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|   |   |
|---|---|
| calorie (gram) ... cal                    | mega ... M (prefix)                             |
| celsius (with number) ... °C              | metre ... m                                     |
| centimetre ... cm                         | metric tonne ... t                              |
| centimetre, square ... cm <sup>2</sup>    | micro ... μ (prefix)                            |
| cubic centimetre ... cm <sup>3</sup>      | microgram ... μg                                |
| cubic millimetre ... mm <sup>3</sup>      | microkat ... μkat                               |
| gram ... g                                | microlitre ... μl                               |
| gravity ... <i>g</i>                      | milli ... m (prefix)                            |
| hectare ... ha                            | millilitre ... ml                               |
| hour(s) ... h                             | millimolar (concentration) ... mM (= mmol/l)    |
| international unit ... IU                 | millimole (mass) ... mmol                       |
| intramuscularly ... i.m.                  | minute(s) ... min                               |
| intraperitoneally ... i.p.                | molar (concentration) ... M                     |
| intravenously ... i.v.                    | molar (mass) ... mol                            |
| joule ... J                               | mole (number, mass) ... mol                     |
| katal ... kat                             | nano ... n (prefix)                             |
| kilo ... k (prefix)                       | nanogram ... ng                                 |
| kilobase ... kb                           | probability ... <i>P</i>                        |
| kilobyte ... KB                           | second ... s                                    |
| kilocalorie ... kcal                      | species ... sp.                                 |
| kilo Dalton ... kDa                       | subcutaneous ... s.c.                           |
| kilogram ... kg                           | subspecies ... ssp.                             |
| litre ... l                               | volume ... vol                                  |
| logarithm (natural) ... ln                | volume/volume ... vol/vol (use parenthetically) |
| logarithm (base 10) ... log <sub>10</sub> | weight/volume ... wt/vol (use parenthetically)  |

## TABLE AND FIGURE EXAMPLES

Table 1. Ingredients and chemical composition of the diets<sup>1</sup>

| Ingredient (g/kg)                       | Diet without alfalfa | Diet with alfalfa |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| Wheat                                   | 310                  | 300               |
| Maize                                   | 251.2                | 253.5             |
| Soybean meal                            | 265                  | 250               |
| Dried alfalfa                           | 0                    | 40                |
| Cellulose                               | 17                   | 0                 |
| Rapeseed oil                            | 40                   | 40                |
| Limestone                               | 95                   | 95                |
| Monocalcium phosphate                   | 10.3                 | 10                |
| Sodium chloride                         | 3                    | 3                 |
| L-Lysine hydrochloride                  | 2                    | 2                 |
| DL-Methionine                           | 1.5                  | 1.5               |
| Vitamin-mineral premix <sup>2</sup>     | 5                    | 5                 |
| <b>Analysed nutrient content (g/kg)</b> |                      |                   |
| Dry matter                              | 888.5                | 892.6             |
| AME <sub>N</sub> by calculation (MJ/kg) | 10.97                | 10.46             |
| Crude protein                           | 162.5                | 164.1             |
| Calcium                                 | 35.6                 | 35.9              |
| Available phosphorus                    | 3.6                  | 3.4               |

<sup>1</sup>Other experimental diets were supplemented with 100 or 200 mg/kg ascorbic acid

<sup>2</sup>Vitamin-mineral premix provided per kg diet: retinylacetate 3.0 mg, vitamin D3 3 000 IU, vitamin E 30 mg, niacin 25 mg, Ca pantothenate 8 mg, thiamine 2.0 mg, riboflavin 5 mg, pyridoxine 4 mg, folic acid 0.5 mg, biotin 0.075 mg, cobalamin 0.01 mg, choline Cl 250 mg, menadione 2.0 mg, betain 100 mg, butylated hydroxytoluene 7.5 mg, ethoxyquin 5.6 mg, butylhydroxyanisole 1 mg, DL-methionine 0.7 g, Mn 70 mg, Zn 50 mg, Fe 40 mg, Cu 6 mg, Co 0.3 mg, Se 0.2 mg

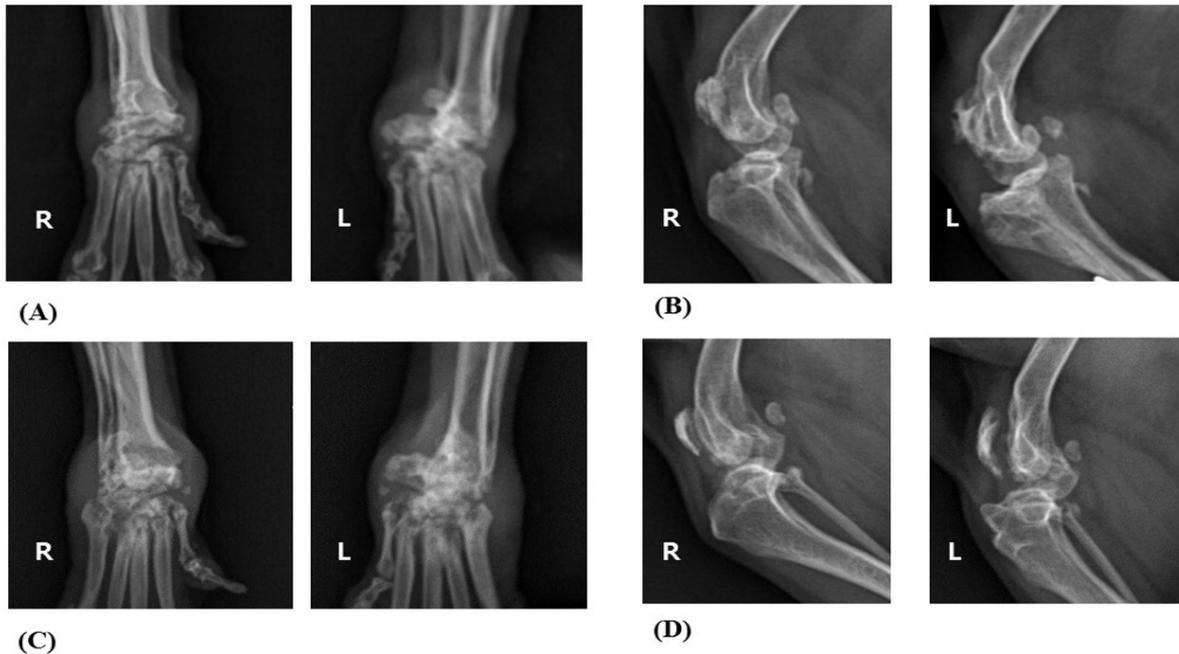


Figure 1. (A) The carpal joint before the stem cell treatment. The subchondral bone erosions and joint swelling are visible. (B) The stifle joint before the stem cell treatment. Femoral trochlear groove's and patella's erosive changes are visible. Patella luxation is also visible. (C) The carpal joint after the stem cell treatment. There is no radiological improvement after stem cell therapy. (D) The stifle joint after the stem cell treatment. There is no radiological improvement after the stem cell therapy

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