

***In Vitro* Rumen Fermentation Characteristics and Fatty Acid Profiles Added with Calcium Soap of Canola/Flaxseed Oil**

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ABSTRACT

This research aimed to assess the effect of adding canola oil and flaxseed oil which were protected with calcium soap (Ca-soap) on the fermentation characteristics, rumen microbial population, and the profile of fatty acids in the rumen during 4 and 8 hours in the *in vitro* fermentation. The research design used in this study was a completely randomized block design with 3 treatments and 4 replications. The treatments consisted of control ration (Napier grass and concentrate at the ratio of 60 : 40), control + 6% of Ca-soap of canola oil, and control + 6% of Ca-soap of flaxseed oil. Variables observed were pH value, NH₃ concentration, volatile fatty acid (VFA), dry matter and organic matter digestibility, and fatty acid profile. The results showed that the addition of Ca-soap of canola or flaxseed oil did not affect the pH value, NH₃ concentration, dry matter digestibility, organic matter digestibility, total population of bacteria and protozoa in the rumen. However, the total production of ruminal VFA was increased (P<0.05) with the addition of Ca soap of canola oil/flaxseed oil. The use of Ca-soap of flaxseed oil increased (P<0.05) the content of unsaturated fatty acids in the rumen at 4 h incubation. The addition of Ca-soap of flaxseed oil resulted the lowest (P<0.05) level of unsaturated fatty acids biohydrogenation compared to the other treatments at 4 h incubation. In conclusion, the addition of Ca soap of canola/flaxseed oil could improve VFA total production. Vegetable oils protected using calcium soap could inhibit unsaturated fatty acid biohydrogenation by rumen microbes. Ca-soap of flaxseed oil could survive from rumen biohydrogenation in the rumen better than Ca-soap of canola oil.

Keywords: biohydrogenation, Calcium soap, canola oil, flaxseed oil, rumen fermentation

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengevaluasi pengaruh penambahan minyak canola dan minyak flaxseed yang diproteksi dengan sabun kalsium (Ca-soap) pada karakteristik fermentasi, populasi mikrob rumen, dan profil asam lemak dalam rumen selama 4 dan 8 jam fermentasi *in vitro*. Rancangan yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah rancangan acak kelompok dengan 3 perlakuan dan 4 ulangan. Perlakuan terdiri atas: kontrol (rumput gajah:konsentrat= 60:40), kontrol + sabun kalsium minyak canola 6%, dan kontrol + sabun kalsium minyak flaxseed 6%. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa penambahan sabun kalsium minyak kanola atau flaxseed tidak mempengaruhi nilai pH, konsentrasi NH₃, pencernaan bahan kering, pencernaan bahan organik, jumlah populasi bakteri dan protozoa di rumen, namun meningkatkan (P<0,05) produksi VFA total. Pada inkubasi 4 jam, penambahan sabun kalsium minyak flaxseed nyata meningkatkan (P≤0,05) kandungan asam lemak tak jenuh dalam rumen. Penggunaan sabun kalsium flaxseed oil menghasilkan level biohidrogenasi terendah pada 4 jam inkubasi. Dapat disimpulkan bahwa minyak nabati yang diproteksi dengan menggunakan sabun kalsium dapat meningkatkan fermentasi rumen dan menghambat secara parsial proses biohidrogenasi asam lemak tak jenuh oleh mikrob rumen. Asam lemak tidak jenuh dari sabun kalsium minyak *flaxseed* dapat bertahan terhadap biohidrogenasi rumen lebih baik dibandingkan sabun kalsium minyak kanola.

Kata kunci: biohidrogenasi, minyak flaxseed, minyak kanola, sabun kalsium

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INTRODUCTION

Meat product from ruminant contains high saturated fatty acids due to the biohydrogenation process by rumen microbe that convert unsaturated fatty acids from the diet into saturated fatty acids (Lourenço *et al.*, 2010). Therefore, one of strategies to improve the unsaturated fatty acids content of ruminant meat was the addition of unsaturated fatty acids sources from vegetable oil.

