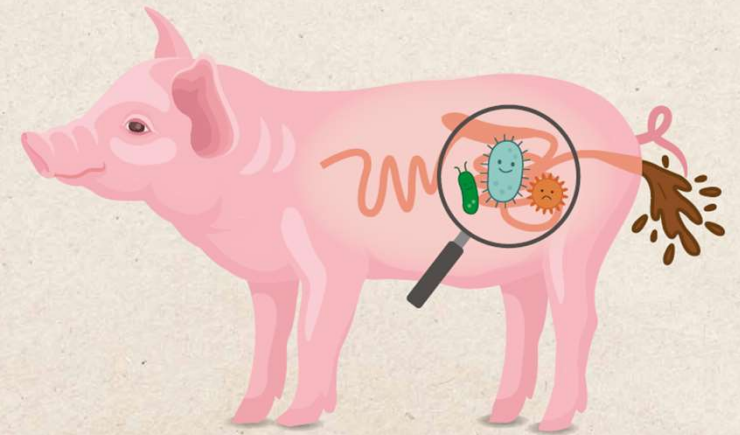


Stille Verstoorder:
Subklinische slingerziekte in de
praktijk

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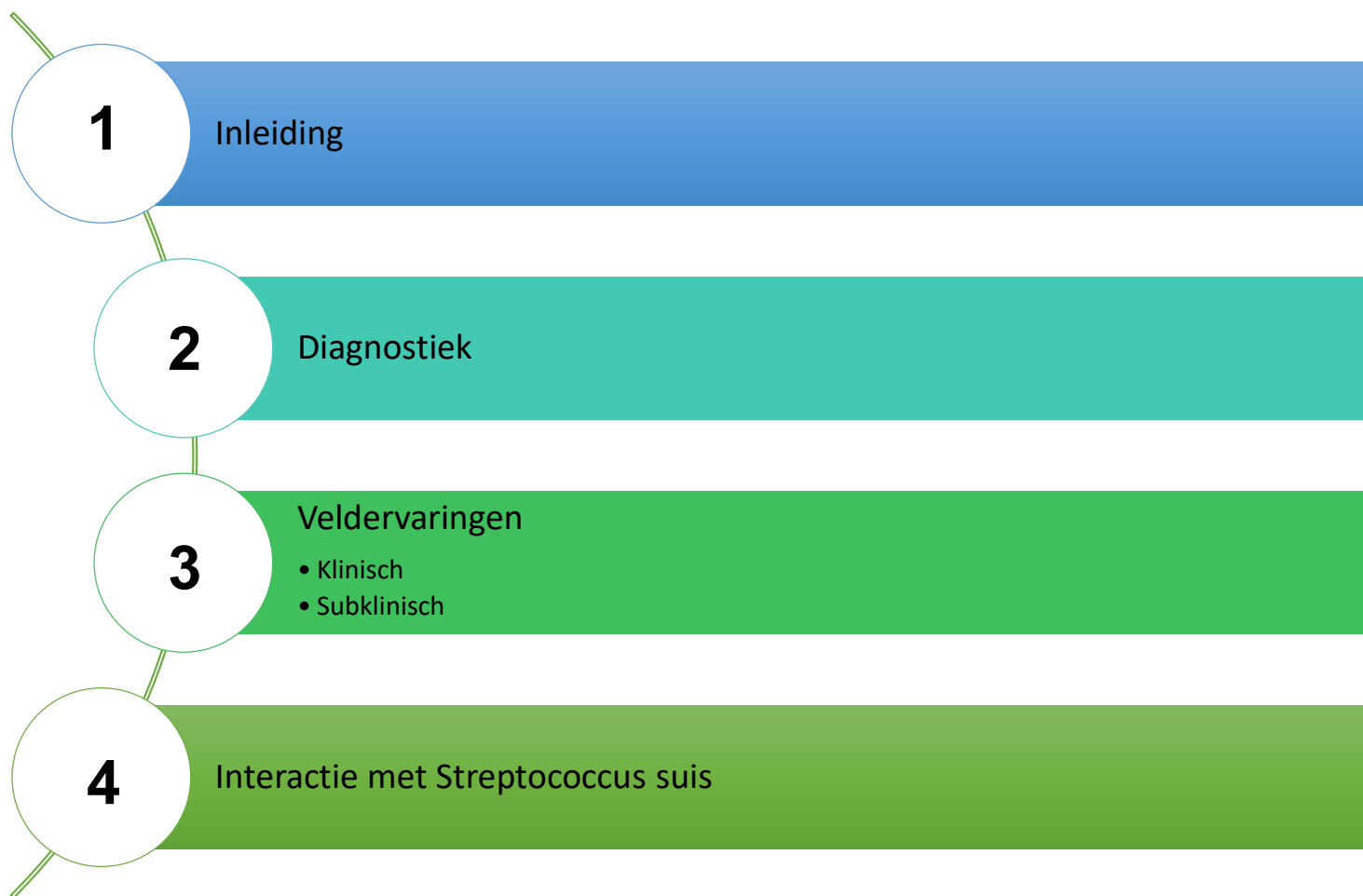


**DARMGEZONDHEID ONDER DE LOEP
VAN SYMBIOSE TOT SPETTERPOEP!**

HIPRA

Sjouke Van Poucke

SYN
van data naar optimale diergezondheid



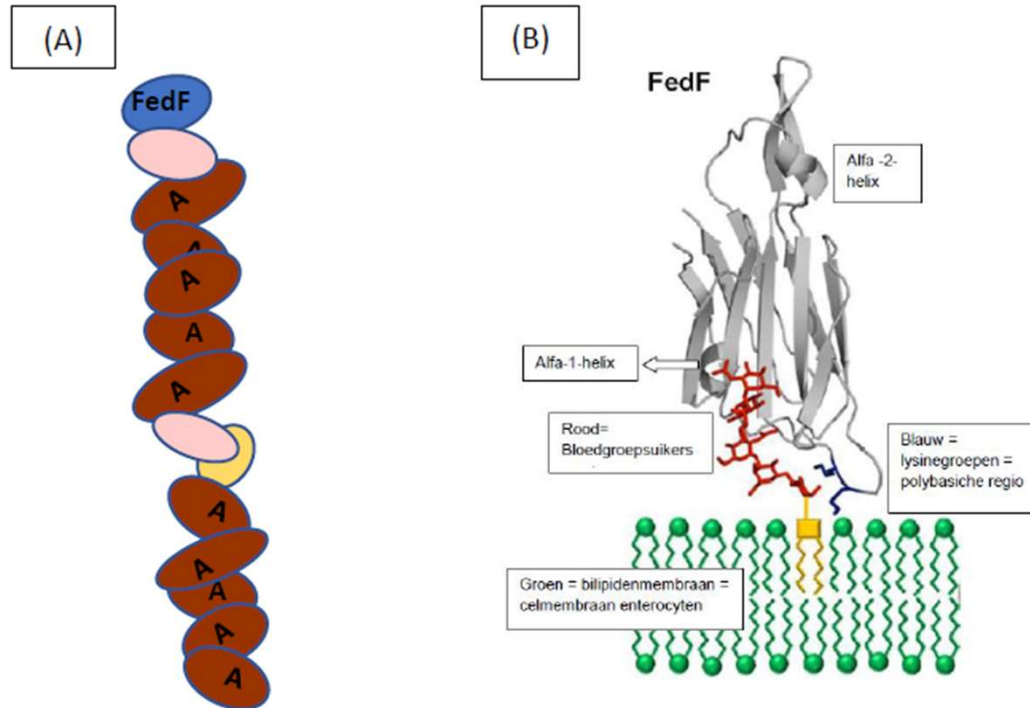
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Inleiding

Escherichia coli

	Adhesiefactoren	Toxines	Problematiek
ETEC	F5, F6, F41	STa	Neonatale diarree
	F4	STa, STb, EAST1, LT	Neonatale diarree
	F4, AIDA	STa, STb, EAST1, LT	Speنديarree
	F18, AIDA	STa, STb, EAST1, LT	Speنديarree
EPEC	Fae		Speنديarree
VETEC	F18/F4	STx2e	Slinger- /oedeemziekte

1 Inleiding-receptor



- F18 receptor op het darmepitheel = **GLYCOLIPIDE**
- Versus GLYCOPROTEINE voor F4
- Consequenties voor manier van interactie

Figuur 1: (A) Schematische weergave van de verschillende subunit-eiwitten van de F18 fimbriae (naar Cox 2017). (B) Schematische weergave van de interactie tussen de kleine FedF subunit van F18, meer specifiek het N-lectinedomein (grijs) evenals de 2 positief geladen lysineresiduen (blauw), met de bloedgroepsuikers (oranje) en de negatief geladen bilipidenlaag van de enterocyt (naar Moonens et al., 2012).

