

# ***Ex vivo* Ruminant Cellulosome For By-product Biomass Conversion**

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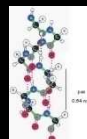
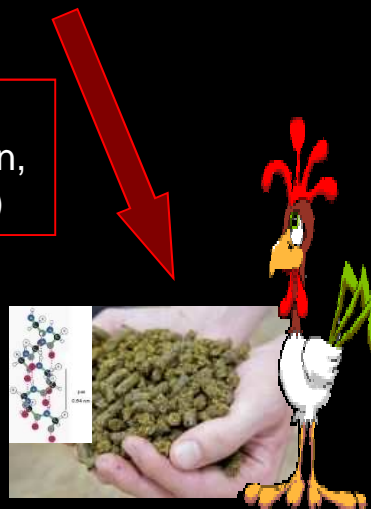
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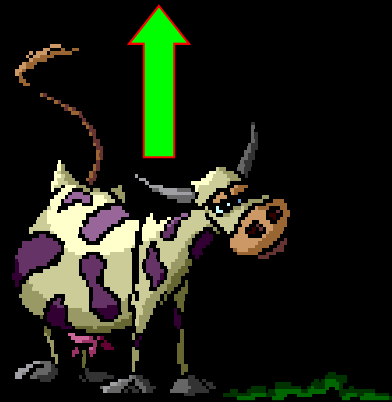
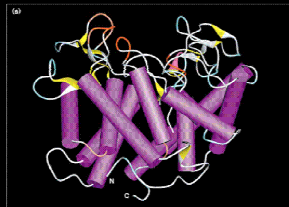
# Chicken

- Energy : => starch  
=> fat  
=> ~~cellulose~~
- Starch future ?
  - ↓ Disponibility
  - ↑ Price
- Solution = by -products  
→ Cellulose + exogen enzymes → glucose
- HOW ?
  - Using fibrolytic ruminal enzymes
  - pH and T° of rumen enzymes = pH and T° poultry intest ine

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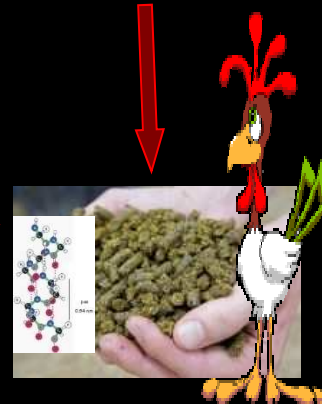
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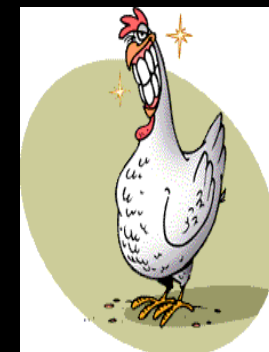


