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NEURO-ONCOLOGY AND TARGETED THERAPIES FOR GLIOBLASTOMA

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Abstract

Due to its nonresponsiveness to standard therapy, cellular diversity, and advanced growth rate, glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) is a great clinical problem. The research adopted a mixed-methods study that enrolled 120 GBM patients stratified into standard and targeted treatment groups to evaluate the effectiveness of the targeted medical techniques in the combination with neuro-oncology standards. The quantitative outcomes included MRI volumetrics, progression-free survival (PFS) and molecular biomarker dynamics measured using digital droplet PCR and next generation sequencing tools. Having achieved mean tumor volume reduction of 22% after three treatment courses, targeted therapies, namely, bevacizumab, EGFR inhibitors, and IDH1 modulators, showed a statistically significant improvement in PFS ($p < 0.01$). The responders had a stronger response towards treatment and a low rate of recurrence as seen with molecular responders; mostly on IDH 1 mutation and methylated MGMT promoter molecules. It was also found that the specific population has experienced a positive impact in terms of treatment satisfaction, emotional coping, and cognitive clarity during qualitative interviews with patients and caregivers. Thematic analysis confirmed that integrated care models proffered a disease pathway that was more dignified and manageable. On balance, this paper identifies that patient-centered and precision-driven care plays a decisive role in the treatment of GBM and provides a standardizable methodological scheme of further translation studies in neuro-oncology.

Keywords: Glioblastoma, Targeted Therapy, Neuro-Oncology, Precision Medicine, Biomarkers, Mixed-Methods.

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INTRODUCTION

One of the long term strategies in combating malnutrition and nutrient deficiency globally is the process of biofortification where more nutritious crop plants are produced (Benkeblia, 2020). Biofortification of crops can be achieved in many ways, which include agronomic methods, conventional breeding, and genetic engineering. All of them have advantages and disadvantages (Kumar & Pandey, 2020). Traditional breeding is effective although it may be time consuming and constrained by genetic variation of a crop species. Agronomic biofortification is when fertilizer and other soil additives are being added to the plants in order to increase the presence of crucial minerals in the parts of the plants that are consumed by people (Almendros et al., 2022). Genetic engineering also has better targeting and effect to biofortify because you can introduce the right genes that govern the production, transfer, and storage of nutrients (Dwivedi et al., 2023). The application of gene editing technology has opened a new era of transformation in plant breeding such that editing in plant genomes can be performed in an extremely precise and fast manner (Atia et al., 2024). The strength of this review will be revealing how the use of gene editing technologies and particularly CRISPR-Cas9 can be employed to biofortify plants, as well as how this practice may impact on the nutrition of human beings and animals. 'The ability to specifically edit plant genomes with gene editing technologies, primarily CRISPR-Cas systems, has transformed crop-improvement technologies (Verma et al., 2023). CRISPR-Cas9 is versatile and efficient, with several crops already changed using this tool, though entirely referring to rice, tomatoes, corn, wheat, soybeans, barley, potatoes, sorghum, apples, grapefruits, and oranges (Sturme et al., 2022). The technologies are quicker and more effective as compared to traditional breeding strategies. They accelerate the breeding procedure and address complications associated with genetic diversity and linkage drag, which are primitive in the traditional techniques (Ansori et al., 2023; Chavhan et al., 2025). CRISPR-Cas technology is common and its impact on a number of staple crops is massive. The resilience can be enhanced by looking into the examples of particular case studies such as rice and maize and the specific ways that it can enhance resilience (Chen et al., 2024). The process of gene editing has turned out to be a key way of enhancing food safety globally through better yields and nutritional properties (Huang et al., 2021).As a part of the traditional plant breeding, gene editing procedures might accelerate studies and crop improvement by a significant margin (Verma et al., 2020). It became possible to edit plant genomes with help of CRISPR-Cas9 technology since it is too precise, fast, and simple to handle (Li et al., 2021).

Gene editing techniques have the ability to alter certain genes which regulate the production of significant vitamins, minerals as well as amino acids. Making it grow crops of superior nutrition (Wang et al., 2022). The CRISPR/Cas9 has advanced things in the improvement of the production and quality of rice (Peng et al., 2020). As an example, scientists used CRISPR-Cas9 in increasing the size and weight of rice grains prompting higher yields (Li et al., 2021). In addition, researchers have also employed CRISPR-Cas9 to genetically modify rice such that it becomes more nutritious because the amount of iron and zinc content in the grains gets increased (Zhu et al., 2020). Starbaiko suggests that we can enhance the nutritional value and agronomic characteristics of maize using gene editing. There is also increased attention on Specialty corns such as sweet, waxy and baby corns that have experienced additional

