

# Impact of high-wheat bran diet on sows' microbiota, performances and progeny's growth and health

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# Objective



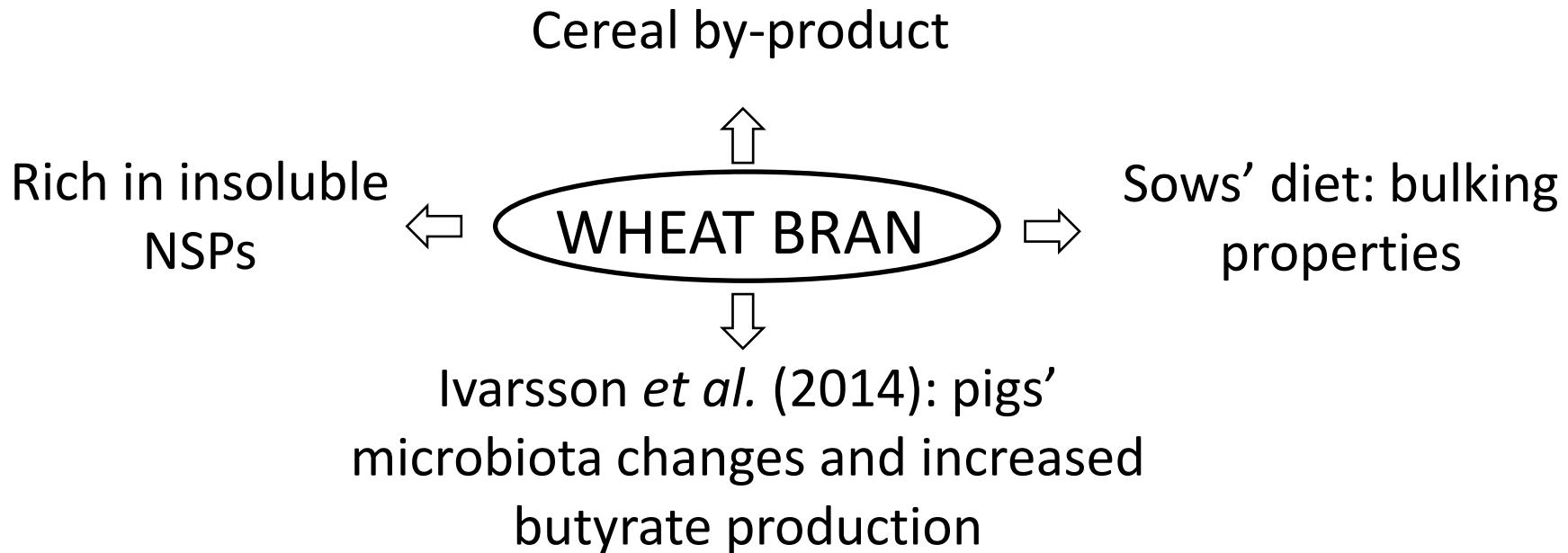
Improve piglets' health  
without using antibiotics

HOW?