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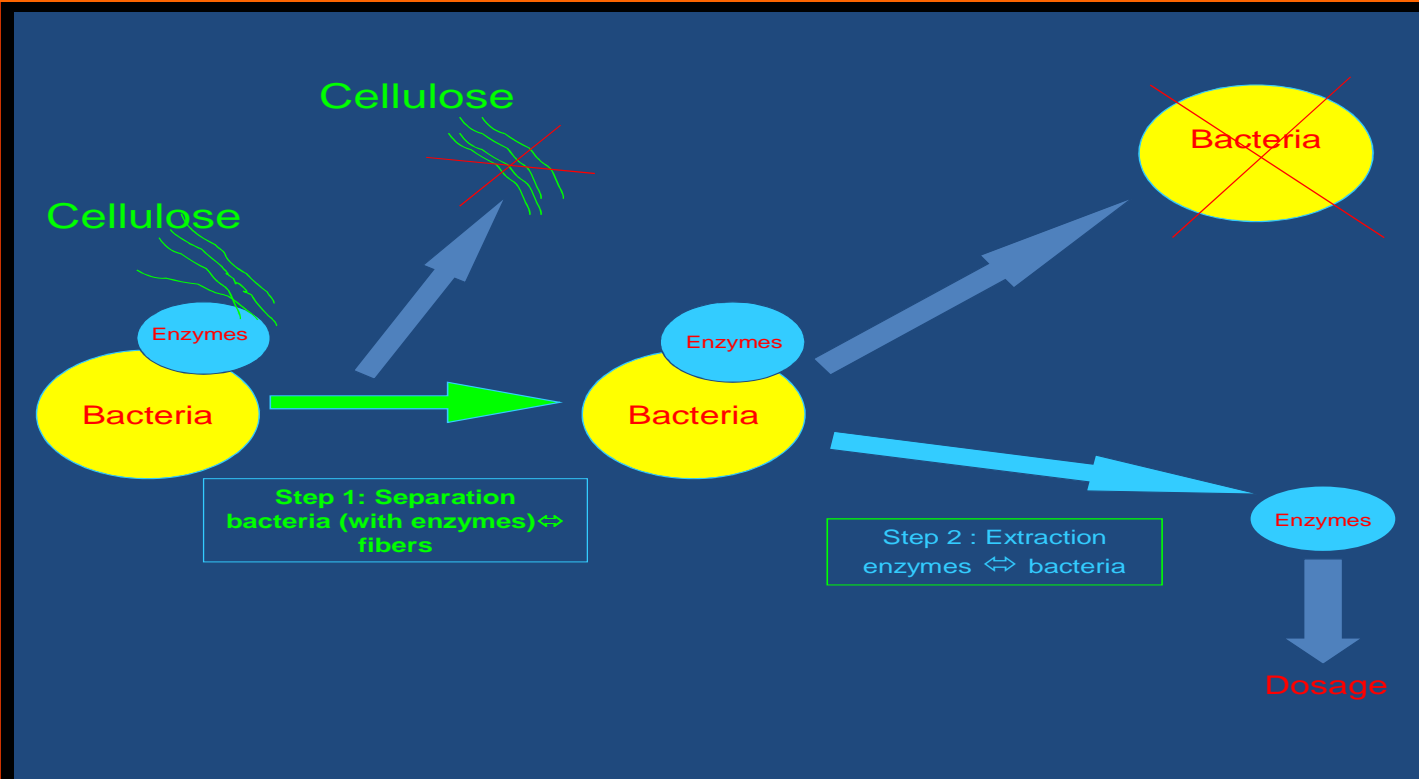
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# Rumen cellulolytic bacteria

## Bacteria associated with feed particles

- Up to 75% of the total microbial population in the rumen
- Responsible for 88 to 91% of ruminal endoglucanase and xylanase activities

