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Iron for piglets
- How do we avoid anaemia? And overload?!

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FerkoFer - FerkoFer

What is FerkoFer®?

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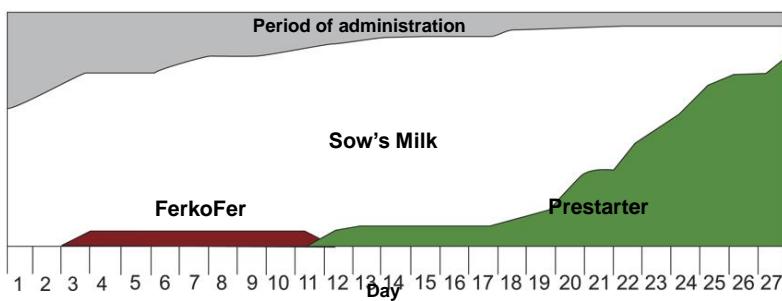


- A practical, oral iron supplement in the form of a dry powder
- Provides sufficient supply of iron
- Contains microencapsulated absorbable iron
- Patented product (*EP 0641236 and EP 1083800*)





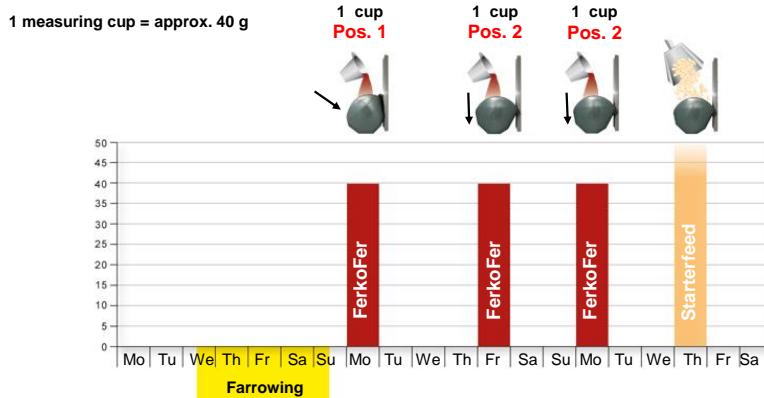
Administration of FerkoFer



FerkoFer is given 3 times during the period from 2-4 days after farrowing until the piglets are 8-12 days old. Each time, 1 measuring cup (approx. 40 g) is given per litter of 12 piglets. Thus, after the 3 administrations, each piglet in the litter has received approx. 10 g of FerkoFer. In this way, it is achieved that iron is available to the piglet throughout period.



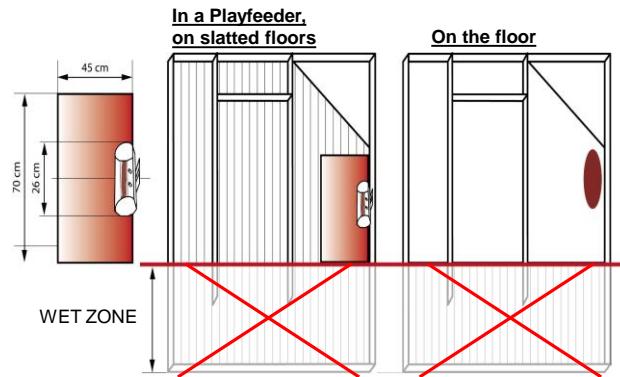
Application in practice



Farrowings usually take place at the end of the week. Monday after the farrowing, the administration of FerkoFer begins. It continues as shown in the illustration. A total of 10 g of FerkoFer is administered per piglet, equivalent to 120 g per litter (12 piglets).



Distribution of FerkoFer



FerkoFer is distributed in a clean dry place on the floor, between the sow and the resting place of the piglets, but out of reach of the sow and not too close to the slats.



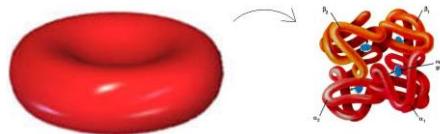
The theoretical requirement

The total iron requirement ("consumption") of the piglet during the 3 first weeks after birth is app. 230 mg.