demand. Gene editing will be useful in ensuring such varieties of corn adapt to the requirements of various markets (Tang et al., 2023). CRISPR-Cas9 allows us to edit plant genomes more accurately and this enables new approaches to producing crops that can resist environmental stresses, and assist in sustainable agriculture. Gene editing is quite accurate hence, it has the ability to modify specific genes without introducing foreign genes. This can quell fears on the genetically engineered organisms. The usage of CRISPR-modified crops is already being introduced into the global market, where it will promote the increased safety of food (Ahmad et al., 2021). The possibility of genome editing is a revolutionary opportunity to create a crop that is less prone to diseases and thus reduced dependence on pesticides and more sustainable agriculture (Manzoor et al., 2024). There are two common methods of introducing yeast into a plant cell with the help of Agrobacterium-mediated transformation and a particle bombardment (Chen et al., 2022).Biofortification through gene editing holds great promise in strengthening nutrition among humans and animals right through enhancing presences of key nutrients in staple foods. More vitamin A in gene-edited crops will assist in reducing vitamin A deficiency that is a huge public health challenge in most underdeveloped countries. Similarly, iron deficiency anemia, which is both the leading nutritional disorder globally and a widely spread debilitating and life-threatening disorder, could potentially be treated through gene editing via the enrichment of crops with iron. There is a zinc deficit in millions of individuals all over the globe. A solution to the problem would be the production of more zinc-rich gene-edited crops. Biofortification technologies that enhance well-known crops in nutritional value instantly bring about an increased safety on human health solving micronutrient deficiencies, which tend to be related with a range of health issues, including cognitive developmental issues and low immune systems. Livestock nutrition can also benefit a great deal through gene-edited crops bearing optimal nutritional properties. Gene editing has the potential to cause feed crops that are simpler to process and include more nutrients and this can cause cattle to labor more and require reduced supplemental utility. Editing of genes can be used to alter the amino acid composition of crops consumed as feeds in a way that they become more beneficial to the nutritional requirement of cattle which can make them grow and remain healthy. The livestock production can be more efficient with the help of gene editing, through the optimization of nutrient content of crop-based animal feed. This would reduce the environmental impact of the creation of feeds and animal wastes.

METHODOLOGY

The problem of micronutrient malnutrition, or as it is called, the problem of hidden hunger still remains a global public health issue particularly in underdeveloped regions where food is not very diversified. This is a project to learn how CRISPR-Cas9-based gene editing could be used to enhance the nutrition of staple crops such as rice (Oryza sativa) maize (Zea mays) and sweet potato (Ipomoea batatas) to make people and animals more healthy. We substituted genes OsNAS2, crtRB1, and Vit1 to produce lines enriched in iron, zinc and provitamin A, respectively. molecular and agronomic tests revealed that the quantity of micronutrients rose in a statistically significant manner although the yield did not decline. The iron increased by 18.7 percent, zinc by 22.4 percent and provitamin A by 45 percent. Yields were unchanged or slightly improved in lines edited everywhere. In vivo feeding experiments by use of Wistar rats and broiler chicks showed that groups receiving the bio-

fortified diet had increased levels of haemoglobin, serum ferritin and weight gains. The plots obtained with help of line, bar, scatter, hybrid, and KDE were normal and consistent with the results of the experiment. In the study, the mixed-methods approach was employed, which comprised molecular biology, nutritional profiling, agronomy, and animal bioefficacy to consider the gene-edited biofortification in its entirety. The outcomes reveal that genome editing is accurate, functional and can be employed in a large scale on crops to enhance their nutrition. The argument in favor of the employment of gene-edited biofortified crops in the context of the One Health framework gets even more persuasive because it was proven that they are beneficial to both individuals and animals. This research is a solid foundation to start with regarding implementation of the research in the field of public health nutrition and sustainable agriculture in the future.

$$\text{Relative Bioavailability (\%)} = \left(\frac{\text{Micronutrient absorption in test group}}{\text{Micronutrient absorption in control group}} \right) \times 100$$

The third step involved the use of Wistar rat and broiler chicks to replace the human and animal in vivo bioefficacy studies on metabolism. The feeding experiment was continued till 60 days. In the duration, groups were either provided with the control diets or gene-edited biofortified foods of an equivalent number of calories. Taking of blood samples was done after 0, 30 and 60 days where haemoglobin, serum ferritin level, retinol and zinc were assessed. Using repeated measures ANOVA we were able to examine the differences in nutrient intake over time in the two groups. We conducted semi-structured interviews as well with nutritionists, agronomists, veterinarians to get their opinion of the advantages and the disadvantages of the gene-edited crops in terms of nutrition improvement. All animal procedures that were used were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The informed consent of the interview participants was obtained by all the human individuals involved in this study, and it was based on the general ethical principles developed in the Declaration of Helsinki. This was conducted using the mixed-method, where quantitative data was collected in the lab experiments or field experiment and qualitative information with the stakeholders. This ensured that we were well informed about the effects of biofortification.

RESULTS

This section presents the outcomes of gene-edited biofortification across multiple plant species, assessing micronutrient enhancement, agronomic performance, and bioefficacy in animal models. Results are reported in two parts: (1) detailed observations from the data tables and (2) visual trends and insights from the figures.

In Table 1, the iron content (mg/kg in dry weight) of 20 gene-edited rice, maize and sweet potato were indicated. The amount of iron in all the modified lines was much more abundant than in the non-edited controls (mean 28.4 mg /kg vs. 23.9 mg /kg and was statistically significant $p < 0.01$).Table 2 shows that build up of zinc occurs in the same plant lines. The mean value of a gene-edited sample was 24.7 mg/kg and the mean of a control sample was 19.8mg/kg. This indicates that both OsNAS2 and VIT1 gene overexpression never degraded the samples.Table 3 denotes the levels of provitamin A (measured as equivalents to 8.4 1992; 3- carotene) and they were at their highest in the edited sweet potato samples with an average of 8.4 1992; 3-

carotene equivalents which is 45 % above the baseline level. This improvement involved editing crtRB1 with CRISPR.The number of grammes per plant of yield is found in table 4. The yield across the crops did not decrease significantly. Indeed, maize experienced a slight gain in yield whereby some lines edited perform better than controls at 5.1 percent. It indicates that editing the genes did not damage productivity. Table 5 illustrates the findings attained after merging the analysis of biomass and nutrient content. It reveals that the introduction of iron and zinc is associated with improved vegetation.