# Fibrolytic ruminal crude extract obtention

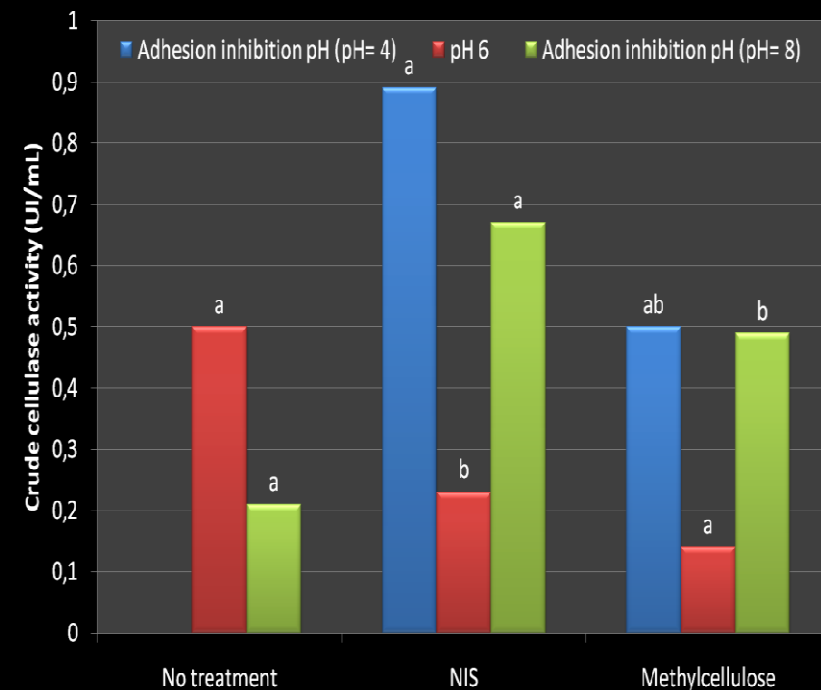
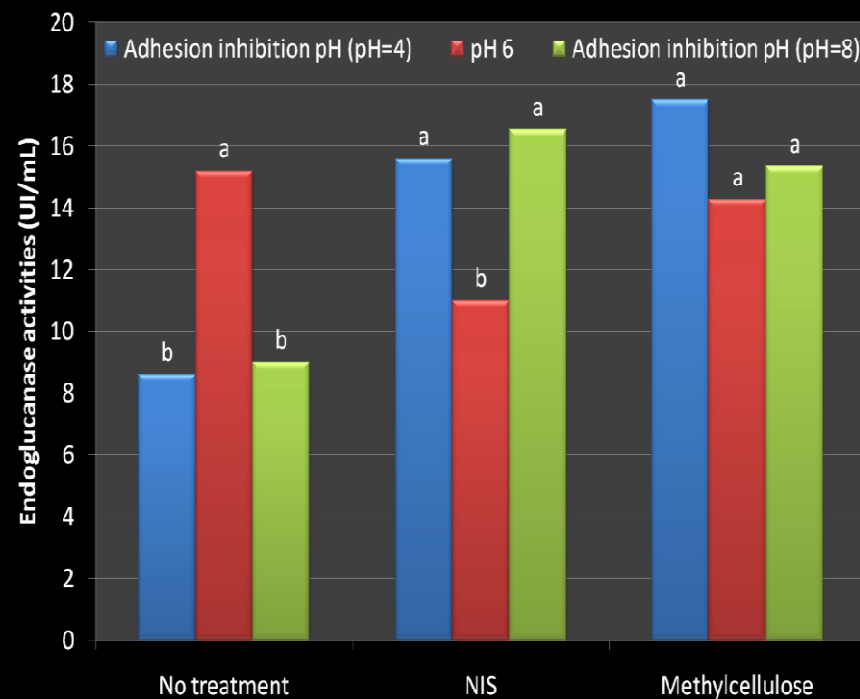


Dosage : Cellulolytic activity measurements  
(endoglucanase, exoglucanase, cellobiase and crude cellulase )

## Conditions of production

- First step: simulation of adhesion inhibition conditions of bacteria to fibers
- Second step: destabilization of bacteria membran to liberate fibrolytic enzymes

