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1 Transgenerational effects of insecticides - implications for rapid pest evolution in
2 agroecosystems

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13 **Highlights**

- 14 • Insecticide-induced effects can be transgenerationally inherited.
- 15 • Epigenetic modifications are heritable.
- 16 • Epigenetic modifications are responsive to insecticide-induced stress.
- 17 • Pesticide use may directly and indirectly drive the evolution of insect pests in
- 18 agroecosystems via epigenetic processes.

19 **Abstract**

20 Although pesticides are a major selective force in driving the evolution of insect pests,

21 the evolutionary processes that give rise to insecticide resistance remain poorly understood.

22 Insecticide resistance has been widely observed to increase with frequent and intense insecticide

23 exposure, but can be lost following the relaxation of insecticide use. One possible but rarely

24 explored explanation is that insecticide resistance may be associated with epigenetic

25 modifications, which influence the patterning of gene expression without changing underlying

26 DNA sequence. Epigenetic modifications such as DNA methylation, histone modifications, and

27 small RNAs have been observed to be heritable in arthropods, but their role in the context of

28 rapid evolution of insecticide resistance remain poorly understood. Here, we discuss evidence

29 supporting how: 1) insecticide-induced effects can be transgenerationally inherited, 2) epigenetic

30 modifications are heritable, and 3) epigenetic modifications are responsive to pesticide and

31 xenobiotic stress. Therefore, pesticides may drive the evolution of resistance via epigenetic

32 processes. Moreover, insect pests primed by pesticides may be more tolerant of other stress,

33 further enhancing their success in adapting to agroecosystems. Resolving the role of epigenetic

34 modifications in the rapid evolution of insect pests has the potential to lead to new approaches

35 for integrated pest management as well as improve our understanding of how anthropogenic

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36 stress may drive the evolution of insect pests.

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38 **Introduction**

39 The pesticide treadmill describes how agricultural insect pests evolve resistance in
40 response to frequently used pesticides, rendering them ineffective. Pesticides are pervasive in
41 agriculture, and are a major selective force driving the evolution of insect pests in
42 agroecosystems [1]. Although insecticide resistance has been documented in a wide range of
43 insect pests [2] and the genetic basis of major gene resistance has been mapped in key pests for
44 select insecticides [3], the broader evolutionary processes that give rise to insecticide resistance
45 remain poorly understood [4,5]. Farmers and entomologists have observed that insecticide
46 resistance increases with the frequency of exposure to particular insecticides [6–8], but can be
47 lost following the relaxation of insecticide use [9–11]. The rapid gain and loss of resistance
48 appears to occur far more rapidly than expected based upon mutation rates [12,13], suggesting
49 that insecticides themselves may increase the rate of mutation or cause physiological changes in
50 pest organisms [5]. One possible explanation that has been relatively unexplored is that the
51 evolution of insecticide resistance results from epigenetic modifications, which are heritable and
52 influence gene expression without changing the underlying DNA sequence.

53 The evolution of insecticide resistance has been considered an evolutionary paradox [5],
54 in that pest species which have experienced repeated genetic bottlenecks due to invasion and
55 selection remain able to adapt very rapidly, despite limited genetic diversity. The same insect
56 pests have evolved resistance to insecticides in all of the major classes [14], and are expected to
57 evolve resistance to future chemistries [15]. Extreme genetic bottlenecks also do not appear to
58 limit the likelihood that insecticide resistance evolves. For example, all Colorado potato beetle
59 (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say) populations in Europe are descended from the introduction of a

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60 single female, or single mtDNA haplotype [16]. Despite this strong historic bottleneck, *L.*
61 *decemlineata* populations in Eurasia have evolved resistance to a wide range of insecticides in
62 Europe, the Middle East, and East Asia [6,17,18]. There is a seeming inevitability of insecticide
63 resistance developing in pests, where new phenotypes arise following environmental stress at
64 rates that may not be explained by natural selection. Indeed, Skinner et al. [19] argued how
65 epigenetic processes fit within a neo-Lamarckian framework, because environmental epigenetic
66 patterning can influence transgenerational transmission of phenotypic variation. By influencing
67 epigenetic modifications, xenobiotic and environmental stressors can directly influence the
68 phenotypic responses of organisms to their environment.

