

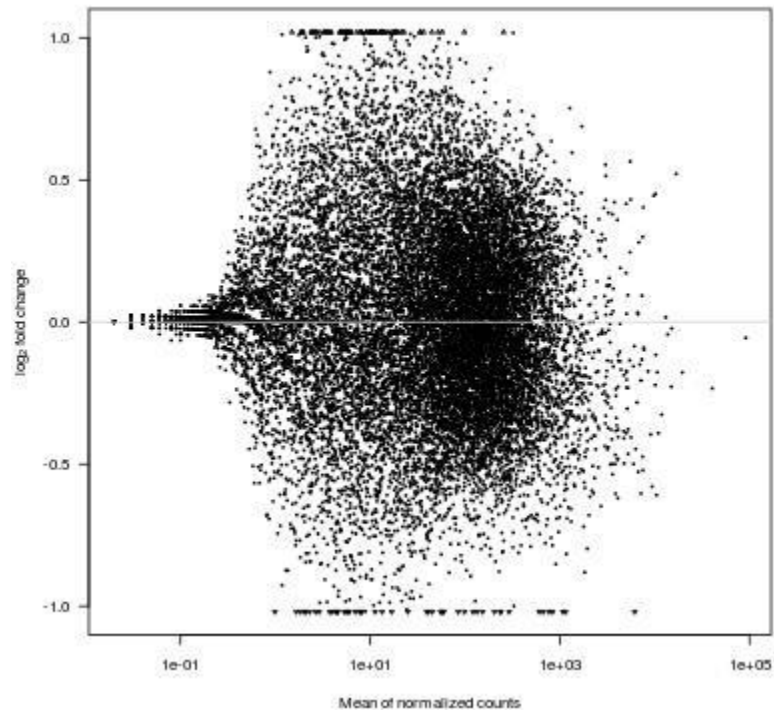
**Enhanced early-life nutrition upregulates cholesterol biosynthetic gene expression
and Sertoli cell maturation in testes of pre-pubertal Holstein bulls**