# First step Separation bacteria vs fibers

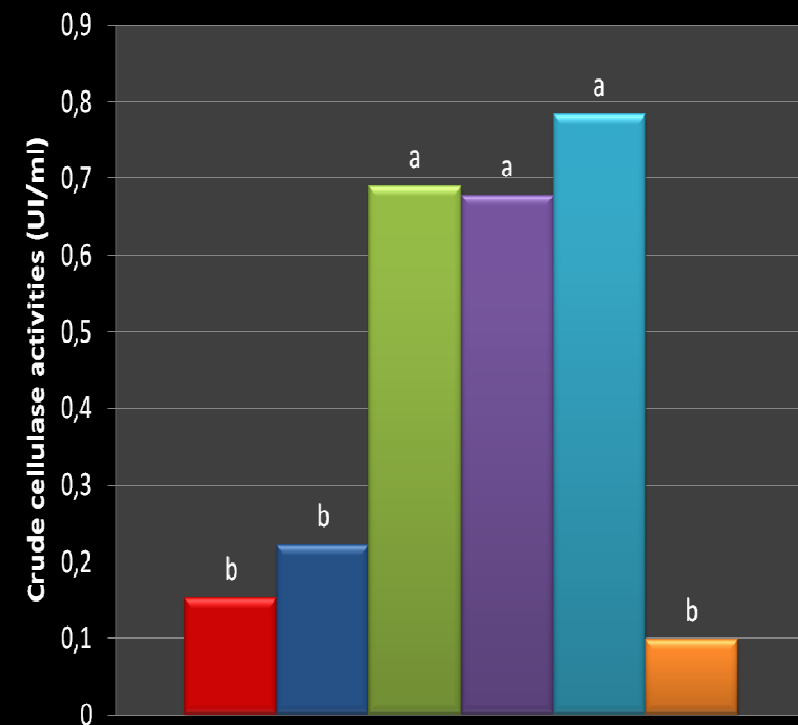
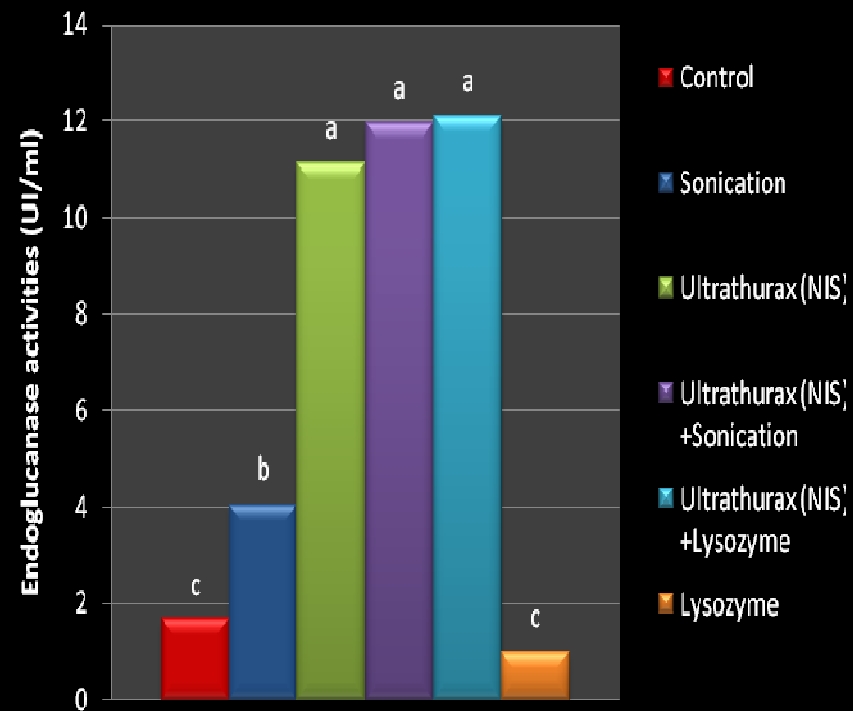


→ Inhibition adhesion pH in association with NIS/Methylcellulose  
=> increase cellulolytic activities



