

# Effect of dry cow ration on calves' birthweight, average daily gain and immunization



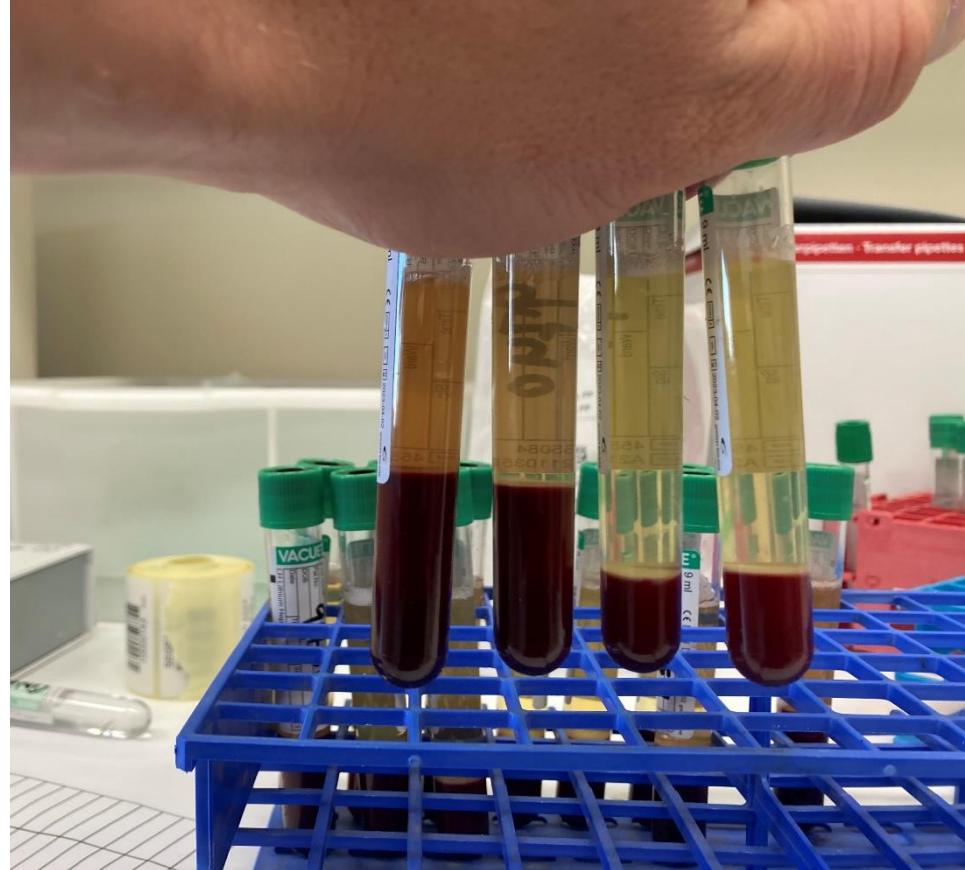
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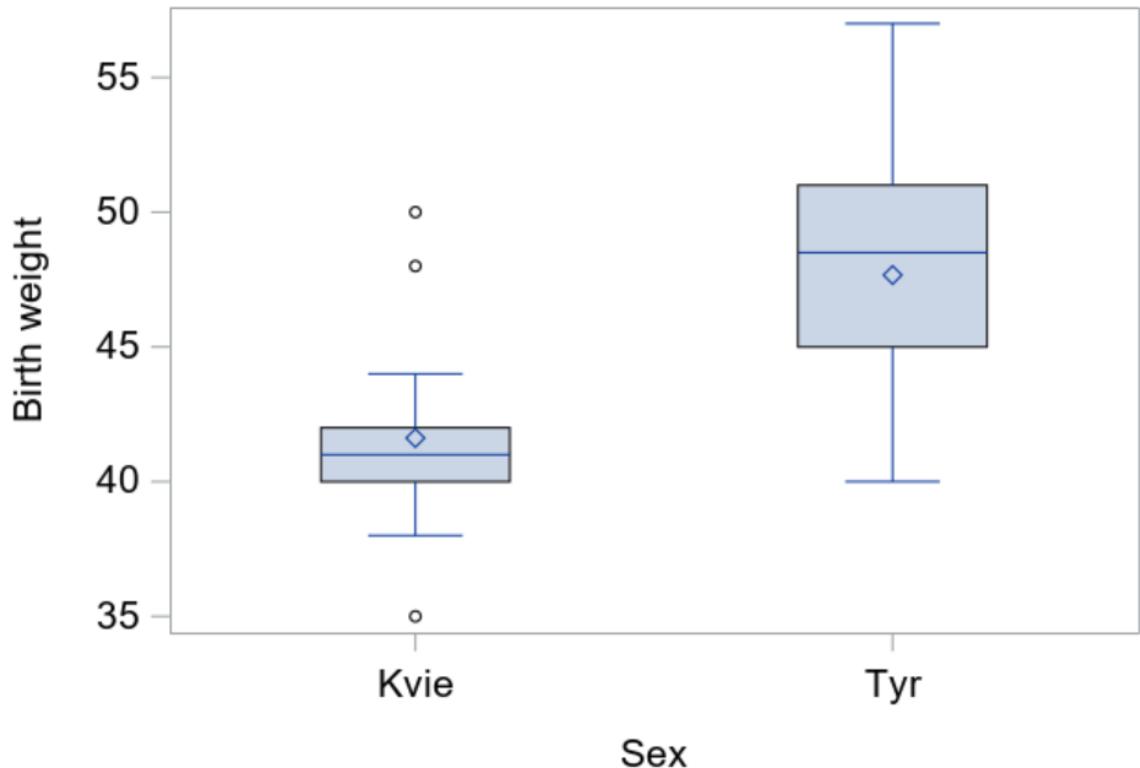
# Experiment

