

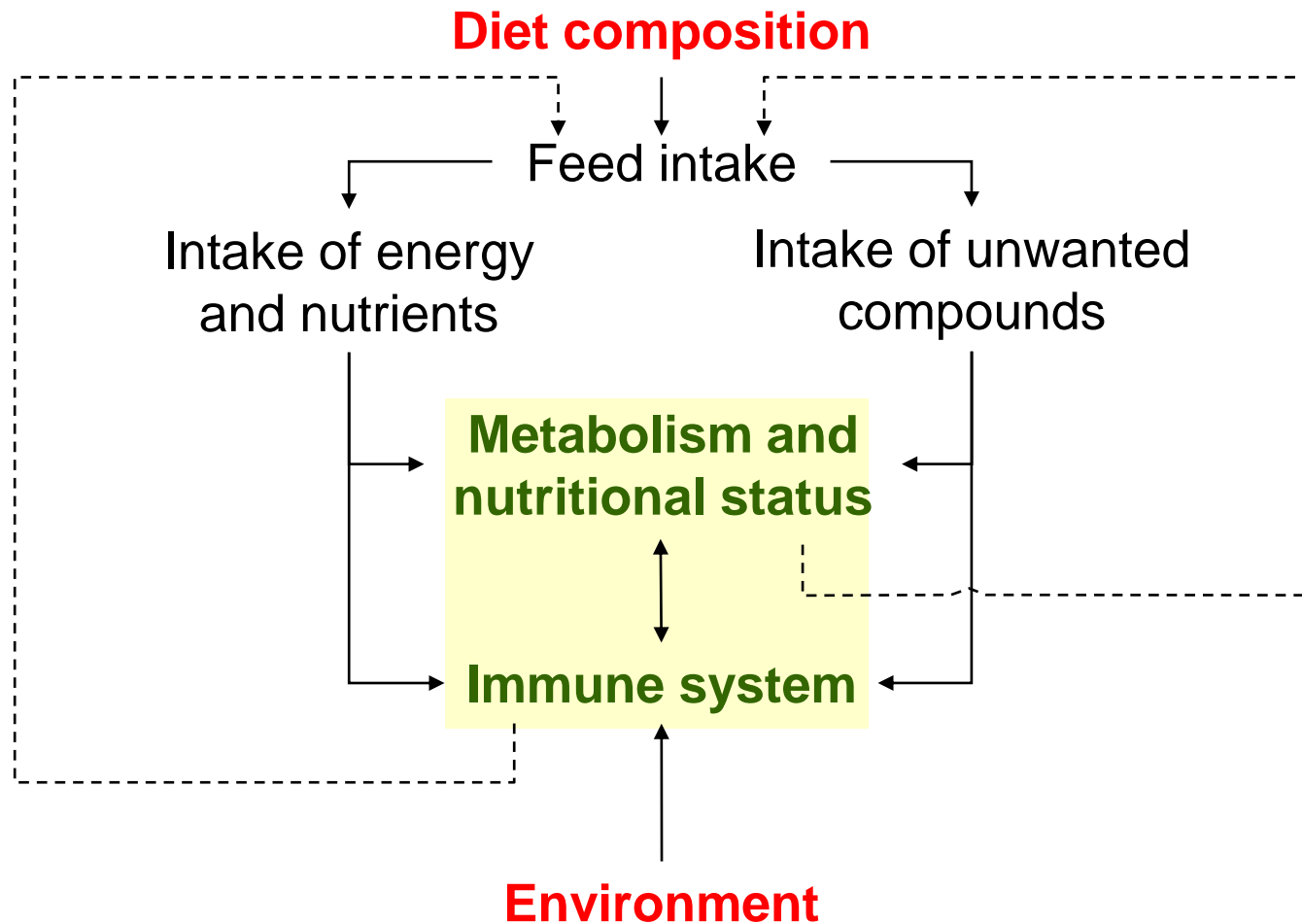
# Impact of nutrition on the immune system of cattle

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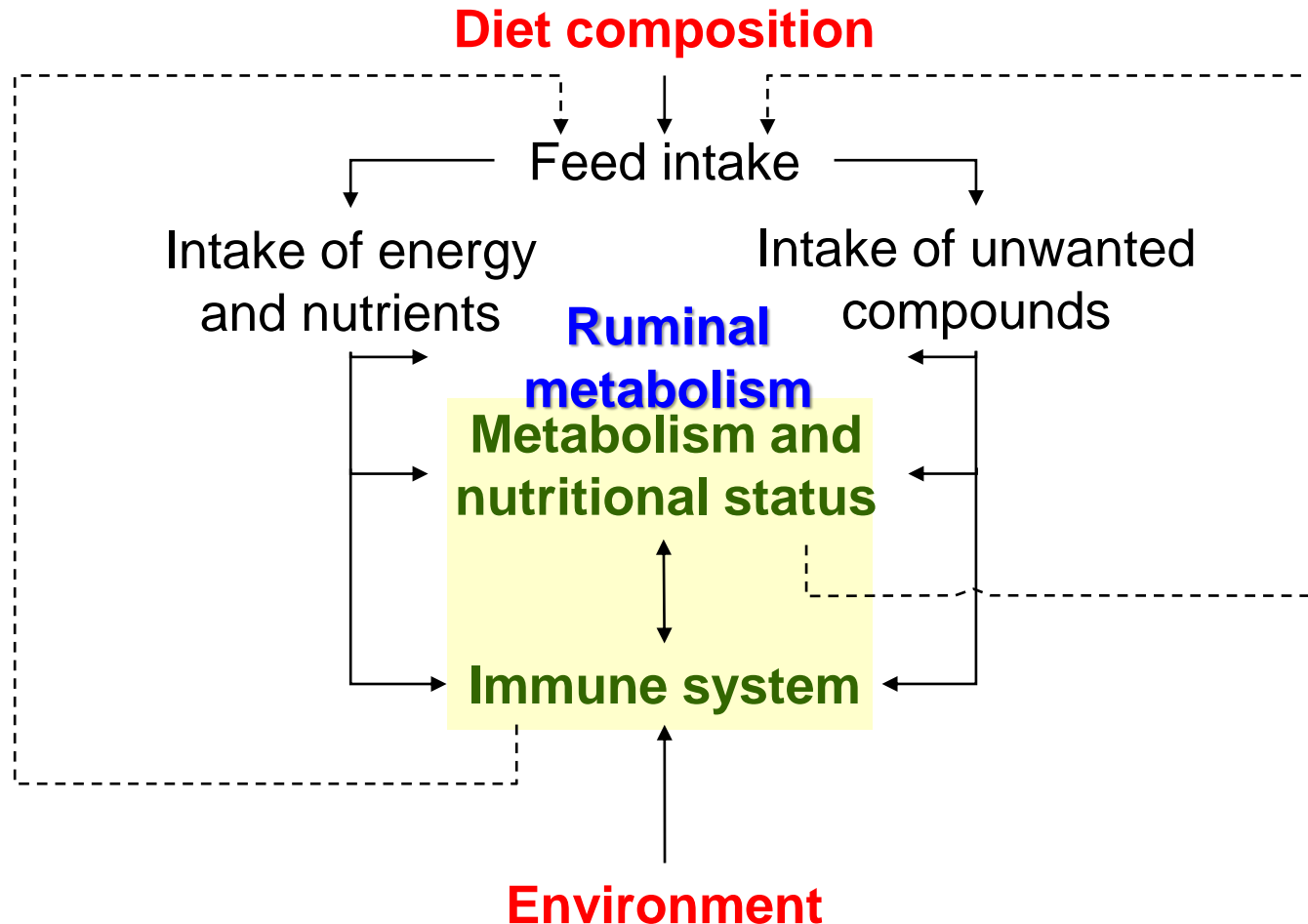
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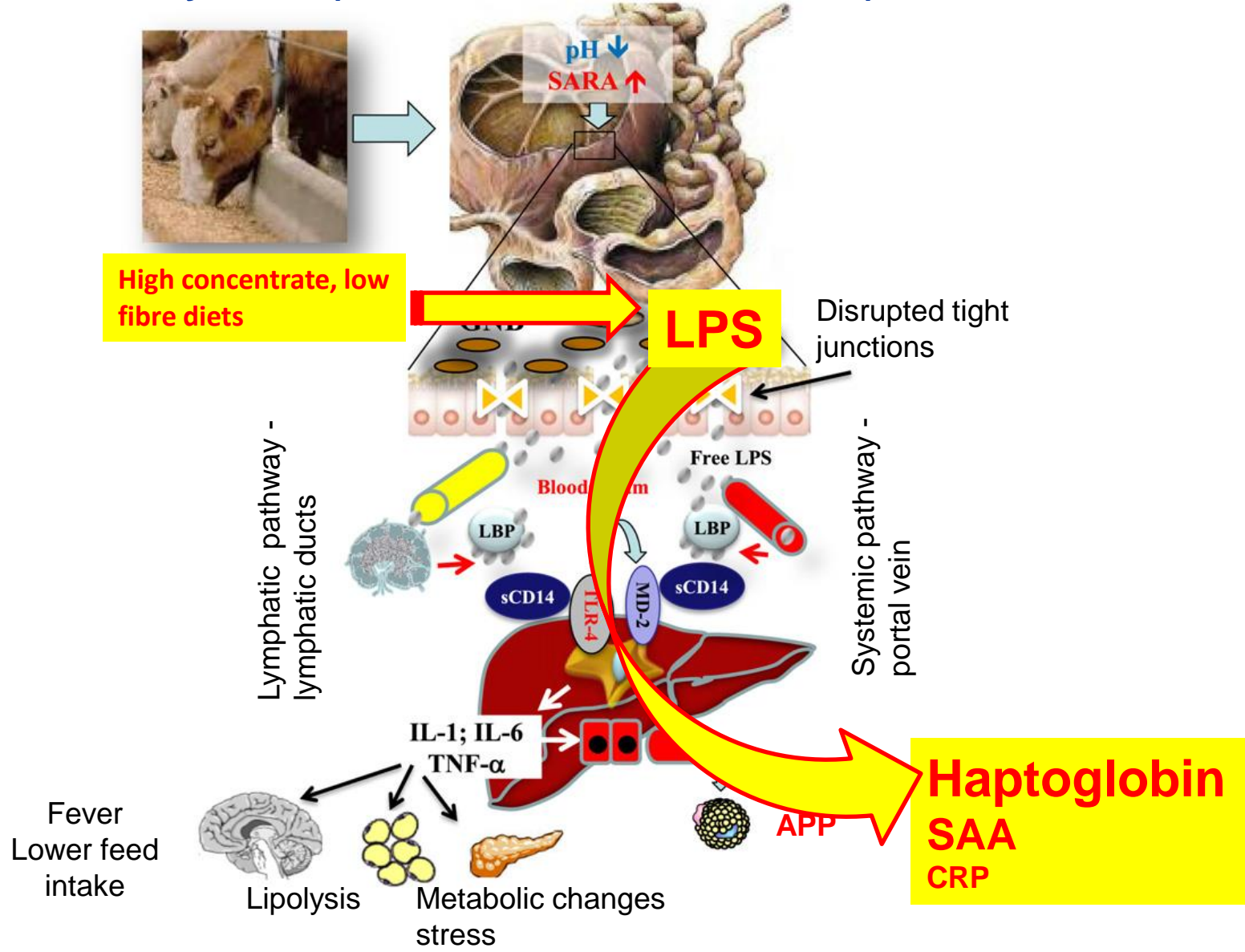
## Possible implications of nutrition and other environmental factors on the functionality of the immune system



## Possible implications of nutrition and other environmental factors on the functionality of the immune system



# Interplay between rumen digestive disorders and diet-induced inflammation in dairy cattle (Zebeli & Metzler-Zebeli, 2012)





*Review article: Application of acute phase protein measurements in veterinary clinical chemistry (Petersen et al., 2004)*

**Haptoglobin**

- Binding hemoglobin
- Bacteriostatic effect
- Stimulation of angiogenesis
- Role in lipid metabolism/development of fatty liver in cattle
- Immunomodulatory effect
- Inhibition of neutrophil respiratory burst activity

Fold-increase  
in cattle

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**Serum amyloid A**

- Transport of cholesterol from dying cells to hepatocytes
- Inhibitory effect on fever
- Inhibitory effect on the oxidative burst of neutrophilic granulocytes
- Inhibitory effect on in vitro immune response
- Chemotactic effect on monocytes, polymorphonuclear leucocytes and T-cells
- Induction of calcium mobilisation by monocytes
- Inhibition of platelet activation

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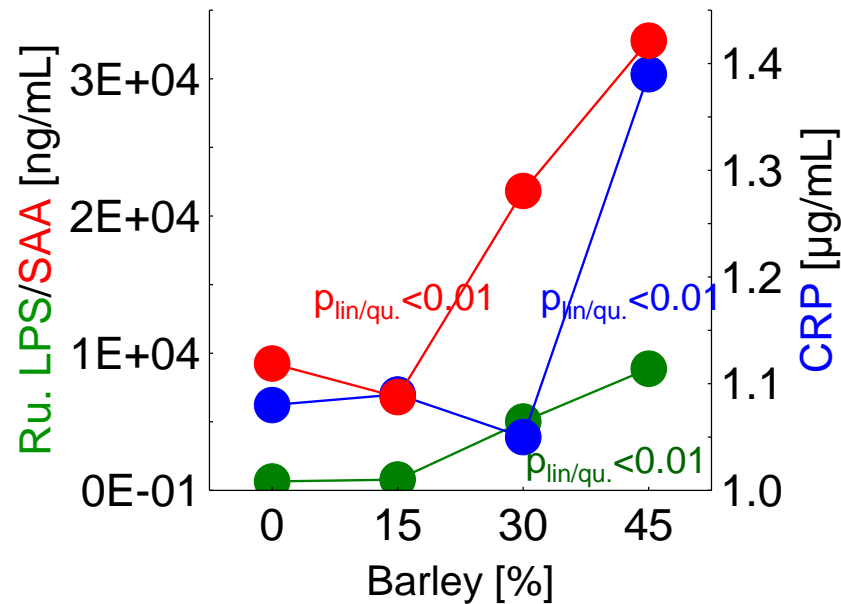
**C-reactive protein**

- Complement activation and opsonisation
- Modulation of monocytes and macrophages, cytokine production
- Binding of chromatin
- Prevention of tissue migration of neutrophils

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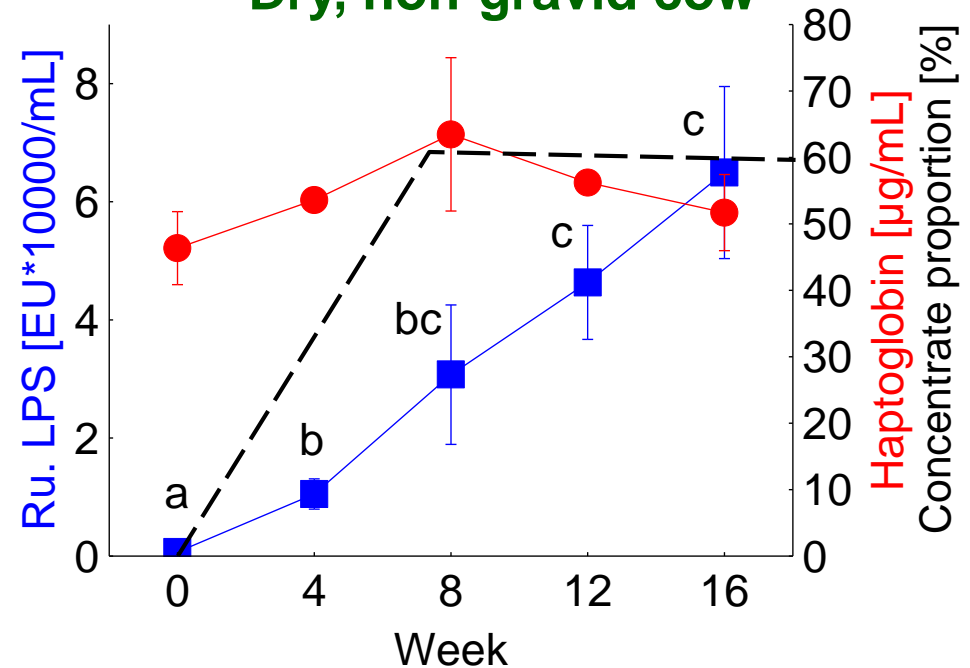
## Associations between rumen endotoxin and plasma acute phase protein concentrations in cows

### Lactating cow



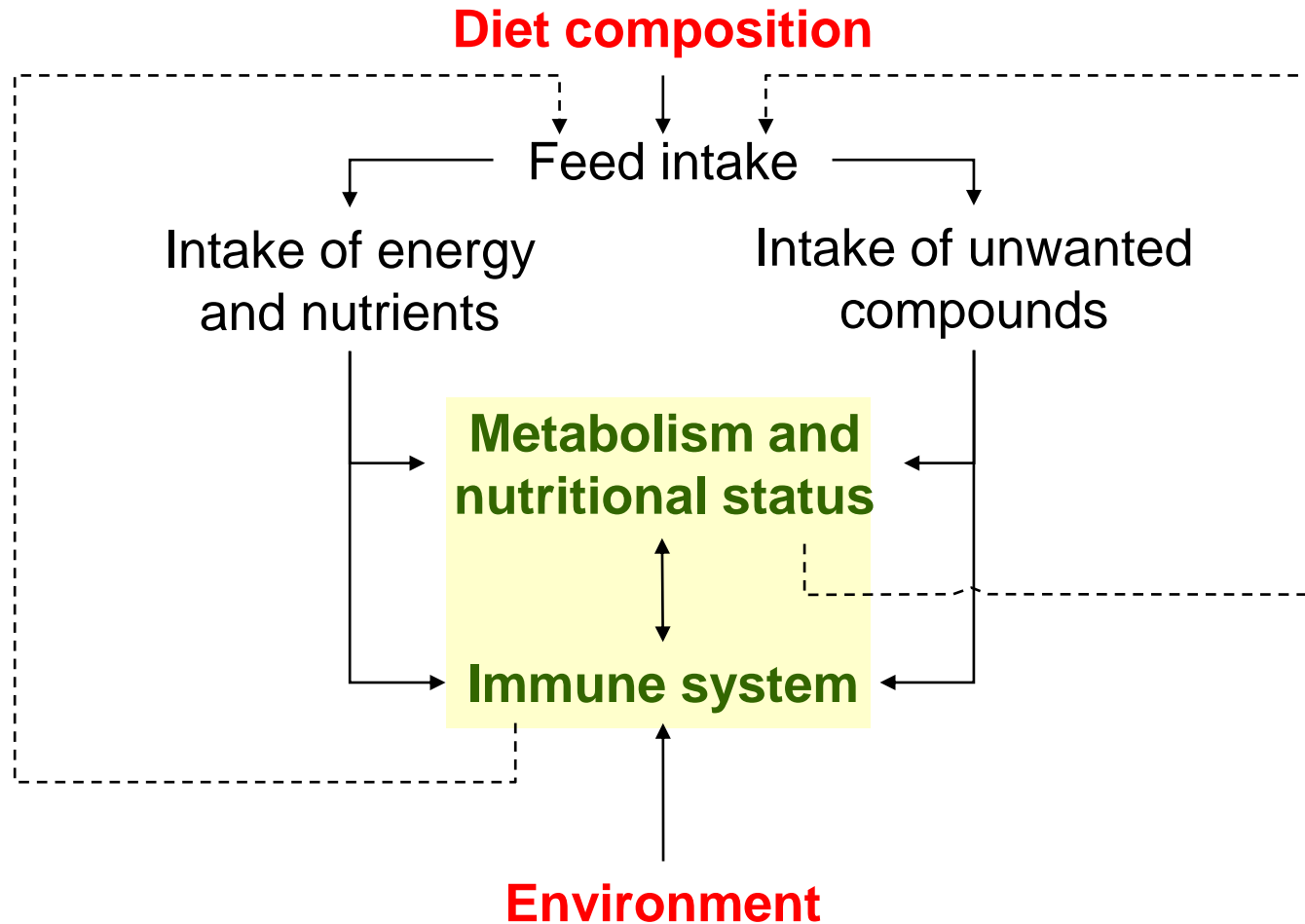
Zebeli et al. (2010)

