## **Supplementary Information**

**Supplementary Table 1.** Percent nutrient changes during two step fermentation of wheat bran (WB) and rice bran (RB) with rumen liquor for 3 h and 6 h. Values were calculated from the original data

Parameters		From stage 2-3 (1 <sup>st</sup> fermentation step)		From stage 4-5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> fermentation step)		From stage 1-3 (Fresh bran to 1 <sup>st</sup> fermentation step)		From stage 1-5 (Fresh bran to 2 <sup>nd</sup> fermentation step)											
												3 h	6 h	3 h	6 h	3 h	6 h	3 h	6 h
											WB	5.3±0.09	7.1±0.23	4.8±0.12	11.1±0.29	2.8±0.06	$2.8 \pm 0.10$	4.4±0.08	7.5±0.08
CF		$(\downarrow)$	(\dagger)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)										
(%)	RB	3.8±0.14	2.0±0.22	5.9±0.33	9.2±0.52	5.9±0.15	1.3±0.18	0.5±0.26	4.1±0.23										
		(†)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(†)	$(\downarrow)$	(†)	(\psi)										
	WB	6.8±0.12	6.7±0.27	3.2±0.28	7.5±0.19	6.8±0.08	0.6±0.15	0.5±0.38	13.4±0.60										
ADF		$(\downarrow)$	$(\downarrow)$	(\psi)	(\psi)	$(\downarrow)$	$(\downarrow)$	(†)	(†)										
(%)	RB	2.2±0.36	6.7±0.42	8.4±0.32	8.7±0.39	3.2±0.43	8.8±0.33	8.9±0.70	6.9±0.29										
		(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\dagger)	(\dagger)	(\psi)										
	WB	10.7±0.55	17.0±0.78	9.1 ±0.72	17.4±1.13	8.8 ±0.34	15.0±0.70	13.4±0.33	$23.1 \pm 0.97$										
NDF		(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	$(\downarrow)$	(\dagger)	(\psi)										
(%)	RB	2.3±0.30	7.5±0.69	9.3±0.46	10.0±0.68	3.8±0.73	4.6±0.58	7.1±0.91	11.8±0.78										
		$(\downarrow)$	(\psi)	(\psi)	(\psi)	$(\downarrow)$	$(\downarrow)$	$(\downarrow)$	(1)										

Stage 1: Fresh bran Stage 2: bran before  $1^{st}$  fermentation step after addition of rumen liquor and buffer Stage 3: bran after  $1^{st}$  fermentation step ( $1^{st}$  fermented dried bran) Stage 4: bran before  $2^{nd}$  fermentation step after addition of rumen liquor and buffer with  $1^{st}$  fermented dried bran Stage 5: bran after  $2^{nd}$  fermentation step ( $2^{nd}$  fermented dried WB). The values are Mean of % change  $\pm$  Standard error of mean; n = 6;  $\uparrow =$  increased,  $\downarrow =$  decreased.