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# Importancia de la inmunidad en recria ante el reto de ciclos largos



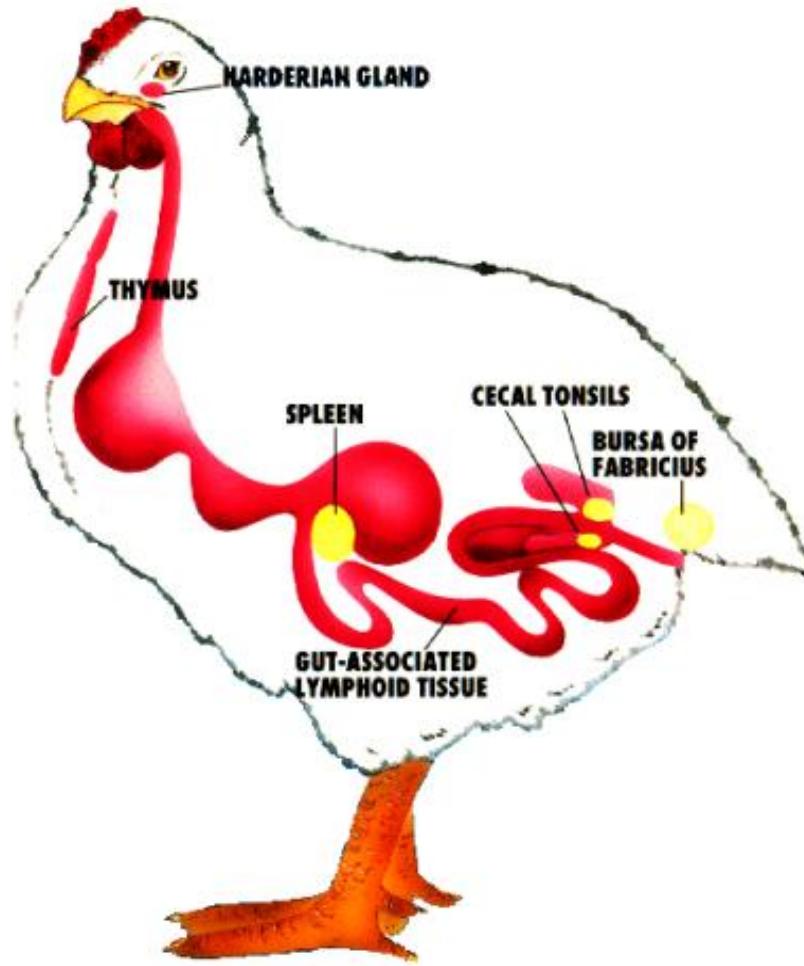
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# Agenda

- The avian immune system and immunomodulation
- Immunosuppression
- Control of immunosuppressive infections
- Live IBD vs vector HVT-IBD vaccines
- Benefits of vector HVT vaccines

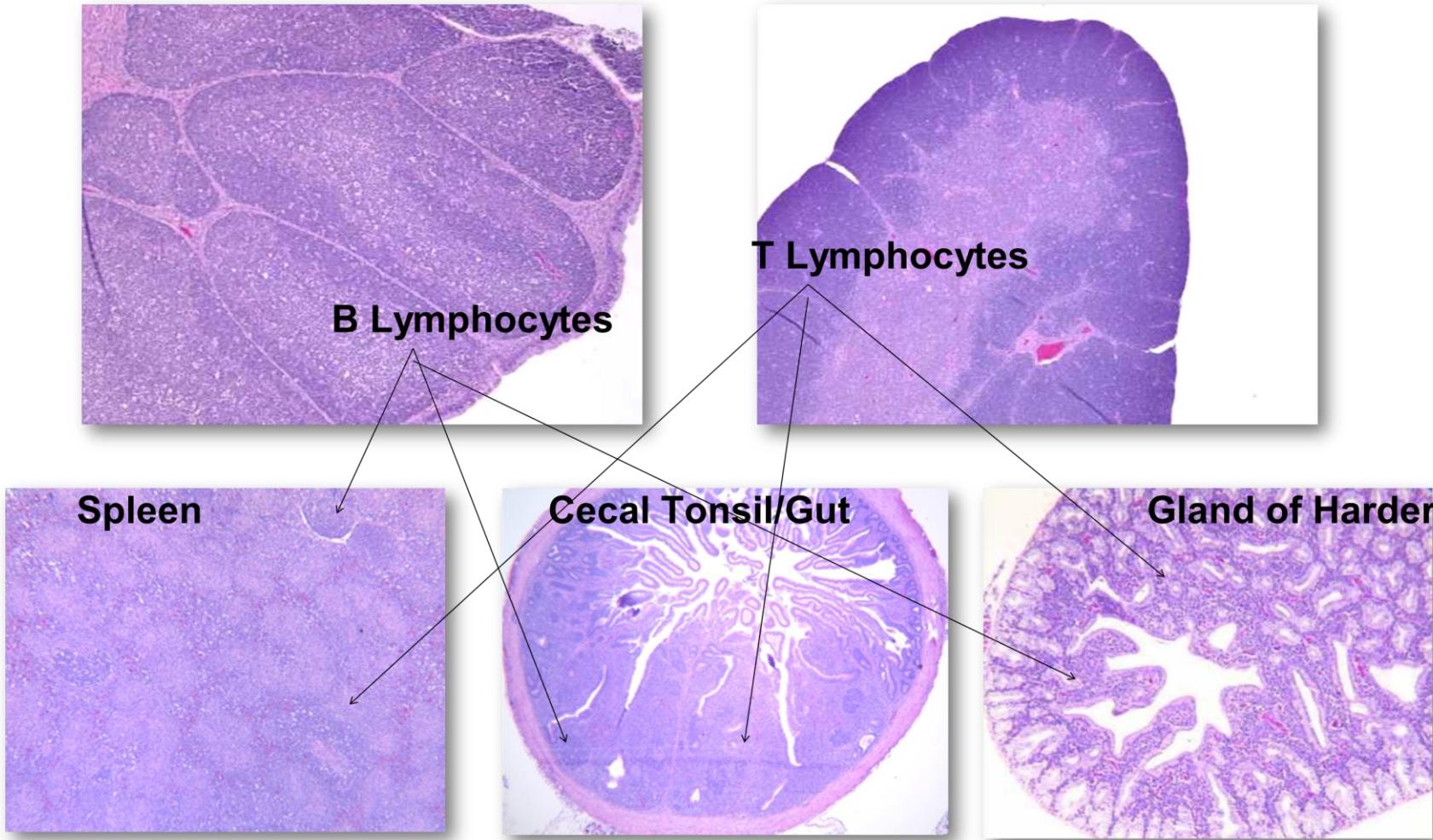
# The Avian Immune System



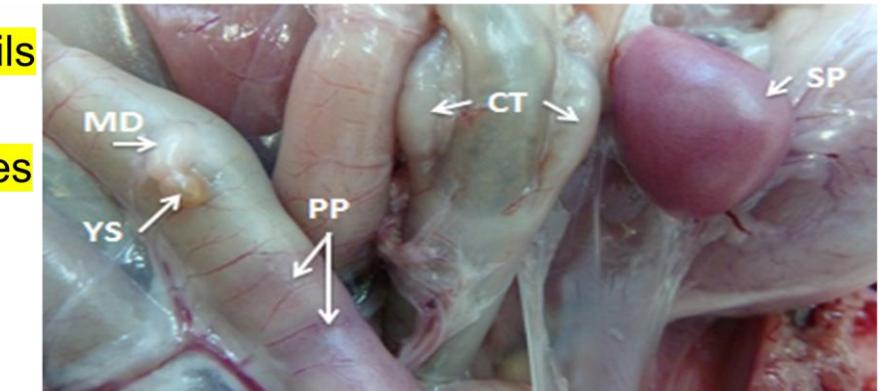
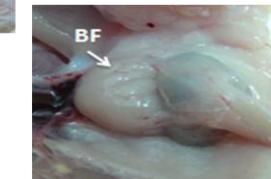
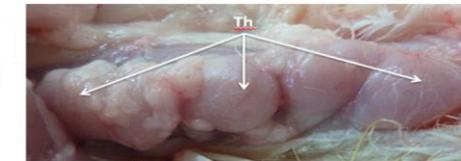
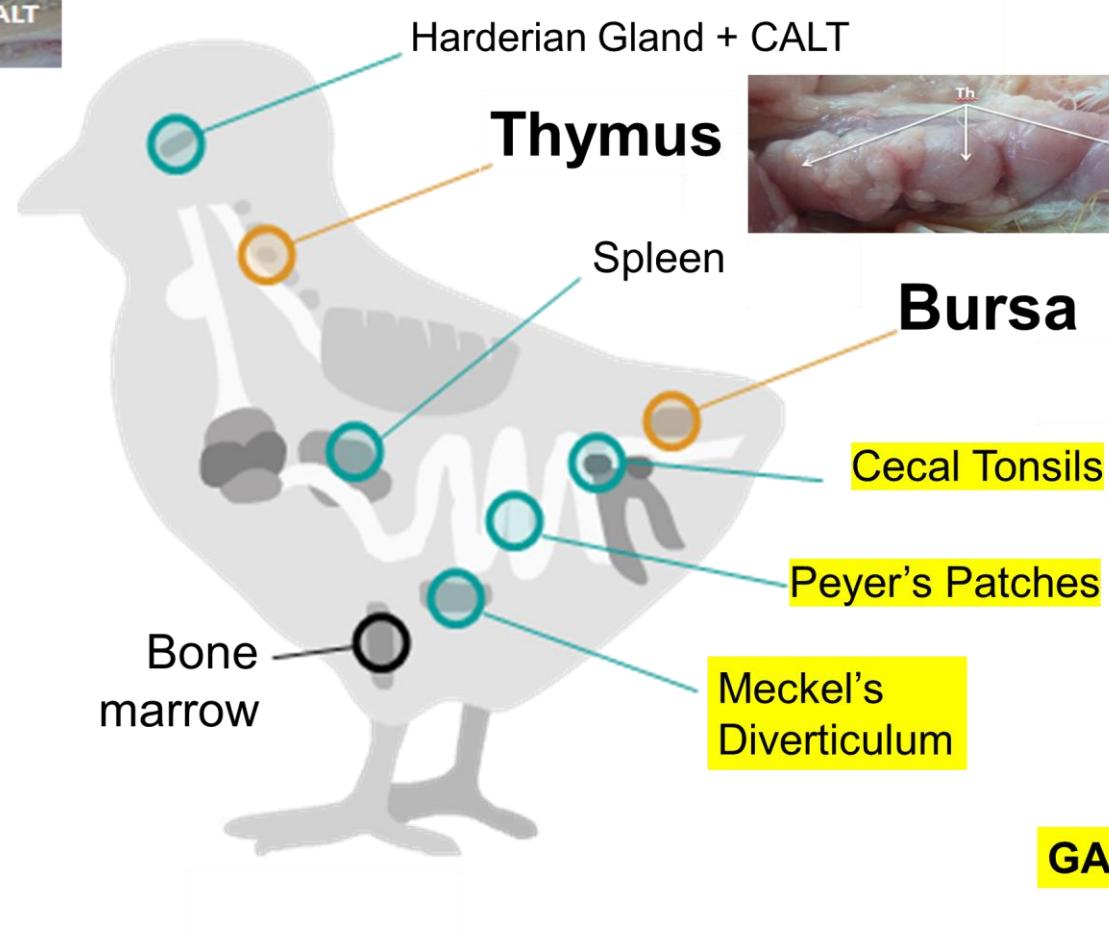
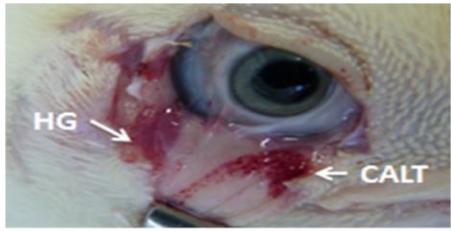