### Dry, non-gravid cow

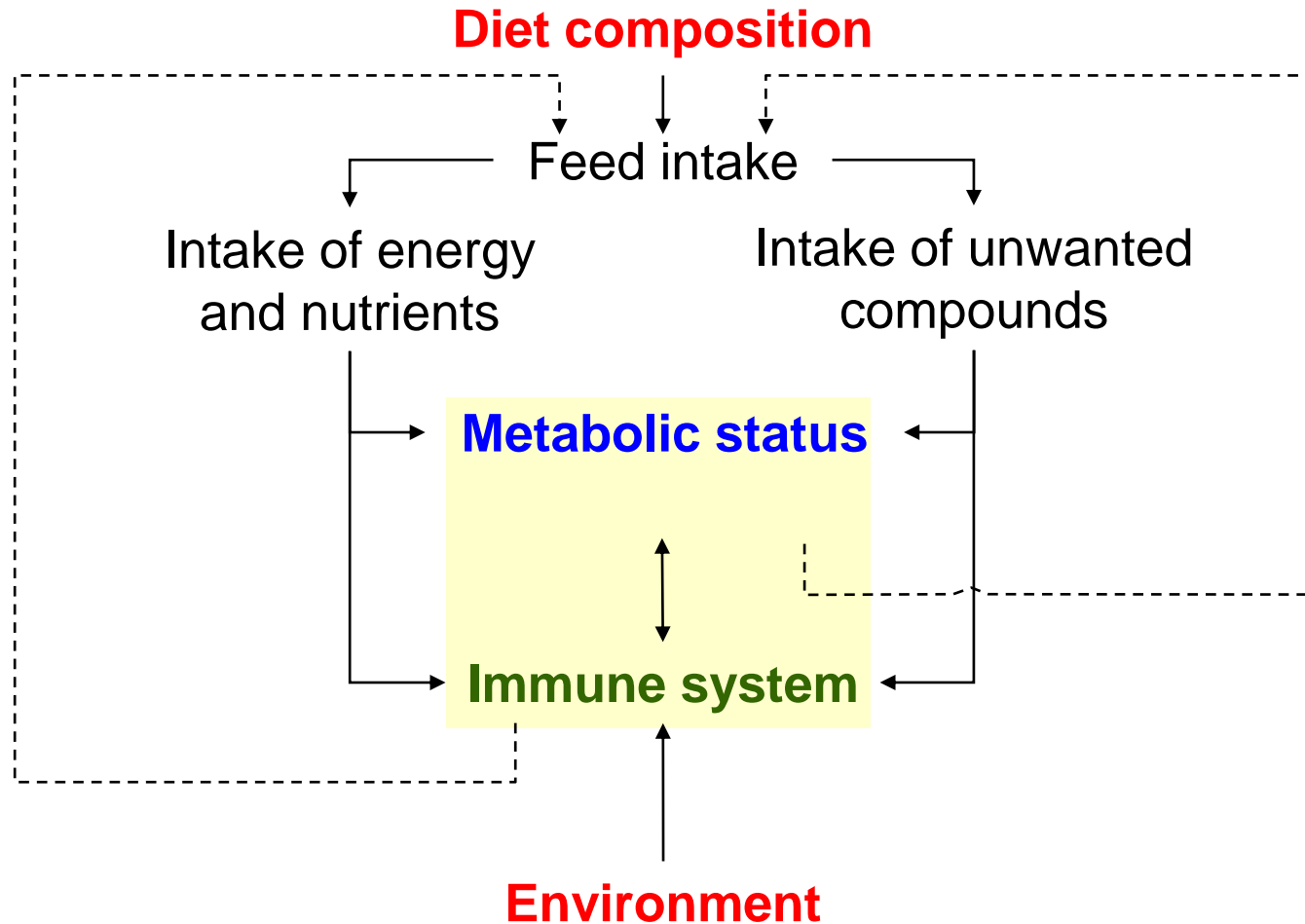


Dänicke et al. (2014)

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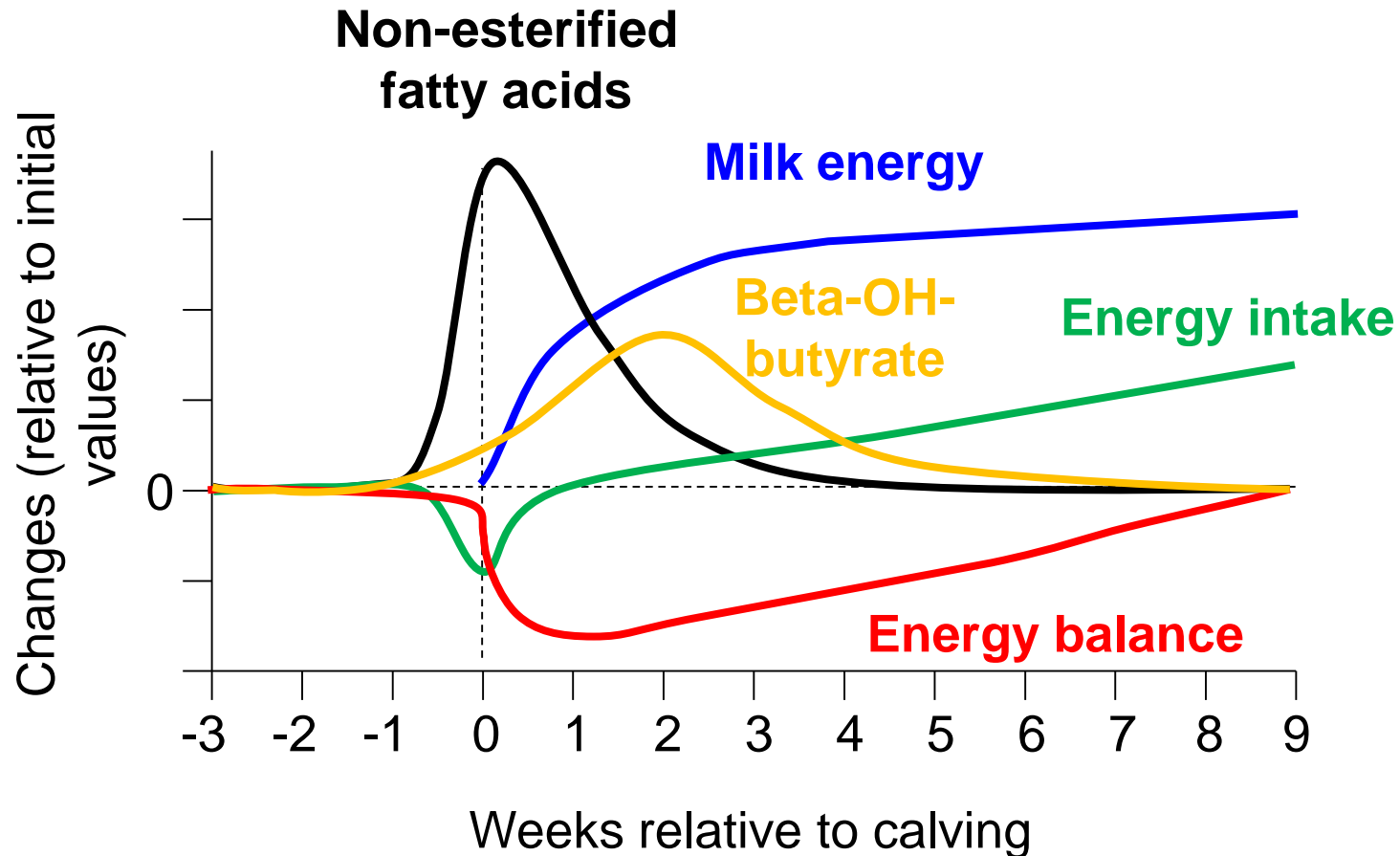


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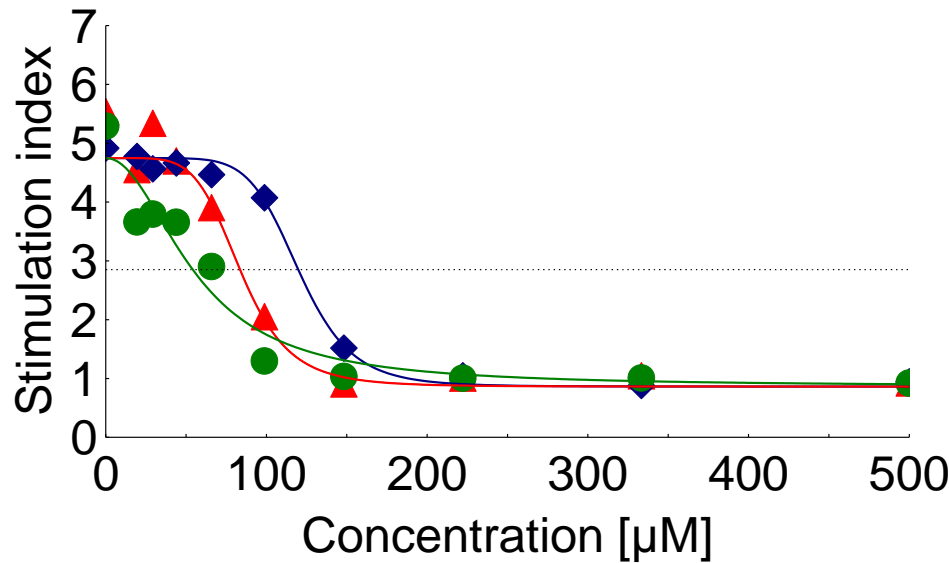


## Physiological events in the transition period with relevance for metabolism and immune system

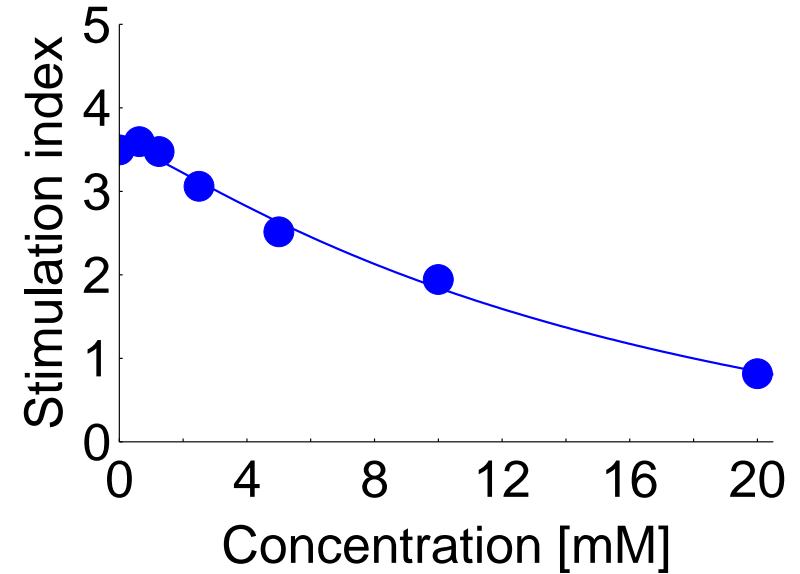


# Non esterified fatty acids (NEFA) and beta-OH-butyrate (BHB) inhibit the *in vitro* proliferative response of bovine peripheral mononuclear cells dose-dependently

**NEFA**



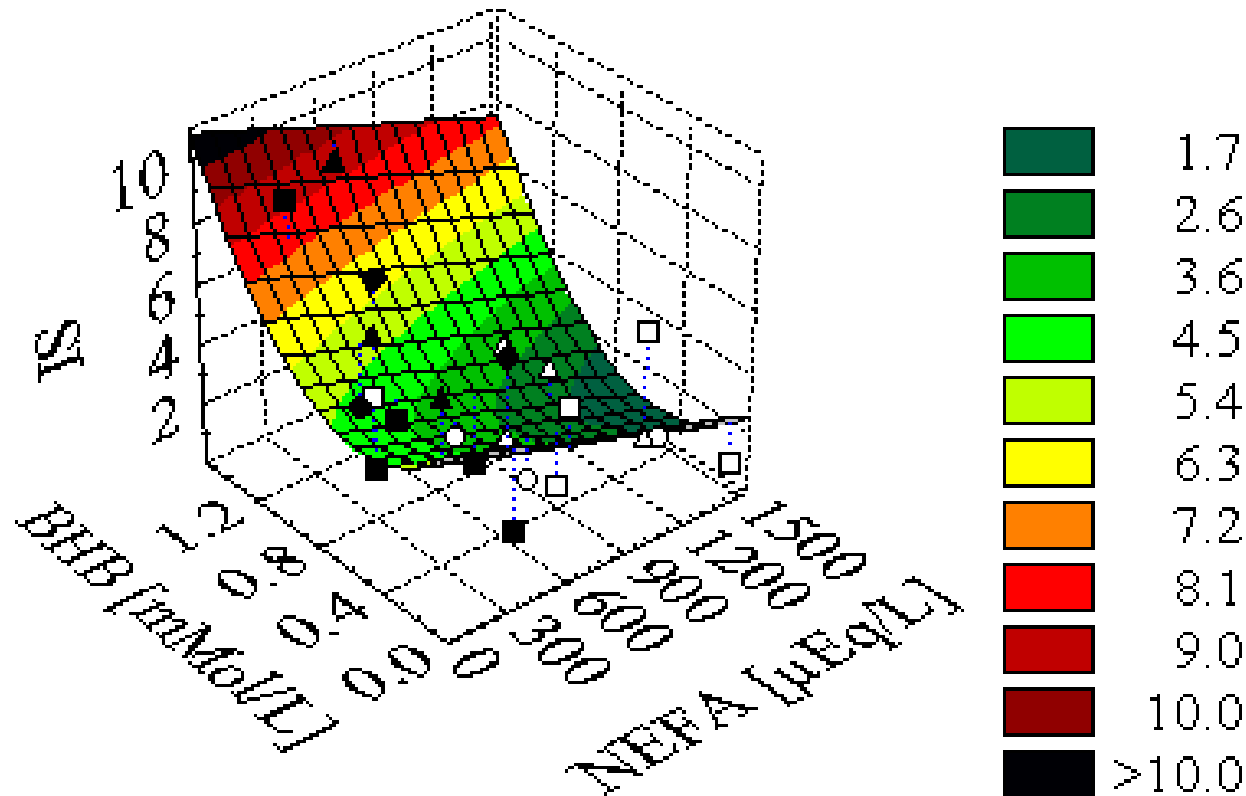
**BHB**



Fatty acid	IC <sub>50</sub> [μM]
cis-9, trans-11 conjugated linoleic acid	56
Linoleic acid	105
NEFA [C16:0 (29.8%), C16:1 (6.1%), C18:0 (15.6%), C18:1 (41.5%)]	81

IC <sub>50</sub> [mM]
6.9

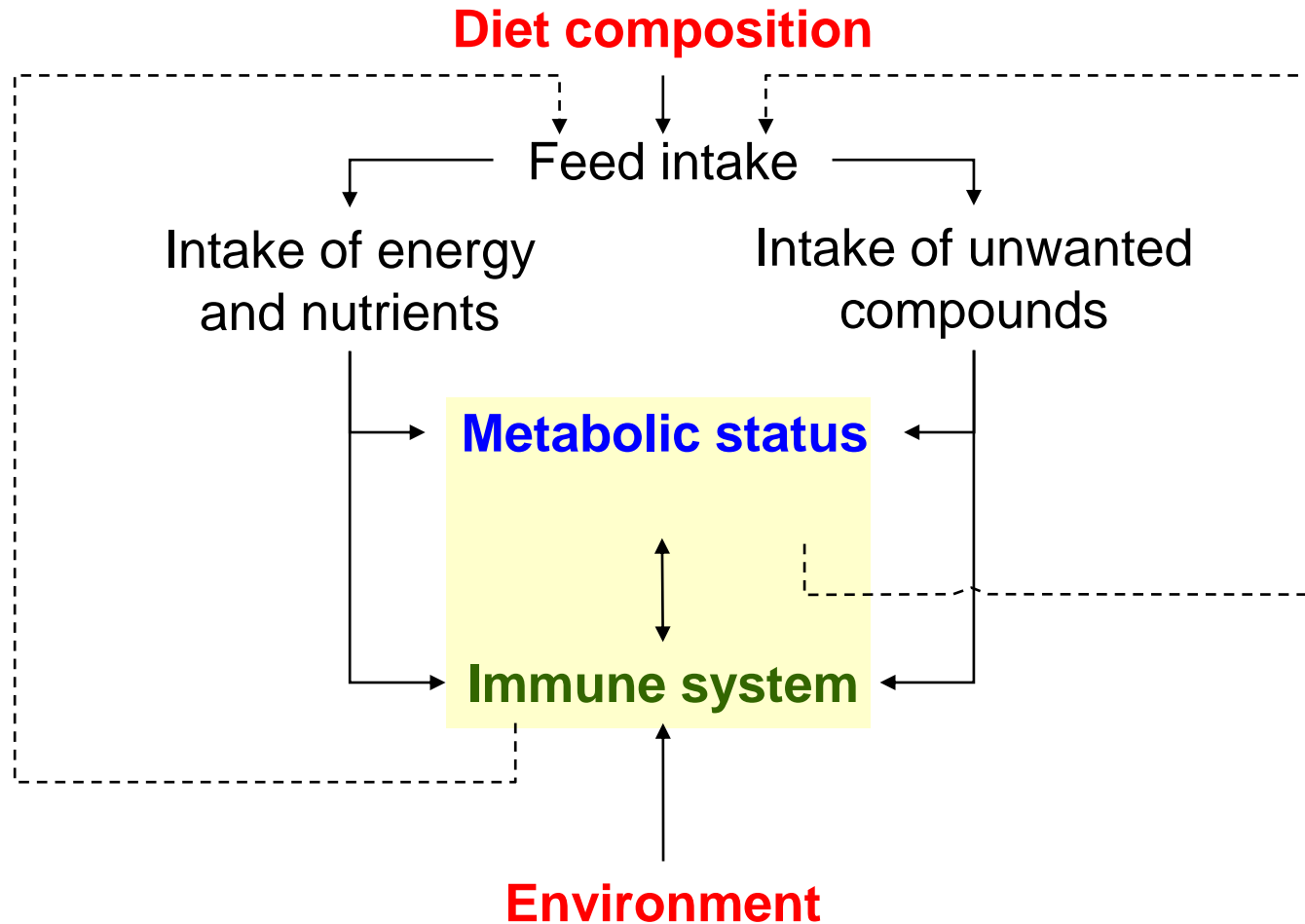
## Relationship between non-esterified fatty acids (NEFA), 3-β-hydroxybutyrate (BHB) and stimulation index (SI) of cows *ex vivo* (Dänicke et al., 2012)



$$SI = 6.1 - 0.002 \cdot NEFA - 6.7 \cdot BHB + 6.3 \cdot BHB^2 \quad (r^2 = 0.562, RSD = 1.7)$$

