

# Effects of parity on metabolism, redox status and cytokines in early lactating dairy cows

## Session 92: Inflammation and energy metabolism in young and adult livestock

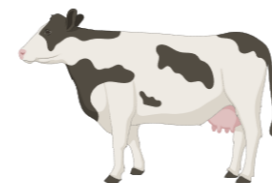
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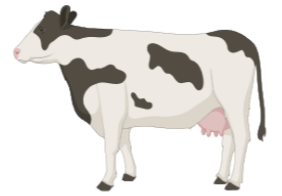


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# Context of dairy cows at early lactation



➤ Early lactation is a critical period for the health of dairy cows → period with oxidative stress & inflammation

Bernabucci *et al.*, 2005    Bradford *et al.*, 2015  
Horst *et al.*, 2021

↗ milk yield

↗ oxidative stress due to ↗ reactive oxygen species

Freitas Silva *et al.* 2018

↘ immune capacity LeBlanc *et al.*, 2019



**MULTIPAROUS ≠ PRIMIPAROUS**  
because primiparous  
↗ body development still in progress  
↗ hormonal system for cow growth

Wathes *et al.*, 2007  
Cattaneo *et al.*, 2023

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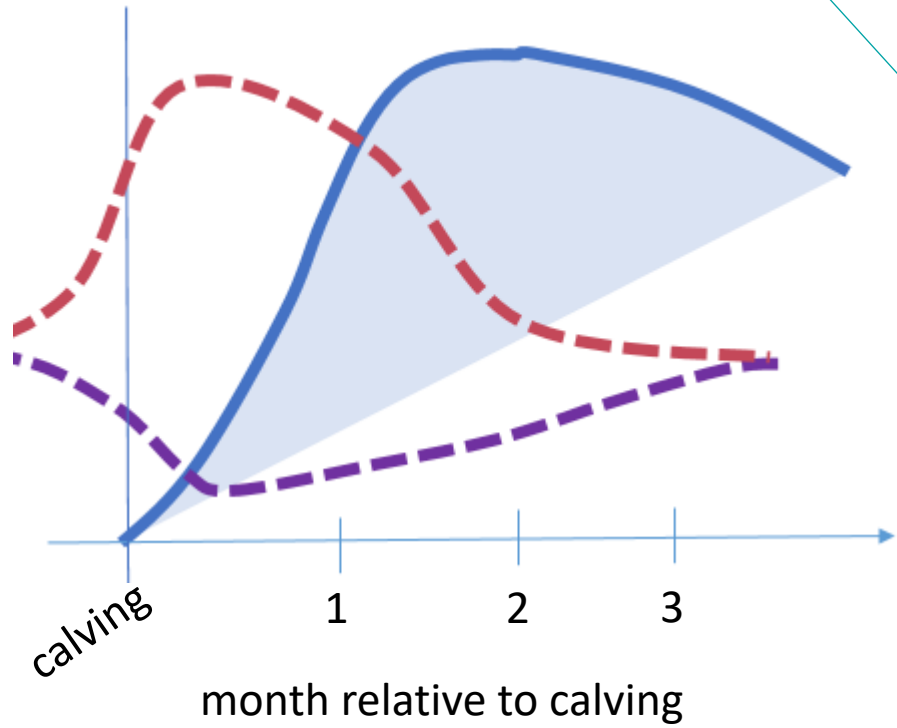
**MULTIPAROUS ≠ PRIMIPAROUS**  
conflicting results on oxidative stress between parity

Yehia *et al.*, 2016 vs Elisher *et al.*, 2015  
Urh *et al.*, 2019

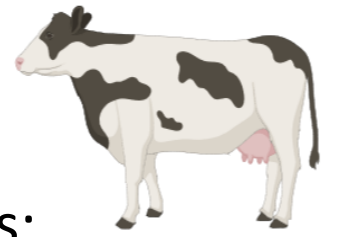
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**MULTIPAROUS ≠ PRIMIPAROUS**  
↗ immunity activation in primiparous  
BUT the boundary between inflammation & immunosuppression is sometimes thin

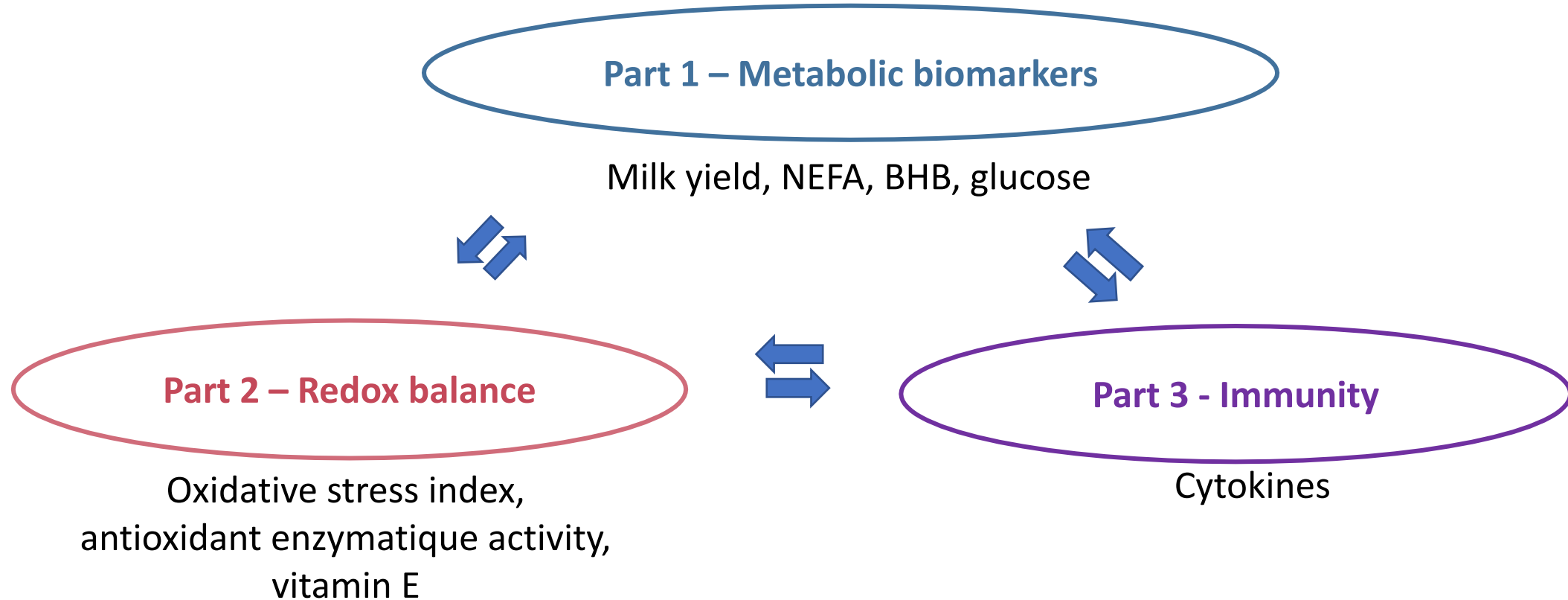
Moya *et al.*, 2008



## > The objectives of this study

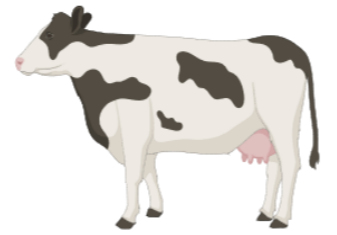


- Study the physiological variations between primiparous and multiparous cows:



