

Table 2. Supplemental period, calving difficulty, sex of calves, body weight of calves at birth, colostrum IgG concentration, and colostrum intake of female calves in RPL and CON group[†].

	RPL dams (n = 22)		CON dams (n = 18)		<i>p</i> value
Supplemental period (days)	17.9	± 0.7	21.4	± 1.2	0.003
Calving difficulty [‡]	1.7	± 0.2	1.9	± 0.4	0.683
Sex of calves (male/female)	15 / 7		7 / 11		0.125
Body weight at the birth of calves (kg)	45.9	± 0.7	45.8	± 0.6	0.881
Colostrum IgG concentration of dams (mg/mL)	120.7	± 7.1	108.7	± 12.3	0.219
First colostrum intake of female calves					
Colostrum intake (L)	2.0	± 0.0	2.0	± 0.3	1.000
IgG concentrations (mg/mL)	115.7	± 4.6	110.2	± 2.2	0.356
IgG intake (g)	231.4	± 9.2	226.2	± 46.6	0.256

[†] Values are presented as the mean ± standard error of the mean.

[‡] 1, unassisted birth (natural, without human assistance); 2, easy calving with human assistance; 3, difficult calving with a few humans; 4, dystocia (requiring much more force than normal); and 5, surgical treatment or death of cow.