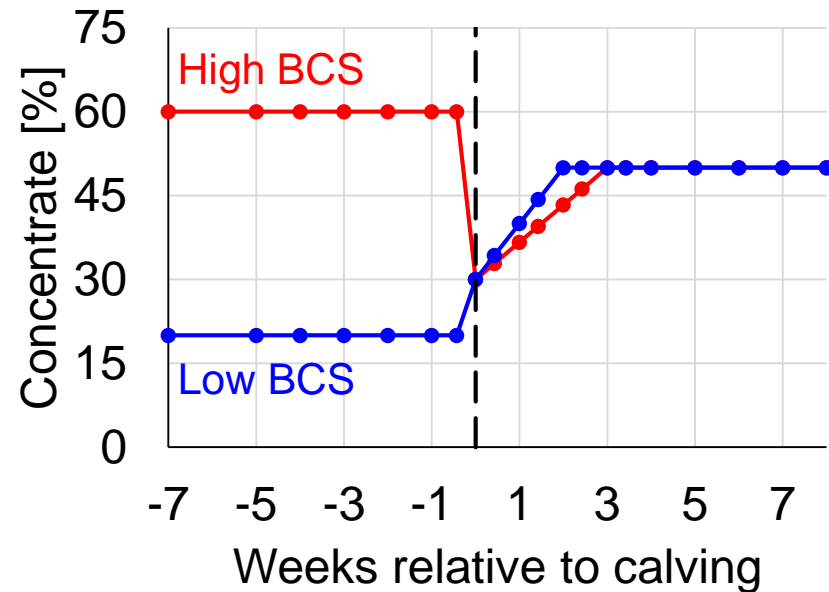
○ CON: day 0; ● CON: day 21, □ CLA50: day 0; ■ CLA50: day 21; △ CLA100: day 0; ▲ CLA100: day 21

## Possible implications of nutrition and other environmental factors on the functionality of the immune system

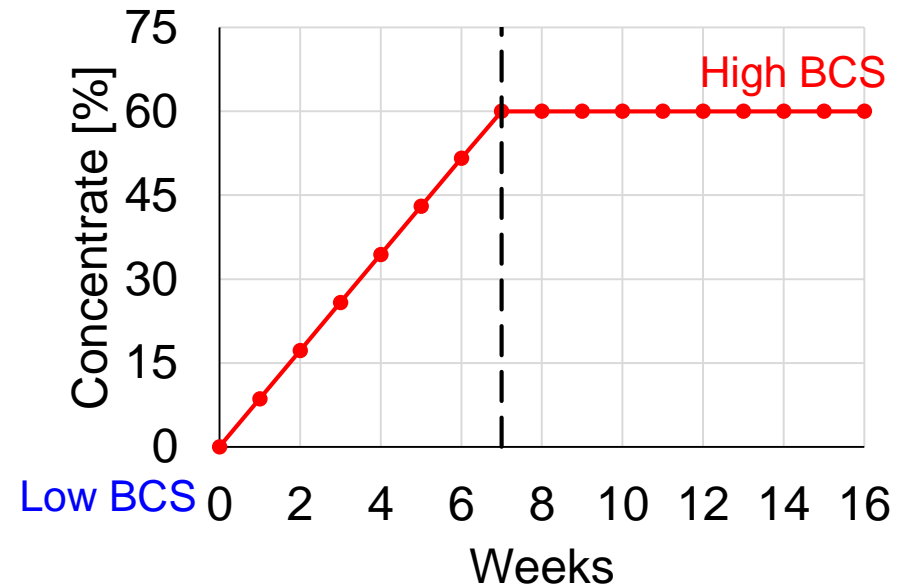


# Designs for studying the role body reserves on metabolism and immune system in cows differing in physiological state

## Transition cow



## Dry, non-gravid cow

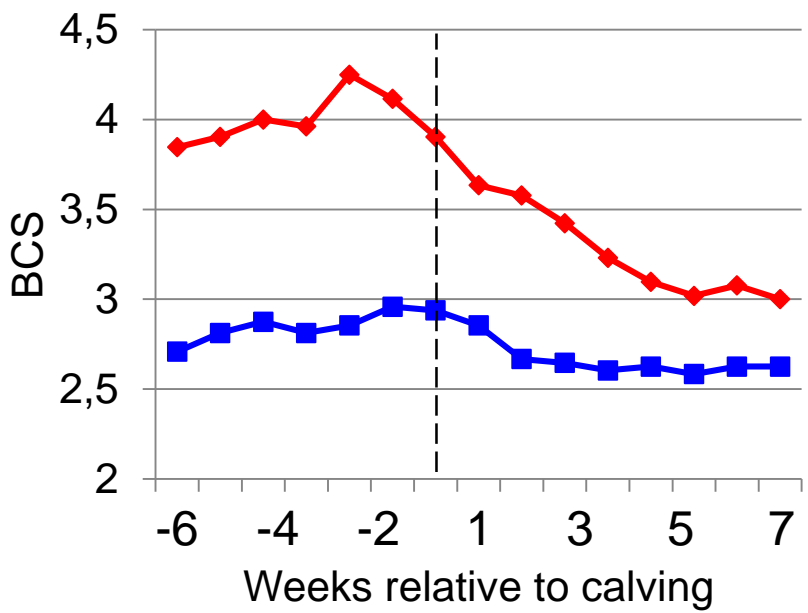


### Energy requirement for:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Gravity (Fetus, body accretion)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Milk energy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Body accretion (mainly fat)</li> </ul> |
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# Body condition of cows differing in physiological state

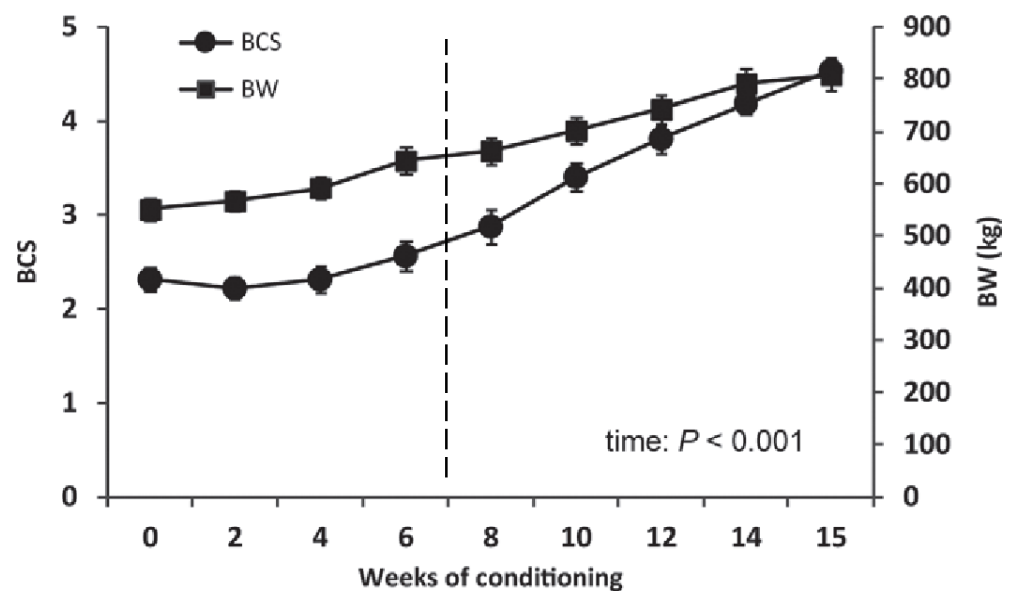
**Transition cow**



Drong et al., 2016

- Maintenance
- Gravity (Fetus, body accretion)

**Dry, non-gravid cow**



Locher et al., 2015

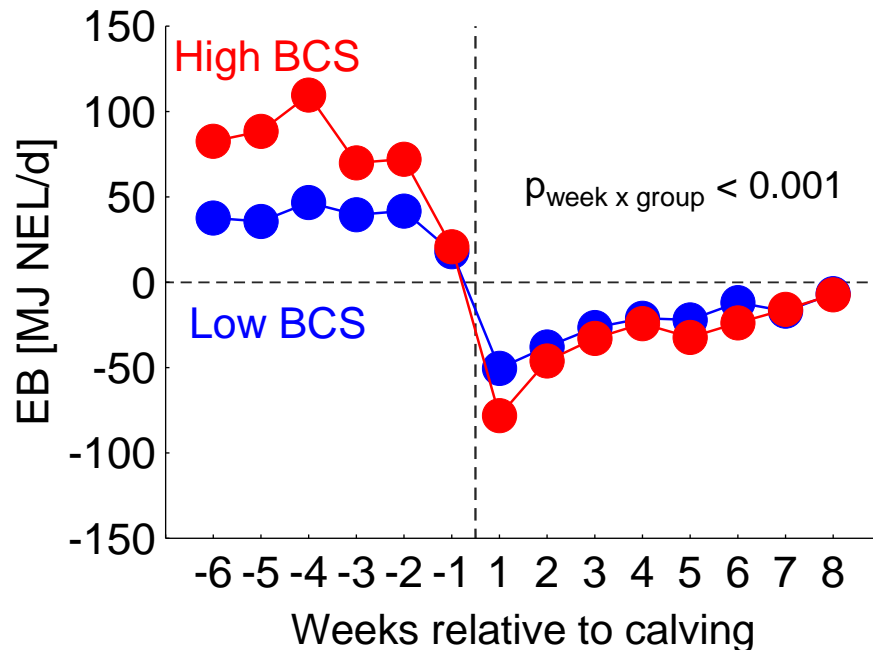
Energy requirement for:

- Maintenance
- Milk energy

- Maintenance
- Body accretion (mainly fat)

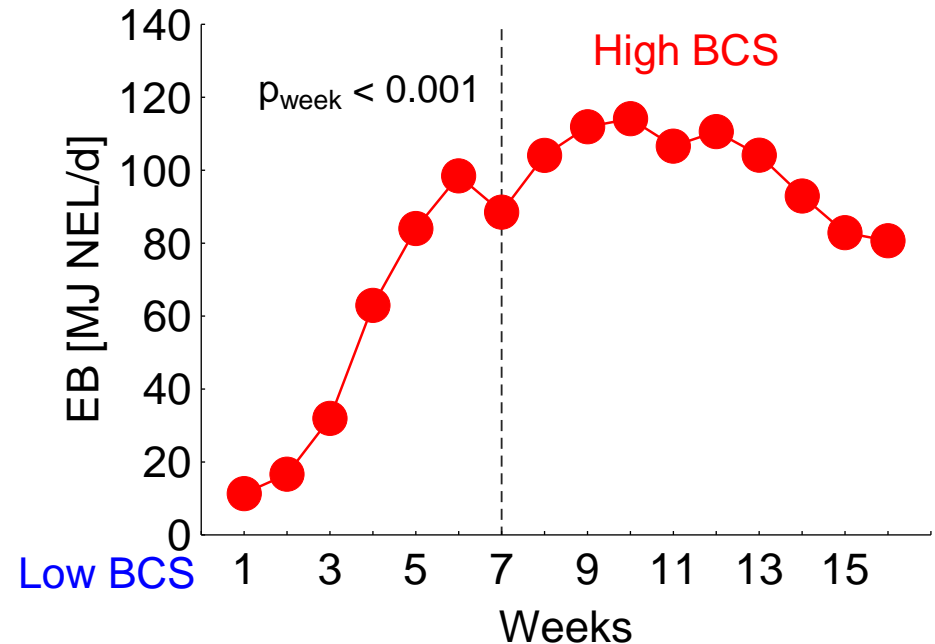
# Energy balance of cows differing in physiological state

## Transition cow



Drong et al., 2016

## Dry, non-gravid cow



Dänicke et al., 2016

### Energy requirement for:

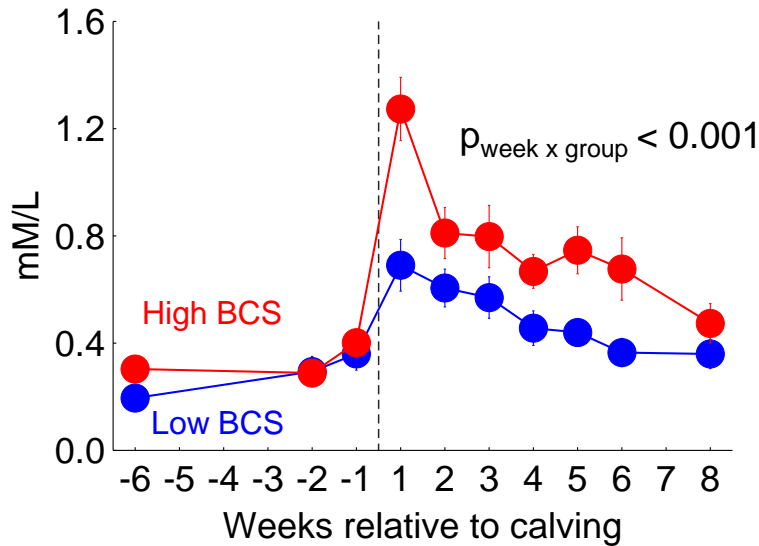
- Maintenance
- Gravity (Fetus, body accretion)

- Maintenance
- Milk energy

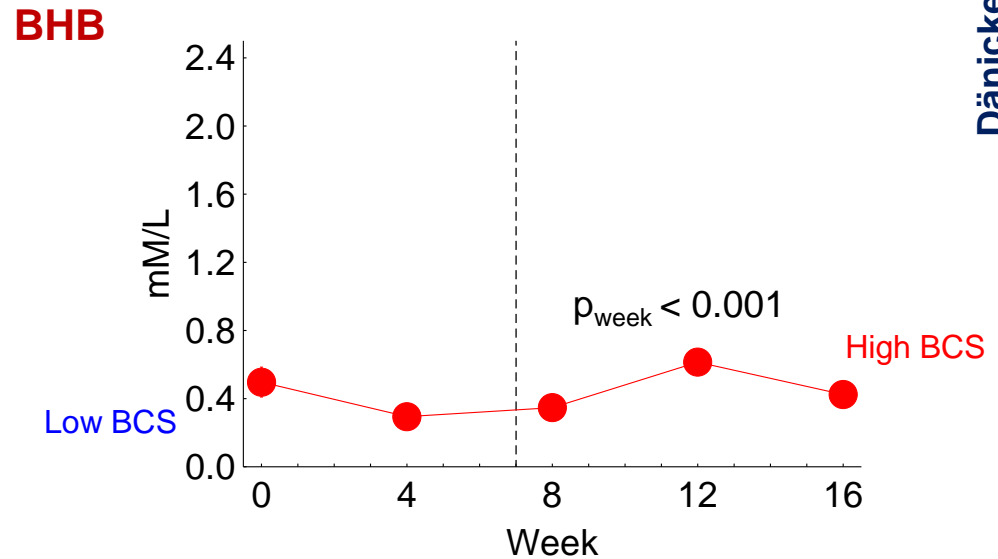
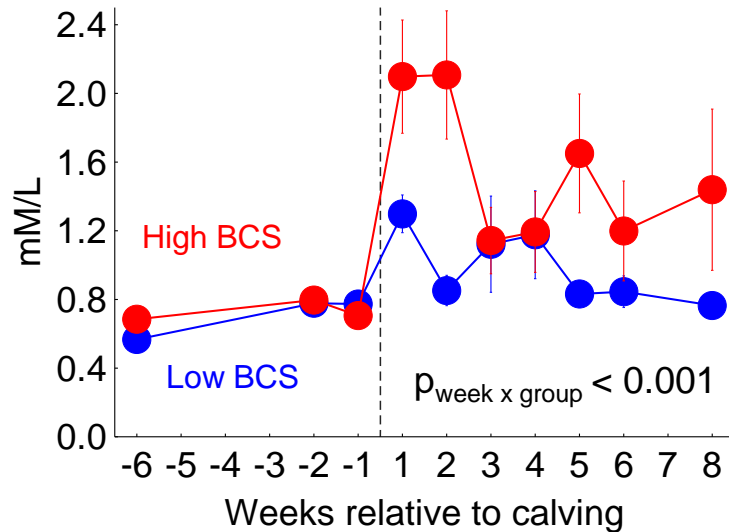
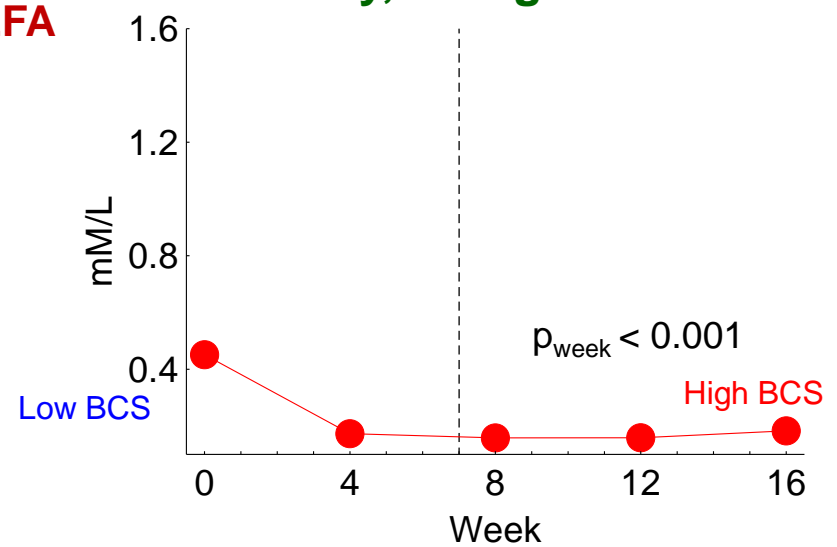
- Maintenance
- Body accretion (mainly fat)

