

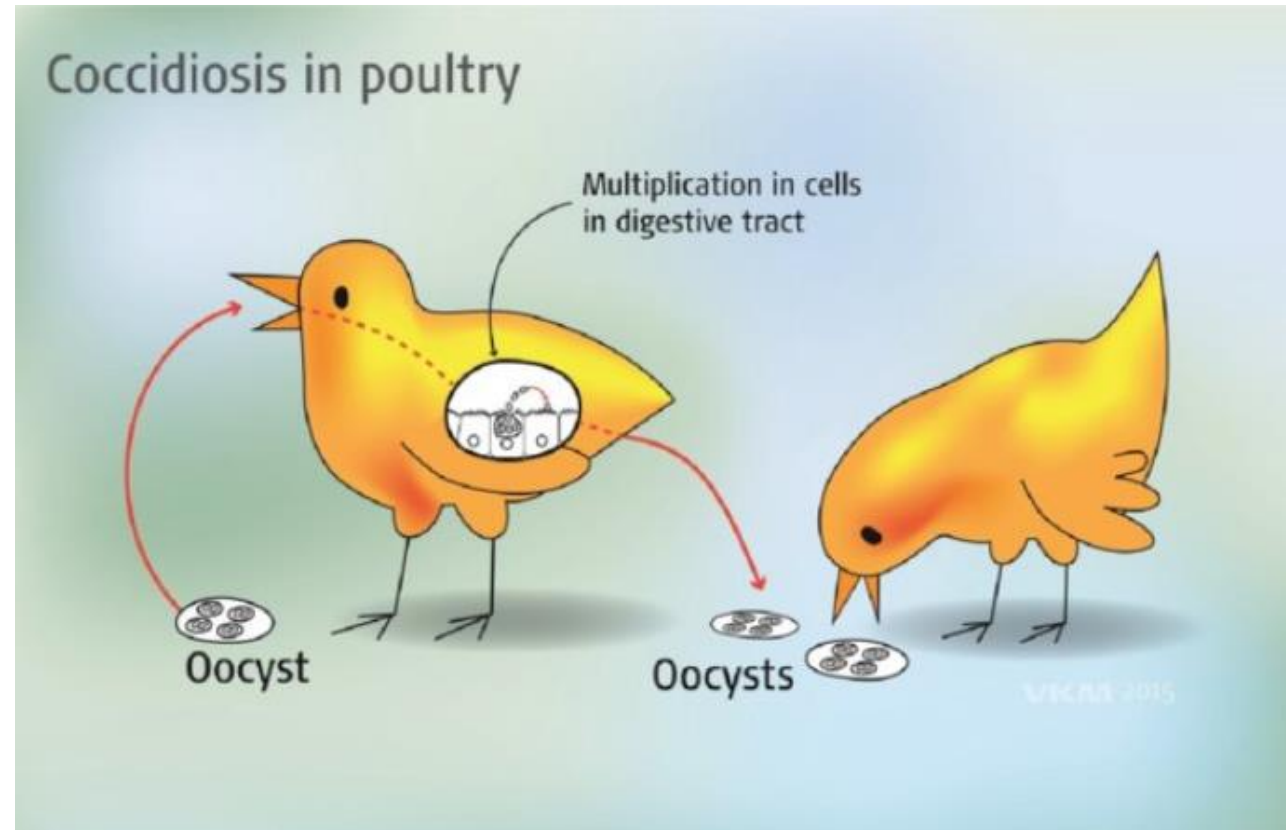


Coccidiosis in poultry – threats, challenges, and the future

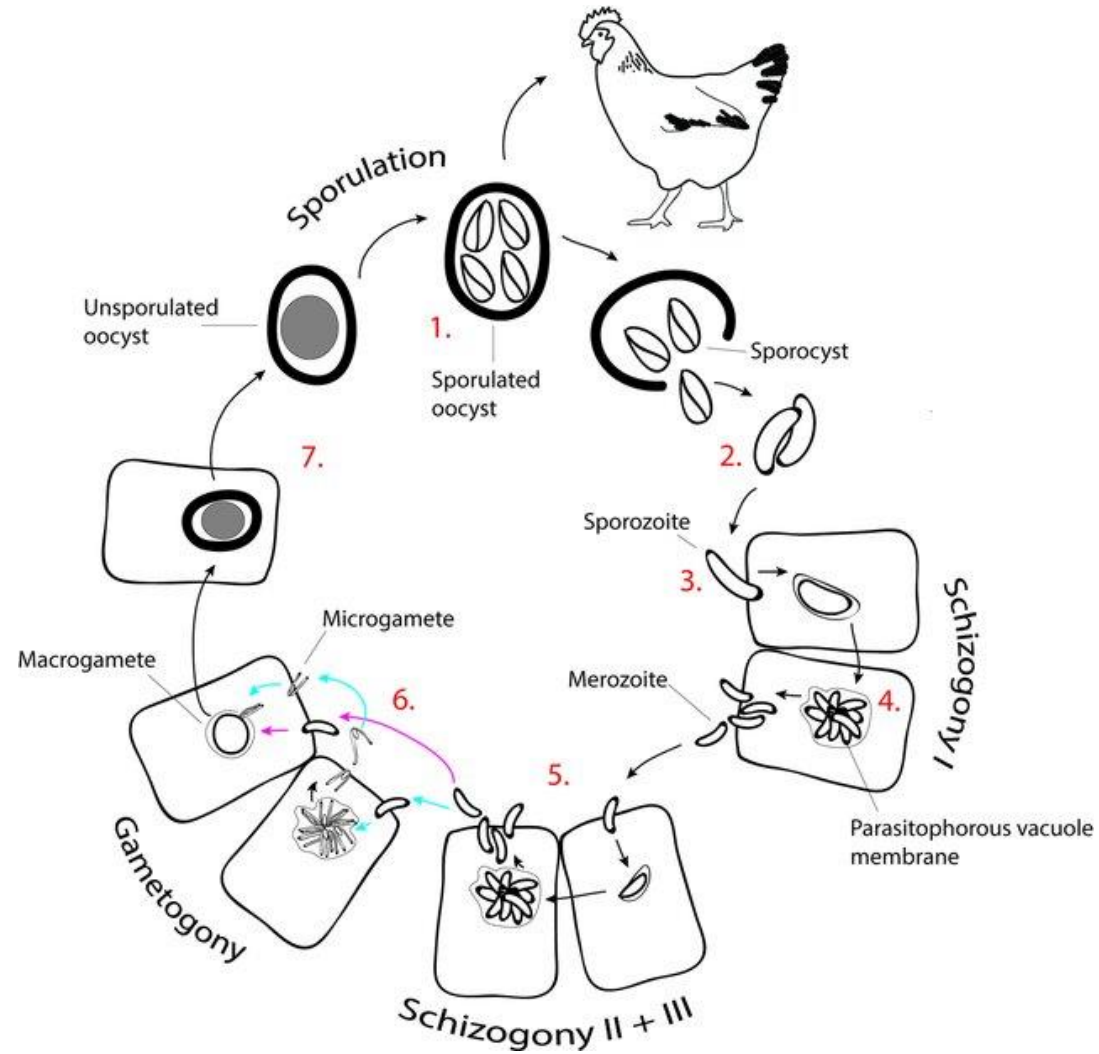
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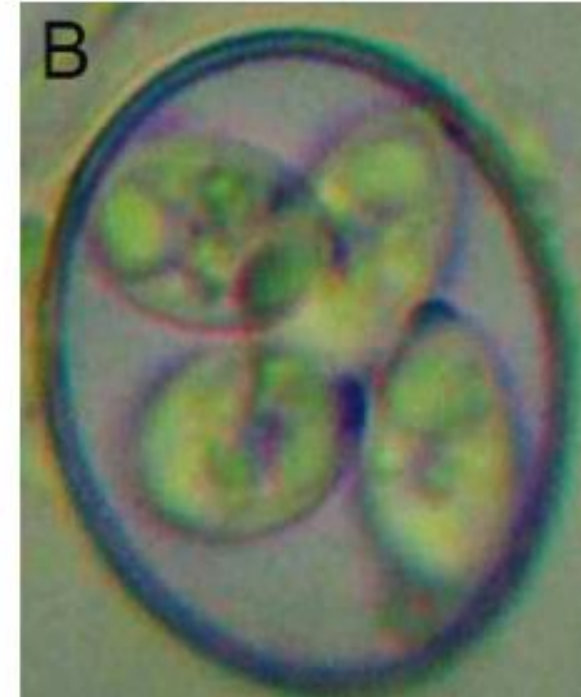
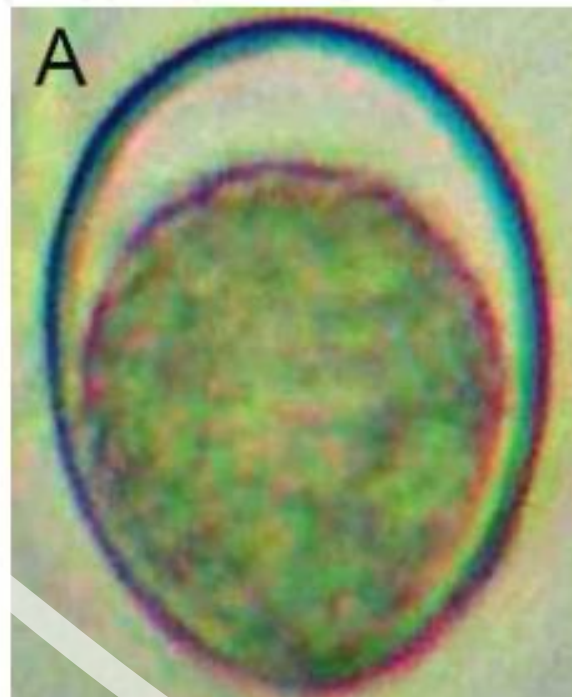
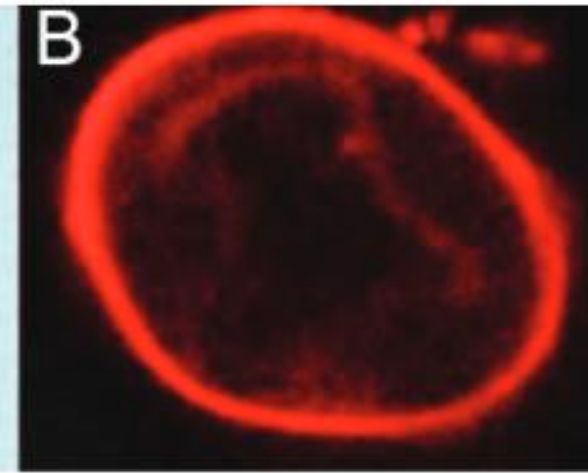
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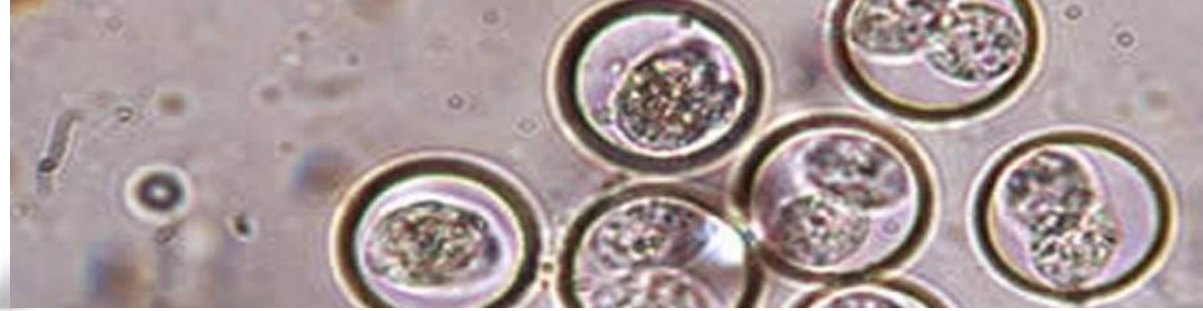


Life cycle of *Eimeria tenella*

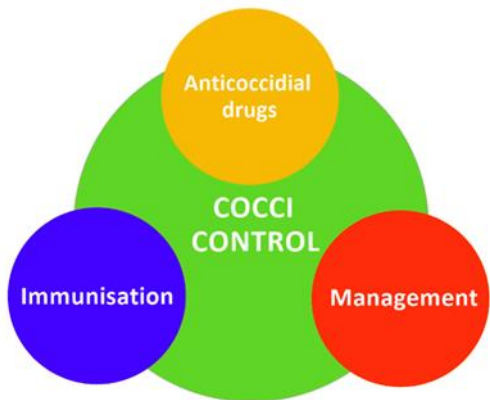
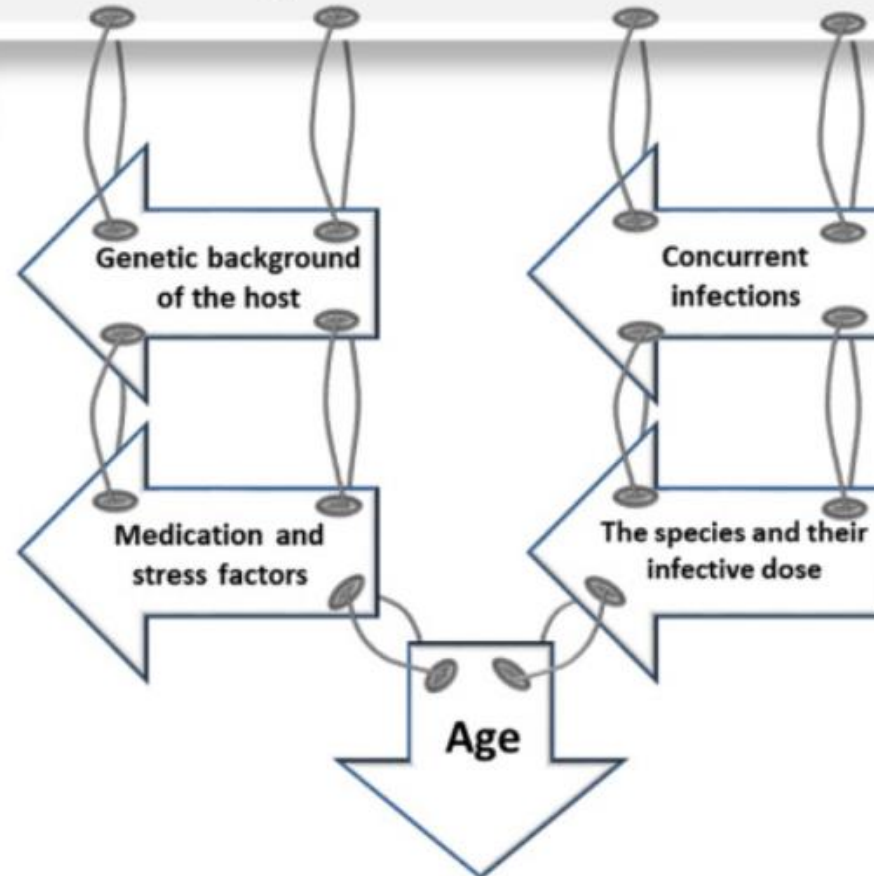