69 Epigenetics is the field of study that examines how environmental factors influence
70 heritable changes in gene expression. There are several epigenetic mechanisms that are heritable
71 and could underlie transgenerational effects of insecticides: DNA methylation [20], histone
72 modifications [21], and heritable noncoding RNA [22]. Here, we discuss evidence supporting
73 how 1) insecticide-induced effects can be transgenerationally inherited, 2) epigenetic
74 modifications are heritable, and 3) epigenetic modifications are responsive to insecticide-induced
75 stress. We draw on other model systems from a diverse body of literature, including genetics,
76 epigenetics, and toxicology to identify gaps in our understanding around the evolution of
77 insecticide resistance in insect pests. We close with a discussion of the implications of epigenetic
78 processes for insect fitness in intensively-managed agroecosystems.

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80 **Insecticide-induced hormetic effects can be heritable**

81 Insecticides not only select for insecticide resistance and point mutations at target sites,
82 but they can also affect physiological and life-history traits [23]. In particular, exposure to

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83 sublethal dosages of insecticides can incur stress and lead to increased phenotypic variation [24].
84 Stress responses can lead to hormesis, a well-known phenomenon from toxicological literature,
85 where small dosages can stimulate biological functions whereas large dosages are detrimental or
86 lethal [24]. Hormetic responses include activation of stress response pathways in a variety of
87 taxa from microbes, plants, and animals. They are not related to any special class of compounds,
88 as hormetic effects have been reported for over 240 different chemical classes [23]. Sublethal
89 exposure to insecticides can induce hormetic effects and lead to variety of positive life history
90 effects, such as mating success [25], fecundity [26], and body size [27]. By positively
91 influencing traits associated with fitness, hormetic effects may play an important role in pest
92 evolution.

93 There is evidence that individuals exposed to stressful conditions, either abiotic or biotic,
94 can prime gene expression in their offspring to be able to better tolerate stress [28,29].
95 Insecticides have been shown to induce transgenerational insecticide induced hormetic effects,
96 but thus far the results have been difficult to interpret. For example, *Myzus persicae* aphids
97 treated with sublethal levels of imidacloprid produce offspring that survive longer when exposed
98 to food/water stress, but tolerance to insecticide stress is unchanged [30]. Similarly, although
99 sublethal levels of precocene (an antagonist to Juvenile hormone) stimulate reproduction in *M.*
100 *persicae*, the results are not passed on to subsequent generations [31*]. Although chemical-
101 induced hormesis has been reported from many groups and these changes have also been
102 reported to be inherited [23] the genetic, epigenetic, and toxicological basis of hormesis is still
103 poorly understood [5,32].

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105 **Epigenetic modification and transgenerational inheritance**

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106 Epigenetic modifications have been shown to be heritable [20]. DNA methylation, the
107 addition of a methyl group to the 5 carbon position of cytosine a nucleotide (usually the cytosine
108 in CpG dinucleotides), is a well-documented mechanism of epigenetic inheritance that can
109 influence phenotypic variation (Table 1), and is found in most, if not all, orders of insects [32].
110 Methylation in insects is largely found within coding regions, and is closely linked with gene
111 expression and alternative splicing - where a single gene can generate a diversity of gene
112 transcripts of differing length, based on which exons are translated [33]. Methylation can occur
113 at any location in the genome, but the effects of DNA methylation vary based on its location in
114 the genome (Figure 1): A) changes in DNA methylation at the promoter region can influence
115 gene expression in downstream genomic regions [34], B) methylation suppresses gene
116 expression of transposable elements (TEs, which are mobile genetic elements responsible for the
117 majority of mutations in many genomes) and prevent TE mobilization [35], and C) Gene body
118 methylation can increase gene expression [32], as well as an increase in the number of alternative
119 splice variants [36]. Changes in methylation patterns in arthropods can be associated with
120 changes in levels of resistance to insecticides. *Myzus persicae*, can gain insecticide resistance
121 through the duplication of esterase genes and subsequent overexpression of esterases [37]. After
122 suspending insecticide exposure, extra copies of esterase genes can be methylated, leading to a
123 loss of resistance. It is possible that these aphid populations could quickly become resistant again
124 following demethylation of these amplified genes.

125 Histone modifications include additions of acetyl or methyl groups on the histone
126 proteins around which nuclear DNA is wrapped, which can influence gene regulation and
127 expression [38]. The full effects of these modifications are not well known, especially in
128 arthropods. However, it does appear that some histone modifications are able to be transmitted

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129 transgenerationally [39]. Different noncoding RNA (ncRNA) [22] can be inherited through either
130 the male or female gametes, though most current research does not incorporate analysis of
131 heritable RNA. Certain types of small RNA can direct and maintain DNA methylation and
132 histone modification, and therefore affect chromatin structure [40]. DNA methylation, histone
133 modifications, and ncRNAs form a constellation of interacting effects that result in a phenotypic
134 response [41]. To fully understand how epigenetic modifications influence transgenerational
135 phenotypic inheritance, it would be optimal to assess all three mechanisms simultaneously
136 through concurrent small RNA-seq, bisulfate-treated DNA-seq, and histone modification assays,
137 in as many tissues and individuals as possible. Ideally, multiple generations would be sequenced,
138 to determine if changes in epigenetics and gene expression differ consistently between
139 treatments. Because the cost of sequencing is the major limiting factor for these studies,
140 projected lower sequencing costs in the future should enable these types of studies.

