# Impact of Deoxynivalenol (DON) in a Nutritional Calcium Depletion and Repletion Protocol in Piglets

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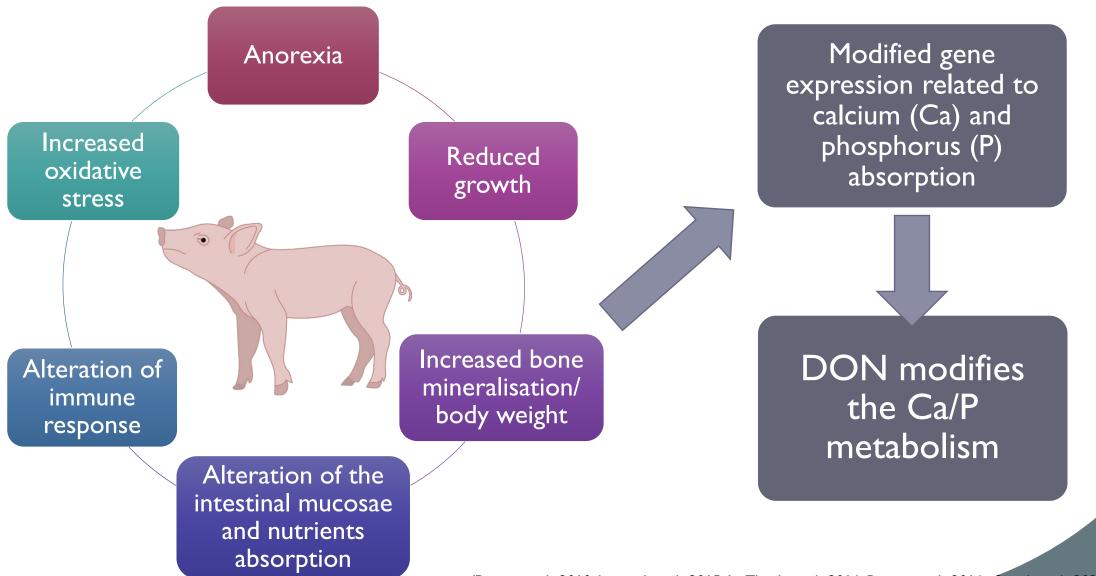
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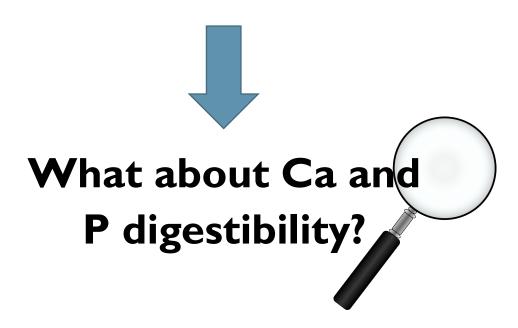


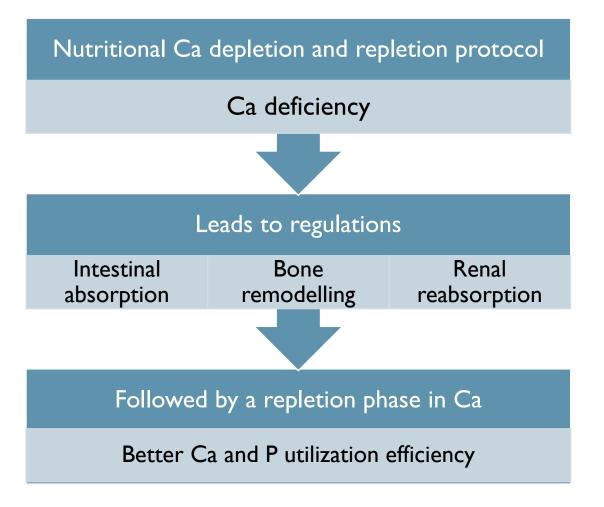


## The Impact of Deoxynivalenol (DON) on piglets



# Does DON lead to hypercalcemia?







## **Objectives**

 Understand the impact of DON on calcium metabolism by a Ca depletion-repletion strategy.

• Evaluate the impact of DON on the bone metabolism and Ca and P digestibility.