(A) Naar Cox 2017

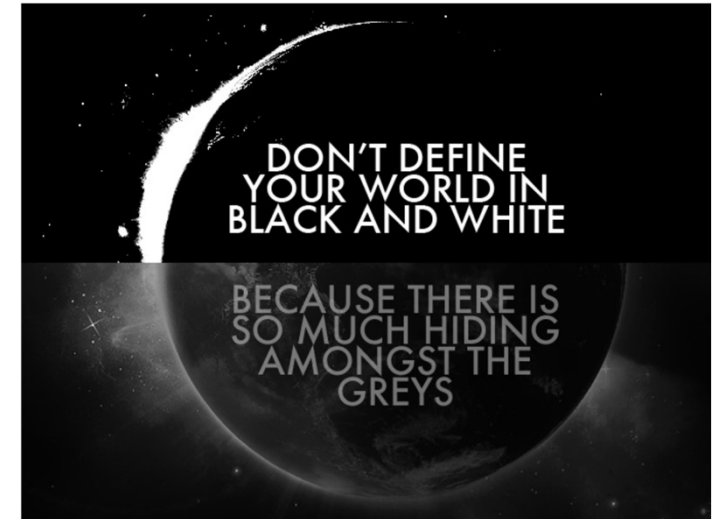
(B) Naar Moonens et al. 2012

1 Inleiding-vaatwandschade

- Hoog en laag STx2 producerende stammen
- Verschillen in F18 receptorexpressie (leeftijd, ras,....)
- Binding van STx2 aan RBC en endotheel is complex:
 - 3 bindingsplaatsen per B-subunit, niet allen nodig
 - Invloeden van molecules rondom de receptor
- Remming van de eiwitsynthese door splitsing van een adeninebase uit 28S rRNA/ activering van apoptotische routes/ activering van een ontstekingsreactie

Multifactorieel!

Aanwezigheid van VTEC alleen is niet conclusief!



2

Diagnostiek-prevalentie

- Uitdagingen:
 - Bij acute sterfte: differentiatie andere oorzaken
 - Postmortale overgroei andere bacteriën
 - Kwantitatieve aspect (zowel kiem als STx2e)
 - Geen commerciële test voor detectie STx2e
 - Histologie in het veld: weinig succesvol
 - Snelle shifts in microbiom mogelijk
- Inschatting op bedrijfsniveau, zeker voor subklinische slinger -> Verochecks
- Bevestiging -> “diagnostische vaccinatie”

Table 2. Titers of Shiga toxin 2e at time of death toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* S1191.

Status	Titer ^a in blood		
	Range	Mean	No. positive/no. tested
Clinical	16–512	64	5/7
Asymptomatic		ND	0/18
Control		ND	0/8

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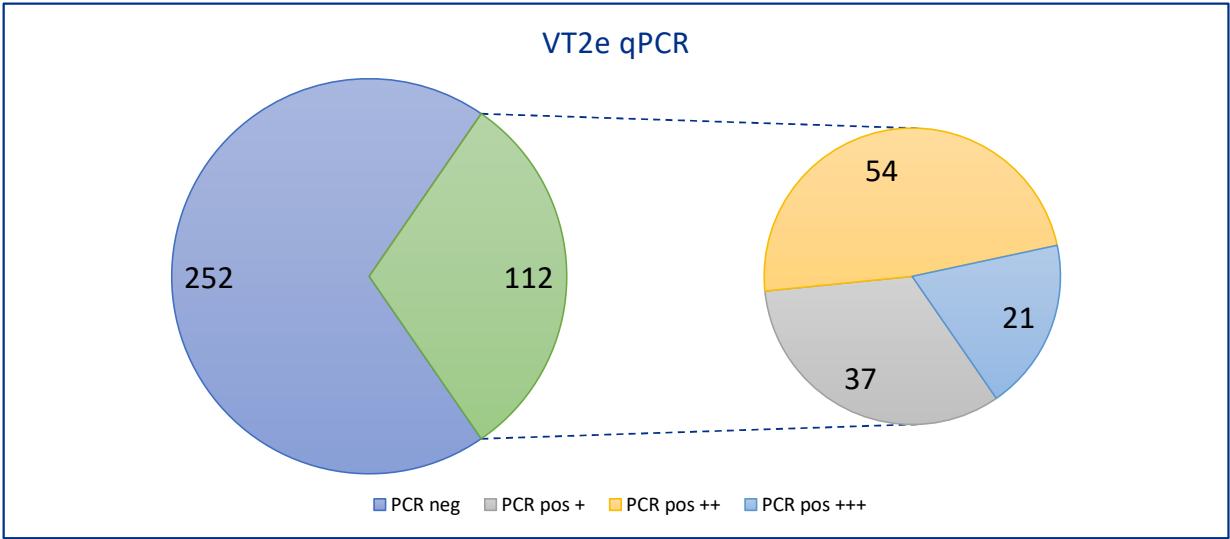
Diagnostiek-prevalentie

- 27 bedrijven
 - 14/27 acute of historische uitbraken
 - Overige: verminderde groei, hoog AB-gebruik
- Elk bedrijf
 - 3 leeftijden: 4-7w, 8-12w, vleesvarkens
 - 5 stalen/leeftijd
 - 200µl/FTA-card
 - qPCR VT2e-gen: Ct < 38,5 = positief (~9,6 10³ KVE/ml)
- Vragenlijst
 - Speenleeftijd en weken-systeem
 - Symptomen op moment van staalnames
 - AB behandeling op moment van staalnames



2 Diagnostiek-prevalentie

- 364 stalen:
 - 69,2% neg
 - 30,8% pos
 - laag (+): 33%
 - gemiddeld (++) : 48%
 - hoog (+++) : 19%

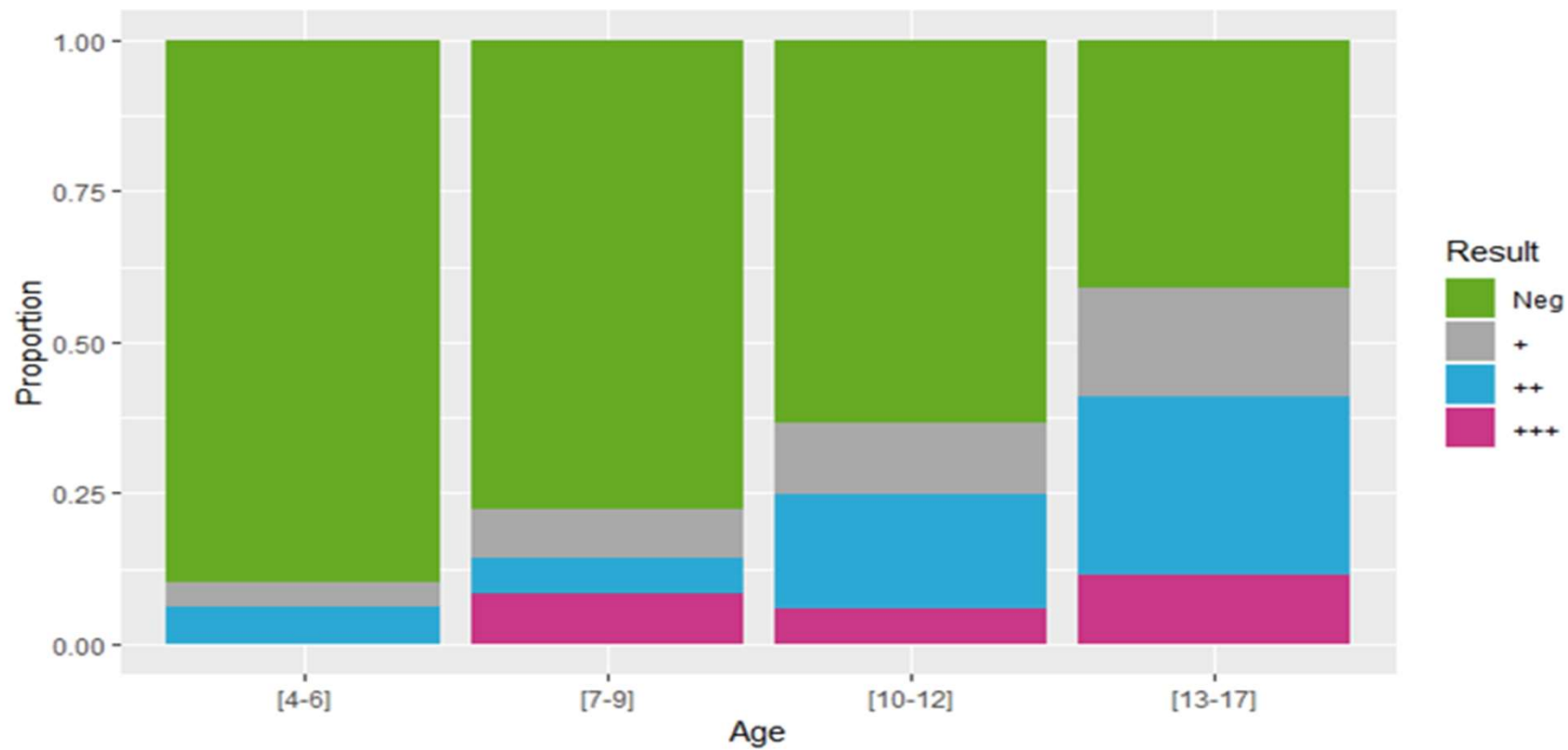


- 27 bedrijven:
 - 74% pos

PCR	Treatment				
	ZnO	Ab	ZnO + Ab	Geen	
pos	3	10	3	4	20
neg	0	4	1	2	7
	3	14	4	6	27

