

1 INTERPRETIVE SUMMARY: **Effect of Incremental Amounts of Camelina Oil on Milk Fatty**
2 **Acid Composition in Lactating Cows Fed Diets Based on a Mixture of Grass and Red Clover**
3 **Silage and Concentrates Containing Camelina Expeller** *By Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al.*
4 Effects of incremental amounts of camelina oil (CO) in concentrates containing camelina expeller
5 on animal performance and milk fat composition were examined. Supplements of CO progressively
6 lowered silage intake and milk yield. Camelina oil enriched 18-carbon biohydrogenation
7 intermediates in milk fat, including *trans*-11 18:1 and *cis*-9,*trans*-11 18:2 in the absence of milk fat
8 depression. Supplements of CO decreased the secretion of medium-chain saturates in milk, but had
9 no effect on 18:0, *cis*-9 18:1, *cis*-9,*cis*-12 18:2, and *cis*-9,*cis*-12,*cis*-15 18:3 output. Milk fat
10 composition on all treatments suggested that one or more components in camelina seeds may inhibit
11 complete ruminal biohydrogenation of unsaturates.

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15 **Effect of Incremental Amounts of Camelina Oil on Milk Fatty Acid Composition**
16 **in Lactating Cows Fed Diets Based on a Mixture of Grass and Red Clover Silage**
17 **and Concentrates Containing Camelina Expeller**

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ABSTRACT

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34 Camelina is an ancient oilseed crop that produces an oil rich in *cis*-9,*cis*-12 18:2 (LA) and *cis*-9,*cis*-
35 12,*cis*-15 18:3 (ALA), but reports on the use of camelina oil (CO) for ruminants are limited. The
36 present study investigated the effects of incremental CO supplementation on animal performance,
37 milk fatty acid (FA) composition, and milk sensory quality. Eight Finnish Ayrshire cows (91 d in
38 milk) were used in replicated 4 × 4 Latin squares with 21 d periods. Treatments comprised 4
39 concentrates (12 kg/d on an air-dry basis) based on cereals and camelina expeller containing 0
40 (control), 2, 4, or 6% of CO on an air-dry basis. Cows were offered a mixture of grass and red clover
41 silage (RCS; 1:1 on a dry matter basis) ad libitum. Incremental CO supplementation lowered linearly
42 silage and total dry matter intake, and increased linearly LA, ALA, and total FA intake. Treatments
43 had no effect on whole tract apparent organic matter or fiber digestibility, or a major influence on
44 rumen fermentation. Supplements of CO decreased quadratically daily milk and lactose yields and
45 lowered linearly milk protein yield and milk taste panel score from 4.2 to 3.6 [on a scale of 1 (poor)
46 to 5 (excellent)], without altering milk fat yield. Inclusion of CO decreased linearly the proportions
47 of saturated FA synthesised *de novo* (4:0 to 16:0), without altering milk fat 18:0, *cis*-9 18:1, LA,
48 and ALA concentrations. Milk fat 18:0 was low (< 5 g/100 g FA) across all treatments. Increases in
49 CO decreased linearly the proportions of total saturates from 58 to 45 g/100 g FA and enriched
50 linearly *trans*-11 18:1, *cis*-9,*trans*-11 18:2, and *trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:2 from 5.2, 2.6, and 1.7 to 11,
51 4.3, and 5.8 g/100 g FA, respectively. Furthermore, CO decreased quadratically milk fat *trans*-10
52 18:1 and linearly *trans*-10,*cis*-12 18:2 concentration. Overall, milk FA composition on all treatments
53 suggests that one or more components in camelina seeds may inhibit the complete reduction of 18-
54 carbon unsaturates in the rumen. In conclusion, CO decreased the secretions of saturated FA in milk
55 and increased those of the *trans*-11 biohydrogenation pathway or their desaturation products.
56 Despite increasing the intake of 18-carbon unsaturated FA, CO had no effect on the secretions of
57 18:0, *cis*-9 18:1, LA, and ALA in milk. Concentrates containing camelina expeller and 2% CO could

58 be used for the commercial production of low-saturated milk from grass and RCS based diets
59 without major adverse effects on animal performance.

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61 Keywords: camelina, saturated fatty acid, *trans* fatty acid, conjugated linoleic acid

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INTRODUCTION

64 Public health policies recommend a population wide decrease in the consumption of SFA and
65 an increase in PUFA, specifically n-3 fatty acids (FA) to lower the incidence of cardiovascular and
66 metabolic diseases (USDA and HHS, 2010; FAO, 2010; Perk et al., 2012). Milk and dairy products
67 contribute to total fat intake and are typically the major source of SFA in the human diet (Kliem and
68 Shingfield, 2016). Ruminant milk fat also contains several FA with anti-mutagenic properties
69 including 4:0, odd- and branched-chain FA (OBCFA), *trans*-11 18:1, and *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA
70 (Parodi, 2001; Shingfield et al., 2008b). Altering milk fat composition offers the opportunity to
71 lower SFA intake and increase the consumption of PUFA and bioactive lipids without requiring a
72 change in eating habits.

73 Diet is the major environmental factor influencing milk fat composition. Forage species,
74 forage conservation methods, and dietary lipid supplements are known to affect milk FA
75 composition (Dewhurst et al., 2006; Shingfield et al., 2013). Several studies have examined the
76 potential to lower SFA and enrich *trans*-11 18:1, *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA, and *cis*-9,*cis*-12,*cis*-15 18:3
77 (α -linolenic acid, ALA) in milk fat using oils or processed seeds rich in ALA principally from
78 linseed (Chilliard et al., 2009; Kliem and Shingfield, 2016). Interest in cultivating Camelina
79 (*Camelina sativa*) as an alternative to linseed has been increasing due to low input requirements, a
80 high drought tolerance, and an ability to adapt to changes in climatic and soil conditions (Zubr,
81 2003a). Camelina oil (CO) is a rich source of 18 carbon n-6 PUFA in the form of *cis*-9,*cis*-12 18:2
82 [linoleic acid (LA); 15 to 16 g/100 g FA] and n-3 PUFA (ALA; 37 to 38 g/100 g FA; Zubr, 2003b;

83 Bayat et al., 2015). Camelinaseeds are also relatively abundant in essential AA (Zubr, 2003b),
84 highlighting the potential of camelina as a high quality feed for ruminants.

85 It is well established that the amount of supplemental lipid and the composition of the basal
86 diet are important determinants of milk FA responses to plant oils and oilseeds in lactating cows
87 (Roy et al., 2006; Shingfield et al., 2013). Both factors also influence DMI, milk yield, and milk fat
88 content (Roy et al., 2006; Drackley et al., 2007; Steinshamn, 2010). Milk fat from cows fed red
89 clover silage (**RCS**; *Trifolium pratense*) contains higher concentrations of ALA compared with grass
90 silage (Dewhurst et al., 2006; Steinshamn, 2010; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2014).
91 However, owing to inconsistencies in annual herbage yield, red clover is typically cultivated as a
92 mixed sward with grasses rather than as a monoculture. Feeding grass silage and RCS as a mixture
93 often increases DMI and milk yield compared with feeding grass or RCS as sole forages (Vanhatalo
94 et al., 2009; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2014). Several studies have shown that
95 camelinaseeds or CO can be used to alter milk fat composition in cows fed diets based on maize
96 silage (Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007), RCS (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011) or grass silage
97 (Mihhejev et al., 2007; Bayat et al., 2015) and in goats (Pikul et al., 2014) and in sheep (Szumacher-
98 Strabel et al., 2011) based on a mixture of alfalfa silage, grass silage, and meadow hay. However,
99 no single experiment has examined the effect of CO inclusion rate in cows fed diets containing a
100 mixture of grass silage and RCS.

101 The aim of this study was to determine the optimal amount of CO for altering milk FA
102 composition without causing adverse effects on DMI or milk production in cows fed diets based on
103 a mixture of grass silage and RCS supplemented with concentrates containing camelina expeller as
104 the main protein source. Eight cows were used in a replicated 4 × 4 Latin square to test the
105 hypotheses that i) incremental inclusion of CO progressively lowers DMI and milk fat medium-
106 chain SFA secretion and ii) supplements of CO increase milk fat *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA and ALA
107 concentrations in a dose dependent manner.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Animals, Experimental Design, and Experimental Diets

111 All experimental procedures were approved by the National Animal Ethics Committee
112 (Hämeenlinna, Finland) in accordance with guidelines established by the European Union (1986).
113 The experiment was performed at the University of Helsinki research farm in Viikki, Finland. Eight
114 multiparous Finnish Ayrshire cows of mean \pm SD 634 \pm 68.5 kg of BW, 91 \pm 16.5 DIM, and
115 producing 37.7 \pm 2.60 kg milk/d were used. Four cows were fitted with rumen cannulae (100 mm
116 i.d.; Bar Diamond Inc., Parma, ID). Cows were allocated at random to experimental diets according
117 to a replicated 4 \times 4 Latin square design with 21-d periods (Supplemental Table 1; available on line
118 at www.journalofdairyscience.org). At the end of the experiment cows weighed on average 630 kg
119 (SD 72.2 kg). Treatments comprised 4 pelleted concentrate supplements based on cereals and
120 camelina expeller containing 0 (control), 2, 4, or 6% of CO on an air-dry basis. Cows received 12
121 kg/d of concentrates on an air-dry basis (Table 1) fed as equal meals at 0615, 1000, 1300, 1645, and
122 2000 h with ad libitum access to a mixture of grass silage and RCS (1:1 on a DM basis). Fresh silage
123 was made available 4 times daily at 0700, 1200, 1500, and 1800 h. Experimental diets were designed
124 to meet ME and MP requirements and to support maintenance and 40 kg ECM/d (Luke, 2015). All
125 experimental animals were housed in individual tie stalls equipped with forage intake control
126 feeding stations (Insentec BV, Marknesse, the Netherlands) that were fitted with separate
127 concentrate troughs. Cows had continuous access to water and were milked twice daily at 0615 and
128 1700 h.

129 Grass silage was prepared on June 16, 2008, from primary growths of a 2-yr ley of mixed
130 timothy (*Phleum pratense*, 83% of DM) and meadow fescue (*Festuca pratensis*, 13% of DM)
131 containing small amounts of cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*), weeds, and dead plant material (1, 2,
132 and 1% of DM, respectively). On April 25, grass swards used for silage production were fertilized

133 with N, P, and K at a rate of 97, 16, and 16 kg/ha, respectively. On reaching the heading stage, grass
134 was cut with a mower-conditioner, wilted for approximately 5 h to a DM content of 27.7%, and
135 ensiled using a formic acid based additive (760 g formic acid and 55 g of ammonium formate, AIV
136 2 Plus, Kemira Ltd., Helsinki, Finland) applied at a rate of 6 L/t fresh herbage and roundbaled.
137 Primary growths of 2-yr red clover leys were cut at an early flowering stage on July 1, 2008 with a
138 mower-conditioner, wilted for 48 h during inclement weather to a final DM content of 14.8%,
139 harvested with a self-loading wagon, and ensiled using formic acid based additive (6 L/t fresh
140 herbage, AIV 2 Plus) in a clamp silo. Prior to harvesting, red clover swards were fertilized on April
141 28 with N, P, and K at a rate of 4.1, 10, and 42 kg/ha, respectively.

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143 *Sampling and Chemical Analysis*

144 Individual cow intakes were recorded throughout the experiment, but only measurements for
145 the penultimate 6 d of each period (d 15 to 20) were used for statistical analysis. Representative
146 samples of feeds (d 15 to 21) and spot fecal samples (at 0700 and 1500 h on d 17 to 21) were
147 collected, composited, and stored at -20°C prior to chemical analysis (Kokkonen et al., 2000). The
148 concentration of indigestible NDF (**iNDF**) of silages and concentrates was determined in duplicate
149 by incubating samples (from 0.5 to 1.0 g) within polyester bags (60 × 120 mm, pore size 17 µm) in
150 the rumen for 12 d (Ahvenjärvi et al., 2000). The OM content of the indigestible residue was
151 determined by ashing at 600°C for 18 h (Heraeus K1253, Heraeus GmbH, Hanau, Germany).
152 Ethanol was analyzed using a commercially available kit (Cat. No 10 176 290 035, Boehringer-
153 Mannheim, Darmstadt, Germany) in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer with a
154 UV-spectrophotometer (Shimadzu UV-VIS mini 1240, Shimadzu Europa GmbH, Duisburg,
155 Germany). Nutrient digestibility was estimated using acid-insoluble ash as an internal marker
156 (Kokkonen et al., 2000). Cows were weighed (CV 9600 Scale, Solotop Ltd., Helsinki, Finland) over
157 2 consecutive days at the beginning and the end of the experiment. Body condition scores were

158 recorded on a scale of 1 (thin) to 5 (fat) at the start of the experiment and at the end of each
159 experimental period (Edmonson et al., 1989).

160 Samples of ruminal fluid were collected from cows fitted with a rumen cannula on 8 occasions
161 over 1.5 h intervals starting at 0600 h on d 19 of each period, filtered through a single layer of
162 cheesecloth, and analyzed for pH, ammonia N, and VFA (Koivunen et al., 2015). To assess rumen
163 protozoal numbers, a 10-mL sub-sample of filtered rumen fluid was taken and preserved with 30
164 mL of aqueous NaCl (0.9% wt/vol) containing 10% (vol/vol) CH₂O. Samples collected at each time
165 point were composited and replicate (n = 6) measurements of protozoal numbers were made using
166 a counting chamber (Fuchs-Rosenthal, Fortuna, Germany).