However, the content of saturated fatty acids of red meat is high and some of consumers do not want it. Saturated fat intake is a risk factor for coronary heart disease, especially lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, and stearic acid are associated with an increased risk of coronary heart disease (Zong *et al.*, 2016). Almeida *et al.* (2006) stated that beef meat had proportion of saturated fatty acids about 53.3±2.12% and polyunsaturated fatty acids about 3.0±0.5%. However, according to Gadeyne *et al.* (2015), the content of unsaturated fatty acids in ruminant feed will decrease due to biohydrogenation processes in the rumen. The unsaturated fatty acid will be changed to saturated fatty acids and then the cis and trans isomers will be accumulated. According to Jenkins *et al.* (2008), fatty acid that enters the rumen would experience the lipolysis process and would be occurred hydrolysis of fats caused by lipase enzyme. The release of free fatty acids will be followed by the process of biohydrogenation, namely reduction of the amount of double bond carbon chains of fatty acids.

High fat content in the diet can be used as an alternative energy needed by cattle. However, according to Bunting (1996), feeding fat sources that are too high (> 5% of total diet) in ruminant can reduce microbial populations and disrupt the microbial activity to digest the fiber. Vafa *et al.* (2009) stated that the addition of canola oil, fish oil, and combination of canola oil and fish oil (50:50) significantly decreased *in vitro* dry matter digestibility (IVDMD) and *in vitro* organic matter digestibility (IVOMD) of alfalfa hay and corn silage. The decline in IVDMD and IVODM was also linearly correlated with increasing levels of oil (2%-6%).

The biohydrogenation process of unsaturated fatty acids into saturated fatty acids in the rumen can be reduced by protecting the unsaturated fatty acids sources of feed with calcium soaps method. Calcium soap is a product of fat saponification with alkaline, and the addition of mineral calcium (Ca) in order to change the oil into a solid form. According to Mosley *et al.* (2002), the source of fatty acids that are protected can reduce biohydrogenation process of linoleic acid (C18: 2), so that the levels of linoleic acid (C18: 2) in the abomasum keep high. According to Jenkins (1993), to prevent the process of biohydrogenation on providing fat source more than 5%, the fat (especially saturated fat) should be protected with calcium soaps. Alexander *et al.* (2002) said that the addition of Ca soap of sunflower oil with 10% DM in the sheep diet (*in vivo*) did not affect the digestibility of fiber.

Vegetable oil that can be used to improve the content of unsaturated fatty acids in meat are canola oil and flaxseed oil. According to Carter (1993), flaxseed con-

tains 32%-45% of oil, which is 51%-55% alpha - linolenic acid (Omega 3), 15%-18% linoleic (Omega 6). According to Holländer *et al.* (2012), canola oil contains 60% of oleic acid, 20% of linoleic acid, and 10% of linolenic acid. Hidayah *et al.* (2014) stated that Ca soap of flaxseed oil and Ca soap of canola oil have a higher resistance against biohydrogenation process in the rumen than the sesame oil, based on fatty acid measurements on the 4th hour incubation. Biohydrogenation of Ca soap of flaxseed oil and Ca soap of canola oil decrease by 50% and 27.11%, while sesame oil calcium soaps experienced biohydrogenation entirely. This research aimed to assess the effect of adding Ca soap of canola oil and Ca soap of flaxseed at the level of 6% in the cattle diet on the *in vitro* characteristics of rumen fermentation, total bacterial and protozoa population, and the fatty acid profile at the 4th hour and 8th hour fermentation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Diet and Nutrient Composition of Feed

The diet was composed of 60% forage (napier grass) and 40% concentrate (Table 1). The diet were formulated for cattle at the fattening phase with protein requirement (CP) of at least 11.69% and energy (TDN) of at least 66.15% (Kearl 1982). The treatment in this research was control/T0 (without the addition of Ca soaps), T1 (control + 6% Ca soap of canola oil), and T2 (control + 6% Ca soap of flaxseed oil).

