

## Effects of microalgae as dietary supplement on palatability, digestibility, fecal metabolites and microbiota in healthy dogs

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**Table S1.** Proximate composition (g kg<sup>-1</sup> dry matter, DM), gross energy (MJ kg<sup>-1</sup> DM), amino acids, macro- and trace elements, and fatty acids content (g kg<sup>-1</sup> DM) of the microalgae species.

	Microalgae		
	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	<i>Nannochloropsis oceanica</i>	<i>Tetradesmus obliquus</i>
<b>Proximate composition</b>			
<b>DM, g/kg</b>	978	988	982
<b>Ash</b>	98.9	340	110
<b>Crude protein</b>	439	246	411
<b>Total lipids</b>	97.9	140	83.8
<b>Neutral detergent fiber</b>	164	153	228
<b>Acid detergent fiber</b>	97.8	43.4	119
<b>Starch</b>	44.1	0.693	10.7
<b>Gross energy</b>	20.3	16.6	21.5
<b>Essential amino acids</b>			
<b>Arginine</b>	46.6	22.1	27.2
<b>Histidine</b>	9.51	5.19	4.61
<b>Lysine</b>	53.2	21.9	25.3
<b>Threonine</b>	28.0	14.5	21.7
<b>Isoleucine</b>	21.8	11.3	15.7
<b>Leucine</b>	39.7	20.7	28.4
<b>Valine</b>	29.1	14.8	20.2
<b>Methionine</b>	10.9	5.34	7.67
<b>Methionine + cystine</b>	12.8	6.24	9.16
<b>Phenylalanine</b>	29.9	14.3	21.3

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<b>Phenylalanine + tyrosine</b>	57.4	27.2	38.9
<b>Non-essential amino acids</b>			
<b>Cystine</b>	1.94	0.90	1.49
<b>Tyrosine</b>	27.6	12.8	17.6
<b>Aspartic acid + Asparagine</b>	34.9	21.2	31.2
<b>Glutamic acid + Glutamine</b>	52.3	31.3	41.8
<b>Alanine</b>	35.6	17.7	28.6
<b>Glycine</b>	39.2	18.9	27.0
<b>Proline</b>	25.5	15.6	19.1
<b>Serine</b>	24.8	13.3	18.9
<b>Macro elements</b>			
<b>Na</b>	0.500	37.8	1.80
<b>K</b>	8.50	19.1	12.8
<b>Mg</b>	0.560	3.91	0.540
<b>Ca</b>	4.64	4.36	4.36
<b>P</b>	25.7	18.2	18.2
<b>Ca:P ratio</b>	0.181	0.239	0.239
<b>Trace elements (mg kg<sup>-1</sup> DM)</b>			
<b>Fe</b>	644	300	2986
<b>Mn</b>	163	35.2	108
<b>Cu</b>	25.4	13.6	7.22
<b>Zn</b>	357	52.5	113
<b>Se</b>	0.170	1.36	0.310
<b>Fatty acids</b>			
<b>C8:0</b>	0.015	0.074	0.006
<b>C10:0</b>	0.073	0.123	0.089
<b>C12:0</b>	0.127	0.340	0.065
<b>C14:0</b>	1.21	4.79	1.51
<b>C14:1 n-5</b>	0.010	0.057	0.019

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<b>iso-C15:0</b>	0.671	0.388	0.254
<b>anteiso-C15:0</b>	0.163	0.059	0.069
<b>C15:0</b>	0.114	0.281	0.221
<b>iso-C16:0</b>	0.128	0.045	0.045
<b>C16:0</b>	11.8	18.8	11.7
<b>C16:1 n-7</b>	1.21	21.5	1.12
<b>C16:1 n-9</b>	2.03	1.02	2.53
<b>C16:2 n-4</b>	0.088	0.149	0.057
<b>C16:3 n-4</b>	0.022	0.174	0.030
<b>C16:4 n-1</b>	0.176	0.060	0.050
<b>iso-C17:0</b>	2.80	0.716	2.57
<b>C17:0</b>	0.330	0.181	0.308
<b>C17:1 n-8</b>	0.096	0.115	1.47
<b>C18:0</b>	1.77	0.343	0.435
<b>C18:1 n-7</b>	1.36	0.518	1.45
<b>C18:1 n-9</b>	2.13	3.82	3.59
<b>C18:2 n-6</b>	10.4	2.77	3.69
<b>C18:2 tn-6</b>	0.083	0.038	0.157
<b>C18:3 n-3</b>	18.4	0.227	18.6
<b>C18:3 n-6</b>	0.045	0.263	0.256
<b>C18:4 n-3</b>	0.057	0.077	2.01
<b>C20:0</b>	0.016	0.031	0.040
<b>C20:1 n-7</b>	0.012	0.005	0.015
<b>C20:1 n-9</b>	0.035	0.043	0.068
<b>C20:1 n-11</b>	0.013	0.018	0.041
<b>C20:2 n-6</b>	0.055	0.058	0.016
<b>C20:3 n-3</b>	0.016	0.091	0.325
<b>C20:4 n-3</b>	0.020	0.045	BDL