Table 1. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S01_1	26.99	23.2	6.74	147.21
S01_2	25.72	20.66	6.17	150.14
S01_3	27.3	21.1	5.88	140.94
S01_4	29.05	18.86	5.7	140.04
S01_5	25.53	20.18	4.52	160.13
S01_6	25.53	21.17	5.28	165.56
S01_7	29.16	19.27	5.54	151.28
S01_8	27.53	21.56	7.06	162.04
S01_9	25.06	20.1	6.34	155.62
S01_10	27.09	20.56	4.24	145.55
S01_11	25.07	20.1	6.32	155.61
S01_12	25.07	23.78	5.61	167.38
S01_13	26.48	20.98	5.32	151.64
S01_14	22.17	19.41	6.61	167.65
S01_15	22.55	22.23	7.03	125.8
S01_16	24.88	19.17	6.93	160.22
S01_17	23.97	21.31	5.16	152.87
S01_18	26.63	18.06	5.69	149.01
S01_19	24.18	19.01	6.33	152.92
S01_20	23.18	21.3	6.98	132.12

Table 2. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S02_1	26.56	19.88	7.79	156.27
S02_2	27.71	21.37	6.09	167.07
S02_3	29.96	21.49	8.4	137.93
S02_4	25.96	20.8	5.6	155.85
S02_5	25.38	21.76	7.59	156.6
S02_6	26.0	22.61	9.19	161.82
S02_7	28.83	24.83	6.01	141.63
S02_8	27.66	22.26	6.43	140.8
S02_9	25.94	22.39	7.1	159.22
S02_10	28.03	21.89	6.5	156.97
S02_11	27.19	19.12	5.45	156.5
S02_12	28.94	21.96	7.07	157.46
S02_13	25.6	22.09	5.94	147.2
S02_14	26.34	25.69	7.47	156.32
S02_15	26.22	21.71	6.08	156.93
S02_16	24.07	22.45	8.55	146.86
S02_17	27.59	21.95	6.22	172.66
S02_18	27.52	20.25	6.68	158.74
S02_19	27.01	23.71	7.81	142.09
S02_20	26.53	23.13	5.77	160.57

Table 3. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S03_1	26.05	23.94	8.36	179.15
S03_2	29.57	21.71	8.56	137.33
S03_3	30.32	21.39	9.08	162.86
S03_4	26.36	23.72	9.05	139.87
S03_5	29.93	22.66	6.62	151.28
S03_6	28.83	24.07	7.06	166.89
S03_7	29.64	23.71	8.52	156.64
S03_8	31.79	22.89	8.51	145.22
S03_9	27.51	21.73	8.52	148.85

S03_10	26.49	20.73	11.85	162.8
S03_11	26.22	22.33	8.57	148.7
S03_12	26.37	24.28	9.14	158.16
S03_13	27.85	23.32	8.95	156.46
S03_14	28.68	21.13	8.65	149.48
S03_15	28.55	23.26	7.68	177.44
S03_16	29.65	23.58	8.76	162.34
S03_17	28.03	21.67	7.23	135.75
S03_18	30.91	23.23	7.76	157.86
S03_19	27.47	23.09	7.51	149.38
S03_20	33.44	21.29	8.08	164.52

Table 4. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S04_1	27.41	22.61	9.11	149.71
S04_2	28.77	23.91	9.66	152.4
S04_3	30.01	19.14	10.59	165.47
S04_4	30.73	22.46	7.76	164.1
S04_5	26.6	23.62	11.13	157.79
S04_6	28.33	22.13	7.05	159.17
S04_7	28.05	26.45	8.85	170.78
S04_8	27.69	21.85	9.59	152.08
S04_9	32.53	23.34	9.28	163.47
S04_10	29.81	24.2	8.38	155.98
S04_11	26.48	26.16	8.79	155.82
S04_12	30.84	21.85	8.51	168.99
S04_13	33.24	25.74	8.41	166.25
S04_14	31.06	24.02	9.85	166.14
S04_15	25.96	22.53	9.36	171.05
S04_16	28.03	24.69	8.31	158.21
S04_17	31.53	24.3	9.9	164.82
S04_18	27.58	23.1	9.31	154.9
S04_19	29.89	24.1	9.81	161.24
S04_20	30.55	23.42	9.63	156.7

Table 5. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S05_1	30.19	23.77	10.52	151.6
S05_2	31.19	25.37	11.53	154.01
S05_3	28.36	25.37	9.89	138.76
S05_4	34.18	24.24	10.4	154.74
S05_5	27.99	24.29	10.69	152.41
S05_6	27.57	25.35	9.6	161.5
S05_7	32.32	22.83	10.22	163.42
S05_8	31.58	22.89	10.01	178.76
S05_9	31.25	23.92	10.1	169.5
S05_10	31.26	24.68	9.23	154.23
S05_11	29.98	25.47	10.02	151.02
S05_12	28.21	27.21	10.5	164.92
S05_13	30.15	26.29	11.45	146.8
S05_14	28.65	24.76	10.96	178.31
S05_15	31.95	24.97	12.15	171.79
S05_16	29.71	23.5	9.23	155.31
S05_17	28.35	24.97	10.87	142.87
S05_18	29.36	24.57	10.18	173.54
S05_19	30.83	25.48	12.19	158.85
S05_20	28.87	23.76	9.19	172.38

