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Effect of linseed supplementation on fatty acid composition and lipid oxidation of Maremmana beef

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Fatty acids composition and human health

The **fatty acid composition** of meat is of interests because of its implications for **human health**.

Nutritionists now recommend:

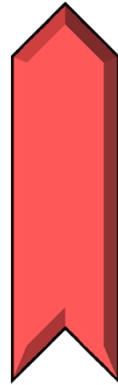
- **limiting fat intake**
- **Increasing consume of PUFA in substitution of SFA**
- **n-6/n-3 < 4**
- **α-linolenic acid intake** in adults at least **2 g/d**

Linseed supplementation in the diet of beef cattle has resulted in an increase in **α-linolenic** and **conjugated linoleic acid (CLA)** content in intramuscular fat (Bas et la., 2007; Jeronimo et al., 2009; Berthelot et al., 2010)



Meat oxidation and shelf-life

High level of
PUFA



Reduction of :
stability to oxygen;
resistance to rancidity;
optimal sensory quality;
colour;
shelf life

Aim of the work

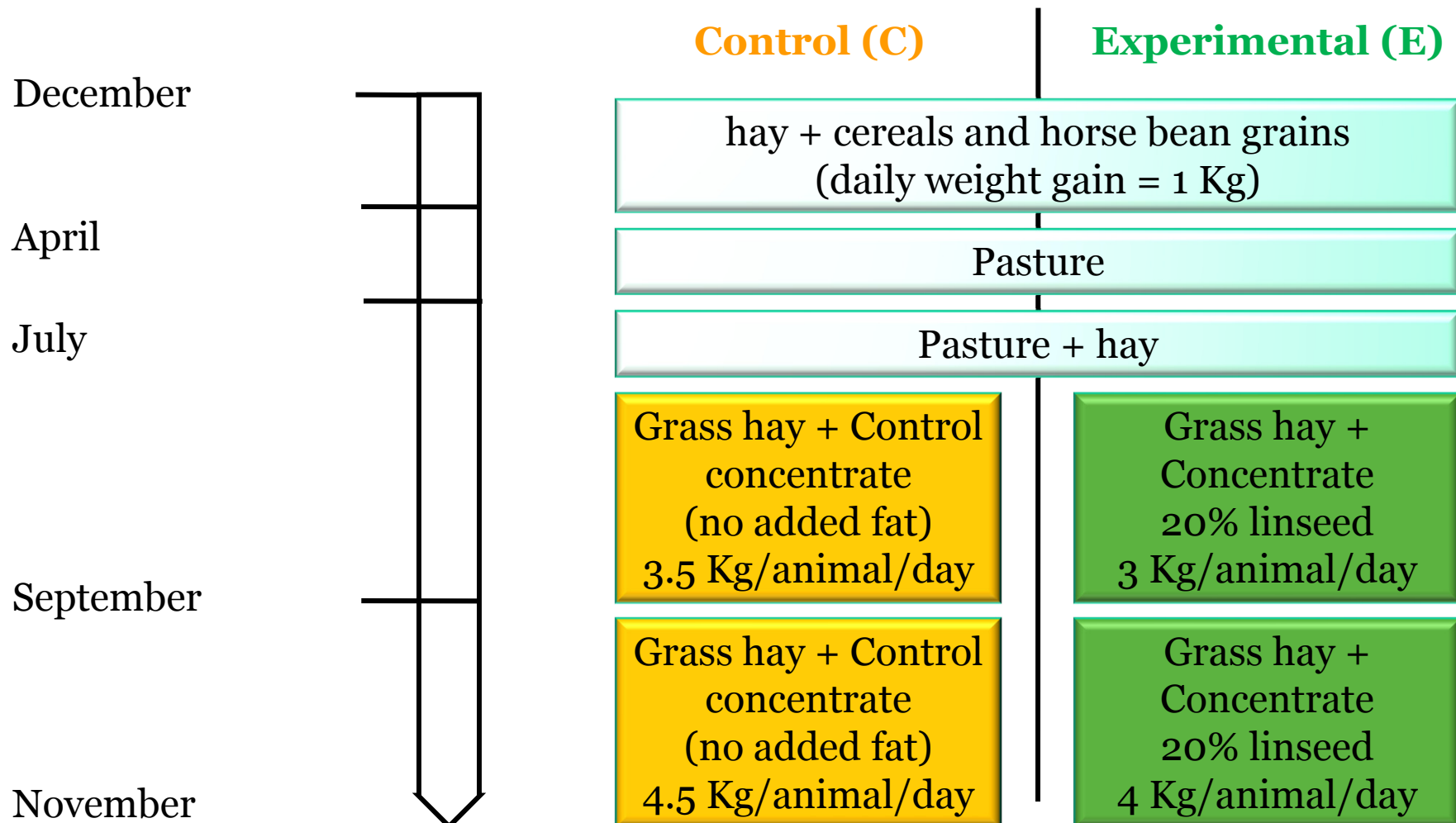
The aim of this work was to evaluate the oxidative stability of intramuscular fat of beef obtained from Maremmana young bulls fed a diet supplemented with extruded linseed.