# Bursa and Thymus: First 3-4 Weeks

Primary Lymphoid Organs Seed Secondary Organs



# Avian Lymphoid Organs & Tissues

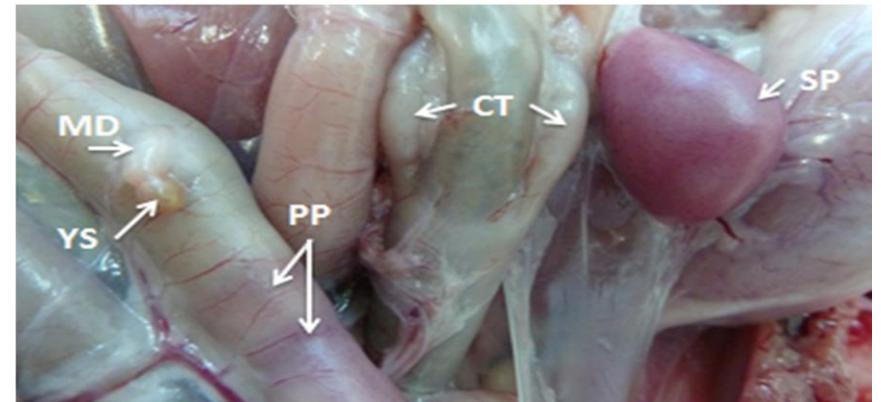


**GALT = Gut Associated Lymphoid Tissues**

# Gut Immune Compartments - GALT

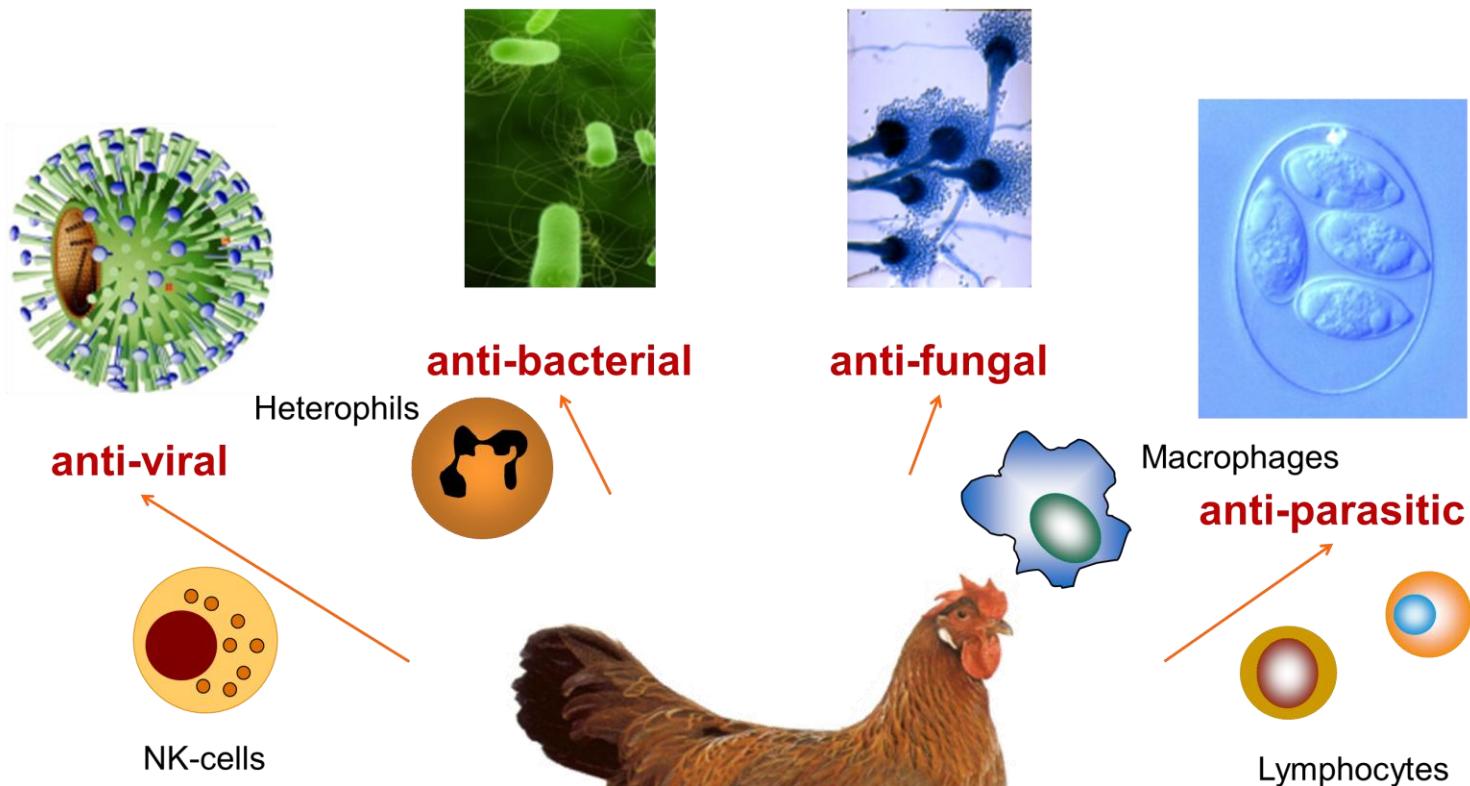


- ❖ GALT comprise more immune cells than any other tissue
- ❖ Lymphoid aggregates located within the lamina propria of all Gut
- ❖ Lymphoid follicles in Proventriculus and Gizzard
- ❖ Meckel's diverticulum (MD)
- ❖ Peyer's patches (PP) throughout the Gut
- ❖ Cecal tonsils (CT)



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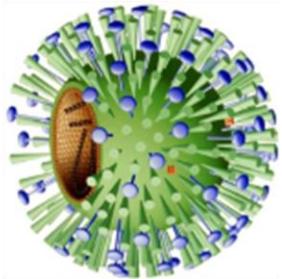
# Cells of the Immune System



Courtesy of Prof. B.Kaspers



# Soluble factors



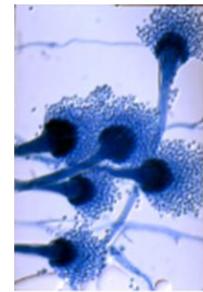
anti-viral

Interferon



anti-bacterial

anti- microbial



anti-fungal

peptides



anti-parasitic

antibodies

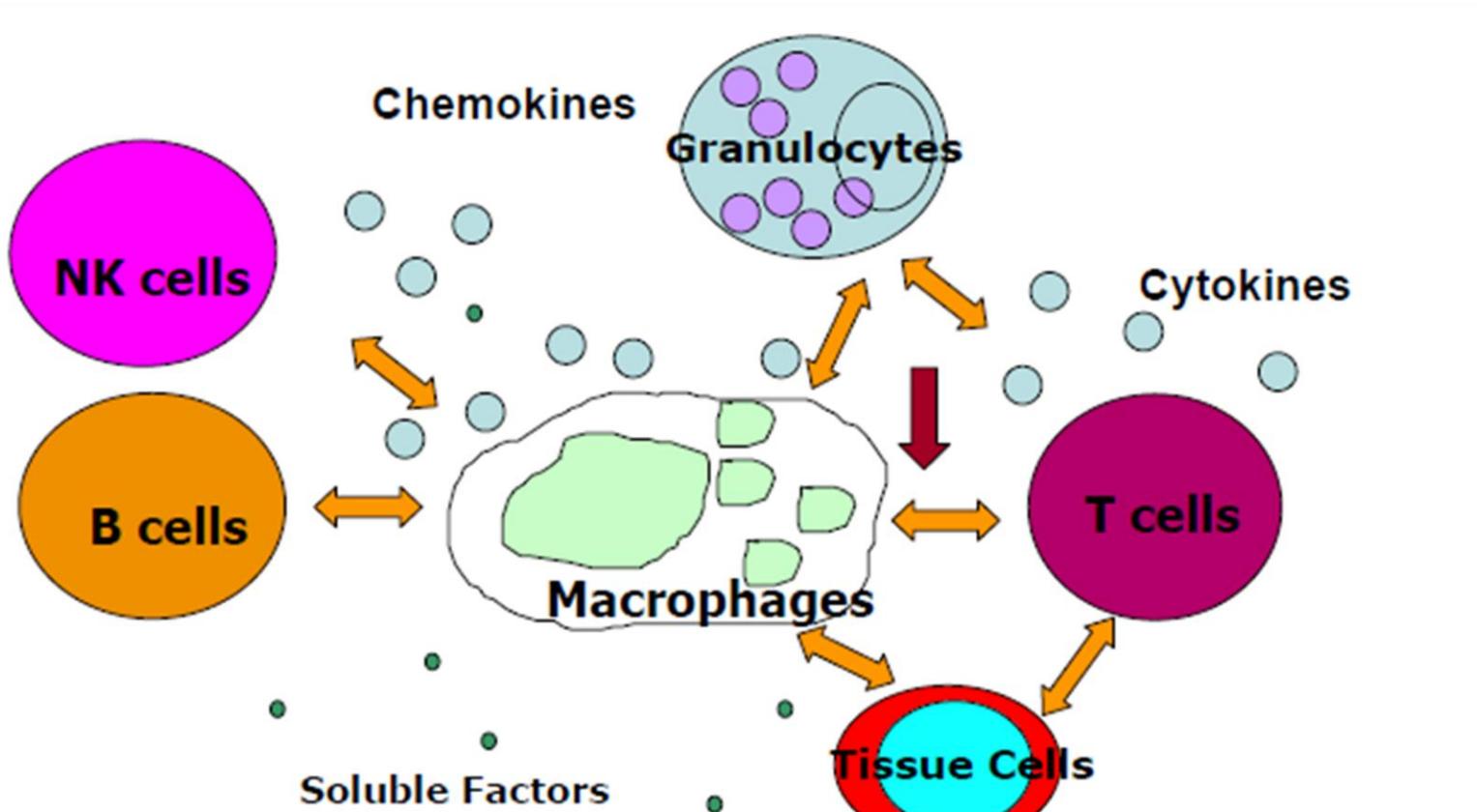


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# The immune cell “orchestra”

