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Keeping cool: mitigating the impact of heat stress in poultry using phytogenic feed additives

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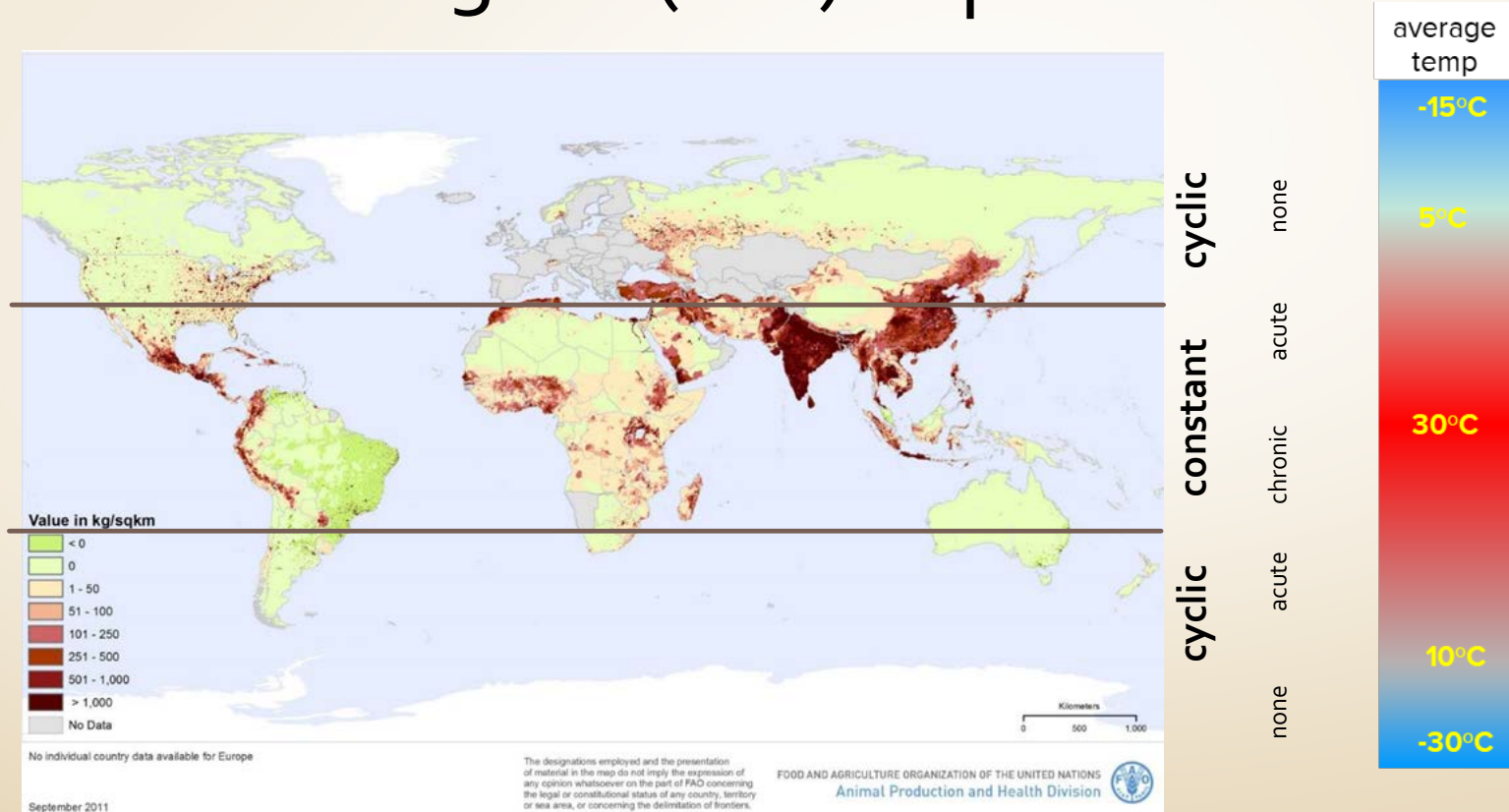
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Introduction

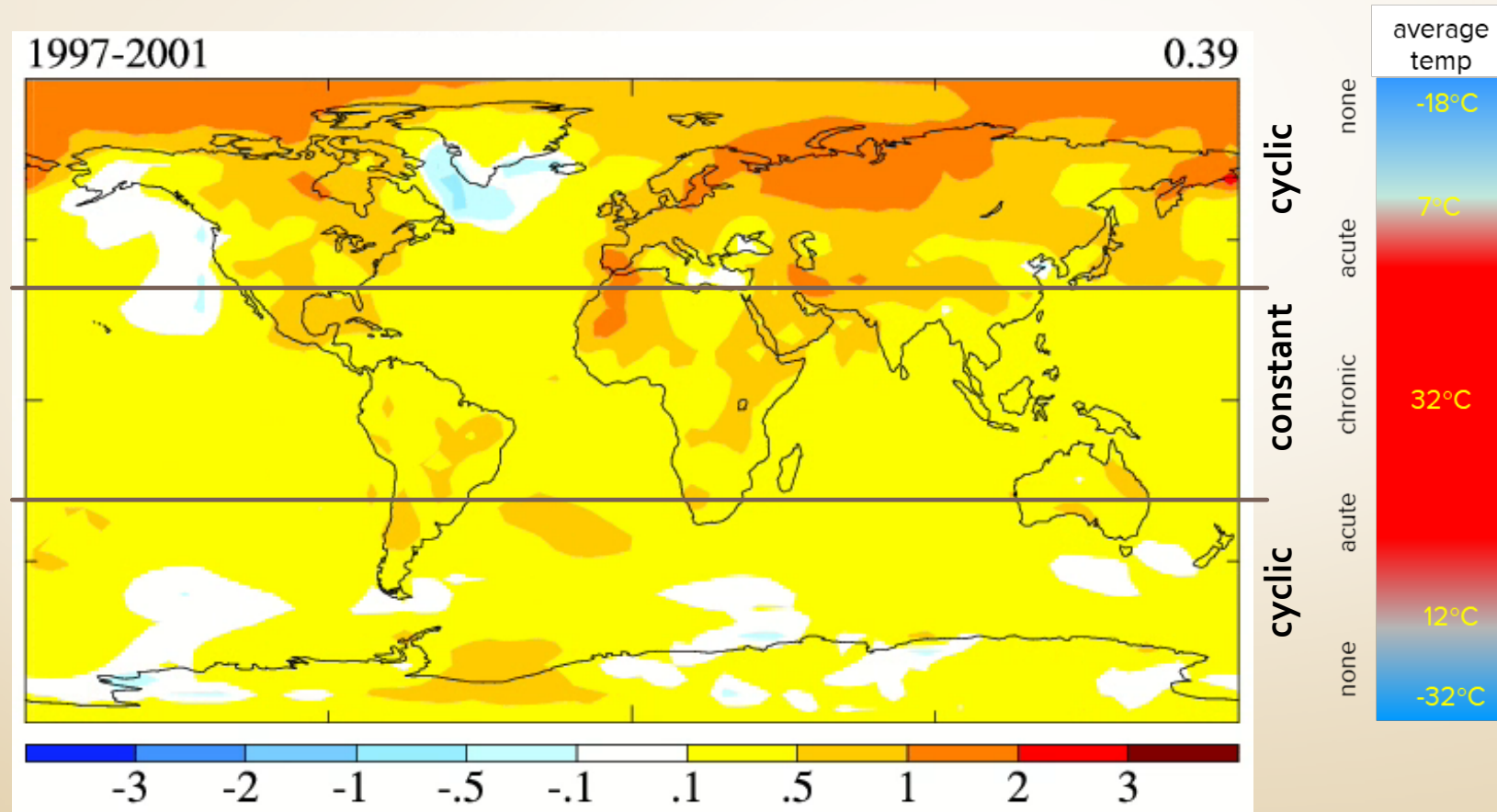
- The impact of heat stress
- Examples of research of phylogenetics and heat stress
- Tools for evaluating phylogenetic candidates for heat stress management
- Validating those candidates
- Summary

