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ANTIBIOTIC USE IN PIG PRODUCTION - WHERE ARE WE GOING?

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Suggestions from Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial resistance (JPIAR)

1. New/better treatments
2. Better diagnostics
3. Better surveillance
4. Understanding transmission
5. Understanding the role of the environment
6. Demonstration projects

New/better treatments

1. New targets new antibiotics
2. Alternatives to antibiotics
 1. Flora stabilization
 2. Immune therapy/stimulation
3. New principles
 - Anti-virulence therapy
 - Anti-colonization therapy
 - Anti-resistance therapy
3. Re-use of old forgotten antibiotics
4. Better use of existing antibiotics

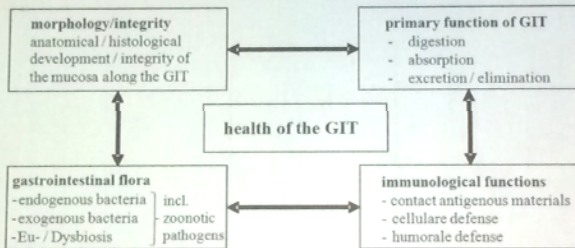
THE PHYSICAL FORM OF DIETS - IMPACTS ON PIGS' HEALTH, PERFORMANCE AND WELLBEING

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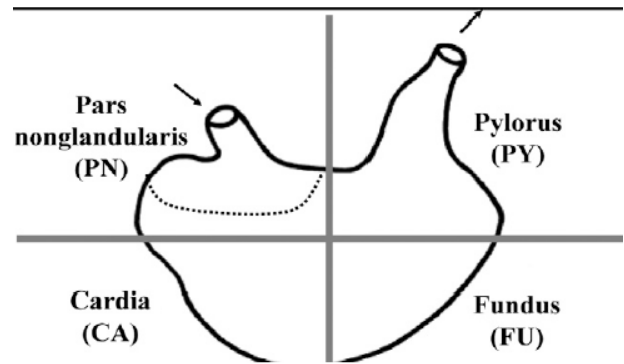
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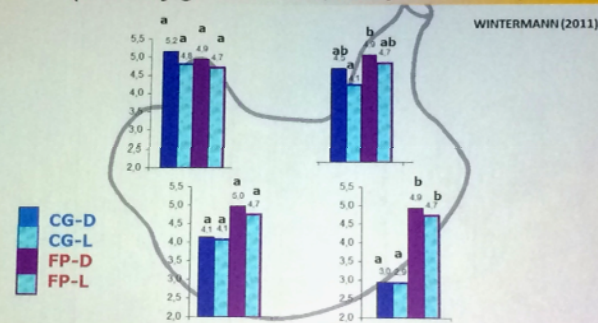
The health of the gastrointestinal tract (GIT)



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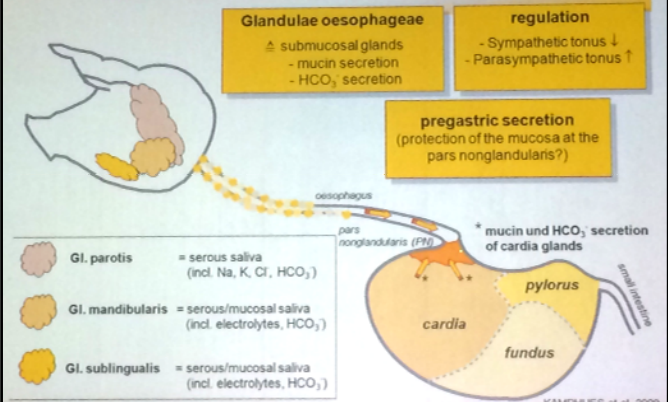


