

Table S1. Nutrient composition of starter and oat grass (Dry matter basis)

Nutrient level ¹	Starter ²	Oat grass
DM	86.94	91.79
CP	20.20	6.28
EE	4.38	1.73
Ash	5.43	7.95
NDF	11.62	54.34
ADF	4.88	30.41
Starch	33.95	1.23
Ca	0.89	0.26
P	0.50	0.20

¹ DM: dry matter, CP: crude protein, EE: ether extract, NDF: neutral detergent fiber, ADF: acid detergent fiber, Ca: calcium, P: phosphorus.

² Starter composition: 47.65% Cornmeal, 18.47% Soybean meal, 20.33% Extruded soybean, 5.26% Corn gluten meal, 2.74% Sugarcane molasses, 5.55% Mineral-vitamin premix.

Table S2. The enzymes and their corresponding reacting substrate and wavelength

Enzyme	React substrate	Be tested product	Wavelength/nm
dehydrogenase	nitrogen tetrazolium salt (CN ₄ H ₂)	formazan (CN ₄ H ₄)	460
urease	Urea (CH ₄ N ₂ O)	ammonia nitrate (NH ₃ -N)	578
protease	Casein (C ₈₁ H ₁₂₅ N ₂₂ O ₃₉ P)	Tyrosine (C ₉ H ₁₁ NO ₃)	680
lipase	p-nitrophenol butyrate (C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₄)	p-nitrophenol (C ₆ H ₅ NO ₂)	405
glucosidase	p-nitrophenyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (C ₁₂ H ₁₅ NO ₈)	p-nitrophenol (C ₆ H ₅ NO ₂)	405
carboxymethyl cellulase	sodium carboxymethylcellulose (C ₆ H ₇ O ₂ (OH) ₂ OCH ₂ COONa)	reducing sugars	540
cellobiohydrolase	microcrystalline cellulose ((C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₅) _n)	reducing sugars	540
amylase	Starch ((C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₅) _n)	reducing sugars	540
xylanase	Xylan ((C ₅ H ₈ O ₄) _n)	reducing sugars	540

Under alkaline conditions, the produced reducing sugars can react with 3,5-Dinitrosalicylic acid (C₆H₅NO₃) reacts to produce a brown-red substance, which can be measured under 540nm wavelength.

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