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	Microalgae		
	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	<i>Nannochloropsis oceanica</i>	<i>Tetradesmus obliquus</i>
<b>C20:4 n-6</b>	0.020	0.045	BDL
<b>C20:5 n-3 (EPA)</b>	0.106	17.8	0.169
<b>C21:5 n-3</b>	0.079	0.193	0.059
<b>C22:0</b>	0.096	0.078	0.227
<b>C22:1 n-11</b>	0.045	0.026	0.044
<b>C22:2 n-6</b>	0.010	0.017	0.014
<b>C22:4 n-6</b>	BDL	BDL	BDL
<b>C22:5 n-3</b>	BDL	0.023	BDL
<b>C22:6 n-3 (DHA)</b>	BDL	BDL	0.195
<b>C24:0</b>	0.199	0.050	0.235
<b>C24:1 n-9</b>	0.020	BDL	0.262
<b>Sums and ratio</b>			
<b>SFA</b>	16.7	25.9	16.5
<b>MUFA</b>	7.01	27.1	9.19
<b>PUFA</b>	32.8	27.5	28.9
<b>PUFA n-3</b>	18.7	18.5	21.3
<b>PUFA n-6</b>	10.8	8.01	4.24
<b>n-6/n-3 ratio</b>	0.579	0.434	0.199

BDL: below the detection limit; SFA: sum of saturated fatty acids; MUFA: sum of monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFA: sum of polyunsaturated fatty acids; n-6/n-3 ratio: ratio of PUFA n-6 to PUFA n-3.



**Table S2 (cont.).** Content of non-essential amino acids and fatty acids content (g kg<sup>-1</sup> dry matter) of the reference and experimental diets with inclusion of microalgae in substitution of the reference diet.

	Diet										
	Reference	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>			<i>Nannochloropsis oceanica</i>			<i>Tetradesmus obliquus</i>			
		0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	
<b>C15:0</b>	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.128	0.128	0.129	0.127	0.128	0.128	
<i>iso</i> - <b>C16:0</b>	0.027	0.027	0.028	0.029	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	
<b>C16:1 n-9</b>	0.288	0.297	0.305	0.314	0.292	0.295	0.299	0.299	0.310	0.322	
<b>C16:2 n-4</b>	BDL	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.001	
<b>C16:3 n-4</b>	BDL	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	
<b>C16:4 n-1</b>	0.026	0.027	0.028	0.028	0.026	0.027	0.027	0.026	0.026	0.027	
<i>iso</i> - <b>C17:0</b>	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.092	0.091	0.091	0.090	0.093	0.094	0.096	
<b>C17:0</b>	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.313	0.312	0.312	0.314	0.314	0.314	
<b>C17:1 n-8</b>	BDL	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.007	0.015	0.022	
<b>C18:1 n-7</b>	2.02	2.01	2.01	2.01	2.01	2.00	1.99	2.01	2.01	2.01	
<b>C18:2 tn-6</b>	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.069	0.070	0.071	0.071	
<b>C18:3 n-6</b>	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.071	0.072	0.073	0.071	0.072	0.073	
<b>C18:4 n-3</b>	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.033	0.043	0.052	
<b>C20:0</b>	0.210	0.209	0.208	0.207	0.209	0.208	0.208	0.209	0.209	0.208	
<b>C20:1 n-7</b>	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	
<b>C20:1 n-9</b>	0.449	0.447	0.445	0.443	0.447	0.445	0.443	0.447	0.445	0.443	
<b>C20:1 n-11</b>	0.160	0.159	0.158	0.157	0.159	0.158	0.157	0.159	0.158	0.158	
<b>C20:2 n-6</b>	0.222	0.221	0.220	0.220	0.221	0.220	0.220	0.221	0.220	0.219	

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	Reference	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>			<i>Nannochloropsis oceanica</i>			<i>Tetradesmus obliquus</i>			
		0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	
<b>C20:3 n-3</b>	0.028	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.029	0.030	0.032	
<b>C20:4 n-3</b>	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.023	0.023	0.023	
<b>C21:5 n-3</b>	0.023	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.025	0.026	0.024	0.024	0.024	
<b>C22:0</b>	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.115	0.115	0.116	
<b>C22:1 n-11</b>	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.098	0.099	0.099	0.099	
<b>C22:2 n-6</b>	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.007	0.006	0.006	0.006	
<b>C22:4 n-6</b>	0.098	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.097	0.096	
<b>C22:5 n-3</b>	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.053	
<b>C24:0</b>	0.122	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.122	0.122	0.121	0.123	0.123	0.124	
<b>C24:1 n-9</b>	0.064	0.064	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.065	0.066	0.067	
<b>Sums and ratio</b>											
<b>SFA</b>	30.1	30.1	30.0	29.9	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.1	30.0	29.9	
<b>MUFA</b>	35.0	34.8	34.7	34.6	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.7	34.6	
<b>PUFA</b>	24.8	24.8	24.9	24.9	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	
<b>PUFA n-3</b>	1.38	1.47	1.55	1.64	1.46	1.55	1.64	1.48	1.58	1.68	
<b>PUFA n-6</b>	23.0	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.9	22.9	22.8	22.9	22.8	22.7	
<b>n-6/n-3 ratio</b>	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	

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**Figure S1.** Taxonomy barplots of reference diet and diets with the inclusion of *Chlorella vulgaris*, *Nannochloropsis oceanica*, and *Tetradesmus obliquus* at genus level or last available rank (if genus level was not assigned) by dogs.



