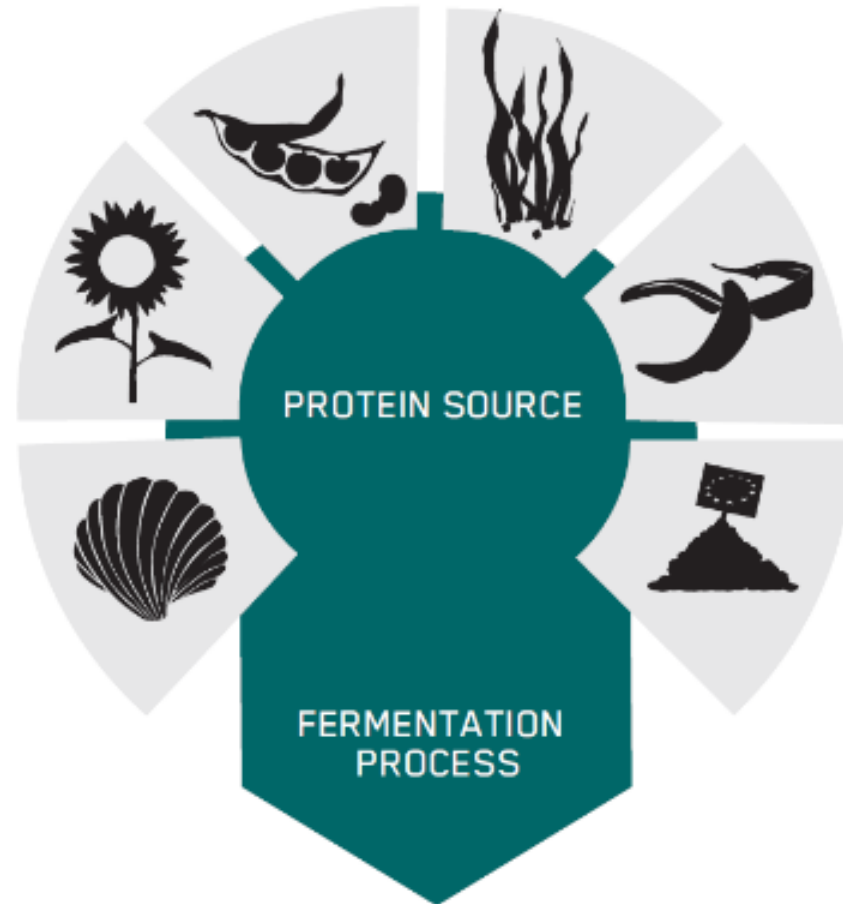


FERMENTATION EXPERTS & EUROPEAN PROTEIN

ABOUT FERMENTATION



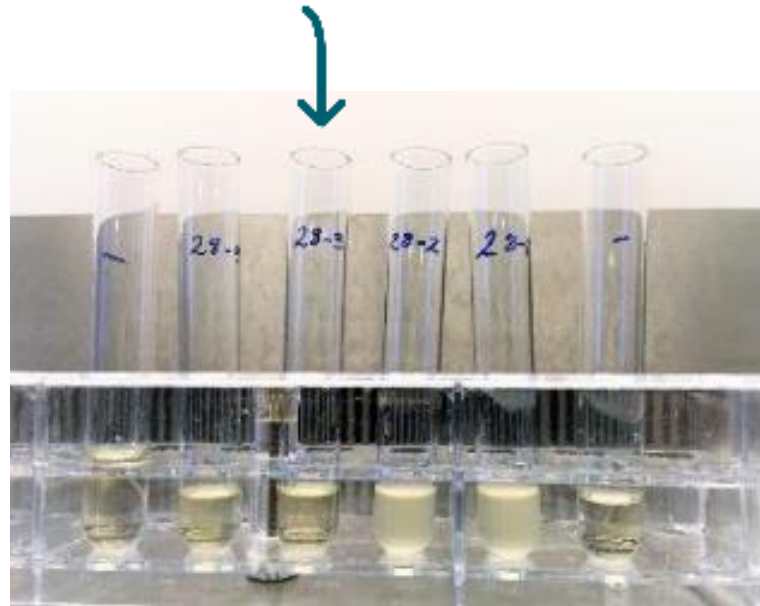
Designer protein

- › We can ferment most protein sources
- › We can convert indigestible sugar into lactic acid (5-10%)
- › Several advantages will pay for the drying cost
- › Higher protein, phosphorous, fibre and energy digestibility
- › Our dry products contain live bacteria and enzymes

BACTERIA*

IN
VITRO

Bacteria inhibition:



Negative control

8 mg/mL

4 mg/mL

2 mg/mL

1 mg/mL

Negative control



Positive control



EP-product

Clostridium perfringens

EP-products inhibit growth of *Clostridium perfringens*

1 g of EP-product has 150 mg/mL of *C. perfringens* inhibitory compounds!

