

Effect of dietary milk fat and fetal growth restriction on immune development in neonatal piglets

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Milk fat feeding

Study design

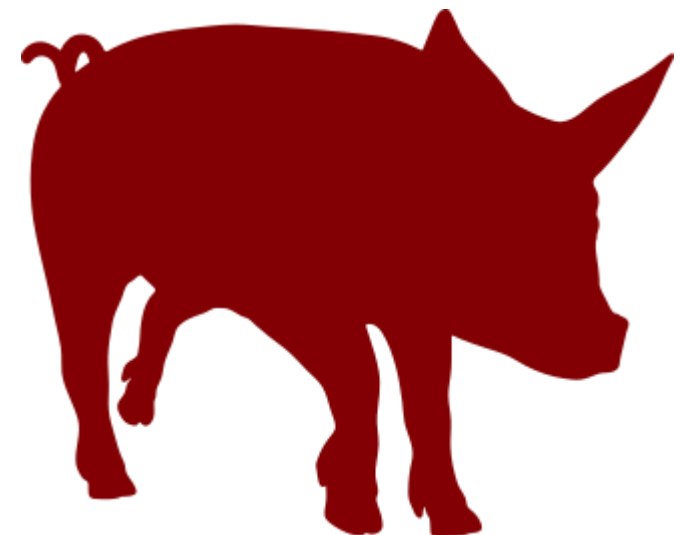
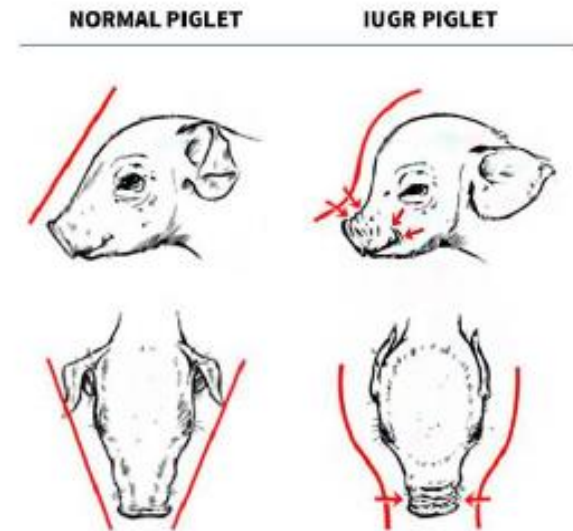
Twoday-old farm born piglets, selected on the basis of birthweight

- Normal birthweight (NBW, n=18)
- Interuterine growthrestricted (IUGR, n=18)

Each group is fed infant formula based on either

- Vegetable fat (VEG, n=9+9)
- Bovine milk fat (MILK, n=9+9)

Reared until day 22.



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Endpoints

Immune cells

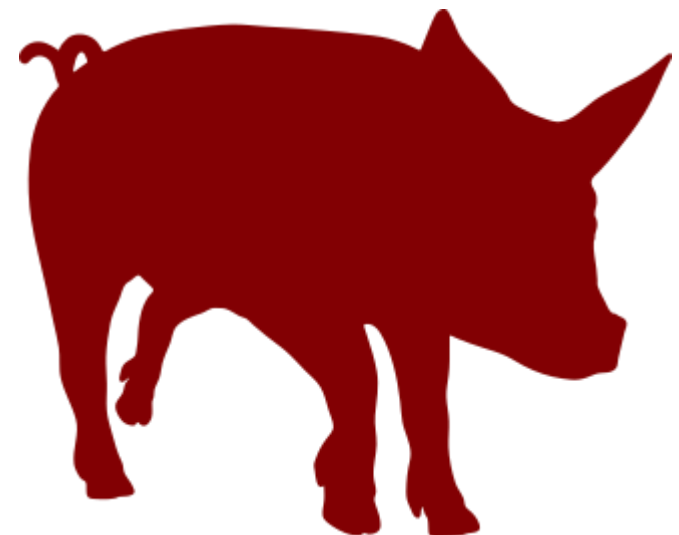
- Neutrophils
- Lymphocytes
- Monocytes
- T cell subsets
- Neutrophil function

