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## **Q2FY21 Result Update**

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### **Change in Estimates**

	Cu	rrent	Previous			
	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E		
Rating	ating BUY BU					
Target Price		606		606		
Sales (Rs. m)	4,13,584	4,46,671	4,13,584	4,46,671		
% Chng.	-	-				
EBITDA (Rs. n	n) 89,334	99,384	89,334	99,384		
% Chng.	-	-				
EPS (Rs.)	48.7	58.0	48.4	57.8		
% Chna.	0.7	0.3				

### **Key Financials - Consolidated**

Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Sales (Rs. m)	3,57,560	3,84,297	4,13,584	4,46,671
EBITDA (Rs. m)	67,730	79,549	89,334	99,384
Margin (%)	18.9	20.7	21.6	22.3
PAT (Rs. m)	23,990	30,625	37,213	44,291
EPS (Rs.)	31.4	40.1	48.7	58.0
Gr. (%)	(17.5)	27.7	21.5	19.0
DPS (Rs.)	6.0	9.1	9.9	11.8
Yield (%)	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.6
RoE (%)	14.1	15.5	18.0	20.2
RoCE (%)	10.4	12.3	14.6	17.2
EV/Sales (x)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.3	6.8	5.9	5.1
PE (x)	14.4	11.3	9.3	7.8
P/BV (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5

Key Data	UPLL.BO   UPLL IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.618 / Rs.240
Sensex / Nifty	39,614 / 11,642
Market Cap	Rs.346bn/ \$ 4,673m
Shares Outstanding	764m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.5477.24m

### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

Promoter's	27.88
Foreign	37.15
Domestic Institution	15.93
Public & Others	19.04
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	1.86

### Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(9.9)	7.9	(22.4)
Relative	(13.4)	(8.2)	(21.6)

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## **UPL (UPLL IN)**

Rating: BUY | CMP: Rs453 | TP: Rs606

## On track to beat guidance

### **Quick Pointers:**

- All geographies contributing to growth
- Gross margin expansion partly draged by LatAM currency risks

UPLL's 14% topline growth (PLe 13%) & 15% EBITDA growth (PLe 15%) was in line with our estimates. APAT @ Rs6.7bn (PLe @ Rs 4.7 bn) up 43% came in better due to lower than expected depreciation (due to restatement) & tax rate and higher than expected other income. Q2 saw broad-based growth in all geographies driven by market share gains, improved supply chain and robust agronomic conditions. UPLL's strong business momentum indicates its solid competitive positioning and successful integration of Arysta. Its rich product pipeline, bio solutions portfolio, focus on higher value branded products and cross selling opportunities will drive volume growth while margin expansion will be driven by expanding cost leadership status across product lines and integrated related synergy benefits. In the short term, LatAM's forex volatility may eat into the gross margin expansion seen in other geographies. While the management has maintained 6-8% topline growth and 10-12% EBITDA growth guidance, we expect UPL to beat the same on the EBITDA front (PLe FY21 EBITDA growth @ 17.5%). Maintain BUY with target price of Rs606 based on 7x Sep'22 EV/EBITDA (Implied P/E- 11.5x).

Comments on change in auditors at UPL Corp: The management along with the audit committee head of UPL Corp i.e. Mr Stephen Dyer, reiterated that they had to let go of KPMG Mauritius to bring in efficiencies in audit process. Mr Dyer (previously associated with Nutrien) was impressed with UPL's ability to bring the two organisation together post acquisition, drive efficiency as well as implement discipline and bring the accounting functions of both the entities on a single platform quickly.

All regions contributing to growth: Solid agronomic conditions, cross selling opportunities and growth in leading brands (Lifeline, Sperto, Acramite) led to double digit growth in all geographies. LatAM business growth of 12% was driven by strong business growth in Chile, Argentina and Paraguay. NAFTA growth of 9% was driven by market share gains, growth in differentiated & sustainable solutions and strong miticides demand. 6% growth in Europe was driven by strong herbicide demand in Northern Europe and growth in high value differentiated products in Southern Europe. 27% growth in RoW was driven by strengthening B2C marketing chain in China, new product launches in Vietnam and strong demand in South Africa & Australia due to normal weather. India business growth of 18% was driven by robust growth in pre-emergence herbicide segment.