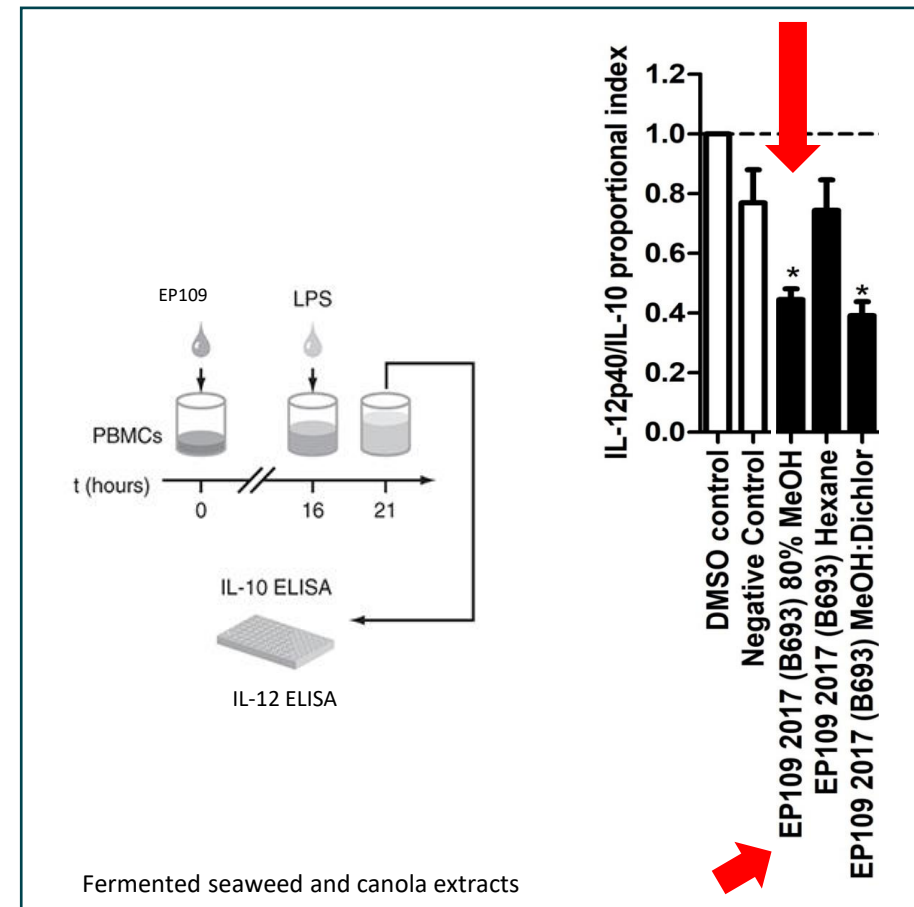
Photo 1: European Protein laboratory test on several batches of an EP-product. The test evaluates the lowest concentration of an antimicrobial agent that inhibits the growth of bacteria (MIC).

Photo 2 and 3: *Clostridium perfringens* grown on medium Nutrient agar (20 h at 37 °C) without and with EP-products.

IN VITRO ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EFFECT

Fermented seaweed and canola extracts

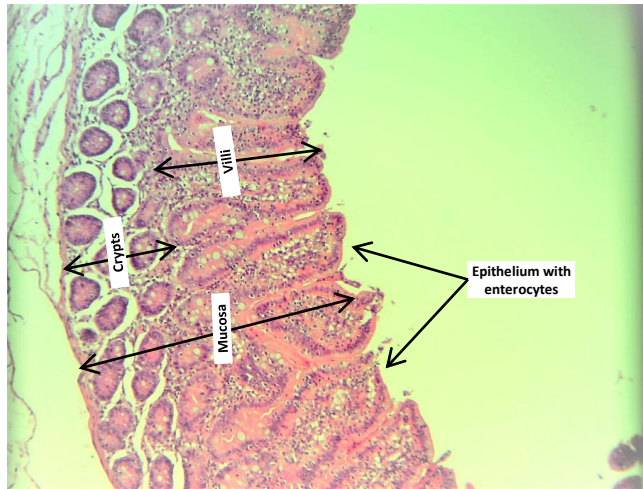
- Test of different fermented seaweed and canola extracts in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) assay using 3 different human donors.
- Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) or endotoxins found of the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria was used to stimulate an inflammation in matured human PBMCs.
- Response was measured by inhibition of **IL12** proinflammatory cytokine and induction of anti-inflammatory cytokine **IL10** by extracts.



Small intestine - Jejunum

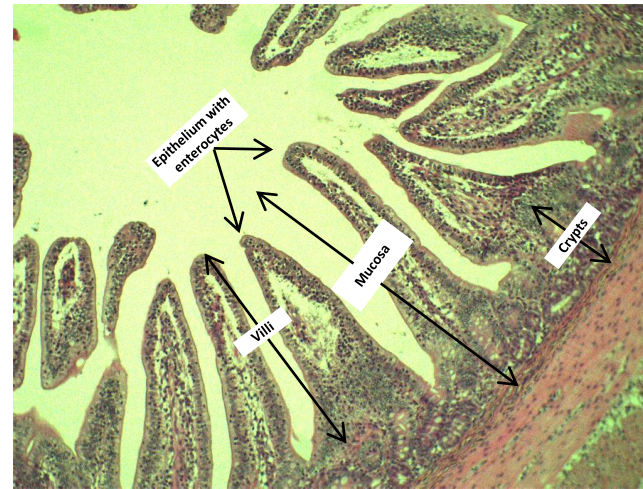
Magnification 10X – slide 1. *Mucosa including villi and crypts was analyzed under the microscope*

