



# **Effects of the replacement of cereal in the diet by other energy sources on fatty acid profile of lambs' meat**

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## Aims of the work

Replacement of the starchy feedstuff (cereal) by other energy sources in oil supplemented diets



Prevent the *trans*-10 shift

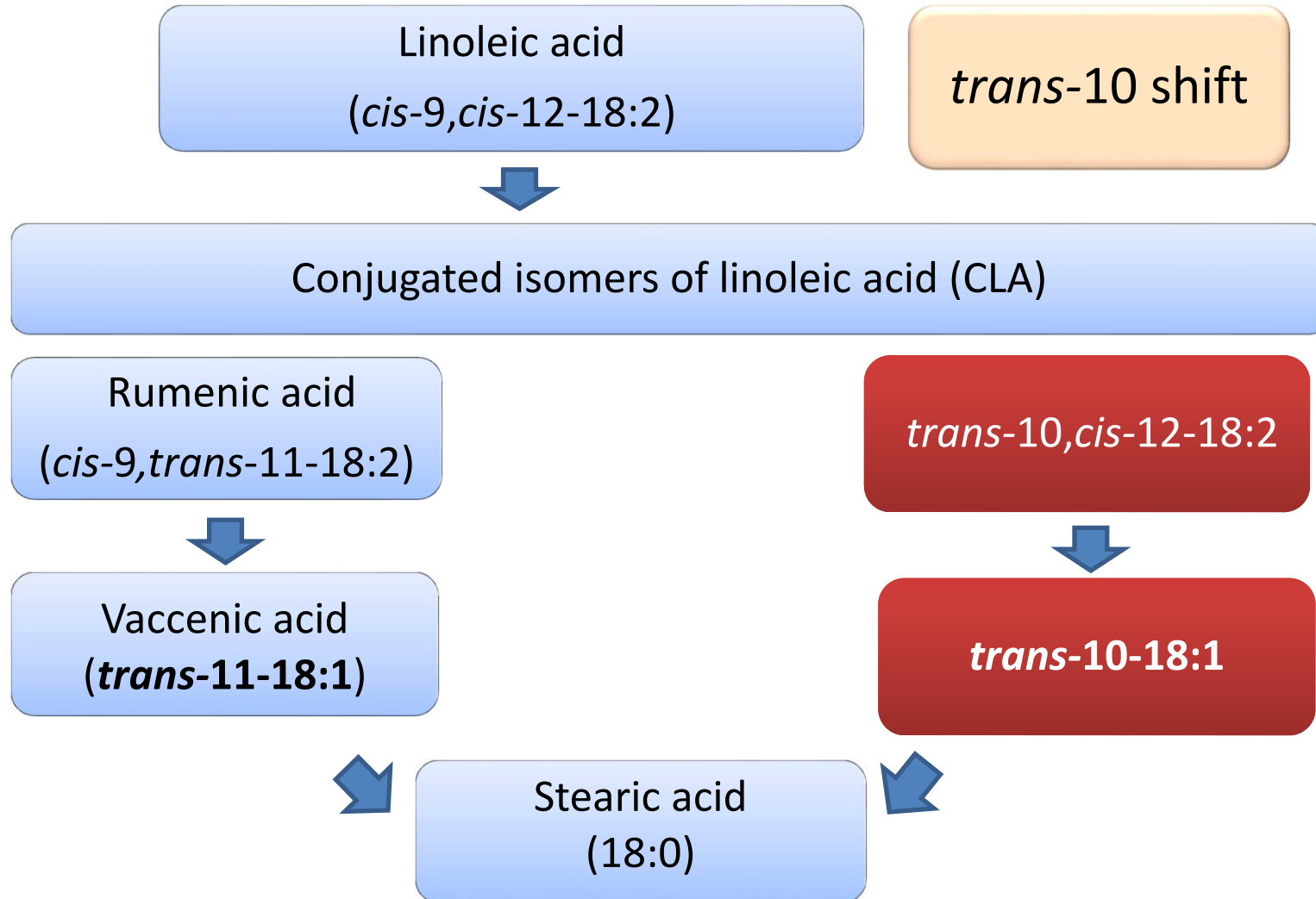


Increase *trans*-11-18:1 and *cis*-9,*trans*-11-18:2 deposition (meat and subcutaneous fat)



