

AJEA 4929 –GENERAL AUTHORS REJOINDERS

Revivers Comments A	Authors Comments
Abstract: Line Correction not sufficient. Annotate values better	(23.22± 0.86cm, 31.95 ± 2.64kg, and 24.53 ± 1.43cm) and BW (34.72 ± 2.98kg, 26.05 ± 1.35cm, and 37.46 ± 3.44kg)
Introduction Line 22-23 : no apparent improvement	Genetic progress in the meat goat industry requires the identification of superior meat goat sires.
Line 50: Accept information, but move definition to line 47 with first mention	However, serum testosterone concentration in rams was positively correlated to masculinity (muscle score)
Line 60: Did not change	Changed to months of age
Materials & Methods Lines 99 – 104: Sentence structure and fragmentations poor and not revised properly as requested.	A measuring tape was used to determine shoulder width (the horizontal distance between the processes on the left shoulder to those on the right shoulder blade), chest girth (the width around the chest just behind the front legs), body length (the distance from the sternum to the aitch bone), hip width (the distance between the left and right femur bones). The height at wither (the vertical length from the thoracic vertebrae to the ground) was determined with the aid of a metric ruler.
Results and Discussion Line 148: Change "phenotypic trait" to "body conformation" Line 152-153: Effect of "week" is not the correct terminology, please revise	The means and standard deviations for body conformation Table 1. Body Conformation, Testicular Traits, Serum Testosterone in Pre-pubertal Male Boer Goat Crosses.
Line 164: This is not significant, report P-value as previously requested.	Also, there was a decline ($P = .11$)
Line 172: Issues not addressed	The relationships between age of the animals and weeks of trials were stated in line 162-166 "The average TT level at week 0 or 131 d of age was 5.625±6.03ng/ml, with a slight increase into week 3 or 152 d of age (8.74±11.26ng/ml, $P = .09$). Also, there was a decline ($P = .11$) in TT level at week 6 or 173 d of age (7.48±8.25ng/ml), and week 9 or 194 d of age showed an all time high (27.85± 14.42ng/ml), followed by a decline at week 12 or 215 d of age (10.74± 14.40ng/ml).
Line 199: Reject	Changed to in young Boer bucks" instead of " young Boer bucks
Line 215: Not corrected to 'circumference'	However, scrotal circumference
Conclusions: Line 235: Not corrected to 'circumference'	Corrected to scrotal circumference

References: Line 262: No correction	Inserted a comma between reproduction, and milk
Line 316: No correction	<i>Italized In Situ</i>
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Line 60-61: Transfer [10] to the end of the sentence "motility [10]." Line 103-105: The height at wither (determined ground). Rewrite as "The height at wither (the vertical length from the thoracic vertebrae to the ground) was determined with the aid of a metric ruler." Line 107: "in each" instead of "from each" Line 113: "weeks from each" instead of "weeks for each" Line 192: "during animals evaluation" instead of "during evaluating animals" Line 199: "in young Boer bucks" instead of " young Boer bucks"	Line 60-61: Rewritten as semen volume and motility [10]. Line 103-105: Rewritten as The height at wither (the vertical length from the thoracic vertebrae to the ground) was determined with the aid of a metric ruler. Line 107: : Rewritten as in each animal Line 113: Rewritten as weeks from each animal. Line 192: : Rewritten as SC during animal evaluation Line 199: Rewritten as in young Boer bucks