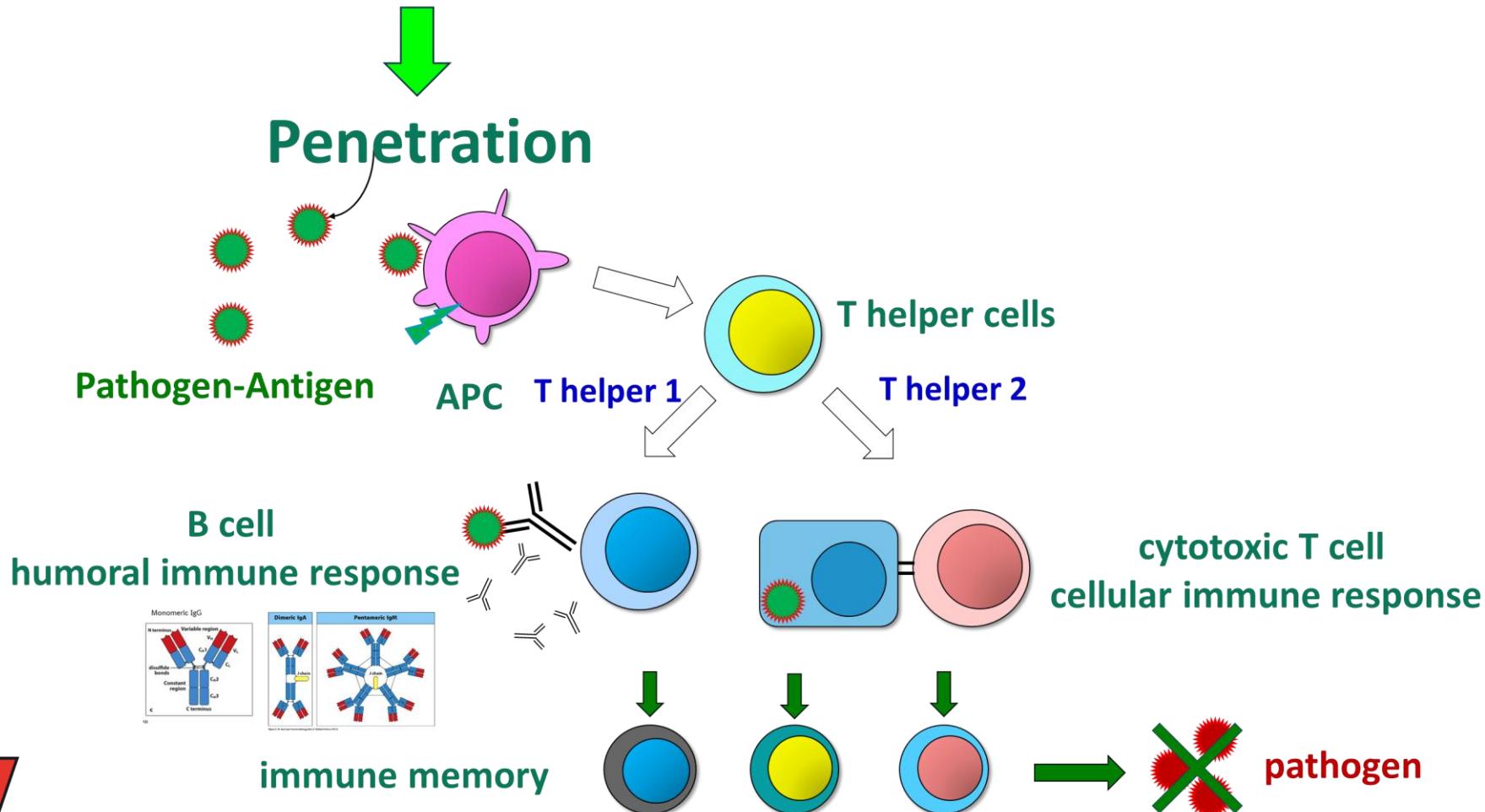
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# Immune Response

Infection or Vaccination

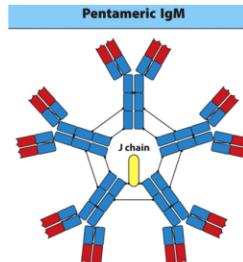


# Immunity



## ❖ Humoral:

### ❖ Systemic: IgM



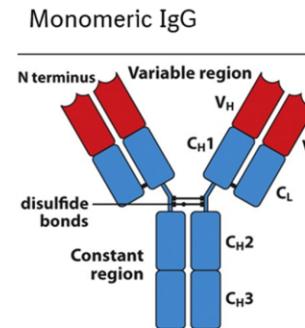
and IgY

### ❖ Local - mucosal:

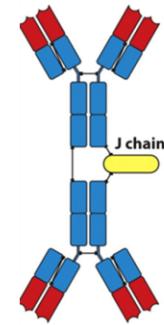
❖ IgA produced locally in Gut, Respiratory tract, Conjunctiva

❖ Transudation of IgY from blood

### ❖ Cellular (cell-mediated): cytotoxic T lymphocytes



Dimeric IgA



# Immunity



- ❖ **Infections mostly controlled by:**

- ❖ **Cell-mediated immunity:** Marek's Disease, Pox, *Salmonella Gallinarum*, etc.
- ❖ **Systemic immunity:** Gumboro D., Chicken Anemia, Encephalomyelitis, EDS, etc.
- ❖ **Local - mucosal:** Mycoplasmas, Inf. Coryza,
- ❖ **“Mixed”:** Newcastle D., Influenza, Inf. Bronchitis, ART, ILT, *Salmonella*, etc.

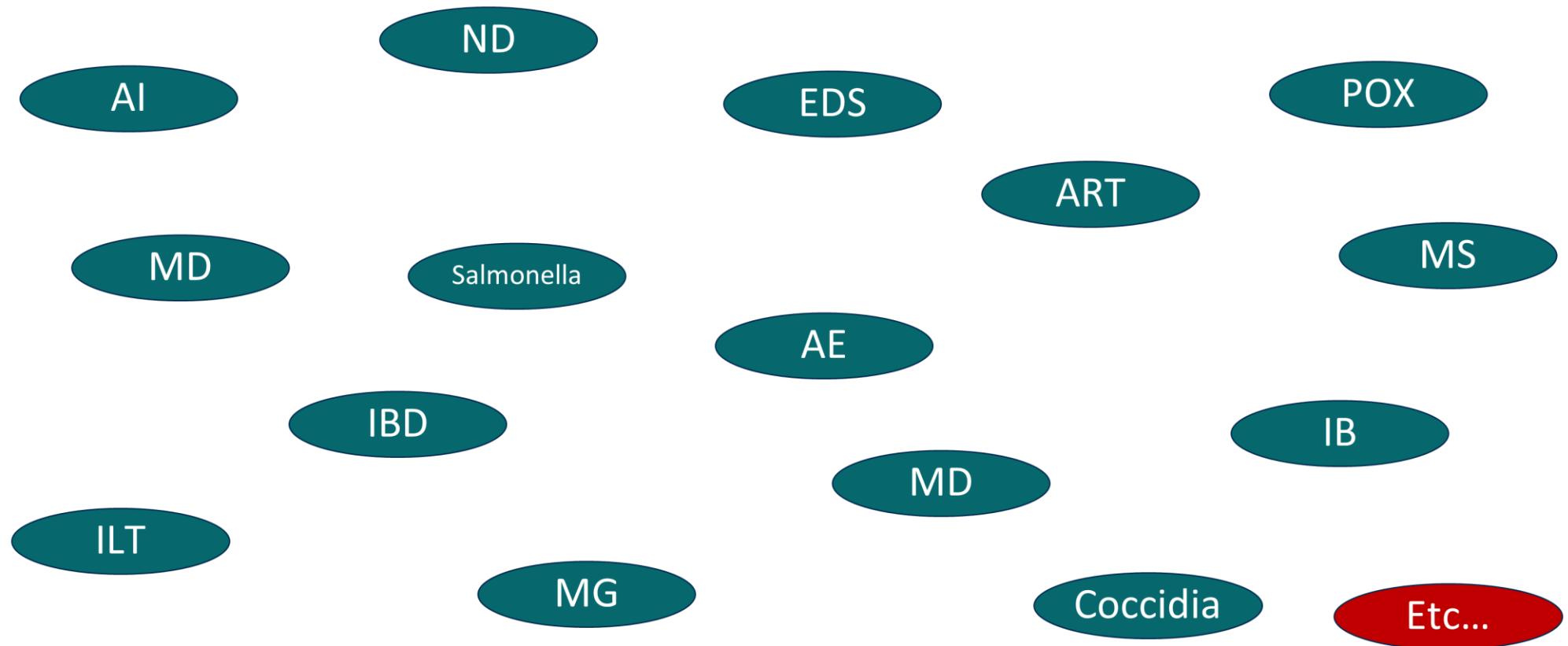
# Key Role of Gut Immunity



- ❖ The gut is a major site of entry, development, passage and residence for many pathogenic and non-pathogenic microorganisms
  
- ❖ An effective immune capability in the gut is essential to combat many pathogenic microorganisms variously linked to this tissue

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# Exposure of Pullets' Immune System



# Immune System in Pullets



- ❖ Development before sexual maturity
- ❖ Coincides with the rearing period
  - ❖ Numerous vaccinations scheduled within 15 weeks
  - ❖ Various possible natural infections
  - ❖ Impact on health and performance up to **more than 100 weeks**
- ❖ **Crucial to be “prepared” within 15-20 weeks of age**



# Immunomodulation

- ❖ “Rebalancing of the Immune System, with some effector mechanisms increasing and other decreasing”.



# Factors Modulating the Aviav Immune System

Type of regulation					
HORMONES		PHYSIOLOGICAL STATES		DIETARY EFFECTS	
STRESS HORMONES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glucocorticoids</li><li>• Adrenaline</li><li>• Dopamine</li></ul>	STRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temperature:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heat stress</li><li>• Cold stress</li></ul></li><li>• Air quality</li><li>• Sanitation</li><li>• Stocking density</li></ul>	CRITICAL NUTRIENTS	Zinc, Essential AAs, Vitamins, Minerals
				IMMUNOMODULATORY NUTRIENTS	PUFA, Vit. A-D-E-C, Carotenoids, Phytonutrients
				TOXIC SUBSTANCES	Lead, Mercury, Pesticides, Mycotoxins
METABOLIC HORMONES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thyroxin</li><li>• GH</li><li>• Leptin</li></ul>			MYCOTOXINS	Aflatoxins, Ochratoxins, T-2, Fumonisin, DON

INTERACTIONS BETWEEN FACTORS!!!