# What is the *trans*-10 shift?

## Rumen biohidrogenation (BH)

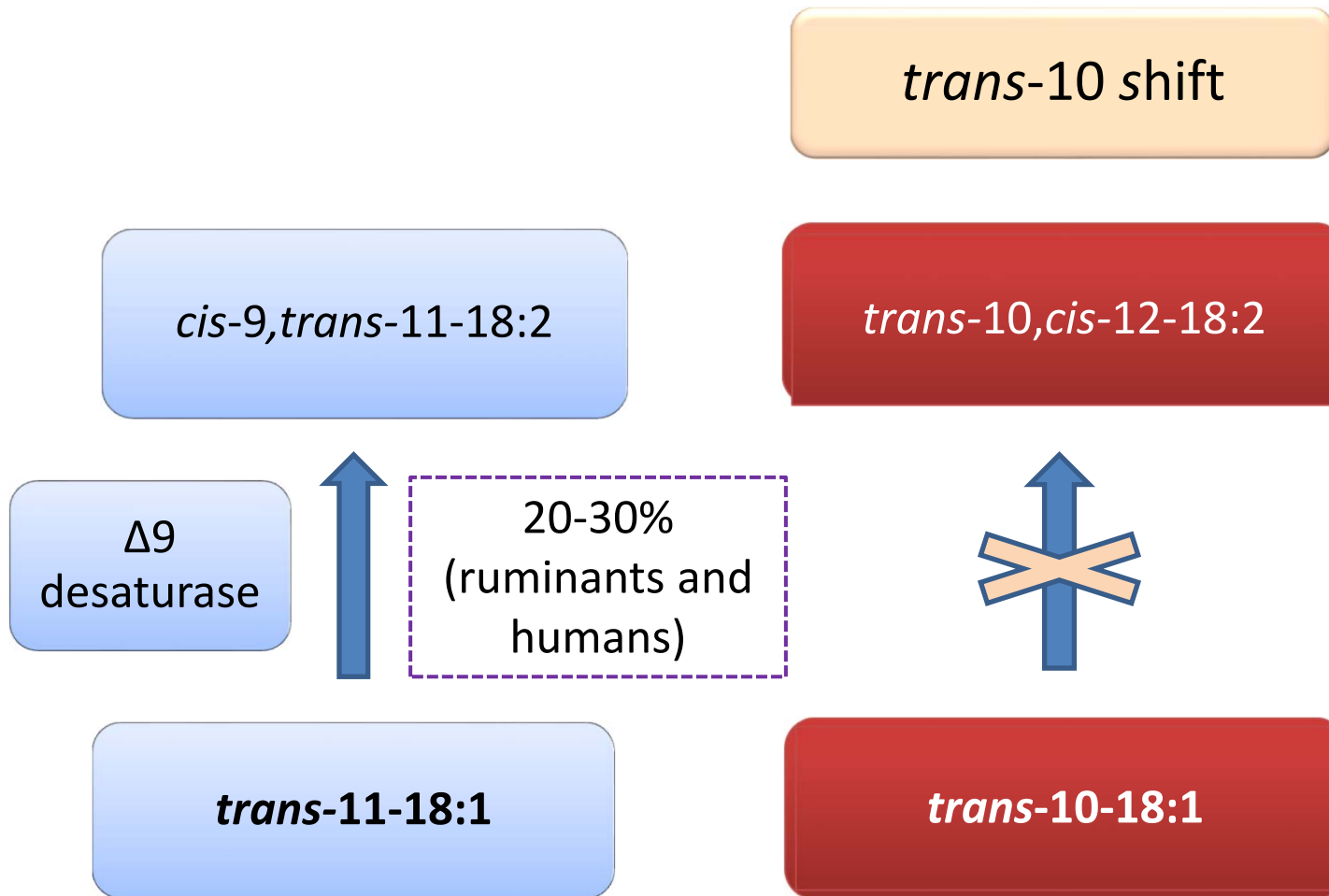


Harfoot and Hazlewood (1997)