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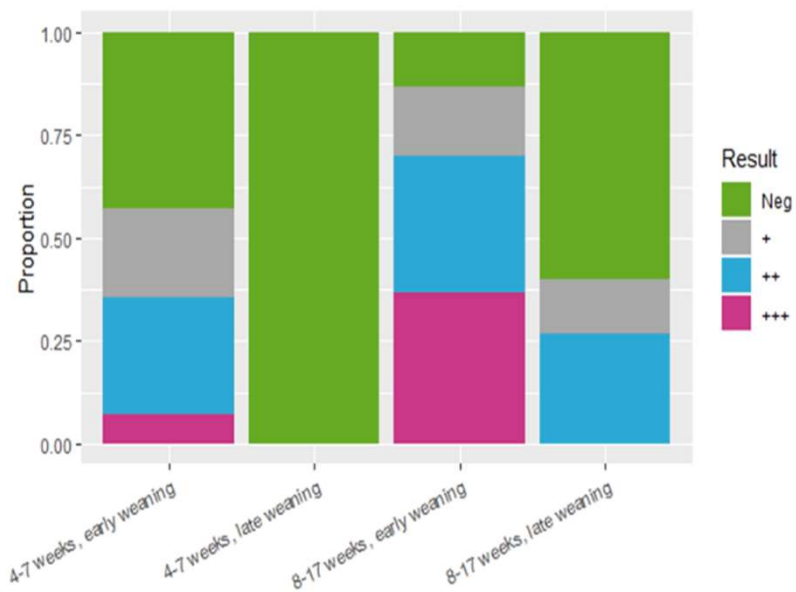
Diagnostiek-prevalentie



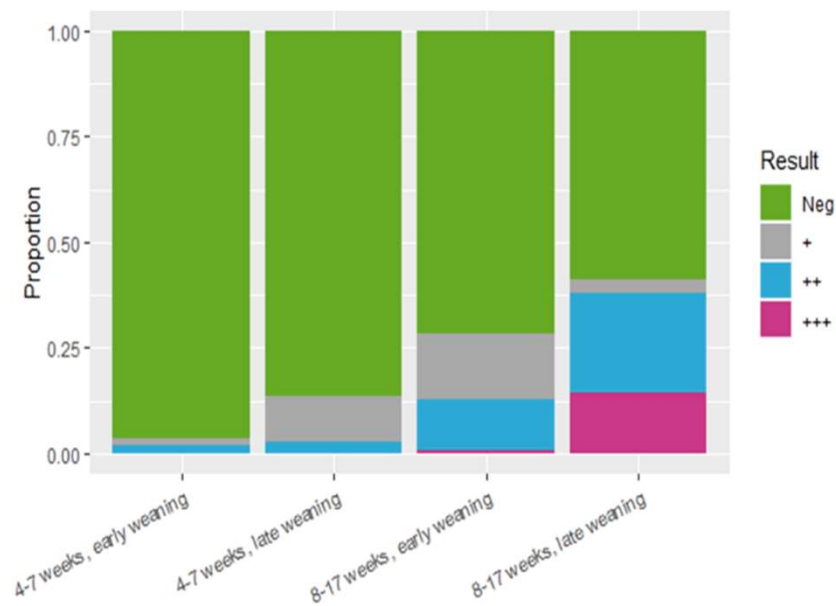
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Diagnostiek-prevalentie

Klinisch



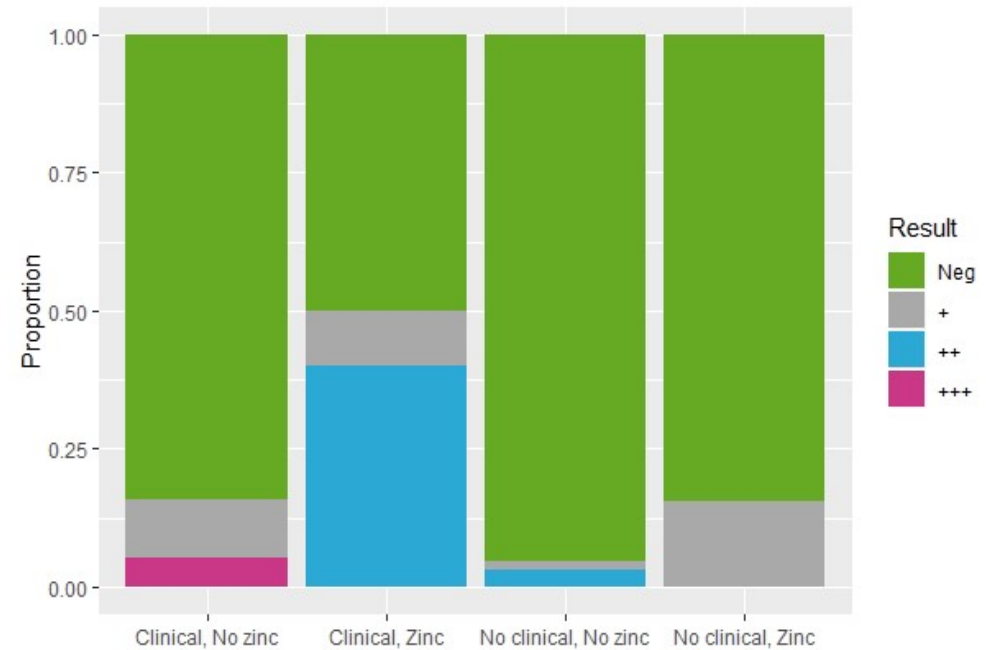
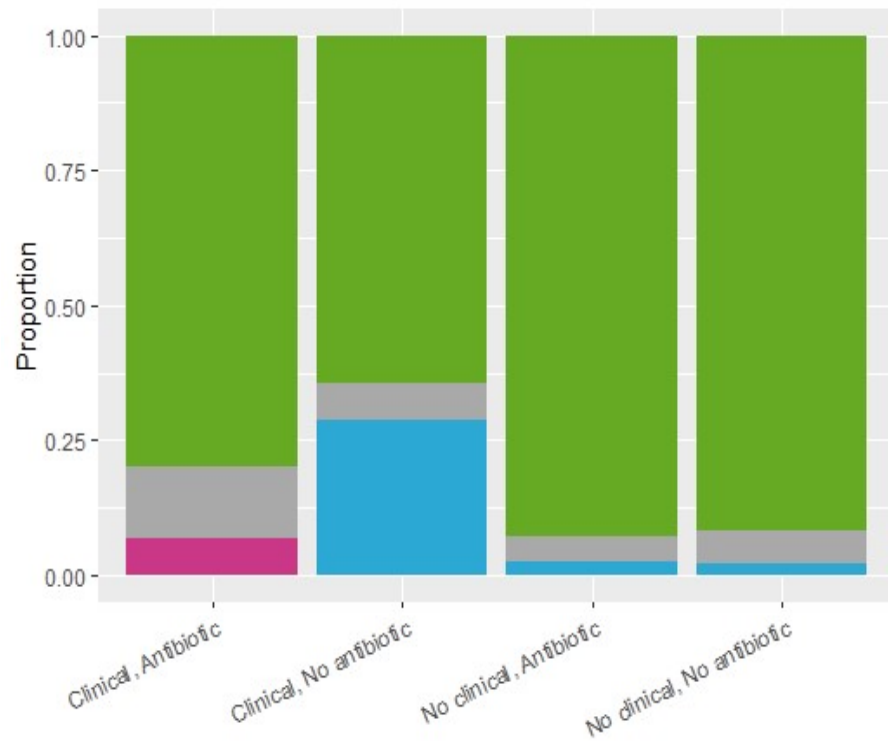
Subklinisch



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Diagnostiek-prevalentie

Invloed van behandelingen



3 Veldervaringen- klinisch

	# zeugen	Weken- systeem	Speen leeftijd	Vaccinatie	Verocheck				
Farm A	50	4	24d	2-4d	3,5W	+++			
					7,5W	++	+++	+++	+
Farm B	300	5	21d	4-6d	5W	++	+++	+++	
					10W	++	+	+++	