Basal group



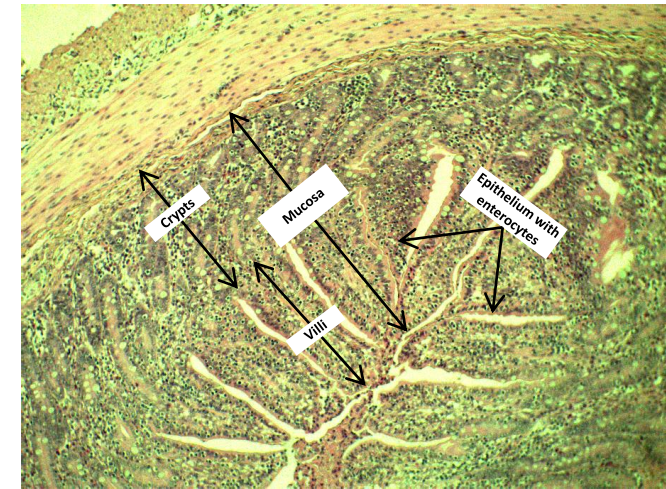
Thinner mucosa in jejunum in comparison with zinc and EP100i groups.
It is a sign of under developed gut

Zinc group



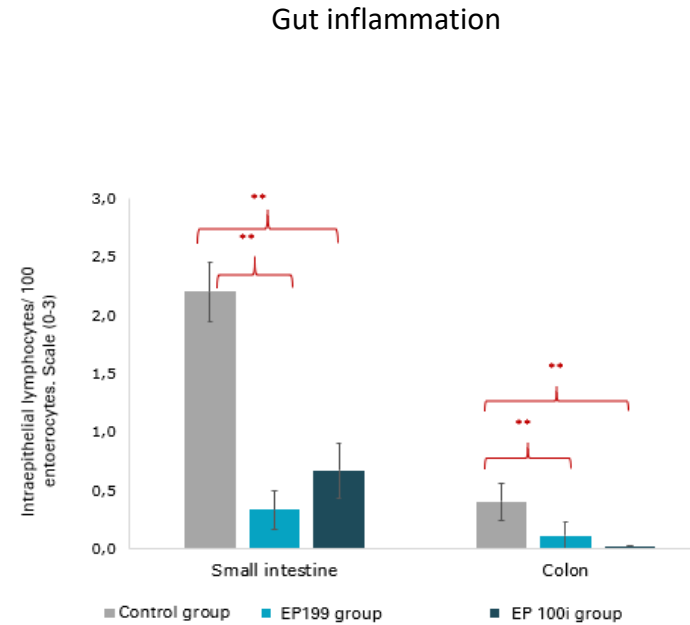
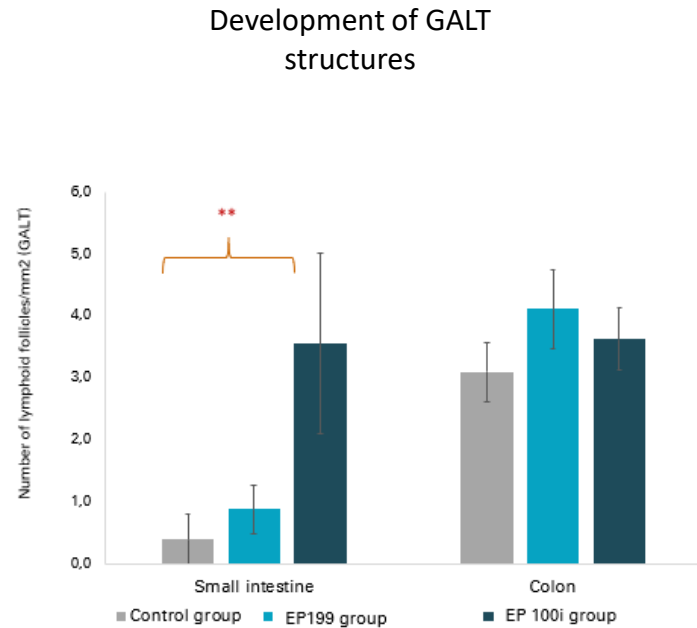
Loss mucosa in jejunum in comparison with basal and EP100i groups.
It is a sign of physiological stress, indicating a gut that is vulnerable to pathogen invasions and inflammation

EP100i group



Thick and packed mucosa in jejunum in comparison with basal and zinc groups.
It is a sign of a well developed gut.