**What are the physiological differences between a dairy cow in first lactation and a multiparous dairy cow?**

# ➤ Material and method



## Sampling kinetics

15 Prim' Holstein dairy cows

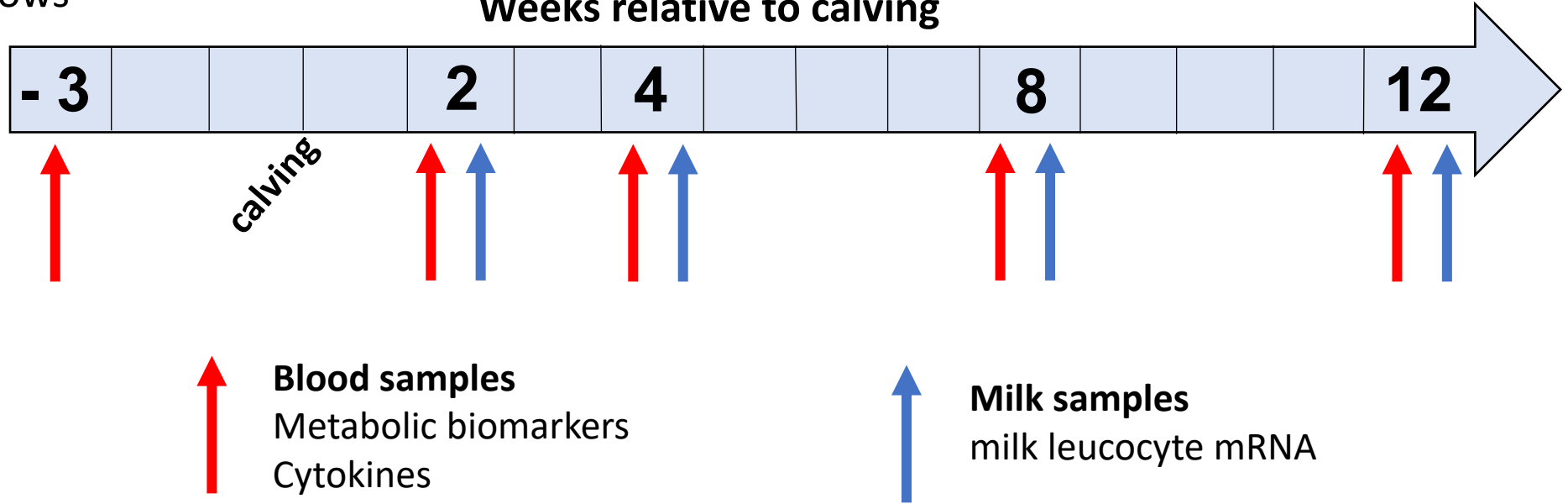
Weeks relative to calving



8 multiparous



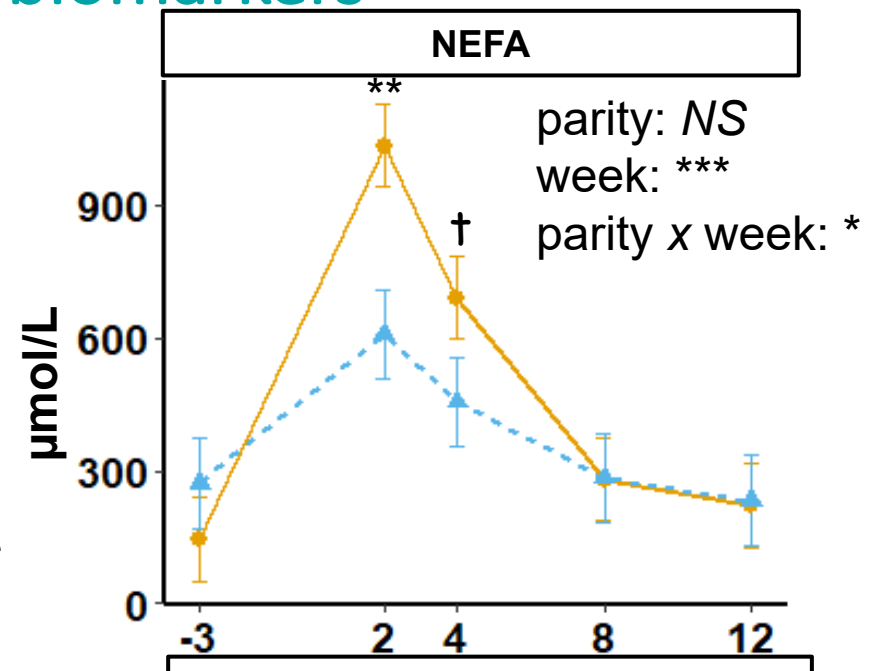
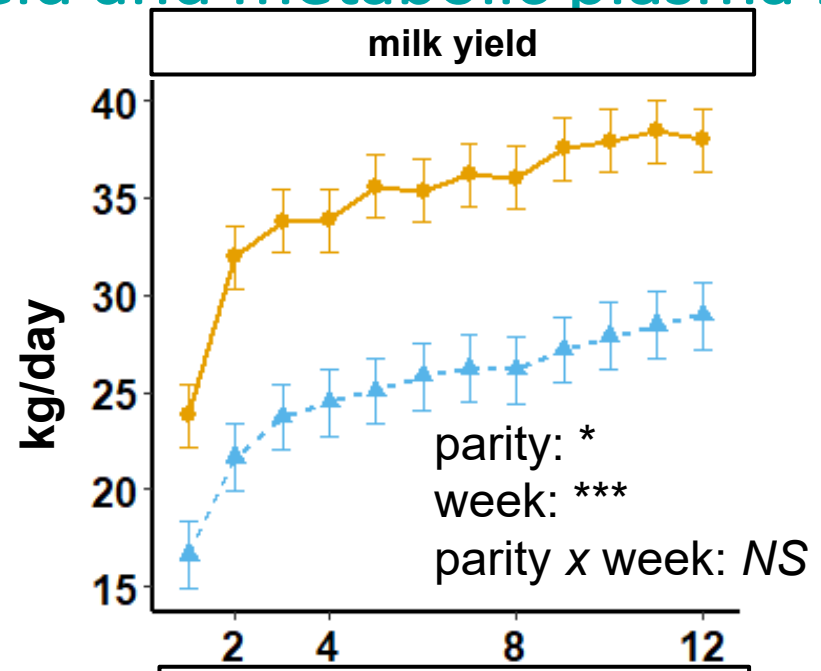
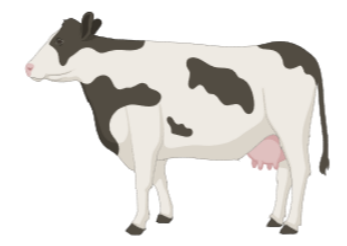
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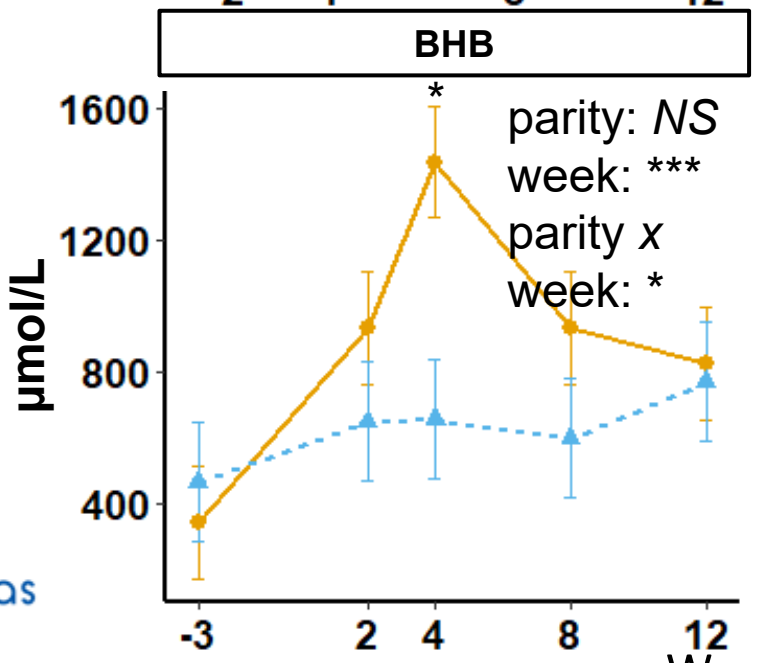
## Statistical analyses

$$Y(ijkl) = \mu + \text{parity}_i + \text{week}_j + (\text{parity} \times \text{week})_{ij} + 1 | \text{cow}_k + \begin{matrix} \text{calving date} \\ \text{group} \end{matrix} l + \varepsilon$$