Currency volatility causing near term uncertainty in Brazil: Sharp BRL depreciation vis-à-vis USD impacted gross margins for UPL despite taking price hikes but the management is confident of closing the gap in 2H. With lucrative crop prices, profitability is expected to improve if the local currency does not depreciate further. UPL plans to launch several products in Brazil in the next few years.



### Other highlights:

- UPL shutting one of its oldest plant in Netherlands as it requires significant repairs and maintenance. The product will now be supplied from plants in India and Columbia. It has made a provision of Rs2bn for restructuring and severance cost provisions for the plant as an exceptional item.
- Net debt has increased marginally by Rs17bn QoQ in Q2 due to higher working capital requirements
- Rs9.5bn invested in capex till date in FY21
- On track to achieve targeted synergies: Cost synergies achieved till date stands at USD153 mn v/s target of USD200mn by the end of FY21. Revenue synergy stood at USD299mn v/s target of USD350mn by FY23.

Exhibit 1: Portfolio and geographical mix driving profitability (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q2FY21	Q2FY20	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY21	QoQ gr. (%)	H1FY21	H1FY20	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	89,390	78,170	14.4	78,330	14.4	1,67,720	1,57,230	6.7
Expenditure								
Raw Materials	45,090	38,650	16.7	35,490	16.7	80,580	80,680	(0.1)
% of Net Sales	50.4	49.4		45.3		48.0	51.3	
Employee Cost	9,240	8,310	11.2	8,700	11.2	17,940	16,920	6.0
% of Net Sales	10.3	10.6		11.1		10.7	10.8	
Other Expenses	18,390	16,740	9.9	15,820	9.9	34,210	32,040	6.8
% of Net Sales	20.6	21.4		20.2		20.4	20.4	
Total Expenditure	72,720	63,700	14.2	60,010	14.2	1,32,730	1,29,640	2.4
EBITDA	16,670	14,470	15.2	18,320	15.2	34,990	27,590	26.8
Margin (%)	18.6	18.5		23.4		20.9	17.5	
Depreciation	5,330	4,760	12.0	5,220	12.0	10,550	9,220	14.4
EBIT	11,340	9,710	16.8	13,100	16.8	24,440	18,370	33.0
Interest	3,430	3,810	(10.0)	5,510	(10.0)	8,940	7,790	14.8
Other Income	750	240	212.5	670	212.5	1,420	630	125.4
PBT before EOI	8,660	6,140	41.0	8,260	41.0	16,920	11,210	50.9
EOI Gain/(Loss)	(2,110)	(3,050)	(30.8)	(250)	(30.8)	(2,360)	(3,770)	(37.4)
PBT after EOI	6,550	3,090	112.0	8,010	112.0	14,560	7,440	95.7
Tax	1,120	990	13.1	1,430	13.1	2,550	1,760	44.9
Tax Rate (%)	12.9	16.1		17.3		15.1	15.7	
RPAT	5,430	2,100	158.6	6,580	158.6	12,010	5,680	111.4
Minority interest	740	350	111.4	1,020	111.4	1,760	1,040	69.2
Profit from Associate	(60)	(80)	(25.0)	(50)	(25.0)	(110)	(120)	(8.3)
APAT	6,740	4,720	42.8	5,760	42.8	12,500	8,290	50.8
EPS	8.8	6.2	42.8	7.5	42.8	16.4	10.9	50.8

Source: Company, PL

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Exhibit 2: UPL, among its peers in both innovators and generics, continues to trade at attractive levels

