

December 2021

Reaching out for the future

- still searching for significant alternatives to medical zinc oxide.

Our most cost-effective weapon against post weaning diarrhea is taken out of our hands from the middle of next year.

Can medical zinc oxide be replaced? The short answer is **No**, not by one single component. On the other hand, if we focus on optimizing the whole lot of factors affecting piglet health at the same time the answer may be **Yes**.

This conclusion has been supported by our own data. Recently TestPig has reported a test of SR-Elite Weaner Diet 1.0 formulated by pig nutritionists at SR. ([211015_Report-SR-EliteBlanding-1_final.pdf \(svineraadgivningen.dk\)](#)).

The efficient feed utilization (especially in the very small piglets) and the low incidence of diarrhea is what is necessary to get the piglets well through the weaning period without the use of medical zinc and without increasing use of antibiotics.

So, on one hand we are making good progress. On the other hand, there is still a lot of hard work to be done for your R&D departments. In close cooperation TestPig may add extra value to your research money.

Looking into 2022 we do hope the new year will allow us to present our test station "Skjoldborg" again, to demonstrate how we make scientific work under practical conditions.

*The TestPig Team wishes you a merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Dorthe Carlson, Trial manager
Niels Ove Nielsen, Sales manager
Sofie Hyltdgaard, Sales assistant*

Please observe that our office is closed from December 22, 2021, until January 3, 2022.