Major growth in demand for poultry meat 2000 – 2030 in (sub)tropical areas



Source: FAO (September 2011)

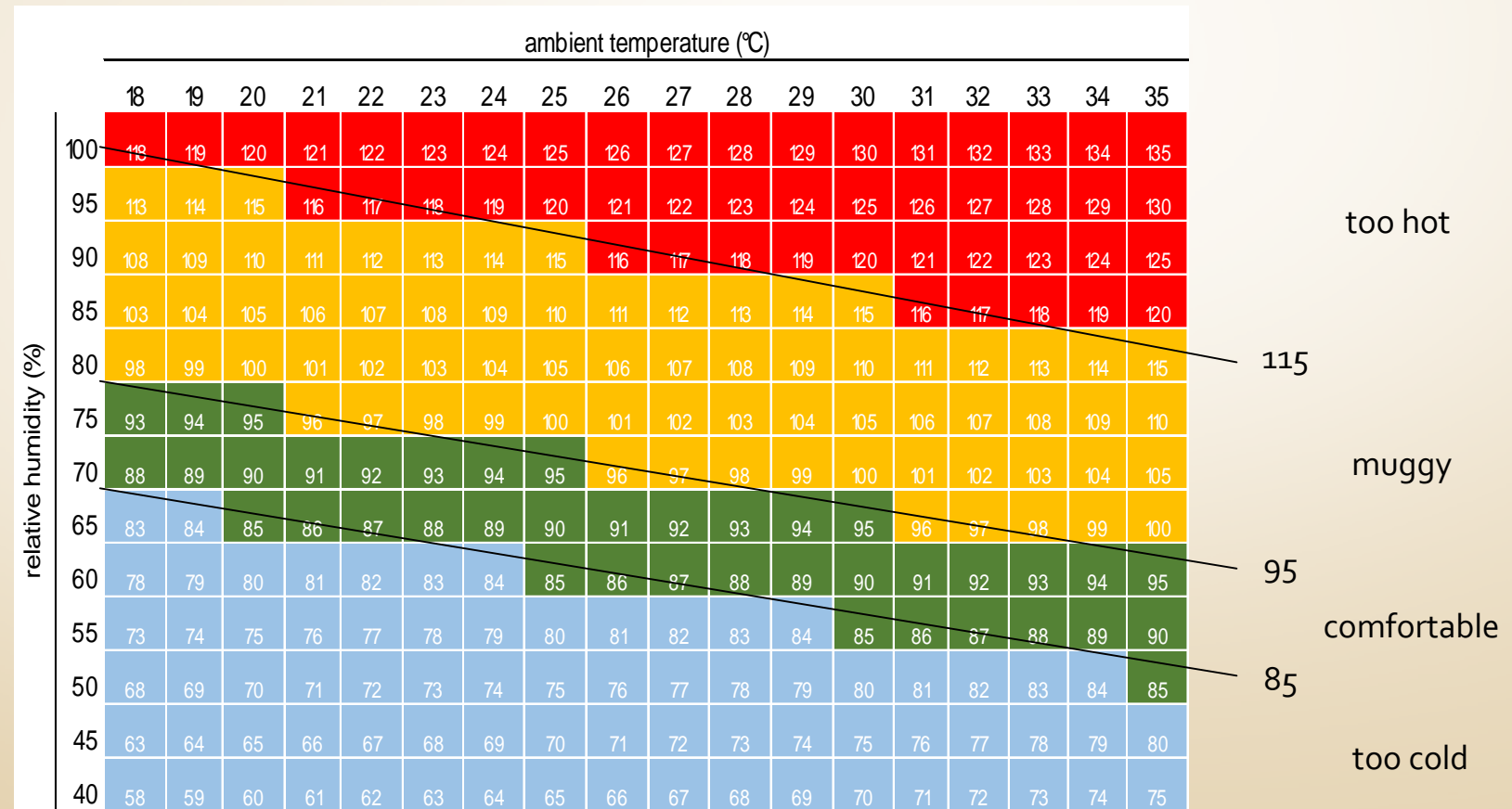
2000 – 2030: Increasing global temperature



Heat stress:
Acute (short duration) and chronic (long-term)
Cyclic (diurnal rhythm) and constant (no diurnal rhythm)

