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## Abstract

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8 Feed has a great influence on the composition of swine manure, which is the principal cause of odor.  
9 Therefore, the purpose of this study is to simply change the shape of pig feed and control calories to  
10 find a suitable feed form for reducing the smell of swine manure. The experiment was conducted on 15  
11 pigs from July to August 2021, and a total of three measurements were done. Three types of feed were  
12 evaluated in this study. The analysis items related to odor of swine manure are complex odor, ammonia,  
13 sulfur-based odors, and VOCs. In the case of complex odor, dilution multiples tended to decrease over  
14 time, except for type A feed. The concentration of ammonia in all types of feed decreased over time.  
15 Most sulfur-based odorous substances except hydrogen sulfide at the first measurement were not  
16 detected. Representative, Decane, 2,6-Dimethylnonane, and 1-Methyl-3-propylcyclohexane were  
17 detected in VOCs generated from swine manure. The major odorous substances in swine manure have  
18 changed from ammonia and sulfur compounds to VOCs. In order to reduce the odor caused by swine  
19 manure, it is advantageous to use low-calorie feed consisting of pellet-type.

20 **Keywords:** Odor; Feed; Swine; Manure; Farm

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## Introduction

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24     The odor emitted from swine farms is a serious problem for nearby residents and hinders the  
25 development of the swine industry [1]. Odor can also have a significant im-pact on human health and  
26 quality of life [2]. The operational conditions such as com-posting facility aeration process, sealing  
27 level, emission source identification, gas emission treatment and collection are considered as the form  
28 of basic swine odor management [3]. In addition, pertinent management of livestock manure  
29 composting can help minimizing the effects of odors, although odors cannot be completely avoided [4].

30     It is also very important to understand the chemical composition of the odor and the concentration of  
31 the odorous substances. Ammonia and sulfuric compounds are the representative livestock odor  
32 substances found in previous studies [5], but the composition of odor-forming substances is not simple  
33 [5,6]. Analyzing individual substances that make up complex compounds can greatly contribute to  
34 finding causes of odor and ways to reduce odor [7].

35     Until now, studies conducted to reduce the odor released from swine farms have focused on  
36 remodeling swine farm facilities, application of odor reducing substances such as deodorants, and  
37 identification of odor causing substances [8]. Although various techniques have been tried to reduce  
38 odor emitted from swine houses, there is no pertinent odor control method suggested to meet efficiency,  
39 economics and safety. Biofiltration methods such as biofilter, bioscrubber and biotrickling filter are  
40 proven efficient to reduce odor emission in pig building by many researchers [9]. However, they can be  
41 difficult to operate and more expensive than other odor reduction strategies in terms of construction  
42 cost. The chemical methods using many different oxidizing agents like ozone are also effective in  
43 reducing malodors in pig building, but these have relatively short periods' effectiveness and can be  
44 potentially toxic to farmers and pigs if applied excessively [10]. However, these methods can be suitable  
45 as countermeasures after the occurrence of odors.

46     The swine manure is the principal cause of odor derived from swine farms [11]. In addition, main  
47 factor affecting the composition of swine manure was reported to be the feed [12]. Previous research  
48 has shown that amino acid supplementation in feed affects odor intensity, ammonia release and swine  
49 manure properties such as PH, ammonia, nitrogen, sulfur, phenolic compounds and VFA. Their results  
50 showed that supplementing crystal-line S-containing AA(amino acid) in surplus of the requirement  
51 increased odor emission ( $P < 0.001$ ) and odor intensity ( $P < 0.05$ ) and reduced odor hedonic tone ( $P <$   
52  $0.05$ ) from the air above the manure pits. To reduce odor from pig manure, dietary S-containing AA  
53 should be minimized to just meet the recommended requirements [13]. However, there are little  
54 information on the generation pattern of swine odor substance according to feed processing form and  
55 composition.

56 Therefore, the purpose of this study is to find a form of feed suitable for reducing odors by changing  
57 the processing mode and caloric value of feed that directly affects swine manure composition.

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## Method

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64 The experimental procedure was approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at  
 65 Seoul National University of Science & Technology (approval No. : 2021-0002). The experimental  
 66 period was between July and August in 2022. Three types of feed (A type: powder & general calorie  
 67 feed, B type: pellet & general calorie feed, C type: pellet & low calorie feed) were evaluated in this  
 68 study. Table 1 shows the general ingredient information for feed.

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**Table 1.** General ingredient information on feed.

Item	Type A	Type B	Type C
Dry matter, %	87.82	87.64	87.37
Gross energy(GE), kcal/kg	3,907	3,844	3,820
Crude protein(CP), %	12.51	12.73	13.71
Ether extract(EE), %	5.20	4.26	4.29
Crude ash(Ash), %	3.72	3.86	3.82
Neutral detergent fiber(NDF), %	13.66	14.46	11.75
Acid detergent fiber (ADF), %	2.89	3.57	3.31

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73 Experimental swine house (4.5m×12.0m×3.0m) selected in this study was located at the National  
 74 Institute of Animal Science, Korea. It had two pig housing rooms and 10 pens (L:6.0m X W:5.2m X  
 75 H:0.5m) in each room installed with open partitions and constructed from galvanized steel spindles  
 76 3.7cm apart, on either side of a 1.1m wide central alley. A 1.3m deep manure pit was under a partially  
 77 slatted and concrete floor with a pit surface area of 22.8 m<sup>2</sup>. Inside, the building was insulated with  
 78 0.8mm steel plate and 50mm styrofoam in the side walls and ceiling. The ventilation mode in the pig  
 79 building is a negative pressure system equipped in the wall. The 70cm-diameter wall exhaust fan in the  
 80 compartment removed the stale air. Fundamentally, an automatic controller adjusted the wall ventilation  
 81 rate based on the optimal room temperature (15-25°C) and relative humidity (40-70%) for growing pig  
 well. The layout of the experimental swine house is well described in figure 1.

