

1 **Effect of stress via ACTH administration and cortisol release on expression of key genes**
2 **related to milk synthesis and apoptosis during mammary involution of Saanen goats.**

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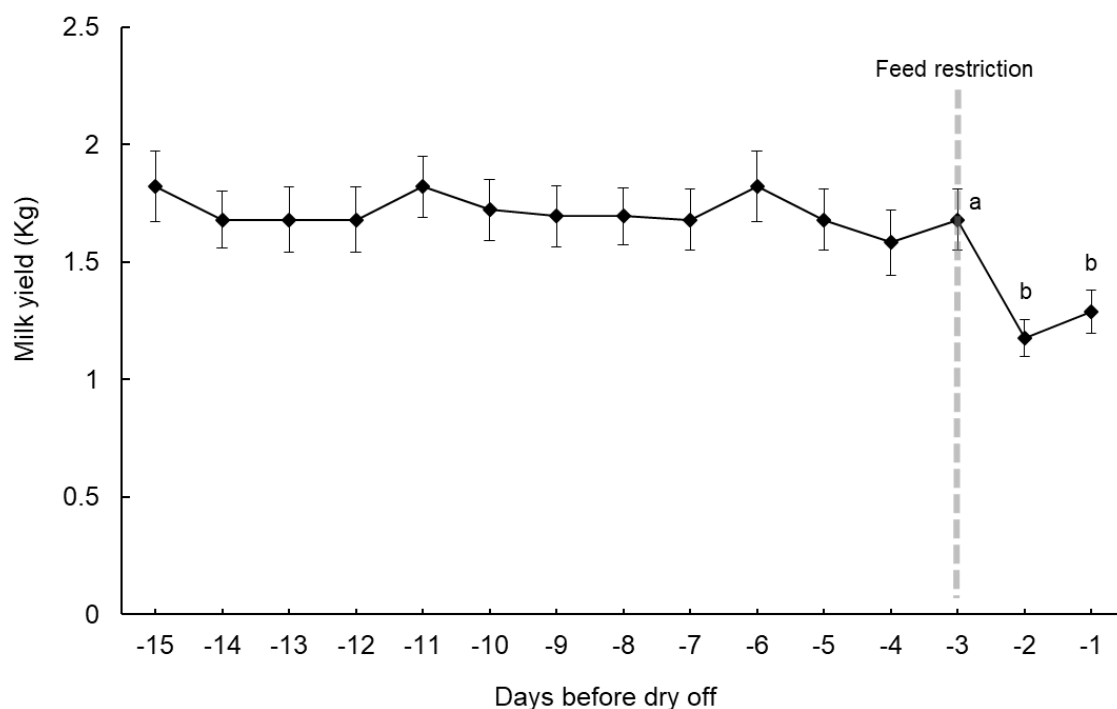
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7 SUPPLEMENTARY FILE