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Peer Comparison	Currency	Sales	EBITDA	PAT	Sales	EBITDA	PAT	Sales	EBITDA	PAT
INNOVATORS										
BAYER AG	EUR	42,699	11,539	6,160	42,923	11,379	6,170	44,245	12,874	6,837
CORTEVA INC	USD	13,999	1,947	957	14,519	2,227	1,194	15,169	2,528	1,418
BASF SE	EUR	57,105	6,667	2,183	60,140	8,019	3,028	62,605	8,879	3,645
										GENERICS
FMC CORP	USD	4,742	1,297	845	5,045	1,415	944	5,310	1,511	1,022
NUFARM LTD	AUS\$	2,914	326	39	3,040	388	76	3,130	400	79
UPLL	INR	3,84,297	79,549	30,625	4,13,584	89,334	37,213	4,46,671	99,384	44,291
					'2020/FY21 CY202		Y2021/FY22 CY202			
		CY20-22 CAGR		CY2020	D/FY21	CY2021/	FY22	CY2022	FY23	CY2020/FY21
	Revenue	CY20-22 CAGR EBITDA	PAT	CY2020 P/E	0/FY21 EV/EBITDA	CY2021/ P/E	FY22 EV/EBITDA	CY2022 P/E		CY2020/FY21 Net Debt: Equity
INNOVATORS			PAT							
INNOVATORS BAYER AG			<b>PAT</b> 5%							
	Revenue	EBITDA		P/E	EV/EBITDA	P/E	EV/EBITDA	P/E	EV/EBITDA	Net Debt: Equity
BAYER AG	Revenue	EBITDA 6%	5%	P/E 6.3	EV/EBITDA 6.6	P/E 6.4	EV/EBITDA 6.6	<b>P/E</b> 6.0	EV/EBITDA 5.6	Net Debt: Equity 0.8
BAYER AG CORTEVA INC	Revenue 2% 4%	6% 14%	5% 22%	6.3 24.0	<b>EV/EBITDA</b> 6.6 12.7	<b>P/E</b> 6.4 19.9	6.6 11.1	P/E 6.0 17.5	<b>EV/EBITDA</b> 5.6 9.1	Net Debt: Equity  0.8 -0.0
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BAYER AG CORTEVA INC BASF SE	2% 4% 5%	6% 14% 15%	5% 22% 29%	6.3 24.0 18.4	6.6 12.7 9.0	6.4 19.9 13.6	6.6 11.1 7.4	6.0 17.5 11.6	5.6 9.1 6.8	0.8 -0.0 0.5 GENERICS

Source: Bloomberg, PL

Exhibit 3: Sharp volume growth of 19% in 2Q

Revenue growth Break up	Q1FY19	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
Volume growth	8%	8%	6%	7%	5%	15%	10%	29%	0%	19%
Price Increase	1%	4%	7%	5%	1%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-1%
Exchange Impact	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%	-3%	-2%	-2%	0%	-4%

Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 4: Growth in all geographies** 

Revenue growth across geographies	Q1FY19	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
India	15.6%	12.8%	-13.7%	10.2%	-8.2%	6.2%	41.5%	36.0%	26.7%	17.9%
LAtAM	160.4%	118.8%	91.7%	50.8%	23.6%	24.3%	21.4%	27.0%	-18.0%	12.4%
Europe	187.7%	147.4%	182.4%	115.2%	-1.4%	1.0%	-27.4%	-2.0%	0.9%	6.2%
Rest of World	129.9%	118.5%	155.7%	55.6%	-14.3%	-3.8%	7.2%	33.0%	10.3%	27.2%
North America	65.6%	60.3%	105.9%	34.3%	33.2%	-1.4%	-12.3%	45.0%	-14.1%	8.7%

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Gross margin contraction due to currency volatility in Brazil

Sales Mix	Q1FY19	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
India	17%	16%	6%	6%	15%	15%	8%	6%	19%	16%
LAtAM	26%	43%	42%	30%	30%	48%	47%	30%	26%	47%
Europe	23%	13%	13%	24%	21%	12%	9%	19%	22%	11%
Rest of World	19%	20%	21%	21%	15%	17%	21%	22%	20%	17%
North America	15%	9%	18%	20%	19%	8%	14%	23%	13%	9%

Source: Company, PL

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Exhibit 6: Downward trajectory in Net Working Capital days to continue

Working Capital	Q1FY19	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
Inventory Days	114	111	111	106	107	109	111	81	106	105
Receivables days	112	141	124	135	122	121	139	118	116	124
Payable days	134	132	109	123	113	114	124	119	138	123
Net working Capital	92	120	126	118	116	116	126	80	84	106

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 7: Sales Mix largely same YoY in Q2

Geography	Q2FY21		Q2FY	20	Q1FY21		
	Revenue	Sales Mix	Revenue	Sales Mix	Revenue	Sales Mix	
India	14,090	16%	11,950	15%	15,110	19%	
Latin America	42,330	47%	37,670	48%	20,150	26%	
Europe	10,220	11%	9,620	12%	17,030	22%	
North America	15,030	17%	11,820	15%	15,780	20%	
Rest of World	7,730	9%	7,110	9%	10,270	13%	

Source: Company, PL



## **Financials**

Income	Statement (	(Rsm)