Preparation of Calcium Soap of Vegetable Oils

The canola oil and flaxseed oil were produced by Golden Bridge (Malaysia), and Green Tosca Pte,Ltd (Singapore), respectively. Preparation of calcium soap used method by Jenkin & Palmquist (1984). The vegetable oils were heated on a hotplate (200°C) and added a solution of NaOH. The mixture was homogenized with rotation speed of 800 rpm until the fat completely dissolved. Then it was re-heated and added a solution of CaCl₂ (2.35 g CaCl₂ and 4.7 mL of aquadest). After the addition of CaCl₂ solution, cooling was done until it forms calcium soap solids.

Table 1. Nutrient composition of diet (dry matter basis) with 60% napier grass and 40% concentrate

Nutrient (%)	Treatments		
	T0	T1	T2
Dry matter (DM)	86.08	81.04	81.04
Ash	5.49	5.77	5.78
Crude protein	13.55	14.5	14.44
Crude fat	4.96	10.02	9.20
Crude fibre	14.10	14.99	14.93
TDN*	72.39	72.37	72.53

Note: T0= control (60% napier grass + 0% concentrate), T1= control + 6% Ca soap of canola oil, T2= control + 6% Ca soap of flaxseed oil. * by calculation.

In Vitro Fermentation

In vitro fermentation used the method by Tilley & Terry (1963) which was modified with the amount of substrate was 600 mg. Each treatment diet was added to the fermenter tube as much as 600 mg. Then, 40 mL of Mc Dougall solution and 10 mL of rumen fluid were added and incubated at shaker water bath at 39°C.

The rumen fluid for this experiment was collected 3 h after morning feeding from the 3 rumen-fistulated Ongole crossbred beef cattles with Ethical Approval from Animal Care and Use Committee (AUAC) 01-2013b IPB. After 4 h of incubation, samples were taken for the measurements of pH value, total volatile fatty acid (VFA), ammonia (NH₃), microbes population, and sample of fatty acid at 4th h incubation, then continued incubation of 8 hours for sampling fatty acids at 8th h. Samples of dry matter digestibility (DMD) and organic matter digestibility (OMD) were taken after fermentation for 48 h.

Sampling and Measurement

The pH values of the samples fermented at 4th hours were measured by using a pH meter. Ammonia (NH₃) concentration was measured using microdiffusion Conway method and total VFA contents were determined by steam distillation method (AOAC, 1990). The measurements of dry matter digestibility (DMD) and organic matter digestibility (OMD) used methods of Tilley & Terry (1963).

The measurement of the total population of bacteria and protozoa was done using method based on Ogimoto & Imai (1981). The numbers of protozoa in the rumen fluid were counted under a microscope according to Ogimoto & Imai (1981). The 0.5 mL of rumen fluid was mixed with 0.5 mL of Trypan Blue Formalin Saline (TBFS) consisted of 100 mL of 35% formaldehyde, 2 g of trypan blue, 8 g of NaCl, and 900 mL of distilled water and diluted 5 times. The population of protozoa was counted directly on 5 divisions by using a counting chamber (0.1 mm x 1 mm²) under a microscope (40x) and calculated by the following formula: $P = (n/5) \times 10^4 \times d$, where P= number of ciliates per 1 mL of rumen contents, n= number of division that counted in the counting chamber, d= dilution factor of the sample.