Griinari and Bauman (1999)



## Desaturation in the tissues





## Importance of the *trans*-10 shift

Predominance of *trans*-10-18:1 in  
detriment of *trans*-11-18:1



Decrease of *cis*-9,*trans*-11-18:2 in the tissues  
Dairy ruminants → milk fat depression

*trans*-10-18:1 is potentially deleterious to  
human health - cardiovascular disease



# When does the *trans*-10 shift occur?

## Concentrate-based diets

- High content of starch
- Low content of forage
- Oils rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA)

Occurs even without lipid supplementation





# Aims of the work

Replacement of the cereal by other energy sources  
in oil supplemented diets

Cereal  
(barley)

Dehydrated  
citrus pulp

Dehydrated  
sugar beet  
pulp

Soy hulls



# Experiment

National Institute of Agronomic and Veterinary Research  
(INIAV)







# Material and methods

40 lambs Merino Branco (2/pen)  
20 pens

6 weeks  
Determination of daily ingestion  
and weekly weight

Treatments  
4 diets

## Basal diet

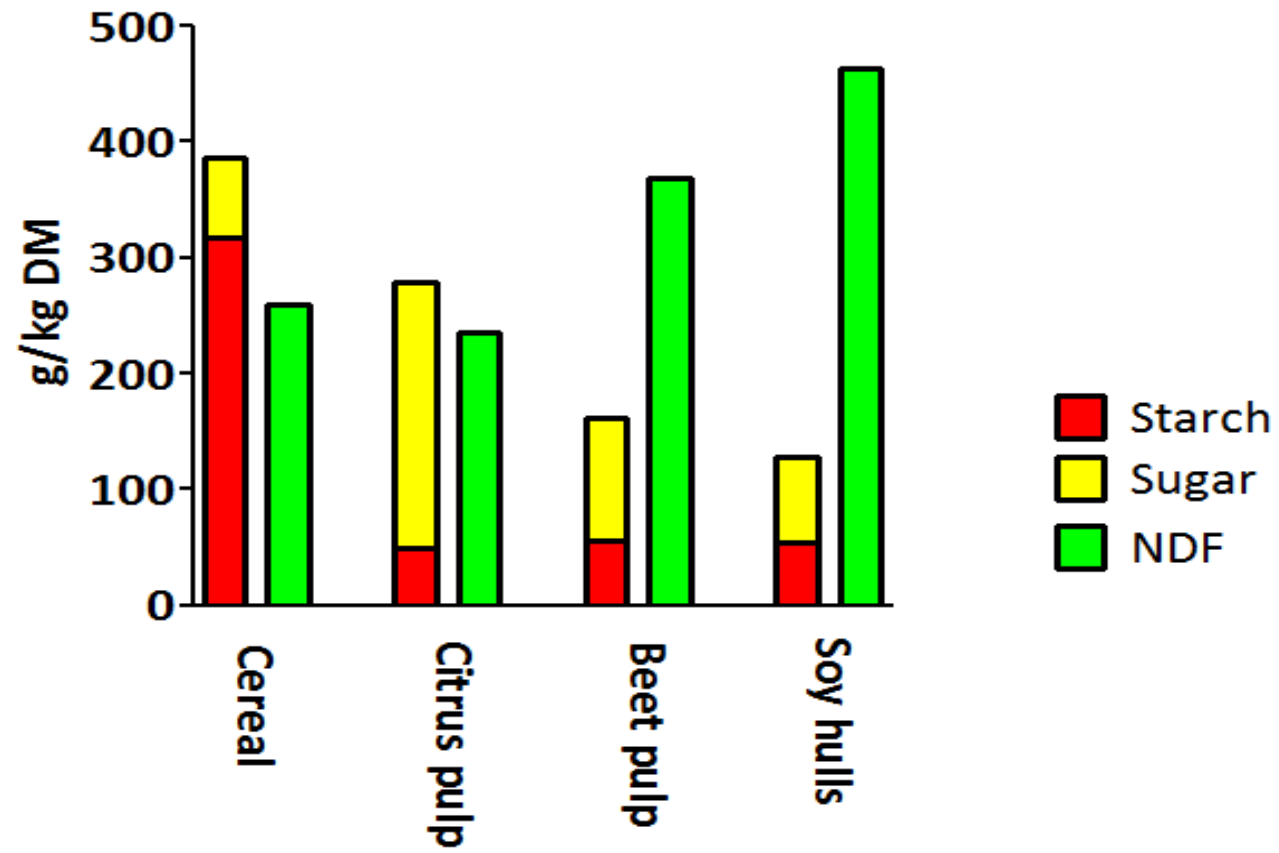
Forage (20%)  
Dehydrated lucerne  
Concentrate (80%)  
Wheat bran  
Soybean meal  
Fish (1%) and soybean (5.9%) oils  
Minerals and vitamins

