

Postweaning *E. coli* diarrhea Colitoxicosis Edema disease



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« Why and How » Whatever the problem, we have always 2 questions to answer

- « How » to rectify the problem as soon as possible ?
- « Why » the problem occurs ?



PWD

- « Common », non fatal,
- Classical prophylaxis
 - France:
 - In feed: « colistine 1er âge »
 - •water: colistine
 - •North America / DK / Spain: Zn0
- Effect on growth
- E. coli
 - F4 (K88) (classic)
 - F18 (edema disease + enterotoxins)
- PWD = pathology of transition

Disease of transition























- Villis are normal
- Gram negative bacteria on the mucosa

Gram coloration(x 1000)



PWD (E. coli) (Gram)

Normal brush border (HES)



E. coli: Enterotoxins Heat Stable (ST: Sta and Stb) Diarrhea Heat Labile (LT) Lumen Shiga Toxin (Stx2e) Enterotox E coli CIT Na⁺H₂O K⁺ HCO3 with CFA pili Brush Border Effects on cyclic nucleotides and other mediators regulating secretion Nucleus Nucleus, Lamina propria 12 14 18 20 N8



Postweaning E. coli diarrhea



The French situation (Labofarm, 2009)

E. coli (PWD) 2002-2008



Le Guennec, 2009

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Hemolytic F4 E. coli

AntibioR

Antibiotic	% Resistant	N=1300	
– Gentamicine	5		
 Néomycine 	10		
 Apramycine 	2		
 Amoxicilline 	51		
 Céfalexine 	3		
 Ceftiofur 	1		
 – TMP sulfa 	59		
 Flumequine 	15		
 Marbofloxacine 	8		
 Enrofloxacine 	8		
 Florfenicol 	2		

E test if diameter below 18mm





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Colistine : some strains are R $$0,19 \ \mu g/ml$ R 16 \ \mu g/ml$$





MIC : relation diameter and E-Test

	Number of	MIC by E Test		% strains with MIC $\geq 2 \ \mu g/ml$
Diameter	strams	>2 µg/ml	<2 µg/ml	
<15 mm	1	1	0	100 %
15 mm	7	7	0	100 %
16 mm	11	9	2	82 %
17 mm	15	2	13	15 %
18 mm	22	0	22	0 %
≥ 19 mm	14	0	14	0 %



PWD: pathophysiology (herd)





Adapted from David Guillou, 2008

Herd level

Piglet level









Individually measured feed intake characteristics and growth performance of group-housed weanling pigs: Effects of sex, initial body weight, and body weight distribution within groups^{1,2}



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Post-weaning interval, h

Bruininx et al., 2001

Post-weaning anorexia although duration is limited



Bruininx et al., 2001



Figure 2. Percentage of weanling pigs that had not eaten after weaning as a function of postweaning interval (mean = 10.7 h; SD = 1.73 h). Curves are given for eaters (—), non-eaters (——) and no-feed pigs (- - - -) pigs. Eaters and non-eaters were given access to a chromic oxide containing creep feed from d 11 after birth until weaning (d 28). A green color of the feces due to the presence of chromic oxide indicated that a pig had eaten creep feed. Piglets that had green feces at all three sampling moments were designated as eaters. Piglets that never had green feces were designated as non-eaters. The dark periods are indicated by shaded bars.



Post-weaning interval, h



Post-weaning interval, h









Postweaning E. coli diarrhea

Physio	Physio	Behavior	Feed changes				
Global	digestive	& feed	composition	immuno			
Û	Û	Û	Û	Û			
Syndrome of adaptation	Less absorption	Feed consumption	Enzymatic E adaptation	Ind of lactogenic protection			
Decrease stress (t C, housing)	Feed quality and feed transition	Feed quality and feed transition	1-pre-weaning 2-digestive capacity	1-Antibiotic 2-Vaccination 3-Ecologic manipulation			
Yes, but	Yes, but	Yes, but	Yes, but	Yes, but			
Italy / Denmark / France							
Postweaning E. coli diarrhea

Human componant: How >>> Why









The four-step visual thinking process when creating a report.



The visual thinking process, as it really happens.

Postweaning *E. coli* diarrhea diagnosis



The four-step visual thinking process when crossing a street.

- Clinical and epidemiological: major even if ... The six W (and mainly « When »)
- Pathology (gross and histo): why ?
- Bacteriology: why except
- Differential: uncommon diseases are ...