167 On d 21 of each period, blood samples were obtained from the coccygeal vessels at 0530,
168 0830, and 1130 h into evacuated collection tubes (Venoject, Terumo Europe Ltd., Leuven, Belgium)
169 containing potassium ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid and placed on ice. Once collected, blood
170 samples were centrifuged (15 min at 870 g at room temperature) and plasma was stored at -20°C
171 pending analysis for BHB, glucose, insulin, NEFA (Selim et al., 2014), and acetic acid.
172 Concentrations of acetic acid were determined by UPLC (Waters Acquity UPLC, Waters, Milford,
173 MA). After thawing at room temperature, plasma (0.1 ml) was deproteinised following the addition
174 of 0.1 ml of acetonitrile. The mixture was centrifuged (10 min at 15,000 g), and 40 µl of the
175 supernatant was used in a conjugation reaction with 40 µl 1-Ethyl-3-(3-
176 dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (100 mM) in ethanol containing 3% of pyridine and 40 µl
177 pentafluorobenzylhydroxylamine (50 mM) in 50%/50% acetonitrile/300 mM KH₂PO₄ solution.
178 Solutions were combined, mixed thoroughly and incubated for 30 min at +60°C. Chromatography
179 was achieved using 0.35% formic acid in mQ water and 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile (Eluents A
180 and B, respectively), using a MassTrak AAA 2.1 × 150 mm column (Waters) maintained at + 60°C,
181 and a gradient method (initial to 1 min = 75% A, 5.2 min = 54% A, 5.5 min to 6 min = 10% A, 6.5
182 min to 7.5 min=75% A). Initial solvent flow rate was 0.45 ml/min that was increased to 0.5 ml/min

183 from 1 min to 5.2 min and reversed to 0.45 ml/min from 5.2 min to 5.5 min. Concentrations of
184 acetate were determined for a sample volume of 1 μ l and monitoring column effluent at 269 nm.
185 Standard solutions of an authentic standard (A6283, Sigma-Aldrich, Helsinki, Finland) over a range
186 in concentrations from 46 μ M to 1.15 mM were used to check the linearity of responses and to
187 develop a calibration curve.

188 Milk yield was recorded daily throughout the experiment, but only measurements made from
189 d 15 through to d 20 of each period were used for statistical analysis. Samples of milk were collected
190 from each cow over 4 consecutive milkings starting at 1700 h on d 19. Milk samples (20 ml) treated
191 with preservative (Bronopol, Valio Ltd., Helsinki, Finland) were analyzed for milk fat, CP, urea,
192 and lactose (Milko-Scan605 analyser, Foss Electric, Hillerød, Denmark). Additional samples of
193 unpreserved milk (500 ml) were also collected, composited according to yield, and stored at -20°C
194 until analysed for FA composition. Sensory analysis was performed on milk samples (750 ml)
195 collected over 2 consecutive milkings, starting at 1700 h on d 18, that had been placed in an ice-bath
196 immediately after collection, and stored at +4°C thereafter. Assessment of aroma and flavor of
197 unpasteurized milk were made on d 19 by an experienced 6-member taste panel. Milk samples were
198 presented to the panel at +15°C and evaluated using a numerical interval scale from 1 (poor) to 5
199 (excellent) as outlined previously (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011). For the determination
200 of butter storage properties, all milk from both cows fed the same treatment within each period was
201 pooled over 3 consecutive milkings starting at 0615 h on d 18. Immediately after milking, milk was
202 transferred into stainless steel 50 L containers and placed in a water bath containing ice to facilitate
203 rapid cooling. Milk was stored at +4°C until butter manufacture in the dairy pilot-plant of the
204 Department of Food Technology, University of Helsinki (Helsinki, Finland). Milk was passed
205 through a Seital SE 02 separator (Seital Separatori Italia, Santorso, Italy) and the cream obtained
206 was pasteurized at 90°C for 25 sec (Fisher E 5 FHG plate heat exchanger, Fischer AG, Ebreichsdorf,
207 Austria). Pasteurized cream was ripened and the cream was churned (Elba 30, Elecrem, Chatillon,

208 France). Sub-samples of butter (from 1 to 2 g) were used to determine water content by drying to a
209 constant weight loss at 102°C. Concentrations of peroxides (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al.,
210 2011) and NEFA in butter were determined immediately after manufacture and at 2 wk intervals
211 until 12 wk of storage. Butterfat acidity (NEFA %) was determined with an automatic titrator (DL-
212 58, Mettler-Toledo, Greifensee, Switzerland) equipped with a photoelectrode (DP550, Mettler-
213 Toledo) according to International Dairy Federation Standard 6 (IDF, 2004) with minor
214 modifications. A quality assurance sample was prepared by adding a known amount of *cis*-9 18:1 in
215 refined rapeseed oil and benzoic acid was used instead of potassium hydrogen phthalate to validate
216 the tetra-n-butylammonium hydroxide titer. Results are expressed as a weight percentage of *cis*-9
217 18:1 in butterfat. Butters were tasted and a verbal description of flavor characteristics was provided
218 by trained panelists.

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220 ***Lipid Analysis***

221 Lipid in 1 mL milk samples was extracted in triplicate with a mixture of ammonia, methanol,
222 diethylether, and hexane (0.2:1:2.5:2.5, vol/vol, respectively). Organic extracts were combined and
223 converted to FAME using methanolic sodium methoxide as a catalyst (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau
224 et al., 2011).

225 Samples of FAME were quantified using a gas chromatograph (model 6890, Hewlett-Packard,
226 Wilmington, DE) equipped with a flame-ionization detector, automatic injector, split injection port
227 and a 100-m fused silica capillary column (i.d. 0.25 mm) coated with a 0.2 µm film of cyanopropyl
228 polysiloxane (CP-Sil 88, Chromopack 7489, Middelburg, The Netherlands). Total FAME profile in
229 a 2-µL sample at a split ratio of 1:50 was determined using a temperature gradient program and
230 hydrogen as a carrier gas operated at constant pressure (137.9 kPa) at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min.
231 Isomers of 18:1 were further resolved in a separate analysis under isothermal conditions at 170°C.
232 Peaks were identified by comparison of retention times with authentic FAME standards. Fatty acid

233 methyl esters not available as commercial standards were identified based on GC-MS analysis of
234 4,4-dimethyloxoline (**DMOX**) derivatives prepared from FAME. Preparation of DMOX
235 derivatives, parameters used for GC-MS analysis, and the interpretation of mass spectra were in
236 accordance with earlier reports (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011). Relative retention time
237 and order of elution was used to differentiate between diastereomers of 3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-16:0
238 (Schröder and Vetter, 2011).

239 The distribution of CLA isomers in milk samples was determined using a HPLC system
240 (Model 1090; Hewlett-Packard, Wilmington, DE) equipped with four silver-impregnated silica
241 columns (Chrom-Spher 5 Lipids, 250 × 4.6 mm, 5 µm particle size; Varian Ltd., Walton-on-Thames,
242 UK) coupled in series. Methyl esters of CLA were separated under isothermal conditions at 22°C
243 using 0.1% (vol/vol) acetonitrile in heptane at a flow rate of 1 mL/min and monitoring column
244 effluent at 233 and 210 nm (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011).

245 Milk FA composition was expressed as a weight percentage of total FA using theoretical
246 relative response factors to account for the carbonyl deficiency in the flame ionization detector
247 response for 4- to 10-carbon containing FAME (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011).
248 Concentrations of specific conjugated isomers were calculated based on proportionate peak area
249 responses determined by HPLC and the sum of *trans*-7,*cis*-9 CLA, *trans*-8,*cis*-10 CLA, and *cis*-
250 9,*trans*-11 CLA weight percentage determined by GC.

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252 **Calculations**

253 Digestible organic matter content in silage DM (DOMD) was calculated from measurements
254 of pepsin-cellulase solubility (Koivunen et al., 2015). Metabolizable energy content of experimental
255 concentrates was calculated as the weighted sum of published energy concentrations of individual
256 ingredients (Luke, 2015). The ME content of silage was calculated based on DOMD content (Luke,
257 2015). Metabolizable energy intakes were corrected for associative effects according to Luke

258 (2015). Energy requirements (MJ/d) for maintenance and milk production was calculated as $BW^{0.75}$
259 (kg) \times 0.515 + ECM yield (kg/d) \times 5.15 (Luke, 2015). Energy-corrected milk yield was calculated
260 as milk yield (kg) \times [383 \times fat (%) + 242 \times protein (%) + 165.4 \times lactose (%) + 20.7] / 3140 (Sjaunja
261 et al., 1990).

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263 ***Statistical Analysis***

264 Data were analysed by ANOVA with a model that included the random effect of cow within
265 square and fixed effects of square, period within square, carry over, and treatment using the PROC
266 MIXED procedure of SAS (SAS Version 9.3. SAS Institute, Inc., NC). For all parameters, the effect
267 due to carryover was $P > 0.10$, and therefore this term was removed from the final statistical model.
268 Sums of squares for treatment effects were further separated using orthogonal contrasts into single
269 degree of freedom comparisons to test for the significance of linear, quadratic, and cubic
270 components of response to incremental amounts of CO in the diet. Least square means are reported
271 with treatment effects declared significant at $P \leq 0.05$, with P values between 0.05 and 0.10
272 considered a trend towards significance.

273 Unfortunately 4 out of 32 cow period observations could not be made (Supplemental Table 1)
274 due to a leg injury (cow number 3 during period 1) or digestive disorders (cow number 6 during
275 periods 3 and 4). Furthermore, cow number 5 was replaced due to digestive disorders after period 1
276 with a different cow.

277 Measurements of rumen pH and fermentation characteristics were analysed by ANOVA for
278 repeated measures with a model that included the fixed effects of treatment, period, sampling time,
279 the interaction of sampling time and period and that of sampling time with treatment and the random
280 effects of cow, the interaction of cow, treatment, and period and the interaction of cow and sampling
281 time using the Satterthwaite correction. The covariance structure AR(1) was applied with the
282 interaction of cow and period as the subject for repeated measures. Time by treatment interactions

283 were not significant. Therefore daily averages are reported. Changes in the concentration of
284 peroxides and NEFA during butter storage were analysed by ANOVA for repeated measures using
285 a model that included the fixed effect of treatment, period, time, the interactions of time and period
286 and time and treatment, and the random effect of the interaction of treatment and period with the
287 Satterthwaite correction. The AR(1) covariance structure was applied with diet within period as
288 the subject for repeated measures.

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RESULTS

291 *Chemical Composition of Experimental Feeds*

292 The chemical composition of concentrate treatments and experimental silages is presented in
293 Table 2. Due to a prolonged period of rain around harvesting, the DM content of red clover was
294 lower than targeted. Red clover silage was of moderate fermentation quality and nutritive value as
295 indicated by the relatively high pH, VFA and ammonia N concentrations and low DOMD, whereas
296 grass silage was of high fermentation quality and digestibility. Compared with grass silage, RCS
297 had a higher ash and CP and lower NDF content. However, total FA content and FA composition
298 were similar between grass silage and RCS. For both silages, ALA was the major FA (from 45 to
299 49 g/100 g total FA), but RCS and grass silage also contained relatively high proportions of 16:0
300 (from 15 to 17 g/100 g total FA) and LA (from 17 to 19 g/100 g total FA). By design, experimental
301 concentrates contained different amounts of FA varying 44 to 91 g/kg DM, with CO inclusion being
302 associated with incremental changes in the relative proportions of 16:0, *cis*-9 18:1, LA, ALA, and
303 *cis*-11 20:1 in total lipid from 12, 16, 32, 20, and 7 to 8, 14, 23, 25, and 15 g/100 g total FA,
304 respectively.

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306 *Nutrient Intake*

307 Cows consumed all concentrates on the 0 and 2% CO treatments, but on occasion small

308 amounts of the 4% CO and 6% CO concentrates were refused. Increasing levels of dietary CO
309 linearly decreased ($P < 0.01$) silage and diet DM intakes (Table 3). Overall, the proportion of
310 concentrate in the diet DM increased linearly ($P < 0.04$) from 50 to 55% in response to incremental
311 CO supplementation. Furthermore, CO inclusion linearly decreased ($P < 0.01$) ME, OM, NDF, and
312 N intake, but linearly increased ($P < 0.05$) the intake of 16- to 22-carbon FA (Table 3).

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314 ***Rumen Fermentation and Nutrient Digestibility***

315 Dietary CO supplementation had no effect ($P > 0.10$) on rumen pH, ammonia N, and total
316 VFA concentrations or on rumen protozoal numbers (Table 3, Supplemental Figure 1). Rumen pH
317 varied between 5.93 to 7.13 across sampling times (Supplemental Figure 1), averaging 6.50 across
318 all treatments and sampling times (Table 3). Incremental CO supplementation had no major effect
319 ($P \geq 0.09$) on the molar proportions of individual VFA in rumen fluid (Table 3). Increasing amounts
320 of CO had no effect ($P > 0.10$) on whole tract apparent nutrient digestion, except for a linear increase
321 ($P < 0.01$) in crude fat digestibility (Table 3).

