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Effects of rapeseed variety and oil extraction method on the content and ileal digestibility of crude protein and amino acids in rapeseed cake and softly processed rapeseed meal fed to broiler chickens

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27 Highlights

- 28 • Thirteen varieties of rapeseed were de-oiled by hexane extraction and cold-pressing.
- 29 • Twelve soft rapeseed meal (SRSM) and four rapeseed cakes (RSC) were fed to
- 30 chickens.
- 31 • Content of crude protein (CP) and amino acids (AA) varied depending on RSC and
- 32 SRSM.
- 33 • Digestibility of CP and AA depended on a rapeseed variety and processing method.

34 **Abstract**

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36 We examined the effects of rapeseed variety and oil extraction method on crude protein
37 (CP) and amino acid (AA) content in rapeseed co-products, and determined their coefficient
38 of apparent (AID) and standardised ileal digestibility (SID) in broiler chickens. Sixteen
39 rapeseed samples were de-oiled; four were cold-pressed producing rapeseed cake (RSC)
40 and twelve were mild processed and hexane-extracted producing soft rapeseed meal
41 (SRSM). One batch of the variety Compass, grown on the same farm, was processed using
42 both methods obtaining Compass RSC and Compass SRSM. DK Cabernet rapeseed
43 variety, grown on three different farms, was used to produce two SRSM batches and one
44 RSC batch. All rapeseed co-products were ground through a 4 mm screen and mixed into
45 semi-synthetic diets at a level of 500 g/kg. Day-old Ross 308 male broilers were fed a
46 commercial diet for 14 days. A total of 96 pairs of birds were then allotted to 1 of 16 dietary
47 treatments (n=6) and fed a test diet for 8 days. Birds were then culled allowing removal of
48 ileal digesta from Meckel's diverticulum to the ileal-caecal junction. Digestibility of CP and
49 AA was determined using titanium dioxide as an inert marker. The SRSM samples had an
50 increased content of CP (419 to 560 g/kg DM) compared to RSC samples (293 to 340 g/kg
51 DM). Both AID and SID of lysine, and SID of arginine, histidine and threonine were greater
52 in Compass RSC compared to its SRSM counterpart ($P<0.05$). However, AID and SID of AA
53 did not differ in both DK Cabernet SRSM, cultivated in two different farms ($P>0.05$). The SID
54 of lysine was on average 0.03 units greater ($P<0.001$) in RSC than in SRSM. The SRSM

55 produced from variety PR46W21 showed similar or greater AID and SID of individual AA
56 than the RSC from four other rapeseed varieties. It is concluded that selection of rapeseed
57 varieties and extraction method have a potential to deliver high protein dietary ingredients
58 with a good digestibility value.

59 *Keywords:* digestibility, broiler, rapeseed cake, rapeseed meal, amino acid.

60 *Abbreviations:* AA, amino acid; AID, coefficient of apparent ileal digestibility; Arg, arginine; *B.*

61 *napus*, *Brassica napus*; CP, crude protein; DM, dry matter; DMI, dry matter intake; FI, feed

62 intake; GLS, glucosinolates; His, histidine; ; IAAL_B, basal ileal endogenous amino acid

63 losses; Ile, isoleucine; Leu, leucine; Lys, lysine; Lys:CP ratio; M+C, methionine and cysteine;

64 NDF, neutral detergent fibre; Phe, phenylalanine; RSC, rapeseed cake; RSE, rapeseed

65 expeller; RSM, rapeseed meal; SBM, soybean meal; SEM; standard error of the difference

66 mean; SID, coefficient of standardised ileal digestibility; SRSM, soft rapeseed meal; TAA, total

67 amino acids; Val, valine.

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69 **1. Introduction**

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71 The strong dependence of the British livestock sector on imported protein-rich feeds
72 such as soybean meal (SBM), is prompting investigations into the nutritional value of home-
73 grown protein alternatives for animal production. As the European Union is the greatest
74 producer of *Brassica napus* (*B. napus*) rapeseed worldwide (USDA, 2015), rapeseed co-
75 products are of considerable interest as a protein source in animal diets. Compared to SBM,
76 rapeseed meal (RSM) contains considerably less lysine but more sulphur-containing amino
77 acids (AA) (Khajali and Slominski, 2012). The indices for the quality of rapeseed protein may
78 be as high as those of animal protein (e.g. eggs) and far higher than those of other legume
79 or cereal sources (e.g. peas and wheat, respectively) with a high content of indispensable
80 AA (Thompson et al., 1982; Friedman, 1996).

81 Rapeseed traditionally contains high contents of erucic acid, glucosinolates and fibre, but
82 plant breeding improvement has delivered varieties of *B. napus* with low levels of erucic acid
83 (<20 g/kg) and glucosinolates (<30 $\mu\text{mol/g}$) in defatted co-products in recent decades
84 (Maison and Stein, 2014). These varieties are called “double-low” or “double zero” rapeseed
85 in Europe, and “canola” in Australia and North America (Newkirk, 2009).

86 Rapeseed co-products are currently used as a protein ingredient in animal diets;
87 however the nutritional value, measured by protein digestibility, varies and is often reported
88 as being lower than that of SBM (Adedokun et al., 2008). The low digestibility of protein in
89 rapeseed has been associated with components such as enzyme inhibitors, phenolic
90 compounds, glucosinolates and dietary fibre (Rayner and Fox, 1976; Bell, 1993). Moreover,
91 the nutritional value of rapeseed protein is influenced by many different factors that are
92 closely related to the concentration of components and the processing technology employed.
93 The concentration of components in rapeseed co-products (e.g. protein, fibre and oil) might
94 differ considerably depending on the seed cultivars, growing conditions, harvesting time,
95 seed storage conditions, seed drying temperature and further processing such as de-hulling,
96 heat treatment, oil removal method and pelleting (Bell, 1993; Newkirk et al., 2003a, Liu et al.
97 2014).

98 Rapeseed co-products are commercially produced using two main de-oiling methods:
99 hexane extraction producing RSM and cold-pressing producing rapeseed cake (RSC).
100 Hexane extraction involves processing at a high temperature (up to 130 °C) that supports
101 greater extraction of the oil and results in a RSM with less than 50 g residual oil/kg
102 (Woyengo et al. 2010; personal communication, Patrick Carre). Cold-pressing involves
103 crushing of rapeseeds without additional heat supply, delivering a virgin oil and co-products
104 with a high residual oil content (>170 g/kg) (Leming and Lember, 2005). The majority of the
105 crop is crushed, heat treated and then hexane extracted in large industrial complexes,

106 whereas a small proportion of the crop is processed by cold-pressing, mainly on farms by
107 growers or small to medium enterprises.