Postweaning *E. coli* diarrhea prevention

- Antibiotic or Ab-like

 Antibiotics: Yes but ...
 - ZnO (2500ppm): Yes but .
- Symbiotics
 - Prebiotic: Yes but ...
 - Probiotic: Yes but ...



Postweaning *E. coli* diarrhea prevention

J. Fairbrother, GREMIP, Canada: Live *E. coli* strain: F4+/Sta-STb-LT-



Post-weaning acute death

- Classical case
 - Enzootic acute deaths
 - Heavy pigs
 - No previous symptoms
- Differential diagnosis
 - Colitoxicosis
 - Edema disease
 - Mulberrey Heart Disease
 - Streptococcus suis
 - Haemophilus parasuis



Colitoxicosis Hemorragic gastro-enteritis



Colitoxicosis Hemorragic gastro-enteritis

- Infectious but not contagious
- Major disease (acute death of heavy piglets)
- Digestive E. coli (F4) accident
 - massive colonisation all small intestin (24-36h)
 - massive LPS production and LPS release

Disseminated intravascular coagulation Toxic Chock



Toxic shock-like syndrome (TSLS)

S. suis, Human and China



Gottschalk, 2008

Disseminated intravascular coagulation **Toxic Chock** Diarrhea Lumen CIT Na⁺H₂O K⁺ HCO₃ E coli with CFA pil nnn Brush Border Effects on cyclic nucleotides and other mediators regulating secretion Nucleus lucleus Lamina propria

E. coli: Endotoxins (LPS)



















In all types of nursery

In all types of herds

Two waves 1-PW 2-Post-transition



Antibiotics Feeds (acidification, ...) Transition<u>S</u> Hygiene





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Colitoxicosis diagnosis



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IMAGINE



SHOW

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- Pathology (gross)
- Bacteriology
- Differential:
 - Edema disease
 - Mulberrey Heart Disease
 - Streptococcus suis or Haemophilus parasuis





Colitoxicosis: pathophysio-diagnosis

One question: What happens 24-36 hours before ?



Colitoxicosis Hemorragic gastro-enteritis

Acute change in gut ecosystem of one specific piglet (24-36h)

















Colitoxicosis: pathophysio-diagnosis

From « How » to « Why »



Pathology of transition: Counter-intuitive problem For well done ... Too well done Piglet's feeding behavior

Colitoxicosis: treatment





Edema disease

- Infectious but NON contagious disease
- Prevalence increase
- Beautiful heavy piglets
- In all types of herds
- Weaners AND early growers
- Digestive accident with special E. coli (fimbriae F18)

-VTEC = VeroToxinogenic *E. coli*

-STEC = ShigaToxigenic *E. coli*

-EDEC = Edema Disease *E. coli*

-EHEC = EnteroHemorrhagic *E. coli*

✓ Slow acting colonisation all small gut



Edema disease

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Table 2: Serogroups of commonly isolated enterotoxigenic *E. coli* stains and their typical characteristics

Serogroup	Adhesin(s)	Toxin(s)	Hemolysins
Weaned pigs only			
0138	F18ab;ac	STa,STb±Stx2e	+
0139	F18ab	STa,STb±Stx2e	+
0141	F18ac	STa,STb±Stx2e	+
0157	F18ac	STa,STb±Stx2e	+

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Virulence and fitness gene patterns of Shiga toxin-encoding *Escherichia coli* isolated from pigs with edema disease or diarrhea in Germany

Virulenz- und Fitnessgenprofile bei shigatoxinogenen Escherichia coli von Schweinen mit Ödemkrankheit oder Diarrhoe in Deutschland

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Edema disease Piglet level

Herd level



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Denmark / France				

STx2e toxinogenic disease

- IV: ED (degenerative angiopathy)
 - 0,00003mg/kg
 - 3x more toxigenic than botulism toxin
 - 1 gramme of toxin = + 100. 10⁶ piglets 10 kg

ancées

- Adhesion of the toxin to erythrocyte plus
- Oral:
 - Usually: no absorption
 - Gut manipulation (biliary salts): absorption
 - dysbacteriosis
 - Increase of biliary salts
 - expression of FUT-1







Gut incident

Fatal gut accident



Dysbacteriosis



Iatrogenic lysis (i.e. antibiotics)