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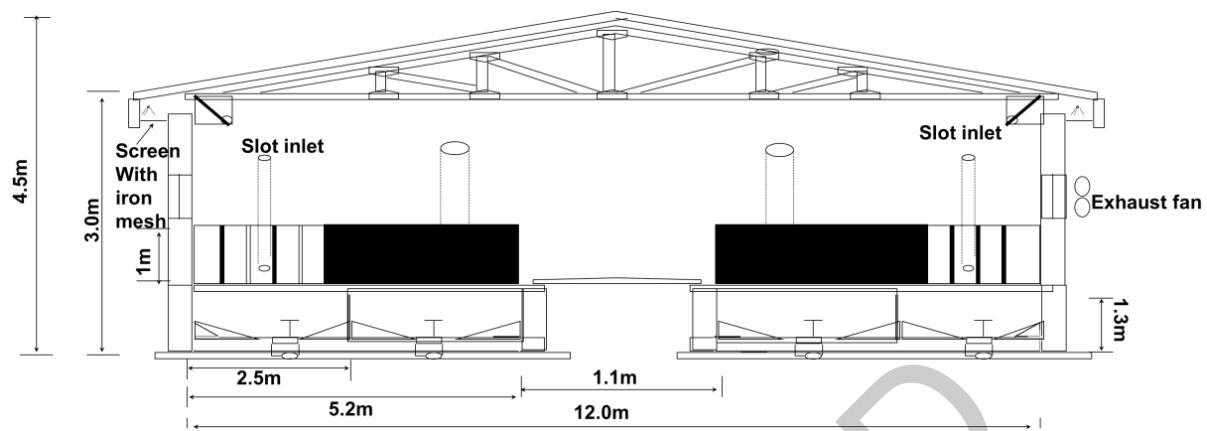
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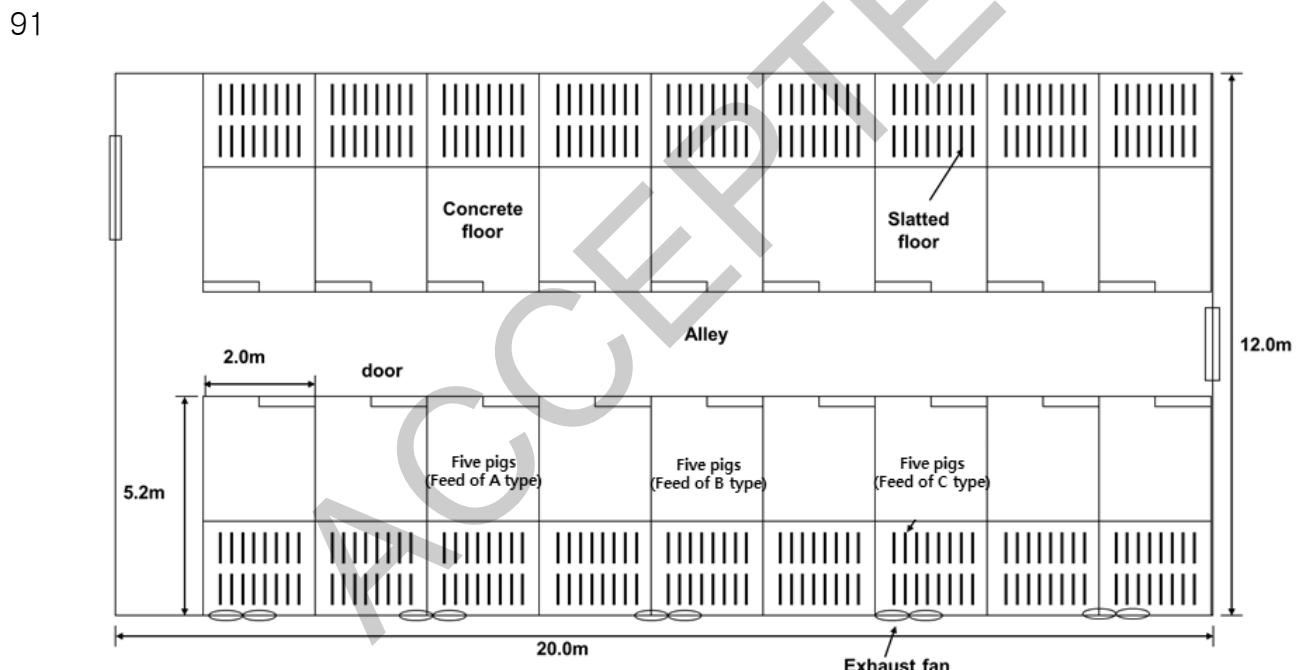
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Total fifteen crossbred (Landrace×Yorkshire×Duroc) growing pigs with the approximate average weight of 50kg were housed and five pigs were placed shown in Figure 1 to investigate the odor generation pattern according to three types of feed with different processing form. All the pigs were feeder-fed at 16% protein corn-soybean meal-based diet that satisfied the NRC(National Research

86 Council) nutrient requirements. The feeders were manually filled once every two days. Pigs were given  
87 ad libitum access to feed and water supplied by a nipple.  
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89 (a) View of vertical cross-section  
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91 (b) View of horizontal cross-section  
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94 **Figure 1. The layout of experimental swine house**  
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100 **Measurements**

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102 1kg of swine manure collected from pit of three treatment pens was placed in a glass bottle and  
103 maintained at 25°C through a thermostat and air was sampled thrice every two weeks after the initial  
104 concentration measurement to evaluate the odor generation pattern during experimental period. The  
105 odorous air samples were collected in a 3L capacity Tedlar bag using portable air sampler (FIBOX,  
106 Odortech, South Korea). Complex odors were analyzed by using human sense of smell according to the  
107 standard test protocol presented by the Korean Ministry of Environment. The concentration of ammonia  
108 and the sulfur-based substance (Hydrogen sulfide, Methyl mercaptan, Dimethyl sulfide, Dimethyl  
109 disulfide), which are the main substances of swine odor, were measured using a direct recording  
110 measuring device (BL-002, Baseline, Korea) connected to the Tedlar bag. The operation mode of the  
111 direct recording measuring device was continuous monitoring in seconds for 1 minute using the periodic  
112 measurement mode and the average of values measured for 1 minute was used as a representative value.

113 For qualitative analysis of swine manure odor substances, air samples were collected in a solid  
114 adsorption tube (Tenax TA tube, Carbograph1, U.S.) at a flow rate of 100ml/min for 20 minutes. After  
115 condensing and adsorbing the collected air sample to 2L each, TD (APK, KNR, Korea)-GC (7820A,  
116 Agilent, USA)-MS (5977E, Agilent, USA) was used for detecting individual volatile organic  
117 compounds. Table 2 shows the detailed analysis conditions of TD-GC-MS.

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119 **Table 2. Analysis conditions of TD-GC-MS**

TD-GC-MS		
Thermal desorption (APK720R)		
Valve oven temperature	150°C	
Transfer line temperature	180°C	
Concentration	1st Desorption temperature	300°C
	Focusing temperature	-20°C
	Focusing time	10 min
Desorption	Temperature	300°C
	Desorption time	3 min
GC-MS (Agilent7820A-5977E MSD)		
Inlet	Temperature	250°C
	Flow rate	1 ml/min
Oven temperature		35°C (20min)
		5°C/min to 50°C (10min)
		5°C/min to 100°C (10min)
		5°C/min to 130°C (10min)
		5°C/min to 185°C (0min) (total 80 min)
MS	Aux-1 Temperature	300°C
	MS source	230°C
	MS quad	150°C