## Alternative energy sources (52%)

Cereal (barley)  
Dehydrated citrus pulp  
Dehydrated sugar beet pulp  
Soy hulls



## Composition of the diets



Lambs were slaughtered

Lipid analysis

Subcutaneous fat



*Longissimus thoracis* muscle



# Lipid analysis

Extraction of total lipids

Dichloromethane:methanol ( 2:1 v/v)

Evaluation of fatty acid (FA) methyl esters

Combined transesterification

Quantification with gas chromatography

Column SP-2560, 100 m, 0.25 mm i.d., 0.20  $\mu$ m

Identification with mass spectrometry

Separation of CLA isomers (muscle)

High efficiency liquid chromatography (3 Ag+ - HPLC columns)



# Statistic analysis

Mixed procedure of SAS

Experimental unit=pen

Lambs within pen were considered as subsampling

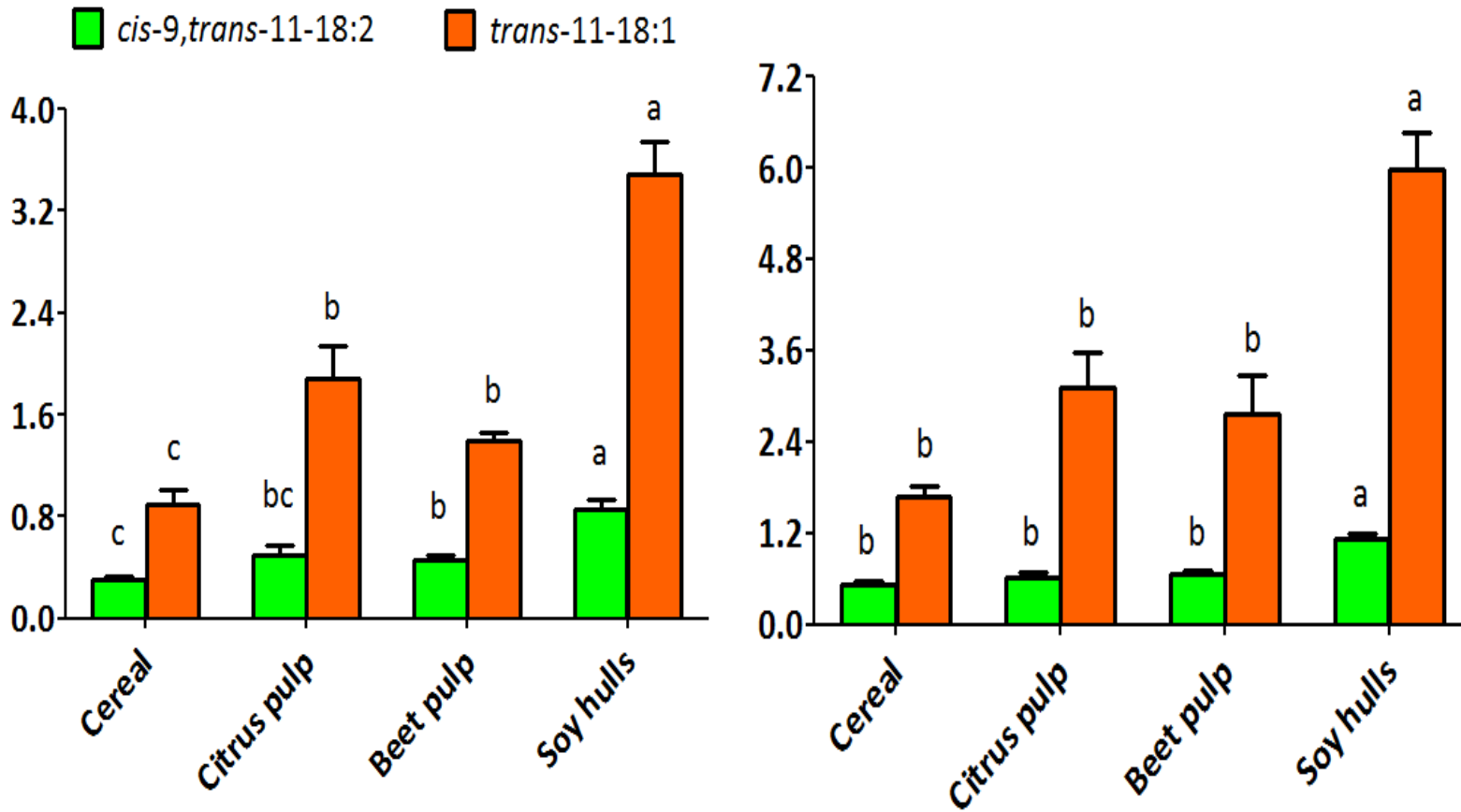
Level of significance  $\alpha=0.05$

# Results

*cis-9,trans-11-18:2* and *trans-11-18:1* (% total FA)