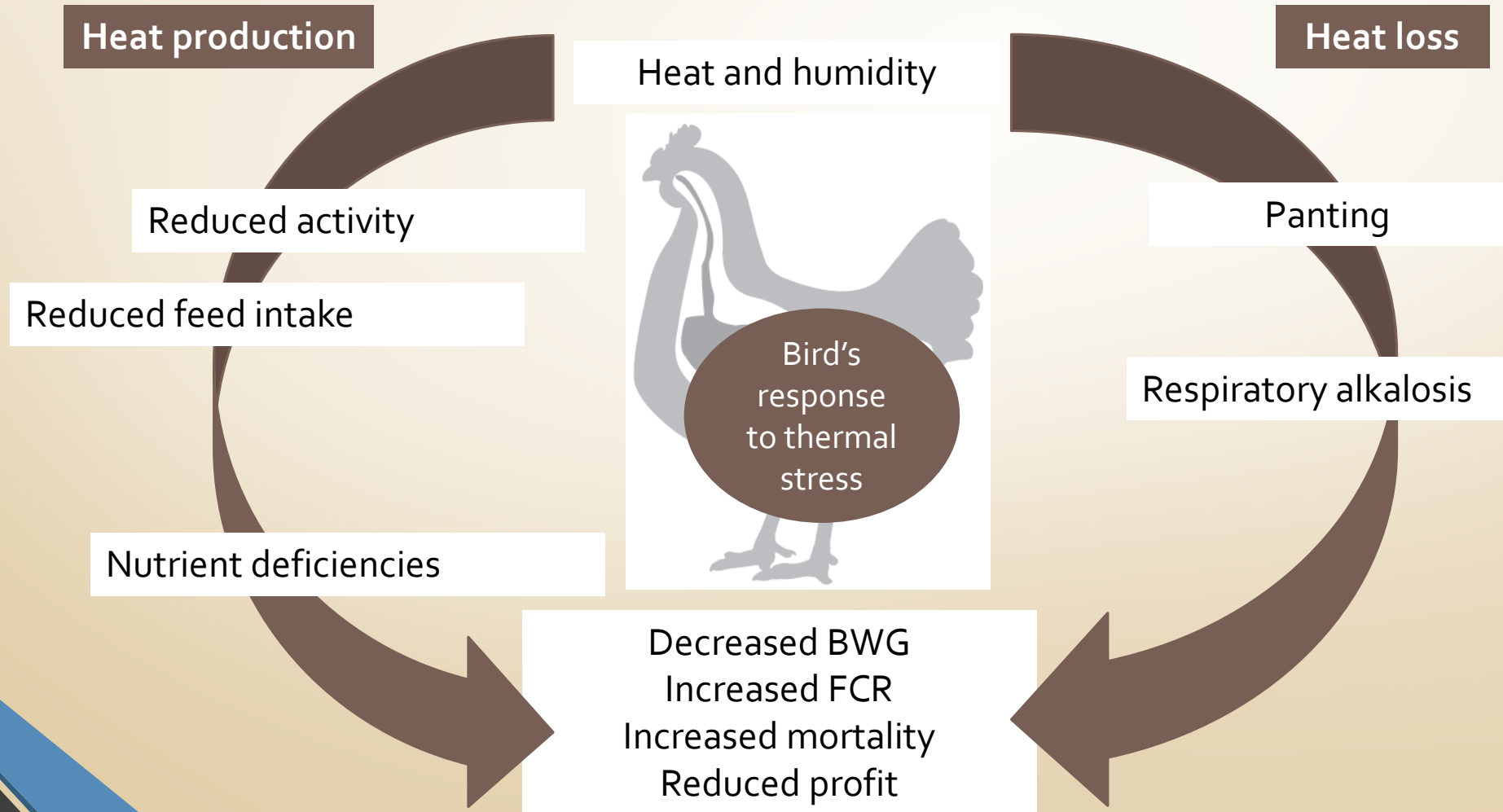
NASA ModelE Climate Simulation (SCo7)

Temperature/Humidity Index (THI) and heat stress



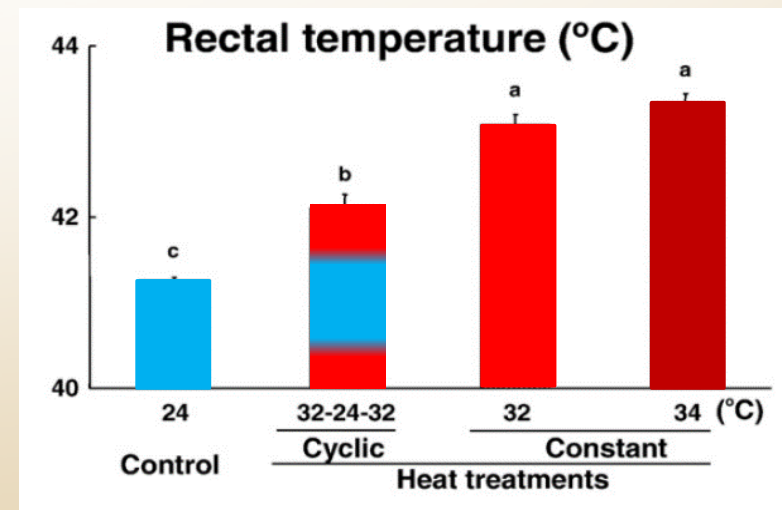
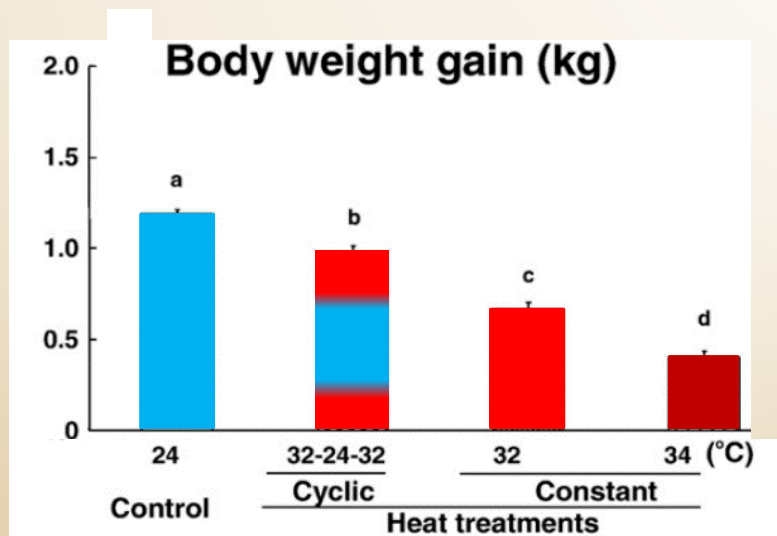
Broiler signals (2015)