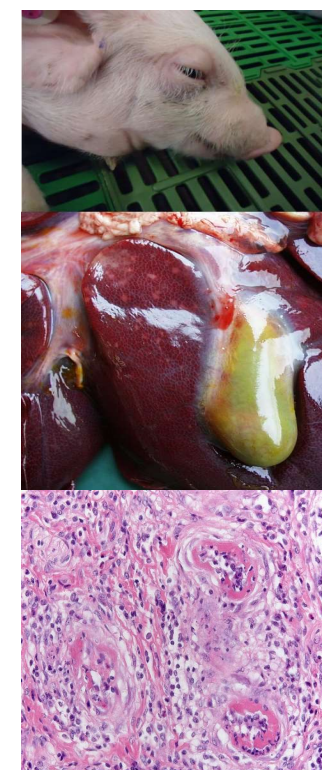


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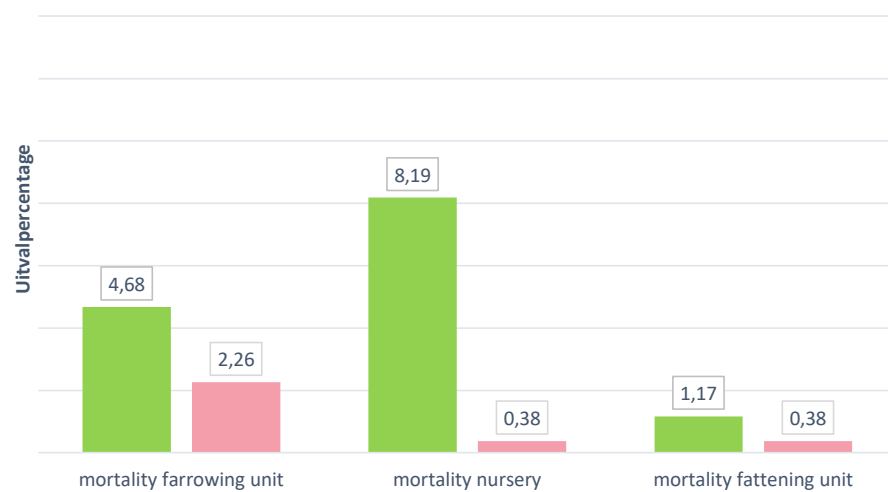
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Veldervaringen- klinisch

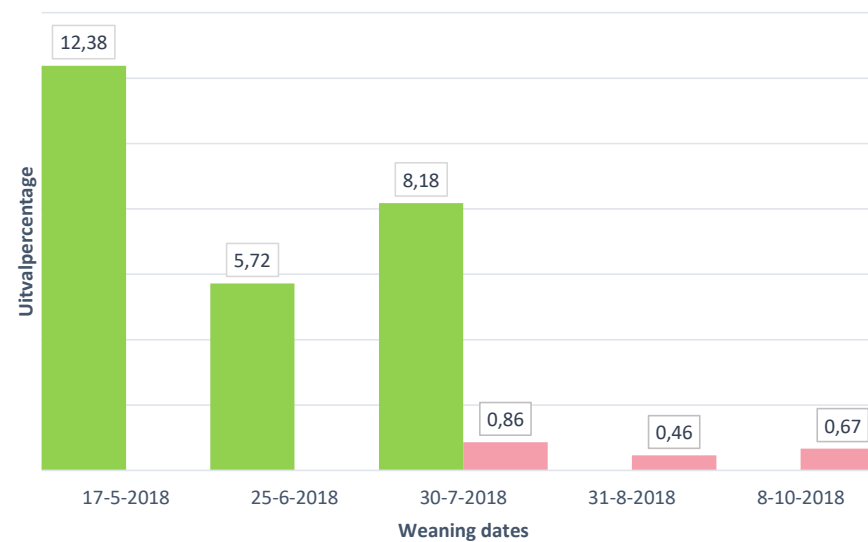
	Groep	Groepsbehandelingen	# biggen	# sterftes
Bedrijf A	Vepured	None	265	1
	Control	Colistin	171	14
Bedrijf B	Vepured	Tylosin	2120	13
	Control	Tylosin, Amoxicillin, Paromomycine	2254	199

3 Veldervaringen- klinisch

Uitval bedrijf A



Uitval bedrijf B



- Controle
- Vepured

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Veldervaringen- klinisch

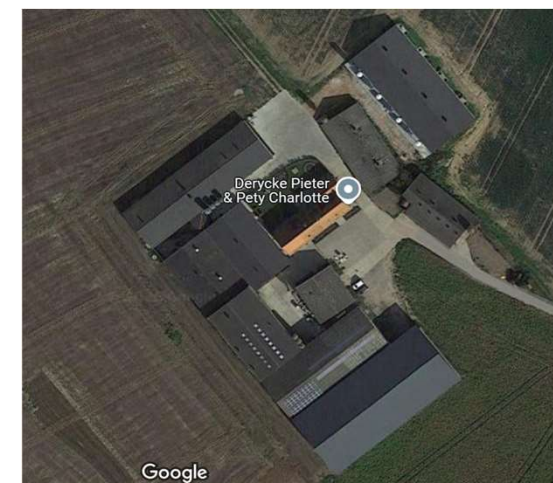
1 Significante daling **uitval**

2 Eliminatie **groepsbehandelingen** met colistine

3 Algemeen positief effect op **gewicht** en **dagelijkse groei**
zowel batterij als vleesvarkens

3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

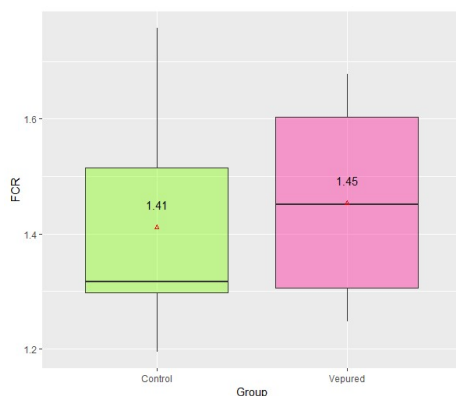
	# zeugen	Weken- systeem	Speenleeftijd	Vaccinatie	Verocheck				
					7W	8W	9W	10W	
Bedrijf A	260	5	21d	2-4d	-	-	-	-	
					12 W	++	++	+	+



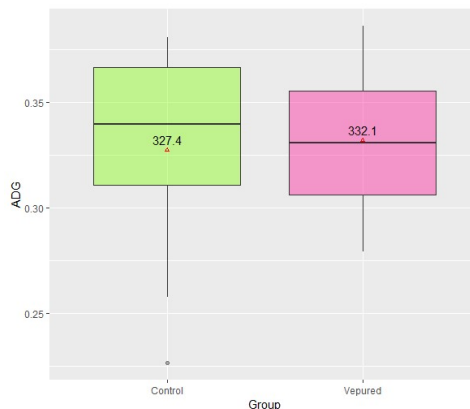
	Group	Groepsbehandelingen	# biggen	# sterftes	motivatie
Bedrijf A	Vepured	Geen	327	5	AB
	Control	Amoxicilline	340	7	

3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

21-53 days: FCR (P-value: 0.575)



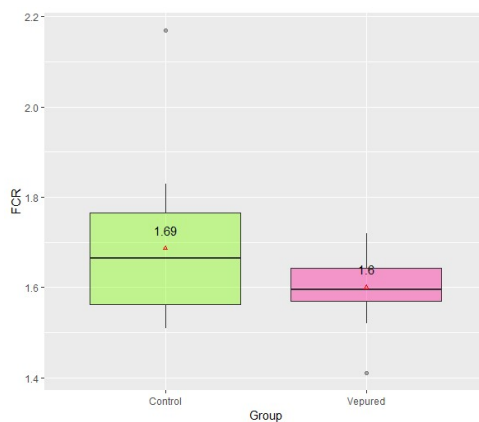
ADG (P-value: 0.802)



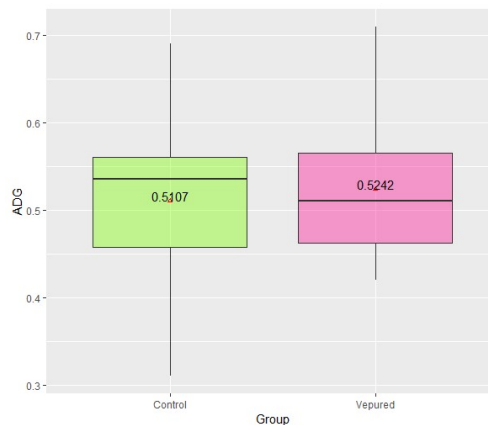
	Control	Vepured
Startgewicht	6,47 kg	6,42 kg
Gewicht op 53 dagen	16,96 kg	17,17 kg
# dagen amoxy	25-29 days	0
# hokjes behandeld	11/11	0/9

53-79 days:

FCR (P-value: 0.117)



ADG (P-value: 0.71)



	Control	Vepured
Gewicht op 79 dagen	35,9 kg	36,6 kg + 0,7 kg
# dagen amoxy	19-25 days	19-25 days
# hokjes behandeld	14/14	2/12

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Veldervaringen- subklinisch

	VEPURED®	CONTROL (AMOX)	Price
Entry weight (kg)	6.419	6.473	
Exit weight (kg)	36.61	35.98	
N° entry animals	327	340	34,00 €
N° exit animals	322 (-5)	333 (-7)	
Phase 1 (kg/piglet)	2.18	2.44	1.04 €
Phase 2 (kg/piglet)	10.86	10.28	0.53 €
Phase 3 (kg/piglet)	14.12	15.43	0.39 €
Phase 4 (kg/piglet)	18.83	17.11	0.35 €
Feed cost	20.17 €	20.03 €	
Feed cost (kg piglets)	0.67 €	0.68 €	
Treatment days	0 €	49.20	0.04 €
Treatment cost	0 €	1.91 €	
Vaccine cost	1.20 €	- €	
Cost per entered piglet	55.37 €	55.94 €	- 0.49 €
Cost per exit piglet	56.23 €	57.12 €	- 0.89 €
Cost per kg	1.54 €	1.59 €	- 0.05 €
Cost per exit piglet (36.61 kg)	56.23 €	57.55 €	- 1.32 €