108 Mixed varieties of rapeseed are often collected and processed by hexane extraction,
109 which produces rapeseed co-products with potentially differing AA and crude protein (CP)
110 digestibility. Thus, commercially available rapeseed co-products vary in digestibility of AA
111 and CP due to the variation depending on rapeseed co-product origin including cultivar and
112 processing, but also on the level of substitution of RSM/RSC into a diet as well as animal
113 species tested (Zhou et al., 2013; Qaisrani et al., 2014). Therefore, a lack of consistency in
114 selection of rapeseed varieties leads to difficulties in estimation of nutritional value of rapeseed co-
115 products in animal diets.

116 A recent investigation at a rapeseed pilot plant (CREOL, Pessac, France) showed that
117 decreasing the residence time (RT) in the desolventiser/toaster during the hexane extraction
118 led to production of RSM with a greater content and digestibility of lysine, measured in pigs
119 (Eklund et al. 2015). The reduction of heat treatment in rapeseed processing has the
120 potential to improve digestibility of AA in the final co-products. The aim of the present study
121 was to compare the effects of soft processing by hexane extraction or cold pressing of
122 Western rapeseed varieties on content and digestibility of CP and AA in rapeseed co-
123 products fed to broiler chickens.

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125 **2. Material and methods**

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127 *2.1. Rapeseed co-products and diet formulation*

128 Thirteen varieties of oilseed rape were grown in four South Eastern counties of the
129 United Kingdom (UK) and harvested in 2013. Seven rapeseed varieties were grown in
130 Cambridgeshire (Ability, Avatar, DK Cabernet, NK Grandia, PR46W21, Quartz and
131 Sesame), three in Lincolnshire (Excalibur, Trinity, V2750L), two in Norfolk (Compass and

132 Incentive) and one in Suffolk (Palmedor). Eleven varieties were characterised as double low
133 varieties, of which ten were winter, and one was spring (Ability). Further diversity was
134 derived by the inclusion of a single-low, high erucic acid oil variety (Palmedor) and a
135 relatively new variety with high oleic and low linolenic oil composition with a high
136 glucosinolate content (V2750L). Twelve rapeseed batches were de-fatted by mild hexane
137 extraction producing a soft rapeseed meal (SRSM), and four batches were cold-pressed
138 producing a RSC.

139 The hexane extraction was performed at a pilot plant (CREOL, Pessac, France). Each of
140 the rapeseed batches was subjected to conditioning. The seeds were dried to a moisture
141 content of approximately 70 g/kg in a static dryer with movable containers of 1.6 x 1.2 m
142 surface connected to a warm air generator using air at 70 °C. Unlike standard industrial
143 processing, the seeds were softly processed by excluding the cooking step before the
144 pressing and heat supply during the seed crushing. After conditioning, the seeds were cold-
145 pressed at a rate of 250 kg/h using a MBU 75 press (La Mécanique Moderne, France) with a
146 gap between pressing each batch 20 min, in order to avoid mixing the varieties. The expeller
147 meal was then pelletized in 6 mm pellets to prevent possible differences in percolation
148 during the extraction. Pellets were transferred immediately into the extractor. Continuous
149 extraction was undertaken in a belt diffuser (Desmet Ballestra, Belgium). The expeller was
150 leached by a counterflow of hexane in 6 stages. The flow of hexane at 50-55 °C was 230
151 L/h, resulting in the meal extraction at the rate 140 kg/h (standard deviation, SD: 12 kg/h).
152 Subsequently, by a semi-continuous mode, the meal was forwarded to the desolventisation
153 unit using a 6 tray continuous desolventiser (Desmet Ballestra, Belgium). The RT was 80
154 min for the following rapeseed varieties: Avatar, Compass, Incentive, Palmedor, PR46W21,
155 Quartz, and DK Cabernet². The variety of Ability, DK Cabernet¹, V2750L, and Excalibur had
156 a RT of 65, 86, 90, and 110 min, respectively. Direct steam was injected at 25 kg/h by the
157 bottom tray with the temperature 102.5 °C (SD: 4.5 °C) to the mass of the de-oiled meal.

158 The cold-pressing was performed at a local plant in Norfolk (UK). The seeds were
159 crushed at rate of 50 kg/h by a Kern Kraft KK40 press (Egon Keller GmbH, Remscheid,
160 Germany). The rate of pressing led to an increased temperature of exiting RSC to 55 °C.
161 The cake was expelled through a 10 mm sieve plate, as pellets.

162 Compass variety grown on one farm was further processed using both methods,
163 providing the possibility to compare the oil extraction methods without confounding effects of
164 variety. Furthermore, DK Cabernet had been grown in three different farms in
165 Cambridgeshire; seeds from two farms were de-fatted by hexane extraction (DK Cabernet
166 SRSM1 and DK Cabernet SRSM2), whilst DK Cabernet seeds from a third farm were
167 processed through cold-pressing.

168 The resulting twelve SRSM and four RSC samples were ground using a Pulverisette 15
169 cutting mill (Fritsch GmbH, Idar-Oberstein, Germany) fitted with a 4 mm screen. Then, they
170 were added at one inclusion rate (500 g/kg) into a semi-synthetic diet consisting of wheat
171 starch, glucose, vitamin and minerals, rapeseed oil and titanium dioxide (Table 1). The diets
172 were mixed in a commercial planetary dough mixer.

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174 *2.2. Animal study*

175 A total of 192 day-old male Ross 308 broilers were obtained from a British designated
176 breeder (PD Hook Hatcheries Ltd., Thirsk, UK) and housed in the Animal Facility at the
177 School of Biosciences, University of Nottingham. Birds were housed in pairs, in cages of 37
178 cm wide, 42 cm tall and 30 cm deep, containing a roost. The animal experiment was
179 conducted according to protocols approved by Ethical Review Committee and followed
180 official guidelines for the care and management of birds.

181 Prior to the trial period, chicks were fed a commercial diet based on wheat and de-hulled
182 SBM (190 g CP/kg as-fed; Chick Starter Crumb, Dodson and Horrell Ltd., Northamptonshire,
183 UK) for 14 days. Subsequently, birds were allocated to the sixteen dietary treatments in a

184 randomized complete block design with each treatment replicated six times. Each
185 experimental diet was allocated to six cages, i.e. 12 birds in total, for eight days. At the end
186 of the trial, the feed intake (FI) of experimental diets was measured and then all birds were
187 culled by asphyxiation with carbon dioxide followed by cervical dislocation to confirm death.
188 The ileal region of the gut was dissected out from the Meckel's diverticulum to the ileo-
189 caecal junction and the ileal contents of the two birds per cage were pooled and collected
190 into a plastic screw-top container and immediately frozen at -20 °C until subsequent
191 analysis.