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323 ***Plasma Metabolites***

324 Plasma BHB tended to be higher ($P = 0.07$, cubic effect) on the 4% CO treatment compared
325 with the other diets (Table 3). Plasma acetic acid concentration linearly decreased ($P < 0.02$) in
326 response to CO. Incremental CO supplementation linearly increased ($P < 0.01$) plasma NEFA
327 concentration with a numerical linear decrease ($P = 0.11$) in plasma glucose and insulin.

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329 ***Milk Production, Milk Sensory Quality, and Butter Storage Properties***

330 The effect of CO treatments on milk production and milk sensory quality is shown in Table 4.
331 Incremental CO supplementation decreased ($P < 0.03$) milk yield in a quadratic manner and linearly
332 decreased ($P < 0.01$) ECM yield. Inclusion of CO had no effect ($P > 0.10$) on milk fat output, but

333 linearly increased ($P < 0.02$) milk fat concentration. Supplements of CO linearly decreased ($P <$
334 0.04) milk protein yield and milk protein and urea concentrations. Increases in CO had no effect on
335 milk lactose concentration ($P > 0.10$), but decreased ($P < 0.02$) milk lactose yield in a quadratic
336 manner. Furthermore, incremental CO supplementation linearly decreased ($P < 0.02$) milk taste
337 panel score. Treatment had no effect ($P > 0.10$) on butter peroxide and NEFA concentrations over
338 a 12 weeks storage period, which were consistently below 0.15 mmol O₂/kg milk fat and 0.3%,
339 respectively (Supplemental Figures 2 and 3). Butter water content averaged 13.9, 13.4, 13.8, and
340 12.8% for 0%, 2%, 4%, and 6% CO, respectively (data not presented). Overall, butter flavor was
341 assessed as good or satisfactory for up to 6 wk of storage, but off-flavors were detected thereafter
342 (data not shown).

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344 ***Milk FA Composition and Secretion***

345 The effect of CO supplementation on the major FA in milk fat, 18:1 and 18:2 composition,
346 and FA secretion in milk is shown in Tables 5, 6, and 7, respectively. Treatment effects on the
347 relative proportions of OBCFA, 16:1 and 16:2, and 20:1 isomers in milk fat are reported in
348 Supplemental Tables 2, 3, and 4, respectively. Supplements of CO linearly decreased ($P < 0.01$) the
349 proportions of FA synthesized de novo (4- to 14-carbon and 16:0) in milk fat with an overall
350 decrease ($P < 0.01$) in total SFA concentration from 58 to 45 g/100 g total FA (Table 5).

351 Inclusion of CO supplementation had no effect ($P \geq 0.10$) on *cis*-9 18:1, LA, ALA or total FA
352 output in milk (Table 7). Supplements of CO linearly decreased ($P < 0.01$) the apparent transfer of
353 LA and ALA from the diet into milk (Table 5). Increases in CO linearly enriched ($P < 0.01$) several
354 geometric Δ 9,11,15 18:3 isomers in milk fat (Table 5) and increased linearly ($P < 0.01$) the relative
355 abundance of Δ 8,15 18:2 and Δ 11,15 18:2 (Table 6). Inclusion of CO linearly increased ($P < 0.01$)
356 milk fat total CLA content (Table 5) and altered the distribution of milk fat CLA isomers
357 characterised as linear increases ($P < 0.01$) in *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA, *trans*-8,*cis*-10 CLA, *trans*-11,*cis*-

358 13 CLA and concomitant linear decreases ($P < 0.03$) in *trans*-9,*trans*-11 CLA and Δ 10,12 CLA
359 concentrations (Table 6). Furthermore, CO elevated milk fat *trans*-7,*cis*-9 CLA, *trans*-11,*trans*-13
360 CLA, and *trans*-12,*trans*-14 CLA concentrations reaching a maximum on the 2% and 4% CO
361 treatments that declined in response to further oil addition ($P < 0.04$ for quadratic effect; Table 6).
362 (Incremental amounts of CO linearly increased ($P < 0.03$) milk fat proportions of *trans*-4 18:1, *trans*-
363 5 18:1, and *trans*-11 18:1, but quadratically decreased ($P < 0.01$) *trans*-10 18:1 concentration (Table
364 6). Overall, CO supplementation increased linearly ($P < 0.01$) total *trans* FA concentration in milk
365 fat (Table 5) and the secretion of *trans* FA in milk (Table 7), without altering ($P > 0.10$) the relative
366 proportions of 18:0 in milk fat (Table 5) or secretion of 18:0 in milk (Table 7).

367 Supplements of CO altered milk fat OBCFA concentrations (Supplemental Table 2), changes
368 characterised by linear decreases ($P < 0.05$) in milk fat concentration of numerous 5- to 25-carbon
369 OBCFA. Inclusion of CO altered the relative distribution of 16-carbon FA in milk resulting in linear
370 decreases in ($P < 0.04$) *cis* 16:1 (Δ 9 to 13) and *trans*-13 16:1 and linear increases ($P < 0.01$) in *trans*-
371 9 16:1, *trans*-9,*trans*-12 16:2, and Δ 9,13 16:2 concentrations. (Supplemental Table 3).

372 Incremental amounts of CO linearly increased ($P < 0.02$) milk fat *cis* 20:1 (Δ 11 and 13) and
373 *trans* 20:1 (Δ 6+7+8 and 11) concentrations (Supplemental Table 4), but had no major effect ($P >$
374 0.07) on the daily yields of 20:0 and *cis*-9 20:1 (Table 7). Inclusion of CO elevated ($P < 0.01$) also
375 the proportion of *cis*-13 22:1 in milk fat in a linear manner (Table 5). Camelina oil supplementation
376 altered the relative abundance of 20- to 22-carbon n-3 PUFA, increasing linearly ($P < 0.01$) *cis*-
377 11,*cis*-14,*cis*-17 20:3 and *cis*-13,*cis*-16,*cis*-19 22:3 and decreasing linearly ($P < 0.03$) *cis*-5,*cis*-8,*cis*-
378 11,*cis*-14,*cis*-17 20:5 [eicosapentaenoic acid (**EPA**)], *cis*-7,*cis*-10,*cis*-13,*cis*-16,*cis*-19 22:5, and *cis*-
379 4,*cis*-7,*cis*-10,*cis*-13,*cis*-16,*cis*-19 22:6 [docosahexaenoic acid (**DHA**)] concentrations.
380 Furthermore, inclusion of CO decreased linearly ($P < 0.05$) several product to substrate
381 concentration ratios for stearoyl-CoA desaturase (SCD1) in milk fat (Table 5).

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DISCUSSION

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384 *Dry Matter Intake*

385 Supplements of plant oils and oilseeds typically lower DMI when included in amounts above
386 50 g of oil/kg DM, a response often attributed to the adverse effect of unsaturated FA on rumen
387 microbial communities, lowered ruminal OM and NDF digestion (Allen, 2000; Lock and Shingfield,
388 2004), and an increase in gut peptide secretion (Litherland et al., 2005; Relling and Reynolds, 2007).
389 By design, incremental inclusion of CO in concentrate supplements increased the FA content of the
390 total diet from 33 to 60 g/kg DM. Increases in CO decreased silage and total DMI by 27 and 18%,
391 respectively, in the absence of changes in total tract NDF digestibility. The magnitude of decreases
392 in intake were higher compared with a recent report of a 12% decrease in DMI in response to
393 inclusion of 60 g CO/kg DM that increased the FA content of a TMR based on grass silage from 22
394 to 77 g/kg DM (Bayat et al., 2015). However, both the proportion of concentrate in diet DM (from
395 50 to 55%) and apparent total tract OM digestibility (from 74 to 75%) were similar in this and the
396 earlier report (50 and from 69 to 72%, respectively; Bayat et al., 2015). It is possible that the larger
397 decrease in DMI to CO in the present experiment was related to the inclusion in concentrates fed
398 separately at specified time points leading to a more rapid release of unsaturated FA in the rumen
399 compared with adding CO as part of a TMR (Bayat et al., 2015). Decreases in DMI to linseed oil
400 supplementation (from 4 to 6% of diet DM) have been shown to be much more pronounced when
401 concentrates were fed separately (-26%; Chilliard et al., 2009), rather than as part of a TMR (from
402 no change to -9%; Bell et al., 2006; Benchaar et al., 2015).

403 There are relatively few reports on the effect of CO on DMI, but indirect comparisons do not
404 provide substantive evidence to suggest that CO has more adverse effects on intake (Hurtaud and
405 Peyraud, 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011; Bayat et al., 2015) compared with other
406 plant oils of similar FA composition (Bell et al., 2006; Chilliard et al., 2009). Nevertheless, camelina
407 expeller or meal has been reported to result in marginally greater decreases in DMI compared with

408 provision of the same amount of lipid as camelina oil (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011) or
409 whole seeds (Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007). Furthermore, the intake of diets based on RCS has been
410 shown to be unaffected or marginally decreased in response to plant oil (rapeseed, sunflower-seed,
411 camelinaseed or linseed) supplements (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011; Benchaar et al.,
412 2015), with the implication that feeding diets containing a mixture of grass silage and RCS is not
413 the sole explanation for the relatively high decrease in DMI on the 6% CO treatment.

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415 *Rumen Fermentation and Nutrient Digestibility*

416 Supplements of PUFA typically modify rumen fermentation characterized by a shift towards
417 propionate at the expense of acetate, butyrate or both lipogenic VFA (Ueda et al., 2003; Hurtaud
418 and Peyraud, 2007; Shingfield et al., 2008a). Changes in molar VFA proportions to plant oils may
419 be related to the toxic effects of LA and ALA on specific cellulolytic and butyrate-producing
420 bacteria (Maia et al., 2007; Yang et al., 2009). There were no indications from this or an earlier
421 study (Bayat et al., 2015) to suggest that CO alters rumen fermentation characteristics or depresses
422 fiber digestion. However, the associated decrease in DMI in response to CO supplements may have
423 resulted in a higher ruminal retention time compensating for possible adverse effects of PUFA on
424 NDF digestion. It has been suggested that soluble Ca may alleviate possible negative effects of
425 unsaturated FA on fiber digestion due to formation of Ca salts (Doreau and Chilliard, 1997).
426 Conversely, a shortage of Ca may compromise the attachment and colonization of cellulolytic
427 bacteria to feed particles in the rumen (Doreau and Chilliard, 1997). Typically, Ca concentrations
428 are higher in RCS compared with grass silage or maize silage (Luke, 2015).

429 Increases in CO supplementation were associated with an increase in total tract apparent crude
430 fat digestibility from 71 to 81%, but the increases from 4% CO to 6% CO were marginal. Such
431 findings are consistent with a finite capacity for FA absorption in the small intestine of lactating
432 cows (Schmidely et al., 2008) that may be related to the saturation of 18:0 intestinal absorption at

433 high postruminal flows (Glasser et al., 2008). In cows fed grass silage or RCS diets, 18:0 is typically
434 the major FA leaving the rumen (Shingfield et al., 2008a; 2012; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al.,
435 2013b).

436

437 *Plasma Metabolites*

438 Incremental CO supplementation increased plasma NEFA and lowered acetic acid
439 concentration and led to numerical decreases in plasma glucose and insulin concentrations, changes
440 that can be explained by the decreases in DMI. Such responses suggest that a higher proportion of
441 energy requirements for milk production was met through the mobilization of body energy reserves
442 consistent with the loss of BCS at high CO inclusion rates. Increases in FA supply at intestine may
443 also elevate circulating NEFA concentrations (Drackley et al., 1992; Gagliostro et al., 1991), due to
444 the release of FA into the plasma NEFA pool following the action of lipoprotein lipase on
445 triacylglycerols transported in chylomicrons. Earlier studies have also reported that camelina seeds
446 and meal lower plasma glucose concentration and DMI in lactating cows (Hurtaud and Peyraud,
447 2007).

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449 *Milk Production and Sensory Quality*

450 Incremental CO supplementation progressively lowered milk and lactose yields reflecting the
451 decrease in DMI. No direct measurements of energy status were made, but inclusion of CO in
452 concentrates was associated with numerical decreases in calculated ME balance and plasma glucose
453 concentrations consistent with changes in BCS. A linear decline in milk protein yield, and milk
454 protein and urea concentrations in response to CO can be attributed to lowered ME and nitrogen
455 intakes due to the decrease in both total DMI and concentrate CP content. Milk protein concentration
456 is often decreased by lipid supplementation due to the effects on energy intake, and limitations in
457 glucose supply and microbial protein synthesis (Lock and Shingfield, 2004). In the present study,

458 milk protein concentration was rather low across all diets (29 to 31 g/kg milk) compared with typical
459 values of 34 to 36 g/kg in milk from Finnish Ayrshire cows in mid-lactation (Korhonen et al., 2002;
460 Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2014). Earlier studies have shown that camelina expeller or meal
461 lowers milk protein concentrations (Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et
462 al., 2011). In addition to the effects attributable to increases in lipid intake, the low milk protein
463 concentration across all treatments may also be explained by the lower histidine concentration of
464 camelina protein compared with soybean or rapeseed protein (Zubr, 2003b). Histidine is considered
465 the first-limiting AA for milk and protein synthesis in grass silage and cereal based diets (Vanhatalo
466 et al., 1999). Rumen ammonia concentrations did not differ due to treatment, but varied between
467 4.37 and 10.9 mmol/L across sampling times (data not shown), averaging 8.58 mmol/L which
468 suggests that there was sufficient RDP on all treatments to support microbial growth (Schwab et al.,
469 2005).