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142 **Epigenetic modifications are responsive to xenobiotic stress**

143 Exposure to insecticides and other xenobiotic compounds can alter DNA methylation
144 status in arthropods, and these epigenetic changes can persist for at least several generations
145 [20,42,43]. Table 1 lists a number of examples of stress leading to epigenetic changes in
146 arthropods. Studies focusing on insects are few in number, so our scope is broadened to include
147 examples from aquatic ecotoxicology literature, which includes a number of non-insect
148 arthropods. Oppold (2015) found that exposure of mosquitoes to a fungicide leads to heritable
149 changes in methylation and decreases in sensitivity to imidacloprid, an insecticide. Methylated
150 cytosines also spontaneously deaminate, becoming thymines, at a higher rate than non-
151 methylated cytosines, which can lead to higher mutation rates in methylated regions [44]. If

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152 genes that are associated with resistance are methylated, which leads to increased expression and
153 increased mutation rate, then genes that are most upregulated in response to insecticide resistance
154 may also be the most likely to experience spontaneous deamination.

155 Both the role of histone modifications and small RNA in modifying epigenetic responses
156 to toxins are less understood than DNA methylation in arthropods, though it has been shown that
157 methylation and histone modifications tend to be co-located in the genome [38]. Kishimoto et al.
158 [45*] showed that parental hormetic responses to oxidative stress can be epigenetically
159 transmitted to descendants via histone modifications. A wide range of environmental chemicals,
160 such as heavy metals, air pollutants, dioxins, and endocrine disrupters, can alter histone
161 modifications [46], but it is unknown whether these changes are heritable. We have not found
162 any studies on arthropods examining if insecticides can induce transgenerational small RNAs
163 responses. Small RNAs have been found to interact with histone modifications [47], so changes
164 in small RNAs may be implicated in the transgenerational inheritance of stress phenotypes as
165 well.

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167 **Implications for transgenerational effects on insect fitness in agroecosystems**

168 We hypothesize that pesticide use can directly and indirectly drive the evolution of insect
169 pests in agroecosystems via epigenetic processes (Figure 2). Pesticides may directly stimulate the
170 expression of advantageous phenotypes, which may be underwritten by epigenetic modifications.
171 Continued insecticide use on populations developing resistance would thus operate as ‘natural
172 selection’ and selectively increase the frequency of insect phenotypes that are adaptive to
173 pesticides. Indirectly, pesticide use may maintain stressful environments that hormetically prime
174 insect pests to become more tolerant of stressful conditions. For instance, sublethal exposure to

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175 insecticides can influence adult body size of the *L. decemlineata* [23], which may allow insect
176 pests to be better able to tolerate overwintering conditions [48]. Insecticides can also increase
177 female fecundity [49] or propensity to mate [25], which can increase population size.

178 The phenotypic traits of insect pests that allow them to thrive under insecticide exposure
179 may also facilitate global invasions. For example, *L. decemlineata* is a globally-invasive pest that
180 is expanding its range northwards into the Arctic Circle [48]. Insecticide exposure appears to
181 stimulate the beetle to invest more in fat bodies and have a higher metabolic rate than control
182 beetles [50]. While the higher metabolic rate and larger fat bodies may enable beetles to better
183 detoxify chemicals, higher fat body reserves enable small individuals to overwinter successfully
184 [51,52]. For example, sublethal applications of the pyrethroid deltamethrin on resistant *L.*
185 *decemlineata* populations can have stimulatory effects rendering exposed individuals larger
186 which is also inherited to the next generation (Lindström, unpublished data).

187 To date, most of the research examining the role of pesticides or xenobiotics in epigenetic
188 change come from the field of aquatic toxicology [53**], where environmental exposure to
189 toxins can be highly variable and difficult to predict. In contrast, pesticide use in agroecosystems
190 is intentionally part of an active pest management system, where insect responses to stresses can
191 cause positive feedbacks on subsequent management decisions. Agroecosystems are also highly
192 controlled systems, which allows for greater experimental control for field and landscape level
193 studies. Along these lines, it would be important to know how epigenetic responses to the same
194 insecticides may vary among individuals, populations, and species. Such information would help
195 provide insight on whether epigenetic responses can be broadly predictable across individuals
196 and species, and possibly, how pesticide resistance may be better managed. A combination of
197 new genomic tools, epigenetic assays, and computationally-intensive approaches may allow us to

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198 better understand to what extent epigenetic responses within insects help drive the pesticide
199 treadmill.