Massive release of Stx2e After bacterial lysis Non secreted (different from enterotoxins)

Isolation from lymphnodes

- Why it is of major importance ?
- Usually (textbooks): *E. coli* limited to gut lumen

The effect of intramuscular administration of colistin on the development and course of experimentally induced oedema disease in weaned piglets

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Veterinary Microbiology 128 (2008) 160–166



Konstantinova's results

- No colonisation (in fact: 1/22)
- Same intestinal multiplication in the two groupes (treated or not treated with colistine)
- Mesenteric lymphnodes colonized
- On a clinical point of view:
 - Lot A (treated) much more clinica







Konstantinova's hypothesis

- STEC lysis by colistine
 Polypeptide: membrane lysis (like quinolones)
- Massive libération of Stx2e
 - STx2e non secreted (different from enterotoxins)
- Paradoxal situation

HUS

Hemolytic and uremic syndrome

In Japan, summer 1996...Hemorragic colitis and fatal HUS Implication of *E. coli* entero-hémorragic (EHEC) with verotoxins

Wong et coll. 2000
Increase of odds for HUS (50% versus 8%) between treated on non treated patients
« We conclude that SOS-mediated induction of Shiga toxins and toxin-encoding bacteriophages may contribute to the emerging epidemiologic pattern of STEC (Shiga toxin-producing E. coli) disease ».

Delayed digestive accident 6-8 days before clinical symptoms

Colonisation Production of Stx2e

Colonisation Production of Stx2e Edema disease: pathophysio-diagnosis

One question: What happens 6-8 days before ?

- Acute death
- Heavy and beautiful piglets
- Nervous symptoms
 (confusion with S. suis)
- No fever (different from S. suis)































Edema disease diagnosis



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Edema disease diagnosis



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- Clinical and epidemiological:
 - Absence of fever
- Pathology (gross and histo)
- Bacteriology
- Differential:
 - Colitoxicosis
 - Septicemia (S. suis / H. parasuis)



Oedème des méninges sans lésions vasculaires

Méninge, tronc cérébral.

Amenna, 2008





Angiopathy (mesenteric lymphnodes)

Amenna, 2008

Lésions un peu plus avancées





12:00 12:00 12:00 12:00 12:00 12:00 12:00

Temps d'observation (JJ hh:mm)

12:00

Acute change in gut ecosystem of one specific piglet (6-8 days before)



















Last (but not the least) question: from where came the F18+Stx2e+ *E. coli* ? ✓Sows

✓Nursery





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Waterborne E. coli

This Japanese paper (J. of Jap. Vet. Med. Assoc. **51** 659-661) describes a condition over five months on a Japanese big farm when some 270 piglets showed oedema of the eyelids and nervous systems some 10 days post weaning. Death invariably ensued.

Post mortem examinations

revealed brain and intestinal lesions and E. coli 0139 was isolated from brains, lymph nodes and intestinal contents.

E. coli 0139 was detected from the water holding tank and in drinking water at various places on the farm. The problem disappeared after the water was chlorinated and the farm disinfected.

Enterotoxemia due to Escherichia coli in Weaning Piglets Water-Transmitted

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SUMMARY

From July to December in 1996 at hoggery in Okayama Prefecture, about 270 piglets showed edema of eyelids and nervous symptom about 10 days after weaning and acutely died. Three killed or dead pigs were necropsied, revealing histopathologically fibrinoid and hyaline degeneration of vascular walls in the brain stem and the submucosa of the small intestine. Verotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (VTEC) O 139 was isolated from the brain, lymph nodes and intestinal contents. VTEC O139 of the same serotype as isolats from the dead cases was also detected from storage tank and drinking water in the hoggery, and no more outbreaks occurred after chlorinating water and complete sweeping-out and disinfecting of the farmhouses.

-Key words : E. coli O139, enterotoximia, water-borne infection.

-J. Jpn. Vet. Med. Assoc., 51, 659~661 (1998)
Edema disease prevention

J. Fairbrother, GREMIP, Canada: Live *E. coli* strain: F18+/Shigatoxin negative





Conclusions

- Why > How
 - When
- PWD
 - Principle of precaution
- Colitoxicosis
 - 24-36 hours
- Edema disease
 - 6-8 days
 - Counter-intuitive effects of antibiotics



