

# Heat Stress Alters Amino Acid Metabolism in Dairy Cows: Plasma and Milk Metabolomics

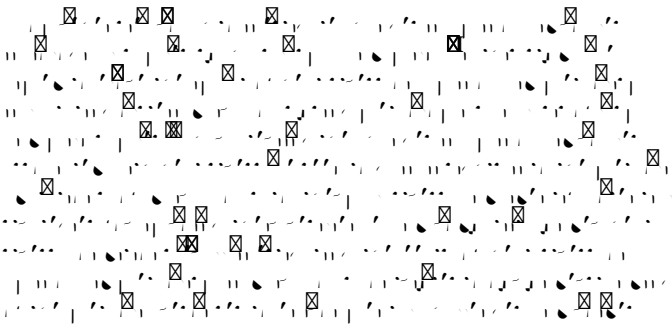
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## Abstract

Heat stress (HS) in dairy cows leads to metabolic disturbances, particularly in amino acid (AA) metabolism. This study investigated the effects of HS on plasma and milk metabolomics. Dairy cows were divided into control (CON) and HS groups. Plasma and milk samples were analyzed using metabolomics. HS significantly altered the levels of several AA in both plasma and milk, including leucine, isoleucine, and valine. These changes suggest a shift in AA metabolism, likely due to increased energy requirements and reduced feed intake under HS conditions. The findings highlight the impact of HS on the metabolic state of dairy cows and the potential for metabolomics to identify biomarkers of heat stress.

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