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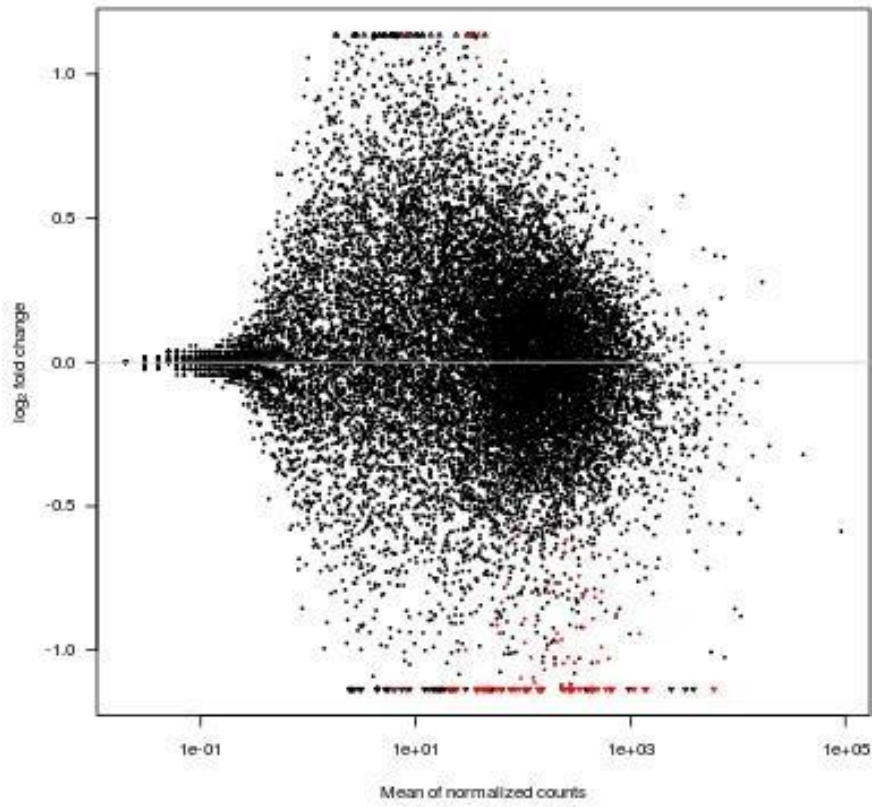
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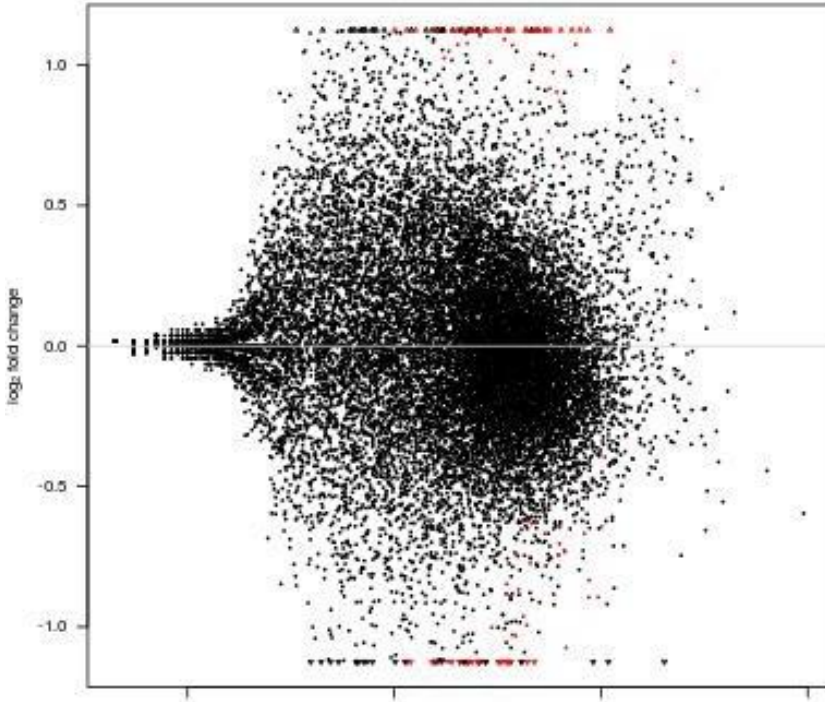
MA-plot - L8 vs H8