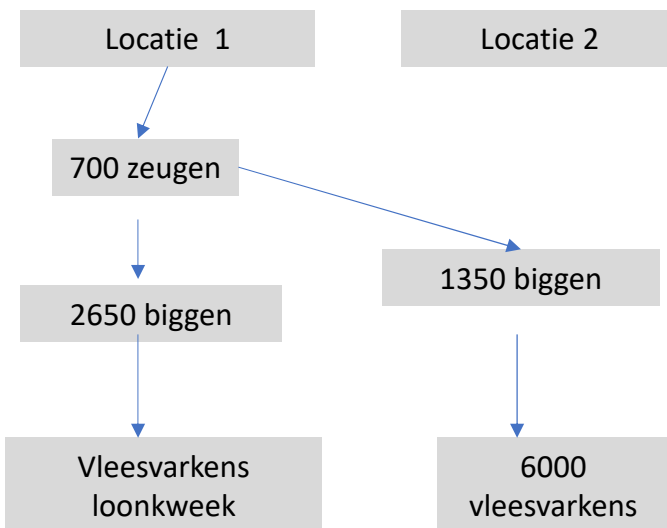
3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

	# zeugen	Weken- systeem	Speenleef tijd	Vaccinatie
Farm B	700	4	24d	2-4 d

7W	-	-	-	-	-	-
11 w	-	-	+	+	+	++
15 w	-	-	-	-	+	-
24 w	-	-	+	-	-	-

	Groep	Groepsbehandelingen	# biggen	# sterftes	motivatie
Farm B	Vepured	Geen	264	6	Groei
	Control	Geen	279	11	

3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch



Locatie 1: Batterij

Eerste 14 dagen na spenen

* 2 kg/ton zinkoxide (Gutal[®], Huvepharma)

* 10 mg/kg doxycycline (Soludox50%[®], Dechra)

Pulse-medicatie via water

* 20 mg/kg bw/day amoxicillin (Dokamox80%[®], Ecuphar)

Locatie 2: Batterij + vleesvarkens

Geen groepsbehandelingen

Uitval 1,6 à 2 % , geen diarree, S suis aanwezig

Vleesvarkens: uitval <2%

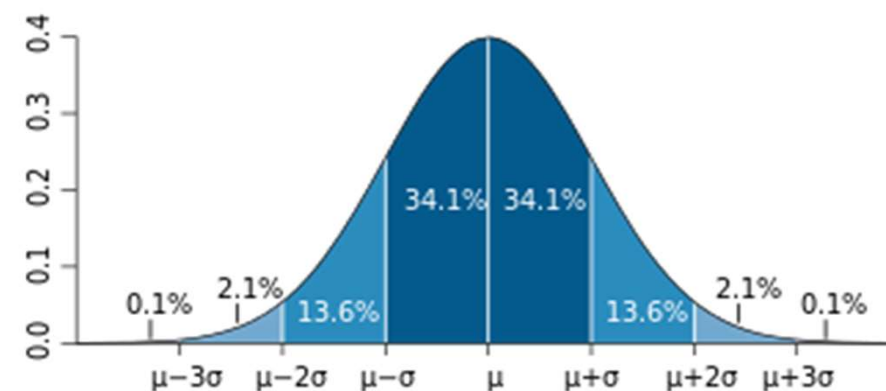
3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

Weights in kg		
Age	VAC N=245	CONTROL N=262
76/77d	31,73 ± 4,9	31,73 ± 4,95
104/105d	56,34 ± 7,35	55,17 ± 7,92
167/168d	113,78 ± 9,85	111,11 ± 10,68

+ 1,17kg

+ 2,67 kg

	167-168 Days	
	Control	Vac
Total pig	263	245
Average weight	111.11	113.78
Pig lower than 102.0 Kg (%)	47 (17.9%)	34 (13.9%)
Pig lower than 91.7 Kg (%)	12 (4.6%)	3 (1.2%)



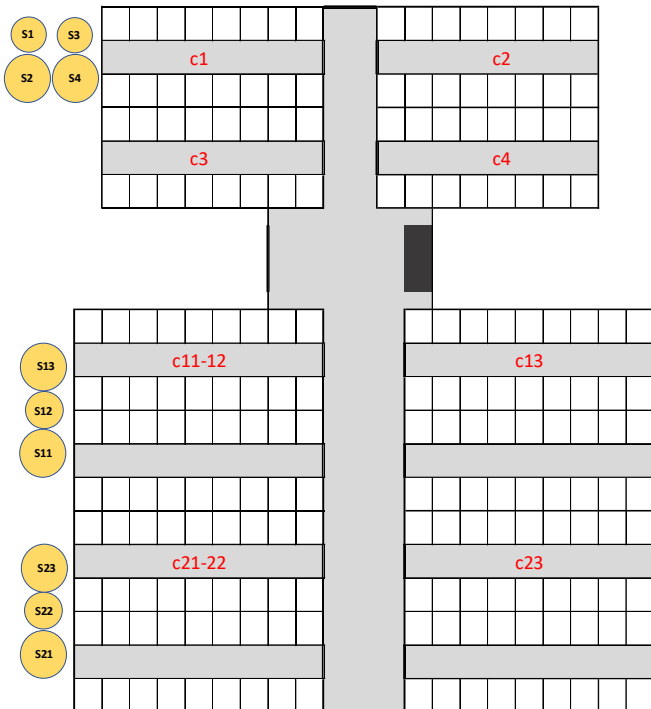
3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

	# zeugen	Weken- systeem	Speen leeftijd	Vaccinatie	Verocheck		
					5W	9 W	
Bedrijf C	980	5	24d	2-4 d	-	++	+

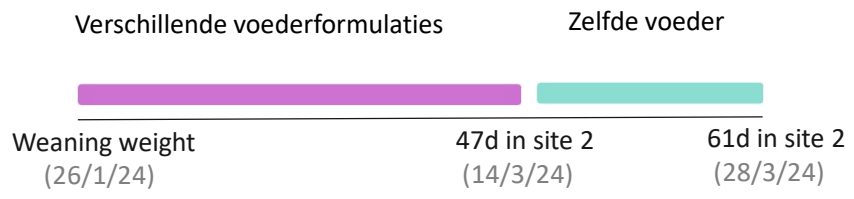


	Groep	Groepsbe- handelingen	# biggen	isocalorisch geoptimaliseerd dieet met verschillend percentage ruw eiwit
Bedrijf C	Vepured	Geen	509	18%
	Control	Geen	509	16,5%

3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch



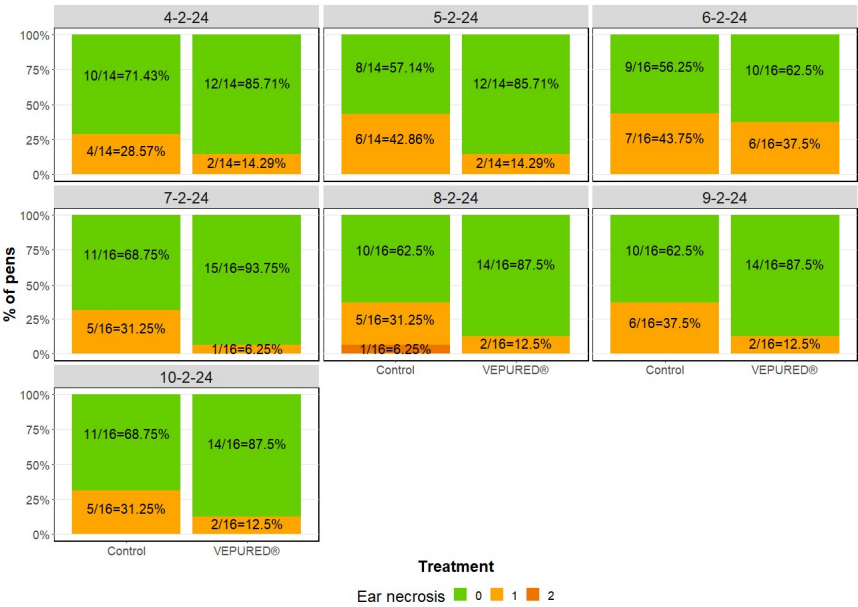
Topigs TN70 x nucleus
Batterij 0,4 m²/dier- meel
Vleesvarkens 0,8 m²/dier-korrel