# ➤ Milk yield and metabolic plasma biomarkers

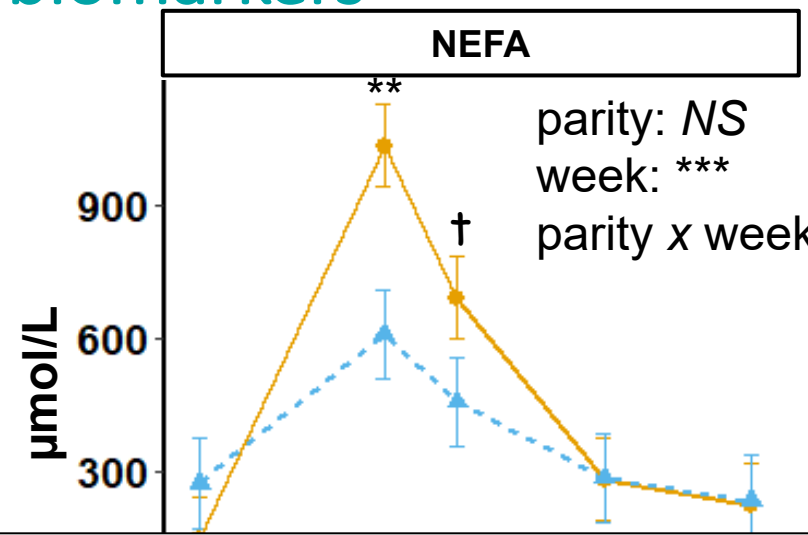
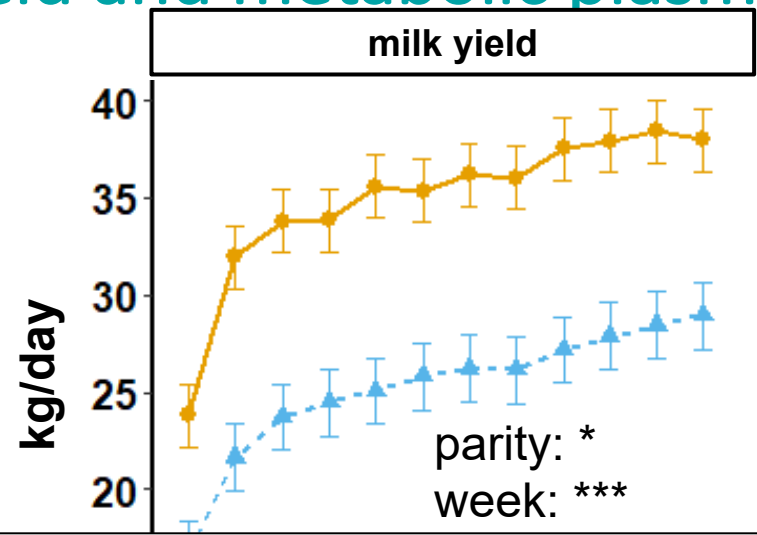
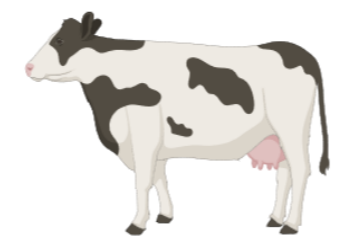


primiparous   
multiparous



NEFA: Non Esterified Fatty Acids  
BHB: beta-hydroxybutyrate

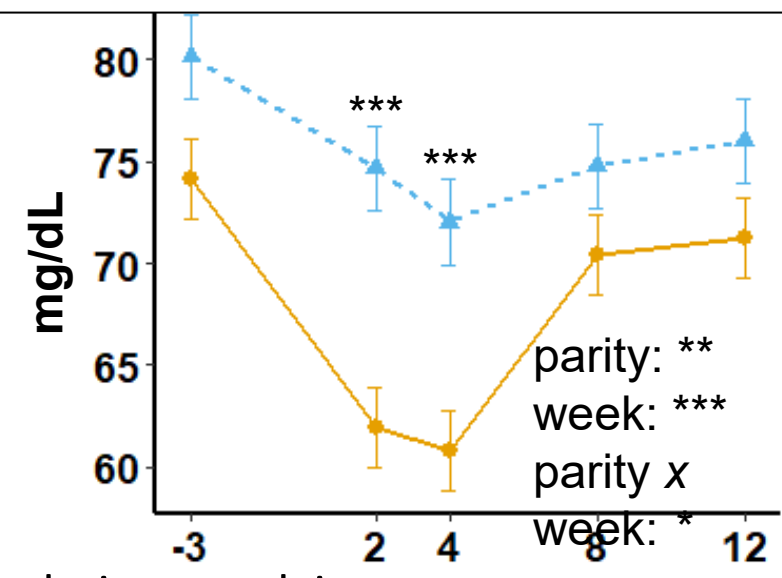
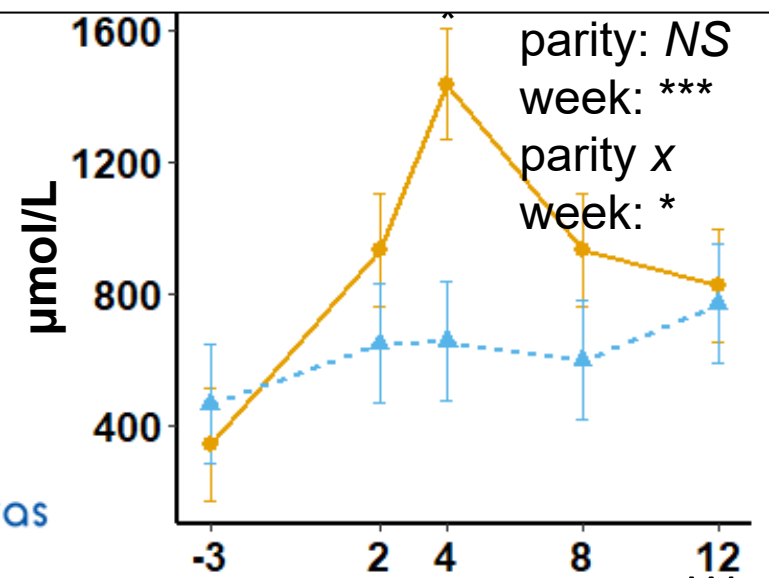
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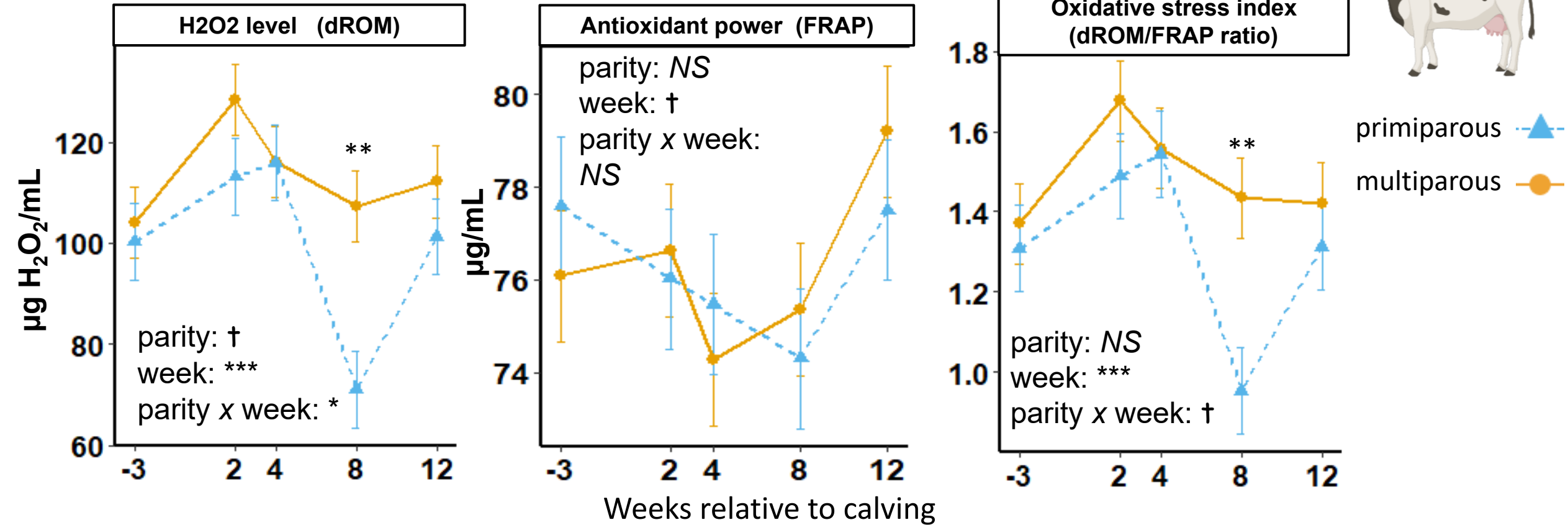
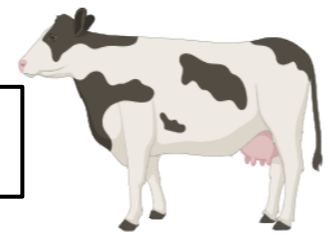
primiparous   
multiparous