Total iron requirement	app. 230 mg
Iron reserve at birth	app. 50 mg
Supply from the sow's milk	app. 25 mg
Required iron supplement	app. 155 mg



Measurement of haemoglobin

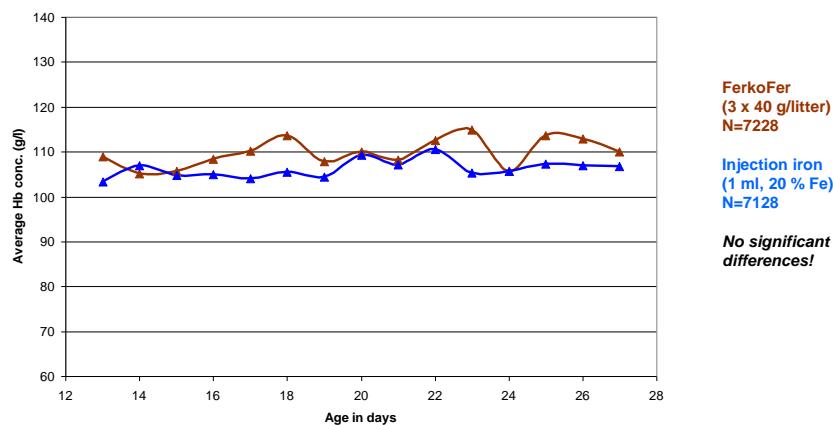


Red blood cell

Haemoglobin



The hemoglobin concentration in 13-27 days old piglets, which have been given oral iron powder from Biofiber-Damino (brown curve) or injection iron (blue curve). Both curves are based on measurements of more than 7000 piglets.





Trial in Belgium 2010

		FerkoFer	Injection	p
Day 3	Hb.konc, (g/l) (n=249)	75,9	78,1	0,25
Day 25	Hb.konc, (n=240)	109,6	101,1	0,00*
	Time spent/litter (sec.)	27,3	56,9	<0,01*
	Mortality day 3-25, (%)	11,4	12,2	0,78
	Daily weight gain (g/day)	253,9	248,8	0,17

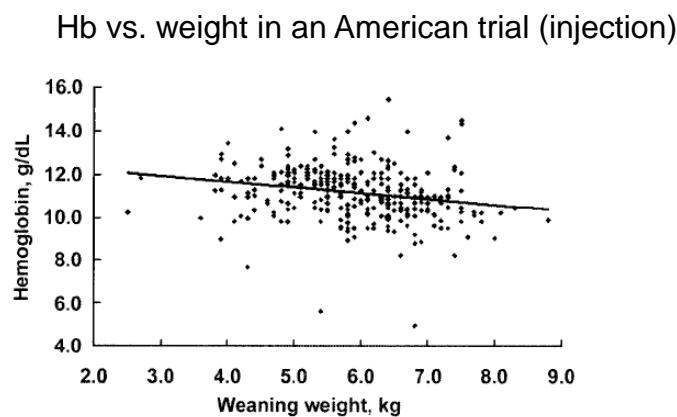
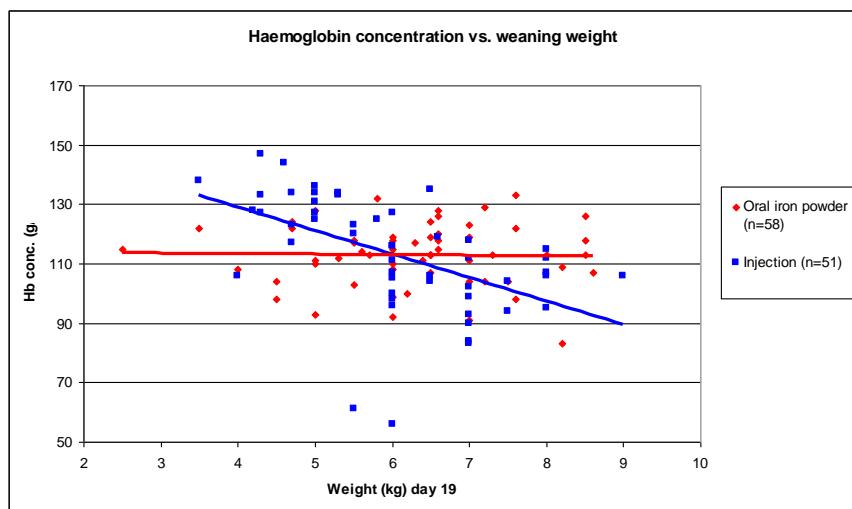


D. Maes, M. Steyaert, C. Vanderhaeghe, A. López Rodríguez, E. de Jong, R. del Pozo Sacristán, F. Vangroenweghe, J. Dewulf. *Comparison of oral versus parenteral iron supplementation on the health and productivity of piglets.* Veterinary Record (2011)168(7): 188.



Another french trial...

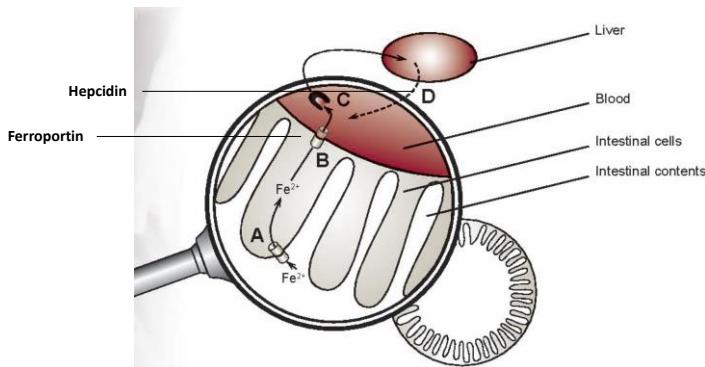
	FerkoFer (n=58)	Injection (n=51)
Haemoglobin, (g/l), day 19	112,9	113,0
Daily w. gain, day 1-19 (g)	241	221



Jolliff JS, Mahan DC. Effect of injected and dietary iron in young piglets on blood hematology and postnatal pig growth performance. J. Anim. Sci. 2011; 89:4068-4080.