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193 *2.3. Analysis*

194 Dry matter (DM) for RSC, SRSM and diets was determined in duplicate with samples
195 weighing 60 to 65 g that were dried at 100 °C in a forced air convection oven. Ileal digesta
196 was frozen and then freeze-dried when determining DM. Dried samples were ground
197 through a 0.5 mm sieve using a centrifugal mill (ZM200, Retsch GmbH, Germany). The
198 content of titanium dioxide (TiO₂) was determined using the method of Short et al. (1996).
199 The total amino acid (TAA) content in RSC, SRSM and ileal digesta was determined by
200 hydrolysis of protein, oxidation with performic acid and further neutralisation with sodium
201 metabisulphite (Llames and Fontaine, 1994). The contents of AA were quantified with the
202 internal standard method by measuring the absorption of reaction products with ninhydrin.
203 Total nitrogen (N) was analysed as follows: 5 to 6 mg of RSC, SRSM and ileal digesta were
204 weighed in aluminium crucibles and burned in furnaces at 900 °C/1060 °C, using CHNS-O
205 Analyser (CE Instruments Ltd, UK) (AOAC, 2000). Sulphanilamide (cert. no.: 183407, CE
206 Instruments Ltd, UK) was used as an internal standard. The content of CP was calculated by
207 multiplying N by 6.25. Neutral detergent fibre (NDF) was assayed with a heat stable amylase
208 and expressed inclusive of residual ash (EN ISO, 2006). Content of total glucosinolates was

209 determined using high pressure liquid chromatography using sinigrin as an internal standard
210 (EN ISO, 1994).

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212 *2.4 Calculations*

213 The lysine:crude protein ratio (Lys:CP) for each batch was calculated by expressing the
214 concentration of lysine in the sample as a percentage of the CP in the samples (Gonzalez-
215 Vega et al., 2011).

216 Coefficient of apparent ileal digestibility (AID) of CP and AA in the assay diets was
217 calculated according to the following equation:

$$218 \quad \text{AID} = 1 - \left[\frac{I_D \times A_I}{A_D \times I_I} \right]$$

219 Where I_D = marker content in the assay diet (g/kg of DM), A_I = AA or CP content in ileal
220 digesta (g/kg of DM), A_D = AA or CP content in the assay diet (g/kg of DM), I_I = marker
221 concentration in ileal digesta (g/kg of DM).

222 Coefficient of standardised ileal digestibility (SID) in the assay diets was calculated
223 according to the following equation:

$$224 \quad \text{SID} = \text{AID} + \left[\frac{\text{IAAL}_B}{\text{AA}_I} \times 100\% \right]$$

225 Where IAAL_B = basal ileal endogenous AA losses (g/kg DMI), AA_I = AA concentration in the
226 assay diet (g/kg DM). The following IAAL_B were used; arginine 0.216, histidine 0.209,
227 isoleucine 0.390, leucine 0.381, lysine 0.255, methionine + cysteine 0.257, phenylalanine
228 0.237, threonine 0.571 and valine 0.440 g/kg dry matter intake (DMI) (Lemme et al. 2004,
229 Masey O'Neill et al. 2014).

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231 *2.5. Statistical analysis*

232 In the randomized design experiment, the digestibility values were tested using one-way
233 ANOVA with a rapeseed variety set as the treatment, and a digestibility coefficient as Y-

234 variable. An additional set of three contrasts was used to assess differences between 1)
235 Compass RSC and Compass SRSM, 2) DK Cabernet SRSM1 and DK Cabernet SRSM2,
236 and 3) RSC and SRSM across all varieties. The relationships between the content of NDF,
237 glucosinolates and FI and digestibility of CP and AA were analysed by a linear regression
238 analysis. All statistical analysis was performed using GenStat (15 Edition, VSN International,
239 Hemel Hempstead, UK). Data were expressed as least squares means with differences
240 considered statistically significant at $P < 0.05$.

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242 **3. Results**

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244 *3.1. Rapeseed co-products*

245 The chemical composition of RSC and SRSM is shown in Table 2. DK Cabernet SRSM1
246 and DK Cabernet SRSM2 had similar amounts of CP and a sum of TAA without tryptophan.
247 Compass SRSM had greater CP and TAA values (468 and 386 g/kg DM) than its RSC
248 counterpart (293 and 256 g/kg DM). The content of TAA in rapeseed co-products varied
249 substantially depending on rapeseed varieties; ranging from 256 to 305 g/kg in RSC, and
250 from 396 to 457 g/kg DM in SRSM, while the content of CP varied from 293 to 340 g/kg in
251 RSC and from 419 to 560 g/kg DM in SRSM. The average ratio of Lys:CP was lower across
252 SRSM (5.1%) compared to RSC (5.6%). Similarly, the content of lysine appeared to be
253 slightly decreased in SRSM, with 4.9% in Compass SRSM compared to 5.2% in Compass
254 RSC. The soft hexane extraction lowered the content of glucosinolates (7.4 $\mu\text{mol/g DM}$) in
255 Compass SRSM compared to cold-pressed Compass RSC (11.1 $\mu\text{mol/g DM}$). All rapeseed
256 co-products had the content of glucosinolates below 30 $\mu\text{mol/g DM}$, with the exception of
257 V2750L SRSM with 47.4 $\mu\text{mol/g DM}$. The contents of NDF ranged from 226 to 283 and 239
258 to 251 g/kg DM for SRSM and RSC, respectively.

259 The FI of rapeseed diets varied depending on a rapeseed variety origin. Across the RSC
260 varieties, the FI was 108, 109, 127 and 131 g as-fed/day for Sesame, NK Grandia, DK
261 Cabernet and Compass RSC, respectively. Among the SRSM, the FI was 136, 139, 141,
262 145, 149, 150, 152, 154, 155, 155, 161, 161 g as-fed/day for Excalibur, Incentive, Quartz,
263 V2750L, Trinity, DK Cabernet SRSM2, DK Cabernet SRSM1, Palmedor, PR46W21,
264 Compass, Ability and Avatar, respectively.