Different mechanisms to restore balance



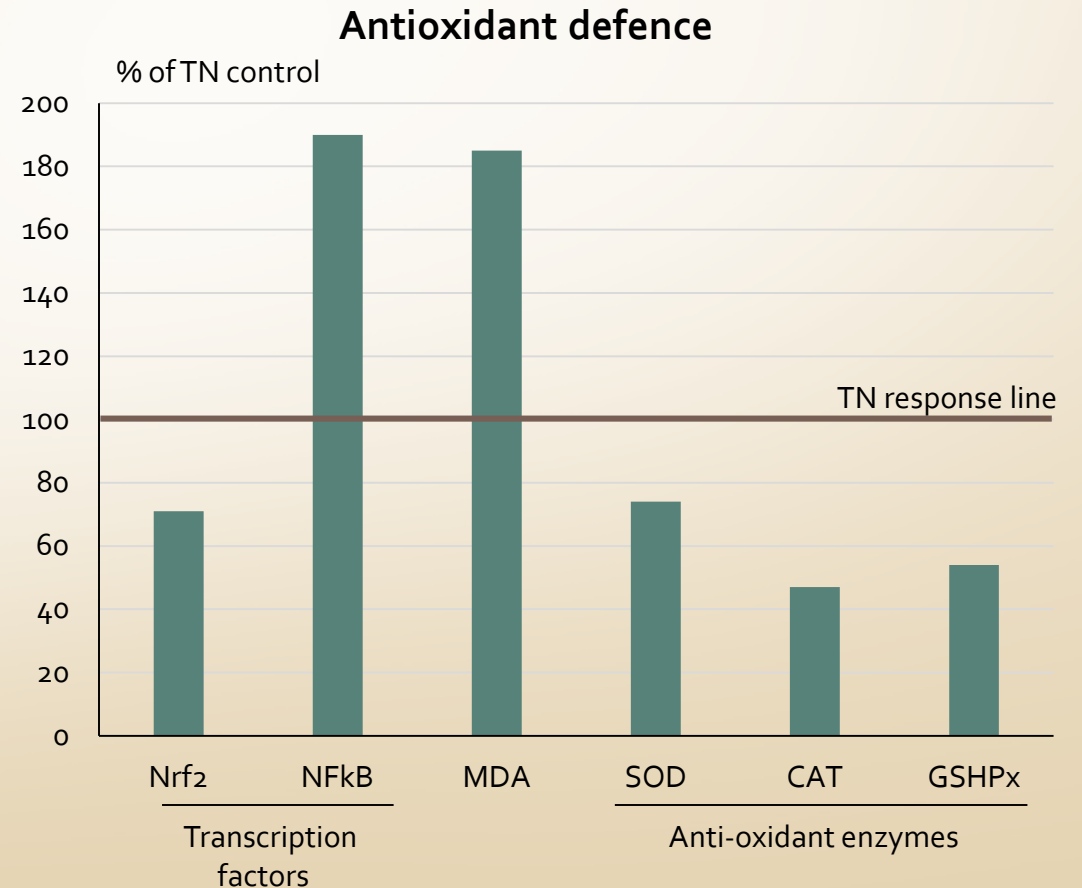
Effect of heat stress in broilers

- Ross broilers exposed to chronic heat stress day 14-28
- Heat stress:
 - **Cyclic:** 32-24-32°C (32°C for 8h/d)
 - **Constant:** 32 or 34°C



Heat stress challenges the anti-oxidant defense system

- 180 Quail
- Heat-stress treatments:
 - TN (22°C)
 - HS (34°C: 8h/d for 12 wk)
- Oxidative stress biomarkers:
Hepatic MDA, SOD, CAT, GSHPx
Hepatic transcription factors: Nrf2 and NFkB
- **Results:**
 - Feed intake and egg production reduced by 10% and 14%



Effect of heat stress in laying hens

A meta-analysis of 131 peer-reviewed papers:

	Thermo-neutral (15-29 °C)	Heat stress (30-35 °C)	Change (%)
Feed intake (g/d)	112.8	87.3	-23
Egg production (%)	86.9	77.1	-11
Egg weight (g)	58.1	53.9	-7
Egg mass (g/b/d)	48.5	44.1	-9
Shell strength (g)	3513	3009	-11
Shell thickness (mm)	0.363	0.344	-5

Strategies to reduce the impact of heat stress

Management

Withdraw feed

Adequate feeder space and drinkers

Add salt to water

Cool water

No disturbance of birds during peak of heat

Midnight feed/water

Proper ventilation

Genetics

Formulation

Maintain CP level in feed

Increase synthetic amino acid level in the feed

Energy: Carbohydrates → Fat (but keep same energy level)

High digestible raw materials

Maximize salt level (attention litter moisture)

Electrolyte balance

Pellet quality

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Phytogetic feed additives

The world of plant ingredients



Effect of Rosemary on liver histopathology in Japanese quail

- TN: 22°C for 24 h/d. For heat-stress: 34°C for 8 h/d, 22°C 16 h/d
- Relative humidity was approximately 60–65%

Lesions	HS			TN			SEM	P- Statistical significance	
	Rosemary oil, mg/kg			Rosemary oil, mg/kg				Main effects	
	0	125	250	0	125	250		Environmental conditions	Amount of feed additives
Kupffer cell activation	1.71 ^a	0.860 ^b	1.71 ^a	0.148 ^B	0.364 ^{AB}	1.00 ^A	0.216	P < 0.05	P < 0.05
Fatty degeneration	2.45 ^a	0.715 ^c	2.04 ^b	0.423 ^B	0.712 ^B	1.57 ^A	0.181	P < 0.05	P < 0.05
Apoptotic body	1.71 ^a	0.000 ^b	2.14 ^a	0.000 ^B	0.000 ^B	0.861 ^A	0.100	P < 0.05	P < 0.05
Bile pigment accumulation	1.28 ^a	0.365 ^b	0.862 ^b	0.000 ^B	0.000 ^B	0.713 ^A	0.103	P < 0.05	P < 0.05
Extramedullary hematopoiesis	2.43 ^a	1.00 ^b	2.43 ^a	1.00 ^B	1.00 ^B	1.57 ^A	0.195	P < 0.05	P < 0.05
Hepatocyte apoptotic index	12.5 ^b	7.63 ^c	19.1 ^a	2.57 ^B	3.29 ^B	10.7 ^A	0.681	P < 0.05	P < 0.05

Effect of Ginger powder on laying rate

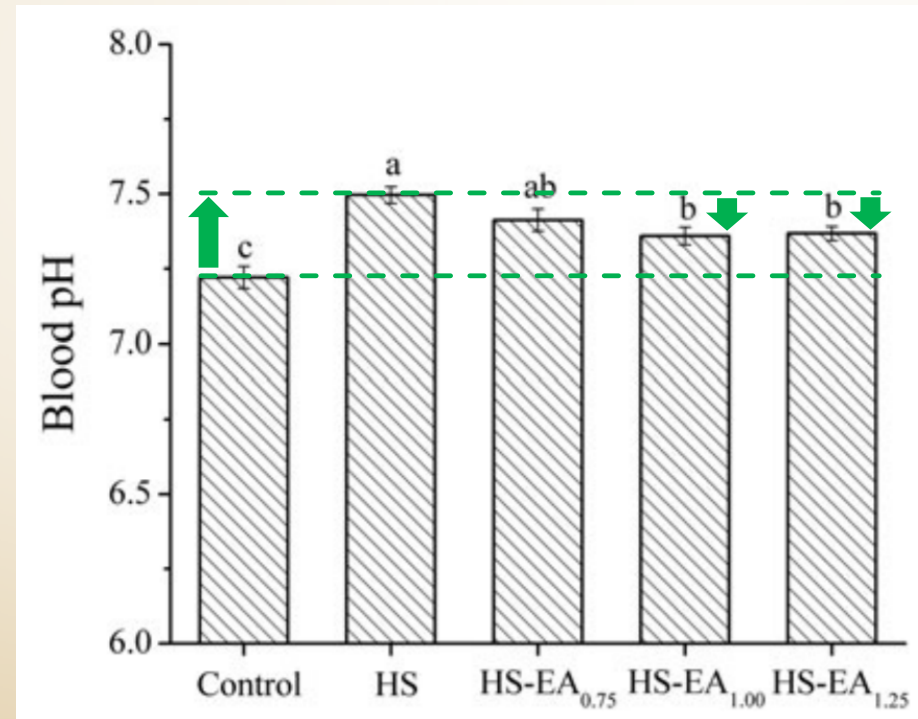
Effect of ginger powder, Chinese herbal medicine on production performance of laying hens.