GUT MODULATION



Inflammation

0: normal

(no deviation from the norm)

1: low

(slight infiltration, but no damage to the stroma or epithelium)

2: moderate

(signs of weak inflammation with some disruption to epithelial continuity and intestinal blood-barrier)

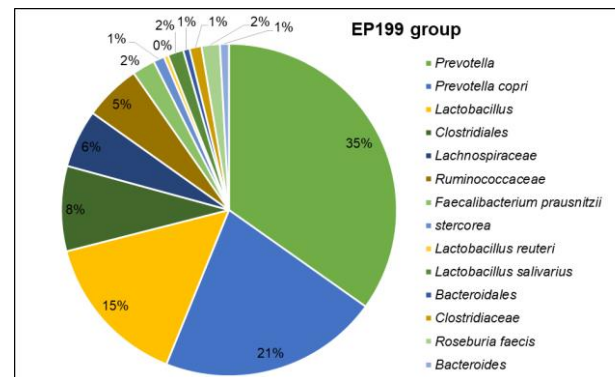
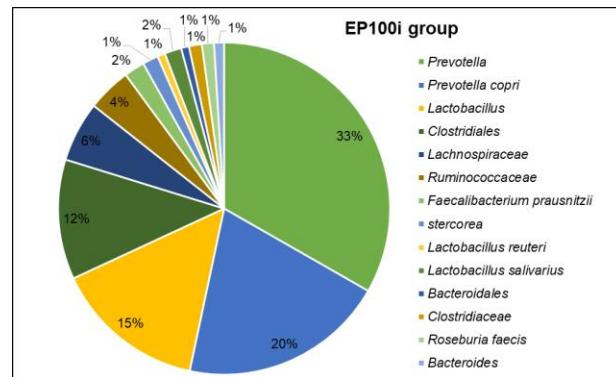
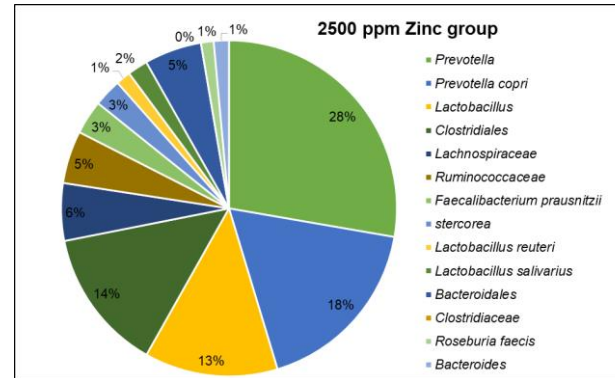
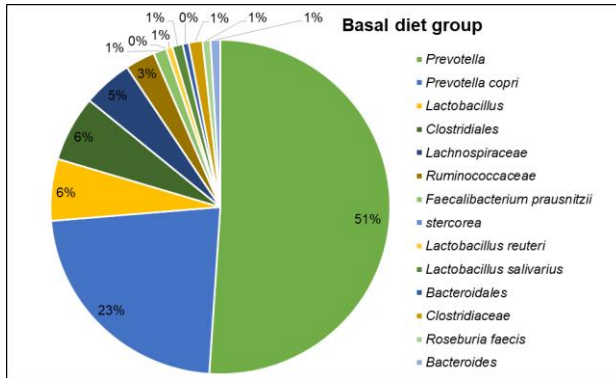
3: severe

(moderate inflammation with damage to the epithelium and intestinal blood-barrier).

Figures are data from an *in vivo* trial in nursery pigs. Piglets were fed with a commercial basal diet used as positive control and with the addition of fermented seaweed and rapeseed into the basal diet. Blood, gut content and gut tissues were sampled from N=10 piglets after 4 weeks of the dietary regimes. Differences between groups (T-test; $p < 0.05$).

GUT MICROBIOME MODULATION

INCREASED BACTERIAL EVENNESS



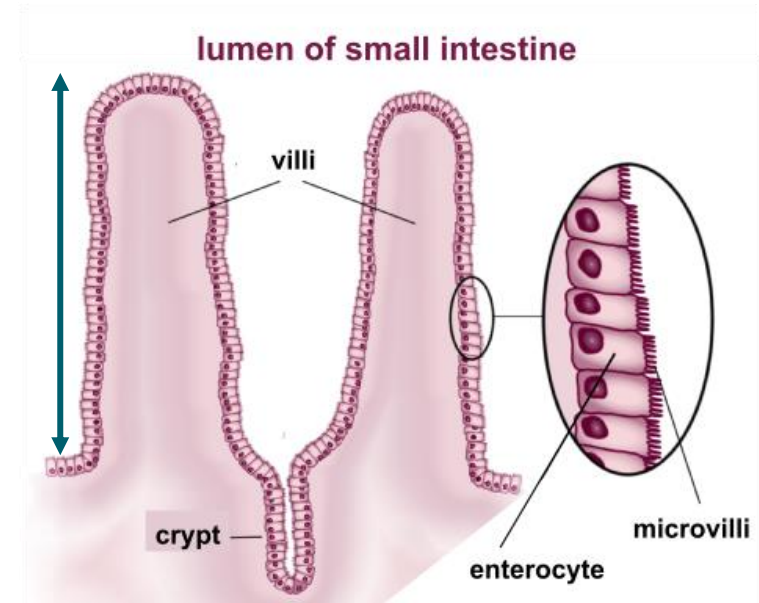
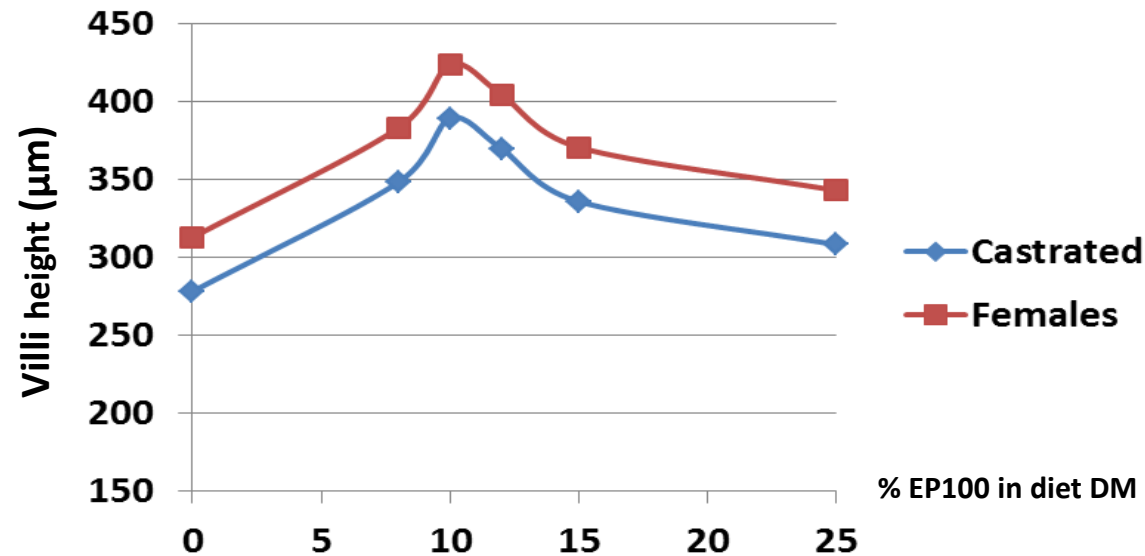
Increased number of recognized beneficial gut bacteria