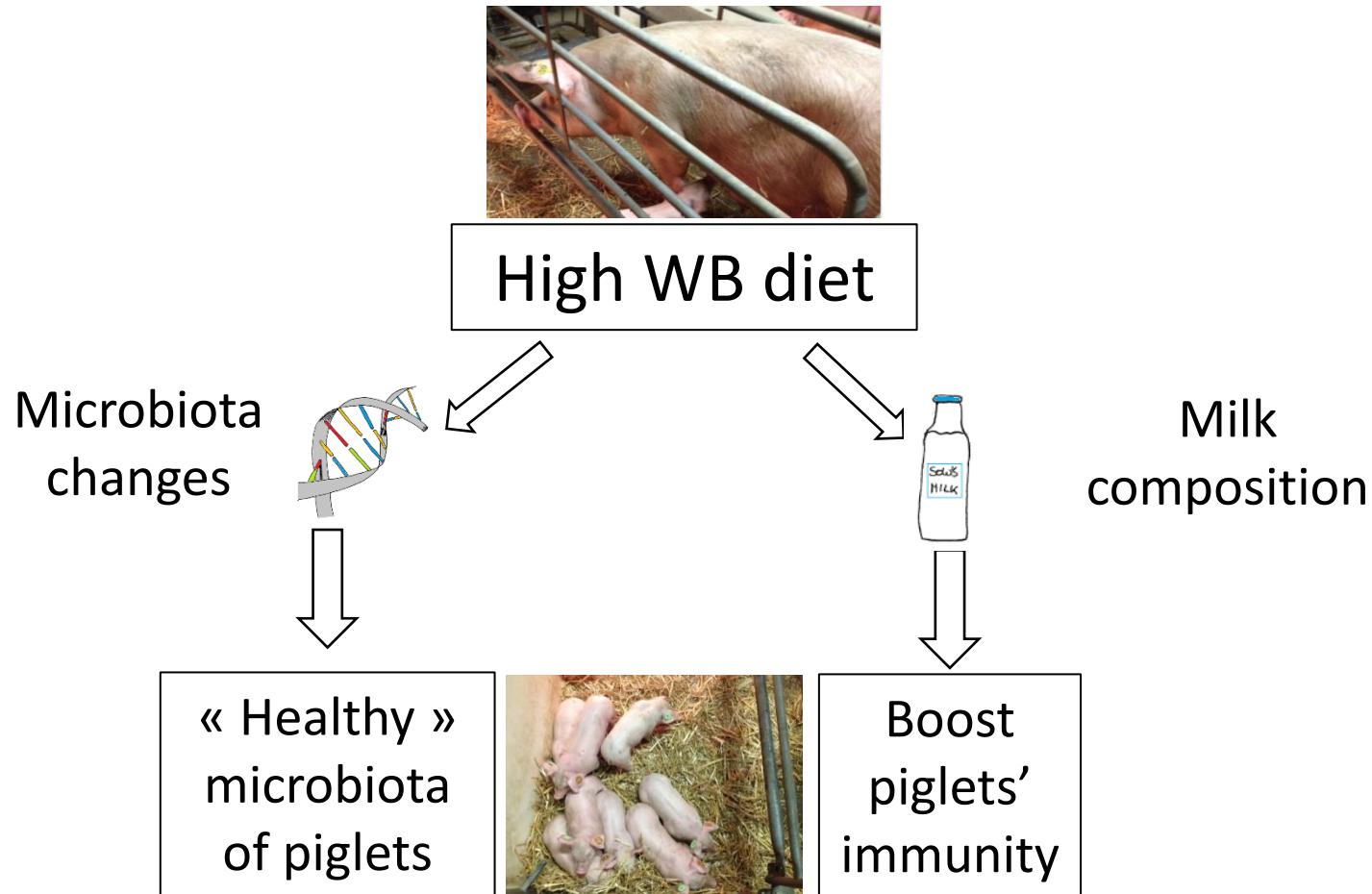


Acting on **SOWS'** diet  
→ Use of high quantities  
of wheat bran (**WB**)

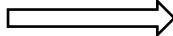
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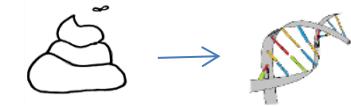
# Hypothesis



# Methods



ELISA, mid-infrared



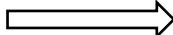
Sequencing

7 CON sows & 8 WB sows



Gestation  
240g/kg DM WB

Lactation  
140g/kg DM WB

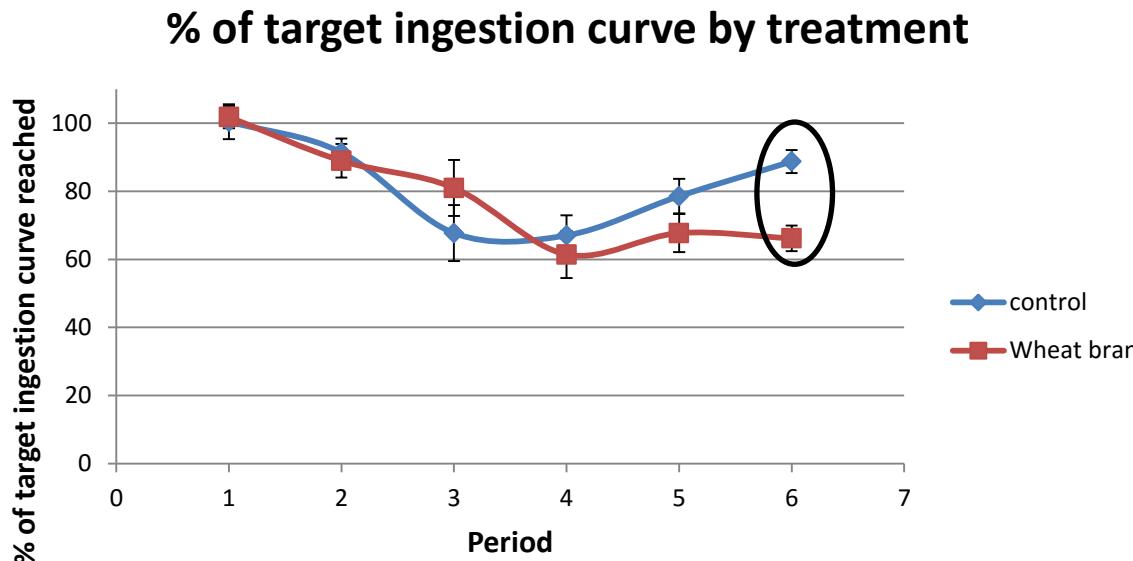


SCFA  
Sequencing

# Results: performances

- Backfat/bodyweight changes: no impact of treatment ( $p=0.60$  and  $p=0.77$ , respectively)
- Litters' bodyweights: no effect of maternal treatment ( $p=0.51$ ) from birth until weaning
- Ingestion of both groups similar except for the **last 4 days** of the lactation period (drop in WB ingestion), 66% of their planned feed intake-curve WB group vs 89% CON group