120 **Results**

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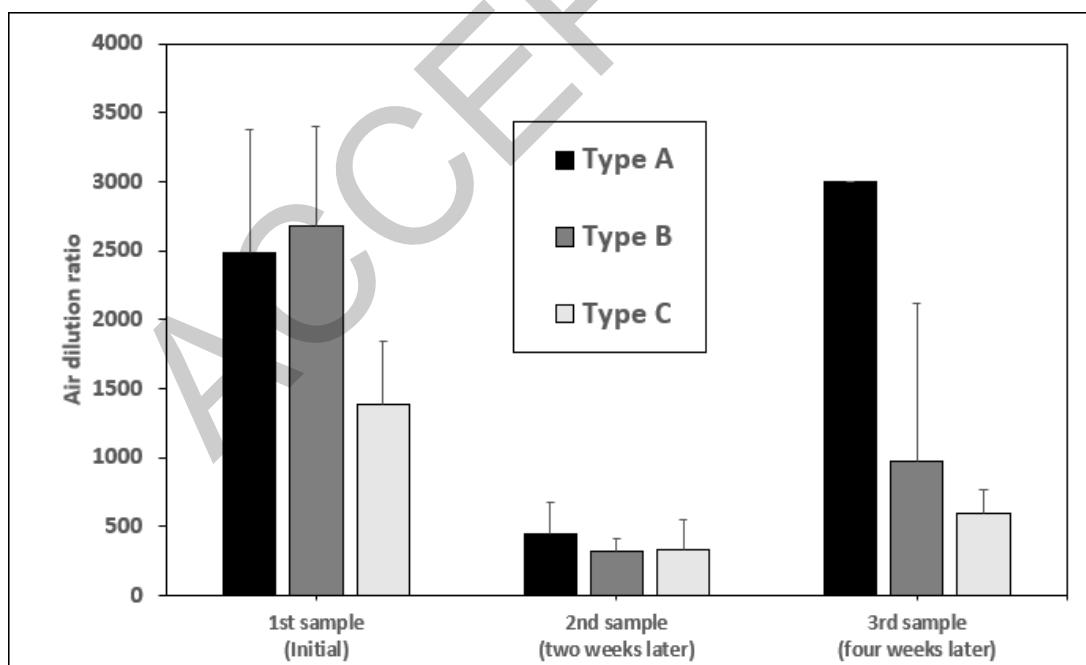
122 **Complex Odor**

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124 The results of sensory evaluation for complex odor are shown in Figure 2. In this data, a high air  
125 dilution ratio means a severe odor. In all types of feed, the highest air dilution ratio was found at the  
126 first sampling and it was very low at the second sampling. However, it tended to increase again at the  
127 third sampling.

128 In case of type A feed, the air dilution ratio was measured at an average of  $2,481(\pm 890)$  when first  
129 sampled, but at the last sampling, it was measured at  $3,000(\pm 0)$  higher than the first, indicating that the  
130 odor became worse. For type B feed, the air dilution ratio was determined to be the highest at  
131  $2,678(\pm 719)$  at the first sampling, but the odor decreased the most at the second sampling over time.  
132 And it was found that the odor increased when the last sample was collected four weeks later. For type  
133 C feed, the air dilution ratio was  $1,386(\pm 451)$  at the first sampling and  $486(\pm 217)$  at the second sampling,  
134 and the odor level decreased as time passed. However, the type C feed also showed an air dilution ratio  
135 of  $595(\pm 165)$  in the sampling after 4 weeks (third sampling), indicating that the odor level increased  
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139 **Figure 2. Temporal trend of the air dilution ratio(complex odor) by feed types**

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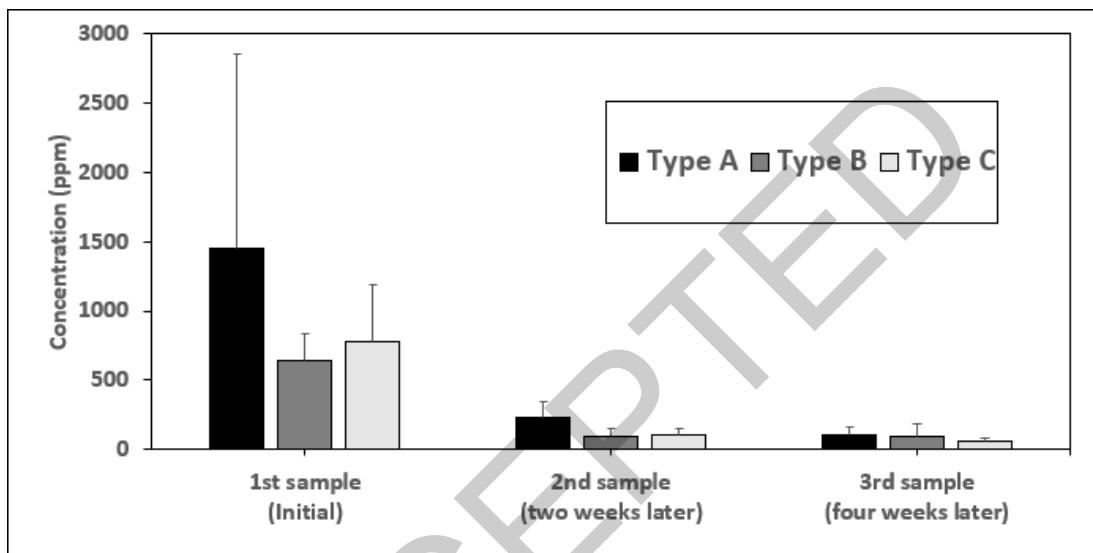
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144 **Ammonia**

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As shown in Figure 3, ammonia concentration decreased over time in all types of feed. The Type A feed reduced ammonia concentration from 1,452( $\pm 1,395$ ) ppm at the first sampling to 234( $\pm 115$ ) ppm at the second sampling and 111( $\pm 48.6$ ) ppm at the third sampling continuously. The type B feed decreased from 646( $\pm 188$ ) ppm at the first sampling to 96( $\pm 54.3$ ) ppm at the second sampling, but slightly increased to 100( $\pm 89.5$ ) ppm at the third sampling. The type C feed showed a stable decrease in concentration from 780( $\pm 413$ ) ppm to the last 60( $\pm 21.7$ ) ppm.

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**Figure 3. Temporal trend of ammonia concentration by feed type**

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### 157 Sulphur-based odorous substances

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159 At the first sampling, all substances (MM, DMS, DMDS) except H<sub>2</sub>S were below the detection limit  
160 or the quantitative limit. Hydrogen sulfide was measured at a level of 3.26 to 3.72 ppm in all samples  
161 regardless of feed type. In the case of the second sampling, 1.29 ppm of DMDS was detected in swine  
162 manure sample No. 1 among Type A feeds, and 0.18 ppm of DMS was detected in swine manure sample  
163 No. 2. In addition, 0.22 ppm of MM and 0.70 ppm of DMS were detected in the manure sample No. 3.  
164 H<sub>2</sub>S was detected at 0.27 ppm in the 12th odor sample of Type C feed. And all the rest of swine manure  
165 samples were below the detection limit or below the quantitative limit. The third sampling was analyzed  
166 below the quantitative limit in all samples (refer to Table 3).