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Factors affecting the outcome of coccidian infection



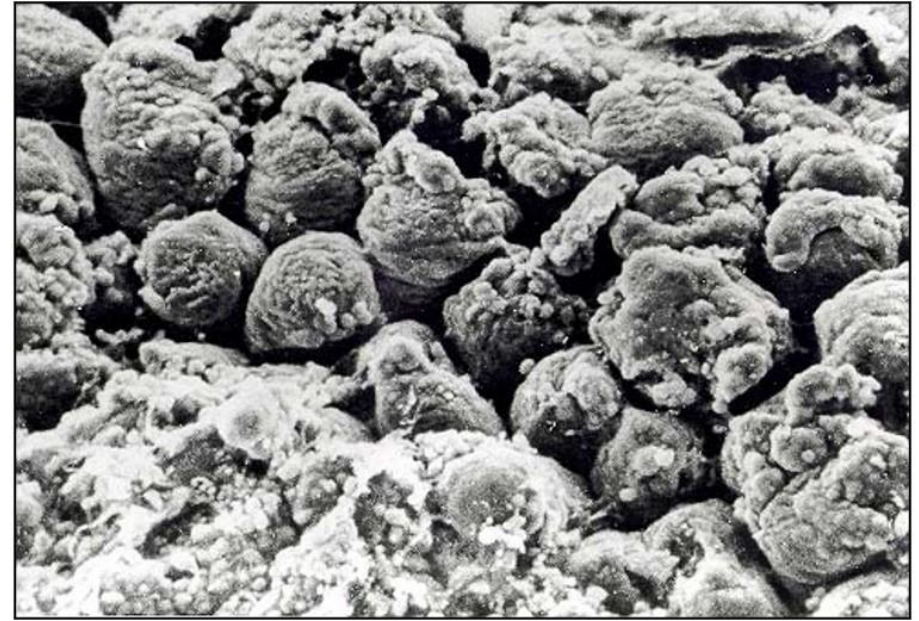
Eimeria spp affecting chickens

Comparison of the
seven known
Eimeria spp
affecting chickens

Species	Site of pathology	Lesion score	Oocyst morphology (size range = 15–30 μ m)
<i>E. tenella</i>	Caeca 	High	Medium round
<i>E. maxima</i>	Mid small intestine 	Medium	Large oval
<i>E. acervulina</i>	Upper small intestine 	Medium	Small oval
<i>E. necatrix</i>	Mid small intestine 	High	Small-medium round
<i>E. brunetti</i>	Distal small intestine + colon 	High	Medium oval
<i>E. mitis</i>	Upper small intestine 	Low	Small round
<i>E. praecox</i>	Upper small intestine 	Low	Medium round



Scanning electron micrograph (approximately 650X) of ileum from uninfected 3-week-old turkey poult (photo provided by: P. Augustine)



Scanning electron micrograph (approximately 650X) of ileum from 3-week-old turkey poult infected with *Eimeria adenoeides* at 6 days post-inoculation (photo provided by: P. Augustine)



Scanning electron micrograph (approximately 650X) of intestine, fractured transversely, from 3-week-old turkey infected with *Eimeria dispersa* at 6 days post-inoculation

Coccidiostat categories

Synthetic compounds

- decoquinate (DEC)
- diclazuril (DIC)
- halofuginone (HFG)
- nicarbazin (NIC)
- robenidine hydrochloride (ROB)

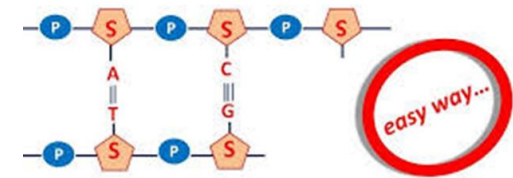
Ionophores

- monensin sodium (MON)
- lasalocid sodium (LAS)
- maduramicin ammonium (MAD)
- narasin (NAR)
- salinomycin sodium (SAL)
- semduramicin sodium (SEM)



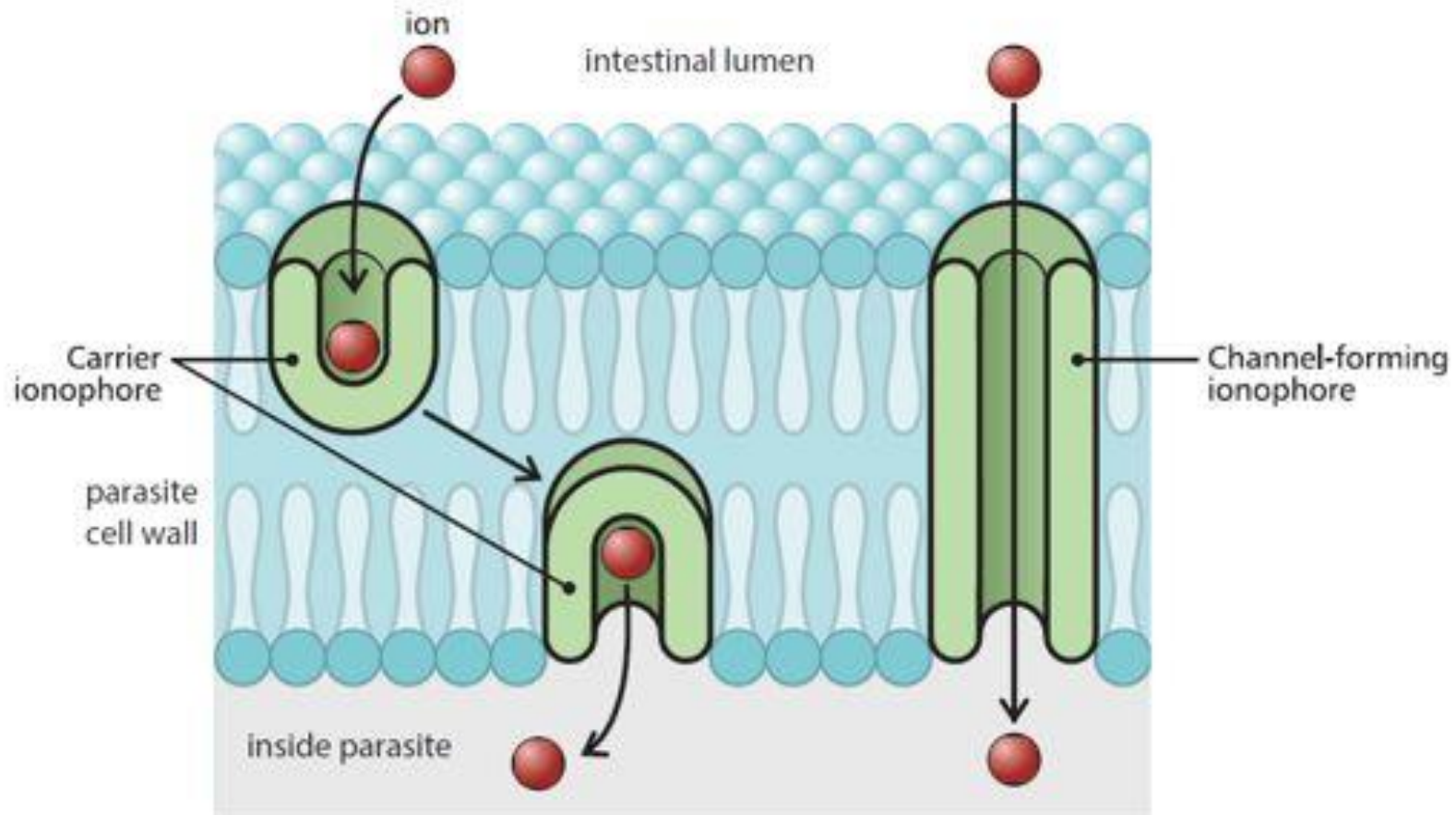
Coccidiosis treatment

How drugs act?
Mechanism of actions

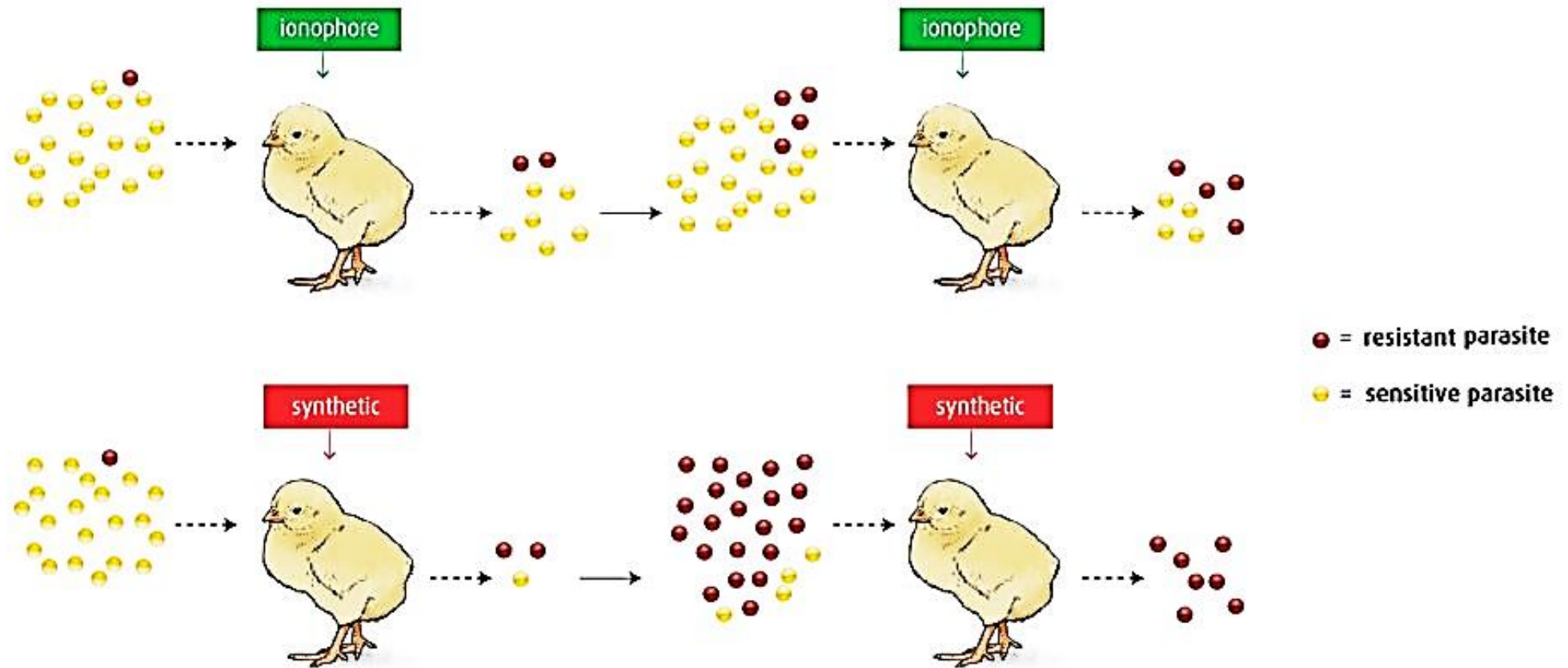


Treatment	Examples	Function
Ionophores	Lasalocid, Monensin, Narasin, Salinomycin, and Semduramicin	Disruption of ion gradient across the parasite cell membrane
Chemicals	Quinolone drugs (Decoquinate and nequinatembuquinolate).	Inhibition of parasite mitochondrial respiration
	Pyridones (Meticlorpindol)	
	Sulphonamides	Inhibition of the folic acid pathway
	Amprolium	Competitive inhibition of thiamine uptake
	Diclazuril, Halofuginone, and Robenidine	Mode of action unknown
	Nicarbazin	Inhibition of the development of the first and second generations of the schizont stage of the parasites