Income Statement (Rs m)	EVOC	EV04E	FVCCF	FYCOS
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Net Revenues	3,57,560	3,84,297	4,13,584	4,46,671
YoY gr. (%)	63.7	7.5	7.6	8.0
Cost of Goods Sold	1,87,430	1,96,760	2,09,687	2,24,899
Gross Profit	1,70,130	1,87,537	2,03,897	2,21,772
Margin (%)	47.6	48.8	49.3	49.7
Employee Cost	33,910	36,124	38,877	41,987
Other Expenses	68,490	71,863	75,686	80,401
EBITDA	67,730	79,549	89,334	99,384
YoY gr. (%)	77.6	17.5	12.3	11.3
Margin (%)	18.9	20.7	21.6	22.3
Depreciation and Amortization	20,120	22,148	23,926	25,486
EBIT	47,610	57,402	65,409	73,899
Margin (%)	13.3	14.9	15.8	16.5
Net Interest	14,810	15,354	13,773	12,192
Other Income	1,040	1,872	2,022	2,184
Profit Before Tax	33,840	43,920	53,658	63,891
Margin (%)	9.5	11.4	13.0	14.3
Total Tax	5,860	7,194	8,886	10,580
Effective tax rate (%)	17.3	16.4	16.6	16.6
Profit after tax	27,980	36,726	44,772	53,310
Minority interest	4,020	6,201	7,659	9,119
Share Profit from Associate	30	100	100	100
Adjusted PAT	23,990	30,625	37,213	44,291
YoY gr. (%)	23.5	27.7	21.5	19.0
Margin (%)	6.7	8.0	9.0	9.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	23,990	30,625	37,213	44,291
YoY gr. (%)	23.5	27.7	21.5	19.0
Margin (%)	6.7	8.0	9.0	9.9
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	23,990	30,625	37,213	44,291
Equity Shares O/s (m)	764	764	764	764
EPS (Rs)	31.4	40.1	48.7	58.0

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs	s m)			
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	2,77,570	3,03,160	3,23,160	3,43,160
Tangibles	1,12,760	1,16,118	1,30,640	1,30,905
Intangibles	1,64,810	1,87,042	1,92,520	2,12,255
Acc: Dep / Amortization	1,06,770	1,28,918	1,52,843	1,78,329
Tangibles	50,390	62,735	72,134	86,780
Intangibles	56,380	66,183	80,709	91,549
Net fixed assets	1,70,800	1,74,242	1,70,317	1,64,831
Tangibles	62,370	53,383	58,505	44,125
Intangibles	1,08,430	1,20,859	1,11,811	1,20,705
Capital Work In Progress	20,730	15,140	15,140	15,141
Goodwill	1,82,410	1,82,410	1,82,410	1,82,410
Non-Current Investments	8,380	9,423	9,716	10,047
Net Deferred tax assets	(11,220)	(11,220)	(11,220)	(11,220)
Other Non-Current Assets	7,650	7,440	8,579	9,757
Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	
Inventories	78,500	84,229	90,649	99,124
Trade receivables	1,20,570	1,21,080	1,26,908	1,38,284
Cash & Bank Balance	67,520	57,994	47,441	36,659
Other Current Assets	18,800	32,665	35,155	37,967
Total Assets	7,00,828	7,08,791	7,11,022	7,19,542
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	1,528	1,528	1,528	1,528
Other Equity	1,91,290	1,99,792	2,11,009	2,25,343
Total Networth	1,92,818	2,01,320	2,12,537	2,26,871
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	2,73,710	2,43,710	2,13,710	1,83,710
Provisions	240	258	278	300
Other non current liabilities	5,860	5,860	5,860	5,860
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	12,980	11,980	10,980	9,980
Trade payables	1,02,330	1,21,080	1,30,307	1,40,732
Other current liabilities	51,550	57,107	62,187	67,773
Total Equity & Liabilities	7,00,828	7,08,790	7,11,022	7,19,542