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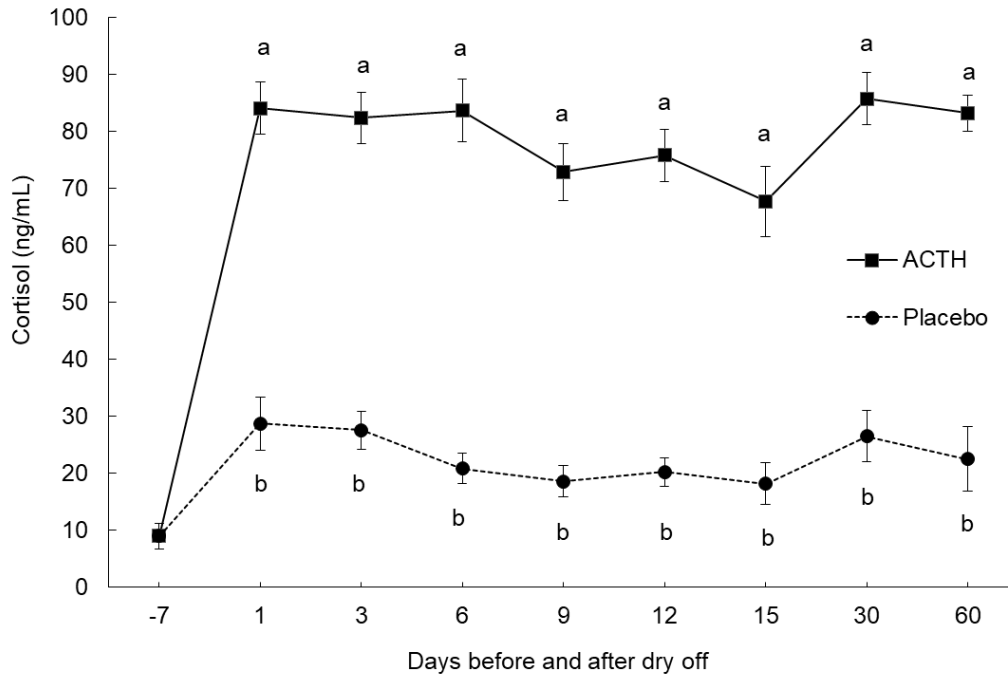
9 **Supplementary Figure**



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11 Figure S1. Milk yield (kg/day) of experimental goats (n = 30) during the last 15 days of
12 lactation (from day -15 to 0, dry off was performed at day 0). All goats were subjected to
13 feed restriction during the last 3 days before the start of dry. Data are presented as mean ±
14 standard error of the mean. Means with different letters show significant differences (p
15 [≤https://pt.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E2%89%A4](https://pt.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E2%89%A4) 0.05).

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18 Figure S2. Plasma cortisol concentration (ng/mL) released by Saanen goats after ACTH
 19 administration or Placebo (n = 15) before (day -7) and during the dry off (days 1, 3, 6, 12,
 20 15, 30, and 60). Data are presented as mean ± standard error of the mean. Means with
 21 different letters show significant differences ($p \leq$ <https://pt.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E2%89%A4>
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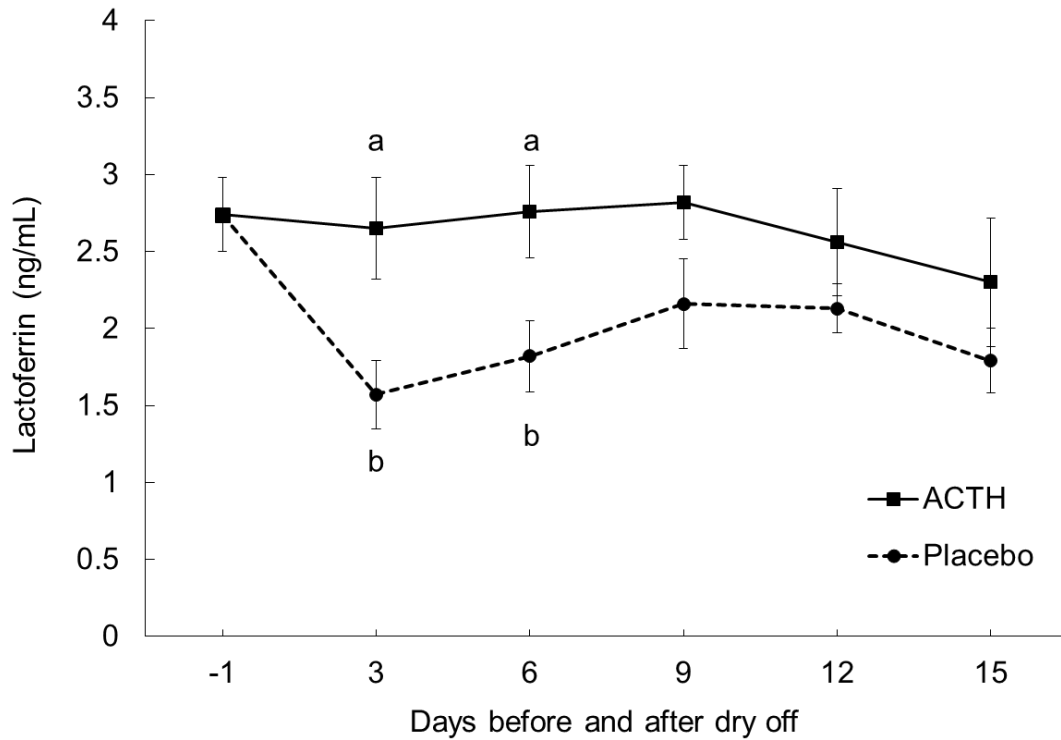
Days after dry off

