APPENDIX

Table 1. Total prolactin immunoreactive images (PII) counted, Mean prolactin immunoreactive image surface area(MPIIA), Mean prolactin immunoreactive image surface area after transformation (MPIIAT), Standard Deviation (SD) and Proportion of total area stained (PTAS) for the non-lactating (NL) and lactating (L) groups

Animal/Group	Total PII	MPIIA (µm²)	MPIIAT	S D	PTAS
NL 1	183	161,1424	3,0500	0,3513	0,01966
NL2	108	142,7271	2,9896	0,3469	0,01028
NL3	127	167,7681	3,0370	0,3814	0,01420
NL4	134	159,4177	3,0264	0,3667	0,01424
NL5	165	158,7227	3,0308	0,3565	0,01746
NL6	117	206,1310	3,1286	0,3905	0,01608
NL7	82	132,6842	2,9716	0,3317	0,00725
NL8	56	162,7280	3,0584	0,3536	0,00608
NL9	54	252,5954	3,2038	0,4230	0,00909
NL10	64	213,0313	3,1474	0,4048	0,00909
Non-Lactating	**1090**	**175,6948**	**3,0467**	**0,3680**	**0,01277**
L1	265	158,5346	3,0304	0,3639	0,02801
L2	138	182,9749	3,0930	0,3743	0,01683
L3	44	160,4264	3,0567	0,3440	0,00471
L4	155	144,4156	3,0042	0,3367	0,01492
L5	80	146,9649	3,0211	0,3396	0,00784
L6	118	204,8796	3,1398	0,3760	0,01588
L7	73	169,1121	3,0486	0,3783	0,00823
L8	106	204,8505	3,1377	0,3856	0,01448
L9	113	211,7866	3,1649	0,3728	0,01595
L10	110	185,8706	3,1024	0,3716	0,01363
Lactating	**1202**	**176,9816**	**3,0751**	**0,3680**	**0,01418**

Table 2. Total somatotropin immunoreactive images (SMTII) counted, Mean somatotropin immunoreactive image surface area (MSMTIA), Standard Deviation (SD) and Proportion of total area stained (PTAS) for the juvenile male (J) and adult male (A) groups

Animal/Group	Total SMTII	MSMTIA (µm²)	S D	PTAS
J1	320	764,3250	1077,0379	0,1631
J2	380	632,0500	883,3562	0,1601
J3	317	487,9590	478,4198	0,1031
J4	331	849,1964	1138,8335	0,1874
J5	328	793,5427	955,3352	0,1735
J6	379	1121,9868	1526,7062	0,2835
J7	263	1048,4563	1318,5661	0,1838
J8	397	965,2317	1353,0254	0,2555
J9	212	1132,1274	1555,8380	0,1600
Juvenile	**2927**	**855,8241**	**1192,4024**	**0,1856**
A1	214	554,7804	583,9511	0,0791
A2	236	466,2415	335,5042	0,0734
A3	255	472,8824	412,3376	0,0804
A4	194	488,7062	687,4381	0,0632
A5	257	642,8405	593,2428	0,1101
A6	244	674,8770	947,9141	0,1098
A7	227	630,5595	666,4675	0,0954
Adult	**1627**	**563,7167**	**633,9105**	**0,0874**

Table 3. Total ACTH immunoreactive images(TACTHII) counted, Mean ACTH immunoreactive image surface area(MACTHIA), Mean ACTH immunoreactive image surface area after transformation (MACTHIAT), Standard Deviation (SD) and Proportion of total area stained (PTAS)