# NEFA and BHB of cows differing in physiological state

## Transition cow

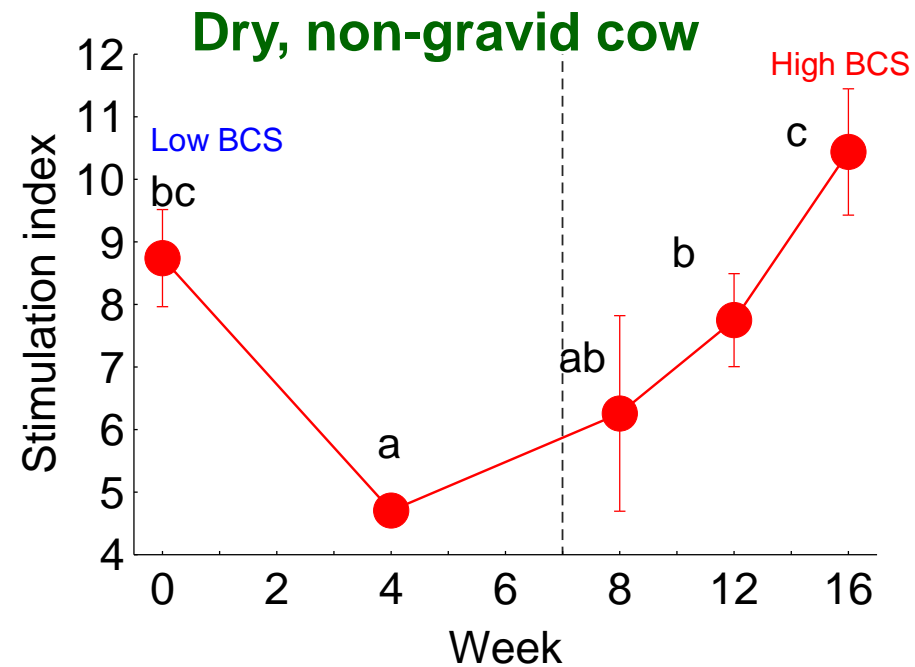
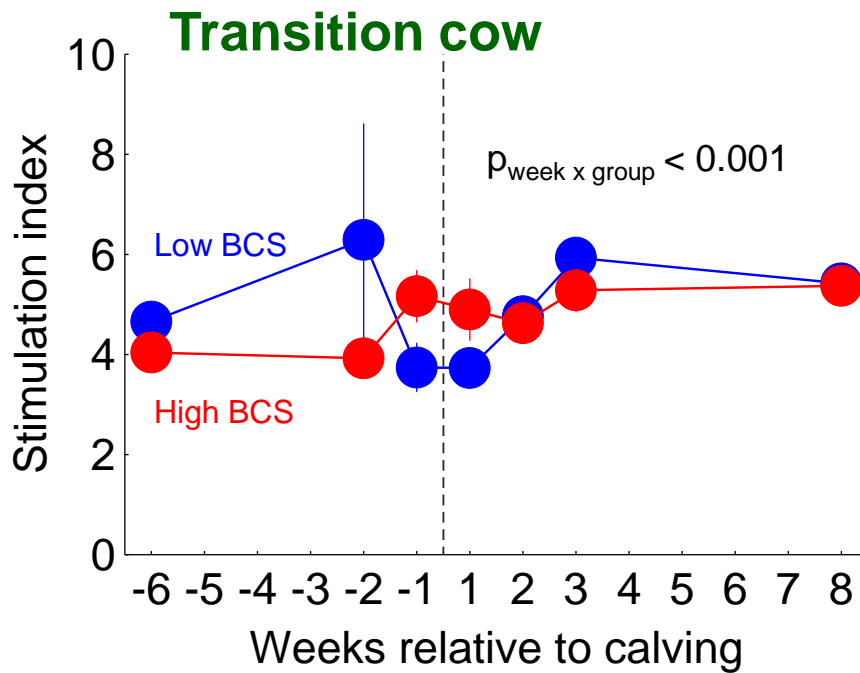


## Dry, non-gravid cow





# Ex vivo proliferative response of bovine peripheral mononuclear cells in dependence on physiological state



Drong et al., 2016

Energy requirement for:

Dänicke et al., 2016

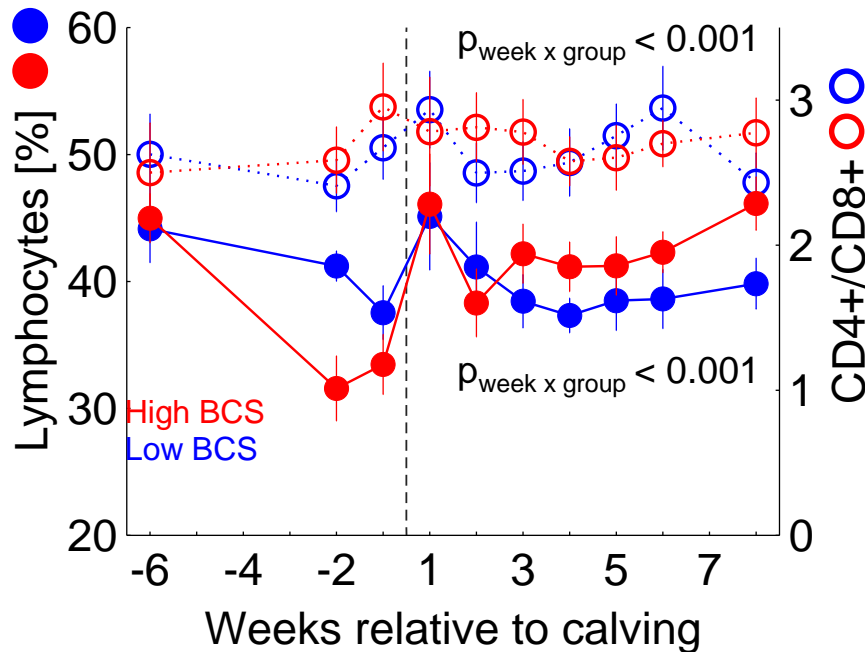
- Maintenance
- Gravity (Fetus, body accretion)

- Maintenance
- Milk energy

- Maintenance
- Body accretion (mainly fat)

# Lymphocyte proportion and CD4+ to CD8+ ratio in dependence on physiological state

## Transition cow



Drong et al., 2016

Energy requirement for:

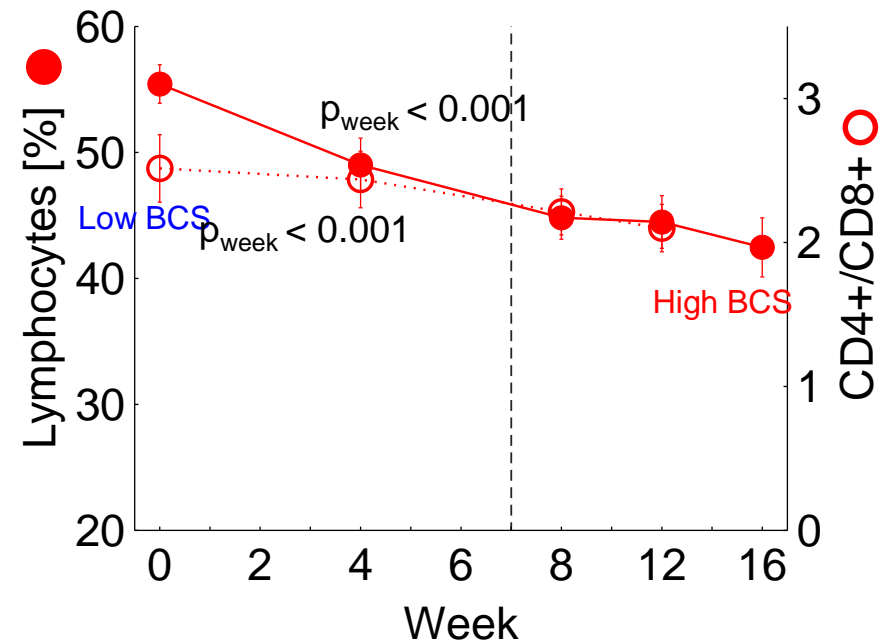
Dänicke et al., 2016

- Maintenance
- Gravity (Fetus, body accretion)

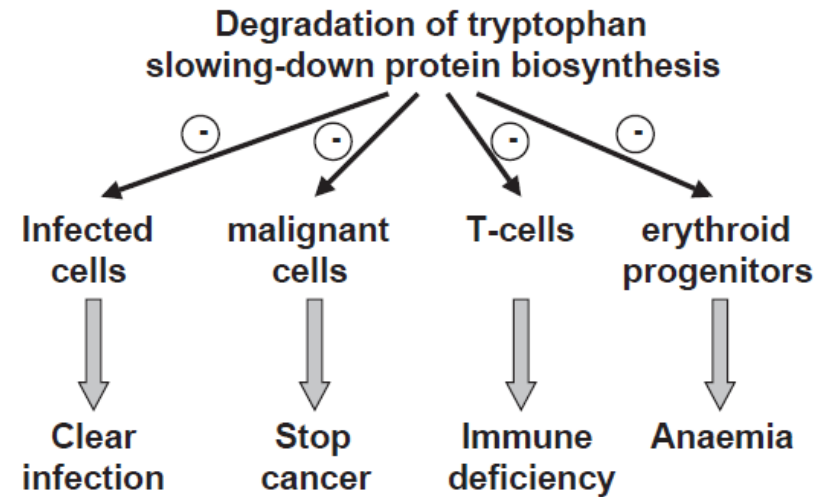
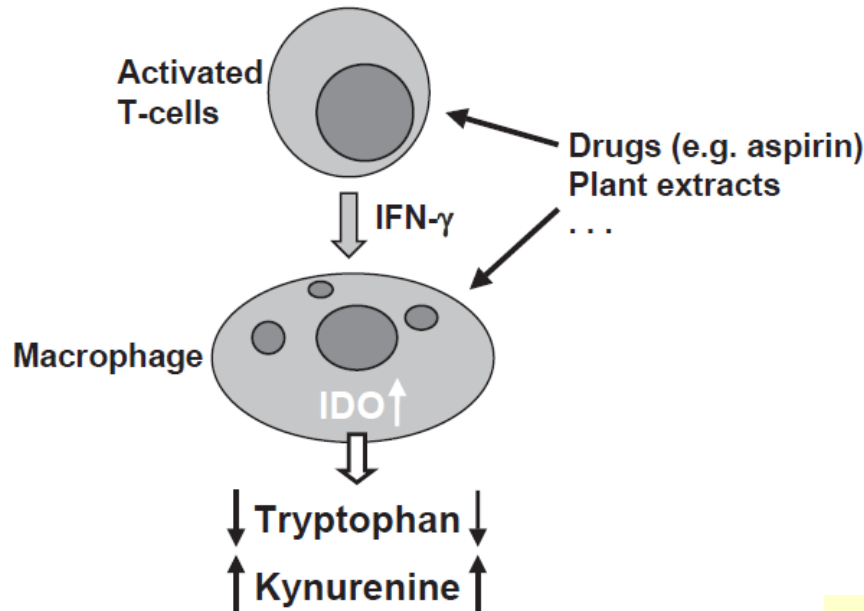
- Maintenance
- Milk energy

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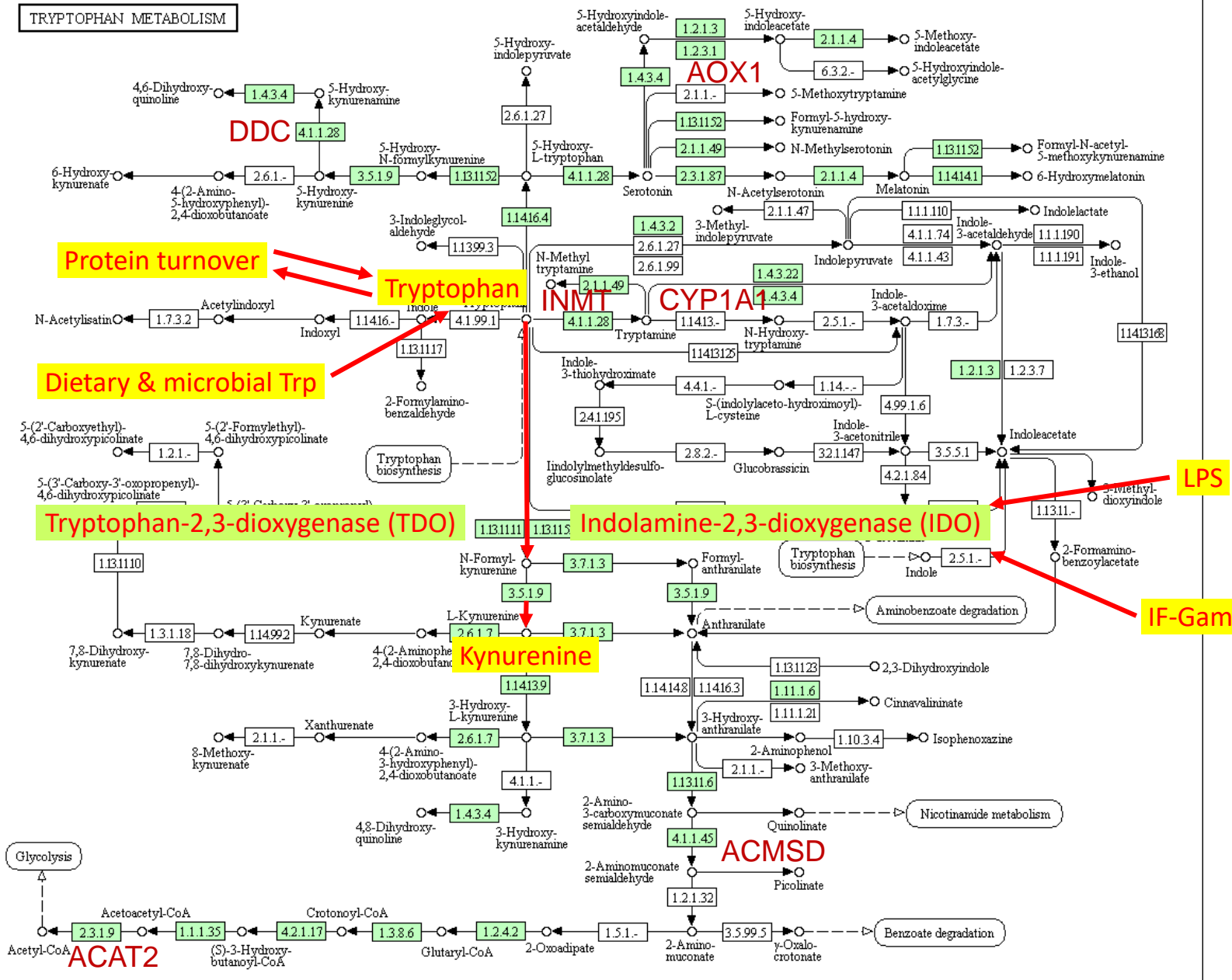
# Activation of indolamine- 2, 3-dioxygenase (IDO) and its consequences (Schröcksnadel et al., 2006)



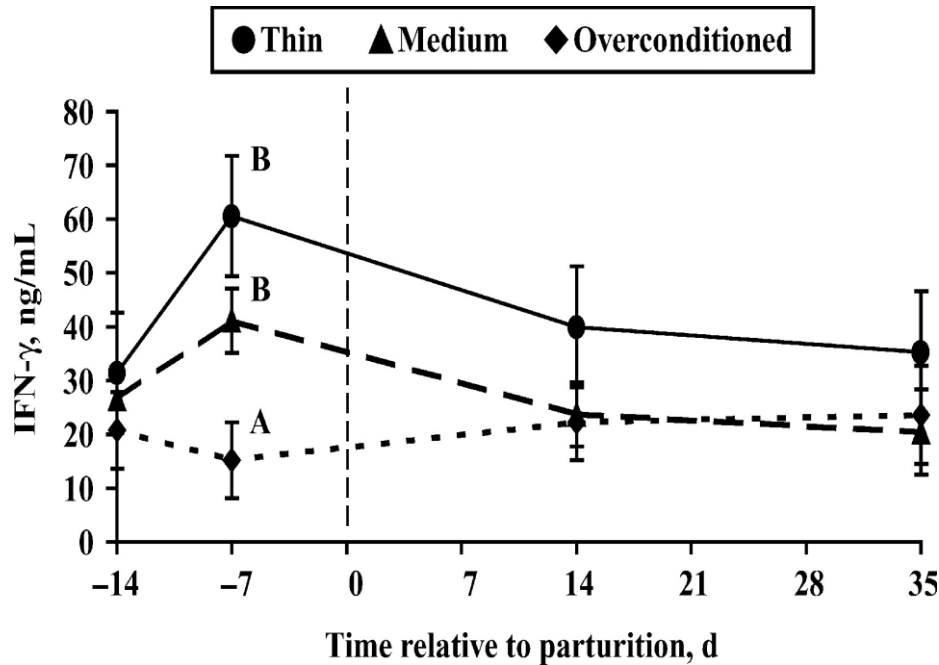
### Cattle:

Induction of endometrial IDO-mRNA-expression together with a locally increased kynurenine/tryptophan ratio (=IDO-activity) was suggested as an immunological mechanism to establish embryo tolerance (Groebner et al., 2011).

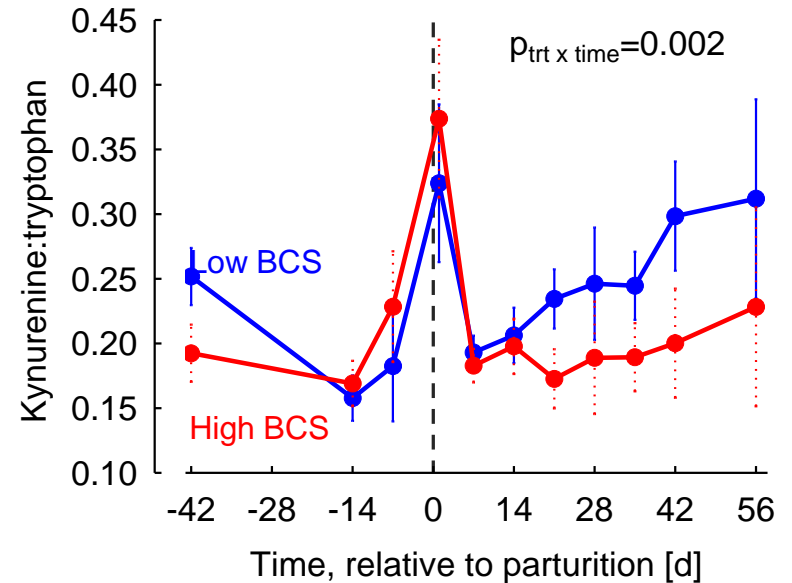
**TRYPTOPHAN METABOLISM**



### Interferon- $\gamma$ (IFN- $\gamma$ ) secretion in ConA-stimulated PBMC in dependence on BCS (Lacetera et al., 2005)



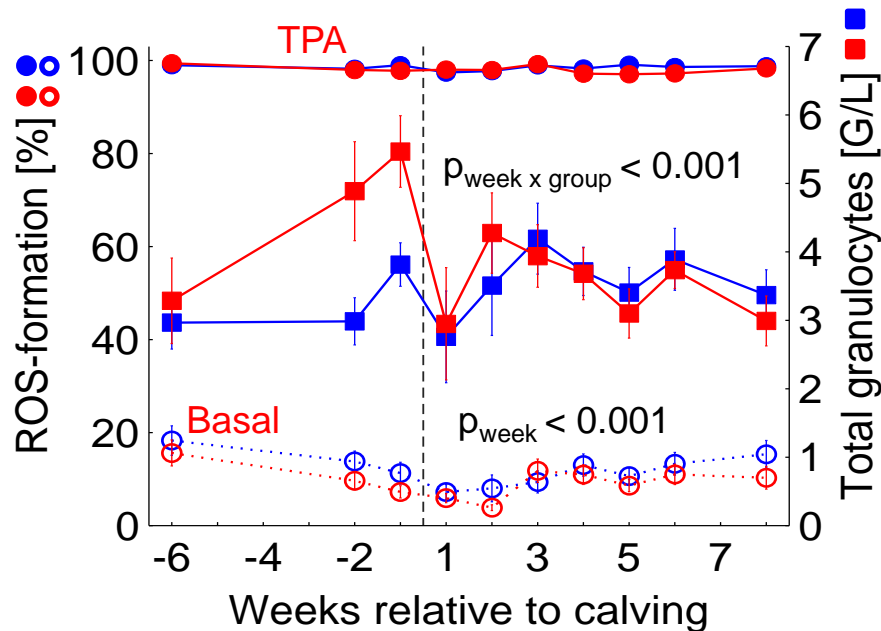
### Tryptophan catabolism in dependence on BCS (Hüther et al., 2016)



