



Advances in neonatal nutrition: a step forward infant formula biomimetic of human milk structure and digestive behaviour



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Recommendations

Exclusive breastfeeding until 6 months

Supplemental breastfeeding up to 2 years and beyond

Large array of health benefits : ↘ incidence gravity digestives/respiratory infections, microbiota, ↘ NEC in preemies, ↘ diarrhea , ↘ allergy risk ... cognitive, ↘ IBD, T2D risk, obesity...



(Rozé et al., 2012)

Infant formula – Optimized chemical composition

Lipids of HM/IF supply 45-55 % calories that supports normal development – 98 % TAG (Armand et al., Ped. Res., 1996; Jensen, Lipids, 1999; Pernow et al., Ped. Res. 2007; Ekstrand and Hernell, Curr. Opinion Clin. Nutr. Met.Care, 2010; Guesnet et al., OCL, 2013;)

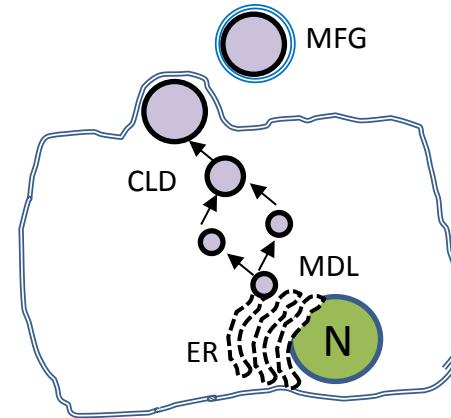
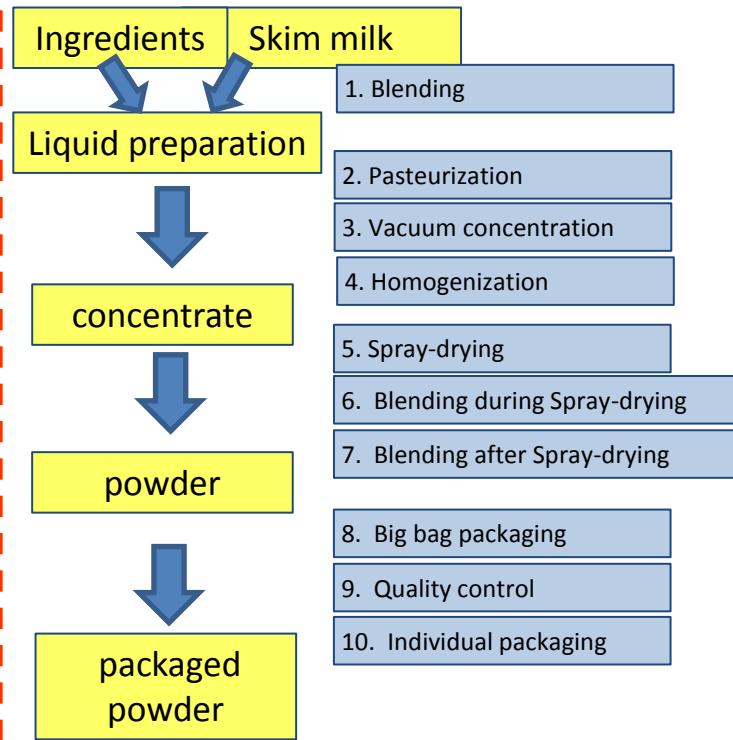


(Victora et al., The Lancet, 2016)

Over the last decade, Lipid structure identified as a parameter involved in early programming (Oosting et al., Ped Res., 2012; Oosting et al., BJR, 2014; Baars et al., BJR, 2016)



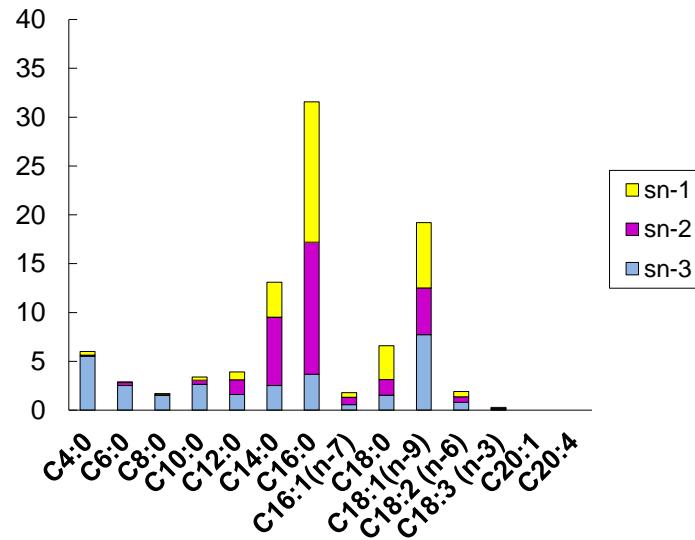
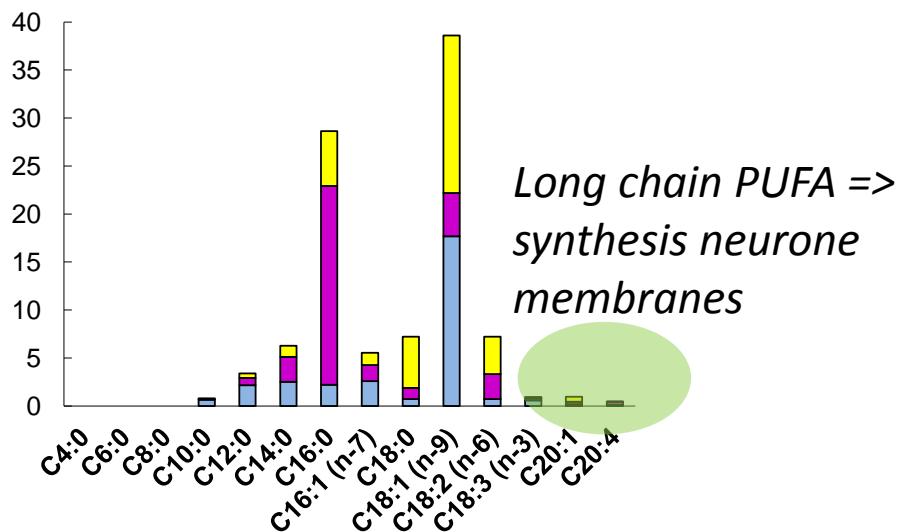
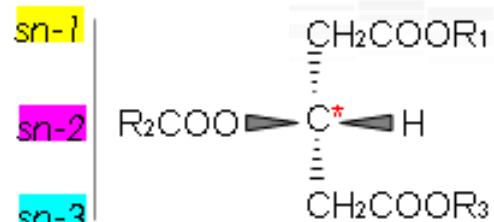
Still a striking difference between HM and IF lipid structure !