# Materials and Methods

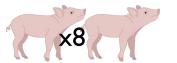
## **Experimental treatments**

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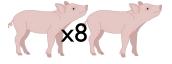
Phase I, digestible P: 0.40%



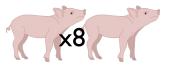
I. Ca+: 0.65%



2. Ca+DON+: <u>0.65%</u>; 2.92 mg/kg



3. Ca-: <u>0.39%</u>



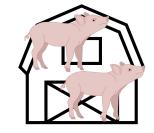
4. Ca-DON+: <u>0.39%</u>; 2.52 mg/kg

Phase 2, digestible P: 0.35%

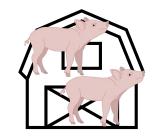
Ca+: 0.65%

# Piglets for gene expression

Digestible P:0,40%

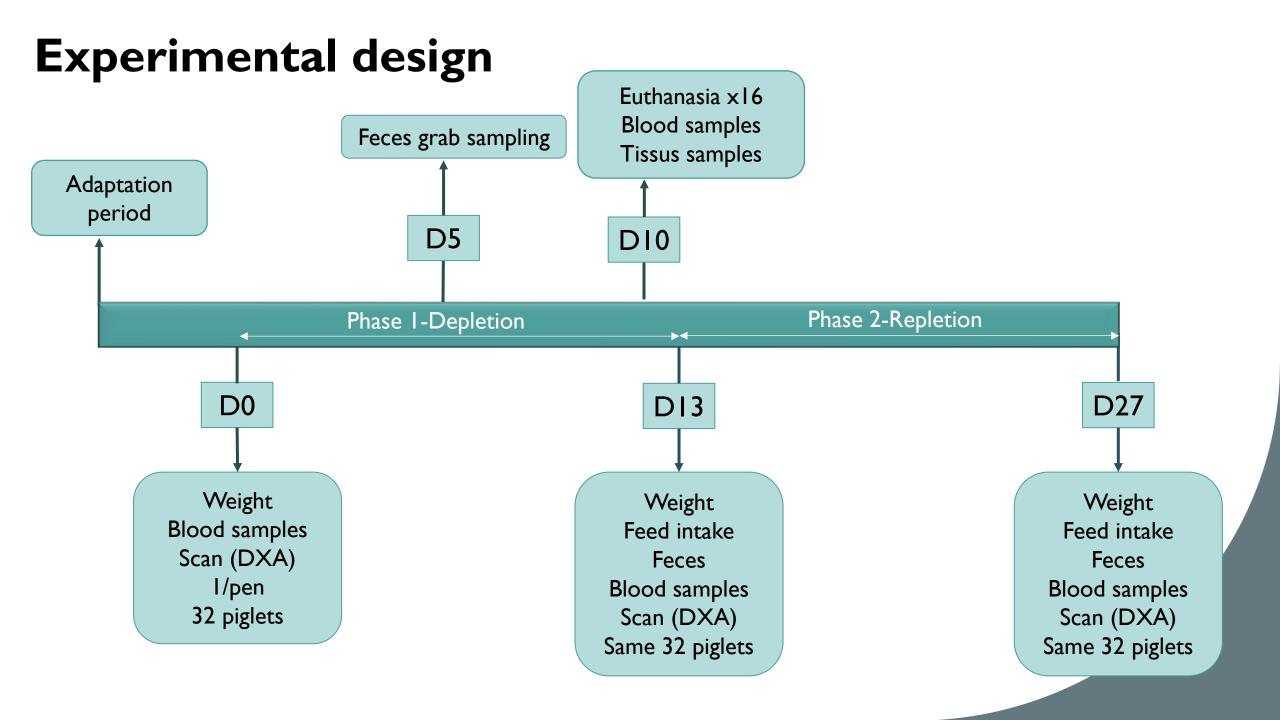


I. DON-: total Ca <u>0.65%</u>



2. DON+: total Ca <u>0.65%</u>; 2.92 mg/kg

Euthanized after 10 days of depletion phase



