



*Biology of Lactation in Farm Animals (BOLFA)*

# Bovine neutrophils' oscillation and transition period

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A wide-angle photograph of a rocky, arid landscape. The foreground is filled with numerous small, light-brown rocks and pebbles. In the middle ground, a steep, reddish-brown hillside rises, dotted with sparse, low-lying green vegetation. The sky is a deep blue, filled with large, fluffy white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day in a high-altitude or desert environment.

# INTRODUCTION



**Location:**

Alborz mountain ranges, Southern part of Caspian Sea, Iran  
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**Problem in high yielding dairy cows:  
immunosuppression, infections and inflammation  
specially mastitis**

**The problem is very complex and  
multifactorial**

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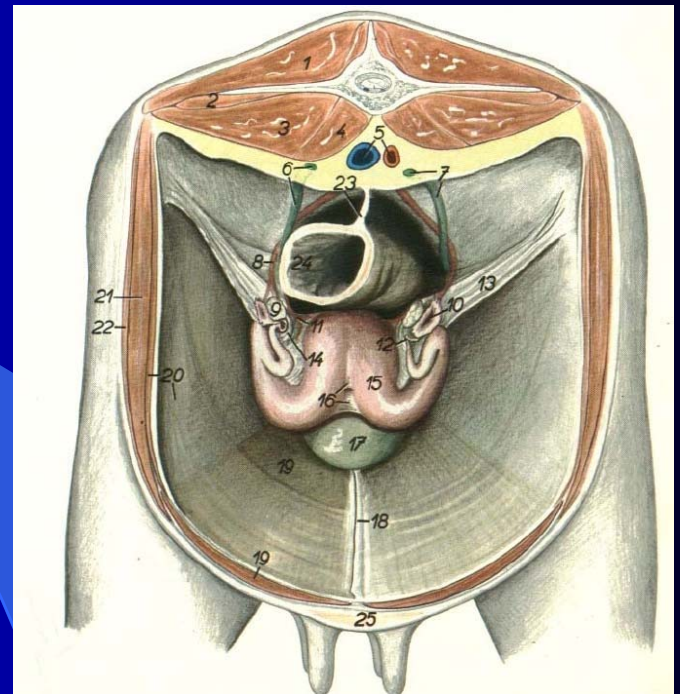
Environment  
Pathogen  
Host

Environment pathogens are many .....  
From pathogens to chemicals

unknowns >>> knowns



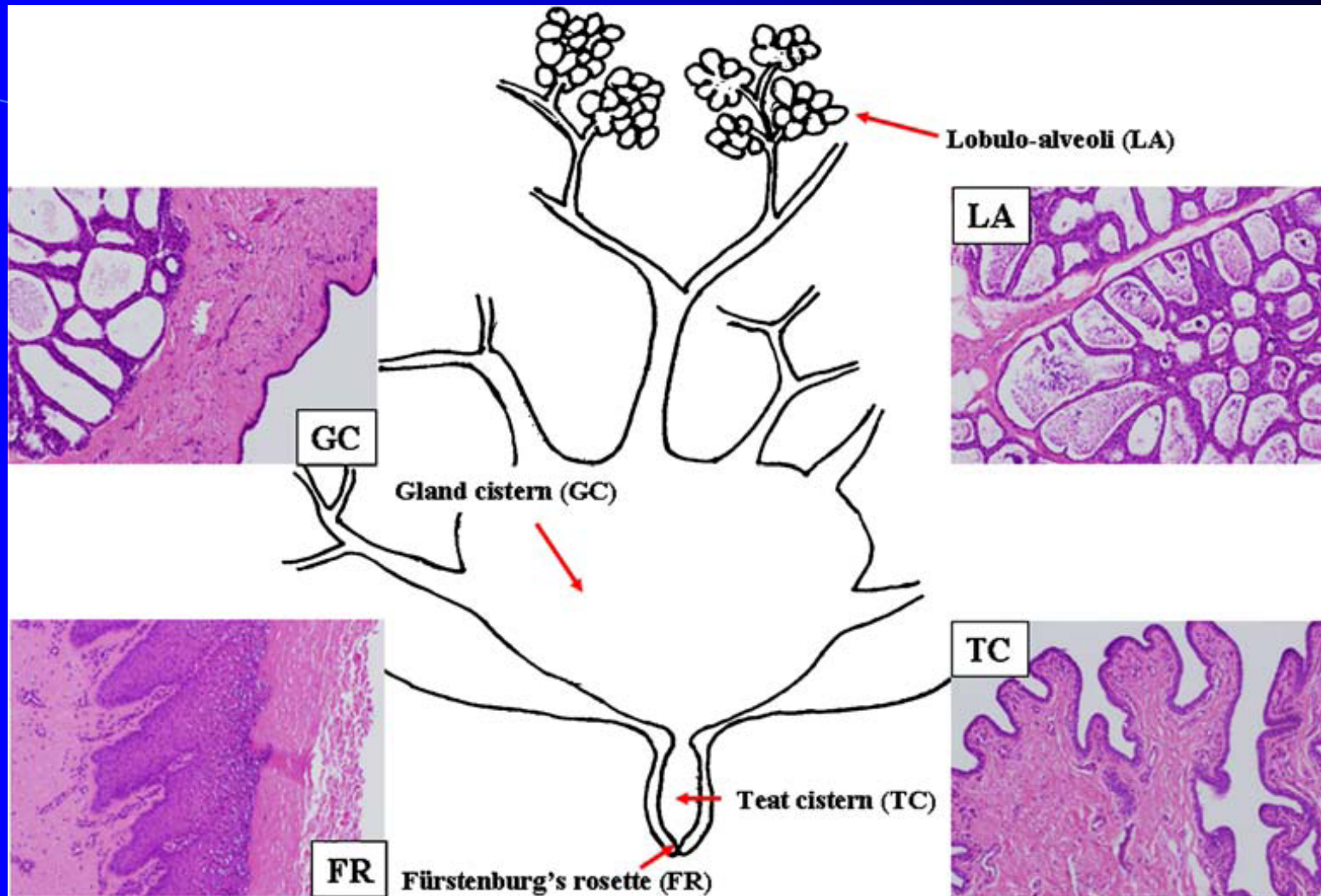
# Economically, nutritionally and health critical



Anatomically, histologically, physioimmunologically very complex!

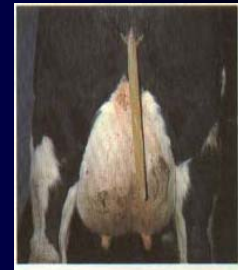
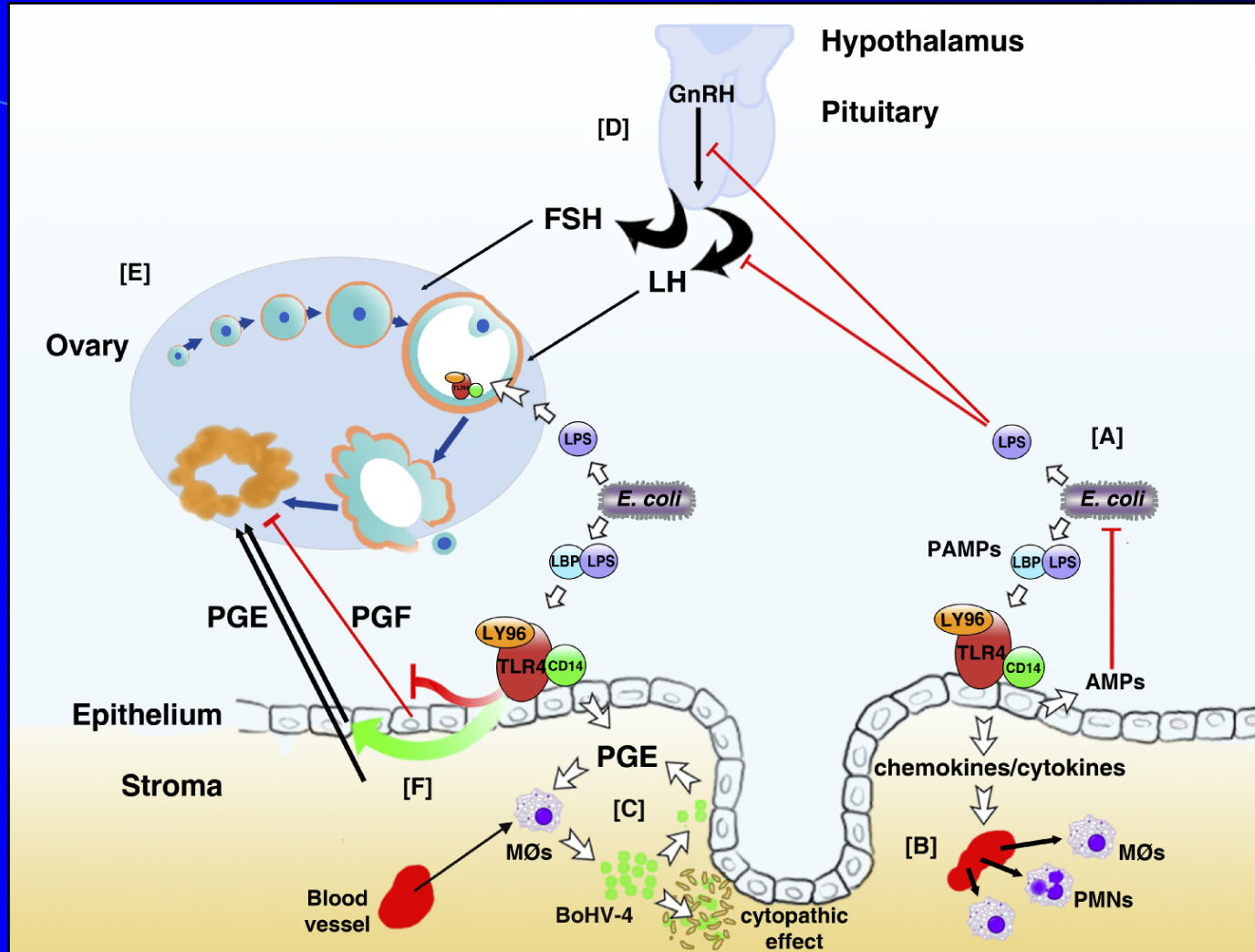