Lipid droplets are formed in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) by budding into the cytosolic compartment as very small droplets called microlipid droplets (MLD). Droplets increase in size by fusing, giving birth to larger droplets called cytoplasmic lipid droplets (CLD). At the apical cell surface droplets are secreted by envelopment in apical plasma membrane, releasing the milk lipid globule (MLG)

70's : specific triacylglycerol (TAG) structure in HM results in improved fatty acids absorption (Tomarelli et al., 1968).

NON RANDOM Distribution of fatty acids (R_1 , R_2 , R_3) on the glycerol backbone

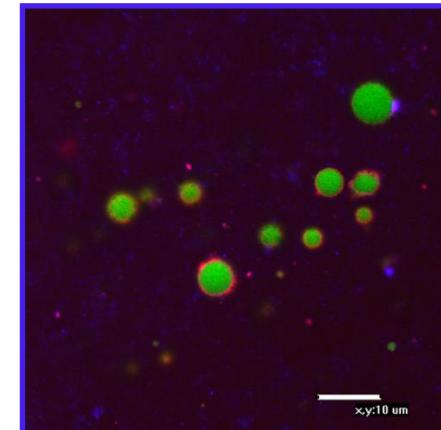
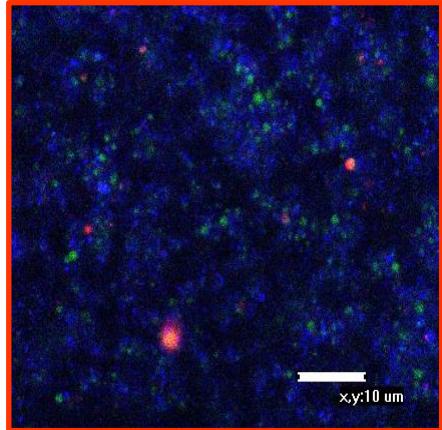


Comparison of the composition and regiodistribution of FA in human and bovine milks
(% mol main FA > 0.5 % total)

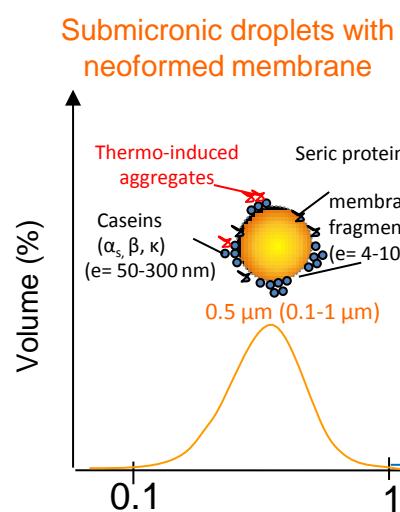
(Blasi et al., J Food Comp. & Anal, 2008; Bourlieu et al., TFST, 2009; Innis, Adv. In Nutr., 2011; Strandvik, EJLST, 2015)



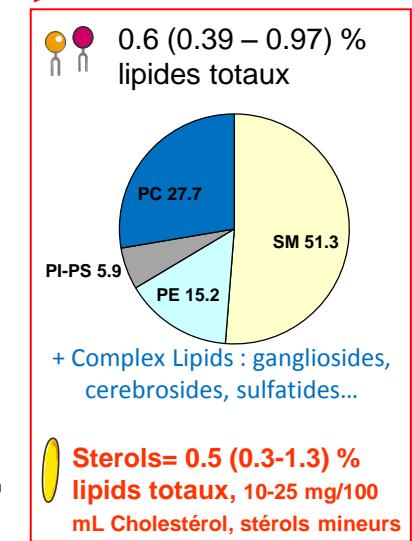
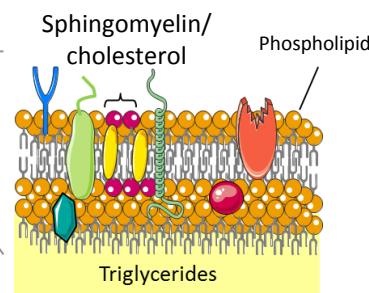
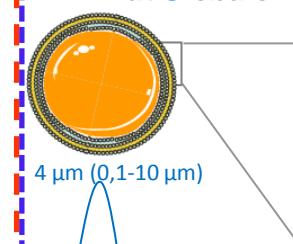
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3-4.5 g
lipids/100 mL



Milk Fat Globule



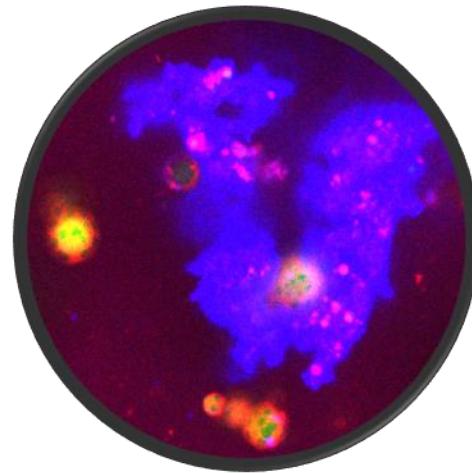
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Designing IF that mimic HM digestive behaviour supposes prior characterization of this behaviour

→ **PRIORITY COLLECT DATA ABOUT HM DIGESTIVE BEHAVIOUR**



Thèse S. Cassia de Oliveira 2013-2016



DIGESTION OF HM IN PRETERM INFANTS

- Randomized controlled trial
- Hospitalized tube-fed preterm infants (GA < 32 wks)
- Alimentation $\geq 120 \text{ mL/kg/jour}$ every 3 h
- 6-day experimental period; 2 independent groups

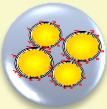
NCT02112331 (ClinicalTrials.gov)

GROUP A

HM from their **own mother**



Raw HM



Past HM

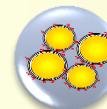
→ collected < 24h
before feeding

→ 1 pool aliquoted in
6 bottles

n=12, GA 30.0 ± 1.1 wk, age at first day 27 ± 12 d,
Body weight at first day 1.83 ± 0.41 kg

GROUP B

HM from **anonymous donor**



Past HM



P+Homog HM

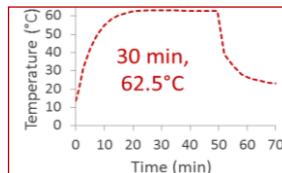
→ The same pool from one donor

was used for the two types of milk

n=8, GA 29.5 ± 1.5 wk, age at first day 32 ± 21 d,
Body weight at first day 1.73 ± 0.48 kg