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# Immunosuppression

- ❖ “A state of temporary or permanent dysfunction of the immune response, resulting from damage to the immune system and leading to increased susceptibility to disease” (Dohms & Saif, 1984)
- ❖ Impairment of the normal immune response due to **infectious** and **non-infectious** causes
- ❖ A reduction of the activation or efficacy of the immune system



# Consequences

- ❖ Deficient immune responses to infections and vaccinations
- ❖ Abnormal vaccination reactions
- ❖ Secondary infections (Bacteria, Coccidia, Fungi)
- ❖ Reduced performance
- ❖ Increased condemnation rate

# Diseases Associated with Immunosuppression



- ❖ Respiratory diseases
- ❖ E.coli
- ❖ Stafylococcus
- ❖ Aspergillosis
- ❖ Coccidiosis
- ❖ Etc...



# Agents Inducing Lymphoid Atrophy

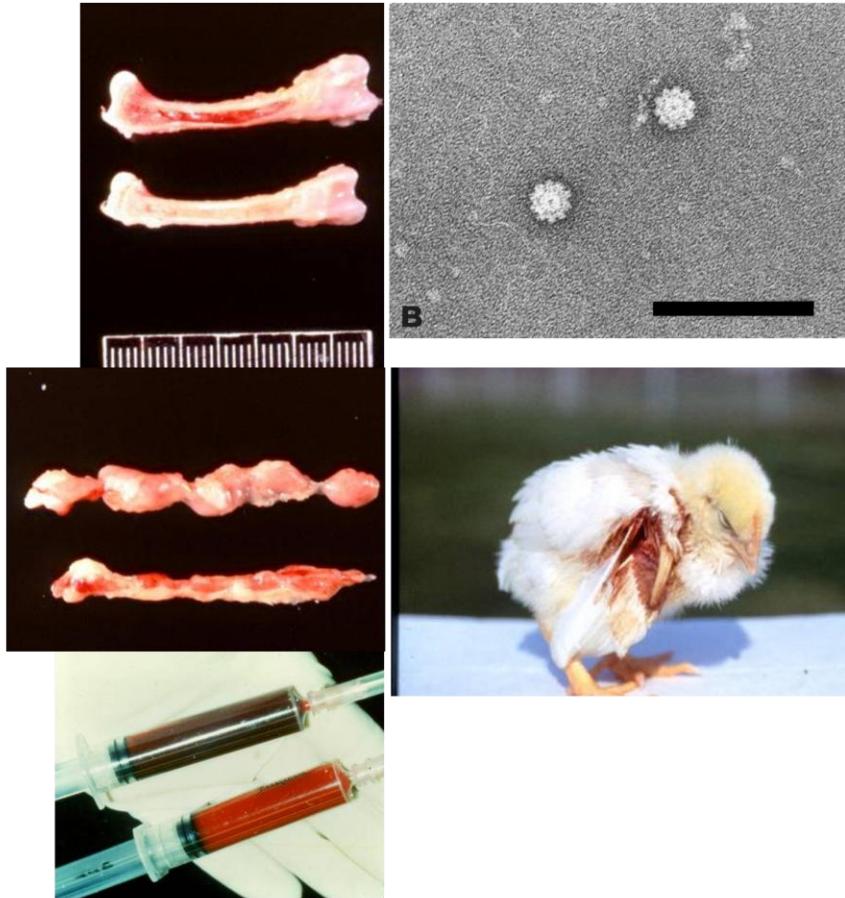
ATROPHY (histology)				
AGENT	TISSUE	Bursa of Fabricius	Thymus	GALT
CIAV		+	+	+
MDV		+	+	+
IBDV		+	+	+
Reovirus		+	+	+
REV - ALV		+	+	+
NDV		+		+
Mycoplasma		+	+	+
Ammonia		+		+
Mycotoxins		+	+	+
Heat stress			+	+

# CIAV Immunosuppression



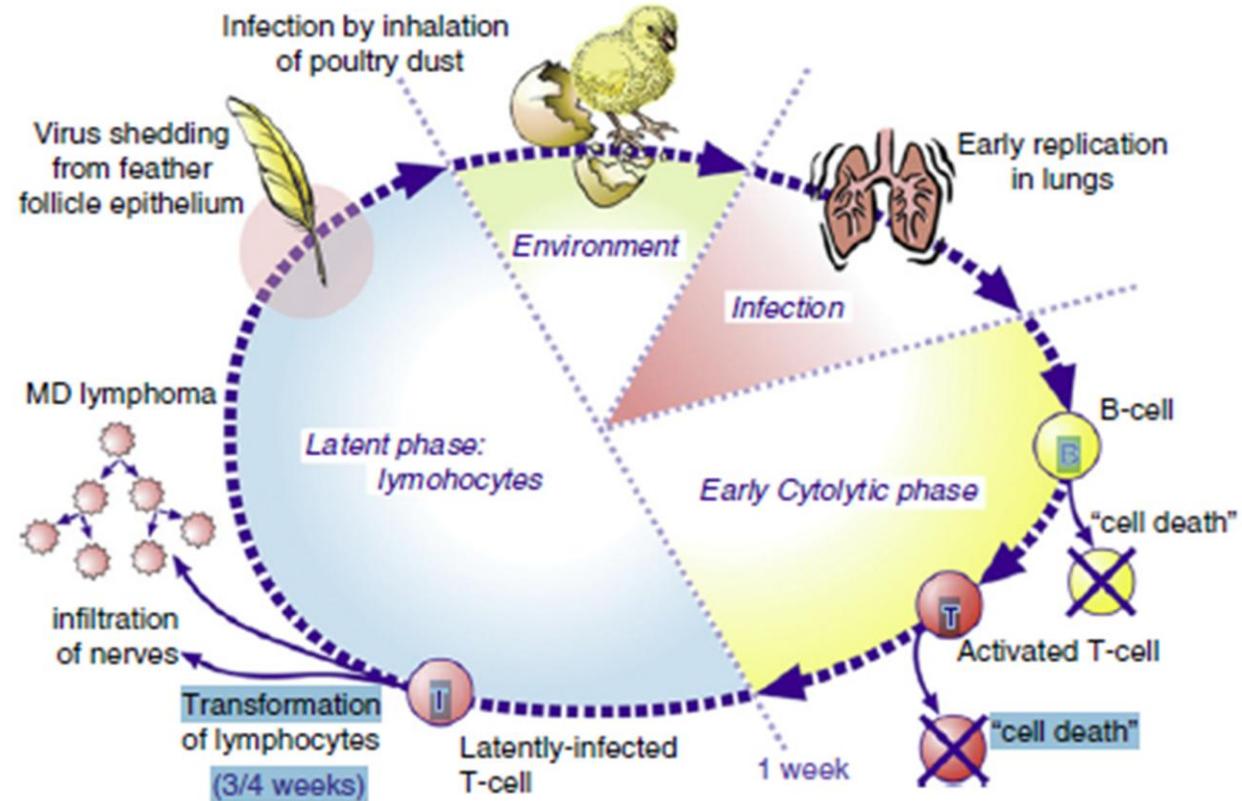
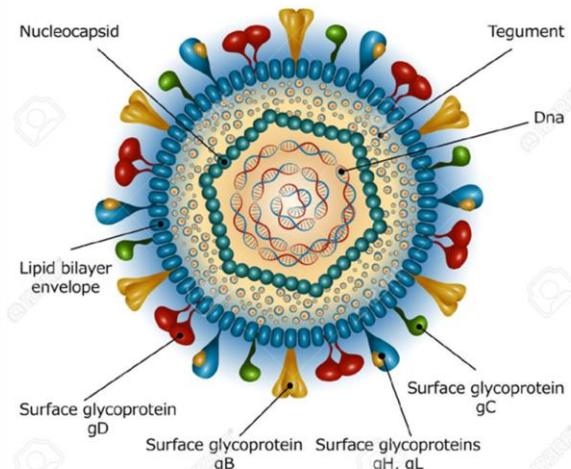
In young chickens lacking Maternal Abs:

- ❖ Infection of hemocytoblasts
- ❖ Bone marrow atrophy
- ❖ Depletion of T lymphocytes
- ❖ Decline in red cells and thrombocytes

