

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF IB - BI HETEROTYPIC VACCINATION STRATEGY **IB MAXPRO®**

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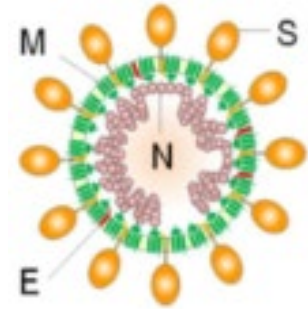
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Infectious Bronchitis Virus (IBV)

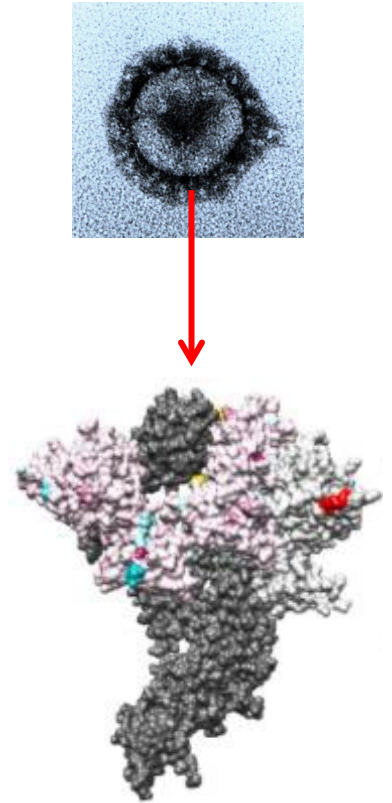
One of the most important poultry pathogens & evolving:

- Highly infectious
- sRNA → Ability to generate new variants:
 - Mutations
 - Recombinations
- Frequent co-infections with different IBV variants and/or other pathogens



IBV SPIKE GLYCOPROTEIN

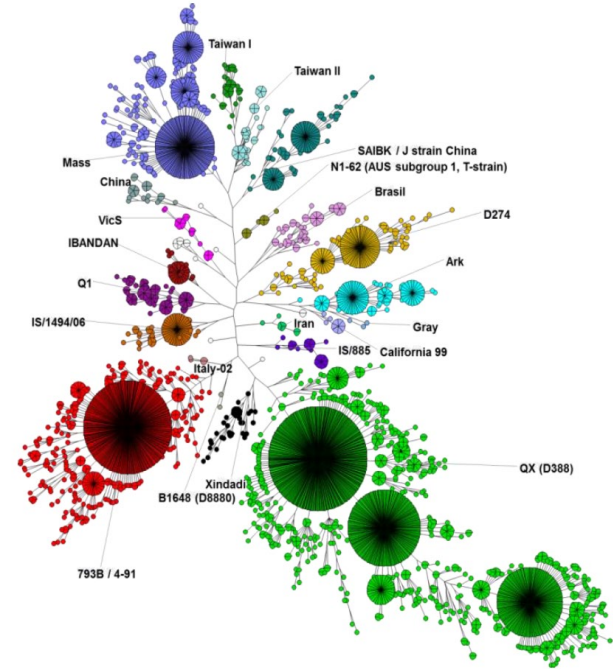
- Comprises the S1 'hyper-variable' regions 1 & 2 (1600 nucleotides)
- It's a factor of tropism and pathogenicity for IBV
- Attachment and fusion to cell membrane
- Induces protective immunity / Abs
- Determines the genetic / antigenic type:
 - New genotypes / variants have **less than 90% identity** in S1 spike gene with known types



IBV “CLASSIC” & “VARIANTS”

Many serotypes/genotypes/variants:

- “classic” Massachusetts (M41, H120)
- D274, D1466,...
- Ark, Conn, Delaware, Florida, GA98
- 793B (4/91, CR88, 1/96)
- QX (D388)
- Variant 2 (IS/1494/06, EgClevB2,)
- Q1
- Etc., etc.



