

# Vaccination in production animals

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# Focus on livestock

- AIM of vaccination: Reduce susceptibility
- Many diseases are eradicated
- Many vaccines are forbidden (as they will destroy the surveillance)
- Emergency vaccination is an alternative to eradication
- Vaccination success is measured on the herd level

# Different vaccine approaches

## **Prophylactic vaccination**

Standard for humans and companion animals

For livestock: Endemic diseases

## **Emergency vaccinations** (in connection to outbreaks)

Exotic diseases

Vaccinate to kill?!

## **Post-exposure treatment** (vaccination *and* passive antibodies)

Rabies, tuberculosis

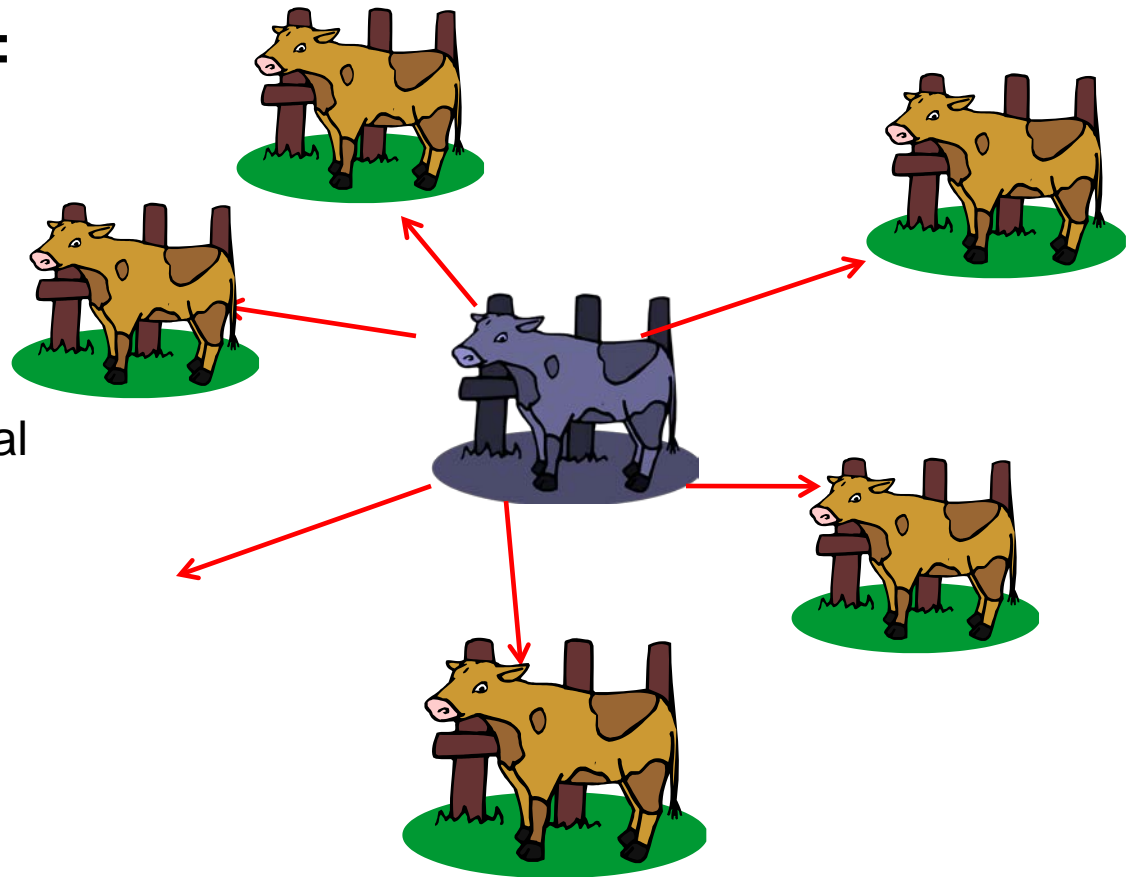
# How to measure vaccine efficacy

**R(0) index (basic reproduction index):**

One sick animal emitting virus:

If a sick animal generates less than one sick animal the disease dies out.

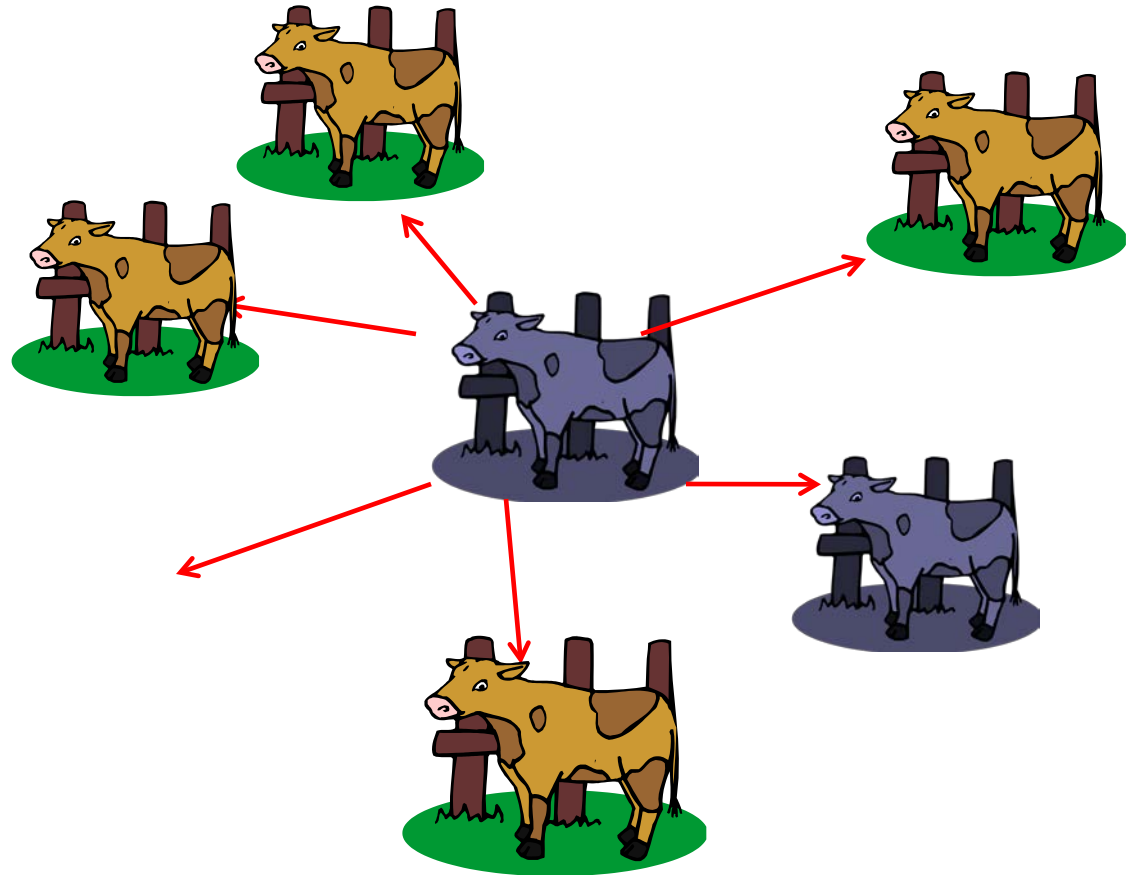
If a sick animal generates more than one new an epidemic is started.



