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Feeding the Immunity Defenders:

The Evolving Field of Nutritional Immunology

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Roles of the immune system

- Monitors and manages the normal and pathogenic microflora found in and around the body
 - Bacteria
 - Viruses
 - Fungi
 - Multicellular parasites
- Detects and clears rogue and compromised cells, tissue debris

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Epithelial barriers	
Phagocytes Dendritic cells	
Plasma proteins NK cells	
Hours	
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IV Arginine quells LPS inflammation

- 8 Holstein cows in late lactation used in a Latin square
- Low-grade LPS challenge for 15 d

































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Does mild inflammation directly alter liver metabolism?
15 late lactation Holstein cows
Treatments administered by s.c. injection once daily for 7 days
Control (saline) CON
TNFα at 2 µg/kg BW daily rbTNF
Pair-fed controls (saline) PFC









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Metabolic costs of disease

- 1. Increased metabolic activity
- 2. Reduced nutrient availability
- 3. Altered priorities for nutrient utilization
- 4. Increased turnover rates in the immune system
- 5. Damage to host tissues
- 6. "Genetic cost" to offspring

Colditz et al., 2008



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What is the energetic cost of immune responses?

Species	Immune challenge	Cost	Reference
Human Laboratory rat Laboratory mouse Sheep ^a Keyhole limpet hen	10 – 40% increase in BMR	$\begin{array}{c} 30\%\\ 30\%\\ 57\%\\ 16\%\\ 15\%\\ 18\%\\ 28\%\\ 30\%\\ 28\%\\ 10-49\%\end{array}$	Kreymann et al. (1993) Carlson et al. (1997) Clark et al. (1996) Cooper A. L. et al. (1992) Borel et al. (1998) Tocco-Bradley et al. (1987) Cooper et al. (1994) Demas et al. (1997) Fewell et al. (1991) Baracos et al. (1987)
	Lochmiller and	d Deerenberg, 2000	















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Overall conclusions

- Intrinsic metabolism seeks to understand how nutrient use influences immune cell phenotype and function
- Extrinsic metabolism explores regulatory roles of immune signals in tissue and systemic metabolism
- The interactions of these vantage point may point to nutritional strategies that improve resilience and efficiency of livestock

