### Effect of iron source on the alleviation of KU21 nutritional anaemia in common sole (*Solea solea*)

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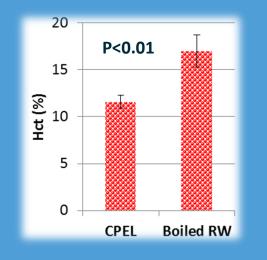


#### Introduction

- Sole fed commercial pellets (CPEL) suffer from a nutritional anaemia
- An iron (Fe) deficiency is a common cause

- Intake of Fe can be eliminated
- Intake Fe in sole fed boiled ragworm ≈ sole fed CPEL, but Hct sign. higher
- Yet, bioavailability of iron cannot be excluded





#### Introduction

- Bioavailability iron depends on form (e.g. heme vs. non heme)
- Absorption heme vs. non heme differs as heme
  - has its own pathway
  - independent of pH
  - immune for antagonists (e.g. Ca<sup>2+</sup>)

Fe in CPEL is mainly non heme from premix or damaged heme

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Alkaline character of sole's intestine might hamper absorption of non heme iron, leading to an iron deficiency?





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**KJ22** non heme requires reduction of Fe3+ to Fe2+, and hence, an acidic environment Kals, Jeroen; 19/08/2016

### Hypotheses



- 1. nutritional anaemia in sole fed CPEL is due to an iron deficiency
- 2. assumed Fe deficiency is due to poor absorption of Fe
- 3. increase in absorption due to a higher bioavailability of heme or iron chelates will alleviate anaemia in sole
- 4. haematocrit (Hct) and haemoglobin (Hb) are expected to follow iron absorption patterns

We also estimated absorption of Cu, Co, Cr, Mn, Mo & Zn to evaluate interaction between iron source and other minerals

### Material and Methods

Sole raised on CPEL and anaemic at start

- Dietary treatments:
  - Fe sulphate
  - Fe methionate
  - Fe proteinate
  - Haemoglobin

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- Feeding: restricted, equal feeding levels for all diets
- Tank experimental unit (n=3, 10 fish.tank<sup>-1</sup>)
- Duration 23 days, sampling at start & day 23









### Material and Methods

Formulations	Diet Code	Α	В	С	D
Torritiations	Iron source	Iron sulphate	Heme	Iron proteinate	Iron methionate
	Basal ingredients ( %)	57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2
	Test ingredients (%):				
Dietary Fe	Caseine	16.38	9.00	16.35	16.35
	Pea protein conc.	13.00	12.70	13.00	13.00
	Corn gluten	12.50	13.00	12.50	12.50
sources 64%	L-threonine	0.35	0.40	0.35	0.35
basal diet 36%	DL-methionin	0.16	0.30	0.16	0.12
	L-iso leucin	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00
	Corn Starch	0.27	0.86	0.28	0.34
	Yttrium oxide	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Marker: Yttrium	Iron sources				
	Bovine hemoglobin		6.200		
	Iron sulfate hydrate (20%)	0.101			
	Iron proteinate			0.127	
	Iron methionate				0.106
Processing:	Check	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

**Cold** extrusion was used to keep iron sources in their **native** state

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#### Formulations

- isonitrogenous
- isoenergetic
- equal in

\*AA comp.<sup>KJ12</sup> \*total iron <sub>KJ9</sub> \*calcium \*taurine \*vitamin B12

content.

Iron source		Iron sulphate	Heme	Iron proteinate	Iron methionate
DM	$(g.kg^{-1})$	909	913	920	917
ASH	(g.kg <sup>-1</sup> .dm)	94	92	94	94
СР	,	661	655	669	661
EE		130	122	130	127
CF		6.6	6.6	5.4	5.5
NFE	<b>(())</b>	17.9	37.9	22.2	30.4
Check		909	913	920	917
GE	(MJ.kg <sup>-1</sup> )	21.2	21.1	21.5	21.3
CP/GE		31.1	31.0	31.1	31.0
Vit B12	(ug.kg <sup>-1</sup> .dm)	1254	1150	959	1075
Fe	(mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> .dm)	355	323	299	349
Са	(g.kg <sup>-1</sup> .dm)	8	8	8	8
Na	<b>(())</b>	19	19	19	19
Κ	<b>،</b>	6	6	6	6
Mg	<b>(())</b>	2	2	2	2
Cu	(mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> .dm)	12	12	12	12
Со	"	2	2	2	2
Cr	"	5	5	4	5
Mn	"	36	35	38	38
Мо	"	1	1	1	1
Zn	"	119	115	121	120

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<sup>1</sup>DM=Dry matter, ASH=Ash, CP=Crude Protein, EE=Ether extract, CF=Crude Fibre, NFE=Nitrogen Free Extract, GE=Gross Energy

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- **KJ9** iron content was formulated to be equal to the iron content in ragworm (352 mg.kg-1.dm). Kals, Jeroen; 18/08/2016
- **KJ11** Taurine can affect haematological parameters Kals, Jeroen; 18/08/2016
- **KJ12** Individual amino acids were added to compensate for the amino acid content of the iron sources, especially of the heme iron. Kals, Jeroen; 18/08/2016

#### Analyses



- Hct: centrifuging blood (5 min, 5000g)
- Hb: colorimetric (van Kampen & Zijlstra 1961)
- Minerals:
  - ICP-AES (e.g. Cu, Fe, Mn, Zn)
    KJ25
    KJ26
    KJ26

Calculation apparent absorption coefficient (AAC)