# $R(0)$ is 1 when

$R(0)$  index (basic reproduction index):

One sick individual emitting virus result in only one sick animal.



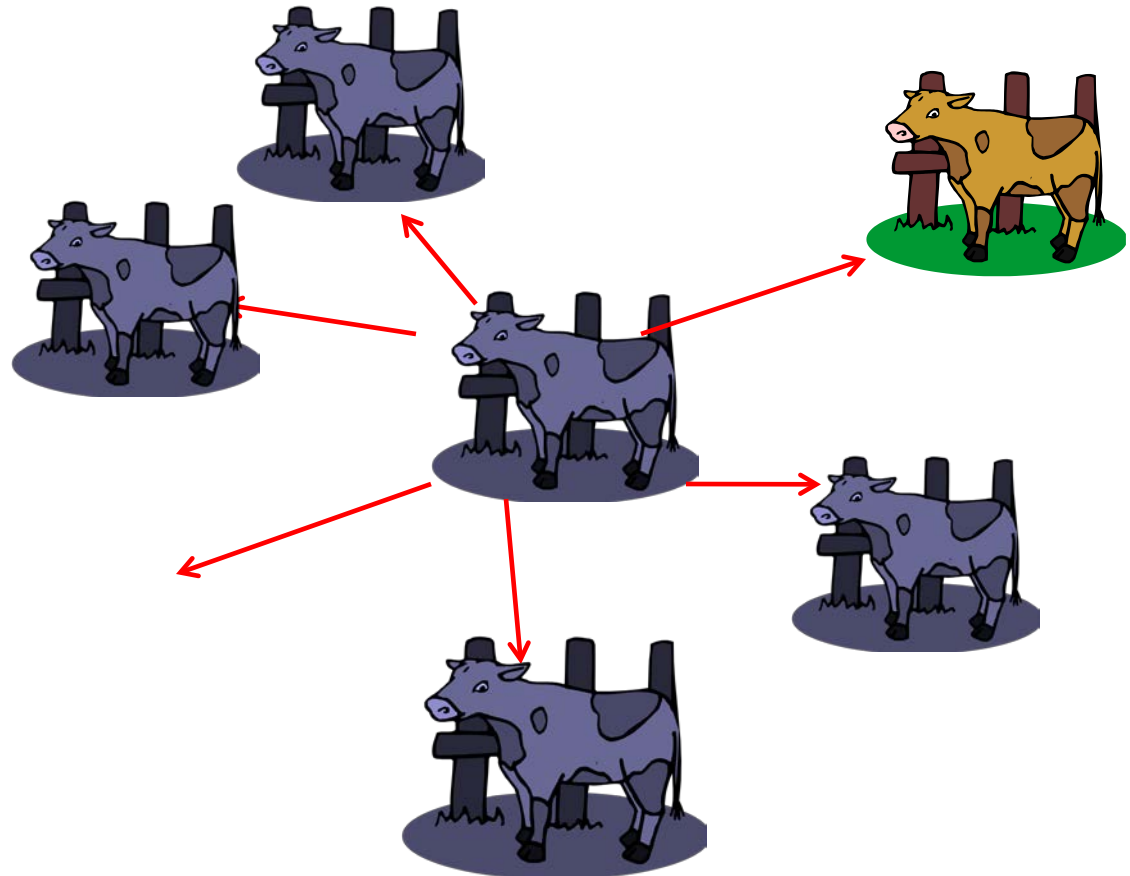
$R(0) = 1$  the disease is maintained

# If $R(0) > 1$ disease is spreading

$R(0)$  index (basic reproduction index):

One sick individual emitting virus result in several sick animals.

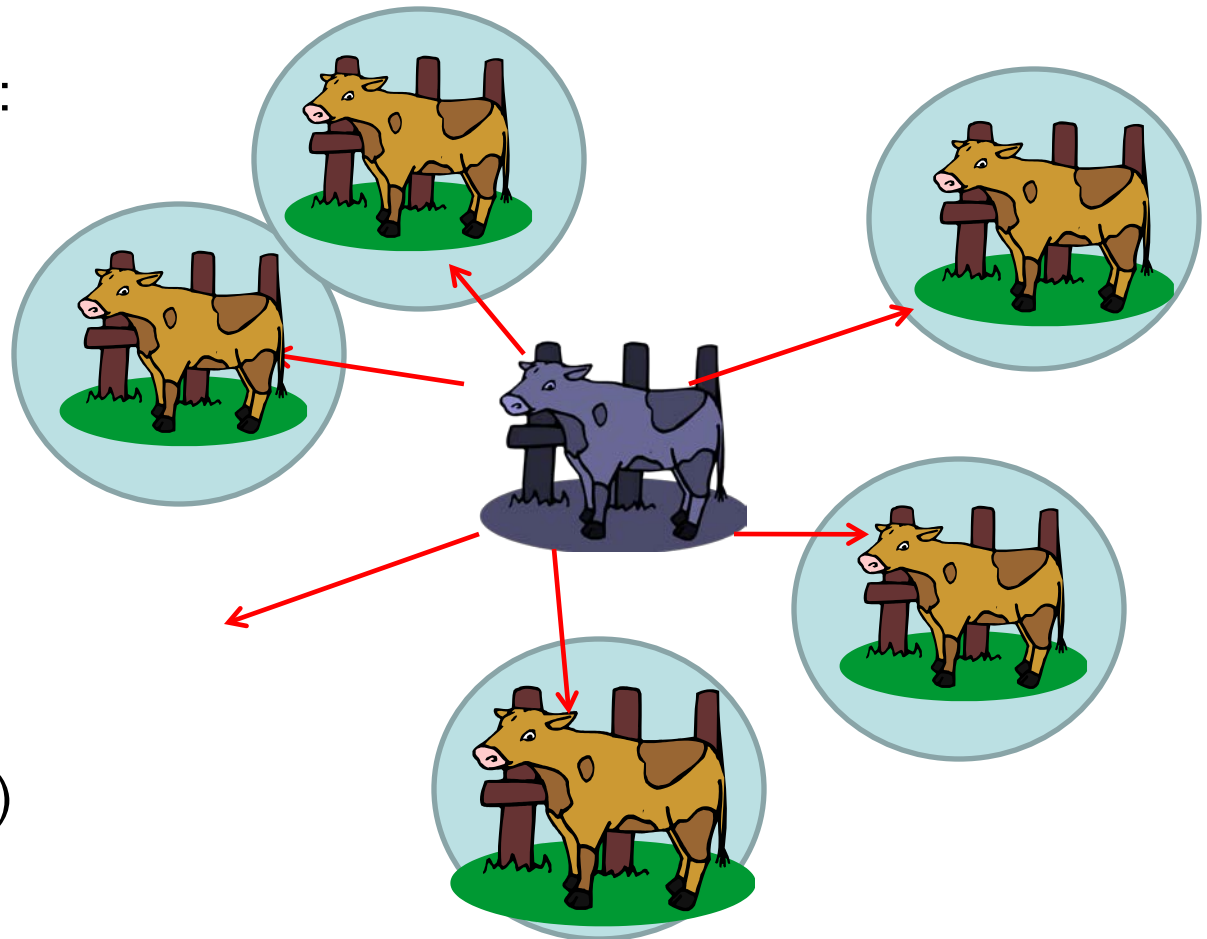
Knowing the  $R(0)$  for a disease is important (why vaccinate for a disease that does not spread)



# Vaccination must reduce $R(0)$

$R(0)$  index (basic reproduction index):

One sick animal emitting virus result in less than only one sick animal.