	Basal diet	10 % EP199	10 % EP100i
<i>Lactobacillus spp.</i>	5.9	14.8	14.5
<i>Lachnospiraceae spp.</i>	4.7	5.6	5.7
<i>Ruminococcaceae spp.</i>	2.8	5.4	4.2
<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i>	1.2	2.2	2.0
<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i>	1.0	1.5	1.6

Even dominance of several bacterial groups corresponds to improvement in animal health and performance as they improve gut-homeostasis

RESULTS

SMALL INTESTINAL VILLI HEIGHT (6 SLAUGHTERED PIGLETS D11 AFTER WEANING PER TG)

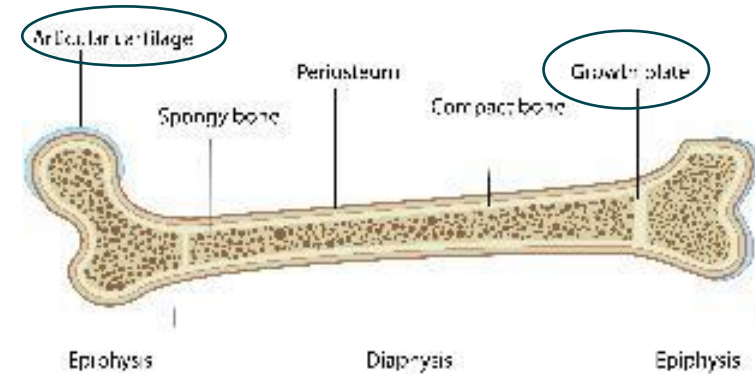
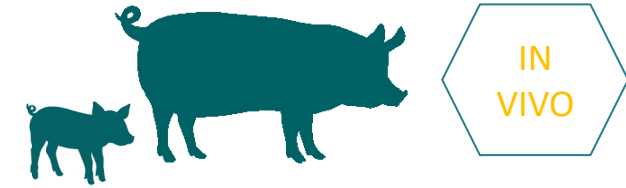


EP100:

- Increased small intestinal villi height <35% (maximal effect: 10% EP100i in diet)
- Stimulated extensive folding of villi => ↑↑↑ increase in surface area
- Immune cell infiltration and enterocyte morphological changes absent
 - Also in colon

MATERNAL FEEDING OF EP199

Improved bone structure and mechanical properties of offspring₁



The fermentation process of EP-products makes nutrients more available. Through a better absorption of minerals like calcium and phosphorous during gestation, the piglets development of bone density, growth plate and articular cartilage are improved.

Table 4: Bone properties of samples from knees of 77 days old piglet.

<i>Basal geometric properties</i>	Unit	Group control	DFRSM	P-value
Bone length	mm	143	156	0.006
Bone weight	g	149	156	0.036
<i>Growth plate cartilage</i>	Unit	Group control	DFRSM	P-value
Total cartilage thickness	µm	1369	2100	< 0.001
<i>Articular cartilage</i>	Unit	Group control	DFRSM	P-value
Total cartilage thickness	µm	2067	3640	< 0.001
<i>Structural properties</i>	Unit	Group control	DFRSM	P-value
Yield load	kN	1.64	1.88	0.012
Ultimate load	kN	1.91	2.26	0.038
Stiffness	N/mm	830	1067	0.021
Elastic energy	J	1.74	1.81	0.022
Work to fracture	J	2.87	3.6	0.032
Bending moment	Nm	23.4	29.9	0.002

Source: 2019, Trial: "A fermented rapeseed meal additive: Effects on Production Performance, nutrient digestibility, colostrum immunoglobulin content and microbial flora in sows. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31890914>

MATERNAL FEEDING OF EP199

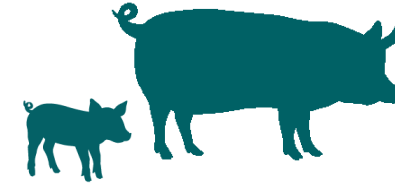


Table 5: Mineral content of blood in sows and piglets.