Population of total bacteria were counted according to Ogimoto & Imai (1981) by using roller tube method and Rumen-Fluid Glucose Cellobiose Agar (RGCA) Modification. The RGCA solution consist of 15 mL of mineral solution I, 15 mL of mineral solution II, 0.1 mL of 0.1% Resazurin solution, 40 mL of distilled water, 2 g of bacto agar, 30 mL of rumen fluid, 0.2 g of glucose, 0.2 g of cellobiose, 0.1 g of cysteine.HCl.H₂O, 1 mL of 8% Na₂CO₃ solution, 1 g of bacto casiton, 0.3 g of yeast extract, 0.2 g of yeast extract, 0.2 g of starch soluble, 0.4 g of NaHCO₃ and 1 mL of sodium lactate. Forty-five mL of anaerobic dilution solution and 0.5 mL of rumen sample were placed in the hungate tube. The sample was diluted until 10 times dilution. The 0.5 mL of samples from dilution 6 to 10 were placed into petri dish that contained RGCA media, then rotated to form a figure

eight in order to hold the sample mixed homogeneously. Samples were incubated for 48 h at a temperature of 37-40°C. The calculation of the bacterial population by using the following formula: $BP = C \times 10^n \times 2$, which is BP= bacterial population, C= number of colony forming unit, n= number of dilution.

Fatty acid profiles were measured by using the method of Carriquiry *et al.* (2008) that was using Gas Chromatography which had a column containing tek-nokroma TR-CN (100). Type of Gas Chromatography used was GC 2010, Shimadzu Corp., Kyoto, Japan. Before sample injection to the GC, fatty acid extraction from rumen liquid was carried out by dissolving in a mixture of hexane and isopropanol solvents with the ratio of 3: 2 (Corl *et al.*, 2001).

Data Analysis

The data were analyzed by using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and any significant difference among treatments would be further tested by Duncan test using statistical software SPSS 16. The level of biohydrogenation was calculated by subtracting the unsaturated fatty acid concentration at the incubation 0 hour with the unsaturated fatty acid concentration at 4 or 8 h after incubation and multiplied by 100%.

RESULTS

Rumen Fermentation Characteristic and Microbial Populations

The protozoal and bacterial population in the rumen were similar among treatments. However, the addition of Ca-soap of canola or flaxseed oil increased ($P \leq 0.05$) total VFA production compared to the control (Table 2).

Table 2. Fermentation characteristics and microbe population in rumen with the addition of Ca soap canola oil and Ca soap flaxseed oil

Variables	Treatments		
	T0	T1	T2
pH	6.90 ± 0.15	7.00 ± 0.25	7.00 ± 0.25
Total VFA (mM)	120.38 ± 5.62 ^a	147.77 ± 9.80 ^b	160.73 ± 15.00 ^b
NH ₃ (mM)	11.81 ± 3.24	11.47 ± 1.57	10.79 ± 2.13
DMD (%)	69.59 ± 6.93	70.16 ± 6.53	67.35 ± 2.02
OMD (%)	81.48 ± 10.05	79.44 ± 9.14	75.71 ± 2.70
Total bacteria (Log cfu/ mL)	6.68 ± 0.76	6.27 ± 0.25	6.27 ± 0.18
Protozoa (Log cell/mL)	3.95 ± 0.13	3.85 ± 0.26	3.94 ± 0.13

Note: Means in the same row with different superscripts differ significantly ($P < 0.05$). T0= control (60% napier grass + 0% concentrate), T1= control + 6% of Ca soap of canola oil, T2= control + 6% of Ca soap of flaxseed oil.

Fatty Acid Profile and Biohydrogenation Level of Unsaturated Fatty Acids at 4 and 8 Hours Fermentation

At the 4h of *in vitro* incubation, the addition of Ca soap flaxseed oil significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased the number of unsaturated fatty acids in the rumen (Table 3). However, in the percentage unit, fatty acid profiles were similar among treatments (Table 4).

The addition of Ca soap of flaxseed oil resulted the lowest ($P \leq 0.05$) level of unsaturated fatty biohydrogenation compared to other treatments in the 4h incubation. In contrast, at 8 h incubation, the level of unsaturated fatty acid biohydrogenation were similar among treatments (Table 5).

