Effect of dietary resin acids and hydrolysed yeast in piglets challenged with F4-enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli*

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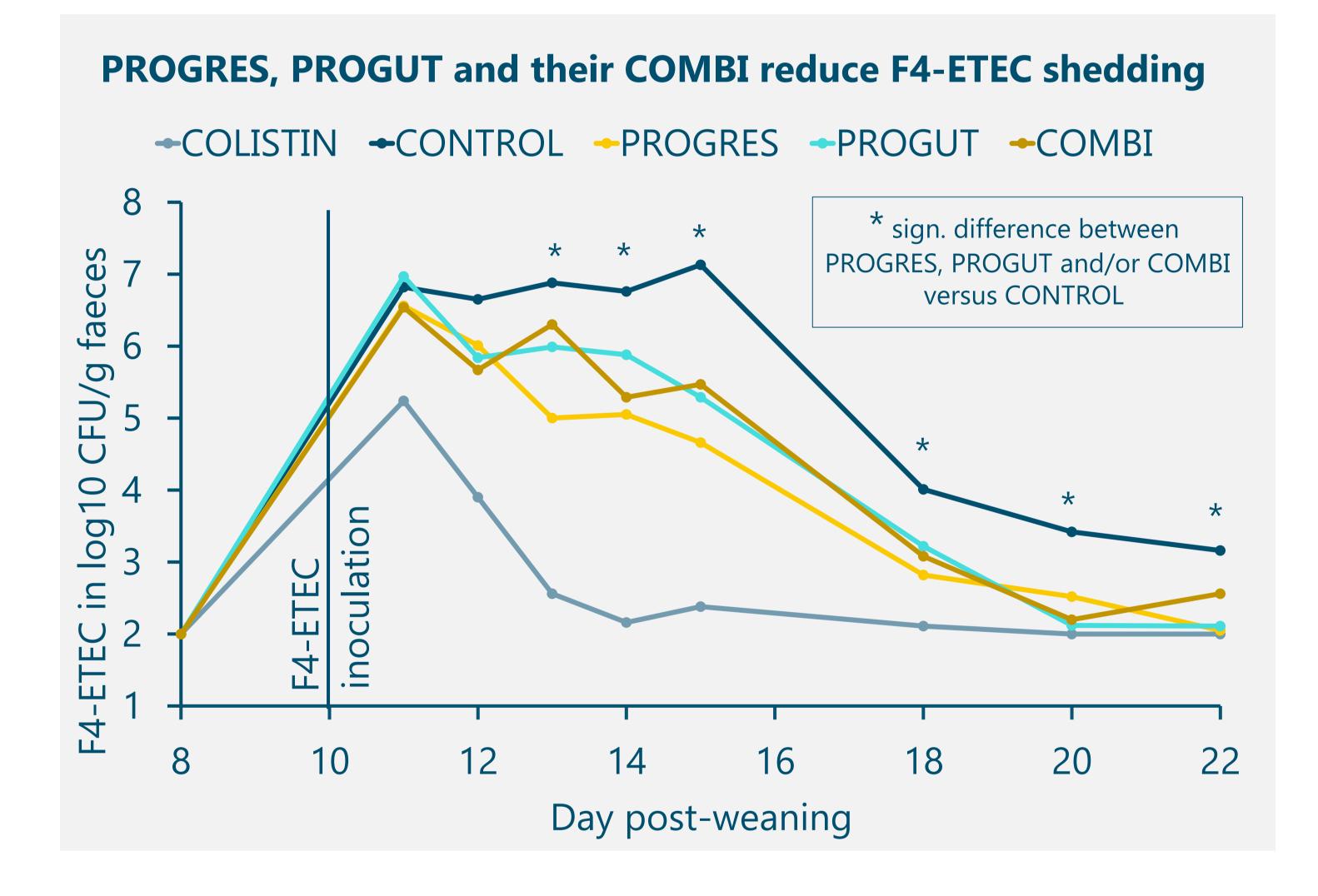
Introduction

PROGRES® contains tall oil fatty acids that can lower inflammation. PROGUT® is a *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast hydrolysate, of which its cell wall contains macromolecules that can bind to F4-ETEC fimbriae. We hypothesized that PROGRES® and PROGUT® may inhibit F4-ETEC proliferation and diarrhoea in weaned piglets

Objectives

To test the ability of PROGRES® and PROGUT®, in combination and alone, to reduce proliferation of F4-ETEC and post-weaning diarrhoea in piglets challenged with F4-ETEC after weaning

Results



PROGRES and COMBI shorten the diarrhoeic period after **F4-ETEC** inoculation Days with diarrhoea Treatment COLISTIN 0.80 ± 0.36^{a} No effect on CONTROL 2.97 ± 0.77^{b} faecal MPO PROGRES 1.20 ± 0.55^{a} throughout the 2.00 ± 0.60^{ab} **PROGUT** trial 1.10±0.38^a COMBI

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Conclusion

P-value

PROGRES® and PROGUT®, in combination and alone, make weaned piglets more resilient to enterotoxigenic F4-positive *Escherichia coli* and represent alternatives for managing post-weaning diarrhoea

Methods

- 50 piglets, 7.8 kg BW, weaned at 29.7 days of age, mixed sex
- 5.9x10⁹ CFU F4-ETEC inoculation in all piglets at d10 post-weaning
- Zootechnical performance (d0, 8, 15, 22), faecal consistency (score ≤4: diarrhoea, d0, 8, 11-15, 18, 20, 22), faecal F4-ETEC shedding (qPCR; d8, 11-15, 18, 20, 22) and faecal MPO (d0, 8, 15, 22)
- 5 treatments with 10 piglets/treatment, and 5 piglets/pen, d0-22:

COLISTIN	Control diet + colistin via drinking water
CONTROL	Control diet: barley, wheat, soybean meal, maize-based
PROGRES	Control diet + 1.0 g/kg PROGRES®
PROGUT	Control diet + 1.5 g/kg PROGUT®
COMBI	Control diet + 1.0 g/kg PROGRES® + 1.5 g/kg PROGUT®