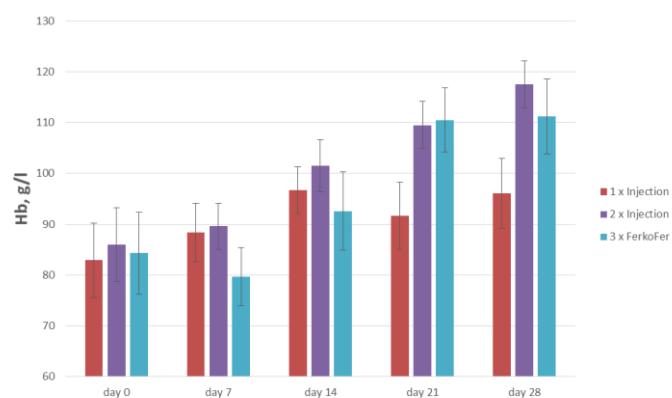
Hepcidin: Key regulator of iron absorption in the gut



The liver excretes hepcidin (D) when body iron levels are sufficient.
Ferroportin (B) – the iron transporter in the intestinal cell – is inhibited by hepcidin.



Ferkofe compared to 1x and 2x injection



A German study on different iron supplementation methods (n=64-69 in each group). 1x inj. significant lower on day 21 and 28.

Ripke S. (2015) Einsatz zur Kontrolle der Eisenmangelanämie beim Saugferkel.
Tierärztlichen Fakultät der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.



