Early-life nutrition with an isotonic protein drink reduced piglet pre-weaning mortality by 22%

An analysis of 91 studies

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PROBLEM

- PWM is perceived as a hard-to-shift parameter, so it is not prioritised for improvement

OUR AIM

To investigate the effects of Tonisity Px on pre-weaning mortality (PWM) in a 91-study dataset

INTERVENTION

Tonisity Px - the first isotonic drink for piglets

- Rapid energy for enterocytes
- Hydration + electrolyte support
- Promotes a healthy microbiome
- Voluntary intake from day 2 of life





STUDY DESIGN

- Litters randomly allocated at birth to Control vs. Tonisity Px groups
- Within study, groups were balanced for litter size, sow parity and genetics and housed in the same rooms at the same time

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

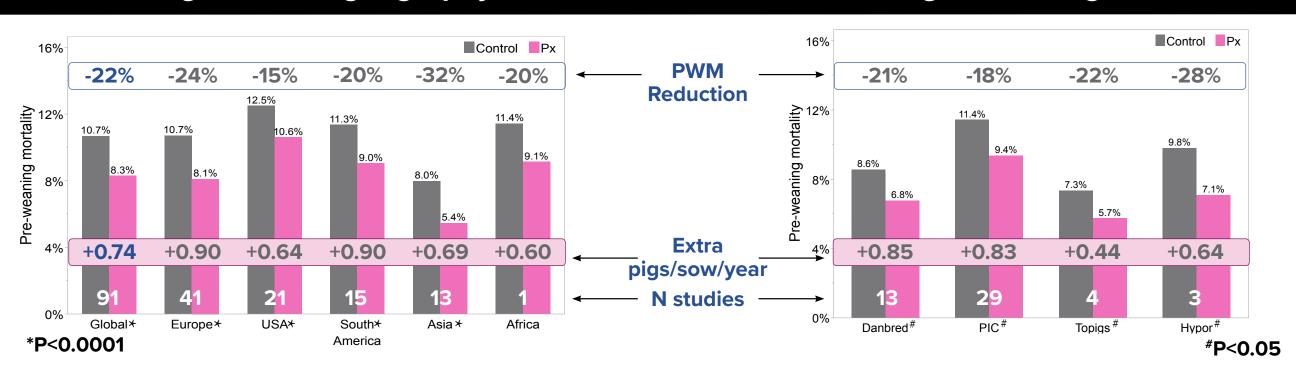
- SAS Generalised Linear Mixed Model

- Significance at P≤0.05; Chart bars LS means

RESULTS: TONISITY PX REDUCED PWM BY 22% OVERALL

Regardless of geography

Regardless of genetics

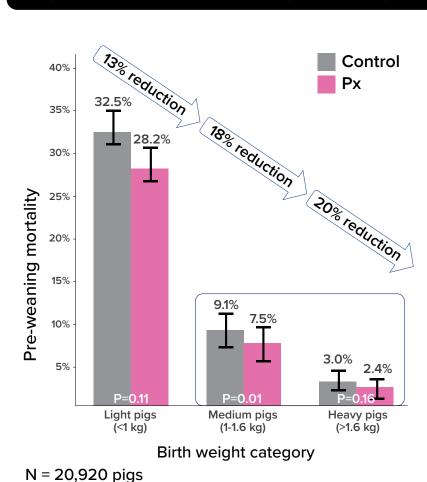


Regardless of farm performance

No effect line 22% **Good farm** Average farm Poor farm performance performance **22% PWM** 20% reduction 18% with **Tonisity Px** Pre-weaning mortality Px 16% 14% 12% 10% 8.3% average 8% 6% 4% **10.7%** average 2% 16%

Pre-weaning mortality control

Regardless of birth weight category*



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