Figure legend

- Effect of diet: *
- Effect of birthweight: α

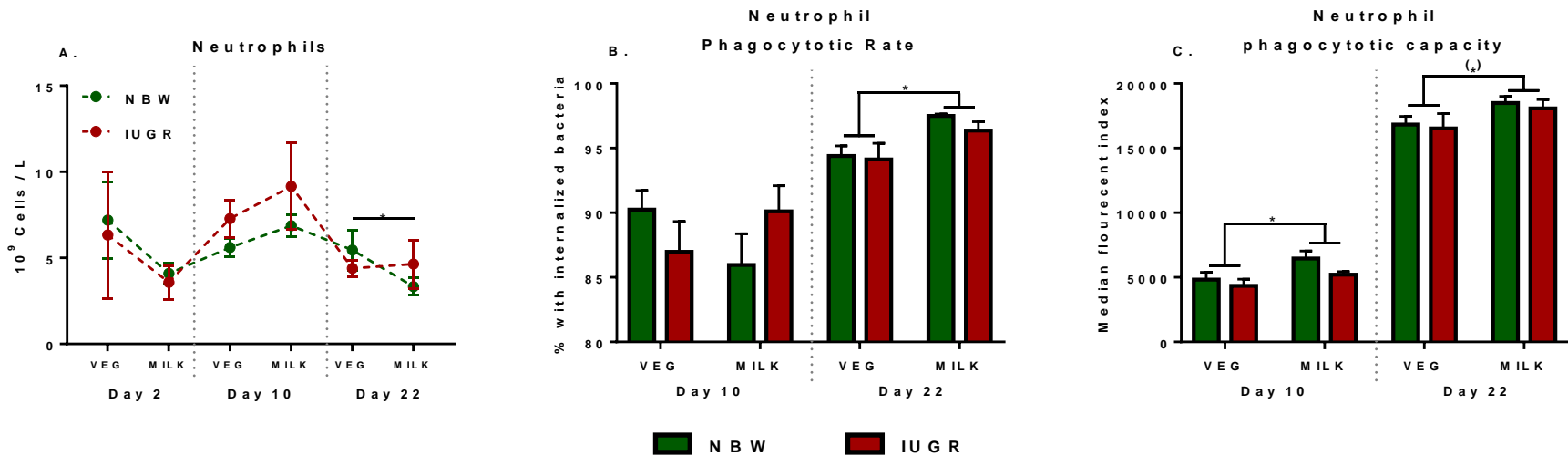
Whole blood stimulation

- Cytokine production (TNF α , IL-10)
- Gene expression (Immune/metabolism related)



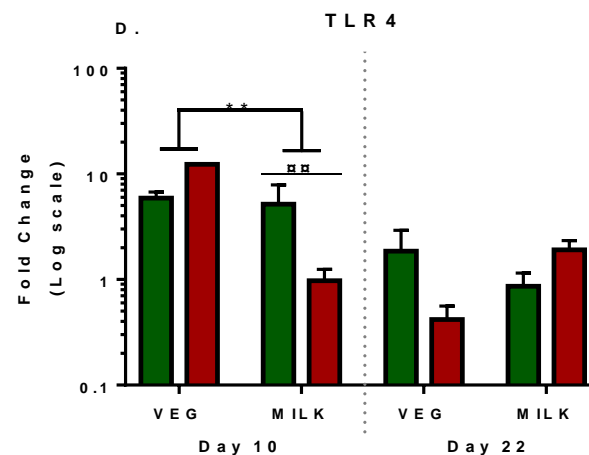
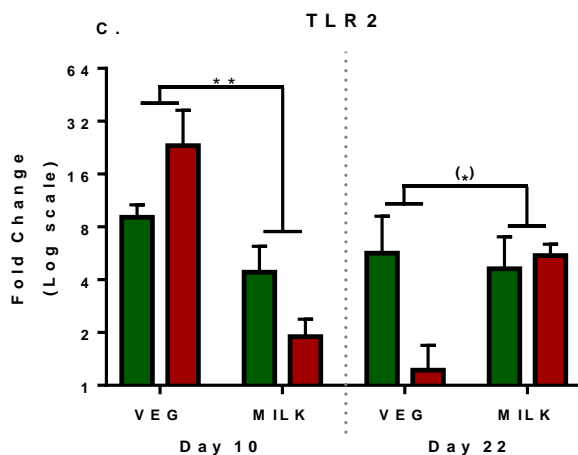
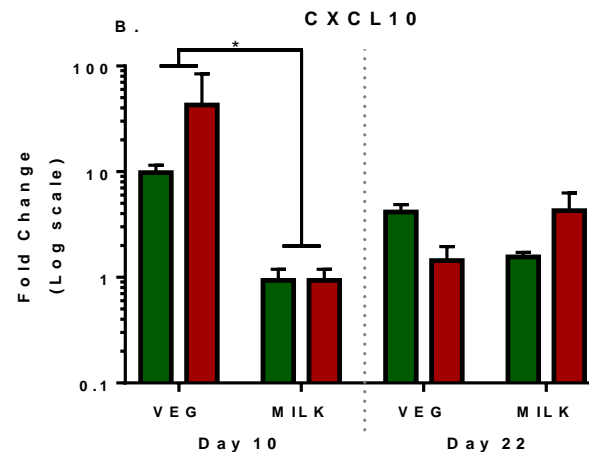
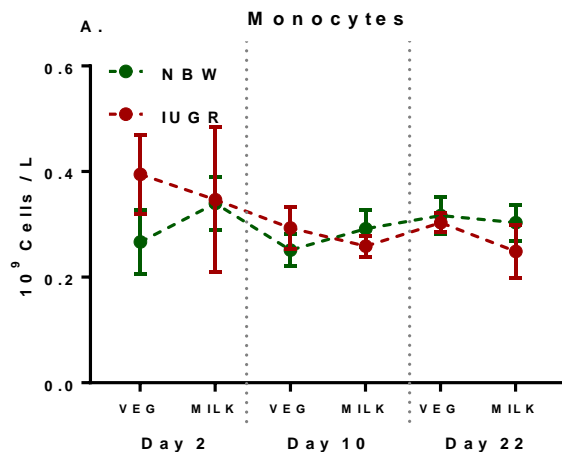
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Neutrophil markers



