:Bovine colostrum: an efficient and cost-effective growth promoter in piglet weaning diet

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• Weaning = Critical period

Stress

Psychological

- Separation
- Manipulation
- Transport

Nutritional

- Solid food
- Composition

Environmental

- Mixing
- New environment

- Effects of weaning
 - Underfeeding
 - Intestinal modifications
 - Morphological
 - Immunological
 - Digestion and absorption
 - Intestinal flora
 - Metabolic modifications
 - Endocrinal modifications
- Use of feed additives
 - Ban on antibiotics
 - Colostrum as alternative

Economical Impact

- Bovine Colostrum
 - 1st milking
 - Composition:
 - Essential nutrients
 - Bioactive compounds:
 - Growth factors (IGF-I and –II, GH, EGF, TGF)
 - Immunologic defence factors (Ig, cytokines)
 - Non-immunologic defence factors (lactoferrin, lactoperoxidase, lysozymes)

Composition (/l)	Colostrum	Milk
Dry Matter	239 g	129 g
Crude Proteins	140 g	40 g
Crude Fat	67 g	40 g
Lactose	27 g	49 g
Ash	11,1 g	7,4 g
IgA	3,2-6,2 g	0,2 g
IgG1	48-87 g	0,4 g
IgG2	1,6-2,9 g	0,05 g
IgM	3,7-6,1 g	0,05 g
IGF-I	0,1-2 mg	25 μg
IGF-II	0,1-2 mg	2 μg
TGF-β	20-40 μg	1-2 μg
EGF	4-8 μg	2 μg
Lactoferrin	1,5-2 g	0,1 g
Lysozyme	0,1-0,7 mg	0,1-0,3 mg
Lactoperoxidase	30 mg	20 mg
GH	3-10 ng	nd
Insulin	20-50 μg	nd

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- Bovine Colostrum
 - 1st milking
 - Composition:
 - Essential nutrients
 - Bioactive compounds
 - Availability:
 - Colostrum Bank
 - 80 000 litres collected/year WR

- Bovine colostrum in weaning diet
 - / ADG and ADFI Week 1 PW
 - > FCR Week 1 PW

References	BC supplementation		Piglets		Effects of BC vs.
	Description	g.kg ⁻¹ feed	n	Weaning age	control treatment
Pluske <i>et al.</i> , 1999	BC powder rich in IgG	0, 50 and 100 during 10 d	131	28 d	^ADG Week 1 and 2 PW≈ ADFI and FCR▶ Days to slaughter
King <i>et al</i> ., 2001	Spray-dried BC	0 and 60 during 7 d	110	28 d	≈ ADG and FCR ^ADFI Week 1 PW
Dunshea <i>et</i> <i>al</i> ., 2002	Freeze-dried BC	0 and 60 during 7d	24	14 d	\approx ADG, ADFI and FCR
Le Hueroü- Luron <i>et al.</i> , 2004 Freeze-dried BC	Freeze-dried	0 and 40 during 11 d in uncleaned pens	150	28 d	^ADG Week 1 and 2 PW^ADFI Week 1 PW>FCR Week 1 PW
	ВС	0, 20 and 40 during 14 d in clean pens	12	21 d	≯ADG d5-d7 PW ≈ ADFI and FCR
Le Hueroü- Luron <i>et al.</i> , 2008	Freeze-dried BC	0 and 30 during 12 d	60	28 d	

Boudry et al., 2008. BASE, 12: 157-170

- Bovine colostrum in weaning diet
 - Boudry et al., 2008. (Animal, 2:730-737).
 - 20 g/kg of freeze-dried BC Whey for 10 d, then 10 g/kg for 18 d
 - commercial weaning-diet without feed additives
 - weaned piglets (28 d)
 - n = 48 (4 * 12)
 - Measures: Weekly ADG, ADFI, FCR
 - Results:
 - / ADG (+ 100 %) and ADFI (+ 35 %) Week 1 PW
 - > FCR (- 50 %) Week 1 PW
 - Cost : 1.9 €/piglet

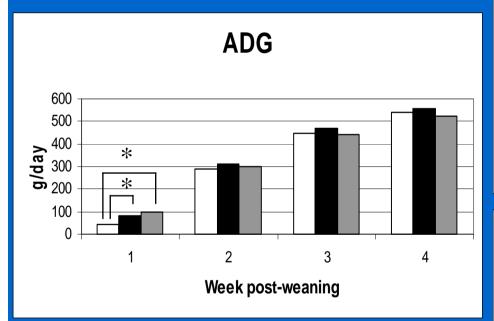


Objectives

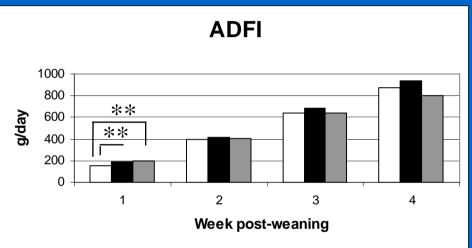
- Reduce the costs of the use of bovine colostrum:
 - Level of incorporation (Experiment 1)
 - Duration of administration (Experiment 2)
 - BC fraction (Experiment 3)