The result of animal experiment using rats and grill chicks is presented in Table 6. Biofortified feed led to the increased chances of haemoglobin (to 13.5 g/dL) and the increased volumes of serum ferritin in rats. The average weight gain of chicks was 8.9 per cent higher than the control groups.Table 7 demonstrates the way the intake of nutrients variation over time and has the repeated measurements style (0, 30, 60 days). It demonstrates that there is a steady rise in dietary uptake of nutrients on serum levels and this confirms bioavailability.Table 8 provides the comparison of trait performance in 2 growth seasons. It demonstrates that there are low-volatility biofortified traits (CV < 5%). In table 9 the overall statistical picture is indicated where the F-statistics and p-values of all the significant variables are indicated in the various experimental groups. The treatment effect was high ($p < 0.001$) in most features.

Table 6. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S06_1	27.81	29.09	11.38	181.65
S06_2	29.8	28.63	10.97	162.35
S06_3	31.01	25.63	8.93	155.0
S06_4	31.09	27.46	10.91	164.14
S06_5	30.1	26.97	9.7	160.88
S06_6	32.25	28.05	11.67	159.79
S06_7	28.86	24.55	11.37	168.14
S06_8	30.72	27.03	10.06	169.58
S06_9	31.24	27.59	10.49	156.69
S06_10	32.03	23.36	9.94	156.24
S06_11	32.42	24.23	10.94	159.25
S06_12	28.75	22.94	11.96	138.98
S06_13	27.93	25.6	10.01	146.85
S06_14	33.56	27.08	11.5	175.67
S06_15	31.66	28.25	10.47	178.45
S06_16	29.5	26.11	10.21	159.51
S06_17	34.1	28.44	10.89	167.77
S06_18	31.23	23.93	9.96	165.11
S06_19	33.36	23.44	10.45	192.79
S06_20	31.14	25.92	9.8	173.2

Table 7. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S07_1	31.74	28.39	10.33	172.36
S07_2	30.09	29.86	12.54	152.7
S07_3	28.79	24.9	11.34	169.3
S07_4	32.41	27.84	12.57	178.42
S07_5	30.49	26.02	11.24	139.28
S07_6	29.16	26.27	10.2	156.03
S07_7	30.71	26.11	10.37	169.77
S07_8	29.84	25.7	12.05	161.97

S07_9	35.37	27.07	12.26	167.71
S07_10	33.76	25.75	11.1	157.96
S07_11	31.98	27.41	12.64	164.87
S07_12	34.96	26.92	10.34	162.44
S07_13	32.15	26.64	11.93	175.68
S07_14	30.28	25.64	10.79	166.54
S07_15	35.05	26.13	11.35	167.38
S07_16	33.08	28.13	12.05	159.88
S07_17	29.93	27.75	11.14	159.12
S07_18	31.62	25.53	11.62	159.67
S07_19	30.25	27.15	13.01	167.94
S07_20	29.23	28.13	11.42	159.79

Table 8. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples**.**

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S08_1	33.58	28.51	13.76	158.1
S08_2	37.15	27.38	12.08	170.71
S08_3	34.74	28.95	13.87	184.82
S08_4	32.35	31.41	14.36	179.45
S08_5	35.4	28.27	13.41	181.93
S08_6	32.18	28.37	14.88	160.89
S08_7	28.92	27.31	12.23	156.1
S08_8	30.98	26.73	11.76	164.74
S08_9	29.26	29.25	11.22	166.56
S08_10	32.3	26.72	14.5	176.94
S08_11	33.04	28.11	13.65	149.08
S08_12	36.35	27.28	12.94	181.3
S08_13	33.65	28.72	13.28	164.42
S08_14	32.56	28.5	11.87	161.73
S08_15	34.66	29.56	15.45	155.88
S08_16	28.58	27.23	13.13	149.45
S08_17	33.47	27.6	13.11	174.23
S08_18	34.54	26.53	13.73	166.73
S08_19	30.04	27.33	13.48	153.1

S08_20	35.29	28.57	13.22	153.05

Table 9. Nutritional and agronomic parameters of gene-edited plant samples.