Reference ranges

The MERCK VETERINARY MANUAL

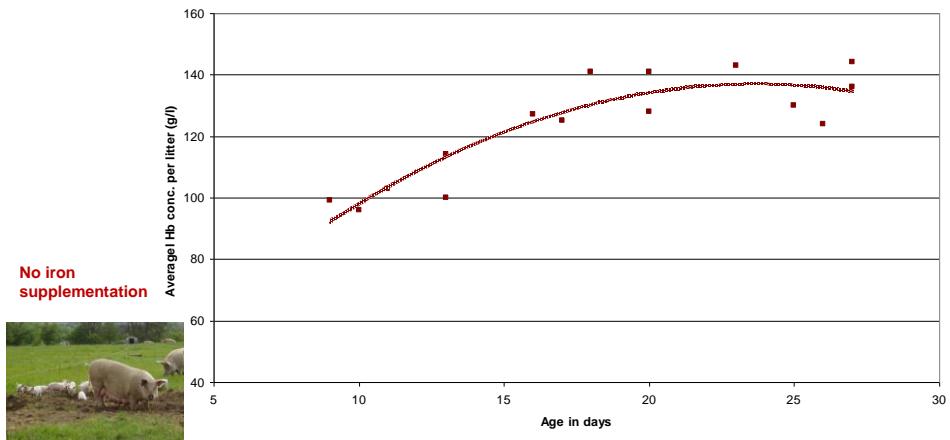
TABLE 6: Hematologic Reference Ranges

	Conventional (USA) Units	SI Units	Dog	Cat	Horse	Pig	Sheep	Cow	Rabbit	Llama	Veterinarian Published Dog	Orbitz
PCV (hematocrit)	%	$\times 10^{-2}$ L/L	37-55 (25-34)†	30-45 (24-34)†	24-46	32-48‡	36-43 (26-35)†	27-45	22-38	33-50	29-39	37-51
Hemoglobin (Hgb)	g/dL	$\times 10$ g/L	12-18	8-15	10-18	9-13	9-15	8-12	10-17	13-18	11-15	12
Red blood cells	$\times 10^6$ /µL	$\times 10^{12}$ /L	5.5-8.5	5-10	6-12	5-7	6-12	5-7	6-12	11-18	6-8	7
Reticulocytes	%	%	0-1.5	0.1	0	0	0-12	0	0	0	0	0
Hear corpuscular volume	fL	fL	60-77	39-55	40-60	34-58	52-62	52-60	52-60	52-60	52-60	52-60
Hear corpuscular Hgb	pg	pg	19.5-24.5	13-17	11-17	13-19	17-24	8-12	5-7	17-24	43-47	14-22
Hear corpuscular Hgb concentration	g/dL	$\times 10$ g/L	32-36	30-36	31-37	29-34	31-34	30-36	29-37	28-33	33	33
Platelets	$\times 10^3$ /µL	$\times 10^{11}$ /L	2-9	3-7	1-8	1-6	2-5	2.5-7.5	3-6	2.5-6.5	2.5-6.5	32
White blood cells	$\times 10^3$ /µL	$\times 10^9$ /L	6-17	5.5-19.5	4-12	6-12	11-22	4-12	4-13	5-12.5	7.5-21.5	19-38
Neutrophils (segmented)	% $\times 10^3$ /µL	% $\times 10^9$ /L	60-70 3-11.4	35-75	15-45	0.6-4.4	30-75 3-6	20-70 2-12	10-50	30-48	20-75 1-9.4	60-74
Neutrophils (band)	% $\times 10^3$ /µL	% $\times 10^9$ /L	0-3 0-0.3	0-3 0-0.3	0-2 0-0.2	0-1 0-0.1	0-4 0-0.8	0	rare	0-7.2	0-7.2	0-16
Lymphocytes	% $\times 10^3$ /µL	% $\times 10^9$ /L	12-30 1-4.8	20-55 1.5-7	45-75	25-50	35-75	40-75 2-9	50-70 2-9	50-95	15-35	24-70 4.5-27
Monocytes	% $\times 10^3$ /µL	% $\times 10^9$ /L	0.15-1.35	3-10	1-4 0-0.8	2.7	1-8 0-0.6	0-10 0-1	0-6 0-0.75	0-4 0-0.5	1-4 0-0.6-0.5	1-4 0-0.6-0.8
Eosinophils	% $\times 10^3$ /µL	% $\times 10^9$ /L	0.1-0.75	2-12	0.0-7.5	2-20 0-2.4	1-10 0-0.8	0-15 0-1.5	0-10 0-1	1-8	1-4 0-0.6-0.5	0-15 0-3.3 1-12 0-2-4.6
Basophils	% $\times 10^3$ /µL	% $\times 10^9$ /L	rare	rare	0-2 0-0.2	0-3 0-0.3	0-3 0-0.5	0-3 0-0.3	0-1 0-0.1	1-7 0-0.5-0.9	0-2 0-0.4	0-0.4
Myeloid/erythroid ratio			0.75-2.41	0.6-3.91	0.5-1.81	0.9-3.81	1.2-2.21	0.8-1.71	0.7-1.01			
Plasma protein‡	g/dL	$\times 10$ g/L	6.7-7.5	6.7-8	6-8	6-8.5	6-8	6-7.5	6-7.75	5.4-8.3	5.4-8.5	
Plasma fibrinogen	g/dL	$\times 10$ g/L	0.15-0.3	0.15-0.3	0-0.6	0.1-0.4	0-0.2-0.4	0.1-0.5	0.1-0.4	0.2-0.4	0.1-0.4	0.1-0.4

* Adapted, with permission, in part from Duncan J.R., and Prasse K.W., Veterinary Laboratory Medicine, 2nd ed., Iowa State University Press, 1986. † 0- to 6-wk-old pups, kittens; 3- to 45-day-old pigs. ‡ Liver in foals and cold-blooded horses. § Heterophil. ¶ Liver in young animals.

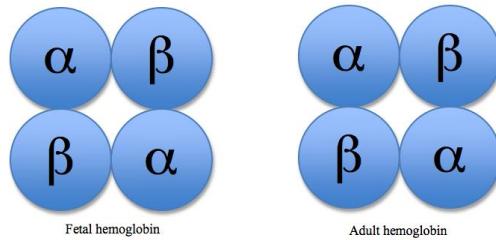


Hb concentration in free range piglets





Haemoglobin in pigs



+ 2,3-Bisphosphoglycerate (DPG)



Changes in haematology

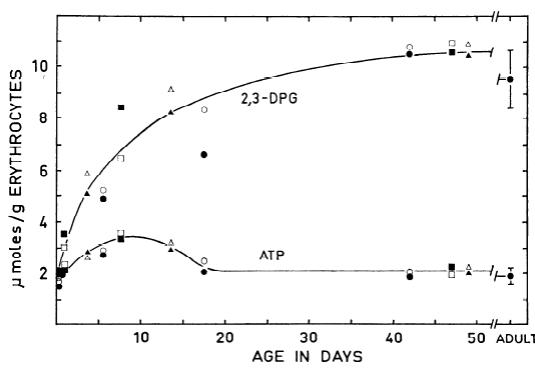


FIG. 2. Postnatal changes of pig red cell DPG and ATP concentrations. Symbols as in Fig. 1. Adult values (± 1 SD) are mean values from 8 determinations.



