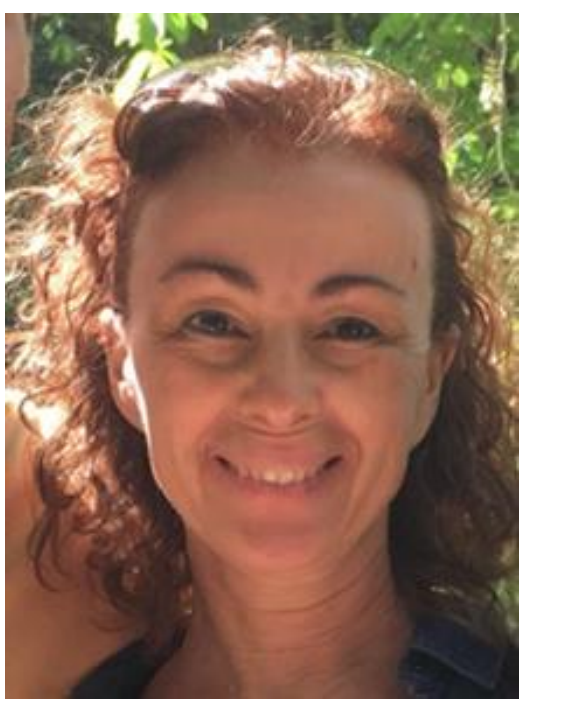


Small variation in diet energy content affects muscle gene expression in Iberian pigs



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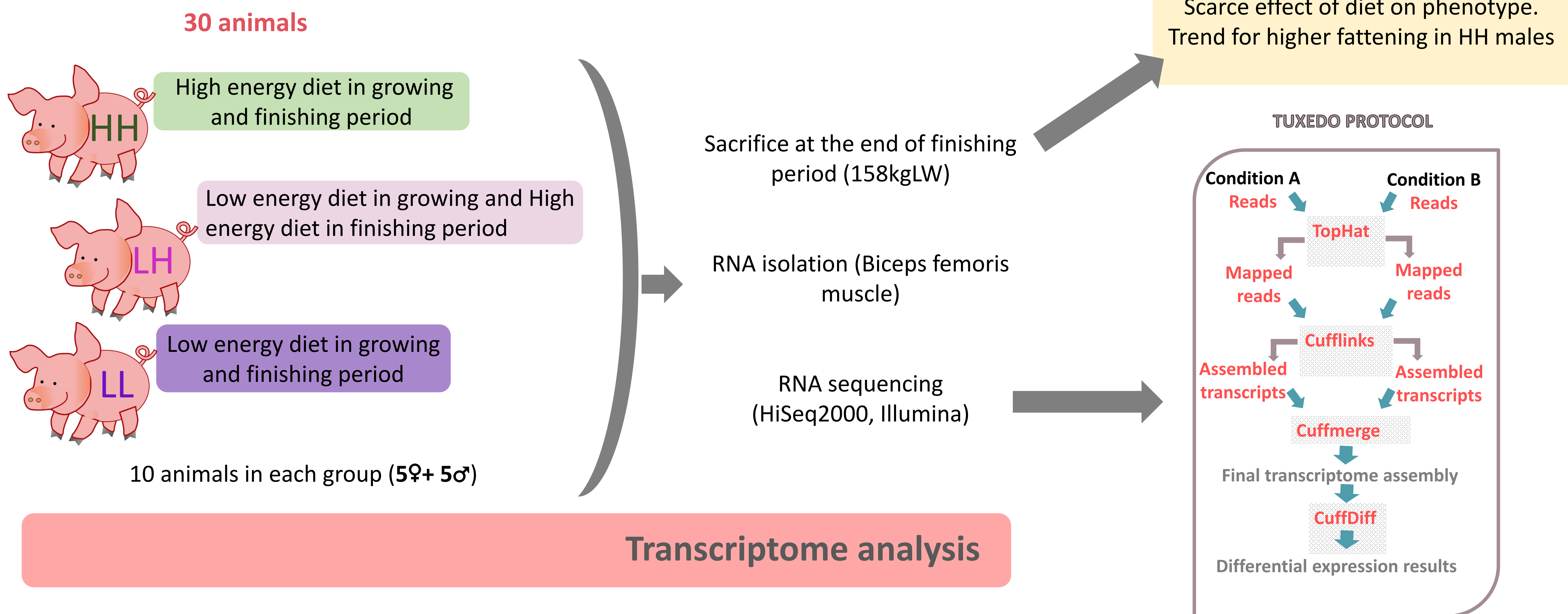
Introduction and Objectives

Modulation of dietary energy content may be a tool to influence pork fat quantity and quality.