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**Table 3. Analysis results of sulphur-based odorous substances**

Sampling	Feed type	No.	Concentration(ppm)			
			H <sub>2</sub> S	MM	DMS	DMDS

1 <sup>st</sup> sample (Initial)	A	1	<b>3.65</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		2	<b>3.71</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		3	<b>3.72</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		4	<b>3.68</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		5	<b>3.71</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	B	6	<b>3.36</b>	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l</b>
		7	<b>3.26</b>	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l</b>
		8	<b>3.44</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		9	<b>3.49</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		10	<b>3.37</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	C	11	<b>3.64</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		12	<b>3.4</b>	n.d.	<b>b.d.l</b>	n.d.
		13	<b>3.43</b>	n.d.	<b>b.d.l</b>	n.d.
		14	<b>3.43</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		15	<b>3.62</b>	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
2 <sup>nd</sup> sample (two weeks later)	A	1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	<b>1.29</b>
		2	n.d.	<b>b.d.l.</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>b.d.l.</b>
		3	n.d.	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>b.d.l.</b>
		4	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		5	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	B	6	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l.</b>
		7	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l.</b>
		8	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		9	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		10	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
	C	11	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		12	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
		13	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l.</b>	<b>b.d.l.</b>
		14	<b>0.27</b>	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l.</b>
		15	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	<b>b.d.l.</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> sample (four weeks later)	A, B, C	1~15	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.

- H<sub>2</sub>S: hydrogen sulfide, MM: methyl mercaptan, DMS: dimethyl sulfide, DMDS: dimethyl disulfide

- n.d.: not detected

- b.d.l.: below detection limit

### Qualitative analysis of VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds)

Tables 4 to 12 show representative VOCs for each feed type detected through qualitative analysis.

The major VOCs were analyzed by sorting the materials in the order of areas, and all chromatograms had the same abundance range for mutual comparison. At the first sample, Decane (n-Decane, 2-

178 Methyldecane, 3-Methyldecane, 4-Methyldecane, 5-Methyldecane, etc.), 2, 6-Dimethylnonane, and  
179 1-Methyl-3-propylcyclohexane were commonly detected as shown in Table 4~6.

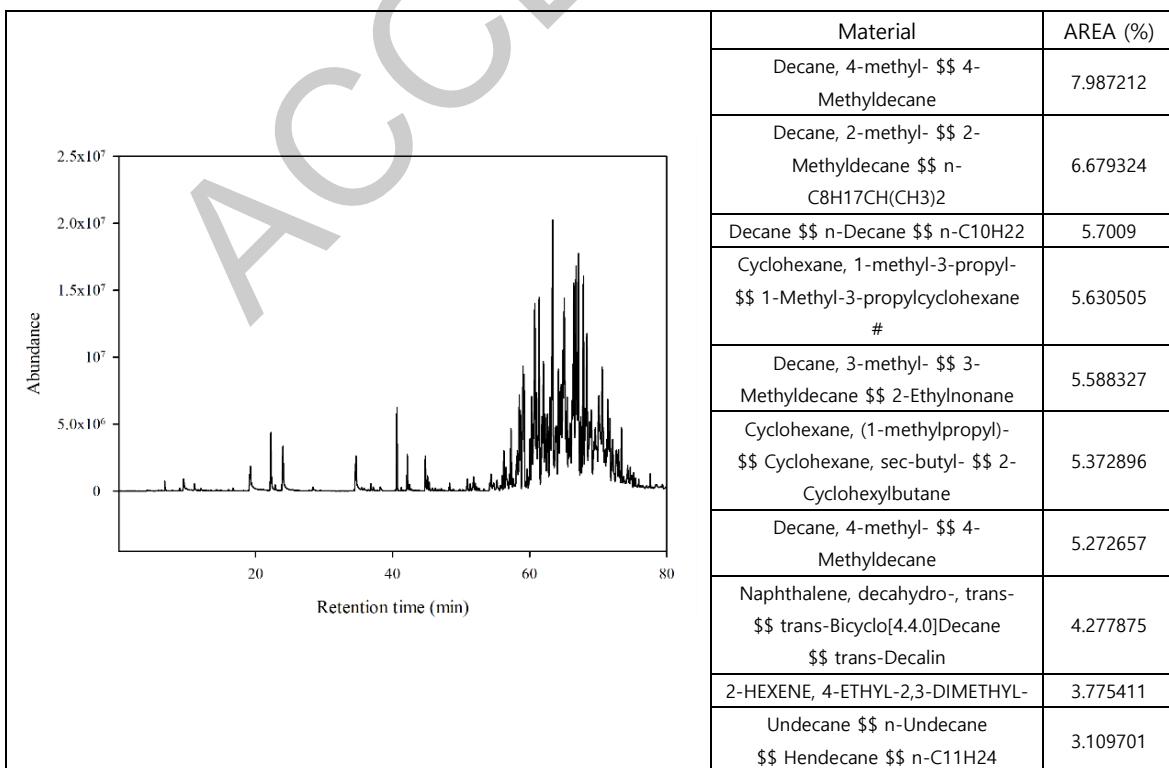
180 At the second sample of type A feed, Decane (n-Decane, 2-Methyldecane, 3-Methyldecane, 4-  
181 Methyldecane, 5-Methyldecane, etc.), and methyl disulfide were analyzed as the main components of  
182 VOCs. Overall the Decane accounted for most of the top areas of type A feed as shown in Table 7.

183 In case of type B feed, components such as Decane (n-Decane, 2-Methyldecane, 3-Methyldecane, 4-  
184 Methyldecane, 5-Methyldecane, etc.), n-Undecane, methyl disulfide, and Dimethylsiloxane cyclic  
185 trimer were analyzed as major VOCs. Overall about half of the top areas were Decane and the other  
186 half were other substances as shown in Table 8.