**Multiparous cows have a higher mobilisation of energy reserves than primiparous cows, and a higher daily milk yield**

**What are the effects of parity on redox balance and inflammation?**

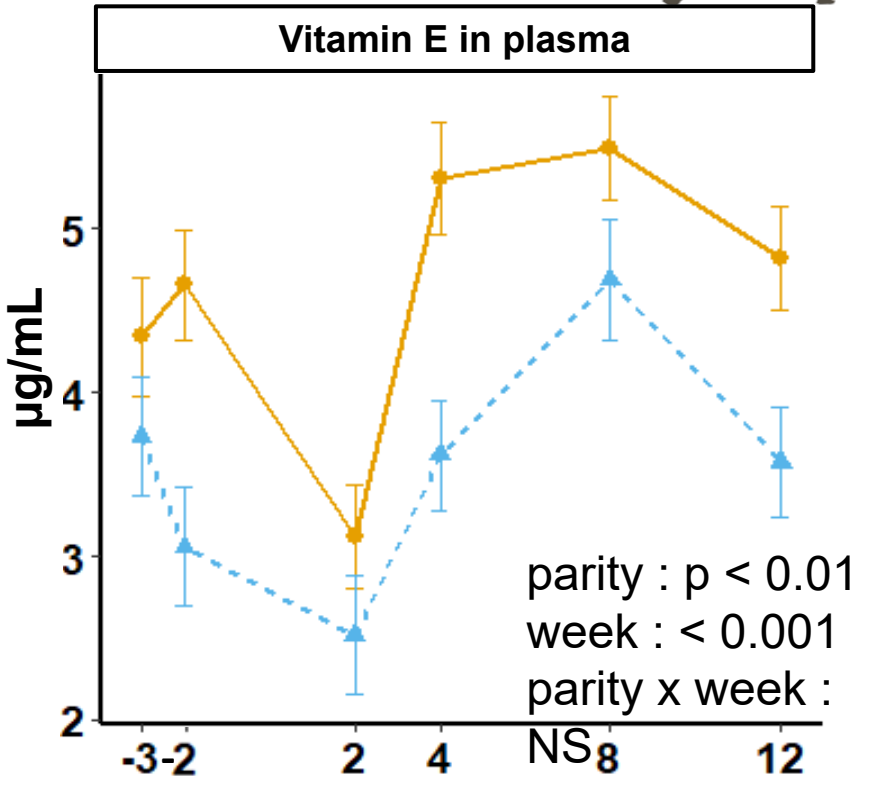
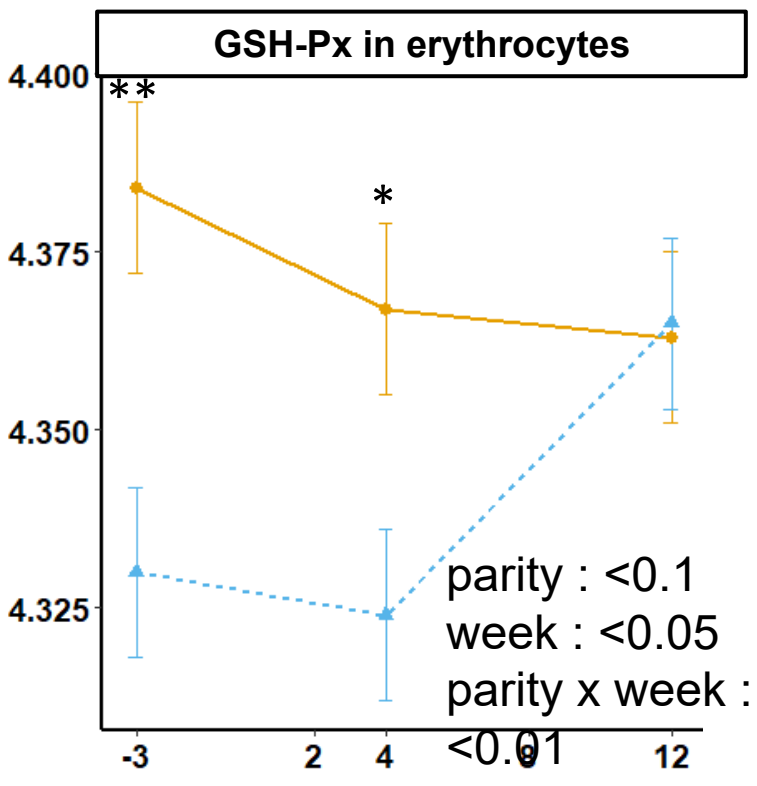
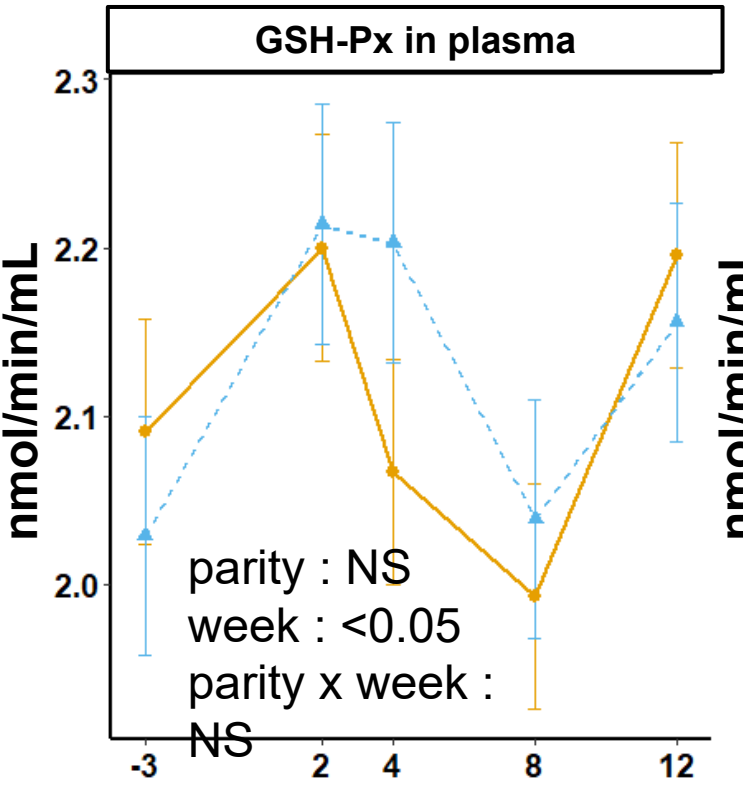
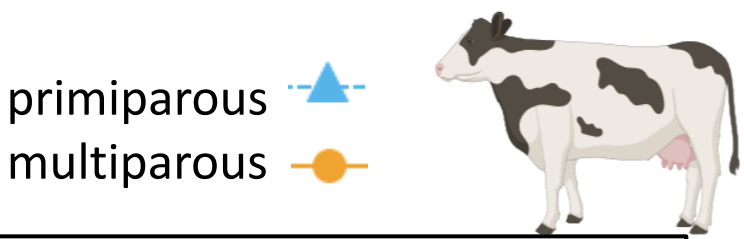


# ➤ Redox balance plasma



**Multiparous: more reactive oxygen species in plasma at week 8 of lactation**  
**Primiparous: lower oxidative stress index at week 8 of lactation**