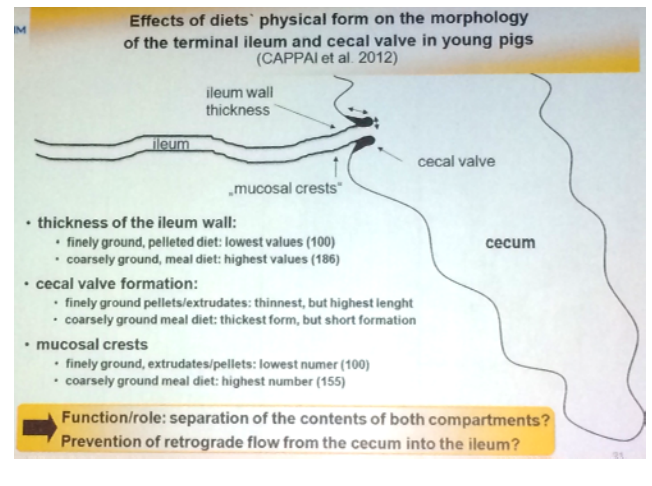
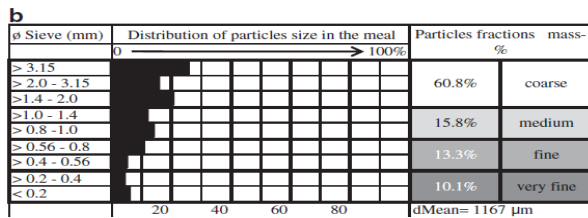
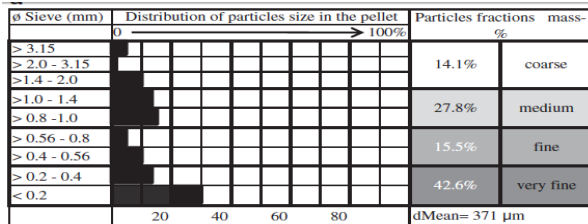
Distribution of pH within stomach content at the different regions in pigs' stomach fed different diets (coarsely ground = CG; fine pellets = FP)



In stomach contents of pigs fed the coarse diet marked differences in the pH of the different regions! liquid feeding without any effects on gastric content, but the diets' structure was the predominant factor

Are there hints for a special role of pregastric secretion which could protect the pars nonglandularis?





Summary / conclusion regarding porcine diets' physical form

In the past: nutritionists set the trends

- maximizing grinding intensity for
- highest prececal digestibility and
- best preconditions for pelleting / pellet stability

Actually: veterinary nutritionists reevaluated the established technologies

- optimizing grinding intensity (corn/ legumes!)
- with benefits for pigs' health / wellbeing / energy input
- use of non-pelleted diets / mash diets whenever it is possible

BUT: don't forget the **DISADVANTAGES**

- energy costs when nutrients are digested by the GIT-flora
- risk for demixing processes during diets' transport
- occurrence of layer of scum on slurry (barley?)

The challenge regarding modern porc production (including housing, nutrition and veterinary medicine)



"measure – the sum of prudence"!

REDUCTION OF PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME VIRUS (PRRSV) TRANSMISSION IN VACCINATED PIGS

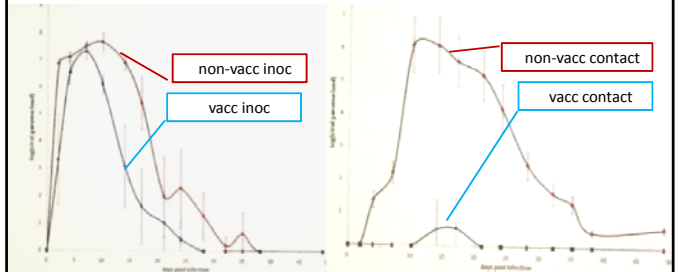
Rose N.^[1], Renson P.^[1], Andraud M.^[1], Paboeuf F.^[1], Le Potier M.^[1], Bourry O.^[1]
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Protocol

- 56 SPF piglets, 3 weeks-old
 - + 8 control piglets
 - + Vaccination Porcilis PRRS® (ID) 3 WO
 - + Challenge D31 PV (PRRS/FR/29/24/1/2005 [EU genotype, subtype 1], Intra-nasal route, 5 10⁵ DCP₅₀/pig)
 - + 12 contact pigs (direct contact 24h PI)
- Follow-up during 49 dpi, blood samples every 3 days
- qRT-PCR for viremia **specific** to the challenge strain PRRS/FR/29/24/1/2005 (differential PCR from the vaccine strain)