Minerals	Units	Gilts			Sows		
		Control	FRS	P	Control	FRM	P
LATE PREGNANCY n=6							
Phosphorus	mmol l ⁻¹	1.42	1.70	P≤0.05	1.38	1.88	P≤0.01
Copper	μmol l ⁻¹	26.19	32.47	P≤0.05	23.37	28.09	P≤0.01
Iron	μmol l ⁻¹	15.38	21.06	P≤0.05	13.88	19.18	P≤0.01
LATE LACTATION n=6							
Phosphorus	mmol l ⁻¹	1.87	2.31	P≤0.05	1.76	2.24	P≤0.01
Magnesium	mmol l ⁻¹	1.04	1.27	P≤0.05	1.03	1.28	P≤0.01
Copper	μmol l ⁻¹	12.66	16.15	P≤0.05	14.65	18.31	P≤0.01
Iron	μmol l ⁻¹	18.78	25.43	P≤0.05	23.54	29.17	P≤0.01
Zinc	μmol l ⁻¹				14.18	17.78	P≤0.01
OFFSPRING n=12							
Phosphorus	mmol l ⁻¹	1.97	2.42	P≤0.05			
Calcium	μmol l ⁻¹	2.58	3.12	P≤0.05	2.53	3.04	P≤0.01
Copper	μmol l ⁻¹	20.66	26.91	P≤0.05			
Zinc	μmol l ⁻¹	7.87	10.29	P≤0.05			
Iron	μmol l ⁻¹	27.81	35.33	P≤0.05	28.02	37.51	P≤0.01

Blank spaces mean, that there is no statistical significant difference

Sows: For both gilts and sows the content of phosphorous, copper and iron is significantly higher than in the control group during pregnancy and lactation.

Piglets: Offspring from primiparous sows have a higher content of all minerals in their blood. For piglets from multiparous sows calcium and iron content is improved.

Source: 2019, Trial: "A fermented rapeseed meal additive: Effects on Production Performance, nutrient digestibility, colostrum immunoglobulin content and microbial flora in sows. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31890914>

MATERNAL FEEDING OF EP199



Table 6: Blood analysis in sows and piglets.

Bbod	Units	Gilts		P
		Control	FRS	
LATE PREGNANCY n=6				
Haem atocrit	%	38.77	41.12	P≤0.05
Haem ogbbin	mmol l ⁻¹	7.01	7.88	P≤0.05
Red blood cells	10 ¹²	6.91	8.01	P≤0.05
LATE LACTATION n=6				
Haem atocrit	%	36.23	39.17	P≤0.05
Haem ogbbin	mmol l ⁻¹	4.56	5.98	P≤0.05
Red blood cells	10 ¹²	6.23	6.96	P≤0.05
OFFSPRING				
Haem atocrit	mmol l ⁻¹	36.24	39.96	P≤0.05
Haem ogbbin	μmol l ⁻¹	6.92	7.89	P≤0.05
Red blood cells	μmol l ⁻¹	6.03	6.76	P≤0.05

Sows: Red blood cell parameters are increased for both primiparous sows and their piglets meaning more oxygen can be carried to tissues.

