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Sent: Sat, Sep 7, 2013 at 5:47 PM

To: Managing Editor

Subject: RE: Request for final decision for manuscript number 2013\_AJEA\_4929

I have checked the manuscript entitled "The Relationship between Phenotypic, Testicular Traits and Serum Testosterone Levels in Pre-pubertal Male Boer Goat Crosses" (2013\_AJEA\_4929).

I agree with the reviewer DH that "the scientific content is justified and the study is well executed", and that the presentation of the results is not perfect.

In my opinion, before acceptance of this manuscript for publication in AJEA some further amendments are needed.

Please find my suggestions in the attached file.

**Attached Part:**

**Revisions by the author are indicated below the reviewers comments in yellow.**

**Abstract**

**Author's Feedback:**

1. The authors write:

"Although, results show a non-significant relationship between TT levels and many body conformation traits, **serum testosterone levels were lowly and positively correlated** to BL ( $r = 0.19$ ), BW ( $r = 0.19$ ), **CG ( $r = 0.13$ ), HTW ( $r = 0.11$ ) and SC ( $r = 0.18$ ).**"

Whereas coefficients for: CG ( $r = 0.13$ ), HTW ( $r = 0.11$ ) and SC ( $r = 0.18$ ) were non-significant.

I suggest removing this part of sentence.

**This part was replaced by the authors as:**

Whereas, CG ( $r = 0.13$ ), HTW ( $r = 0.11$ ) and SC ( $r = 0.18$ ) were non-significant.

2. The authors write:

“In addition, SC ( $23.22 \pm 0.86\text{cm}$ ,  $31.95 \pm 2.64\text{kg}$ , and  $24.53 \pm 1.43\text{cm}$ ) and BW ( $34.72 \pm 2.98\text{kg}$ ,  $26.05 \pm 1.35\text{cm}$ , and  $37.46 \pm 3.44\text{kg}$ ) increased ( $P < .01$ ) linearly from week 6 through week 12, respectively.”

I agree with the reviewer (DH). This sentence should be corrected.

I suggest removing values from this sentence (values are in tables and there is no need to re-write them in the text).

Maybe like this: In addition, SC and BW increased ( $P < .01$ ) linearly from week 6 through week 12.

This part was replaced by the authors as:

In addition, SC and BW increased ( $P < .01$ ) linearly from week 6 through 12.

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