HM bank

Holder pasteurization



Indirect homogenization by
ultrasonication

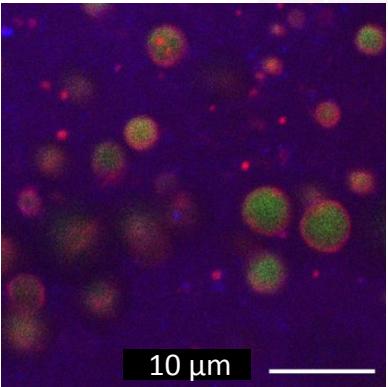


→ 595 W, 3 periods of 5
min interrupted by 30s of pause

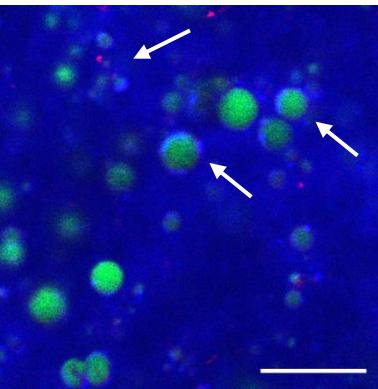
Poster
HENU-015

GROUP A GASTRIC BEHAVIOUR OF HM IS DOMINATED BY AGREGATION AROUND MILK FAT GLOBULE AND INFLUENCED BY PASTEURIZATION

Raw HM

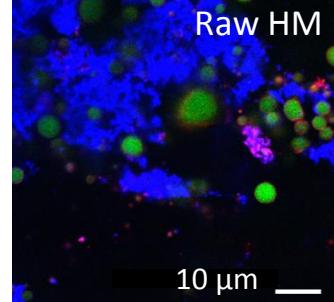


Pasteurized HM

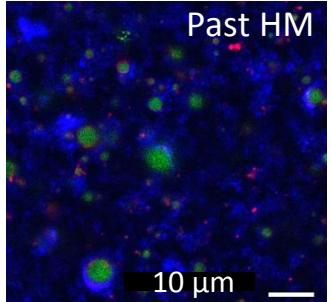


35 min

Raw HM

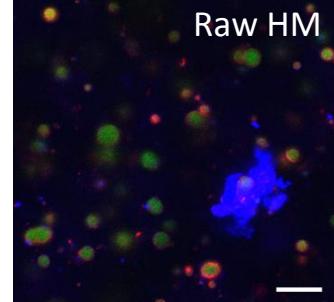


Past HM

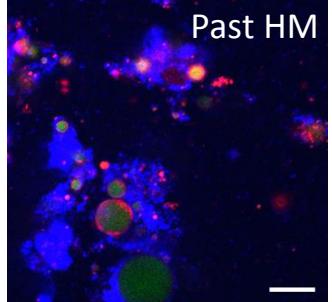


60 min

Raw HM

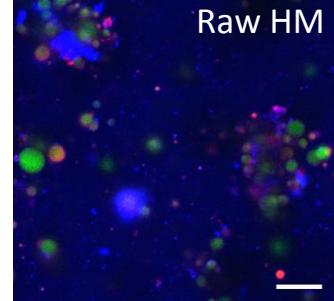


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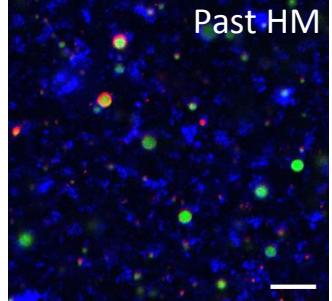