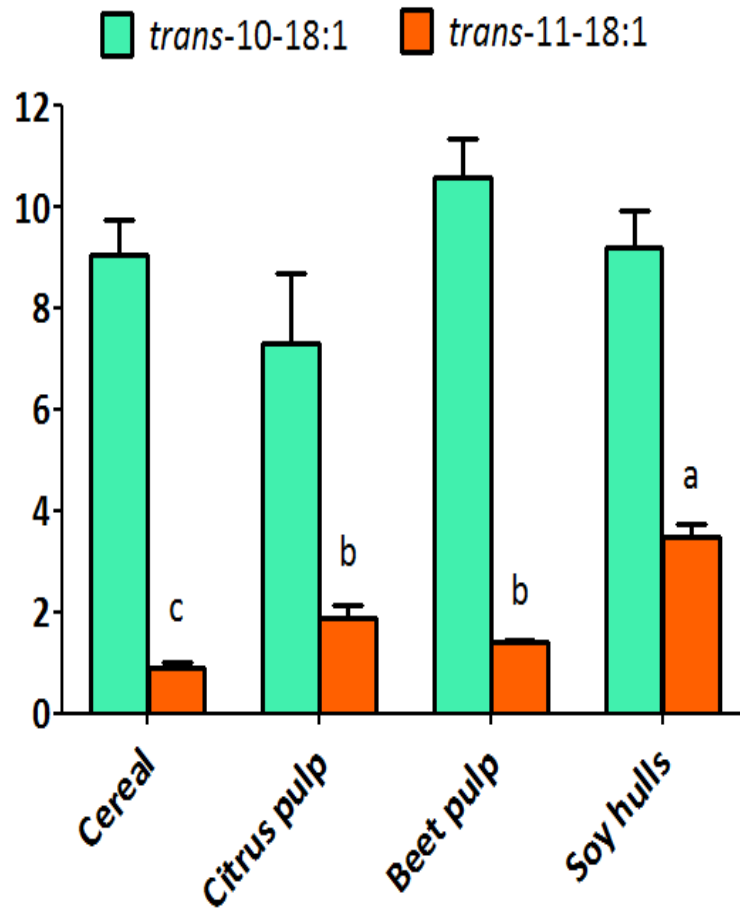
Muscle

Subcutaneous fat

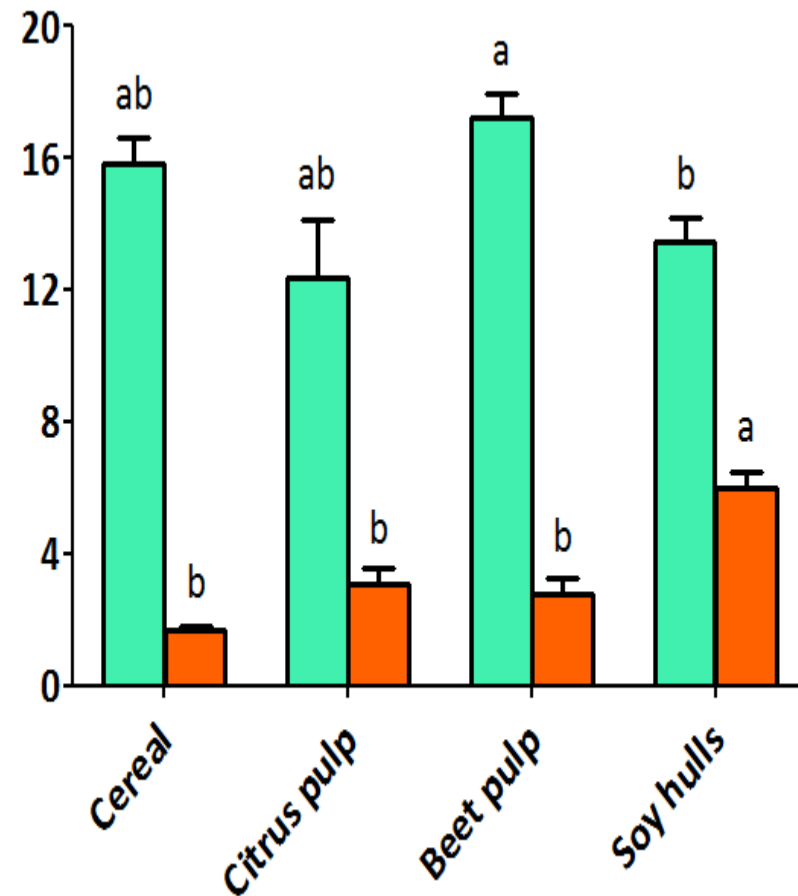


*trans*-10-18:1 and *trans*-11-18:1 (% total FA)