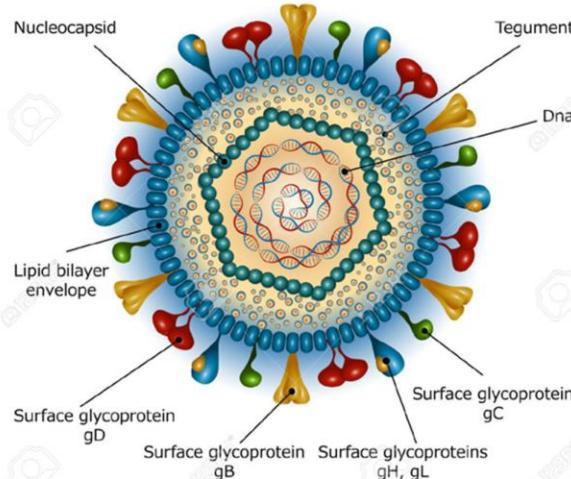




# MDV Pathogenesis



# MDV impact on the Immune System

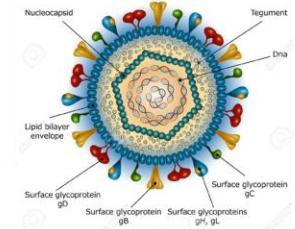
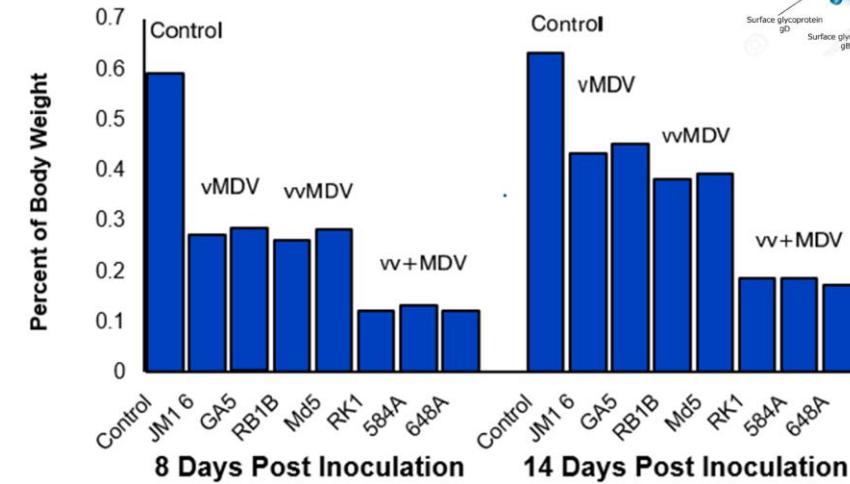
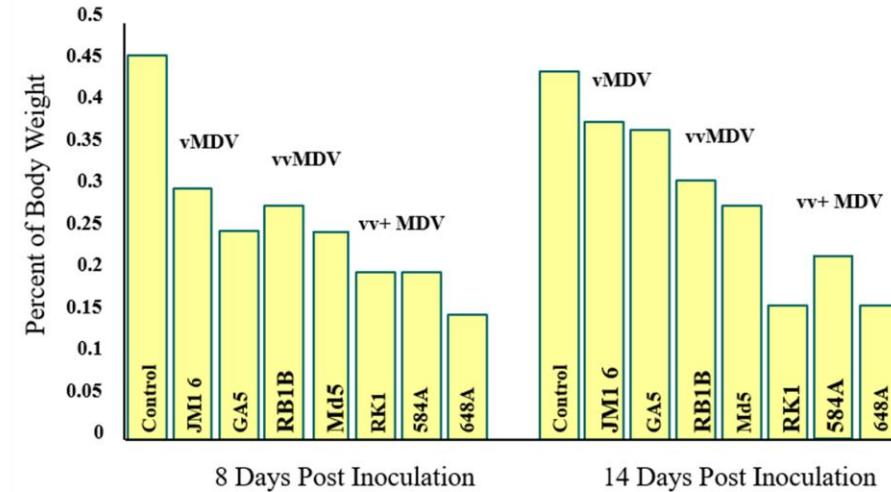


- ❖ Lymphoid organ atrophy in acute MD in chicks
- ❖ Immunosuppression

# MDV impact on the Immune System

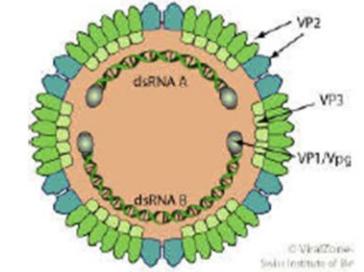


❖ Transient acute cytolytic atrophy in lymphoid organs:





# IBDV Immunosuppression



- ❖ Primarily directed against B-lymphocytes → death / depletion
- ❖ 3 - 8 weeks → B cell proliferation at maximum level in the Bursa
- ❖ Humoral immunity specifically depressed



# Control of Immunosuppressive Infections



- ✿ Immunosuppressive infections mainly affect the first weeks of chickens' life
- ✿ Vaccinations are concentrated during the first 15-20 weeks
- ✿ Production cycles keep getting longer



# Control of Immunosuppressive Infections

## ❖ Vaccination:

- CIA
- MD
- IBD

## ❖ Maternal derived antibodies:

- CIA
- IBD



## CIAV Vaccination

- ❖ Live attenuated vaccines in Breeders:
  - A. 1 dose at 10-12 weeks
  - B. 1 dose at 6-7 weeks + 1 dose at 10-12 weeks

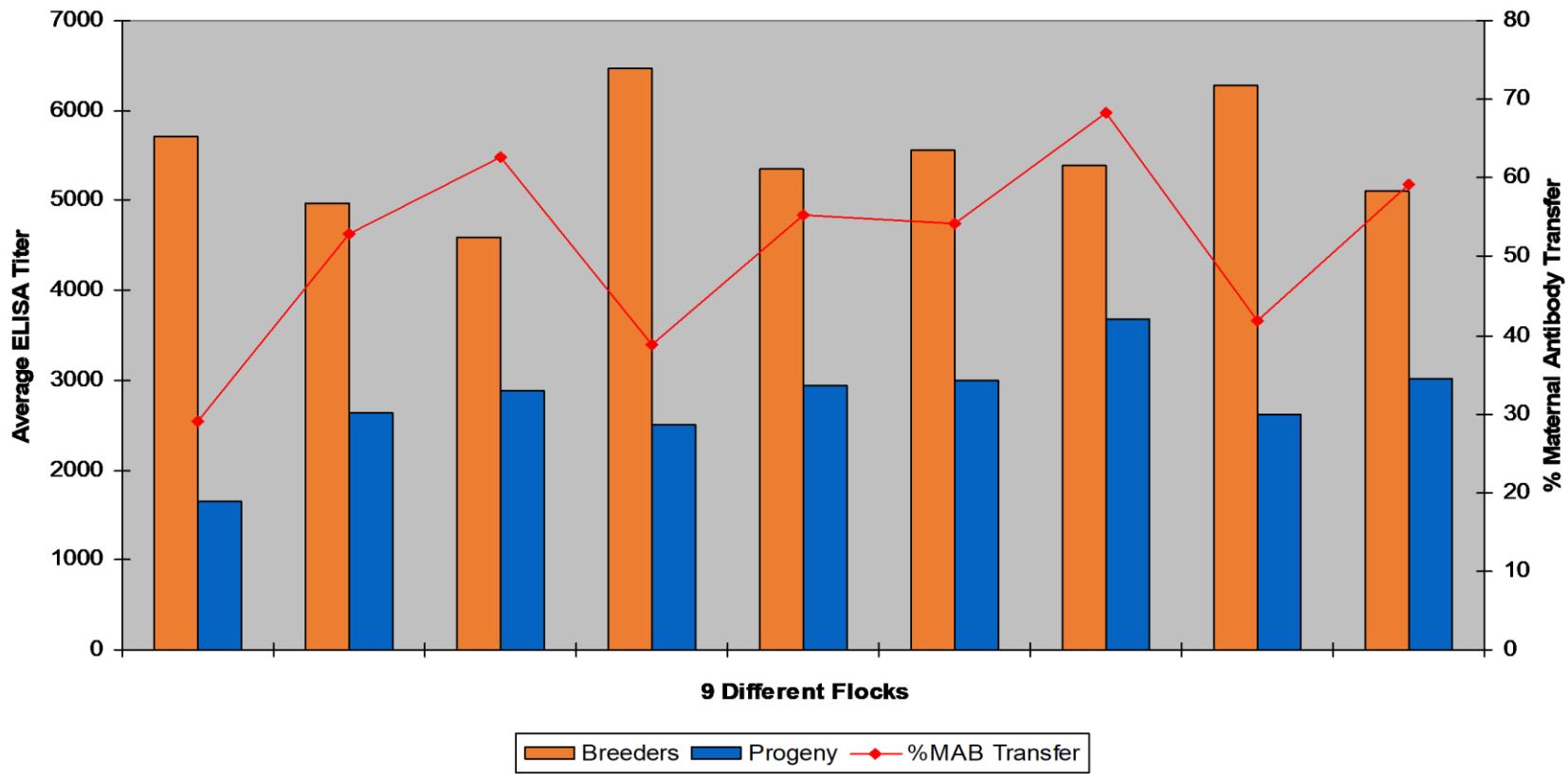
→ ANTIBODIES:

- In breeders: stop vertical transmission
- In progeny: MDA protect from virus challenge



# CIAV Serology

MAB Transfer - Average Titers for Broiler Breeders and Progeny





## MDV Vaccination

- ❖ Modified live vaccines
- ❖ Strongly cell-associated → liquid nitrogen storage
- ❖ Serotypes: 1 or 2 or 3 or combinations
- ❖ Hatchery *in-ovo* or s.c. injection



# IBDV Vaccination

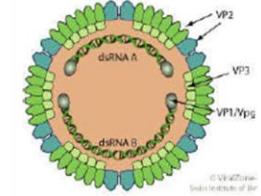
- ❖ Live attenuated vaccines:
  - I. "Classic"
  - II. Immunocomplex
- ❖ Recombinant vector HVT-IBD vaccines
- ❖ Inactivated vaccines



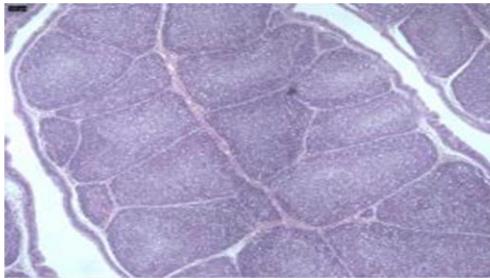
# Live Infectious Bursal Disease vs Vector HVT-IBD Vaccines



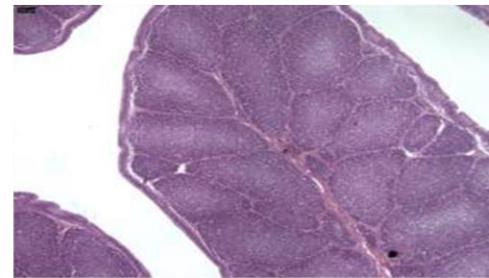
# Live IBD Vaccines - Drawbacks



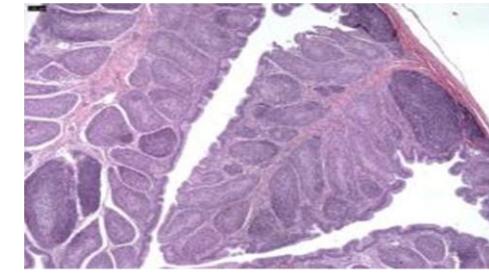
- ❖ Interference from MDA → delayed protection
- ❖ Possible in vivo **MUTATIONS** and **REASSORTMENTS** with field IBDVs
- ❖ **Replication in B lymphocytes** → immunosuppression



Unvaccinated Controls



vHVT-IBD



Live IBD Int. plus



# Effect of a live IBD vaccine on *S. Enteritidis* infected chickens

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# Effect of a live IBD vaccine on *S. Enteritidis* infected chickens

White Hy-Line commercial pullets

- G.1: Negative controls
- G.2: IBD Int. Plus vaccine at 12 days
- G.3: IBD Int. Plus vaccine at 12 days + *S. Enteritidis* at 13 days
- G.4: *S. Enteritidis* at 13 days