- 24 Calves from dry cow experiment – 7 weeks
- Calf treatments
  - Milk, milk+iron, milk replacer
- Dry cow treatments
  - Corn, AAT
- Weekly blood samples
  - Hematocrit, plasma brix, liver enzymes
- Weekly body weight



# Treatment effect on birth weight?

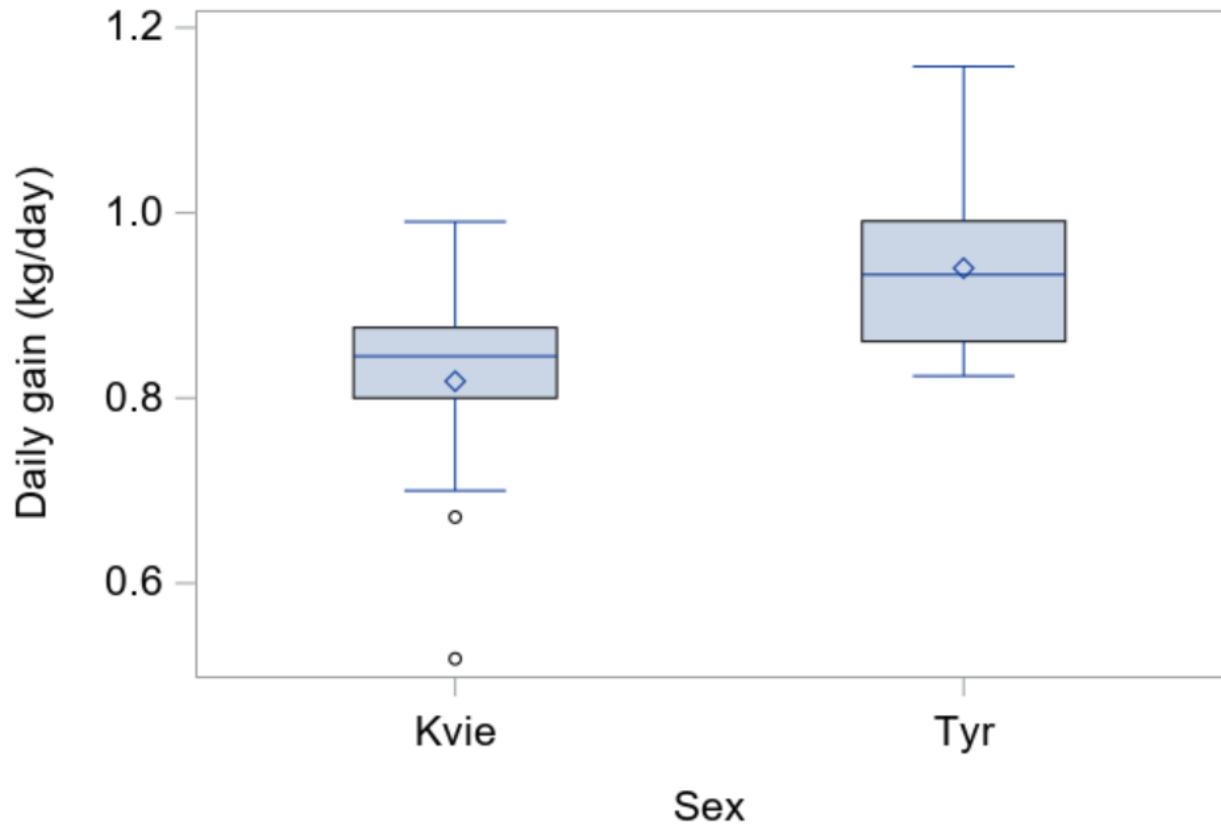
- Proc mixed (SAS)
- Model:
- birth weight = sex treatment\_dry\_cow



LSMEANS		
Sex	Heifer	Bull
P=0.0032	41.1 kg	47.0 kg
Treatment dry cow	Corn	AAT
P=0.20	45.3 kg	42.9 kg

