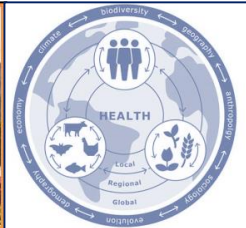


# Animal feeds and the need to decrease the use of antimicrobials in animals

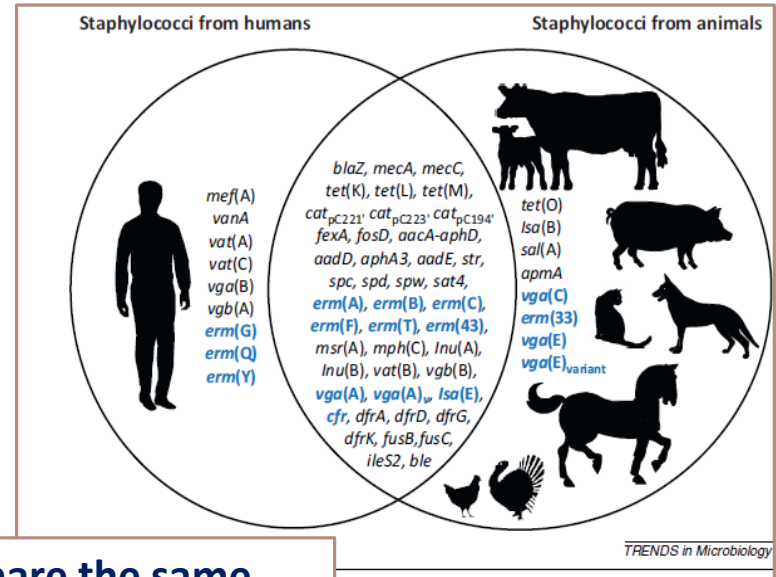
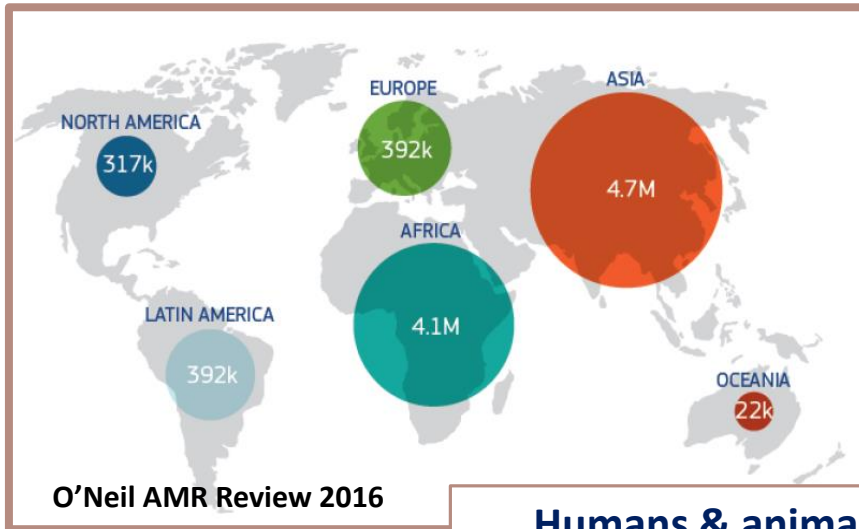


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# Antimicrobial resistance: a global concern

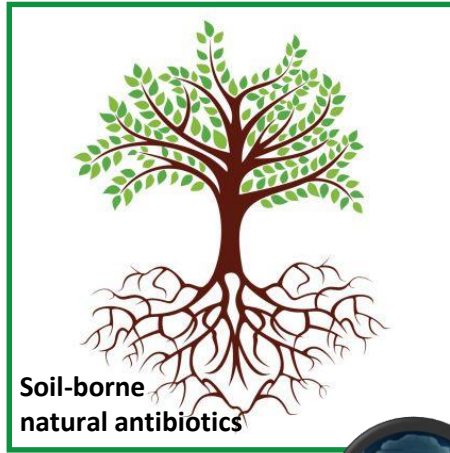
Projection of the number of deaths attributable to AMR by 2050



