# The relationship between nutrition and immunity – determining the nutritional cost

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#### Agenda

- Growth, nutrition, and immunity
- What is the nutritional cost of immunity
- How to mitigate the nutritional cost of immunity



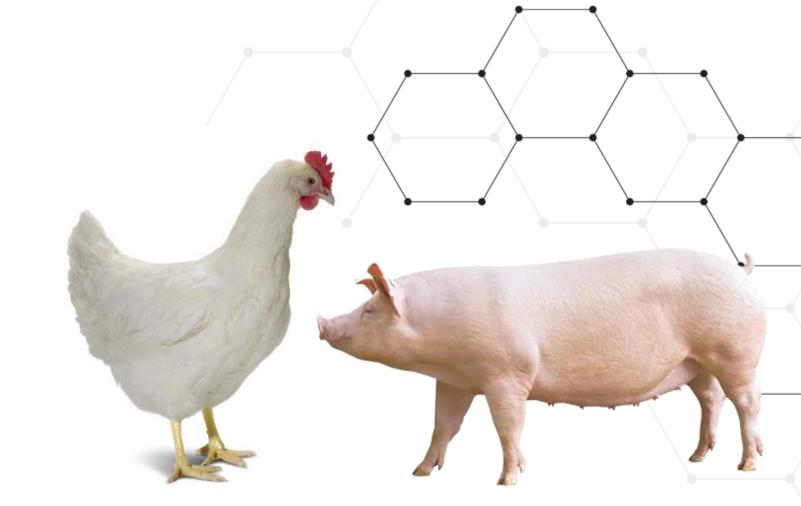


## About Me – Nutrition and Immunology

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Then







Now



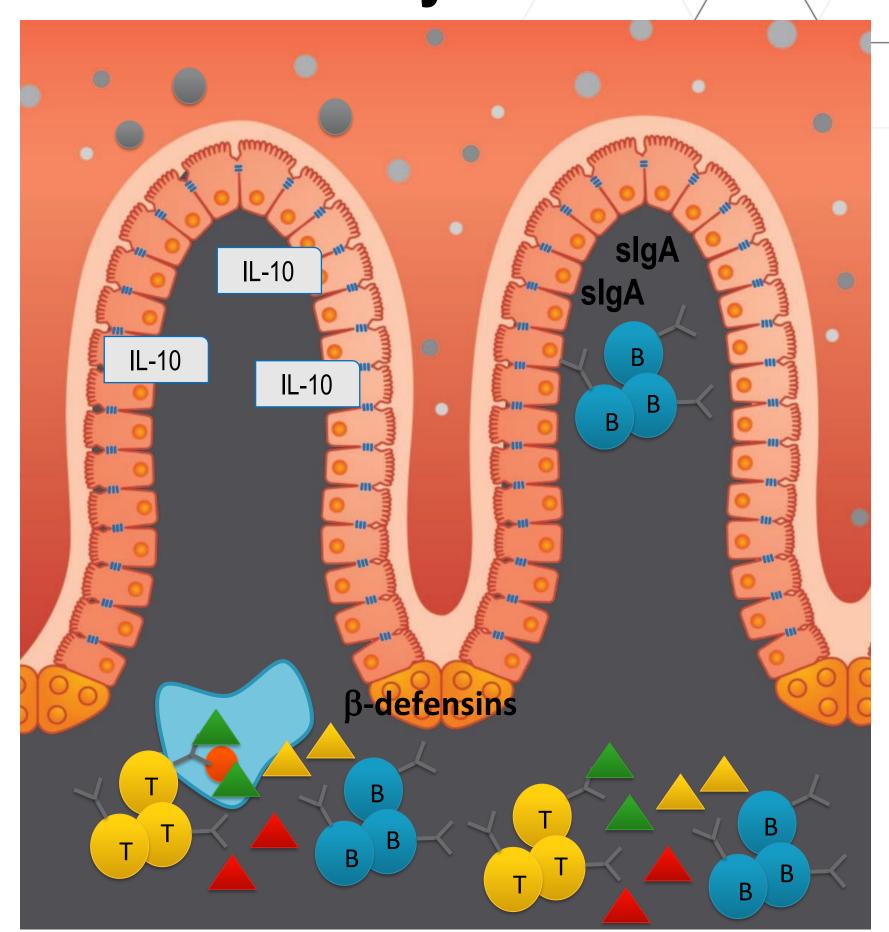
## **Define Immunity**

- The role of the immune system is to protect our body from all foreign organisms that might cause any damage or homeostasis imbalance
- How does it do that?
  - The immune system is made up of a network of **cells**, **tissues**, and **proteins** that work together to protect the body
    - Non self vs. self
    - Gut health immune tolerance
- Recognition, Response, Resolution