RESULT:

The virus needs susceptible individuals and  $R(0)$  decreases to below 1.. Hurray!

# Vaccination will reduce

- The number of susceptible animals thereby reducing  $R(0)$
- This could be measured by:
  - Mortality (number of dying individuals)
  - Morbidity (number of sick individuals)
  - Presence of virus in animals (or antibody correlate)
- Sterilizing immunity is optimal but rare

# To end a vaccination campaign

## Stop vaccination!

### Measure status by

introduction of non-vaccinated sentinel animals (to be followed closely)

Test young stock

Remove vaccinated animals test the other

### DIVA diagnostics if DIVA vaccinated

Genetic DIVA or discriminating antibody test

# Surveillance & Vaccination

With imperfect vaccines we have to monitor the disease

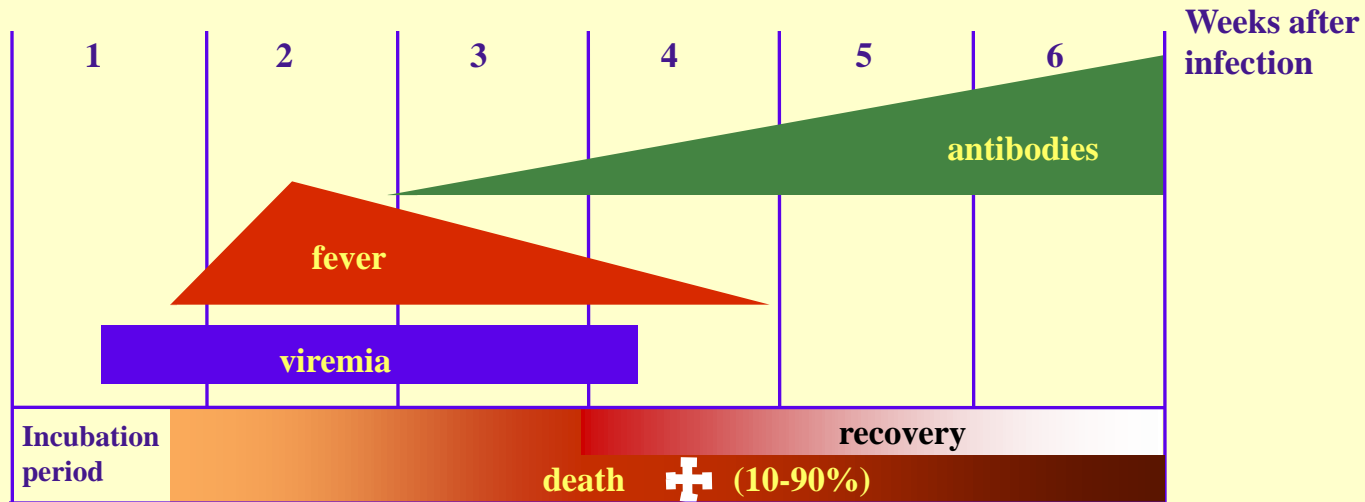
- Serological surveillance
- Virological surveillance
- Import surveillance (animal products)
- Clinical surveillance
- Pen side tests in different formats



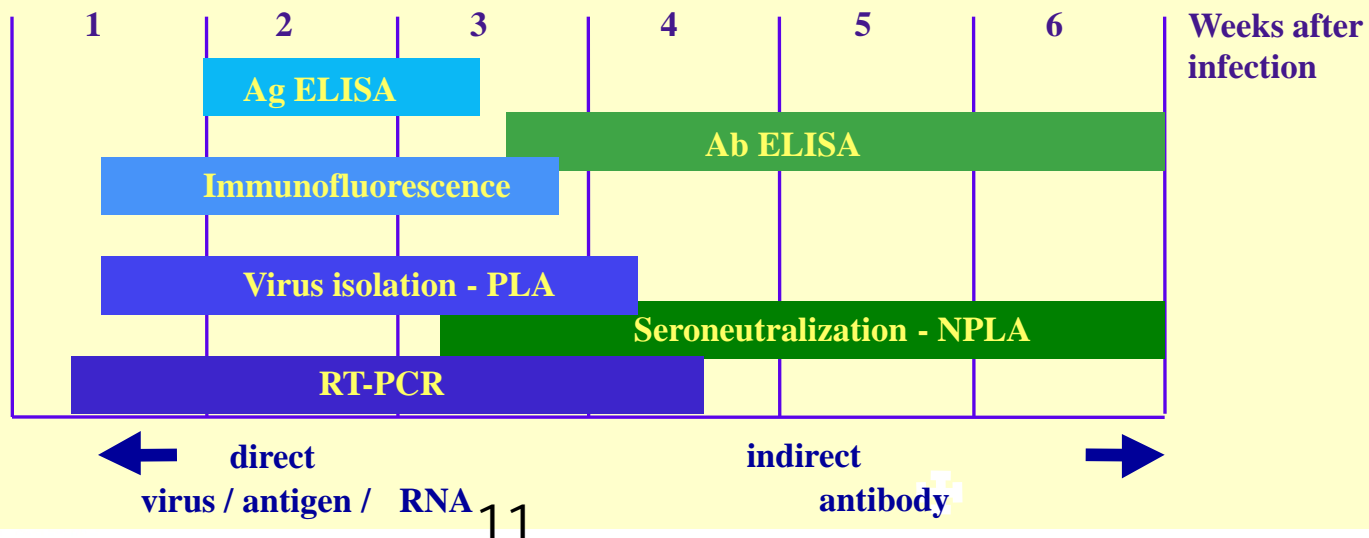
# Laboratory diagnosis of CSF

(Meindl-Boehmer, 2004)

## Acute form of CSF

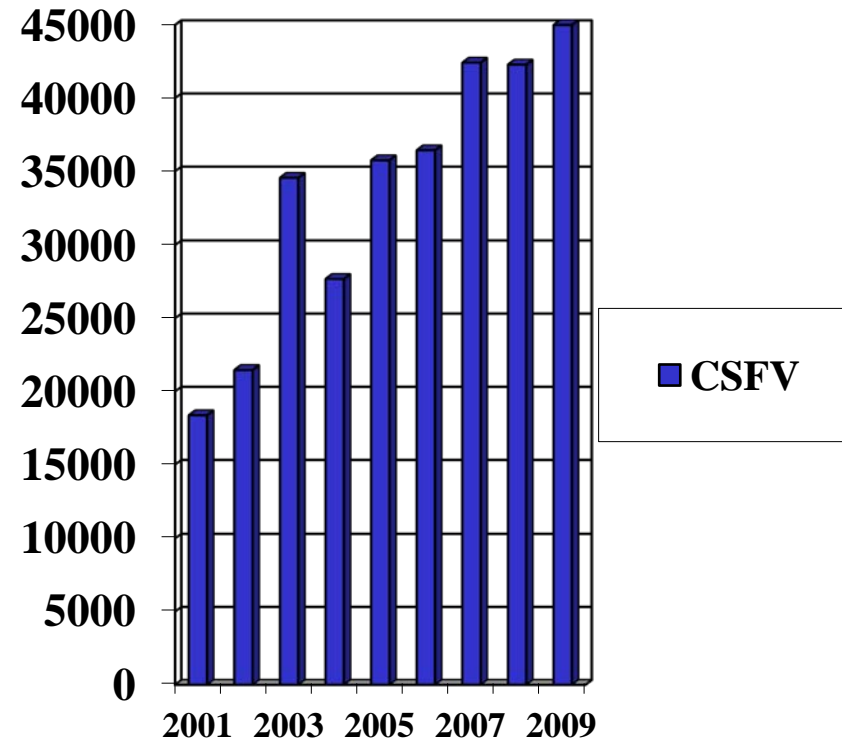


## Laboratory diagnosis / Acute form of CSF



# Serosurveillance

- In Denmark our CSFV free status is verified by serological surveillance
- 20-45.000 blood samples are analysed every year for CSFV
- Prophylactic vaccination would cause antibodies