470 Even though CO resulted in dose dependent changes in milk FA composition, milk fat
471 secretion was unaffected. Feeding low fiber-high starch diets, rations containing relatively high
472 amounts of PUFA or high concentrate-high oil diets often lower milk fat content in lactating cows,
473 a phenomenon referred to as diet-induced milk fat depression (**MFD**; Shingfield et al. 2010). Earlier
474 reports have shown that dietary supplements of camelina seeds or CO depress milk fat yield when
475 fed in relatively high amounts (Mihhejev et al., 2007; Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007; Bayat et al.,
476 2015). The relative proportion of concentrate in diet DM were rather similar in the present (from 50
477 to 55%) and earlier experiments (42%; Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007; 50% Bayat et al., 2015), but
478 forage species and composition differed. Previous reports have examined responses in cows fed
479 diets based on corn silage (Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007), or grass silage as the sole forage (Mihhejev
480 et al., 2007; Bayat et al., 2015), wherein decreases in milk fat secretion have been accompanied by
481 enrichment of intermediates formed by the *trans*-10 biohydrogenation pathway (Shingfield et al.,
482 2010). In contrast, the relative abundance of these intermediates in milk fat was decreased by CO

483 treatments, possibly due to the inclusion of RCS in the diet that has an inherently higher buffering
484 capacity (Koivunen et al., 2015), which may have prevented shifts in biohydrogenation pathways
485 despite the increase in PUFA availability in the rumen. Nevertheless, this does not appear to be the
486 sole explanation as earlier study showed that camelina expeller, and to a lesser extent CO, slightly
487 increased milk fat *trans*-10 18:1 and *trans*-10,*cis*-12 CLA concentrations also when RCS was the
488 only forage in the diet (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011). In the present experiment, CO
489 elevated milk fat concentration due to a decrease in milk yield rather than higher fat synthesis in the
490 mammary gland.

491 Incremental amounts of CO in concentrates resulted in a progressive decrease in the secretion
492 in milk of FA synthesized de novo in the mammary gland, that may at least in part, be explained by
493 a decrease in the mammary supply of acetate, as inferred from the decline in plasma acetate
494 concentrations. Despite the decrease in FA de novo synthesis in the mammary gland, CO treatments
495 did not induce MFD. Measurements of milk FA output indicated that the decrease in short- and
496 medium-chain FA to CO treatments was compensated for by higher uptake and incorporation of
497 preformed FA. During MFD, the secretion of all FA is depressed, but the decrease is proportionately
498 greater for FA synthesized de novo (Shingfield et al., 2010). Several theories have been proposed to
499 explain diet-induced MFD that include i) a decrease in the supply of acetate and BHB for FA
500 synthesis de novo, ii) elevated insulin secretion causing the partitioning of FA towards adipose tissue
501 at the expense of mammary gland or iii) direct inhibition of mammary lipogenesis by specific *trans*
502 FA intermediates formed by alterations in the major biohydrogenation pathways in the rumen
503 (Shingfield et al., 2010). Experimental treatments had no effect on milk fat output consistent with
504 numerical decreases in plasma insulin concentrations and an absence of shifts in ruminal
505 biohydrogenation favoring the formation of *trans*-10 containing intermediates, including *trans*-
506 10,*cis*-12 CLA known to inhibit milk fat synthesis in lactating cows (Baumgard et al., 2001).
507 Typically, supplementing fiber-rich diets with plant oils increase the output of long-chain FA in

508 milk, whereas inclusion of plant oils in starch-rich diets causing MFD has no effect or decreases the
509 secretion of ≥ 16 carbon FA (Shingfield et al., 2010).

510 Incremental CO supplementation compromised the sensory attributes of milk that may reflect
511 the alterations in milk fat composition. There is increasing evidence that FA interact with human
512 taste cells playing important roles in gustation, olfaction, and somatosensation, factors that
513 contribute to the overall flavor perception of foods (Tucker et al., 2014). Furthermore, NEFA
514 receptors may react differently or have a different affinity for FA varying in chain length, degree of
515 saturation or both (Tucker et al., 2014). Relative to sunflower-seed oil or rapeseed oil, dietary
516 supplements of camelina expeller result in higher enrichment of PUFA and *trans* FA, lower milk fat
517 SFA concentration, and a numerical decrease in taste panel score, changes that were not associated
518 with changes in milk fat peroxides (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011), formed during the
519 initial stages of lipid peroxidation (Halliwell and Chirico, 1993). In butter, oxidative off-flavors
520 become detectable at 0.6 mmol O₂/kg and a maximum level of 0.4 mmol O₂/kg is recommended
521 (Early, 1998). In the present study, the peroxide value of all experimental butters did not exceed 0.3
522 mmol O₂/kg. Camelina oil contains α - and γ -tocopherols (28.1 and 742 ppm, respectively; Zubr and
523 Matthaus, 2002) that may account for the stable peroxide concentrations during prolonged storage
524 of butter despite a higher concentration of PUFA in milk fat from cows fed CO treatments. Milk α -
525 and γ -tocopherol concentrations can be modified by diet (Kanno et al., 1968; Havemose et al., 2004),
526 but the efficiency of transfer of α -tocopherol from the diet into milk gradually declines at high
527 inclusion rates (Weiss and Wyatt, 2003).

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529 ***Milk FA Composition and Secretion***

530 **SFA.** Bovine milk fat typically contains SFA between 67 and 75 g/100 g total FA (Lock and
531 Shingfield, 2004; Lindmark-Månsson, 2008). Inclusion of CO in concentrate supplements
532 progressively decreased milk fat SFA concentration from 58 to 45 g/100 g total FA due to lowered

533 secretion of 4- to 16-carbon FA. All 4- to 12-carbon FA, most of 14:0 and a high proportion of 16:0
534 in milk fat are synthesised de novo in the bovine mammary gland using acetate and BHB as
535 substrates (Chilliard et al., 2000; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2013a; Shingfield et al., 2013).
536 Incremental CO supplementation had no major effect on plasma BHB concentration, but the
537 circulating level of acetic acid was decreased by 27%. The mammary gland extracts from 51 to 77%
538 of acetic acid in arterial blood (Bickerstaffe et al., 1974; Korhonen et al., 2002) and there is a direct
539 positive relation between acetic acid in plasma and mammary uptake (Cant et al., 1993). It is
540 therefore possible that a decrease in the supply of short-chain FA precursors for mammary FA
541 synthesis may, at least in part, explain the lowered secretion of de novo SFA in response to CO
542 treatments.

543 Increases in the availability of 16 carbon atoms or longer chain FA are known to inhibit
544 mammary acetyl-CoA carboxylase activity (Chilliard et al., 2000) that may also have contributed to
545 lowered de novo FA synthesis in response to CO. *Trans*-10,*cis*-12 CLA is known to inhibit milk fat
546 synthesis in cows (Baumgard et al., 2001) and there is some evidence to suggest that other
547 biohydrogenation intermediates including *trans*-10 18:1 and *trans*-9,*cis*-11 CLA may also exert
548 antilipogenic effects (Shingfield et al., 2010). A lack of increase in the abundance of these FA in
549 milk fat would tend to suggest that these had no major role in contributing to the decreases in
550 mammary de novo FA synthesis in cows fed CO in the present study. Overall, CO supplementation
551 decreased milk fat total SFA by 0.03 percentage units per g of additional FA intake that is within
552 the range of responses (from 0.02 to 0.04) reported for rapeseed, sunflower-seed or linseed oil
553 (Chilliard et al., 2009; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011). On all diets, milk fat SFA
554 concentrations were much lower than typical for cows fed diets based on grass silage or RCS or a
555 mixture of both forages (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2013a; 2014) that appears to be
556 explained by the use of camelina expeller as a protein source in concentrate supplements. Camelina
557 expeller is relatively rich in lipid (Mihhejev et al., 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011)

558 and is known to decrease milk SFA concentrations (Mihhejev et al., 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-
559 Filleau et al., 2011).

560 **LA and ALA.** Despite being relatively rich in PUFA incremental CO supplementation did not
561 increase LA and ALA secretion in milk. A lack of enrichment in milk can be explained by extensive
562 biohydrogenation of dietary PUFA in the rumen as indicated by the progressive decrease in the
563 efficiency of LA and ALA transfer from the diet into milk in response to incremental inclusion of
564 CO in concentrates. These findings are consistent with previous reports indicating that CO
565 supplementation in lactating cows is not an effective means for enriching LA and ALA in milk
566 (Bayat et al., 2015).

567 **Milk 18-carbon Biohydrogenation Intermediate and 18:0 concentrations.** Inclusion of CO
568 linearly increased the abundance of FA in milk fat formed during the incomplete biohydrogenation
569 of *cis*-9 18:1, LA, and ALA in the rumen, with a relatively high enrichment of intermediates
570 synthesized by the *trans*-11 pathway, including *cis*-9,*trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:3, *trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:2, *cis*-
571 9,*trans*-11 CLA, and *trans*-11 18:1 (Shingfield et al., 2010). Even though concentrations of *cis*-
572 9,*trans*-11 CLA were increased by CO, the majority of *cis*-9, *trans*-11 CLA in milk is known to
573 originate from the desaturation of *trans*-11 18:1 in the mammary glands (Mosley et al., 2006;
574 Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2013a). Consistent with a product-substrate for SCD1, CO
575 elevated milk fat *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA concentrations from 2.6 up to 4.3 g/100 g total FA that were
576 accompanied by increases in milk *trans*-11 18:1 concentrations from 5.2 to 11 g/100 g total FA.
577 Earlier studies have reported *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA and *trans*-11 18:1 concentrations in milk of 5.0
578 and 8.3 g/100 g total FA in milk from cows fed camelina expeller (Mihhejev et al., 2007). In the
579 present study, the increase in milk fat *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA to CO (0.0046 percentage unit per g of
580 additional FA intake) was several-fold higher than reported previously for CO (from 0.00047 to
581 0.00054; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011; Bayat et al., 2015) or rapeseed, sunflower-seed
582 or linseed oil (from 0 to 0.00084; Rego et al., 2009; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011), but

583 similar to the responses to camelina meal or camelina expeller (from 0.0033 to 0.0086; Hurtaud and
584 Peyraud, 2007; Mihhejev et al., 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011) or fish oil (0.0076;
585 Shingfield et al., 2003).

586 Increases in the availability and absorption of *trans*-11 18:1 in the small intestine are
587 preferentially incorporated into plasma triacylglycerols (Tyburczy et al., 2008; Halmemies-
588 Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2013a) that serve as a substrate for milk fat synthesis (Shingfield et al.,
589 2010). Such a mechanism explains the relatively high apparent transfer from the gut into milk and
590 increases in milk fat *trans*-11 18:1 and *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA concentrations to increases in
591 postruminal *trans*-11 18:1 supply (Tyburczy et al., 2008; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al.,
592 2013a). Milk fat total CLA concentration typically varies between 0.3 and 0.5 g/100 g total FA
593 (Lindmark-Månsson, 2008), but on diets supplemented with fish oil or high amounts of plant oil,
594 enrichment of CLA can approach 3.6 g/100 g total FA (Dewhurst et al., 2006). In the present study,
595 the 6% CO treatment elevated milk fat total CLA to a concentration of 4.3 g/100 g total FA which
596 when considered in conjunction with the increase in *trans*-11 18:1 would be expected to increase
597 the CLA status of human consumers (Shingfield and Wallace, 2014).

598 Dietary plant oil supplements often elevate milk fat *trans*-10 18:1 concentration (Chilliard et
599 al., 2009; Shingfield et al., 2013). However, milk fat *trans*-10 18:1 concentration decreased
600 quadratically in response to CO treatments from 1.2 to 0.8 g/100 g total FA. In earlier studies, CO
601 supplements have been shown to cause a marginal enrichment in milk fat *trans*-10 18:1
602 concentration in cows fed grass silage or RCS based diets of between 0.06 to 0.14 percentage units
603 (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011; Bayat et al., 2015). However, camelina expeller or
604 camelina meal have resulted in higher increases in milk fat *trans*-10 18:1 concentration in cows fed
605 diets based on grass silage or RCS (from 0.60 to 0.89 percentage units; Mihhejev et al., 2007;
606 Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011) and corn silage based diets (10 percentage units; Hurtaud
607 and Peyraud, 2007). The use of camelina expeller as a protein source probably accounts for the

608 elevated *trans*-10 18:1 concentration on the control diet, whereas lipid from CO appears to have a
609 rather minor influence on milk fat *trans*-10 18:1 concentration in cows fed diets based on grass
610 silage or RCS.