90 min

Raw HM



Past HM

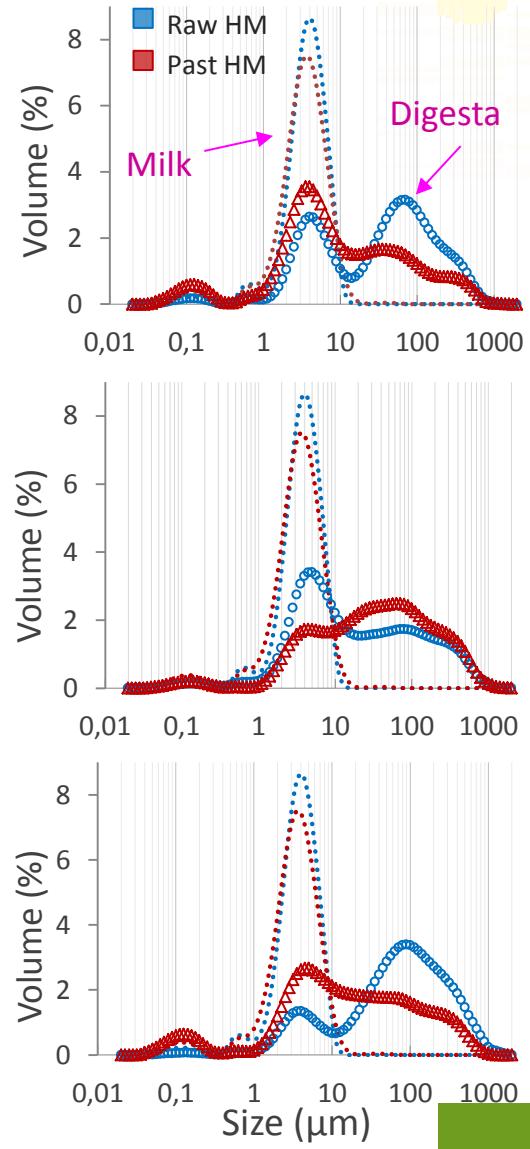


Apolar lipids

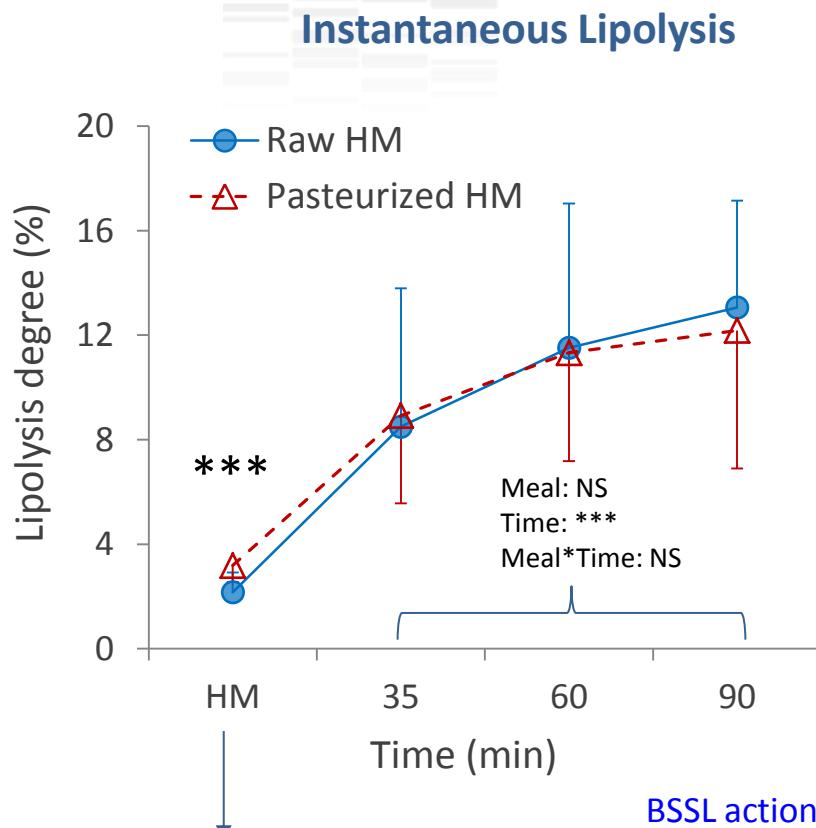
Amphiphiles

Proteins

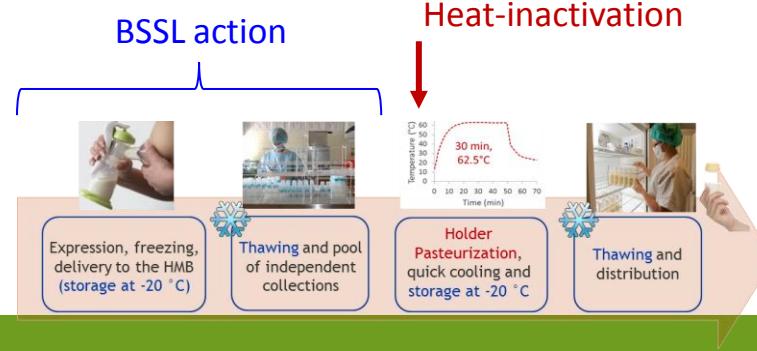
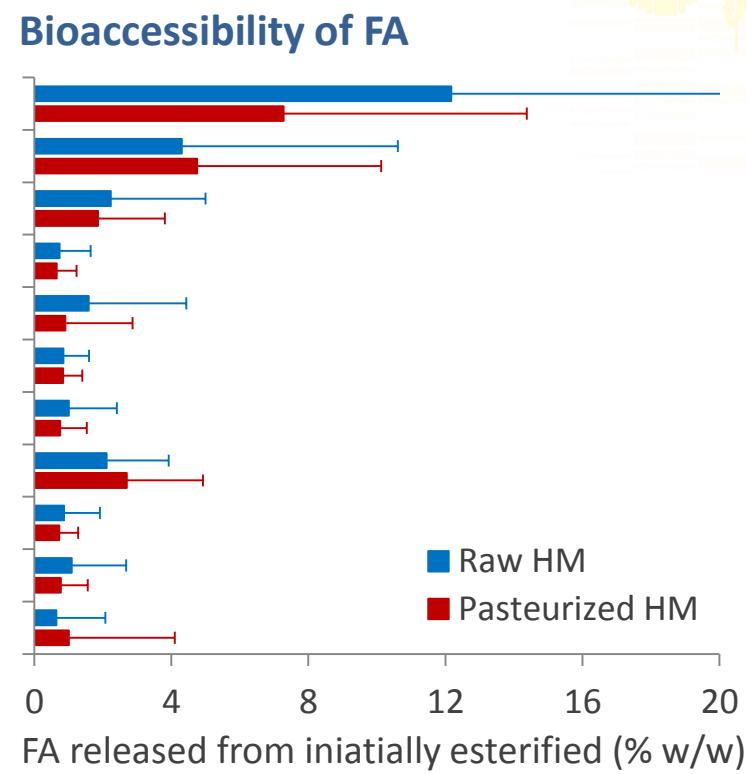
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■ GROUP A PASTEURIZATION DID NOT LOWER LIPOLYSIS NOR BIOACCESIBILITY BUT MODULATED PROTEOLYSIS



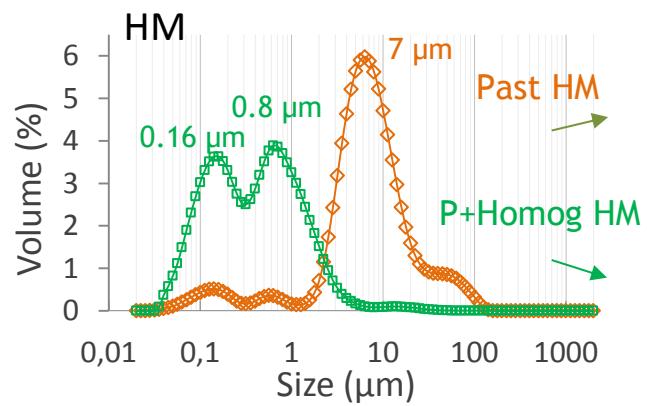
Pre-lipolysis: n = 4 infants
 Raw HM = $2.2 \pm 0.8\%$
 Past HM = $3.2 \pm 0.6\%$



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■ GROUP B HOMOGENIZATION AFFECTED THE INITIAL STRUCTURE AND THE EMULSION DISINTEGRATION OF HM