HOW EP-PRODUCTS MODULATE THE GUT AND ADJUST THE BODY



Try to improve overall health through a single key

VS



Improve health by using chords to create symbiotic effects and harmony

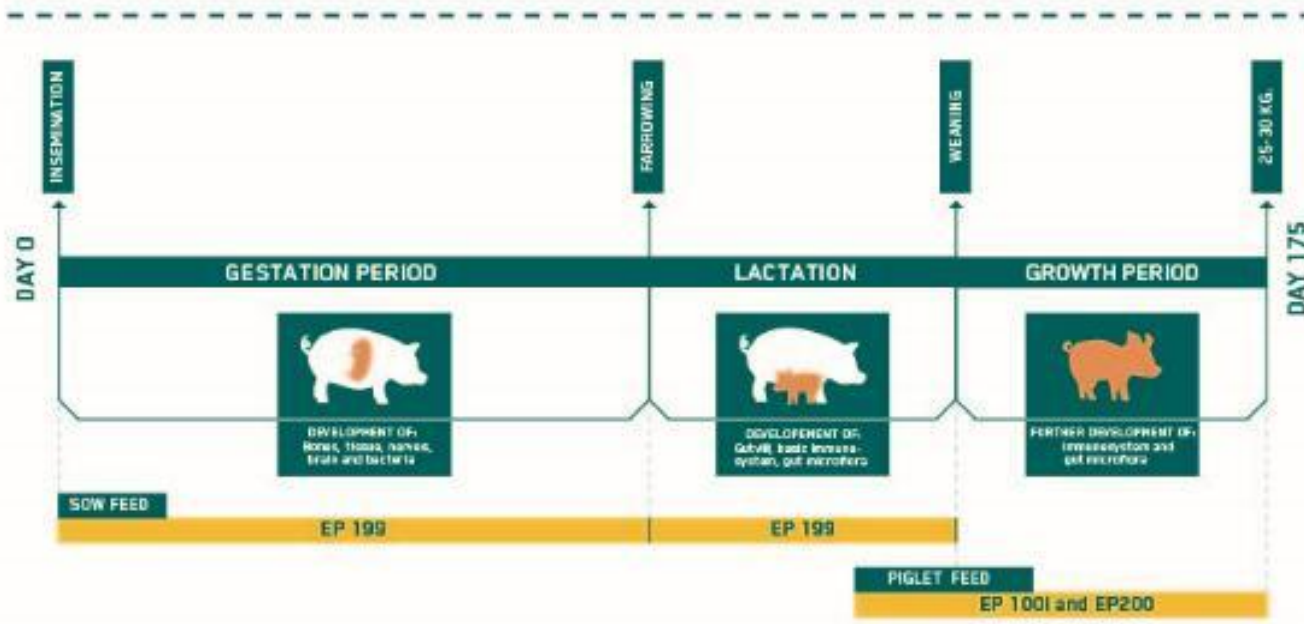
FEEDING CONCEPT

Direct and indirect feeding to improve offspring

WHY THE FIRST

175 DAYS

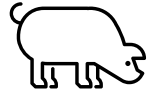
ARE CRITICAL FOR PIGLET HEALTH



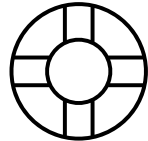
Research shows that up to 80 % of the piglet's DNA is founded during gestation and lactation.

FARM RESULTS – WHAT CHANGES?

Through maternal feeding, the production parameters change



1-3 piglets more weaned per sow.



Lower mortality in both sows and piglets.



Increased milking ability means more kilos produced per litter.



Reduction in the sow feed by 10% with same or better performance.



Reduction of **pathogens** means less handling and treatment of the animals.

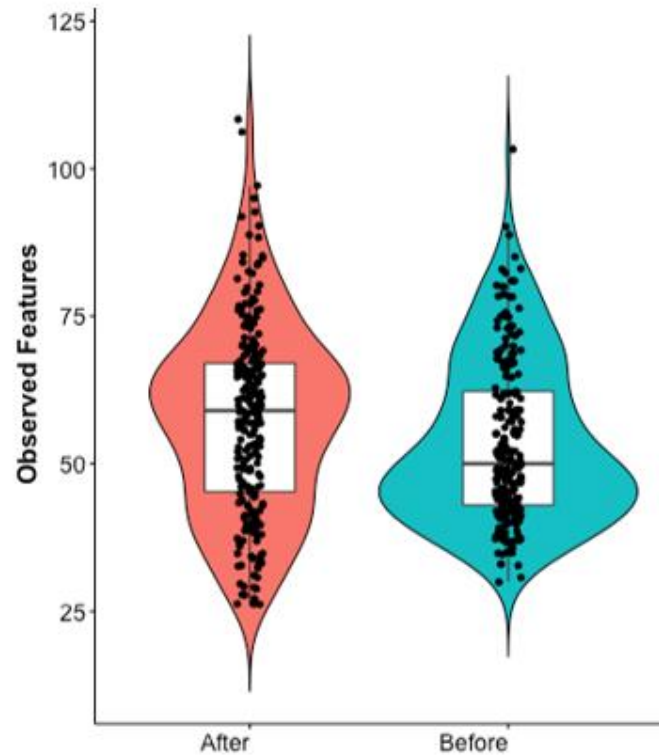


Healthy animals **save time** and manual labour.



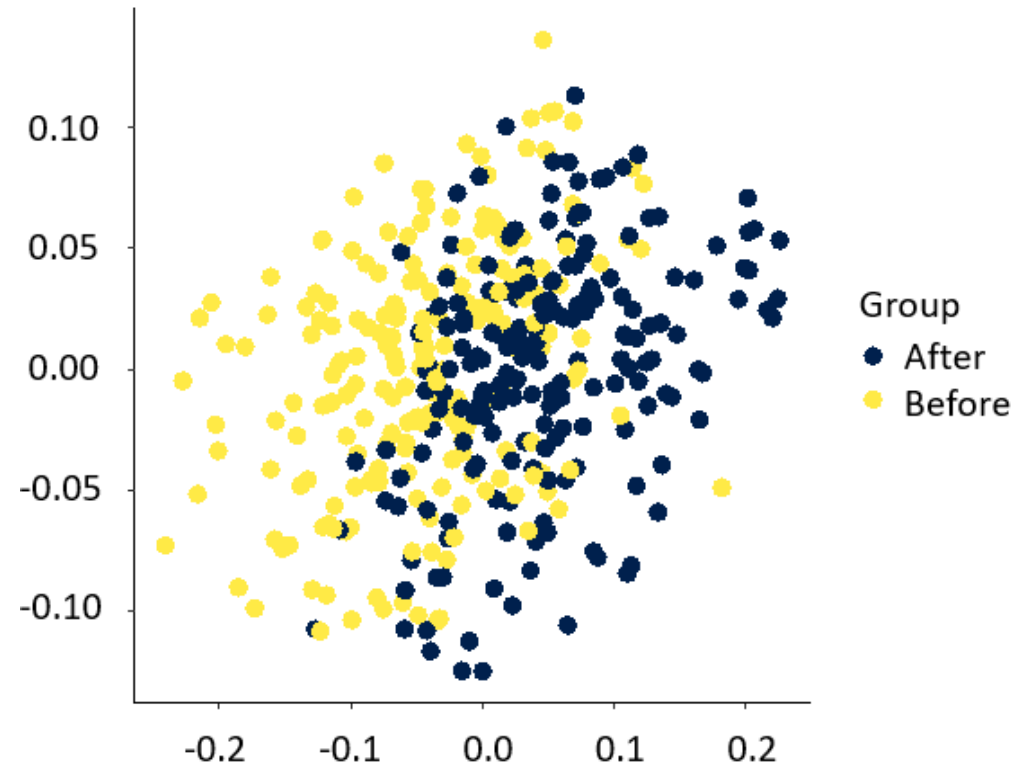
With a healthy herd, you can phase out medicinal **zinc (ZnO)** and **lower the use of antibiotics**

