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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Line13-14: delete "...without any trace.....organisms". Line16: correct to "capable to adapting to intensive rearing environments". delete the rest of that sentence. Line 17-18: should be "...challenges of grasscutter production....". Line 22: replace "...sustenance.." with "sustainability..." Line 24-25: should read "...therefore, highlights essential elements for sustainable.." and replace "...an indicator of.." with "...suggests.." Line 28: delete hyphen in "grasscutter" Line 34-35: should be rendered as "...animal protein for both urban and rural communities in Africa.." Line 39: need for consistency. Is it '..micro livestock, micro-livestock, or microlivestock..'"? Line 40: replace "...animal.." with "...species.." Line 44: delete "...widely.." before "...hystricomorphic.." Line 49: should be "...earnings.." Line 50: should be "...populations.....depend.." Line 51: replace "...had.." with "...has.." Line 52: completer the comparison "Grasscutter meat.....to have higher.....meat yield than..." WHAT? Line 54: replace "grass-cutters" with "grasscutter" Line 62: replace "...had.." with "...has.." Line 72-73: replace "...create.....improve.." with "...creating.....improving.." Line 77: should render as "Research has.." Line 88: should be "...thick.." not "...tick.."	The authors have carefully made all the corrections indicated line by line and deleted those recommended for deletion. The opening statement (first sentence) of the 'conclusion' have also been adjusted to suit the reviewer's comment.



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	Line 92: not a "practice" but a "habit" of which animal? State clearly...Rabbit or grasscutter? Line 182: replace "..had.." with "..has.." Line 183: replace "..of.." with "..to.." Line 185: delete "..of.." Line 189: delete "..increase....improve.." Line 204: should be "..earnings.." Line 210: should be "..shown.." not "..showed.." Line 214: should be "..grasscutters..' Line 217: what are "..pects.."? Line 214-221: too many thoughts and ideas poorly expressed in one sentence. recouch the very long sentence and the next to bring out the desired meaning. Line 229: remove the word "problem" from that sentence Line 231: should read "..irregular stock supply.." Line 235: the first half of the sentence should end after "..practice." Delete "..yet.." The next sentence should start with "Consequently, " Line 248: should be "..loss..", not "..lost.." Line 249: delete "..the .." before "..problems.."; replace "..of.." after "..problems.." with "..associated with..' Line 252: replace "..this.." with "..which.." Line 254: should be "..grasscutters.." Line 257: there should be a full-stop or period after "..wild..". The next sentence should be rendered "..This is because the grasscutter normally obtains..." Line 258: delete "..grasses..' and open up the brackets. Line 295: replace "and.." with "..the.." Line 297: should be plural "..enterprises.." Line 301: should be "..depends.." Line 303: should be "..diseases has.." Line 306: should be "..grasscutters.." Line 308: should be "..grasscutters.." Line 311: add letter "e" to "can" Line 340: replace "..had.." with "..has.."	
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	Line 344: The author of this review has not “revealed” anything. This review deals with some of the essential elements in the successful production of grasscutter. Line 348: should be “..stock..” animals; there is no information on processing of grasscutter in the review. Line 355: should be plural “..businesses..”	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	1. Would have desired much more improvement on earlier reviews by Addo, P.G. (1997), Mensah, G.A. and Okeyo, A.M. (2005), Opara, M.N. (2010) and others. 2. There has been some work on the emulsification properties of grasscutter meat (Wogar et al., 2013), as well as other published works on carcass evaluation of grasscutter by other researchers. 3. Language is generally weak, with occasional good expressions when reference is made directly to other works. 4. A lot of enthusiasm is discernible in the author’s efforts.	