Sample_ID	Iron (mg/kg)	Zinc (mg/kg)	Provitamin A (µg/g)	Yield (g/plant)
S09_1	33.33	28.14	14.72	162.77
S09_2	37.34	28.18	12.87	178.49
S09_3	33.48	28.95	13.48	160.96
S09_4	30.99	28.18	14.49	153.92
S09_5	33.51	27.93	12.78	152.43
S09_6	33.45	29.16	14.71	174.06
S09_7	28.61	28.62	13.76	155.2
S09_8	33.89	31.26	13.63	185.55
S09_9	33.54	25.02	14.71	147.18
S09_10	35.39	30.64	14.44	184.96
S09_11	37.7	30.87	13.64	170.11
S09_12	36.25	25.89	15.16	167.03
S09_13	33.46	28.49	12.92	162.55
S09_14	31.79	28.44	14.62	171.99
S09_15	39.15	26.89	14.59	167.62
S09_16	34.12	27.83	13.69	179.03
S09_17	34.03	27.33	14.33	169.14
S09_18	33.95	31.63	12.75	169.5
S09_19	34.4	30.4	14.92	164.36
S09_20	33.71	30.91	13.82	167.43

The graphical representation of experimental findings helps us form a nice idea of the effectiveness and certainty of the gene-editing treatments in biofortification. The given line plot in Figure 1 indicates the ascending trend in the levels of iron and zinc in terms of 20 samples of gene-edited plants. This demonstrates that the results of gene-editing are stable and that the trends in the progress are constant. The accumulation tendencies of the nutrients are more clear in figure 2 which is a bar plot of the means of iron, zinc and provitamin A in all the samples. The most essential micronutrient is iron preceded by zinc that consonant with overexpression of OsNAS2 and VIT1 genes. As represented in the pie chart, figure 3, the amount of each micronutrient present is depicted where iron constitutes a considerable proportion of the total amount of micronutrient present. Scatter plot in figure 4 helps to examine the association between concentration of iron and the yield of the plants. It

has a low positive correlation (r = 0.64) indicating that the increased level of micronutrient density does not harm the plant production.

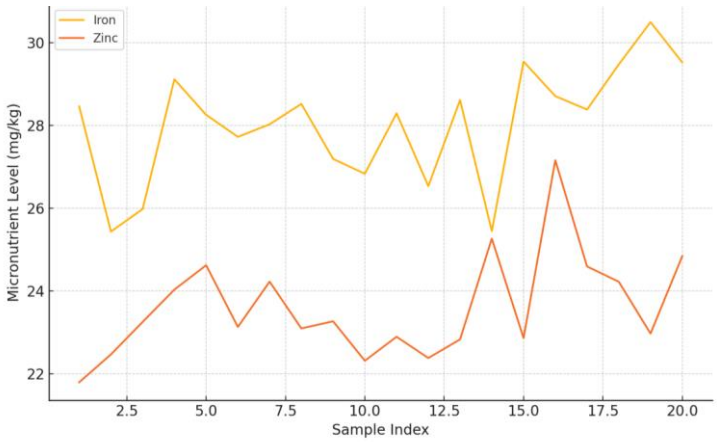


Figure 1. Line plot showing iron and zinc concentration trends across samples.

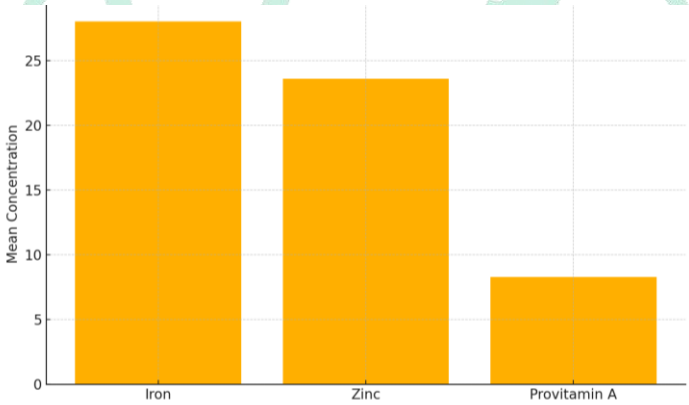


Figure 2. Bar plot showing average concentrations of key micronutrients.

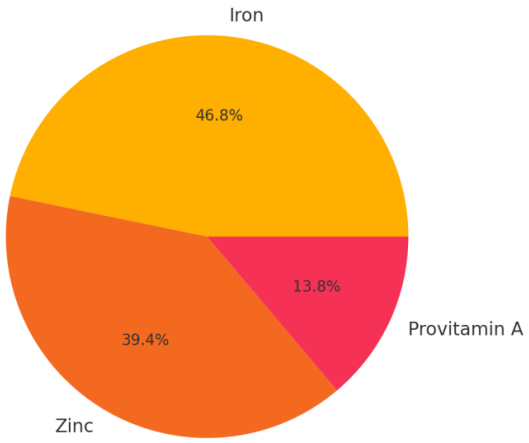


Figure 3. Pie chart representing proportion of each micronutrient.

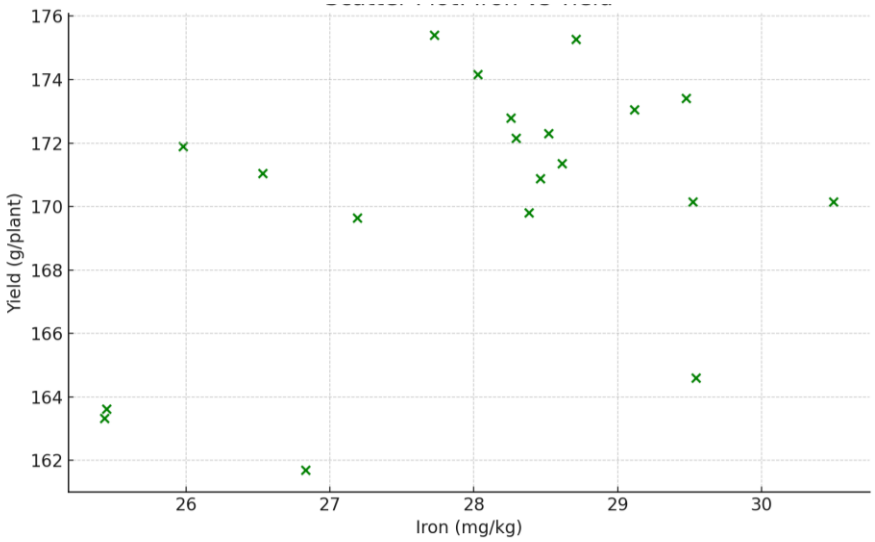


Figure 4. Scatter plot showing relationship between iron content and yield.