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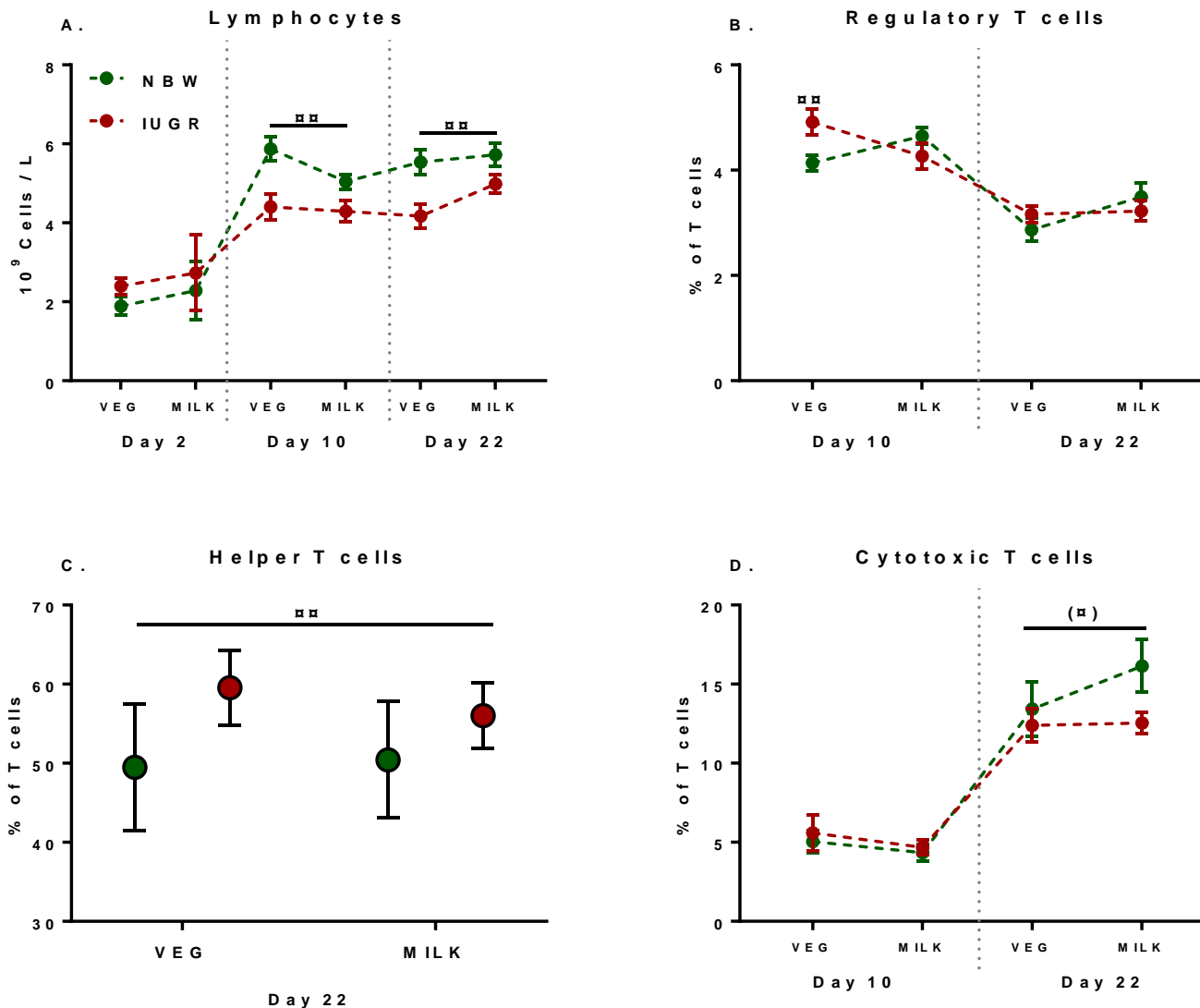
Innate immune markers