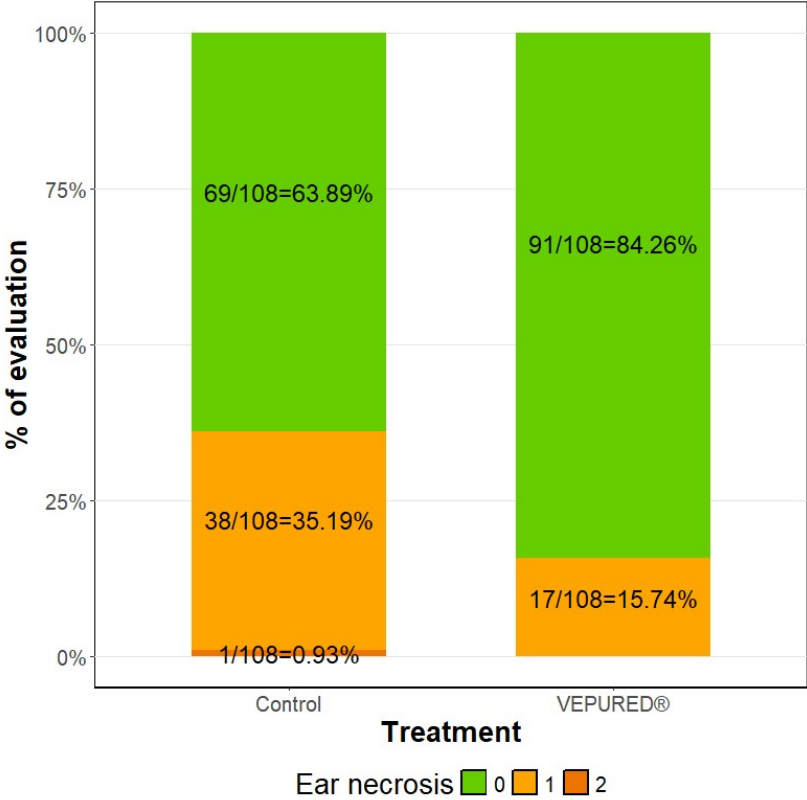
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Oortopnecrose

Meer oortopnecrose in controlegroep (p-value <0,001***)



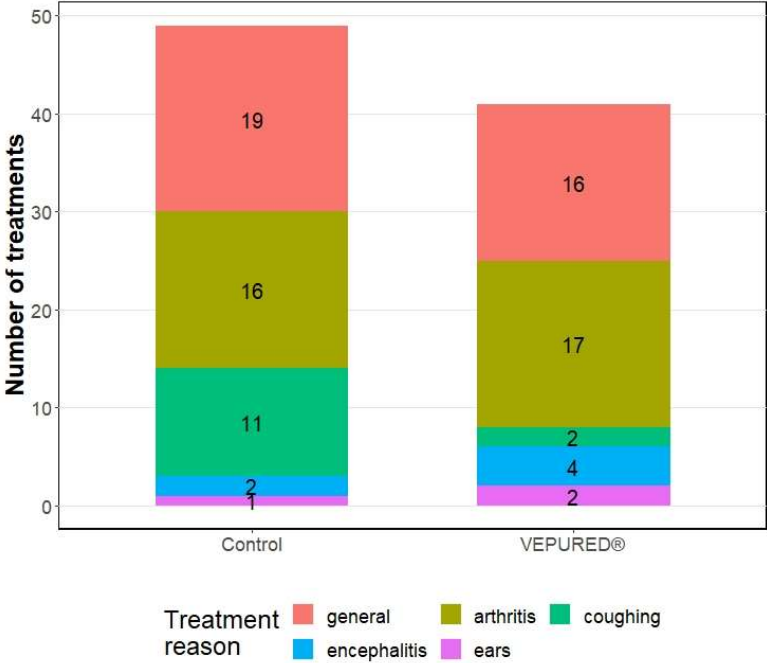
Logistic regression. Ear necrosis (score 2 and 1) vs non-Ear necrosis (0)



3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

Individuele behandelingen

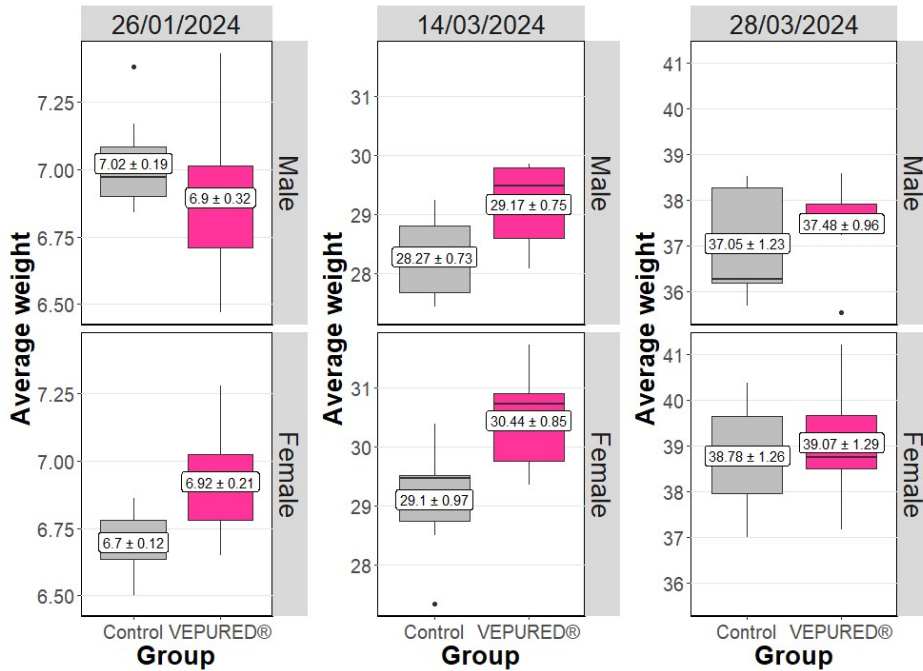
Geen significant verschil tussen beide groepen (p-value = 0,57)



3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

Different feed formulations between both groups Same feed formulations between both groups

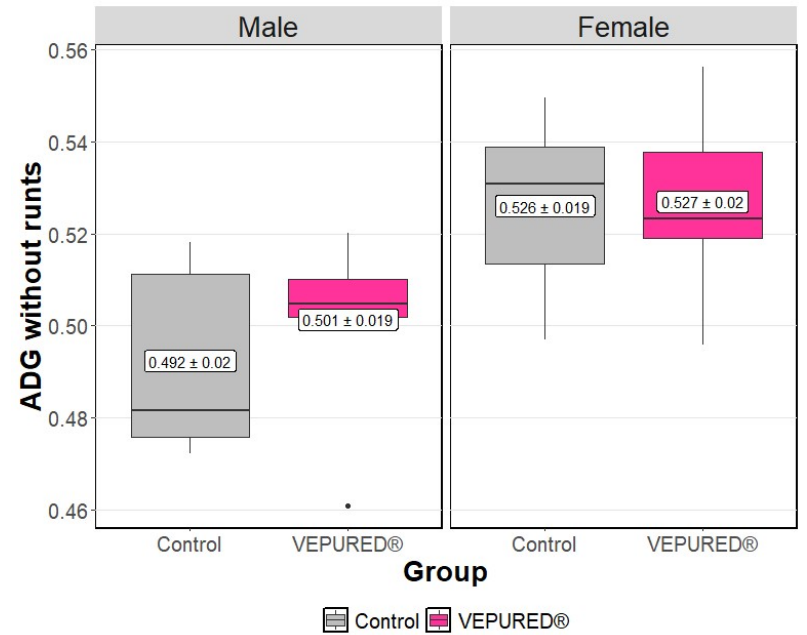
Weaning weight (26/1/24) 47d in site 2 (14/3/24) 61d in site 2 (28/3/24)