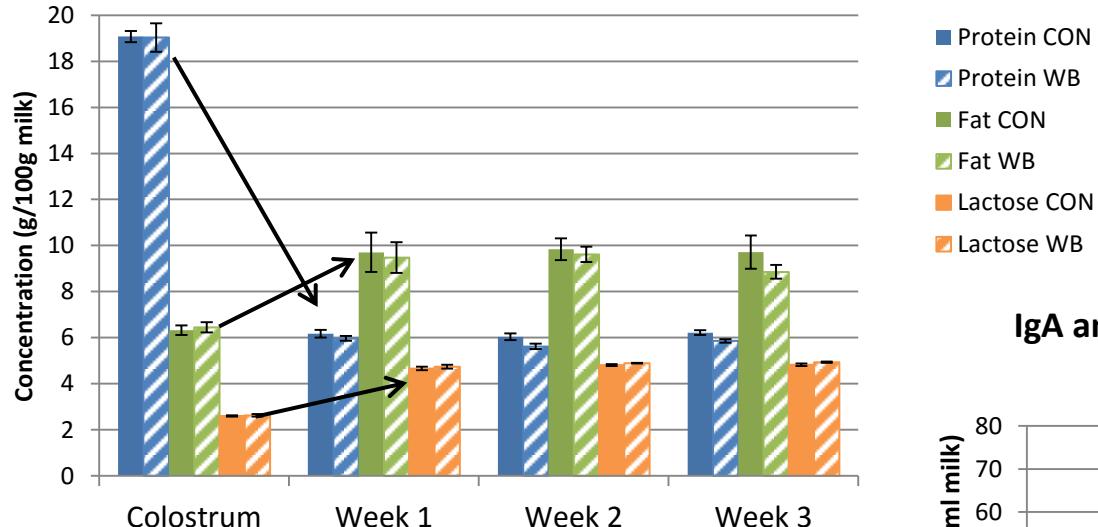
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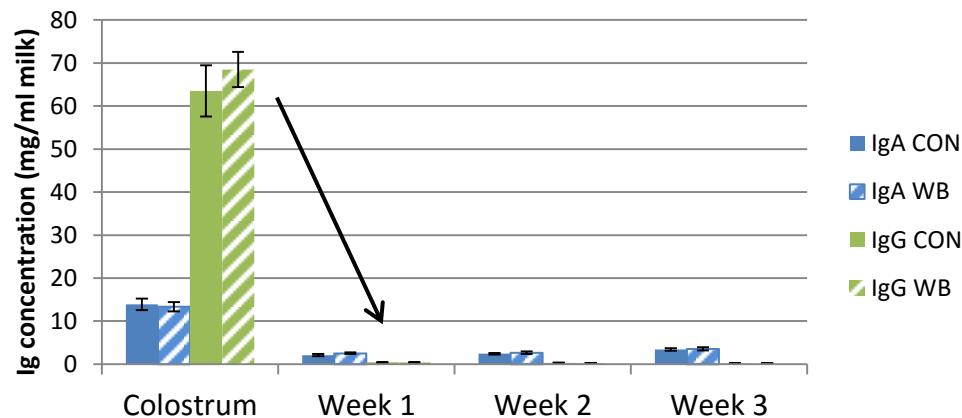
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# Results: milk composition