■ NBW ■ IUGR

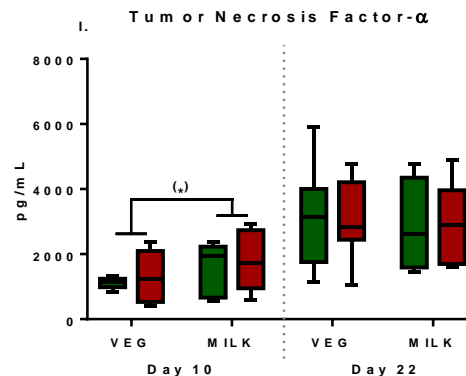
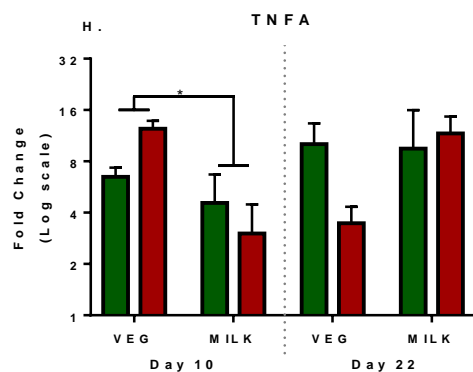
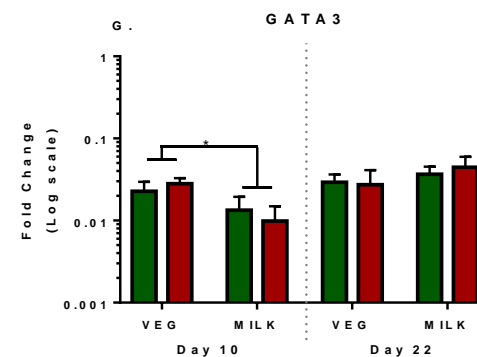
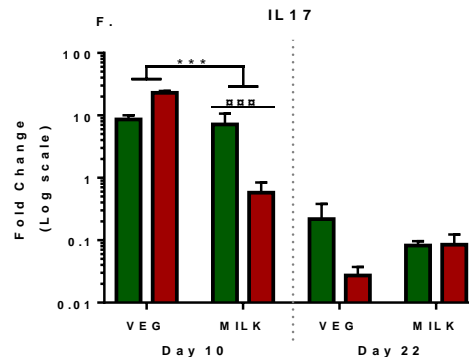
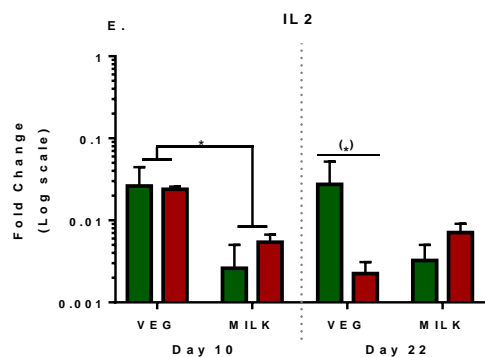
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Adaptive immune markers