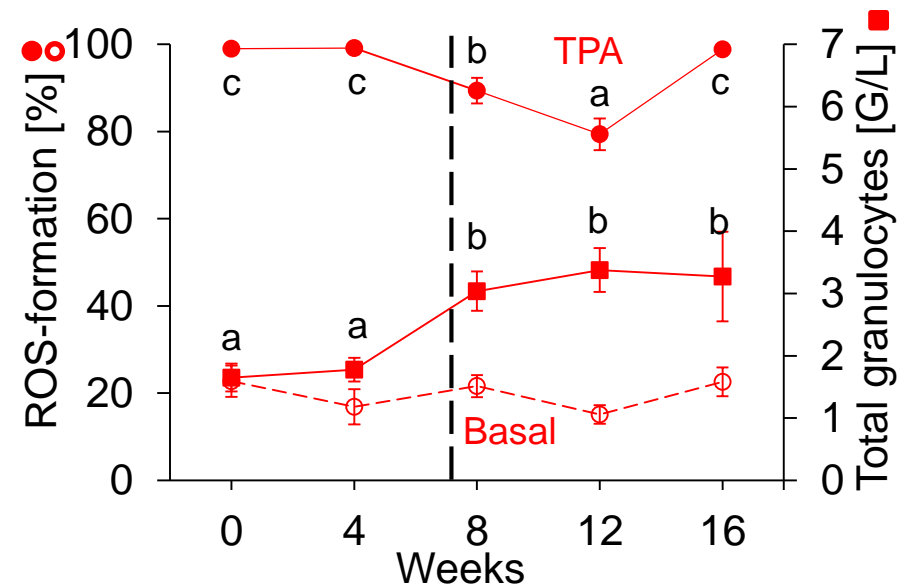
A higher kynurenine to tryptophan ratio indicates a higher IDO/TDO activity and suggests a lower immuno-reactivity

# Granulocyte numbers, unstimulated (basal) and stimulated ROS formation of granulocytes in dependence on physiological state

## Transition cow



## Dry, non-gravid cow



Drong et al., 2016

Energy requirement for:

Dänicke et al., 2016

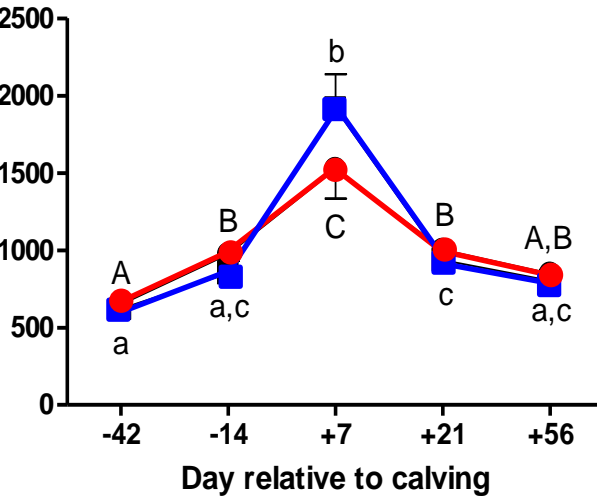
- Maintenance
- Gravidity (Fetus, body accretion)

- Maintenance
- Milk energy

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Monocyte numbers in dependence on body condition and physiological state (Eger et al., 2015)

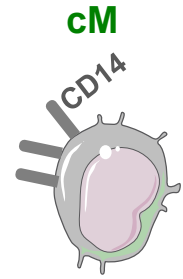
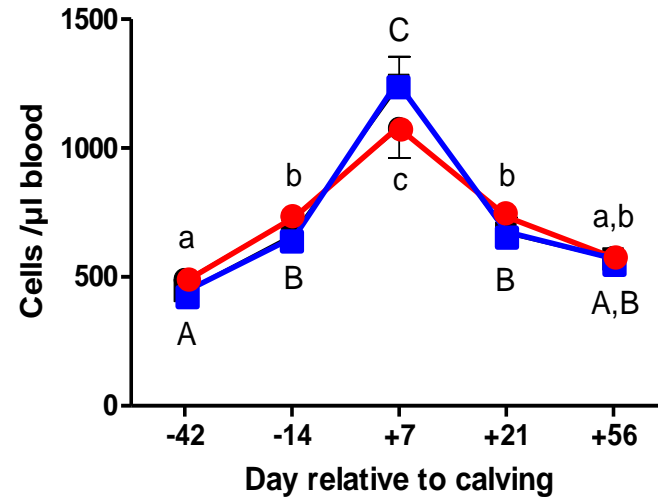
**Monocytes**



Significant differences:  
A,B,C: BCS high  
a,b,c : BCS low  
\*: between groups

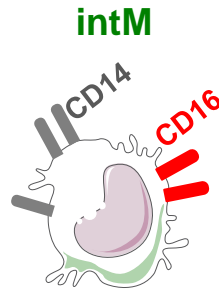
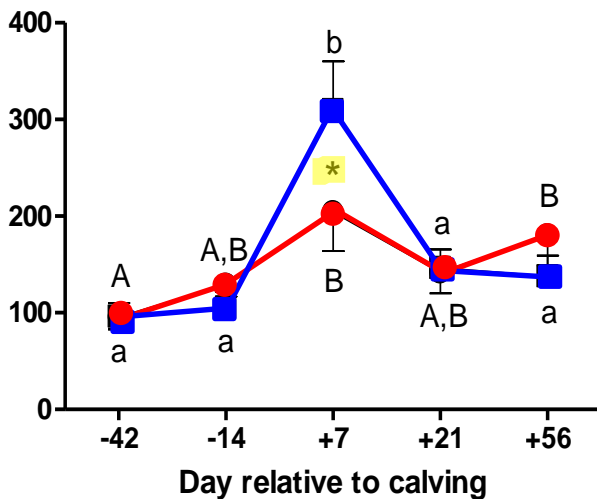
● BCS high  
■ BCS low

**cM**



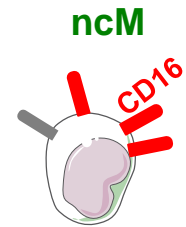
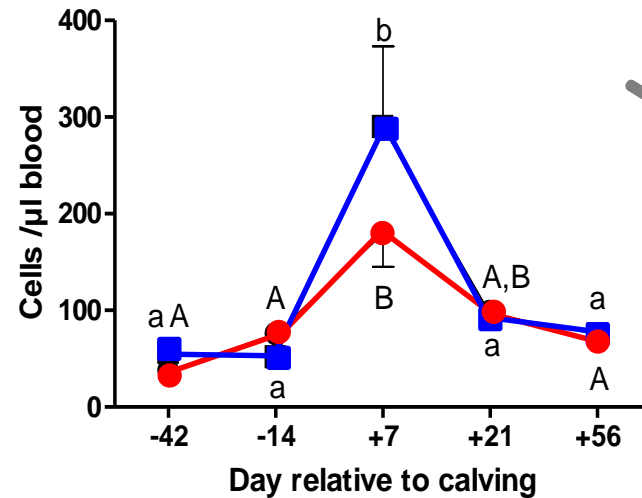
high phagocytic activity, most abundant

**intM**



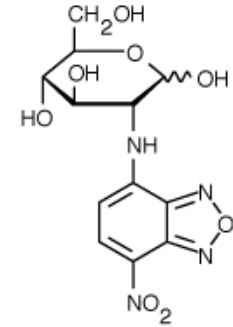
high ROS formation, pro-inflammatory

**ncM**



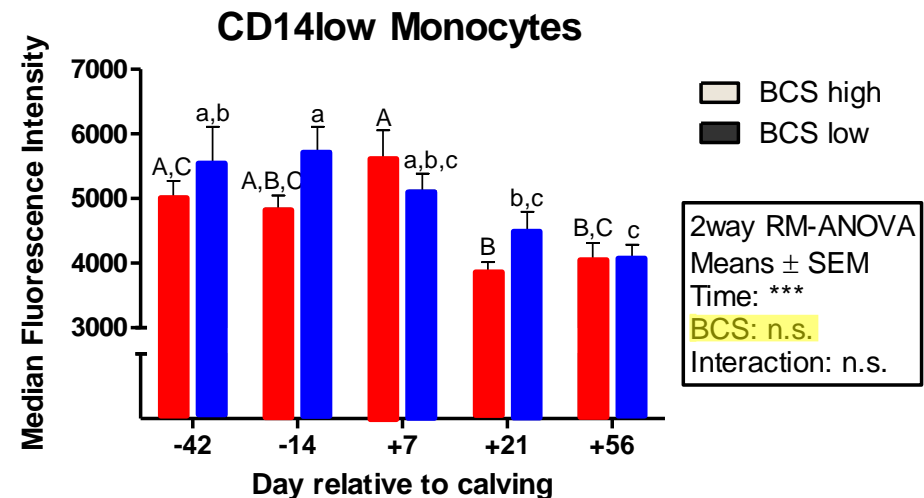
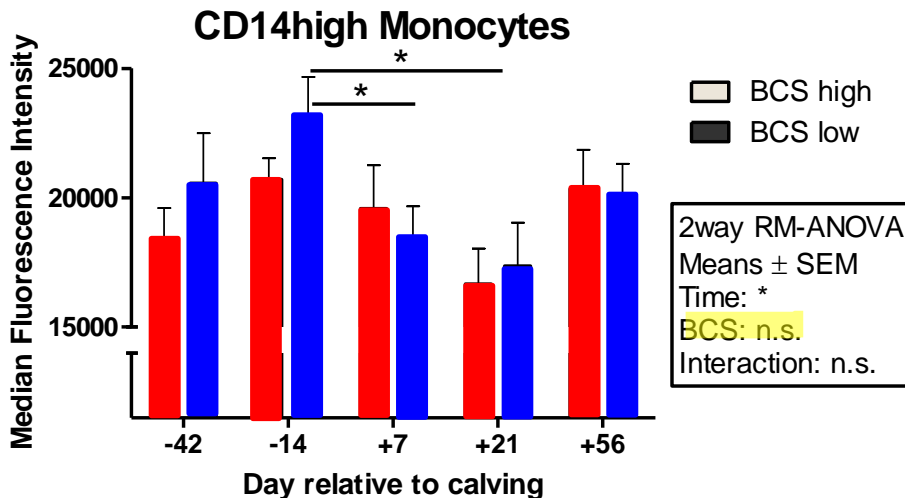
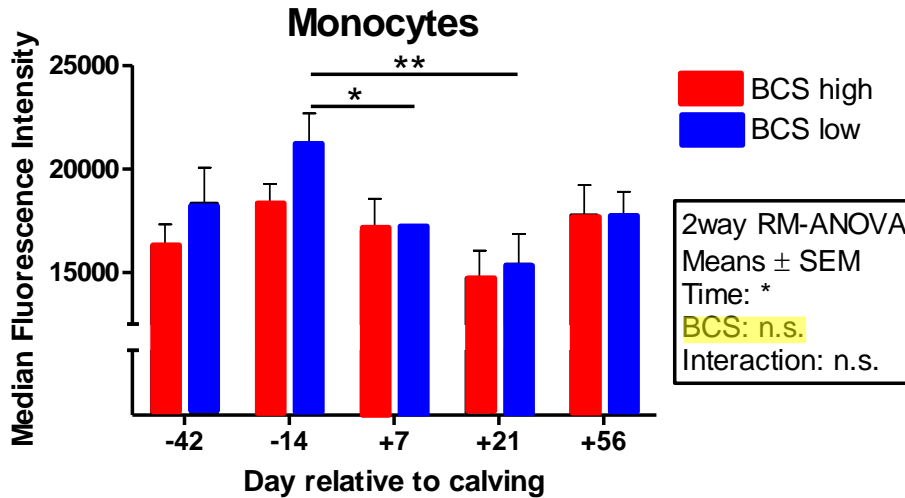
high phagocytic activity, patrolling?

# Flow cytometric assessment of glucose uptake of monocytes from cows differing in body condition (Eger et al., 2016)



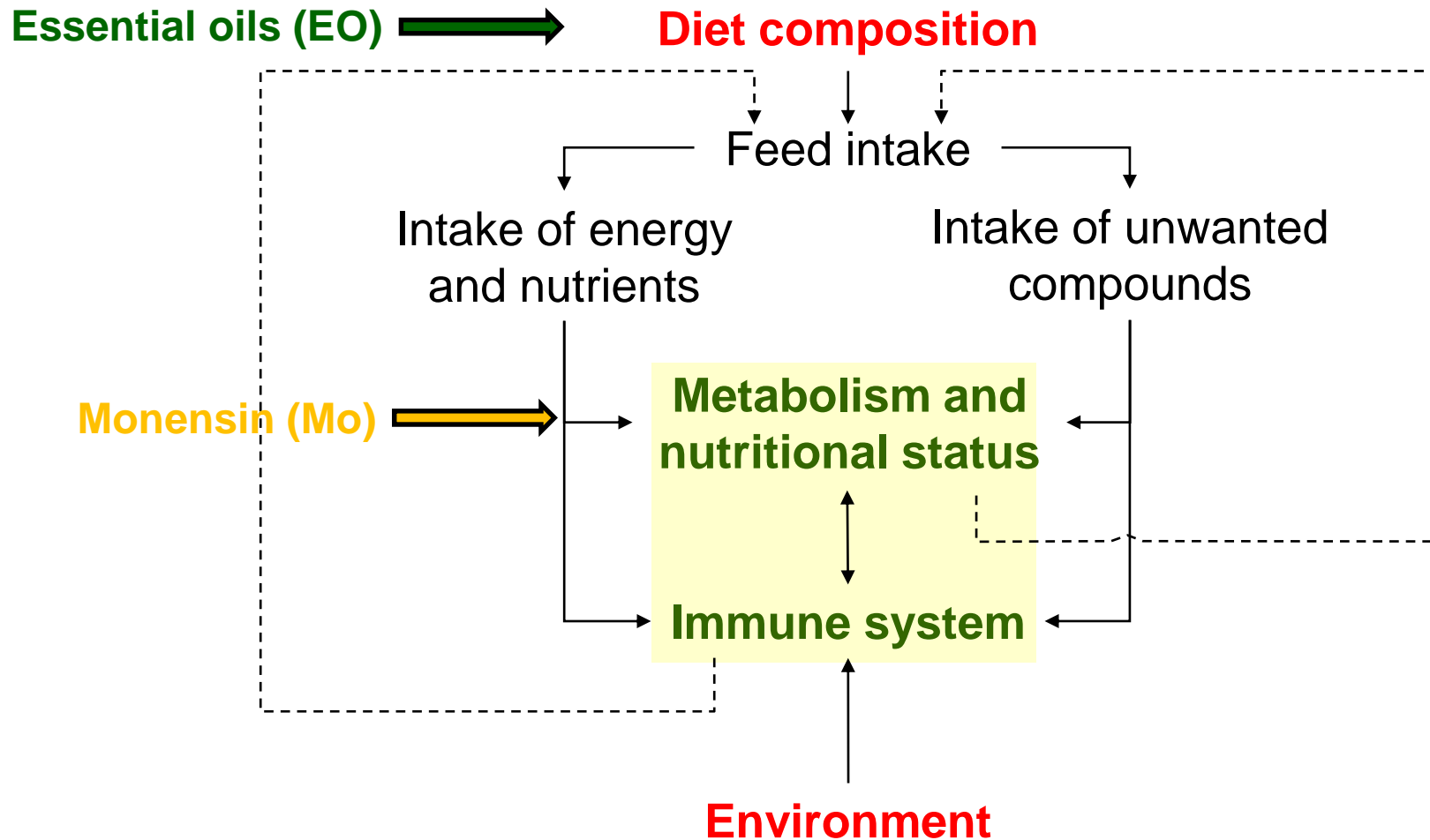
**2-(N-(7-Nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)Amino)-2-Deoxyglucose**  
Ex. max.: 465 nm  
Em. max.: 540 nm

→ Glucose uptake of all monocytes decreased after parturition





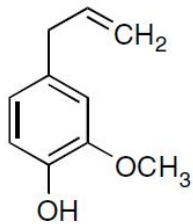
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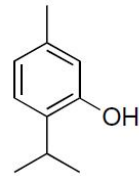
# Substances with potential effects on ruminal microbiota

## Essential oils

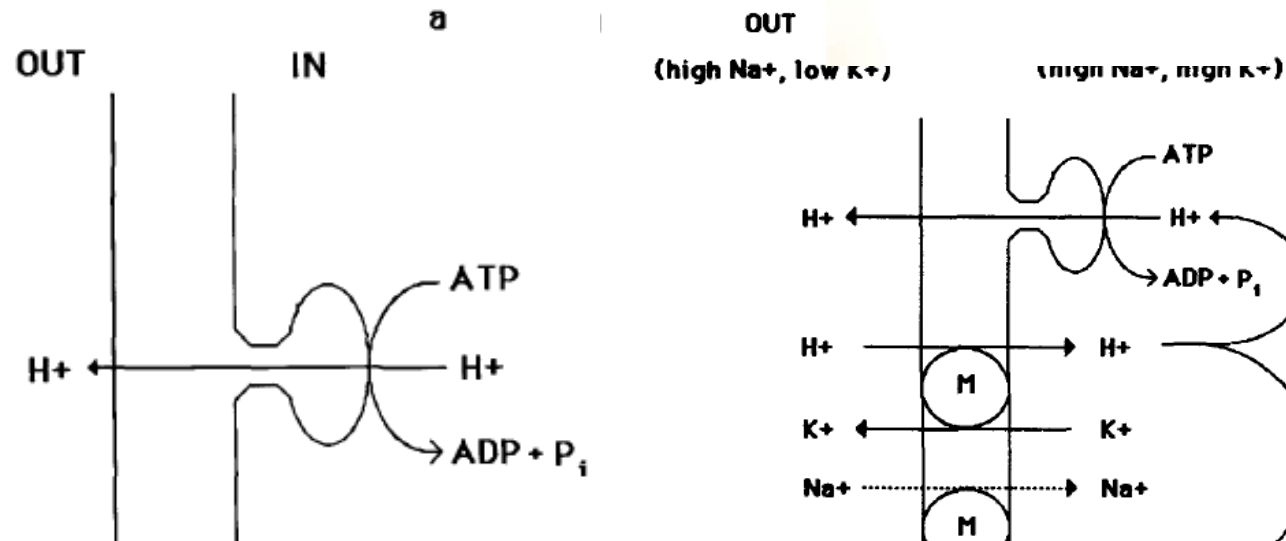
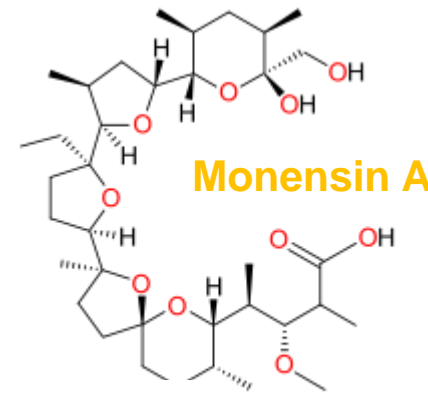
### Eugenol



