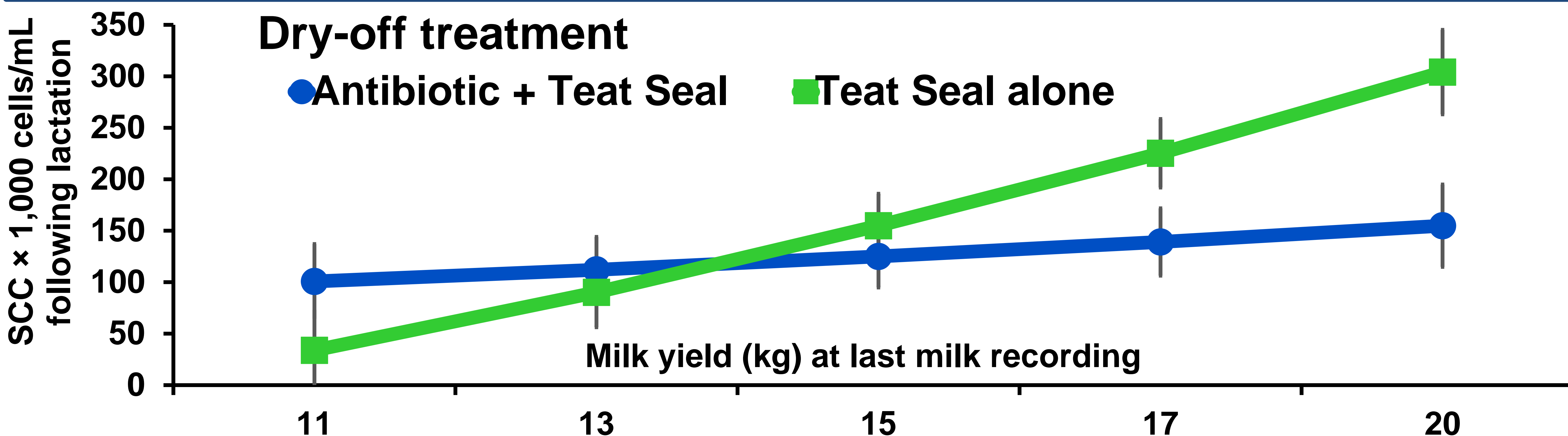


Association of milk yield and dry-off treatment with SCC

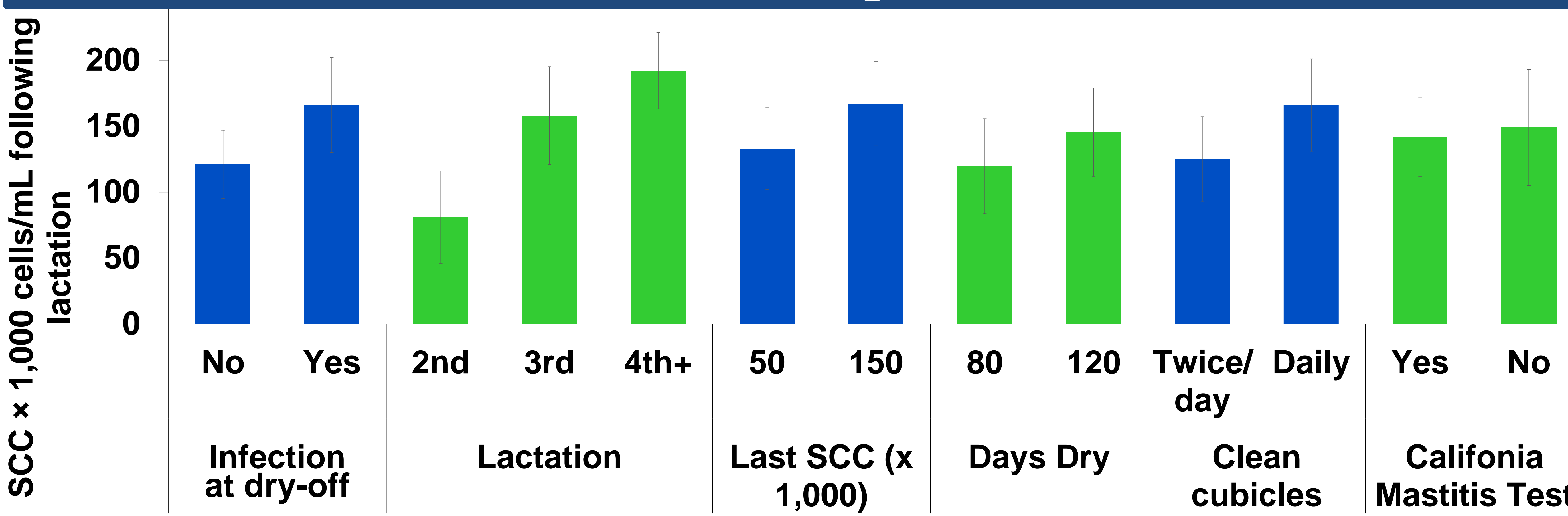


Highlights from study

Lower SCC in early lactation (5-60 days in milk) was associated with:

- Lower milk yield and SCC before dry-off in previous lactation
- Use of California Mastitis Test (CMT)
- Cleaning cubicles twice-a-day

Association of cow and management factors with SCC



Take home messages

- Aim for milk yield <15 kg/day at last milk recording (30 ± 16 days) before dry-off
- Regular cleaning of dry period housing to reduce risk of infection
- Identify high SCC cows throughout lactation using CMT to reduce herd prevalence of infection