P-value 0,59

P-value 0,001 **

P-value 0,43



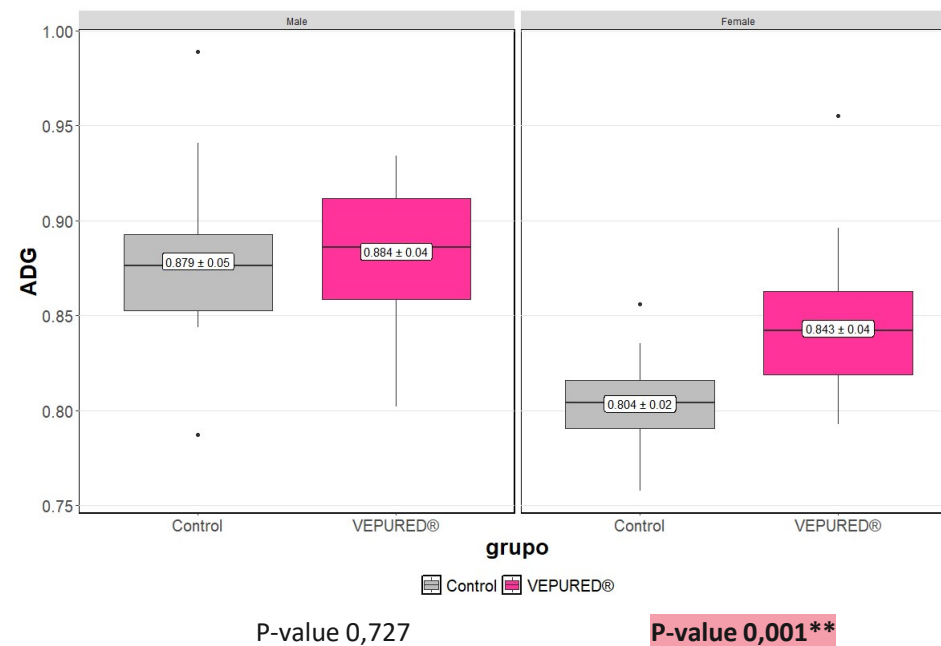
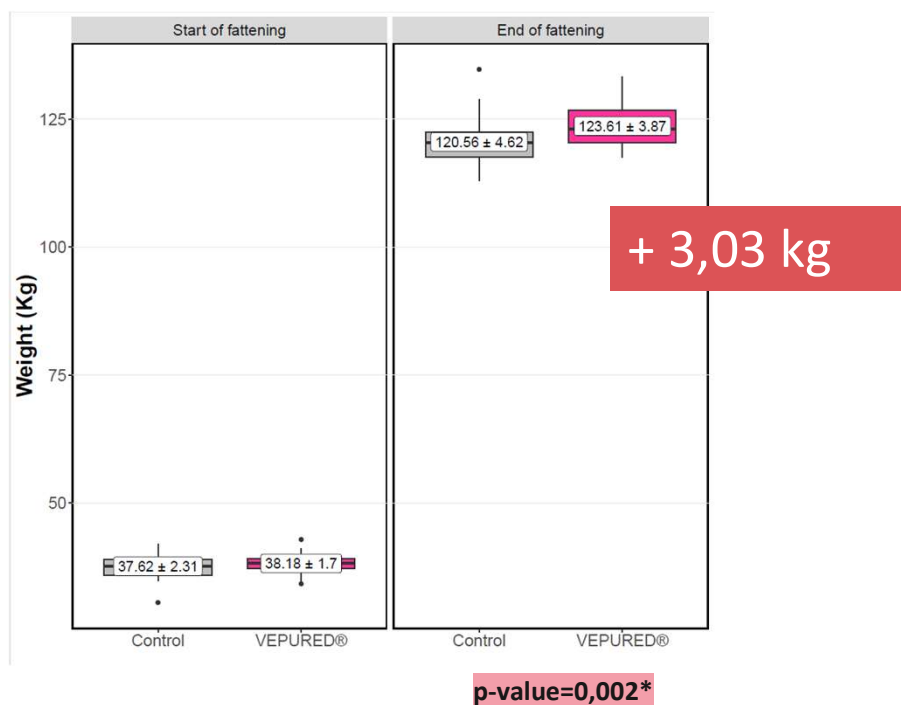
P-value: 0,50

3 Veldervaringen- subklinisch

Zelfde voeder

Fattening weight
(28/03/24)

99d in site 3
(05/07/24)



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Veldervaringen- subklinisch

- 1 Also on farms without clinical symptoms of oedema disease but with the presence of VT2e E. Coli impact of vaccination can be expected
- 2 Hoger **eindgewicht** end of fattening 2 to 3,5 kg
- 3 **Homogener** karkasgewicht
- 4 Positieve impact on **oortopnecrose**

4

Interactie met Streptococcus suis

Bedrijf A

450 zeugen

4-weken systeem

Spenen op 21 dagen

Batterijen voor alle biggen op
zeugenbedrijf.

	VT2e PCR-REAL TIME
10 Weeks	POS + (Ct 36,5)
10 Weeks	POS ++ (Ct 31,7)



4

Interactie met Streptococcus suis

VACCINE	BATCH 1	BATCH 2	BATCH 3	TOTAL
VEPURED®	377	497	405	1279
ETEC vaccin	817	467	332	1616
CONTROL	0	164	311	475

4

Interactie met Streptococcus suis

UITVAL	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	TOTAL
VEPURED®	1,86%	2,21%	3,62%	2,81%
ETEC vaccin	3,92%	3,26%	9,52%	5,05%
CONTROL		6,1%	11,74%	9,66%

4

Interactie met Streptococcus suis

Groep	Vaccinatie	# Streptococcus	# Sterftes en achterblijvers	Percentage
1	ETEC vaccin	4	14	28,6%
	VEPURED	0	1	0%
2	ETEC vaccin	4	15	26,7%
	VEPURED	1	10	10%
	CONTROL	5	10	50%
3	ETEC vaccin	12	36	33,3%
	VEPURED	1	10	10%
	CONTROL	5	13	38,5%

4

Interactie met Streptococcus suis

		# biggen gespeend	# biggen naar vleesvarkens	Piglets Income	Inkomst big/ gespeende big	ROI
TOTAL	ETEC vaccine	2083	1920	90.240,00 €	43,32 €	272%
	VEPURED	1186	1123	52.781,00 €	44,50 €	371%
	CONTROL	375	310	14.570,00 €	38,85 €	
GROEP 1	ETEC vaccine	1014	958	45.026,00 €	44,40 €	
	VEPURED	368	354	16.638,00 €	45,21 €	
	CONTROL					
GROEP 2	ETEC vaccine	580	554	26.038,00 €	44,89 €	417%
	VEPURED	489	465	21.855,00 €	44,69 €	400%
	CONTROL	164	135	6.345,00 €	38,69 €	
GROEP 3	ETEC vaccine	489	408	19.176,00 €	39,21 €	-81%
	VEPURED	329	304	14.288,00 €	43,43 €	271%
	CONTROL	211	175	8.225,00 €	38,98 €	

4 Interactie met Streptococcus suis

Bedrijf B

Over een periode van 18 maanden, 7 isolaties van Streptococcus suis type 9

Step 1: autovaccine Streptococcus in sows	Little improvement
Step 2: presence of VT2e E. coli	
Step 3: Autovaccine Streptococcus in sows Piglet vaccination Vepured	

VT2e

FTA ELUTE - Pigs - 4 Weeks (2A)
W/R - **NEG**

FTA ELUTE - Pigs - 4 Weeks (2B)
W/R - **POS (+++)**

FTA ELUTE - Pigs - 8 Weeks ()
W/R - **NEG**

COMMENT:

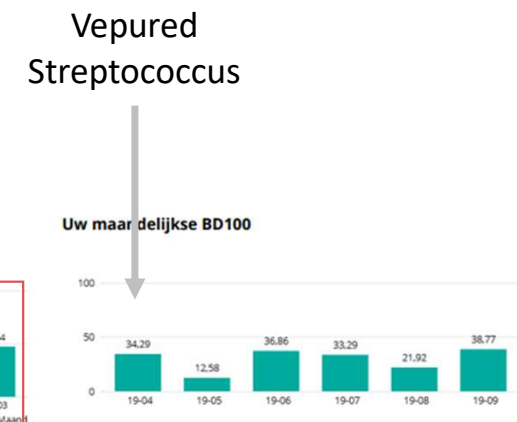
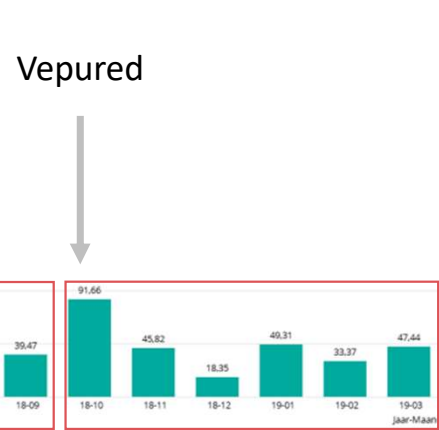
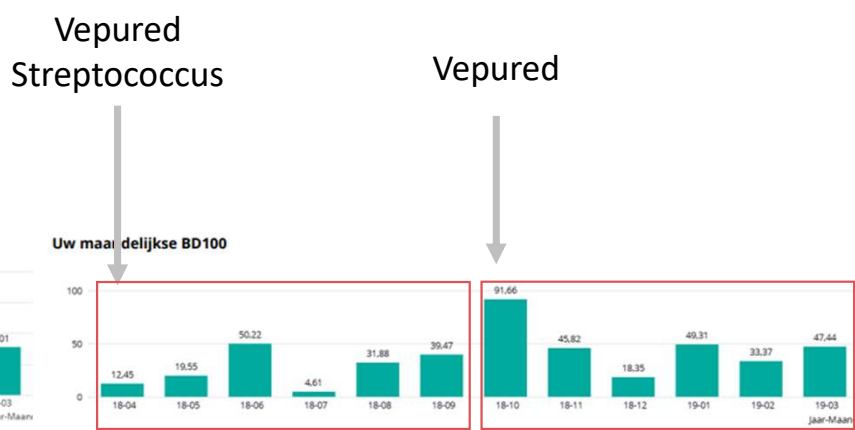
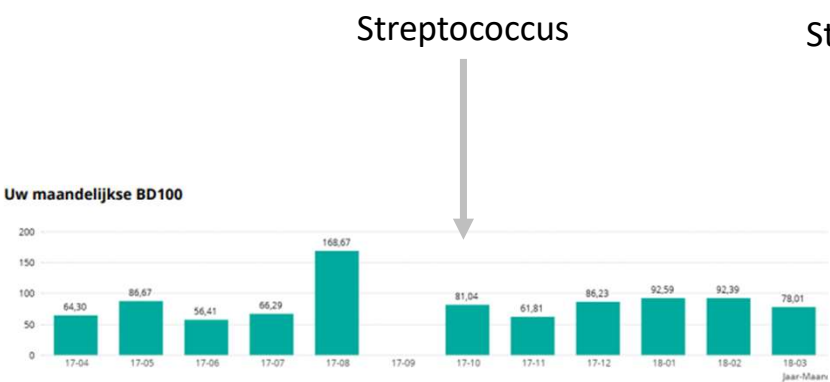
NEG: Bacterial DNA was not detected

