

Supplementary Materials

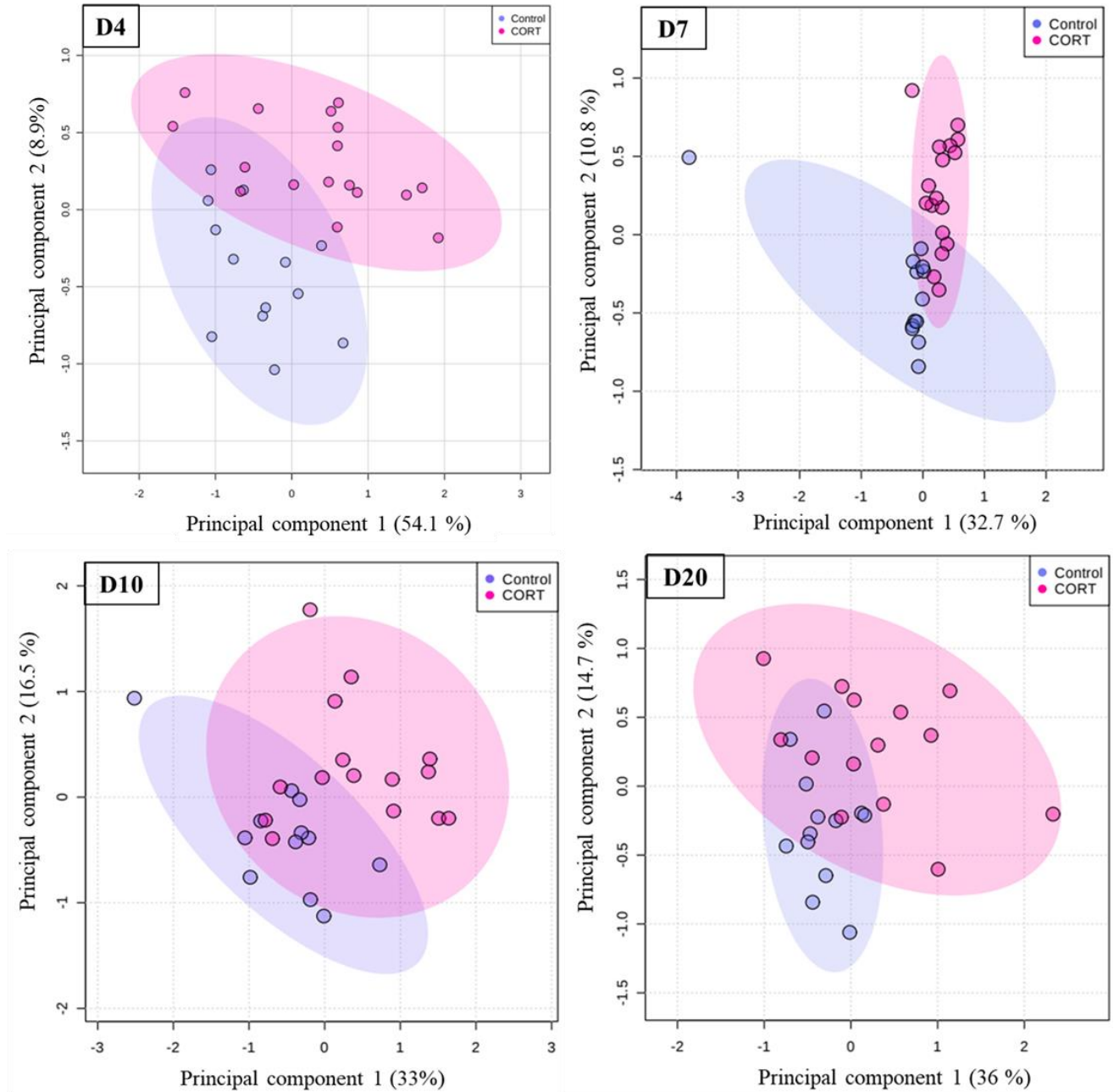


Figure S1. Partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) scores plots for D4, D7, D10 and D20 for component 1 for serum of lesser scaup (*Aythya affinis*) that received either a CORT pellet (CORT) or a placebo (control). Numbers in parenthesis in axes of the PLS-DA score plot indicate the percentage of the variance explained by a corresponding component. For D4, D7, D10 and D20, PLS-DA models were not significant (10-fold CV values < 0.6 and permutation test $p > 0.05$).