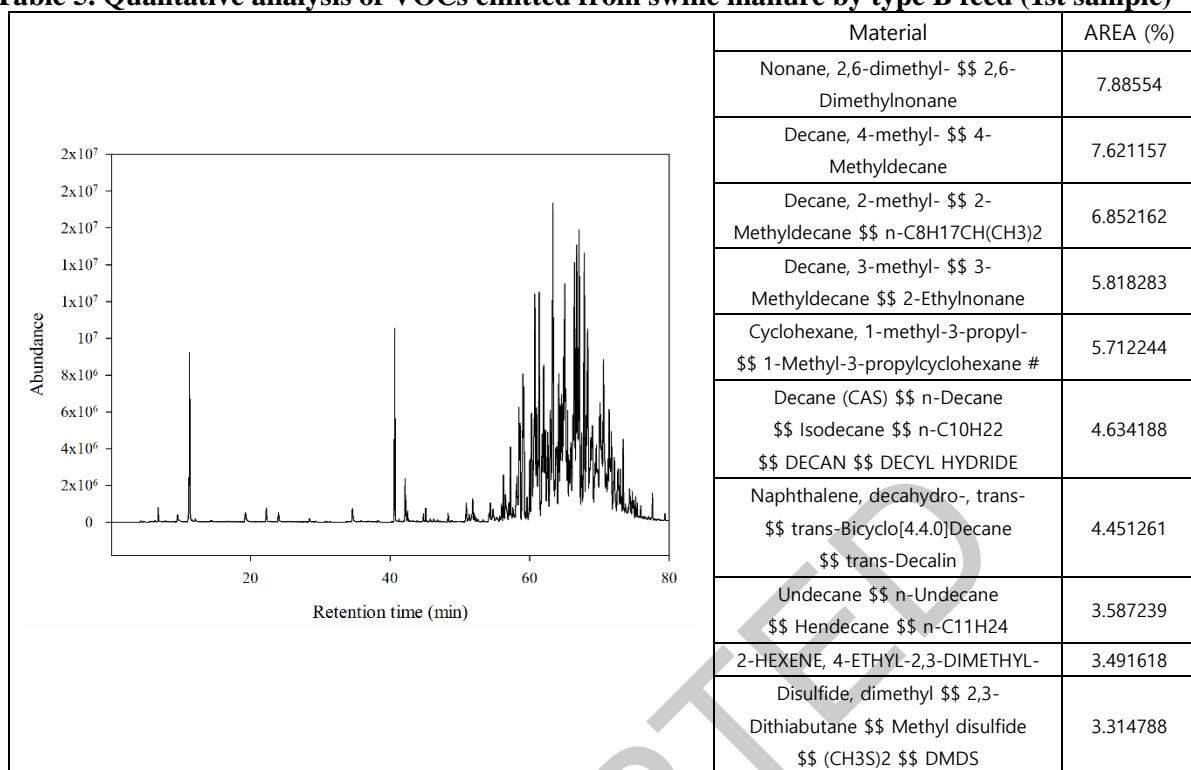
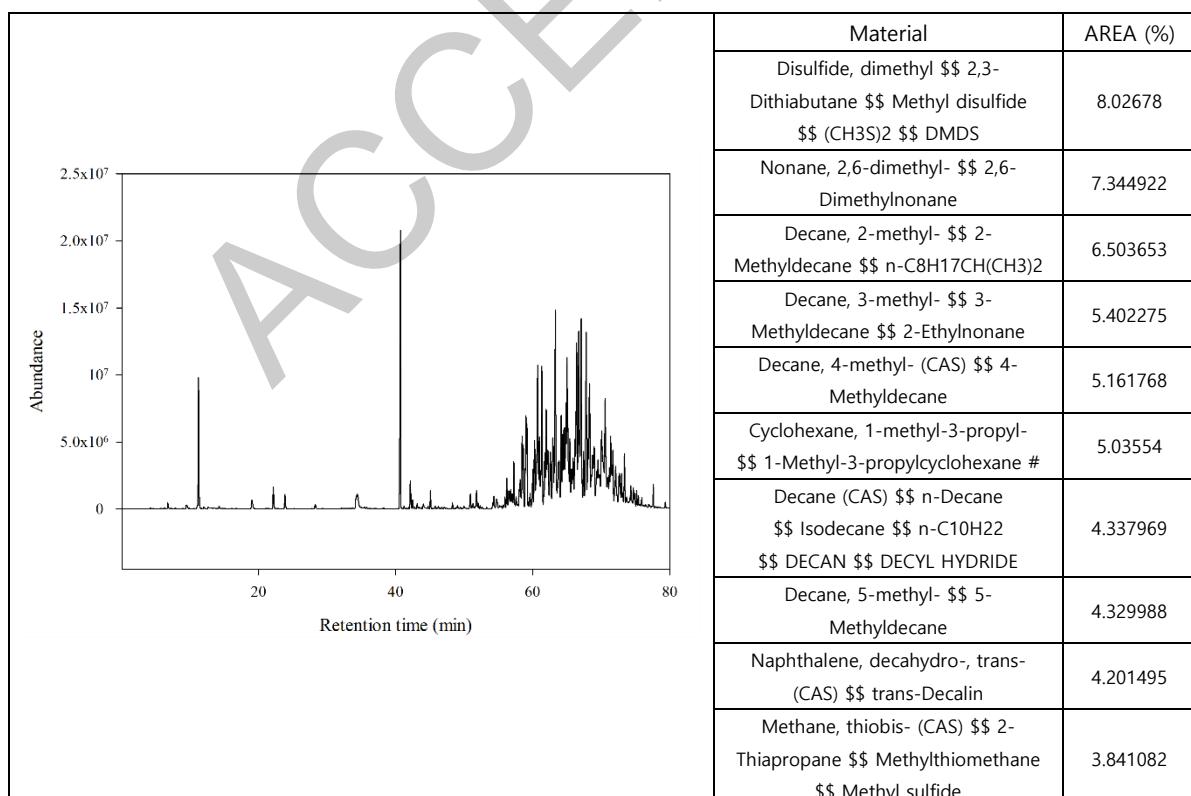
187 In case of Type C feed, the top three materials in the area were composed of only the four substances  
188 listed above and the substances were the main VOCs as shown in Table 9.