Parameters	Time/ week	NC	HC	H1
Daily feed intake	1-3 w	89.69 ± 6.29 ^{ab}	83.21 ± 4.00 ^a	85.05 ± 7.09 ^a
	4-6 w	95.41 ± 4.08 ^a	77.35 ± 9.84 ^b	88.74 ± 5.95 ^a
	7-9 w	107.94 ± 3.76 ^a	90.41 ± 3.27 ^b	94.84 ± 2.24 ^b
Laying rate (%)	1-9 w	97.68 ± 9.08 ^b	83.66 ± 8.15 ^d	89.54 ± 6.63 ^c
	1-3 w	75.97 ± 2.24 ^a	66.45 ± 5.95 ^b	69.05 ± 6.84 ^b
	4-6 w	74.35 ± 1.24 ^a	65.73 ± 2.38 ^b	70.63 ± 2.38 ^c
	7-9 w	73.65 ± 9.54 ^{ac}	65.62 ± 1.75 ^b	70.03 ± 1.78 ^{ab}
Feed/Egg	1-9 w	74.66 ± 5.26 ^a	65.93 ± 3.62 ^b	69.90 ± 4.30 ^c
	1-3 w	2.44 ± 0.24	2.51 ± 0.37	2.35 ± 0.33
	4-6 w	2.36 ± 0.06	2.27 ± 0.28	2.49 ± 0.58
Average egg weight (g)	7-9 w	2.60 ± 0.28	2.51 ± 0.21	2.51 ± 0.30
	1-9 w	2.38 ± 0.26 ^{ab}	2.43 ± 0.30 ^{ab}	2.45 ± 0.41 ^{ab}
	1-3 w	54.66 ± 1.55 ^a	50.75 ± 1.79 ^c	52.43 ± 2.33 ^{bc}
Egg culling rate (%)	4-6 w	54.81 ± 2.27 ^{ac}	50.49 ± 2.29 ^{ab}	49.94 ± 0.75 ^b
	7-9 w	55.41 ± 1.94 ^a	53.85 ± 2.23 ^{ab}	53.16 ± 1.26 ^b
	1-9 w	56.35 ± 2.77	51.70 ± 2.53 ^b	51.84 ± 2.06 ^b
	1-3 w	0.84 ± 1.69 ^a	4.25 ± 2.92 ^b	2.22 ± 2.33 ^{ab}
Egg culling rate (%)	4-6 w	2.33 ± 2.57	1.80 ± 1.49	3.89 ± 2.75
	7-9 w	0.43 ± 0.87	0.37 ± 0.74	1.56 ± 2.97
	1-9 w	1.20 ± 1.94 ^a	3.68 ± 3.45 ^b	2.56 ± 2.73 ^{ab}

Note: Values with different lowercase letters significant difference indicate significant difference (P < 0.05).

Effect of Artemisia on blood pH in broilers

- Cyclic heat stress: 34°C for 8 h/day; 22 °C for 16 h/day)



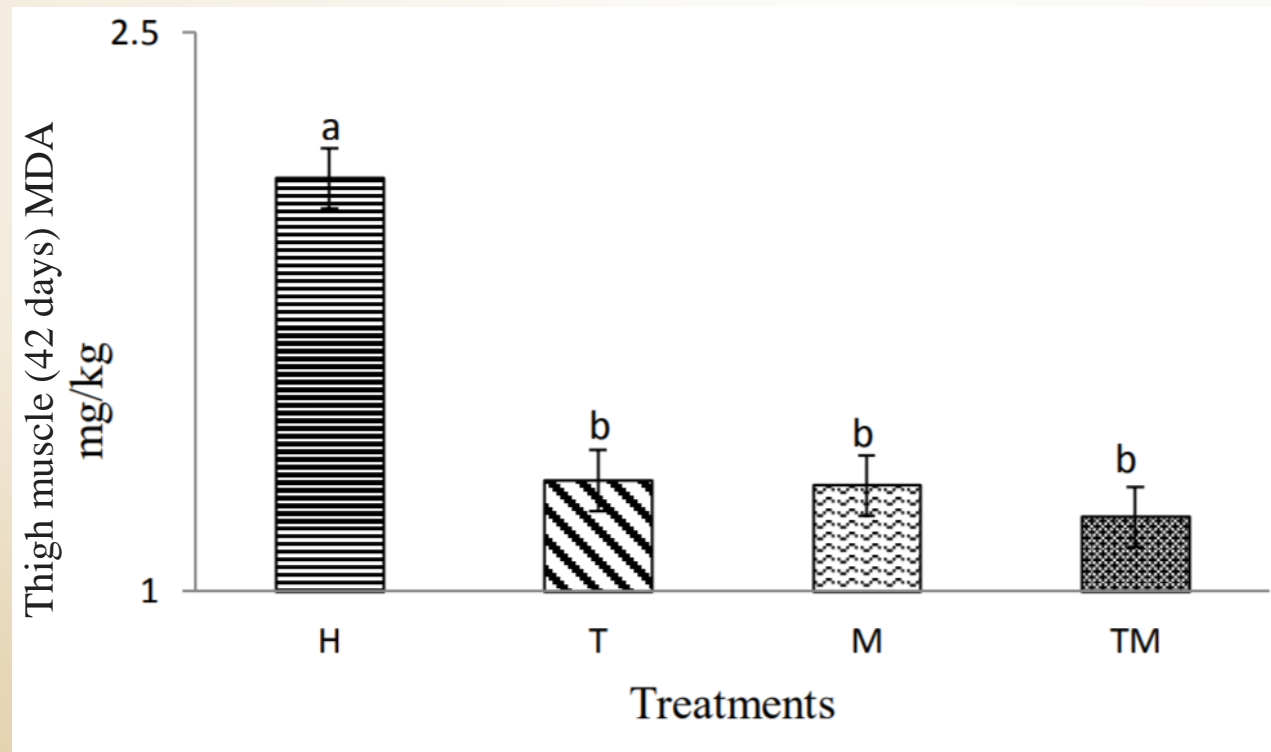
Effect of Artemisia on performance


Table 2 Effects of enzymatically treated *Artemisia annua* L. on growth performance of broilers reared under heat stress