# Example of the complexity of dairy cows' udder





# Complex interrelations between udder, uterus, ovary etc.

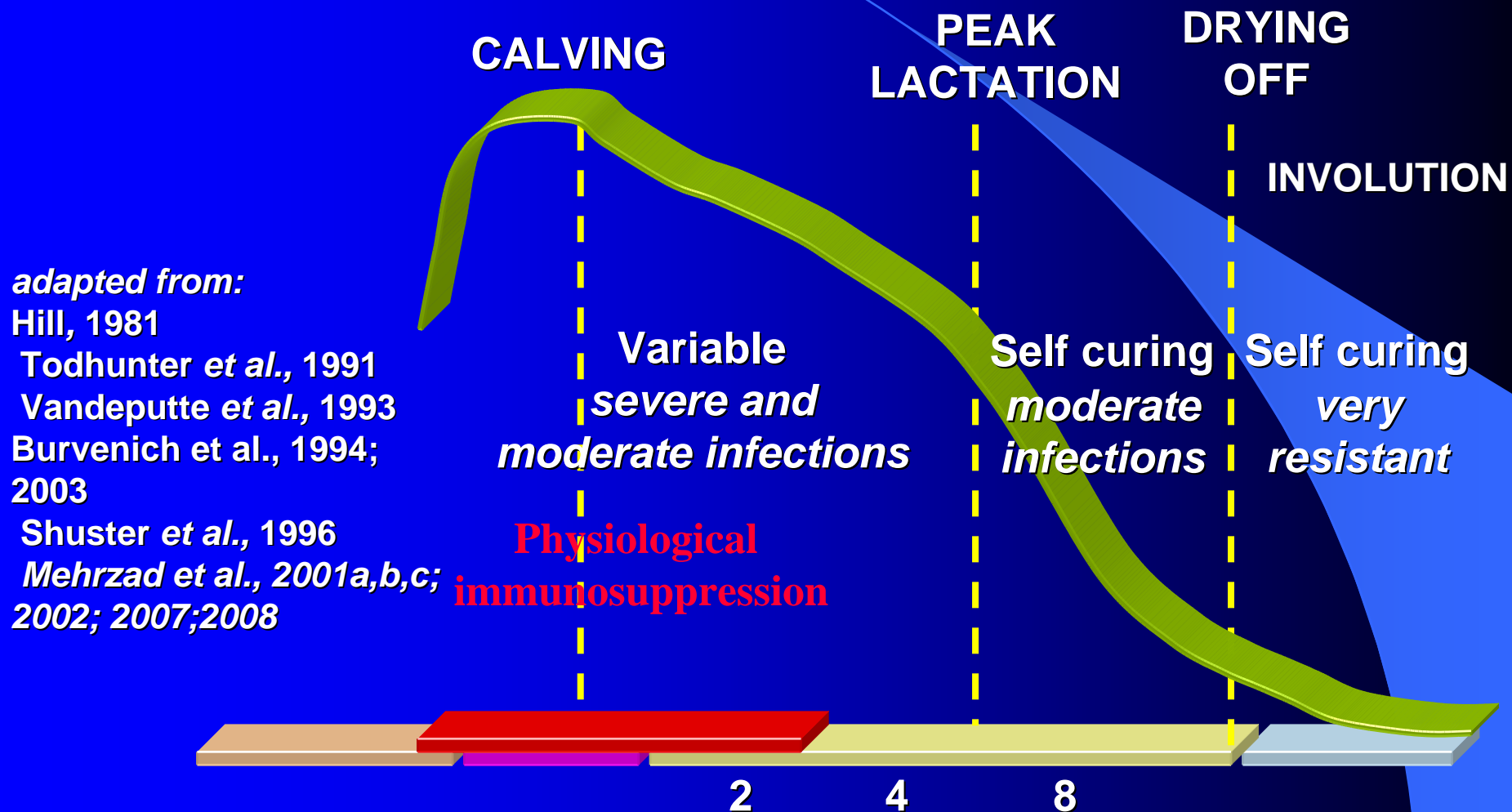


Both in udder and uterus

unknowns >>> knowns

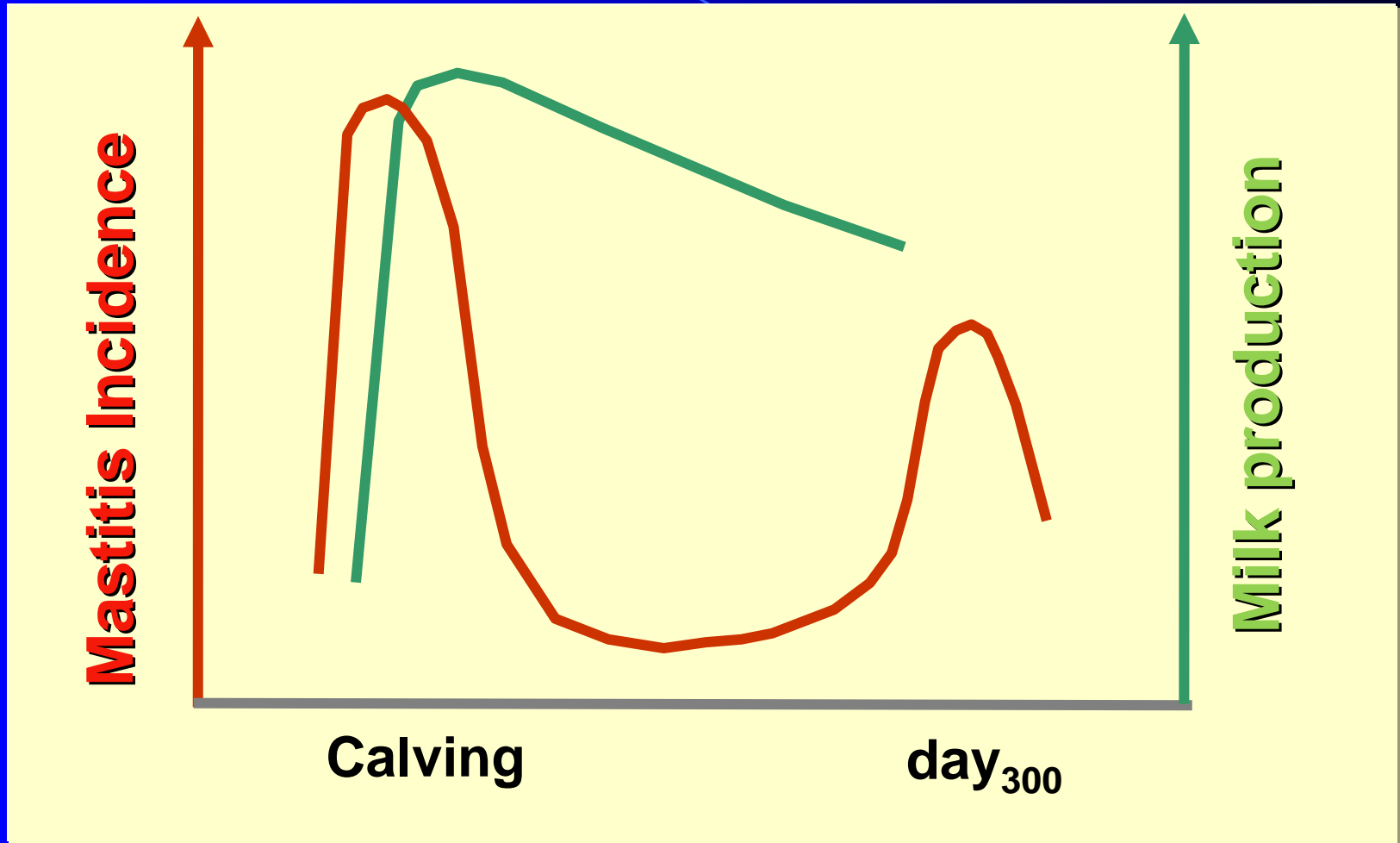


# Incidence and severity of parturition-and-lactation related mastitis





# The problem of mastitis in high yielding cow



adapted from

Burvenich et al., 1994; 2003

Shuster et al., 1996

Mehrzhad et al., 2001; 2002; 2009; 2010

**Many other new synergic issues increase the problem**

New Infection Rates by parturition and lactation



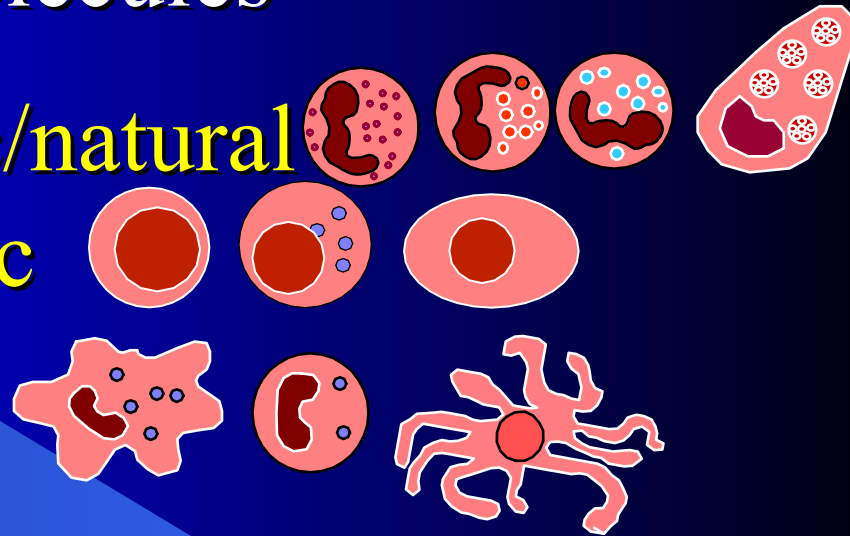
# Protection of udder in dairy cows by

## Immune cells and molecules

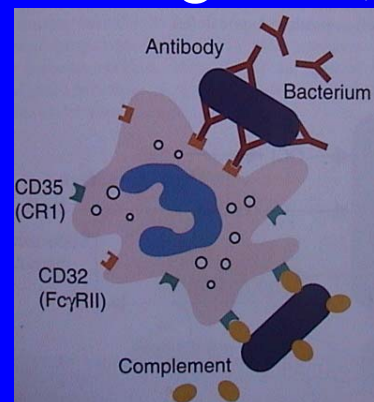
-Innate/native/non-specific/natural

-Acquired/adaptive/specific

-Interaction between them

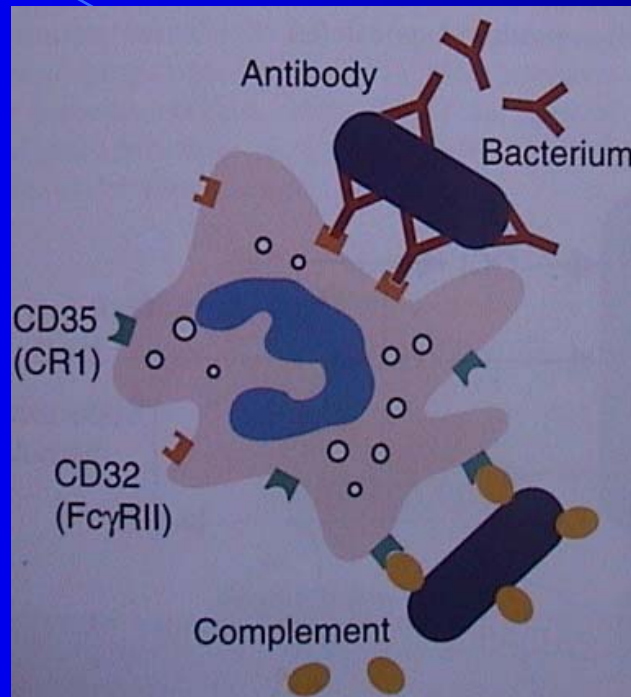


Recognition, prime and response against pathogens to protect the udder





# Basic aspects of bovine neutrophils (PMN)



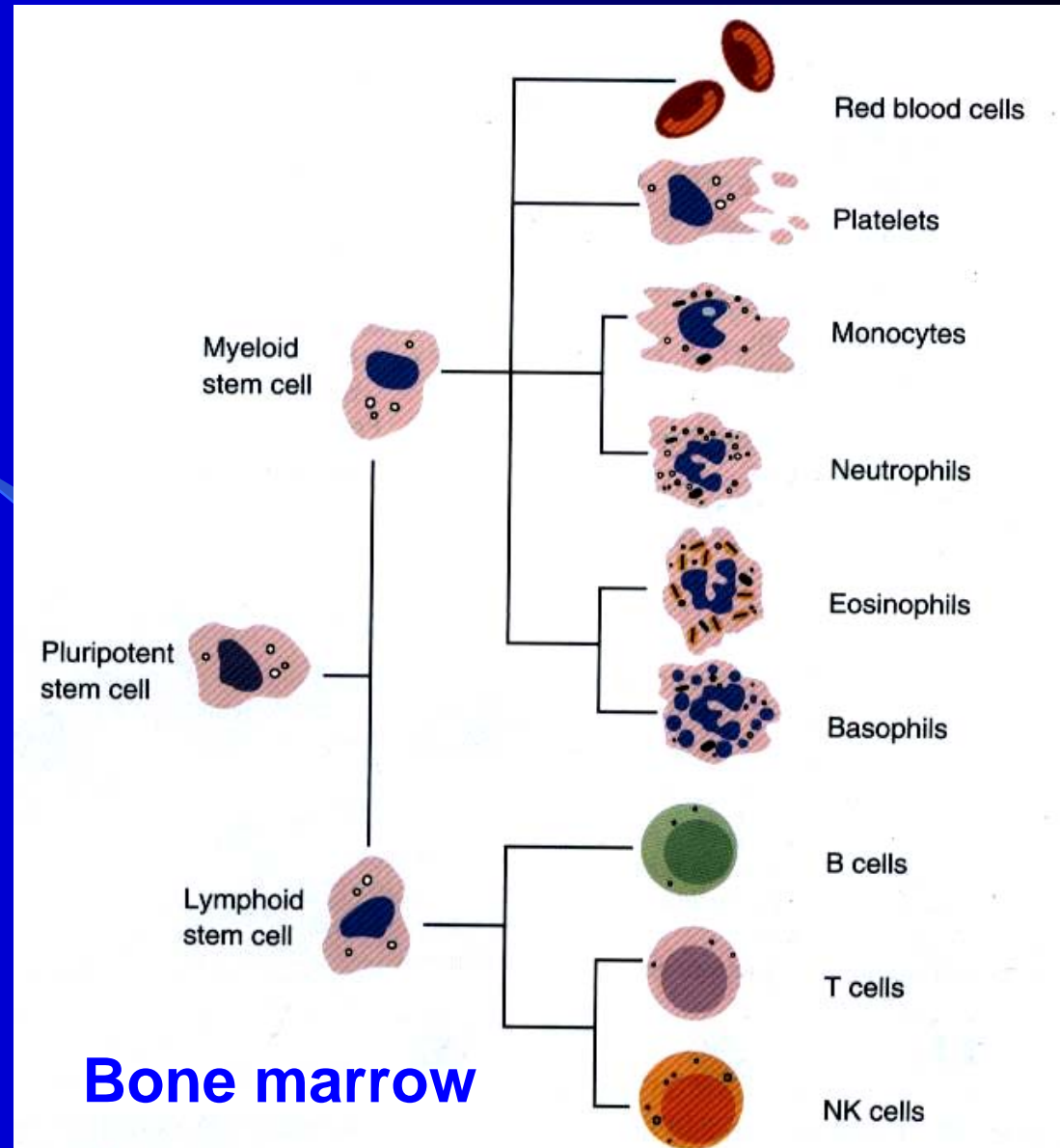


# The origin of bovine neutrophils

Myeloid lineage of Hematopoietic stem cells (HSC) or Pluripotential stem cells

multi-step process of granulopoiesis

Terminally differentiated and cannot proliferate/divide at the site of infection/inflammation.





# Life span of the bovine neutrophil from bone marrow to milk

Neutrophils are short lived

following 4 - 6 days migration

**Bone marrow**

mitotic pool

maturative pool

reserve pool

meta-myelocyte + band

mainly mature

**Marginal pool (large in cows)**

**Milk**

0.001 of CP

$T_{1/2} = 6-8 \text{ hrs}$

**Circulating pool**

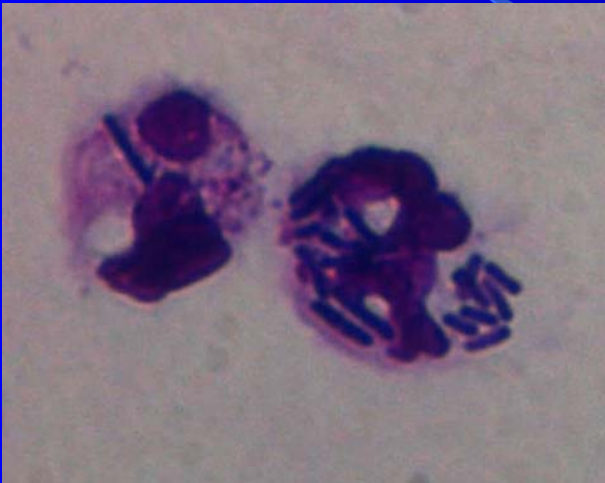
morphologic, biochemical and functional changes



# Functional aspects of bovine neutrophils

As a pivotal circulating effector innate immune cells

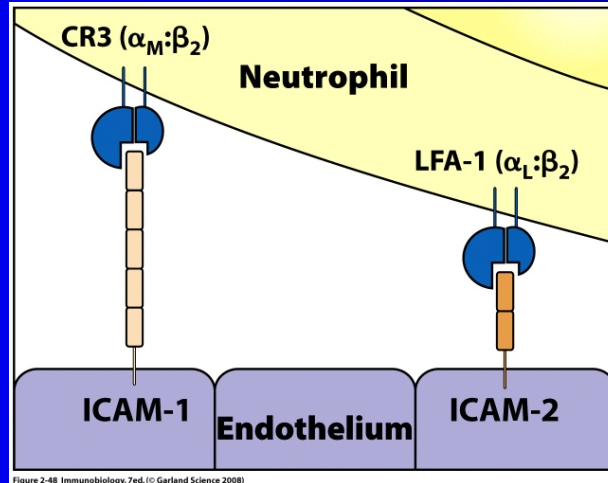
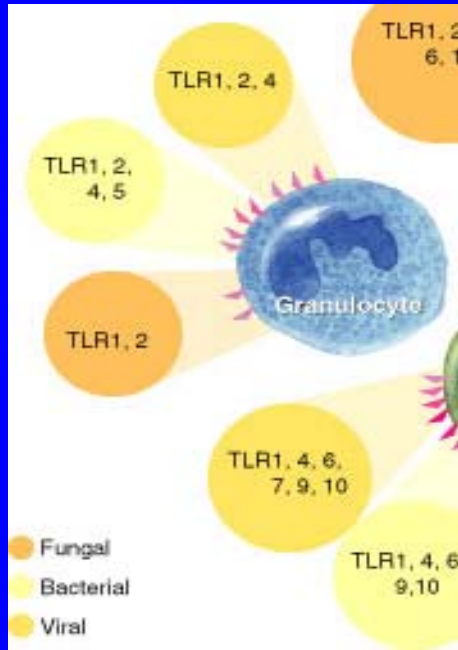
## Phagocytosis and microbicidal activity



**Neutropenic cows with mastitis: severe shock and death  
but in normal cows!**



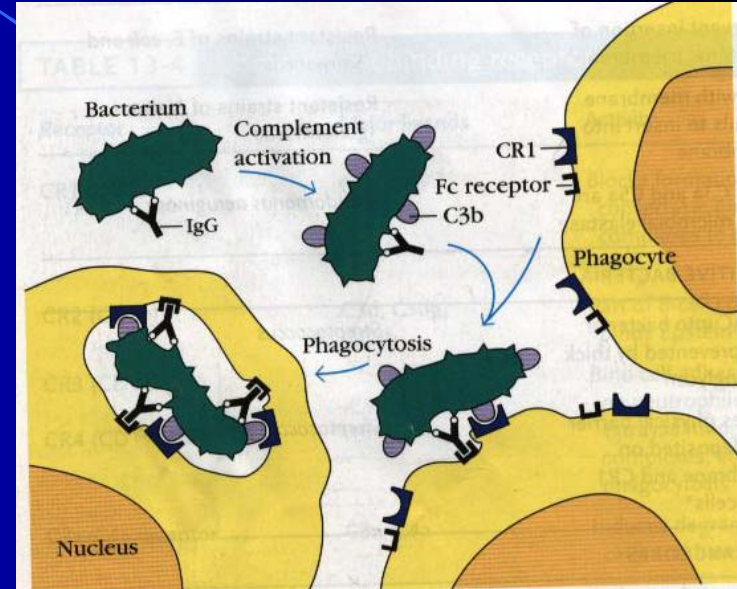
# Bovine neutrophils use variety of receptors to detect/sense and eliminate pathogens



neutrophil endothelium  
/epithelium/connective tissues  
interactions

Leukocyte functional antigens  
(LFA).....

neutrophil extravasation or diapedesis

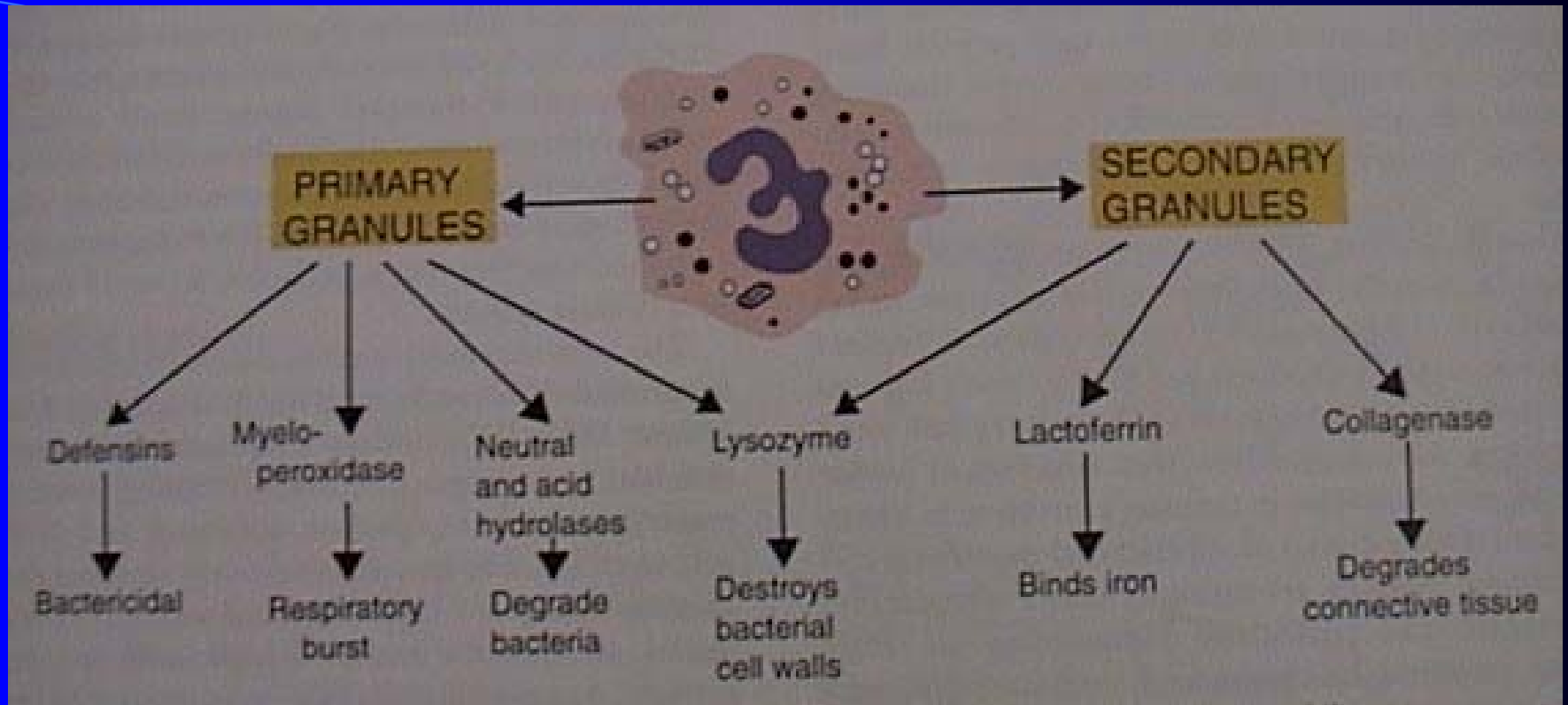


Highly express opsonin receptors, such as  
Fc $\gamma$ RI or complement receptors that enhance  
phagocytosis.

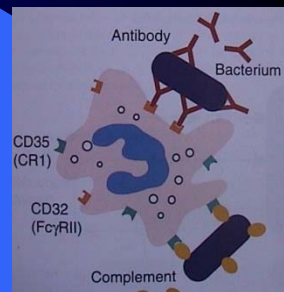
and other receptors ....

## Bovine neutrophils' arsenals

# Bovine neutrophils use variety of cytokines, chemokines, adhesion molecules and enzymes to remove pathogens ....

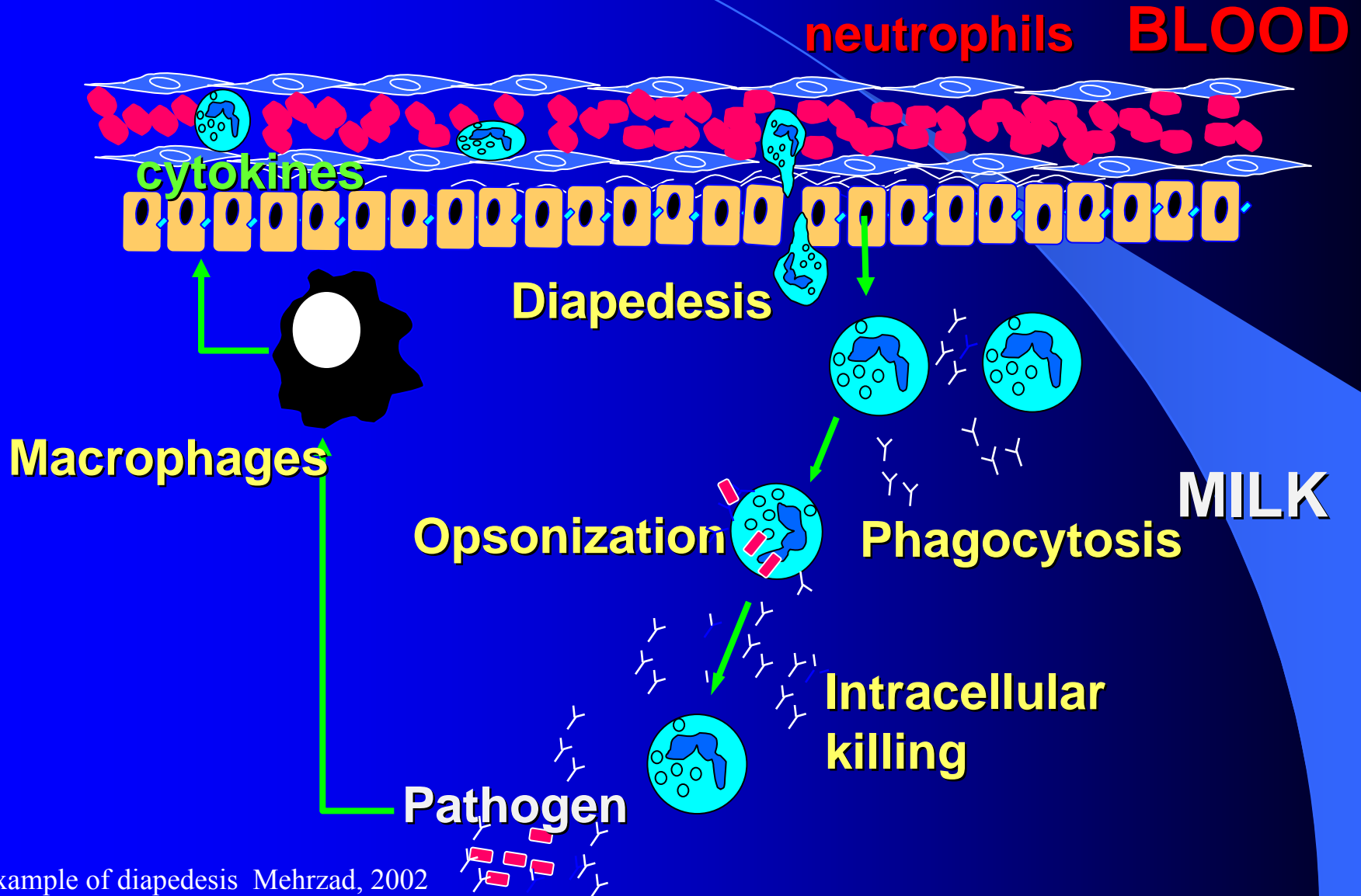


## Bovine neutrophils' arsenals





# Neutrophil transmigration through blood-milk barrier in dairy cow



# Factors in 3 locations affect neutrophils' arsenals in blood and udder





# Functional assays/analyses on bovine neutrophils

Location: Alborz mountain ranges, Southern part of Caspian Sea, Iran  
>3500 m.above sea level