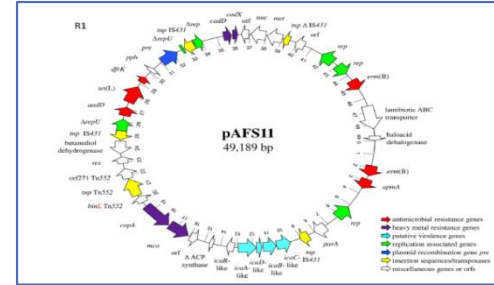
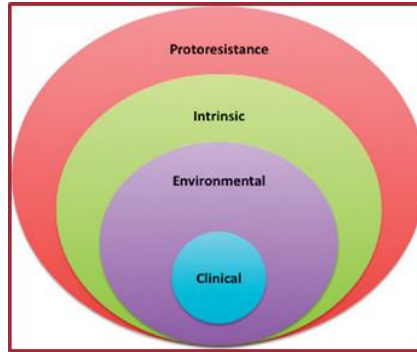
Humans & animals share the same bacteria and often also the same resistance genes



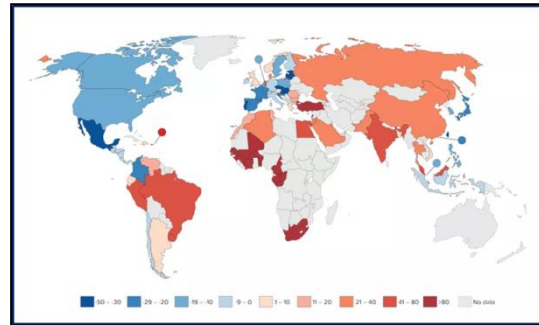
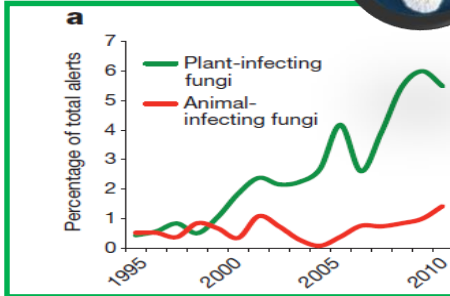
# AMR – mirroring a changing world?



Bacteria:  
adaptive AMR



**ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION:**  
Biocides and heavy metal resistance genes enforce and facilitate re-assembly of plasmids and stimulate biofilm formation