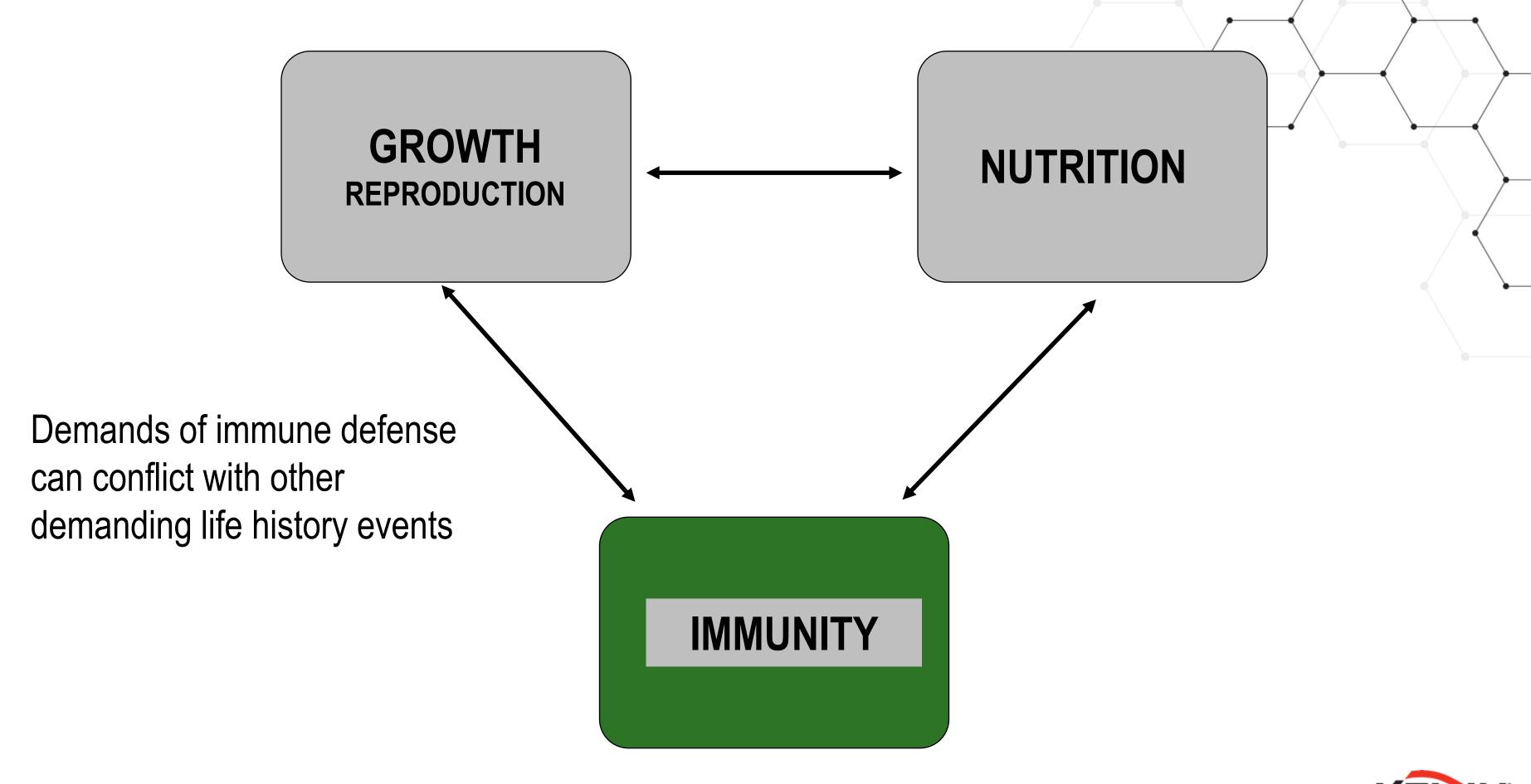


### Factors Involved in Gut Health: Intestinal Immunity

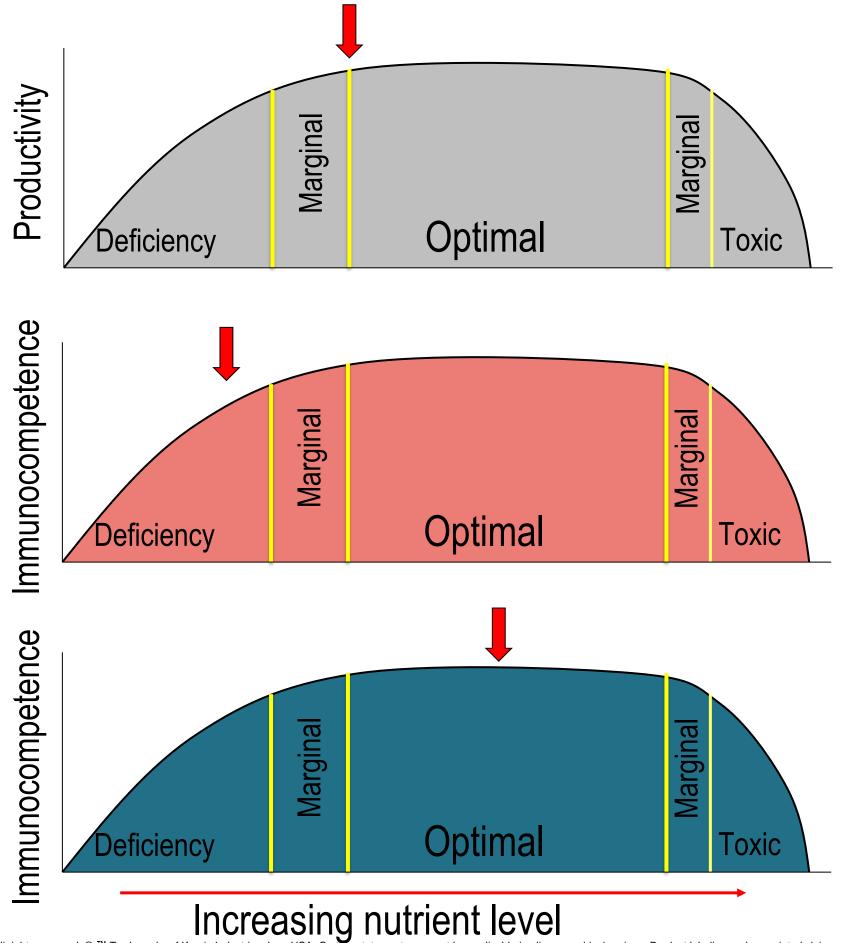
- Help maintain the division between the host and microbiota
- Respond to microbial incidences in a controlled manner
- Clear infection with a limited degree of inflammation (including systemic)