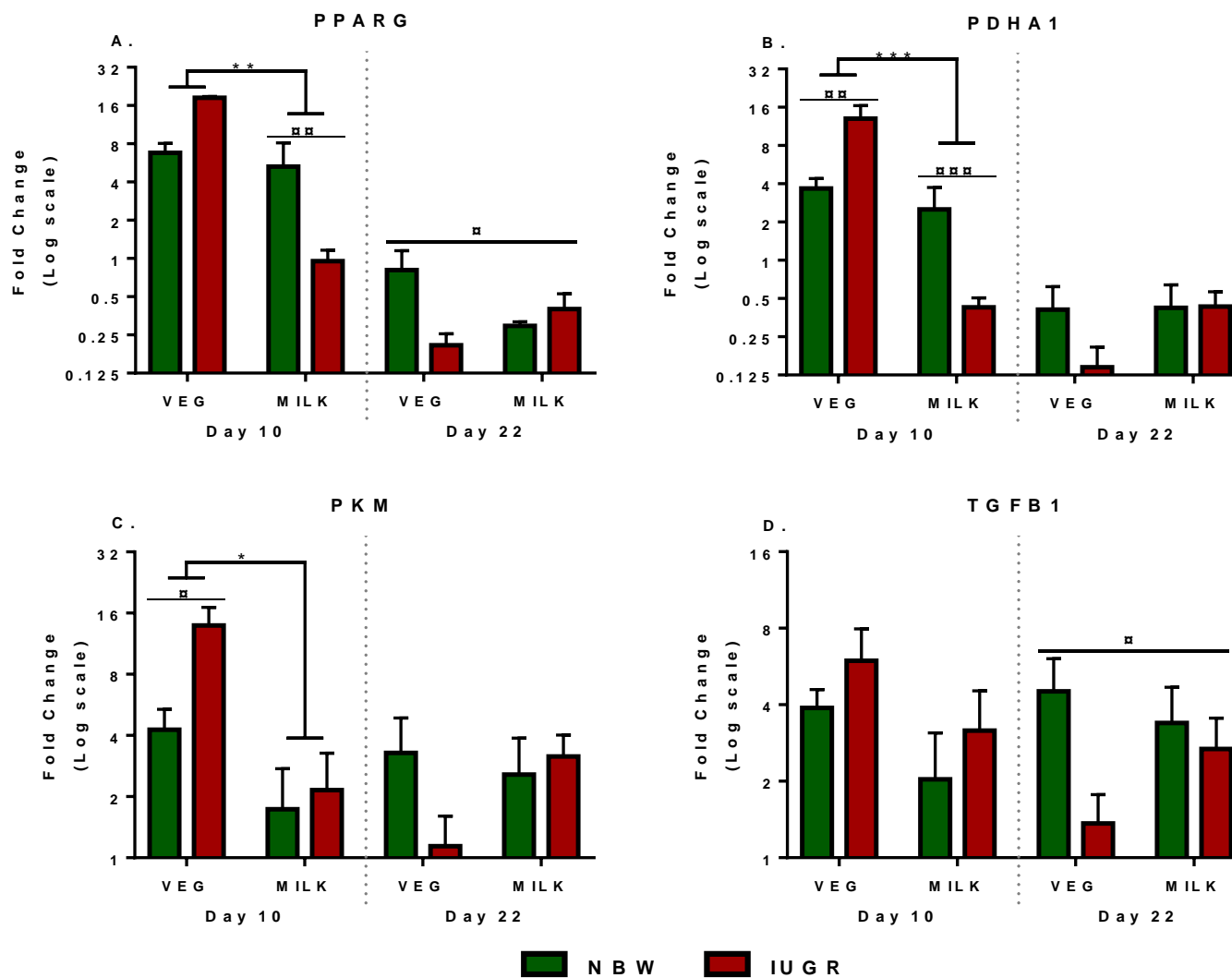
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Metabolism related genes



Conclusion

Milk fat feeding

- Less, but more mature neutrophils
- Delayed Th1 polarization
- Less active lymphocytes

Intrauterine growth restriction

- Less lymphocytes, but higher fraction of helper T cells

Few interactive effects of milk fat feeding on IUGR pigs.

Thank you for your time!

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