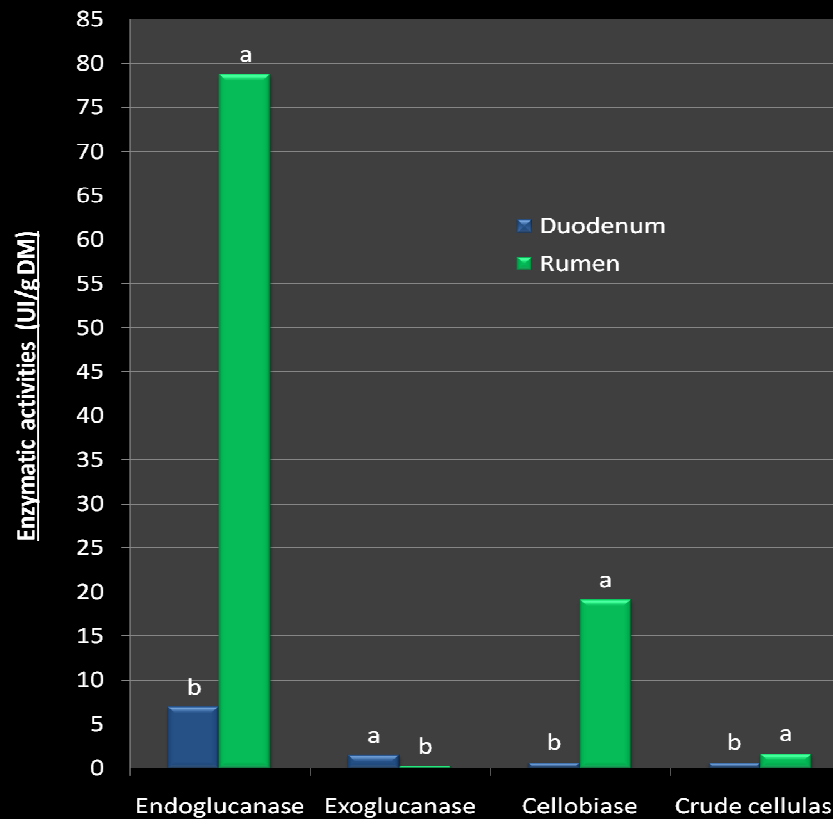
# Second step

## Extraction enzymes vs bacteria

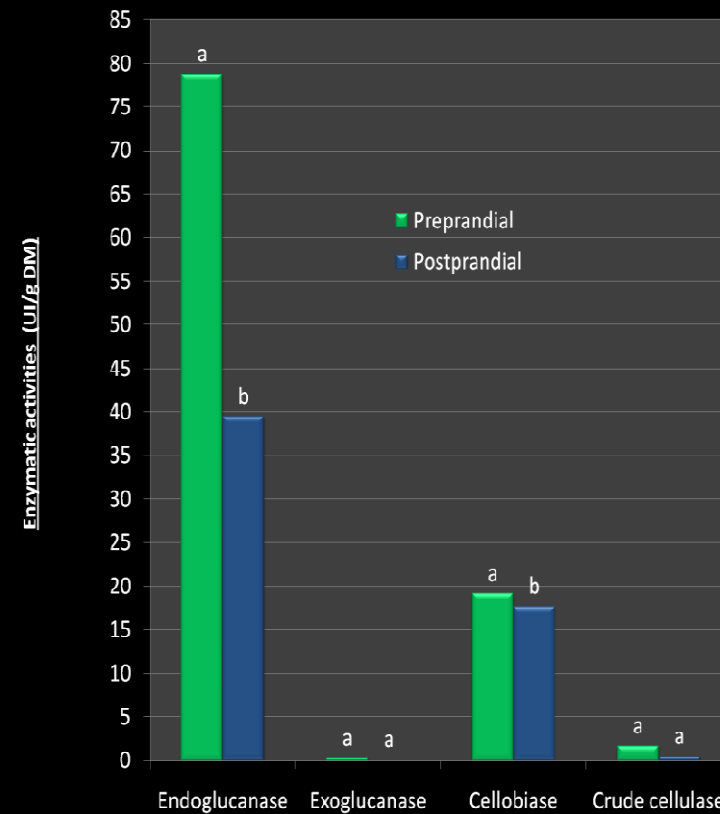


=> Ultrathurax homogenizer (NIS) increase cellulolytic activities