# Blood and milk samples from many Holstein dairy cows

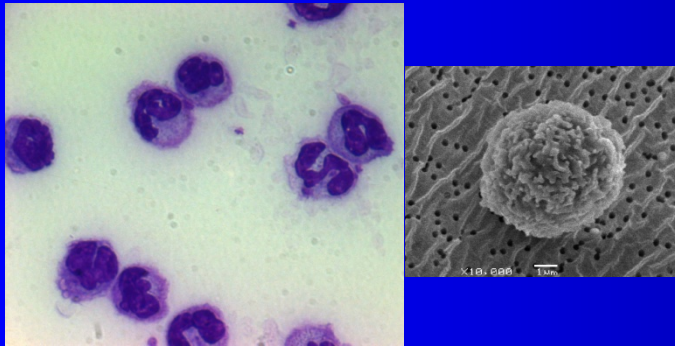




# Bovine blood and milk neutrophil isolation procedure

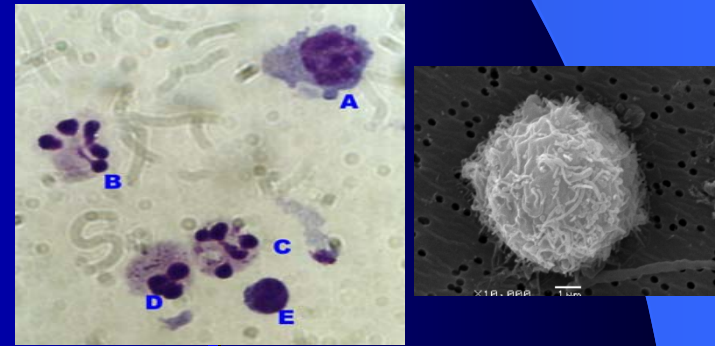
## Blood

Hypotonic lysis  
& centrifugation



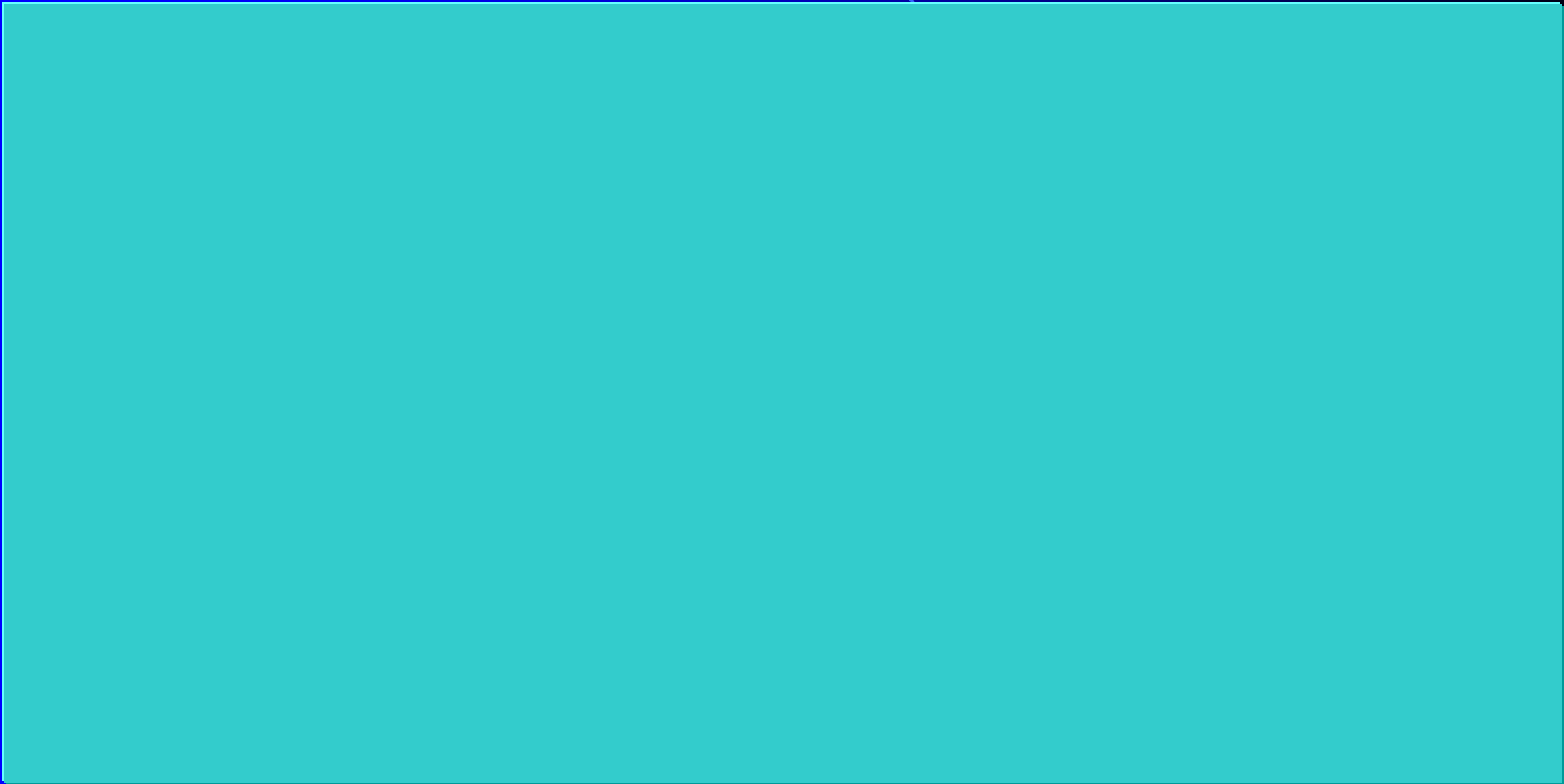
## Milk

60% PBS  
centrifugation



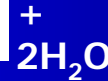
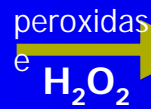
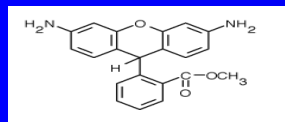
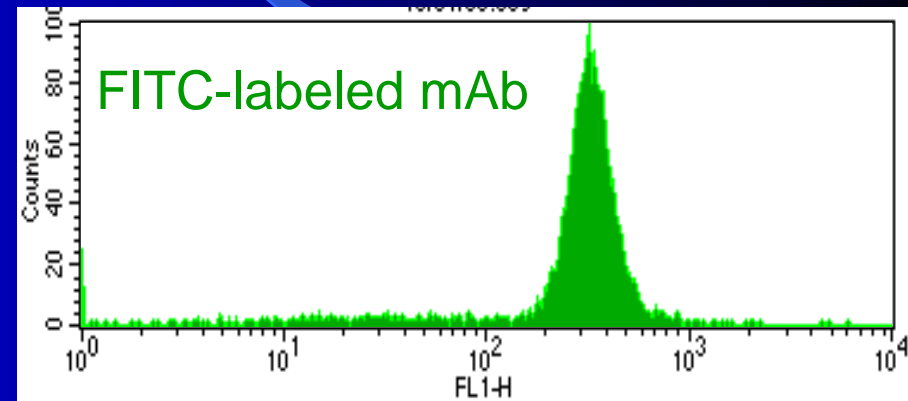
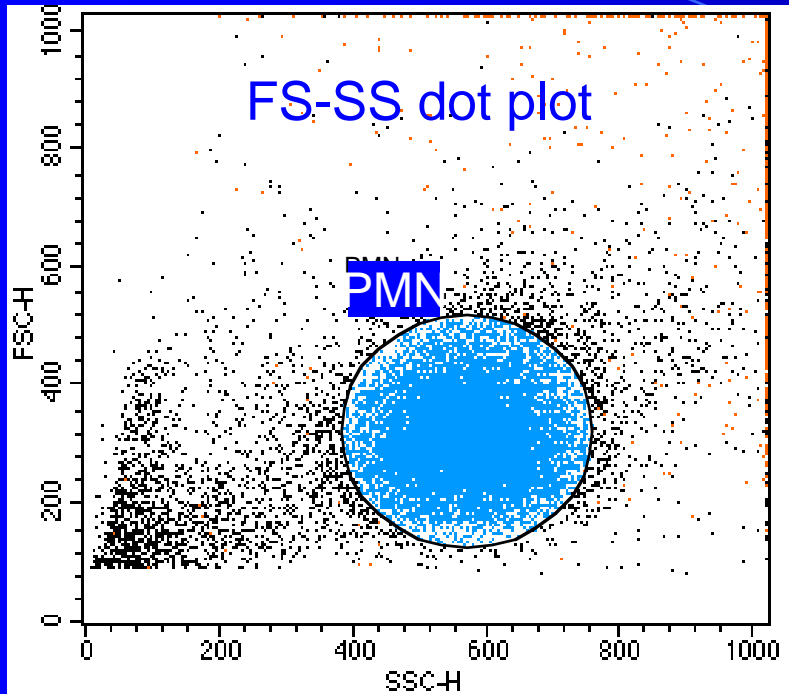
mastitis and non-mastitis samples

**Many analyses on these neutrophils**





# Flow cytometric analysis of neutrophil functions

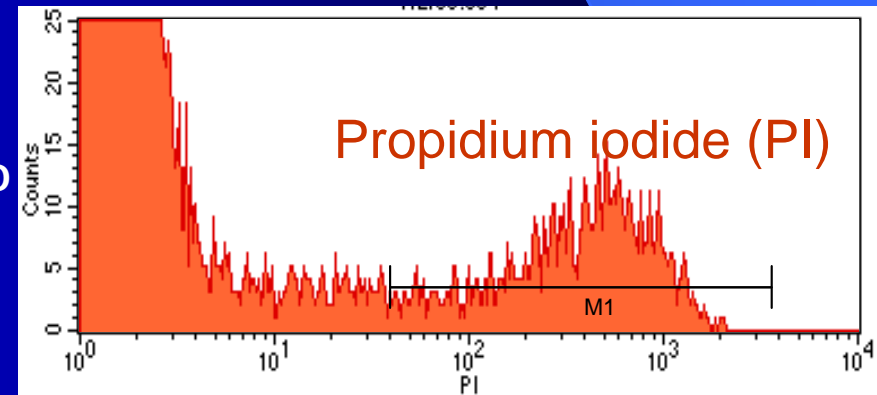


Dihydrorhodamin 123

DHR 123

(or other  
radicals)

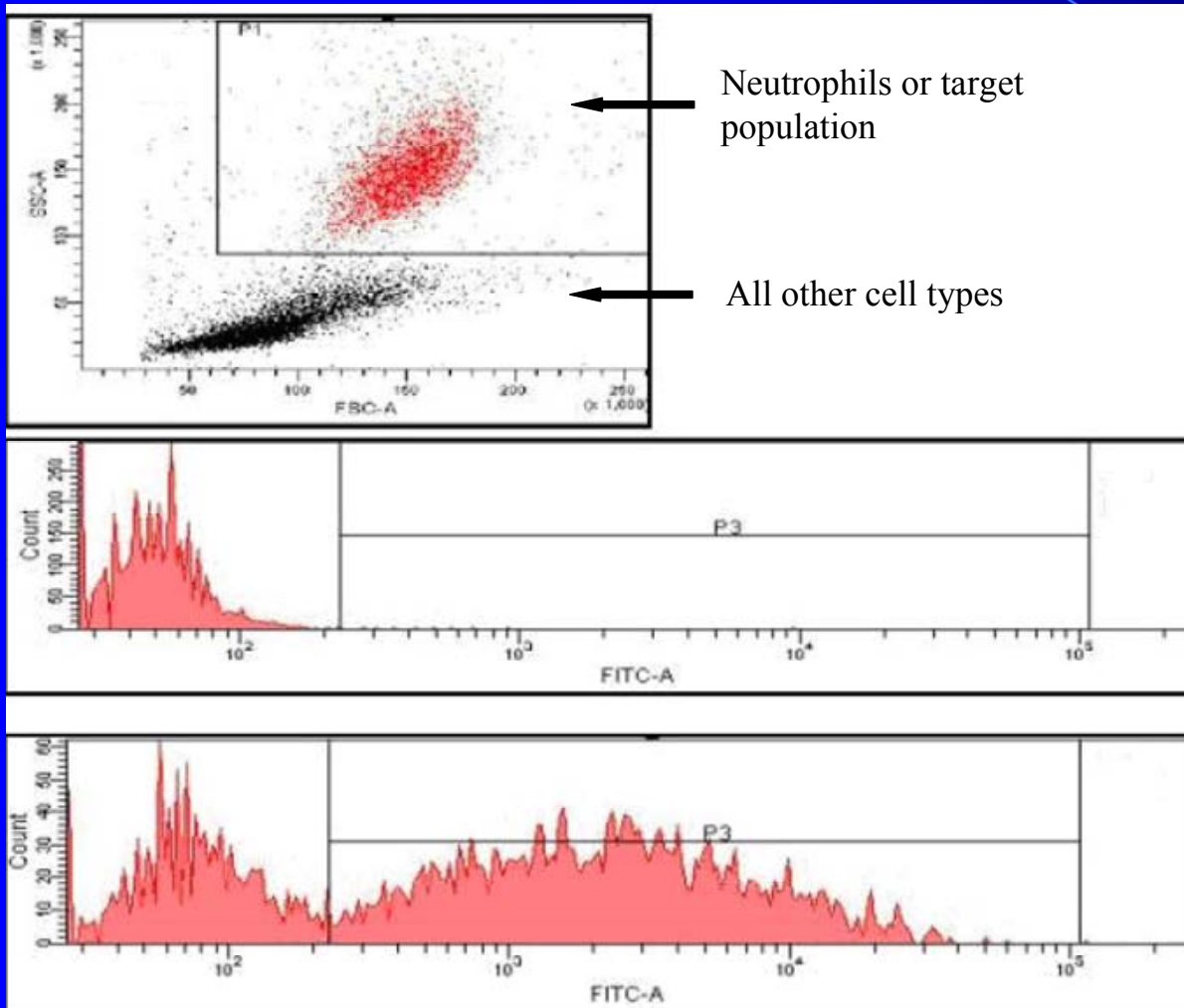
Rhodamin 123



adapted from

Mehrзад et al., J Dairy Res. 2001; J. Dairy Sci. 2004; 2008

# Flow cytometric analyses of bovine whole blood neutrophils gated in FSC-SSC dot plot



The gate P3 was applied to determine the % phagocytosis (fluorescein isothiocyanate, FITC-labeled *E. coli*) from the P1.

Or, PI +ve, for PMN necrosis.

Annexin-V +ve for PMN apoptosis.

And conversion of DHR-123 to HR (green fluorescent) for respiratory burst activity of PMN.



# Chemiluminescence (CL) analysis

Burvenich et al., 2003; Mehrzad et al., 2004; 2005; 2009; 2011; 2012

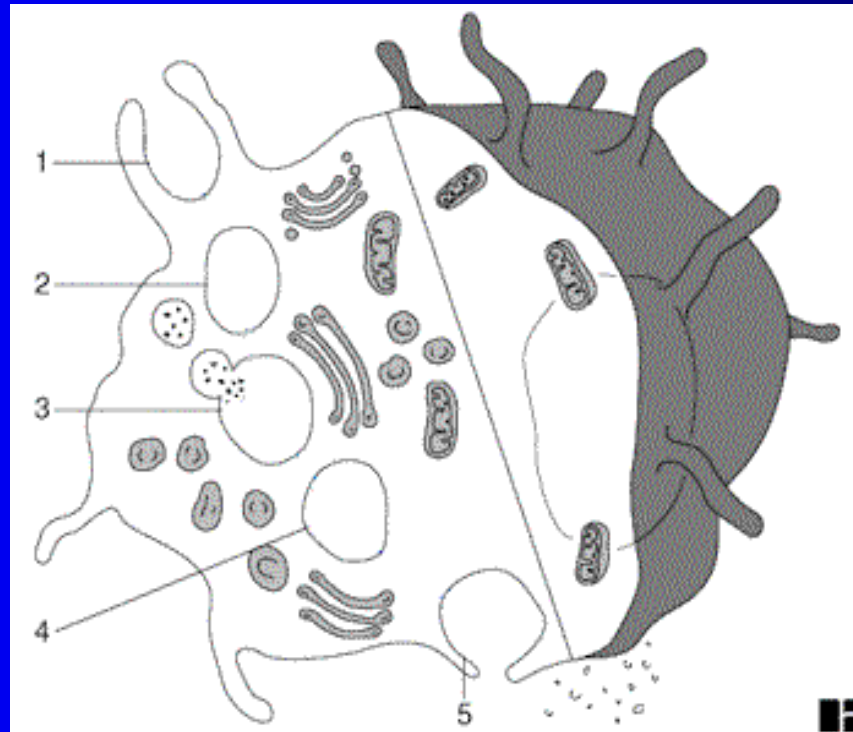


# Some results and discussions

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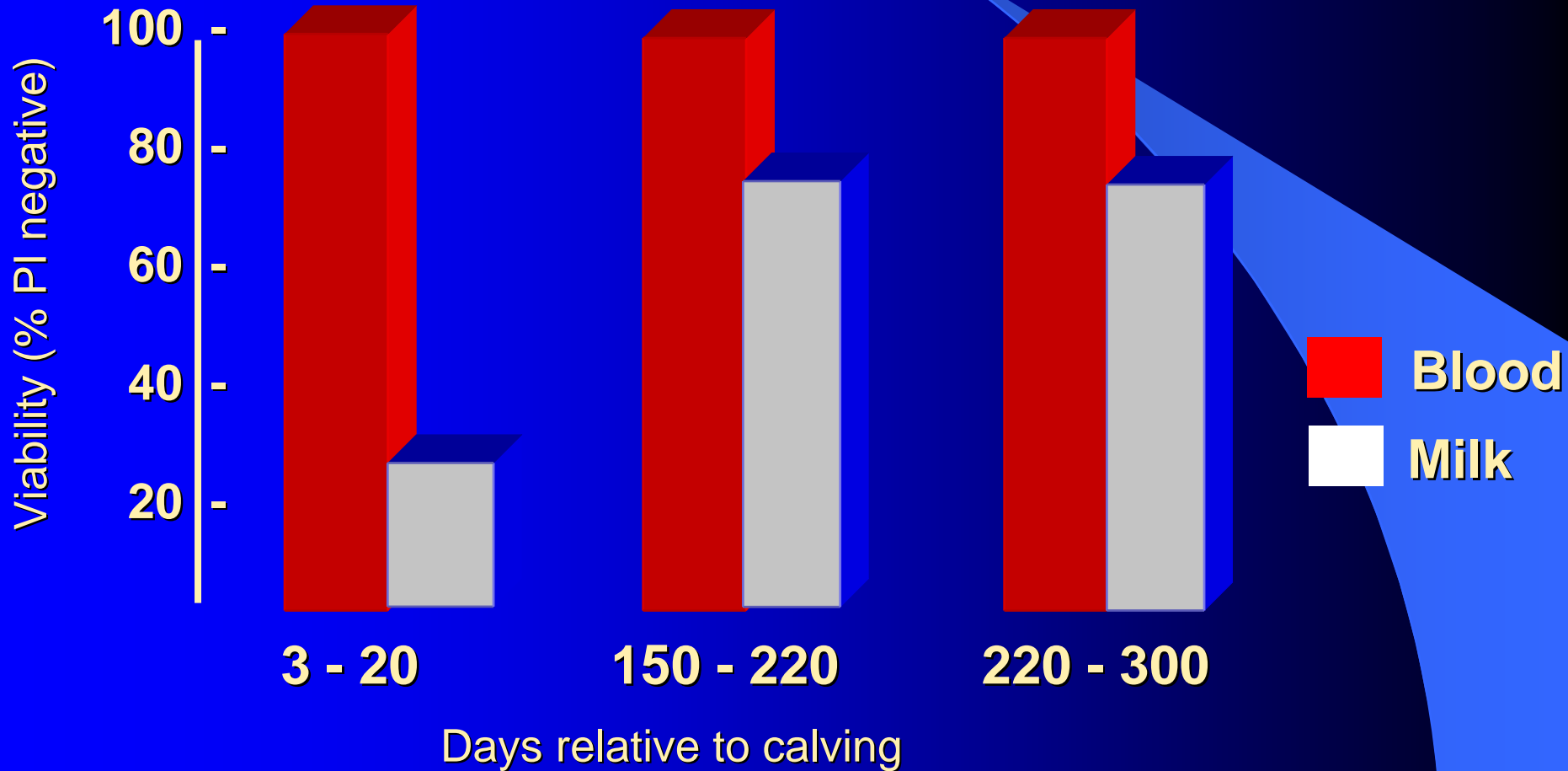


