

Table 1. Sheep milk, cow milk, modified-AIN-93M diet, and Low Ca/P modified-AIN-93M diet mineral compositions as determined by ICP-MS %

Diet component	Basal		Milk	
	Modified-AIN-93M [$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$]	Low Ca/P modified-AIN-93M [$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$]	Sheep [$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$]	Cow [$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$]
Al *	8.32	9.68	1.72	N/A
Ba	N/A	N/A	741	167
Ca #	4.5	2.17	1.70	1.25
Ce	14.7	12.2	N/A	N/A
Co	113	97.0	164	2.05
Cr *	1.38	1.25	N/A	N/A
Cs	14.0	14.2	25.5	1.13
Cu *	5.60	4.72	0.34	0.04
Er	1.24	1.22	N/A	N/A
Fe *	44.7	41.8	1.40	0.26
K #	6.78	6.75	1.11	1.54
La	10.4	9.26	N/A	N/A
Li	105	103	8.88	N/A
Mg *	557	564	151	108
Mn *	9.87	8.88	0.13	0.02
Mo	137	107	N/A	N/A
Na #	4.65	4.54	0.90	0.005
Nd	8.13	7.44	N/A	N/A
Ni	527	494	3.63	N/A
P #	2.12	1.72	1.42	1.06
Pb	N/A	N/A	20.5	N/A
Rb *	2.72	2.71	1.80	1.92
Sr *	1.58	1.27	1.52	0.53
U	9.07	6.15	N/A	N/A
V	445	421	N/A	N/A
Y	19.3	18.3	N/A	N/A
Zn *	39.0	36.7	5.26	4.28

* [mg/kg]. # [g/kg]. ^Indicates mineral present bellow detection limit (See Table S3). % Results are reported as mean \pm standard deviation from three independent replicates.

Table 2. μ -CT instrument operational parameters.

Micro-CT setting	Unit	Value
Source Voltage	kV	40
Current	μ A	250
Aluminum filter size	mm	0.5
Image pixel size	μ m	17.45
Frame averaging	N/A *	3
Random movement adjustment	N/A	4
Rotation step	degree	0.2

* N/A = Not applicable.

Table 3. Detection limits for bone ICP-MS analysis.

Element	Detection limit [mg/kg]	Element	Detection limit [mg/kg]
Na	<40	Ag	<0.05
Mg	<44	Cd	<0.1
Al	<10	Sb	<0.04
P	<100	Cs	<0.02
K	<120	Ba	<0.04
Ca	<200	La	<0.01
V	<0.3	Ce	<0.02
Cr	<0.3	Pr	<0.01
Mn	<0.1	Nd	<0.02
Fe	<2	Sm	<0.04
Co	<0.04	Eu	<0.01
Ni	<0.1	Gd	<0.03
Cu	<0.2	Dy	<0.02
Zn	<20	Ho	<0.005
As	<0.1	Er	<0.01
Se	<0.2	Tm	<0.01
Rb	<0.04	Yb	<0.01
Sr	<0.04	Lu	<0.01
Y	<0.02	Pb	<0.1
Mo	<0.04	U	<0.02

Table 4. Parameters determined in cortical and trabecular bone using μ -CT analysis (Reproduced from Burrow, et al. [7]).

Characteristic	Abbreviation	Bone Type	Unit	Description	Desirability in relation to bone health
Bone volume	BV	Cortical	mm ³	Volume of the region identified as bone within the area assessed	
Bone surface	BS		mm ²	Surface area of the region identified as bone within area assessed	
Bone surface to volume ratio	BS/BV		mm ² /mm ³	Ratio between the surface of the area identified as bone and the total volume of that area	↑ Desirable
Bone surface density	BSD		mm ² /mm ³	Ratio between the region identified as bone to the total volume of the region assessed	
Number of pores	PN		number	Total number of all closed pores within the area assessed	
Volume of pores	PV		mm ³	Total volume of all open and closed pores within the area assessed	↑ Undesirable
Percentage porosity	P %		%	The volume of all closed pores as a percent of the total volume assessed	
Bone volume	BV/TV	Trabecular	%	Volume of the region identified as bone within the area assessed	
Bone surface density	BS/TV		mm ² /mm ³	Ratio between the region identified as bone to the total volume of the region assessed	↑ Desirable
Bone surface to volume ratio	BS/BV		mm ² /mm ³	Ratio between the surface of the area identified as bone and the total volume of that area	
Trabecular pattern factor (fragmentation index)	Tb.Pf		N/A*	An inverse measure of connectivity within the trabecular bone	↑ Undesirable
Trabecular thickness	Tb.Th		mm	Mean thickness of trabeculae	
Trabecular separation	Tb.Ts		mm	Mean distance between trabeculae	↑ Desirable
Trabecular number	Tb.N		1/mm	The average number of trabeculae in a given length of bone	
Degree of anisotropy	DA		N/A*	A measure of 3D symmetry from 1 to infinity with 1 meaning full isotropic (homogenous) characteristic and infinity full anisotropic characteristics	↑ Undesirable
Fractional Dimension	FD		N/A*	Indicator of surface complexity	↑ Desirable

* Unit-less measurement.