

Supplementary materials

Supplementary Table 1. Chemical composition of experimental diets: CTRL (basal diet) and MIX (basal diet supplemented with 0.75% of Quebracho and Chestnut tannin extracts, 0.25% of leonardite, 0.20% of tributyrin).

Analyte	CTRL	MIX
DM	90.89	91.01
CP	18.82	18.43
EE	4.38	4.58
CF	3.96	3.58
Ashes	5.05	4.93

DM: dry matter; CP: crude protein; EE: ether extract; CF: crude fiber.

All values are expressed as percentage as fed basis (%).

CTRL: control group; MIX: treatment group.

Supplementary Table 2. Zootechnical performance of the experimental trial (from day 0 to 28) divided by control (CTRL) and treatment (MIX) group.

	CTRL	MIX	SEM \pm	Trt	P-values
BW, kg				0.8789	Time < 0.0001 Trt x Time 0.4992
d 0	7.46	7.50	0.20		
d 7	8.34	8.27	0.20		
d 14	10.05	9.97	0.20		
d 21	12.30	12.43	0.20		
d 28	14.10	14.28	0.20		
ADFI, kg/d				0.1966	< 0.0001 0.2433
d 0-7	0.268	0.202	0.03		
d 7-14	0.490	0.526	0.03		
d 14-21	0.566	0.519	0.03		
d 21-28	0.656	0.575	0.03		
ADG, kg/d				0.4787	< 0.0001 0.3804
d 0-7	0.096	0.088	0.01		
d 7-14	0.244	0.243	0.01		
d 14-21	0.320	0.353	0.01		
d 21-28	0.363	0.368	0.01		
FCR, kg/kg				0.6895	0.0003 0.7659
d 0-7	2.76	2.80	0.25		
d 7-14	2.00	2.19	0.25		
d 14-21	1.77	1.51	0.25		
d 21-28	1.84	1.59	0.25		

Data are expressed as least square means (LSMEANS) and standard error of the means (SEM).

BW: body weight; ADG: average daily gain; ADFI: average daily feed intake; FRC: feed conversion rate; CTRL: control group; MIX: treatment group supplemented with 0.75% tannin extract, 0.25% leonardite and 0.20% tributyrin in the diet.

Supplementary Table 3. Mean values of faecal VFA proportion of tannin extracts, leonardite and tributyrin supplementation (MIX) and control (CTRL) groups.

	Acetate mmol % \pm SD	Propionate mmol % \pm SD	Isobutyrate mmol % \pm SD	Butyrate mmol % \pm SD	Isovalerate mmol % \pm SD	Valerate mmol % \pm SD
CTRL	56.38 \pm 5.02	21.69 \pm 1.55	2.08 \pm 0.75	13.13 \pm 2.65	3.23 \pm 1.33	2.85 \pm 0.93
MIX	59.07 \pm 3.71	21.38 \pm 1.26	1.92 \pm 0.56	11.43 \pm 3.05	2.90 \pm 0.94	2.76 \pm 0.76
p-value	0.1487	0.5962	0.5598	0.1591	0.4901	0.5892

CTRL: control group; MIX: treatment group supplemented with 0.75% tannin extract, 0.25% leonardite and 0.20% tributyrin in the diet; VFA: volatile fatty acids.