Oxygen affinity piglet blood

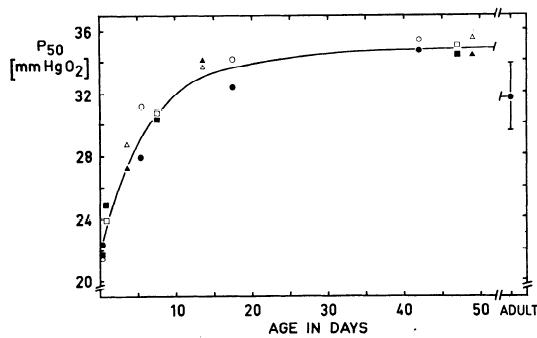
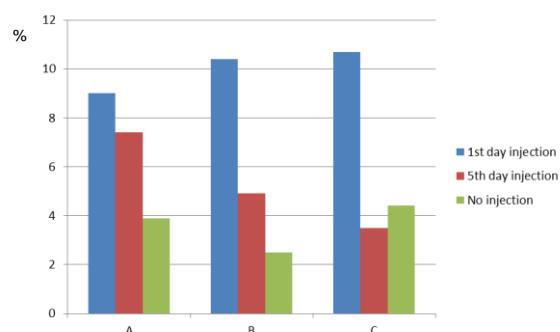


FIG. 3. Postnatal changes of P_{50} (37°C , 40 mmHg CO_2 , plasma pH 7.4) of pig blood. Symbols as in Fig. 1.



Iron overload - polyarthritis in piglets

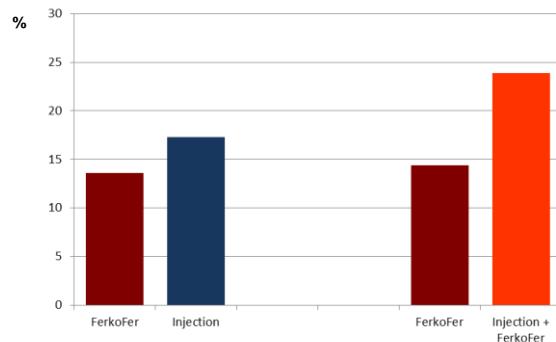


Swedish trial (Holmgren, 1996).

The trial was carried out in 3 herds, where it was examined how many piglets were affected by polyarthritis, after they had received an iron injection (iron dextran) on the 1st or the 5th day of life, respectively, or no iron injection. (n=1737)



Polyarthritis in piglets



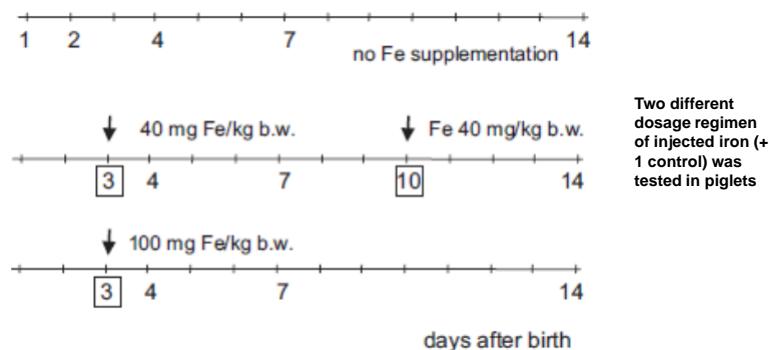
Trials from Sweden on piglet iron and polyarthritis. More piglets suffered from polyarthritis when iron dextran was injected compared to voluntary oral iron.

Iron injection in piglets and its effect on infections: *PorcoFer till smågrisar i stället för järninfektion* (2009) LTJ-Faculty datasheet 12, 2009.

Results are confirming Holmgren, 1996.