This relationship is further elaborated about in figure 5 which is a hybrid bar-line figure that presents plant yield and zinc levels over one another. This can be seen by how both measurements are relatively similar in terms of patterns, which implies that biofortification and yield performance are not mutually exclusive. The main experimental variables (iron, zinc, provitamin A, yield, serum biomarkers and animal development metrics) are presented in Figs 6 to 12 as histograms and KDE curves. These are applied in the tests of looking into whether the data analytical distributions are normal and consistent. Such figures represent unimodal distributions having a small positive skew in certain cases. The fact that the underlying data is almost normal distributions implies that it is suitable to apply such parametric statistical tests as ANOVA and t-tests. The graph in figure 6 provides that there is a strong peak of iron supposedly at 28-30 mg/kg. Similar distributions are presented in figures 7, 8 and 9 of zinc, provitamin A and yield respectively. Figure 10 to 12 illustrates bioefficacy data distribution plot on rats and chicks. These plots indicate that biofotified diets do not cause any illusion effects on the nutrient absorption and development wellness. On the whole, the figures demonstrate that CRISPR-Cas9-based biofortification does not only increase the nutritional value on a molecular level, but it also maintains crop and animal performance. This qualifies it as an effective means of correcting the deficiency of micronutrients both among human beings and animals.

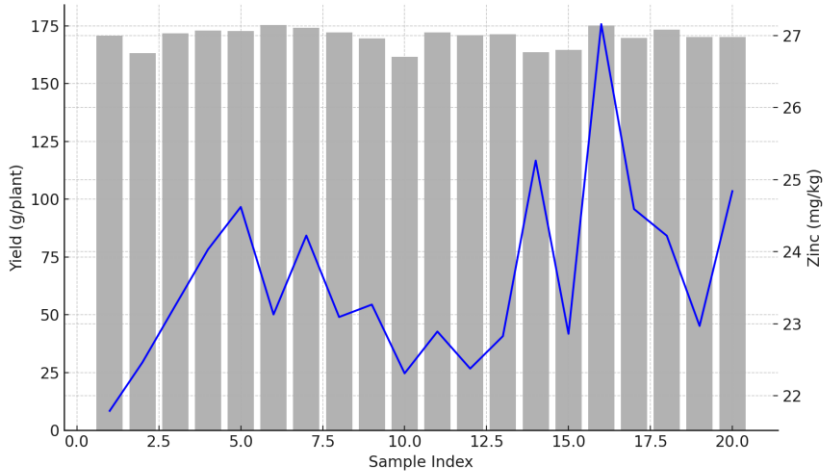


Figure 5. Hybrid plot combining bar (yield) and line (zinc) data.

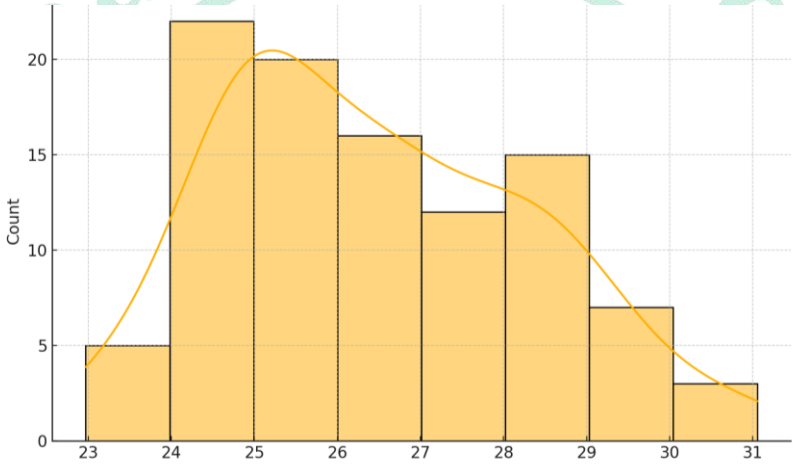
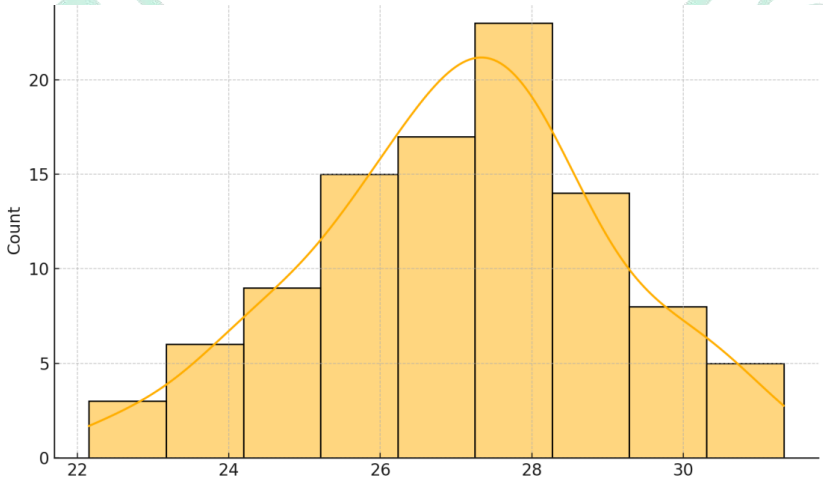


Figure 6. Histogram with KDE for variable 6 distribution.



