

High dietary vitamin E and selenium improves oxidative status of finisher lambs during heat stress

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Heat stress and lairage

• Heat treatment, transportation to abattoir and pre-slaughter measurements



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Dietary antioxidants at supranutritional doses improve oxidative status and reduce the negative effects of heat stress in sheep

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- Meat discoloration is a oxidative process and is due to conversion of oxymyoglobin to metmyoglobin
- Concentration of antioxidants in the muscle has an influence on meat colour
- Availability of antioxidants in the feed is variable and affected by season
- Heat stress reduces the feed intake and affects post absorptive metabolism
- Heat stress leads to oxidative stress and may compromise meat colour and lipid stability

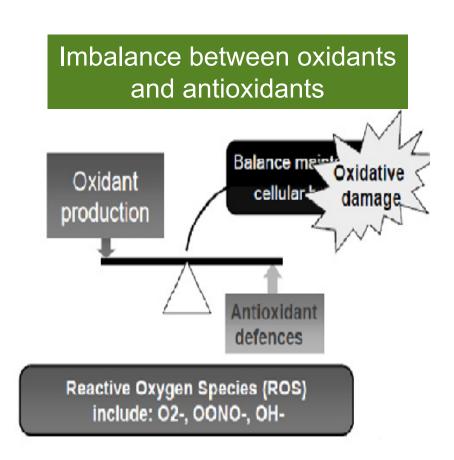






Oxidative stress

- Excessive production of free radicals
- Deficiency of antioxidants
- Failure of antioxidant system of body

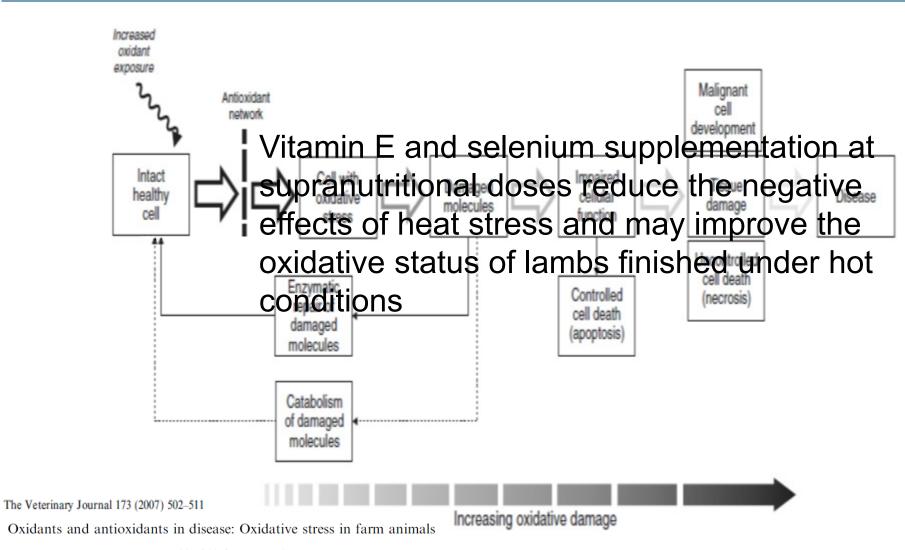








Hypothesis



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Antioxidant feeding





Doses of Vit E and Se for control (CON), moderate (MOD), and supranutritional (SUP) diets were 27.6, 130, 227.5 IU/kg DM and 0.16, 0.66, 1.16 mg/kg DM, respectively





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Thermal treatments

Heat stress

Temperature 28-40°C (0900-1700 hrs)

Relative Humidity 35-26% Temperature Humidity Index 74-86

Thermoneutral

Temperature 18-21°C (24 hrs)
Relative Humidity 35-50%
Temperature Humidity Index >72