# Stage of lactation vs blood and milk neutrophils' oscillation



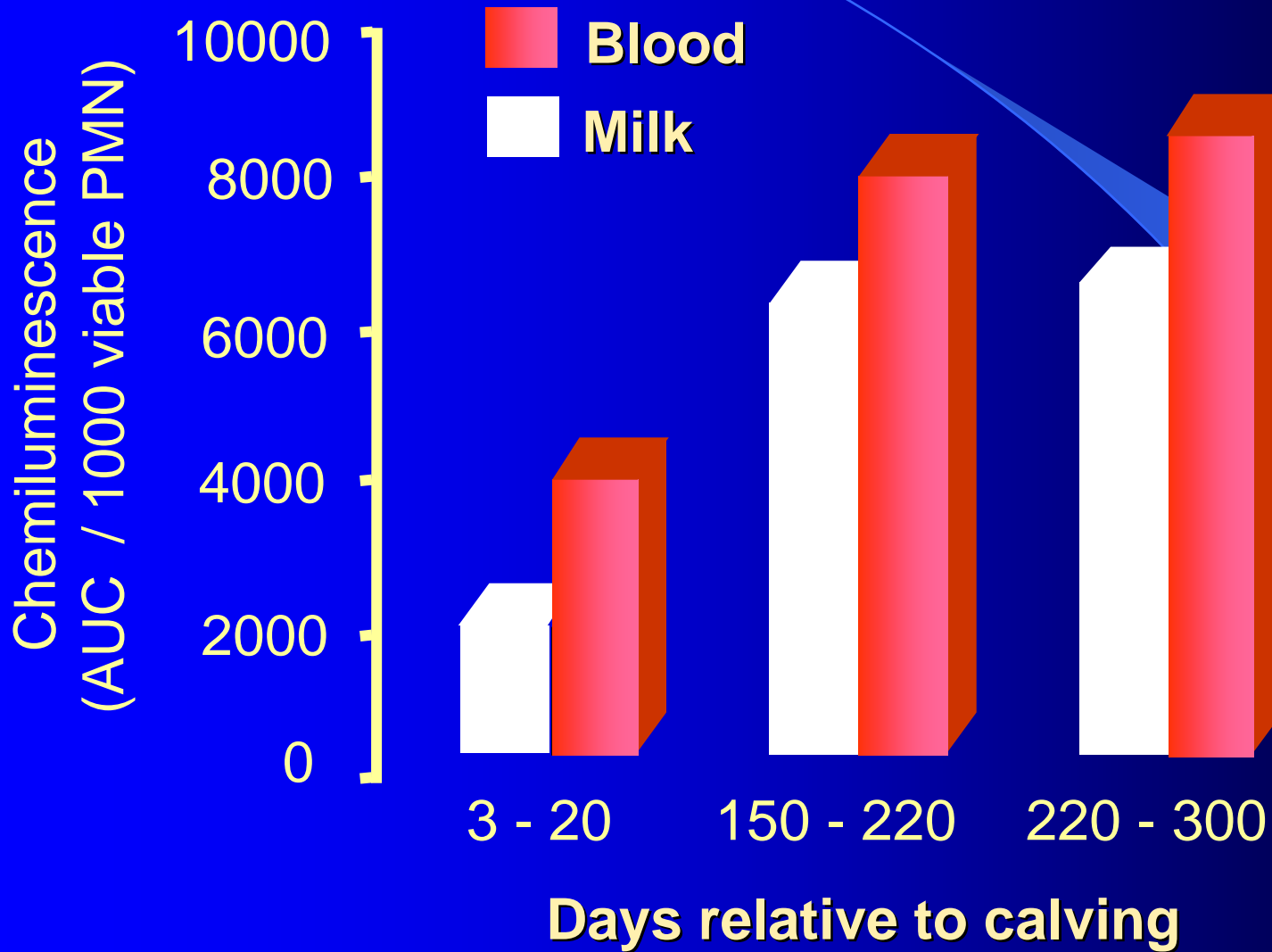
# Viability of bovine neutrophils

Milk-PMN oscillation



# ROS production by bovine neutrophils

Huge PMN oscillation





# Kinetics of ROS production by neutrophils

Key slide

Blood

Milk

30 min

30 min

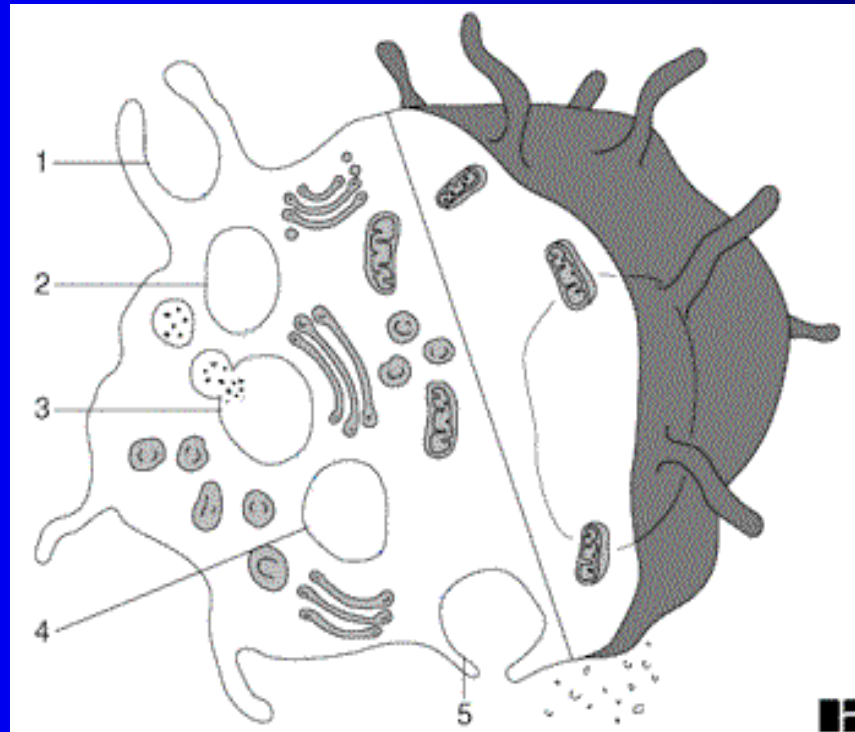
*A detailed comparison intracellular vs extracellular ROS (early vs mid lactation)*

**Huge PMN oscillation**

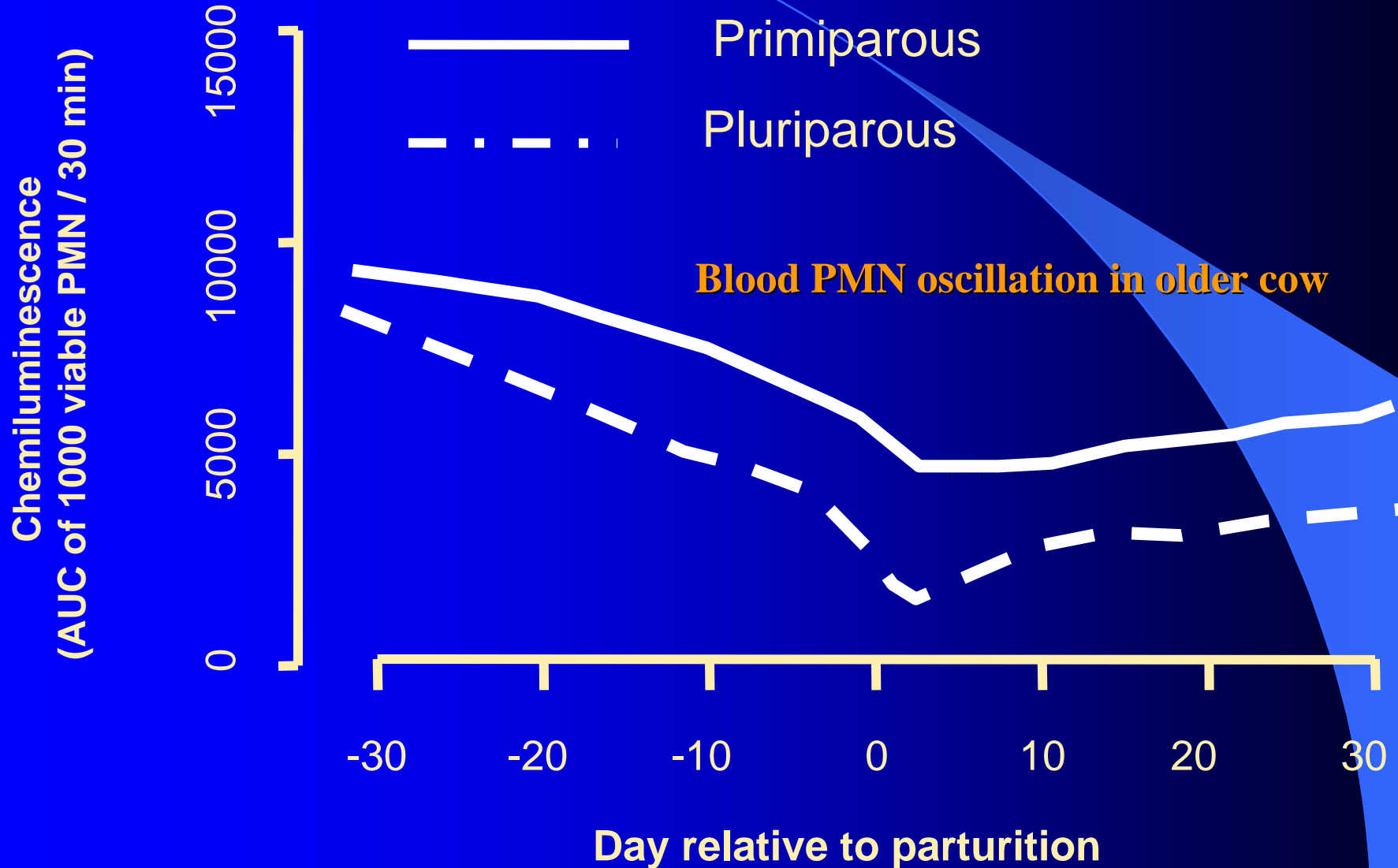
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Mehrzhad et al., J Dairy Res. 2001; Vet. Res. 2005, 2009; J Dairy Sci. 2004; 2011;2012

# Age/calving /parity vs blood and milk neutrophils oscillation

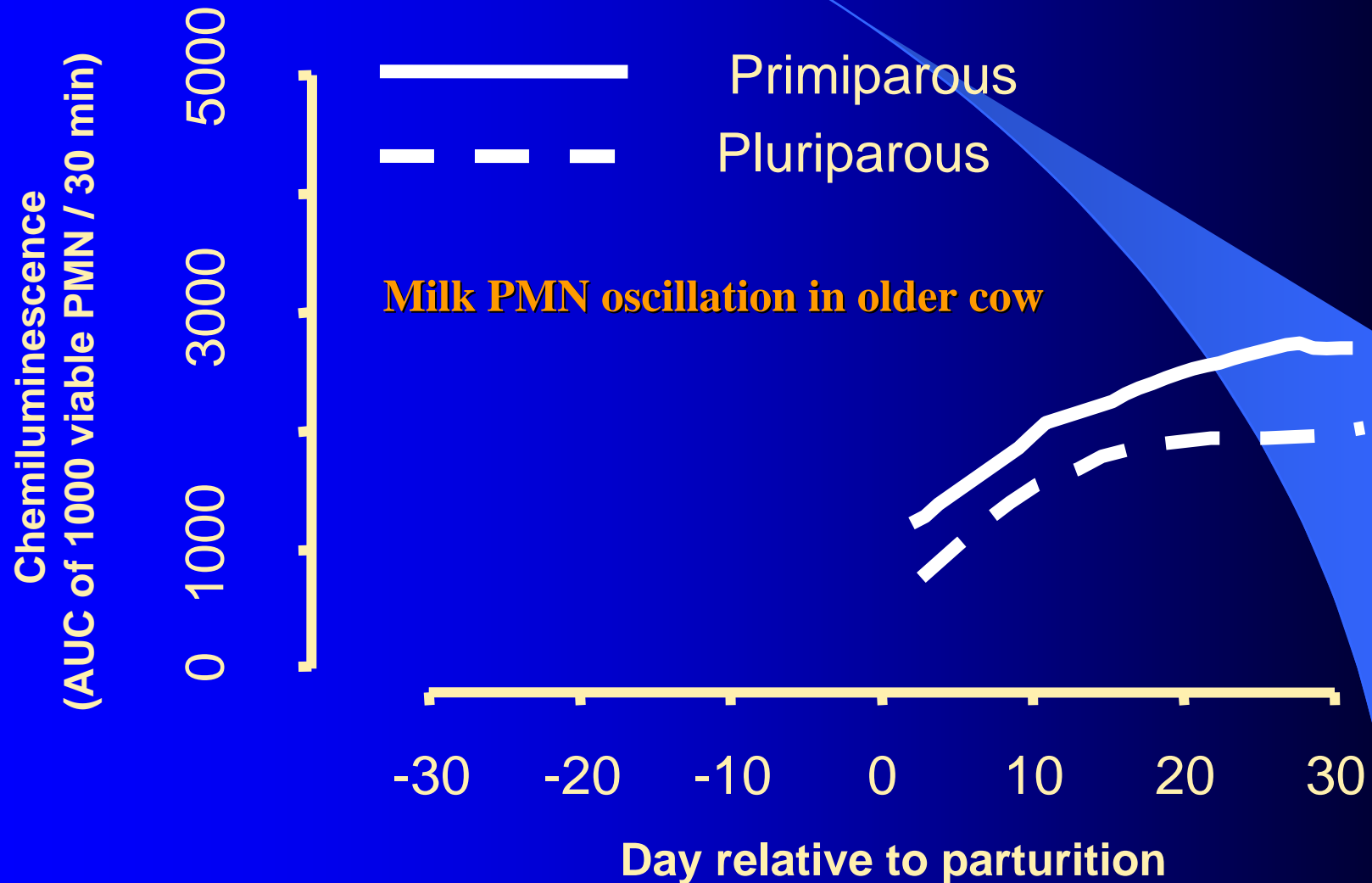


# Blood neutrophils ROS production vs age during peripartum period

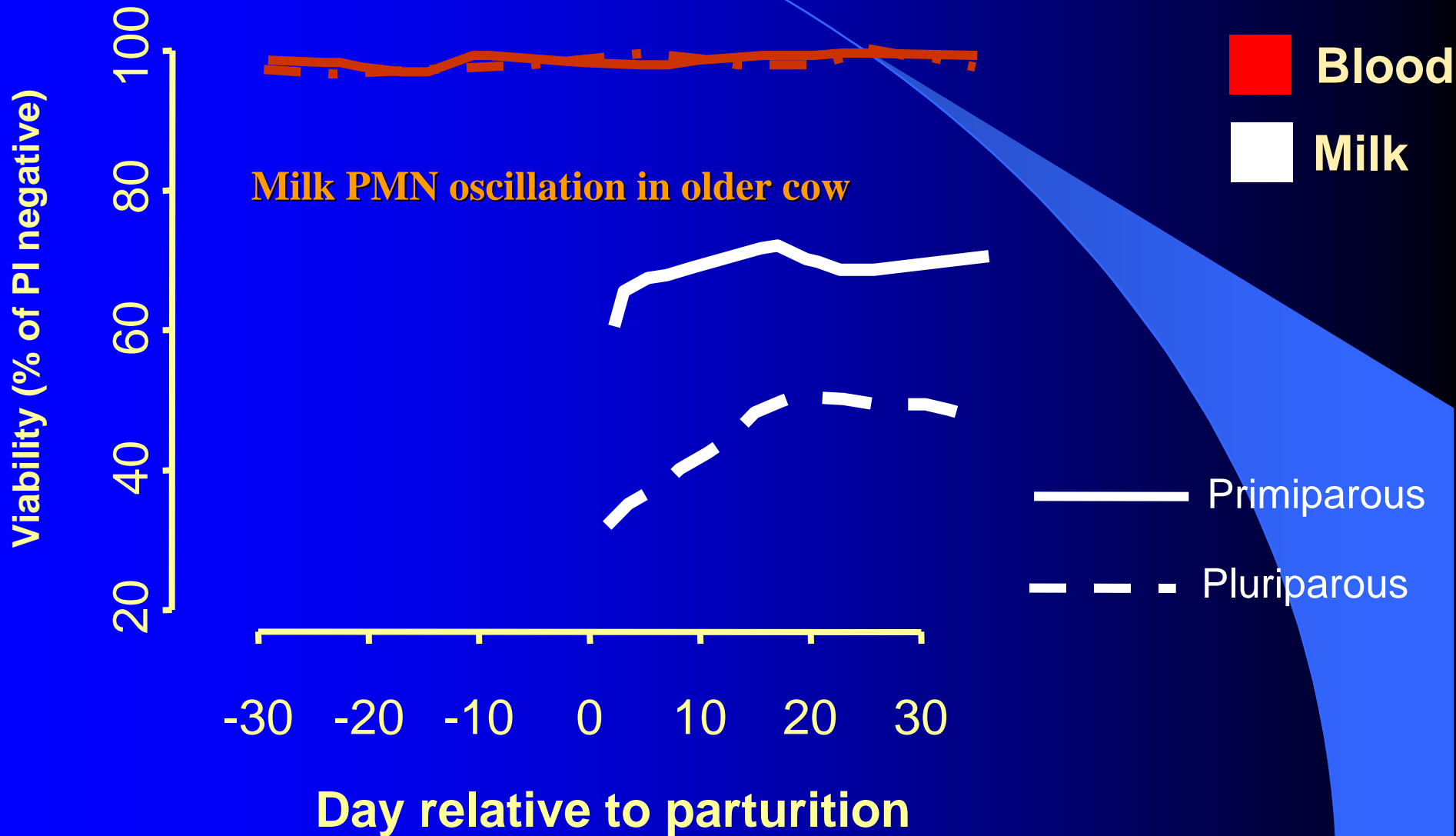




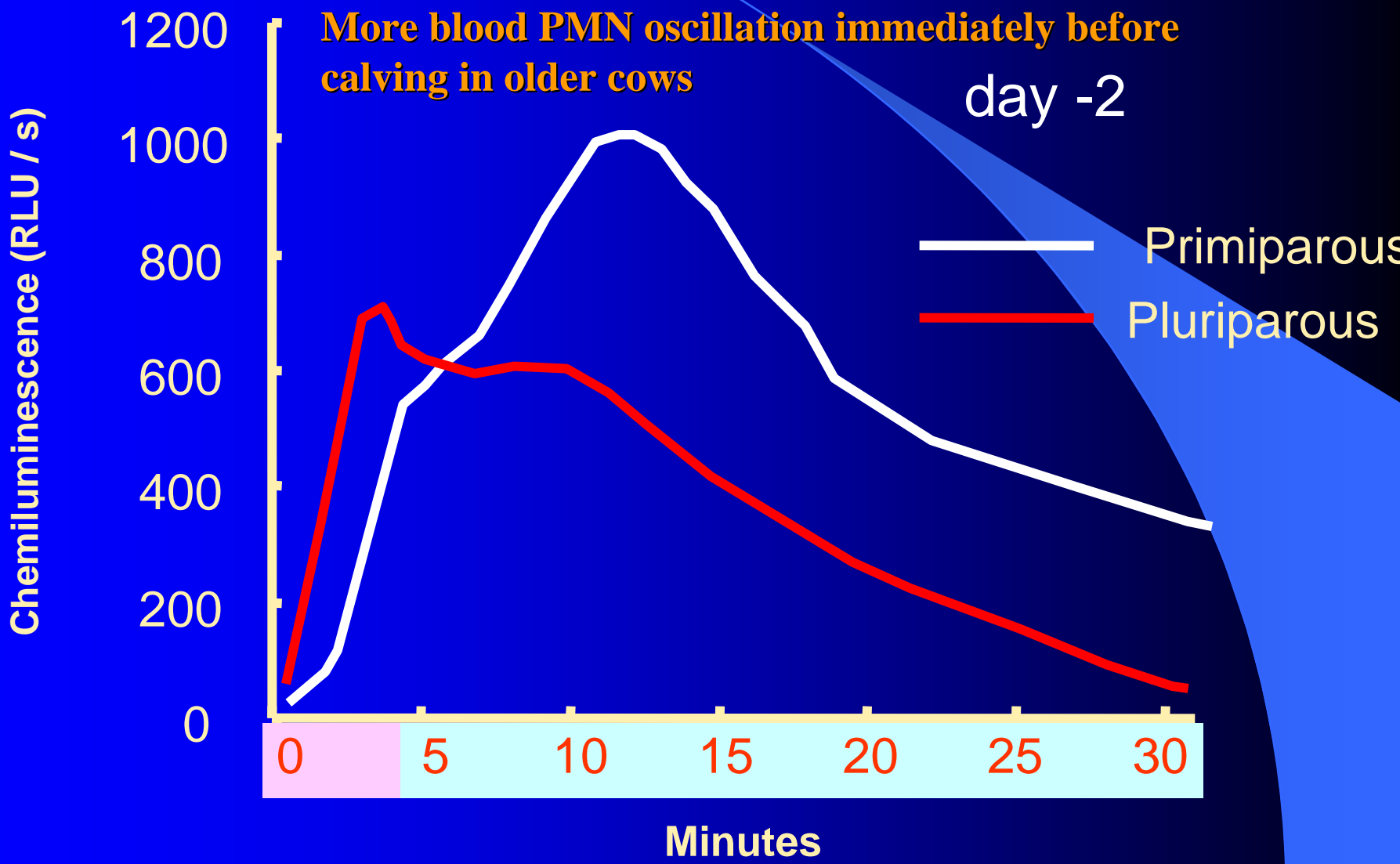
# Milk neutrophils ROS production vs age during early lactation