- q-RT-PCR in pigs
 - vaccinated VS. non-vaccinated
 - inoculated VS. contacted



Conclusion and perspectives

- High efficacy of vaccination on reduction of PRRS transmission in SPF pigs and in experimental conditions
 - ⇒ consistent with clinical and biological data [Martelli et al., 2007, 2009]
- According to R estimate in vaccinated pigs ⇒ high efficacy in *eradicating PRRSV in pig farms should be expected*
- Further parameters have to be investigated to assess the expected outcome in field conditions
 - ⇒ interference with maternal antibodies?
 - ⇒ time elapsed between vaccination/infection
 - ⇒ interaction with husbandry / biosecurity practices

PRRS CONTROL AND ERADICATION OPTIONS FOR BREED TO WEAN FARMS

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- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24931129>
- http://conservancy.umn.edu/bitstream/147026/1/Linhares_umn_0130E_13487.pdf

- Better Evidence!
 - Time to Negative Pig Study Update
 - Exposure Method
 - Prior Immunity Value
 - Time to Baseline Production (TTBP)
 - Time to PRRSV Stability (TTS)

meaning

- Herds were assumed to achieve “TTS status” when there was a failure to detect PRRSv RNA in serum of pre-weaning pigs by RT-PCR over a 90-day period
- Time to baseline production (TTBP) was defined as time, in weeks, it took to recover the levels of ‘weaned pigs per week’ that the herd had prior to PRRSv-detection (i.e. time to “in control” levels of productivity).

- TTBP was significantly shorter and productivity was less affected in farms with prior PRRSv infection and herds assisted by a specific veterinary clinic.

Table 3 – Comparison of PRRSv severity (Δ pigs A), total loss (Δ pigs B) and time to baseline production (TTBP) between groups (univariate analysis).

	LVI	MLV	p-value*
Δ pigs A (mean \pm std. error)	678.4 \pm 106.0	335.3 \pm 141.4	0.0681
Δ pigs B (mean \pm std. error)	2665.0 \pm 313.0	1222.2 \pm 395.3	0.0095
TTBP (median and 25 th to 75 th percentile)	21 (13, 24)	10 (0, 15)	<0.0001

* Between group comparisons for Δ pigs A and Δ pigs B were done using t-test and for TTBP using Log-rank test.

– TTS

- Significant variability exists
- Regardless of this variability, two significant associations:

BTW herds exposed via LVI achieved TTS significantly faster than comparable herds achieving stabilization through MLV

TTS poorly correlated with TTBP

TTBP highly correlated with total pre-weaning losses

Prior herd immunity correlated with earlier TTBP, with a drastic increase in total weaned piglet production relative to PRRSV naïve herds

BTW herds using MLV reached TTBP significantly faster than herds using LVI

why LVI herds achieved TTS faster than MLV herds.

- First, immune response to virulent PRRSv is faster and stronger than that to attenuated virus, as measured by duration and magnitude of viremia and antibody titers.
- Secondly, exposing to resident virus likely induces quicker protective immune response than a non-related virus, MLV vaccine

- Two Significant Shifts in PRRS Management
 - Exposure Method = MLV
 - Value of rapid TTS < Value of rapid TTBP
 - PRRSV Control vs. PRRSV Eradication
 - Outbreak Frequency is key assumption
 - Outbreak Frequency assumption should be regularly challenged as key variables for the BTW herd change

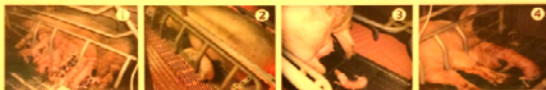
Conclusions

- Prior immunity to PRRSV was assumed to reduce total weaned pig losses during an outbreak by almost 82% due to the shorter TTBP

SOW BEHAVIOUR EVALUATION AT FARROWING AND FIRST CONCLUSIONS

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2.3. Evaluation of the sow's behaviour at farrowing