Ionophore



Resistance

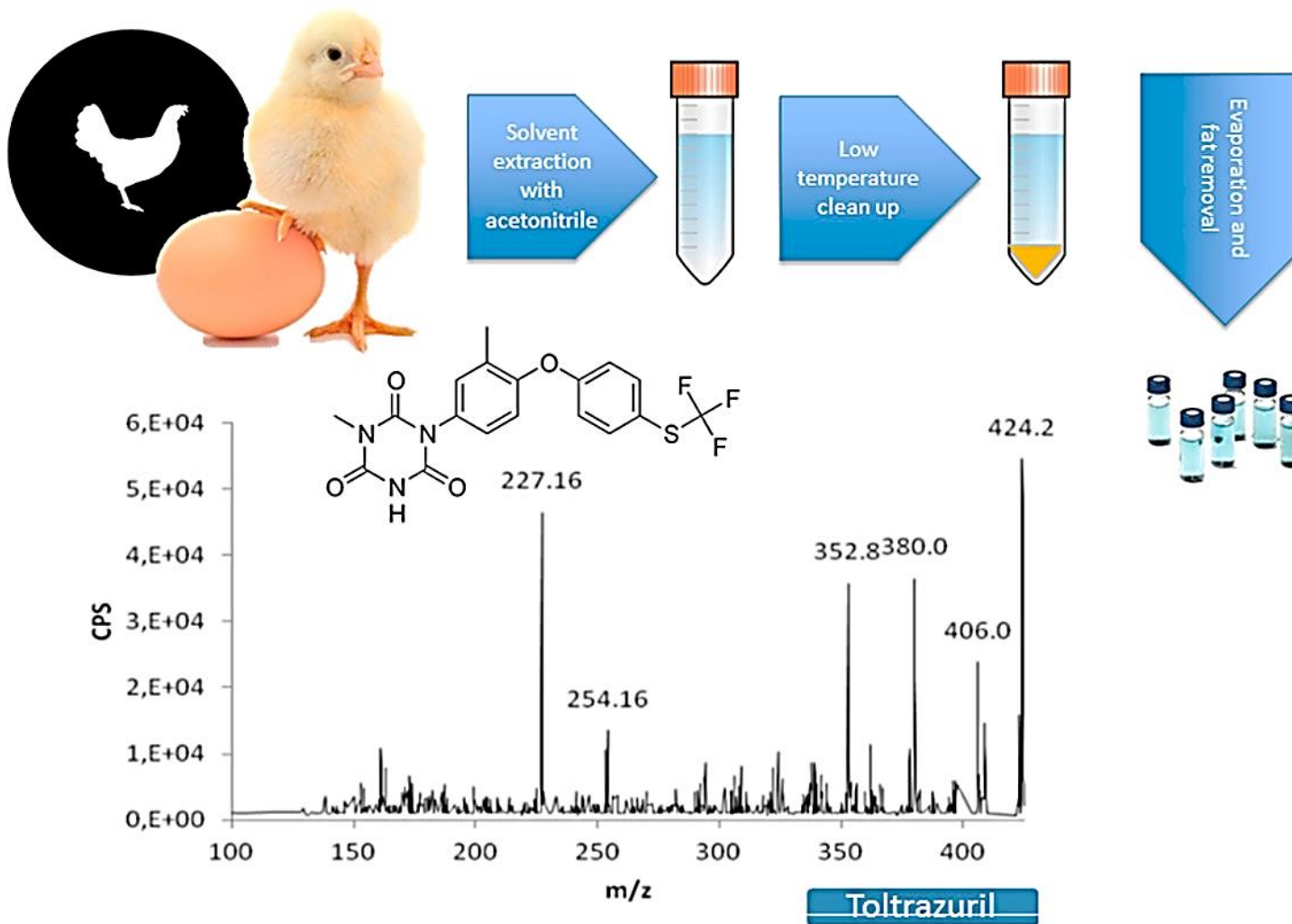


Resistance

Compound	Active substance	Antibacterial activity
Ionophores	Narasin	Mainly active against Gram-positive bacteria
	Lasalocid sodium	Active against Gram-positive bacteria, but not against Gram-negative bacteria.
	Monensin sodium	Mainly active against Gram-positive bacteria.
	Salinomycin sodium	Active against Gram-positive bacteria, but not against Gram-negative bacteria.
	Maduramicin ammonium	Active against Gram-positive bacteria, but not against Gram-negative bacteria.
	Semduramicin sodium	Has limited antibacterial activity against Gram-negative microorganisms tested, and a minimal activity against selected Gram-positive control organisms
Non ionophores	Robenidine hydrochloride	No known antibacterial effect
	Diclazuril	No substantial antibacterial activity
	Decoquinate	Most tested strains of bacteria appear resistant to the effects of decoquinate at concentrations of > 64 mg /-1, substantially higher than the concentration of decoquinate expected in the digestive tract
	Halofuginon	No known antibacterial effect
	Nicarbazin	No known antibacterial effect

Residues

Determination of coccidiostats in poultry meat and eggs



Residues



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Maximum levels in foodstuffs

Substance	Foodstuffs	Maximum content in µg/kg (ppb) wet weight
1. Lasalocid sodium	Food of animal origin from animal species other than poultry:	
	— milk;	1
	— liver and kidney;	50
	— other food,	5
2. Narasin	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening:	
	— eggs;	2
	— milk;	1
	— liver;	50
	— other food.	5
3. Salinomycin sodium	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening and rabbits for fattening:	
	— eggs;	3
	— liver;	5
	— other food.	2
4. Monensin sodium	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening, turkeys and bovine (including dairy cattle):	
	— liver;	8
	— other food.	2
5. Semduramicin	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening.	2
6. Maduramicin	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening and turkeys.	2

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Residues



Substance	Foodstuffs	Maximum content in µg/kg (ppb) wet weight
10. Nicarbazin	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening:	
	— eggs;	100
	— milk;	5
	— liver and kidney;	100
	— other food.	25
11. Diclazuril	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, rabbits for fattening and breeding, ruminants and porcine:	
	— eggs;	2
	— liver and kidney;	40
	— other food.	5
7. Robenidine	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening, turkey and rabbits for fattening and breeding:	
	— eggs;	25
	— liver, kidney, skin and fat;	50
	— other food.	5
8. Decoquinate	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening, bovine and ovine except dairy animals.	20
9. Halofuginone	Food of animal origin from animal species other than chickens for fattening, turkeys and bovine except dairy cattle:	
	— eggs;	6
	— liver and kidney;	30
	— milk;	1
	— other food.	3

Toxicity of coccidiostats in poultry chicks and turkeys



	Max. licensed (mg/kg feed)	Chicken (mg/kg feed)	T/NT	Turkey	T/NT
<i>Ionophoric coccidiostats</i>					
Monensin	100–125	LOAEL 250	T	LOAEL 150	T
Lasalocid	125	NOAEL 150 LOAEL 345	T	NOAEL 375	T
Salinomycin	50–70	LOAEL 50 ^a	T	LOAEL 13 ^b	NT
Narasin	70	LOAEL 100	T	LOAEL 43 ^c	NT
Maduramicin	5	LOAEL 5	T	LOAEL 10	T
Semduramicin	25	LOAEL 30	T	NOAEL 25	NT
<i>Non-ionophoric coccidiostats</i>					
Robenidine	36	LOAEL 300	T	LOAEL 750	T
Decoquinate	40	LOAEL 320	T	ND	NT
Nicarbazin	50	LOAEL 400	T	ND	NT
Diclazuril	1	NOAEL 25	T	NOAEL 25	T
Halofuginone	3	LOAEL	T	LOAEL 6	T

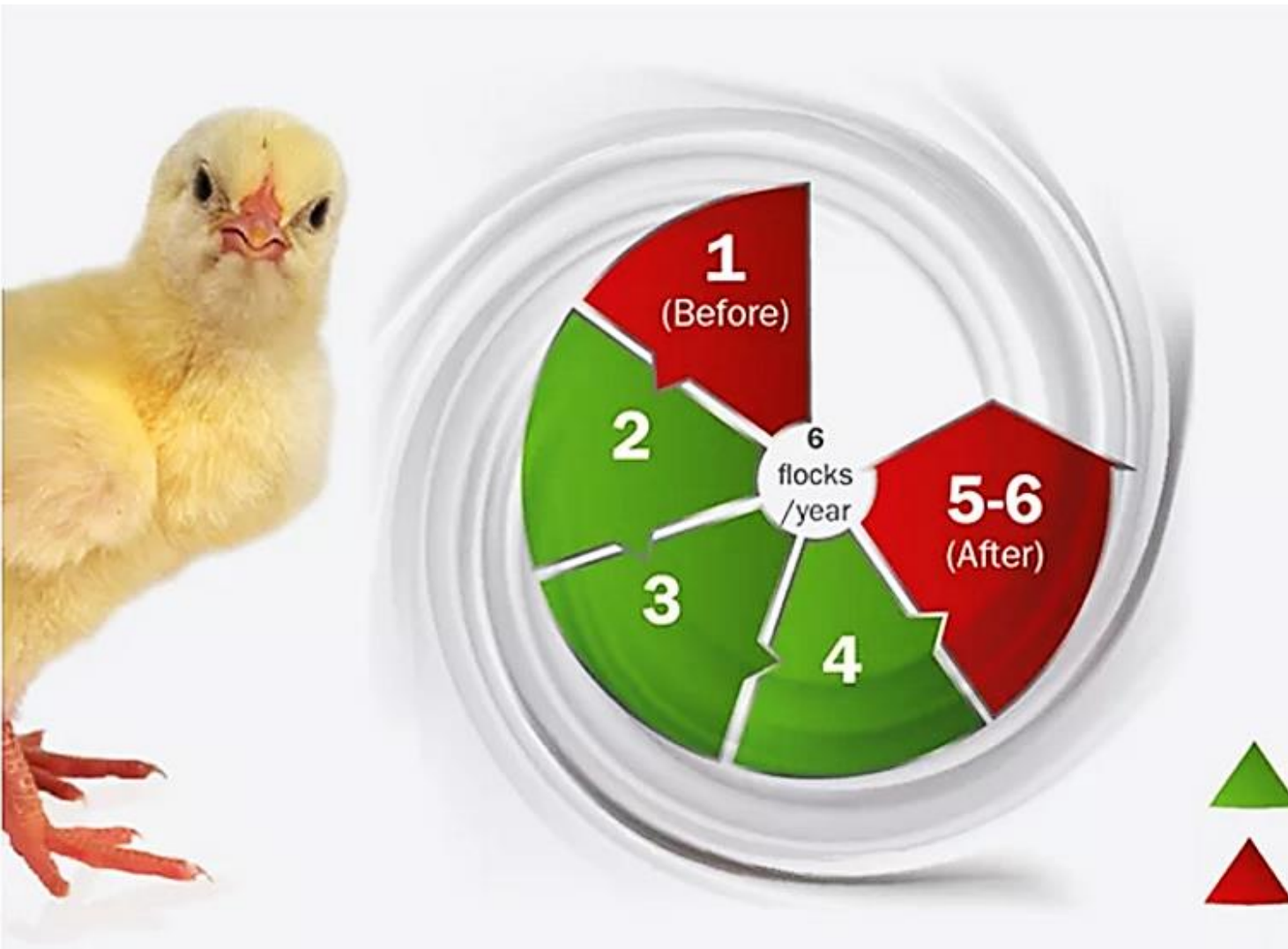
T — target animal species, NT non target animal species.

^a Reduction of feed intake was the only adverse sign.

^b At a concentration of 13–18 mg/kg feed mortality reached 16%.

^c At a concentration of 43 mg/kg mg/kg feed, mortality exceeded 30%.