# Blood and milk neutrophils viability vs age during peripartum period

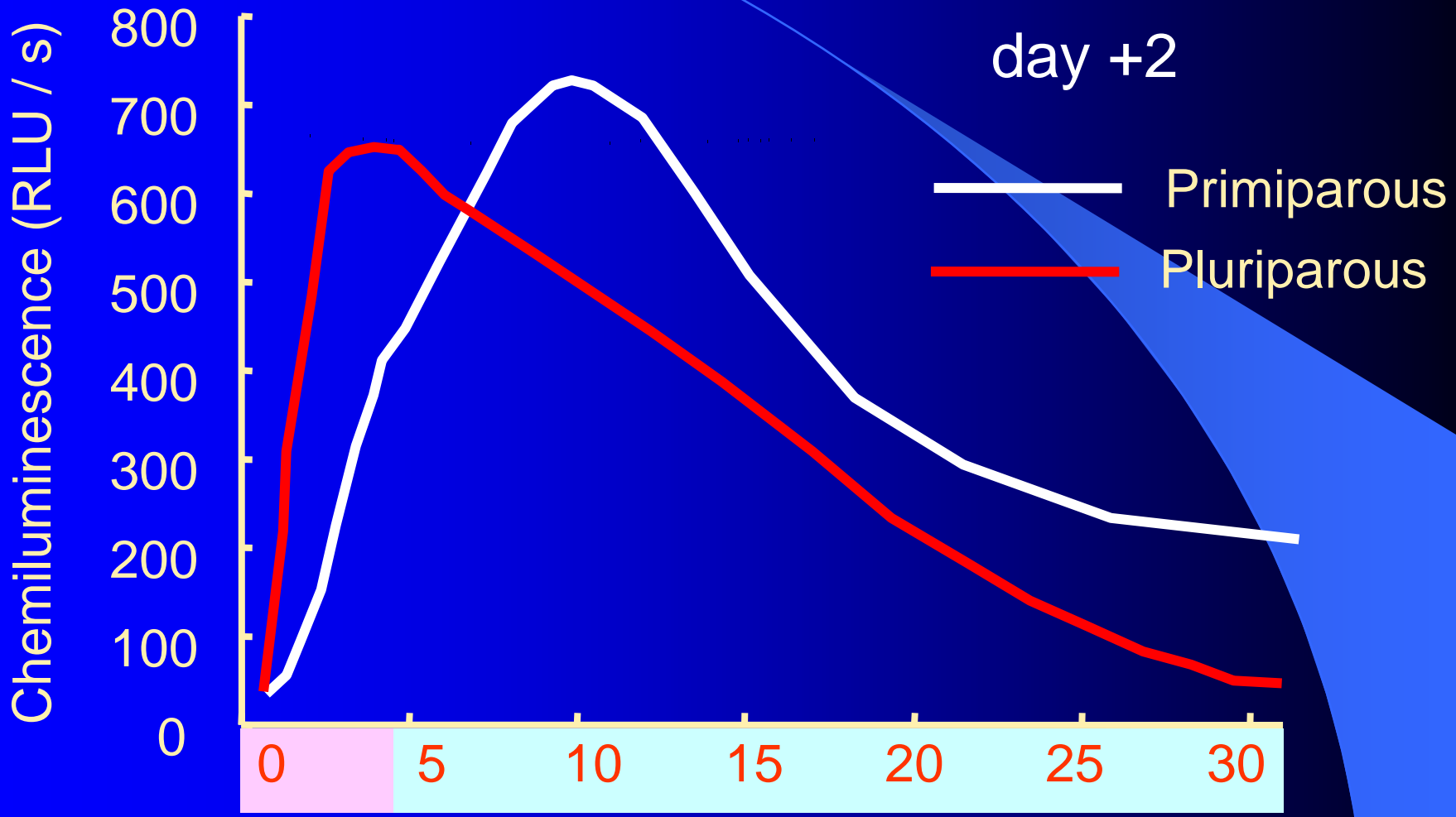


# Kinetics of ROS production by blood neutrophils vs age immediately before calving



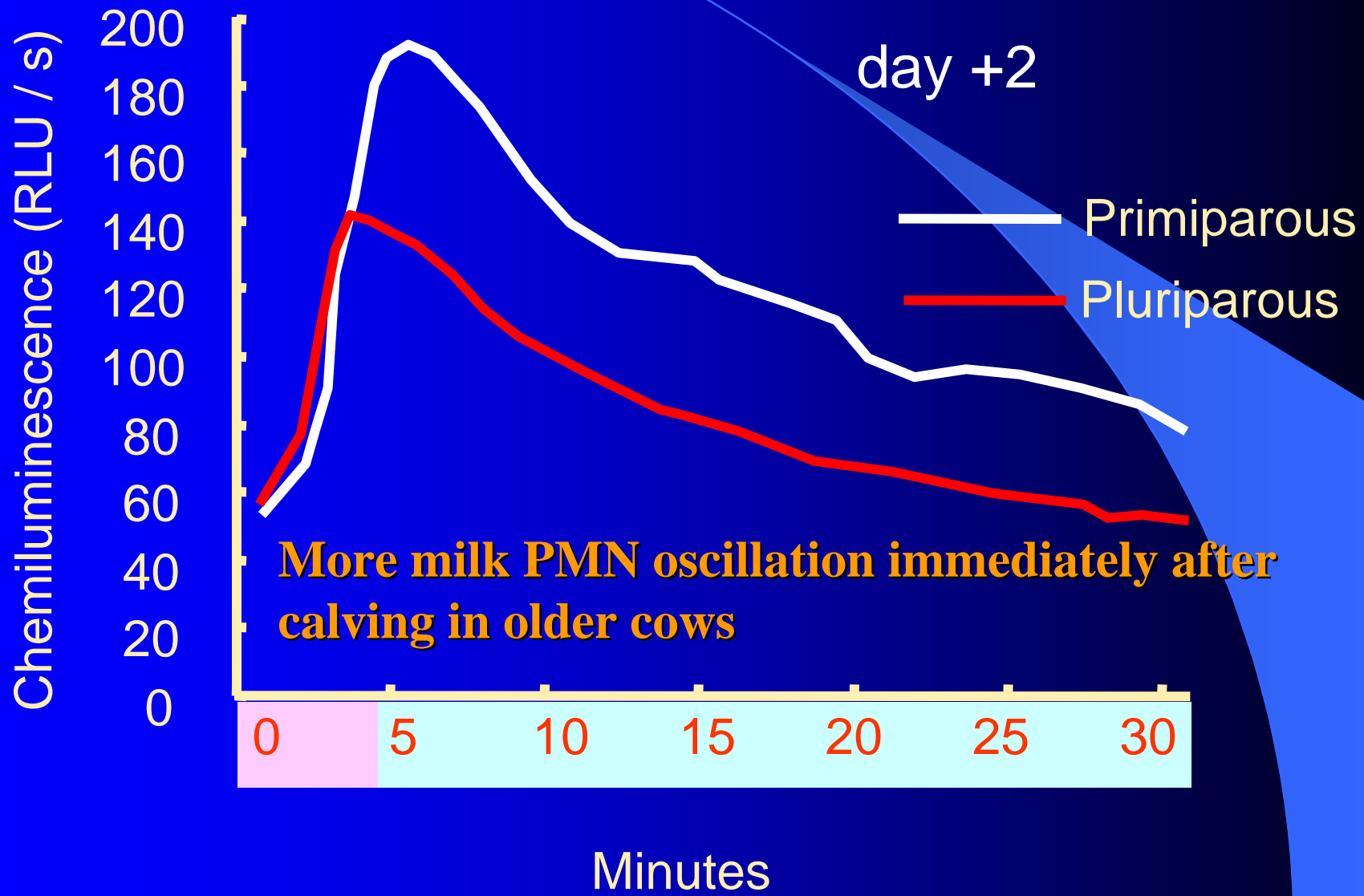


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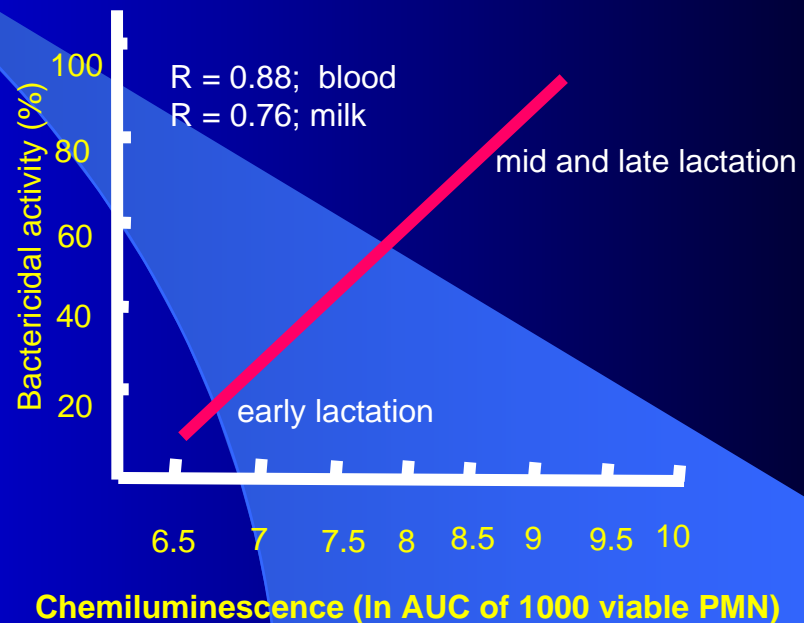
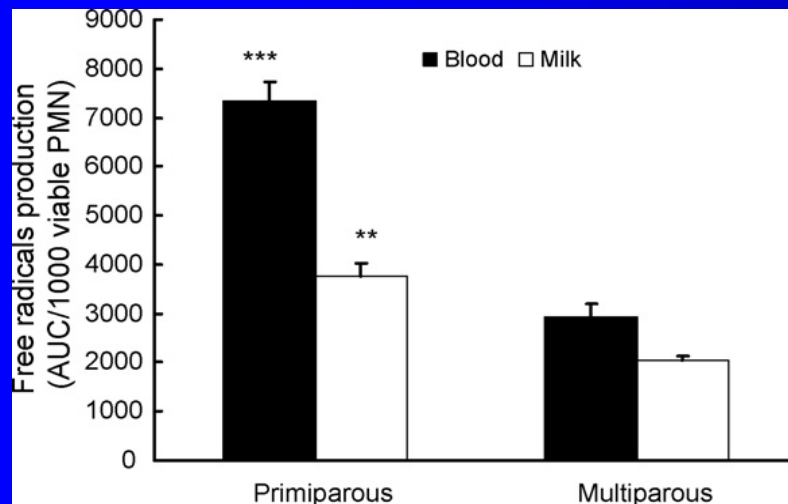
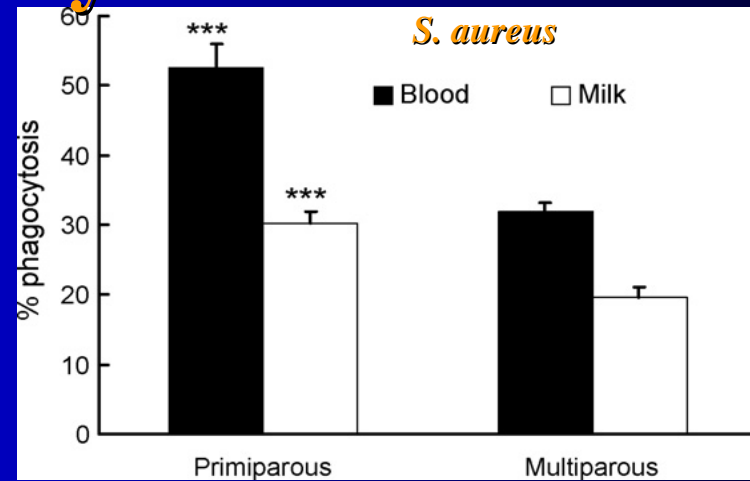
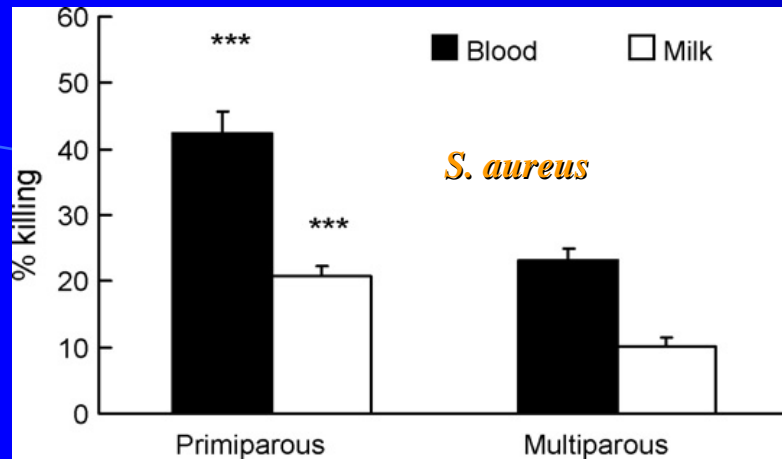


**More blood PMN oscillation immediately before calving in older cows**

# Kinetics of ROS production by milk neutrophils vs age immediately after calving

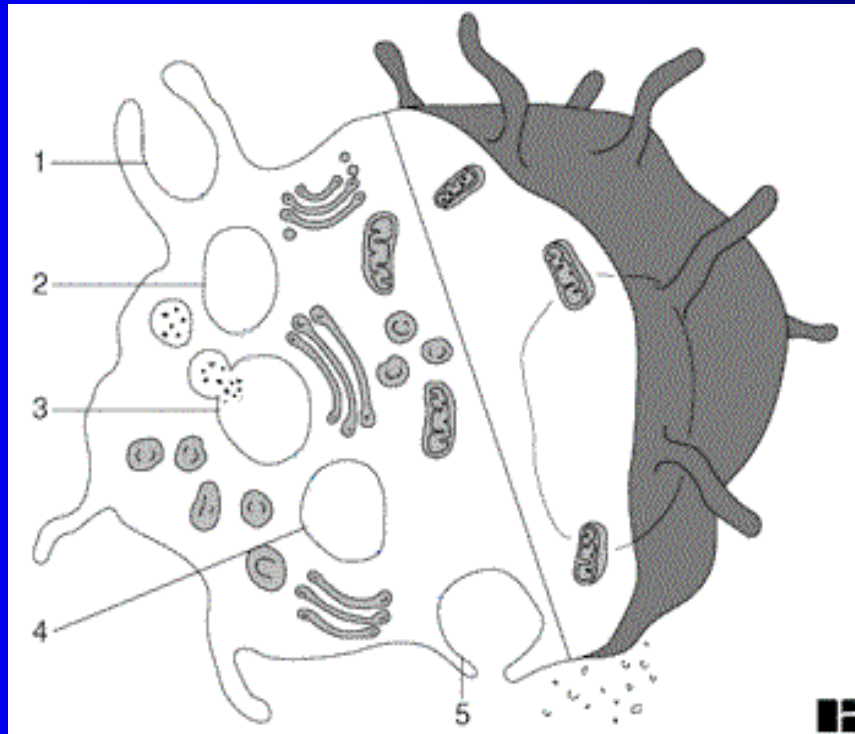


# Neutrophils' oscillatory events more pronounced in old dairy cows





# Blood/post- diapedetic neutrophils' oscillation leads to higher severity of mastitis



# Neutrophils' oscillation vs. sever and moderate response to i.mam



diapedesis rate, postdiapedetic neutrophil ROS production capacity and *E. coli* CFU dynamics in moderate and severe responders of high yielding dairy cows

# Oscillation in neutrophils at three locations

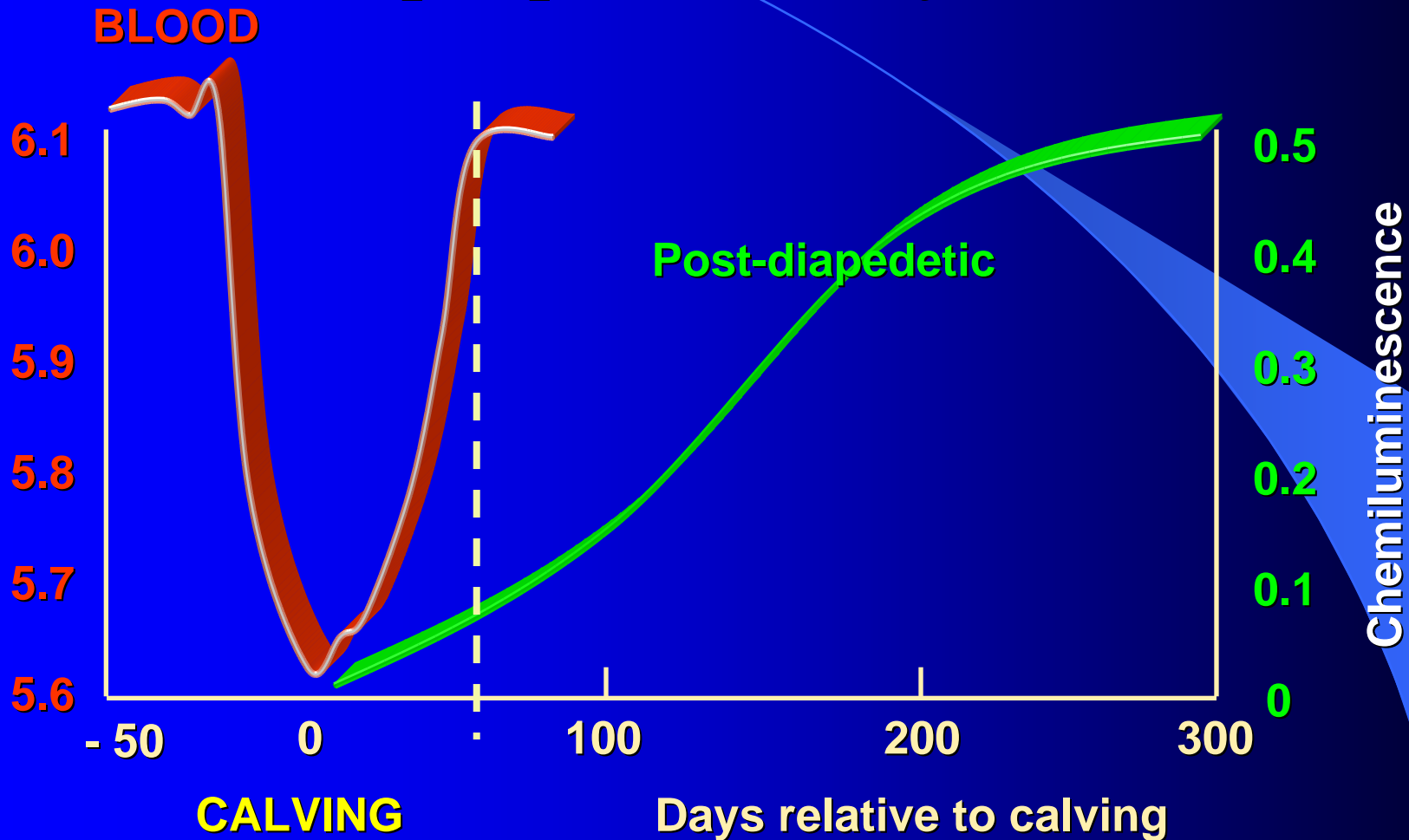
**normal**

**mastitis**

(structure and functions, MPO-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-Halide system and viability,) in healthy and mastitis dairy cows



# Why huge neutrophils' oscillatory events in peripartum dairy cows?



adapted from Hallén Sandgren *et al.*, 1991  
Hoeben *et al.*, 1999, Burvenich *et al.*, 2003  
Mehrzhad *et al.*, 2001, 2004; 2005; 2009; 2012