### Thymol

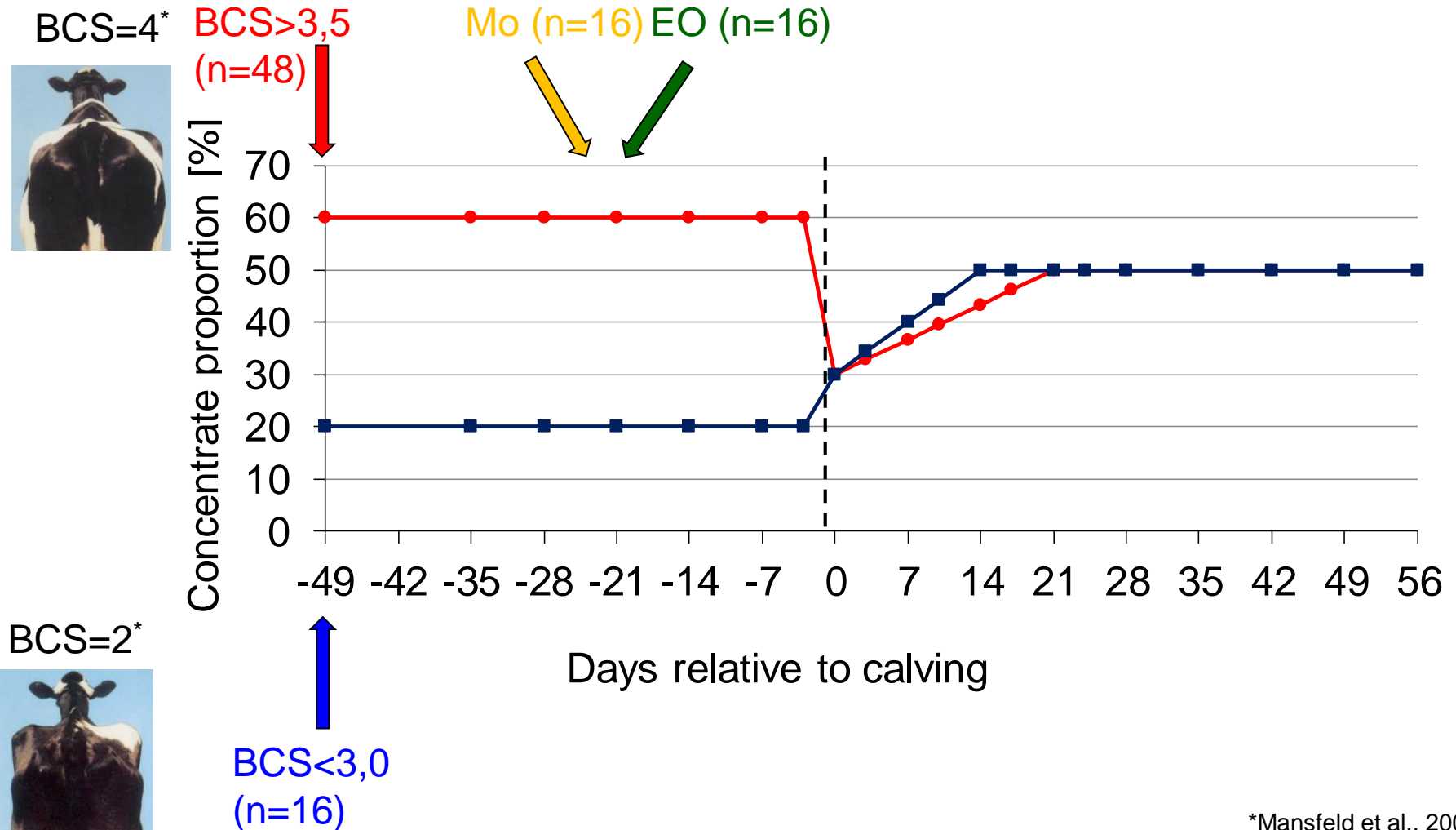


## Antibiotic



Russell J. Anim. Sci. 1987

## Design for investigation of the effects of **essential oils (EO)** as additive and **Monensin (Mo)** as slow release intraruminal bolus for ketosis prevention in pre-disposed cows (Drong et al., 2015)



\*Mansfeld et al., 2000

# Rumen microbiome analysis by using the 16S Illumina MiSeq-technique (Schären et al., 2017)

## Similarity among samples

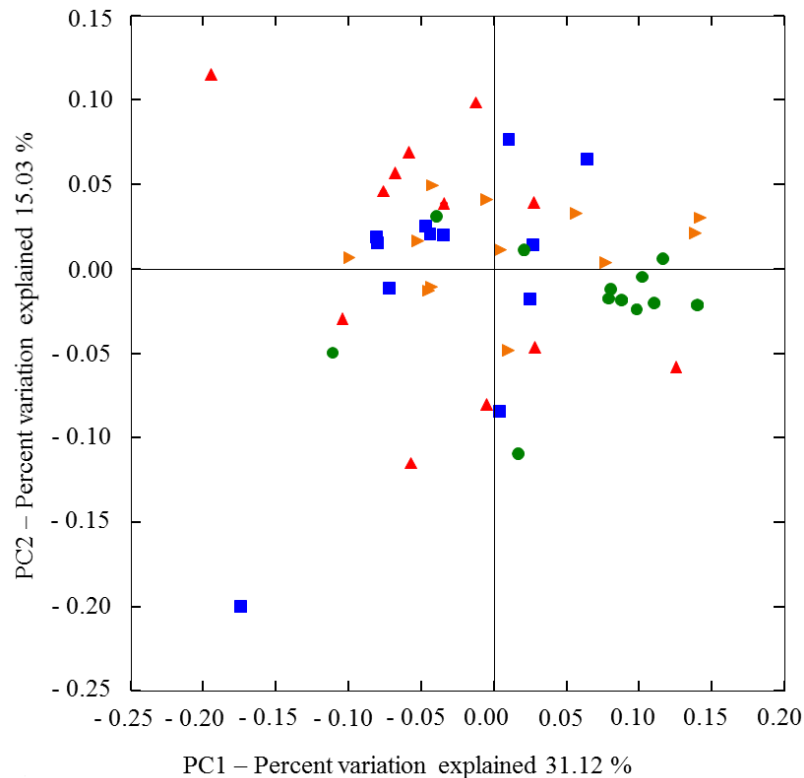
→ Significant difference between microbiome of **HC/MO** animals compared to others. ( $P < 0.001$ )  
 → No difference between **HC/EO** and control (**LC, HC**).

## Sample diversity / alpha-diversity variables

Significantly lower species diversity in **HC/MO** samples:

→ only 162 vs. 170 species detected!

PCoA – PC1 vs PC2

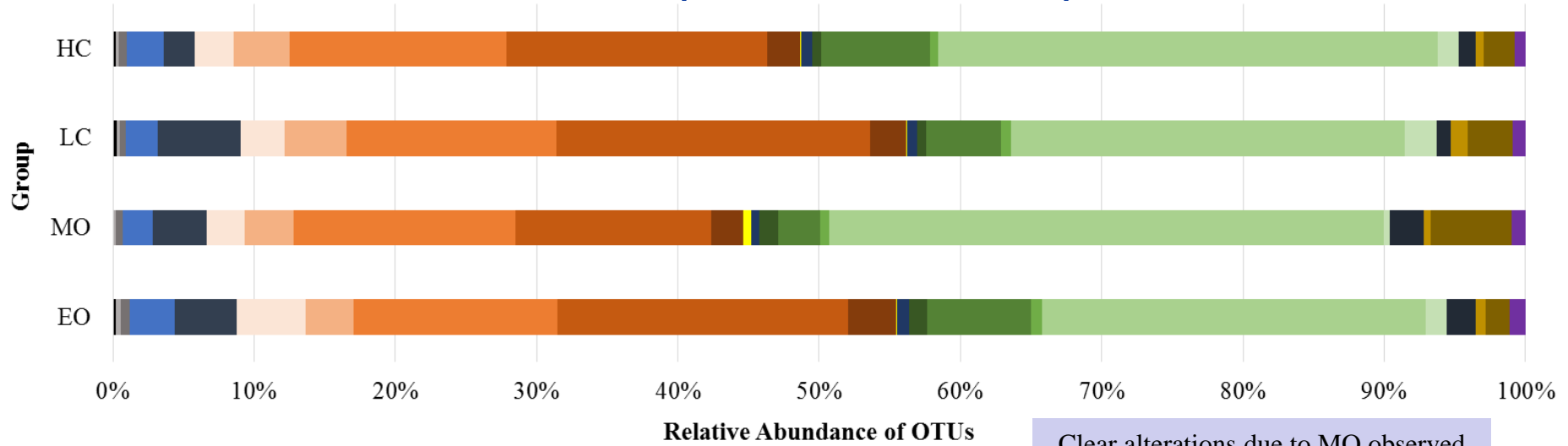


Variable <sup>2</sup>	Group <sup>3</sup>				Significance <sup>4</sup>
	HC	LC	MO	EO	
Chao1	171.3 / 2.2	172.4 / 4.3	166.8 / 5.7	171.0 / 7.5	0.323
Observed species	171.0 / 4.5 <sup>a</sup>	170.5 / 4.0 <sup>a</sup>	162.5 / 4.0 <sup>b</sup>	170.5 / 8.5 <sup>a</sup>	0.015
Shannon index	4.41 / 0.23 <sup>a</sup>	4.43 / 0.16 <sup>a</sup>	4.20 / 0.13 <sup>b</sup>	4.39 / 0.37 <sup>ab</sup>	0.020

Blue = LC; Green = HC/MO; Red = HC/EO; Orange = HC

Oral rumen liquid samples collected at 56 DIM.

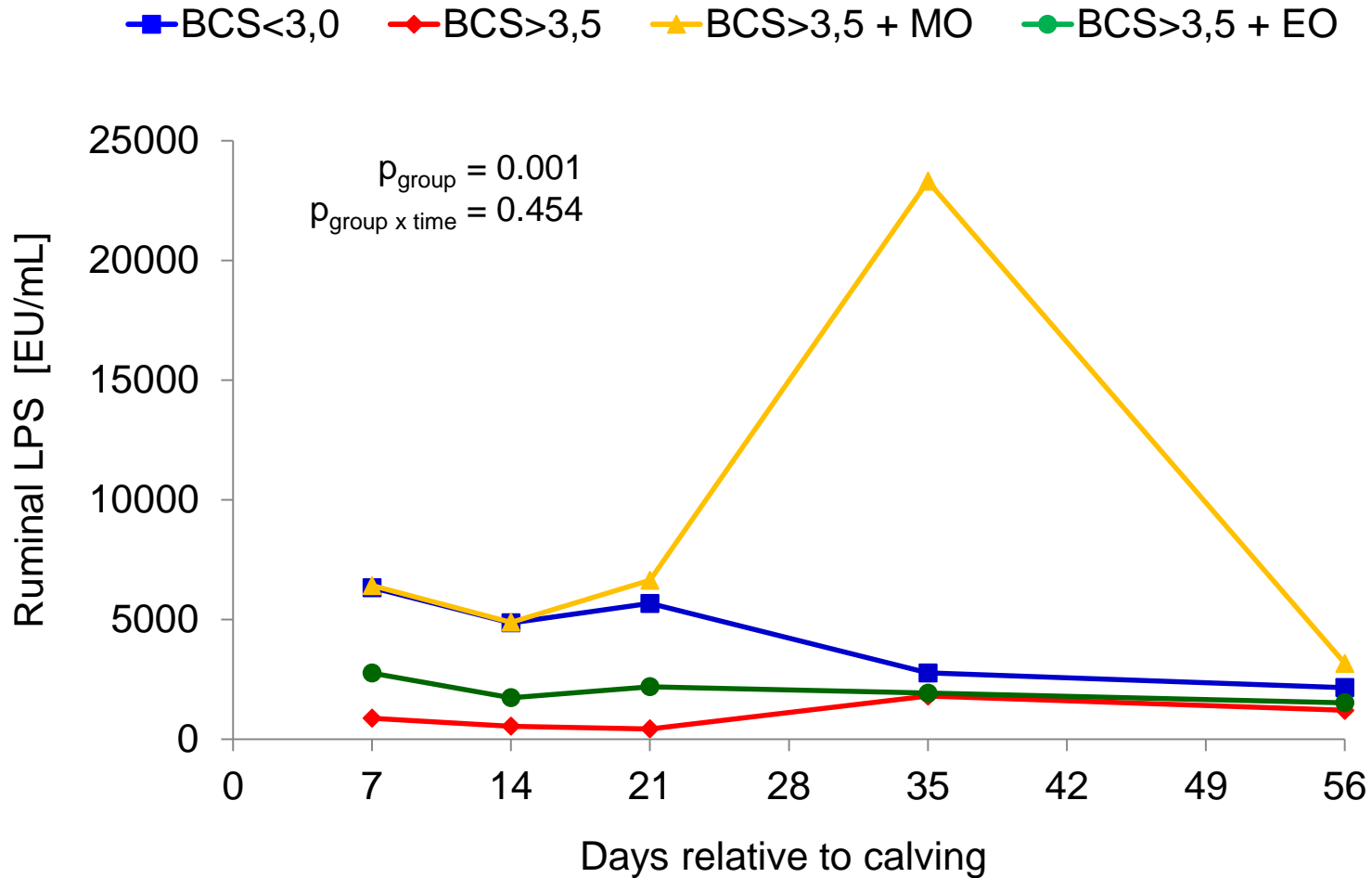
# Differences between groups in rumen microbiota on family level (Schären et al., 2017)



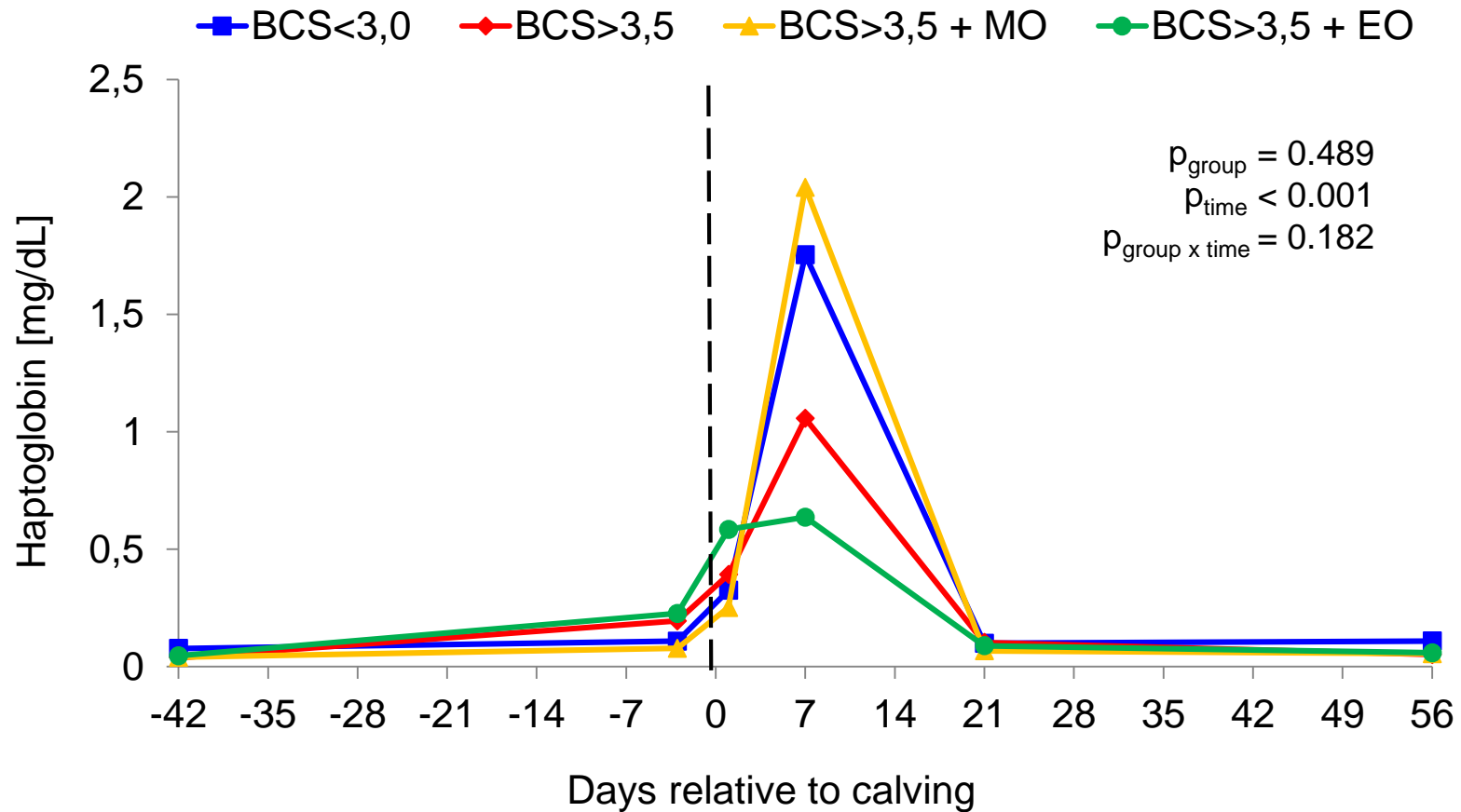
Clear alterations due to MO observed on family level