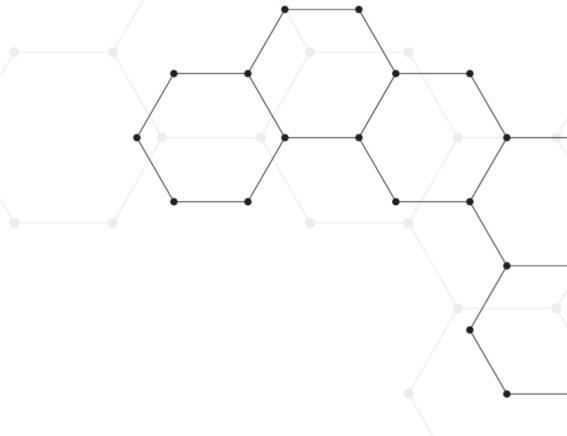






Impact of Nutrients on Immune Effector Functions

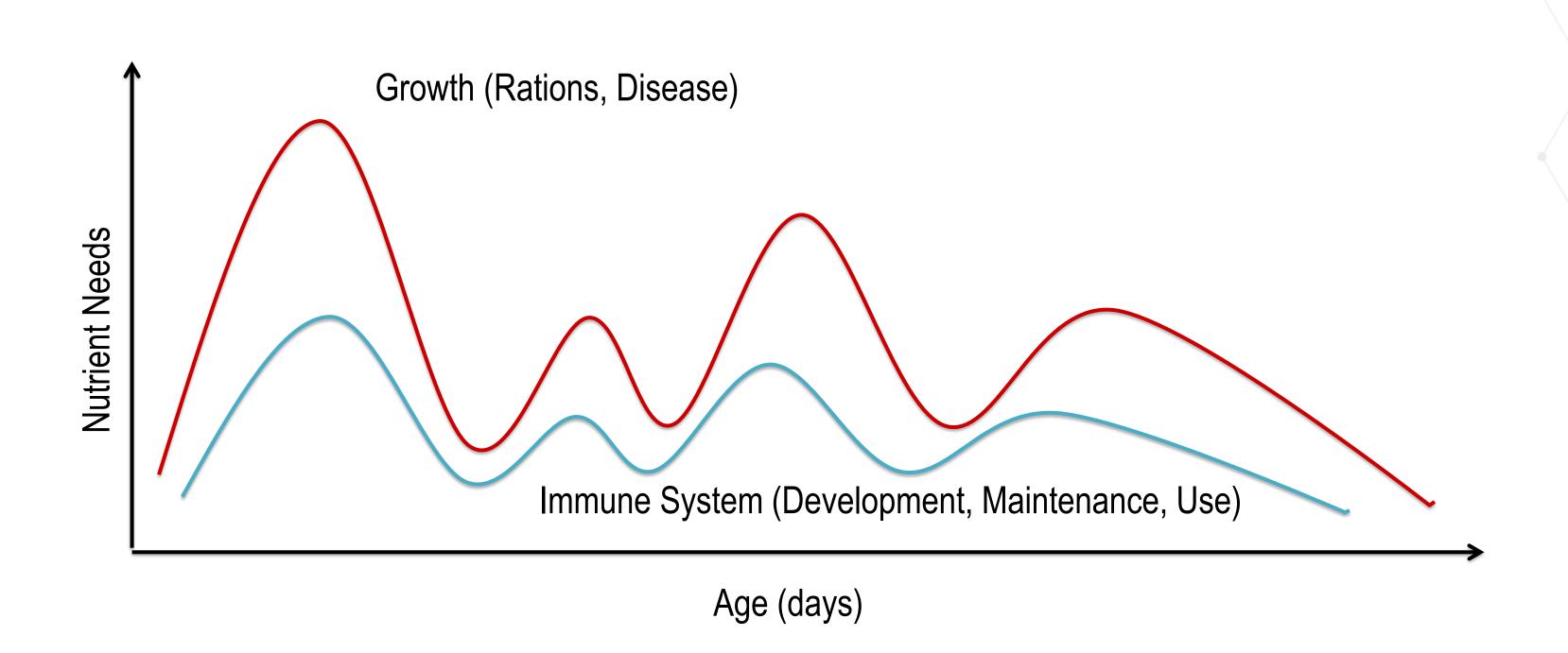




Vitamin E, plasma, oats

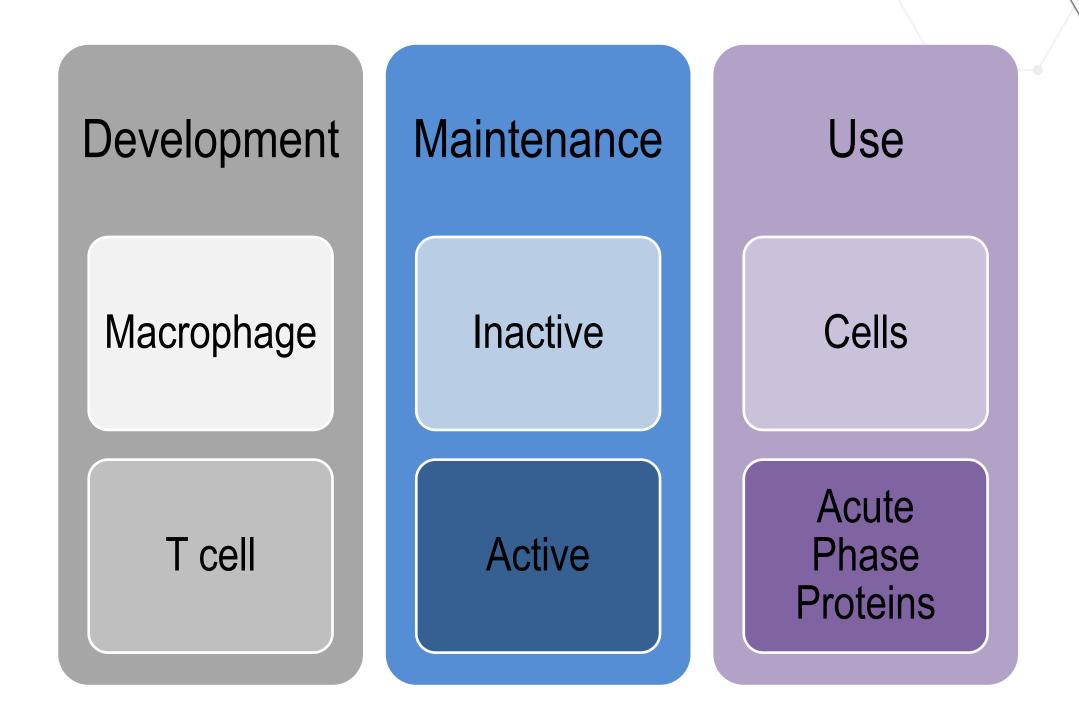


#### Nutrient Needs – Right Amounts and Right Time





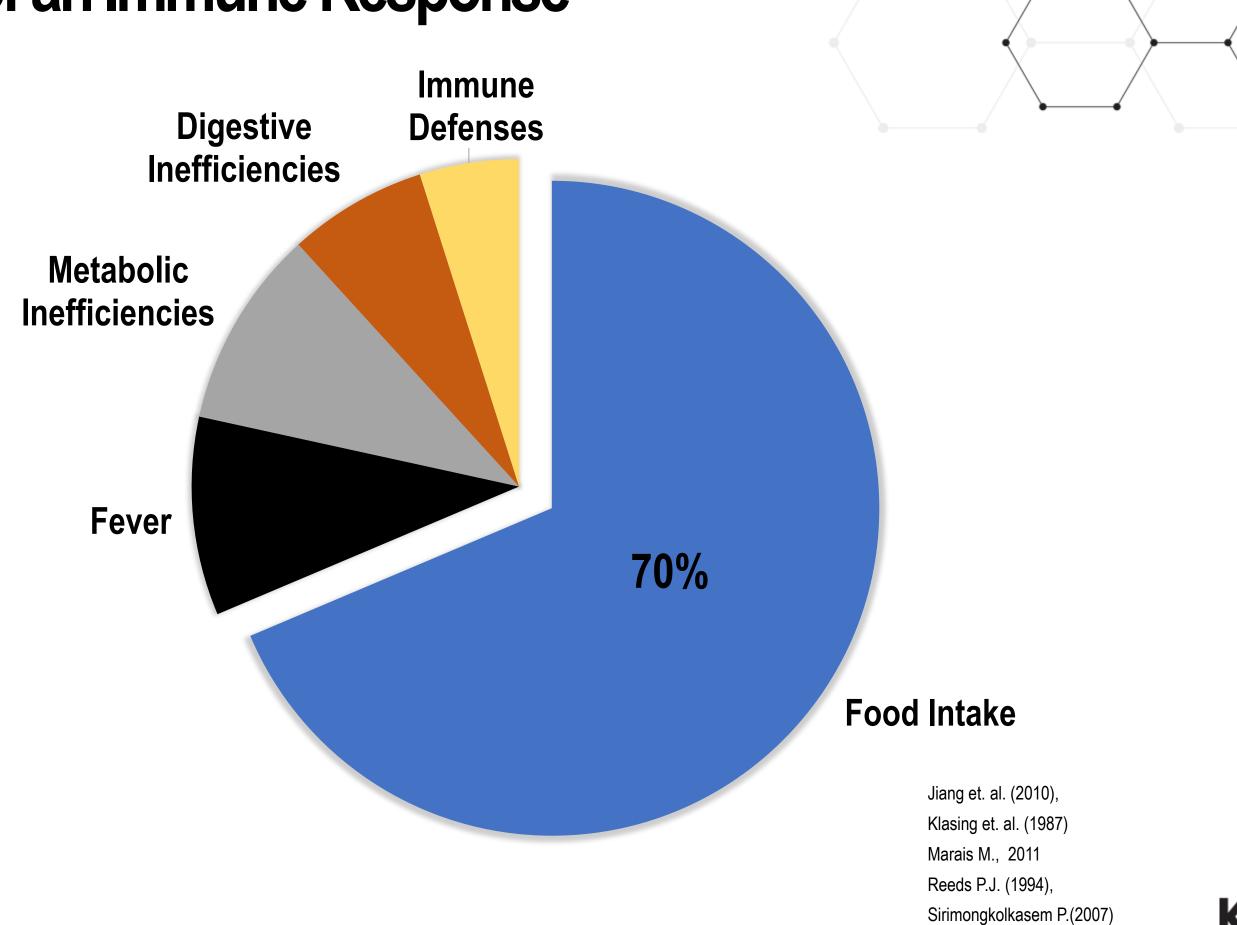
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So.... what are the right amounts?