Animal/Group	TACTHII	MACTHIA (µm²)	MACTHIAT	S D	PTAS
NL1	305	146,9474	2,1406	0,1496	0,02988
NL2	223	148,1042	2,1439	0,1505	0,02202
NL3	256	146,3174	2,1395	0,1474	0,02497
NL4	237	133,9093	2,1028	0,1411	0,02116
NL5	223	142,4180	2,1255	0,1524	0,02117
NL6	243	152,0364	2,1532	0,1571	0,02463
NL7	154	144,9896	2,1314	0,1596	0,01489
NL8	240	145,7887	2,1353	0,1550	0,02333
NL9	247	135,1972	2,1086	0,1364	0,02226
NL10	376	147,5416	2,1393	0,1582	0,03698
Non-lactating	**2504**	**144,5411**	**2,1327**	**0,1514**	**0,02413**
L1	250	143,5588	2,1321	0,1458	0,02393
L2	297	143,1917	2,1281	0,1525	0,02835
L3	231	137,2140	2,1094	0,1517	0,02113
L4	385	151,0205	2,1516	0,1531	0,03876
L5	313	145,9223	2,1364	0,1527	0,03045
L6	354	156,2297	2,1670	0,1522	0,03687
L7	301	156,1572	2,1672	0,1511	0,03134
L8	397	142,1178	2,1260	0,1498	0,03761
L9	415	148,9726	2,1445	0,1565	0,04122
L10	309	141,5818	2,1257	0,1460	0,02917
Lactating	**3252**	**147,0579**	**2,1401**	**0,1522**	**0,03188**

Animal/Group	TACTHII	MACTHIA (µm²)	MACTHIAT	S D	PTAS
J1	219	160,0457	2,1773	0,1534	0,02337
J2	387	139,0992	2,1177	0,1463	0,03589
J3	396	146,3304	2,1390	0,1489	0,03863
J4	408	147,8847	2,1418	0,1544	0,04022
J5	356	140,2346	2,1195	0,1505	0,03328
J6	329	143,7588	2,1288	0,1554	0,03153
J7	319	161,7561	2,1794	0,1603	0,03440
J8	349	145,5935	2,1344	0,1555	0,03388
J9	350	137,1162	2,1086	0,1522	0,03199
Juvenile	**3113**	**146,0933**	**2,1363**	**0,1542**	**0,03369**
A1	201	132,0617	2,0959	0,1414	0,01770
A2	146	129,6295	2,0839	0,1509	0,01262
A3	266	139,6412	2,1153	0,1560	0,02476
A4	159	134,5107	2,1050	0,1418	0,01426
A5	230	154,0403	2,1566	0,1633	0,02362
A6	324	130,4483	2,0898	0,1441	0,02818
A7	333	151,3522	2,1516	0,1559	0,03360
Adult	**1659**	**139,9017**	**2,1172**	**0,1535**	**0,02210**

Animal/Group	TACTHII	MACTHIA (μm^2)	MACTHIAT	S D	PTAS
E1/1	336	156,0525	2,1627	0,1623	0,03496
E1/2	373	157,4315	2,1713	0,1495	0,03915
E1/3	144	149,0677	2,1440	0,1572	0,01431
E1/4	70	137,1347	2,1100	0,1514	0,00640
E1/5	185	146,1126	2,1355	0,1572	0,01802
E1/6	290	134,6537	2,1030	0,1467	0,02603
E1/7	277	141,9683	2,1258	0,1473	0,02622
Enclosure (D 1)	**1675**	**147,8367**	**2,1414**	**0,1547**	**0,02358**
E2/1	324	138,0198	2,1120	0,1514	0,02981
E2/2	264	141,0728	2,1233	0,1478	0,02483
E2/3	253	137,1311	2,1066	0,1587	0,02313
E2/4	268	138,5315	2,1159	0,1461	0,02475
E2/5	337	149,8059	2,1442	0,1626	0,03366
E2/6	386	145,2232	2,1332	0,1562	0,03737
E2/7	188	131,6023	2,0926	0,1464	0,01649
E2/8	291	142,5605	2,1250	0,1562	0,02766
Enclosure (D 7)	**2311**	**141,3022**	**2,1215**	**0,1544**	**0,02721**
E3/1	333	150,0471	2,1440	0,1644	0,03331
E3/2	223	134,5490	2,1004	0,1519	0,02000
E3/3	248	128,7412	2,0883	0,1339	0,02129
E3/4	214	132,3134	2,0971	0,1416	0,01888
E3/5	312	132,2790	2,0951	0,1457	0,02751
E3/6	213	128,2147	2,0840	0,1399	0,01821
E3/7	233	148,8463	2,1455	0,1523	0,02312
E3/8	567	153,4129	2,1566	0,1578	0,05799
Enclosure (D 21)	**2343**	**141,0414**	**2,1209**	**0,1533**	**0,02754**

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