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266 *3.2. Apparent ileal digestibility*

267 Apparent ileal digestibility coefficients for CP and AA are shown in Table 3. The AID of
268 all CP and AA was almost identical between DK Cabernet SRSM1 and DK Cabernet
269 SRSM2. The AID of lysine was greater by 0.04 units in Compass RSC compared to its
270 SRSM counterpart ($P=0.002$). Within RSC, the AID of CP and AA did not differ markedly
271 between the varieties used (with the exception of AID of isoleucine). However, AID of CP
272 and AA in SRSM significantly varied among the varieties, being the greatest for PR46W21
273 and lowest for Quartz within the SRSM group. Average AID of lysine was greater ($P<0.001$)
274 and AID of valine was smaller ($P<0.001$) for the four sources of RSC compared to twelve
275 sources of SRSM.

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277 *3.3. Standardised ileal digestibility*

278 Similarly to AID, SID of AA did not differ substantially between DK Cabernet SRSM1 and
279 DK Cabernet SRSM2 within SRSM group (Table 4). The SID of arginine, histidine, lysine
280 and threonine was greater by 0.03, 0.04, 0.05 and 0.04 units for Compass RSC compared to
281 Compass SRSM ($P<0.05$). Standardised ileal digestibility coefficients of all AA were
282 significantly different among the twelve SRSM varieties, whereas none of SID of AA
283 changed markedly among the four RSC varieties. Standardised ileal digestibility coefficient
284 of AA was the greatest in PR46W21 and lowest in Quartz among SRSM varieties ($P<0.05$).

285 The average SID of arginine, histidine, lysine and phenylalanine was greater in RSC
286 compared to SRSM ($P < 0.05$).

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288 *3.4. Relationships between the chemical composition, feed intake and digestibility of*
289 *rapeseed co-products*

290 There was no significant correlation between the content of NDF and digestibility of CP
291 or AA. Similarly, the content of glucosinolates in the rapeseed co-products did not show any
292 relationship with AID of CP and AA or SID of AA ($P > 0.05$). However, the content of NDF
293 showed a positive relationship with feed intake (coefficient of determination, $r^2 = 0.32$,
294 $P = 0.022$)

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296 **4. Discussion**

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298 Rapeseed co-products contain glucosinolates and NDF, which are anti-nutritional factors
299 that may reduce FI (Seneviratne et al. 2010, Eklund et al., 2015). Although a high inclusion
300 of rapeseed co-products was used in diets, we did not observe any negative effect of
301 glucosinolates or NDF on FI.

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303 *4.1. Chemical composition*

304 The content of CP and AA (with the exception of methionine and cysteine) was greater in
305 SRSM and lower in RSC compared to standard processed RSM and rapeseed expellers
306 (RSE), reported by other researchers. A recent study of Liu et al. (2014) tested low-
307 temperature processed canola meal (CM-LT), conventional canola meal (CM-CV) and high
308 temperature processed canola meal (CM-HT) from the conventional prepress solvent
309 extraction process with desolventiser/toaster temperature for production of CM-LT and CM-
310 CV of 91-95 °C and for CM-HT of 99-105 °C. The chemical content of CM-HT, CM-LT and

311 CM-CV resulted in a similar characteristics; thus CP was 386-409 g/kg, arginine 21.1-23.6
312 g/kg, histidine 9.7-10.9 g/kg, leucine 25.8-28.1 g/kg, lysine 20.3-23.3 g/kg or phenylalanine
313 14.7-15.9 g/kg DM. Similarly, a study of Maison and Stein (2014) that characterised the AA
314 content of seven canola meals, ten 00-RSM and five 00-RSE indicating no substantial
315 difference in the composition of indispensable AA among all types of rapeseed co-products
316 (such as arginine 21.5-23.8 g/kg or lysine 20.7-22.1 g/kg DM).

317 Differences in rapeseed cultivation conditions, oilseed crushing and extraction
318 procedures influence the content of oil and protein and digestibility of components in the
319 meals (Bell, 1993; Newkirk et al., 2003a). All rapeseed varieties used in the current study
320 were grown in similar climatic condition and harvested in the South East of Great Britain.
321 Thus, DK Cabernet SRSM1 and DK Cabernet SRSM2 resulted in a very similar content of
322 AA and CP. The influence of variety and environment on the biochemical analysis of
323 rapeseed co-products in UK were described elsewhere (Kightley et al., 2015).

324 The effect of processing and variety caused substantial changes in the content of CP
325 and TAA. Both CP and TAA content almost doubled in the Compass SRSM compared to
326 Compass RSC, as well as mean SRSM vs RSC. Also, the content of NDF increased in
327 Compass SRSM compared to Compass RSC. These changes were due to a greater
328 removal of oil during the hexane extraction processing compared to the cold-pressing
329 (Seneviratne et al. 2011a; 2011b).

330 Besides the increased content of CP and AA, the high temperature of de-oiling process
331 might reduce the AA content in RSM (Gonzalez-Vega et al., 2011). The heating may lead to
332 occurrence of the Maillard reaction, which causes binding of the protein-bound lysine and
333 reducing sugars, and forms deoxyketosyl-lysine derivatives (Hurrell, 1990). Thus, the RT
334 and temperature of desolventisation might be important factors for the content of AA in the
335 final co-product.

336 Newkirk et al. (2003b) showed that desolventisation/toasting of canola processed at 110
337 °C with 150 g moisture/kg caused a significant loss of lysine, averaging 7% and, in the
338 extreme case, 11.2% in the desolventised/toasted meal compared to non-toasted meal.
339 Eklund et al. (2015) investigated the increasing residence times of 48, 64, 76, and 93 min in
340 the desolventiser/toaster with combined application of indirect heat (850 kPa and 140 °C)
341 and direct unsaturated steam (15 kg/h) injection; it was observed that the content of lysine
342 linearly decreased from 19.5 to 17.2 g/kg DM as the residence time increased from 48 to 93
343 min.

344 A more sensitive indicator for the degree of heat damage is the Lys:CP ratio in feed
345 ingredients (Gonzalez-Vega et al., 2011, Kim et al. 2012). In the current study, we used a
346 relatively mild processing condition (105 °C) in order to minimise the possibility of overriding
347 the variety variation across the SRSM. However, the content of lysine appeared to be slightly
348 decreased in SRSM, indicating a smaller ratio of 4.9% in Compass SRSM compared to 5.2%
349 in Compass RSC. Similarly, the average ratio of Lys:CP was greater across RSC (5.6%)
350 compared to SRSM varieties (5.1%). The ratio varied from 4.5 to 5.5% across all SRSM,
351 indicating that rapeseed variety substantially influences the content of lysine in the rapeseed
352 co-product.