611 The secretion of 18:0, the end-product of the biohydrogenation of 18-carbon unsaturated FA
612 (Shingfield et al., 2010) in milk was similar across all diets despite the rather high intake of 18-
613 carbon unsaturated FA (from 477 to 676 g/d) across diets. For all treatments, the concentration of
614 18:0 of 4 to 5 g/100 g total FA was lower than typical for bovine milk fat (8 to 14 g/100 g total FA;
615 Jensen, 2002; Lindmark-Månsson, 2008; Chilliard et al., 2009). Nevertheless, the relative
616 proportions of 18:0 in milk fat are similar to earlier reports for milk from cows fed diets containing
617 camelina seeds, meal or expeller (from 3 to 7 g/100 g FA; Mihhejev et al., 2007; Hurtaud and
618 Peyraud, 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011) or fish oil (from 3 to 9 g/100 g FA;
619 Shingfield et al., 2013). Consistent with a high proportion (between 44% and 69%) of 18:0 taken up
620 by mammary gland being desaturated to *cis*-9 18:1 (Shingfield et al., 2010; Halmemies-Beauchet-
621 Filleau et al., 2013a), treatments had no effect on *cis*-9 18:1 output in milk. For all treatments, the
622 proportion of *cis*-9 18:1 in milk fat was relatively low, ca. 10 g/100 g total FA compared with
623 concentrations of 12 to 31 g/100 g total FA reported for milk from cows fed diets containing plant
624 oils (Shingfield et al., 2013). Earlier investigations reported relatively low milk fat *cis*-9 18:1
625 concentrations of between 14 to 15 g/100 g FA in cows fed dietary supplements of camelina meal
626 and camelina expeller (Mihhejev et al., 2007; Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-
627 Filleau et al., 2011), but not in response to camelina oil (17 to 24 g/100 g FA; Halmemies-Beauchet-
628 Filleau et al., 2011; Bayat et al., 2015). In cows fed diets supplemented with fish oil or marine algae
629 milk fat *cis*-9 18:1 concentrations can be as low as 6 g/100 g FA (Shingfield et al., 2013).

630 The lack of increase in milk 18:0 and *cis*-9 18:1 secretion, enrichment of *trans* 18:1 and 18:2
631 intermediates in milk fat, and the absence of alterations in the main biohydrogenation pathways in
632 response to CO treatments, suggest that ruminal metabolism of unsaturated 18-carbon FA in

633 camelina may differ compared with lipid from other plant sources. Direct comparisons suggest that
634 camelina oilseeds, but not CO, contain additional components that may interfere with the complete
635 biohydrogenation of 18-carbon unsaturates to 18:0 in the rumen (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et
636 al., 2011). Milk fat concentrations of 18:0 and *cis*-9 18:1 were lower and the relative proportions of
637 *trans*-11 containing biohydrogenation intermediates were higher from cows fed RCS based diets
638 supplemented with similar amounts of lipid as camelina expeller compared with camelina oil
639 (Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011). Similar changes in milk 18-carbon FA have been
640 reported to camelina expeller relative to rapeseed or linseed expeller in cows fed grass silage based
641 diets (Mihhejev et al., 2007). Supplementing corn silage based diets with camelinaseed or meal has
642 also been shown to markedly decrease 18:0 and *cis*-9 18:1 secretion in milk with a concomitant
643 increase in milk fat *trans*-11 18:1 and *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA concentrations (Hurtaud and Peyraud,
644 2007). Furthermore, replacing rapeseed meal with camelina expeller in rations based on a mixture
645 of alfalfa silage, grass silage, and meadow hay has been reported to cause similar changes in milk
646 18-carbon FA composition in lactating sheep (Szumacher-Strabel et al., 2011).

647 Ruminal bacteria capable of biohydrogenation are classified into group A and B. Group A
648 bacteria reduce LA and ALA to *trans*-18:1, but only group B bacteria are able to reduce *trans*-18:1
649 to 18:0 (Harfoot and Hazlewood, 1988). Due to the presence of camelina expeller in all experimental
650 diets, it is plausible that the biohydrogenating activity of group B bacteria in the rumen was
651 potentially suppressed. Milk fat *trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:2 concentration was also relatively high on all
652 treatments (from 1.7 to 5.8 g/100 g total FA) consistent with a partial inhibition of the major pathway
653 of ALA biohydrogenation in the rumen that involves the initial formation of *cis*-9,*trans*-11,*cis*-15
654 18:3 that is sequentially reduced to yield *trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:2 and *trans*-11 18:1 as intermediates
655 (Shingfield et al., 2010; Honkanen et al., 2016). A relatively high abundance of *trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:2
656 has also been detected in milk from cows fed intact or processed camelinaseeds (0.6 to 2.5 g/100 g
657 total FA; Hurtaud and Peyraud, 2007; Mihhejev et al., 2007; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al.,

658 2011). In contrast, the concentrations of *trans*-11,*cis*-15 18:2 in milk from diets containing CO have
659 been much lower (from 0.2 to 0.4 g/100 g total FA; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011; Bayat
660 et al., 2015). Direct measurements of ruminal lipid metabolism of camelina oilseeds and camelina
661 oil in vitro and confirmation in vivo are required to confirm the potential bioactivity in the rumen
662 and to identify one or more active components in camelina seeds.

663 **OBCFA.** The appearance of OBCFA in milk originate primarily from the digestion of
664 microbial OBCFA synthesized de novo in the rumen (Vlaeminck et al., 2006). Changes in the
665 relative proportions of OBCFA in milk may, at least in part, be associated with alterations in
666 microbial counts or in the relative abundance of specific populations of bacteria and protozoa in the
667 rumen. Inclusion of CO in concentrates linearly decreased the concentration of all saturated 14- to
668 18-carbon OBCFA. Such changes may indicate that CO alters the rumen microbial community due
669 to the inhibitory effects of PUFA on microbial growth (Ivan et al., 2001; Maia et al., 2007).
670 However, CO supplementation was found to have no effect on ruminal protozoal counts in this or
671 an earlier investigation (Bayat et al., 2015). It is also possible that the higher availability of 18-
672 carbon NEFA in the rumen from CO promoted direct incorporation of dietary FA into microbial
673 lipid at expense of bacterial FA synthesis de novo (Sauvant and Bas, 2001), such that the outflow
674 of OBCFA may be altered without affecting total microbial numbers.

675 **16-carbon *trans* FA.** Milk fat 16-carbon *trans* FA are thought to originate from incomplete
676 biohydrogenation of dietary 16-carbon unsaturated FA in the rumen (Shingfield and Wallace, 2014),
677 and β -oxidation of 18-carbon FA (Destailats et al., 2000). Small amounts of *trans* 16:1 (Δ 6 to 13)
678 are known to escape the rumen (Shingfield et al., 2012; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2013b).
679 However, silage and concentrates did not contain high proportions of 16-carbon unsaturated FA
680 (less than 3.5 and 0.96 g/100 g of total FA, respectively) suggesting that the appearance of 16 carbon
681 *trans* FA in milk in the present study may have originated primarily from β -oxidation of 18-carbon
682 precursors. Both *trans*-9 16:1 and *trans*-11 18:1 were increased ca. 2.0-fold in milk fat in response

683 to incremental CO supplementation. Recent reports suggest that *trans*-9 16:1 can be elongated to
684 *trans*-11 18:1 and subsequently desaturated to *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA in bovine adipocytes (Shingfield
685 and Wallace, 2014). It is notable that the magnitude of Δ 9,13 16:2 and Δ 11,15 18:2 enrichment in
686 milk fat to CO were also similar.

687 **20:0 and 20-carbon MUFA.** Camelina lipid is relatively abundant in *cis*-11 20:1 (ca. 15 g/100
688 g total FA; Zubr, 2003b; Bayat et al., 2015). In the present study, CO increased the intake and
689 secretion of *cis*-11 20:1 in milk. However, the increase in *cis*-11 20:1 intake from 34 to 132 g/d to
690 CO treatments was not accompanied by an increase in 20:0 and *cis*-9 20:1 output in milk, whereas
691 that of *trans*-11 20:1 was higher. These findings suggest that the inclusion of camelina expeller in
692 all experimental diets may have inhibited the complete biohydrogenation of 20-carbon unsaturated
693 FA in the rumen.

694 **Desaturation.** Milk fat concentration ratios of product to substrate for SCD1 were marginally
695 decreased in response to CO. Part of the decrease may reflect a higher availability of PUFA at the
696 mammary gland inhibiting SCD1 activity (Chilliard et al., 2000). Several biohydrogenation
697 intermediates including *trans*-10,*cis*-12 CLA, *trans*-10,*trans*-12 CLA, and *trans*-9,*trans*-11 CLA in
698 addition to 20- and 22-carbon n-3 FA are thought to lower SCD1 desaturase activity in the bovine
699 mammary gland (Angulo et al., 2012). In the present study, the concentration of these CLA isomers
700 in milk fat declined linearly in response to CO supplementation, but a 3.2- and 2.7-fold linear
701 increase in milk fat *cis*-11,*cis*-14,*cis*-17 20:3 and *cis*-13,*cis*-16,*cis*-19 22:3 concentrations,
702 respectively was detected.

703 In the present study, the ratio of *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA to *trans*-11 18:1 concentration in milk
704 ranged between 0.41 and 0.49 that is in accordance with earlier reports (between 0.35 and 0.60;
705 Chilliard et al., 2009; Halmemies-Beauchet-Filleau et al., 2011; 2013a). In cows, mammary SCD1
706 gene expression and the concentration ratio of *cis*-9,*trans*-11 CLA to *trans*-11 18:1 in milk has been
707 found to lower in response to linseed oil (mean ratio 0.31) or linseed and DHA enriched algae (0.16)

708 compared with the same diet containing saturated FA from palm oil (0.41; Angulo et al., 2012). It
709 therefore appears unlikely that dietary supplements of CO have a substantive negative effect on
710 mammary SCD1 activity, with the implication that the majority of *cis-9,trans-11* CLA in milk on
711 all experimental diets originated from the desaturation of *trans-11* 18:1 in the mammary gland.

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CONCLUSIONS

714 Incremental amounts of CO in concentrate supplements lowered silage and total diet DM
715 intake that together with a decrease in plasma glucose and insulin concentrations, and lower yields
716 of ECM, milk protein, and lactose suggests that high levels of CO in the diet may result in an
717 inadequacy of energy supply to meet the requirements of high yielding dairy cows. Incremental CO
718 supplementation compromised the sensory attributes of milk possibly due to marked changes in milk
719 fat composition. Inclusion of CO in concentrates containing oil-rich camelina expeller as a protein
720 source altered milk FA composition characterised by a relatively high enrichment of 18-carbon
721 biohydrogenation intermediates of *trans-11* pathway, including *trans-11* 18:1 and *cis-9,trans-11*
722 CLA, and a decrease in short- and medium-chain SFA and biohydrogenation intermediates of *trans-*
723 10 pathway, in the absence of changes in the relative proportions of 18:0, *cis-9* 18:1, LA, and ALA.
724 Indirect comparisons of milk fat composition measured in the present experiment and earlier
725 investigations suggest that one or more components in camelina expeller may inhibit the complete
726 biohydrogenation of 18-carbon unsaturated FA in the rumen. Dietary CO supplements can be used
727 to alter milk FA composition, but in high amounts may depress DMI and milk yield. Concentrates
728 containing camelina expeller and 2% CO supplying an additional 240 g oil/d could be used for the
729 commercial production of low-saturated milk from grass silage and RCS based diets without major
730 adverse effects on animal performance compared with an unsupplemented control diet.

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Table 1. Formulation and ingredient composition of experimental concentrates (% on an air-dry basis)

Item	Experimental concentrates (% camelina oil)			
	0%	2%	4%	6%
Barley	24.3	23.5	23.0	22.0
Wheat	24.0	23.5	23.0	22.2
Camelina expeller	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Molassed sugar-beet pulp	24.0	23.2	22.2	22.0
Sugar-beet molasses	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Camelinaseed oil	-	2.0	4.0	6.0
Calcium carbonate	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Sodium bicarbonate	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Sodium chloride	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Magnesium oxide	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Biotin	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mineral premix ¹	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Vitamin premix ²	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

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¹ Declared as containing (g/kg DM) Zn (37), Cu (6.3), Mn (5.0), I (1.9), Co (0.37), and Se (0.14).

² Declared as containing (mg/kg DM) retinyl acetate (1350), cholecalciferol (23), dl- α -tocopheryl acetate (4500), and choline (800).

975 **Table 2.** Chemical composition of experimental feeds
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Item	Experimental concentrates (% camelina oil)				Red clover silage	Grass silage
	0	2	4	6		
pH					4.17	4.37
DM	883	881	880	883	194	289
In DM, g/kg						
Ash	63.8	59.8	62.2	62.7	86.6	69.2
Crude fat	54.6	76.0	85.9	107	38.8	39.7
CP	171	164	161	156	181	135
NDF	205	209	200	194	461	562
Indigestible NDF	50.4	51.4	49.2	47.7	159	87.9
Water soluble carbohydrates					36.7	106
Ethanol					1.28	2.51
Lactic acid					44.3	30.9
Acetic acid					20.0	4.46
Propionic acid					nd ¹	nd
Butyric acid					11.3	nd
In total nitrogen, g/kg						
Ammonia nitrogen					68.5	58.6
Soluble nitrogen					320	693
DOMD, g/kg DM ²					588	700
FA, g/kg DM ³	44.2	60.1	73.1	91.4	21.6	21.9
FA composition, g/100 g FA						
16:0	12.1	10.1	9.04	8.46	17.0	15.1
18:0	1.89	2.03	2.09	2.17	2.48	1.28
<i>cis</i> -9 18:1	15.9	14.4	14.5	14.2	2.55	3.38
<i>cis</i> -11 18:1	1.69	1.33	1.33	1.12	0.46	0.53
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12 18:2	31.7	27.4	25.3	23.0	19.2	16.7
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:3	20.4	24.1	25.5	25.4	44.9	49.4
20:0	0.91	1.07	1.14	1.19	1.07	0.79
<i>cis</i> -11 20:1	6.98	10.4	11.8	14.9	nd	nd
<i>cis</i> -13 22:1	1.69	2.14	2.32	2.47	nd	0.03
Others ⁴	6.74	7.03	6.98	7.09	12.3	12.8

977 ¹ Not detected.