## Sample analysis

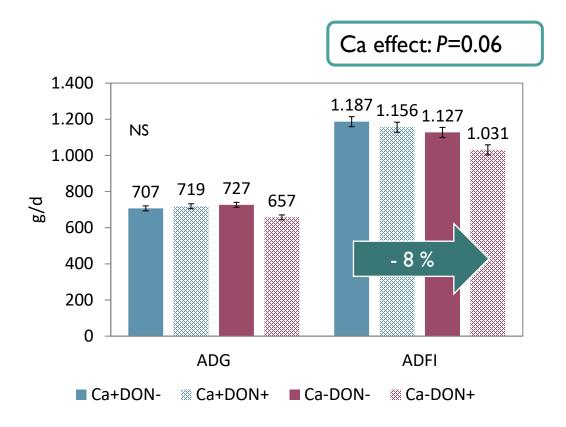
- Bone mineral content (BMC):
  Dual-Intensity X-Ray Absorptiometry (DXA) on the same pig
- Apparent total tract digestibility (ATTD)
  Indigestible marker (insoluble ash)
- 16 piglets euthanized:
  Gene expression analysis in the kidney, liver, jejunum,
  and cortical and trabecular femur
- Statistical analysis
  Mixed model ANOVA with a factorial design 2 x 2 (Ca x DON)



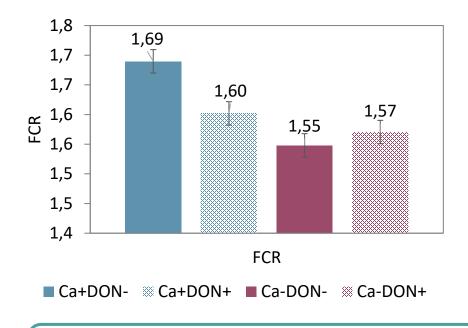
# Results and Discussion

# **Depletion Phase**

# **Growth performances**



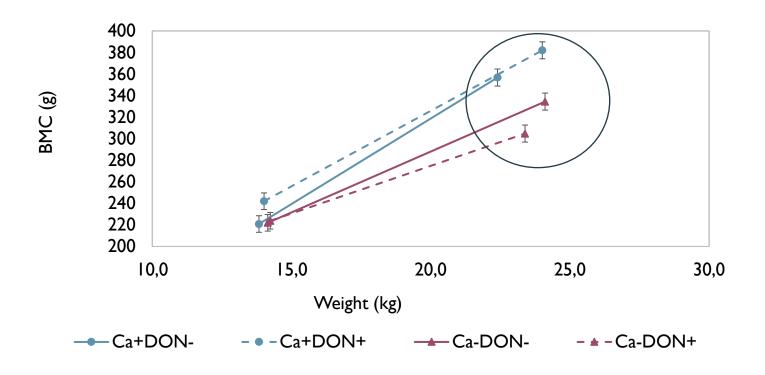
Interaction Ca × DON: *P*<0.01



Feed conversion ratio (FCR) decreased by Ca-, especially for Ca-DON-

No DON effect on growth performances.