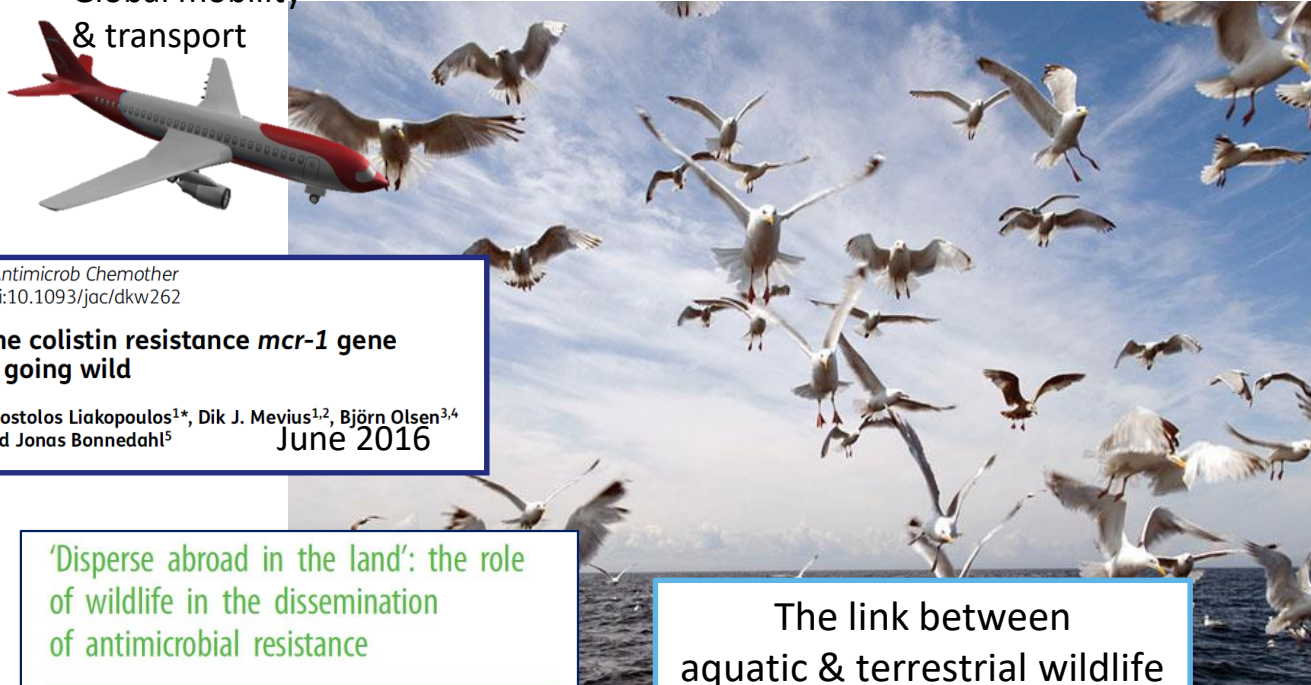
Global consumption of AB: driver of AMR



# AMR across borders: the need for global action plans

## *Mcr-1* (Colistin) as an example

Global mobility  
& transport



*J Antimicrob Chemother*  
doi:10.1093/jac/dkw262

**The colistin resistance *mcr-1* gene is going wild**

Apostolos Liakopoulos<sup>1\*</sup>, Dik J. Mevius<sup>1,2</sup>, Björn Olsen<sup>3,4</sup>  
and Jonas Bonnedahl<sup>5</sup> June 2016

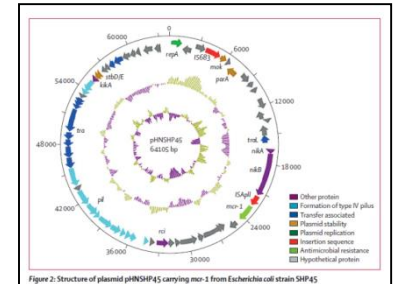
'Disperse abroad in the land': the role of wildlife in the dissemination of antimicrobial resistance

Kathryn E. Arnold<sup>1</sup>, Nicola J. Williams<sup>2</sup> and Malcolm Bennett<sup>3</sup>

The link between aquatic & terrestrial wildlife



Colistin= CIA



# AMR: The mandate for the livestock industry

Creating awareness  
Monitoring antibiotic use and AMR

**Stimulating prudent use of antimicrobials in animals:**  
Banning the use of antimicrobials  
as growth-promoting agents

**Implementing Antibiotic Stewardship principles**  
Improving rapid diagnostics, improve the efficacy of antibiotics  
in the treatment of bacterial infections

Reducing the need to use antibiotics in animals



# Reducing the need to use antibiotics in animals

Genetics

Husbandry

Biosecurity

Vaccination  
AB-based  
interventions

Feed – Nutrition  
& Health

**Combining sustainability with animal health and welfare objectives.  
Meeting consumer expectations and market need (NEA)**