# Results

## S.E. + live IBD vaccine **vs** S.E.

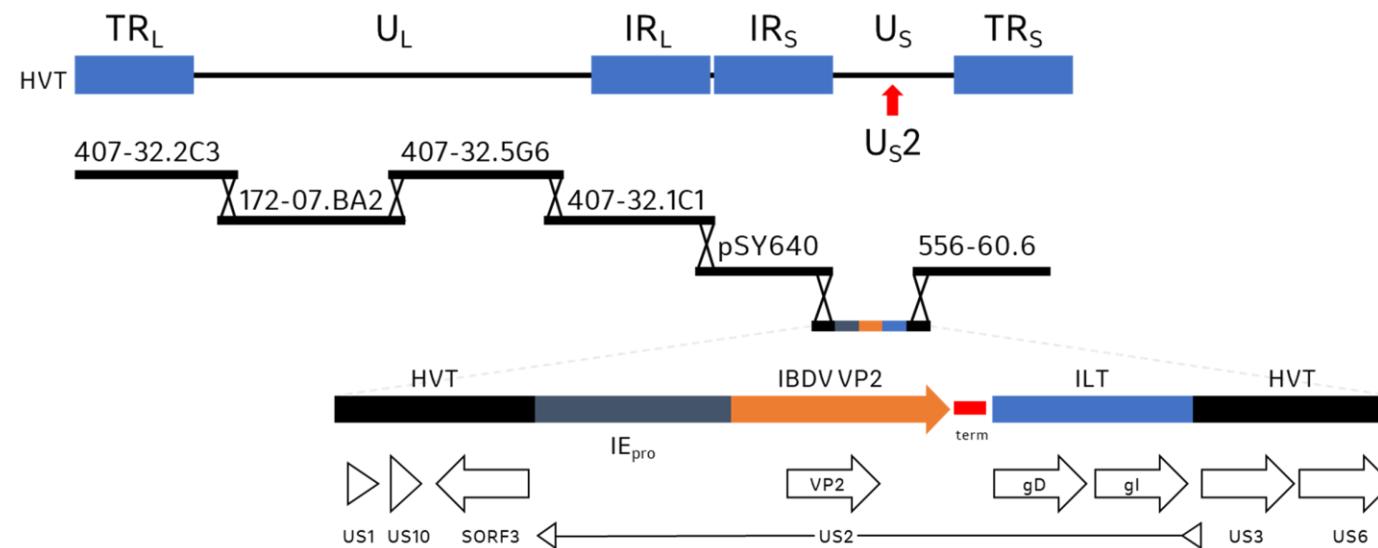
- ❖ Higher mortality rate → **10%** vs **2.5%**
- ❖ Lower anti-SE Ab titres (IgA) in Sera and Gut
- ❖ Higher SE fecal shedding and organ colonization
- ❖ Lower B/BW ratio → **1.3** vs **3.9**
- ❖ Higher bursa lesion score → **3.0** vs **0.0**



# vHVT-IBD Vaccines

- ❖ Construction:

- ❖ Vector – HVT
- ❖ IBDV insert – VP2 gene
- ❖ Other inserts: ND / ILT / AI





## vHVT-IBD Vaccines - Advantages

- ❖ No interference from MDA → earlier protection
- ❖ No risks of IBDV mutations or reassortments
- ❖ **No depletion of B lymphocytes → immune system preserved**
- ❖ Marek's Disease protection



# Commercial Pullets

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Comparison of infectious bursal disease live vaccines and a HVT-IBD vector vaccine and their effects on the immune system of commercial layer pullets

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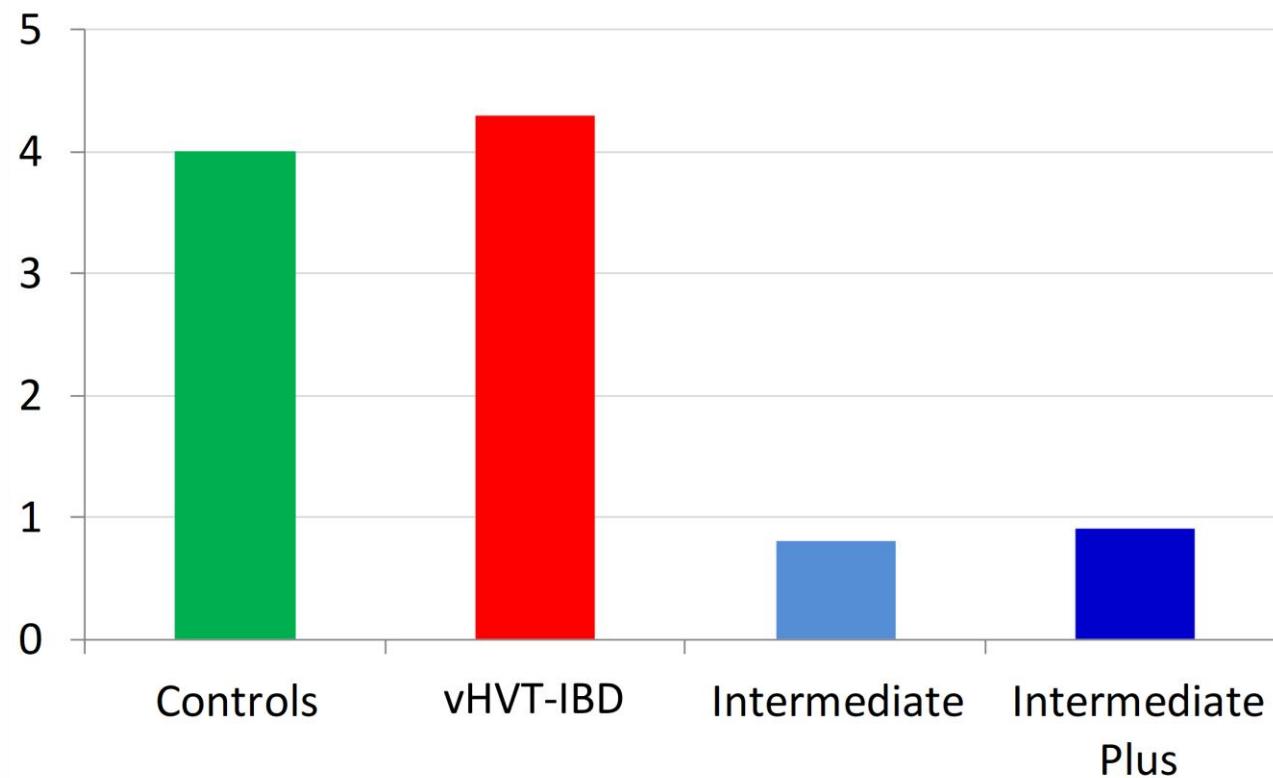
## vHVT-IBD vs live IBD vaccines

Age - days	CONTROLS	vHVT-IBD	Intermediate	Intermediate Plus
1	Rispens H120 ND live	vHVT-IBD Rispens H120 ND live	Rispens H120 ND live	Rispens H120 ND live
14	Live IB variant	Live IB variant	Live IB variant	Live IB variant
21	ND live	ND live	ND live	ND live
28			IBD Int.	IBD Int. plus
42	Inactivated IB-ND-EDS	Inactivated IB-ND-EDS	Inactivated IB-ND-EDS	Inactivated IB-ND-EDS



# Results

Bursa / body weight ratio post live IBD vaccination



vHVT-IBD vaccine

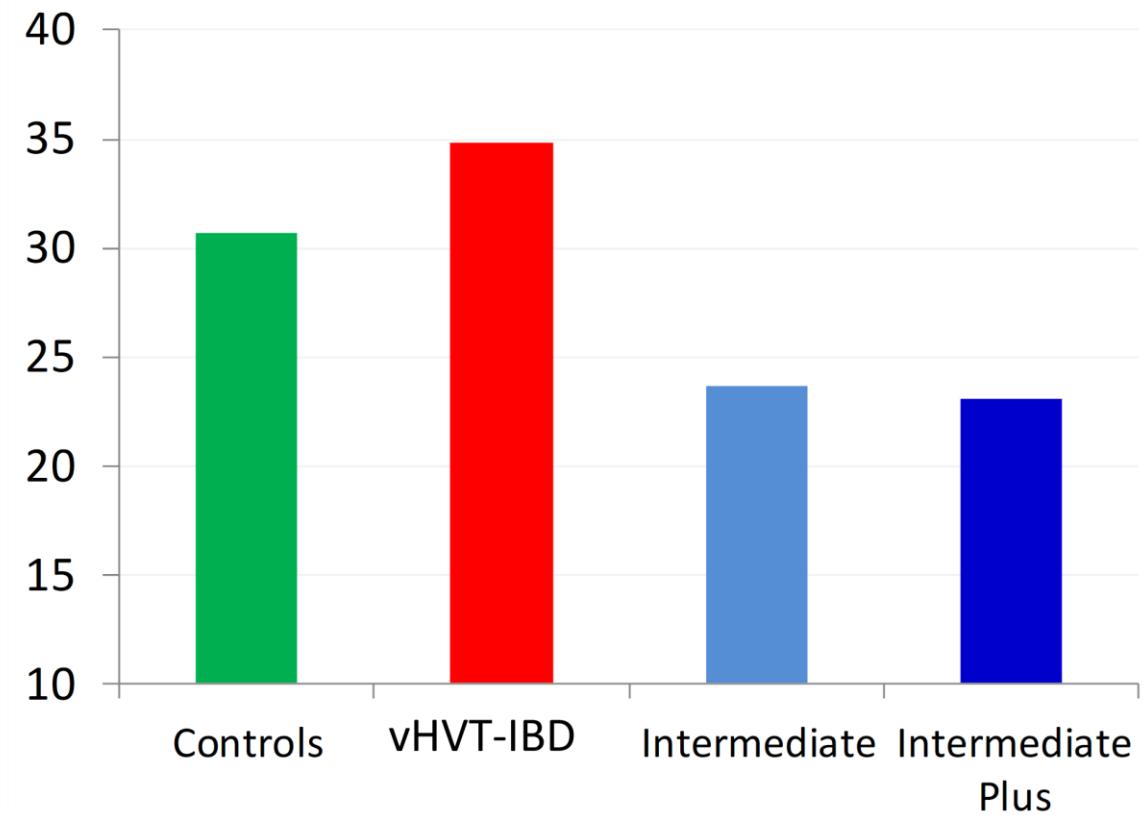


Live IBD int. vaccine



# Results

% B lymphocytes / total lymphocytes in the peripheral blood 13 days post-vaccination with live IBD vaccines