353 In the present study, the content of glucosinolates varied in rapeseed co-products
354 depending on the rapeseed variety. It is important to notice that the SRSM variety V2750L
355 had a high level of glucosinolates (47.4 µmol/g DM), therefore the use of this variety should
356 be limited in poultry diets.

357 The content of glucosinolates was also affected by the processing method. Thermal
358 treatment is efficient in deactivating glucosinolates (Jensen et al. 1995). Eklund et al. (2015)
359 reported that the extension of RT in a toaster leads to glucosinolate reduction up to 6 µmol/g
360 DM in final RSM. However, along with application of heat treatment in de-oiling, there are

361 also negative effects on measures of protein quality such as the Lys:CP or digestibility of CP
362 and AA in the rapeseed co-products.

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364 *4.2. Digestibility*

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366 Digestibility of CP and AA in RSC and SRSM was in broad agreement with previously
367 published values in canola meal fed to broiler chickens (Lemme et al., 2004; Woyengo et al.,
368 2010).

369 Heat treatment during rapeseed processing, along with the glycoproteins associated with
370 the cell wall structure, might be responsible for a small decrease in AID and SID of CP and
371 individual AA (such as lysine) in rapeseed co-product-rich diets when fed to broiler chickens
372 (Khajali and Slominski, 2012). A study of Newkirk et al. (2003a) compared AID of CP and AA
373 in rapeseed samples collected after various stages of prepress-solvent extraction, and
374 included canola meal at 400 g/kg DM in broiler diets. The results showed a significant
375 reduction in AID of CP, lysine and valine by 0.07 units in desolventised/toasted meal
376 compared to the expeller form. In the current study, SRSM and RSC were added at 500 g/kg
377 into diets, but such large changes in AID of CP and AA between Compass RSC and SRSM
378 were not observed. This implies that both type of processing and rapeseed variety influence
379 the digestibility of individual AA in the rapeseed co-products.

380 Within the hexane extraction method, the digestibility of CP and AA in rapeseed co-
381 products might also be affected by the RT during the desolventisation process. The oil plants
382 are obliged to produce the RSM with hexane losses lower than 500 ppm in the final product
383 that is below of explosivity limit of hexane (Laisney, 1984). In the current study, the RT was
384 of 80-90 min across most rapeseed varieties. The variations in the RT appeared to be due to
385 physical differences in seed characteristics including content of oil or hull thickness, which
386 overall contribute to adequate requirement of RT for each variety in order to remove

387 sufficiently the hexane from the meal (Evrard and Guillaumin, 1983; Cardarelli and Crapiste,
388 1996). Interestingly, although the RT of Excalibur was almost twice as high as the RT of
389 Ability, the digestibility of CP and AA for both SRSM was in a good agreement with SRSM of
390 other varieties.

391 There were significant variations in AID and SID of individual AA due to the effect of
392 rapeseed variety within SRSM group. As such, PR46W21 SRSM showed the greatest AID of
393 CP and AA among SRSM group which was as high as, or greater, than digestibility of RSC
394 from four rapeseed varieties. Thus, the PR46W21 rapeseed variety processed by mild
395 hexane extraction shows potential for greater rapeseed co-product substitution for SBM in
396 animal diets.

397 The content of dietary fibre and anti-nutritional factors in rapeseed co-products might be
398 responsible for the differences in digestibility of AA and CP (Khajali and Slominski, 2012).
399 The cell wall constituents of rapeseed hull such as pectin, cellulose and hemicellulose may
400 bind AA released during protein hydrolysis and thereby decreases the AA absorption in the
401 small intestine (Howard et al 1986, Bjerregaard et al 1991). Grala et al. (1999) reported a
402 decrease in AID of CP and AA due to the association of protein to the fibre matrix in the
403 rapeseed hulls diet fed to pigs. Similarly, Eklund et al. (2015) showed a close linear
404 relationship between SID of CP and AA and the contents of NDF and glucosinolates in RSM
405 fed to pigs. In contrast to previous studies, we did not observe any negative effect of NDF or
406 glucosinolates on digestibility of CP and AA in rapeseed co-products fed to broiler chickens.

407 A recent increase in small and medium oil plants focusing on production of high quality
408 virgin oil (Ghazani et al. 2014), is giving new perspectives to deliver rapeseed co-products
409 with high quality rapeseed protein – derived from a single rapeseed variety. The present
410 study showed that the choice of rapeseed variety and processing is important to increase the
411 content of protein in the co-products as well as deliver a product with a consistent nutritional
412 value.

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414 **5. Conclusion**

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416 The content of AA and CP was substantially changed in rapeseed co-products
417 depending on the rapeseed variety and processing method used. Although there were some
418 significant differences in AID and SID of AA between the cold-pressed and soft hexane
419 extracted co-products, the current study showed that use of mild conditions in hexane
420 extraction along with selection of the appropriate rapeseed variety (such as PR46W21)
421 might result in as high as or greater digestibility of AA and CP in SRSM compared to cold-
422 pressed cake. Thus, selection of rapeseed variety along with soft hexane extraction method
423 may be beneficial to the feed and livestock industry, as it might create products with greater
424 nutritional values in terms of CP and AA. Additionally, high digestibility values of AA and CP
425 in RSC and SRSM suggests there is scope to increase the inclusion of rapeseed co-
426 products in poultry commercial diets.

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 558 low-fibre fractions of air-classified, solvent-extracted canola meal on diet nutrient digestibility
 559 and growth performance of weaned pigs. *Anim. Feed Sci. Tech.* 179, 112-120.

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561 Table 1. Dietary formulation

| Ingredient | g/kg diet |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| RSC/SRSM | 500 |
| Wheat Starch | 200 |
| Glucose (Dextrose) | 195 |
| Vitamins and Minerals Premix* | 50 |
| Rapeseed Oil | 50 |
| Titanium dioxide | 5 |

562 RSC, rapeseed cake; SRSM, soft rapeseed meal.

563 *Target Feeds, Whitchurch, Shropshire, UK. Content per kg of complete diet: 5 g phosphorous, 0.09 g
 564 magnesium, 7.5 g calcium, 1.5 g sodium, 0.6 mg copper (as copper sulphate), 160 µg selenium (as
 565 selenium BCP), 7500 IU vitamin A, 1500 IU vitamin D3, 10 IU vitamin E (as α-tocopherol acetate), 5
 566 mg vitamin B₁, 4 mg vitamin B₂, 4 mg vitamin B₆, 10 µg vitamin B₁₂, 9 mg pantothenic acid, 1.5 mg
 567 folic acid, 150 µg biotin, 1500 mg choline.