Muscle



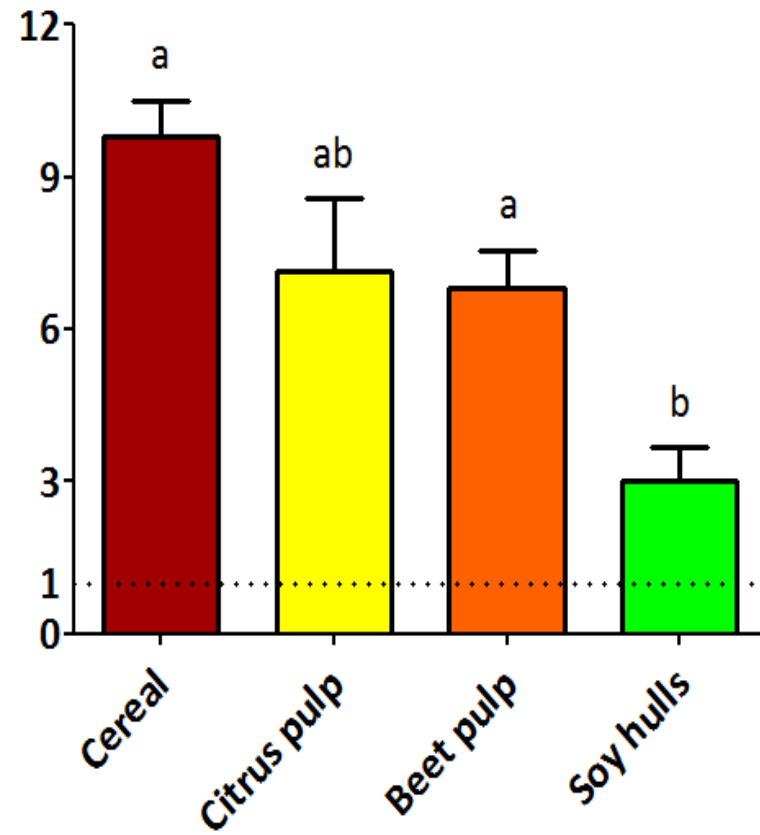
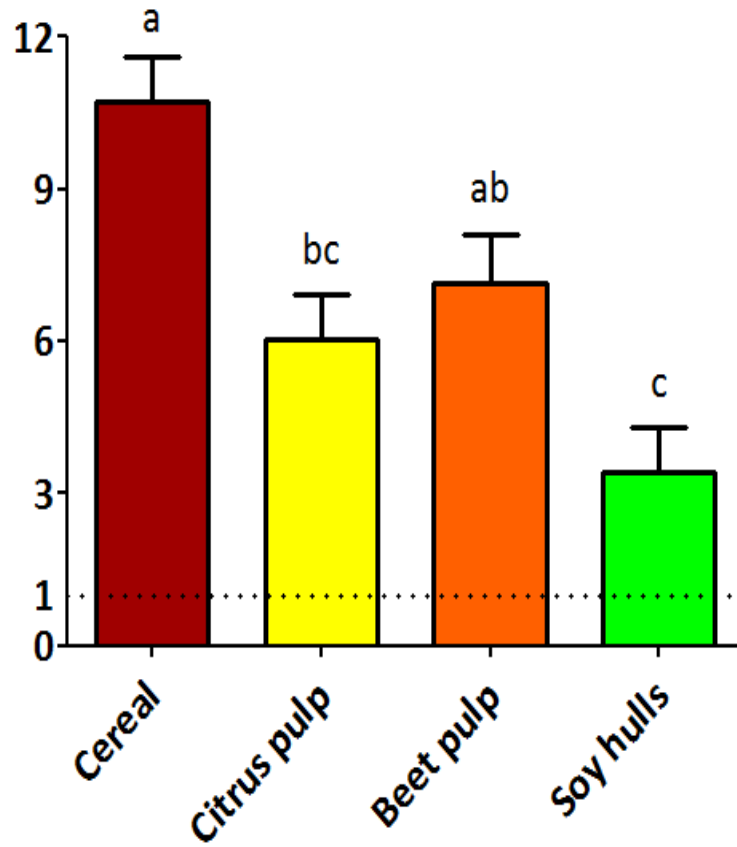
Subcutaneous fat