# GSH-Px antioxidant activity & vitamin E in blood

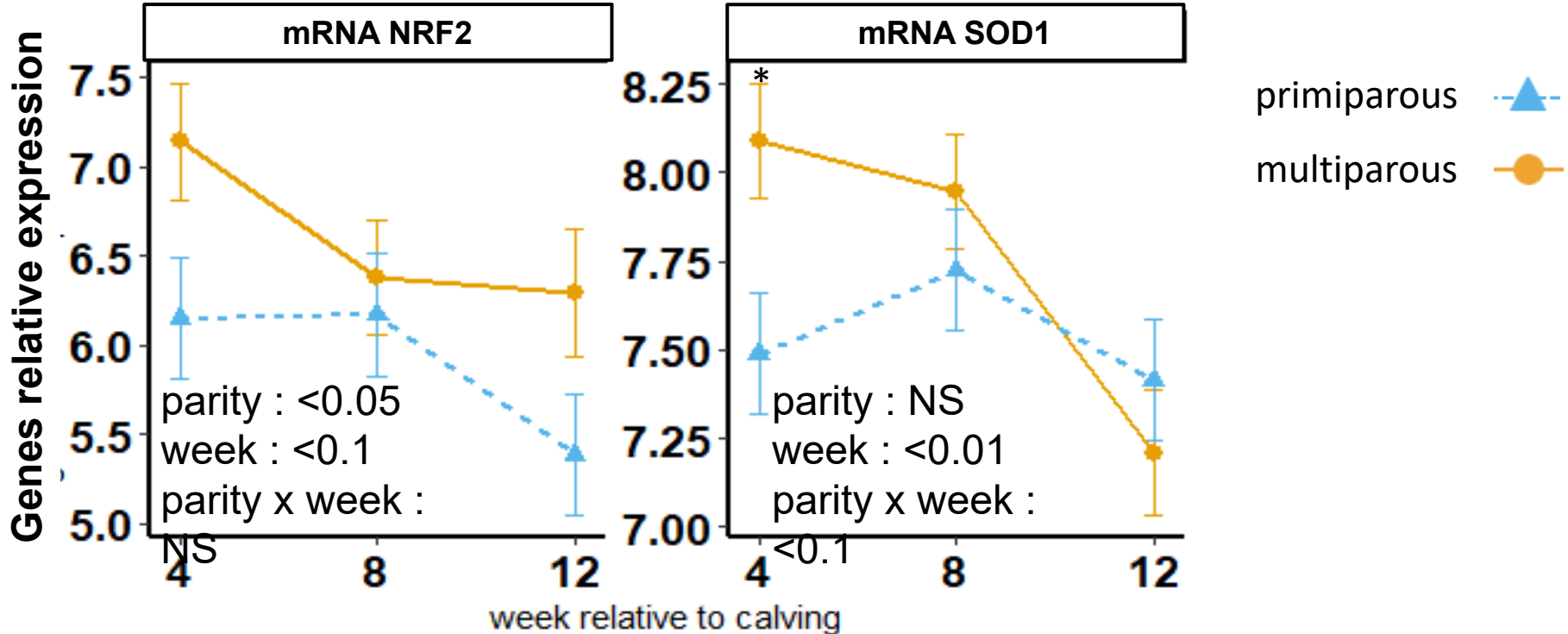
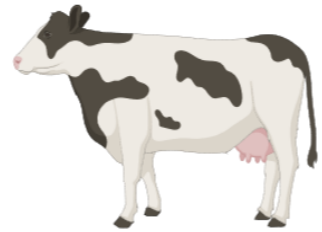
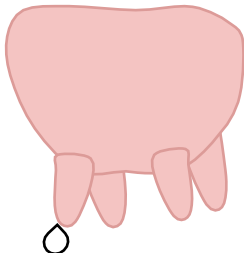


Weeks relative to calving

**No difference in enzyme activity in plasma between primiparous and multiparous**  
**Multiparous: more antioxidant activity of GSH-Px in erythrocytes in week -3 et 4 & more vitamine E in plasma**

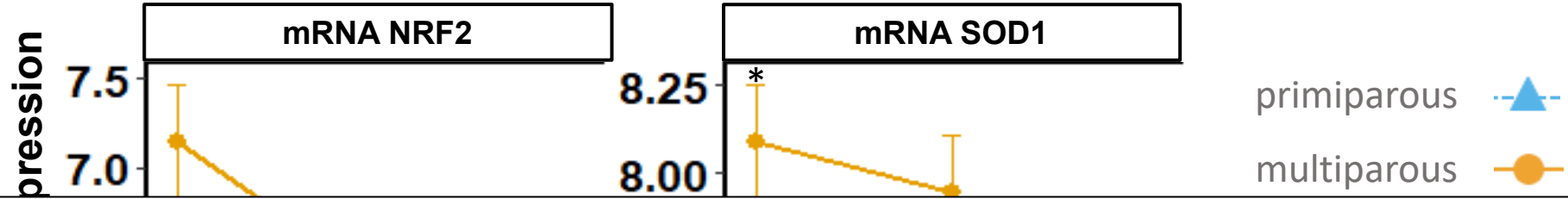
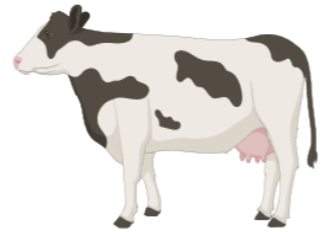
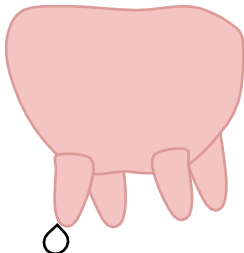


➤ The mRNA-expression of genes related to antioxidant response in milk leucocytes



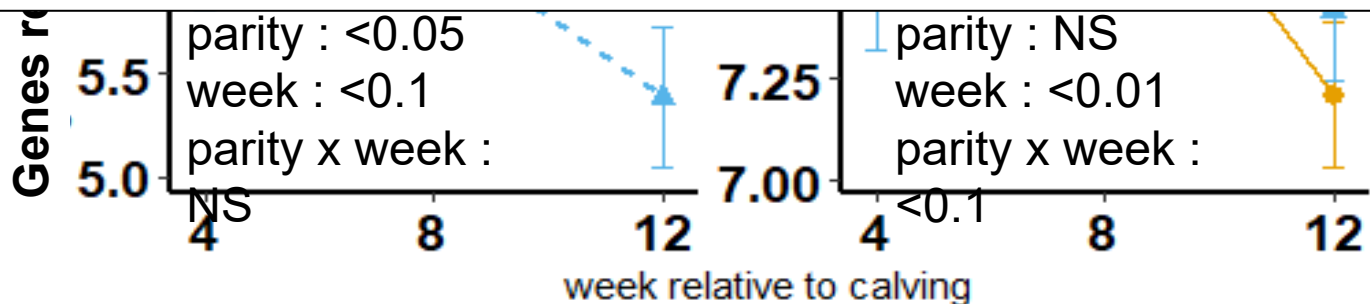
**In leucocytes from milk, multiparous: a higher expression of genes involved in antioxidant metabolism**  
 ↗ mRNA NRF2  
 ↗ mRNA SOD1 at week 4 (p=0.02)

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**Multiparous cows have a higher antioxidant response in blood & mammary gland**

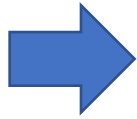
What are the effects of parity on inflammation?



