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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Please rephrase the title Lines 10-11: 28-day old one hundred... L12 ...was administered orally through.... I am of the opinion that there should be a negative control, positive control and treatment diets. L15 metabolisable (not 'z') L15-16 weight gain, feed intake and feed conversion ratio should suffix, there is no need for daily, etc How did you come across the conclusion that grains of selim have growth potential when no significant differences were observed across the treatments? Using 3 or 4 key words should be okay. L32 Isikwenu [4] is of.... L32 ...herbal products could... Please add more information to justify the focus of the study, why growth performance, nutrient digestibility and retention? Please use same decimal places Please use randomised not randomized Please use same font style (2.6) as advised by the journal's guidelines L63 please state the general average body weight L67 are you sure 60-80°C are low temperatures? Please use minimise not minimize Please use same font size (2.7, 2.8, 4) L88,89 how did you know that some birds were better than the others when no significant difference was observed? Please re-format the table.	Title has been rephrased. All suggested corrections have been done. It is better to use the best known growth promoters as control (positive) for good comparison with the test ingredient. Negative controls (treatments without additive) always give lower performance and may exaggerate the results of the experiment. Conclusion simply stated that the spice Xylopiya aethiopica dried fruits is as effective as antibiotics growth promoters since measured parameters were not significantly different.



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	I do not agree with the conclusion. Please be consistent with reference styles.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
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