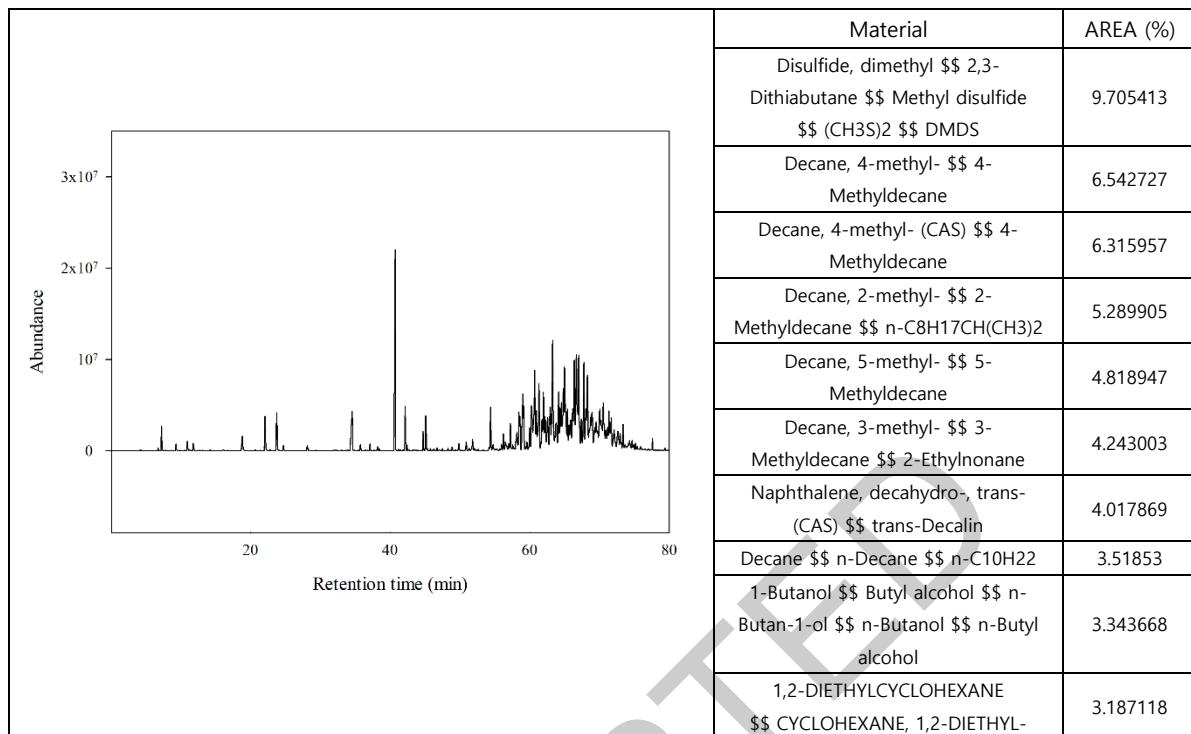
189 At the third sample, Butyl alcohol, Methyl disulfide, and n-Dodecane were analyzed as major VOCs  
190 in the case of type A. Many other substances were also detected besides major substances in case of  
191 type A feed as shown in Table 10. For type B and C feed, Dimethylacetamide, Dimethylsiloxane cyclic  
192 trimer, 1,1,3,3,5,5-Hexamethyl-cyclohexasiloxane, and n-Dodecane were analyzed as the main VOCs.  
193 In both type B and C feed, Dimethylacetamide accounted for the largest number of areas and the area  
194 itself of all materials was also smaller than the first and second sampling days as shown in 11 and 12.  
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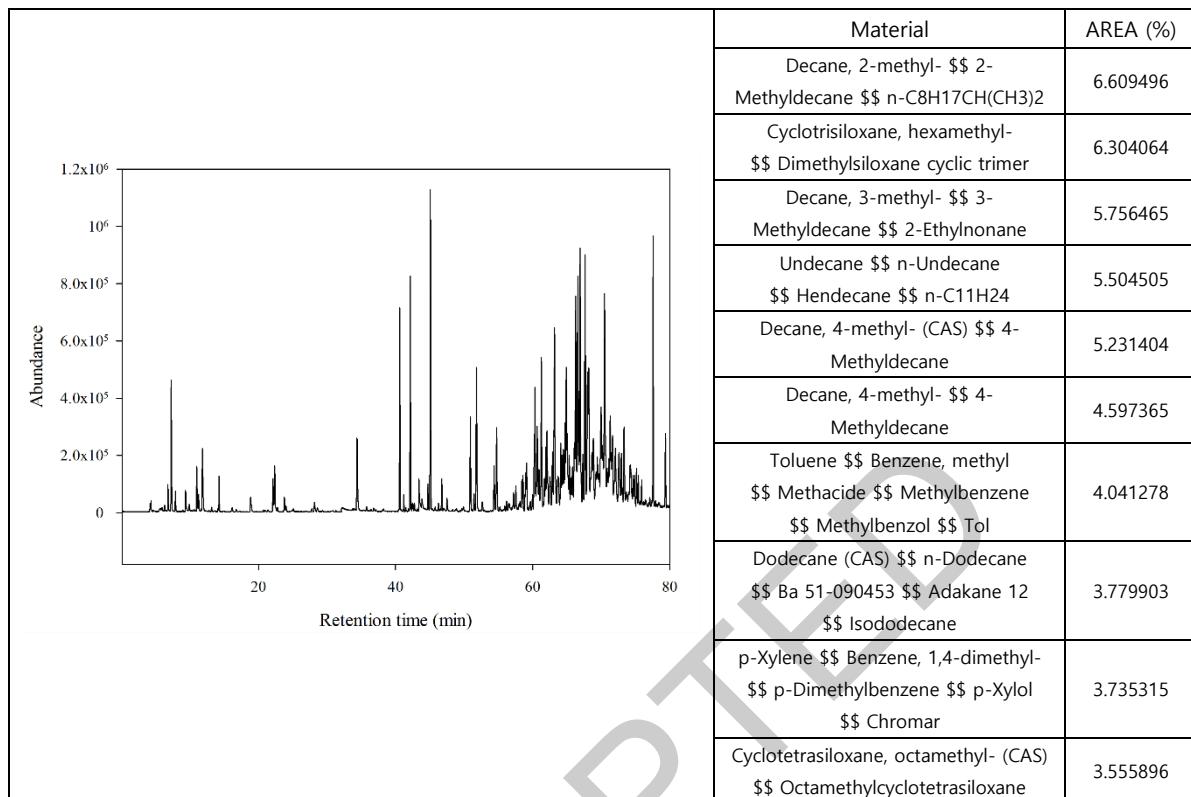
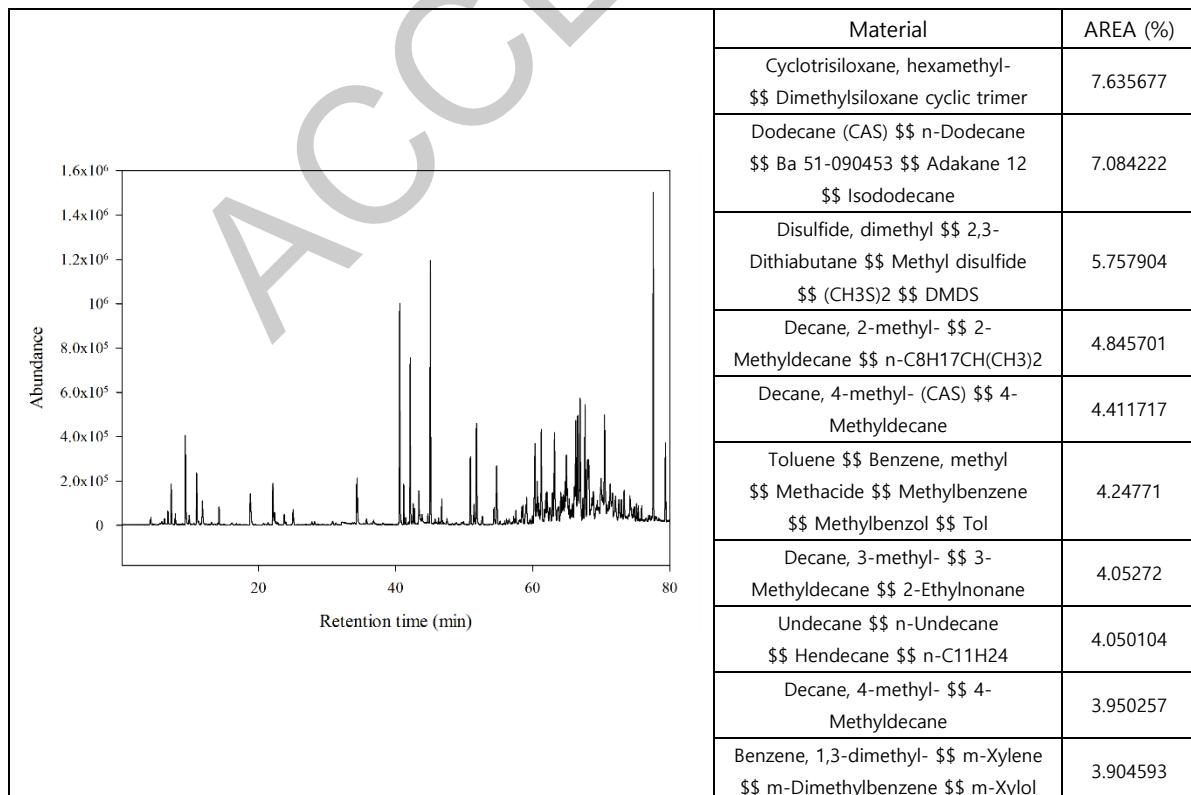
196 **Table 4. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type A feed (1st sample)**