The metabolic response to different diets depends on individual factors as genetic background, age or sex and treatment factors as intensity or duration.

Aim: to analyse the effects of small variations in the energy content of growing and finishing diets on ham muscle transcriptome in Iberian crossbred pigs

Materials and Methods



Transcriptome analysis

Enrichment in lipid metabolism
Dietary treatment applied **during growing and finishing**: Scarce transcriptome response, higher in ♂

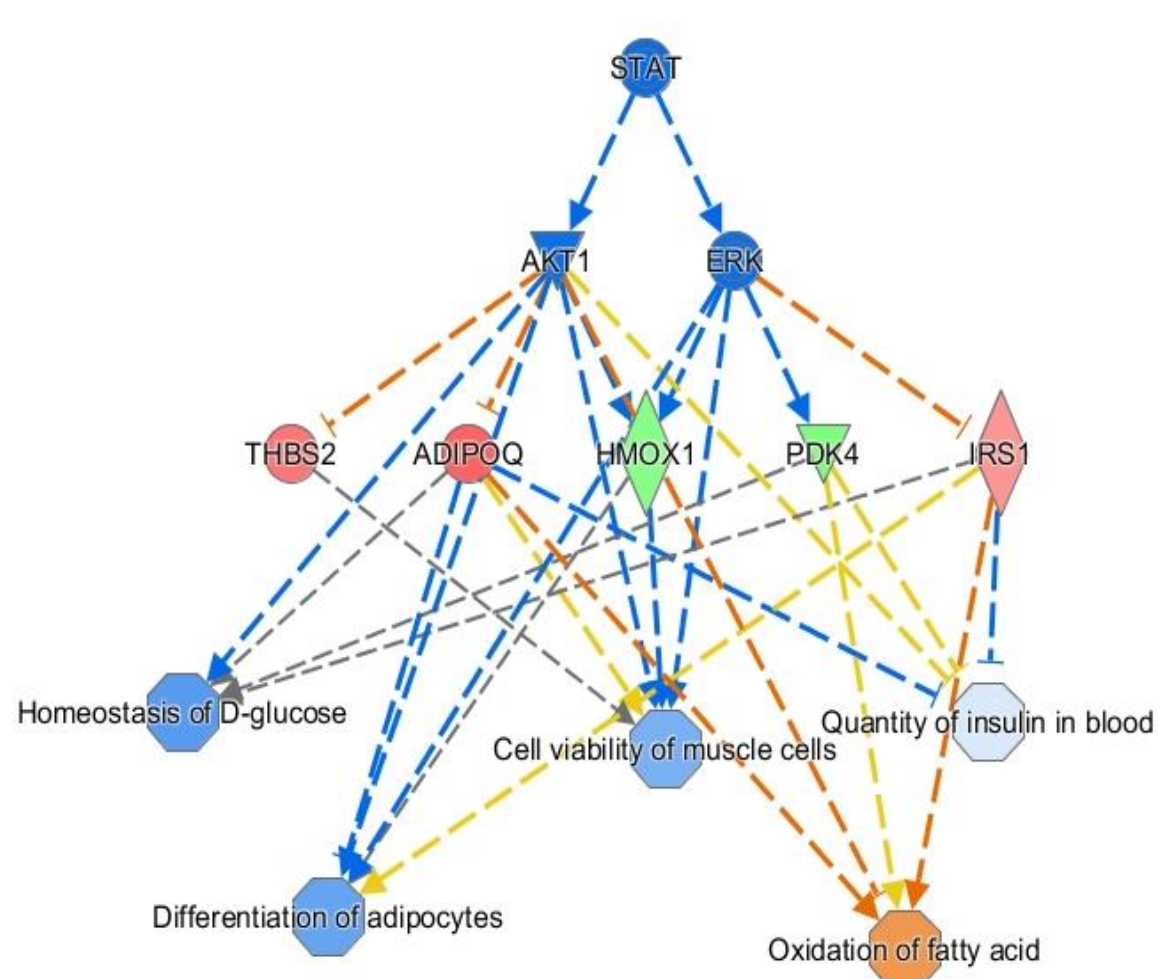
In ♂, higher expression in LL diet of relevant lipid metabolism genes like *SCD* (FC 3,2 *p*-value 5E-05) or *PLIN1* (FC 2,9 *p*-value 5E-05)

Molecular and cellular functions related to DE genes

Name	<i>p</i> -value	#Molecules
Carbohydrate Metabolism	2,03E-02 - 3,76E-10	13
Small Molecule Biochemistry	2,06E-02 - 3,76E-10	19
Lipid Metabolism	2,03E-02 - 3,91E-08	12
Molecular Transport	1,83E-02 - 3,91E-08	17
Cellular Function and Maintenance	1,83E-02 - 6,31E-08	17

Dietary treatment applied **only in growing phase**: major response, specially in ♂.