Chemical composition of milk at different time points

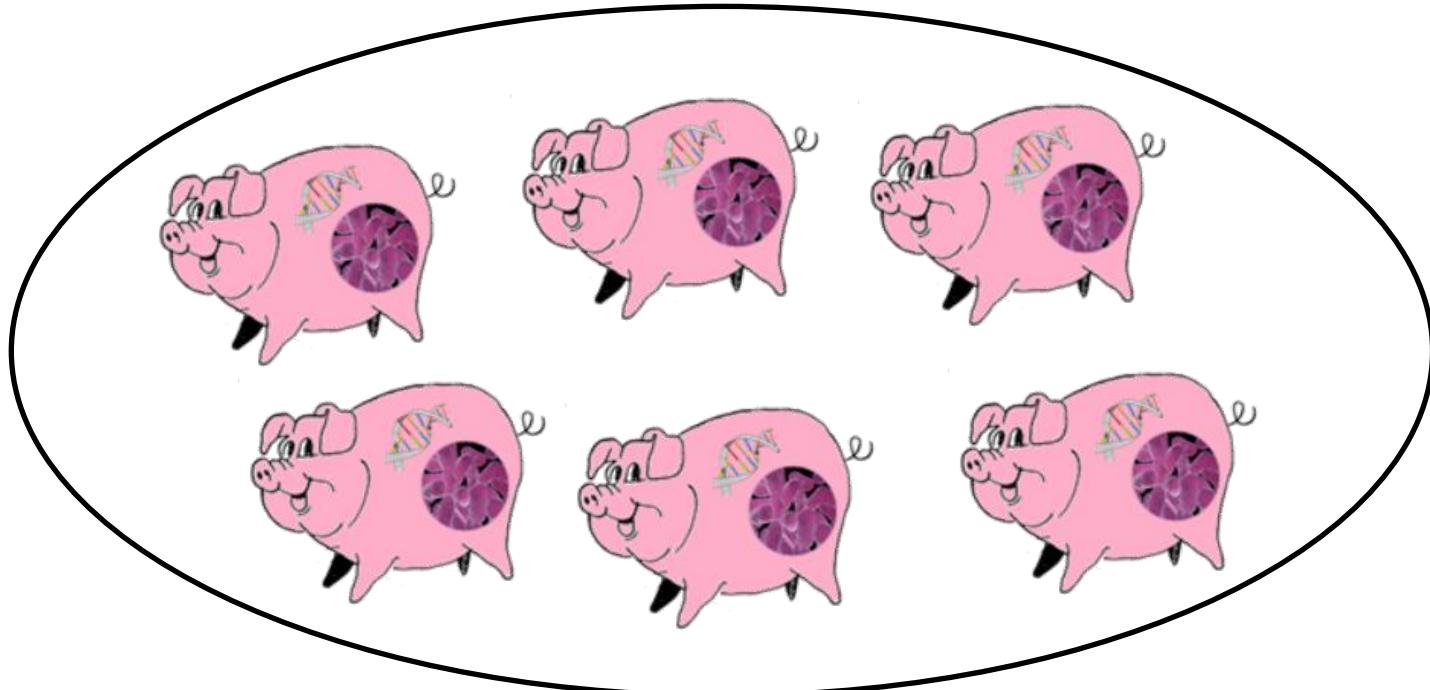


IgA and IgG concentrations of sow milk at different time points



# Results: MICROBIOTA

THE BIG PICTURE...



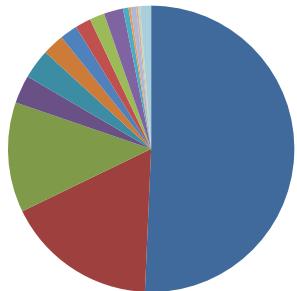
**Gestation BEFORE diet  
change (G-)**

**Gestation AFTER diet  
change (G+)**

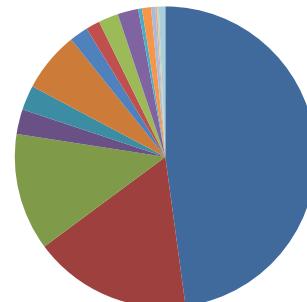
**Lactation (L)**

- Lactobacillus
- Treponema
- Phascolarctobacterium
- Streptococcus
- Oscillospira
- Ruminococcus
- Clostridium
- CF231
- Faecalibacterium
- Megasphaera
- Bifidobacterium
- Fibrobacter
- Roseburia
- Butyrivibrio
- Parabacteroides