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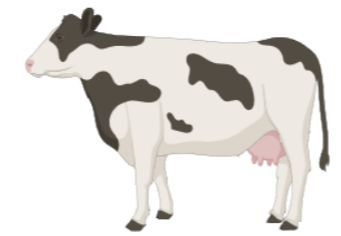
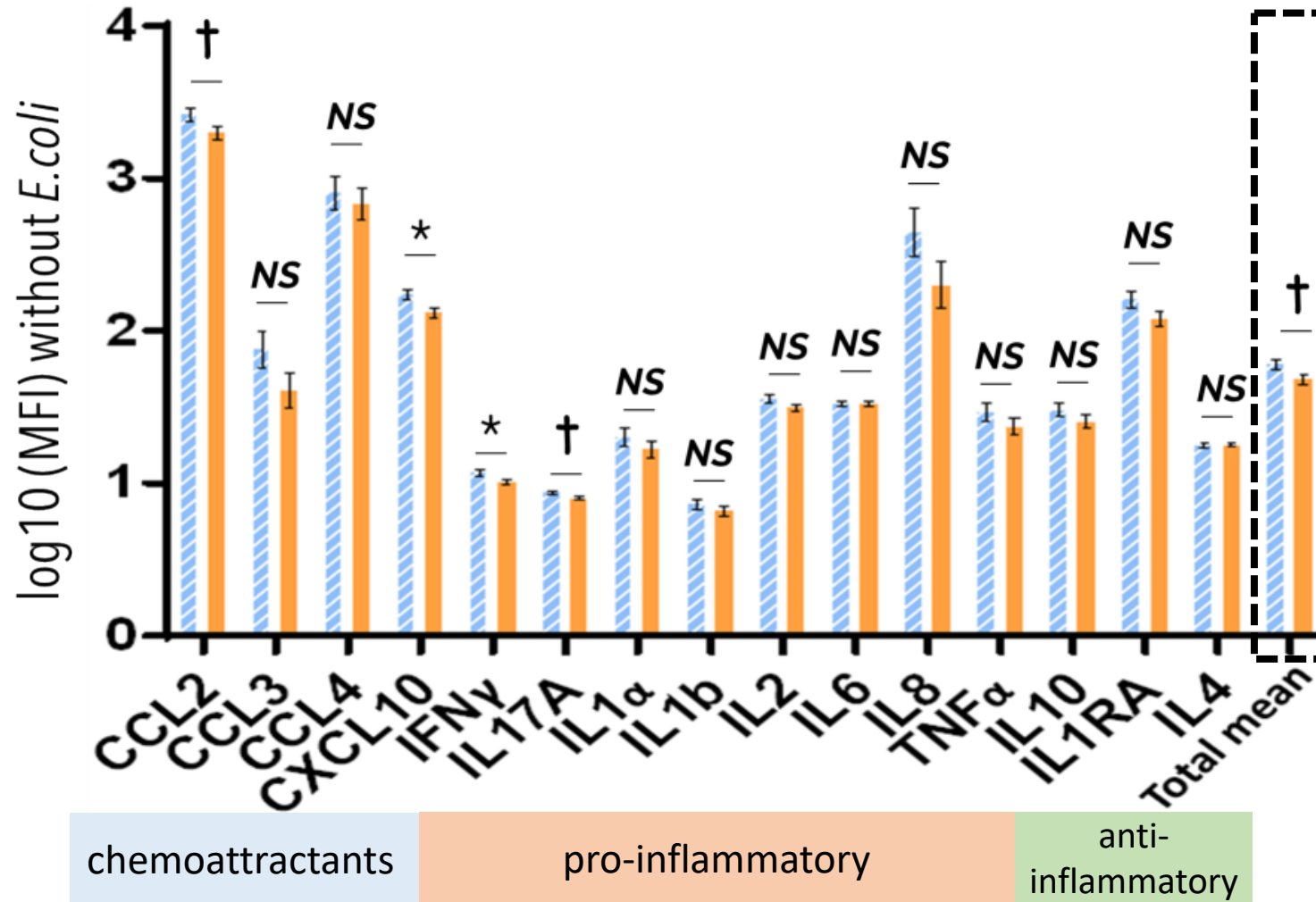
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# ➤ Cytokine production in blood without *ex vivo* *E.coli* stimulation



Cytokines without or with *Echerischia coli* in blood incubated in monovettes

Multiplexe technology  
Lesueur *et al.*, 2022

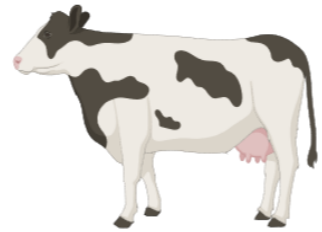


primiparous   
 multiparous

Over the experiment, multiparous produced **less chemoattractant** and **pro-inflammatory** cytokines than primiparous

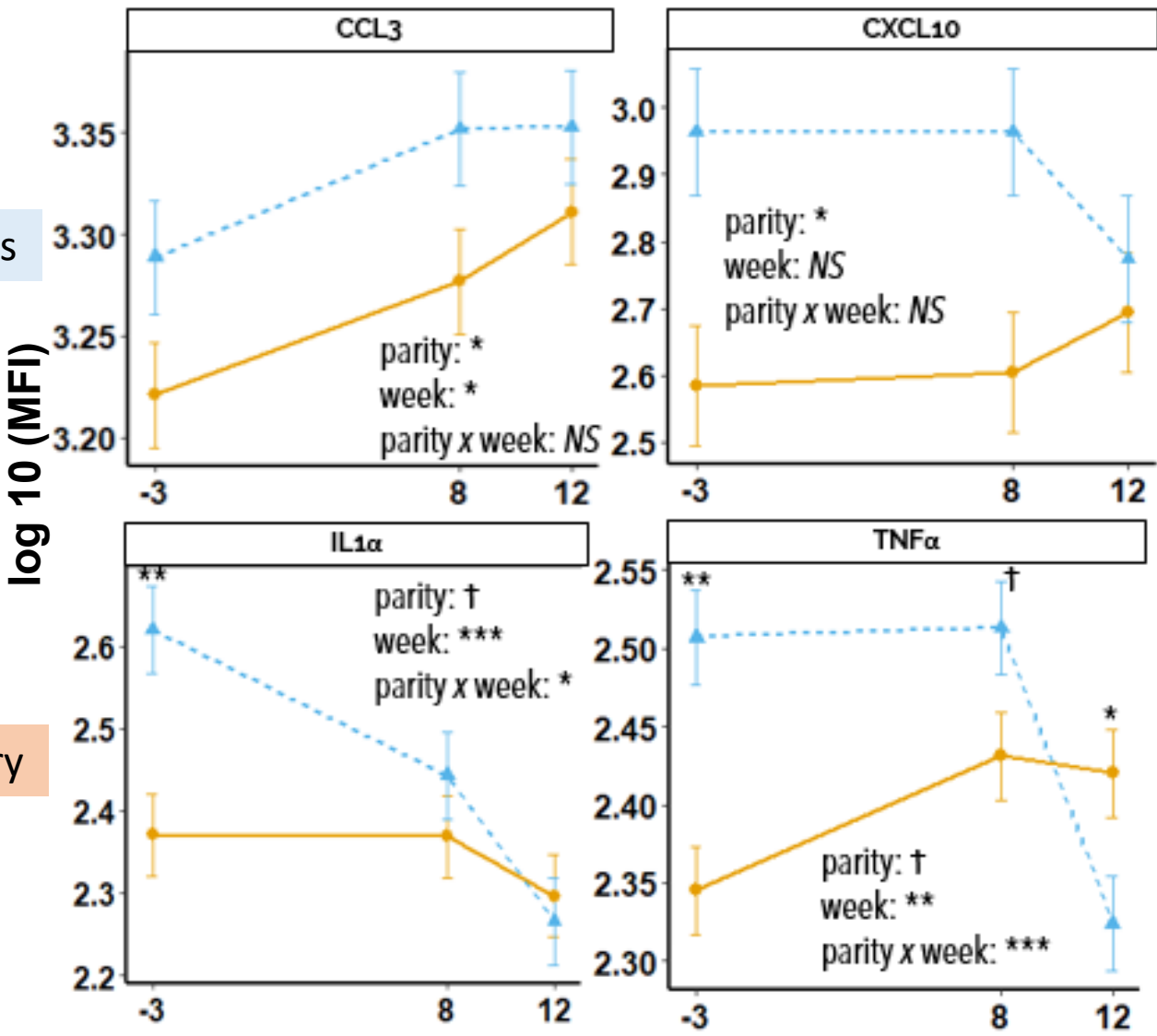
**No parity effect** concerning the **anti-inflammatory** cytokines