# Treatment effect on daily gain?

- Proc mixed (SAS)
- Model:
- Daily gain= sex treatment\_dry\_cow



LSMEANS		
Sex	Heifer	Bull
P=0.028	0.80 kg/day	0.91 kg/day
Treatment dry cow	Corn	AAT
P=0.20	0.89 kg/day	0.83 kg/day

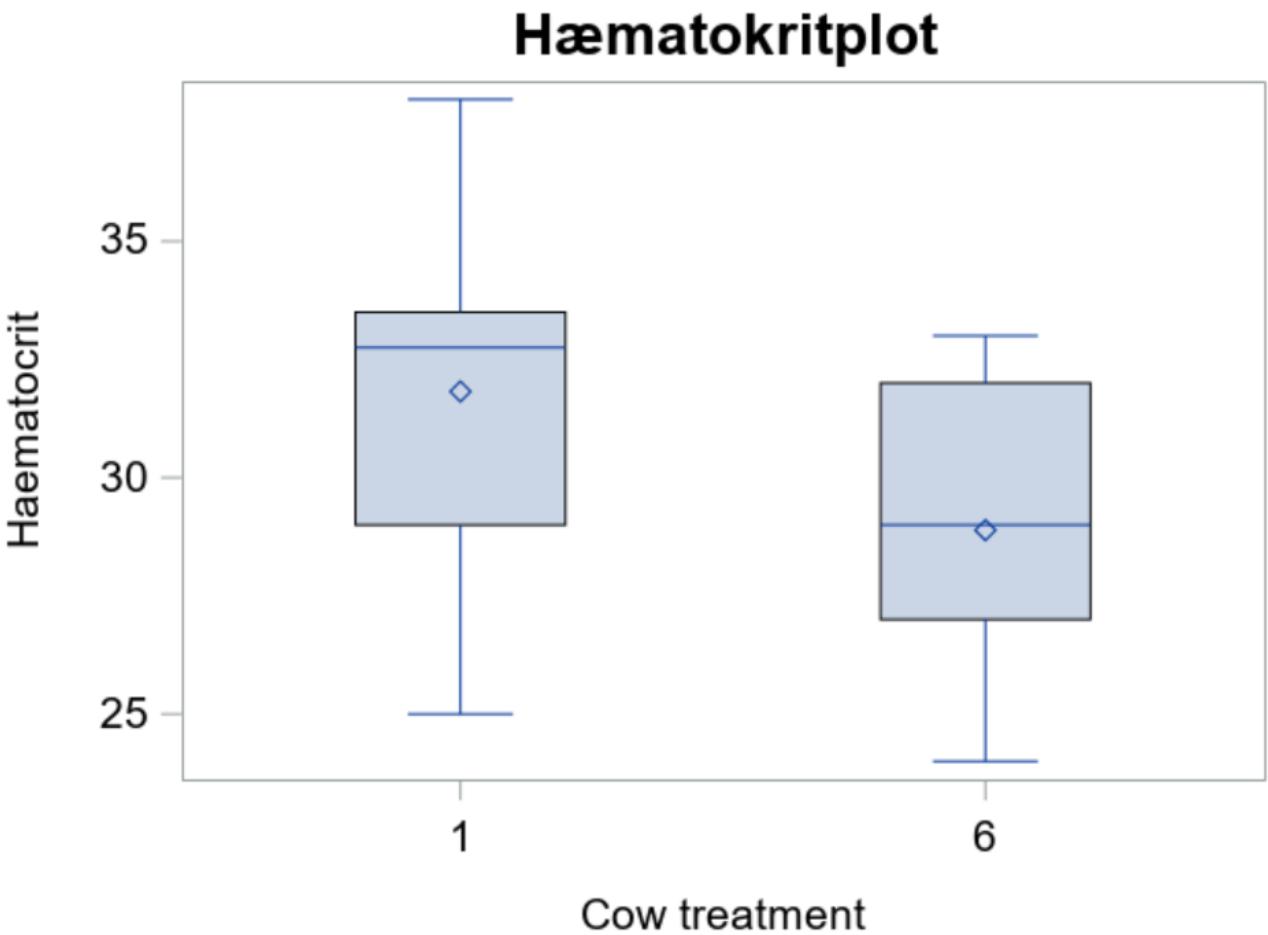
# Treatment effect on immunization?

- Proc mixed (SAS)
- Model: plasma brix= sex treatment\_dry\_cow

LSMEANS		
Sex	Heifer	Bull
P=0.27	9.66	10.04
Treatment_dry_cow	Corn	AAT
P=0.12	10.1	9.6

# Treatment effect on hematocrit?

- Proc mixed (SAS)
- Model: hematocrit = sex  
treatment\_dry\_cow



LSMEANS		
Sex	Heifer	Bull
P=0.53	29.9	30.9
Treatment_dry_cow	Corn	AAT
P=0.06	31.8	28.9