# Conditions of extraction Cellulolytic activitie optimisation



Ruminal activities >>> duodenal activities

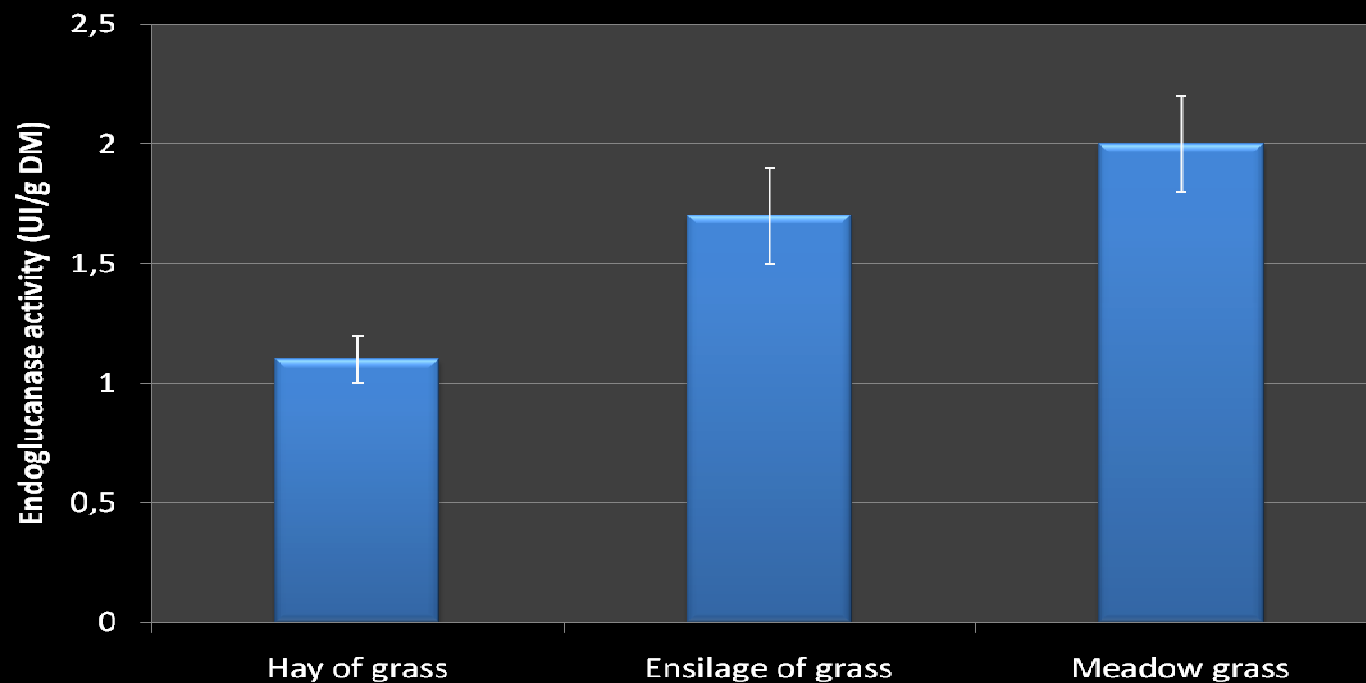


Preprandial activities >>> postprandial activities

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