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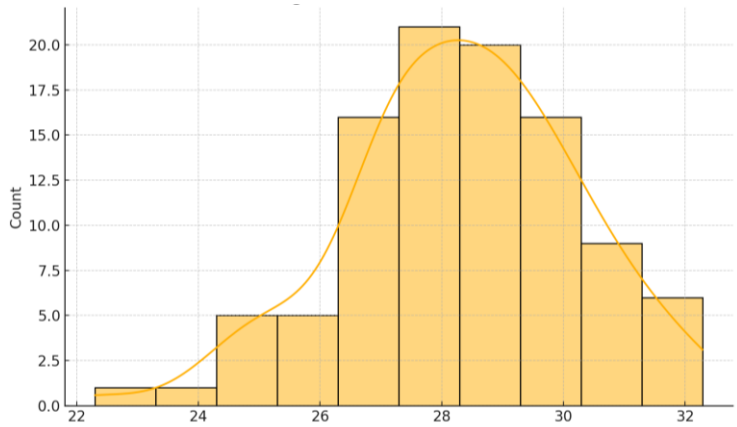

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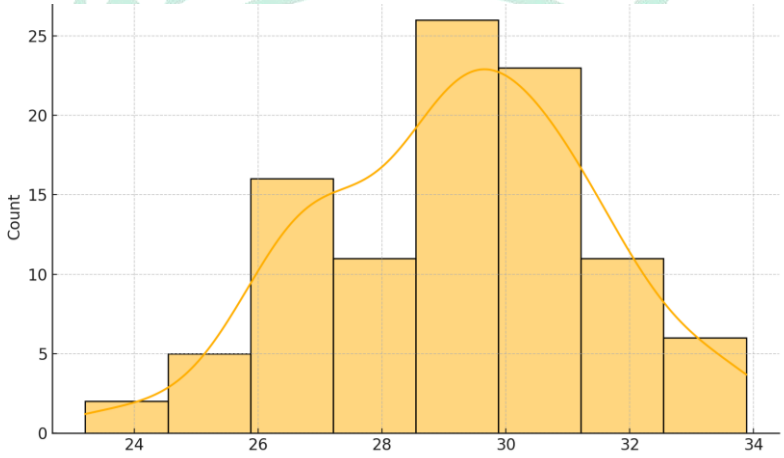

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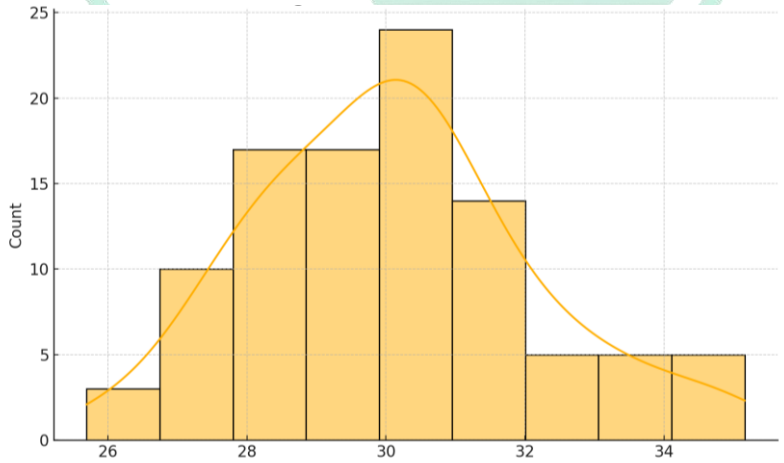

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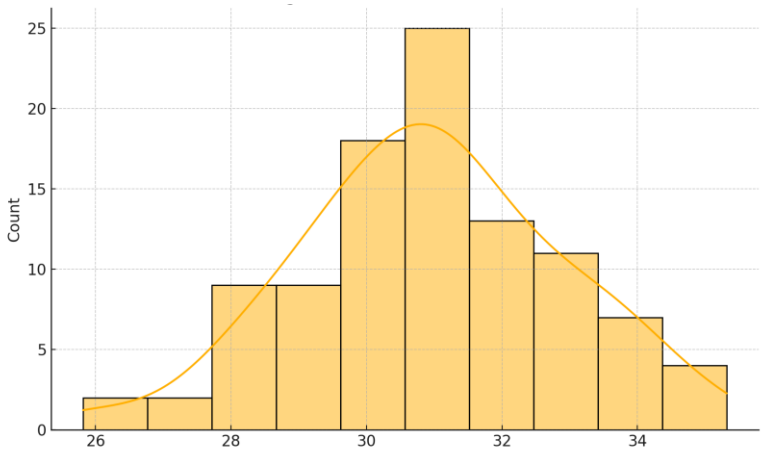