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Important DE genes involved in lipid and carbohydrate metabolism

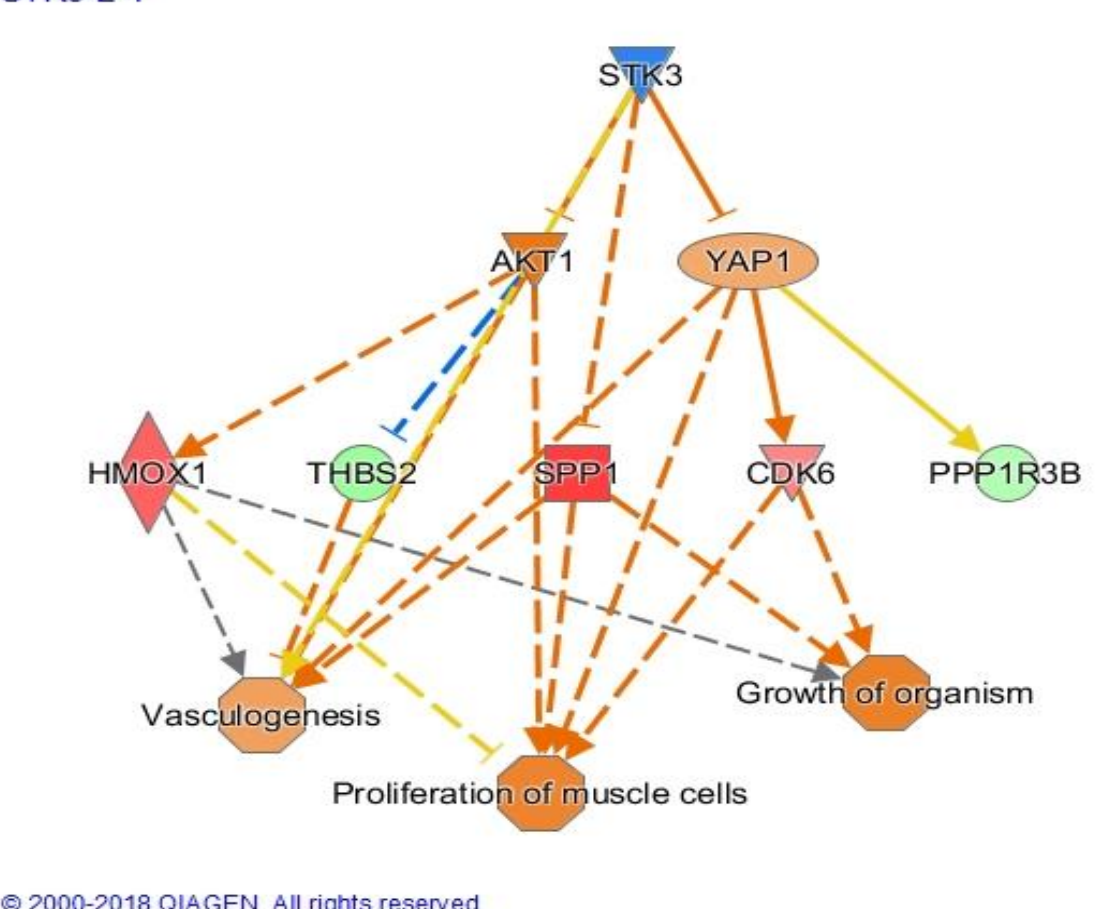
gene	Up	FC	<i>p</i> -value
<i>SCD</i>	LH	5,2	5,00E-05
<i>PPP1R3C</i>	LH	4,9	5,00E-05
<i>PLIN1</i>	LH	4,2	5,00E-05
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	LH	3,5	0,0003
<i>IRS1</i>	LH	2,3	0,0003
<i>PPP1R3B</i>	LH	2,3	0,00025
<i>LIPE</i>	HH	2,6	0,00045
<i>PDK4</i>	HH	3,8	5,00E-05

Prediction of regulators: LEP, PPARG, SREBF, STAT3, AKT1 or IRS

Dietary treatment applied **only in finishing phase**: small response, similar in both sexes.

DE genes are involved in glucose metabolism, as *PDK4* or *PPP1R3C*; and muscle growth, as *SPP1* or *HMOX1*

STK3-2.4



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Prediction of regulators: AKT1, TRIB2 or CEBPA

Remarks

Diet effects on transcriptome are more evident when treatment is applied **only in growing phase**

Main diet effects on genes involved in lipid and glucose metabolism and muscle growth

Different response between genders: major response in ♂.