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26 Figure S3. Evolution of mammary gland morphology of one representative goat showing
27 persistent lactation (A) and one representative dry goat showing total mammary involution
28 (B). The mammary involution was considered total when the udder had a morphology similar
29 to those observed in non-lactating and non-pregnant goats, 100% of the goats of both
30 treatments considered dry on days 30 and 60 of dry off showed total involution of the
31 mammary gland. The goats were considered dry when the volume of mammary secretion
32 collected was less than 50 mL and showed total mammary involution during the dry period.

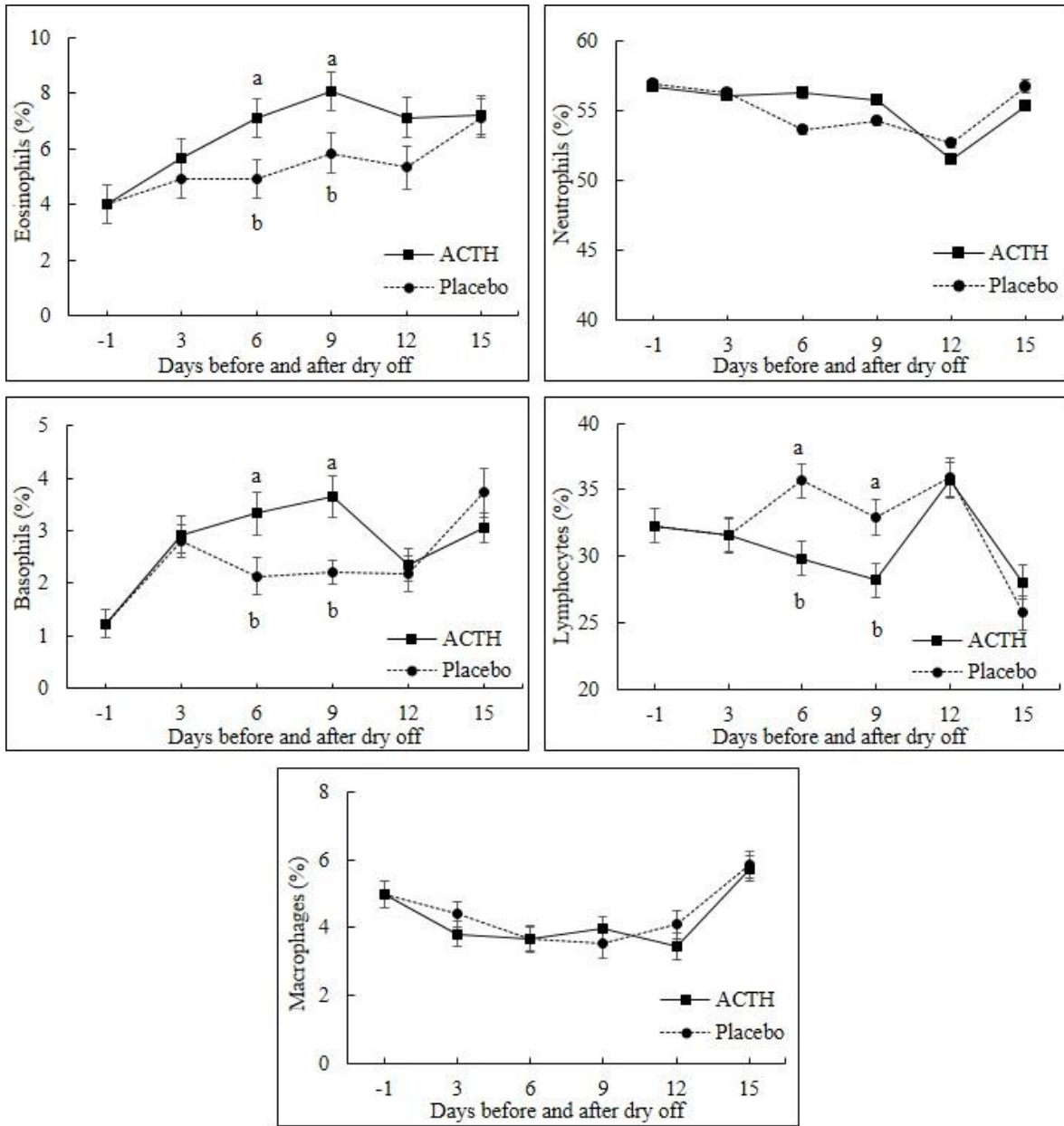
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36 Figure S4. Lactoferrin concentration (ng/mL) in milk and mammary secretions of the
 37 Saanen goats after ACTH administration or Placebo (n = 15) before (day -1) and during the
 38 dry off (days 3, 6, 12 and 15). Data are presented as mean ± standard error of the mean.
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 40 [≤https://pt.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E2%89%A4](https://pt.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E2%89%A4) 0.05).