#### **Nutritional Costs of an Immune Response**



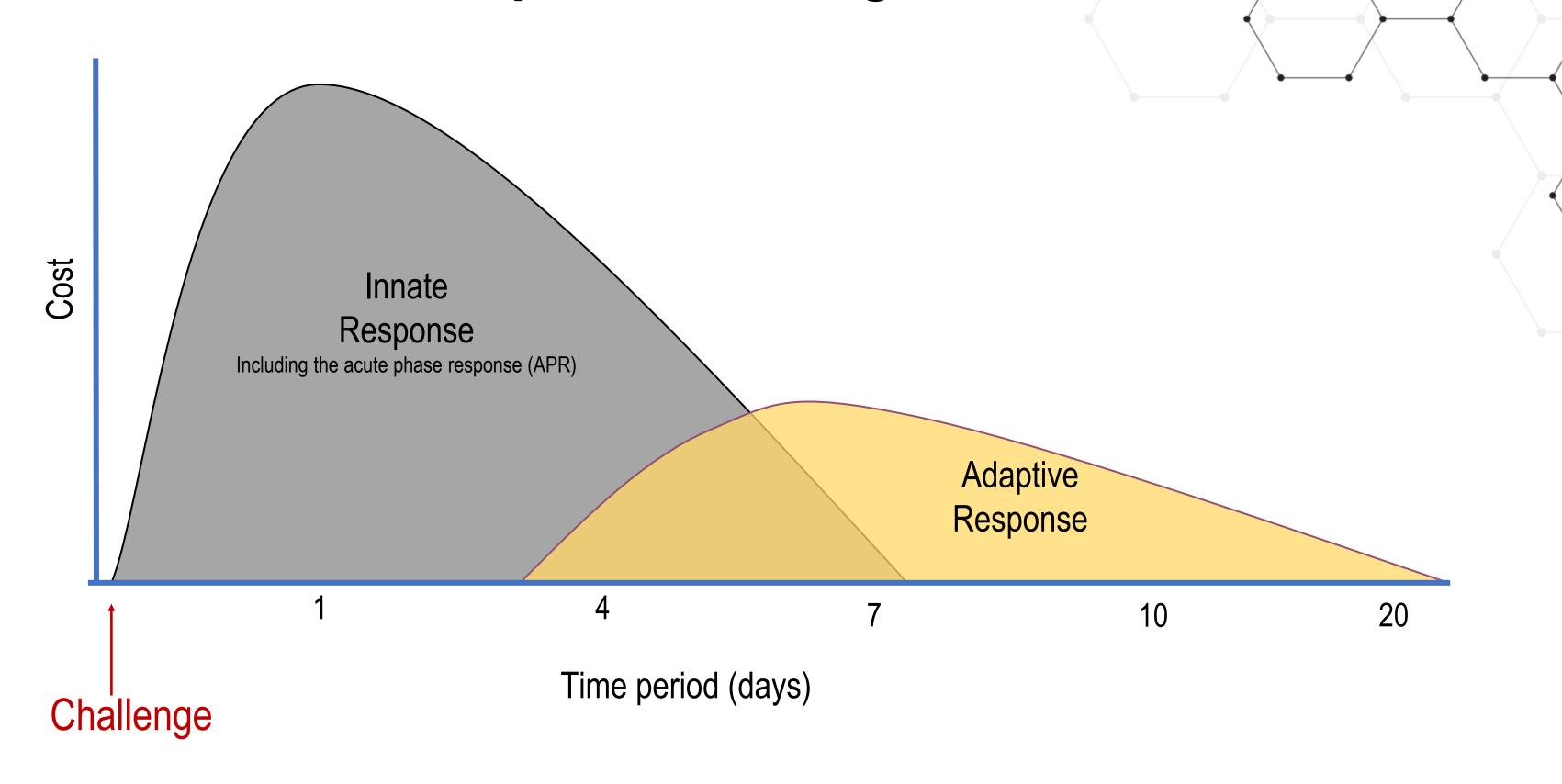


#### Daily Use of Lysine in Salmonella-Challenged Chicks

	He	althy	Ch	allenged
Process	Production (mg/kg)	Cost (µmol lys/kg)	Production (mg/kg)	Cost (µm <del>ol lys</del> /kg)
Leukopoiesis	650	45.5	1300	90.9
Ig synthesis	114	65.6	121	69.6
Acute-phase proteins	0.5	18.0	710	386
Total for immunity	764	129.1	2131	546.5
Body weight gain	85,000	5950	72,446	5212
% of retained used for immun	ity	2.16		10.5



#### Kinetics of an Immune Response – Defining the Cost





#### Monitoring the Systemic Immune System

#### Tissues

- Bursa
- Thymus
- Liver
- Spleen
- Bone Marrow

#### Leukocytes

- CD4
- CD8
- Bu-1 (IgM, IgG)
- Monocytes/ macrophages
- Heterophils
- Thrombocytes

#### Secreted Molecules

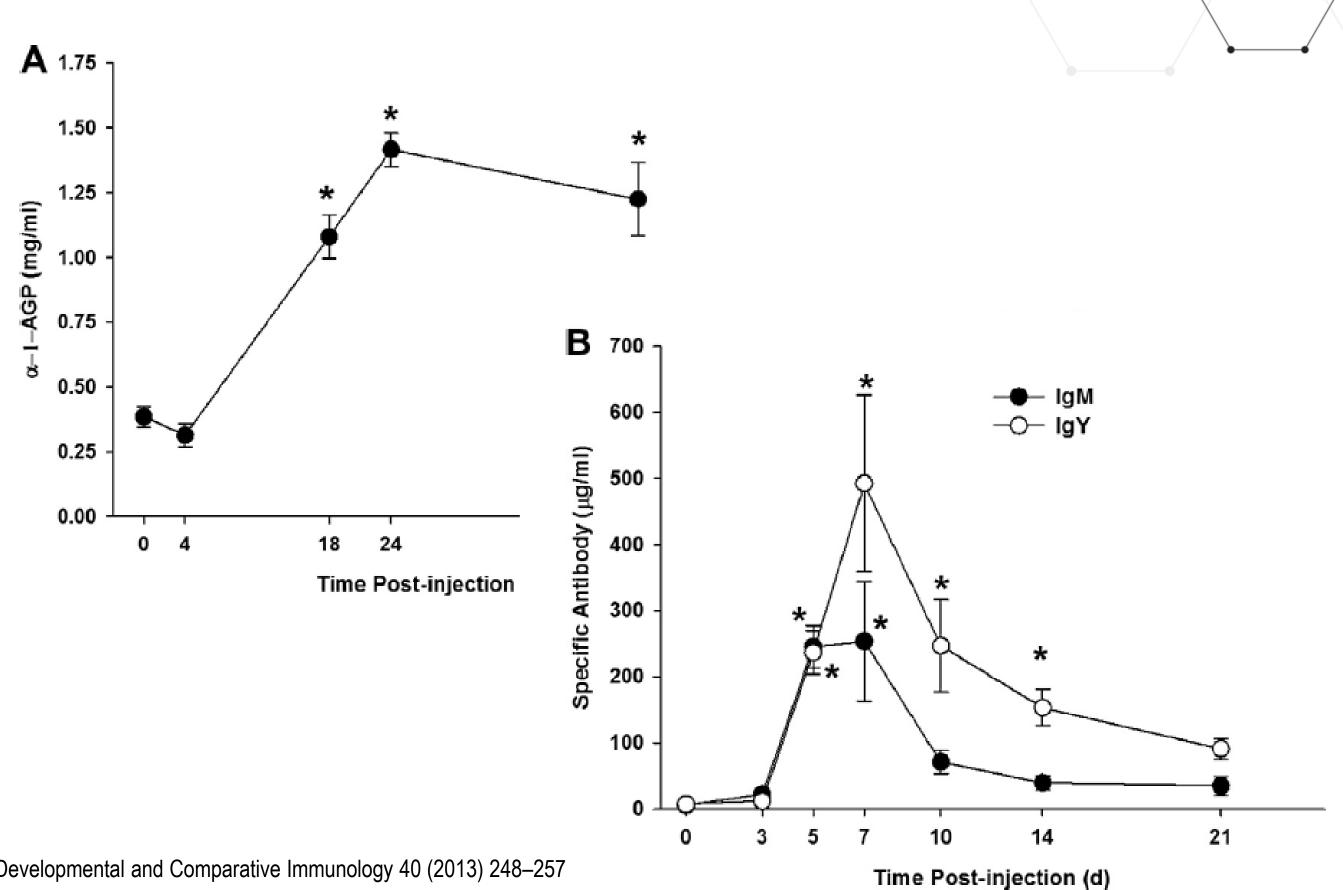
- Total (IgY, IgA, IgM)
- Specific (IgY, IgM)
- Acute phase proteins
- Complement

#### **Support Organs**

Whole Body Muscle (pectoralis and semitendinosus)

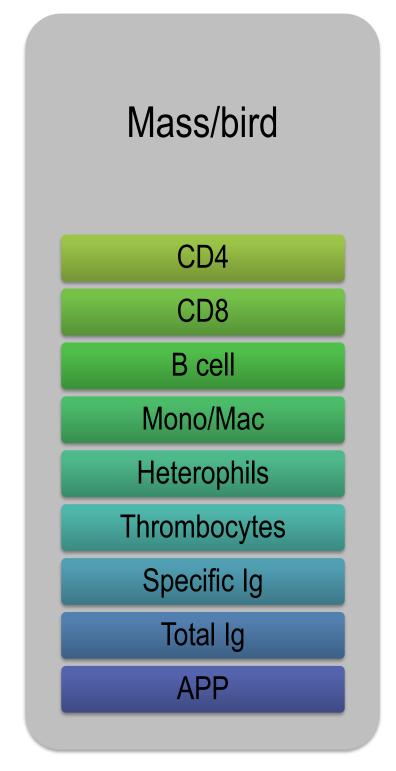


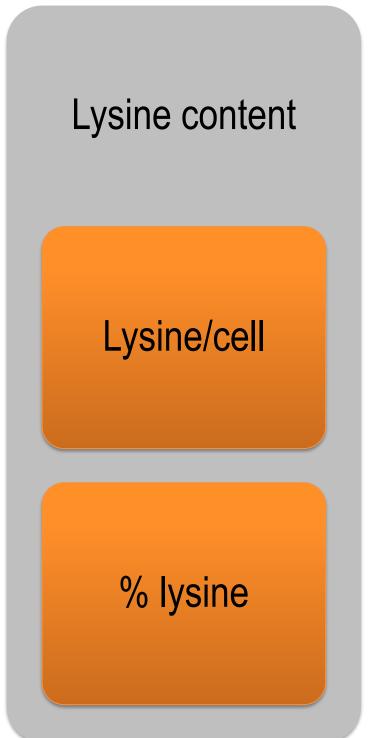
#### α-1-AGP and Specific IgY and IgM Increase in Response to E. coli



