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PART 1:

Journal Name:	<u>American Journal of Experimental Agriculture</u>
Manuscript Number:	2013_AJEA_5191
Title of the Manuscript:	Influence of Water – washed Neem fruits (<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. juss) on Haematology and Serum biochemical indices of West African Dwarf ewes
Type of the Article	Research paper

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	This manuscript maybe accepted for publication following detail corrections on the manuscript as pointed out below. Details of corrections can be found on the attached manuscript. 1. I strongly feel that the authors need to improve on the use of English in this manuscript. The authors may benefit more if the manuscript is given to senior colleague for proper editing and discussion of their results. 2. The contradictory statement in conclusion under the abstract and main manuscript should be harmonised. Line 19-20: the results obtained from this study showed that inclusion of water-washed neem fruit at 5 % and 10 % is <u>not recommended</u>. While line 280-282: the results obtained from this study have shown that inclusion of water-washed neem fruit at 5 % and 10	1. Few errors noted in the manuscript were corrected. 2. Line 19 – 20 has been corrected. Similarly, line 280 – 282 has been corrected. Thank you. 3. The study is a continuous study that started from lambs to growth and will end up with reproduction. The objective is to determine the effect of neem fruit on all the stages of production life of the ewe. The breed of sheep used was West African Dwarf. 4. Oestrous in sheep lasts for about 18 hours and it is controlled by hormones, therefore, oestrous cannot affect haematological parameters. Blood samples were not collected from the commencement of the study because treatment 1 was the control where neem fruit was not included in the diet.



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	% is <u>not too deleterious</u> to the animals..... 3. What informed the use of ewes in this study? What breed of ewe? Yankasa? Balami? West African dwarf ewes? 4. The ewes may be at different stages of oestrous cycle and this may have influence the haematologic parameters. The number of ewes per control is too few. Blood sample should have been collected from different groups and analyzed before the commencement of feeding trial.	
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