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42 Figure S5. Leucocyte count percentage in milk and mammary secretions of the Saanen goats
 43 after ACTH administration or Placebo (n = 15) before (day -1) and during the dry off (days
 44 3, 6, 12 and 15). Data are presented as mean ± standard error of the mean. Means with
 45 different letters show significant differences ($p \leq$ <https://pt.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E2%89%A4>
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50 **Supplementary Table**

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52 Table S1. Sequence of primers used in the reverse transcription quantitative PCR.

Gene	Primer sequences	Accession number ¹
IGF1R	5'-TGGAGTGCTGTATGCCTCTGT-3'	XM_005694951
	5'-GGTCTCGGGCTCATCCTT-3'	
PIK3CA	5'-TCAACCATGACTGTGTGCCA-3'	XM_018047551
	5'-CCATCAGCATCAAATTGGGCA-3'	
AKT1	5'-CCTGCCCTTCTACAACCAGG-3'	NM_001285750
	5'-GTCTTGGTCAGGTGGCGTAA-3'	
MTOR	5'-CGTCTCGCTTGTACTTTGGG-3'	NM_001285748
	5'-GCTGCTTGGAGATTCGTCTG-3'	
CSN2	5'-ACAGCCTCCCACAAAACATC-3'	EF558564
	5'-AGGAAGGTGCAGCTTTTCAA-3'	
LALBA	5'-ACCAGTGGTTATGACACACAAGC-3'	NM_001285635
	5'-AGTGCTTTATGGGCCAACCAGT-3'	
LF	5'-GACCTCTGCCTTGGAATGTATC-3'	DQ522303
	5'-ATCTAGCCACAGCTCCCTGGAG-3'	
GAPDH	5'-GGTGATGCTGGTGCTGAG-3'	AJ431207
	5'-TGACAATCTTGAGGGTGTG-3'	

53 Insulin-like growth factor type 1 receptor (IGF1R); Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-
54 kinase catalytic subunit alpha (PIK3CA); AKT serine/threonine kinase 1 (AKT1);
55 mechanistic target of rapamycin kinase (MTOR); beta-casein (CSN2); lactalbumin alpha
56 (LALBA); lactoferrin (LF); glyceraldehyd-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH).

57 ¹<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/>

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