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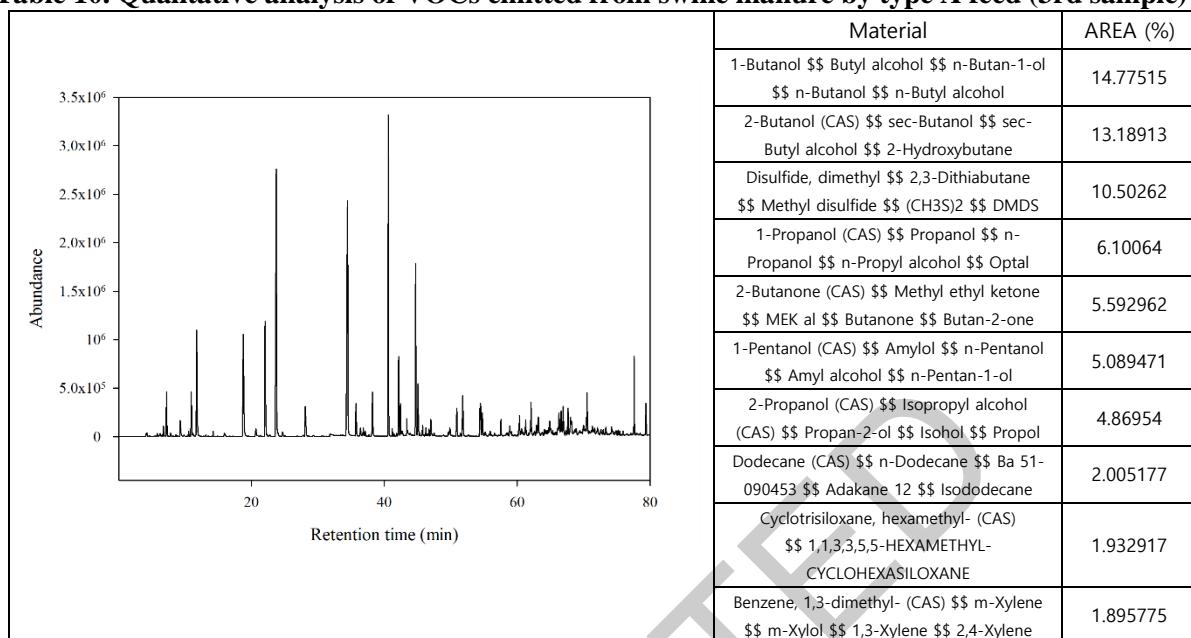
**Table 5. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type B feed (1st sample)****Table 6. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type C feed (1st sample)**

**Table 7. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type A feed (2nd sample)**

**Table 8. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type B feed (2nd sample)****Table 9. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type C feed (2nd sample)**

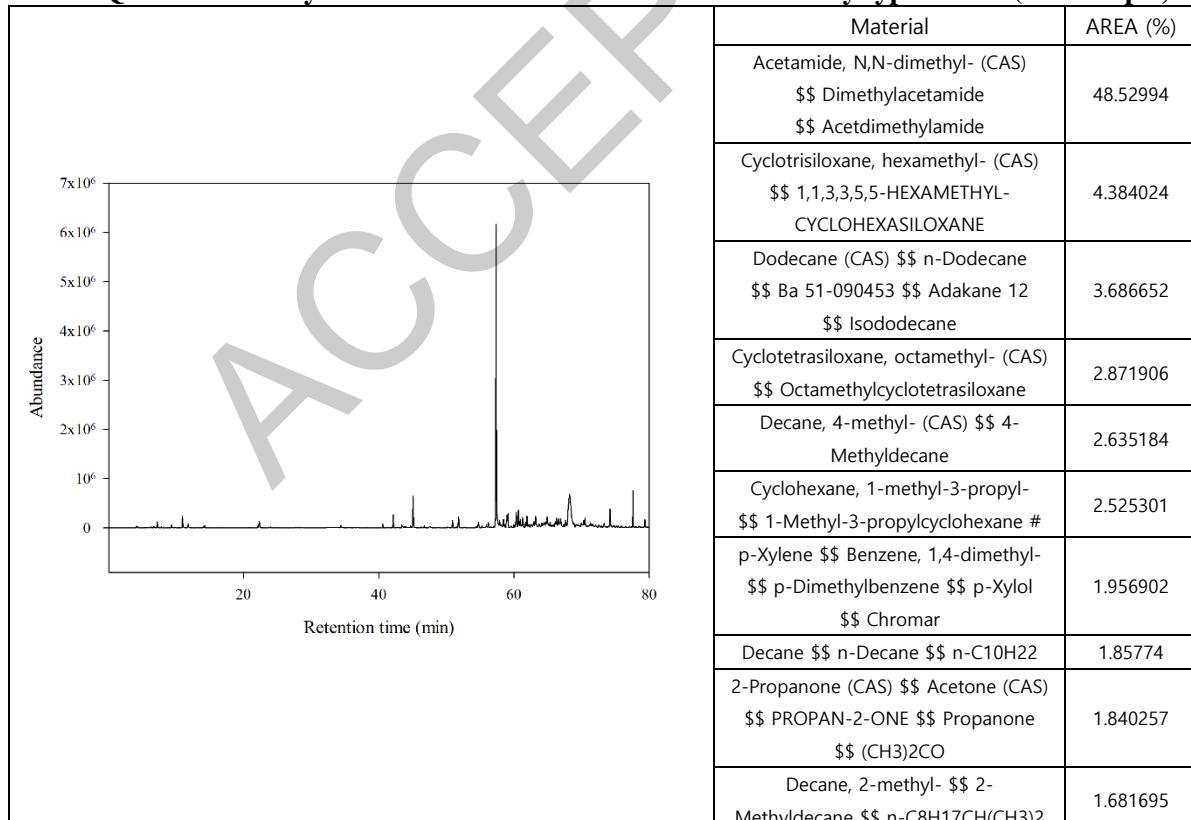
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**Table 10. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type A feed (3rd sample)**