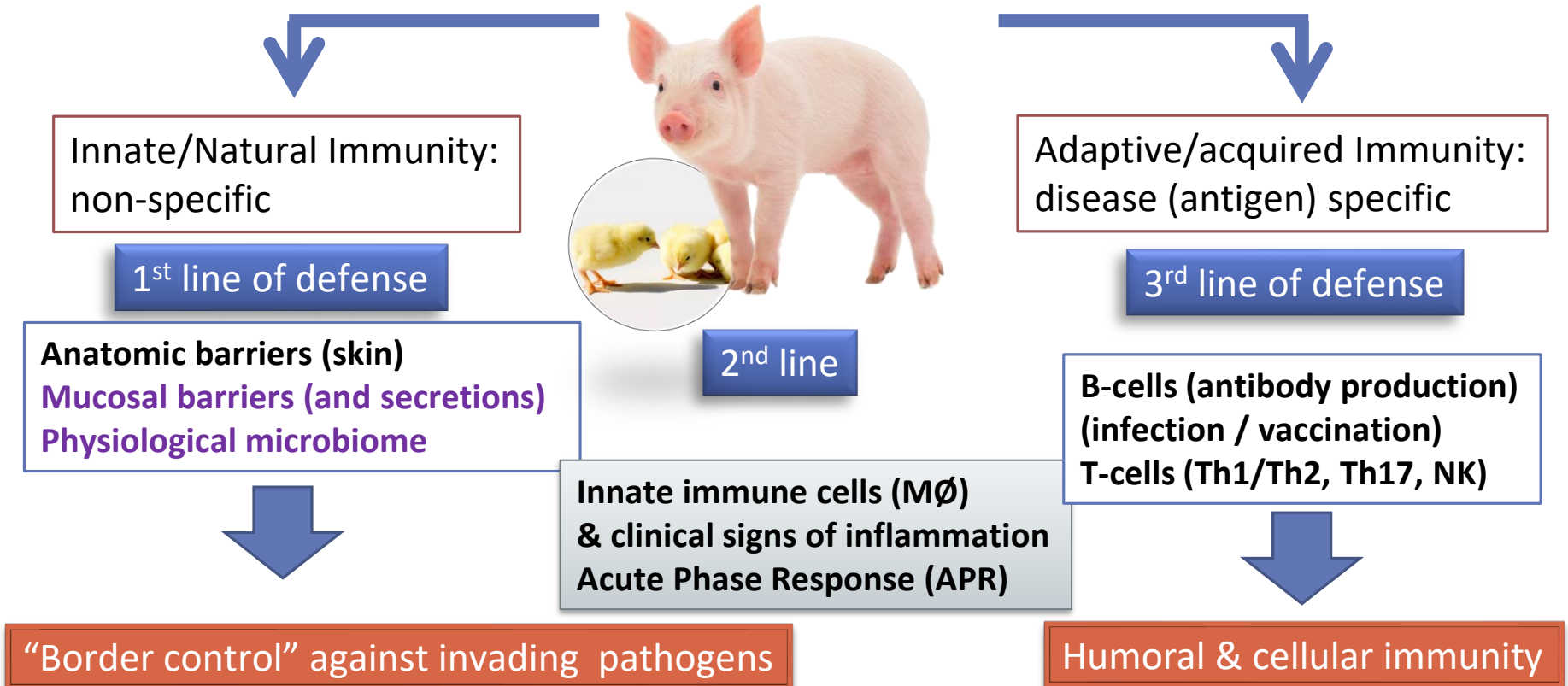
# Rethinking Feed - Nutrition - Health



- Designing tailor-made diets for all species & categories (nutritional needs)
- Improving the animal's **resilience** to infectious diseases
- Improving animal **health and maintaining performance**
- Supporting sustainable animal husbandry & **animal welfare**
- Supporting **environmental compliance** of (intensive) animal farming