Experimental design

The experiment was carried out on 20 young bulls of the Maremmana breed.

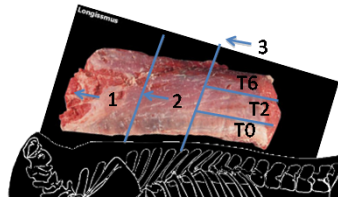
The animals were weaned (6-8 month of age) and randomly assigned to groups of 10 animals each:



Analysis and Statistic



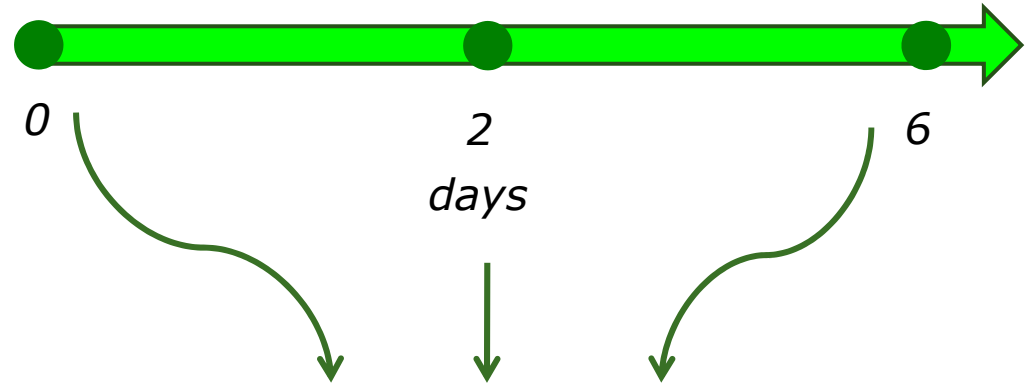
Slaughter weight ~ 550 Kg



Longissimus dorsi muscle



Hamburger thickness = 2 cm



Free Fatty Acid

TBARs

COPs

Colour

Vitamins and Carotenoids

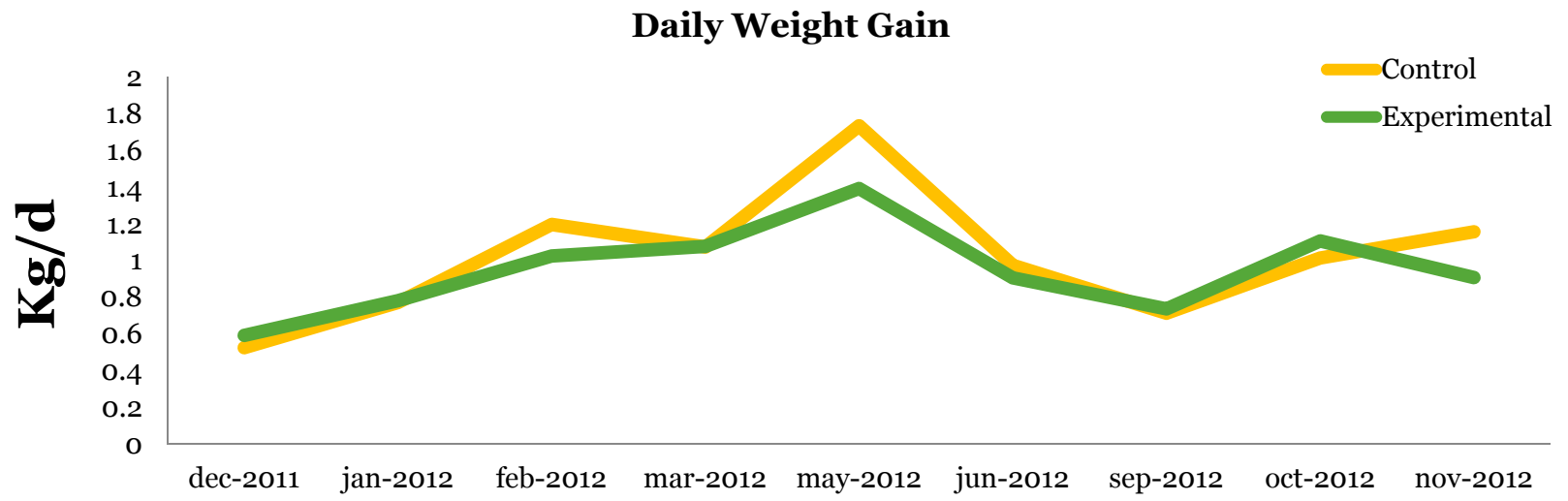
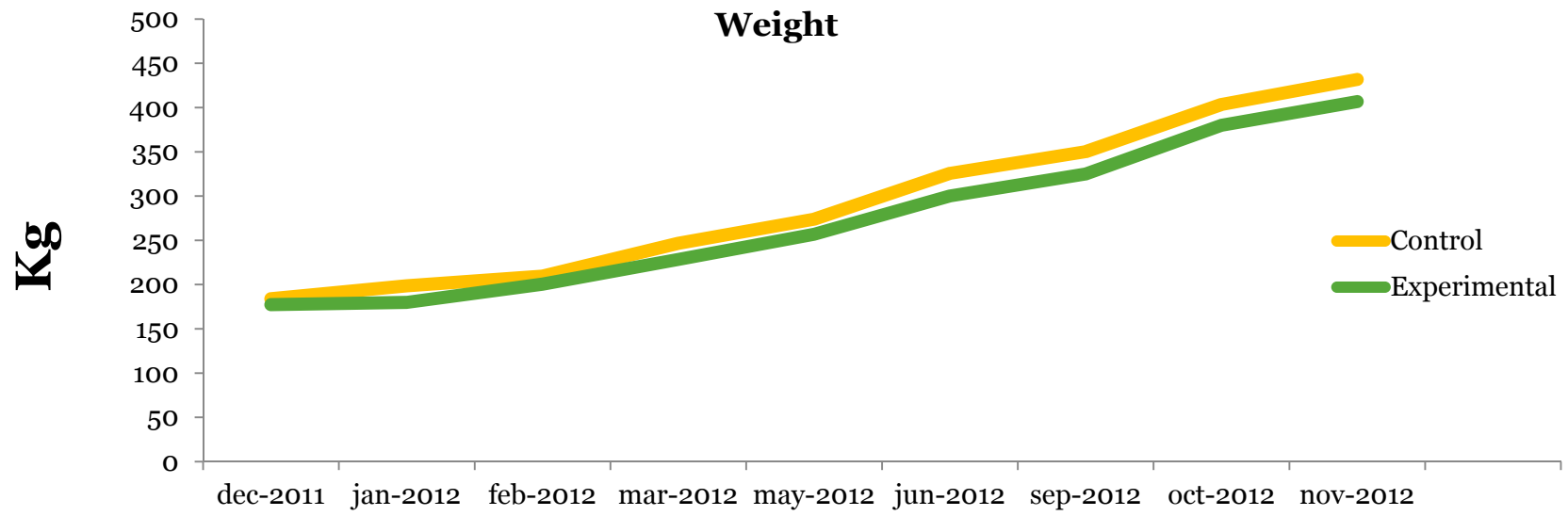
$$y_{ijz} = \mu + T_i + A_j + T_i \times A_j + I_z(T) + \epsilon_{ijz}$$

T = Treatment (C and E)

A = Aging (0, 2, 6 days)

I = Animal (1-20) as random factor

Result



Results: Meat composition

		C	E	SE	P<F
DM	g/100 g meat	24.34	25.10	0.30	0.10
Protein	g/100 g meat	22.01	21.89	0.32	0.12
Ash	g/100 g meat	1.11	1.10	0.01	0.71
Lipids	g/100 g meat	1.53	1.72	0.14	0.09
Cholesterol	mg/100 g meat	34.02	34.10	0.77	0.77
Iron	mg/100 g meat	1.47	1.50	0.13	0.65
Organic Iron	%	86	86	1.12	0.99

		Bruciapaglia et al. 2013			Mele et al., 2008
		Piedmontese	Limousine	Holstein	Chianina
Lipids	g/100 g meat	1.1	1.7	2.3	1.1
Cholesterol	mg/100 g meat	51	50.8	51	30