# So what happens after CSF?

- Immediate stand-still; pig transport banned
- All live and killed export would be stopped
- All pigs herds would be visited by a vet; samples would be analysed
- Pig herds with infected pigs would be slaughtered
- DK would be divided into "infected" and "clean" areas
- Lots of work; lots of losses



# DIVA vaccines, marker vaccines

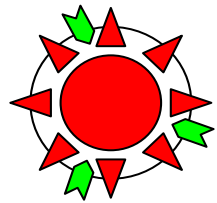
Differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals

Diagnosing Infection in Vaccinated Animals

Vaccinated?	Infected?	TEST RESULTS	
		ANTIBODY	MARKER ELISA
Not vaccinated	Not infected	-	-
	Infected	+	+
DIVA vaccinated	Not infected	+	-
	Infected	+	+

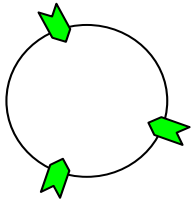
# A: CSF marker vaccine

# B: Pig antibody response



Infection →

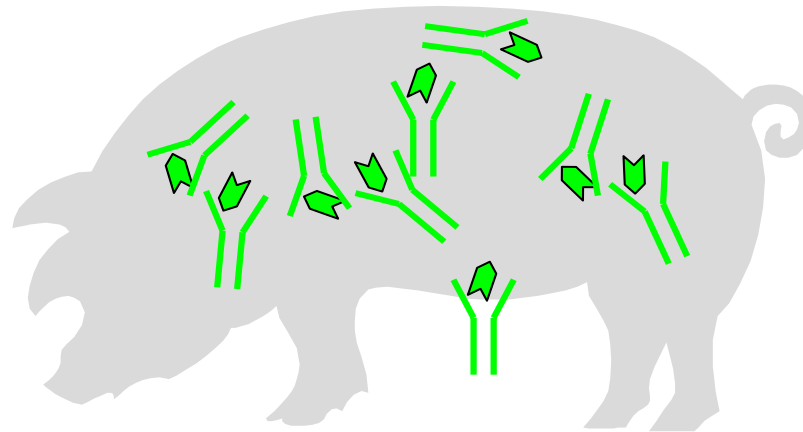
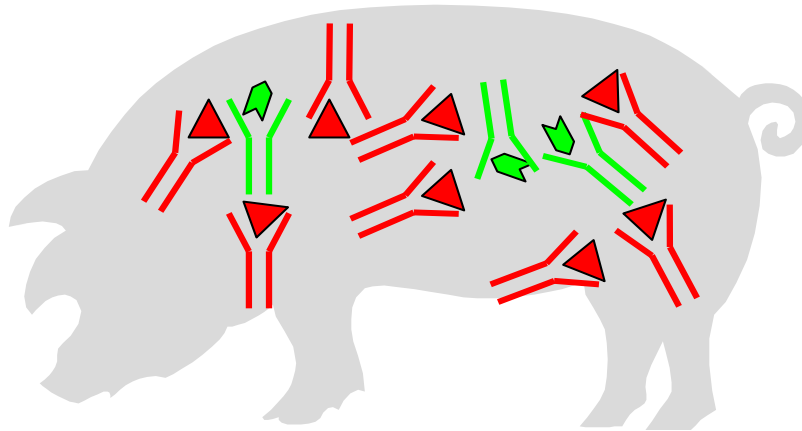
Wildtype virus