comparison of 19 farms before/after (n=608 samples)



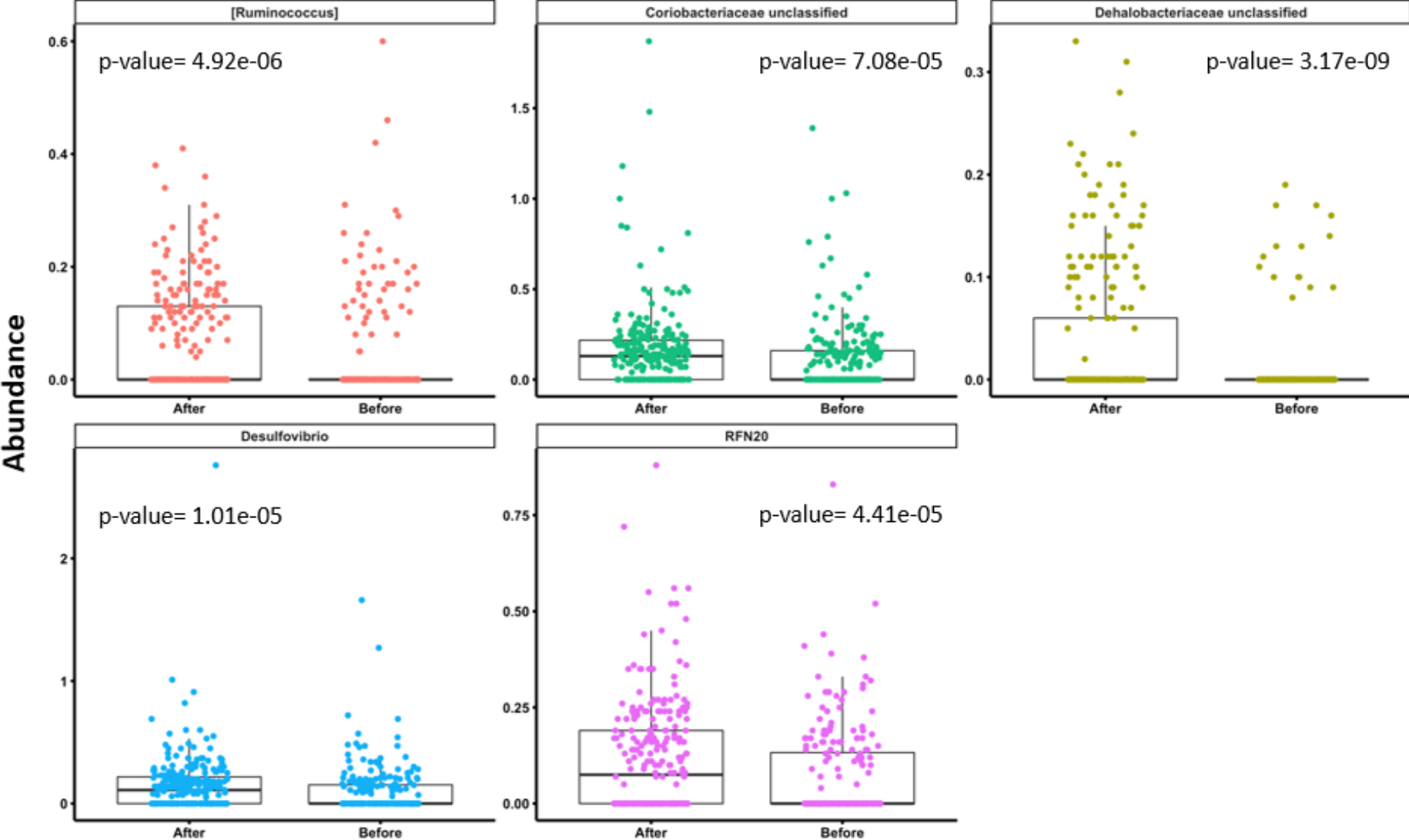
Pairwise Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test

p-value: 0.0037



p-value: 0.001

5 bacteria families (before/after)



OUR CHALLENGES

- Market acceptance of novel functional protein sources
- Market entry - local proof of concept
- Veterinarians and advisors
- Education: What is the microbiome and why is it so important?

Tomorrow's solutions
...today



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