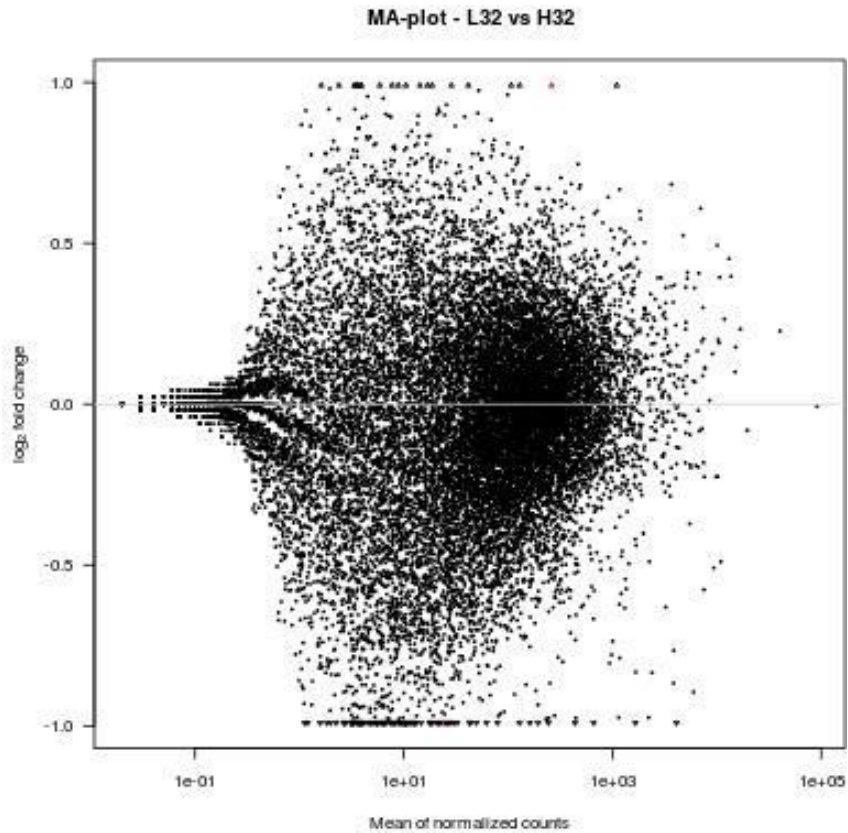


MA-plot - L16 vs H16



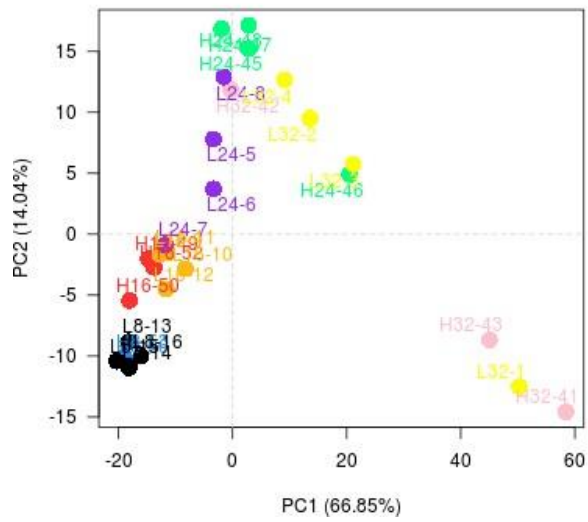
MA-plot - L24 vs H24



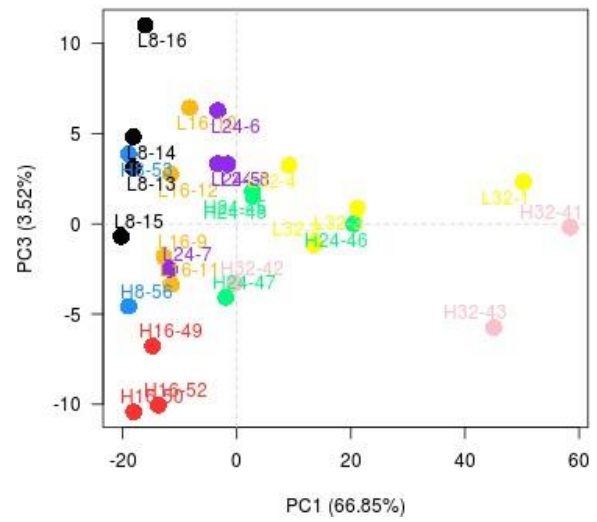


Supplementary File 1. MA plots (visual interpretation of gene expression data) for genes expressed in the low- vs high- diet comparison made at 8, 16, 24 and 32 wk. L and H represent low and high diets respectively. Differentially expressed genes ($p < 0.05$) are highlighted in red, others in black. X axis- Mean of normalized counts, Y axis- \log_2 fold change.