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569 Table 2. Contents of crude protein, amino acids, neutral detergent fibre and glucosinolates in
 570 rapeseed cake and soft rapeseed meal (g/kg DM as not stated otherwise)

| Variety | D M | N DF | GL S* | C P | TA A | Ar g | Hi s | Ile | Le u | Ly s | M+ C | Ph e | Th r | Va l | Lys:C P** |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Rapeseed cake | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compass | 89 9 | 23 9 | 11. 1 | 29 3 | 25 6 | 16 .3 | 7. 2 | 10 .9 | 19 .7 | 15 .3 | 16. 2 | 11 .4 | 12 .6 | 14 .5 | 5.2 |

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|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| Sesame | 89 0 | 24 9 | 20. 5 | 33 2 | 29 3 | 18 .4 | 8. 6 | 12 .4 | 22 .1 | 18 .3 | 20. 6 | 12 .7 | 13 .9 | 17 .1 | 5.5 |
| NK Grandia | 89 2 | 24 0 | 23. 6 | 33 5 | 30 3 | 19 .6 | 8. 6 | 13 .0 | 22 .3 | 18 .0 | 21. 1 | 12 .9 | 13 .9 | 16 .8 | 5.4 |
| DK Cabernet | 88 1 | 25 1 | 14. 8 | 34 0 | 30 5 | 19 .2 | 9. 5 | 13 .6 | 23 .1 | 18 .9 | 23. 3 | 12 .8 | 13 .8 | 18 .0 | 5.6 |
| Average | 89 0 | 24 5 | 17. 5 | 32 5 | 28 9 | 18 .4 | 8. 5 | 12 .5 | 21 .8 | 17 .6 | 20. 3 | 12 .5 | 13 .5 | 16 .6 | 5.6 |
| SEM | 3. 6 | 3. 2 | 2.8 1 | 10 .7 | 11 .4 | 0. 73 | 0. 47 | 0. 57 | 0. 74 | 0. 81 | 1.5 0 | 0. 35 | 0. 31 | 0. 75 | 0.83 |
| Soft rapeseed meal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DK Cabernet SRSM1 | 86 6 | 27 9 | 14. 4 | 41 9 | 39 6 | 24 .9 | 12 .0 | 18 .7 | 31 .8 | 22 .9 | 27. 8 | 17 .6 | 18 .2 | 25 .0 | 5.5 |
| DK Cabernet SRSM2 | 86 4 | 28 1 | 12. 7 | 45 7 | 41 1 | 25 .9 | 12 .2 | 17 .7 | 32 .1 | 24 .0 | 28. 3 | 17 .5 | 19 .5 | 23 .1 | 5.2 |
| Quartz | 86 6 | 26 6 | 10. 0 | 43 0 | 40 0 | 25 .5 | 11 .9 | 17 .9 | 31 .6 | 23 .6 | 27. 9 | 17 .6 | 19 .1 | 23 .5 | 5.5 |
| Trinity | 86 8 | 27 1 | 8.3 3 | 44 9 | 39 8 | 25 .8 | 11 .7 | 18 .3 | 31 .2 | 23 .7 | 28. 7 | 17 .4 | 18 .5 | 23 .9 | 5.3 |
| Compass | 84 8 | 28 3 | 7.4 8 | 46 6 | 38 6 | 25 .0 | 11 .9 | 16 .8 | 31 .3 | 23 .0 | 24. 5 | 18 .6 | 19 .4 | 23 .2 | 4.9 |
| Incentive | 85 3 | 22 6 | 13. 9 | 46 9 | 44 0 | 29 .5 | 12 .7 | 20 .8 | 35 .6 | 24 .5 | 28. 0 | 19 .2 | 20 .6 | 27 .0 | 5.2 |
| Excalibur | 83 3 | 26 0 | 21. 6 | 49 5 | 43 0 | 27 .7 | 12 .7 | 19 .4 | 33 .7 | 25 .0 | 30. 6 | 18 .9 | 20 .2 | 25 .6 | 5.1 |
| Avatar | 85 6 | 25 5 | 11. 3 | 49 5 | 41 0 | 26 .1 | 12 .9 | 18 .7 | 32 .9 | 24 .3 | 28. 2 | 19 .3 | 19 .7 | 25 .4 | 4.9 |
| PR46W21 | 82 2 | 25 2 | 25. 8 | 50 7 | 45 3 | 30 .0 | 13 .7 | 19 .8 | 35 .2 | 27 .4 | 33. 6 | 19 .5 | 21 .0 | 25 .8 | 5.4 |
| Palmedor | 85 9 | 26 9 | 15. 3 | 51 7 | 45 1 | 29 .9 | 14 .5 | 20 .9 | 36 .4 | 26 .6 | 30. 8 | 19 .9 | 21 .1 | 27 .8 | 5.1 |
| V2750L | 83 8 | 27 1 | 47. 4 | 52 1 | 44 4 | 29 .2 | 13 .9 | 20 .9 | 35 .9 | 26 .3 | 30. 5 | 20 .3 | 20 .2 | 27 .9 | 5.1 |
| Ability | 82 1 | 26 6 | 14. 2 | 56 0 | 45 7 | 30 .7 | 14 .0 | 20 .4 | 37 .1 | 25 .1 | 30. 7 | 20 .7 | 21 .1 | 26 .9 | 4.5 |
| Average | 84 9 | 26 5 | 16. 9 | 48 2 | 42 3 | 27 .5 | 12 .8 | 19 .2 | 33 .7 | 24 .7 | 29. 1 | 18 .9 | 19 .9 | 25 .4 | 5.1 |
| SEM | 5. 0 | 4. 5 | 3.1 6 | 12 .0 | 7. 3 | 0. 64 | 0. 28 | 0. 40 | 0. 63 | 0. 42 | 0.6 6 | 0. 33 | 0. 28 | 0. 50 | 0.84 |

571 Arg, arginine; CP, crude protein; DM, dry matter; His, histidine; Ile, isoleucine; Leu, leucine; Lys,
572 lysine; M+C, methionine and cysteine; NDF, neutral detergent fibre; Phe, phenylalanine; SEM,
573 standard error of the difference mean; TAA, total amino acids; Val, valine; *GLS, glucosinolates
574 expressed as $\mu\text{mol/g DM}$; **Lys:CP ratio expressed as %.