978 ² Digestible OM content in silage DM.

979 ³ Fatty acid.

980 ⁴ Contains 12:0, *anteiso* 13:0, *iso* 13:0, 14:0, *iso* 14:0, 15:0, *anteiso* 15:0, *iso* 15:0, *cis*-6+7+8 16:1, *cis*-9 16:1, *trans*-
 981 3 16:1, *trans*-5 16:1, *trans*-6 16:1, *trans*-9 16:1, 17:0, *anteiso* 17:0, *iso* 17:0, *iso* 18:0, 10-O-18:0, *cis*-10 18:1, *trans*-9
 982 18:1, *trans*-10 18:1, *trans*-11 18:1, *trans*-12 18:1, *cis*-9,*trans*-11 18:2, *cis*-9,*trans*-12 18:2, *trans*-9,*cis*-12 18:2, *trans*-
 983 9,*trans*-12 18:2, *cis*-9,*cis*-12,*trans*-15 18:3 + *trans*-9,*trans*-12,*cis*-15 18:3, *cis*-9,*trans*-12,*cis*-15 18:3, *cis*-9,*trans*-
 984 12,*trans*-15 18:3, *cis*-6,*cis*-9,*cis*-12,*cis*-15 18:4, 19:0, *cis*-10 19:1, S3,R7,R11,15-tetramethyl-16:0, *cis*-8 20:1, *cis*-9
 985 20:1, *cis*-13 20:1, *trans*-11 20:1, *cis*-11,*cis*-14 20:2, *cis*-11,*cis*-14,*cis*-17 20:3, *cis*-5,*cis*-8,*cis*-11,*cis*-14,*cis*-17 20:5,
 986 21:0, 22:0, *cis*-13,*cis*-16 22:2, *cis*-13,*cis*-16,*cis*-19 20:3, *cis*-9,*cis*-12,*cis*-15,*cis*-18 22:4, 23:0, *cis*-14 23:1, 24:0, *cis*-
 987 14 24:1, *cis*-15 24:1, 25:0, 26:0, 27:0, 28:0, 29:0, 30:0, and 26 unidentified FA.
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989 **Table 3.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on nutrient intake, rumen fermentation, whole tract apparent
 990 nutrient digestibility, and plasma metabolite concentrations
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Item	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
Intake								
Silage, kg DM/d	10.9	9.78	9.68	7.98	0.797	0.002	0.477	0.197
Total DM, kg DM/d	21.5	20.3	20.0	17.7	0.89	0.001	0.321	0.248
ME, MJ/d	235	226	225	205	8.8	0.005	0.329	0.256
OM, kg/d	20.0	18.6	18.5	16.6	0.95	0.006	0.712	0.267
NDF, kg/d	7.75	7.00	6.96	6.00	0.477	0.003	0.733	0.246
Nitrogen, g/d	567	515	509	448	27.3	0.002	0.822	0.244
16:0, g/d	95.0	96.8	102	104	4.01	0.049	0.984	0.619
18:0, g/d	13.2	16.7	19.7	22.6	0.65	<0.001	0.681	0.912
<i>cis</i> -9 18:1, g/d	81.2	97.4	115	131	3.15	<0.001	0.903	0.787
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12 18:2, g/d	191	210	229	236	6.6	<0.001	0.304	0.718
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:3, g/d	205	249	292	309	11.4	<0.001	0.174	0.587
20:0, g/d	6.43	8.68	10.5	12.3	0.317	<0.001	0.427	0.807
<i>cis</i> -11 20:1, g/d	33.8	66.0	88.7	132	4.48	<0.001	0.187	0.111
<i>cis</i> -13 22:1	7.88	13.6	17.3	22.0	0.564	<0.001	0.311	0.253
∑ Fatty acid, g/d	703	838	965	1,066	30.5	<0.001	0.533	0.878
Concentrate in diet DM, %	50.0	52.4	51.8	54.9	2.13	0.032	0.788	0.241
Calculated ME balance, MJ/d	16.2	9.97	8.30	4.95	8.356	0.194	0.800	0.805
Change in BCS	0.07	0.05	-0.02	-0.08	0.068	0.090	0.713	0.810
Rumen fermentation								
pH	6.52	6.43	6.56	6.50	0.106	0.852	0.777	0.221
Ammonia nitrogen, mmol/l	8.16	9.17	8.67	8.31	0.641	0.984	0.283	0.528
VFA total, mmol/l	138	139	137	134	4.0	0.435	0.590	0.847
VFA mmol/mol								
Acetic acid (A)	639	631	644	639	8.8	0.698	0.830	0.207
Propionic acid (P)	189	193	176	188	9.0	0.586	0.479	0.090
Butyric acid (B)	133	137	142	137	7.4	0.773	0.682	0.820
Isobutyric acid	8.27	8.56	9.25	8.05	0.558	0.988	0.218	0.363
Valeric acid	13.5	13.7	12.9	12.7	0.55	0.215	0.681	0.518
Isovaleric acid	9.30	9.81	9.21	9.79	1.493	0.857	0.968	0.540
Caproic acid	7.97	7.69	8.14	7.18	0.800	0.603	0.655	0.510
Molar ratio of lipogenic to glucogenic VFA								
A / P	3.45	3.32	3.70	3.42	0.200	0.698	0.576	0.090
(A + B) / P	4.17	4.04	4.51	4.15	0.246	0.656	0.476	0.086
Protozoa, × 10 ⁵ counts/ml	10.5	10.5	11.7	13.4	1.90	0.210	0.485	0.894
Apparent digestibility, %								
DM	72.9	73.5	73.8	73.4	0.58	0.381	0.257	0.783
OM	74.2	74.7	75.1	74.8	0.57	0.212	0.350	0.764
NDF	62.1	61.5	62.4	60.6	7.22	0.249	0.355	0.171
Nitrogen	65.4	66.4	67.3	66.6	0.86	0.185	0.270	0.619
Crude fat	71.3	76.1	79.2	81.4	0.96	<0.001	0.084	0.742
Plasma								
NEFA, mmol/l	0.13	0.16	0.18	0.21	0.014	<0.001	0.864	0.366
Glucose, mmol/l	3.96	3.99	3.68	3.82	0.124	0.102	0.508	0.074
Insulin, μIU/ml	11.8	13.0	9.66	8.94	2.310	0.105	0.513	0.286
Acetic acid, mmol/l	2.14	1.84	1.89	1.56	0.183	0.017	0.922	0.236
BHB, mmol/l	1.13	1.00	1.42	0.96	0.201	0.923	0.322	0.066

992 ¹ Significance of linear (LIN), quadratic (QUAD), and cubic (CUB) components of the response to incremental inclusion
 993 of camelina oil in concentrates fed at 12 kg/d on an air-dry basis to cows receiving a mixture (1:1 on a DM basis) of grass
 994 silage and red clover silage.

995 ² SEM for the 4% camelina oil treatment. SEM for 0, 2, and 6% camelina oil treatments are proportionately 0.954, 0.921,
 996 and 0.955 of the reported value, respectively. For rumen fermentation characteristics SEM for the 0% camelina oil
 997 treatment. SEM for 2, 4, and 6% camelina oil treatments are proportionately 0.886, 0.998, and 0.998 of the reported value,
 998 respectively.
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1000 **Table 4.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk production, milk composition, and milk sensory quality
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Item	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
Yield								
Milk, kg/d	33.5	32.5	32.3	28.0	1.38	<0.001	0.022	0.108
ECM ³ , kg/d	29.9	29.3	29.4	26.1	1.82	0.007	0.094	0.210
Fat, g/d	1,117	1,123	1,148	1,055	99.5	0.438	0.261	0.479
Protein, g/d	1,027	962	946	815	48.6	<0.001	0.140	0.107
Lactose, g/d	1,554	1,507	1,499	1,287	71.9	<0.001	0.014	0.081
Concentration								
Fat, g/kg	32.7	34.7	36.1	37.4	2.73	0.014	0.762	0.938
Protein, g/kg	30.7	29.6	29.3	29.1	0.54	0.032	0.313	0.650
Lactose, g/kg	46.3	46.4	46.6	45.8	0.61	0.287	0.168	0.428
Urea, mmol/l	6.20	5.20	4.35	3.62	0.505	<0.001	0.663	0.994
Milk taste panel score ⁴	4.15	3.80	3.78	3.56	0.156	0.018	0.675	0.416

1002 ¹ Significance of linear (LIN), quadratic (QUAD), and cubic (CUB) components of the response to incremental inclusion
 1003 of camelina oil in concentrates fed at 12 kg/d on an air-dry basis to cows receiving a mixture (1:1 on a DM basis) of grass
 1004 silage and red clover silage.

1005 ² SEM for the 4% camelina oil treatment. SEM for 0, 2, and 6% camelina oil treatments are proportionately 0.954, 0.921,
 1006 and 0.955 of the reported value, respectively.

1007 ³ Calculated as milk yield (kg) × [383 × fat (%) + 242 × protein (%) + 165.4 × lactose (%) + 20.7] / 3140 (Luke, 2015).

1008 ⁴ Evaluated by 6 trained panellists using a numerical interval scale from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).
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Table 5. Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk fatty acid composition

Fatty acid, g/100 g	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
4:0	2.87	2.88	2.92	2.61	0.112	0.132	0.142	0.433
6:0	1.69	1.67	1.62	1.45	0.076	0.028	0.285	0.794
8:0	1.05	1.00	0.92	0.84	0.056	0.004	0.694	0.894
10:0	2.40	2.23	2.00	1.82	0.150	0.002	0.967	0.769
<i>cis</i> -9 10:1	0.26	0.24	0.22	0.17	0.017	0.001	0.189	0.566
12:0	3.01	2.76	2.47	2.20	0.161	<0.001	0.932	0.922
<i>cis</i> -9 12:1	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.005	<0.001	0.127	0.176
<i>trans</i> -9 12:1	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.005	<0.001	0.148	0.488
14:0	11.6	10.7	9.89	8.94	0.430	<0.001	0.980	0.741
<i>cis</i> -9 14:1	1.31	1.19	1.11	0.81	0.096	<0.001	0.053	0.230
<i>cis</i> -13 14:1	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.003	0.006	0.796	0.688
<i>trans</i> -9 14:1	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.001	<0.001	0.138	0.069
16:0	26.2	25.3	23.1	20.1	1.38	0.001	0.262	0.917
∑ <i>cis</i> 16:1	2.13	2.00	1.82	1.45	0.117	<0.001	0.069	0.553
∑ <i>trans</i> 16:1	0.82	0.96	0.99	1.05	0.060	0.007	0.427	0.503
∑ 16:1	2.94	2.96	2.82	2.52	0.129	0.004	0.084	0.964
18:0	4.73	3.75	4.33	3.78	0.523	0.265	0.620	0.182
9-O-18:0	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.007	0.006	0.076	0.243
10-O-18:0	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.20	0.029	0.004	0.057	0.188
13-O-18:0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.001	0.005	0.412	0.294
15-O-18:0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.001	0.962	0.825	0.802
∑ <i>cis</i> 18:1	12.7	11.3	12.7	12.2	0.75	0.991	0.419	0.067
∑ <i>trans</i> 18:1	11.7	13.9	14.5	15.9	0.67	<0.001	0.434	0.280
∑ 18:1	24.4	25.2	27.2	28.1	1.06	0.002	0.907	0.454
∑ 18:2 ³	5.10	6.37	6.53	9.35	0.679	<0.001	0.242	0.203
∑ CLA	2.92	3.68	3.83	4.60	0.415	0.008	0.983	0.457
<i>cis</i> -6, <i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12 18:3	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.002	0.023	0.753	0.385
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:3	0.66	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.049	0.843	0.752	0.718
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -15 18:3	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.005	0.005	0.992	0.662
Δ ^{9,11,15} 18:3 ⁴	0.18	0.26	0.29	0.41	0.032	<0.001	0.586	0.295
Δ ^{9,11,15} 18:3	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.001	<0.001	0.483	0.545
Δ ^{9,11,15} 18:3	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.001	0.233	0.956	0.773
20:0	0.36	0.35	0.44	0.46	0.044	0.026	0.623	0.286
∑ <i>cis</i> 20:1	1.96	2.72	3.17	4.61	0.371	<0.001	0.323	0.392
∑ <i>trans</i> 20:1	0.34	0.37	0.46	0.43	0.054	0.116	0.464	0.332
∑ 20:1	2.31	3.10	3.65	5.04	0.345	<0.001	0.337	0.445
<i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14 20:2	0.17	0.24	0.26	0.43	0.040	<0.001	0.220	0.215
<i>trans</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -15 20:2	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.002	0.953	0.434	0.217
Δ ^{9,16} 20:2	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.003	<0.001	0.301	0.437
<i>cis</i> -8, <i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14 20:3	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.006	0.006	0.215	0.920
<i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14, <i>cis</i> -17 20:3	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.19	0.020	<0.001	0.127	0.188
<i>cis</i> -5, <i>cis</i> -8, <i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14 20:4	0.050	0.048	0.046	0.047	0.0035	0.070	0.345	0.919
<i>cis</i> -8, <i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14, <i>cis</i> -17 20:4	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.005	0.015	0.593	0.030
Δ ^{5,11,14,17} 20:4	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.003	0.002	0.520	0.519
<i>cis</i> -5, <i>cis</i> -8, <i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14, <i>cis</i> -17 20:5	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.003	0.003	0.368	0.459
22:0	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.005	0.260	0.991	0.557
<i>cis</i> -9 22:1	0.020	0.016	0.018	0.016	0.0011	0.126	0.743	0.071
<i>cis</i> -13 22:1	0.24	0.33	0.38	0.53	0.036	<0.001	0.348	0.391
<i>cis</i> -15 22:1	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.004	0.050	0.173	0.166
<i>cis</i> -13, <i>cis</i> -16 22:2	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.002	<0.001	0.470	0.332
<i>cis</i> -13, <i>cis</i> -16, <i>cis</i> -19 22:3	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.006	<0.001	0.489	0.241
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15, <i>cis</i> -18 22:4	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.001	0.152	0.756	0.887
<i>cis</i> -4, <i>cis</i> -7, <i>cis</i> -10, <i>cis</i> -13, <i>cis</i> -16 22:5	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.003	0.028	0.058	0.389
<i>cis</i> -7, <i>cis</i> -10, <i>cis</i> -13, <i>cis</i> -16, <i>cis</i> -19 22:5	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.006	0.025	0.208	0.771