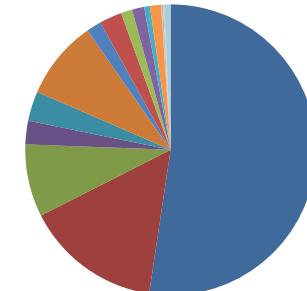
**CON G-**



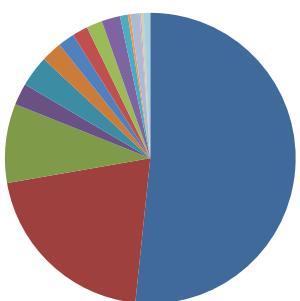
**CON G+**



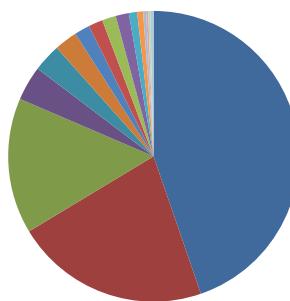
**CON L**



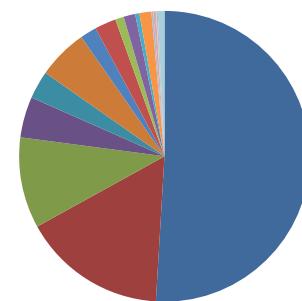
**WB G-**



**WB G+**

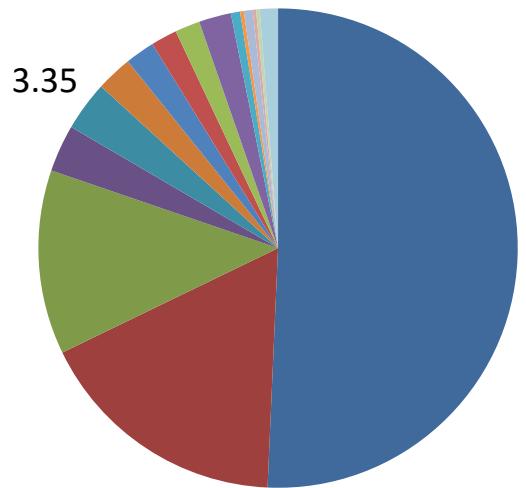


**WB L**

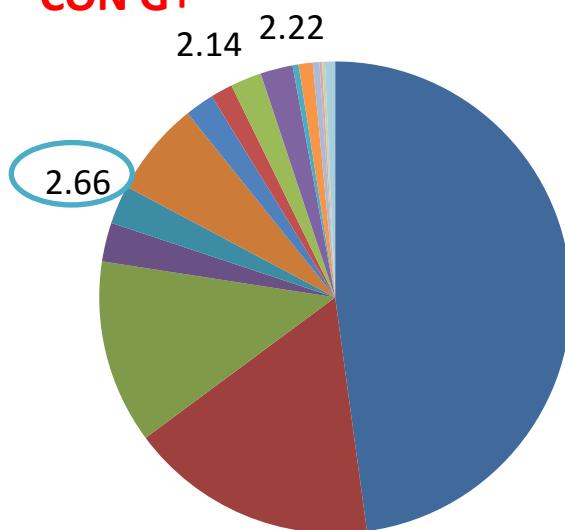


# CONTROL GROUP

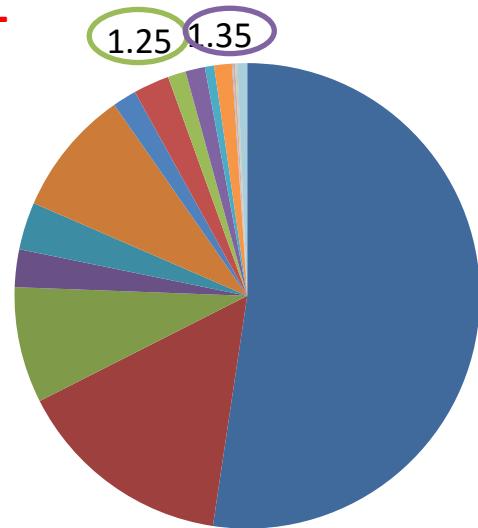
CON G-



CON G+



CON L



■ Phascolarctobacterium

3.35% → 2.66%

Clostridium

CF231

Bifidobacterium

Butyribivrio

2.14% → 1.25%

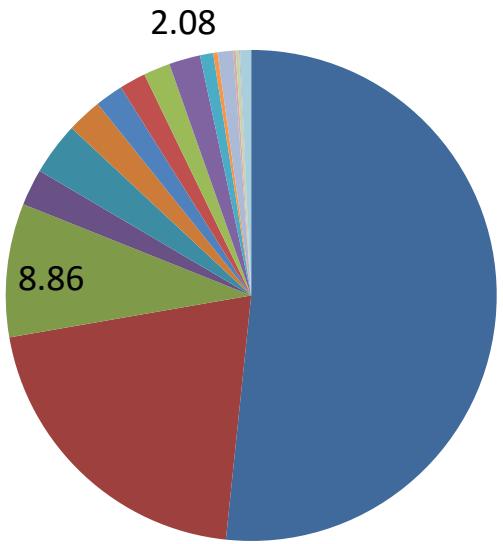
2.22% → 1.35%

Anecdotal

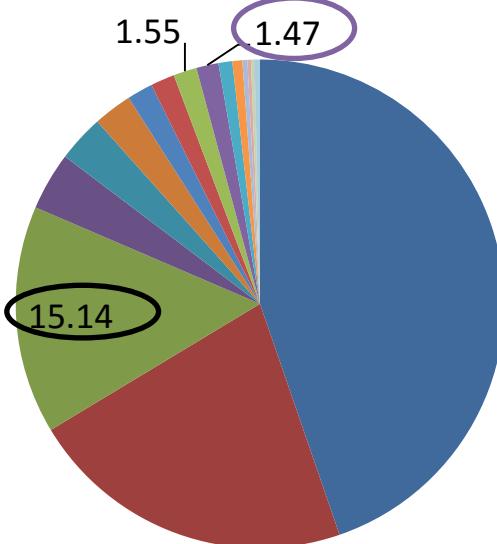
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# WHEAT BRAN GROUP

