Effect of protected sodium butyrate and nutrient concentration on early phase of broilers

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1. INTRODUCTION

The benefits of the use of protected sodium butyrate on animal health and performance has been widely described in the literature. Sodium butyrate has shown to improved the digestibility of energy (5.8%) and protein (4.7%) in broilers (Mallo et al., 2011)

In this context, a study was conducted to compare the effect of GUSTOR N’RGY (sodium butyrate protected with sodium salts of palm fatty acids distillates) with diets of three different nutrient concentration on broilers growth performance

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Animals: 252 Cobb 1-day-old males broiler chickens. The study lasted 21 d
Basal diet: wheat, barley and soybean meal
There were 6 replicates/treatment in a 3 x 2 factorial design:

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<td>3,000 Kcal AMEn/Kg; 11.6 g/kg dig Lys</td>
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3. RESULTS

- There were no differences with the interaction of nutrient concentration*additive. In general, animals fed diets with the inclusion of Gustor N’RGY had higher body weight (4.6%) and better FCR (3.2%) than CONTROL

4. CONCLUSIONS

It can be concluded that the reduction of energy and amino acids reduce animal performance on its second step, and that the use of GUSTOR N’RGY is able to improve the results of performance in the early phase of chickens