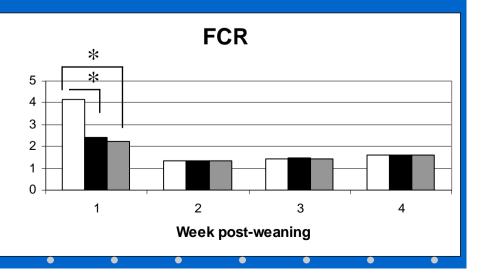
- Experimental design
 - 0, 10 or 20 g/kg of freeze-dried BC Whey for 28 d
 - commercial weaning-diet without feed additives
 - weaned piglets (28 d)
 - n = 39 (3 * 13)
 - Measures:
 - Weekly ADG, ADFI, FCR
 - Daily ADFI the 1st week PW
 - Visual control of diarrhoea

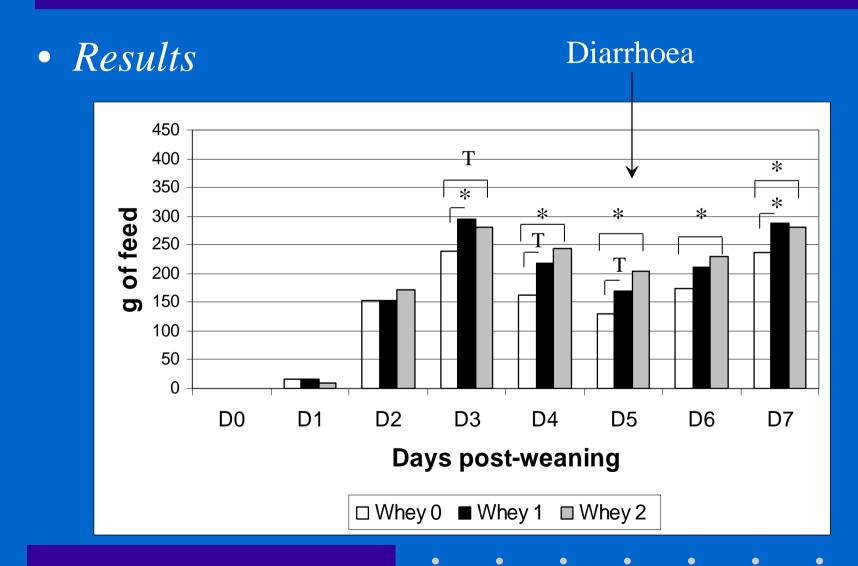
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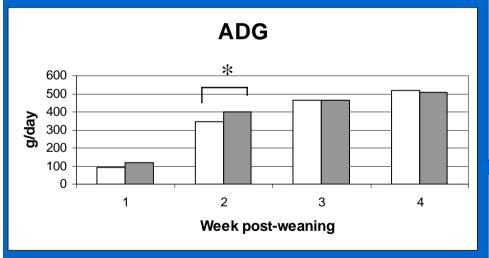




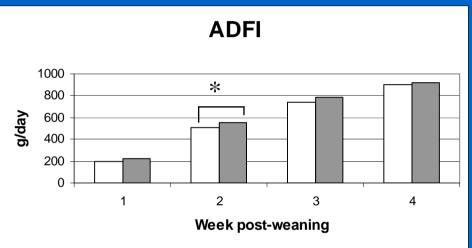


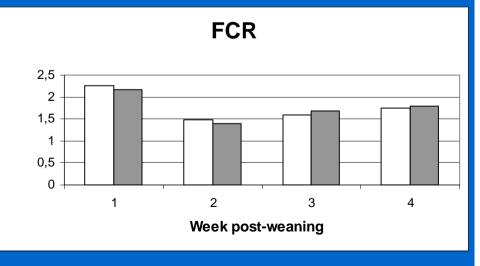
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 - 0, 20 g/kg of freeze-dried BC Whey for 10 d
 - commercial weaning-diet without feed additives
 - weaned piglets (28 d)
 - n = 48 (4 * 12)
 - Measures:
 - Weekly ADG, ADFI, FCR for 28 d
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• Results