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379 Table 1. Examples of epigenetic alterations following exposure to anthropogenic and “natural”,
 380 (non-anthropogenic) stress.

	Species	Treatment	Phenotypic Effects	DNA Methylation	Histone Modifications	Transgenerational effect	Reference
anthropogenic stressors	<i>Daphnia magna</i>	vinclozolin (fungicide)	body size	reduced methylation	n/a	N	[20]
	<i>Daphnia magna</i>	5-azacytidine (demethylating agents)	reproduction, body size	reduced methylation	n/a	Y	[20]
	<i>Myzus persicae</i> (Green Peach Aphid)	imidacloprid (insecticide)	changes in gene expression, including heat shock protein	increased, decreased, or no change based on concentration	n/a	Y	[31*]
	<i>Aedes albopictus</i> (Asian Tiger Mosquito)	genistein (phytohormone)	decrease in sensitivity to imidacloprid	cautious decrease	n/a	Y	[54]
	<i>Aedes albopictus</i> (Asian Tiger Mosquito)	vinclozolin (fungicide)	decrease in sensitivity to imidacloprid	cautious increase	n/a	Y	[54]
"natural" stressors	<i>Artemia</i> sp. (brine shrimp)	heat stress	increased Hsp70 production, heat tolerance, and resistance vs. pathogens	changes in methylation	histones H3 and H4 acetylation	Y	[55]
	<i>Daphnia magna</i>	zinc	changes in gene expression	reduced methylation	n/a	Y	[56*]
	<i>Daphnia magna</i>	toxic cyanobacterium <i>Microcystis aeruginosa</i>	n/a	differential methylation primarily in exonic regions, enriched for serine/threonine amino acid codons and genes related to protein synthesis, transport and degradation, in genes susceptible to alternative splicing in response to <i>Microcystis</i> stress	n/a	N	[57]
	<i>Plutella xylostella</i> (Diamondback Moth)	endoparasitoid	altered gene expression	reduced methylation	n/a	N	[58]

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	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> (Fruit Fly)	Heat shock or osmotic stress	n/a	n/a	heterochromatin disruption	Y	[59]
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382 Figure Legends.

383 Figure 1. Examples of how changes in methylation status of in different gene regions can effect
 384 gene expression. Compared to the “normal” unmethylated region, A) has promoter methylation,
 385 leading to decreased gene expression; B) exhibits methylation in transposable element regions,
 386 leading to those elements not being expressed, and C) shows gene body methylation as found in
 387 arthropods, leading to increased gene expression as well as an increased variety of splice variants
 388 in those transcripts.