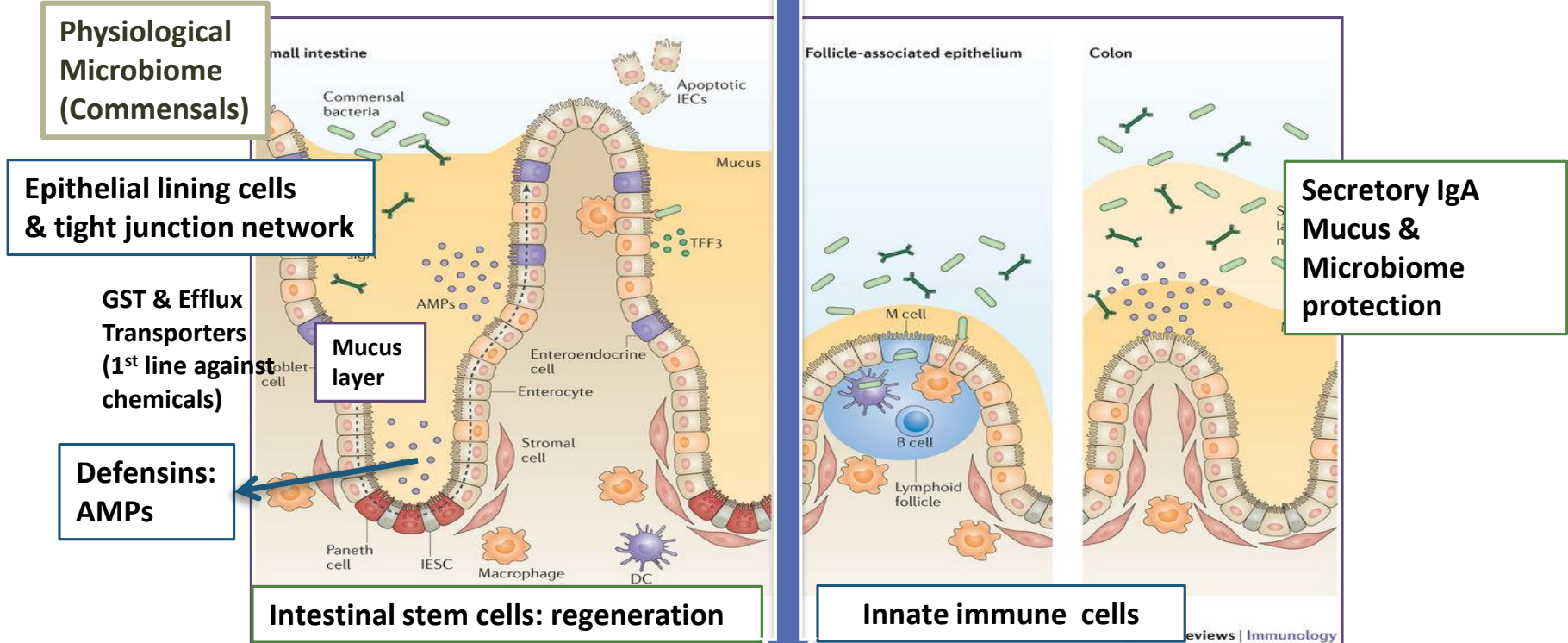


# 1. Keeping animals healthy – reflections on natural defense mechanisms!





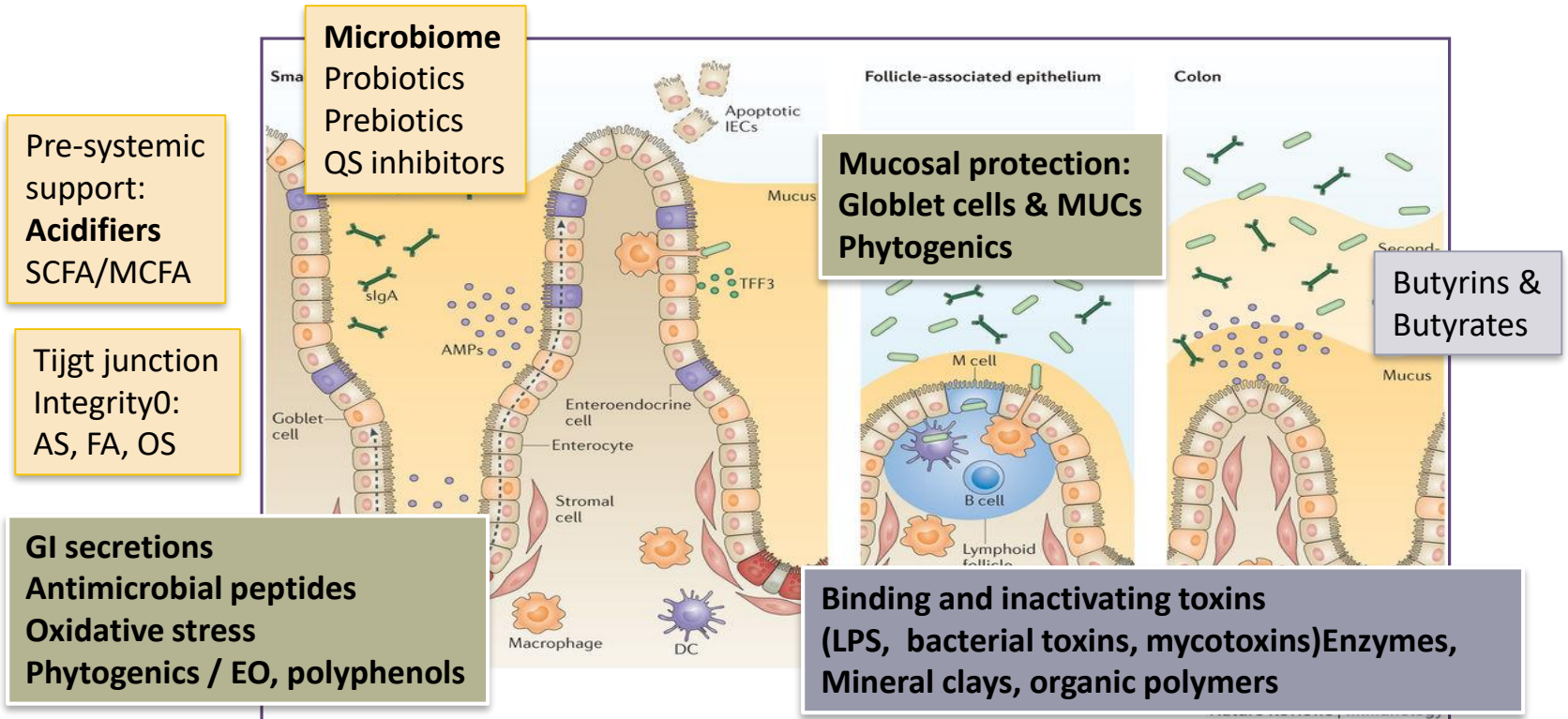
# The 1<sup>st</sup> line of defense: focus on gut health



The intestinal tissue  