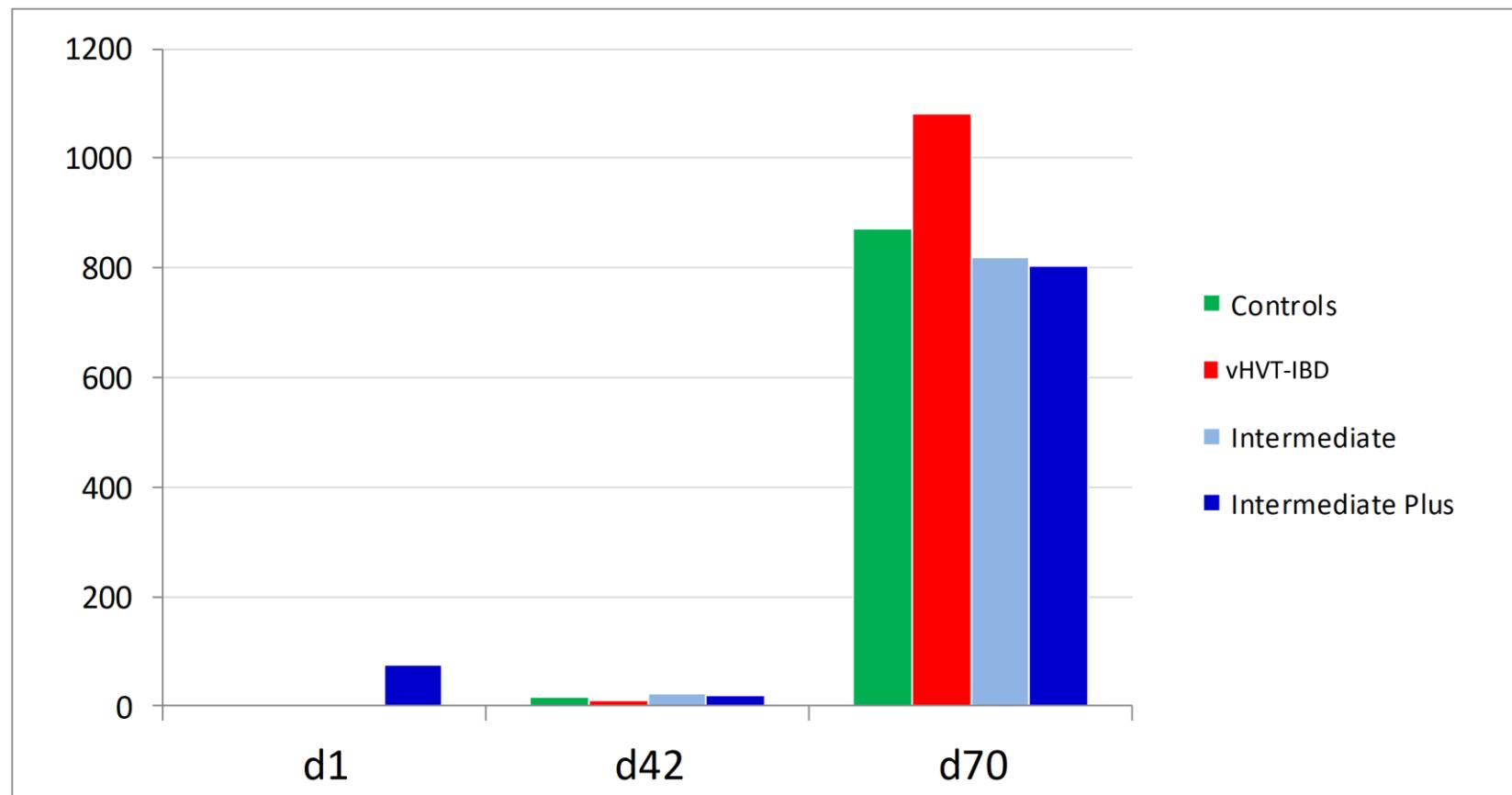


\* Indicates significant differences to the other groups ( $p < 0.05$ )



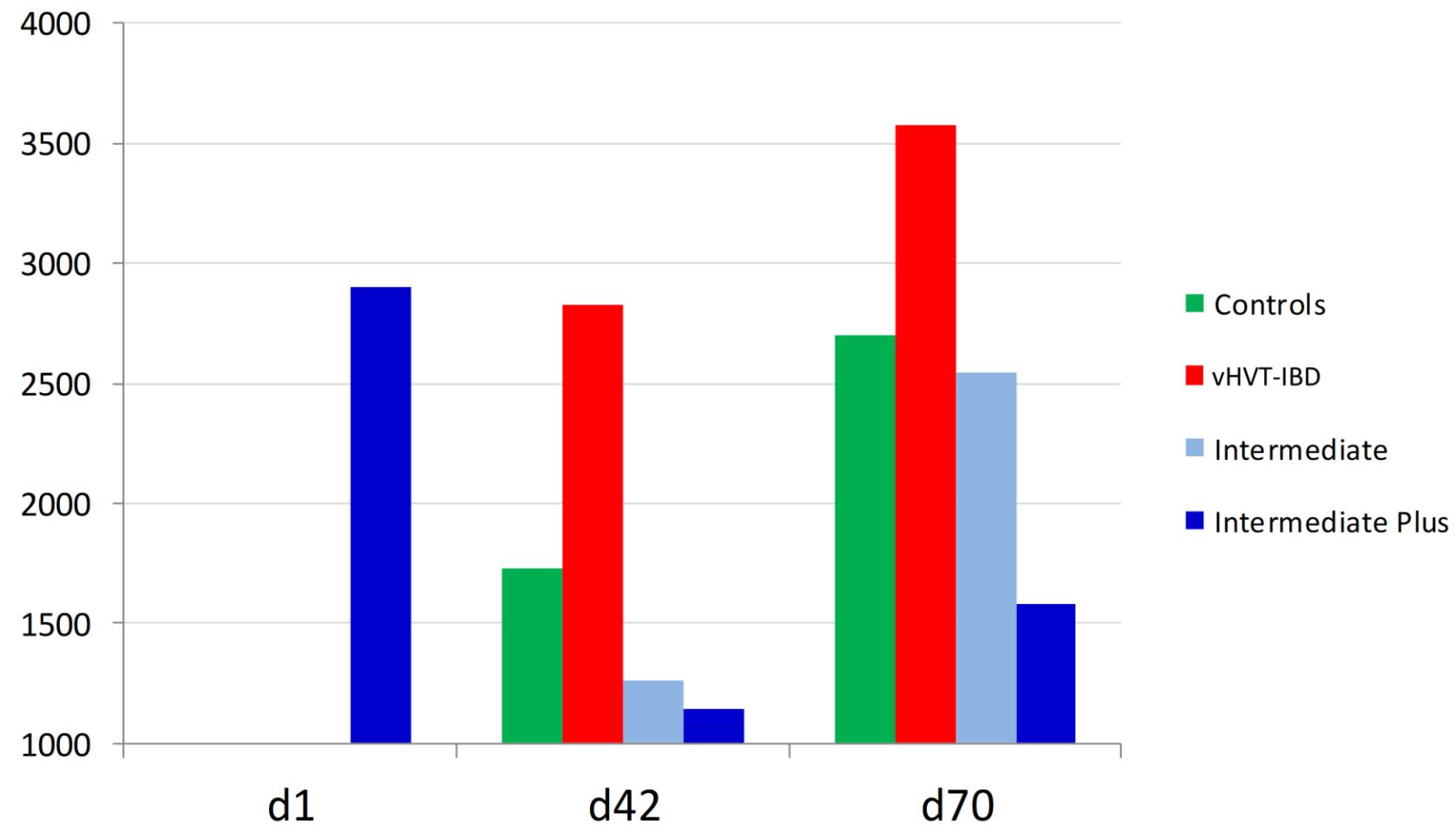
# Results

## Mean HI ND antibody levels





## Mean ELISA IB antibody levels



# Benefits of Vector HVT Vaccines





# vHVT-IBD-ILT - Efficacy IBD

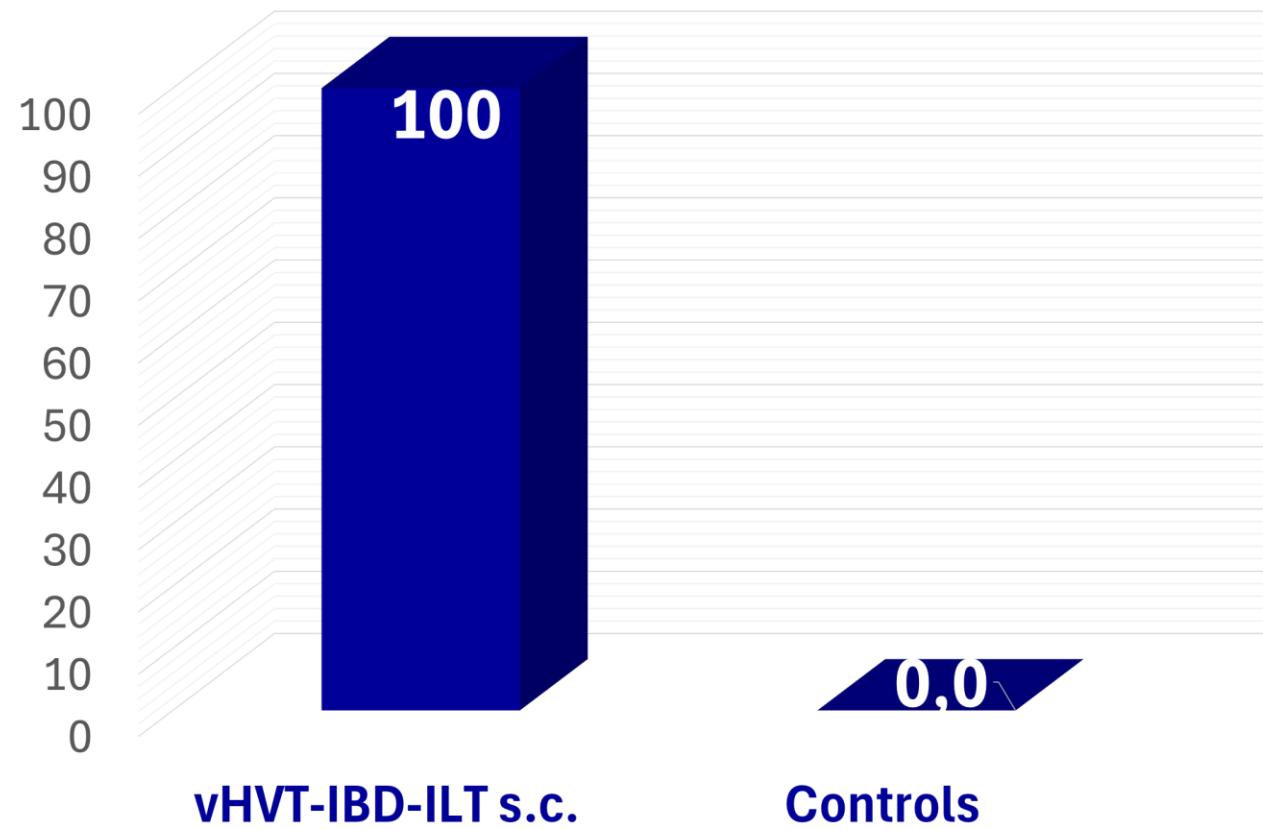
❖ SPF

❖ vHVT-IBD-ILT s.c.