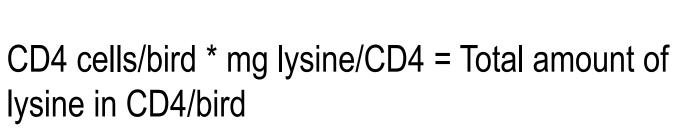


#### Lysine as Metric for Nutrient Content





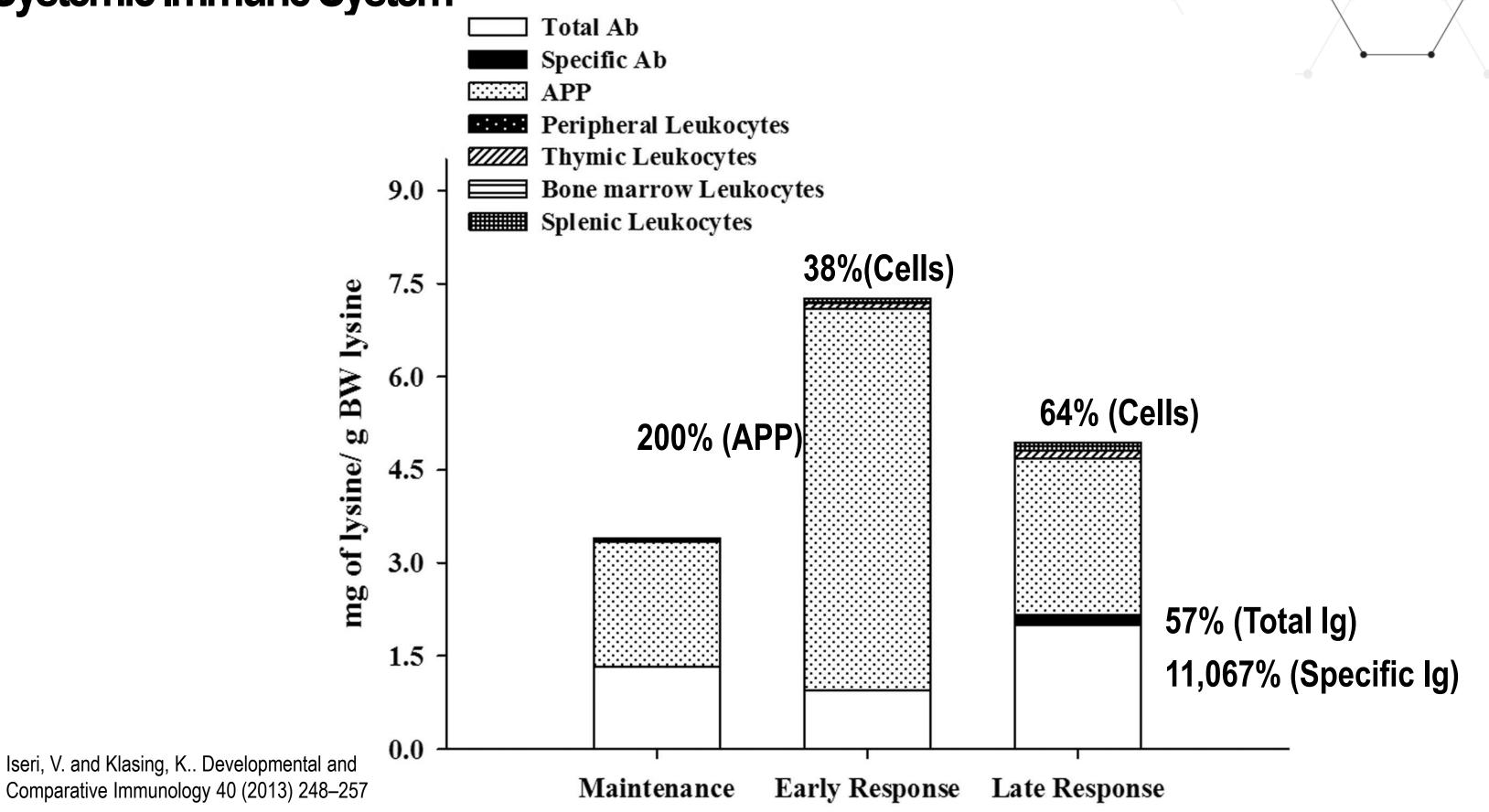




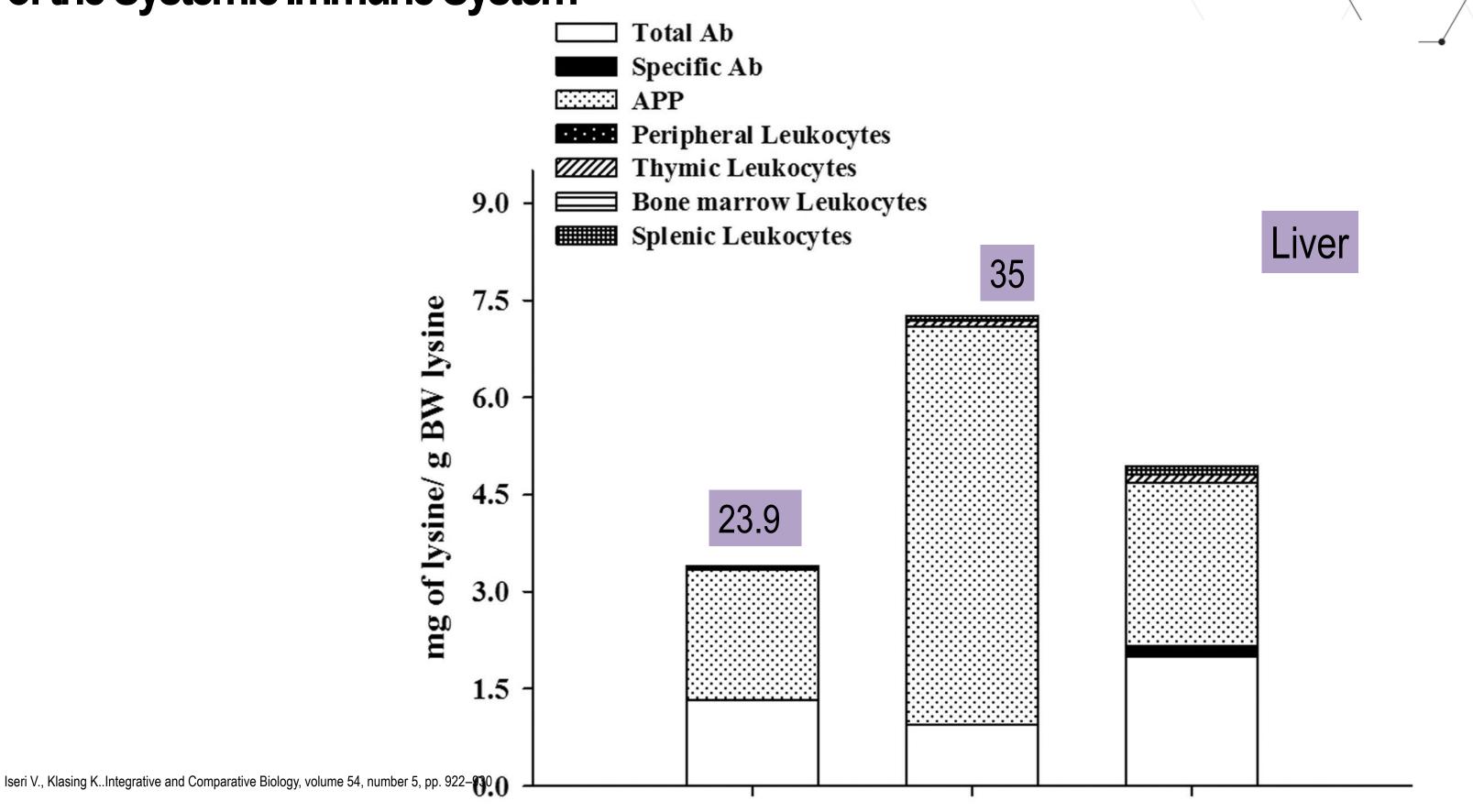
α-1-acid glycoprotein mg/bird \* % lysine= Total amount of lysine in α -1-acid glycoprotein /bird