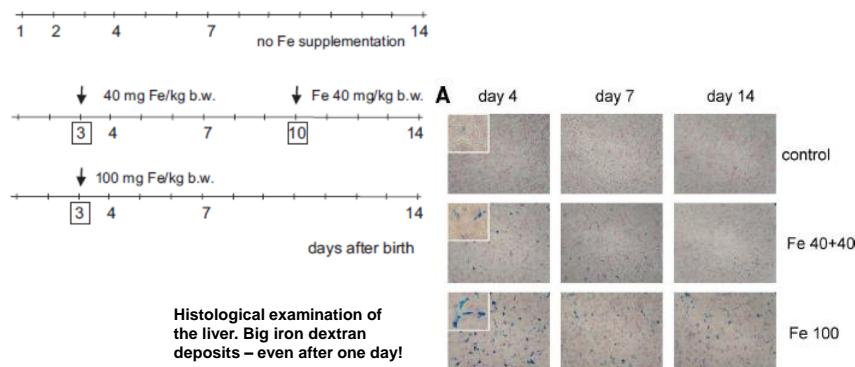
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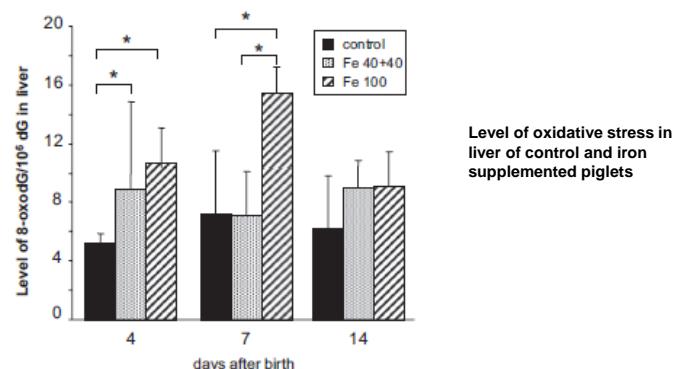
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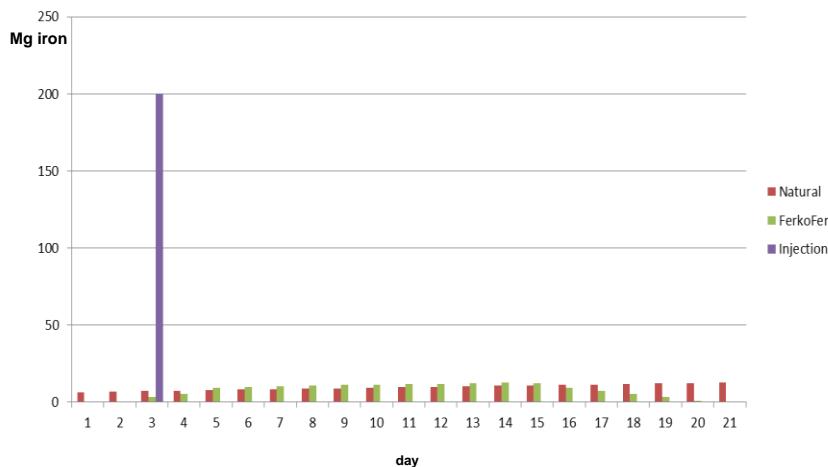
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The Best Iron Administration ?



Conclusions

- Absorption of FerkoFer (dietary iron) is regulated in the gut
- Injected iron cannot be regulated



Conclusions

What is an appropriate amount of iron and haemoglobin varies individually – it depends on:

- Health status
- Size
- Age



Bovine colostrum for gut protection



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Colostrum collection and production

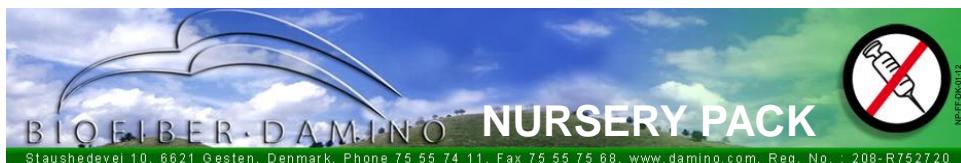
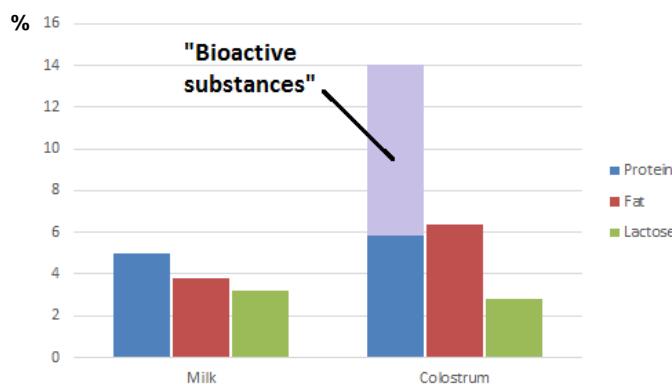


Colostrum production - basic principles:

- Big batches – homogeneity
- Only 1st and 2nd milking
- Handle with care – low temperatures
- WHOLE colostrum – only water is removed



Composition of bovine colostrum?



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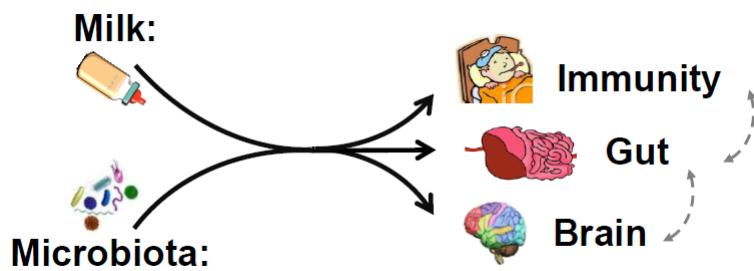
Bioactivity in colostrum:

Antimicrobial	Immune development	Anti-inflammatory	Tolerance/priming
Immunoglobulins: sIgA, sIgG, sIgM	Macrophages	Cytokines: IL-10, TGF-β	Cytokines: IL-10 ; TGF-β
Lactoferrin, lactoferricin B and H	Neutrophils	IL-1 receptor antagonist	Anti-idiotypic antibodies
Lysozyme	Lymphocytes	TNF-α and IL-6 receptors sCD14	
Lactoperoxidase	Cytokines		
Nucleotide-hydrolyzing antibodies	Growth factors	Adhesion molecules	
κ-Casein and α-lactalbumin	Hormones		Long-chain PUFA
Haptocorrin	Milk peptides		Osteoprotegerin
Mucins	Long-chain PUFA		Lactoferrin
Lactadherin	Nucleotides		Hormones and growth factors
Free secretory component	Adhesion molecules		cortisol, estrogen, pregnenolone, thyroid hormones, erythropoietin, gonadotropin, insulin, leptin, prolactin, procalcitonin
Oligosaccharides and prebiotics			
Fatty acids			
Maternal leukocytes and cytokines			
sCD14			
Complement and complement receptors			
β-Defensin-1			
Toll-like receptors			
Bifidus factor			

Not species specific!



Research projects:
FØSU 2008-2013, NEOMUNE 2013-2018



How to feed a (weak) newborn

Piglet/mice studies:
University of Copenhagen



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Infant studies:
Copenhagen/Odense Hospitals
10 infant hospitals in China
Amsterdam hospitals



A: Feeding interventions:

- When to start oral feeding?
- How much to feed & how?
 - Which milk diet to feed?
 - Nutrient composition?
 - Bioactive nutrients?

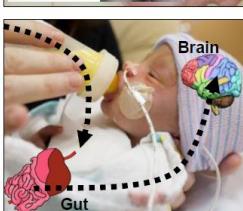


D: Brain-related endpoints:

- Growth, structure, neurotrophic
- Signaling, receptors, inflamm.
- Memory, learning, psychomotor

B: Gut-related endpoints:

- Structure, digestion, absorption
- Neurons, motility, gut peptides
- Pathology, diarrhea, intolerance



C: Immune-related endpoints:

- Infections, sepsis, vaccination
- Tissue inflammatory mediators
- Gut microbiota colonization,



Biofiber-Damino's role in Neomune

Bovine colostrum for:

Piglet model studies at
universities (China, Denmark,
Belgium etc.)

Clinical trials, Intensive care units
and children's hospitals
(Denmark, Netherlands, China,
Australia)



Biofiber-Damino's role in Neomune

NEC – Necrotizing enterocolitis.
Fast progression from non-
specific signs to extensive
inflamm. and necrosis in GIT



ALL – Acute Lymphoblastic
Leukemia. GIT toxicity during
chemotherapy.



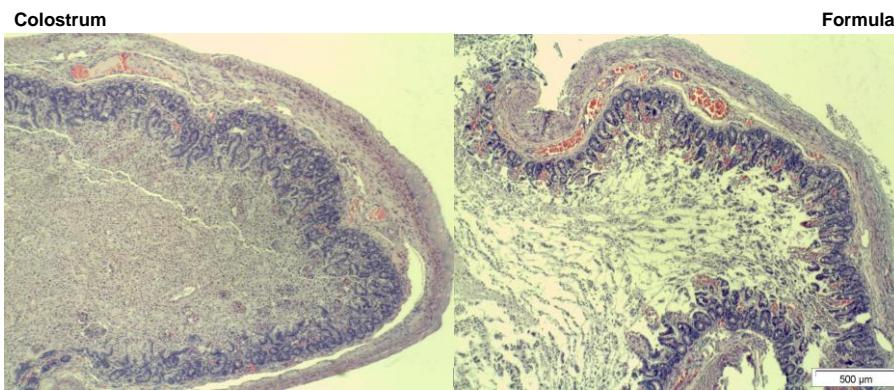


ALL – Acute lymphoblastic leukemia

- Most common form of childhood cancer
- Aggressive treatment - chemotherapy
- GIT toxicity in 40-100 % of patients
- Piglet studies

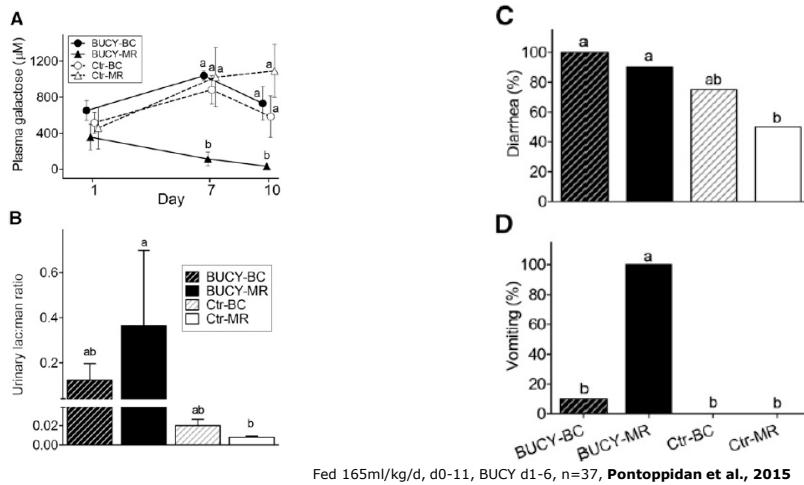


Effect of bovine colostrum on inflammation during chemotherapy – *intestinal mucositis*