<i>cis</i> -4, <i>cis</i> -7, <i>cis</i> -10, <i>cis</i> -13, <i>cis</i> -16, <i>cis</i> -19 22:6	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.0004	0.017	0.822	0.890
24:0	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.001	<0.001	0.059	0.073
<i>cis</i> -15 24:1	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.003	0.012	0.621	0.841
26:0	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.004	0.172	0.227	0.513
<i>cis</i> -17 26:1	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.0004	0.680	0.841	0.691
28:0	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.005	0.0005	0.166	0.755	0.733
∑ Unidentified	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.22	0.025	0.035	0.114	0.735
Summary								
∑ 4- to 14-carbon	24.8	23.1	21.6	19.2	0.89	<0.001	0.518	0.714
∑ <i>Trans</i> fatty acids	19.5	24.1	25.2	30.2	1.53	<0.001	0.868	0.234
∑ Saturates	57.7	53.9	50.9	45.3	2.14	<0.001	0.595	0.672
∑ Monounsaturates	32.3	33.8	36.2	37.9	1.23	<0.001	0.887	0.698
∑ Polyunsaturates	9.61	11.9	12.3	16.4	1.190	0.002	0.411	0.275
Concentration ratios								
<i>cis</i> -9 10:1 / 10:0	0.110	0.108	0.112	0.095	0.0071	0.031	0.073	0.126
<i>cis</i> -9 12:1 / 12:0	0.027	0.025	0.026	0.022	0.0015	0.002	0.086	0.063
<i>cis</i> -9 14:1 / 14:0	0.115	0.113	0.113	0.090	0.0100	0.004	0.034	0.208
<i>cis</i> -9 16:1 / 16:0	0.074	0.072	0.072	0.067	0.0038	0.116	0.648	0.602
<i>cis</i> -9 18:1 / 18:0	2.361	2.581	2.539	3.002	0.2820	0.100	0.596	0.458
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -11 CLA / <i>trans</i> -11 18:1	0.487	0.453	0.461	0.414	0.0220	0.032	0.725	0.287
<i>cis</i> -9 20:1 / 20:0	1.098	1.032	1.049	0.912	0.0544	0.018	0.427	0.241
Transfer from the diet in milk, %								
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12 18:2	8.16	6.81	6.34	5.57	0.655	0.008	0.619	0.643
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:3	3.42	2.53	3.05	1.88	0.305	0.005	0.437	0.814

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1018 ³ Does not include isomers of CLA.

1019 ⁴ Co-elutes with Δ 13,17 20:2.

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1021 **Table 6.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk 18:1 and 18:2 composition
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Item	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
18:1, g/100 g fatty acids								
<i>cis</i> -9 18:1	10.7	9.46	10.7	10.16	0.616	0.988	0.428	0.075
<i>cis</i> -11 18:1	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.76	0.051	0.079	0.567	0.840
<i>cis</i> -12 18:1	0.51	0.38	0.46	0.29	0.074	0.016	0.675	0.039
<i>cis</i> -13 18:1	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.18	0.012	0.760	0.961	0.047
<i>cis</i> -15 18:1 ³	0.68	0.64	0.72	0.75	0.098	0.347	0.543	0.547
<i>trans</i> -4 18:1	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.005	0.026	0.860	0.100
<i>trans</i> -5 18:1	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.004	0.015	0.727	0.081
<i>trans</i> -6+7+8 18:1	0.58	0.61	0.67	0.59	0.042	0.642	0.151	0.273
<i>trans</i> -9 18:1	0.58	0.57	0.62	0.56	0.042	0.566	0.331	0.282
<i>trans</i> -10 18:1	1.18	1.34	1.13	0.77	0.100	0.003	0.009	0.533
<i>trans</i> -11 18:1	5.15	7.48	7.81	10.7	0.785	<0.001	0.688	0.132
<i>trans</i> -12 18:1	0.85	0.76	0.88	0.67	0.073	0.148	0.367	0.071
<i>trans</i> -13+14 18:1	2.11	2.17	2.17	1.73	0.173	0.073	0.075	0.514
<i>trans</i> -15 18:1	0.73	0.59	0.69	0.54	0.089	0.151	0.947	0.111
<i>trans</i> -16 18:1 ⁴	0.39	0.26	0.35	0.22	0.055	0.057	0.948	0.046
Non methylene-interrupted 18:2, mg/100 g fatty acids								
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12 18:2	1,488	1,368	1,382	1,310	87.7	0.070	0.676	0.396
<i>cis</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -14 18:2	4.17	5.27	5.68	6.17	1.100	0.166	0.739	0.864
<i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:2	37.7	33.5	48.6	43.9	6.22	0.123	0.955	0.071
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -12 18:2	107	91.7	104	73.3	7.49	0.006	0.186	0.017
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -13 18:2	839	847	901	746	58.1	0.325	0.117	0.264
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -14 18:2	284	205	255	172	31.0	0.020	0.930	0.025
<i>trans</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -15 18:2	1,680	2,908	2,860	5,783	618.1	<0.001	0.164	0.123
<i>trans</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:2 ⁵	124	137	156	147	12.4	0.072	0.257	0.448
<i>trans</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -12 18:2 ⁶	77.3	93.0	94.1	82.0	6.91	0.578	0.038	0.963
<i>trans</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -13 18:2	89.2	94.2	100	90.7	4.59	0.531	0.068	0.339
<i>trans</i> -11, <i>trans</i> -15 18:2	293	459	504	760	54.2	<0.001	0.349	0.137
Δ8,15 18:2	89.9	130	142	175	14.60	<0.001	0.790	0.455
CLA, mg/100 g fatty acids								
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -11 CLA	2,591	3,332	3,480	4,276	403.4	0.007	0.939	0.443
<i>cis</i> -11, <i>trans</i> -13 CLA	4.47	3.55	2.93	3.82	0.853	0.438	0.231	0.711
<i>trans</i> -7, <i>cis</i> -9 CLA	124	130	143	113	8.2	0.555	0.039	0.167
<i>trans</i> -8, <i>cis</i> -10 CLA	29.1	35.7	38.5	55.7	5.34	0.002	0.229	0.348
<i>trans</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -11 CLA	48.1	44.7	44.7	42.9	4.78	0.438	0.866	0.801
<i>trans</i> -10, <i>cis</i> -12 CLA	4.42	4.52	3.22	2.31	0.552	<0.001	0.126	0.212
<i>trans</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -13 CLA	11.0	15.0	17.2	21.6	2.18	<0.001	0.892	0.492
<i>trans</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -14 CLA ⁷	8.91	7.23	7.94	7.00	1.120	0.082	0.515	0.129
<i>trans</i> -7, <i>trans</i> -9 CLA	3.32	3.23	2.73	2.64	0.284	0.052	0.993	0.501
<i>trans</i> -8, <i>trans</i> -10 CLA	2.80	2.48	2.48	2.61	0.269	0.598	0.336	0.848
<i>trans</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -11 CLA	28.7	28.7	22.6	22.9	1.99	0.012	0.922	0.126
<i>trans</i> -10, <i>trans</i> -12 CLA	5.06	4.49	4.29	3.44	0.642	0.026	0.740	0.602
<i>trans</i> -11, <i>trans</i> -13 CLA	32.7	37.4	33.4	26.1	3.69	0.052	0.026	0.617
<i>trans</i> -12, <i>trans</i> -14 CLA	22.4	28.9	28.4	25.7	2.27	0.317	0.038	0.590
<i>trans</i> -13, <i>trans</i> -15 CLA	0.72	0.52	0.52	0.30	0.174	0.074	0.952	0.501

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1028 ³ Co-elutes with 19:0.

1029 ⁴ Co-elutes with *cis*-14 18:1.

1030 ⁵ Co-elutes with *cis*-11 19:1.

1031 ⁶ Co-elutes with *cis*-11,*trans*-15 18:2.

1032 ⁷ Co-elutes with *cis*-13,*trans*-15 CLA.

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1034 **Table 7.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk fatty acid secretion
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Fatty acid, g/d	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
∑4- to 14-carbon	255	241	230	189	23.3	0.002	0.207	0.473
16:0	278	274	256	204	32.5	0.005	0.117	0.775
18:0	49.5	40.2	46.8	39.3	6.30	0.211	0.604	0.446
<i>cis</i> -9 18:1	112	100	115	104	8.5	0.768	0.957	0.102
<i>trans</i> -10 18:1	11.9	13.9	12.0	7.80	1.190	0.012	0.013	0.742
<i>trans</i> -11 18:1	55.7	79.4	88.4	109	12.06	<0.001	0.847	0.457
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12 18:2	15.7	14.3	14.6	13.0	1.23	0.100	0.900	0.386
<i>trans</i> -11, <i>cis</i> -15 18:2	19.0	30.5	35.2	58.1	7.92	<0.001	0.363	0.375
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -11 CLA	28.4	35.5	39.0	43.2	6.01	0.041	0.757	0.840
<i>cis</i> -9, <i>cis</i> -12, <i>cis</i> -15 18:3	7.12	6.54	6.86	6.36	0.645	0.434	0.942	0.487
20:0	3.86	3.77	4.73	4.71	0.531	0.093	0.925	0.297
<i>cis</i> -9 20:1	4.21	3.87	5.10	4.22	0.473	0.504	0.533	0.074
<i>cis</i> -11 20:1	16.0	22.8	28.1	39.8	4.77	<0.001	0.532	0.657
<i>trans</i> -11 20:1	0.88	1.02	1.34	1.22	0.170	0.054	0.372	0.328
∑ 18:0 + <i>cis</i> -9 18:1	161	140	162	143	13.5	0.511	0.900	0.115
∑ 20:0 + <i>cis</i> -9 20:1	8.07	7.63	9.81	8.92	0.970	0.220	0.782	0.141
∑ <i>Trans</i> fatty acid	210	254	278	304	28.6	0.004	0.606	0.798
∑ Saturates	602	574	550	452	59.3	0.005	0.250	0.544
∑ Monounsaturates	343	359	393	382	31.2	0.120	0.486	0.466
∑ Polyunsaturates	105	125	139	165	18.1	0.008	0.840	0.765
∑ Fatty acid	1,052	1,058	1,082	995	93.8	0.458	0.270	0.482

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1046 **Supplemental Table 1.** Allocation of experimental animals to experimental treatments comprising concentrates
 1047 containing camelina expeller and 0, 2, 4 or 6% of camelina oil (CO) on an air-dry basis and the distribution of 4
 1048 missing observations
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Period	Latin Square 1				Latin Square 2 (rumen fistulated animals)			
	Cow number 1	2	3	4	Cow number 5	6	7	8
I	0 CO	2 CO	4 CO missing	6 CO	0 CO missing	2 CO	4 CO	6 CO
II	2 CO	4 CO	6 CO	0 CO	6 CO	0 CO	2 CO	4 CO
III	6 CO	0 CO	2 CO	4 CO	2 CO	4 CO missing	6 CO	0 CO
IV	4 CO	6 CO	0 CO	2 CO	4 CO	6 CO missing	0 CO	2 CO