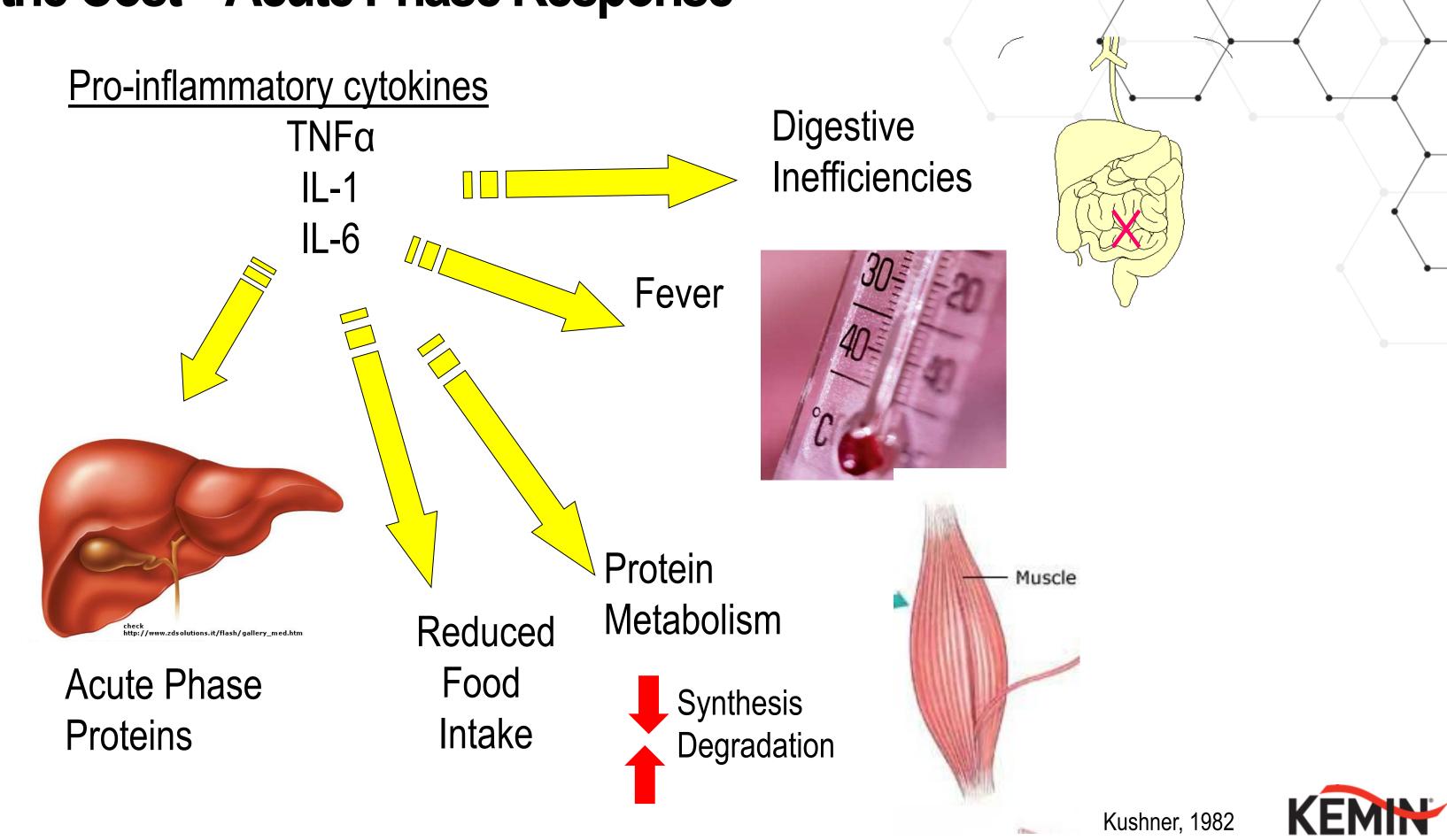
Lysine Content of Cellular and Effector Protein Components of the Systemic Immune System

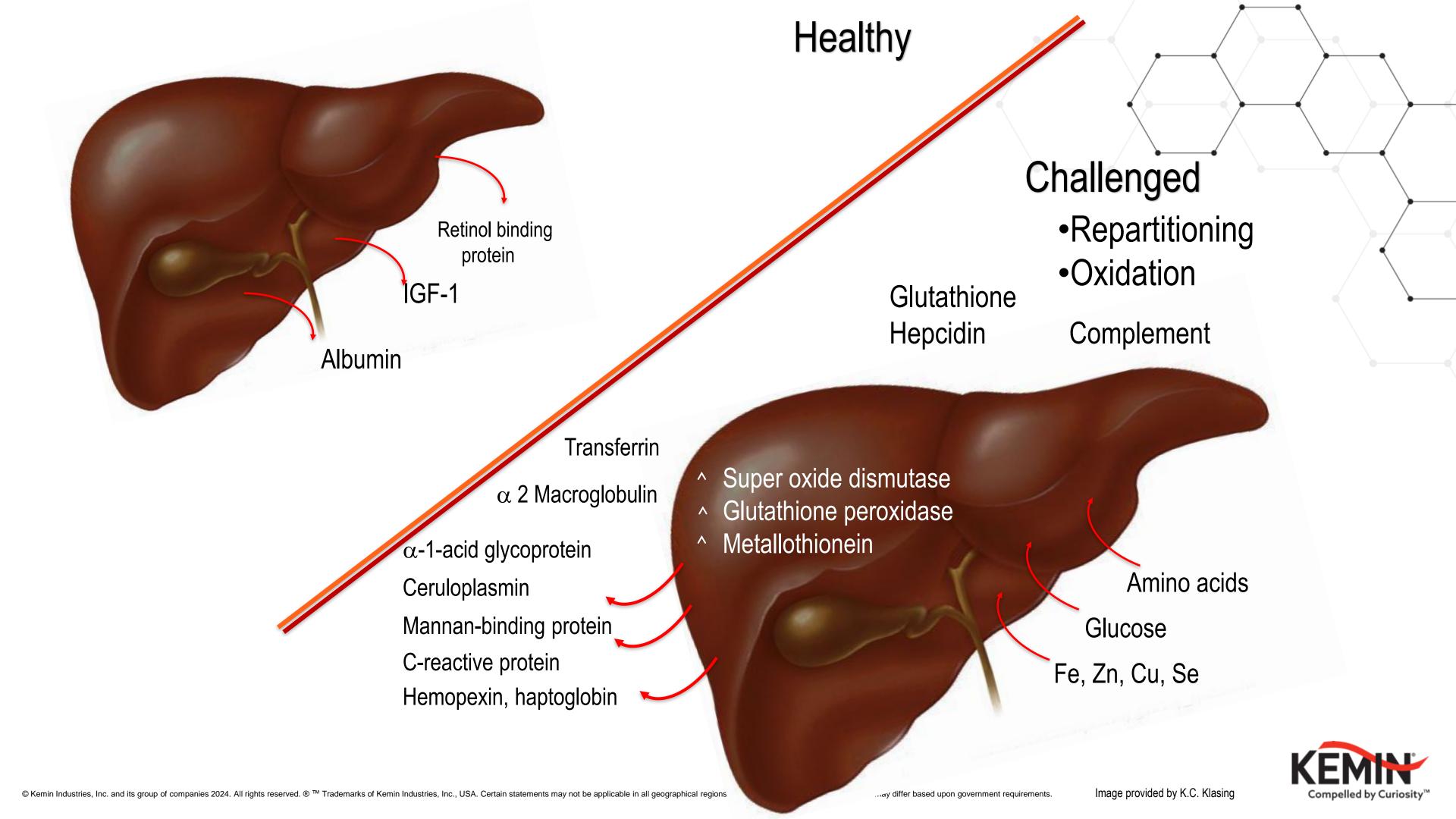


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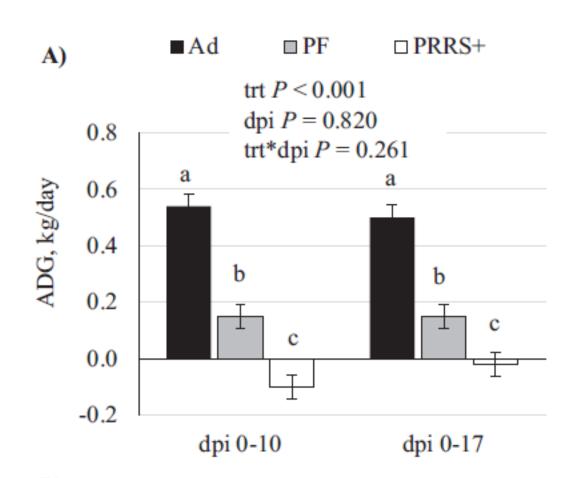
### Defining the Cost – Acute Phase Response