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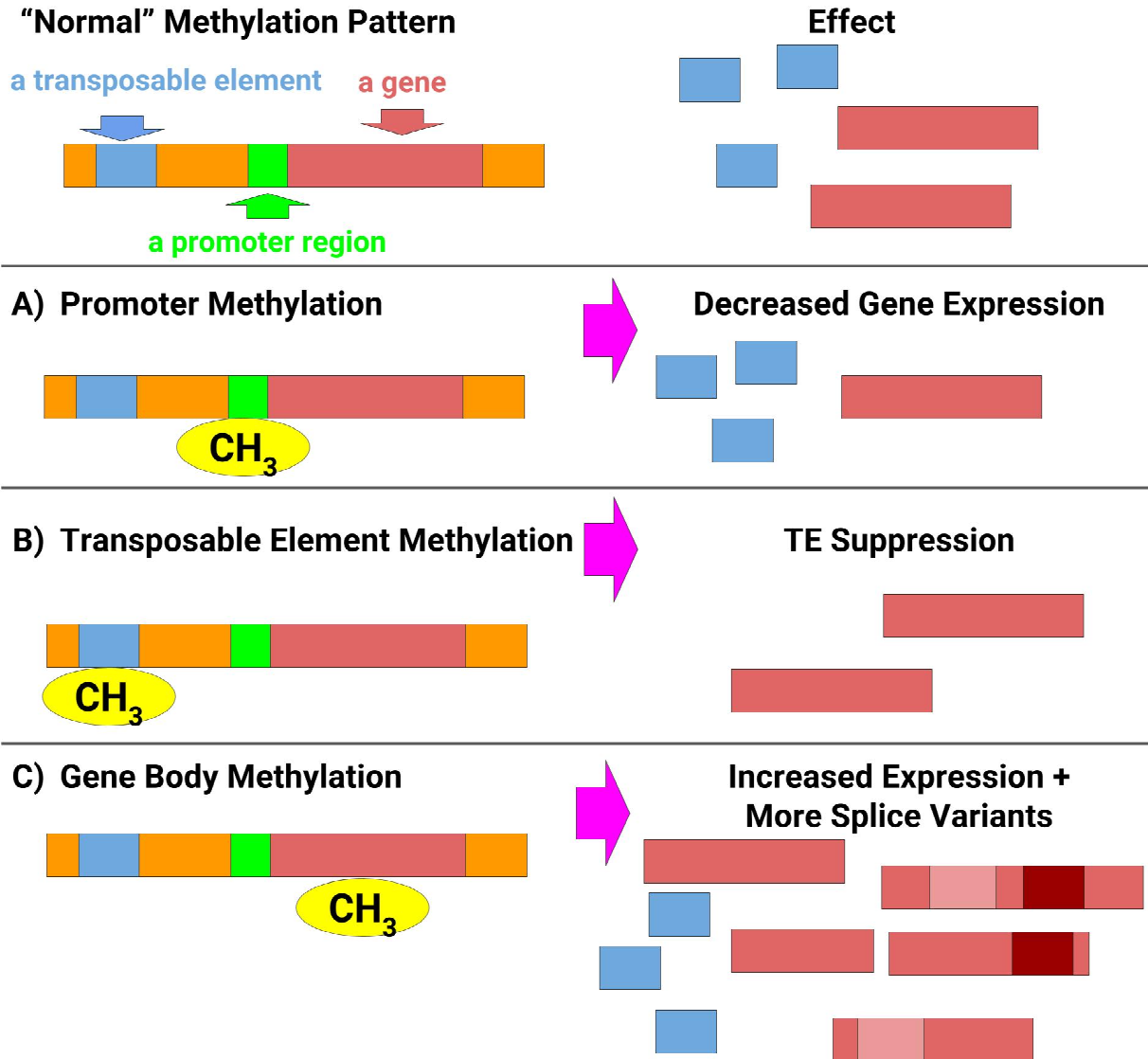
390 Figure 2. How exposure to a stressor may lead to heritable epigenetic changes that could lead to
 391 stress-resistant phenotype in an invasive agricultural insect pests.

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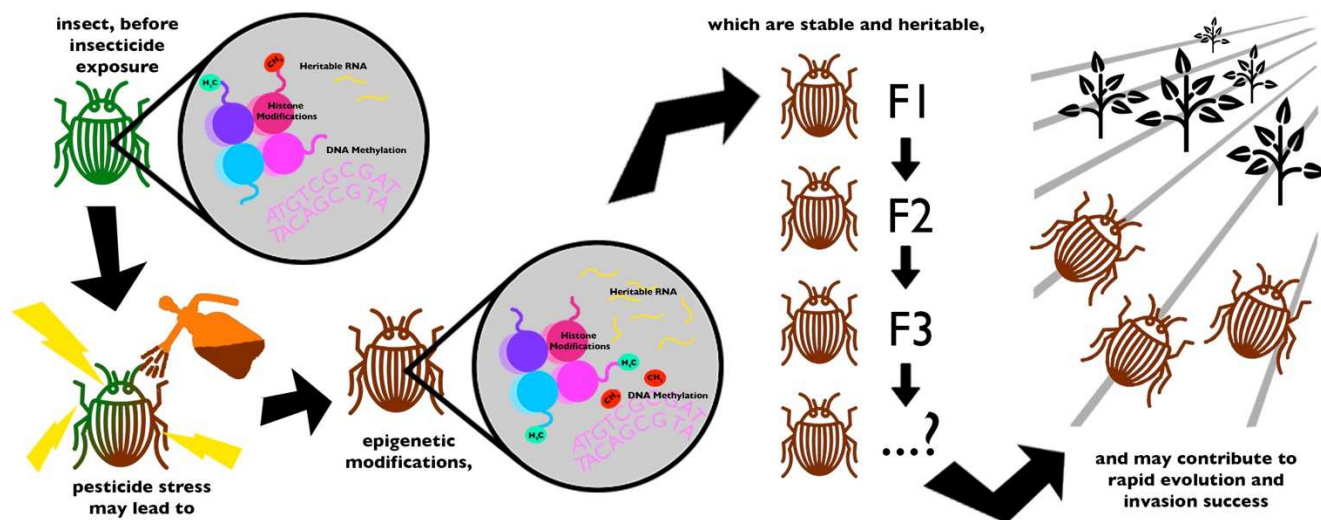
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