



# How Quickly Does Milk Fat Change After Abruptly Feeding Potassium Carbonate Sesquihydrate

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## Outline

- Quick Review of effect of potassium carbonate sesquihydrate on milk fat and milk fatty acids
- Temporal response in milk fat after abruptly feeding potassium carbonate sesquihydrate
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## Results: Milk Composition

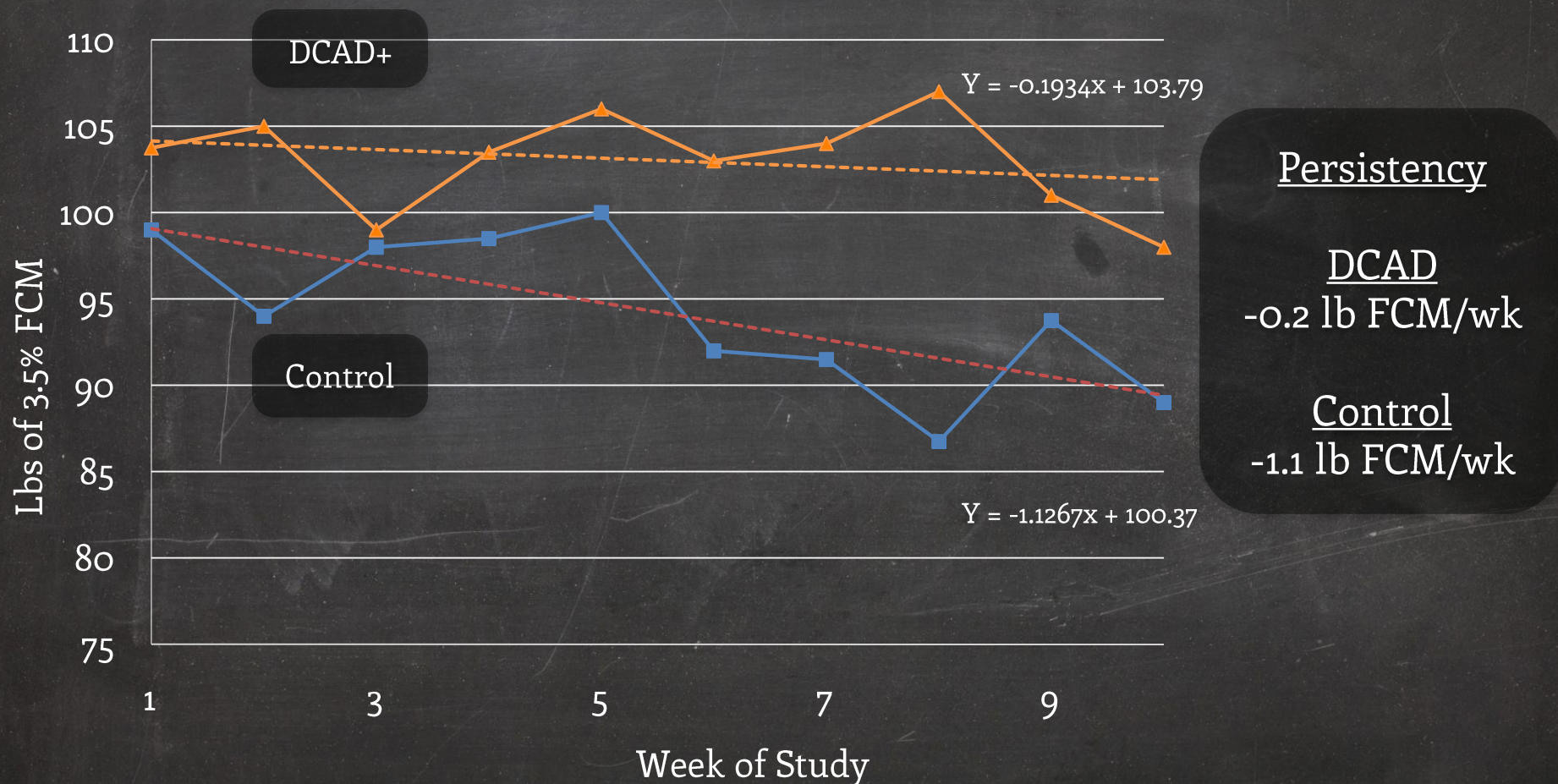
| Item | Control |      | DCAD+ |      | P<F   |       |
|------|---------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
|      | %       | lb/d | %     | lb/d | %     | lb/d  |
| Fat  | 4.01    | 3.48 | 4.38  | 3.89 | <0.01 | <.07* |

\*Effect – Trt\*Week-linear





# How Quickly Does Milk Fat Change After Abruptly Feeding Potassium Carbonate Sesquihydrate Milk Yield





# How Quickly Does Milk Fat Change After Abruptly Feeding Potassium Carbonate Sesquihydrate Objectives

- How quickly the addition of dietary K will affect milk fat concentration
- Demonstrate differences in concentration of milk fatty acid trans - 11 C18:1 in relation to addition of K carbonate sesquicarbonate.





