Editorial Comment:

I have gone through the manuscript although authors have addressed the reviewer's comments but this has a plagiarism issue. As turnitin is showing the similarity index of 42 %. I have attached the report with this email.

Authors Feedback:

Dear Editor I hope you are fine

Please let me inform you that this similarity index is Deceptive and inaccurate due to the following facts

- The title and the abstract of this manuscript was presented in the conference (ICASGR 2017), so it is not logic to change it. (waset.org, 15% + www.idosi.org, 13%) = 28%

- <u>Othman, Othman El Mahdy</u>, Nathalie Payet-Duprat, Sahraoui Harkat, Abbas Laoun, Abderrahman Maftah, Mohamed Lafri, and Anne Da Silva. "Sheep diversity of five Egyptian breeds: Genetic proximity revealed between desert breeds", Small Ruminant Research, 2016.

** This similarity (5%) is related to the information of sheep used in this study, these sheep breeds was also used in the published paper, so it is logic to be the same

- In all plagiarism reports, the whole section of "Materials and Methods" is neglected.