Item	Treatment†					SEM
	Control	HS	HS-EA _{0.75}	HS-EA _{1.00}	HS-EA _{1.25}	
BWG, g	1452 ^a	1285 ^c	1339 ^{bc}	1389 ^{ab}	1375 ^{ab}	19.04
FI, g	2694 ^a	2541 ^b	2582 ^{bc}	2656 ^{ab}	2625 ^{ab}	19.30
C:F, g/g	0.540 ^a	0.506 ^b	0.510 ^{ab}	0.527 ^{ab}	0.524 ^{ab}	0.007
Carcass yield, %	75.28 ^a	70.51 ^c	72.02 ^{bc}	73.46 ^{ab}	73.23 ^{ab}	0.660
Abdominal fat, %	1.389	1.434	1.397	1.410	1.345	0.037

Effect on Thyme and Squaw Mint on Antioxidant status

- Cyclic heat stress: 32°C for 8 h/day





Selecting phylogenetics candidates for heat stress evaluation

Evaluation and validation of candidates

- Step 1: Survival rate of nematode *C. elegans*
- Step 2: Gene expression in *C. elegans* for HSP-transcription factors
- Step 3: Gene expression in Caco-2 cells for HSP
- Step 4: *In vivo* validation

In vitro evaluation of heat stress: *C. elegans* survival rate

- Free-living nematode, soil dwelling
- Easy to manage

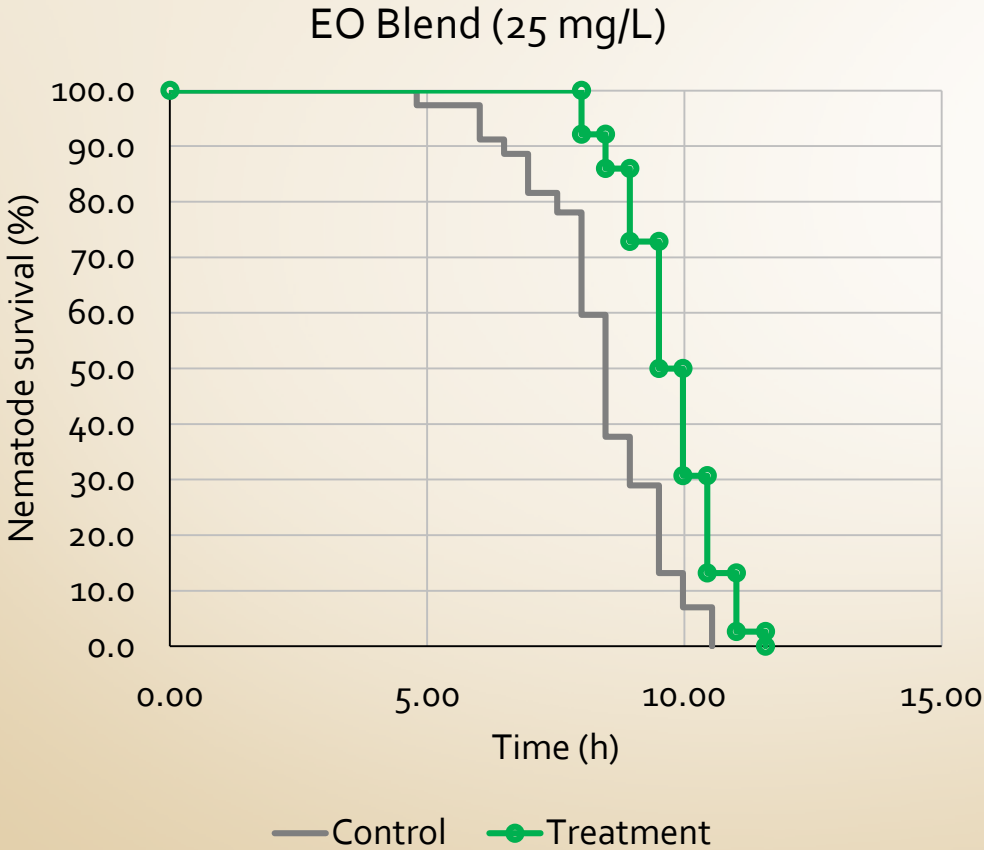


Length: 1 mm, Diameter: 65 μ m

1 day	3 days	2 days	7-10 days
Egg	4 Larval stages	Adult	
	Incubated at 20°C	Add test substance	37°C

- Survival rate evaluated every 30 min until all worms dead
- Measured via increase in SYTOX Green fluorescence

Step 1: EO Blend and *C. elegans* survival



Increased survival rate calculated from surface area:

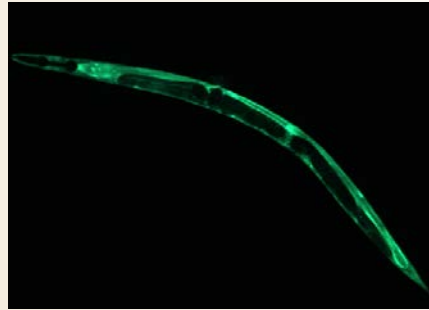
- 7975 minutes
= 15.8% increase relative to control

Step 1: Screening of test substances and *C. elegans* survival

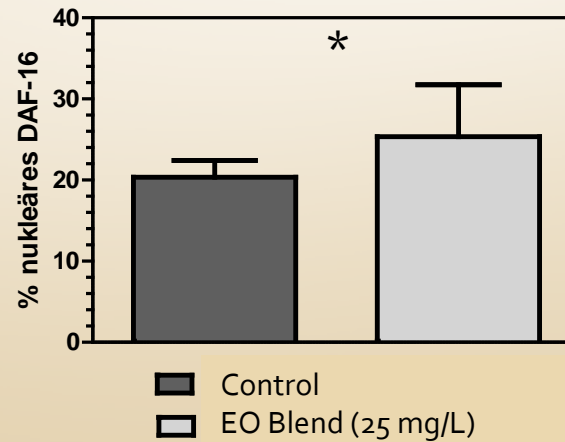
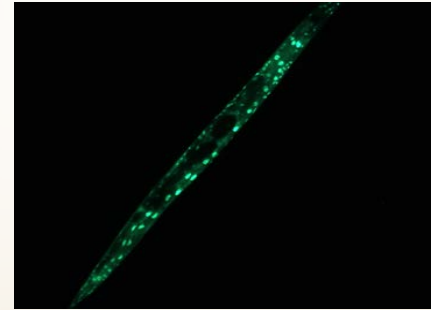
Product	Dose (mg/L)	Survival rate increase (%)
Vitamin C	250	10.9
Vitamin E	150	5.1
Betaine	500	11.3
EO Blend	25	15.8
Flavonoid Blend	250	4.2
Capsaicin oleoresin	500	0.6