# Cytokine production in blood with *ex vivo* *E.coli* stimulation

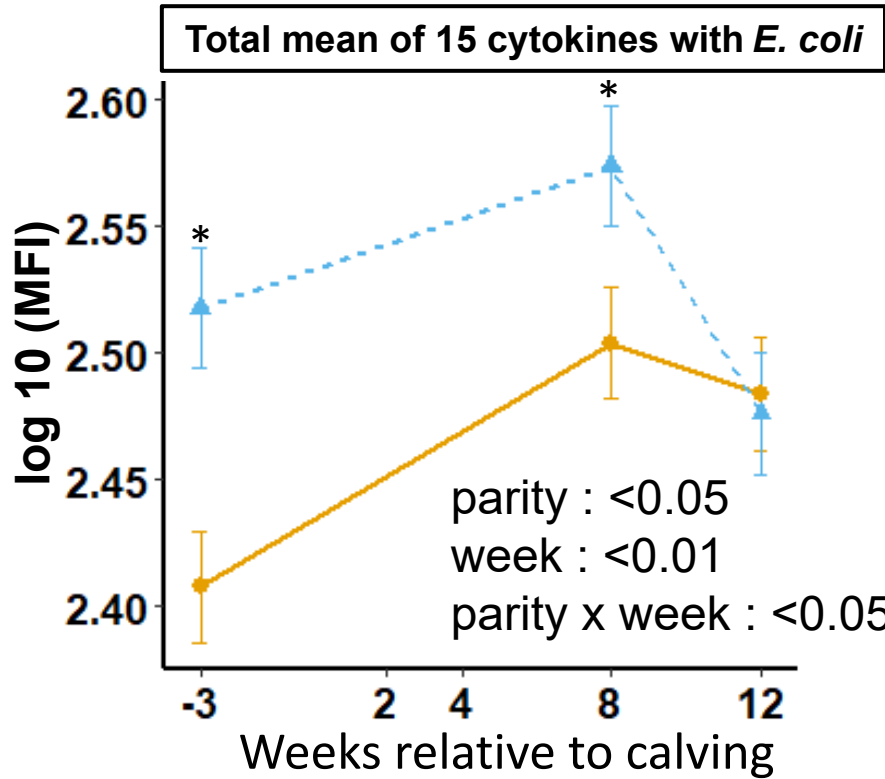


chemoattractants

pro-inflammatory

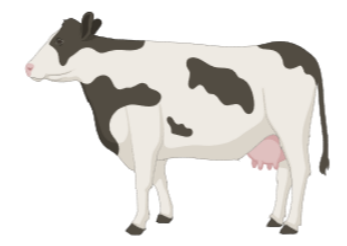


primiparous   
 multiparous



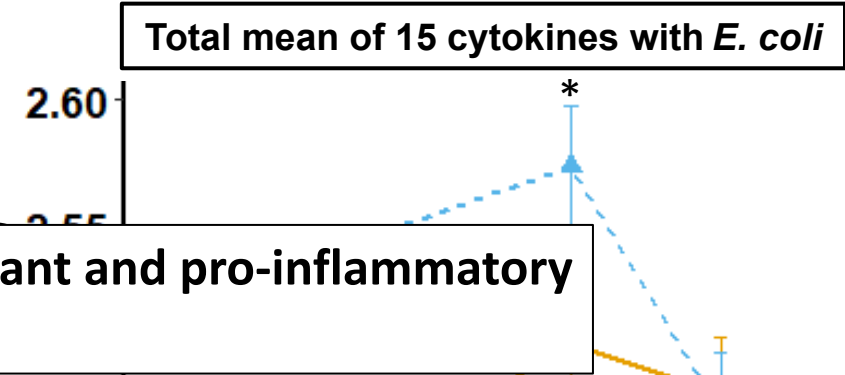
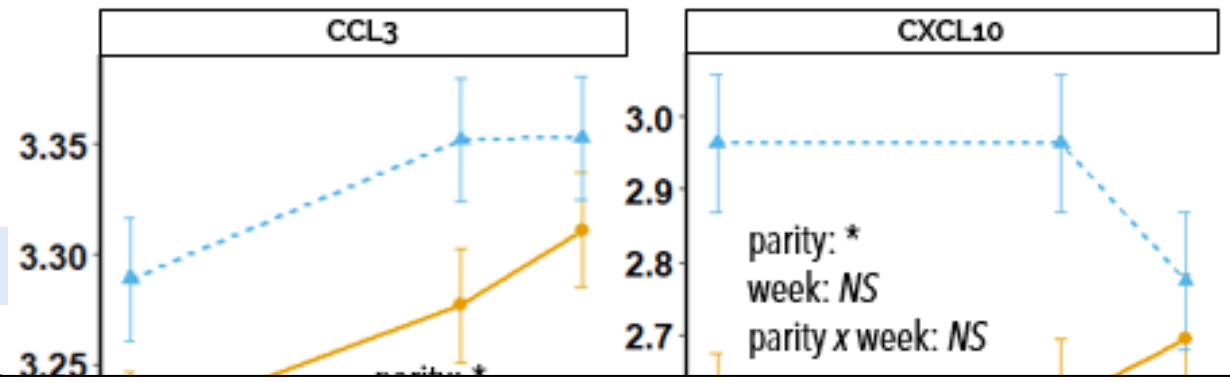
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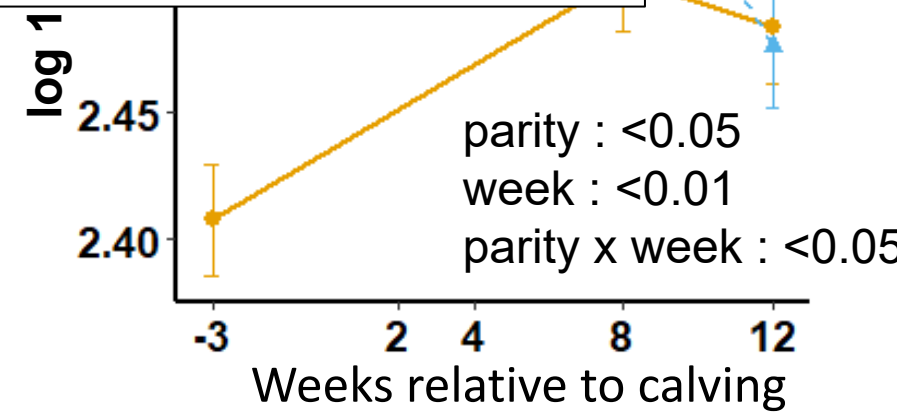
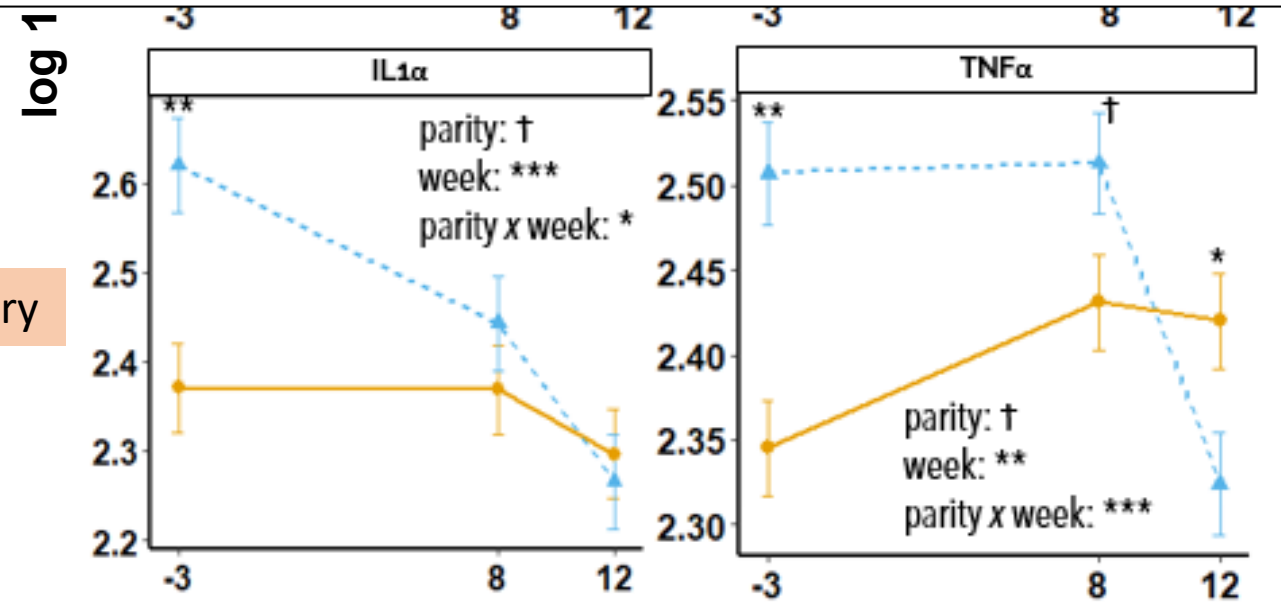
primiparous ▲  
multiparous ●

chemoattractants



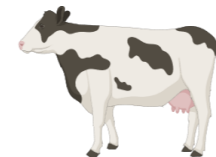
**Without or with stimulation, multiparous produced less chemoattractant and pro-inflammatory cytokines than primiparous.**

pro-inflammatory



Weeks relative to calving

# Take home message about the physiological differences between multiparous and primiparous



multiparous



primiparous

Metabolic biomarkers

+++  
milk production

+

→ Already shown in the literature

Redox balance

+++  
oxidative stress & antioxidant capacity

+

→ Some studies did not always show this difference

Immunity

+

+++  
immune capacity & inflammation

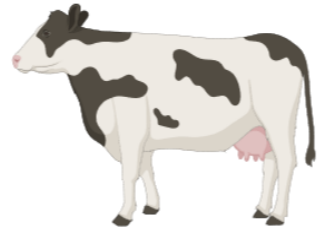
→ 1<sup>st</sup> study to show an effect of parity on a panel of cytokines