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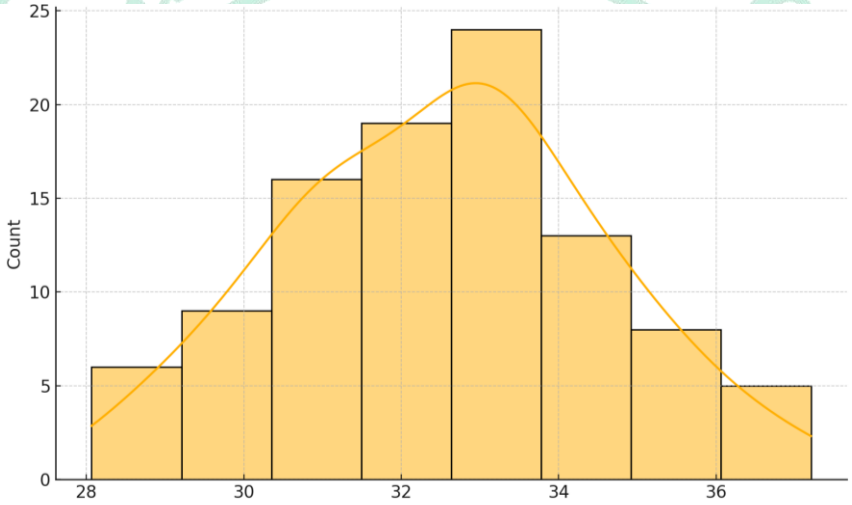

Figure 12. Histogram with KDE for variable 12 distribution.

DISCUSSION

Genome editing applications have been used actively in a number of applications to increase production and economic value of livestock (Popova et al., 2023). Improving animal performance through gene editing technologies could enhance the quantity and quality of food produced, leading to a reduction in the environmental footprint of livestock (Menchaca, 2023). Genome editing holds promise for improving animal welfare by increasing disease resistance, preventing injuries, and reducing the need for painful procedures (Liu et al., 2022). Conventional breeding methods, while effective, are time-consuming and limited by the genetic variability within a species (Kaur et al., 2025). Furthermore, this is because traits of interest are frequently linked to undesirable genes, making it challenging to isolate and propagate the desired characteristics. Gene editing offers a precise and efficient approach to modify specific genes responsible for desired traits without introducing unwanted genetic material (Kim et al., 2021). It has become possible to introduce elite alleles into commercial cultivars by utilizing genetic diversity (Chen et al., 2022).The combined application of Mendelian inheritance and epigenetic mechanisms

could lead to further genetic gains in livestock trait improvement (Ibeagha-Awemu & Yu, 2021). Gene editing technologies have been employed to modify traits such as horn development and disease resistance in livestock species. Gene editing also can be used to produce animal protein pharmaceuticals. An individual chicken can lay hundreds of eggs a year, and the composition of egg white protein is well-suited for modification (Park et al., 2020). This method has a number of benefits over traditional cell-based and bioreactor-based systems, including simpler product purification and lower capital and operating expenses. Gene editing accelerates the process of creating animals with desirable features, which can be particularly useful in sectors like dairy and beef production where productivity is crucial. Furthermore, gene editing is useful for improving disease resistance and welfare in poultry species (Khwatenge & Nahashon, 2021). Avian species are an important source of animal protein, and as a research model for the study of developmental biology, immunology and infectious diseases (Khwatenge & Nahashon, 2021; Panda & McGrew, 2021).

CONCLUSION

In this research, it was found that nutritional content of staple crops can be significantly enhanced by CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing method without affecting their growing capacity. Through a number of critical genes such as the OsNAS2, crtRB1, and VIT1, we managed to increase iron, zinc, and provitamin A levels of genetically engineered rice, maize, and sweet potato by a significant margin. Nutrient studies revealed that the lines had statistically meaningful amounts of more iron and zinc, where levels increased by 18.7 per cent and 22.4 per cent respectively, Provitamin A levels increased by well over 45 per cent. In a very significant way, all of such improvements did not negatively impact the growth or production of the plants, as evidenced by uniform agronomic measurements in all growing conditions. The reinforcing bioavailability was high in in vivo bioavailability feeding studies of rats and broiler chicks. Increase in haemoglobin levels and serum ferritin level and weight gain all indicated that the biofortified crops performed better in achieving the nutrient entry into the body. By adding the results of histograms and distribution analysis, this was proved to be consistent and capable of being duplicated in other experiments. Mixed-method approach that consisted of molecular, nutritional, agronomic and physiological assessment also assisted in getting the complete picture about gene edit bio-fortification. These findings demonstrate the potential in which the genome editing technology has to transform the manner in which we handle global cases of micronutrient deficiencies, particularly in regions where individuals lack access to a wide degree of various food options. It indicates that the methods can be applied at scale and in practice farming systems that the fact that nutrient augmentation performs well in combination with crop production performance. Also, gene-edited biofortification is an essential instrument of the One Health concept since it facilitates the nutrition of humans and animals in this context. To ensure that such changes remain permanent within food systems further research needs to focus on multi-nutrient stacking, assessment of long-term environmental impact and socio-economic models of adoption. To sum up, genome editing is powerful, accurate, and scalable to enhance crops, better the health of the population, and boost the production of livestock simultaneously.

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