Step 2: *C. elegans* and HSP transcription factors

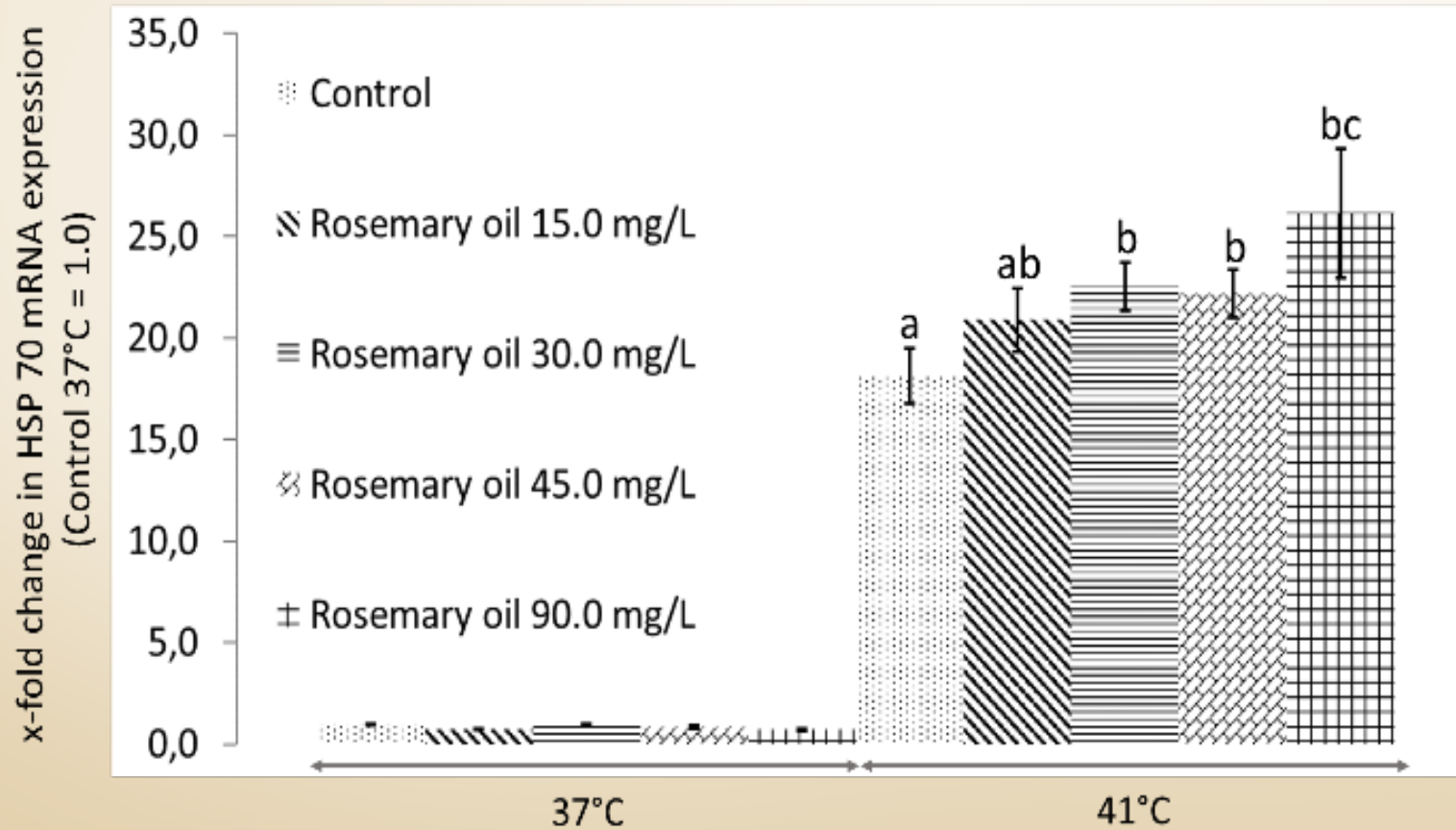
Unstressed: DAF-16 in in the cytosol



Heat stress: DAF-16 in nucleus where genes are up-regulated for synthesis of HPS70