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Table 3. AID of crude protein and amino acids in rapeseed co-products for broiler chickens

| Rapeseed variety | CP | Arg | His | Ile | Leu | Lys | M+C | Phe | Thr | Val | TAA |
|------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Rapeseed cake | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compass | 0.79 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.78 _{ab} | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.76 | 0.84 | 0.73 | 0.75 | 0.81 |
| Sesame | 0.77 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.77 _b | 0.81 | 0.80 | 0.76 | 0.83 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.80 |
| NK Grandia | 0.80 | 0.90 | 0.88 | 0.82 _a | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.80 | 0.86 | 0.74 | 0.77 | 0.84 |

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| DK Cabernet | 0.80 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.80 _{ab} | 0.83 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.84 | 0.71 | 0.77 | 0.82 |
| Average | 0.79 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.79 | 0.83 | 0.82 | 0.78 | 0.84 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.82 |
| SEM | 0.018 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.020 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.030 | 0.016 | 0.024 | 0.023 | 0.016 |
| p value | 0.426 | 0.387 | 0.137 | 0.045 | 0.150 | 0.262 | 0.245 | 0.307 | 0.107 | 0.101 | 0.154 |
| Soft rapeseed meal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DK Cabernet SRSM1 | 0.77 _{def} | 0.87 _{bcd} | 0.85 _{cd} | 0.81 _{bc} | 0.84 _a | 0.77 _{cd} | 0.77 _{bc} | 0.84 _{abc} | 0.72 _{bc} | 0.79 _a | 0.80 _{bcd} |
| DK Cabernet SRSM2 | 0.78 _{cd} | 0.88 _{bc} | 0.86 _{bc} | 0.81 _{bc} | 0.84 _a | 0.79 _{bc} | 0.76 _{bc} | 0.83 _{bc} | 0.74 _b | 0.78 _b | 0.81 _{bc} |
| Quartz | 0.74 _f | 0.85 _d | 0.83 _d | 0.77 _d | 0.81 _d | 0.75 _d | 0.73 _c | 0.81 _c | 0.69 _c | 0.74 _e | 0.77 _d |
| Trinity | 0.79 _{bcde} | 0.89 _{ab} | 0.87 _{abc} | 0.83 _{ab} | 0.85 _a | 0.80 _{bc} | 0.80 _{ab} | 0.85 _{ab} | 0.73 _{bc} | 0.79 _a | 0.82 _{ab} |
| Compass | 0.79 _{bcde} | 0.88 _{bc} | 0.86 _{bc} | 0.79 _{cd} | 0.83 _b | 0.78 _{bcd} | 0.76 _{bc} | 0.84 _{abc} | 0.72 _{bc} | 0.76 _d | 0.80 _{bcd} |
| Incentive | 0.76 _{ef} | 0.88 _{bc} | 0.85 _{cd} | 0.81 _{bc} | 0.84 _a | 0.78 _{bcd} | 0.75 _{bc} | 0.83 _{bc} | 0.73 _{bc} | 0.78 _b | 0.80 _{bcd} |
| Excalibur | 0.80 _{bc} | 0.89 _{ab} | 0.86 _{bc} | 0.81 _{bc} | 0.84 _a | 0.80 _{bc} | 0.77 _{bc} | 0.84 _{abc} | 0.75 _{ab} | 0.79 _a | 0.81 _{bc} |
| Avatar | 0.79 _{bcde} | 0.86 _{cd} | 0.85 _{cd} | 0.79 _{cd} | 0.82 _c | 0.77 _{cd} | 0.75 _{bc} | 0.82 _{bc} | 0.71 _{bc} | 0.77 _c | 0.78 _{cd} |
| PR46W21 | 0.84 _a | 0.91 _a | 0.89 _a | 0.85 _a | 0.87 _a | 0.85 _a | 0.83 _a | 0.87 _a | 0.79 _a | 0.82 _a | 0.85 _a |
| Palmedor | 0.81 _{abc} | 0.89 _{ab} | 0.88 _{ab} | 0.83 _{ab} | 0.86 _a | 0.81 _b | 0.80 _{ab} | 0.85 _{ab} | 0.75 _{ab} | 0.81 _a | 0.83 _{ab} |
| V2750L | 0.81 _{abc} | 0.89 _{ab} | 0.87 _{abc} | 0.83 _{ab} | 0.85 _a | 0.81 _b | 0.77 _{bc} | 0.84 _{abc} | 0.73 _{bc} | 0.80 _a | 0.82 _{ab} |
| Ability | 0.82 _{ab} | 0.89 _{ab} | 0.87 _{abc} | 0.82 _{abc} | 0.85 _a | 0.80 _{bc} | 0.79 _{ab} | 0.85 _{ab} | 0.74 _b | 0.79 _a | 0.82 _{ab} |
| Average | 0.79 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.81 | 0.84 | 0.79 | 0.77 | 0.84 | 0.73 | 0.79 | 0.81 |
| SEM | 0.017 | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.016 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.026 | 0.014 | 0.020 | 0.016 | 0.015 |
| p value | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.001 | 0.008 | <0.001 | 0.023 | 0.014 | 0.003 | <0.001 | <0.001 |

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Table 3. AID of crude protein and amino acids in rapeseed co-products for broiler chickens (continued)

| Rapeseed variety | CP | Arg | His | Ile | Leu | Lys | M+C | Phe | Thr | Val | TAA |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Contrast of Compass RSC with Compass SRSM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| p value | 0.738 | 0.064 | 0.342 | 0.230 | 0.315 | 0.002 | 0.862 | 0.765 | 0.664 | 0.114 | 0.392 |
| SEM | 0.014 | 0.008 | 0.007 | 0.010 | 0.011 | 0.010 | 0.040 | 0.011 | 0.016 | 0.010 | 0.014 |
| Contrast of DK Cabernet SRSM1 with DK Cabernet SRSM2 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| p value | 0.578 | 0.620 | 0.482 | 0.877 | 0.846 | 0.225 | 0.883 | 0.933 | 0.274 | 0.532 | 0.454 |
| SEM | 0.015 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.018 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.020 | 0.014 | 0.018 | 0.017 | 0.014 |
| Contrast of average AID between RSC and SRSM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| p value | 0.767 | 0.003 | 0.012 | 0.007 | 0.022 | <0.001 | 0.339 | 0.696 | 0.051 | <0.001 | 0.339 |
| SEM | 0.017 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 0.018 | 0.015 | 0.017 | 0.027 | 0.015 | 0.021 | 0.018 | 0.016 |