Initial structure

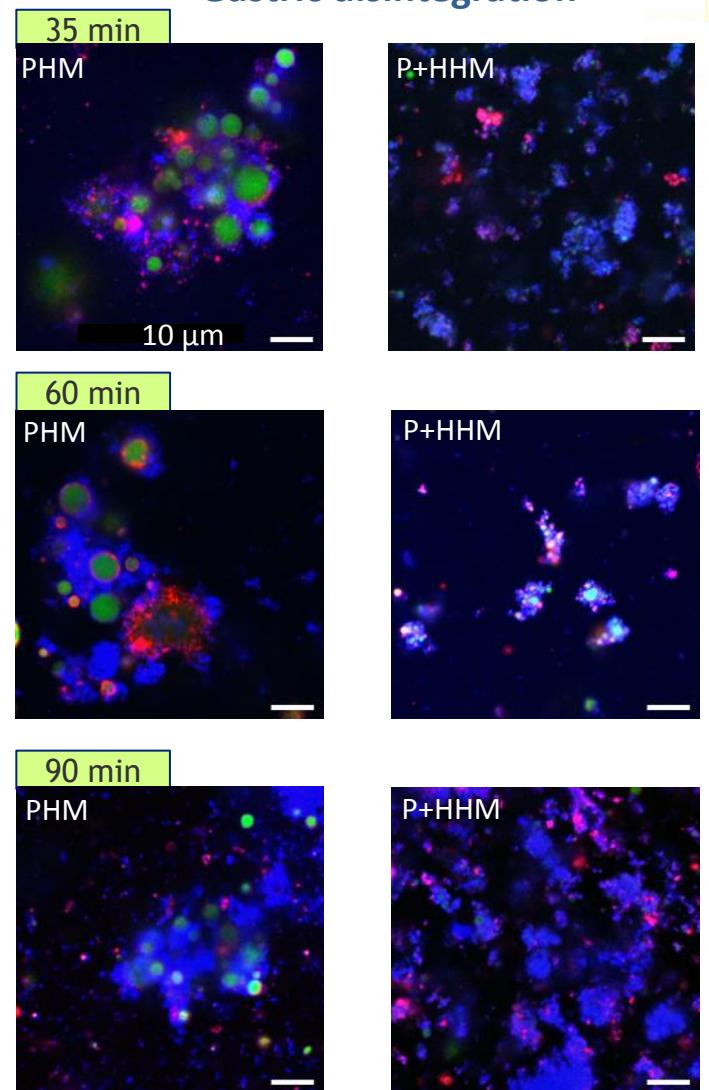


Past HM: $4.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ of fat

P+Homog HM: $25.5 \pm 3.8 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ of fat

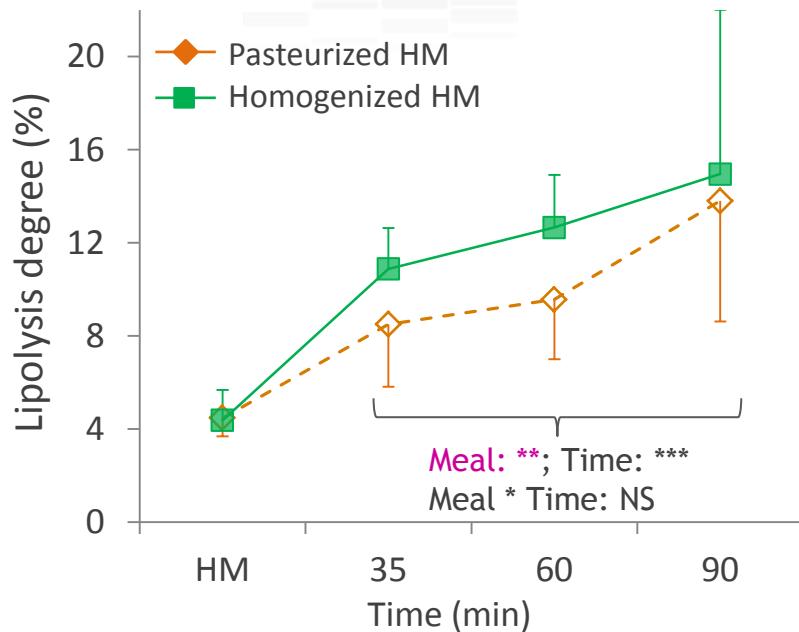
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Gastric disintegration

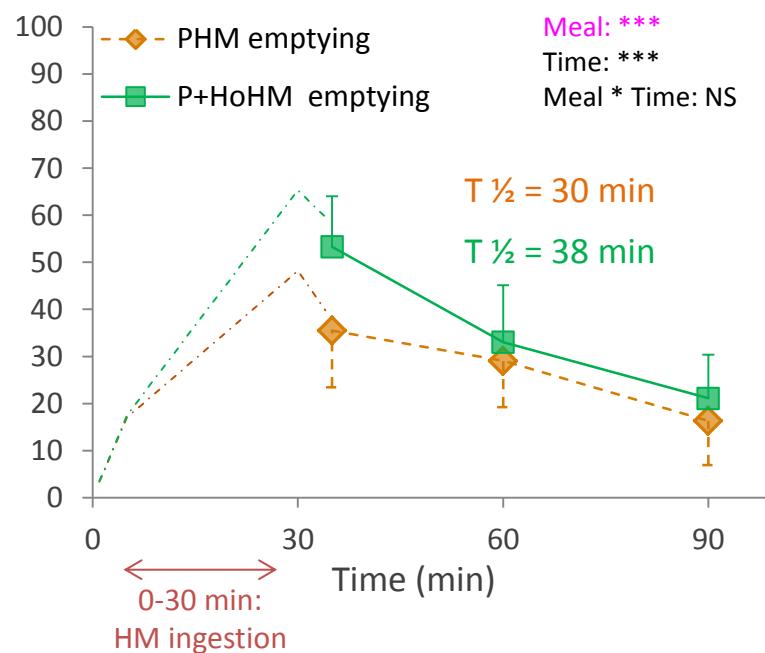


■ GROUP B HOMOGENIZATION IMPACTED GASTRIC LIPOLYSIS AND EMPTYING

Instantaneous lipolysis level



Gastric emptying



- Hormonal feedback triggered by higher lipolysis level
- ↗ Free fatty acids in the duodenum → ↗ cholecystokinin secretion → ↘ pylorus contractions and gastric emptying
(Grider, 1994; Yamagishi & Debas, 1978)
- Difference of colloidal behavior between the native MFG and submicronic droplets

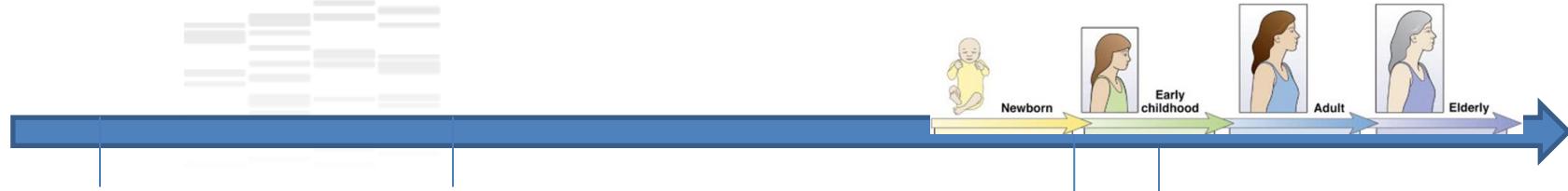
Half gastric emptying times reported in preterms

30 38

12 Infant formula

PP Time (min)

→ STRUCTURE OF HM LIPIDS AND EARLY PROGRAMMING CONCEPT



Gaillard et al. (1989)
ARA (20:4 n-6) precursor of prostacyclin in preadipocytes

Ailhaud et al. (2006)
LA/LNA ratios perinatal period → important programming effect on body composition