Score	Observations
1	The sow is calm, lies on her side and lets piglets suckle during farrowing. She does not react to human activity. The sow pursues the farrowing effort without consideration for her piglets.
2	The sow lies on her belly, disturbing piglets feeding. She remains alerted by human activity without standing up. The sow can grunt. She is showing signs of nervousity and stereotypic behaviour: playing with her drinking trough, biting the crate structures....
3	The sow is nervous. She keeps standing up and lying down again, either triggered by human activity or at piglet expulsion. The sow grunts systematically at human approach, but does not try to bite. Piglets crushing is frequently observed.
4	The sow is very nervous and very agitated. She seems to be annoyed by the piglets and can bite them. She keeps standing up frequently and does not let her piglets suckle. When lying on her side, the sow stands up during piglet expulsion or when a piglet tries to suckle. Shows aggressiveness against human.

1. Litters characteristics according to sow behaviour

- ✓ A majority of easy farrowing observed for the calmer sows (score 1) (Table 3)

Farrowing	Behav. score 1	Behav. score 2	Behav. score 3	Behav. score 4	Live born/ total born	Manual exploration	Duration
Easy	24 (69%)	8 (23%)	3 (9%)	0 (0%)	12.94/14.14	0%	1H27
Medium	11 (38%)	10 (34%)	7 (24%)	1 (3%)	11.11/13.64	66%	2H17
Difficult	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	11.0/11.75	25%	2H48

Table 3 : Sows' behaviour and farrowing characteristics according to the difficulty of the process.

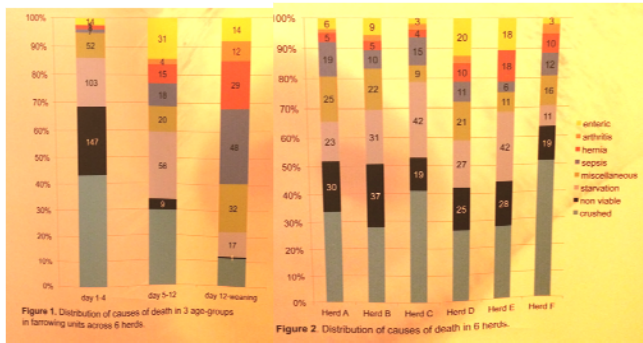
- ✓ Only 36/67 sows showed a behaviour in favour of the piglets, allowing a quick and effective intake of colostrum.
- ✓ 2/3 of the «medium» farrowing required manual exploration ($P < 0.001$).
- ✓ The more difficult, the longer the farrowing process.
- ✓ «Easy» farrowing leads to fewer losses at birth: 9.0% (Easy), 13.5% (Medium) and 29.3% (Difficult).
- ✓ More frequent interventions for the nervous & agitated sows ($P < 0.1$) (Table 4).

Sow behaviour score	Litter size (n)	Total litter weight (kg)	Farrowing duration (h)	Piglet vitality score	Exploration (%)	Stillborn/ total born (%)
1	15.0	20.17	1H45	1.51*	19	6
2	14.5	19.41	1H48	1.36*	33	14
3	15.4	20.24	1H42	1.27*	55	12
4	15.6	19.44	4H50	1.87*	50	6

Table 4 : Farrowing and litter parameters according to the maternal behaviour score (s.b. $P < 0.05$).

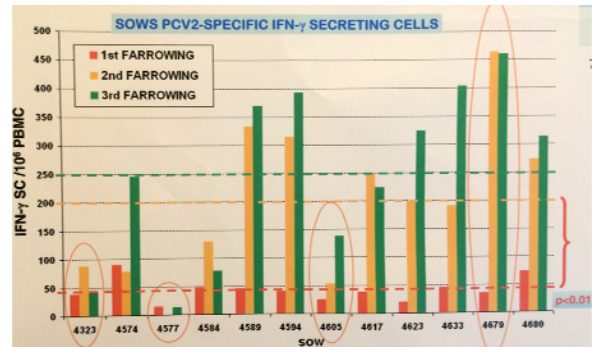
Preweaning mortality in 6 Danish herds

Johansen, M., Svensmark, B., Haugegaard, S., Nielsen, M.B.F., Kongsted, H., and Bakbo, P.
Danish Pig Research Centre, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Copenhagen, Denmark.



