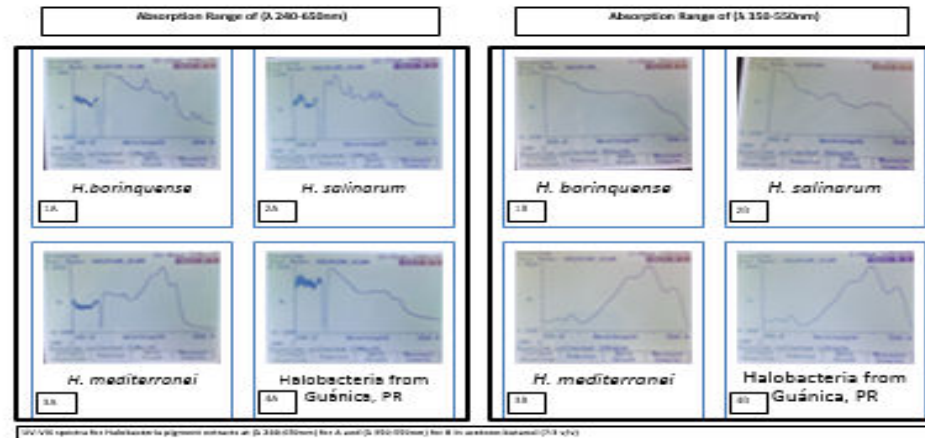
Our spectra are divided into 2 groups: broad range and narrow range. The broad range represents absorbance at the full visible light spectrum range and the narrow range, the absorbance range for carotenoid pigments. In the broad range UV-Vis spectra (λ 240nm-650nm), there is a pattern involving 3 prominent peaks in 2A, 3A, and 4A within the carotenoid absorption range (λ 350-550nm); 2A presented 8 prominent peaks in this same range. For the three before-mentioned spectra, there were 2 peaks found within 490-560nm—light absorbed at this range excludes red-colored light, confirming that the halobacteria produce red pigments; 2A expresses 3 peaks in the same range. The three spectra also present a peak in the 430-490nm range—where orange light is reflected—suggesting that this pigment belongs to the  $\beta$ -carotene group; 2A presents 3.5 of these peaks and also presents 1.5 peaks within 400-430nm, reflecting yellow light. In the narrow range UV-Vis spectra (λ 350nm-550nm), the same pattern is observed; 1, 3, and 4B are similar—3-4 peaks—whereas, 2B differs—9-5 peaks. As in panel A, in these similar spectra express 2 peaks within λ 490-560nm suggesting the presence of red pigments, 1 peak within λ 430-490nm suggesting the presence of orange pigments, yet no peaks within λ 400-430nm suggesting the absence of yellow pigments. Breaking the pattern, 2B expresses 3 peaks in the range for red pigments, 3.5 peaks in the orange pigment range, and 2.5 peaks in the yellow pigment range.

These results suggest the possibility that our halobacteria produce Bacterioruberin (red pigment), and  $\beta$ -carotene (pigments ranging from yellow to orange) which are also produced by another halobacterium, *Haloerubrum* sp. T82126 (Nadiri et al., 2014).

## Results



## UV-Vis spectrum



## Conclusion

The halobacteria produce carotenoid pigments, which makes them a candidate for being a source of food coloring pigments.

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¿Preguntas?