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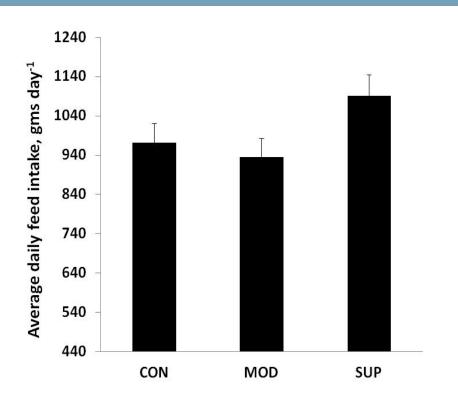
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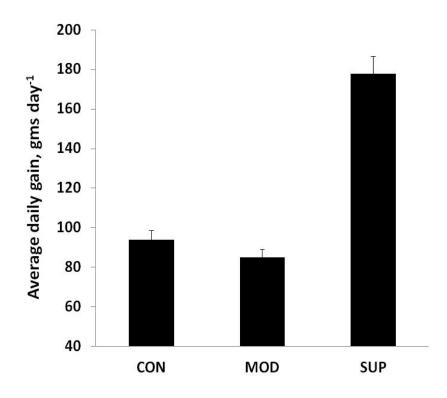
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Supranutritional dose of vitamin E and Se improves feed intake and average daily gain of lambs





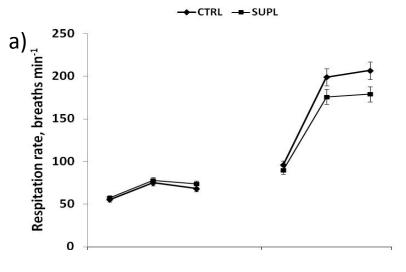


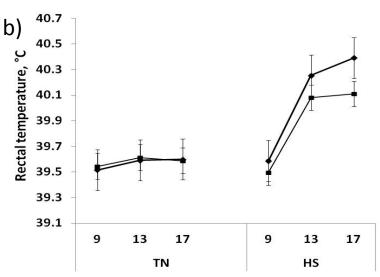




Vitamin E and Se reverses effects of heat stress on respiration rate and rectal temperature of lambs