Vaccination



Vaccination

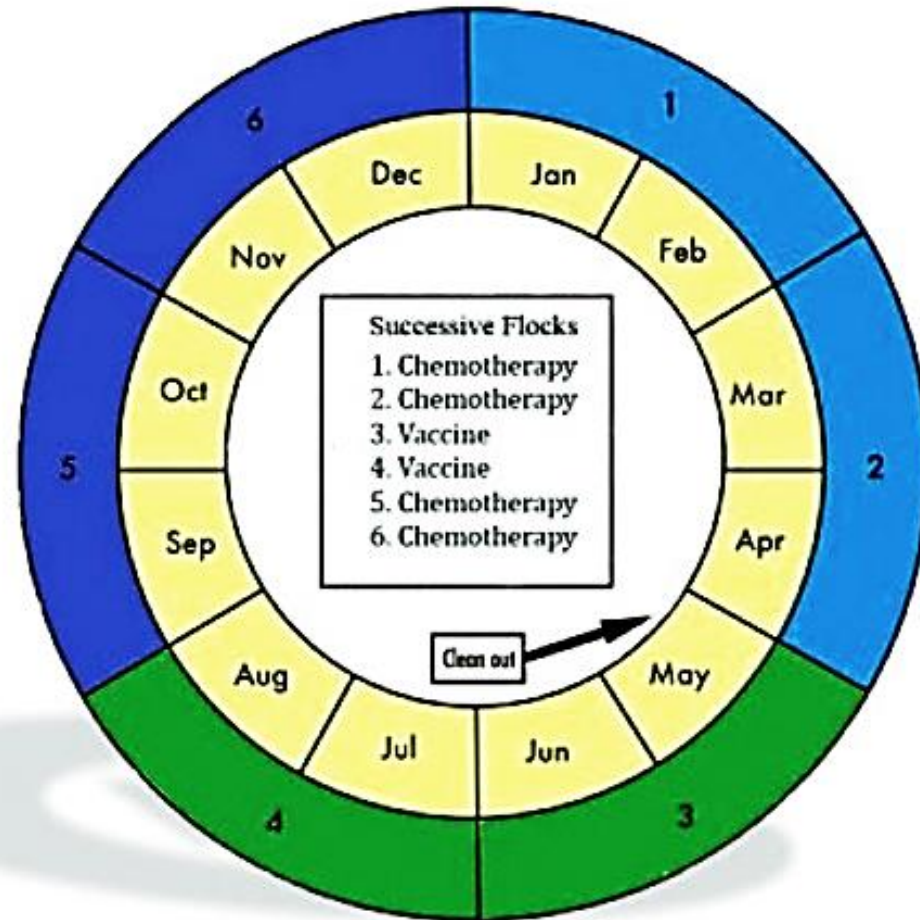


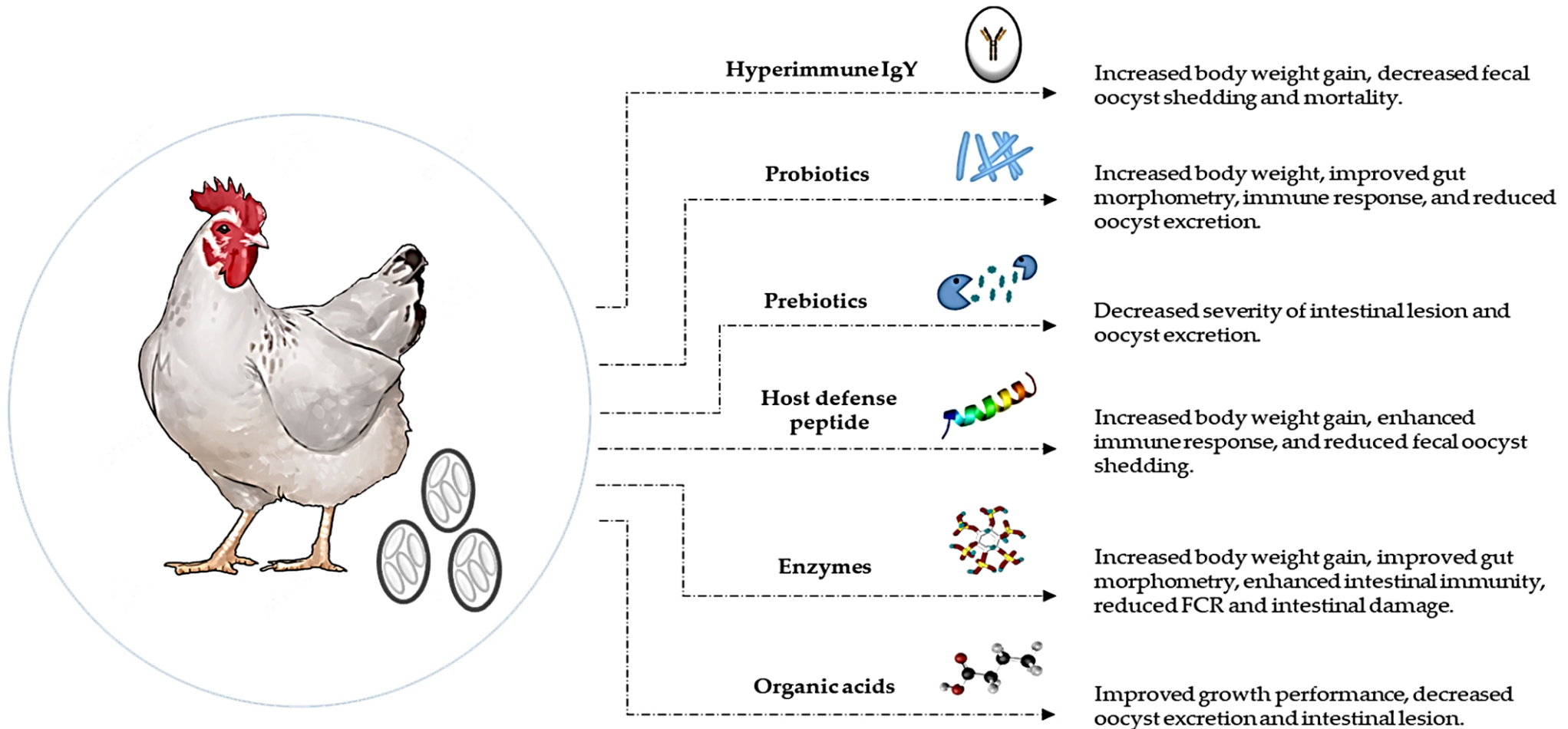
Figure 5. The proposal of use of chemotherapy and vaccines in a yearly chicken production. Figure taken from [17]. In the clean out period litter is removed. Chemotherapy comprises use of anticoccidial drugs.

Recombinant vaccines against coccidiosis

Target Antigens	Source (<i>Eimeria</i> spp.)	Administration Route	Vectors	Immune Response or Effects on Chickens
EF1- α /EF2 *	<i>E. acervulina</i> , <i>E. maxima</i> , <i>E. tenella</i>	Immunized subcutaneously	pcDNA3.1 (+)	Increased body weight gain, improved immune response, and decreased fecal oocyst shedding
SO7	<i>E. tenella</i>	Immunized intramuscularly	pcDNA3, pVR1012	Increased body weight gain, reduced oocyst shedding, and cecal lesion score
Gam82	<i>E. maxima</i>	Immunized intramuscularly	pET28a (+), pTRA-ERH	Improved immune responses, increased body weight gain, reduced oocyst shedding and gut pathology
Gam56	<i>E. maxima</i>	Immunized intramuscularly	pcDNA3.1(zeo)+	Improved immune responses, increased body weight gain, and decreased oocyst shedding
EtSAG4	<i>E. tenella</i>	Chest intramuscular injection	pET28a	Improved cell-mediated immunity, increased average body weight, and reduced oocyst output
α -tubulin	<i>E. acervulina</i>	Immunized subcutaneously	pGEM-T	Reduced duodenal lesions
GAPDH *	<i>E. acervulina</i> , <i>E. maxima</i> , <i>E. tenella</i>	Immunized intramuscularly	pSDEP2AIMP1S	Improved immune response, reduced gut lesions, increased body weight gain, and decreased oocyst shedding
Em14-3-3 *	<i>E. maxima</i>	Immunized subcutaneously, oral immunization	pVAX1	Improved immune responses, decreased gut lesions, and increased body weight gain
IMP1	<i>E. maxima</i>	Oral immunization	pSDEP2AIMP1S, pGEMT	Increased body weight gain, reduced parasite replication and gut lesions
AMA1	<i>E. maxima</i>	Oral immunization	pSDEP2AIMP1S	Increased body weight gain, reduced <i>Eimeria</i> replication, and reduced gut lesions
Profilin (3-1E)	<i>E. acervulina</i> , <i>E. tenella</i> , <i>E. maxima</i>	in ovo immunization, immunized intramuscularly	pcDNA3.1 (+), pET32a (+), pSDEP2ARS,	Enhanced immunogenicity, increased body weight gain, and reduced gut pathology
* Indicates antigens that are common immunodominant proteins among <i>E. acervulina</i> , <i>E. tenella</i> , and <i>E. maxima</i> .				



Alternatives to control coccidiosis in chickens



Efficacy of *In Ovo* Delivered Prebiotics on Growth Performance, Meat Quality and Gut Health of Kuroiler Chickens in the Face of a Natural Coccidiosis Challenge

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Coccidiosis: Recent Progress in Host Immunity and Alternatives to Antibiotic Strategies

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
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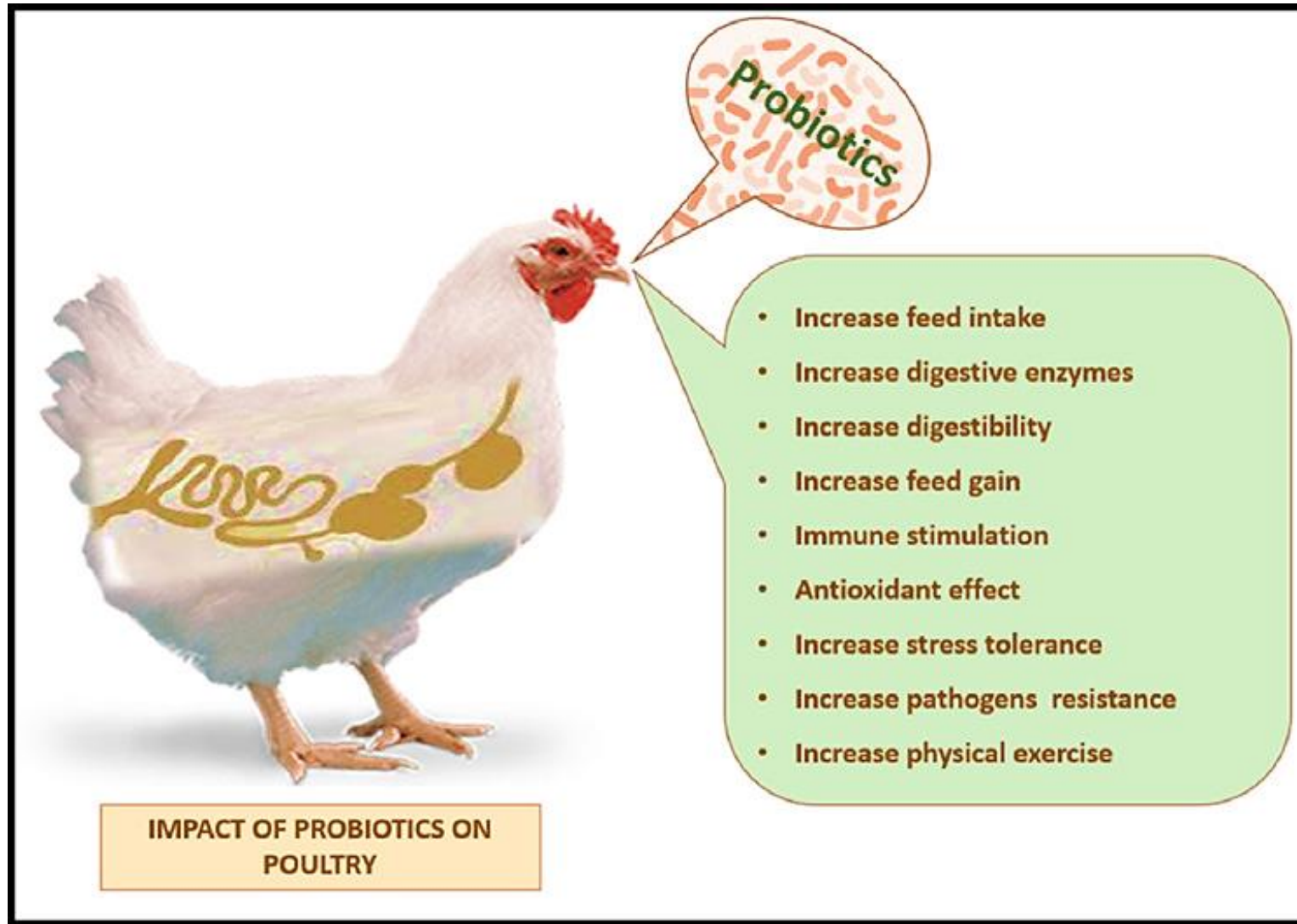


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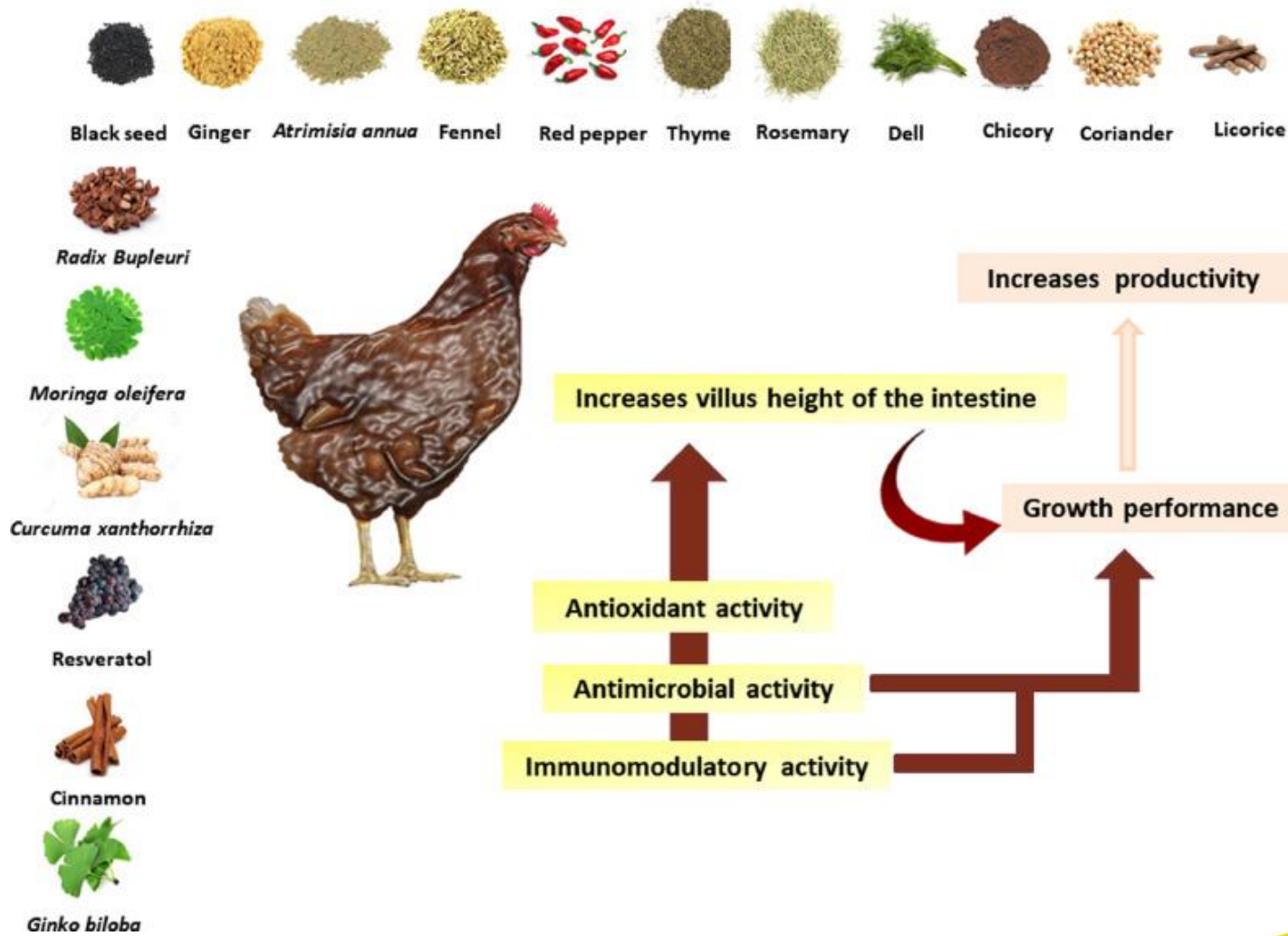
Efficacy of in-feed preparations of an anticoccidial, multienzyme, prebiotic, probiotic, and herbal essential oil mixture in healthy and *Eimeria* spp.-infected broilers