Taxonomy	Global	EO:LC	EO:HC	P-value			
				EO:MO	LC:HC	MO:LC	MO:HC
Archaea - Euryarchaeota - Methanobacteria - Methanobacteriales – Methanobacteriaceae	0.846	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Actinobacteria - Bifidobacteriales - Bifidobacteriaceae - Bifidobacterium	0.141	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Actinobacteria - Bifidobacteriales - Bifidobacteriaceae - uncultured and other	0.229	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Actinobacteria - Coriobacteriia - Coriobacteriales - Coriobacteriaceae	0.025	0.610	0.913	0.425	0.937	0.024	0.108
Bacteria - Bacteroidetes - Bacteroidia - Bacteroidales - BS11 gut group	0.001	0.839	0.998	0.029	0.915	0.001	0.012
Bacteria - Bacteroidetes - Bacteroidia - Bacteroidales - Prevotellaceae	0.050	1.000	0.316	0.049	0.316	0.049	0.818
Bacteria - Bacteroidetes - Bacteroidia - Bacteroidales - RF16	0.779	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Bacteroidetes - Bacteroidia - Bacteroidales - Rikenellaceae	0.000	0.807	1.000	0.001	0.778	0.026	0.000
Bacteria - Bacteroidetes - Bacteroidia - Bacteroidales - S24-7	0.064	0.948	0.978	0.227	0.999	0.063	0.082
Bacteria - Candidate division TM7	0.440	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Cyanobacteria - SHA-109	0.001	0.970	1.000	0.001	0.982	0.006	0.001
Bacteria - Firmicutes - Clostridia - Clostridiales - Family XIII Incertae Sedis	0.342	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Firmicutes - Clostridia - Clostridiales - Lachnospiraceae	0.007	0.948	0.825	0.006	0.991	0.043	0.085
Bacteria - Firmicutes - Clostridia - Clostridiales - Ruminococcaceae	0.981	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Firmicutes - Clostridia - Clostridiales - Veillonellaceae	0.476	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Firmicutes - Erysipelotrichi - Erysipelotrichales - Erysipelotrichaceae	0.151	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Proteobacteria - Gammaproteobacteria - Aeromonadales - Succinivibrionaceae	0.183	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Spirochaetes - Spirochaetales - Spirochaetaceae - Treponema	0.193	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Tenericutes - Mollicutes - Anaeroplasmatales - Anaeroplasmataceae	0.192	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacteria - Tenericutes - Mollicutes - RF9	0.729	-	-	-	-	-	-
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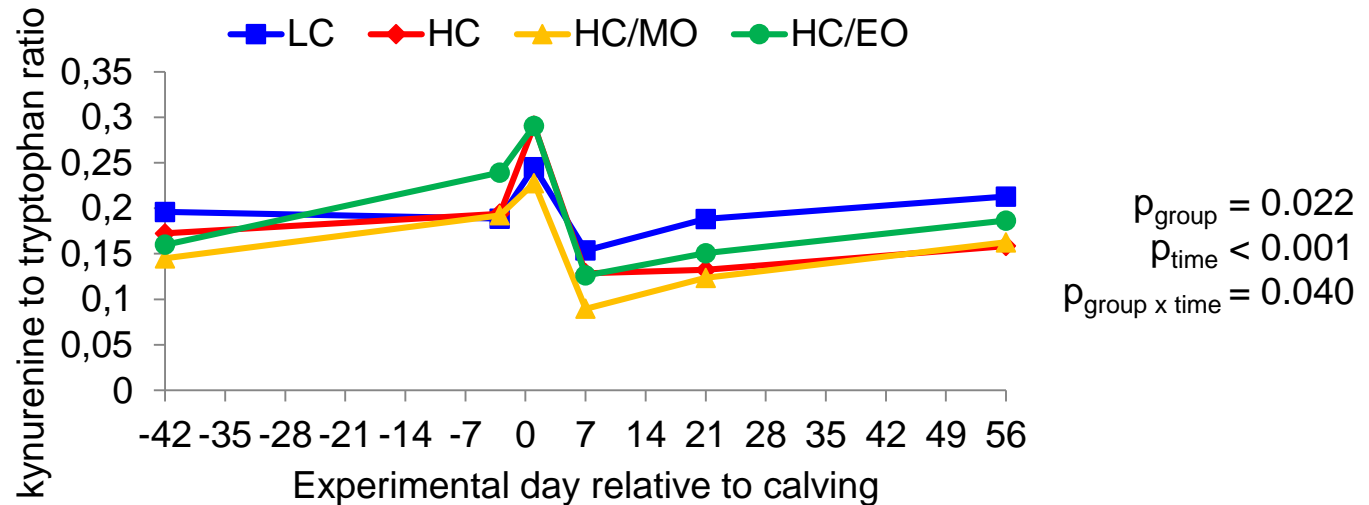
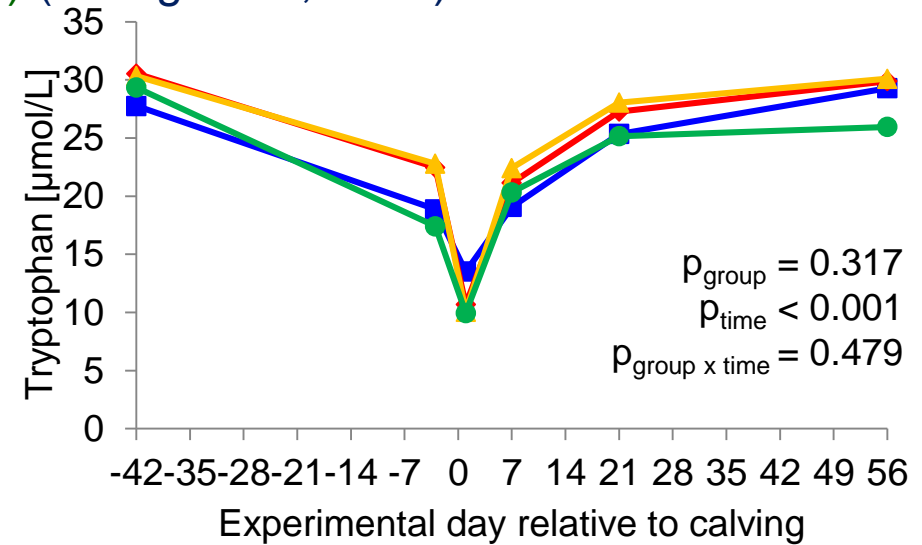
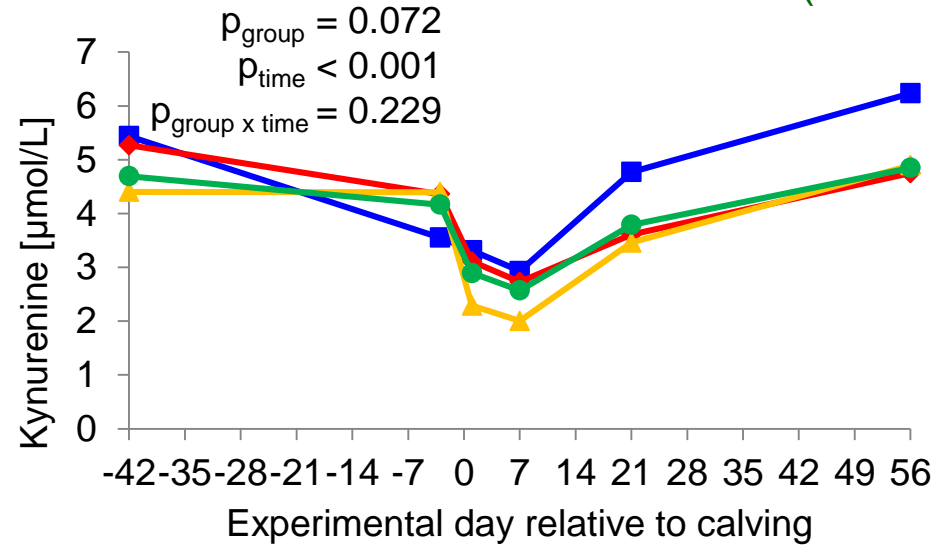
LPS concentration in rumen fluid in dependence on BCS (**LC**, **HC**), Monensin (**HC/MO**)  
oder essential oils (**HC/EO**) (Drong et al., 2016)



## Haptoglobin in blood in dependence on BCS, Monensin (Mo) or essential oils (EO) (Drong et al., 2016)

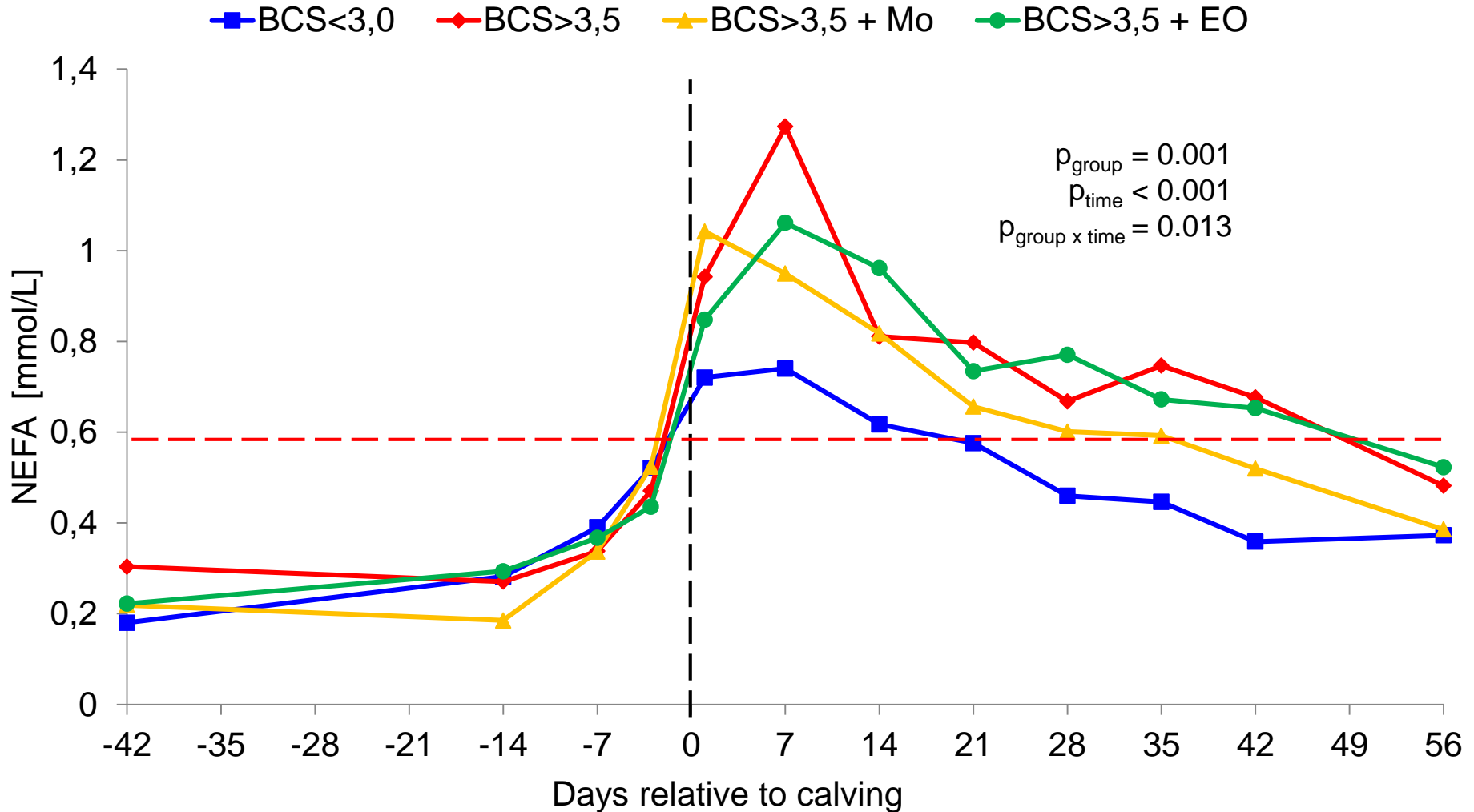


### Tryptophan metabolism in dependence on BCS (LC, HC), Monensin (HC/MO) or essential oils (HC/EO) (Drong et al., 2016)

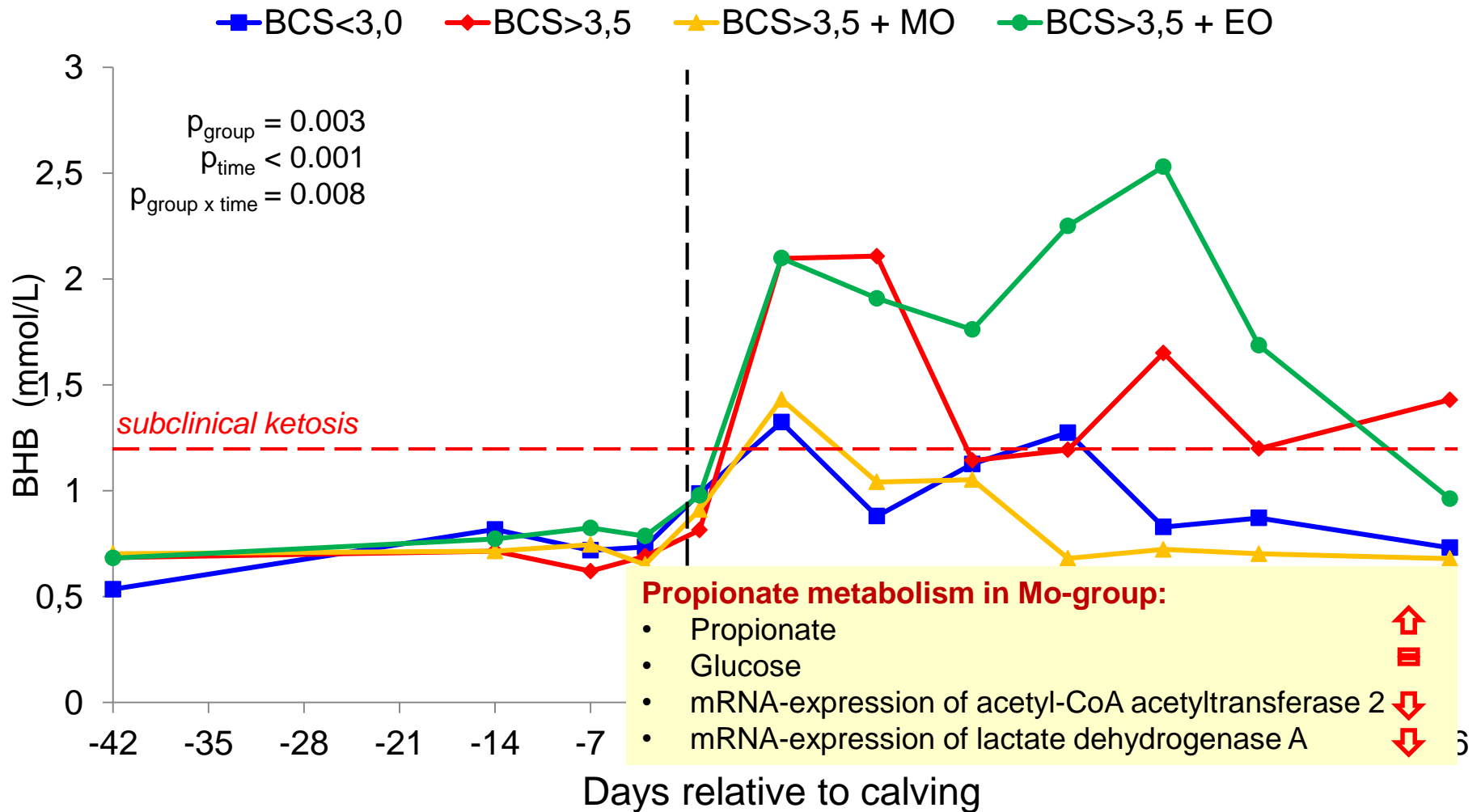




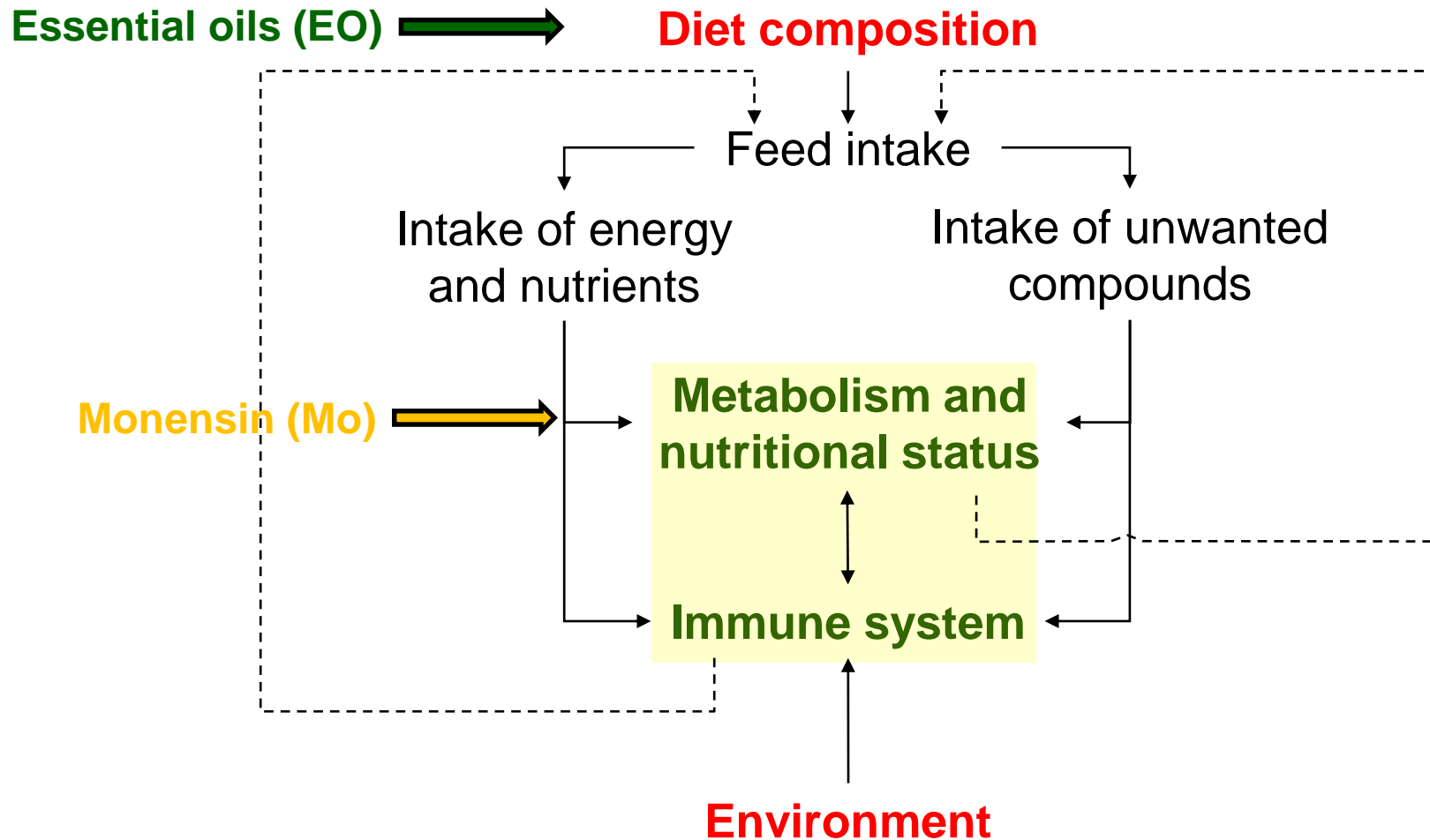
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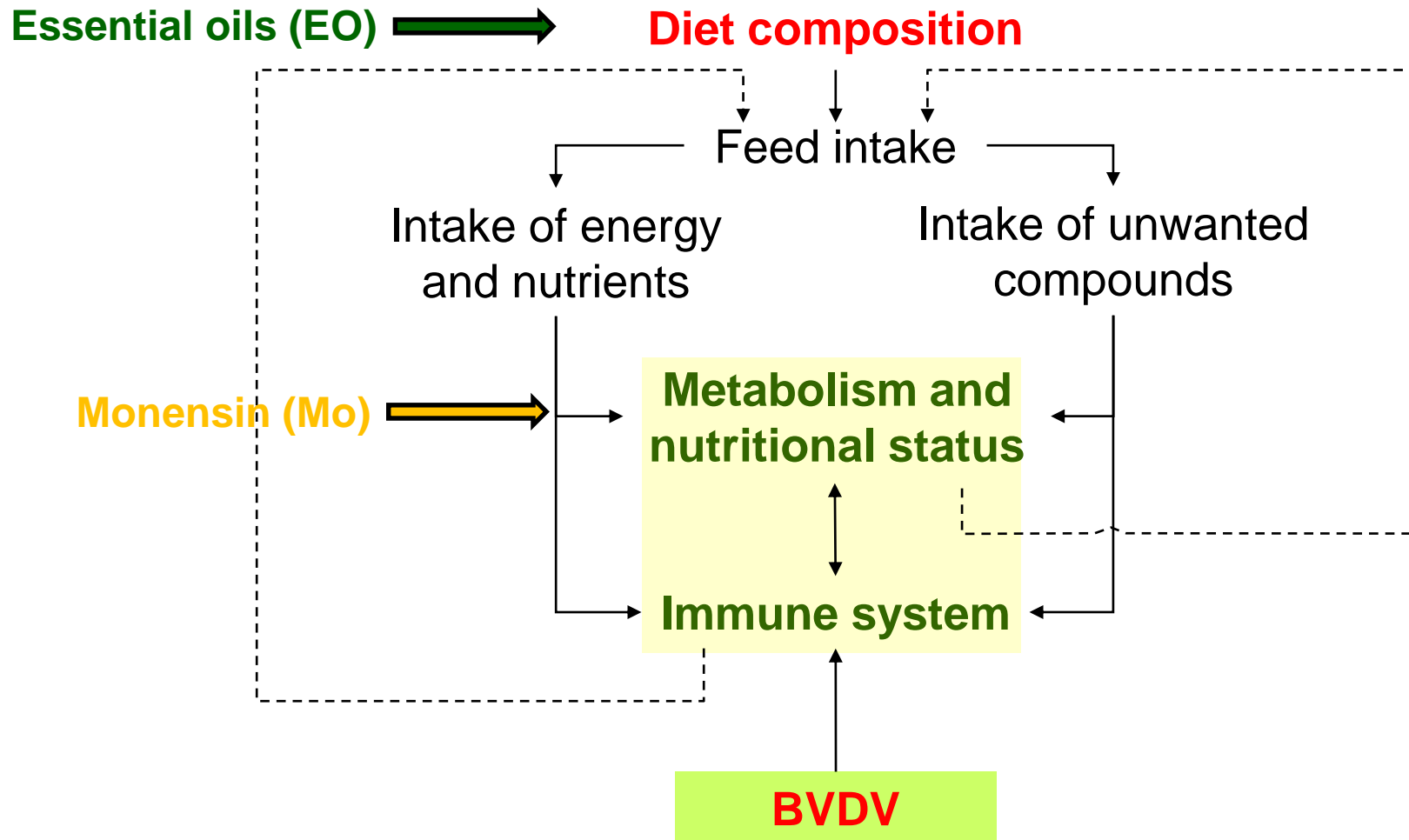
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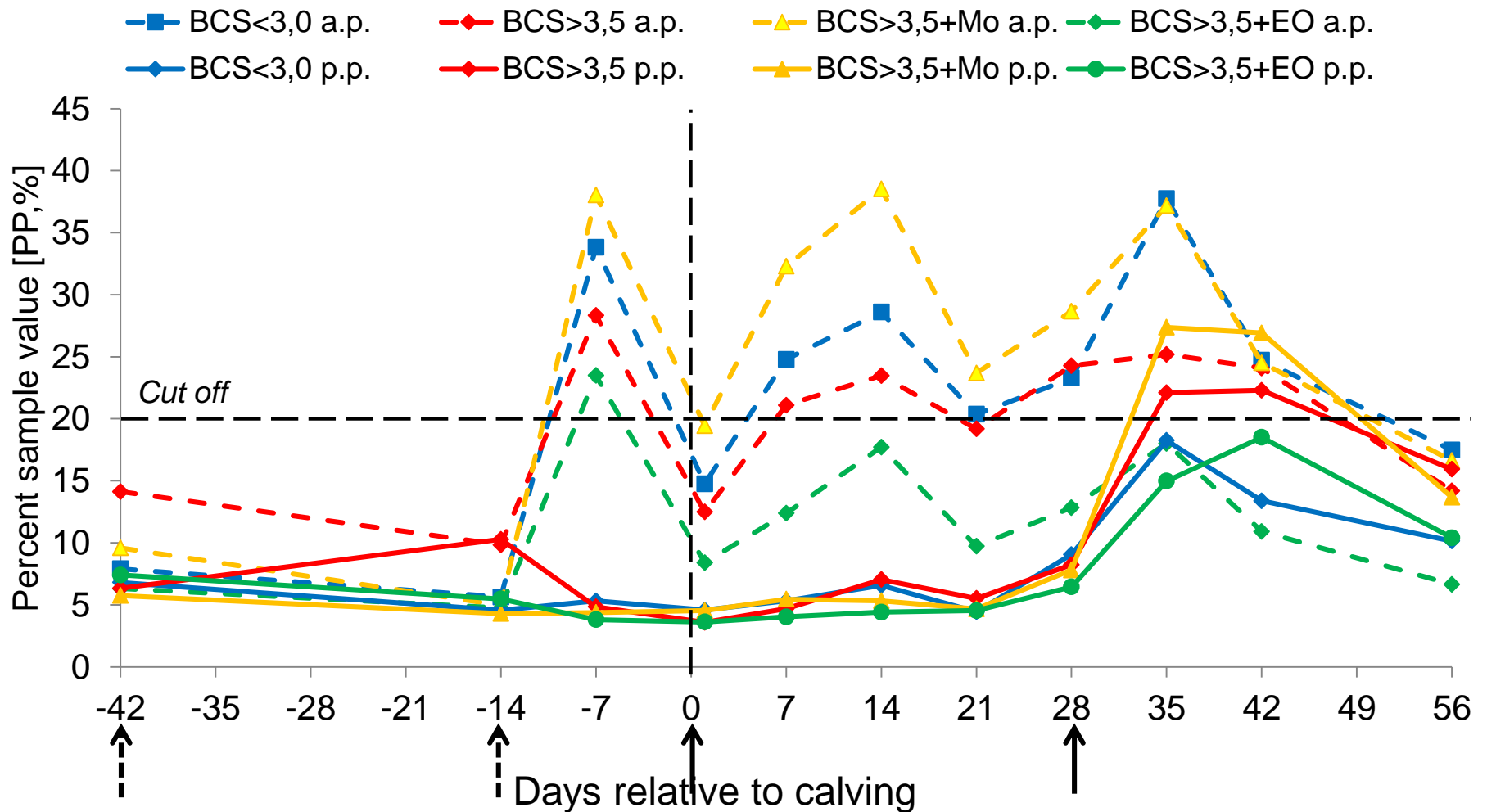
## Possible implications of nutrition and other environmental factors on the functionality of the immune system