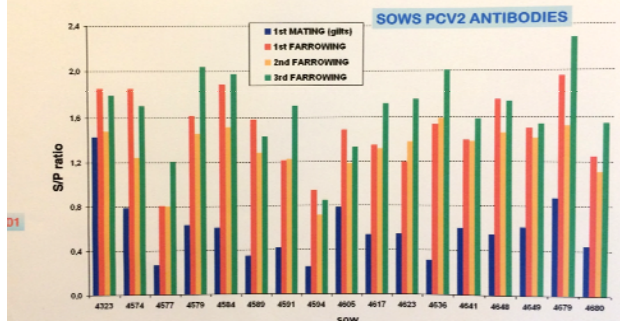
GILTS AND SOWS PCV2 RE-VACCINATION AT MATING INCREASES THE HOMOGENEITY AND THE TITRES OF ANTIBODIES AT FARROWING AND THE PASSIVE TRANSFER TO THE PIGLTS, BUT DOES NOT AFFECT THE FREQUENCY OF IFN- γ SECRETING CELLS

Bariletti, R., Saleri, V., Cavalli, L., Ferrari, E., De Angelis, A., Cacchioli, M., Benetti, G., Ferrarini, P., Borghetti, Department of Veterinary Science - University of Parma, Italy



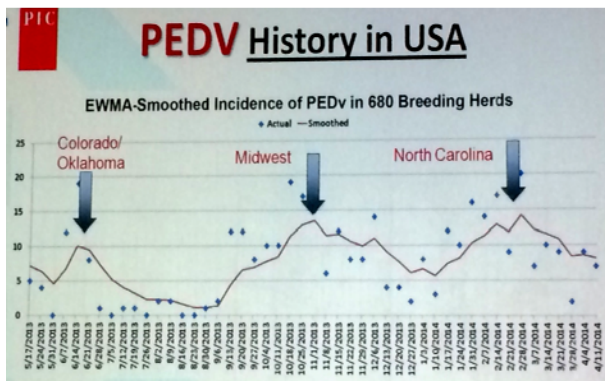
	1 st MATING	1 st FARROWING	2 nd FARROWING	3 rd FARROWING
CV	47.4	21.5	19.6	20.0

Table 1: Coefficients of variation (CV) of the PCV2-specific antibody S/P ratios in sows.



PEDV History in North America

- Until 2013, PEDV was exotic in the Americas.
- April 2013. The first clinical cases appeared in USA. Now, PEDV affects 30 of the 52 States (April 2014).
- Sequence identity higher than 99.0% to Chinese PEDV strains reported in 2011-2012.
- 2013. PEDV identified in Mexico
- Jan 2014. New PEDV variants identified in the USA. It seems likely that more than one genotype has been introduced.
- Jan 2014. PEDV was introduced into Canada (Ontario)
- March 2014. A new Delta Coronavirus (SDCV) identified in swine herds from 9 States in USA.
- March 2014. PED reported in Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Peru.
- March-April 2014. SDCV confirmed in 6 Ontario farms.



PEDV Lessons Learned-Spread

- PEDV is not PCV2, PRRSV or Myco

It's all about feces

1. High concentration of viral particles in feces and low infective dose

PEDV PCR Ct of 8 1M more genetic copies than Ct of 28
1B more genetic copies than Ct of 38

VIRIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, EXAMPLE:
If a 2 day-old piglet produces 1B virions/1ml feces
100 ml feces → 100B of virions
Biosecurity Procedure 99.99% effective
↓
There are still 1M virions (Ken Schwartz)

- 17.3% of the trailers were contaminated with PEDv before unloading the pigs (from 2 to 69%)
- 11.4% of the trailers that were not contaminated with PEDv on arrival, were subsequently contaminated during unloading

- Farms within 1 mile of a PED positive farm had an 8.4 times higher risk of infection
- Farms within 2 miles of a PED positive farm had a 6.3 times higher risk of infection
- Greater than 3 miles from a positive farm had no increased risk of infection
- Air?

African swine fever

<http://asforce.org/course>