Innis et al. (2010)
n-6/n-3 perinatal → intestinal development, sensibility to inflammation later in life.
H: eicosanoid metabolite (PGE2) < ARA

Oosting et al. (2010) **n-3 LCPUFA-rich neonatal diet → adult body composition** (\downarrow 30 % fat accumulation WSD challenge) & metabolic homeostasis

- **(Oosting et al., 2012)** Administration of concept IF (NUTURIS[®]) during neonatal period in mice over 3 weeks



- NUTURIS[®] => in adulthood to lower fat accumulation, lower fasting plasma leptin, resistin, glucose and lipid (TG and total cholesterol)

→ FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN IF

Fields of research and innovation

Prebiotics/ HM
oligosaccharides /
other carbohydrate
than lactose

Lipid structure/
reintroduction of
dairy lipids /LCPUFA
/programming

HM probiotics/
synbiotics

Protection of protein
conformation/
lactoferrin/alternative
sources of protein/
peptidome

Emerging trends

Lactosomes,
exosomes,
miRNA,
HM variability

Sources : Clinical trials, espacenet patent, WOS

(Bourlieu, Deglaire et al. OCL, 2017)

→ 1) REINTRODUCTION OF DAIRY LIPIDS : ADDITION OF BOVINE MILK LIPID FRACTIONS

- Reintroduction of cow's milk TAG favours DHA accumulation in brain

(Delplanque et al. *Prostaglandins Leukot. Essent. Fatty Acids*, 2013)

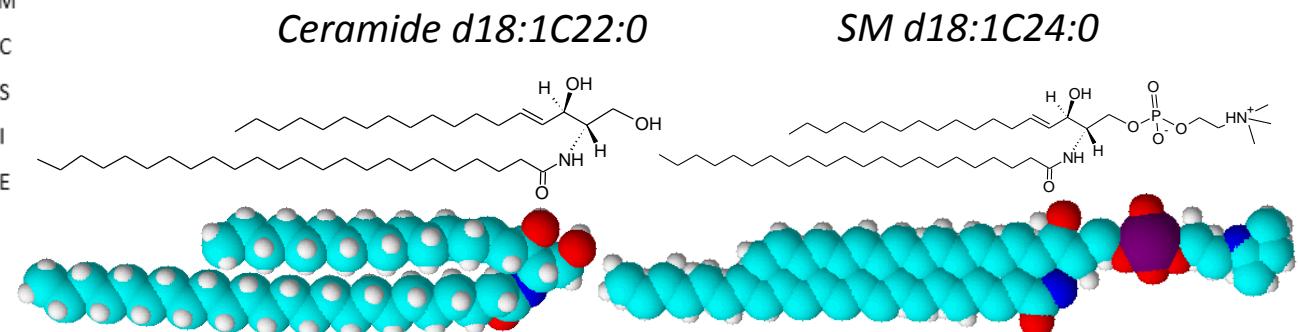
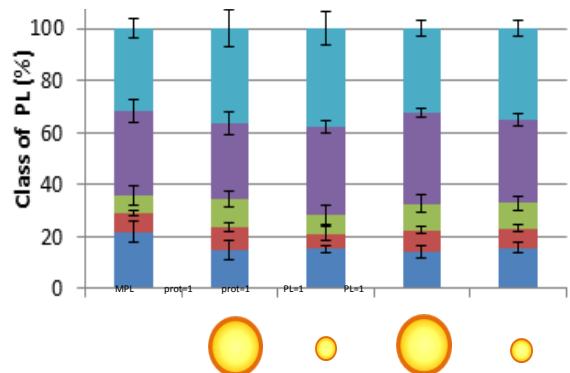
- Reintroduction of MFGM (buttermilk, butterserums and derivatives)

- Taken individually proven bioactivities of polar lipids

(Hirabayashi & Furuya, *Progress Lipid Res.*, 2008; Kullenberg et al., *Lipids Health Dis.* 2012; Lonnerdal, *AJCN*, 2014)

- Associated as MFGM : anti-bacterial/viral, anti-inflammatory, immune protection

(Zanabria et al. *Food Func.*, 2013; Zanabria et al. *JDS*, 2014; Bourlieu and Michalski, *COCN* 2015)



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(Bourlieu, Cheillan, et al. *Food chem* 2018)

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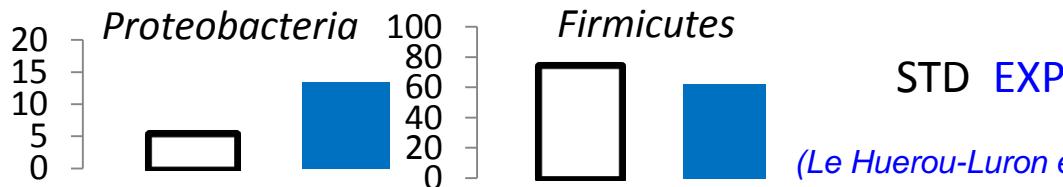
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- Reintroduction of TAG and MFGM

- In piglets => favours intestinal and immune development and positively influenced microbiota composition