POS (+): Bacterial DNA was detected in low amount

POS (++) : Bacterial DNA was detected in medium amount

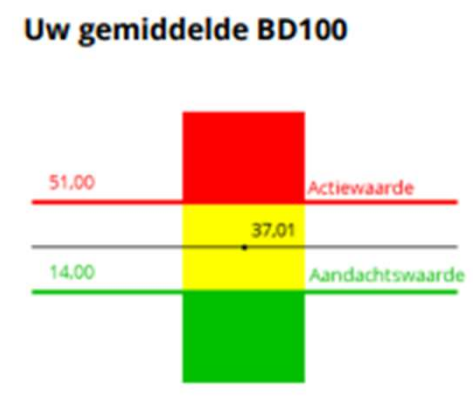
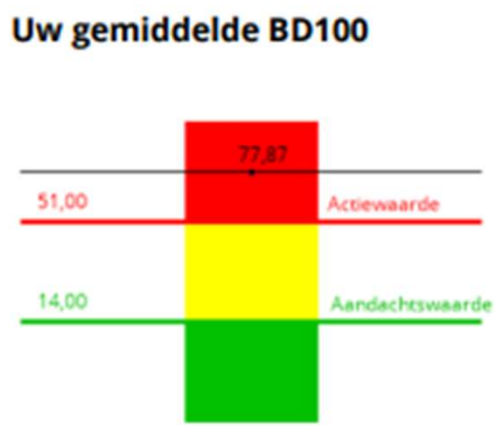
POS (+++) : Bacterial DNA was detected in high amount

4 Interactie met Streptococcus suis



Gem: 26.36

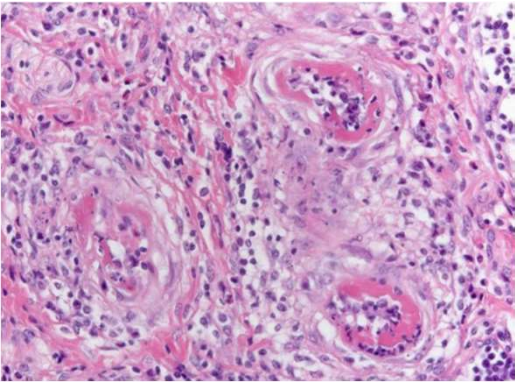
Gem: 47.6



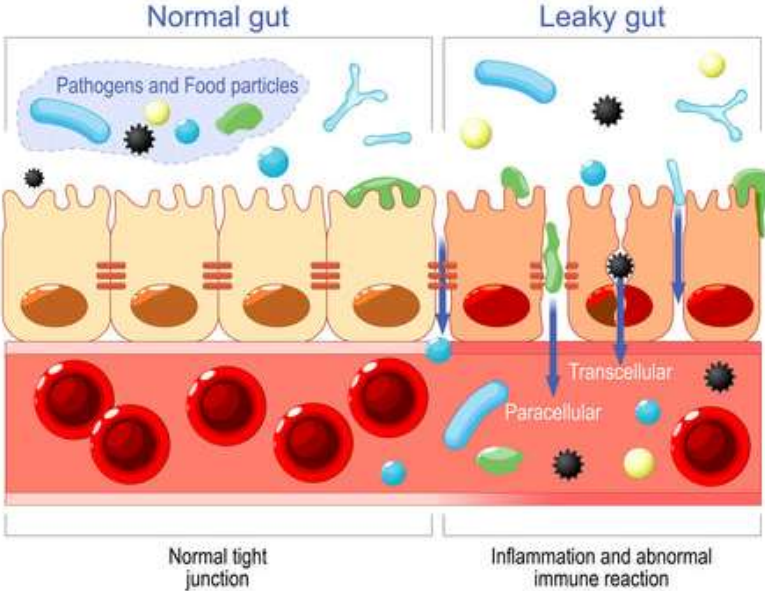
Mortality: 4,5% to 1,5%

4 Interactie met Streptococcus suis

Vaatwandschade



Verhoogde permeabiliteit ter
hoogt van de darmbarrière



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Interactie met Streptococcus suis

Review

Practical Review on Aetio-Pathogenesis and Symptoms in Pigs Affected by Clinical and Subclinical Oedema Disease and the Use of Commercial Vaccines Under Field Conditions

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Tissue/Organ	Specific Associated Lesions	Symptoms Associated with Loss of Functionality
Blood vessels, arterioles and capillaries. Large vessels are exempt.	Microangiopathy. Loss of continuity of lining. Necrosis of the tunica muscularis smooth muscle cells.	Oedema in surrounding tissues. Haemorrhages in surrounding tissues. Microthrombi. Ischaemia.
Central nervous system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain • Cerebellum • Brain stem • Cervical spine • Meninges 	Angiopathy in vessels in meninges. Oedema in leptomeninges and perivascular space producing compression of the nearby structures, such as cerebrum and cerebellum, causing loss of functionality.	Seizures. Sudden death. Behavioural changes (Figure 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diminished consciousness • Anorexia. Reduced water intake • Low reactivity to stimuli and reduced activity • General pain due to the oedema • Pigs find relief in pressing foreheads against a wall Locomotor effect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoordination, dizziness • Movement in circles • Prostration
	Infarction of vessels producing ischaemia of tissues and malacia in chronic cases.	Postural changes, asymmetric stance leading to change in muscle conformation. Twisted head position.
Skin	Subcutaneous oedema.	Pruritus and swollen areas (oedema) that are visible in certain areas such as eyelids, forehead and chin (Figures 2 and 3).
Ears	Microangiopathy. Reduced irrigation and necrosis.	Secondary bacterial infection. Large areas of necrosis on the auricular pinna (Figure 4). Loss of auricular tissue.
Lungs	Oedema. Patchy sub-lobular congestion.	Difficulty breathing due to lung oedema and reduced alveolar capacity.
Larynx	Oedema.	Altered phonation mechanism, changing pitch and vibration of normal squeak.
Stomach	Oedema in fundic and cardiac submucosa. Gastric haemorrhages. Ulceration.	Interrupted digestion: fresh dry feed is usually found at post-mortem. Presence of blood (from stomach) in intestinal contents.
Intestines and nearby tissues	Microangiopathy. Intestinal wall oedema Mesentery oedema; gelatinous mesocolon oedema, colonic submucosal oedema (Figure 5).	Altered functionality, intestinal permeability and nutrient absorption capacity. Small intestines are generally empty at post-mortem. Constipation is frequent, although diarrhoea can be observed during the clinical phase of the disease.
	Intestinal haemorrhages in most severe cases.	Blood contained in the faeces in cases where there are gastric or enteric haemorrhages. Pigs with these severe lesions die in most cases.

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Interactie met Streptococcus suis

1 Zien we enkel het topje van de ijsberg?

- 2 Sturende krachten
- Labels e.g. FC < 2,43
 - Verdere antibioticareductie



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Interactie met *Streptococcus suis*

Review

Practical Review on Aetio-Pathogenesis and Symptoms in Pigs Affected by Clinical and Subclinical Oedema Disease and the Use of Commercial Vaccines Under Field Conditions



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Table 3. Reported effects of Stx2e toxoid vaccines on clinical and/or subclinical Oedema Disease in different field scenarios.

<i>Only Subclinical signs</i>		
Reduction in mortality	Mortality reduction ranges from 0.3 to 6%. Average = 3.1%.	[10,63,65,68–77]
Improvement in growth rate	Growth improvement of 5 to 26.5 gr/day extra during the nursery period. Average = 17.5 gr/day Improvement of 22 to 33 gr/day extra when computing the whole wean-to-finish period. Average = 26 gr/day.	[10,11,63,65,68–71,74,78–81]
Antimicrobial reduction	Reduction of 22% of the antimicrobial cost. Savings of 0.54 to 0.71 EUR/grower. Reduction of 10.3 DDD/year (Defined daily dose per year).	[63,74–77,81,82]
Better weight uniformity	3% better weight dispersion.	[78]
Better feed conversion ratio (FCR)	FCR improvement ranges from 0.9 to 0.26 in nursery and 0.12 in fattening.	[71,72,81]
Ear necrosis prevention	Ear necrosis incidence decreased from 36% to 15%.	[11]
Fewer problems with <i>S. suis</i> .	Lower clinical impact due to <i>S. suis</i> . and reduction in antimicrobial use.	[31,77,81]

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