



## Supplementary Information for

The Persistent Threat of Emerging Plant Disease Pandemics to Global Food Security.

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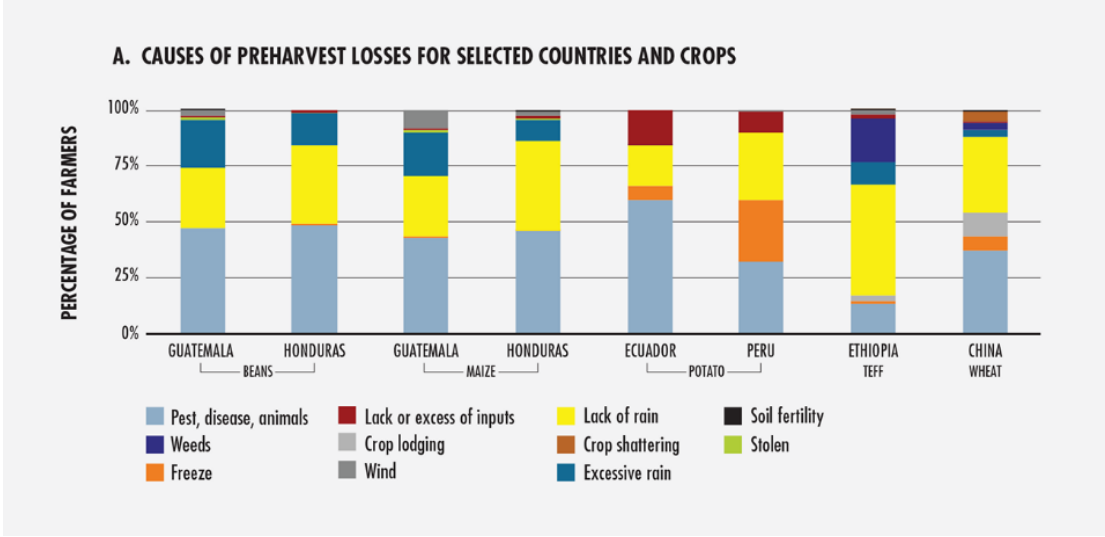
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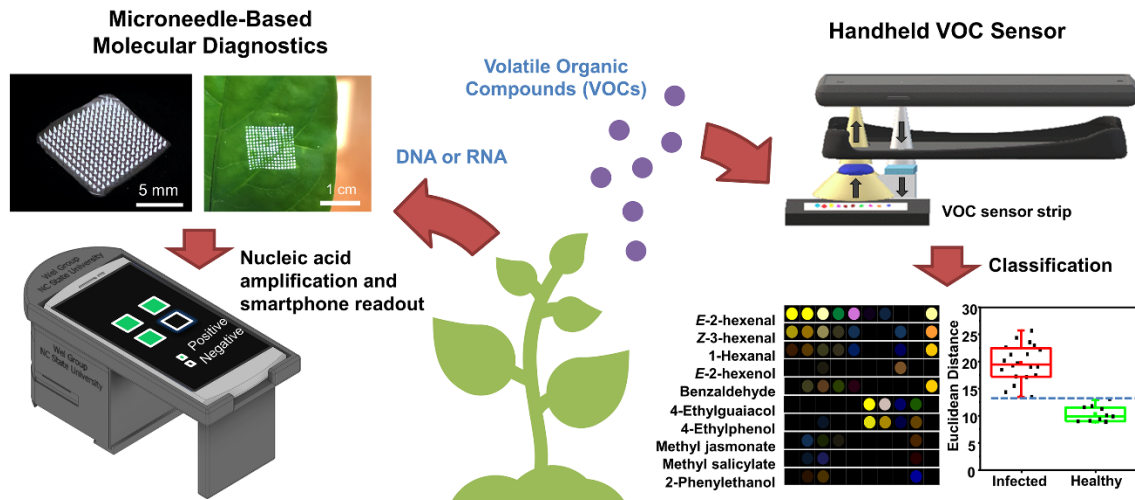
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**Fig. S1.** The nature and causes of losses for five staple crops in, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Ethiopia and China. The percentage of farmers experiencing loss due to plant diseases and pests were identified as a major cause of preharvest loss across 5 of 61 countries and sectors examined. Image credit: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, SI ref. 1. Reproduced with permission.



**Fig. S2.** Overview of two smartphone-based imaging platforms for plant disease detection. Schematic on the left is a molecular diagnostic platform based on microneedle (MN) patch nucleic acid extraction and a smartphone-based LAMP assay. Schematic on the right is a smartphone device for sensor array scanning and image capture of colorimetric volatile organic compound (VOC) sensor. The sensor cartridge containing the chemical sensor array is photographed and differential profiles of 10 representative plant volatiles are detected. Healthy and diseased plants were distinguished using the VOC sensor array. Ref 2

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