Vaccine only with protective virus and adjuvants

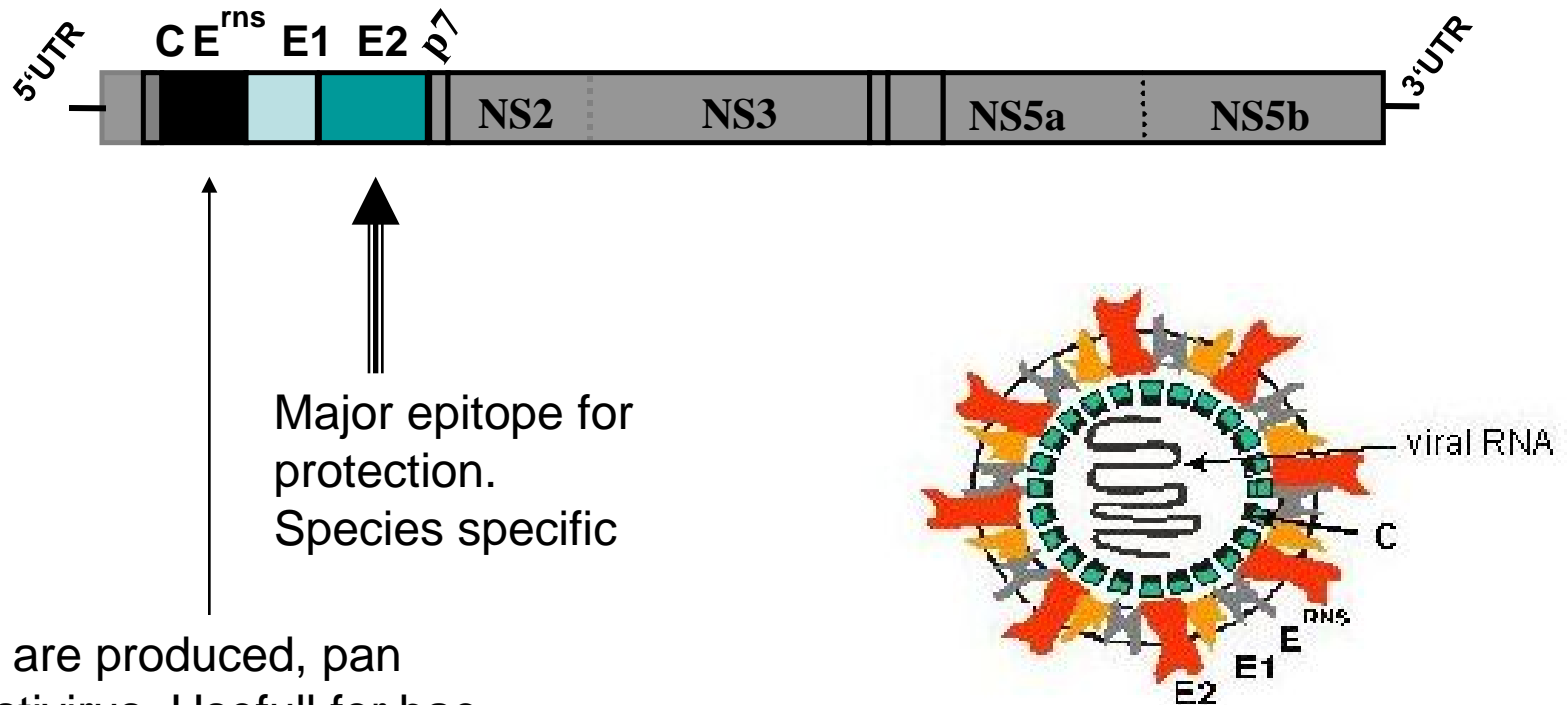


Marker vaccination →





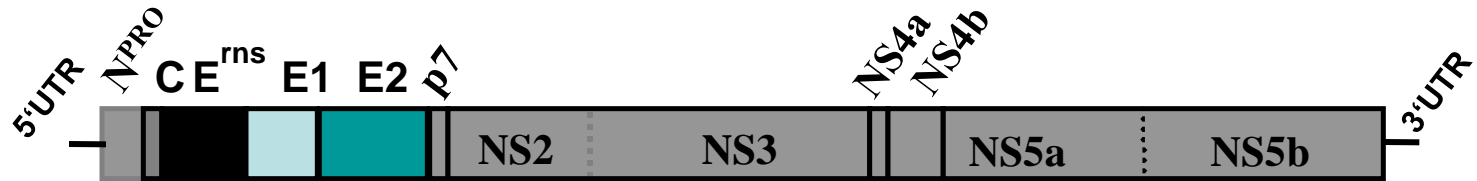
# DIVA diagnostic - principles



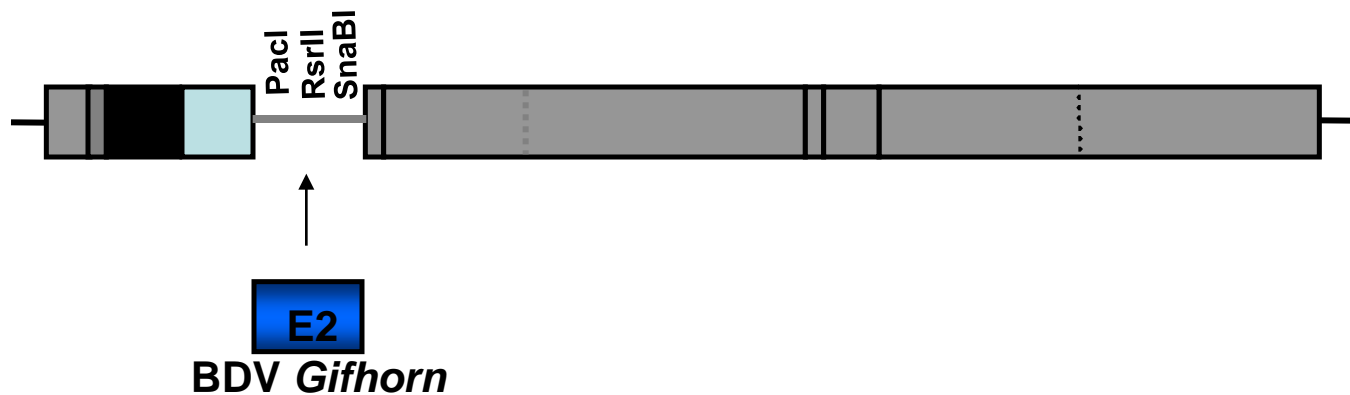
Ab are produced, pan  
pestitivirus. Usefull for bac  
produced E2

# Construction of chimeric pestivirus, tailor-made DIVA vaccines

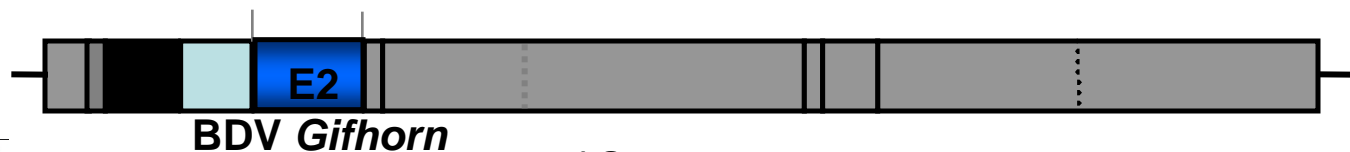
Infectious clone of BVDV cp7 [Meyers et al. 1996]



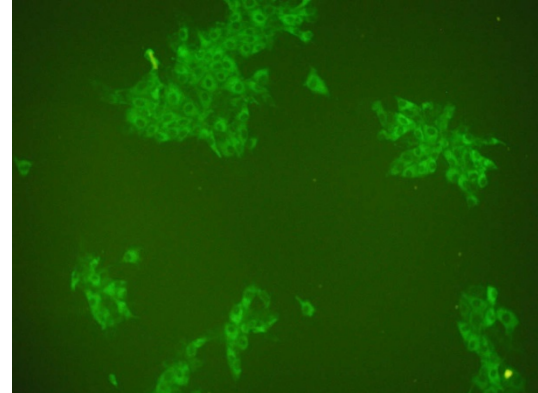
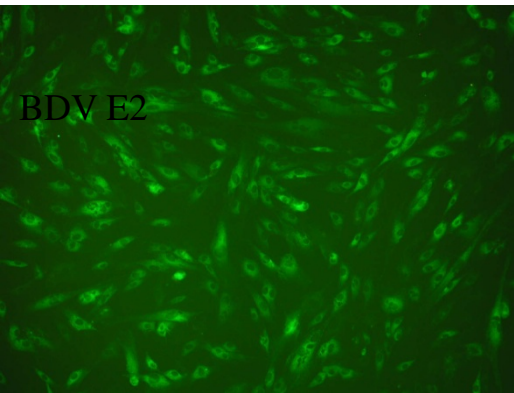
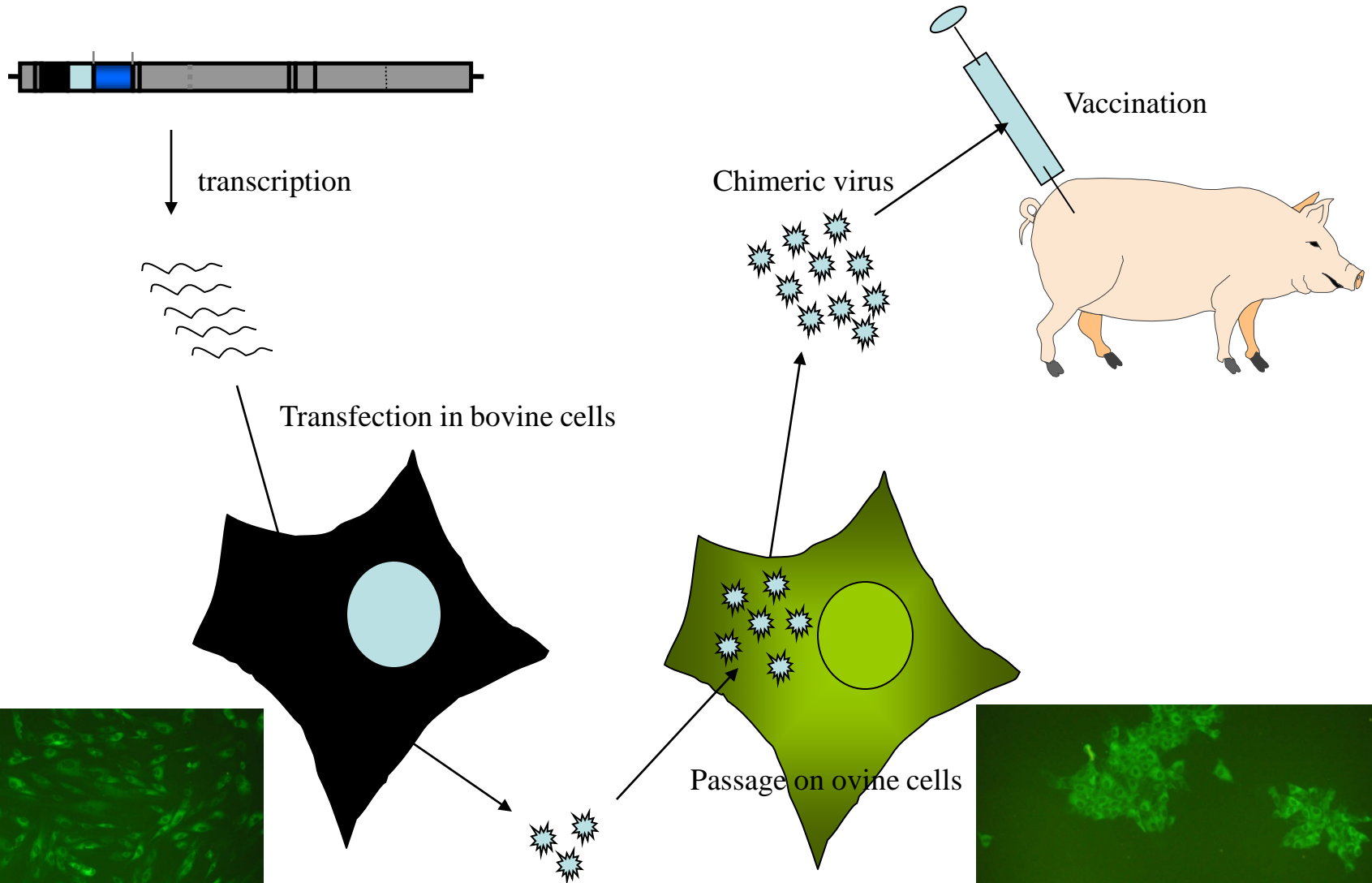
Deletion mutant: cp7 $\Delta$ E2 [Reimann et al. 2004]