**Multiparous ≠ Primiparous**

Perspective:

What **nutritional strategies** should be given to **multiparous and/or primiparous** to improve **antioxidant** and **anti-inflammatory** capacities and avoid **pathologies** during early lactation?

➤ Thank you for your attention



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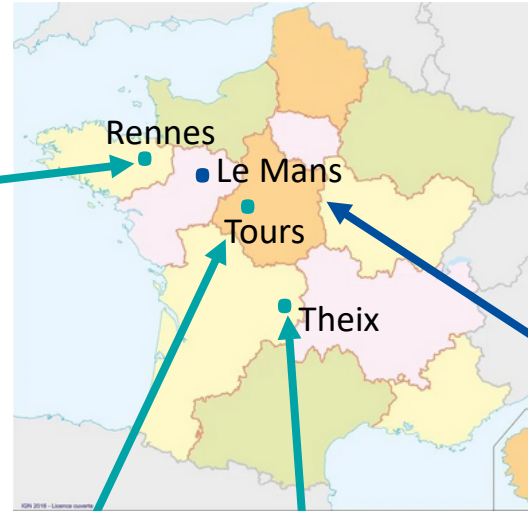
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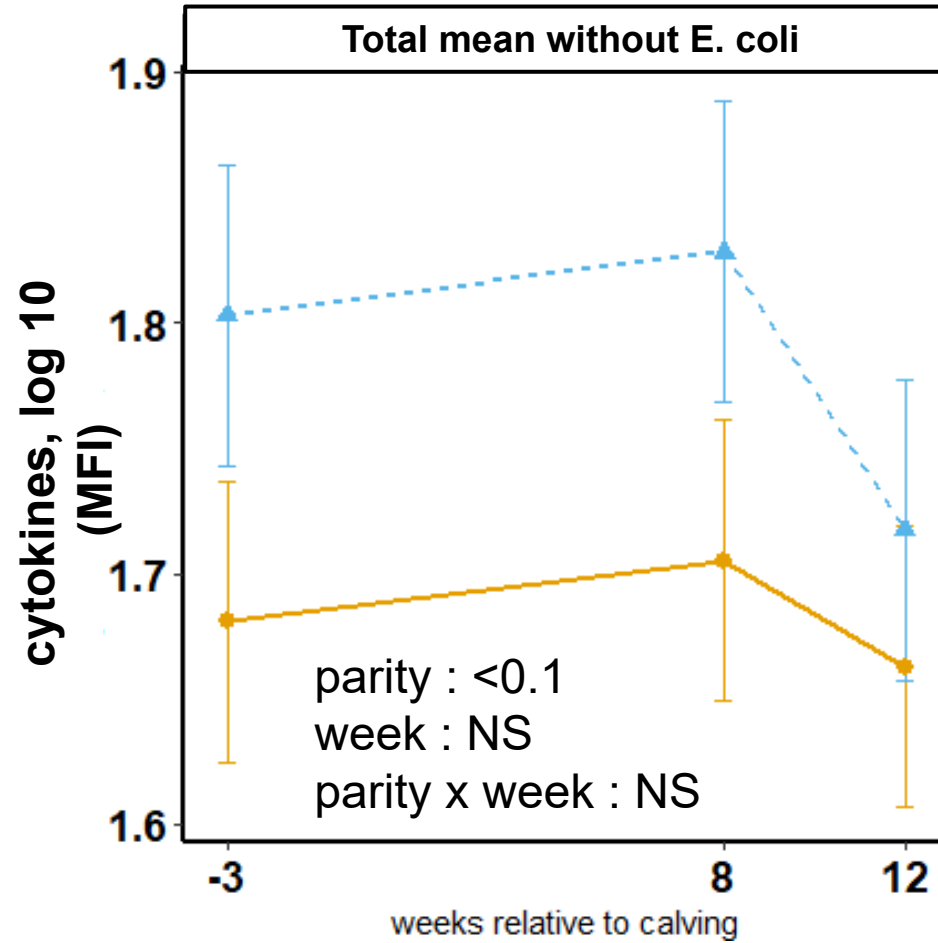
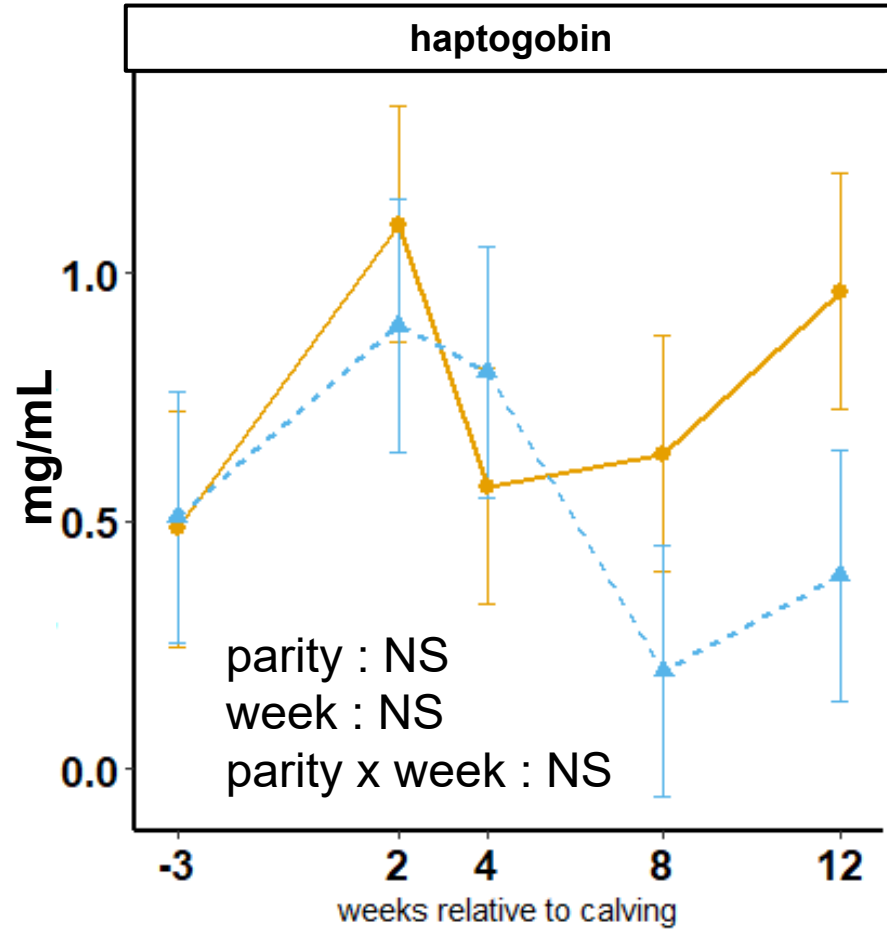
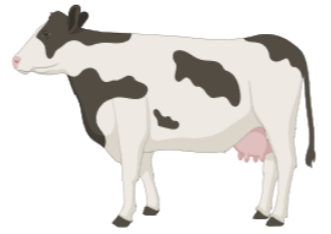
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## ➤ Supplementary data



primiparous ▲  
multiparous ●