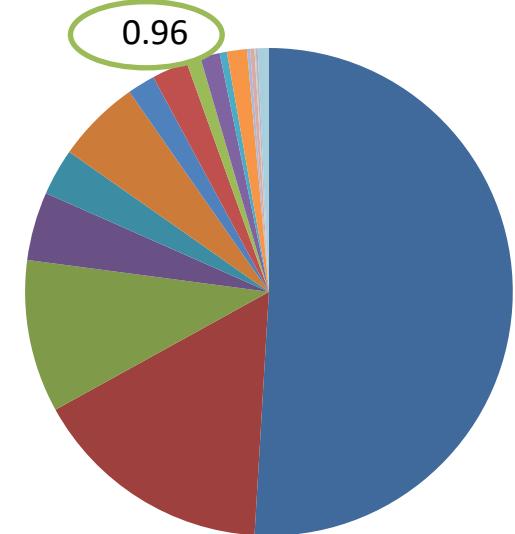
WB G-



WB G+



WB L

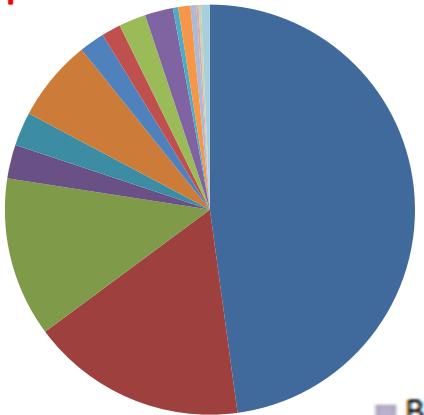


■ Lactobacillus    8.86% → 15.14%  
■ CF231            2.08% → 1.47%

■ Clostridium    1.55% → 0.96%

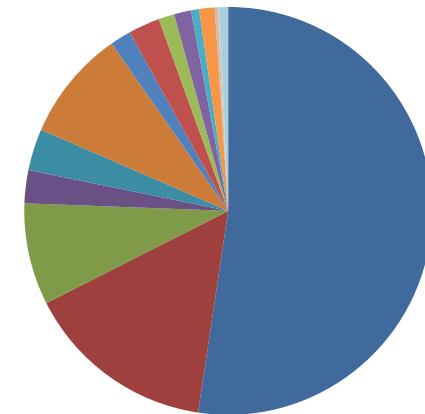
# TREATMENT DIFFERENCES - NS

CON G+



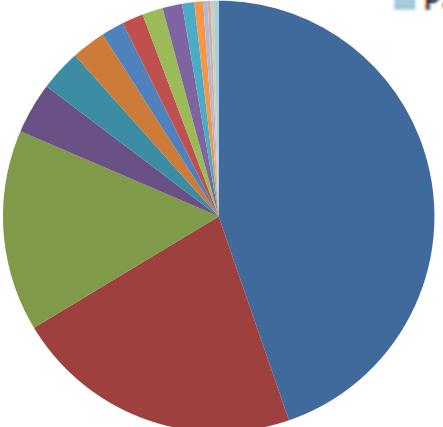