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SHORT COMMUNICATION: POTASSIUM AFFECTS MILK FAT

***Short communication: Temporal effect of feeding potassium carbonate sesquihydrate on milk fat in lactating dairy cows fed a fat-depressing diet***

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Interpretive Summary



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## Duration of the Trial

Period 1  
Week 1 – 2  
Con



Period 2  
Week 3 – 4  
Con vs. Trt



Period 3  
Week 5 – 6  
Con



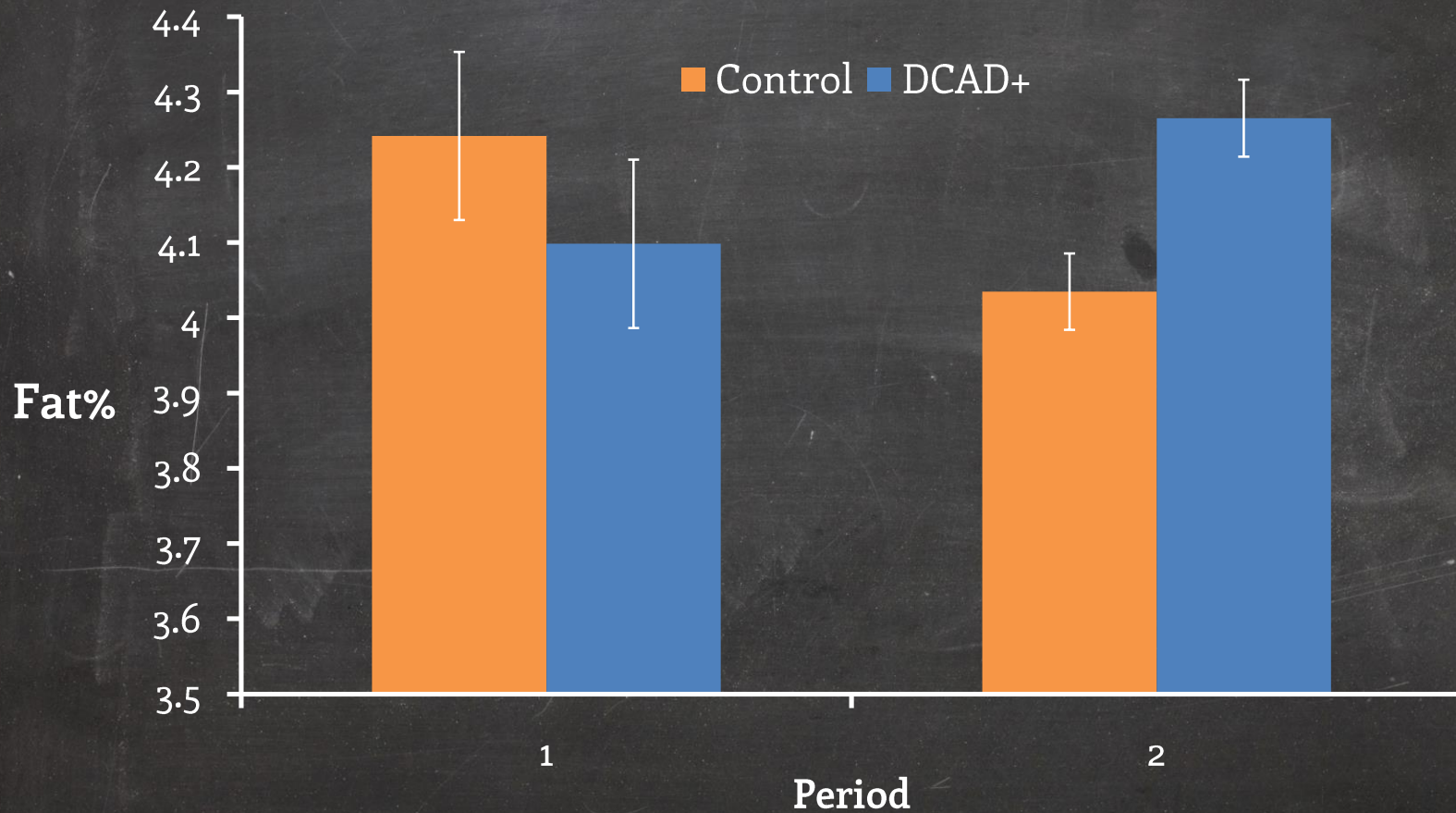


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| Item, % of DM        | Control | DCAD+ |