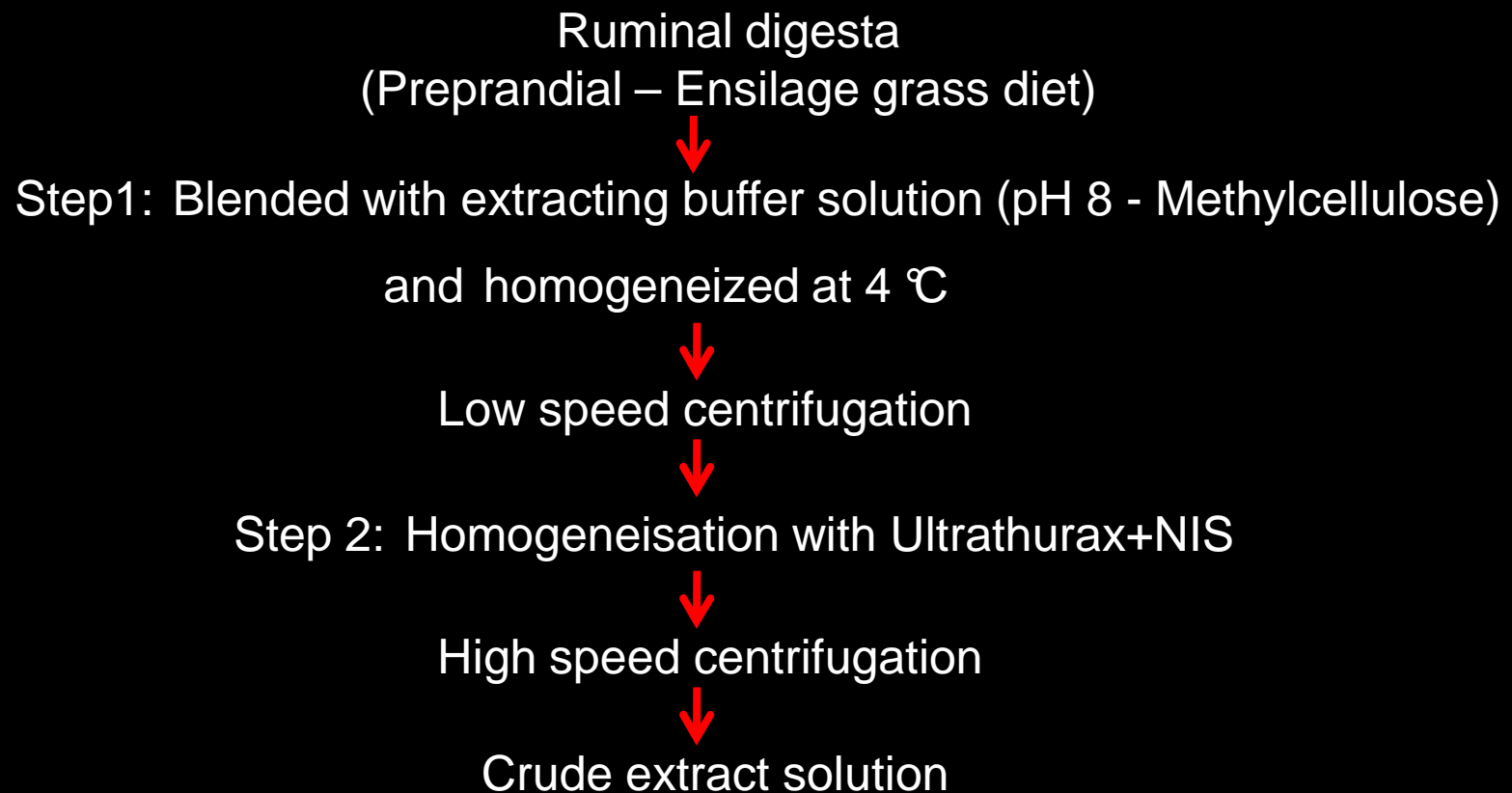
## Cellulolytic activitie optimization

Influence of diet



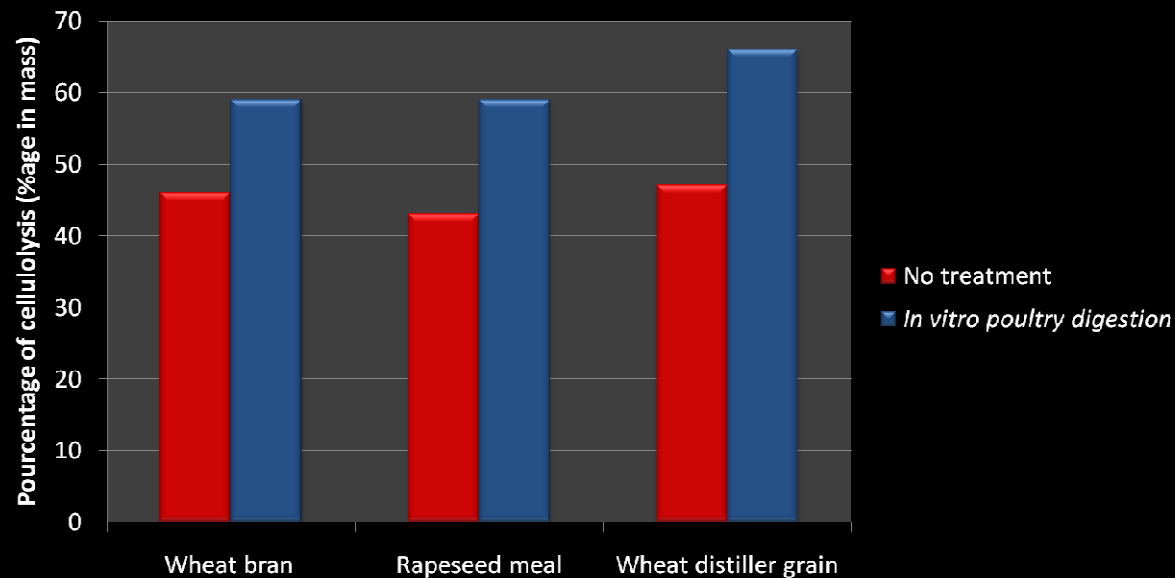
=> Fiber diets enhance cellulolytic activity (meadow grass)