# Hypotheses & reasons behind neutrophil oscillatory events and mastitis severity in peripartum dairy cows

## During the periparturient period

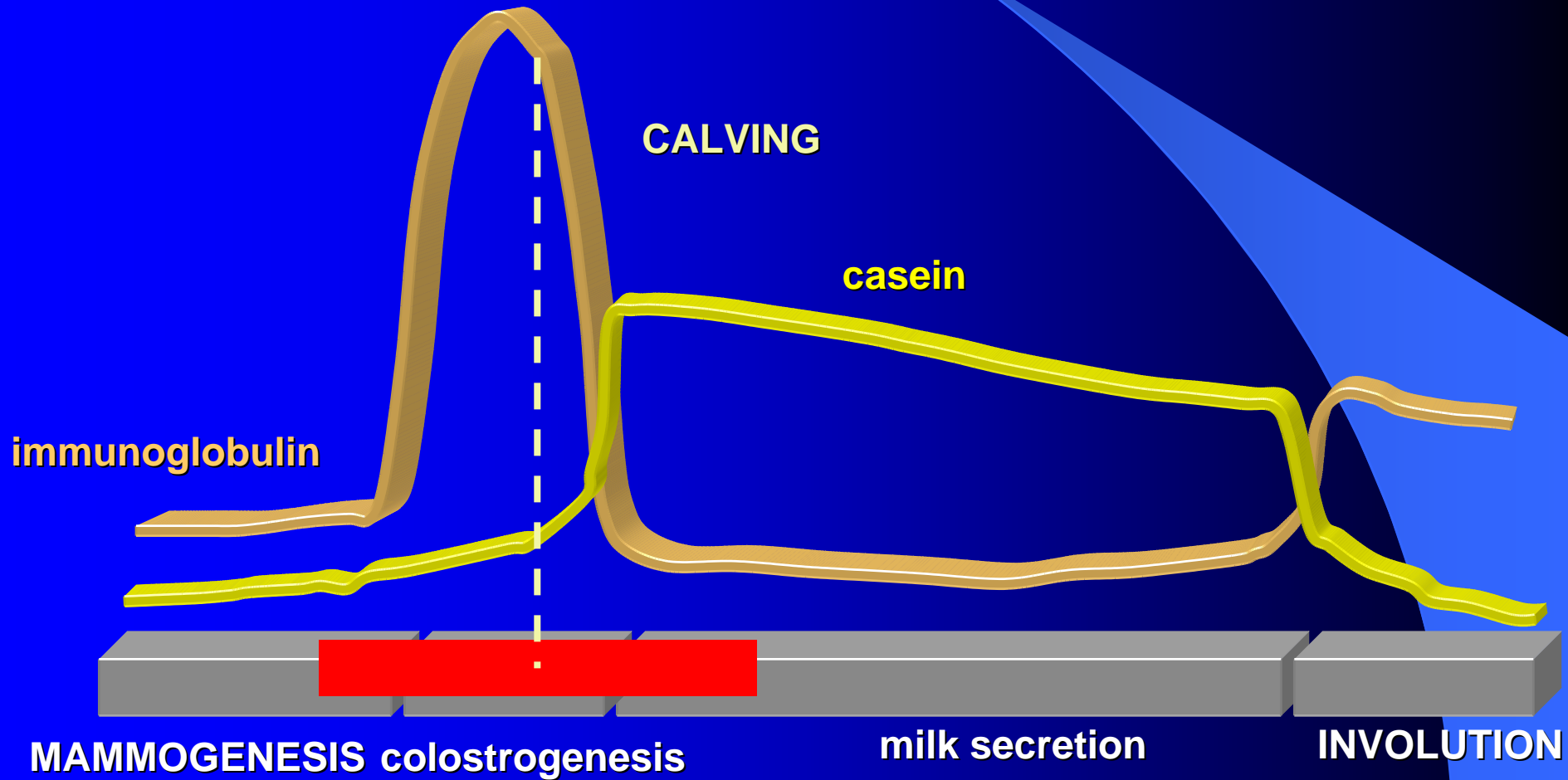
- low circulating neutrophil number
- decreased chemotaxis
- decreased diapedesis towards i.mam. LPS
- decreased oxygen burst (superoxide,...)
- impaired CD11/CD18 expression
- impaired CD62L expression
- left shift of neutrophils (immature)
- decreased phagocytosis
- decreased LPS detoxification
- decreased C5a production
- *etc,...*

## In relation with severity of mastitis (0 - 8 wks)

- IgG1 inhibits opsonic activity of IgG2 & IgM
- blastogenesis (lymphocyte) depressed
- loss in T-helper cell function
- IgM production is impaired
- total Ig level decreased in blood & milk
- complement hemolytic activity impaired
- colostrum increases growth of E.coli
- lactoferrin not efficient

**Relative local changes in  
milk protein by stage of lactation**

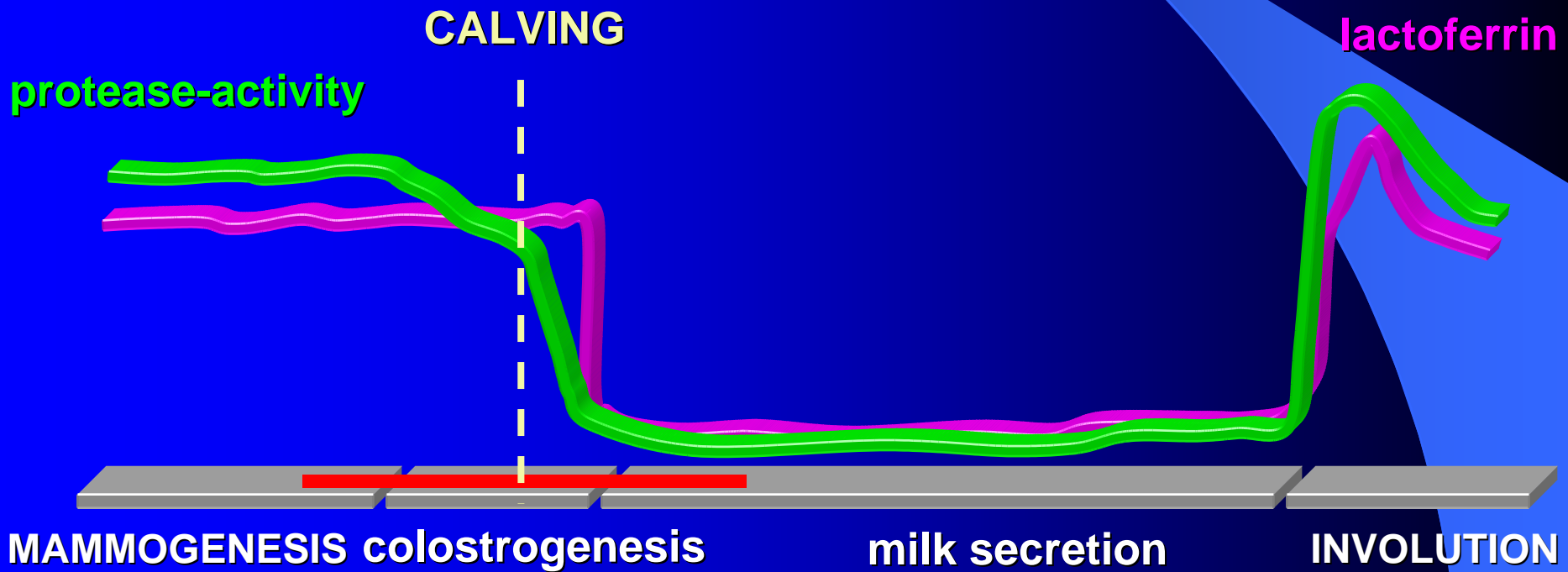
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Schanbacher *et al*, 1993  
Schanbacher & Smith, 1975



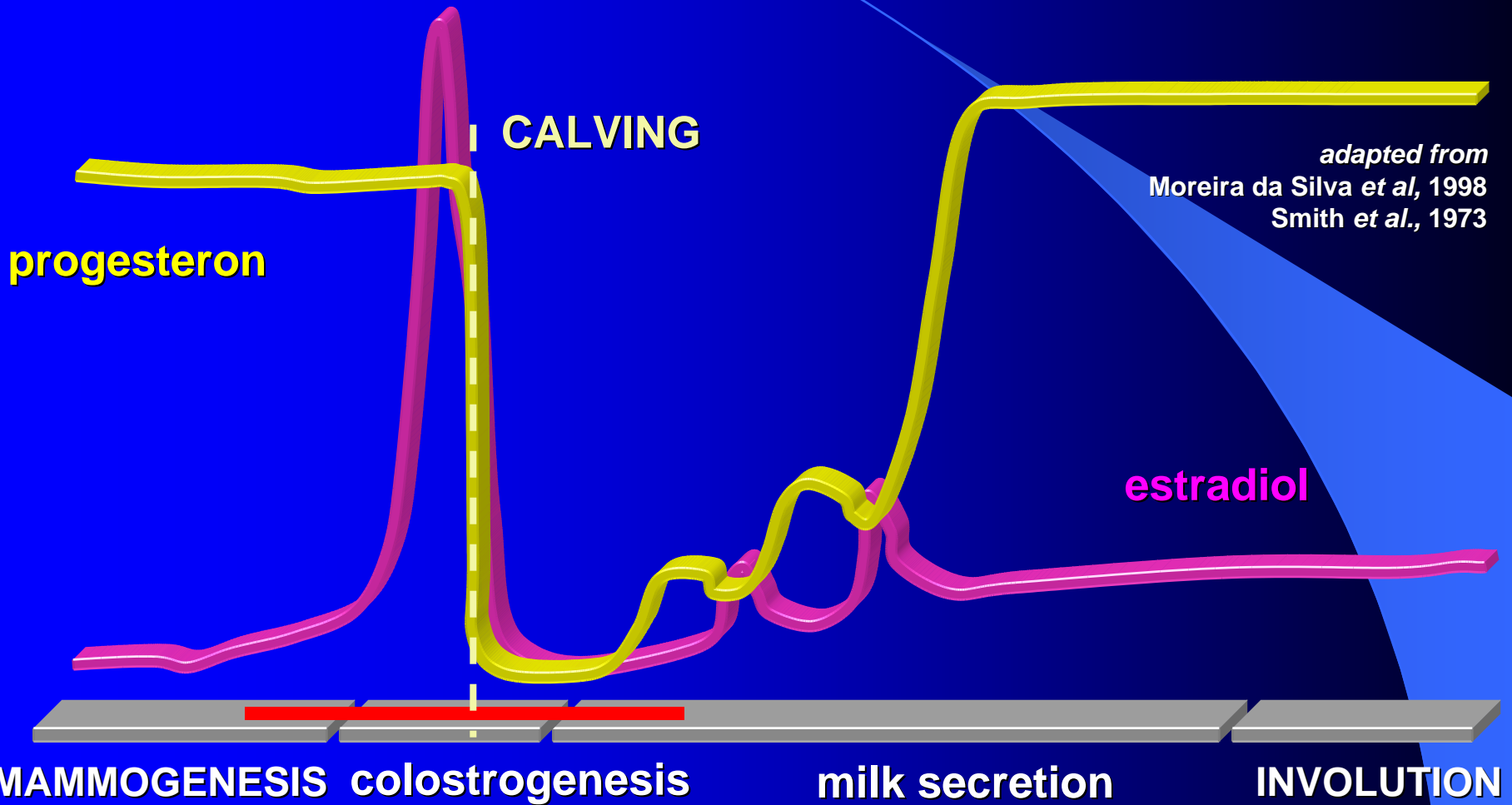


# Relative local changes in *milk protease* by stage of lactation

adapted from  
Zavizion et al, 1996  
Schanbacher & Smith, 1975



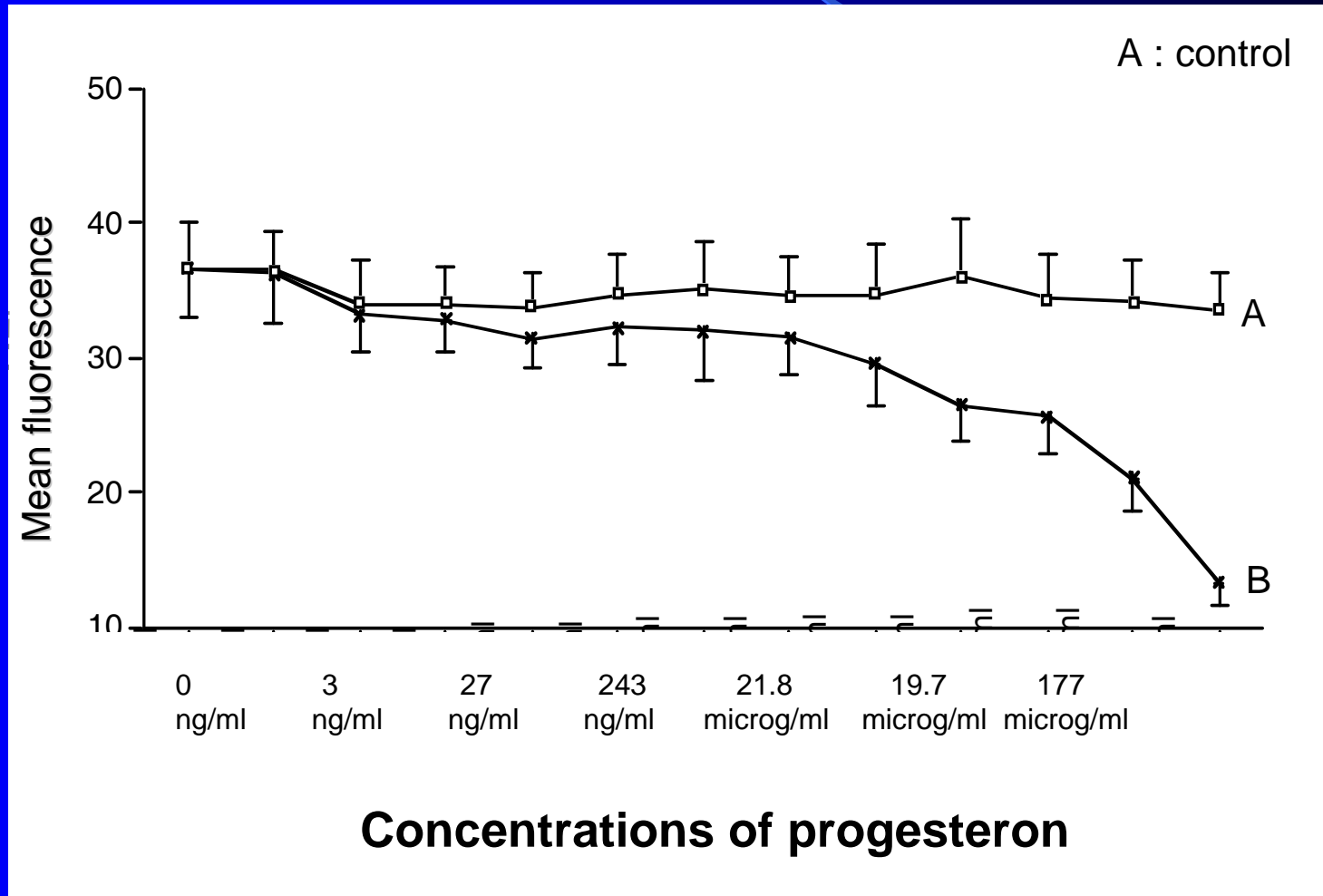
# Relative systemic changes in *blood sex steroids* by stage of lactation



adapted from  
Moreira da Silva et al, 1998  
Smith et al., 1973

# Effect of *progesterone* on respiratory burst of blood neutrophils

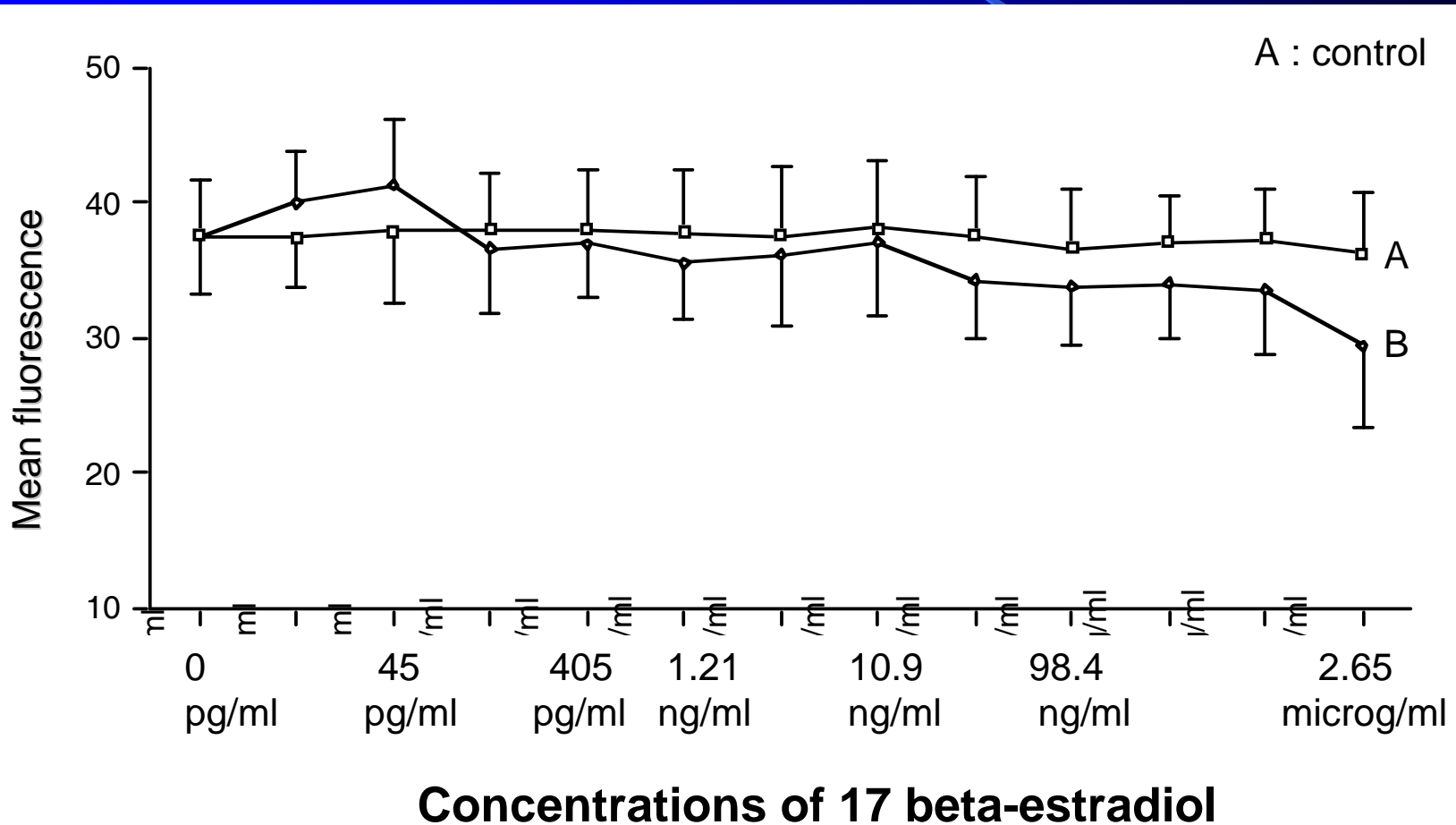
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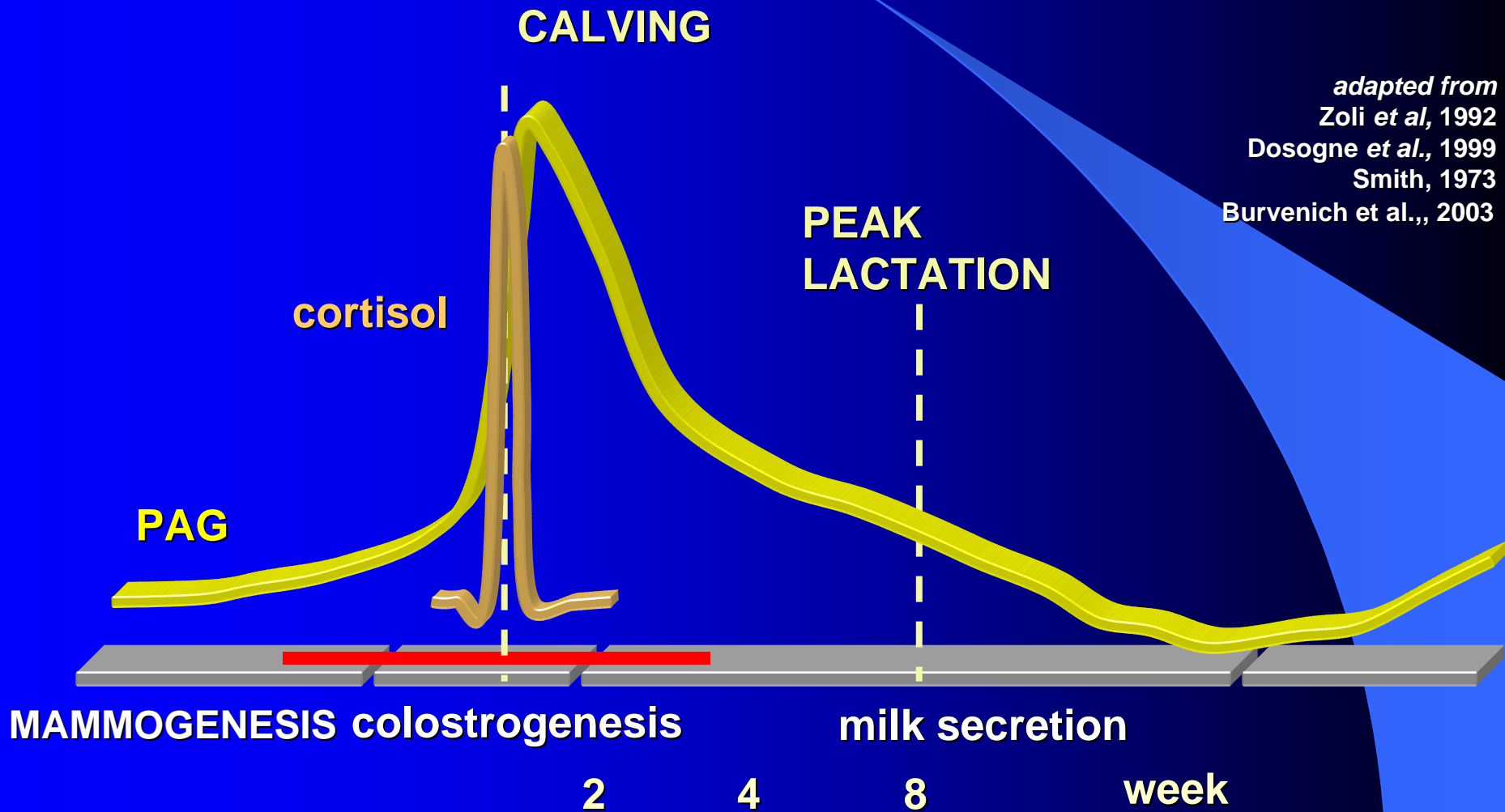