Principal Component Analysis - Axes 1 and 2



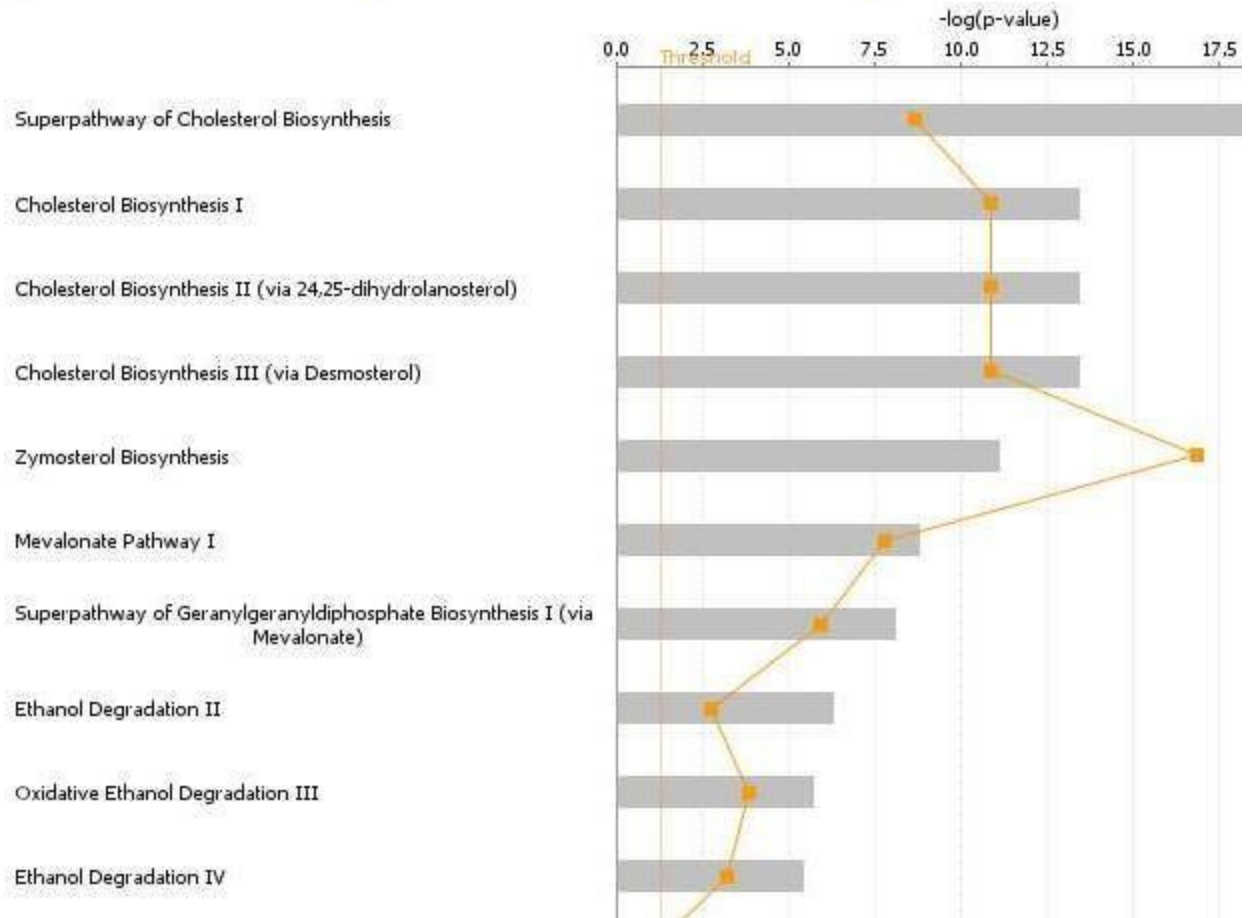
Principal Component Analysis - Axes 1 and 3



Supplementary File 2. Scatterplot with transcriptomic differences across bulls from low and high-diet groups using principal component analysis (PCA) (Axes used: PC1 66.85%, PC2 14.04%, PC3 3.52%). L and H stands for low and high diets respectively. The number immediately following L or H represent the week (8, 16, 24 or 32) they were castrated. The second number indicates the bull ID.