|----------------------|---------|-------|
| DM                   | 54.4    | 55.1  |
| CP                   | 16.8    | 16.6  |
| NDF                  | 32.0    | 31.0  |
| ADF                  | 22.2    | 21.4  |
| K                    | 1.74    | 2.33  |
| Na                   | 0.48    | 0.50  |
| Cl                   | 0.41    | 0.41  |
| S                    | 0.26    | 0.25  |
| Fatty acid           | 5.7     | 5.1   |
| DCAD, mEq/100g of DM | 37.7    | 54.3  |



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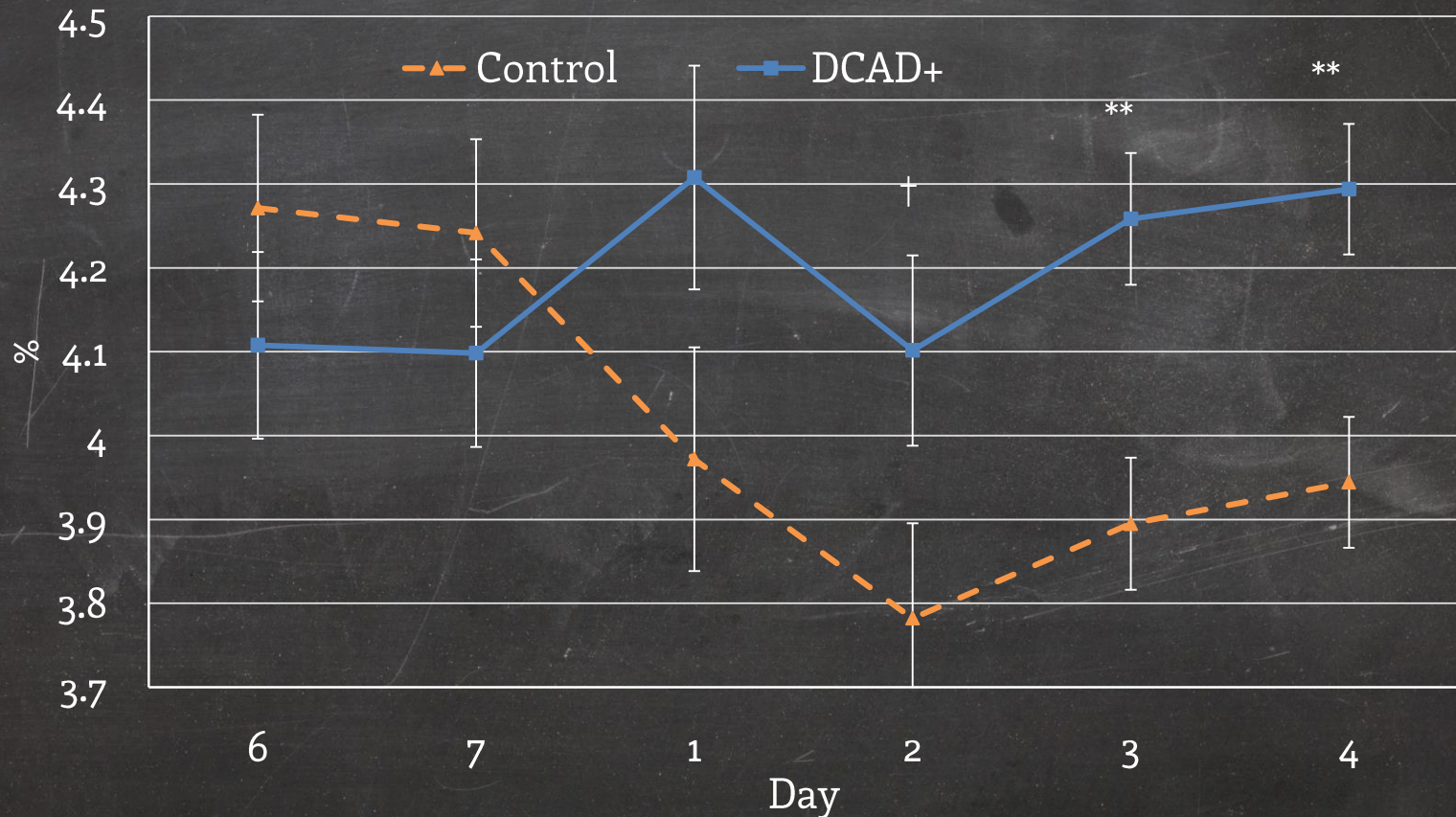