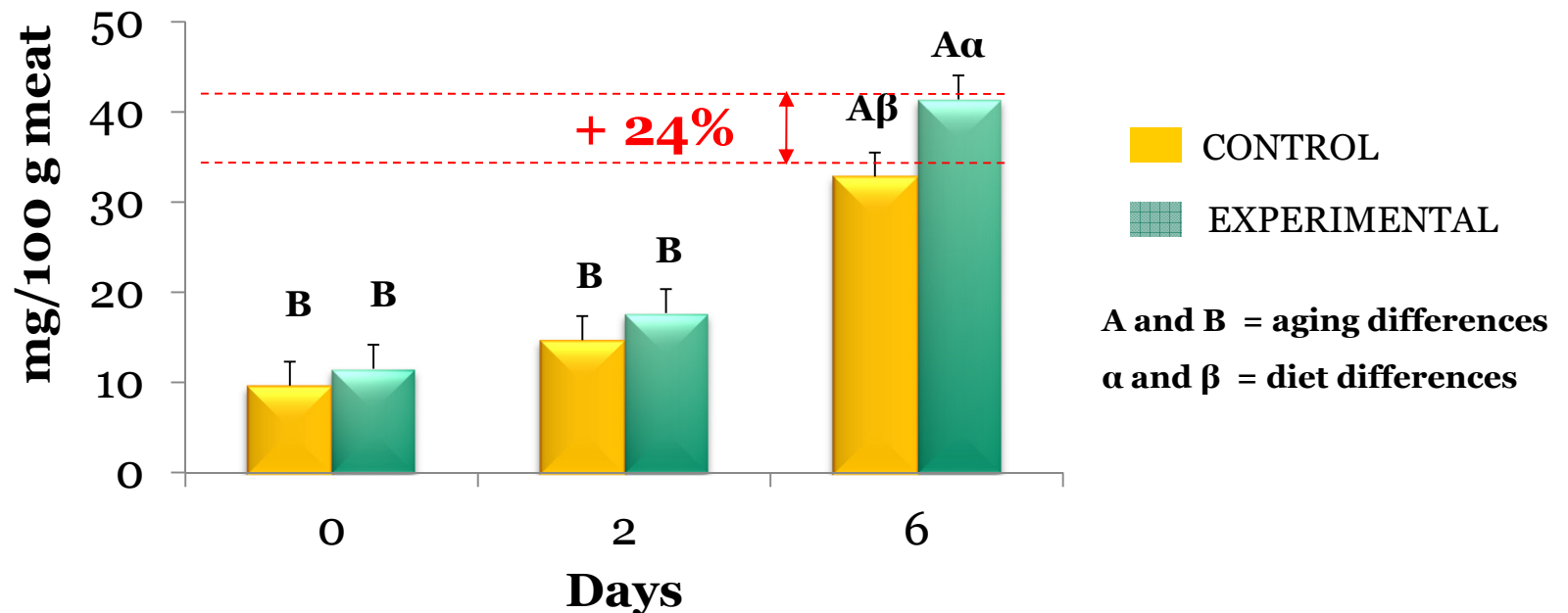
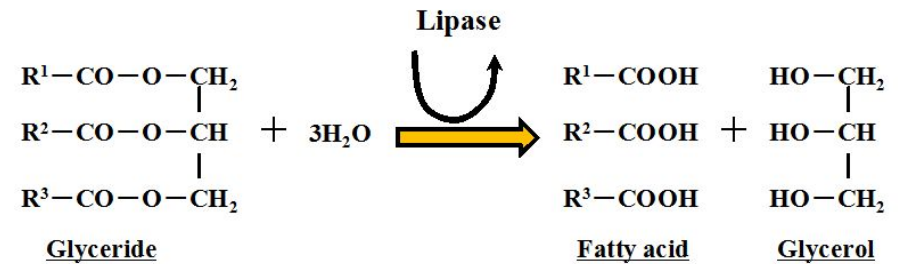
Results: Fatty acid composition

		C	E	SE		
SATURATED	g/100 g meat	26.31	24.93	1.07		
MONOUNSATURATED	g/100 g meat	24.51	26.27	1.12		
POLYUNSATURATED	g/100 g meat	8.76	8.67	0.60		
ω -6	g/100 g meat	7.48	6.64	0.49		
ω -3	g/100 g meat	1.28	2.41	0.10	***	+ 88%
α -linolenic acid	g/100 g meat	0.50	1.06	0.04	***	+ 112%
ω -6/ ω -3		5.89	2.76	0.23	***	- 53%
CLA	g/100 g meat	0.31	0.45	0.04	**	+ 45%
TRANS ISOMERS	g/100 g meat	2.33	3.24	0.15	***	+ 39%
Thrombogenic Index		1.21	0.96	0.06	***	- 21%
Atherogenic Index		0.56	0.54	0.03		