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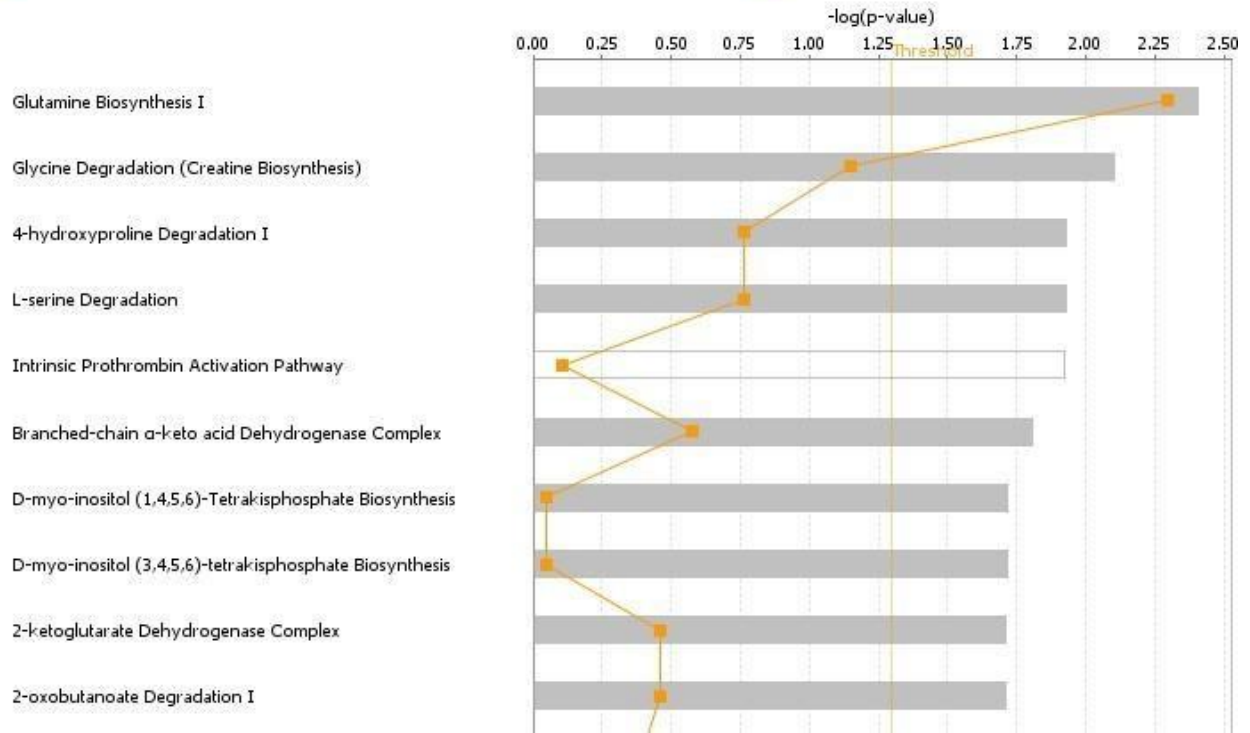
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Supplementary File 3. IPA analysis for pathways enriched at 16 wks (Top 10 pathways shown). L and H represent low and high diet respectively. The colour of each pathway (bar) indicates its direction of change; blue (positive z score)- up-regulated, orange (negative z score)- down-regulated, grey- no activity pattern available or white z score=0 (white). Different pathways are marked on the X-axis and $-\log(p \text{ value})$ marked on the Y-axis. Significant differences were measured in 2 ways: 1) Ratio (orange squares)- number of molecules from the data set that map to the pathway divided by the total number of molecules that map to the canonical pathway is displayed. 2) Fisher's exact test was used to calculate a p-value determining the probability that the association between the genes in the dataset and the canonical pathway is explained by chance alone ($P < 0.05$). The pathways were generated through the use of "core analysis" in IPA (QIAGEN Inc., <https://www.qiagenbioinformatics.com/products/ingenuity-pathway-analysis>)¹.

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Supplementary File 4. IPA analysis for pathways enriched at 24 wks (Top 10 pathways). L and H represent low and high diet respectively. The colour of each pathway (bar) indicates its direction of change; blue (positive z score)- up-regulated, orange (negative z score)- down-regulated, grey- no activity pattern available or white z score=0 (white). Different pathways are marked on the X-axis and $-\log(p \text{ value})$ marked on the Y-axis. Significant differences were measured in 2 ways: 1) Ratio (orange squares)- number of molecules from the data set that map to the pathway divided by the total number of molecules that map to the canonical pathway is displayed. 2) Fisher's exact test was used to calculate a p-value determining the probability that the association between the genes in the dataset and the canonical pathway is explained by chance alone ($P < 0.05$). The pathways were generated through the use of "core analysis" in IPA (QIAGEN Inc., <https://www.qiagenbioinformatics.com/products/ingenuity-pathway-analysis>)¹.

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