Gestation

CON L

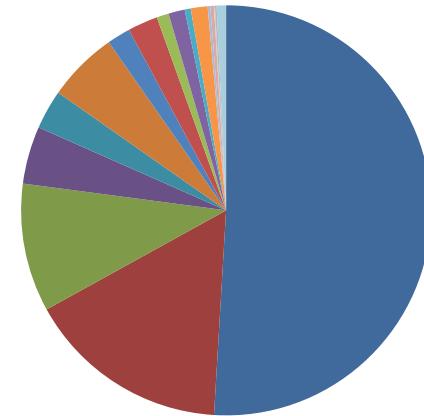


Lactation

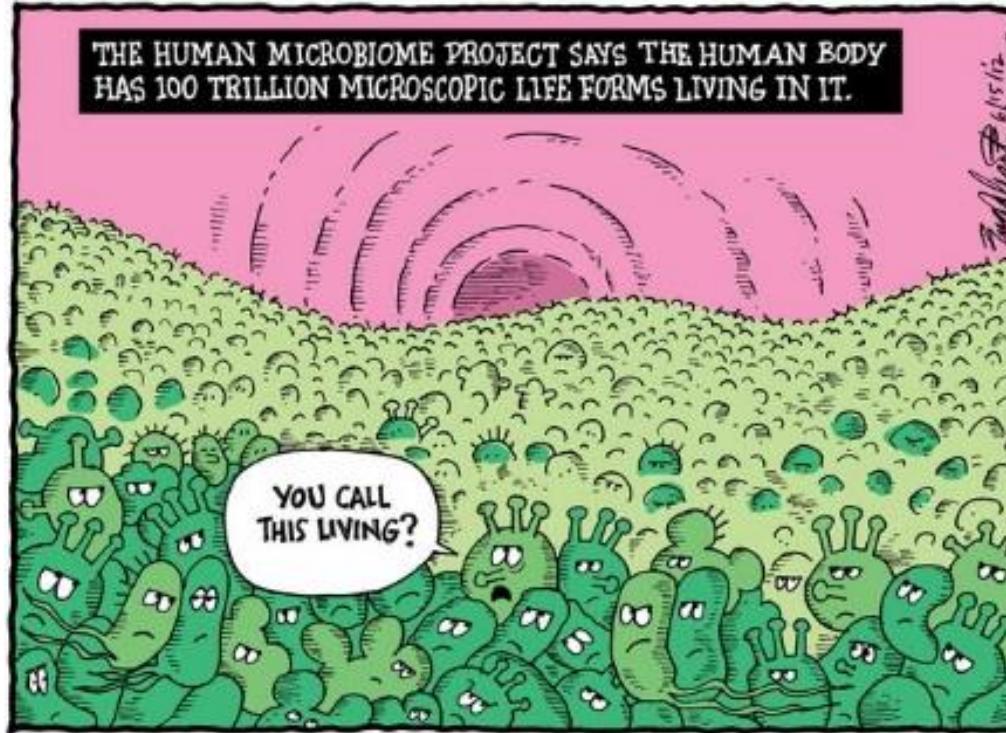
WB G+



WB L

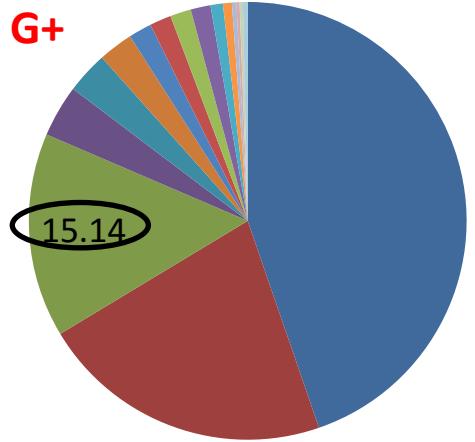


# Results: MICROBIOTA AND THE DETAIL...



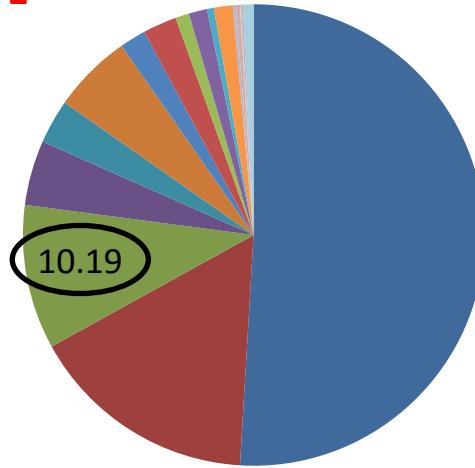
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WB G+