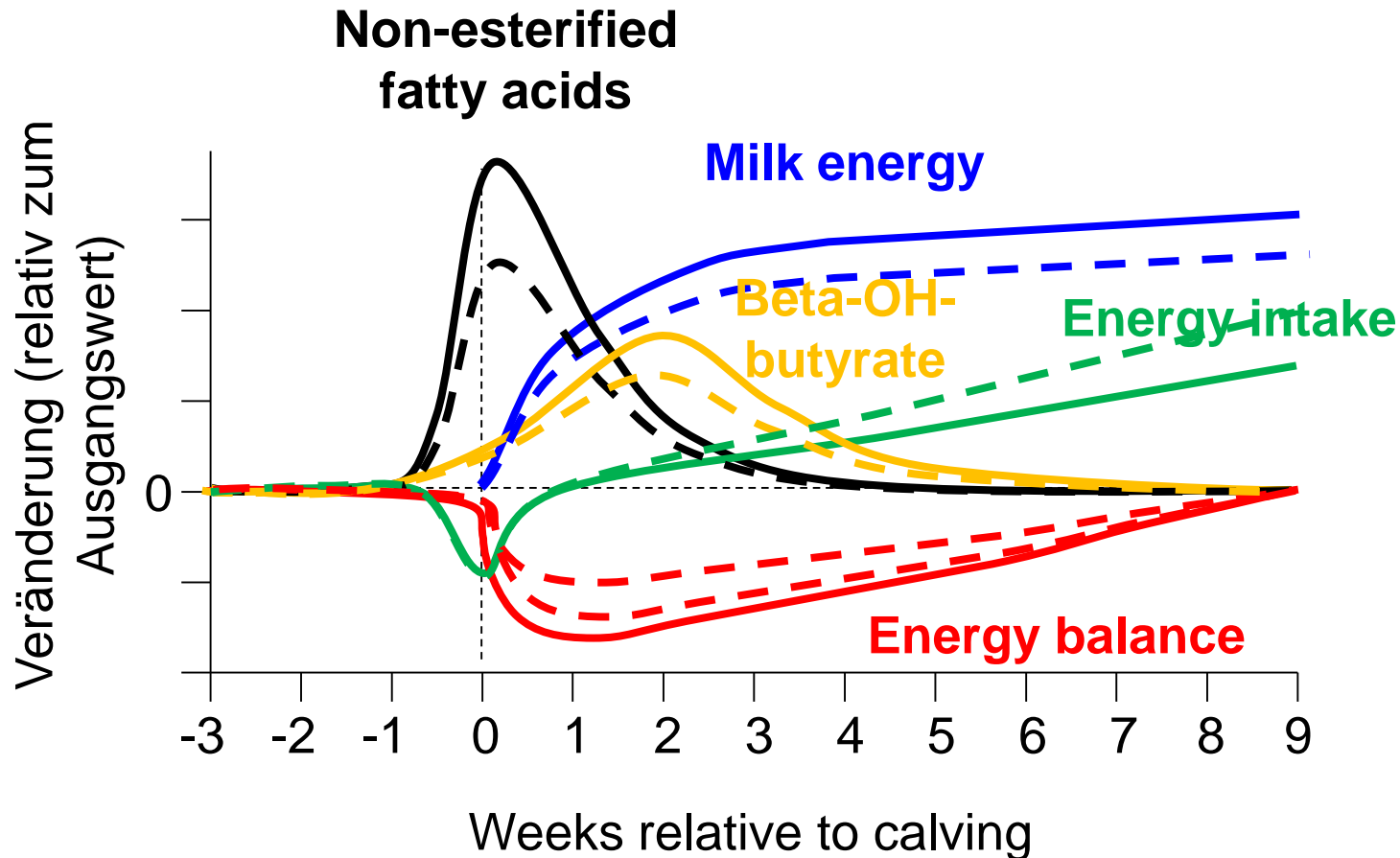
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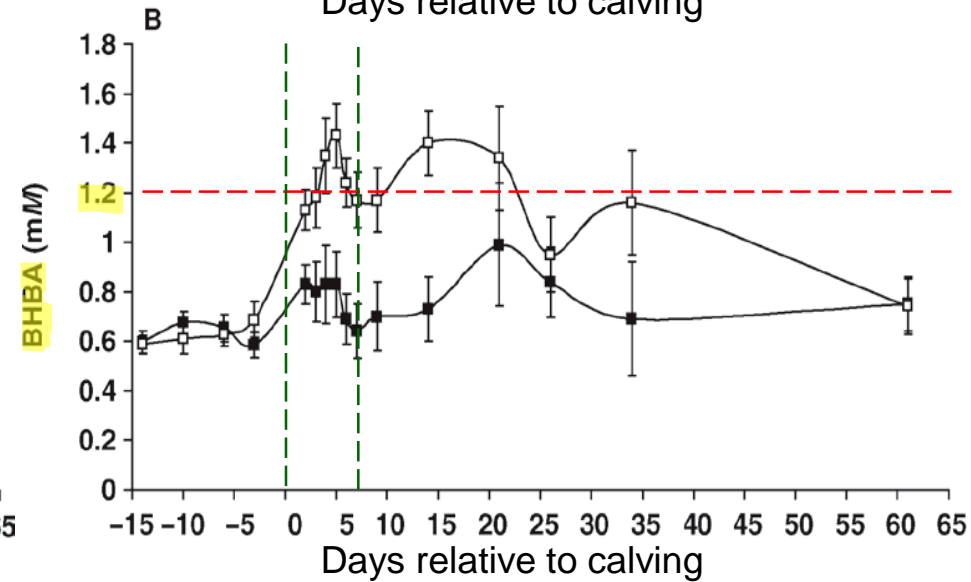
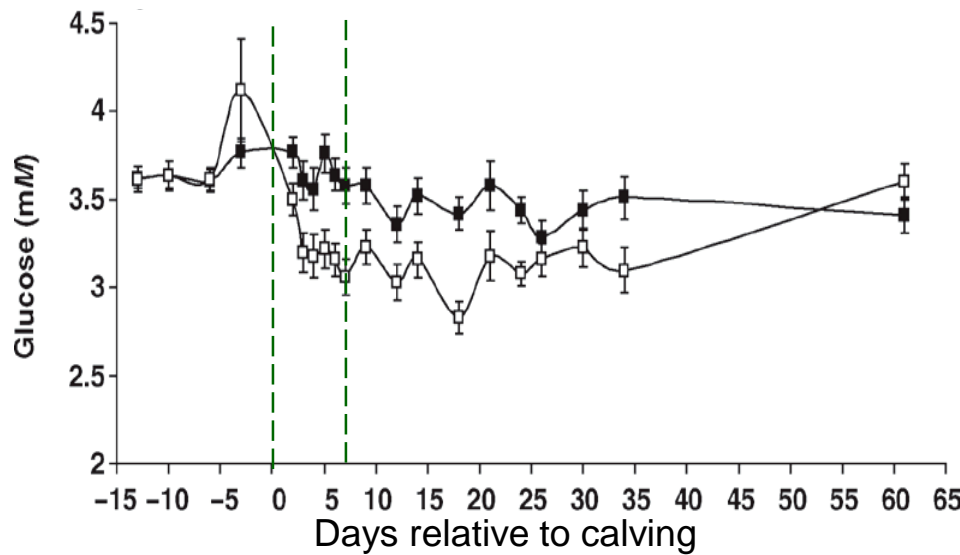
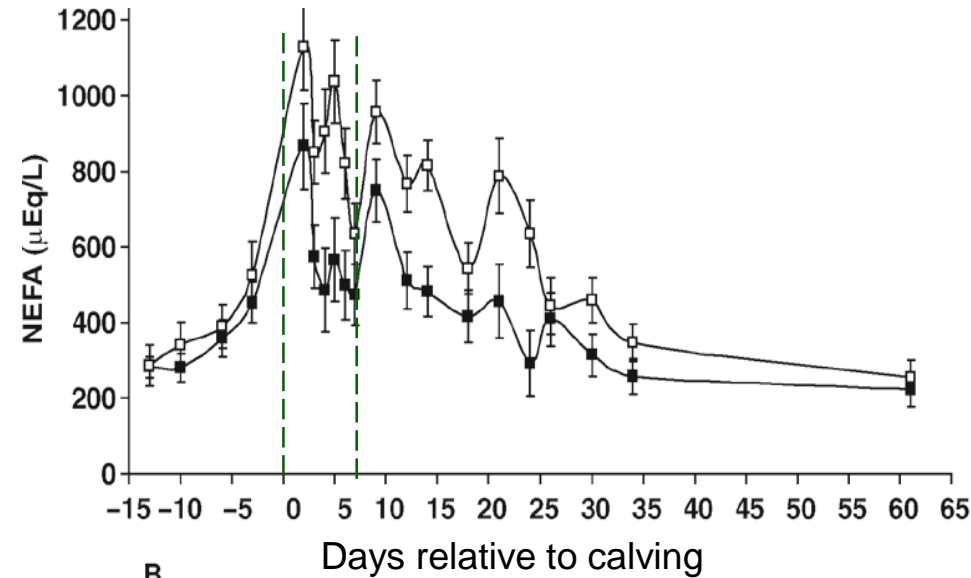
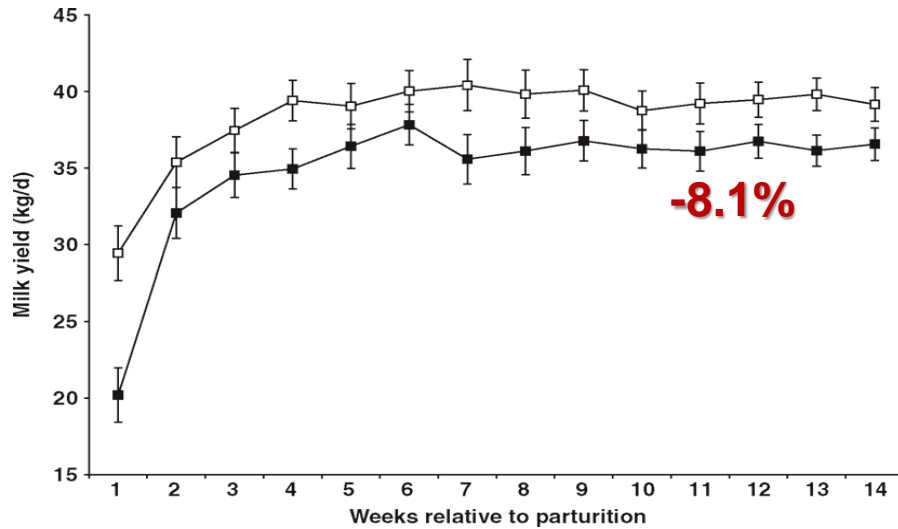
BVDV-antibody detection after BVDV-vaccination prior to (a.p. ↑) or after (p.p. ↑) calving in dependence on BCS, Monensin (Mo) or essential oils (EO) (Drong et al., 2016)



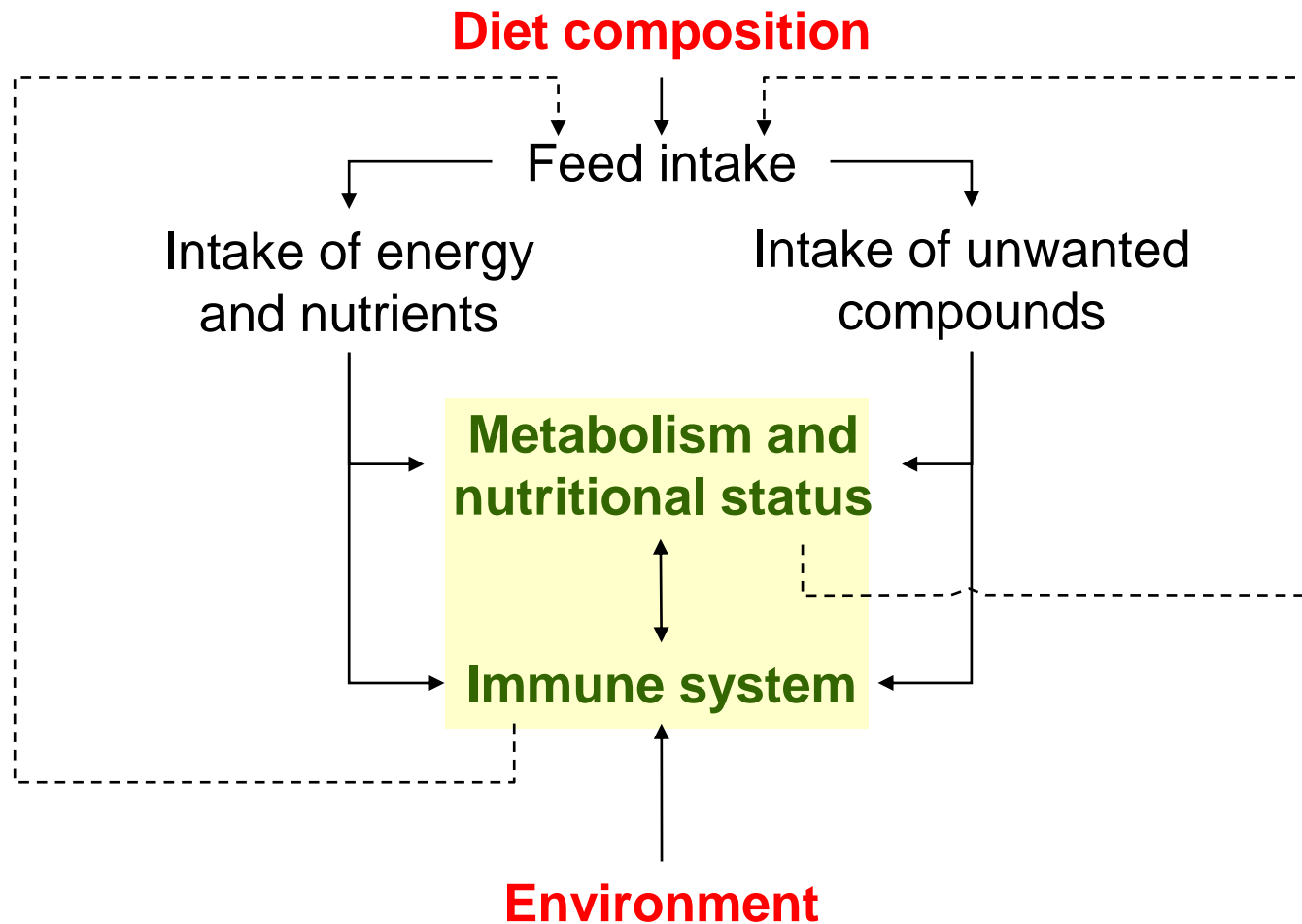
# Physiological events in the transition period with relevance for metabolism and immune system



Effects of a decreasing milking frequency from 2 x daily (□) to 1 x daily (■) during the first 7 days post partum on milk yield and energy status (Loiselle et al. 2009)



## Possible implications of nutrition and other environmental factors on the functionality of the immune system







# Many thanks for your attention!