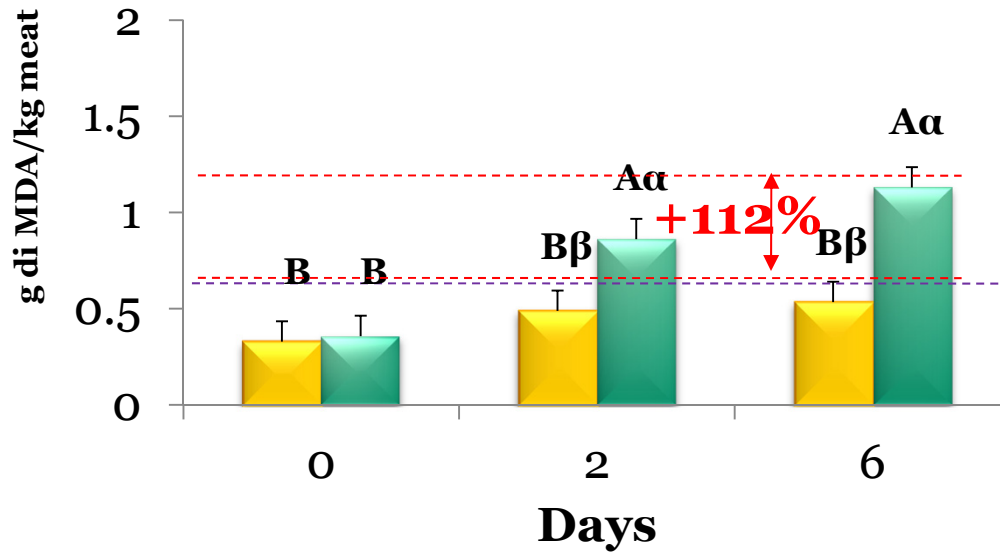
Free Fatty Acids

Hydrolysis of triglycerides is the first step of fatty acids oxydation

FFA level increase significantly after 6 days of aging

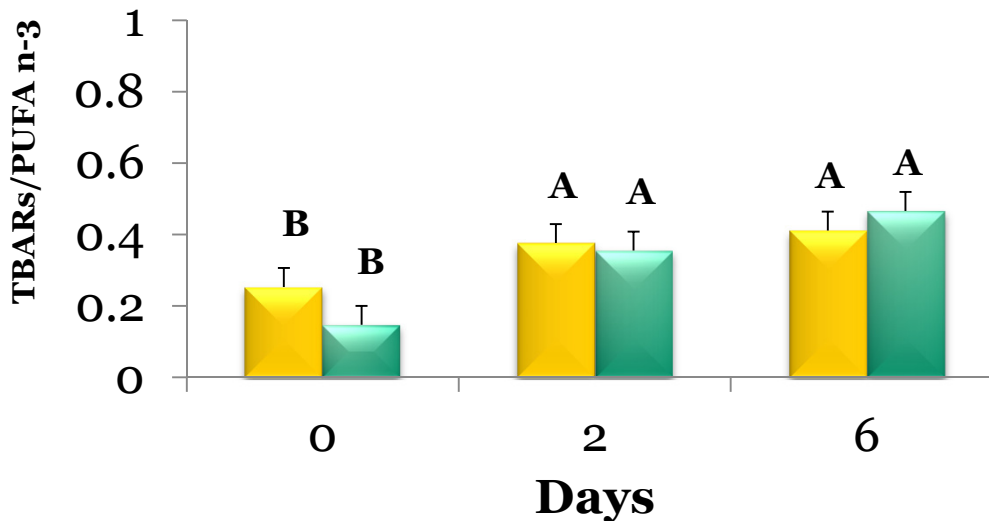


TBARS



TBARS level increase significantly in the experimental group after 2 days of aging, overcoming the rancidity threshold

Rancidity threshold (Lanari et al., 1995)