WB L

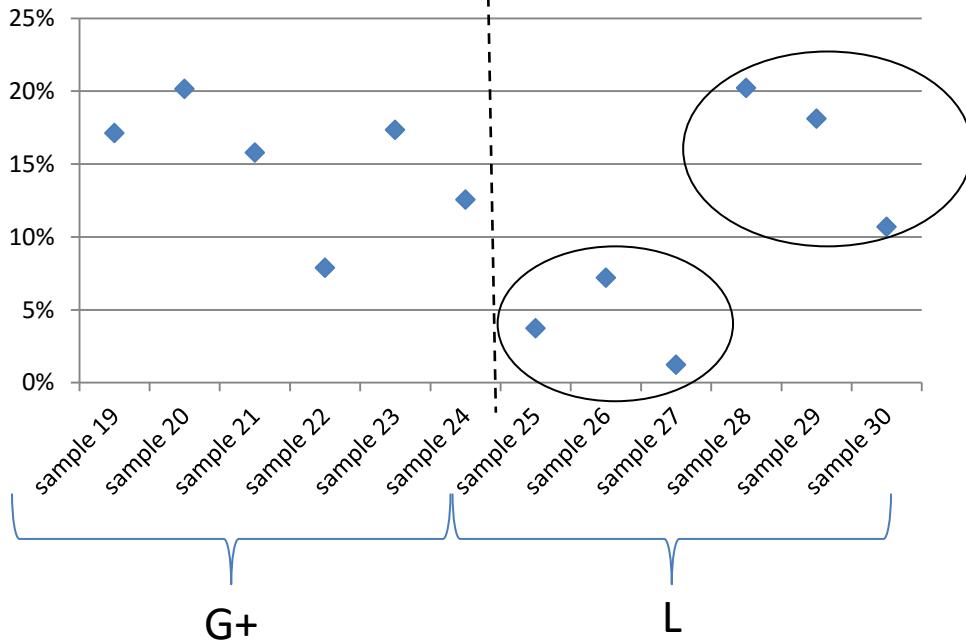
NS



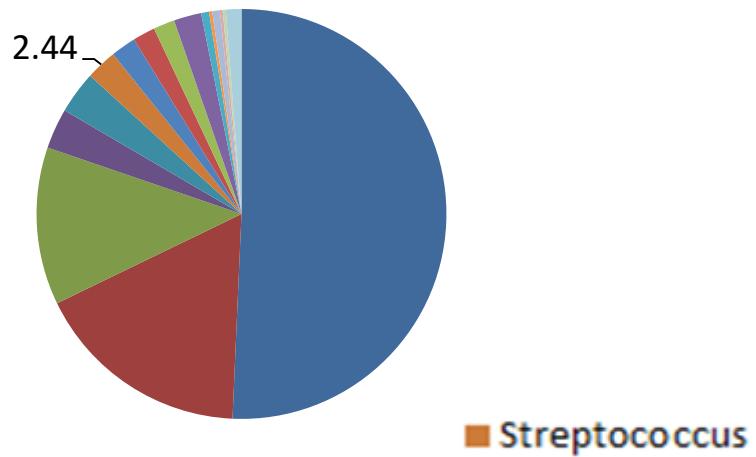
Lactobacillus

15% → 10%

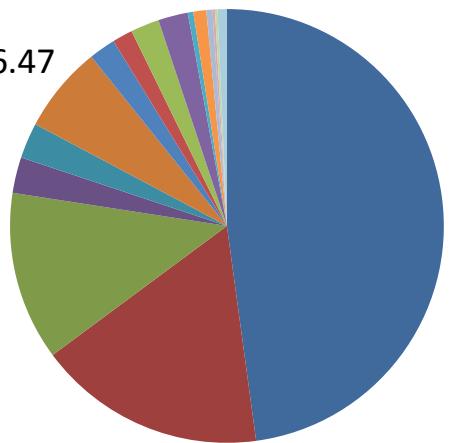
Lactobacillus WB G+/L



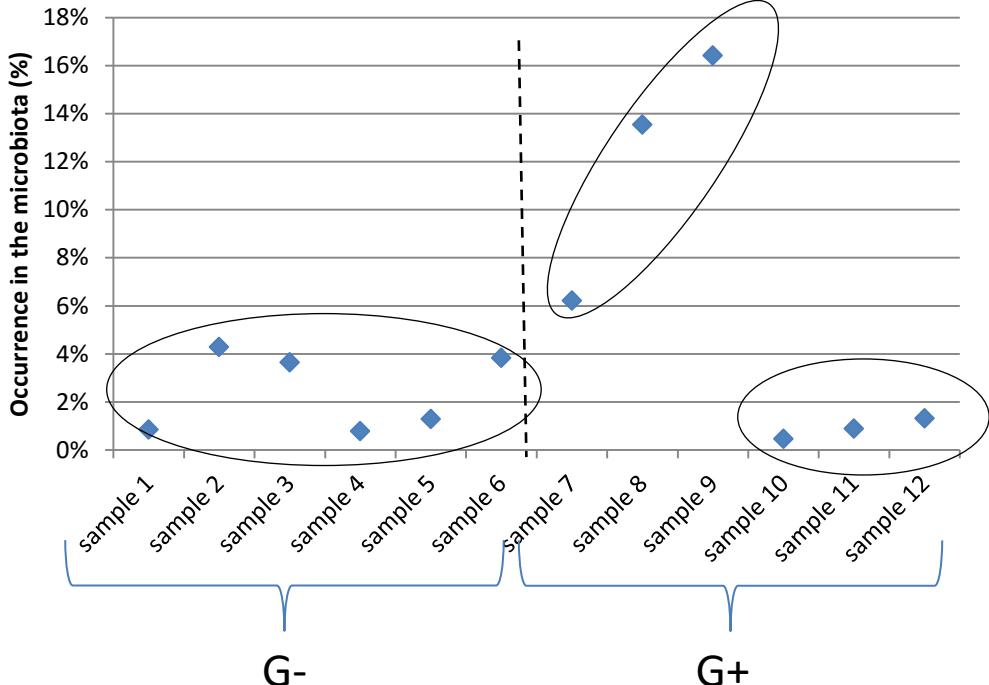
**CON G-**



**CON G+**



### **Streptococcus CON G-/G+**



# Conclusion

- No impact of dietary treatment on **performances** except for ingestion (last period)
  - No impact on **milk** composition
- Increasing WB proportion is not detrimental
- Conclusions concerning **microbiota** hard to draw due to high variability between individuals

# Next step

- Microbiota and short-chain fatty acids (**SCFA**) of piglets
  - Related to sows?
  - Microbiota vs SCFA correlation?
  - Less variability for piglets' microbiota?

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