Concentration of volatile fatty acids (VFA) in ruminal fluid samples was determined in a liquid-liquid solvent extraction using ethyl acetate (Ruiz-Moreno et al., 2015). Samples were centrifuged for 10 min at 10,000 × *g*. Ruminal fluid supernatant was mixed with a meta-phosphoric acid: crotonic acid (internal standard) solution at a 5:1 ratio and samples were frozen overnight, thawed, and centrifuged for 10 min at 10,000 × *g*. Supernatant was transferred into glass tubes (12 mm × 75 mm; Fisherbrand; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Waltham, MA), and mixed with ethyl acetate in a 2:1 ratio of ethyl acetate to supernatant. After shaking tubes vigorously and allowing the fractions to separate, the ethyl acetate fraction (top layer) was transferred to vials (9 mm; Fisherbrand; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Waltham, MA). Samples were analyzed by gas chromatography (Agilent 7820A GC, Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA) using a flame ionization detector and a capillary column (CP-WAX 58 FFAP 25 m 0.53 mm, Varian CP7767, Varian Analytical Instruments, Walnut Creek, CA). Column temperature was maintained at 110°C, and injector and detector temperatures were 200 and 220°C, respectively.

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