Table 3. Fatty acid profile at of 0, 4, and 8 hours fermentation

Fatty acids (mg/50mL)	Treatments								
	T0			T1			T2		
	0 hour	4 hour	8 hour	0 hour	4 hour	8 hour	0 hour	4 hour	8 hour
Saturated fatty acid	0.029	0.76±0.27	0.53±0.07	0.030	0.39±0.14	0.54±0.27	0.019	0.48±0.17	0.51±0.24
SCFA	0.000	0.13	0.11	0.000	0.07	0.06	0.000	0.03	0.07
Butyric (C4)	0.000	0.00	0.11	0.000	0.07	0.06	0.000	0.03	0.07
MCFA	0.015	0.21	0.14	0.015	0.13	0.17	0.009	0.12	0.14
Caproic (C6)	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.00
Caprylic (C8)	0.001	0.01	0.00	0.001	0.01	0.00	0.001	0.00	0.00
Capric (C10)	0.002	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.01	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.01
Lauric (C12)	0.012	0.19	0.13	0.012	0.11	0.16	0.008	0.11	0.13
LCFA	0.208	0.53	0.35	0.500	0.30	0.39	0.365	0.51	0.44
Myristic (C14)	0.004	0.10	0.06	0.004	0.04	0.06	0.003	0.05	0.06
Palmitic (C16:0)	0.008	0.21	0.14	0.009	0.10	0.13	0.005	0.19	0.14
Stearic (C18:8)	0.001	0.12	0.09	0.002	0.06	0.12	0.002	0.09	0.11
Unsaturated fatty acid	0.194	0.10±0.03^b	0.07±0.05	0.484	0.10±0.02^b	0.08±0.06	0.355	0.18±0.05^a	0.08±0.05
LCFA	0.194	0.10	0.07	0.484	0.10	0.08	0.355	0.18	0.08
Oleic (C18:1)	0.083	0.08	0.05	0.279	0.07	0.07	0.189	0.13	0.06
Linoleic (C18:2)	0.111	0.02	0.01	0.195	0.03	0.01	0.163	0.05	0.02
Linolenic (C18:3)	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.100	0.00	0.00	0.004	0.00	0.00

Note: Means in the same row with different superscripts differ significantly ($P < 0.05$). T0= control (60% napier grass + 0% concentrate), T1= control + 6% of Ca soap of canola oil, T2= control + 6% of Ca soap of flaxseed oil.

Table 4. Percentage of fatty acid profile at 0, 4, and 8 hours fermentation

Fatty acids (%)	Treatments								
	T0			T1			T2		
	0 hour	4 hour	8 hour	0 hour	4 hour	8 hour	0 hour	4 hour	8 hour
Saturated fatty acid	12.84	87.74±6.14	91.89±9.25	5.91	77.62±10.51	87.75±4.93	5.14	70.79±11.38	86.43±4.82
SCFA	0.00	11.95	17.99	0.00	12.28	7.57	0.00	3.92	7.81
Butyric (C4)	0.00	11.95	17.99	0.00	12.28	7.57	0.00	3.92	7.81
MCFA	6.76	25.02	24.51	2.87	24.65	33.62	2.53	17.01	24.2
Caproic (C6)	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00
Caprylic (C8)	0.48	0.47	0.29	0.20	0.90	0.41	0.18	0.44	0.19
Capric (C10)	0.73	1.66	1.49	0.30	2.29	1.31	0.27	1.69	1.61
Lauric (C12)	5.46	22.88	22.73	2.33	21.47	31.91	2.05	14.88	22.4
LCFA	93.24	63.03	57.50	97.13	63.07	58.81	97.47	79.07	67.99
Myristic (C14)	1.99	11.73	10.24	0.86	7.51	12.25	0.75	7.11	10.41
Palmitic (C16:0)	3.50	24.73	24.29	1.81	20.94	18.63	1.38	30.58	24.78
Stearic (C18:8)	0.59	14.31	14.86	0.37	12.24	15.68	0.48	12.34	19.23
Unsaturated fatty acid	87.16	12.26±6.14	8.11±9.25	94.09	22.38±10.51	12.25±4.93	94.86	29.03±11.38	13.57±4.82
LCFA	87.16	12.26	8.11	94.09	22.38	12.25	94.86	29.03	13.57
Oleic (C18:1)	37.14	9.63	5.99	54.16	15.97	10.33	50.38	21.21	11.29
Linoleic (C18:2)	50.02	2.63	2.12	37.95	6.45	1.92	43.41	7.84	2.29
Linolenic (C18:3)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.98	0.00	0.00	1.07	0.00	0.00