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Probiotics



Herbs



Plants – life cycle of *Eimeria* spp

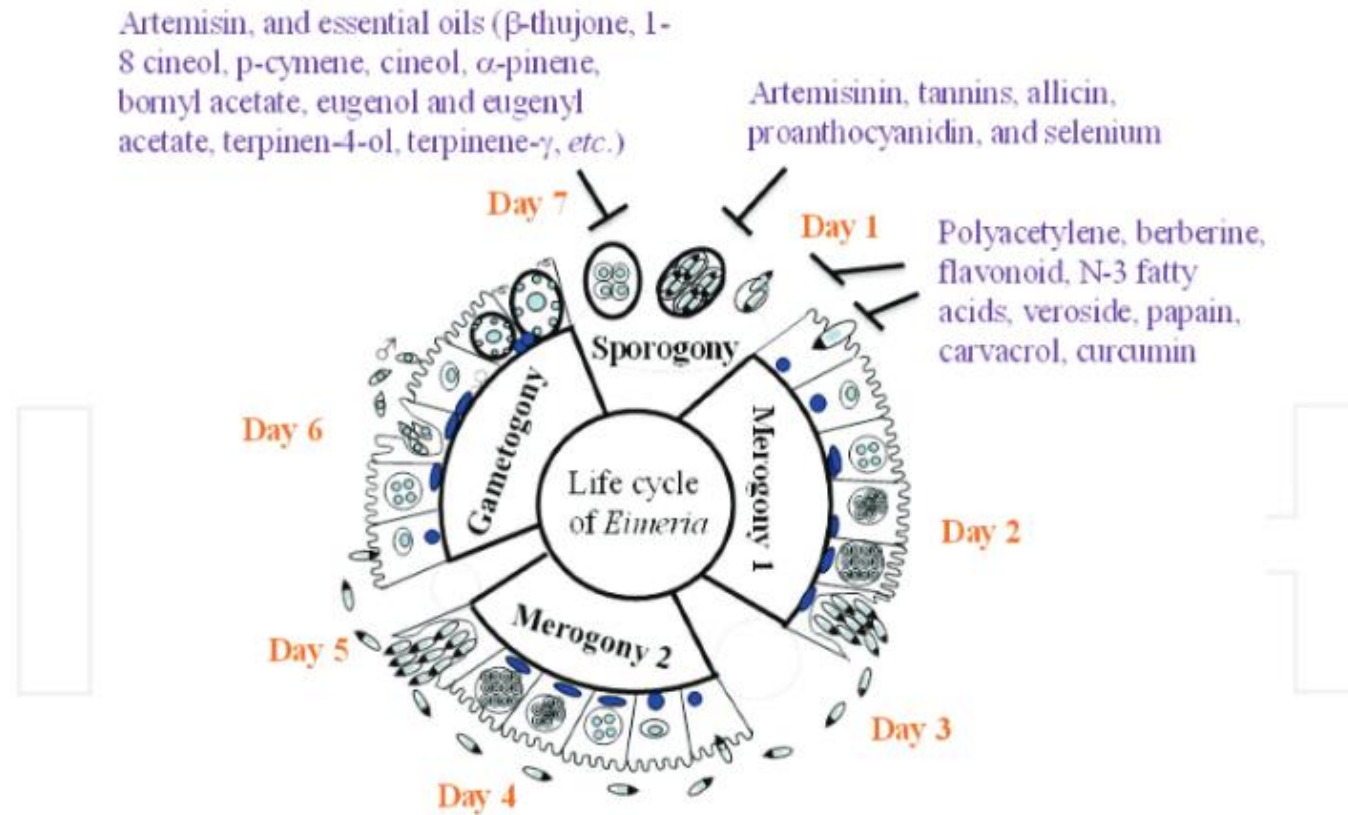


Figure 6. Plant compounds target different stages of life cycle of *Eimeria* species. Different phytochemicals inhibit the sporogony and merogony stages. Figure reproduced with permission from [32].

Herbal derivatives

Fabaceae: *Sophora flavescens*, *Gleditzia japonica*

Menispermaceae: *Sinomenium acutum*;

Combretaceae: *Quisqualis indica*, *Ranunculaceae*, *Pulsatilla koreana*

Ulmaceae: *Ulmus macrocarpa*;

Asteraceae: *Artemisia asiatica*; *Artemisia sieberi*; *Artemisia afra*

Meliaceae: *Melia azedarach*;

Piperaceae: *Piper nigrum*;

Urticaceae: *Urtica dioica*,

Brassicaceae: *Lepidium sativum*;

Apiaceae: *Foeniculum vulgare*;

Rubiaceae: *Morinda lucida*;



Herbal derivatives

Burseraceae: *Commiphora swynnertonii*,

Moringaceae: *Moringa oleifera*, *Moringa indica*, *Moringa stenopetala*;

Lamiaceae: *Origanum* spp., *Lavandula stoechas*; *Mentha arvensis*;

Lauraceae: *Laurus nobilis*;

Musaceae: *Musa paradisiaca*;

Solanaceae: *Solanum nigrum*;

Meliaceae: *Melia azadirachta*;

Amaryllidaceae: *Tulbaghia violacea*,

Vitaceae: *Vitis vinifera*;

Fagaceae: *Quercus infectoria*;

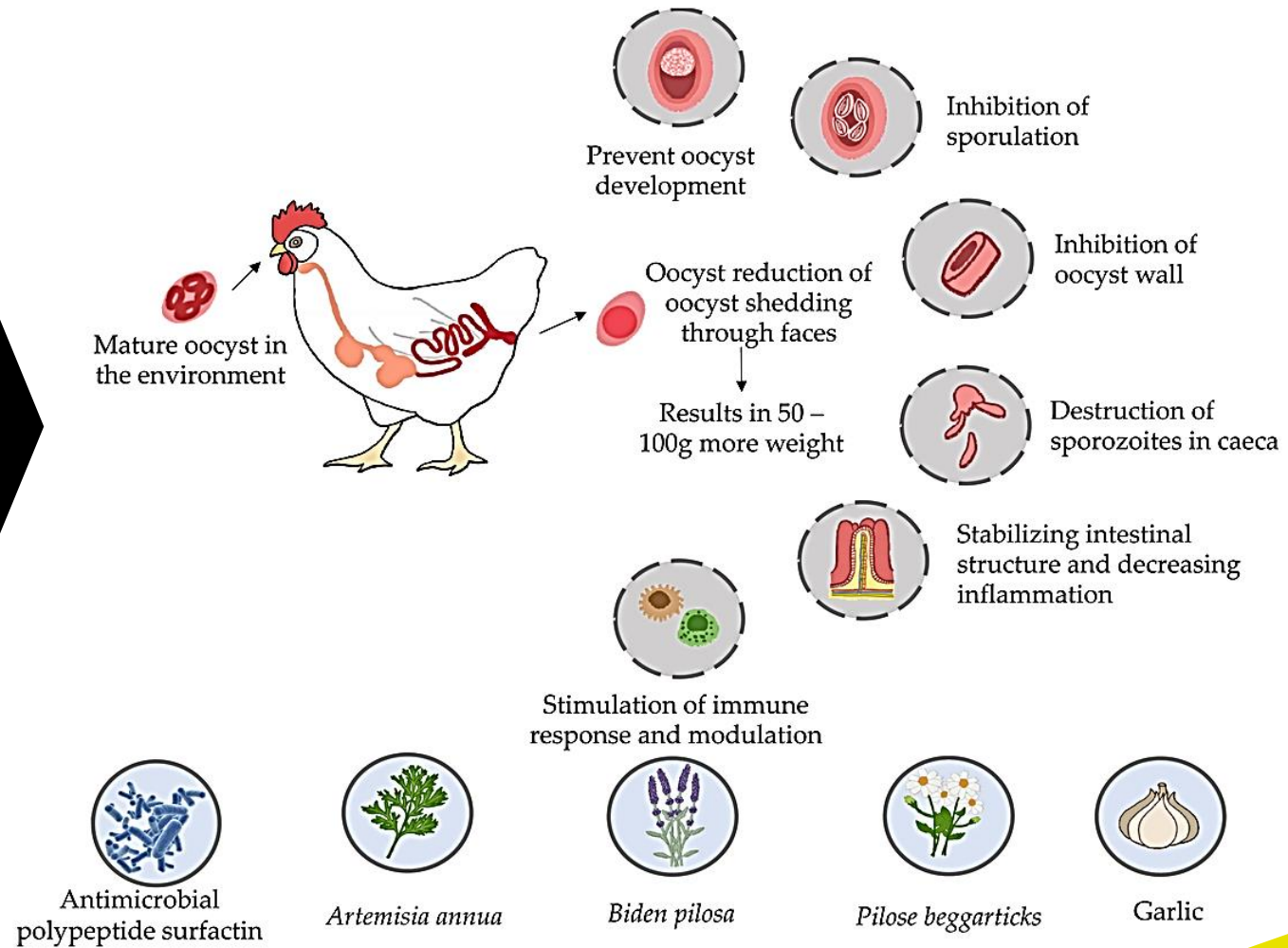
Anacardiaceae: *Rhus chinensis*;

Combretaceae: *Terminalia chebula*



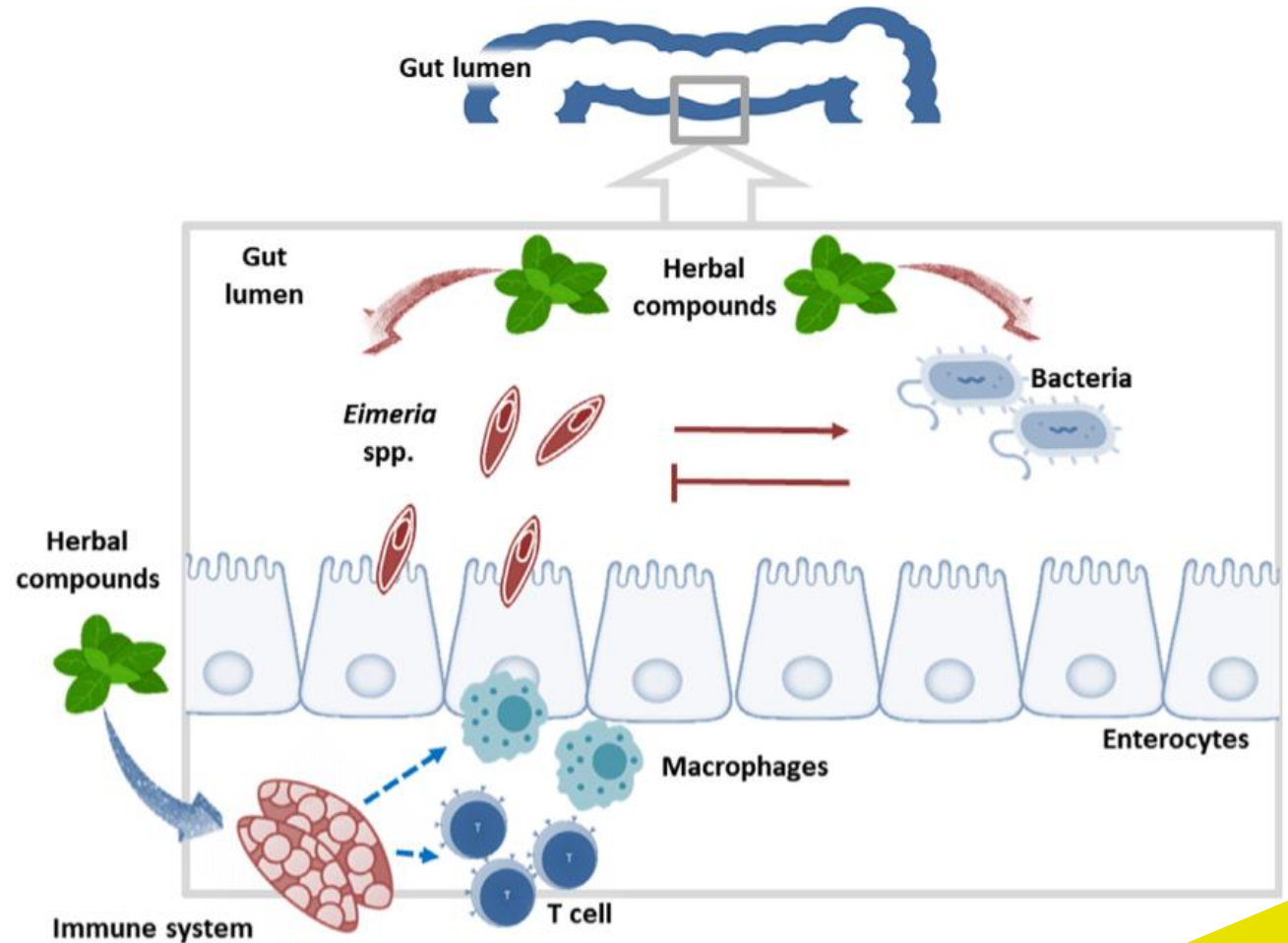
Use of natural coccidiostats

The life cycle of *Eimeria*, alongside an exploration of the intellectual prospects for employing natural coccidiostats.