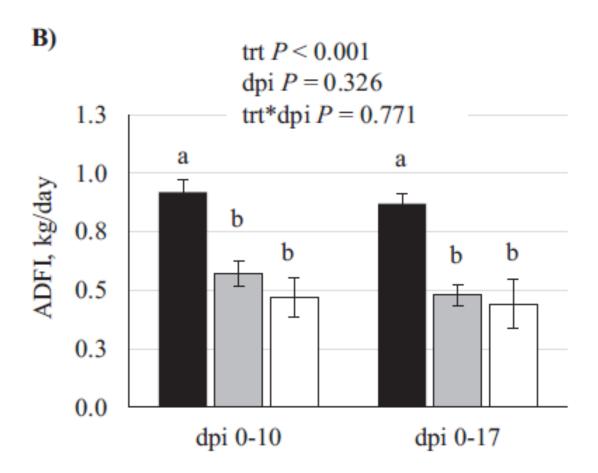


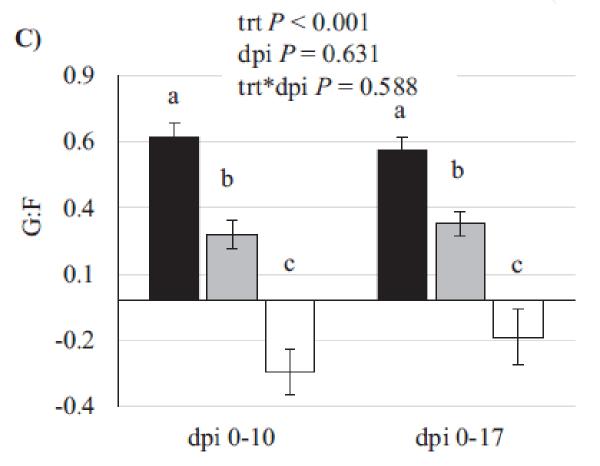


## Indirect and direct effects of PRRS virus challenge on liver and skeletal muscle metabolism









RFLP\_1-3-4 isolate of PRRS virus (1-mL intramuscular injection and 1-mL intranasal inoculation; 10<sub>6</sub> genomic copies per mL)

Figure 1. Pig performance. (A) Average daily gain (ADG), (B) average daily feed intake (ADFI), and (C) feed efficiency (G:F) in pigs challenged with porcine respiratory and reproductive syndrome virus (PRRS+), naïve and fed ad libitum (Ad), or naïve and pairfed to PRRS+ pigs intake (PF) selected for necropsy at either days postinoculation (dpi) 10 or dpi 17. Differing letters a,b, and c represent P < 0.05. n = 8 pigs per treatment per dpi.



#### AA Ratio Between Immune System to Muscle



Innate

Arginine
Cysteine
Histidine
Isoleucine
Leucine
Lysine
Methionine
Phenylalanine
Threonine
Tyrosine
Valine

Adaptive

Arginine
Cysteine
Histidine
Isoleucine
Leucine
Lysine
Methionine
Phenylalanine
Threonine
Tyrosine
Valine

Muscle

Arginine
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Valine



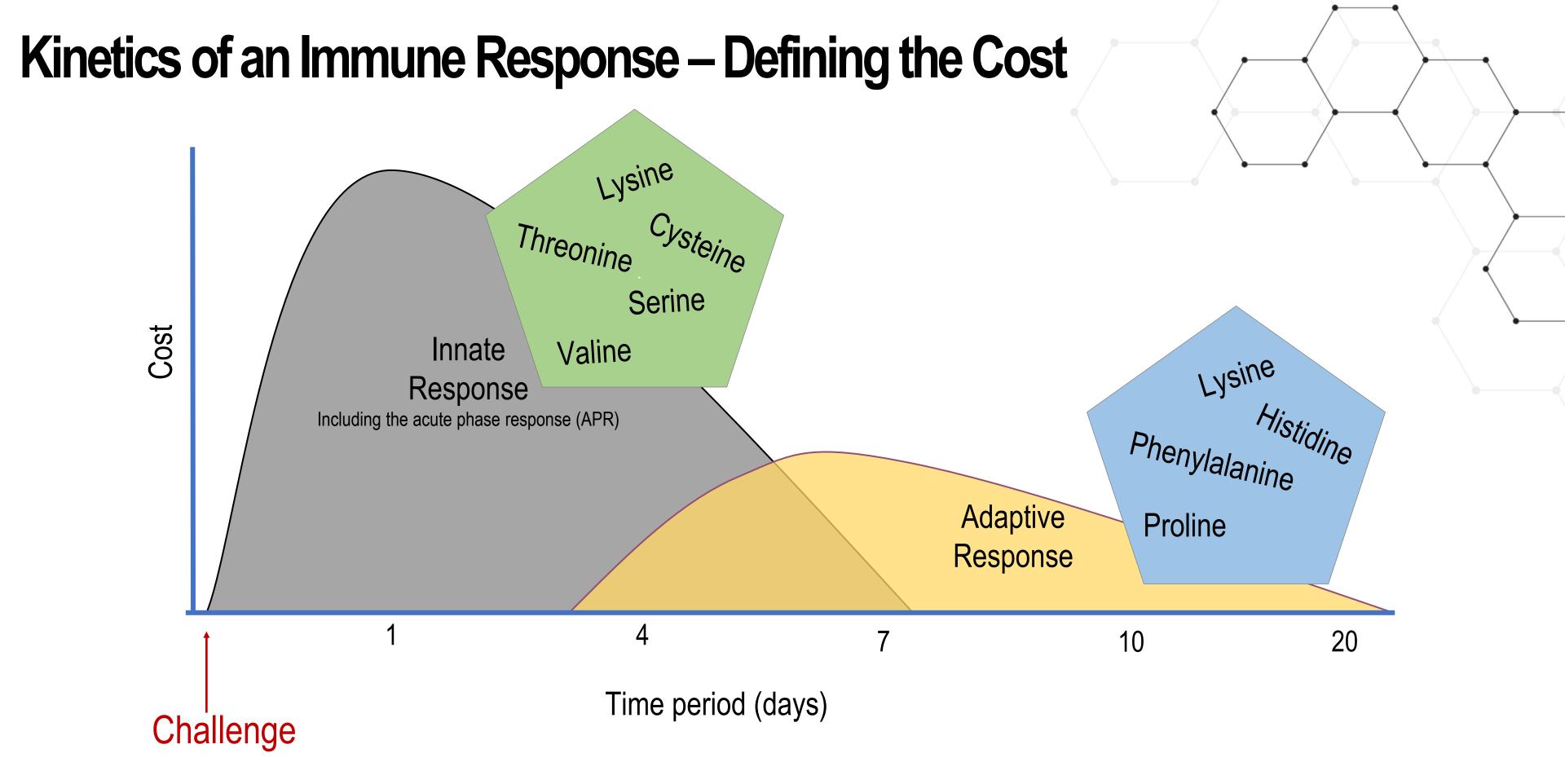
#### AA Ratio Between Immune System to Muscle

g amino acid/kg protein

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Amino acid	Haptoglobin	Alpha1- acid glycoprotein	SMP <sup>1,2</sup>	
Arginine	28	52	69	
Cysteine	24	18	13	
Glycine	44	19	48	
Histidine	38	17	51	
Isoleucine	47	48	48	
Leucine	82	101	81	
Lysine	75	92	98	
Methionine	16	11	25	
Phenylalanine	30	64	40	
Proline	44	34	48	
Serine	40	31	41	
Threonine	54	74	47	
Valine	84	46	54	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Acute-phase proteins calculated from the amino acid sequences summarized by Barker (1984 and 1987|. References to the original analyses can be found within these papers. <sup>2</sup>Mean values of bovine, porcine and ovine muscle taken from Anderson et al. (1986).