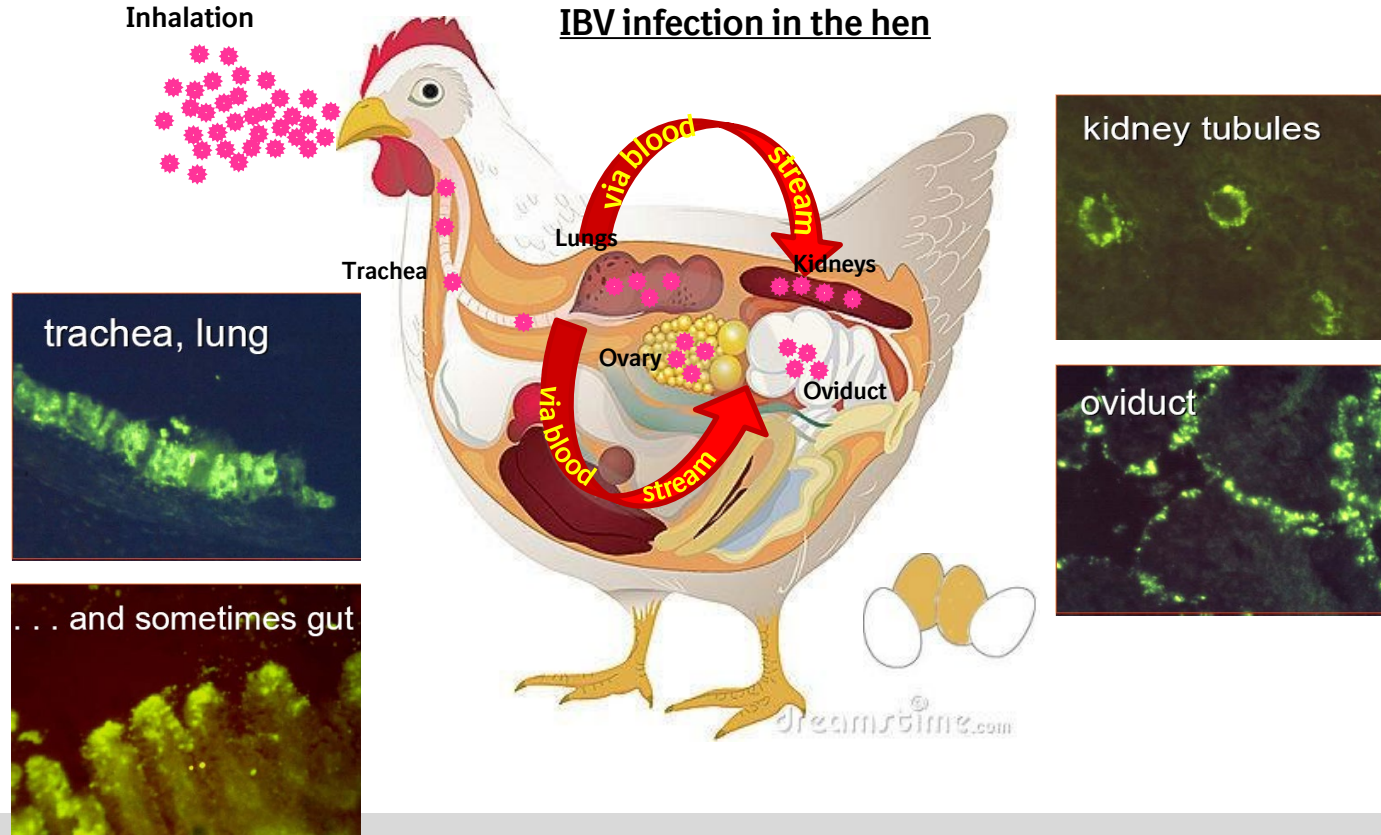
IB viruses detected in Iran

Reported circulation of IBV genotypes related to

- Mass type (GI-1),
- 793/B type (GI-13),
- IS/1494/06 = Variant2 type (GI-23),
- Q1 type (GI-16),
- QX type (GI-19),
- IS/720 type (GI-23),
- D274 type (GI-12; sporadically).

[Jackwood M., 2012, Avian Dis. 56, 634-641; Ghetas A., 2021, Avian Dis. 65:647-651; Ghalyanchilangeroudi A. et al., 2019, C.I.M.I.D. 65, 110-115; Hosseini H. et al., 2015, Avian Dis. 59:431-435, Ghahremani N. et al., 2011, J. Anim. Vet. Advances. 10, 2961-2967]

Infectious Bronchitis Virus



INFECTIOUS BRONCHITIS VIRUS

Pathogenicity of IB infection / IBV strain tropism

Lesions of the **respiratory system**:

- Tracheitis, bronchitis, increased mortality by secondary bacterial infections (e.g. E. coli, Mg).

Lesions of **kidney**:

- Nephritis-nephrosis, urolithiasis.

Lesions of the **reproductive system**:

- Reduction of egg production / Reduction of egg weight.
- Shell quality (thin shells) / Liquidation of the albumen.
- Mishapened eggs / Reduced hatchability.