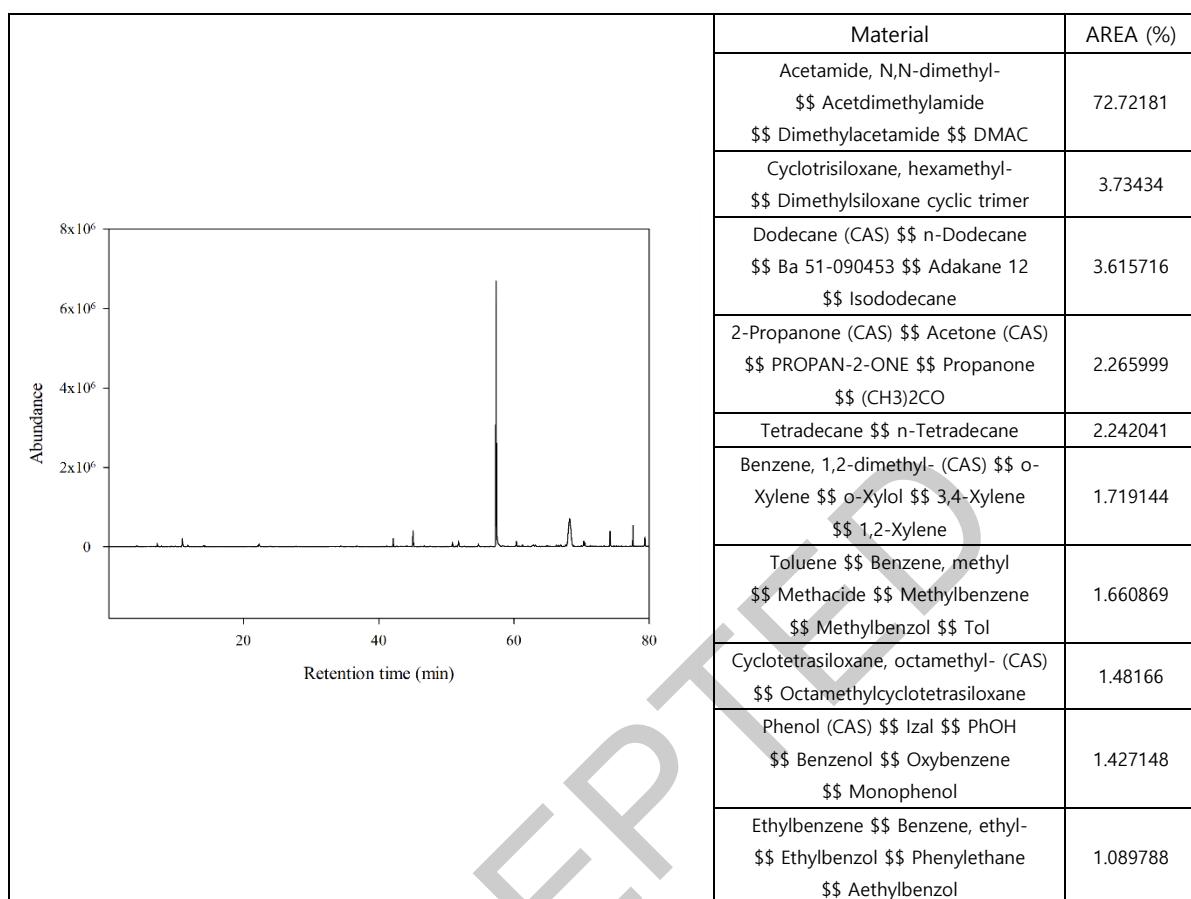
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**Table 1. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type B feed (3rd sample)**



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**Table 12. Qualitative analysis of VOCs emitted from swine manure by type C feed (3rd sample)**

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## Discussion

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221     The most important part of the odor evaluation is the evaluation as soon as possible after the odor  
222 sample is collected. It is usually recommended to evaluate within four to six hours because losses can  
223 occur during the transport and storage of odor samples, which can be underestimated compared to the  
224 actual degree of odor [14, 15]. In this experiment, the sampling site and the evaluation site are located  
225 about 2 hours away, and accordingly, the loss of odor samples occurred in the preparation process for  
226 transporting and evaluating the samples may be a limitation of this study.

227     As a result of the sensory evaluation of the complex odor, it was confirmed that the degree of odor  
228 significantly weakened after two weeks compared to the collection day (1st sample) of swine manure.  
229 However, after four weeks, the odor level increased again, which would be due to the decomposition of  
230 swine manure. Therefore, it is recommended to set the evaluation period within two weeks when  
231 evaluating the odor of swine manure.

232     There is a lack of information on feed in this study. However, information on the calories, mixing  
233 conditions, and nutritional content of feed varies widely from product to product. Additionally it is very  
234 difficult to manage all feed uniformly. In this study, we tried to propose a method that can reduce the  
235 odor of swine manure by simply controlling the shape of feed and calories. For example, most of pigs  
236 do not chew their food carefully like humans do. It can be seen from the fact that corn is not digested  
237 in pig manure and is discharged as it is.

238     Ammonia and sulfur-based odorous substances are the causative agents that account for the majority  
239 of swine manure odors [16]. Most previous studies have shown that ammonia and sulfur-based odor  
240 substances have a constant decrease in concentration over time [17]. In this study, it was also confirmed  
241 that the concentration of ammonia and sulfur-based odor substances decreased over time compared to  
242 the concentration on the collection day of swine manure.

243     Based on the results of qualitative analysis of VOCs, Decane substances accounted for most of the  
244 VOCs from the collection day of swine manure to two weeks later. Four weeks later, however, Butyl  
245 alcohol, Methyl disulfide, and n-Dodecane dimethylacetamide became the main VOCs. It was found  
246 that the composition of the major VOCs changed over time, which is also due to swine manure decay  
247 [18]. The simple adjustments such as the shape of feed and calories were made in this study. In addition,  
248 a qualitative analysis was conducted to investigate what odor substances were generated according to  
249 the digestive state. In the future, however, we feel the need to propose a plan to control the nutrients in  
250 the feed by matching the information on the blending conditions and nutritional components of the feed  
251 with the quantitative analysis results of GC-MS.

252     In case of a study conducted on animals as in this study, the health status and condition of pigs subject  
253 to the study may affect the results of the study. The fact that both the health and condition of the 15 pigs

254 during the experiment period are not consistent can also be a limitation of this study [19]. In the future,  
255 thus, it is necessary to increase the number of pigs to be evaluated in order to obtain more reliable data  
256 than the current re-search results. In addition, there is limitation for evaluating complex odor  
257 concentration such as the small number (five persons), disproportionate gender ratio and the failure to  
258 completely control the olfactory state of panels who conducted a sensory evaluation [20]. It is expected  
259 that more reliable results can be obtained if further research, which is improved by reflecting these  
260 limitations, is conducted in the future.

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## 262 Conclusion

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264 According to the processing mode and calorific composition of the feed, which is a factor that greatly  
265 affects the odor of swine manure, 15 pigs were raised under different forms and calorific compositions  
266 of feeds and the occurrence pattern of swine manure odor generated according to each condition was  
267 analyzed simultaneously. On the collection day of swine manure, ammonia and sulfuric compounds  
268 were the main substances affecting the degree of odor. After 4 weeks, however, it was confirmed that  
269 the main odorous substances changed from ammonia and sulfuric compounds to VOCs. This finding  
270 would be conversion of main odorous compounds due to decay of swine manure from two weeks later.  
271 This phenomenon was more pronounced in pigs fed with powdered feedstuff and the higher the calories  
272 of feed, the worse the odor. Therefore, it is advantageous to use low-calorie feed consisting of pellet  
273 type to reduce the odor generated during the swine raising process. Furthermore, it is considered that  
274 manure in swine farms should be treated two weeks before its decay occurs to effectively prevent  
275 emission of odor derived from swine manure.

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