BVDV with E2 from BDV: cp7\_E2gif [Rasmussen et al. 2007]



# From clone to chimeric virus



# DIVA Vaccine - principles

**The DIVA vaccine must be protective**

**There must be accompanying DIVA diagnostic tests**

The optimal specificity and sensitivity is crucial

High throughput methods needed.. 10 000 analyses per day is nothing

Additional confirmatory tests for positive reacting animals

# Vaccines against parasites



# The anti-**parasite** vaccine successes

- *Rhipicephalus microplus* (tick)
  - Target a tick gut membrane-bound protein, Bm86, using a recombinant protein in a potent adjuvant. These antibodies bind to the tick's gut surface when taking a blood meal, causing the rupture of gut wall and tick death.
  - Not naturally exposed during infection and needs boosting
- *Dictyocaulus viviparus* (cattle lungworm)
  - Irradiated larvae providing immunity similar to natural infections
- *Theileria parva* (East Coast Fever)
  - *The MUGUGA cocktail*: Live protozoa administered with simultaneous oxytetracycline treatment



# Immunity in *Ascaris suum* ?

Ascaris suum	Lung larvae 7 days post challenge (30,000 eggs 10 weeks post last inoculation)		Small intestine larvae 14 days post challenge	
	Mean larvae $\pm$ SD	% reduction	Mean larvae $\pm$ SD	% reduction
Control	1,888 $\pm$ 1,120	-	11,100 $\pm$ 1,921	-
3 x Immunized (5,000 eggs)	551 $\pm$ 371	66.5 $\pm$ 20.5 *	830 $\pm$ 1,171	92.6 $\pm$ 10.4 ***

- The paradox of *Ascaris* immunity:**

Pigs may take up ~5,000 eggs/day, but rarely more than 100 worms are found in a pig (0.05% of uptake over 6 week period). Too many worms may kill the host and stop transmission.

The pigs AND *Ascaris* need to reduce the number of larvae to survive!!!

Pigs do not develop immunity against small numbers of adult worms

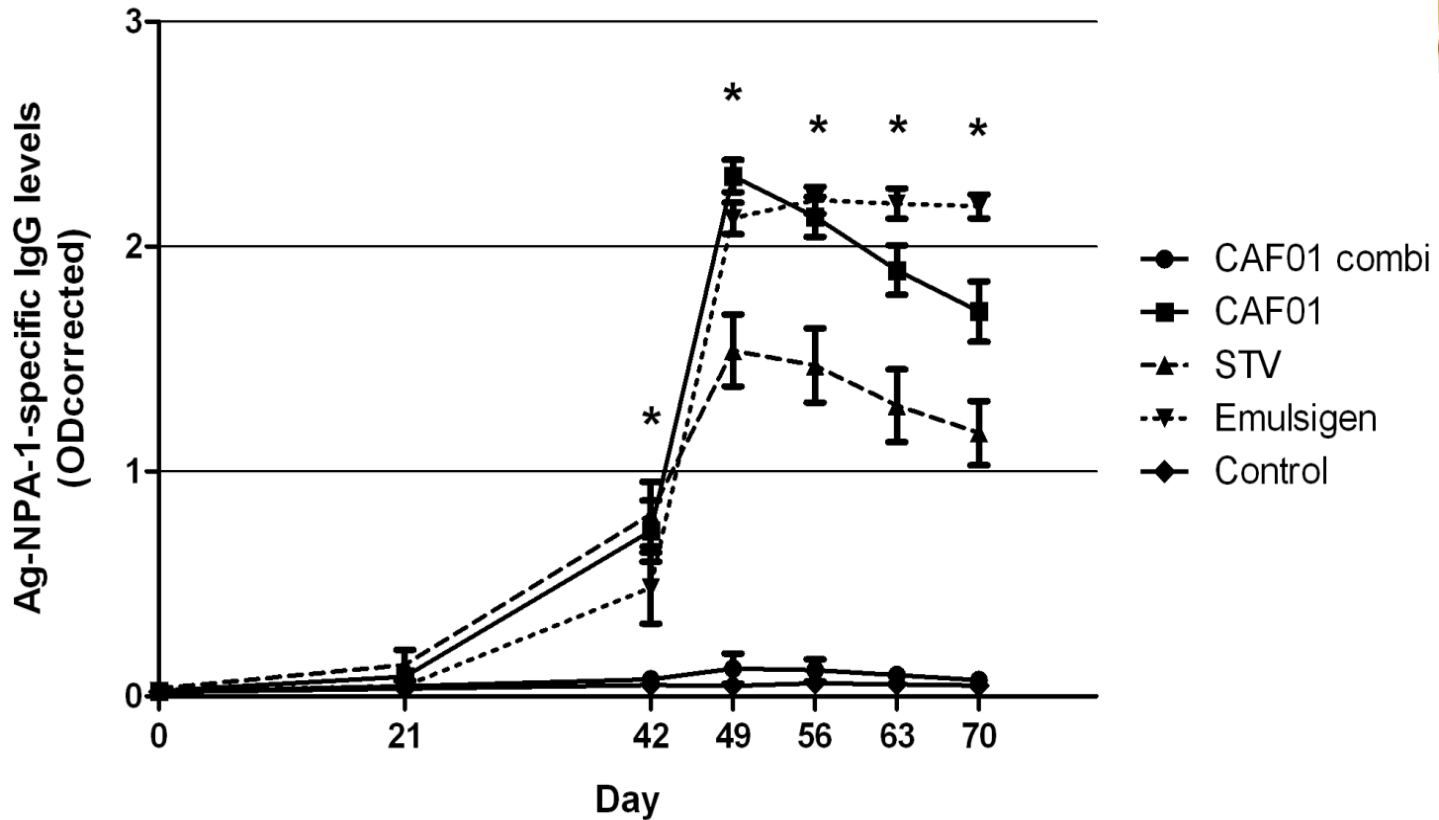
# *Ascaridia galli* vaccine?– Food for thought!