➤ The lesions of the different organ systems may occur independent of each other.



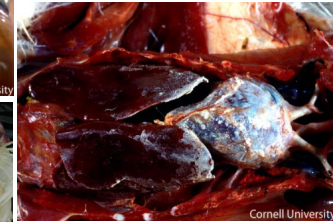
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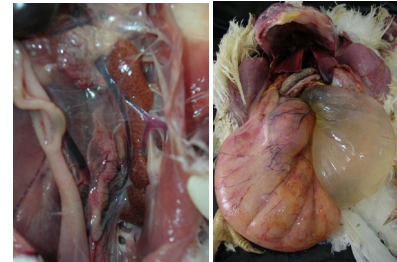
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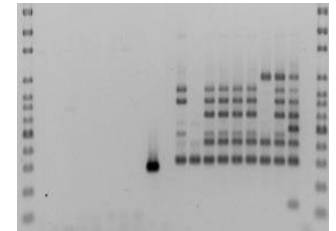
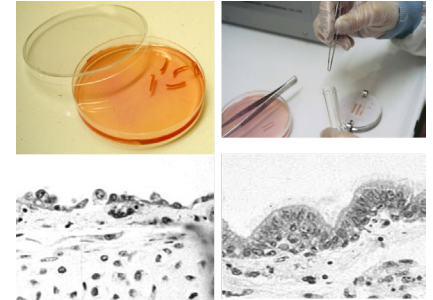


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IB DIAGNOSTICS

- Clinical signs and lesions
- Virus isolation in SPF embryonated eggs
- TOC ciliostasis
- Serology: ELISA, HI, VN
- RT-PCR
 - S1 (partial) gene detection
 - Sequencing



IB CONTROL

Measures:

- Biosecurity
- All in - all out policy
- Good hygiene – cleaning & disinfection
- Vaccination

Tools:

- Live and killed vaccines available
- Effective except for variant unrelated strains
- Variable cross-protection (requires challenge tests on TOC or live birds!)

Targets:

- Local immunity:
 - Antibodies on mucous membranes (Conjunctiva, Respiratory tract)
- Cell-mediated immunity:
 - Less specific but broader immunity
- Humoral immunity:
 - Antibodies in the serum

BIAH IB VACCINES

LIVE

- Classic Massachusetts Type: **Bioral H120**
- IB Variant 793/B Type: **Gallivac IB 88**



- **INACTIVATED**

- Classic Mass Type: All IB containing vaccine combinations, e.g. **Gallimune 407, Gallimune 302**
- IB Variant 793/B Type: **COR 2**



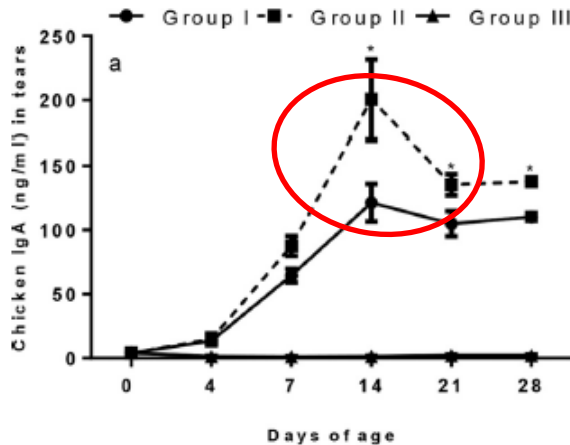
IB - LOCAL IMMUNITY

■ Broiler Study at University of Liverpool

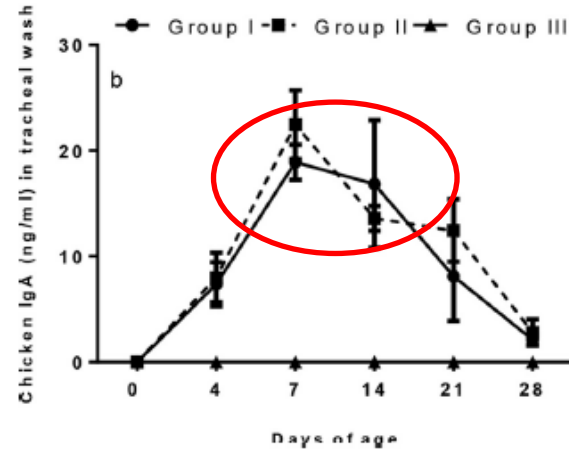
Study design showing groups, vaccine, and vaccination regimes