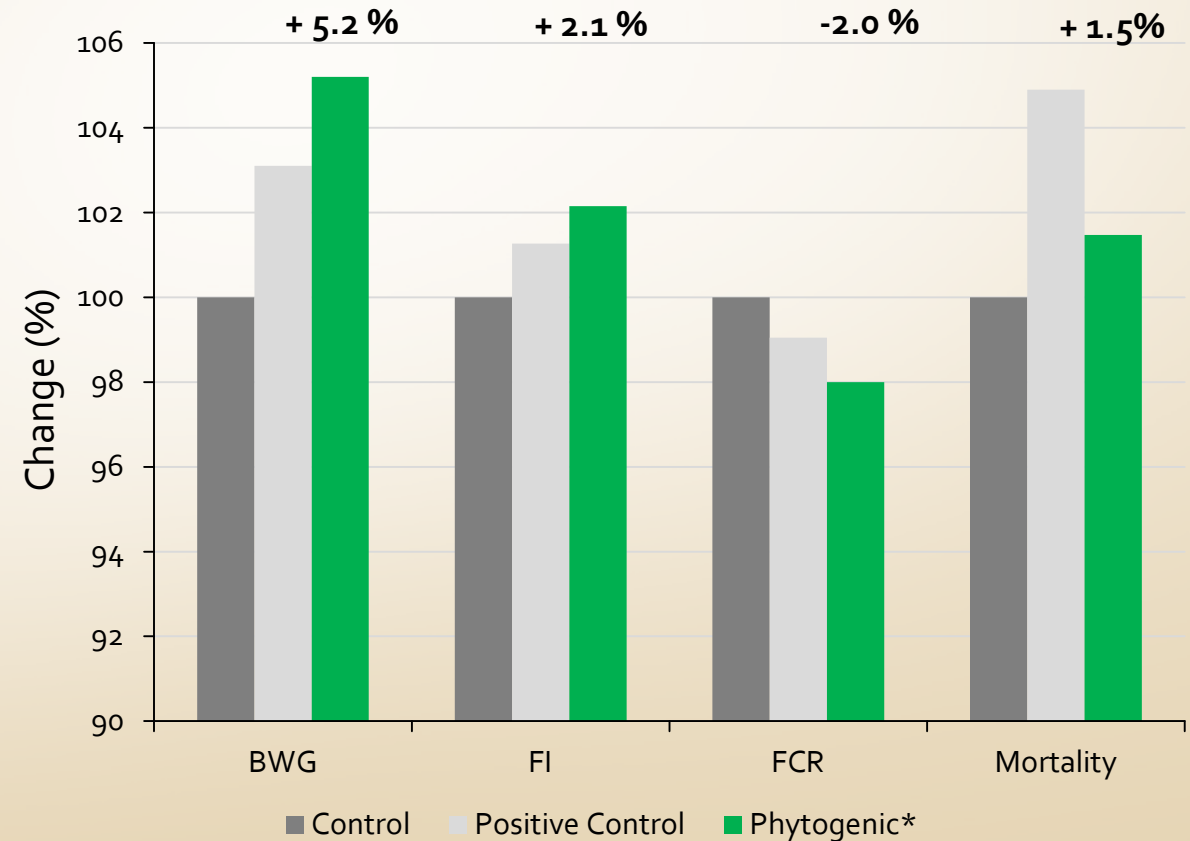


Step 3: Heat-stressed Caco-2 cells



Step 4: *In vivo* validation phytogetic combinations

- Heat stress: cyclic (8h at 32°C; 12h at 26°C); from d21-42 of age
- Diet: Corn/Wheat based diet
Betaine positive control
- Birds: 576 broilers (Ross 308)
- Duration: 42 days
- Design: 6 reps, 32 birds each
- Performance negative control:
BWG: 2543 g; FCR: 1.767; Mort.: 3.4%

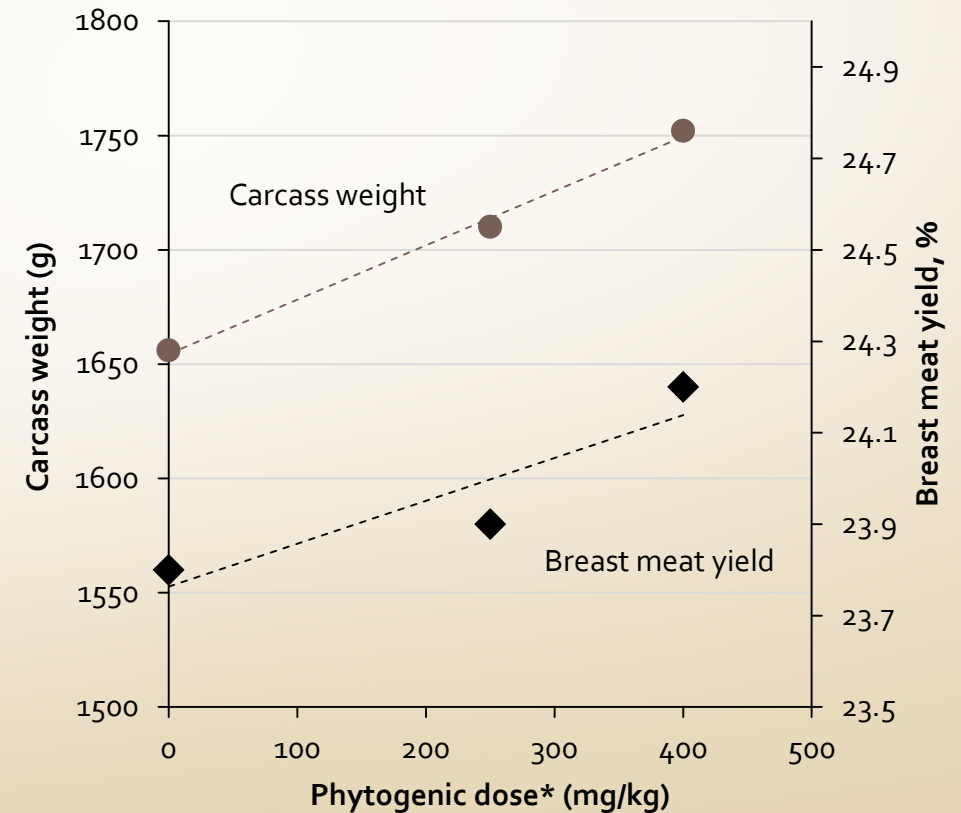


* Essential oil, flavonoids & pungent substances (Biostrong® Comfort)

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Step 4: *In vivo* validation phytogetic combinations

- Heat stress: cyclic (12h at 35°C; 12h at 24°C) from d21-42 of age
- Diet: 3-Phase corn/soy-based diet
- Birds: 600 broilers (Cobb 500)
- Duration: 42 days
- Design: 4 reps, 25 birds each

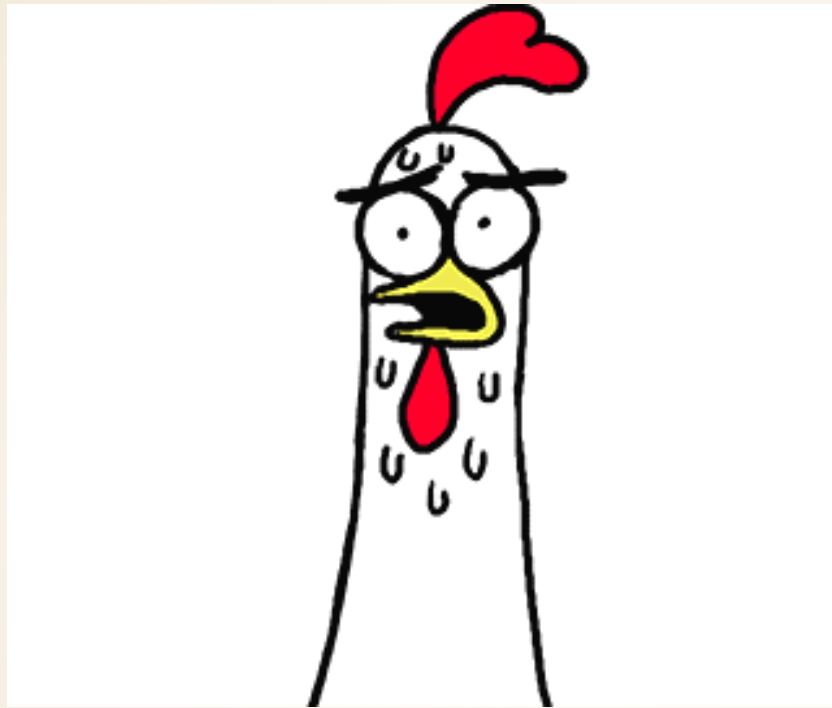


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Summary

- Thermal stress can have deleterious impacts upon production performance
- Phytogetic feed additives are one strategy to manage heat stress
- Significant body of research supports phytogetics efficacy
- Screening and validation methodologies deliver targeted, efficacious products
- Phytogetic combinations can prove highly effective e.g. combinations of essential oils, flavonoid and pungent substances
- Globally, it's only going to get hotter!



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