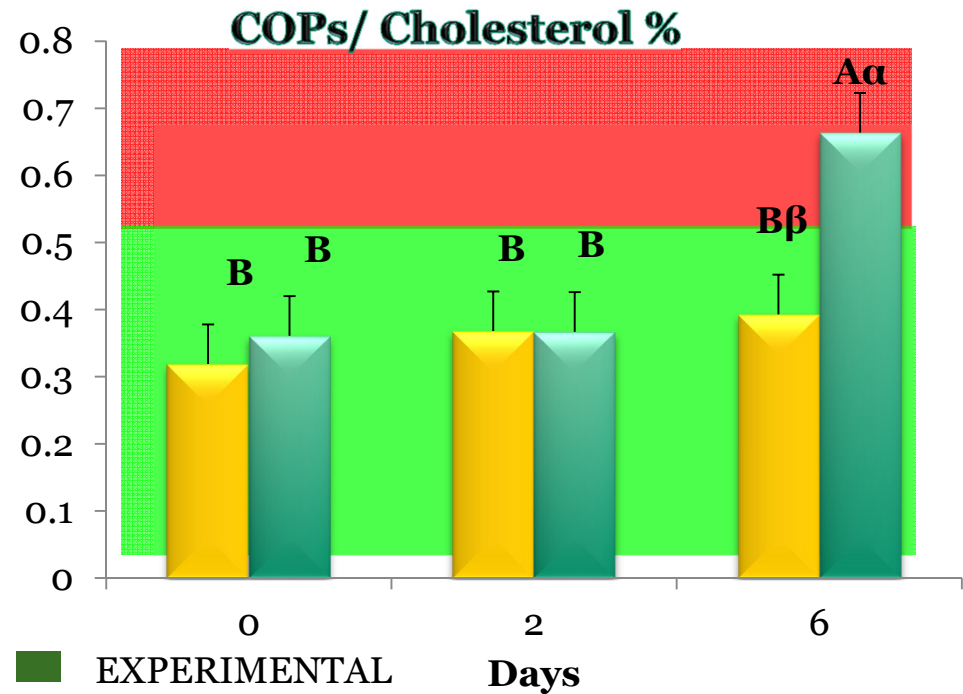
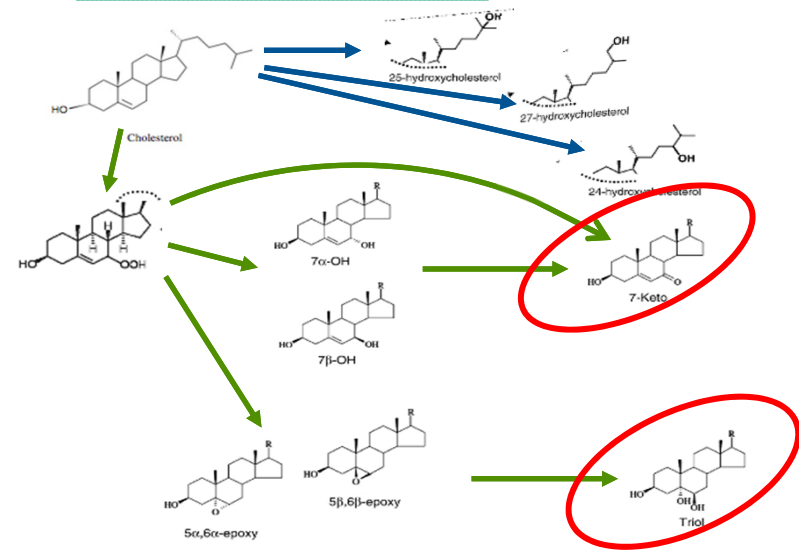
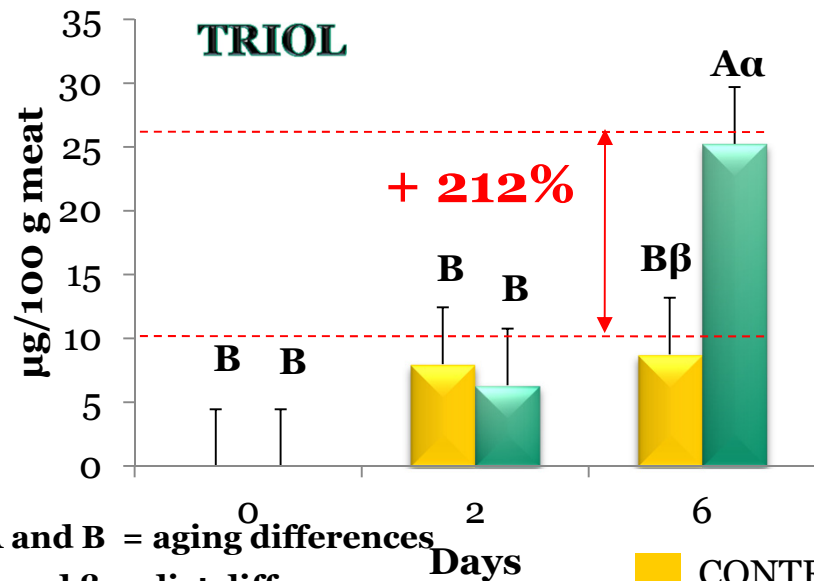
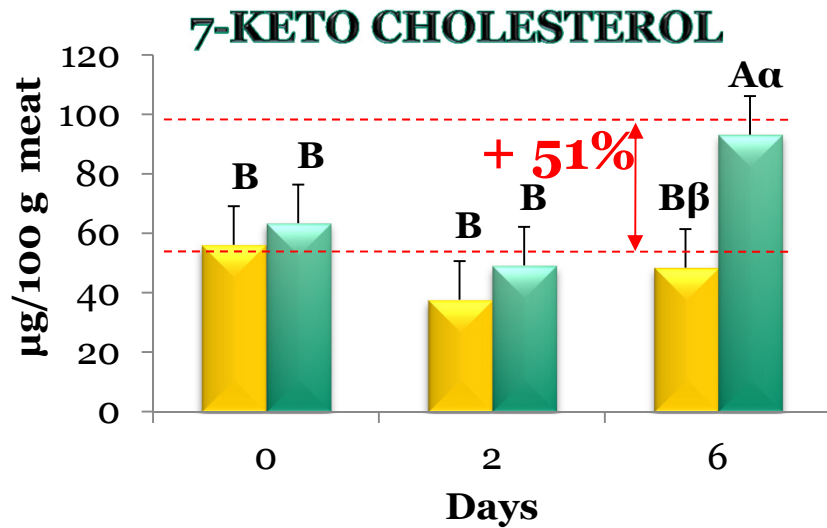
Relating the level of TBARS to PUFA content, the increase is similar for both groups