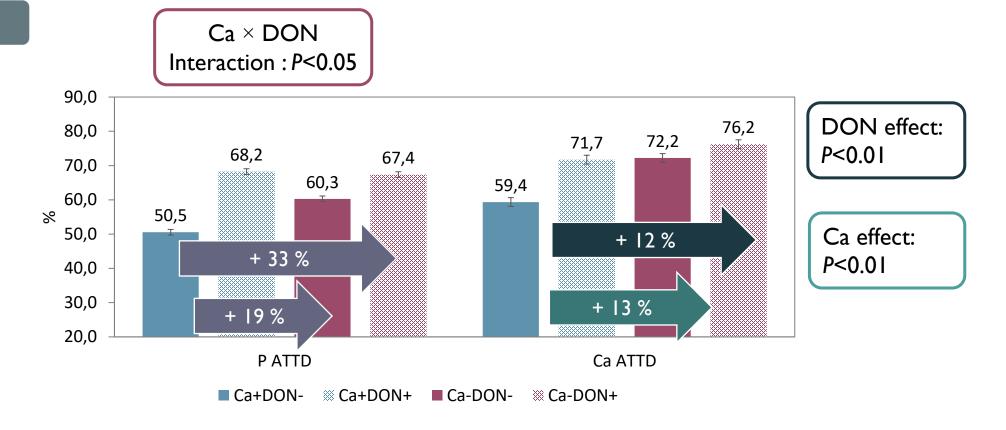
### **Bone Mineralisation**



BMC gain  $Ca \times DON$  interaction: P < 0.05

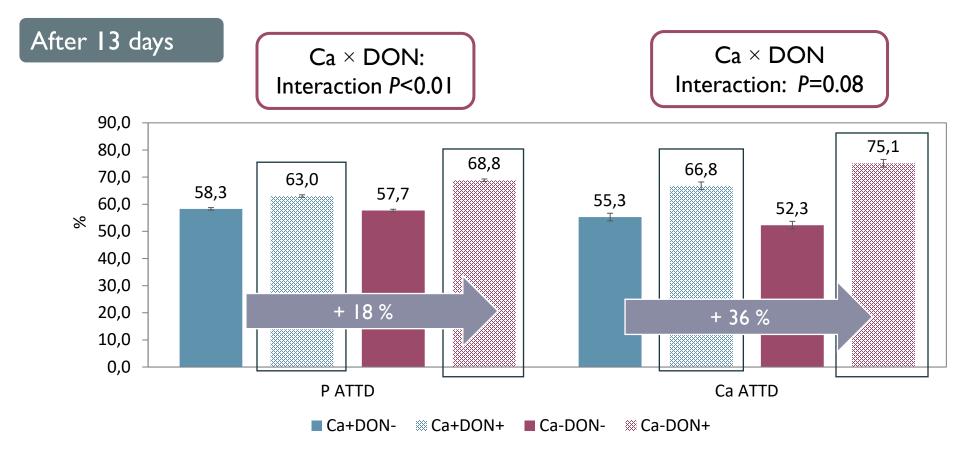
# Ca and P Digestibility

After 5 days



DON and Ca- increase the Ca and P digestibility

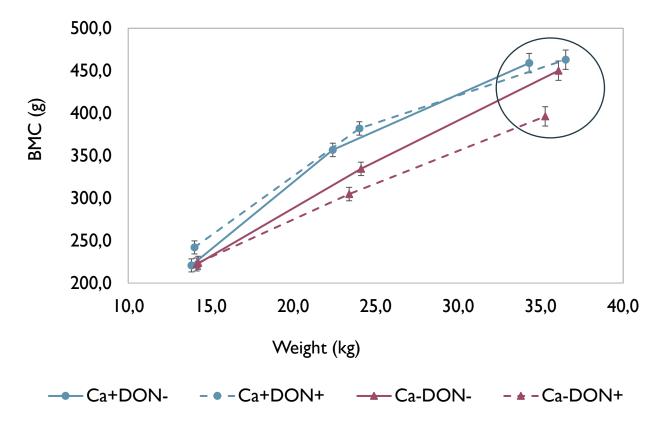
# Ca and P Digestibility



Only DON continues to increase the Ca and P digestibility after 13 days. Rapid response to the Ca deficiency, but only temporary.

# **Repletion Phase**

### **Bone Mineralisation**

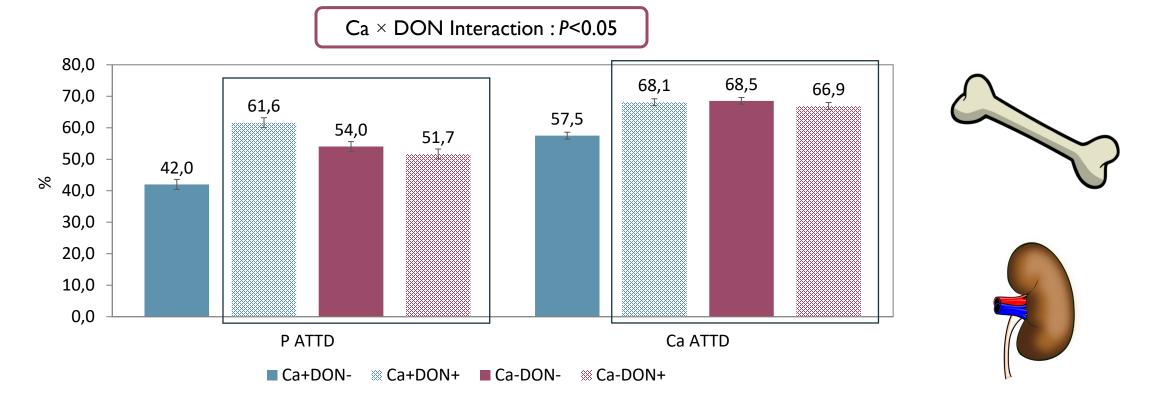




BMC of Ca-DON+ piglets remained lower (Ca  $\times$  DON Interaction; P = 0.06)

Piglets that experienced a Ca deficiency without DON increased their BMC gain, compensating for their bone mineralisation deficit to reach the Ca+ piglets (8,34 g/d vs 7,30 g/d).