harbours 60-70% of the immune system



# Supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> line of defense: targets for intervention



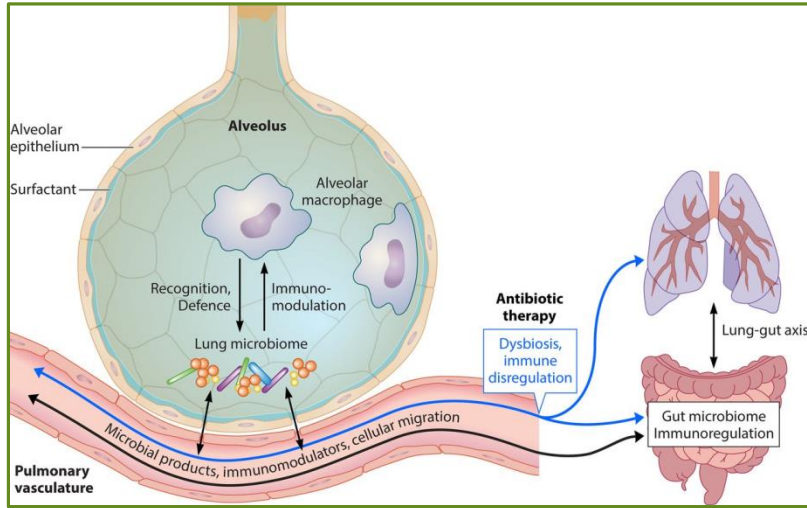
MoA: Direct and indirect interactions with the immune system via Cytokines, GPR, signalling



