

Background

- UK broiler farm with vit D supplementation at various amounts.
- Veterinary practice several years experience with pidolate.
- CalPid D+ as combination welcomed by farm managers.

Trial setup

- Side by side on 2 broiler sites in (2023).
- Broiler grower with 2 sites of 264.000 birds each.
- Well brooded and managed.
- Variable difficulties with bacterial lameness and 'unknown metabolic lameness'.

Groups

- Control (46.970 birds).
- Protocol A (46.970 birds)
 - Day 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

40 g / 1.000 kg LW.

- Protocol B (46.970 birds)
 - Day 17, 18

40 g / 1.000 kg LW.

• Day 19, 20, 21

20 g / 1.000 kg LW.

	Total mortality	Live weight	Breed standard at slaugher day	Leg culls	Other culls	Farm rejects
Control	2,37%	2,48	100,77%	1,04%	0,51%	1,27%
Group A (40)	1,59%	2,45	103,64%	0,41%	0,39%	0,72%
Group B (40/20)	2,05%	2,62	102,46%	0,75%	0,48%	1,25%
A (40)	-0,78%	-0,03	+2,87%	-0,63%	-0,12%	-0,55%
B (40/20)	-0,32%	+0,14	+1,69%	-0,29%	-0,03%	-0,02%

Increased growth proportionate to 2% of standard for age. 16% increase in gross margin per house.



Trial setup

- Longitudinal on 1 broiler site (2022-2023).
- 10 crops with 190.000 birds per crop.
- Analysis 5 crops preceding and 5 crops from the introduction of CalPid D+.
- Struggling with increased mortality and legg culls; Enterococcal lameness, colisepticiemia, metabolic deaths.
- High incidence of tibial dyschrondoplasia.
- High rejection rate at slaughter. Variable difficulties with bacterial lameness and 'unknown metabolic lameness'.
- History of sewage fungus-like bacterial growth in the drinker lines.
- Resulting drinker hygiene needs were adding challenges to any water based treatments.

- Groups (25 g / 1.000 kg LW).
 - Day 3, 4, 5.
 - Day 11, 12.

	Control	CalPid D +	Difference
Legg culls	2,16%	0,79%	-1,36%
Other culls	1,67%	1,85%	+0,17%
Mortality	8,51%	5,81%	-2,70%
Rejects	3,63%	2,58%	-1,05%
Adjusted FCR EPEF	418,8	425,7	6,9
FCR	1,54	1,49	-0,05
Age	37,1 days	34,8 days	-2,3
p/m2/wk	122,6	138,6	16
Antimicrobials	32,0 mg/kg	15,5 mg/kg	-16,5
Tibia dyschrondroplasia	25,8%	13,3%	-12,5%

- Reduction in leg culls seen consistently.
- Slightly higher proportionate reduction in overall mortality rate.
- Reduction in rejection rate (primarily cellulitis but other septicaemic lesions too).
- Reduced antibiotic usage.
- Improved margin between 5-13%.