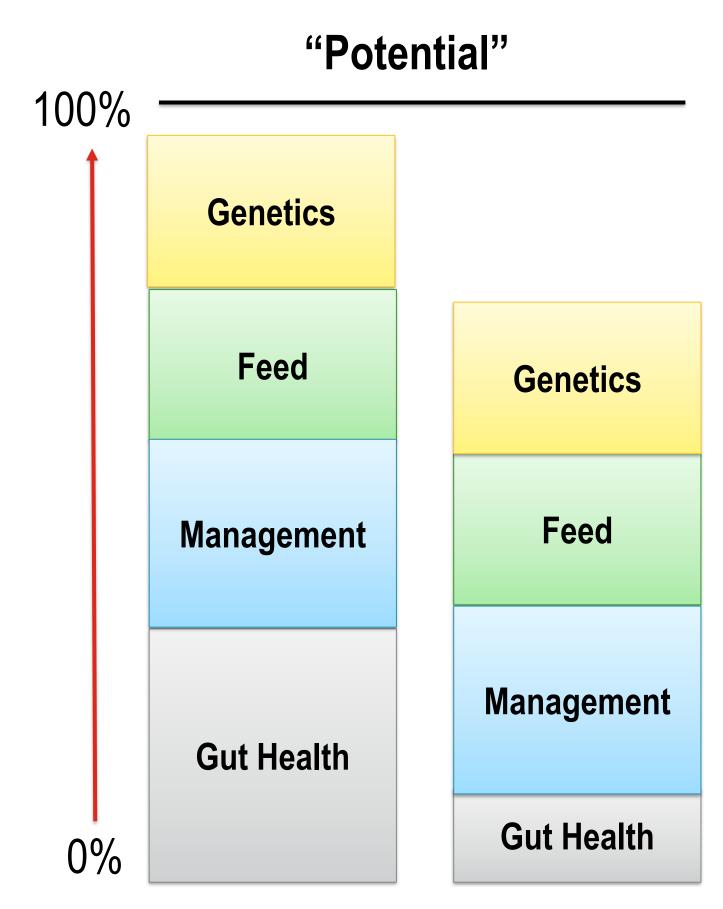


#### What about BRD?

- BRD is a multifactorial syndrome
  - Predisposing factors ("stressors")
    - Transportation, commingling with other cattle, dust, cold, sudden and extreme weather changes, dehydration, hypoxia, exposure to endotoxin, cold coupled with wetness<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Bacterial component
    - Mannheimia haemolytica, Pasteurella multocida, Histophilus somni, and Mycoplasma bovis<sup>3</sup>
  - Viral component
    - Damage to respiratory clearance mechanisms and lung parenchyma<sup>3</sup>
- Similar multifactorial diseases
  - Coryza
    - Acute respiratory disease of chickens caused by the bacterium Avibacterium paragallinarum
  - PRRSv
    - Viral disease reproductive and respiratory (macrophages)

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lillie LE. The bovine respiratory disease complex. Can Vet J 1974;15:233–242.
 <sup>2</sup> Irwin MR, McConnell S, Coleman JD, Wilcox GE. Bovine respiratory disease complex: A comparison of potential predisposing and etiologic factors in Australia at the United States. J Am Vet Med Assoc 1979;175:1095–1099.
 <sup>3</sup>Taylor, J.D. et al. Can Vet J 2010;51:1095–1102

## **Reaching Potential**







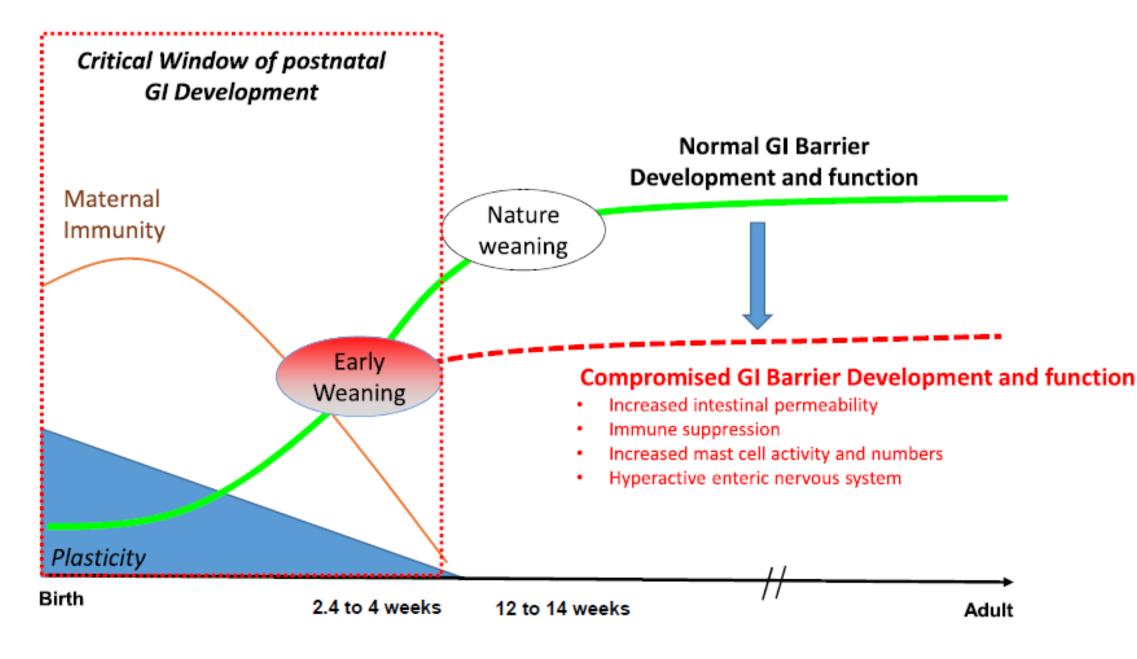
#### What Factors are Affected? Feed **Disease** Microbes **Mycotoxins** Microbiota **Environment** Heat/Cold **Stress** Intestinal **Immunity** Barrier **Vaccination** Weaning **Production** © Kemin Industries, Inc. and its group of companies 2024. All rights reserved. ® ™ Trademarks of Kemin Industries, Inc., USA. Certain statements may not be applicable in all geographical regions. Product labeling and associated claims may differ based upon government requirements

#### The Effect of Weaning on Postnatal GI Development

#### Diet changes

- Phasing out lactose and progressively introducing cereals and SBM
- Highly digestible protein sources (soy protein concentrated) until phasing them out.
- Vaccination
- Castration
- Transporting
  - Ranges from a few miles to several hours
- Mixing
  - All production systems mix litters, which brings a battle for hierarchy ranking over the first 3 to 7 days.
  - Nursery or WTF barns are filled from different sow farms with different health status.

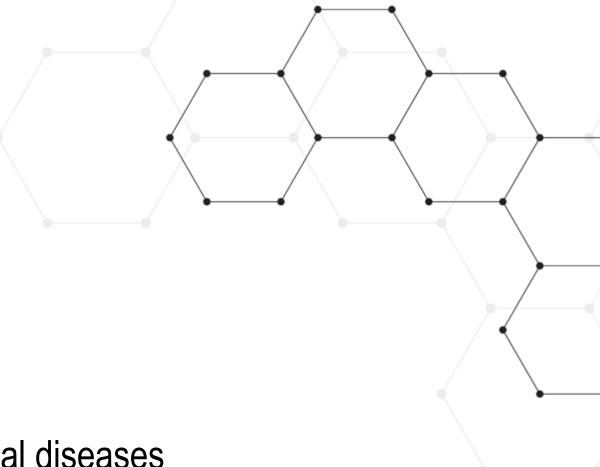
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#### Conclusions

- Growth, Immunity, Nutrition influence each other
- Feed intake is not the only cost
- Amino acids can be nutritionally expensive
- Management and gut health are becoming more vital to how we mange multifactorial diseases





## Questions?