Note: T0= control (60% napier grass + 0% concentrate), T1= control + 6% of Ca soap of canola oil, T2= control + 6% of Ca soap of flaxseed oil.

Table 5. Biohydrogenation level of unsaturated fatty acids at 4th and 8th hour incubation

Treatments	The level of biohydrogenation (%)	
	4 h incubation	8 h incubation
T0	51.10 ± 13.62 ^b	90.99 ± 12.74
T1	79.35 ± 3.72 ^a	82.79 ± 12.91
T2	48.89 ± 12.79 ^b	77.96 ± 13.88

Note: Means in the same column with different superscripts differ significantly ($P < 0.05$). T0= control (60% napier grass + 0% concentrate), T1= control + 6% of Ca soap of canola oil, T2= control + 6% of Ca soap of flaxseed oil.

DISCUSSION

Rumen pH value remained within the normal range and the process of feed degradability in the rumen was not hampered with the used of Ca soap of canola/flaxseed oil. The addition of Ca soap of canola/flaxseed oil at the level of 6% did not alter dry matter and organic matter digestibility in the rumen. The ammonia concentration also similar among treatments. It showed that the addition of Ca soap of canola/flaxseed oil at the level of 6% did not affect the ammonia-forming microbes. This result indicates that the addition of plant oil protected by calcium soap did not interfere rumen microbe and their activities in the feed degradation and fermentation. Moreover, Adeyemi *et al.* (2015) stated that the addition of 8% BCPO (a blend of canola oil 80% and 20% palm oil) did not interfere $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ and rumen pH, but significantly reduced the total VFA, acetate, butyrate, acetate/propionate ratio, and methane produce.

The total VFA production significantly improved with the addition of Ca soap of canola/flaxseed oil compared to the control treatment. The low value of total VFA in controls is linear with the low of total bacterial population. According to Hidayah *et al.* (2014), supplementation of calcium soaps of flaxseed oil has the highest value of total VFA production. This result indicates that protection of canola or flaxseed oil by using calcium soaps technology can stimulate total VFA production by rumen microbe. One of the possible reasons for the increased VFA production in the present study might be due to glycerol content in the canola/flaxseed oil since not all fatty acids could be protected by calcium soap. Some proportions of fatty acid still could be degraded by rumen bacteria to produce glycerol. According to Li *et al.* (2009), total VFA concentration can be increased by administration of linolenic acid, malic-linolenic acid, and fumaric-linolenic acid with increasing incubation time.

At 4 h fermentation, biohydrogenation level of the used of Ca soap of canola oil was higher than that of Ca soap of flaxseed oil. This result is presumably because canola oil contains higher oleic acid (C18: 1) and linoleic acid (C18: 2). In addition, the bond between fatty acids and NaOH is not perfect and can not protect unsaturated fatty acids from biohydrogenation processes by rumen bacteria. Barletta *et al.* (2016) stated that protected sources of soybean grain (SG) and calcium salts of un-

saturated fatty acids (CS) promoted a greater abomasal flow of linoleic acid (C18:2) and lower biohydrogenation rate compared to the soybean oil (SO) diet.