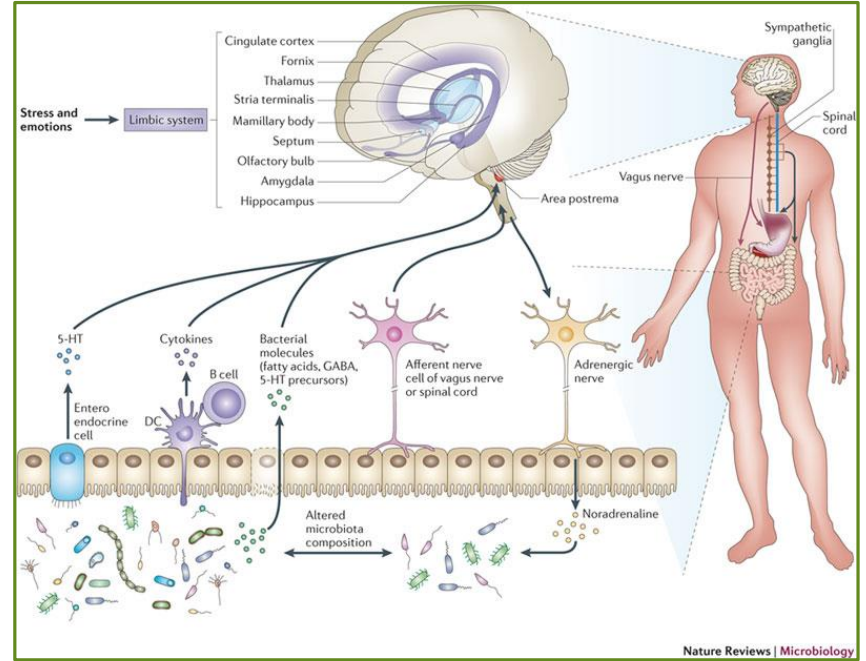
# Gut health – more than a healthy gut!



Appreciation of  
physiology & behaviour



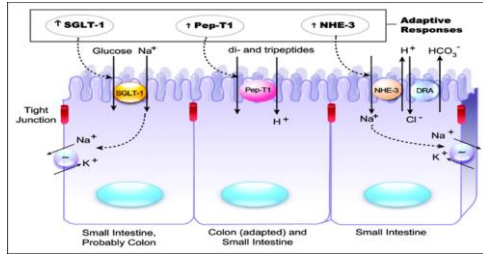
Gut health supports lung health!



