

Table S1. Proportion (%) of the total recovered ¹⁴C-lysine (Lys), ¹⁴C-tryptophan (Trp) and ¹⁴C-methionine (Met) that was evacuated, retained in the gut, liver and muscle, or catabolised in gilthead seabream juveniles fed 44P21L, 44P18L, 40P21L or 40P18L diets.

%	Dietary Treatment												Two-way ANOVA (<i>P</i> < 0.05)		
	44P21L			44P18L			40P21L			40P18L					
	LYS	TRP	MET	LYS	TRP	MET	LYS	TRP	MET	LYS	TRP	MET	AA	Diet	AA × Diet
Evacuation	20.9 ± 6.7 ^b	66.7 ± 17.5 ^a	41.6 ± 10.9 ^b	32.9 ± 11.9 ^b	58.0 ± 10.8 ^a	26.9 ± 6.0 ^b	26.8 ± 9.0 ^b	59.6 ± 3.2 ^a	31.3 ± 5.0 ^b	22.0 ± 15.5 ^b	57.2 ± 8.6 ^a	29.1 ± 6.5 ^b	***	NS	NS
Gut	14.1 ± 3.9 ^a	11.3 ± 7.7 ^{ab}	8.9 ± 3.6 ^b	10.7 ± 5.0 ^a	12.7 ± 4.0 ^{ab}	11.5 ± 3.6 ^b	18.6 ± 5.4 ^a	13.5 ± 1.9 ^{ab}	12.0 ± 2.3 ^b	18.6 ± 6.4 ^a	13.7 ± 5.4 ^{ab}	12.3 ± 2.7 ^b	*	*	NS
Liver	8.7 ± 2.7 ^{a,y}	4.3 ± 2.1 ^{b,y}	4.5 ± 1.0 ^{ab,y}	5.4 ± 1.5 ^{a,y}	5.9 ± 2.4 ^{b,y}	6.1 ± 1.4 ^{ab,y}	7.6 ± 2.9 ^{a,xy}	6.4 ± 0.8 ^{b,xy}	6.9 ± 1.1 ^{ab,xy}	10.6 ± 5.1 ^{a,y}	7.6 ± 2.1 ^{b,y}	7.6 ± 2.9 ^{ab,y}	*	**	NS
Muscle	24.9 ± 6.4 ^b	6.5 ± 3.7 ^c	30.5 ± 7.6 ^a	26.8 ± 10.7 ^b	9.4 ± 3.6 ^c	37.6 ± 14.3 ^a	24.4 ± 8.9 ^b	10.2 ± 1.5 ^c	38.6 ± 5.8 ^a	28.0 ± 8.0 ^b	7.4 ± 1.2 ^c	40.1 ± 8.7 ^a	***	NS	NS
Catabolism	31.3 ± 6.4 ^a	11.3 ± 5.0 ^b	14.5 ± 2.8 ^b	24.3 ± 6.5 ^a	14.0 ± 4.8 ^b	17.9 ± 16.4 ^b	22.6 ± 10.0 ^a	10.3 ± 3.4 ^b	11.1 ± 4.5 ^b	20.8 ± 7.9 ^a	14.1 ± 2.9 ^b	10.9 ± 7.4 ^b	***	NS	NS

Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation (*n* = 6 fish for each diet and amino acid). Within a row, superscript letters *a,b,c* represent significant differences in the metabolic fate of the distinct amino acids at each dietary treatment; *x,y* denote significant differences between dietary treatments (**P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01; ****P* < 0.001); NS: non-significant (*P* > 0.05).