	Group I		Group II		Group III	
IBV vaccine (dosage/chick in 100 µl)	Day 0	Day 14	Day 0	Day 14	Day 0	Day 14
H120 (3.5 log ₁₀ EID ₅₀)	✓		✓			
CR88 (4.25 log ₁₀ EID ₅₀)		✓	✓	✓		
Sterile water					✓	✓

IgA in tears



IgA in tracheal wash



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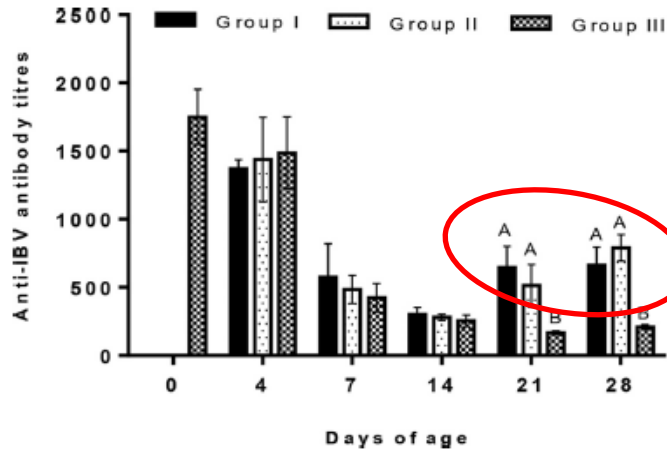
IB - SYSTEMIC IMMUNITY

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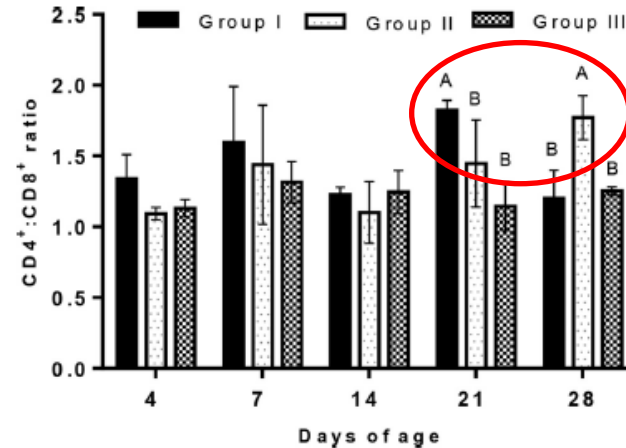
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Sterile water					✓	✓

IgG in serum



CD4+, CD8+ Lymphocytes

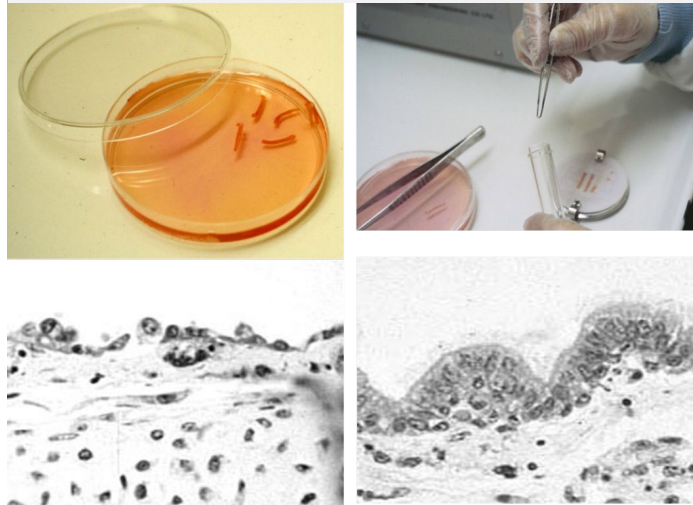


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CONTROL OF VARIABLE IBV PROBLEMS

IBV CROSS PROTECTION STUDIES

**Protection assessment
by the ciliostasis test**



Virulent IBV cross-protection challenge studies in broiler (University Liverpool)

Vaccination Program & virulent IBV challenge

Day 1: Bioral H120 (& Gallivac IB 88)