Herbal anticoccidian compounds

Gut-associated T cells, macrophages, and the schematic process of immune response of chickens to herbal anticoccidian compounds.



Herbs



Action	Compound (Plant/fungi)	Function
Inhibition of <i>Eimeria</i> life cycle	Artemisinin (<i>Artemisia annua</i>)	Induce reactive oxygen species (ROS) that inhibit oocyst wall formation and sporulation
	Tannins, Pine (<i>Pinus radiata</i>)	Inhibition of life cycle and decreased sporulation of the oocyst
	Allicin and sulfur compounds, Garlic (<i>Allium sativum</i>)	Antimicrobial activity and inhibition of sporulation of <i>E. tenella</i> .
	Selenium, Phenolics and Green tea (<i>Camellia sinensis</i>)	Inhibition of sporulation of coccidian oocysts.
	Papain (<i>Carica papaya</i>)	Inhibition of coccidiosis probably by proteolytic degradation of <i>Eimeria</i>
	Saponins (<i>Cyamopsis tetragonoloba</i>)	Suppression of coccidiosis
	Essential oils from thyme, tea tree and clove	Destruction of <i>Eimeria</i> oocysts
Immune response modulators	Ethyl acetate extract (<i>Meyerozyma guilliermondii</i>)	Destruction of <i>Eimeria</i> spp. oocysts
	Probiotics (<i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> and <i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i>)	Enhanced humoral immunity, changes in body weight gain and fecal oocyst shedding rates.
	Arabinoxylans (<i>Triticum aestivum</i>)	Immunostimulatory and protective effects against coccidiosis in broiler chickens
	Sugar cane (<i>Saccharum officinarum</i>)	
	Polysaccharides (<i>Astragalus membranaceus</i> Radix, <i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> , <i>Lentinula edodes</i> , <i>Tremella fuciformis</i>)	Enhancement of anticoccidial antibodies and antigen-specific cell proliferation in splenocytes via cellular and humoral immunity to <i>E. tenella</i>
	Phytonutrients mixtures: VAC (carvacrol, cinnamaldehyde, <i>Capsicum oleoresin</i>). MC (<i>Capsicum oleoresin</i> and turmeric oleoresin)	Protection against <i>E. tenella</i> infection. Increase in NK cells, macrophages, CD4+ T cells, CD8 + T cells and cytokines IFN γ and IL6.
	Lectins (<i>Fomitella fraxinea</i>)	Enhancement of both cellular and humoral immune response

Table 3. Natural compounds identified with potential to inhibit *Eimeria* life cycle and acting as immune system modulators.

Artemisia annua



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Article

Efficacy of *Artemisia annua* against Coccidiosis in Broiler Chickens: A Field Trial

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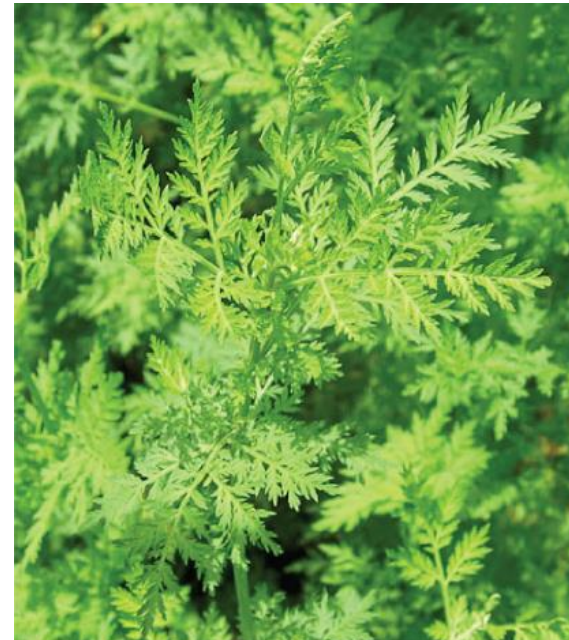
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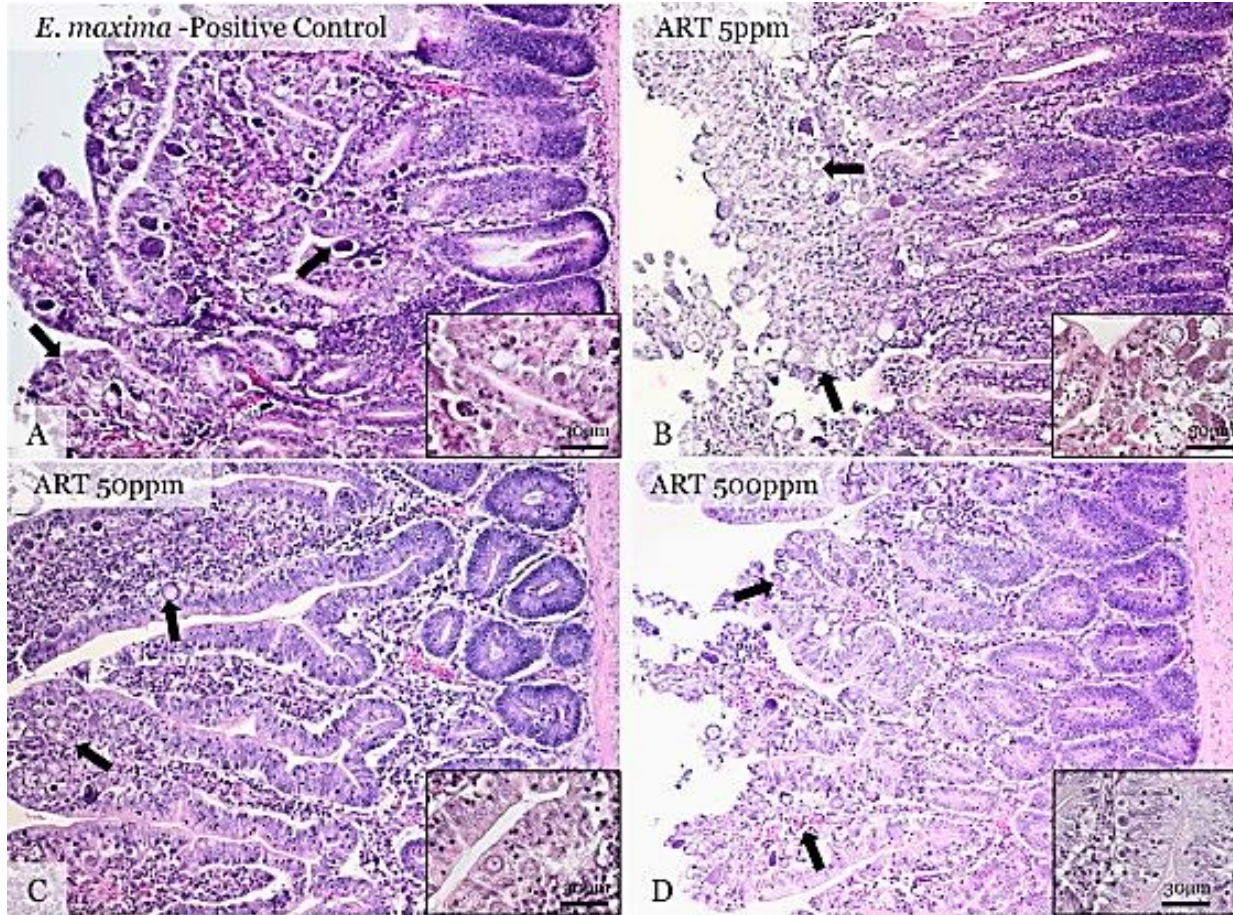
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Effects of *Artemisia annua* supplementation on the performance and gut health of laying hens challenged with mixed *Eimeria* species

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Artemisia annua



Group	I	II	III
NC	–	–	–
PC	87.3 ± 0.76 ^a	82.7 ± 2.02 ^a	95.42 ± 0.74 ^a
ART5	87.8 ± 1.28 ^a	78.1 ± 1.17 ^a	87.83 ± 1.19 ^b
ART50	87.8 ± 1.16 ^a	78.5 ± 1.11 ^a	92.17 ± 0.67 ^a
ART500	79.7 ± 0.68 ^c	72.7 ± 0.97 ^b	93.8 ± 0.57 ^a
MON	84.0 ± 1.01 ^b	81.4 ± 1.24 ^a	87.3 ± 0.86 ^b

Values with no common superscript in a column were significantly different ($p < 0.05$); results are expressed in percentages as means ± SEM;

I: sporulation rate at 6 days p.i.

II: sporulation rate at 7 days p.i.

III: sporulation rate at 8 days p.i.

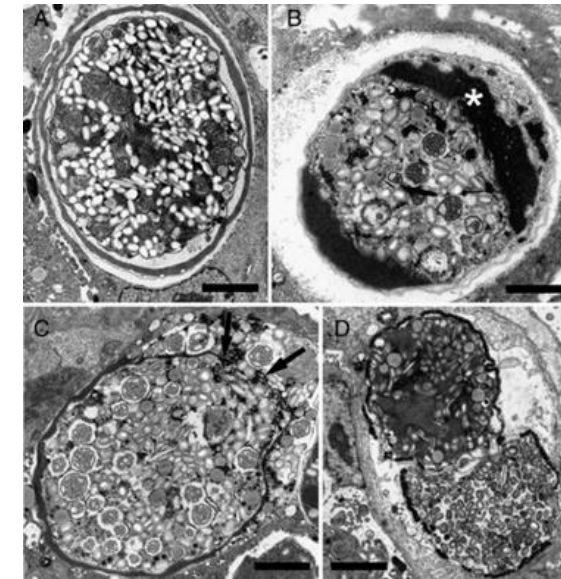
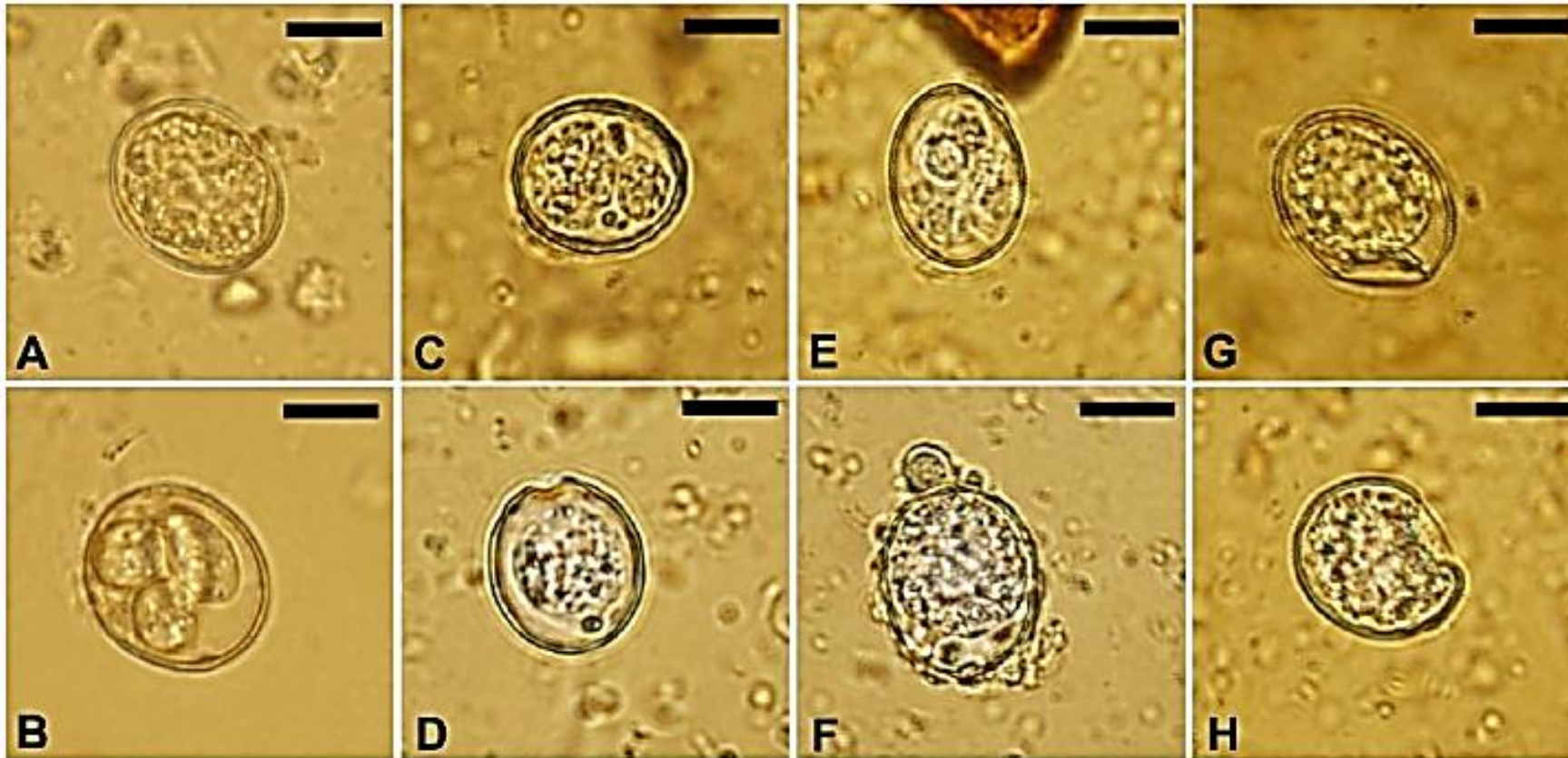