# Effect of *17-beta estradiol* on respiratory burst of blood neutrophils

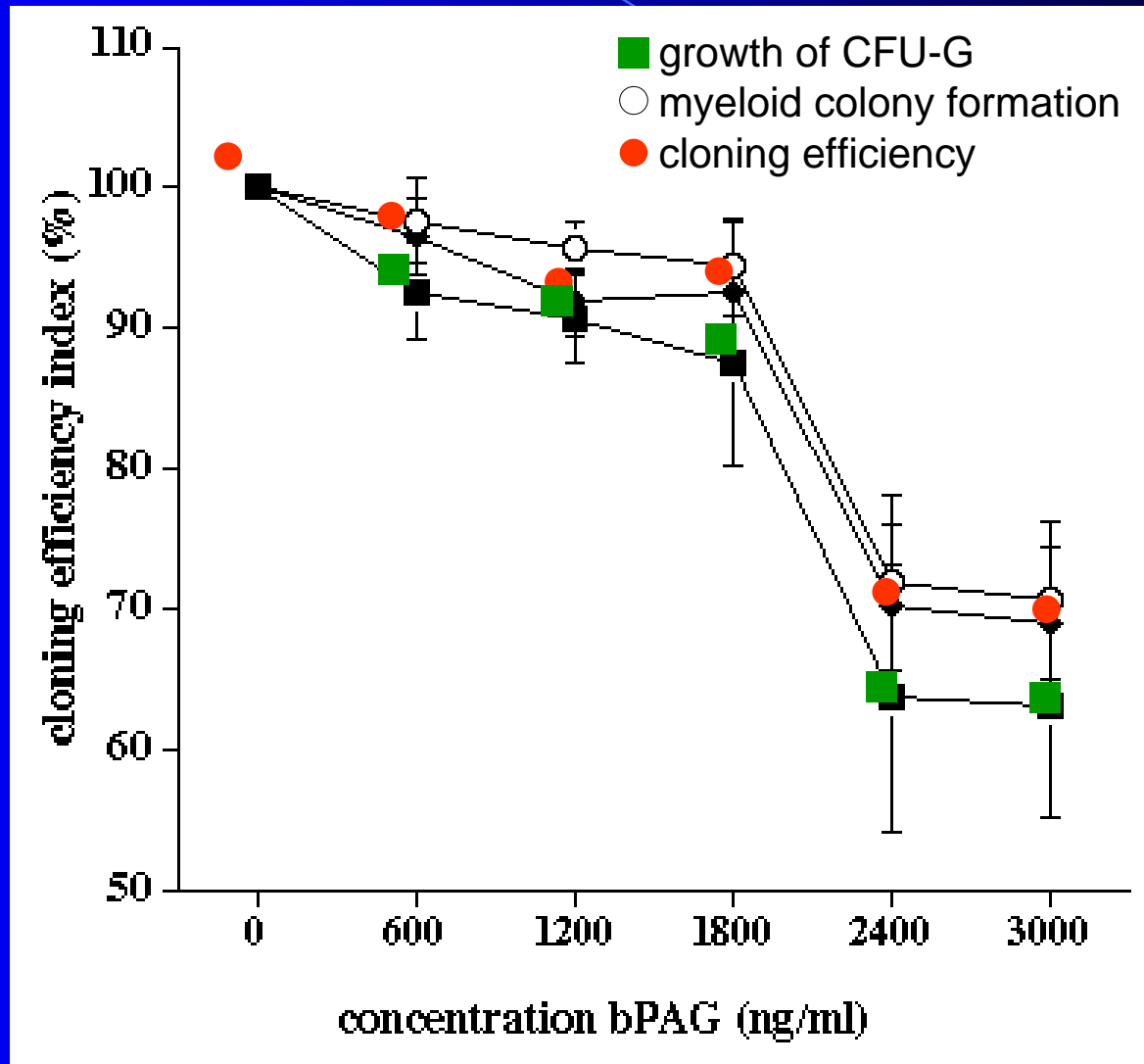
Moreira da Silva *et al*, 1998



# Relative systemic changes in *plasma* *PAG* & *cortisol* by stage of lactation



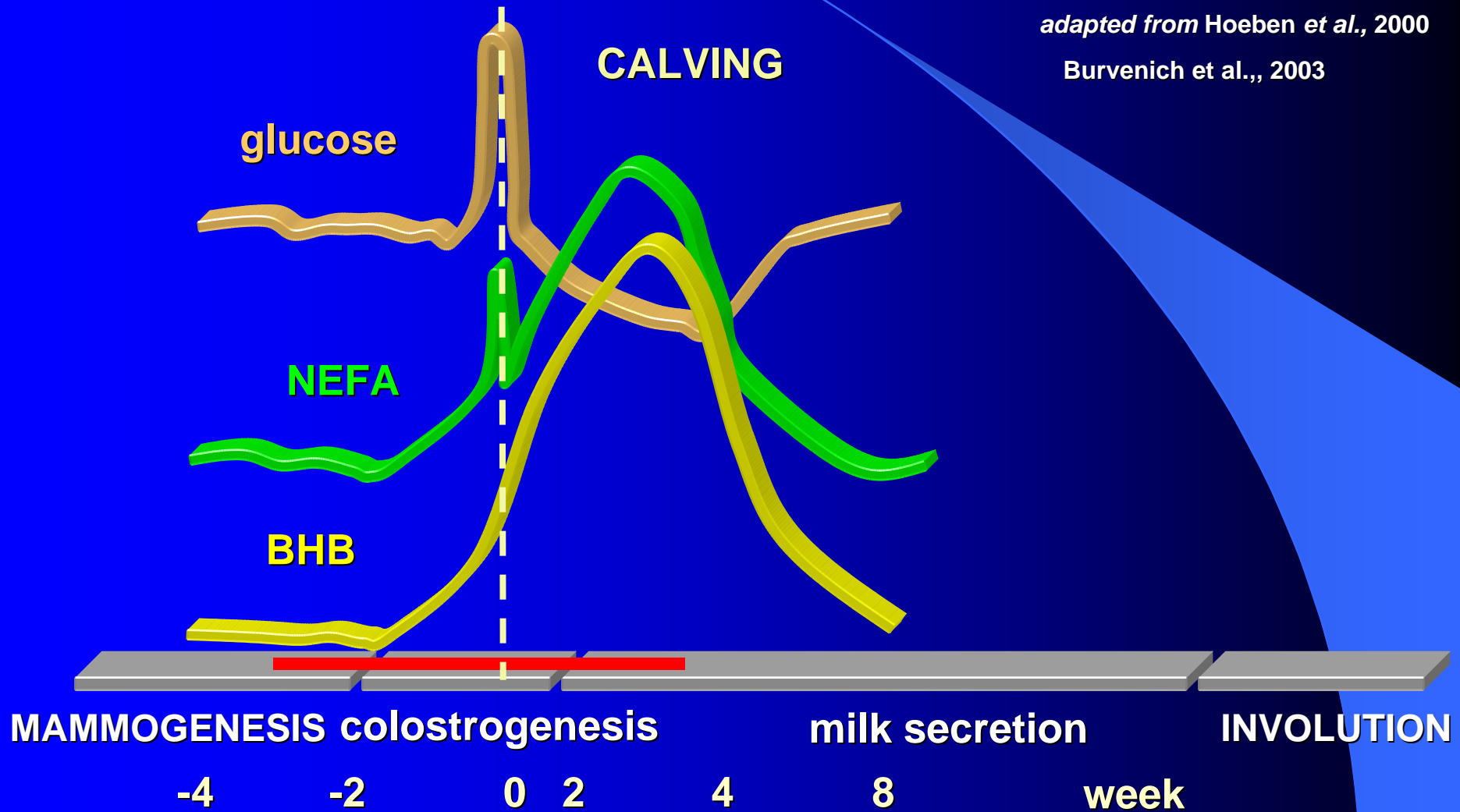
# In Vitro effect of pregnancy associated glycoprotein on cloning efficiency in the bone marrow



# Relative systemic changes in *plasma* glucose, BHB, NEFA by stage of lactation

adapted from Hoeben et al., 2000

Burvenich et al., 2003



MAMMOGENESIS colostrogenesis

milk secretion

INVOLUTION

-4

-2

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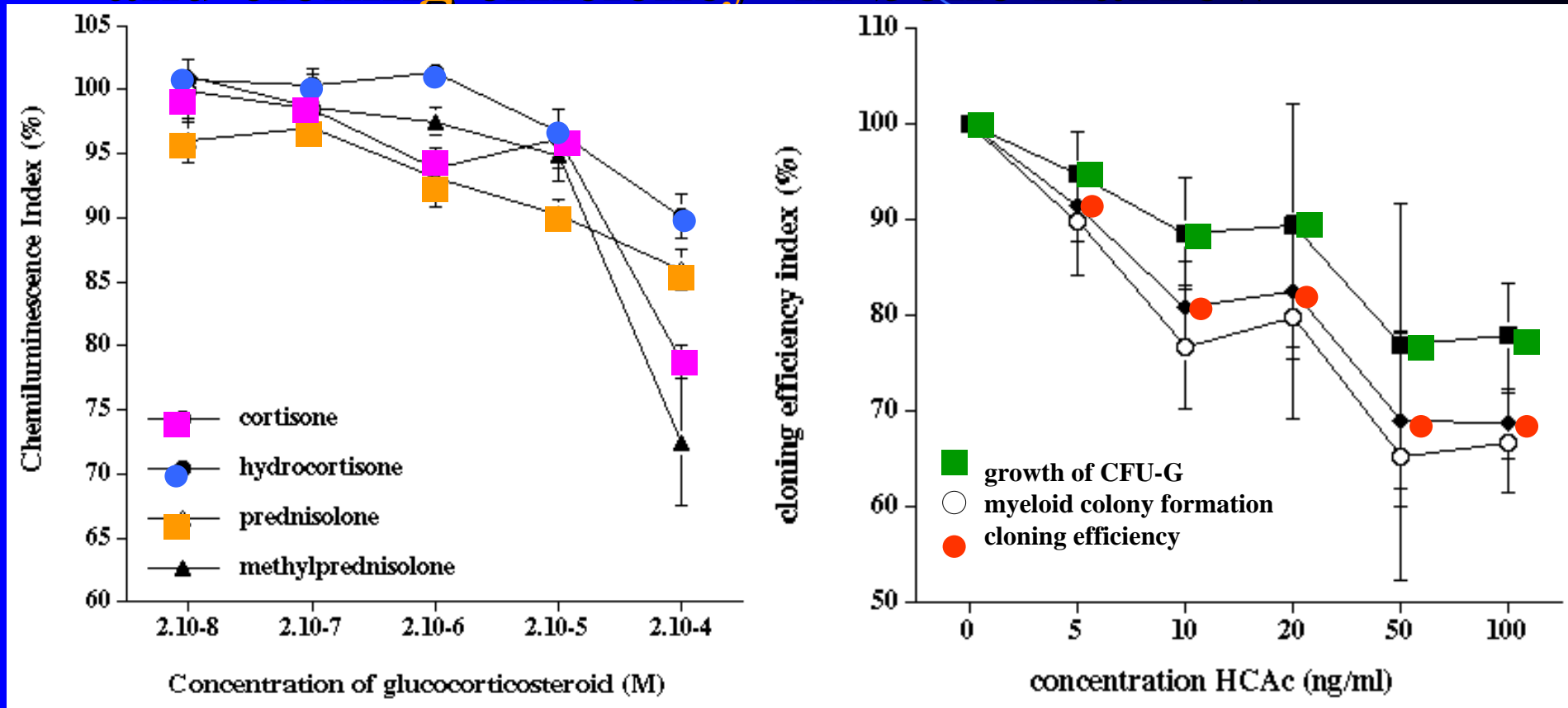
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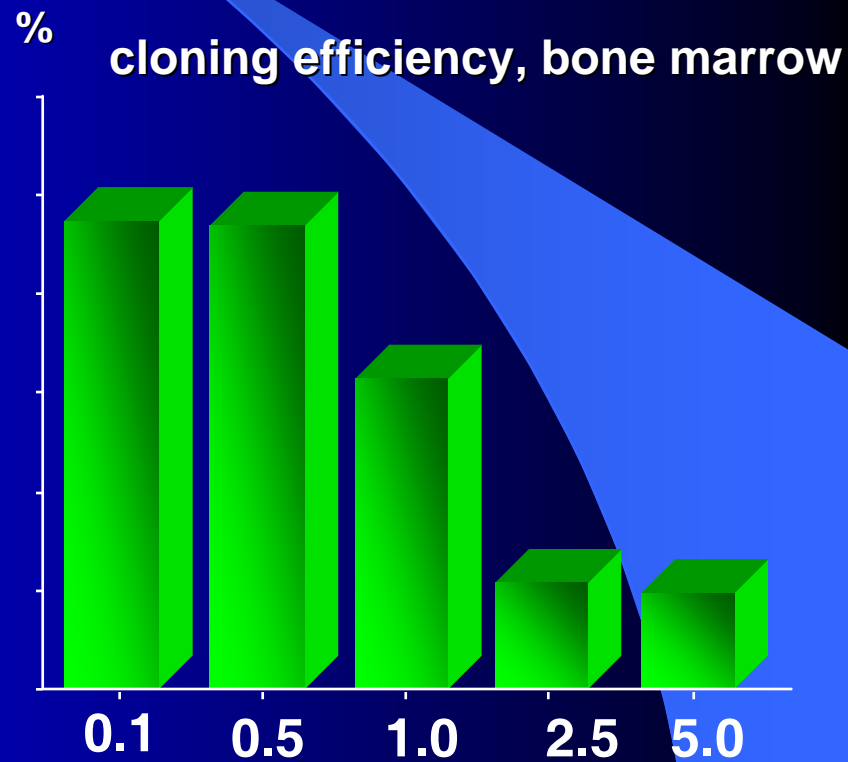
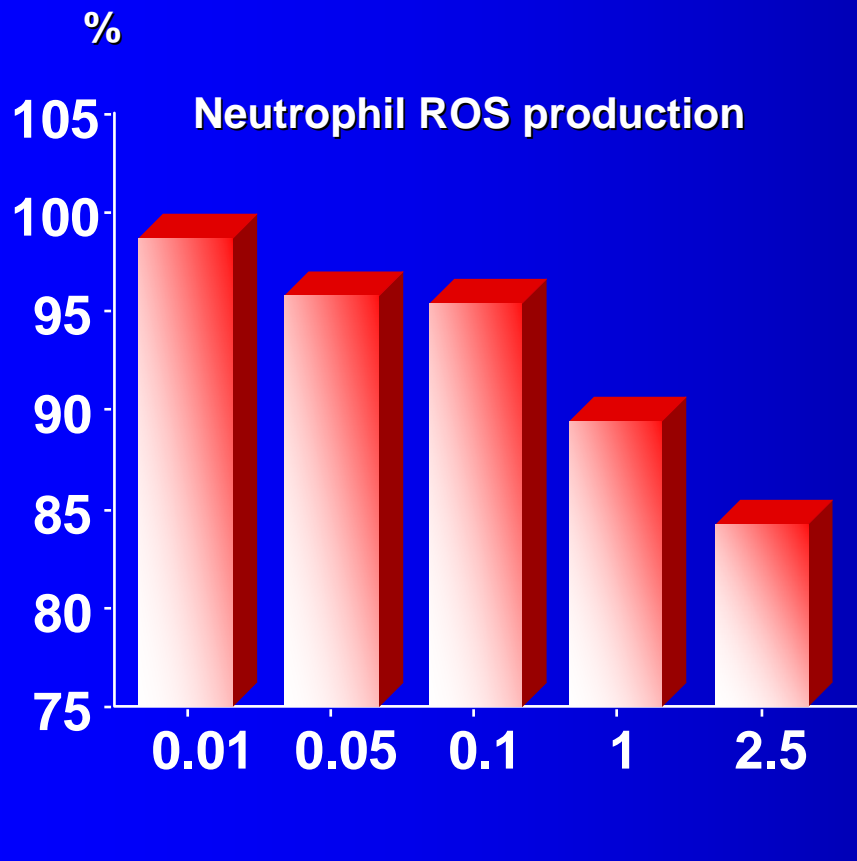
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# In Vitro effect of *glucocorticosteroids* on respiratory burst of blood neutrophils and cloning efficiency in bone marrow



# *In Vitro* effect of *beta-hydroxybutyrate* on Physioimmunology of neutrophils



# **Attainable way to reverse neutrophils' oscillatory events in peripartum dairy COWS**

**Here two issues in peripartum dairy are exempified: good and bad products .....**

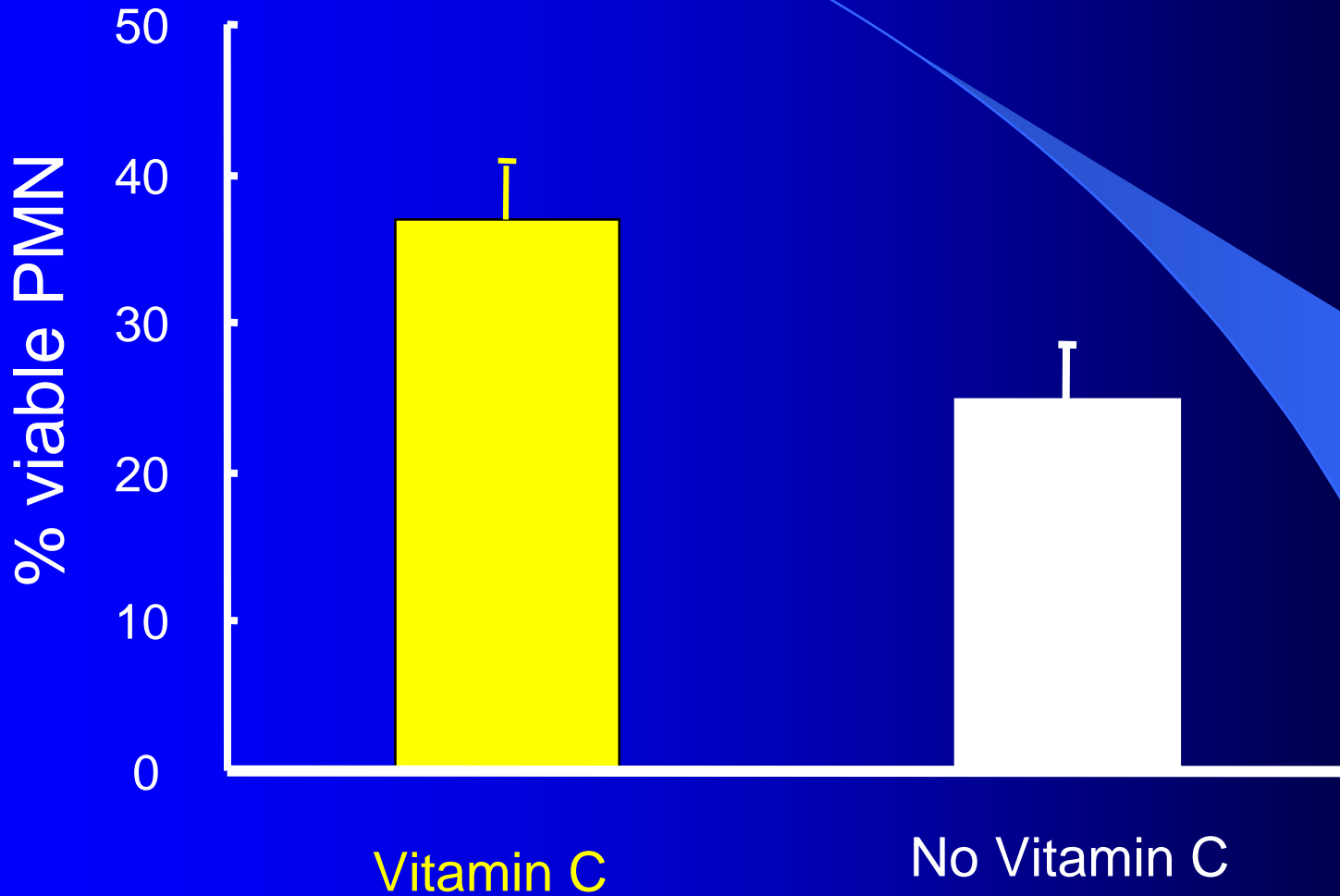
# Vitamin C and neutrophil's phagocytosis & killing capacity

About 10 days before parturition, Holstein cows divided in 2 groups they were fed diets that provided 0 (n = 10) or 50 (n = 10) gm/d of supplemental vitamin C.... blood samples were collected for neutrophils' functional assays.