581 AID, coefficient of apparent ileal digestibility; Arg, arginine; CP, crude protein; DM, dry matter; His,
 582 histidine; Ile, isoleucine; Leu, leucine; Lys, lysine; M+C, methionine and cysteine; NDF, neutral
 583 detergent fibre; Phe, phenylalanine; RSC, rapeseed cake; SEM, standard error of the difference
 584 mean; SRSM, soft rapeseed meal; TAA, total amino acids; Val, valine. Values in the same column
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Table 4. SID of amino acids in rapeseed co-products for broiler chickens

| Rapeseed variety | Arg | His | Ile | Leu | Lys | M+C | Phe | Thr | Val |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rapeseed cake | | | | | | | | | |
| Compass | 0.92 | 0.93 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.88 | 0.82 | 0.81 |
| Sesame | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 0.84 | 0.83 | 0.79 | 0.87 | 0.76 | 0.77 |
| NK Grandia | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.87 | 0.83 | 0.90 | 0.82 | 0.83 |
| DK Cabernet | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.86 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.87 | 0.80 | 0.82 |
| Average | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.81 | 0.88 | 0.80 | 0.81 |
| SEM | 0.011 | 0.010 | 0.020 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.030 | 0.016 | 0.024 | 0.023 |
| p value | 0.451 | 0.166 | 0.084 | 0.174 | 0.256 | 0.339 | 0.319 | 0.079 | 0.112 |
| Soft rapeseed meal | | | | | | | | | |
| DK Cabernet SRSM1 | 0.89 ^{bc} | 0.89 ^{bc} | 0.85 ^{bc} _d | 0.86 ^a _b | 0.79 ^{cd} | 0.78 ^{bc} | 0.86 ^{ab} _c | 0.78 ^b _c | 0.82 ^{bc} |
| DK Cabernet SRSM2 | 0.89 ^{bc} | 0.90 ^{ab} _c | 0.85 ^{bc} _d | 0.87 ^a _b | 0.81 ^{bc} | 0.78 ^{bc} | 0.86 ^{ab} _c | 0.80 ^a _b | 0.81 ^{bc} _d |
| Quartz | 0.86 ^d | 0.86 ^d | 0.82 ^d | 0.84 ^b | 0.77 ^d | 0.75 ^c | 0.83 ^c | 0.75 ^c | 0.78 ^d |
| Trinity | 0.91 ^{ab} | 0.90 ^{ab} _c | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.88 ^a | 0.82 ^{bc} | 0.81 ^{ab} | 0.88 ^{ab} | 0.79 ^b _c | 0.83 ^{ab} _c |
| Compass | 0.89 ^{bc} | 0.89 ^{bc} | 0.84 ^{bc} _d | 0.86 ^a _b | 0.80 ^{bc} _d | 0.78 ^{bc} | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.78 ^b _c | 0.80 ^{cd} |
| Incentive | 0.90 ^{ab} | 0.88 ^{cd} | 0.85 ^{bc} _d | 0.86 ^a _b | 0.80 ^{bc} _d | 0.77 ^{bc} | 0.86 ^{ab} _c | 0.78 ^b _c | 0.82 ^{bc} |
| Excalibur | 0.90 ^{ab} | 0.90 ^{ab} _c | 0.85 ^{bc} _d | 0.87 ^a _b | 0.82 ^{bc} | 0.79 ^{bc} | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.80 ^a _b | 0.83 ^{ab} _c |
| Avatar | 0.87 ^{cd} | 0.88 ^{cd} | 0.83 ^{cd} | 0.84 ^b | 0.79 ^{cd} | 0.77 ^{bc} | 0.85 ^{bc} | 0.77 ^b _c | 0.80 ^{cd} |
| PR46W21 | 0.92 ^a | 0.92 ^a | 0.89 ^a | 0.89 ^a | 0.87 ^a | 0.85 ^a | 0.89 ^a | 0.84 ^a | 0.86 ^a |
| Palmedor | 0.91 ^{ab} | 0.91 ^{ab} | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.88 ^a | 0.83 ^b | 0.82 ^{ab} | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.80 ^a _b | 0.84 ^{ab} |

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|---------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| V2750L | 0.90 ^{ab} | 0.90 ^{ab} _c | 0.86 ^{ab} _c | 0.87 ^a _b | 0.83 ^b | 0.79 ^{bc} | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.79 ^b _c | 0.84 ^{ab} |
| Ability | 0.90 ^{ab} | 0.90 ^{ab} _c | 0.85 ^{bc} _d | 0.87 ^a _b | 0.82 ^{bc} | 0.80 ^{ab} _c | 0.87 ^{ab} | 0.80 ^a _b | 0.82 ^{bc} |
| Average | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.87 | 0.80 | 0.82 |
| SEM | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.017 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.026 | 0.014 | 0.020 | 0.016 |
| p value | <0.001 | 0.001 | 0.005 | 0.014 | <0.001 | 0.034 | 0.021 | 0.008 | 0.003 |

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Table 4. SID of amino acids in rapeseed co-products for broiler chickens (continued)

| Rapeseed variety | Arg | His | Ile | Leu | Lys | M+C | Phe | Thr | Val |
|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Contrast of Compass RSC with Compass SRSM | | | | | | | | | |
| p value | 0.010 | 0.002 | 0.289 | 0.778 | <0.001 | 0.66 | 0.27 | 0.03 | 0.61 |
| SEM | 0.008 | 0.007 | 0.010 | 0.011 | 0.010 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Contrast of DK Cabernet SRSM1 with DK Cabernet SRSM2 | | | | | | | | | |
| p value | 0.655 | 0.503 | 0.972 | 0.851 | 0.242 | 0.87 | 0.94 | 0.36 | 0.64 |
| SEM | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.018 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Contrast of average SID between RSC and SRSM | | | | | | | | | |
| p value | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.758 | 0.790 | <0.001 | 0.09 | 0.01 | 0.23 | 0.06 |
| SEM | 0.011 | 0.012 | 0.018 | 0.015 | 0.017 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 |

610 Arg, arginine; CP, crude protein; DM, dry matter; His, histidine; Ile, isoleucine; Leu, leucine; Lys,
611 lysine; M+C, methionine and cysteine; NDF, neutral detergent fibre; Phe, phenylalanine; RSC,
612 rapeseed cake; SEM, standard error of the difference mean; SID, coefficient of standardised ileal
613 digestibility; SRSM, soft rapeseed meal; TAA, total amino acids; Val, valine. Values in the same
614 column followed by different letters are significantly different ($p < 0.05$).

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