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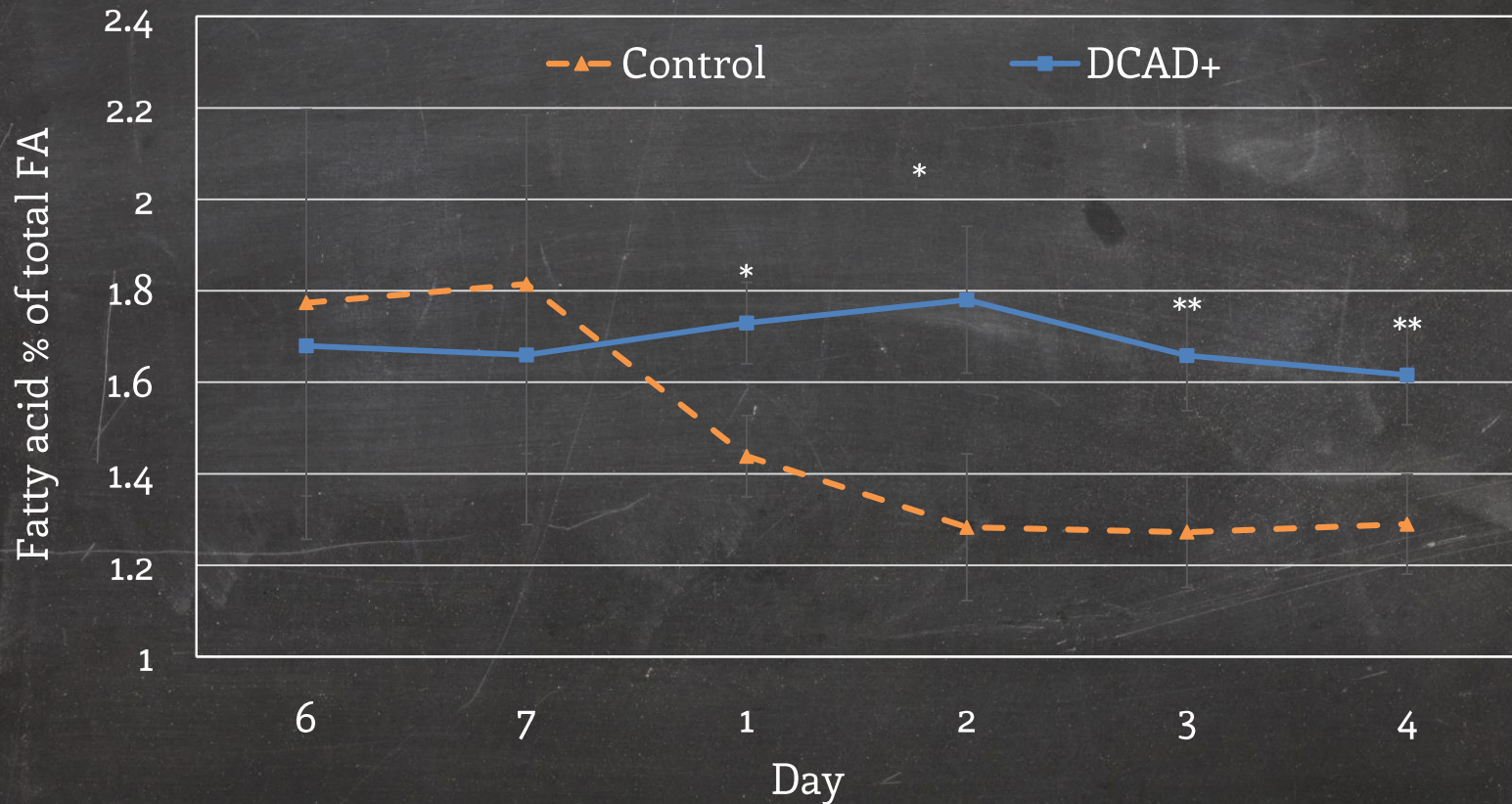
Milk Fat Concentration