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- Natural immunity is questionable:
  - No immune response to imitate
  - Vaccine induced immune response MUST be different from the natural response!
- Life cycle in 2 locations:
  - Larvae in tissues
  - Adults are "ectoparasites"!
  - Vaccine can only target one stage
- Epidemiology:
  - Numbers of eggs and larvae are much higher than desired for survival of *Ascaridia*
  - 100% anti-larval immunity necessary for protection
  - Immunity against adult stages can be against reproduction

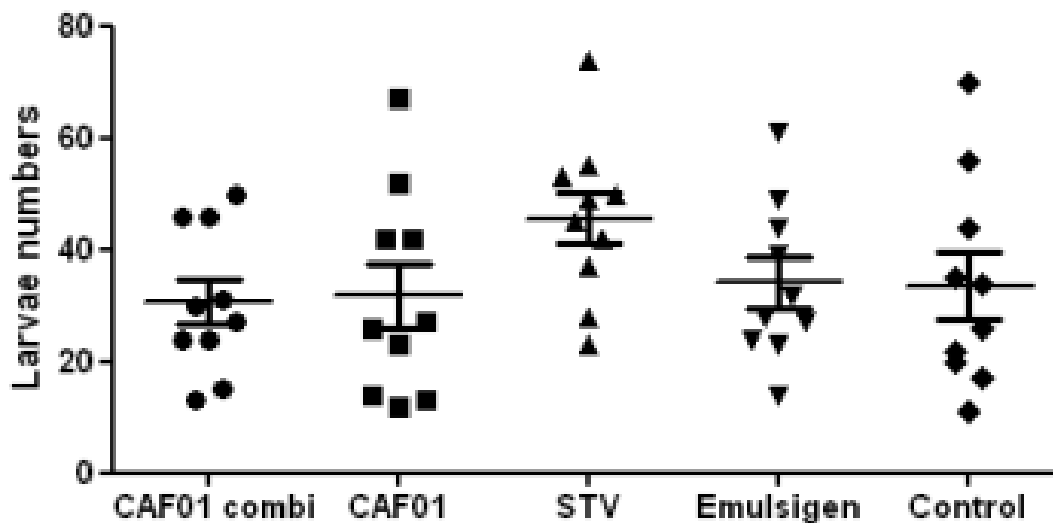
# Development of a vaccine against *Ascaridia galli*

## Ag-NPA-1 specific IgG in serum



Dorte Vadekær

# *A. galli* larval counts at day 8/9 post infection



No protection!

Dorte Vadekær

# Parasites may influence vaccines

Steenhard et al. 2009. *Ascaris suum* infection negatively affects the response to a *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* vaccination and subsequent challenge infection in pigs. *Vaccine* 27: 5161–5169

Four groups of pigs:

*Ascaris suum* trickle infected + M. hyop vaccine (w3) + M hyop challenge (w7)

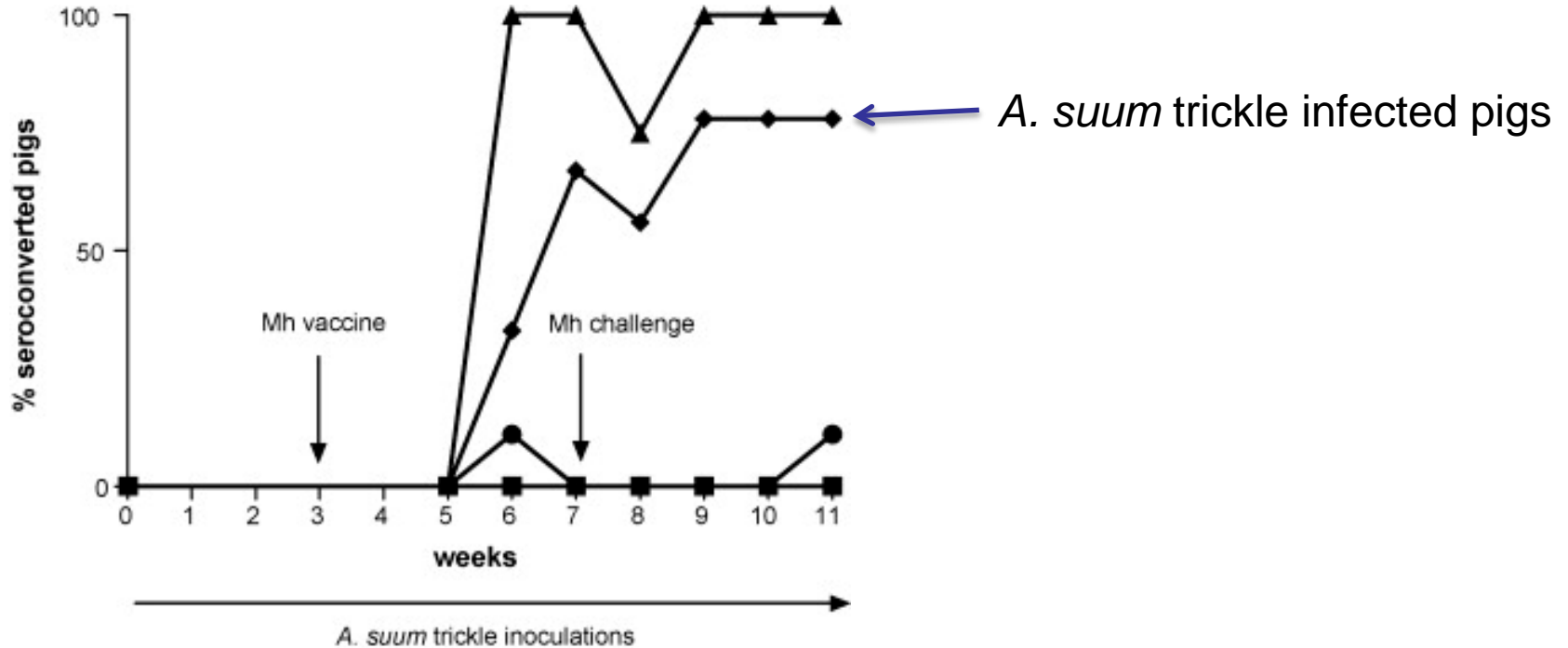
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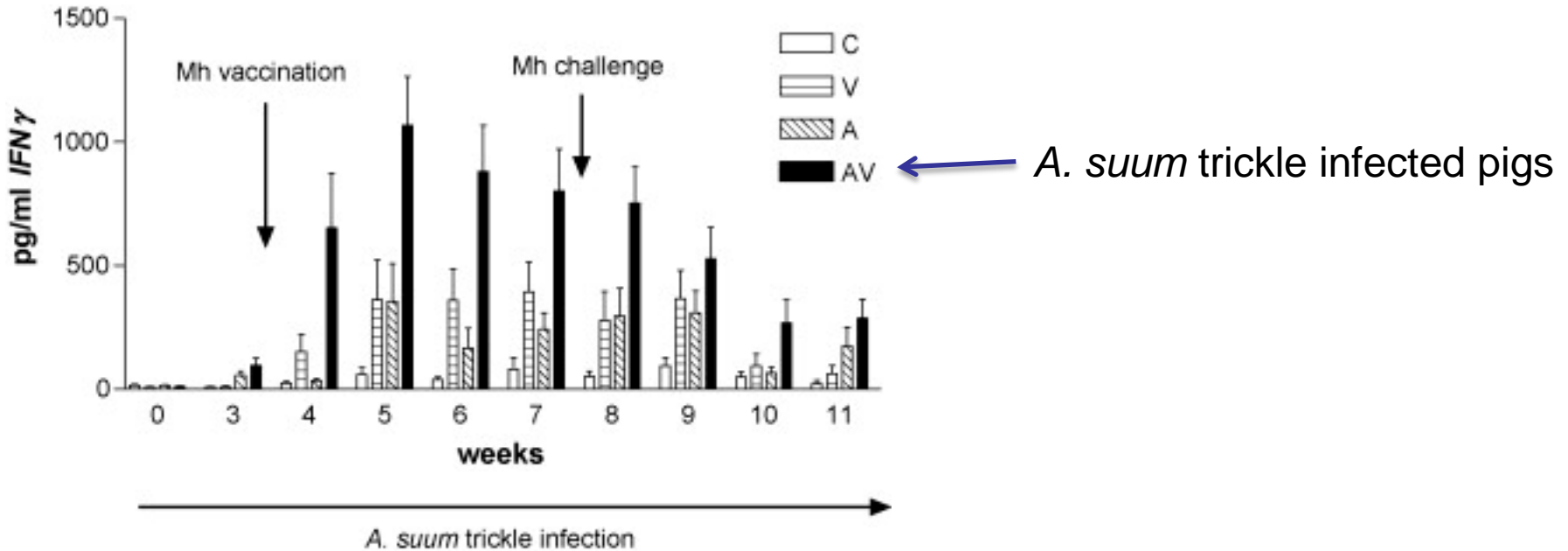
Thorovax Vet (Schering Plough AH) (inactivated Mh mixed with an aluminium hydroxide as adjuvant)