# Fibrolytic crude extract definition



# By-products cellulolysis by crude extract

Quantity of reducing sugars produced from cellulose in the small intestine with and without *in vitro* digestion simulation (poultry)

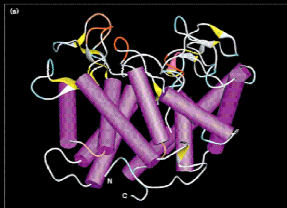


→ Rate of cellulolysis varied from 44% to 66%

# Ex vivo production of ruminal fibrolytic enzymes

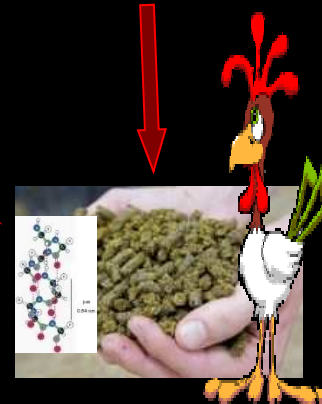
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## *Ex vivo* system

- Objective : production of ruminal fibrolytic enzymes from cellulolytic bacteria culture
- 2 types of cultures tested
  - ⇒ isolate strain from rumen content
  - ⇒ ruminal consortium

# Cellulolytic isolate strain

- Identification (BCCM/LMG ; Gent)

→ *Bacillus niabensis*

- Characteristics :

- Gram +, motile and spore-forming rods
- Anaerobic and aerobic growth
- Recently isolate (*Kwon and al., 2007*) from lignocelluloses (coton, rice straw)



# Kinetic of biomass production

## *Bacillus niabensis*

- *Bacillus* medium – aerobic conditions
- Biomass :
  - $10^6$  →  $10^9$  CFU/mL in 96 h
- Sporulation rate up to 60 %
- Enzymatic induction on cellobiose for 24 h
  - ⇒ 10 UI/ml

## Kinetic of biomass production Ruminal consortium

- Anaerobic condition
- Rumen medium
- pH = 6.8 and T=37°C
- Reducing potential from -200 to -300mV
- Biomass :
  - $10^7$  →  $10^9$  CFU/mL in 64 h

## Production of fibrolytic enzymes in bioreactor (20 L)

- Anaerobic ruminal conditions (on-line regulation)
- Inoculum = anaerobic consortium (10%)
- Substrate = rapeseed meal
- On-line measurement of gaz production  
=>pressor sensor
- Cellulolytic biomass =  $10^9$  CFU/mL

# Conclusions

- Fibrolytic potentialities of ruminal crude extract on biofuel by-products (with *in vitro* digestion)
- Aerobic and anaerobic culture of cellulolytic biomass from ruminal content

# Perspectives

- *In vitro*:
  - Optimal rate ruminal cellulases/substrates determination
- *Ex vivo*:
  - Cellulolytic biomass induction
    - ↑ rate enzymes/substrates
- *In vivo*:
  - Performances, digestibilities (HC), metabolisable energies

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