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
PBT	33,840	43,920	53,658	63,891
Add. Depreciation	20,120	22,148	23,926	25,486
Add. Interest	14,810	15,354	13,773	12,192
Less Financial Other Income	1,040	1,872	2,022	2,184
Add. Other	(3,690)	(5,891)	(6,285)	(7,262)
Op. profit before WC changes	65,080	75,531	85,071	94,306
Net Changes-WC	30,500	2,805	(2,956)	(9,356)
Direct tax	(8,190)	(10,791)	(13,329)	(15,870)
Net cash from Op. activities	87,390	67,545	68,786	69,080
Capital expenditures	(19,350)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,001)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	(7,080)	(158)	1,285	1,270
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(26,430)	(20,158)	(18,715)	(18,731)
Issue of share cap. / premium	379	-	-	-
Debt changes	1,170	(31,000)	(31,000)	(31,000)
Dividend paid	(4,570)	(5,084)	(7,435)	(8,072)
Interest paid	(16,460)	(15,354)	(13,773)	(12,192)
Others	(2,120)	(5,855)	(8,417)	(9,867)
Net cash from Fin. activities	(21,601)	(57,292)	(60,624)	(61,131)
Net change in cash	39,359	(9,906)	(10,553)	(10,781)
Free Cash Flow	67,590	47,545	48,786	49,079

Source: Company Data, PL Research

# Quarterly Financials (Rs m) Y/e Mar

Y/e Mar	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
Net Revenue	88,920	1,11,410	78,330	89,390
YoY gr. (%)	80.7	30.7	(0.9)	14.4
Raw Material Expenses	44,270	62,480	35,490	45,090
Gross Profit	44,650	48,930	42,840	44,300
Margin (%)	50.2	43.9	54.7	49.6
EBITDA	21,020	19,040	18,320	16,670
YoY gr. (%)	124.1	47.5	39.6	15.2
Margin (%)	23.6	17.1	23.4	18.6
Depreciation / Depletion	4,950	5,950	5,220	5,330
EBIT	16,070	13,090	13,100	11,340
Margin (%)	18.1	11.7	16.7	12.7
Net Interest	5,150	1,870	5,510	3,430
Other Income	200	210	670	750
Profit before Tax	10,370	9,720	8,010	6,550
Margin (%)	11.7	8.7	10.2	7.3
Total Tax	1,990	2,110	1,430	1,120
Effective tax rate (%)	19.2	21.7	17.9	17.1
Profit after Tax	8,380	7,610	6,580	5,430
Minority interest	1,290	1,670	1,020	740
Share Profit from Associates	(80)	230	(50)	(60)
Adjusted PAT	7,760	7,880	5,760	6,740
YoY gr. (%)	40.6	43.5	61.3	42.8
Margin (%)	8.7	7.1	7.4	7.5
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	7,760	7,880	5,760	6,740
YoY gr. (%)	40.6	43.5	61.3	42.8
Margin (%)	8.7	7.1	7.4	7.5
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	7,760	7,880	5,760	6,740
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	764	764	764	764
EPS (Rs)	10.2	10.3	7.5	8.8

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics				
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	31.4	40.1	48.7	58.0
CEPS	57.7	69.1	80.0	91.3
BVPS	252.4	263.5	278.2	296.9
FCF	88.5	62.2	63.9	64.2
DPS	6.0	9.1	9.9	11.8
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	10.4	12.3	14.6	17.2
ROIC	10.1	11.7	13.7	15.7
RoE	14.1	15.5	18.0	20.2
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7
Net Working Capital (Days)	99	80	77	79
Valuation(x)				
PER	14.4	11.3	9.3	7.8
P/B	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
P/CEPS	7.9	6.6	5.7	5.0
EV/EBITDA	8.3	6.8	5.9	5.1
EV/Sales	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1
Dividend Yield (%)	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.6

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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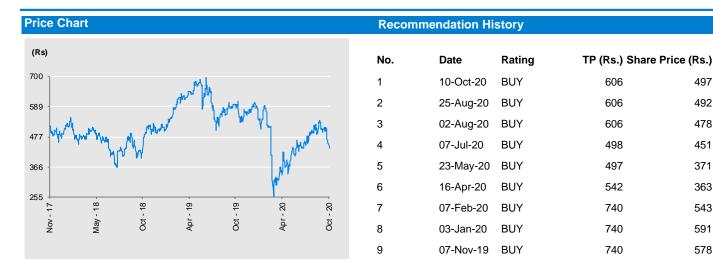
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Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Bayer Cropscience	BUY	6,421	5,707
2	Coromandel International	Reduce	676	723
3	Dhanuka Agritech	Accumulate	868	735
4	Godrej Agrovet	Accumulate	513	533
5	Insecticides India	BUY	612	458
6	P.I. Industries	Hold	2,026	2,161
7	Rallis India	Hold	275	262
8	Sharda Cropchem	BUY	358	270
9	Sumitomo Chemical India	Hold	295	283
10	UPL	BUY	606	497

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