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Title of the Manuscript:	Performance and Carcass Characteristics of Rabbits Fed Bamboo (<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i>) as a Replacement for <i>Tridax procumbens</i> Leaves
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	No	
Minor REVISION comments	In Abstract: Results: The liver, kidney and heart were non-significant..... Is weight or performance? Line 11: ... requirement of man. (autor?) Line 64-65: three common breeds ((In each study group of 6 rabbits, was the proportion of rabbits per breed per treatment similar? This observation is made because the genetic factor influences weight gain). Line 82-83: Water was provided <i>ad-lib</i> (What kind of drinkers were used? Line 88: for determination of carcass and organ characteristics. (What type or scale model was used to weigh the animals and food, what was its capacity and accuracy? Line 99: Mineral percentages (What methodology did you use to determine the mineral content of the food used?) Line 111: ... in anti-nutrients present (Would readers be interested in knowing what kind of anti-nutrients bamboo has?.) Line 249 References (The bibliographical references are many, had to reevaluate and consider those of greater relevance for the investigation)	All corrections have been effected. I agree that genotype and sex affect performance evaluations and carcass parameters. However, the rabbits used in this study were cross-breds (NewZealand X Chinchilla). The error has been corrected in the text. Aluminium drinkers were used Weights measurements were carried out using a sensitive electronic kitchen scale (Model: EK 5350). Of course readers will be interested in what kind of anti-nutrients bamboo has and the relative amount of each. However, the various anti-nutrients present and relative amount among other parameters (Haematology, biochemical indices and reproductive studies) are published elsewhere.



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The study shows that bamboo leaves combined in equal parts with tridax leaves can be used to feed rabbits, allowing to reduce the dependence of concentrates which are increasingly expensive.	