Table: The effect of artemisinin on oocysts sporulation rate in experimental groups of chickens challenged with *E. acervulina* (experiment I), *E. maxima* (experiment II), *E. tenella* (experiment III), compared with control groups

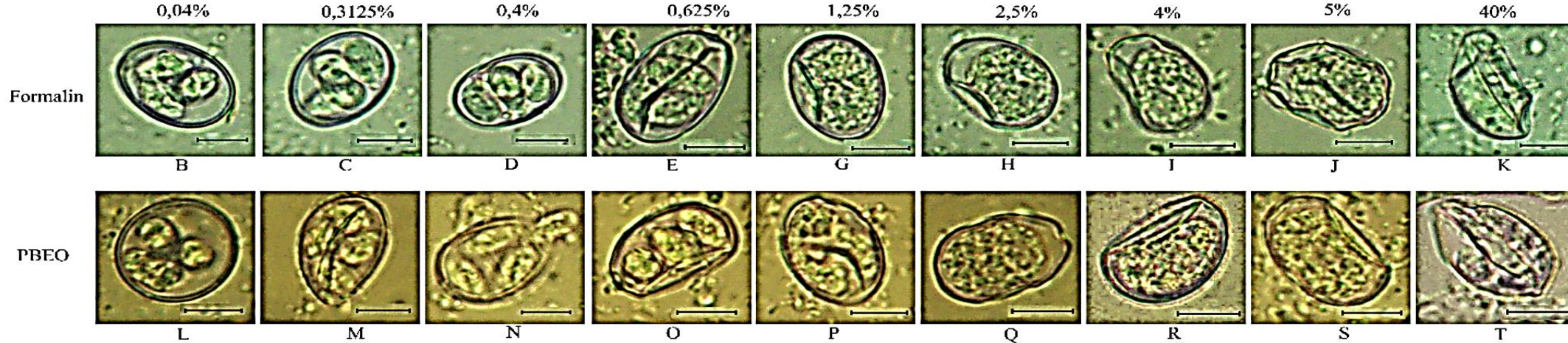
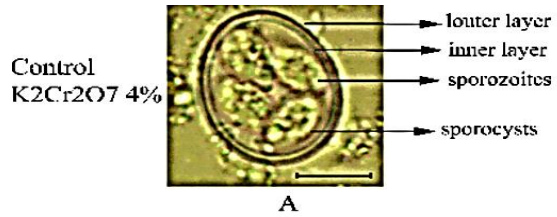
Artemisia sieberi



Changes observed after exposure of *E. papillata* oocytes to different treatment.

- (a) normal nonpopulated oocysts in H_2O ;
- (b) normal sporulated oocysts in $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$;
- (c-h) abnormal oocytes in the ASLE (300 mg/mL). Scale bar = $12.5\mu\text{m}$.

Piper bettle L.



Morphology of *Eimeria tenella* oocysts treated with various concentrations of Piper bettle L essential oil (PBEO) and formalin after incubations for 72 h.

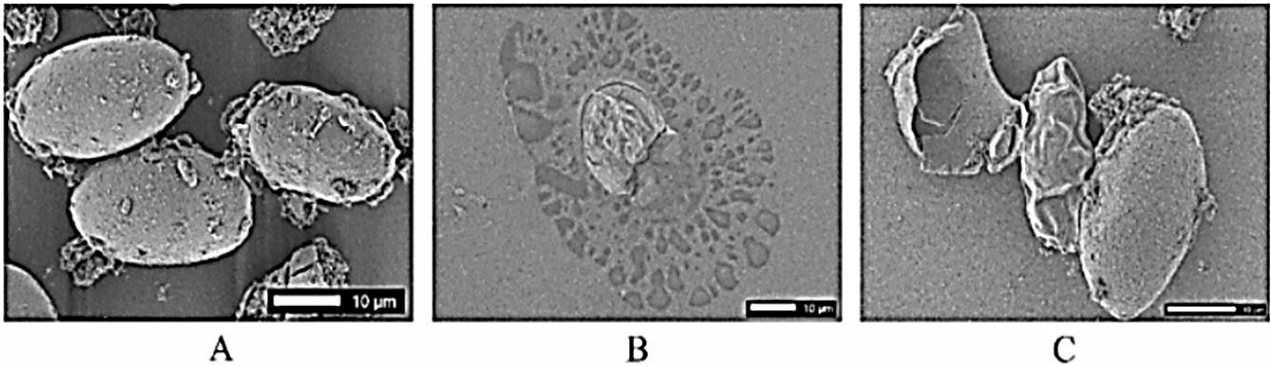
(A) 4% K₂Cr₂O₇ control in 72 h of incubation time.

(B-K) Oocysts in 0.04%, 0.3125%, 0.4%, 0.625%, 1.25%, 2.5%, 4%, 5%, and 40% formalin.

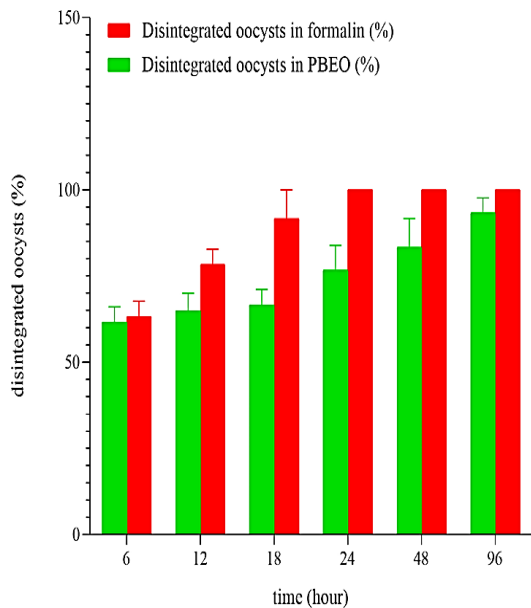
(L-T) Oocysts in 0.04%, 0.3125%, 0.4%, 0.625%, 1.25%, 2.5%, 4%, 5%, and 40% PBEO.

Scale bars represented 10 µm.

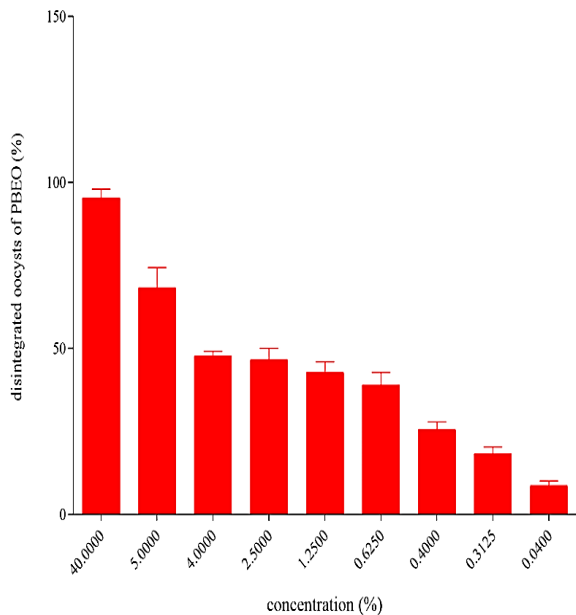
Piper bettle L.



- (A) *Eimeria tenella* oocysts from the control group showed an ovoid shape with intact walls and smooth surfaces.
- (B) Oocyst in 40% formalin showed total wall disintegration after 72 h incubation.
- (C) Oocyst-wall treated with Piper bettle L essential oil (PBEO) 40% was remarkably ruptured after incubation for 72 h.



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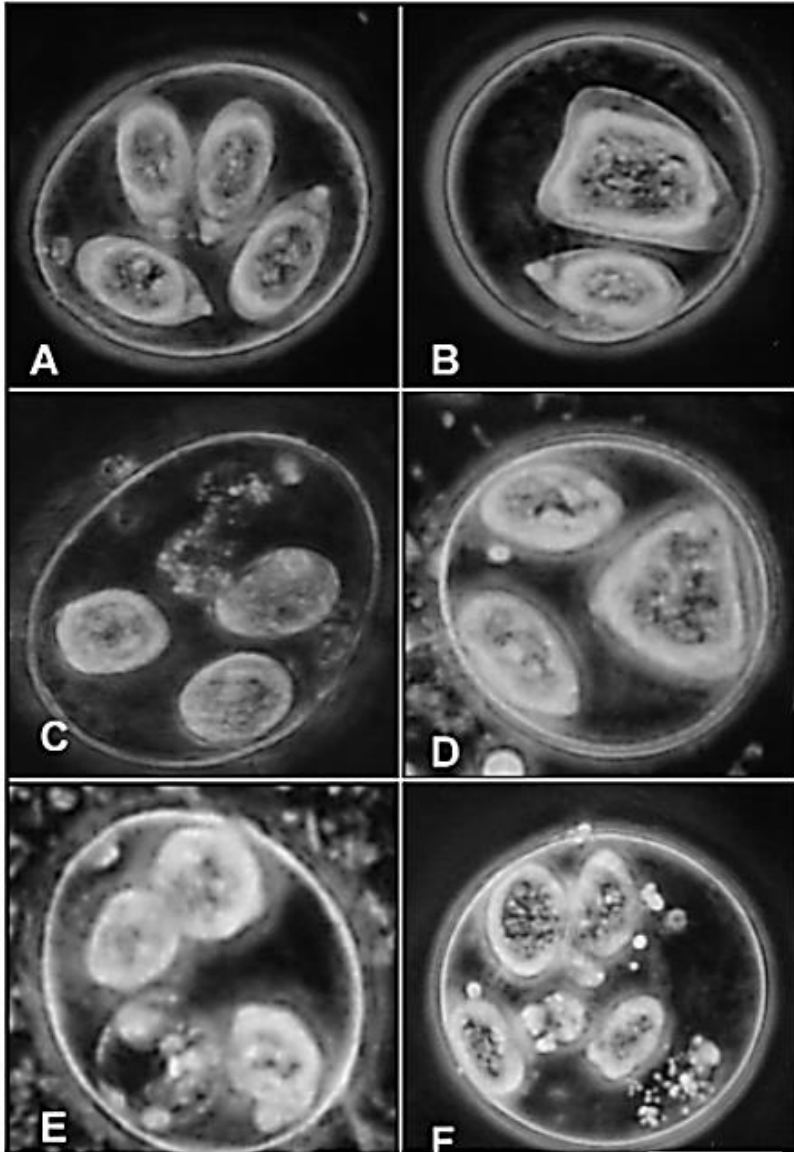


B

Oocysticidal activities of formalin and Piper bettle L essential oil (PBEO) to *Eimeria tenella* oocysts

- (A) Disintegrated *E. tenella* oocysts treated with 20% PBEO and 20% formalin in different incubation times.
- (B) Number of disintegrated oocysts (%) incubated in different concentration ranges.

Pine bark (*Pinus radiata*)



Photomicrographs of oocysts of *Eimeria maxima*

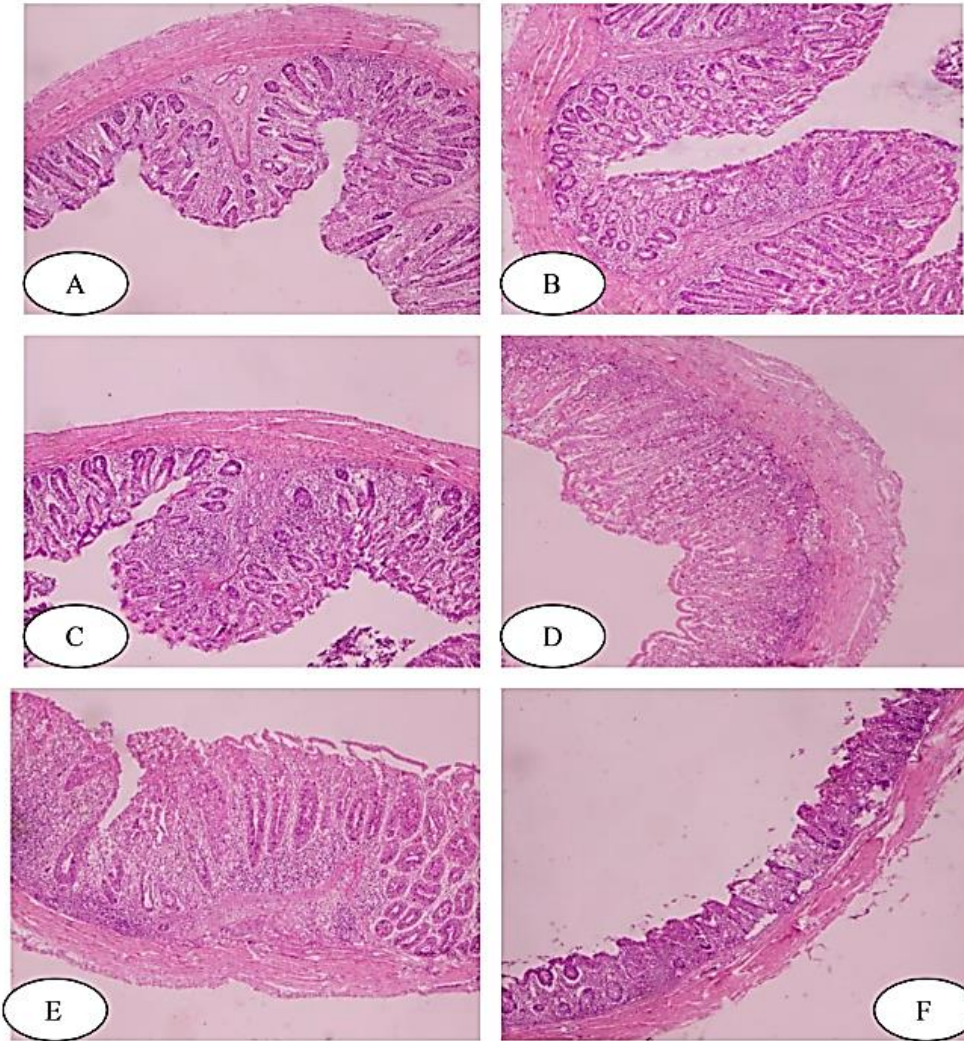
A – a typical sporulated oocyst from control incubation containing water only;
B–F – abnormal oocysts from incubations containing 500 and 1000 µg pine bark extract (PBE)/ml. Oocysts were incubated for 48 h in the presence or absence of PBE and were viewed under bright field microscopy. Exposure to PBE caused changes in sporocyst numbers, size and morphology.