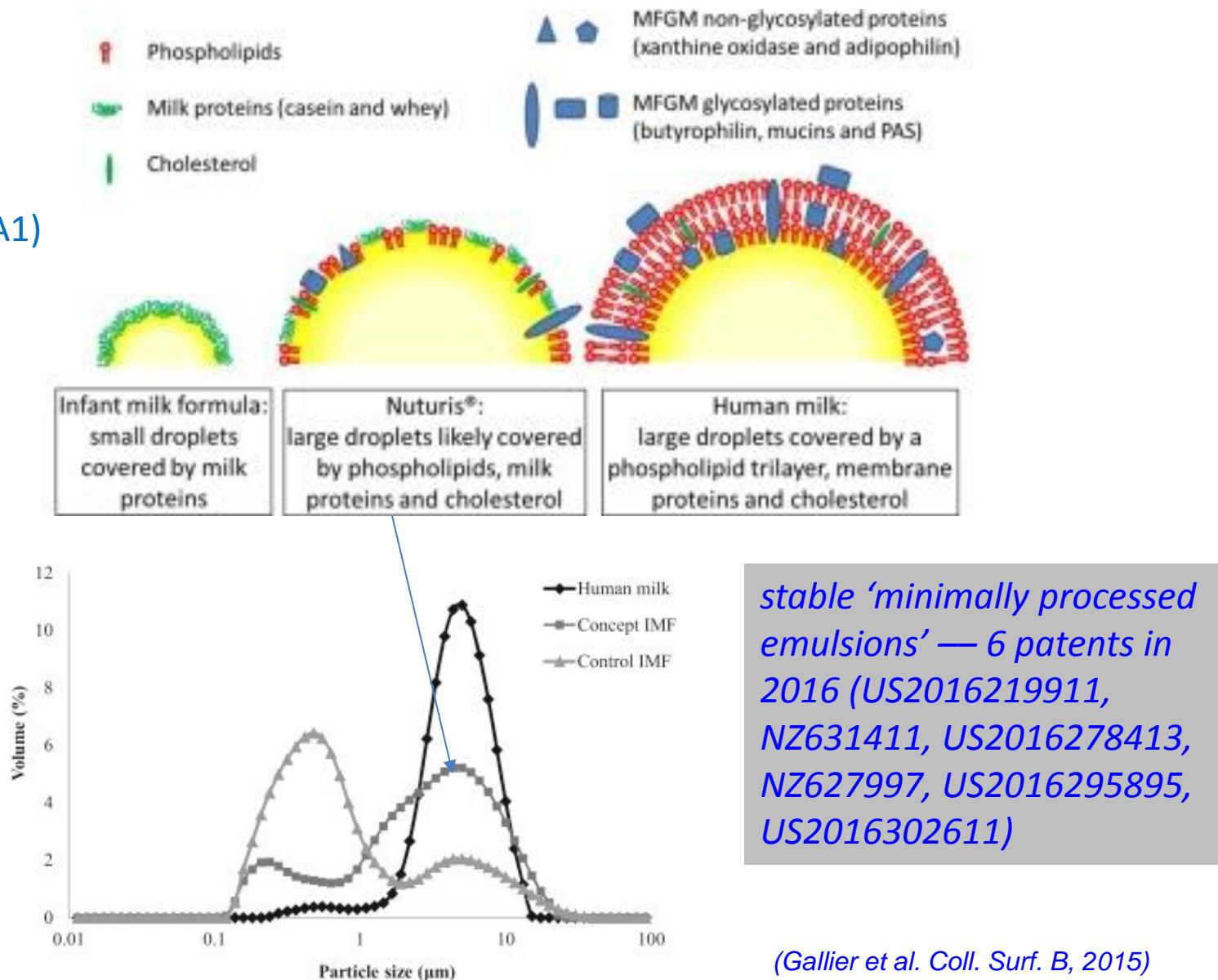


(Le Huerou-Luron et al. *Eur. J. Nutr.*, 2016)

→ 2) MORE BIOMIMETIC OF HM : LARGE DROPLETS EMULSIONS

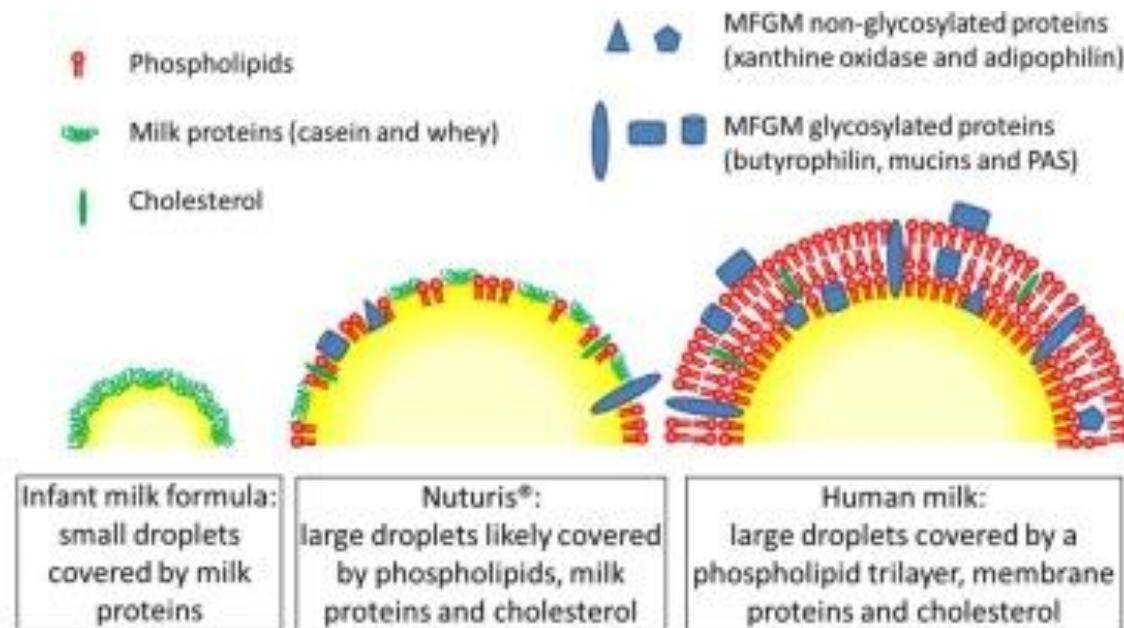
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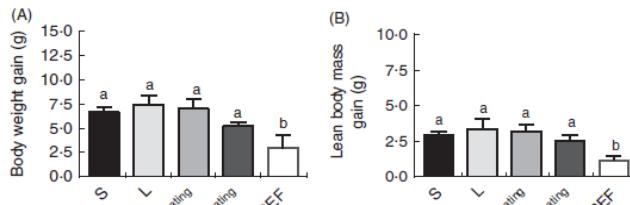