Gut – brain axis



# Linking the *mode to action* to daily problems: Identifying stressors in daily life



**Nutrient  
Transport/  
Utilization**

Colostrum supply  
Microbiome development

Weaning &  
Regrouping

Feed changes  
Water supplies

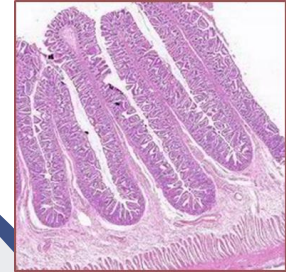
Birth hypoxia

Social stress

Environmental  
stress

Transport stress

Undesirable substances  
in feed (mycotoxins, LPS



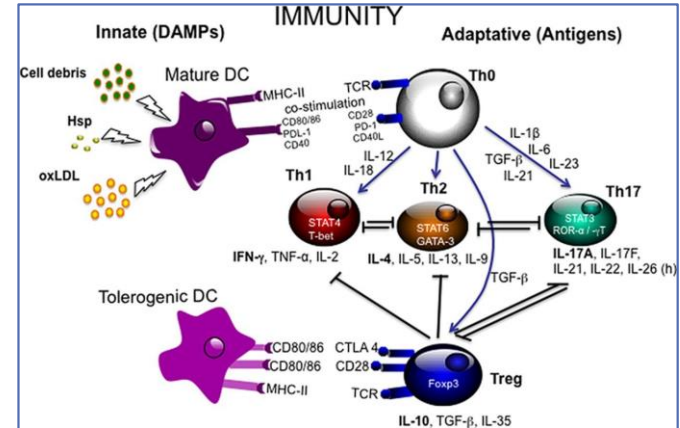
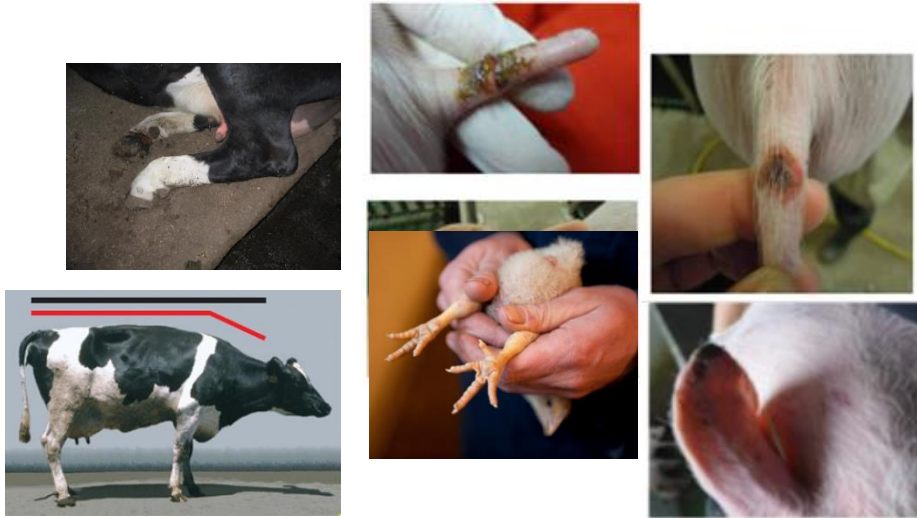
**GIT integrity  
and function**

## Increasing the resilience to infectious diseases



# Gut health and the Inflammasome: Impact on Animal Welfare

## Identifying animal-based indicators



Identifying and monitoring of markers of stress, inflammation & tissue regeneration



# Insights and opportunities

**The application of antibiotics (particularly in early life) often suppresses the essential biodiversity of the intestinal microbiome - thereby creating an antibiotic-dependency**

**→ Phasing out of AGPs**

**The use of health-promoting feed additives requires an understanding of their mechanisms of action (from descriptive morphology of intestinal tissues to**

**→ MoA –driven product/combinations (synbiotics)**

**The use of health-promoting feed additives demands advanced technologies**

**→ coatings, targeted formulations**

**Compliance with all feed safety standards need to be demonstrated**

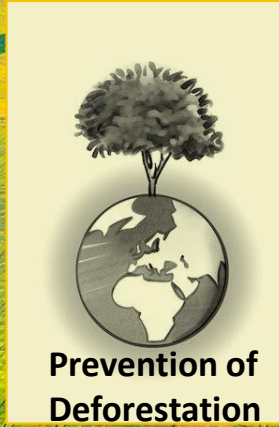
**Sustainable production techniques should be encouraged**



# Closing the food gap: healthy planet diets



Soil management



Prevention of Deforestation



Waste recycling creating new protein sources (insect feed)



Health Management

Precision agriculture:  
Increasing efficiency – recycling & saving natural resources





# Thank you



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## FUTURE FOOD CO-CREATION LAB



### UU EXPERTISE AREAS

- Discovery for sustainable food production systems
- Food concepts for human and animal health
- Facilitating social and cultural change of food behavior
- Governance arrangements towards a healthy planet diet

**SCIENTISTS + STAKEHOLDERS**

### FUTURE FOOD PATHWAYS

- Future Production & Consumption
- Future Health
- Future Efficiencies



**TOWARDS HEALTHY  
PLANET DIETS**

- Integrated assessment
- Impact on SDGs



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