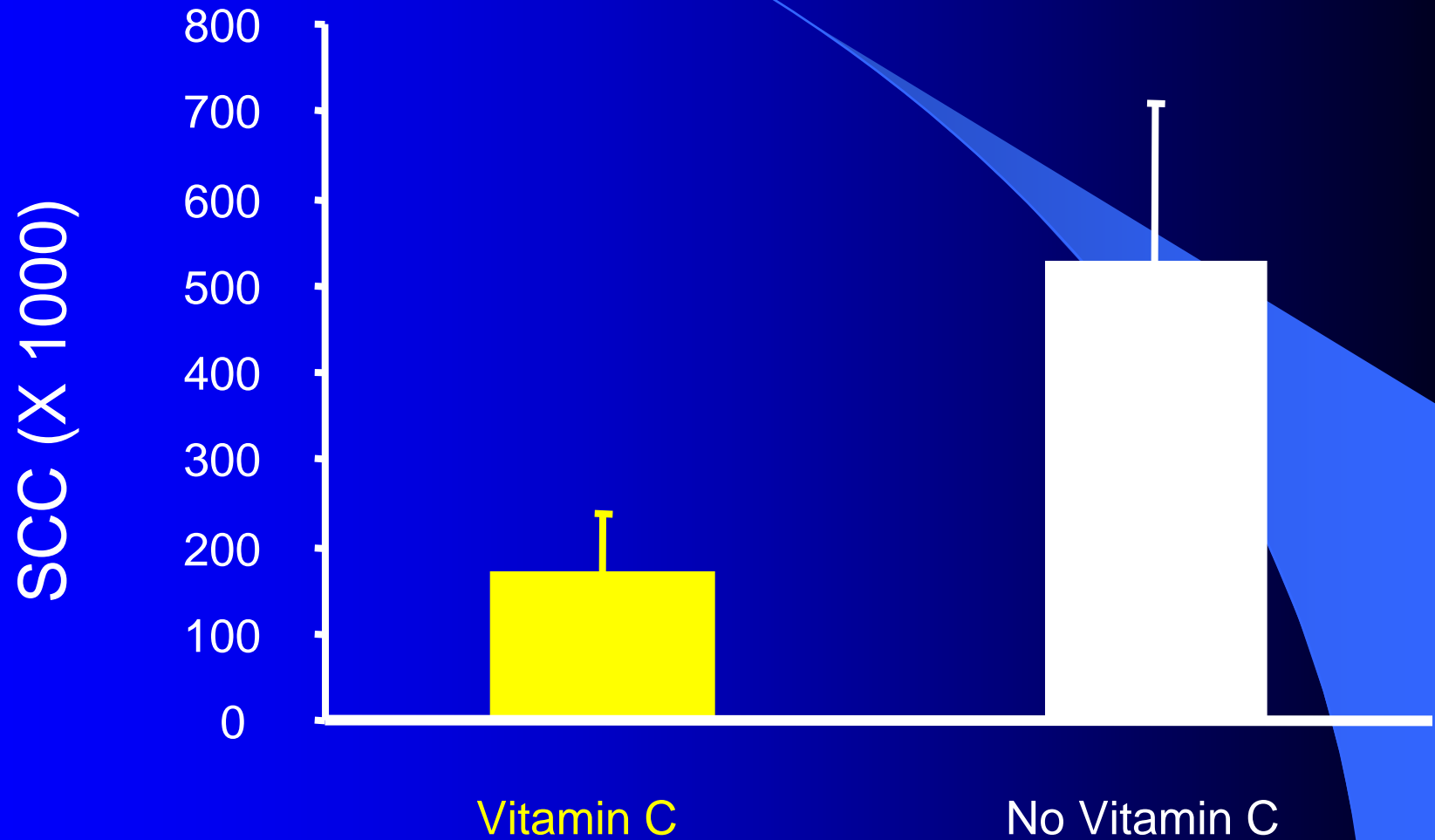




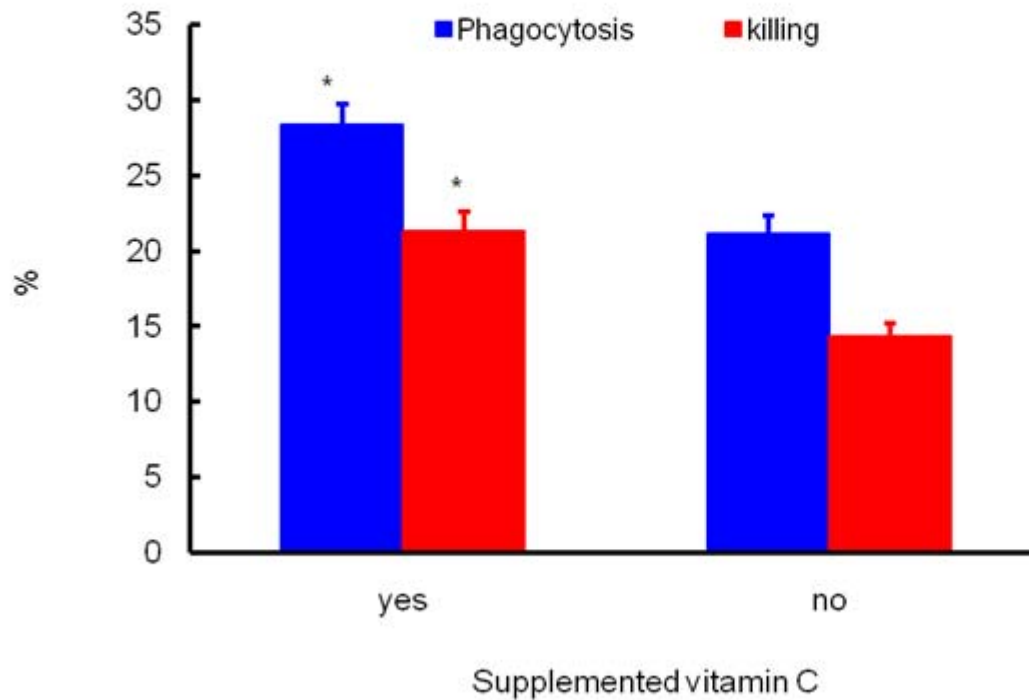
# Dietary vitamin improves milk PMN viability in early lactating cows



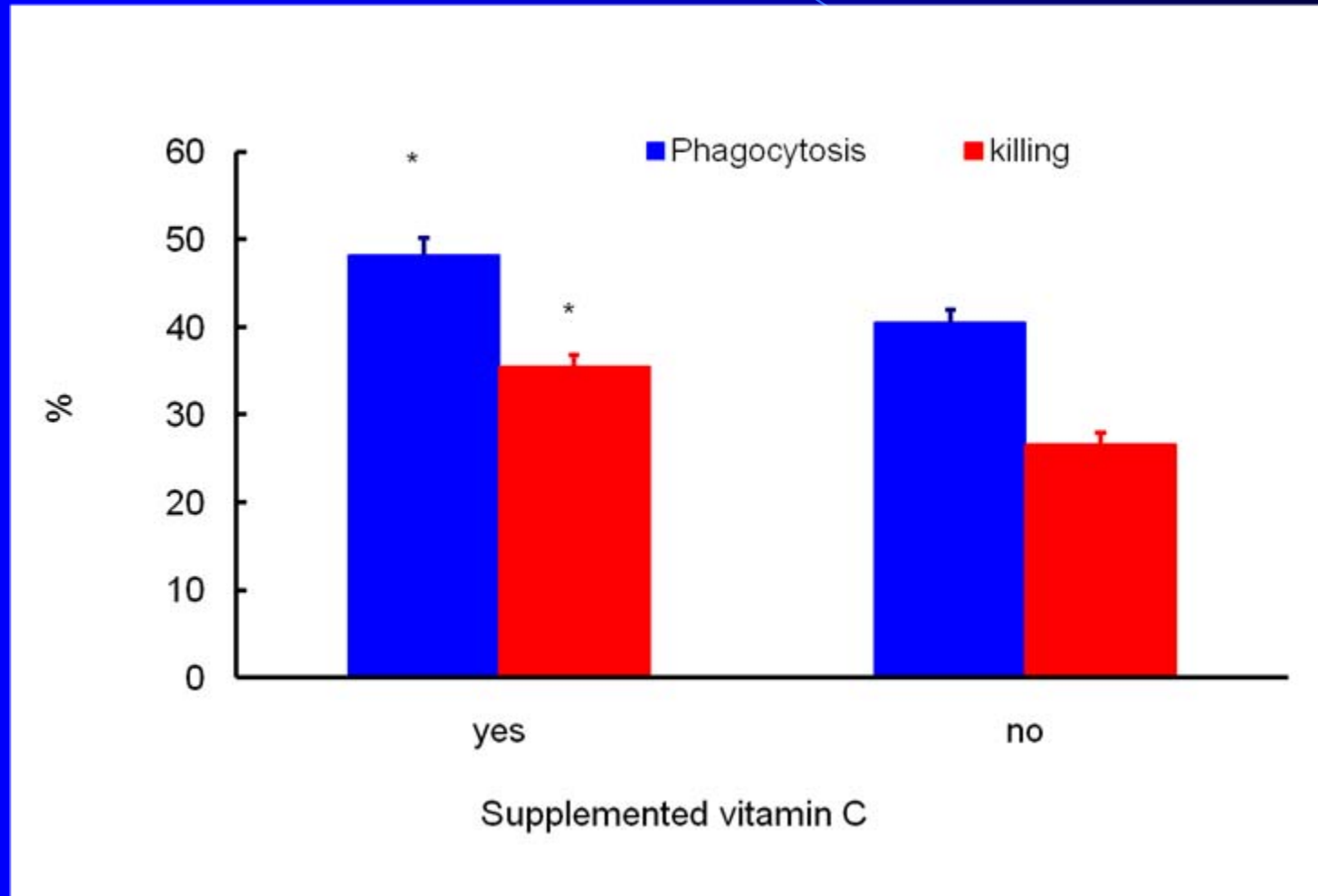
# Dietary vitamin C improves milk SCC



# Killing & phagocytosis of *S. aureus* by blood PMN vs vitamin C



# Killing & phagocytosis of *E. coli* by blood PMN vs vitamin C





# Neutrophils' oscillation

## Vitamin C reverse neutrophil disarmament in high yielding dairy cows

Similarly, we have observed on Se, Deferoxamine (DFO), probionts

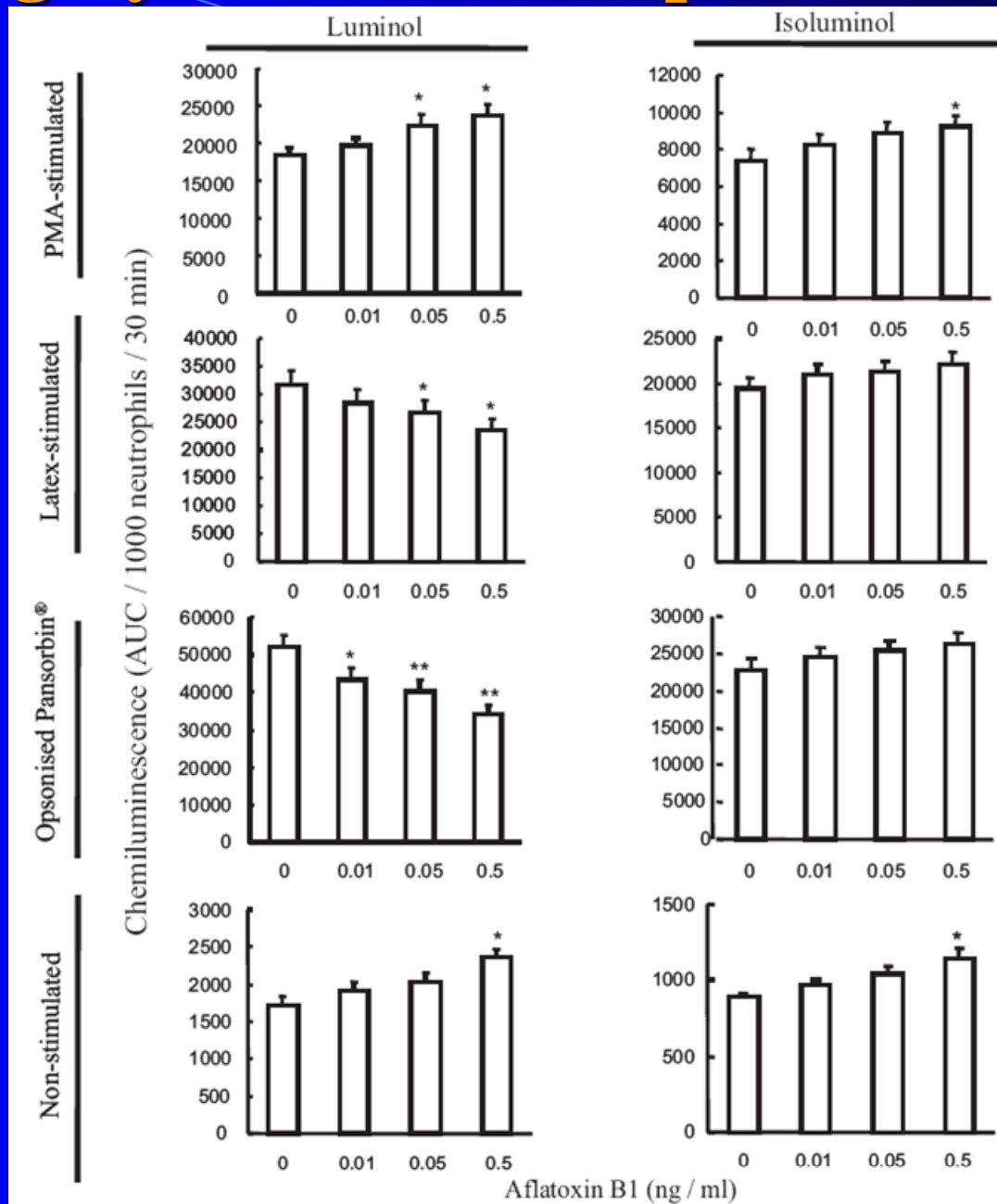




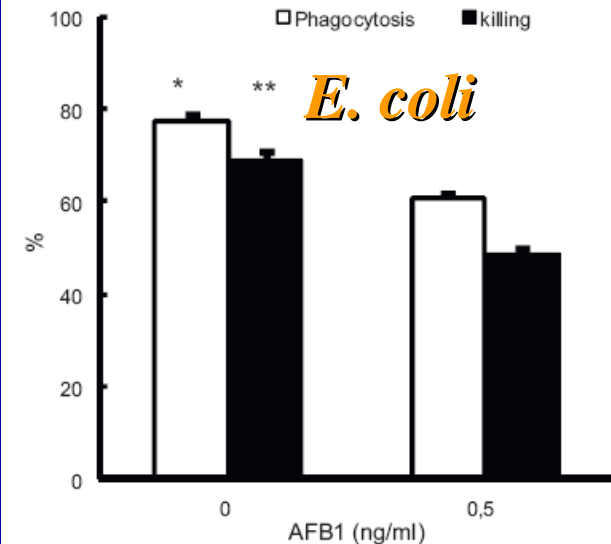
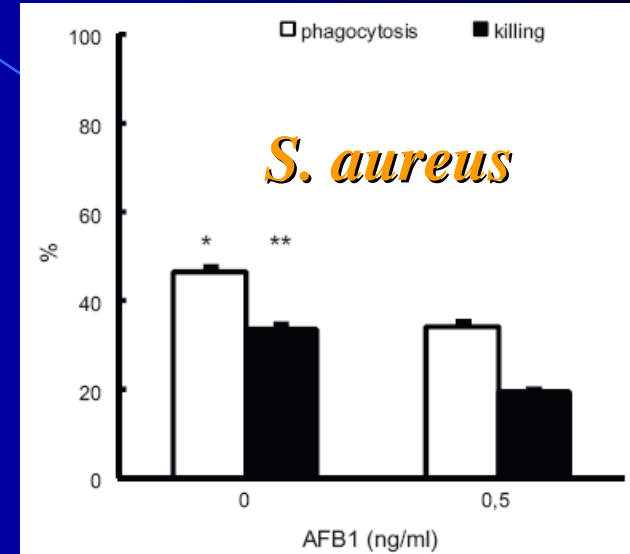
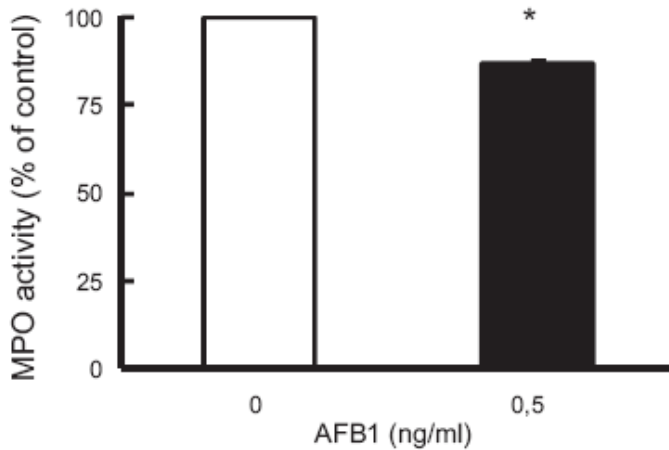
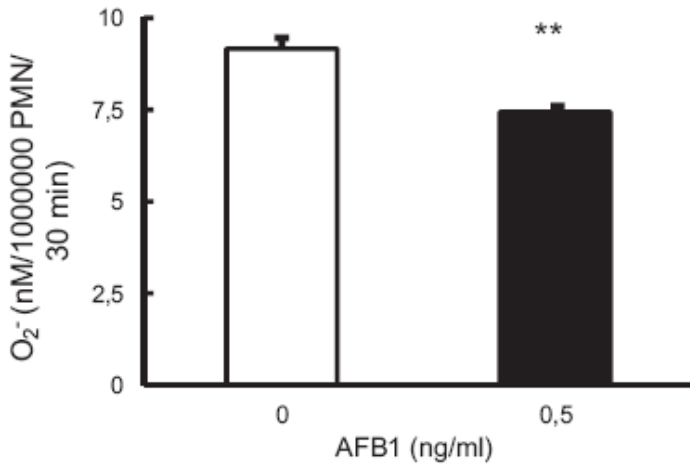
# Aflatoxin B1 & neutrophil's oscillation



# PMN phagocytosis and ROS production vs AFB1



# Killing & phagocytosis of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* by neutrophils vs AFB1



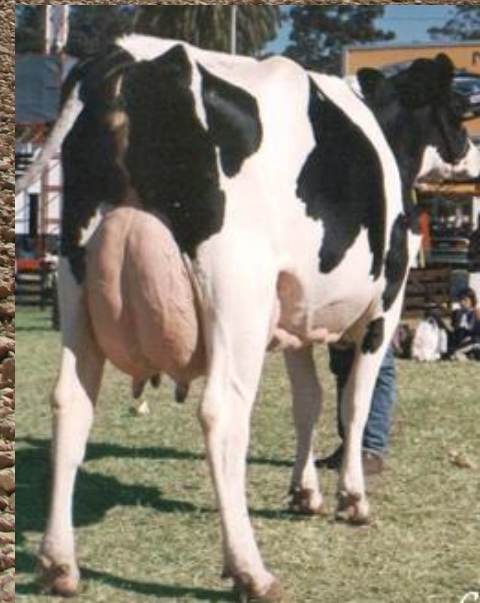


# **Nneutrophils' oscillation**

## **AFB1 disarms neutrpphils' arsenals in high yielding dairy cows**

Similarly, we have observed on As..

We have done much more works eg,  
AFM1, probiotics (see today's poster  
of session 09 # 7) .....





# Conclusions

**Neutrophils' oscillation occurs at 3 levels: 1) the bone marrow, 2) the circulation and 3) the udder**

**The oscillatory events on neutrophil is related to 2 phenomena: 1) calving factor and, 2) lactogenesis factor**

**Severe clinical mastitis is typical for the transition period and early lactation of highly yielding cows and is highly related to neutrophils' oscillation**

**Removing excessive and unwanted ROS, especially  $\text{OH}\cdot$  from the body of high yielding cows during transition period is very helpful to reverse neutrophils' oscillation, and AFB1, As.... can be very harmful, but vitamin C, Se, probionts, DFO ...**



# Thanks for your attention



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