Effect of BC on piglets during chemotherapy



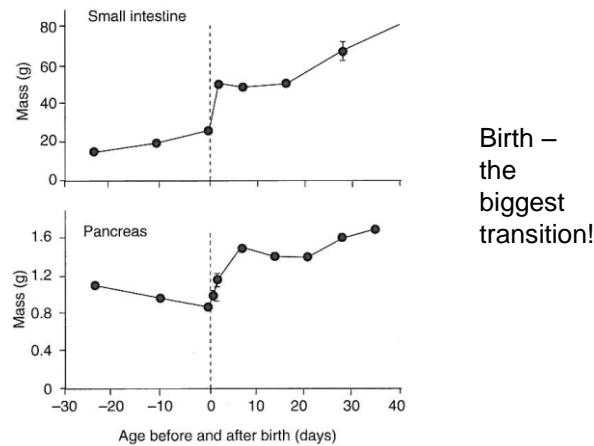
Colostrum and preterm piglets

- Piglets (92-95 % gestational age) as a model for premature babies
- Immature gut
- Feed intolerance
- High risk of NEC
- Long term effects





Colostrum and preterm piglets



Colostrum and preterm piglets

Experimental design

Day 1	Day 3	Day 4-5
	Colostrum Formula	
Cesarean -> TPN ->	2x formula + colostrum 2x formula + colostrum powder 2x formula + past. colostrum powder	sacrificed

N=45, 105-107 days of gestation.
Støy et al. 2012.





Colostrum and preterm piglets

	NEC incidens (%)	mean NEC score
Formula (n = 14)	71 ^b	2,8 ^a
2Fcolostrum (n = 13)	69	2,3 ^a
Colostrum (n = 7)	50	1,6 ^b
2F + pulver colostrum (n = 8)	38	1,6 ^b
2F + past. pulver colostrum (n = 9)	33 ^a	1,5 ^b

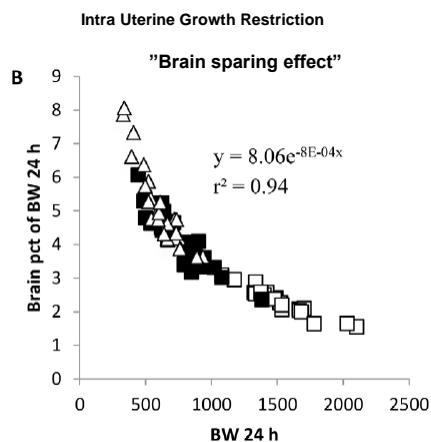
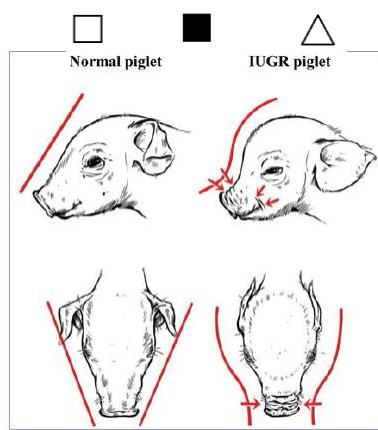


How can research in bovine colostrum be used in pig production?

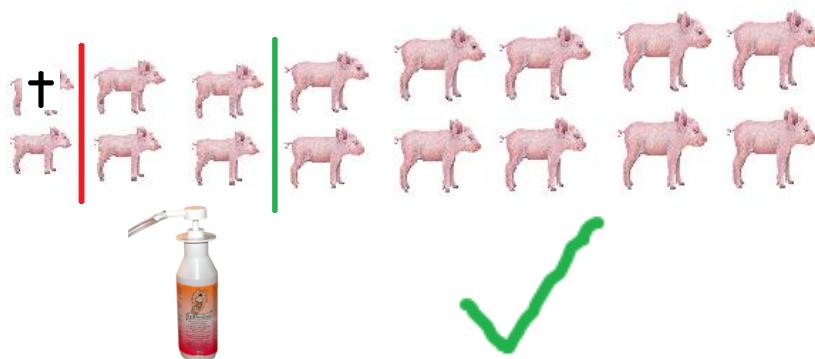




IUGR-piglets are very common



A litter of 16 piglets





- Bovine colostrum
- Bioactivity
- Water based
- Colostrum supplement, not substitute!
- Gut protection