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Milk C<sub>18:1</sub> 11t

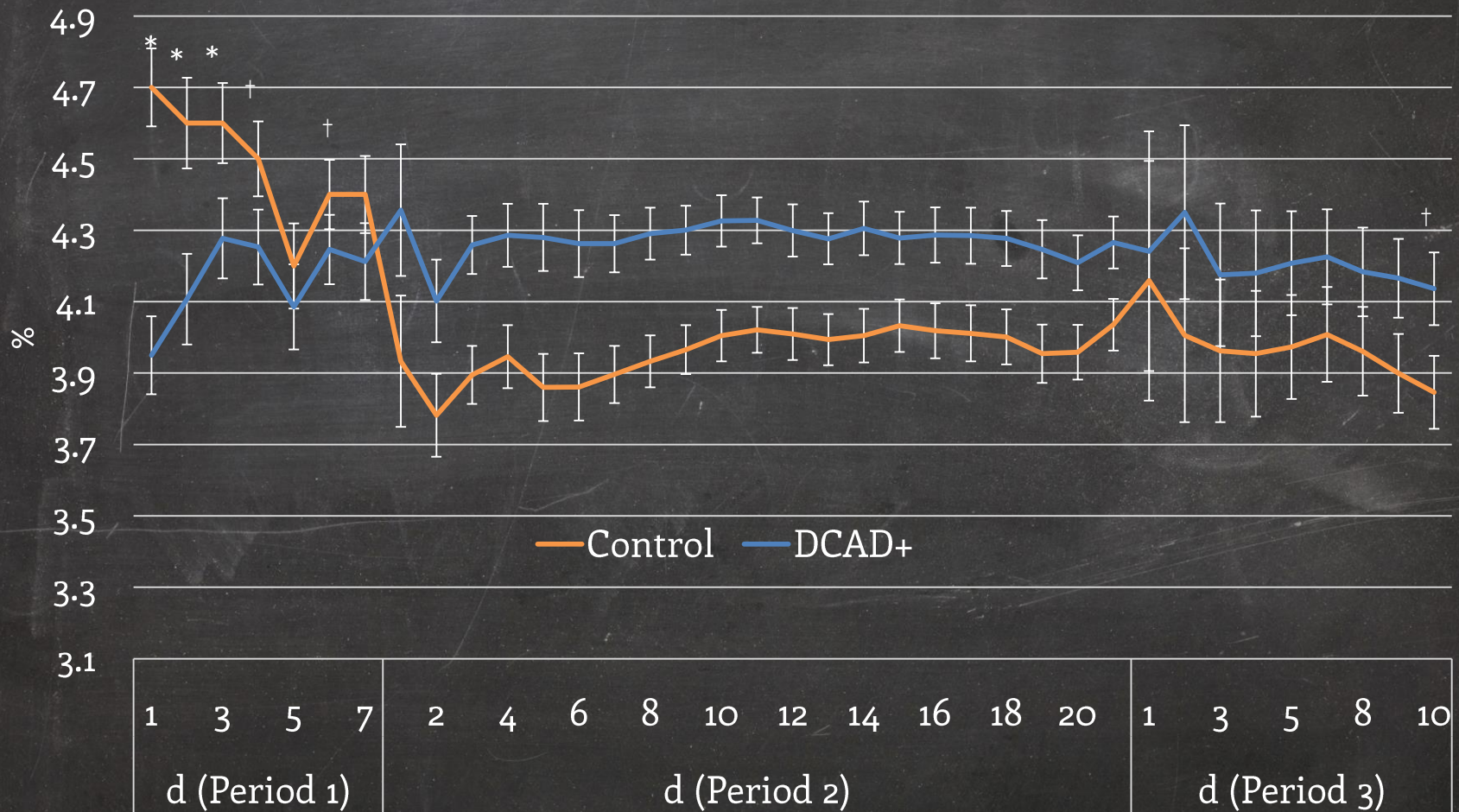






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# Feeding Potassium Carbonate Sesquihydrate And Effect on Milk Fatty Acids Conclusion

- Overall, supplementation of a diet with K carbonate sesquihydrate resulted in a greater milk fat concentration within 72 hours of supplementation
- Milk fat concentration remained greater when K carbonate sesquihydrate supplementation was ceased
- The difference in milk fat concentration was associated with a greater concentration of C<sub>18:1</sub> trans -11 during the same time period, suggesting that the K carbonate sesquihydrate effect on milk fat concentration was mediated via a shift in biohydrogenation of C<sub>18:2</sub> in the rumen.





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