(Note: Oocysts are slightly flattened to better illustrate morphology.)

Scale bar (A–F) = 20 µm



Garlic and Ginger



- (A) Negative control
 - (B) Amprolium treated
 - (C) Garlic treated
 - (D) Ginger treated
 - (E) Ginger and garlic treated
 - (F) positive control
- H & E stain (40 X) n = 100 μ m.

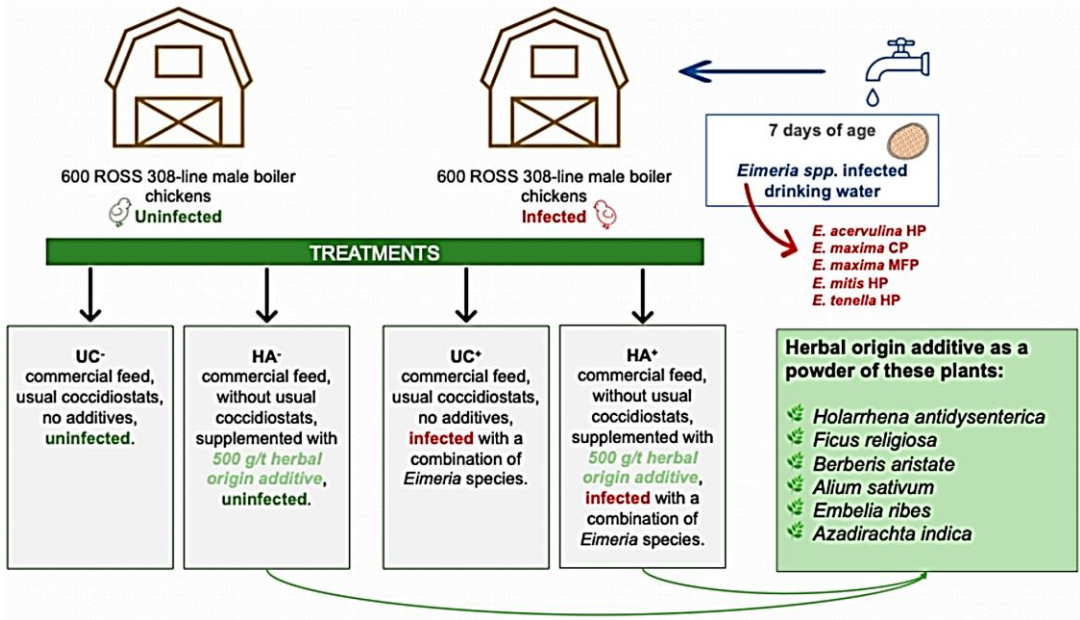


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Table 5. The impact of herbal origin additives on the DM content and oocyst count in the broiler chicken litter.

Item ¹	Age ²	Treatments ^{3,4}				SEM ⁵	p-Value
		UC ⁻	UC ⁺	HA ⁻	HA ⁺		
DM of litter (%)	14 d	76.91	82.92	86.85	86.20	1.77	0.172
	21 d	75.81	78.62	76.64	76.49	0.62	0.451
	35 d	68.71 ^a	76.84 ^b	66.97 ^a	77.10 ^b	1.15	0.001
Oocyst (g/l)	14 d	0.00 ^a	120.80 ^b	173.00 ^c	245.60 ^d	21.76	0.000
	21 d	0.00 ^a	90.00 ^b	82.20 ^b	107.60 ^c	9.71	0.000
	28 d	2.80 ^a	12.40 ^b	7.20 ^c	8.80 ^d	0.82	0.000

Note: ¹ DM, dry matter; ² d, day; ³ UC⁻, control without infection with usual coccidiostat; UC⁺, control experimentally infected with usual coccidiostat; HA⁻, experimental without infection with herbal origin additive; HA⁺, experimentally infected with herbal origin additive. ⁴ The means with different superscript letters (a–d) in a row differ significantly ($p < 0.05$). ⁵ SEM, standard error of the means.



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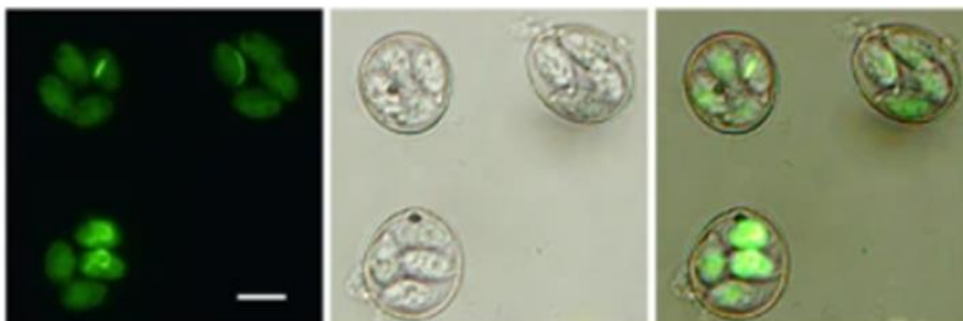
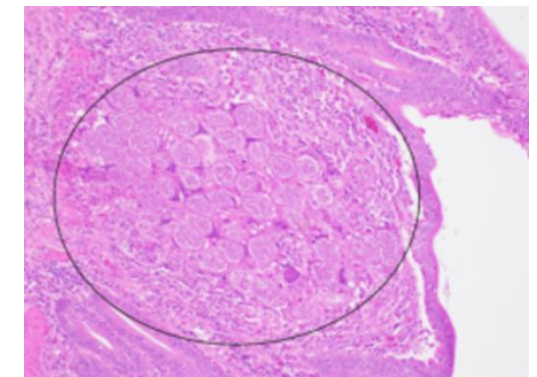
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Table 6. Number ($\times 10^3$) of *Eimeria* sp. oocysts in 1 gram of feces

Age (day)	Coccidiostat		Vaccine		Herbs		P value
	mean	SEM	mean	SEM	mean	SEM	
7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
14	0.00 ^b	0.00	0.98 ^a	0.05	0.00 ^b	0.00	<.0001
21	30.76 ^b	0.74	71.96 ^a	2.71	74.56 ^a	2.67	<.0001
28	85.76 ^a	2.11	49.70 ^c	0.89	74.78 ^b	5.60	<.0001
35	11.97 ^a	0.59	5.01 ^c	0.17	9.13 ^b	0.97	<.0001

^{abc}In rows means bearing different superscripts differ significantly at $P \leq 0.05$.



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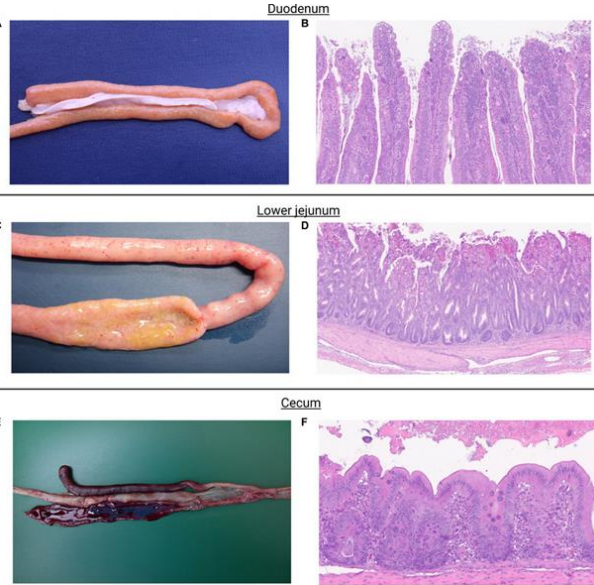
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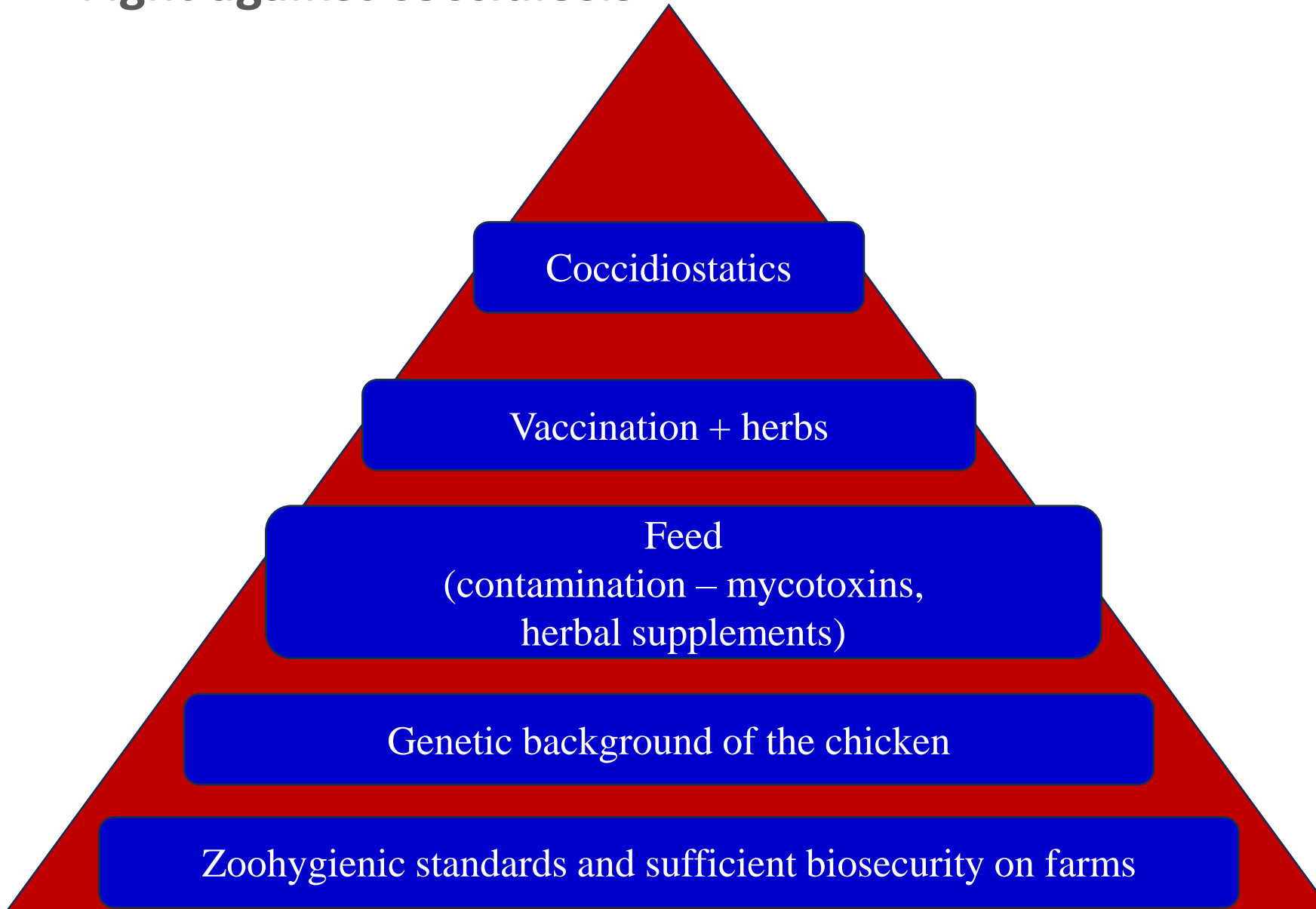
Mean ± SEM weight of birds in four groups of study during the 42 days

Group	First day	Day 7	Day 14	Day 21	Day 28	Day 35	Day 42
Herbal mixture (Group A)	48 ± 0.9	171 ± 6	408 ± 16	645 ± 50 ^a	867 ± 42 ^a	1430 ± 46 ^a	1910 ± 124 ^a
Toltrazuril (Group B)	48 ± 0.9	171 ± 6	408 ± 16	650 ± 50 ^a	865 ± 34 ^a	1310 ± 77 ^a	1833 ± 82 ^a
Challenged and not treated (Group C)	48 ± 0.9	171 ± 6	408 ± 16	550 ± 33 ^a	751 ± 42 ^a	1259 ± 44 ^a	1655 ± 118 ^a
No challenge	48 ± 0.9	171 ± 6	408 ± 16	670 ± 50 ^a	955 ± 82 ^a	1431 ± 103 ^a	1881 ± 151 ^a
No treatment (Group D)							

Note: Means denoted by different superscript letters show significant differences between groups in each column ($p < 0.05$).



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Questions & Answers





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