



Project ZincO - How to face therapeutic ZnO withdrawal

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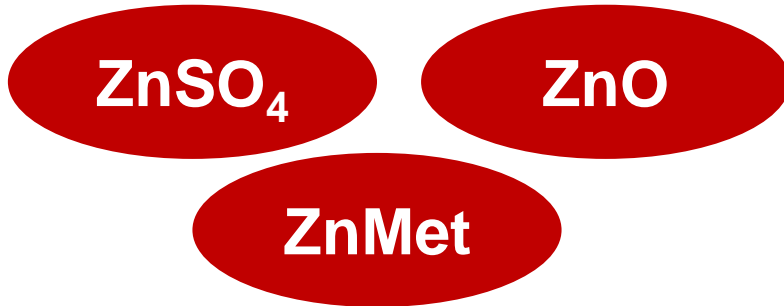
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Uses of ZnO in pig diets

Nutritional vs. Therapeutic

BW range	Dose Zn	Zn req (mg/day)
5-7 kg	100 ppm	26.6
7-11 kg	100 ppm	46.8
11-25 kg	80 ppm	72.4

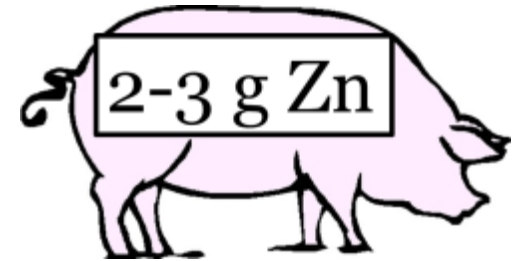


BAN in 5 years time

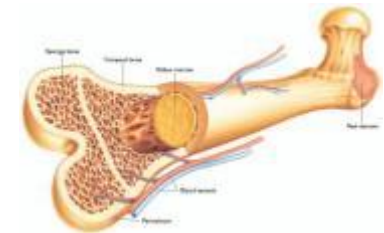
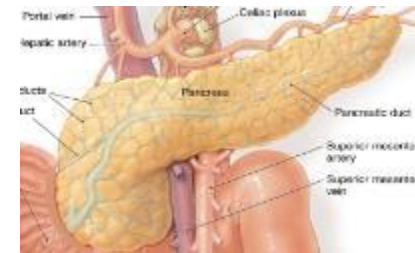
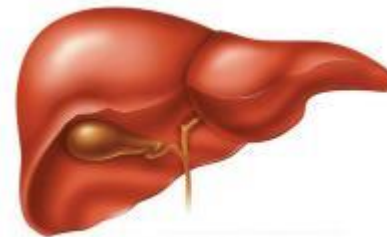
How does ZnO work?

- Empirical use for diarrhea

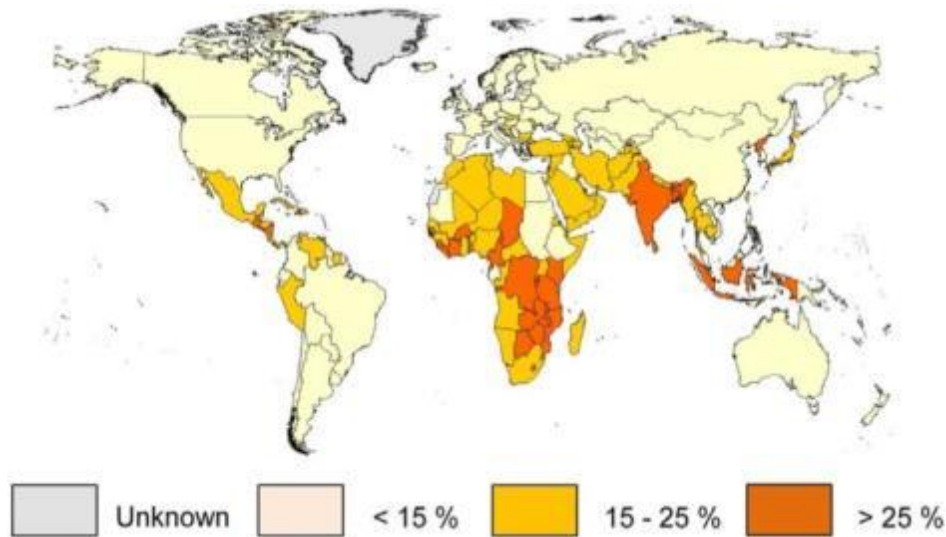
10% of all proteins



Affects all cell functions



How does ZnO work?



2 billion children in developing countries

How does ZnO work?

Microbiological effect:

increased microbial stability:

Higher n^o and diversity of enterobacteria
Reduced lactobacilli

Reduced
electrolyte
secretion

Gut & Mucosa
integrity and
permeability

Immunity:

Reduced innate
immune response
genes

What about the rest of the pig?!?!?

What about the environment?!?!?!?



Project ZincO

- Data from commercial farm (62 farms)
- Compare farms with:

Diarrhea vs No diarrhea
ZnO vs No ZnO (and Antibiotics)

- In farm trials to compare ZnO, Antibiotics and alternatives

How many farms?

	Creep	Link	Weaner
Antib + ZnO	49	49	13
ZnO	12	10	7
Antibiotics	4	4	24
None	3	5	24

What are we measuring?

- Performance / Diarrhoea
- Management
- Bacterial populations in environment and pigs (Microbiome, Resistome)
- Immune response of the piglets
- Any other?

Alternatives?

- Better Hygiene
- Better Management
- Facilities
- Additives
- Protein reduction
- EUPiG – ideas from 13 countries
- Any idea???

What will we accomplish?

- Better understanding of the effects of ZnO and alternatives to it
- Information on how different farms have faced the ban in Ireland and in the EU
- Consequences of the ZnO ban on the use of antibiotics



Thanks