# Seroconversion after vaccination is reduced in *A. suum* pigs



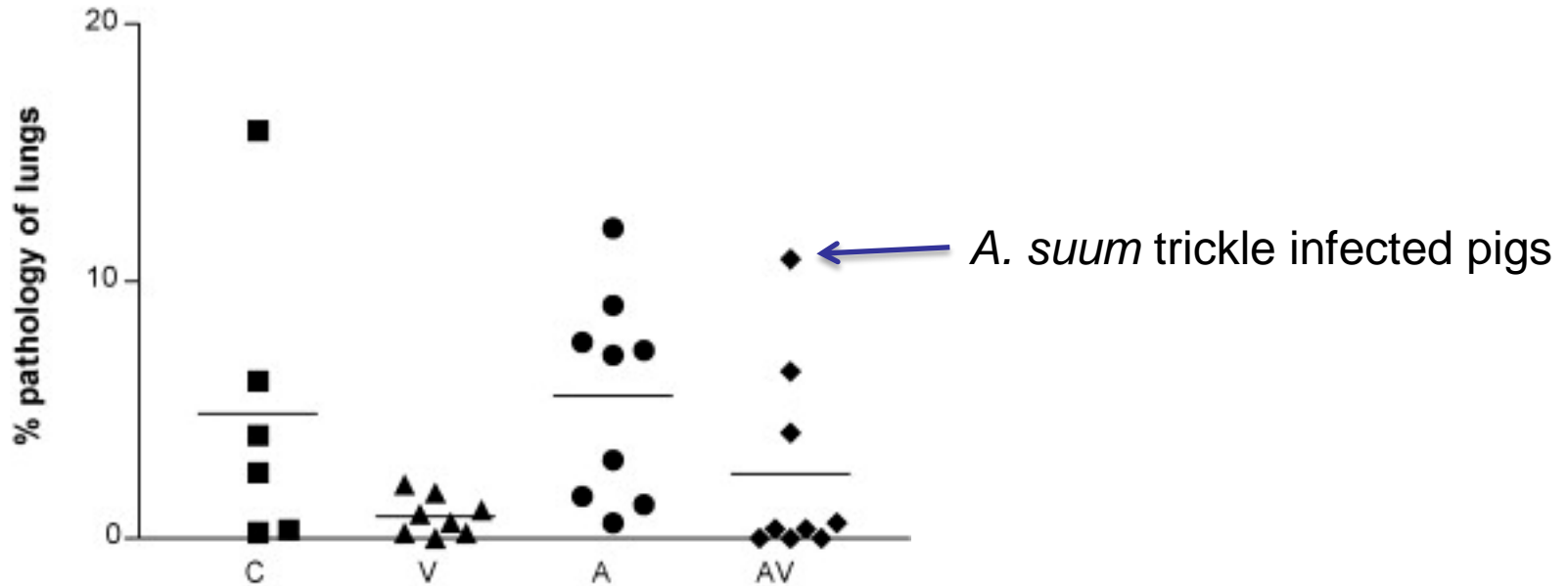
Sero-conversion to *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* (Mh) vaccine or Mh challenge in four treatment groups measured by an ISO/IEC17025 accredited monoclonal blocking ELISA. (■) Untreated control pigs (C) ( $n = 9-6$ ), (▲) pigs vaccinated at week 3 with *M. hyopneumoniae* (Mh) vaccine (V) ( $n = 9-8$ ), (●) pigs repeatedly inoculated with *A. suum* (A) ( $n = 9$ ), and (◆) pigs repeatedly inoculated with *A. suum* and vaccinated at week 3 with Mh vaccine (AV) ( $n = 9$ ). All pigs were inoculated with Mh at week 7.

# Mycoplasma-specific IFN- $\gamma$ is increased in *A. suum* pigs



Mean IFN $\gamma$  ( $\pm$ SEM) secreted into supernatants from PBMCs stimulated with *M. hyopneumoniae* membrane antigen (MhmAg). Untreated control pigs (C) ( $n = 9-6$ ), pigs vaccinated at week 3 with *M. hyopneumoniae* (Mh) vaccine (V) ( $n = 9-8$ ), pigs repeatedly inoculated with *A. suum* (A) ( $n = 9$ ), and pigs repeatedly inoculated with *A. suum* and vaccinated at week 3 with Mh vaccine (AV) ( $n = 9$ ). All pigs were inoculated with Mh at week 7.

# Mycoplasma-specific IFN- $\gamma$ is increased in *A. suum* pigs Mycoplasma-protection at challenge is reduced in *A. suum* pigs



Mean percentage of lung affected by pneumonic lesions. (■) Untreated control pigs (C) ( $n = 9-6$ ), (▲) pigs vaccinated at week 3 with *M. hyopneumoniae* (Mh) vaccine (V) ( $n = 9-8$ ), (●) pigs repeatedly inoculated with *A. suum* (A) ( $n = 9$ ), and (◆) pigs repeatedly inoculated with *A. suum* and vaccinated at week 3 with Mh vaccine (AV) ( $n = 9$ ). All pigs were inoculated with Mh vaccine at week 7 and euthanized week 11

# Spørgsmål ?



*The Cow-Pock — or — the Wonderful Effects of the New Inoculation! — vide. the Publications of the Anti-Vaccinate Society.*