A and B = aging differences
 α and β = diet differences

CONTROL

EXPERIMENTAL

COPs

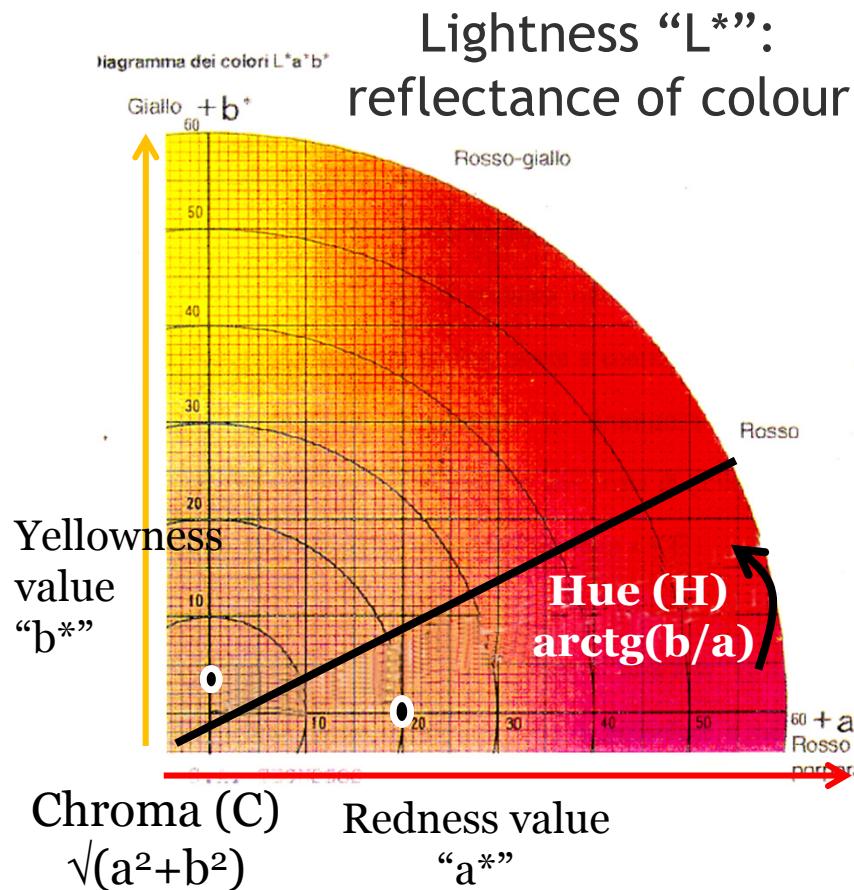


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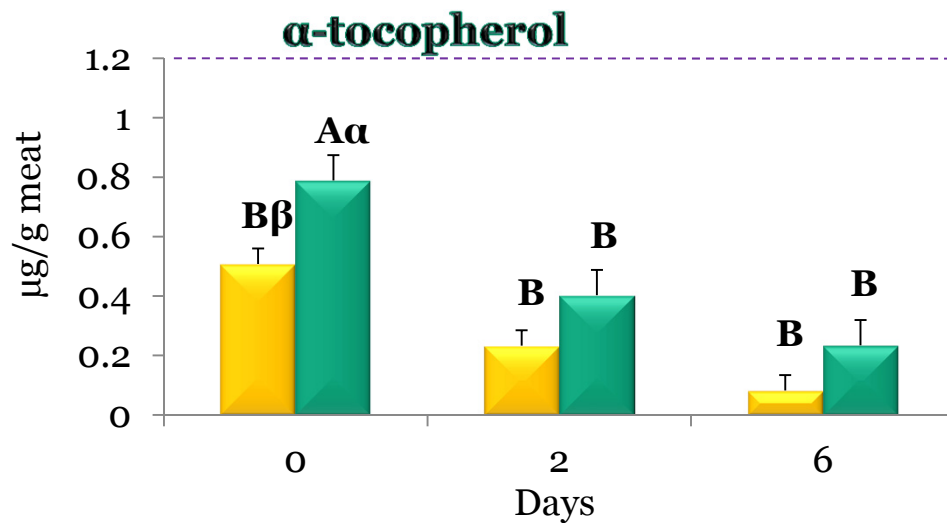
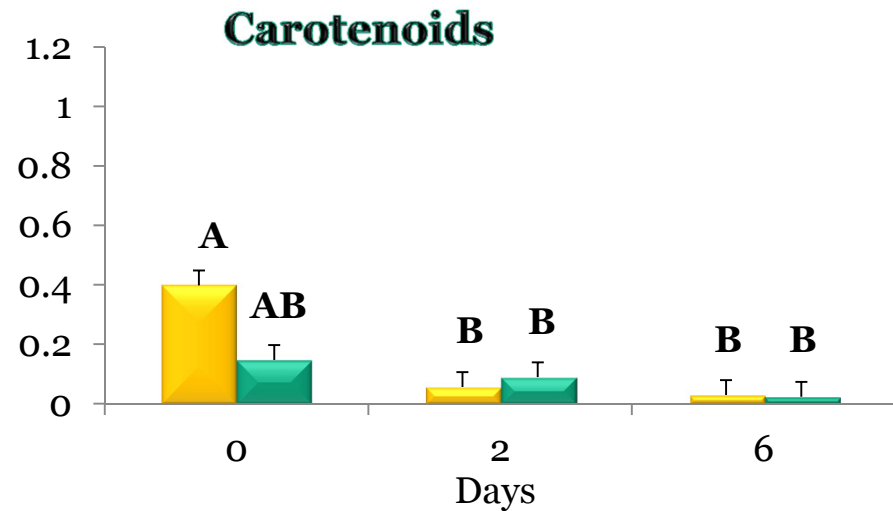
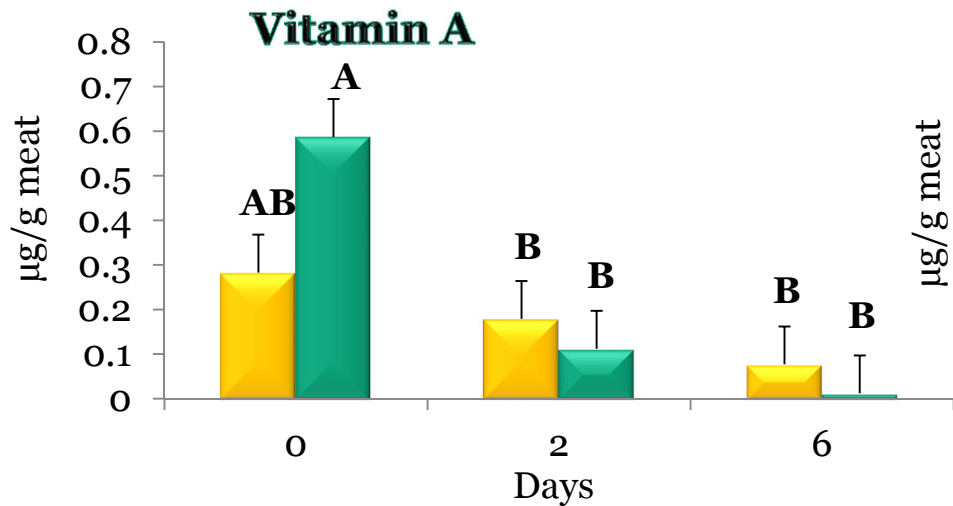
Meat Colour



	Control			Experimental			SE	A
	0	2	6	0	2	6		
L*	49.5 ^A	45.0 ^B	43.6 ^B	50.0 ^A	46.9 ^B	44.6 ^B	1.4	***
a*	13.0 ^A	7.4 ^B	7.4 ^B	12.2 ^A	6.8 ^B	6.3 ^B	1.1	***
b*	12.9 ^A	10.1 ^B	12.8 ^A	12.1 ^A	8.6 ^B	11.2 ^{AB}	1.2	***
H	44.1 ^C	53.2 ^B	61.1 ^A	44.8 ^C	51.8 ^B	61.1 ^A	1.9	***
C	18.4 ^A	12.6 ^B	14.8 ^B	17.3 ^A	11.0 ^B	13.1 ^B	1.4	***

Meat colour exhibited the expected pattern for satisfactory appearance and demonstrated that including 20% linseed in concentrate did not significantly alter meat colour.

Vitamins



Minimum threshold to increase the shelf life (Liu et al., 1995)

Although tocopherol level is higher in the experimental group, no more antioxidant effect was observed.

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Conclusion



Linseed supplementation improve meat quality by increasing PUFA ω -3 content



The results confirmed the strictly relationship between the high level of PUFA ω -3 and lipid **oxidation** of meat



Finally, higher levels of antioxidants than those normally present in the intramuscular fat are needed in order to control the oxidation during the storage and increase shelf life of meat

Thank you for
your attention