The increased content of unsaturated fatty acids in the rumen with the addition of Ca soap of flaxseed oil can be caused by the bond between calcium soaps and fat is fairly strong, so Ca soap of flaxseed oil will have lower biohydrogenation. The content of high linolenic acid (C18:3) causes Ca soaps of flaxseed oil have lower biohydrogenation on the 4 hours of fermentation when compared to Ca soap of canola oil, which is rich in oleic acid. Linolenic acid is a long-chain fatty acid which has a low melting point, so that the bond of carbon chains of flaxseed oil is not easy to be broken at the 4 hours fermentation. According to Wood *et al.* (2003), long-chain fatty acids have lower melting points and this condition will affect the process of oxidation and saturation reactions in the rumen.

Linolenic acid (C18: 3) undergo a process of biohydrogenation longer than oleic acid (C18: 1) and linoleic acid (C18: 2) because it has a higher number of double bonds. The higher the number of double bonds, the more difficult the chain bonding to be split up, thus causing Ca soaps have better capacities to protect oleic (C18: 1) and linoleic (C18: 2) acids in flaxseed oil than in canola oil, that contains a slightly higher linolenic acid. According to Hidayah *et al.* (2014), the types of oil which are most resistant to the biohydrogenation process, respectively, were sesame oil, flaxseed oil, and canola oil. According to Fincham *et al.* (2014), linoleic and linolenic acids are precursors of essential fatty acids in fattening cattle feed, but biohydrogenation of linoleic and linolenic acids will produce fatty acids of trans-10 and trans-11 18: 1. Lake *et al.* (2014) suggested that the increased concentration of C18: 1 trans-11 in adipose tissue of lactating cows with feeding source of oleic safflower seed can increase the content of cis-9, trans-11-CLA in the body tissue at 10.84% compared to the control diet (34.44%) and feed sources of linoleic safflower seed increased by 6.43%.

Canola oil and flaxseed oil contain a higher long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCPUFA). However, due to the biohydrogenation process in the rumen, the long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids will experience saturation reaction. Medium chain fatty acid (MCFA) and short chain fatty acid (SCFA) at 8 hours fermentation was increased due to the reduction of double bond carbon chains. However, the flow rate of saturation reaction does not occur as a whole due to the protection of calcium soaps. According to Eun *et al.* (2008), the addition of fish oil (3%) into steer diet can increase the flow rate of trans-11 C18: 1 and the change of trans C18: 1 to C18: 0 that would decrease by 39% compared to the control diet. Supplementation of concentrates with fish oil will increase LCPUFA which will inhibit the growth of bacteria that is capable of saturating C18: 3, C18: 2, and C18: 0.

Biohydrogenation level of unsaturated fatty in the 4 h and 8 h incubations have different patterns. The highest biohydrogenation level was reached by Ca soap of canola oil treatment in the 4 h incubation, but in the 8 h incubation it was reached by control treatment.

The used of Ca soap of flaxseed oil resulted the lowest biohydrogenation level both in the 4 h and 8 h incubations. These results indicated that in the long term (8 h incubation), flaxseed oil coated by calcium soap technology could protect the unsaturated fatty acid of the oil from rumen microbe biohydrogenation. In the form of calcium soap of flaxseed oil, the flaxseed oil will inert in rumen with pH 7 and rumen bacteria could not degrade it. Hidayah *et al.* (2014) said that biohydrogenation of Ca soap of flaxseed oil and Ca soap of canola oil decreased by 50% and 27.11%, while sesame oil calcium soaps were completely biohydrogenated.

CONCLUSION

The addition of Ca soaps of canola/flaxseed oil at a level of 6% did not affect the pH value, NH₃ concentration, dry matter digestibility (DMD) and organic matter digestibility (OMD), total population of protozoa and bacteria in the rumen. The addition of Ca soap of canola/flaxseed oil could improve VFA total production. Vegetable oils protected by using calcium soap could inhibit unsaturated fatty acid biohydrogenation by rumen microbes. Ca soap of flaxseed oil could survive from rumen biohydrogenation in the rumen better than Ca soap of canola oil.

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