 $AAC_{mineral\ (x)} = 100 - (100 * \left(\frac{Yttrium_{diet}}{Yttrium_{faeces}}\right) * \left(\frac{mineral\ (x)_{faeces}}{mineral\ (x)_{diet}}\right)$ 

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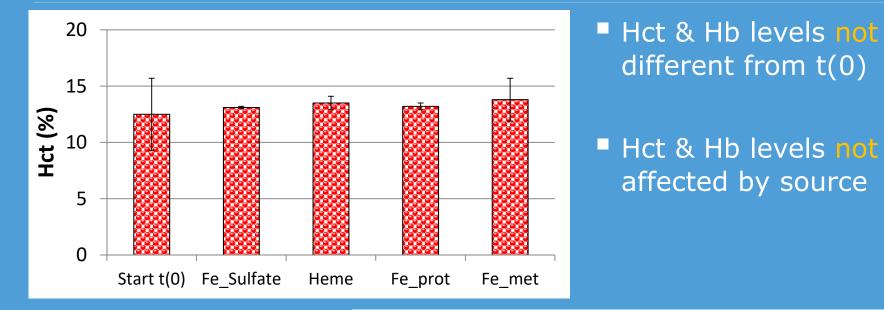
KJ25	inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry
	Kals, Jeroen; 18/08/2016

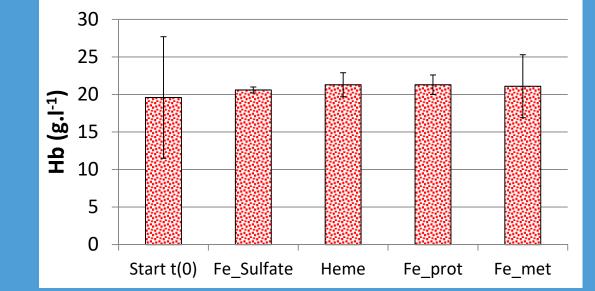
**KJ26** Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry Kals, Jeroen; 18/08/2016

#### **Results Hct and Hb**

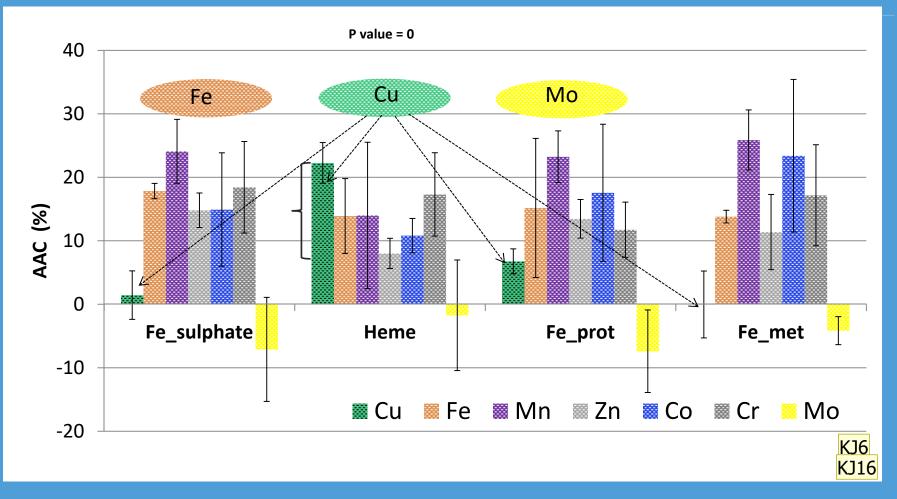
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#### Results AAC's



AAC Fe, Mn, Zn, Co, Cr, Mo, except Cu not affected by source

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#### **KJ6** Yet, the iron absorption was high for all sources.

The AAC of Cu was 15-22% higher in sole fed the diet with heme.

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**KJ16** The negative ADC's of Mo are most likely a result from the relatively high presence of Mo in seawater and the fact that marine fish must drink to keep their water balance in order Kals, Jeroen; 27/07/2016

#### Discussion



Despite the high absorption of iron, fish stayed anaemic independent of iron source

- Implies nutritional anemia is not an iron deficiency anaemia
- The alkaline character of the sole's intestine would hamper the ability to absorb non heme iron
  - >Iron absorption in relation to iron source seems not a limiting factor



#### Discussion

#### Hypotheses



- 1) nutritional anaemia in sole fed CPEL is due to an iron deficiency anaemia,
- 2) NA is caused by inadequate absorption of iron,
- 3) **Rise** of iron absorption due to a higher bioavailability of heme and/or iron chelates alleviates anaemia in sole
  - all have to be rejected!
- 4) Hence, hypothesis 4: Hct & Hb levels, follow iron absorption patterns could not be tested

#### Discussion



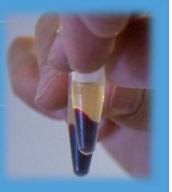
- AAC of Cu was high using heme
- none heme Fe & Cu, need DMT1
- Heme is not claiming DMT1 capacity

-> Pos. effect of heme on Cu can be explained by a reduced competitive binding of Cu and non heme Fe claiming DMT1

- Cu is crucial for iron uptake
- AAC of Cu is high in sole fed heme, yet Hct & Hb did not respond

#### -> nutritional anaemia is not a Cu deficiency anaemia

#### Conclusions



- Iron absorption is high & independent of iron source
- Heme iron increases absorption of copper
- High absorption of Fe & Cu in sole fed heme did not affect Hct and Hb, suggesting the nutritional anaemia in sole is
  - -> not an iron
  - -> nor a Cu deficiency anaemia

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