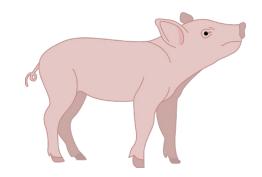
# Ca and P Digestibility



Piglets that received DON or a Ca deficiency increased their Ca and P digestive utilization efficiency. However, Ca-DON+ piglets have a lower bone mineralisation...

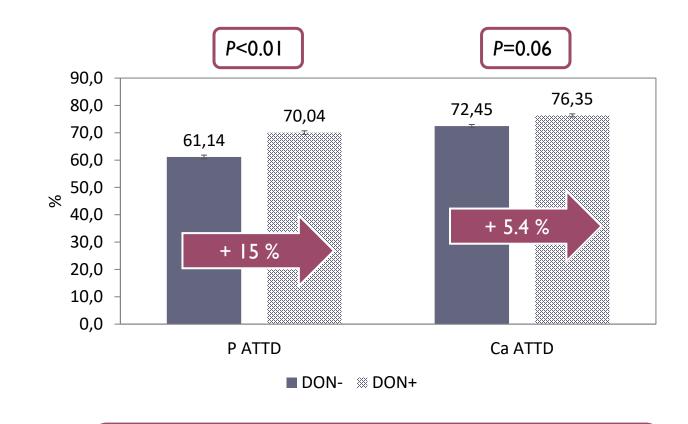
# DON Results after 10 Days

## **Growth Performance and Digestibility**



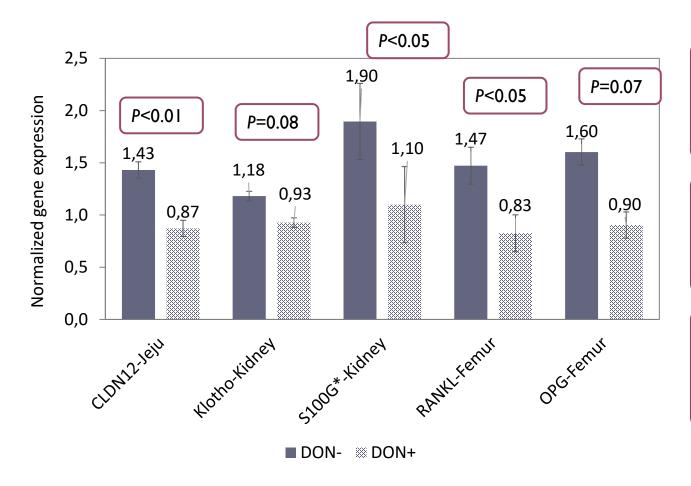
No effect on growth

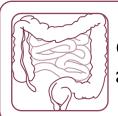
No effect on feed intake



DON still increases the Ca and P digestibility

# **Gene Expression**





Claudin I 2: Ca paracellular absorption



Klotho: FGF23 coreceptor S100G: Renal Ca transport



**RANKL** binds to the RANK receptor, and **OPG** (osteoprotegerin) binds to RANKL in osteoclast metabolism

\* Poisson distribution

### **Conclusion**



#### **Depletion**

- Ca deficiency rapidly increased the Ca and P digestibility after
   5 days, but temporarily, with a decrease after 13 days.
- DON increased the Ca and P digestibility after 5 and 13 days.

#### Repletion

 The increased Ca and P digestibility allowed the Ca-DON- piglets to cope for their bone mineralisation deficit from the depletion phase.



#### **Depletion**





 Downregulation of RANKL and OPG gene expression by DON in bone...



#### Repletion

- The Ca-DON+ piglets did not cope their BMC deficit, despite an increase in Ca and P digestibility.
- DON decreases bone gain.
- Long-term effect on bone mineralisation.



## Any questions?

Thank you!

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