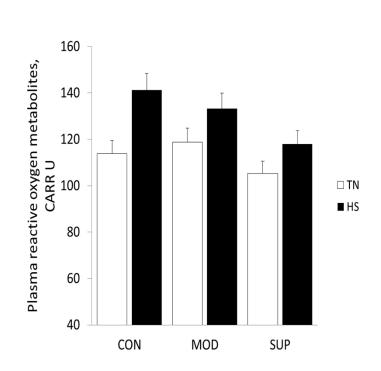


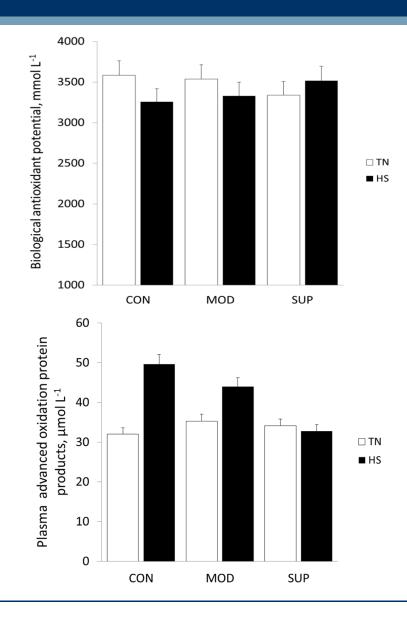






Supranutritional dose of vitamin E and Se improves oxidative status of lambs









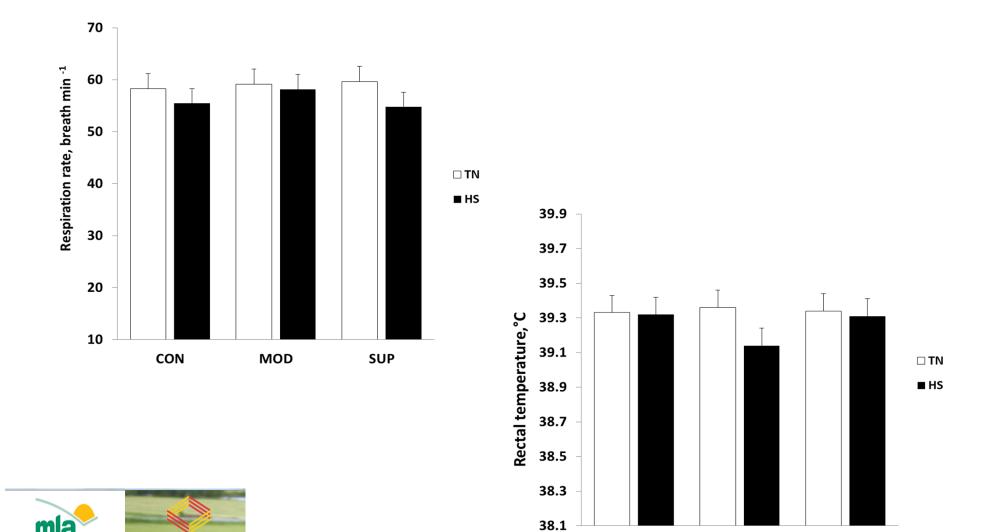


Lairage helps to normalize the respiration rate and rectal temperature of lambs finished under hot conditions

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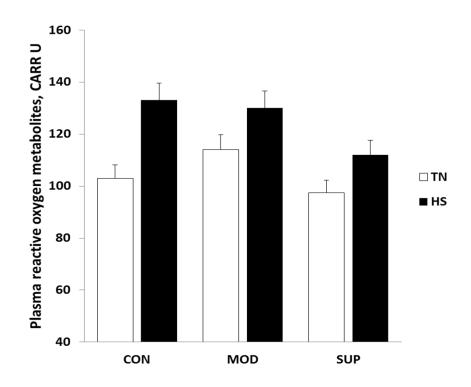
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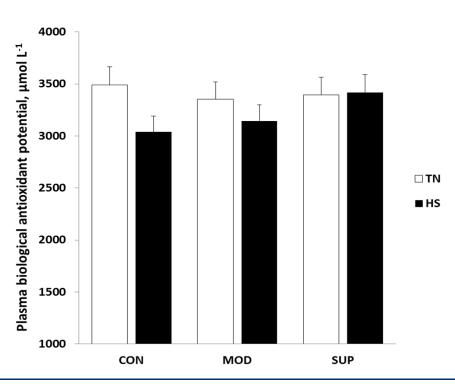
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Supranutritional dose of vitamin E and Se reduces plasma ROS levels and maintains the BAP of lambs in lairage



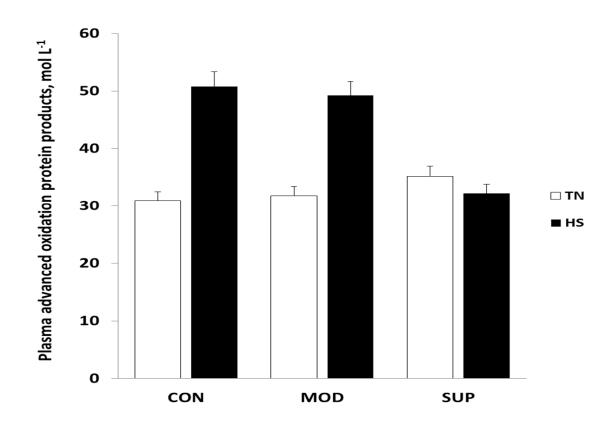








Supranutritional dose of vitamin E and Se reduces plasma AOPP levels of lambs during lairage









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Conclusions

- High dietary vitamin E and selenium improves the feed intake and average daily gain in lambs finished on pellet feeding
- High dietary vitamin E and selenium improves the oxidative status of lambs finished under hot conditions
- Holding lambs in lairage under TN conditions following finishing under hot conditions, help to normalise their physiological responses







Future research

- Effects of heat stress and high vitamin E and Se supplementation on meat colour stability and shelf life of lamb meat
- Feeding systems to optimize the incorporation of Vitamin E and Se in lamb muscles
- Pasture finishing or grain based pellet finishing with high antioxidant supplementation













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