



### **Evaluating the Effects of Zn Hydroxychloride on Gut Health**

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### Stress

"The nonspecific response of the body to any demand."

*"Maintaining an internal physiological balance through homeostasis can not by itself ensure the stability of body systems under stress."* 

"Similar stress response to different potentially harmful stimuli."







Fig. (5). A surgeon's view of a large, perforated duodenal ulcer in a patient (Courtesy of Prof. Yoshida, 2016).

Hans Selye, 1936

#### **Stressors: Intestinal Derived Immune Activation and Inflammation**



### **Biology of Heat Stress Symptoms**

# **Intestinal Morphology**



**Thermal Neutral** 

**Heat Stress** 

Pair-fed

### Heat Stress and Gut Health

Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) stimulates the immune system

LPS promotes inflammation production....catabolic condition
 TNFα, IL-1 etc..

- Reduced appetite
- Stimulates fever
- Causes muscle breakdown
- Induces lethargy
- ....reduces productivity



Submucosa

### The Effects of Heat Stress are Rapid!



### Acute Phase Proteins Increase During Heat Stress



### **Heat Stress Summary**

Leaky gut

Shown in multiple species (ruminants and monogastrics)
 Demonstrated with different approaches

Inflammation and acute phase protein response

Heat stress is <u>essentially immune activation</u>
 Physiologically similar to mastitis, metritis, pneumonia etc.

### Objectives:

**Determine Feed Restriction's Impact on Leaky Gut** 

"Out of Feed Events" are common in EVERY animal agriculture industry

# **Insufficient Nutrient Intake**

- Feed intake is frequently inadequate to meet nutrient requirements:
  - Off-feed events
  - □ Out of feed events
  - □ Shipping
  - Overcrowding
  - □ Transition period
  - Heat stress
  - Abrupt weaning
    Gestating sows



# Consequences of Feed Restriction-Gut Health

Alters intestinal architecture

□ Ueno et al., 2011; Pearce et al., 2015; Kvidera et al., 2017

- Reduced transepithelial resistance
  Pearce et al., 2015
- Increased total tract permeability
  Zhang et al., 2013
- Increased circulating lipopolysaccharide
  Pearce et al., 2015
- Increased acute phase proteins
  Kvidera et al., 2017



### Feed Restriction Causes Intestinal Hyperpermeability and Production Losses in Cattle



### **Documented Stressors that Cause Leaky Gut**

#### □Heat

Weaning

Hunger/feed restriction

How can such different stressors all cause leaky gut???

Noise

They are all psychological

Public Speaking

Cold

Neonate-Maternal Separation

### The GIT is enervated by both the CNS and ENS There's more neurons on the gut than in the brain



https://www.lumennatura.com/2013/01/30/study-craniosacral-therapy-and-the-digestive-system/



http://gut.bmj.com/content/65/1/155

### Stress Increases GIT Pathogens









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Review

#### How bacterial pathogens colonize their hosts and invade deeper tissues

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#### Abstract

Bacterial pathogens have evolved a wide range of strategies to colonize and invade human organs, despite the presence of multiple host defense mechanisms. In this review, we will describe how pathogenic bacteria can adhere and multiply at the surface of host cells, how some bacteria can enter and proliferate inside these cells, and finally how pathogens may cross epithelial or endothelial host barriers and get access to internal tissues, leading to severe diseases in humans.

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Fig. 2. Schematic representation of events leading to *Salmonella* overgrowth in the intestine. Invasion of intestinal epithelial cells by *Salmonella* triggers an inflammatory response leading to the release of antimicrobial peptides and the production of ROS (*Reactive Oxygen Species*) by neutrophils. H<sub>2</sub>S, a fermentation end product generated by commensal bacteria, is oxidized into thiosulfate by the colonic epithelium and then into tetrathionate by ROS. In contrast to fermenting bacteria of the microbiota, *Salmonella* can use this tetrathionate as a terminal electron acceptor to support growth in anaerobic conditions. The use of tetrathionate, in addition to *Salmonella* resistance to antimicrobial molecules, allow this pathogen to out-compete commensal bacteria in this inflamed context.

Intestinal epithelium (mainly neutrophils and macrophages) create an oxidative environment (via redox) as a defensive strategy. This kills commensal bacterial....but the pathogens have developed oxidative evasion techniques

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Effects of postweaning supplementation of immunomodulatory feed ingredient on circulating cytokines and microbial populations in programmed fed beef heifers

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#### Transport stress increases Clostridia and E. coli Shedding in Cattle





McCarty et al., 2022: JAS 100: 1-11



### Effect of enzymatically hydrolyzed yeast on health and performance of transition dairy cattle

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#### Transition Cow Clostridia shedding



Weeks Pre/Post Calving

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### Calcium trafficking and gastrointestinal physiology following an acute lipopolysaccharide challenge in pigs

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What are the implications to dietary strategies??

