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## Priming the Dairy Cow for Lactation: Insights into Metabolism, Immunity, and Performances Related to Strategies for the Optimization of the Transition Period

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Dear Colleagues,

Around parturition, dairy cows face metabolic and physiologic challenges, which require both homeostatic and homeorhetic mechanisms to accommodate the sudden demands of the mammary gland. Cows are also faced with a dysfunctional immune system and an increased inflammatory state, as a consequence of adaptation from a non-productive period (dry) to the onset of a new lactation for multiparous cows and the first lactation for heifers. The cows' ability to react to these factors often determines their profitability. Therefore, characterizing and attempting to better address the underlying physiological mechanisms behind their responses will give us the ability to reduce unnecessary losses within a given production system, while maximizing performance and efficiency.

We invite researchers to share their recent findings on the development of specific nutritional, pharmacological, and management strategies to support metabolic adaptations during the transition period.

Original and review papers are welcome.

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