❖ vvIBDV-CS89

❖ Challenge 3 WPV

vvIBDV-CS89 - Protection %

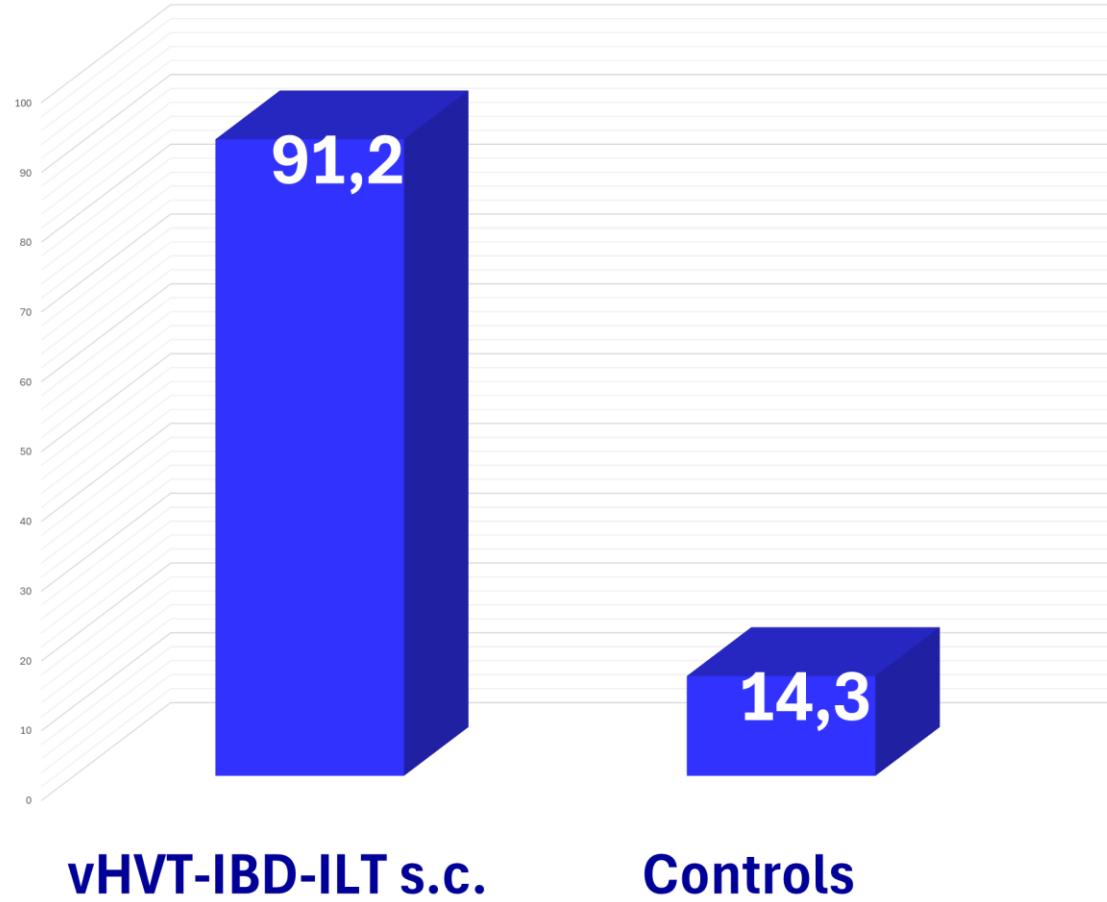




# vHVT-IBD-ILT - Efficacy MD

MDV-GA5 - Protection %

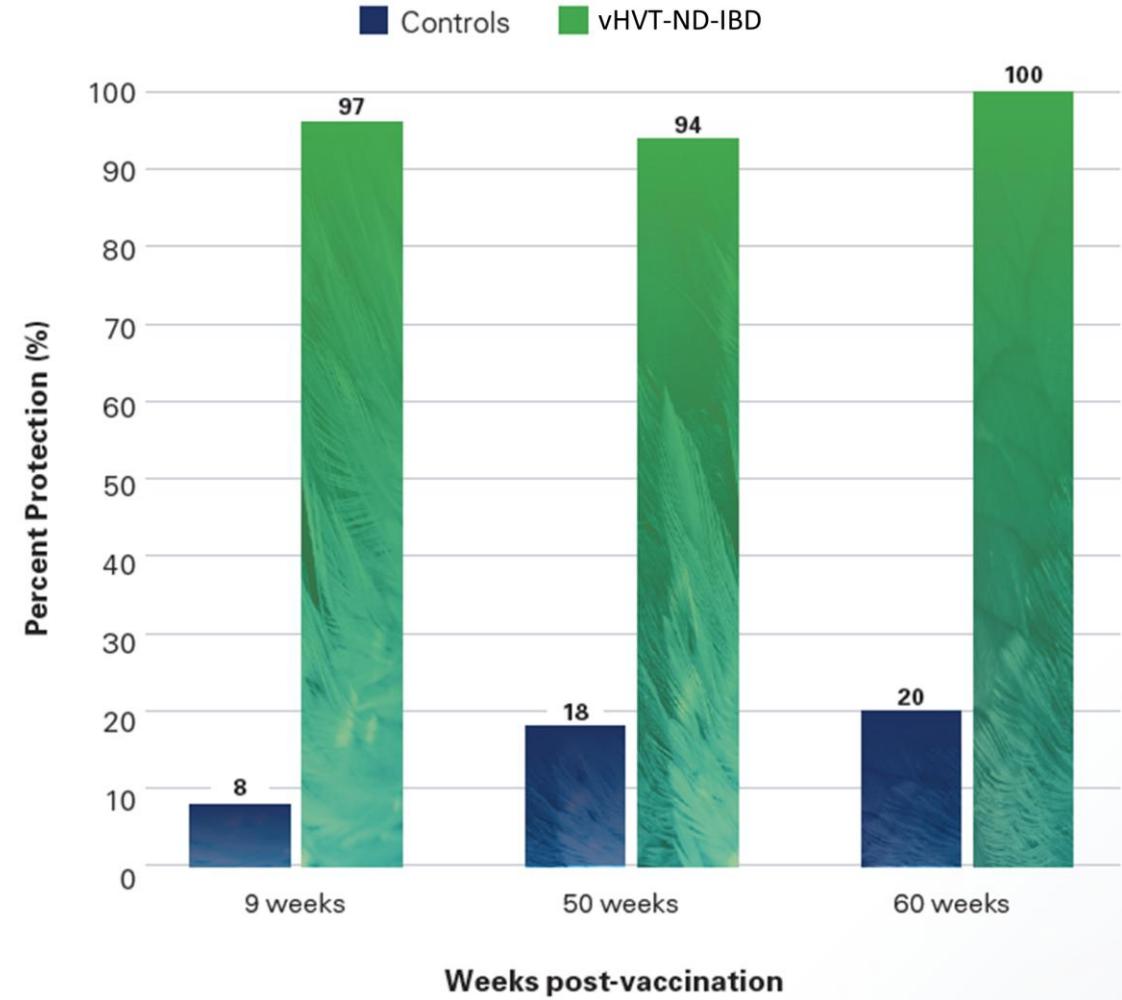
- ❖ SPF
- ❖ vHVT-IBD-ILT s.c.
- ❖ MDV-GA5
- ❖ Challenge 5 DOA





# Duration of Immunity - ND

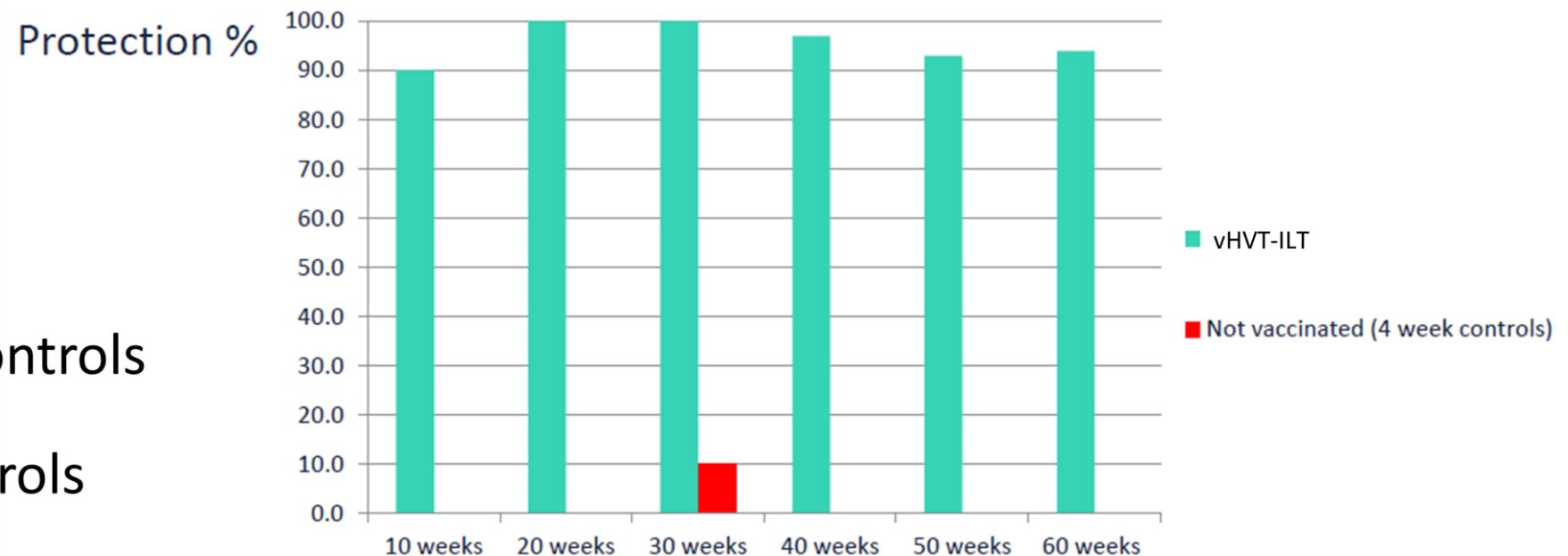
- ❖ SPF chickens
- ❖ vHVT-ND-IBD + Rispens s.c.
- ❖ NDV Texas GB ( $10_4$ EID50) i.m.
- ❖ 14 days observation





# Duration of Immunity - ILT

- ❖ SPF chickens
- ❖ vHVT-ILT s.c.
- ❖ ILTV LT 07-03
- ❖ Age-matched controls
- ❖ 4 week old controls





# HVT Accelerates Maturation of Chicken Embryo Immune Responses

AVIAN DISEASES 59:375–383, 2015

## *In Ovo Vaccination with Turkey Herpesvirus Hastens Maturation of Chicken Embryo Immune Responses in Specific-Pathogen-Free Chickens*

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# Vector HVT Vaccines - Key Benefits

- ❖ No interference from MDA
- ❖ No damage to the immune system
- ❖ Multiple protection
- ❖ Avoiding or minimizing the use of corresponding live vaccines
- ❖ Life-long duration of immunity
- ❖ Fitting management of long production cycles



## Conclusions

- ❖ The immune system is essential to health and performance
- ❖ Several infections and other factors can negatively impact it
- ❖ Its preservation must begin with parents
- ❖ Vector HVT vaccines bring multiple benefits

# Gracias