I.V. LPS Administration



# **\$\$ Billion Euro Question/Opportunity \$\$**

Can the Feed or Animal Health Industry do anything about leaky gut.....especially without dietary antibiotics???

□ Targets:

Direct action at intestine

Indirect via:

- Increased feed intake
- Rumen acidosis prevention
  - Hind gut acidosis prevention
- Improved immune function

# Zinc (Zn)

- Essential nutrient for all living organisms
  - Structural component
  - Catalytic factor
  - Signaling mediator
- □ Improves cellular function of immune cells (Haase and Rink et al., 2014; Wessel and Cousins, 2015; Mayorga et al., 2017)
  - □ Altered cytokine production
  - □ Acute phase protein production
  - Oxidative burst
- □ Enhances epithelial barrier integrity (mammary, intestinal [and lung??])
  - Decreased plasma lactose (Weng et al., 2017)
  - Decreased SCC (Kellogg et al., 2004; Nayeri et al., 2014)



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### Could a more Bioavailable Zinc Improve GIT Barrier Parameters in Farm Animals?

### Heat Stress: Materials and Methods

- Twenty-four lactating Holstein cows ( $680 \pm 63 \text{ kg BW}$ ;  $130 \pm 34 \text{ DIM}$ ; Parity  $2.0 \pm 0.5$ )
- Prefeeding phase of 16 d, 2 treatments:
  - Control (**CON**): diet contained 75 ppm supplemental Zn from ZnSO<sub>4</sub>
  - Treatment (HYD): diet contained 75 ppm supplemental Zn from Zn HYD (IntelliBond Z, Selko, Indianapolis, IN)
- Three experimental periods:
  - <u>Period 1</u> (5 d) Thermo-neutral conditions (**TN**)
    - Collection of baseline measurements
  - <u>Period 2</u> (5 d) Heat stress induction
    - Electric heat blankets (EHB) implementation
  - <u>Period 3</u> (3 d) Recovery period TN









### Cr-EDTA: AUC







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# Evaluating effects of zinc hydroxychloride on biomarkers of inflammation and intestinal integrity during feed restriction

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- 24 Holstein cows; 159 DIM
- 2×2 factorial:
- Ad-libitum fed or feed restricted
  ZnSO<sub>4</sub> or IntelliBond Z (at 75 ppm)





AL-CON vs. FR-CON: *P*=0.07 FR-CON vs FR-IBZ: *P*=0.15

Horst et al., 2020. J. Dairy Sci.

60 multiparous cows; -28 to 84 DIM Housed in tie stalls; treatments were top-dressed once daily

Mineral	Inorganic	Combination	IntelliBond
Copper	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	75% CuSO₄/ 25% organic	IntelliBond C
Zinc	ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	75% ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / 25% organic	IntelliBond Z
Manganese	MnSO <sub>4</sub>	75% MnSO₄/ 25% organic	IntelliBond M





# Effect of zinc source (zinc sulfate or zinc hydroxychloride) on relative abundance of fecal *Treponema* spp. in lactating dairy cows

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\*All cows fed ad-libitum

# GIT Stress & Hydroxy-Zn Summary

- Heat stress caused gastrointestinal tract [GIT] hyperpermeability
  - Feeding Hydroxy-Zn ameliorated leaky gut and the temporal pattern suggests the effects are in the small intestine
- Feed Restriction caused intestinal inflammation
  - Feeding Hydroxy-Zn increased villi height
  - Decreased circulating haptoglobin
  - Increased GIT neutrophil infiltration
  - Increased feed intake post-feed restriction
- During the transition period
  - Feeding Hydroxy-Zn decreased haptoglobin
  - Tended to increase milk yield
- Fecal bacterial load
  - Feeding Hdroxy-Zn decreased Treponema (lameness causing pathogen)

### **Seminar Summary**

Many common on-farm situation cause "leaky gut" and

- Probably stems from the general "stress" response in the gut
  - Explains why diarrhea/vomiting often occurs during stress
- Primary strategy should be to prevent or minimize stress
  This is primary management
- Dietary Strategies
  - Avoid rumen and hind gut acidosis
  - Keep fermentation in the rumen
  - Dietary strategies like bioavailable Zinc to prevent leaky guy

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