

### MYELOPEROXIDASE ACTIVITY DECREASES IN EQUINE SEMEN FREEZING EXTENDERS

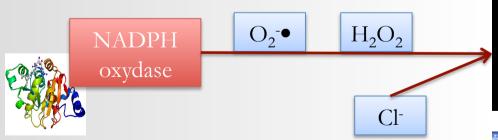
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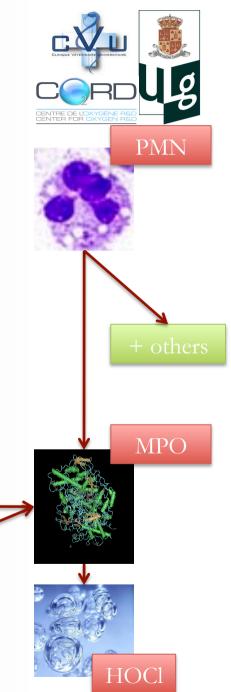
# BACKGROUND

#### MYELOPEROXIDASE (=MPO)

- Released after Neutrophil lysis or degranulation
- PMN granules: MPO, elastase, apoptotic factors
- Active enzyme: 64KDa subunits
- Inactive subunits: 86, 44 or 16KDa



Pro-oxidant enzyme: HOCl

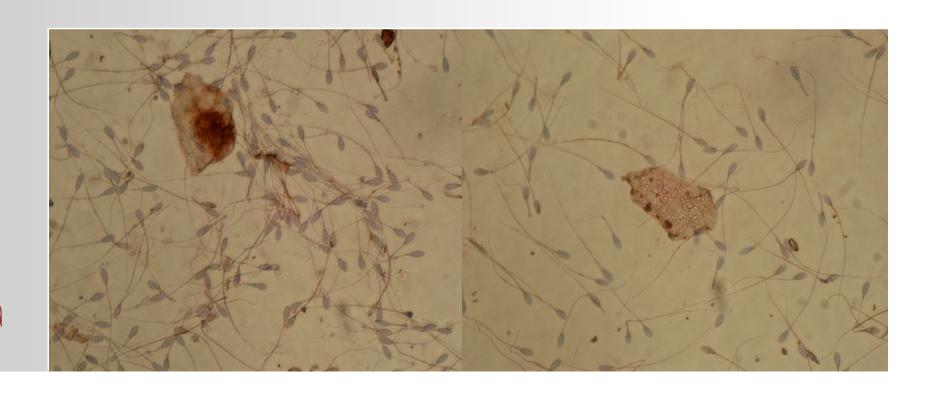


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#### MPO IN SEMEN CRYOBIOLOGY



- Post-thaw total MPO concentration & motility associated
- MPO observed in/on Non-Sperm Cells present in semen
- Non-Sperm Cells: epithelial cells, cellular debris (PMN)





• TO COMPARE MPO ACTIVITY IN EQUINE SPERM-RICH PELLET AND POST-THAW SEMEN

- TO COMPARE ACTIVITY OF PURIFIED HUMAN MPO ADDED:
  - IN PBS
  - IN EQUINE FREEZING EXTENDER (INRA FREEZE<sup>TM</sup>)

## METHODS

#### MPO ACTIVITY ASSAYS



### - [MPO]<sub>active</sub> SIEFED= Specific Immunological Extraction Followed by Enzymatic Detection

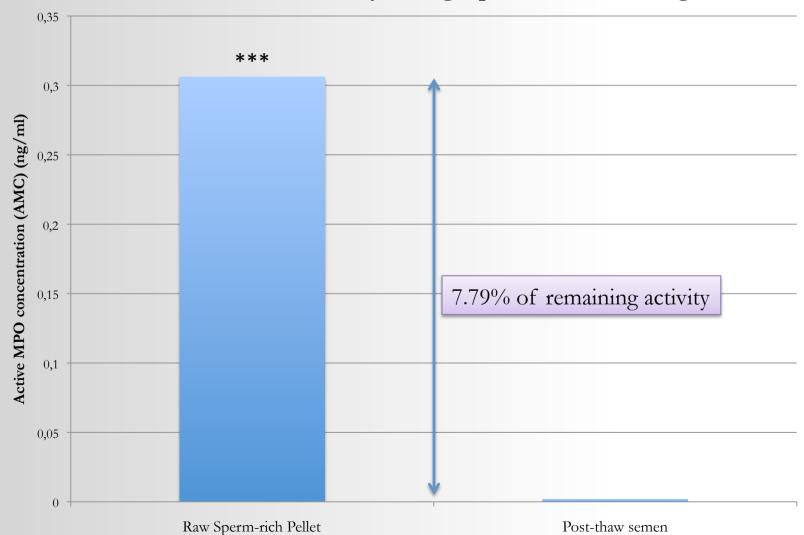
| Samples  | Timing   |
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| Equine semen (20 ejaculates)                             | Raw Sperm-Rich Pellet (100x10 <sup>6</sup> spz)<br>Post-thaw (100x10 <sup>6</sup> spz) |
| 500ng of pure human MPO in 5ml PBS                       | 0h, 1h, 2h of cooling<br>Post-thaw   |
| 500ng of pure human MPO in 5ml INRA FREEZE <sup>TM</sup> | 0h, 1h, 2h of cooling<br>Post-thaw   |

- Statistics: Kruskal-Wallis for median differences



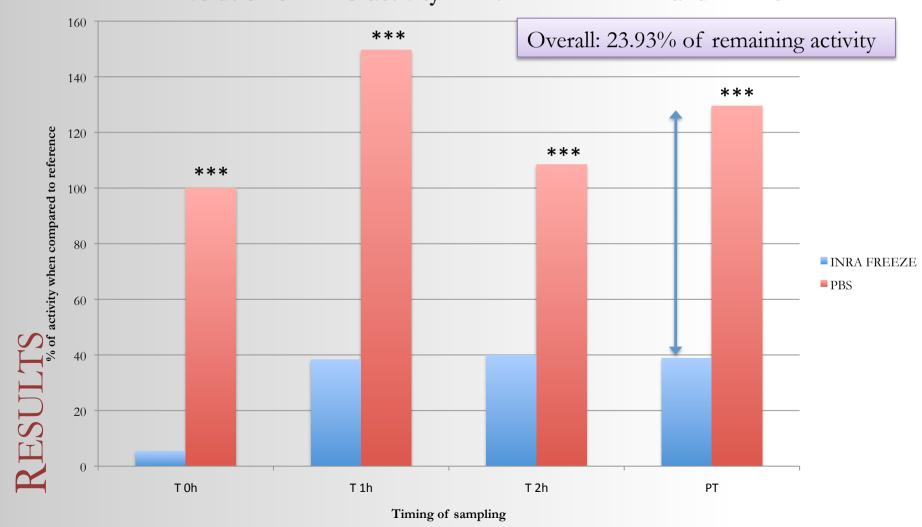


#### Evolution of MPO activity during equine semen freezing





#### Evolution of MPO activity in INRA FREEZE<sup>TM</sup> and in PBS







- MPO activity decreases in equine semen extender in this experiment
  - ✓ MPO fixation on large proteins
  - ✓ Previously seen in plasma

- MPO activity decrease is more important in presence of semen:
  - ✓ Interaction with seminal plasma?
  - ✓ Partial release during semen freezing procedures?
  - ✓ Inactivation during freezing procedures?

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



Questions?