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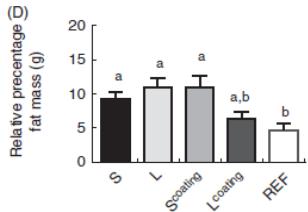
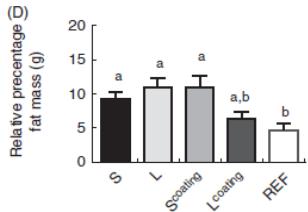
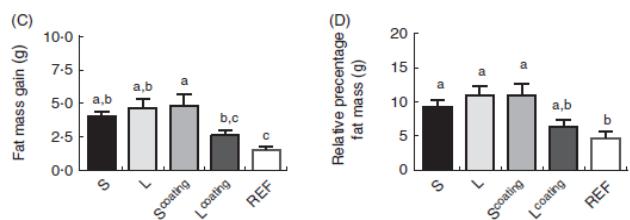
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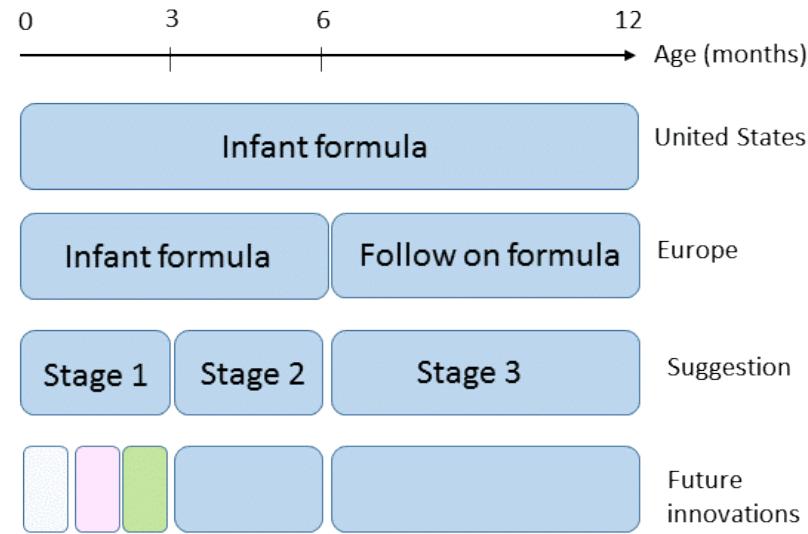
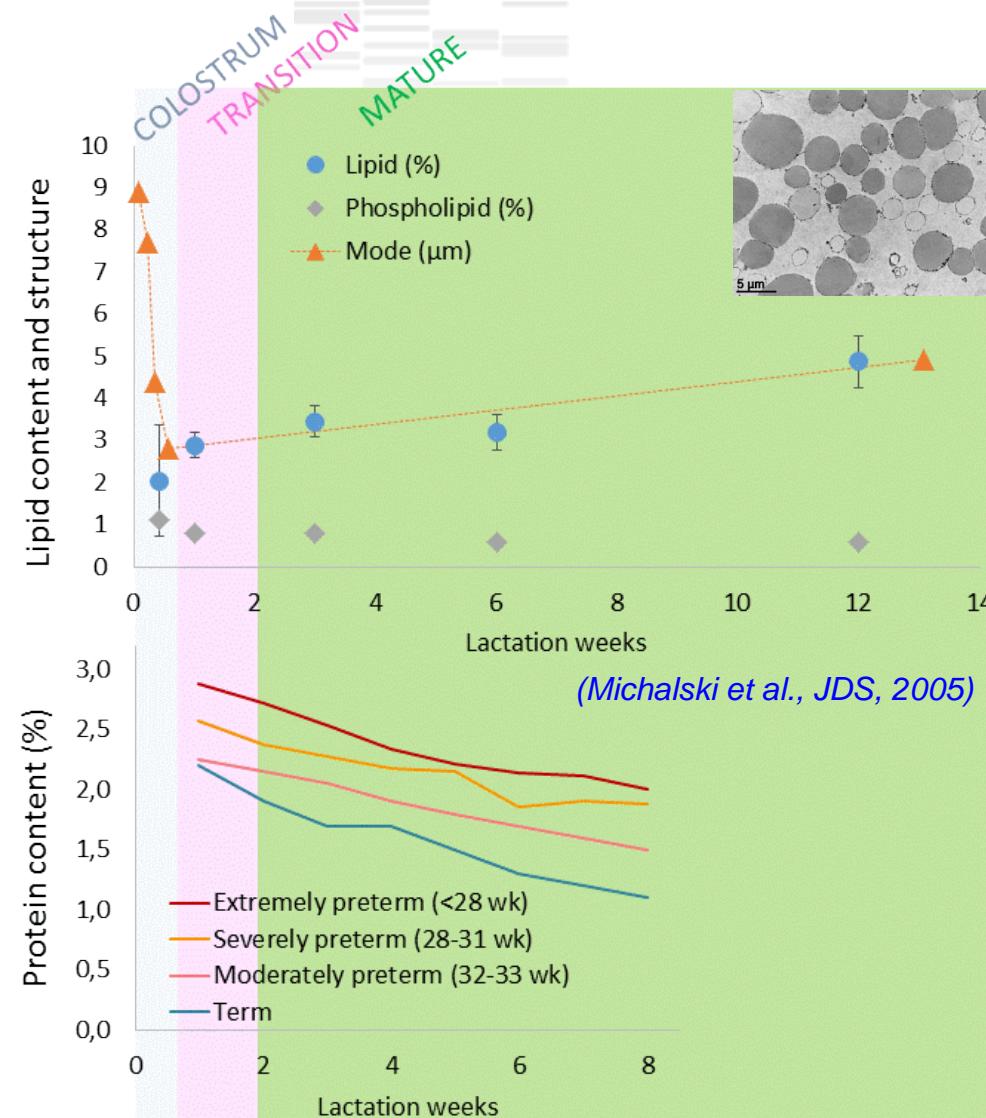
- Protective effect against fat accumulation in adulthood arising from the droplet size and/or from the droplet membrane ?



(Baars et al. BDN, 2016)

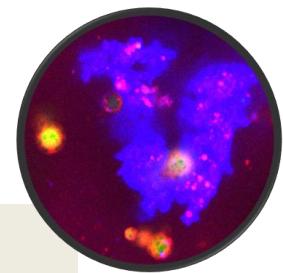


→ 3) STAGING CONCEPT TO BETTER APPROACH MILK DYNAMICS



(Lonnerdal & Hernell, J Ped. Gastr. Nutr., 2016)

TAKE Home messages

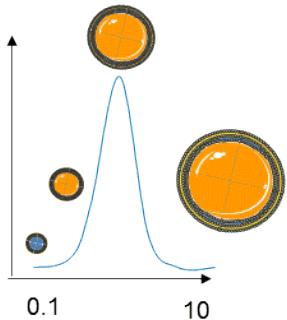


We are at a scientific and technological important cross-road ... far beyond the nutritionnal part played by each individual compounds

Reproduce digestive behaviour of HM when structuring IF lipids is a priority

- **Size of droplets in emulsion**

- Directly determines surface available for lipase adsorption and lipolysis kinetics
- Increases proteolysis via casein adsorption
- Influences gastric aggregates size and emptying



- **Size of droplets and MFGM extracts at interface**

- Preprogram body mass and metabolism in model animal. Clinical trial in healthy term infants (NCT01609634)...

- **Regiodistribution of FA on TAG**

- Induces specific release of FA and favours PUFA absorption

→ *Reintroduction of cow's milk fat in IF up to 50%*

TAKE Home messages

Data on the structure of HM throughout lactation / digestive behaviour of specific fractions of HM lipids still needed to build a sound basis for the optimization of IF

Tendency to combine effects in recent clinical trials about IF :

- NCT01197365 Galacto-oligosaccharides, Beta-palmitate structured TAG and acidified milk

More staging ?

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