Day 14: Gallivac IB88

Day 28-30: o/n challenge with M41, 793B, IS/885, IS/1494/06, Q1, QX, IT-02

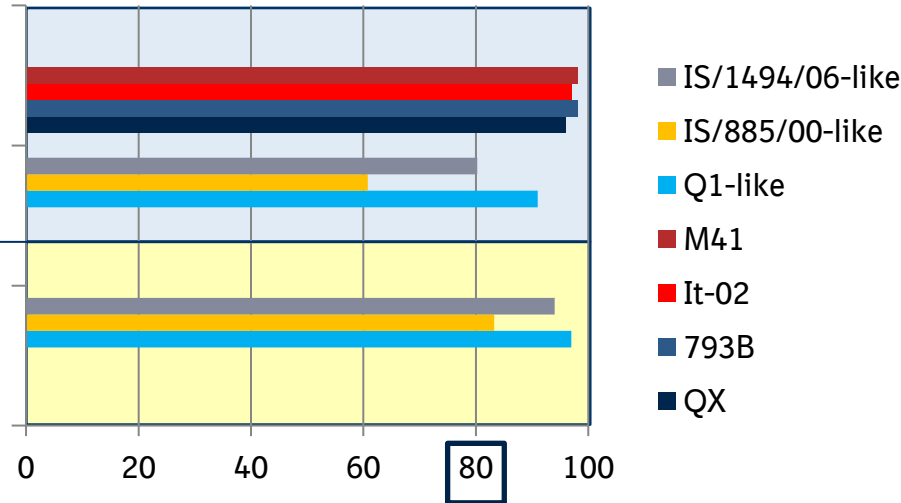
Examination:

- clinical signs
- ciliary protection
- gross lesions, kidney, trachea
- virus detection by PCR in kidney, trachea
- histopathology in kidney, trachea

Virulent IBV cross-protection challenge studies in broiler against IBV M41, 793B, QX, IT-02, Q1, IS/885, IS/1494 (University Liverpool)²

Groups		
Vaccinations		Challenge
Day 0	Day 14	
H120	CR88	Day 28-30
H120 + CR88	CR88	Day 28-30

Ciliary Protection against virulent variant IBV challenge

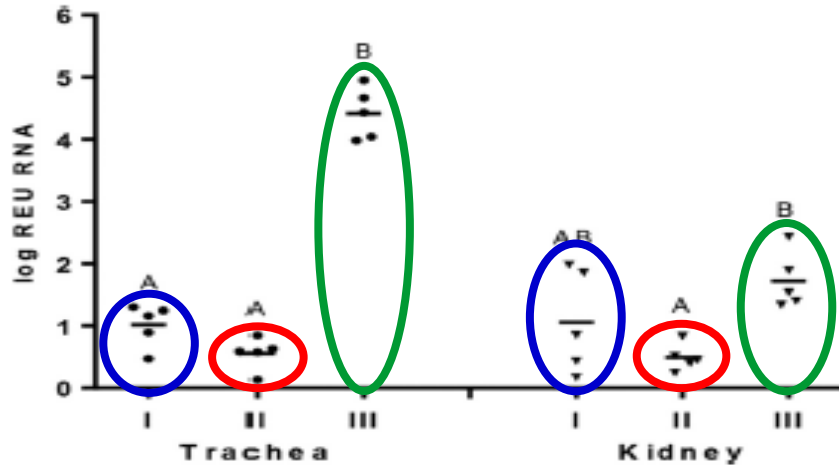


² Ref.: Awad F. et al, VIII. Int. Symp. Av. Corona- and Pneumovirus and complicating factors, Germany, 2014.

Virulent IBV cross-protection challenge studies in broiler (University Liverpool)

IBV load in Trachea and Kidneys 5 dpc

Quantification of virulent IBV Q1 in trachea and kidney measured by real-time RT-PCR after 5 dpc at 28 days