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1051 **Supplemental Table 2.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk odd- and branched-chain fatty acid
 1052 composition
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Fatty acid, mg/100 g	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
5:0	15.8	14.6	12.1	12.5	1.12	0.007	0.688	0.036
7:0	11.7	10.7	9.58	9.04	1.353	0.059	0.796	0.881
9:0	15.4	13.3	9.32	11.3	1.487	0.004	0.052	0.092
11:0	29.1	25.7	19.7	19.8	2.87	0.002	0.319	0.262
<i>anteiso</i> 13:0	10.3	8.31	7.27	7.10	0.758	0.005	0.205	0.980
<i>iso</i> 13:0	21.5	24.6	22.0	20.6	2.26	0.484	0.168	0.348
<i>iso</i> 14:0	8.46	7.44	7.16	5.34	0.563	0.002	0.460	0.351
15:0	1,010	920	857	768	34.4	<0.001	0.987	0.588
<i>anteiso</i> 15:0	461	411	377	336	18.6	<0.001	0.581	0.578
<i>iso</i> 15:0	181	173	171	140	9.4	0.007	0.196	0.374
<i>cis</i> -9 15:1	17.5	16.5	15.2	11.6	1.28	<0.001	0.168	0.626
<i>trans</i> -5 15:1	80.4	77.9	69.3	60.1	4.11	<0.001	0.204	0.632
<i>trans</i> -10 15:1	24.6	19.1	16.3	15.9	2.68	0.002	0.113	0.952
<i>iso</i> 16:0	232	209	196	173	16.1	0.009	0.972	0.707
17:0	471	429	400	361	19.7	<0.001	0.893	0.696
<i>iso</i> 17:0	367	315	309	284	15.3	<0.001	0.307	0.262
<i>cis</i> -7 17:1	29.8	24.8	22.4	18.1	1.65	<0.001	0.775	0.445
<i>cis</i> -8 17:1	69.2	70.9	68.7	63.5	2.42	0.051	0.097	0.914
<i>cis</i> -9 17:1	172	157	146	130	4.9	<0.001	0.896	0.554
<i>cis</i> -11 17:1	9.67	10.1	8.06	10.3	1.310	0.987	0.466	0.228
<i>iso</i> 18:0 ³	56.3	52.7	50.4	49.9	2.54	0.003	0.228	0.940
11- <i>cyclohexyl</i> -11:0	143	124	138	105	9.3	0.011	0.360	0.032
<i>cis</i> -10 19:1	51.2	60.1	60.2	65.5	3.86	0.015	0.597	0.363
<i>cis</i> -12 19:1	32.9	38.6	39.1	45.3	8.09	0.241	0.970	0.730
S3,R7,R11,15-tetramethyl-16:0 ⁴	187	164	146	137	11.9	0.002	0.469	0.941
R3,R7,R11,15-tetramethyl-16:0	8.63	7.86	6.51	4.81	0.768	<0.001	0.445	0.929
21:0	35.7	31.9	31.2	26.8	1.74	0.002	0.856	0.296
<i>cis</i> -12 21:1	12.7	12.0	13.0	12.5	1.10	0.908	0.888	0.427
23:0 ⁵	29.0	36.5	36.4	42.8	3.70	0.016	0.860	0.349
<i>cis</i> -14 23:1	42.8	40.0	39.5	36.1	1.38	<0.001	0.741	0.242
25:0	6.13	4.80	5.17	3.44	0.442	<0.001	0.603	0.043

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1059 ³ Co-elutes with Δ 11,15 16:2.

1060 ⁴ Co-elutes with *cis*-11 16:1.

1061 ⁵ Co-elutes with a FA that could not be identified.

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1063 **Supplemental Table 3.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk 16:1 and 16:2 composition
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Fatty acid, mg/100 g	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
<i>cis</i> -9 16:1 ³	1,940	1,830	1,671	1,329	116.8	<0.001	0.066	0.610
<i>cis</i> -10 16:1	39.0	35.3	36.4	27.5	3.24	0.007	0.254	0.146
<i>cis</i> -12 16:1	33.7	27.0	29.0	21.7	2.72	0.013	0.744	0.123
<i>cis</i> -13 16:1	118	104	89.5	73.0	11.75	<0.001	0.830	0.970
<i>trans</i> -4 16:1	22.8	21.0	22.6	22.5	1.77	0.917	0.628	0.479
<i>trans</i> -5 16:1	38.2	21.8	24.4	23.5	7.70	0.215	0.295	0.490
<i>trans</i> -6 16:1	70.0	70.7	69.2	63.6	4.17	0.178	0.324	0.886
<i>trans</i> -8 16:1	49.9	56.1	52.6	40.5	4.56	0.108	0.041	0.949
<i>trans</i> -9 16:1	293	458	475	597	45.1	<0.001	0.579	0.148
<i>trans</i> -10 16:1	32.1	33.4	37.8	24.8	2.54	0.104	0.007	0.060
<i>trans</i> -11 16:1	93.5	91.1	101	65.8	10.50	0.081	0.073	0.150
<i>trans</i> -12 16:1 ⁴	164	165	157	181	96.8	0.212	0.124	0.213
<i>trans</i> -13 16:1	52.5	44.0	50.2	35.4	5.40	0.037	0.464	0.081
<i>trans</i> -9, <i>trans</i> -12 16:2	13.7	18.0	19.4	25.9	1.79	<0.001	0.450	0.242
Δ 9,13 16:2	61.3	102	107	196	19.01	<0.001	0.162	0.131

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1070 ³ Co-elutes with *anteiso* 17:0.

1071 ⁴ Co-elutes with *cis*-7 16:1.

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1073 **Supplemental Table 4.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil on milk 20:1 composition
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Fatty acid, mg/100 g	Camelina oil in concentrate (%)				SEM ²	P ¹		
	0	2	4	6		LIN	QUAD	CUB
<i>cis</i> -9 20:1	398	359	479	413	40.7	0.231	0.652	0.049
<i>cis</i> -11 20:1	1,410	2,171	2,487	3,949	374.3	<0.001	0.311	0.305
<i>cis</i> -13 20:1	123	154	159	205	13.4	<0.001	0.513	0.211
<i>cis</i> -14 20:1	37.1	39.0	45.8	46.0	6.49	0.188	0.875	0.632
<i>trans</i> -6+7+8 20:1	14.9	15.9	19.3	19.8	1.46	0.008	0.851	0.350
<i>trans</i> -9 20:1	70.0	72.9	95.4	91.7	13.50	0.104	0.767	0.368
<i>trans</i> -10 20:1 ³	40.8	45.0	49.9	49.5	8.20	0.314	0.725	0.838
<i>trans</i> -11 20:1	82.0	93.7	123	118	14.10	0.019	0.438	0.292
<i>trans</i> -12 20:1	80.2	88.7	104	89.2	10.40	0.286	0.183	0.330
<i>trans</i> -13 20:1	57.0	55.8	72.1	58.3	8.63	0.550	0.405	0.170

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1080 ³ Co-elutes with *cis*-5 20:1.
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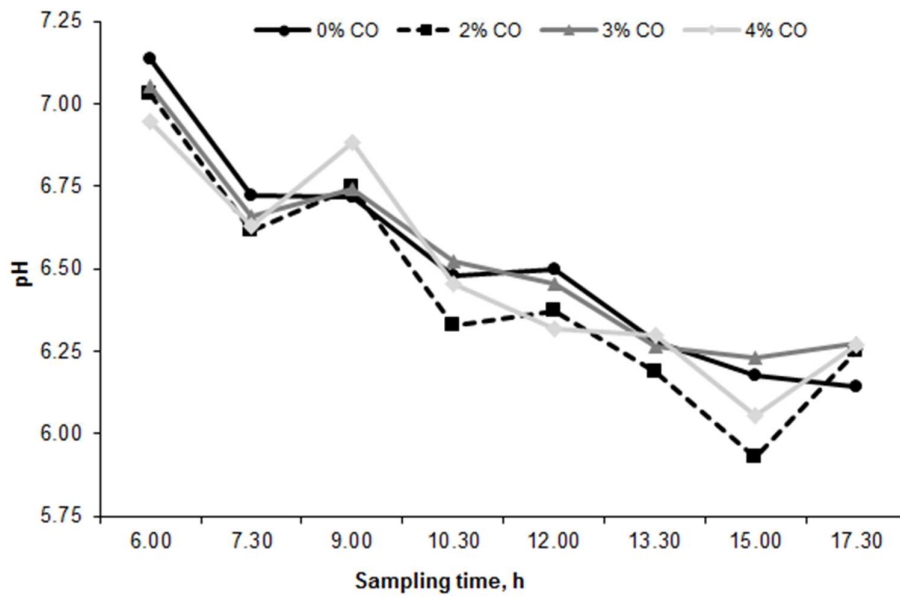
1082 **Supplemental Figure 1.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil (CO) in concentrate
1083 supplements containing camelina expeller on diurnal variation in rumen pH of lactating cows fed
1084 diets based on a mixture of grass and red clover silage. $P > 0.10$ for treatment by time interactions
1085 (SEM 0.135) as well as linear, quadratic, and cubic effects on treatment averages (6.52, 6.43, 6.56,
1086 and 6.50 for 0, 2, 4, and 6% CO respectively, SEM 0.109).
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1088 **Supplemental Figure 2.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil (CO) in concentrate
1089 supplements containing camelina expeller on peroxide concentrations during storage of butter
1090 prepared from milk of cows fed a mixture of grass and red clover silage. $P > 0.10$ for treatment by
1091 time interactions (SEM 0.014) as well as linear, quadratic, and cubic effects on treatment averages
1092 (0.08, 0.08, 0.08, and 0.09 mmol O₂/kg milk fat for 0, 2, 4, and 6% CO respectively, SEM 0.010).
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1094 **Supplemental Figure 3.** Effect of incremental amounts of camelina oil (CO) in concentrate
1095 supplements containing camelina expeller on NEFA concentrations during storage of butter
1096 prepared from milk of cows fed a mixture of grass and red clover silage. Results are expressed as a
1097 weight percentage of free oleic acid (*cis*-9 18:1) in butterfat. $P > 0.10$ for treatment by time
1098 interactions (SEM 0.066) as well as linear, quadratic and cubic effects on treatment averages (0.17,
1099 0.22, 0.18 and 0.22 % for 0, 2, 4 and 6% CO respectively, SEM 0.051).

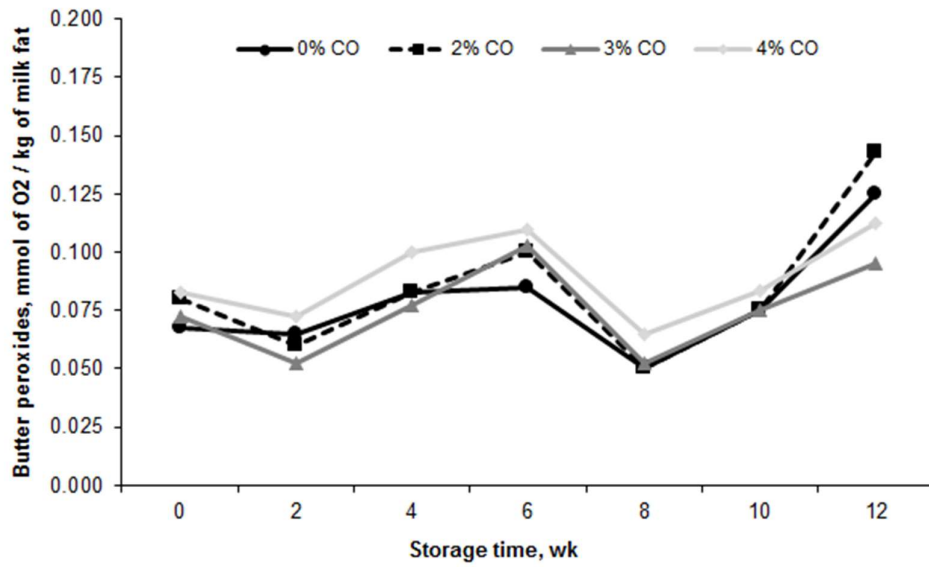
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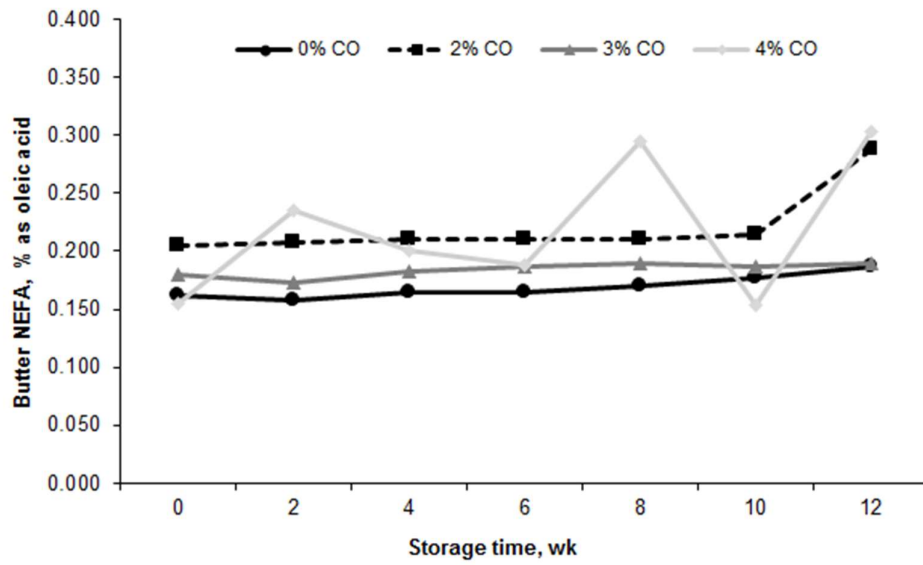
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