*trans*-10-18:1/*trans*-11-18:1 ratio

Muscle

Subcutaneous fat



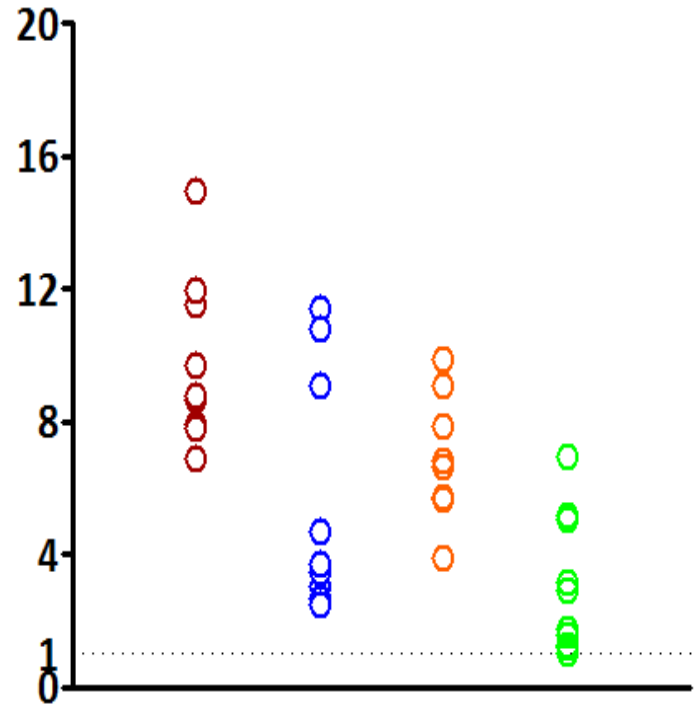
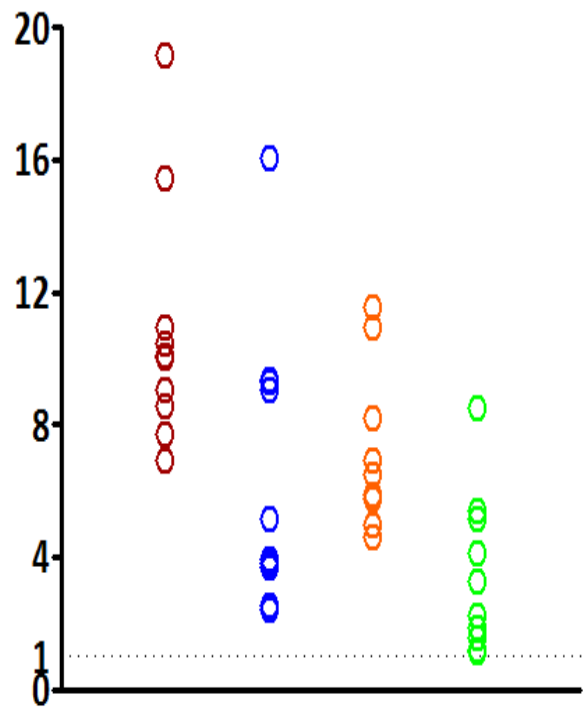


*trans*-10-18:1/*trans*-11-18:1 ratio - individual variability

Muscle

Subcutaneous fat

○ Cereal    ○ Citrus pulp    ○ Beet pulp    ○ Soy hulls



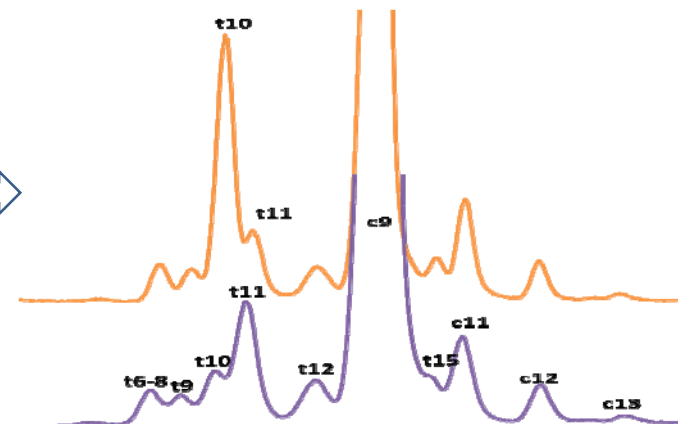
# Implications

Low starch and high NDF intake  
did not prevent the *trans*-10 shift

*trans*-10-18:1/*trans*-11-18:1 ratio  $\geq 3$

High accumulation of *trans*-10-18:1 (7.32 to 17.20 % total FA)

***trans*-10 shift**



The starch is not indispensable for *trans*-10 shift's induction

Possible determinant factors for *trans*-10 shift

Type of NDF?

Rate of ruminal fermentation?

Other hypotheses?????

Thank you for your attention!