Groups	Vaccinations	
	Day 0	Day 14
I	H120	CR88
II	H120 + CR88	CR88
III	-	-

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Results

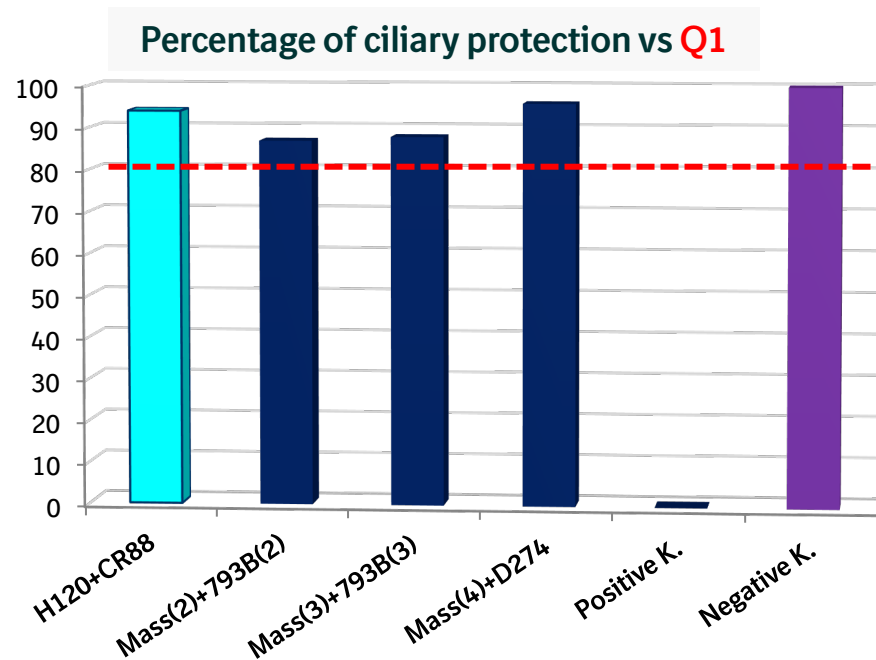
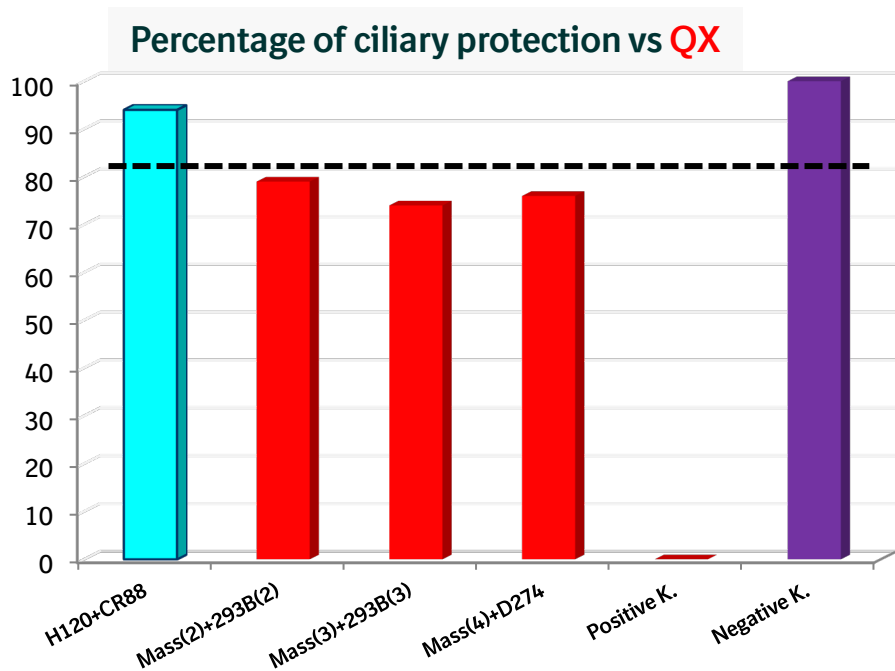
- Protection against M41, 793B, QX, IT-02 challenge:
 - Ciliary protection: 96-98%
 - Protection against IS/885, IS/1494, Q1 challenge:
 - Ciliary protection: 83 – 97%
 - Gross lesions in kidney or trachea: **None**
- Vaccination with H120 and CR88 at day-old and optional revaccination with CR88 at day 14 provided good protection against the virulent IBVs.

Virulent IBV cross-protection challenge studies in broiler (G D - A H S D E V E N T E R)

Protocol

- Groups of commercial broilers in isolators
- Day 1 - Vaccination:
 - H120 + IB88
 - Mass(2) + 793B(2)
 - Mass(3) + 793B(3)
 - Mass(4) + D274
 - Positive K.
 - Negative K.
- Day 28 - Challenge with QX or Q1
- Day 33 - Ciliostasis test → protection %

PROTECTION AGAINST CHALLENGE (GD-AHS DEVENTER)



CONTROL OF VARIABLE IBV PROBLEMS

Vaccination with two IBV serotypes

IS BROADENING PROTECTION

- ✓ Clear evidence that a proper combination of Mass-type Bioral H120 and 793B-type Gallivac IB CR88 vaccines provides good protection against third IB Variants
- ✓ Re-vaccination with the same serotype enhances the immune response
- ✓ Vaccination with two serotypes can give greater protection against a third serotype than either vaccine applied alone
- ✓ Cross-protection between strains cannot be predicted → lab / field investigation needed



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