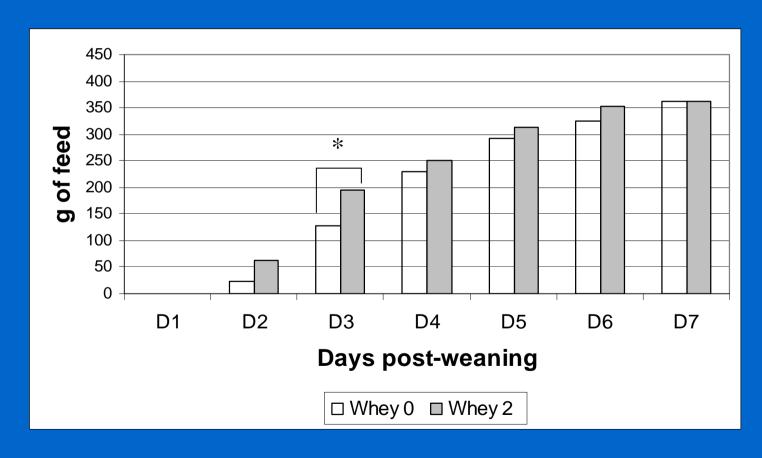






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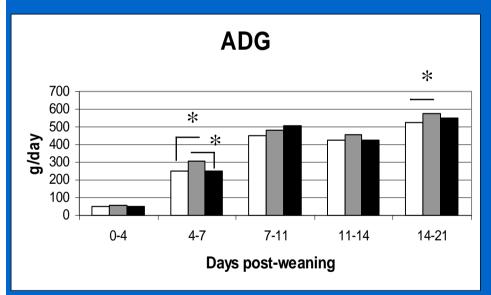
No Diarrhoea

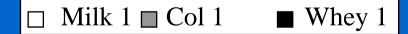


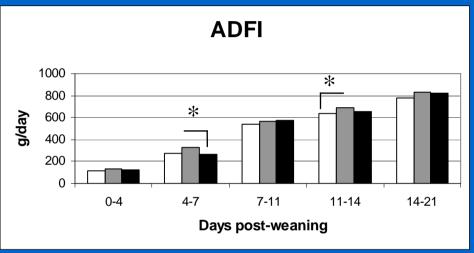
- Experimental design
 - 10 g/kg of freeze-dried BC Whey, defatted BC or 10 g of milk for 10 d
 - commercial weaning-diet without feed additives
 - weaned piglets (28 d)
 - n = 32 (8 * 4)
 - Measures:
 - Weekly ADG, ADFI, FCR for 28 d
 - Daily ADFI the 1st week PW
 - Visual control of diarrhoea
 - E. coli counts in faeces

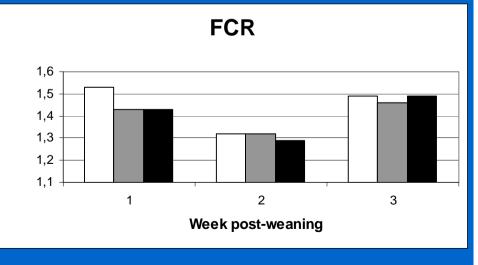
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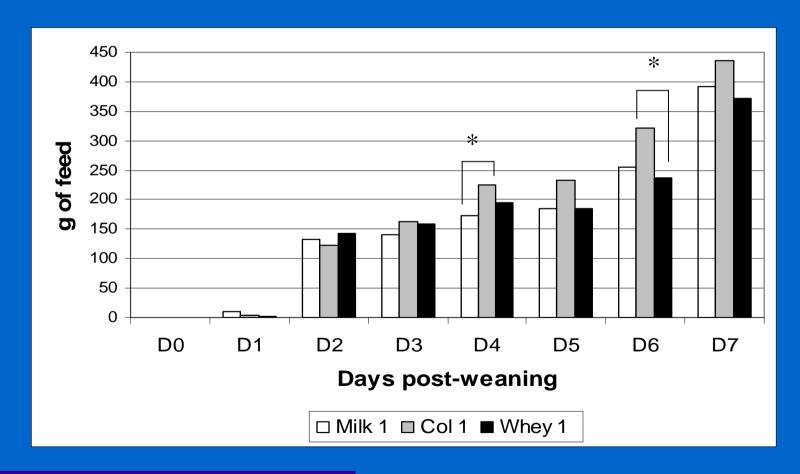






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Conclusion and perspectives



Conclusion

- Growth promoting action confirmed
- Effect of the environment
- Costs reduced
 - 1.9 €/piglet **→** 0.14 €/piglet