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PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
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Title of the Manuscript:	PERFORMANCE AND HAEMATOLOGICAL PROFILES OF CROSSBRED MALE RABBITS FED YAM AND CASSAVA BY-PRODUCTS IN THE HUMID TROPICS
Type of Article:	Original research paper

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Abstract "Diet 1 which had maize (37%) served as control. The maize proportion in diet 1 was replaced with 37% yam peel, 37% cassava peel, and 37% yam – cassava peel mix in diets 2, 3, and 4 respectively." For "Diet 1 was composed by 37% of maize (control group), diet 2 - 37% of yam peel, diet 3 – 37% cassava peel and diet 4 – 37% am – cassava peel mix." Key words: alphabetic order "This is because rabbit can produce 6 pounds" for "Rabbits can produce 6 pounds" Connect the following sentences "They have potential as meat-producing animals in the tropics even as the new impetus for rabbit production in Africa amongst a wide range of people creates the need for alternative cheap sources of rabbit feed to replace cereals in rabbit diets in order to make rabbit production profitable. Among such alternatives are cassava and yam peels which are readily available with little cost." "This is because Nigeria being the world largest producer" for "Nigeria is the world largest producer" adequate the rest of the sentence "These make the cost of these by-products 40% lower than that of maize in Nigeria" for These make the cost of these by-products 40% lower than that of maize "peel meal diets in the tropics." For "peel meal diets in the humid tropics" Material and methods Put the paragraph "Site of Experiment" as the first paragraph of the material and methods	Corrected Corrected Corrected Corrected Corrected Corrected Corrected



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“Four diets were formulated such that diet1” for “Four diets were formulated diet 1“	Corrected
Table 1 – the “,” are supposed to be “.” In “Each kg contained vit A. 8,500.000 I. U; vit D ₃ . 2,000,000 I. U; vit E, 8,000 I. U; vit K ₃ . 1,500mg; vit B ₁ , 3,200mg; vit B ₆ , 1,800mg; vit B ₁₂ , 10meg; pantothenic acid, 5,500; folic acid, 500mg; biotin, 20mg; choline 200,000mg; manganese, 75,000mg; zinc, 45,000mg; Iron 20,000mg; Copper, 3,500mg; Seleniun, 200mg; Cobalt, 200mg; Antioxidant 125,000mg.	Corrected
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“A total of thirty-six cross breed (Dutch x Newzealand) male rabbits aged 5-6 weeks having an average weight of 582.00g were used for the experiment” for “A total of thirty-six cross breed (Dutch x Newzealand) male rabbits, aged 5-6 weeks, an average weight of 582.00g were used in the experiment”	Corrected
“according to the procedure of [10]” revise his according to the authors guide of the journal, you may thing about writing something like “according to the methodology described in the literature [10]. You have a lot of this in the whole text, revise them all	Corrected
Data analisys – whats the P value?	
“Rabbits fed diet 2 had the highest final body weight gain (1798.95g)” in this sentence do you mean final body weight or weight gain??	Corrected
“This is because increase crude protein result in increase lean body mass (muscle) which indicate growth.” Fo “Increase crude protein result in increase lean body mass (muscle), which indicate growth.”	Corrected
“Feed intake value of 66.98g obtained from rabbits fed diet 3 was observed” for “Feed intake value of 66.98g, obtained from rabbits fed diet 3, was observed”	Corrected
Table 3 – “Weaner Rabbits. n=36” for “Weaner Rabbits (n=36)” change in the other table	Corrected
SEM mean written like this is WRONG, if you choose not to calculat it individually (as mentioned in the first review), you will take about 1h to calculate it, you should REMOVE this columnn	Corrected
Hematological indices	Corrected
“The results of the haematological indices are presented in Table 4. There was no significant difference (P>0.05) among the treatment means. The value for packed cell volume” for “The results of the haematological indices are presented in Table 4. There was no significant difference (P>0.05) among treatment. Packed cell volume”	Corrected
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Remove “There were no significant difference (P>0.05) among the treatment means”	Corrected
“reported by [19] and [20] for growing rabbits respectively” for “reported by [19] and [20], respectively, for growing rabbits”	
“The red blood cell (RBC)” just RBC	Corrected
“had the lowest (4.50) though not significantly different (P>0.05” for “had the lowest (4.50)”	
Connect this sentences “The apparent increase in values of PCV, Hb and RBC for rabbits fed diet 2 seems to be an influence of the high dietary protein in yam peel. [21]and[22]had earlier observed that increase in dietary protein could lead to increase in RBC, PCV and Hb. Similarly, [23] reported that blood parameters are important in assessing the quality and suitability of feed ingredients in farm animals”	Corrected
	Corrected
Conclusion	
“However, yam peel meal diet is most preferred because of the highest significant weight gain observed in fed diet 3.” Rephrase it	Corrected
References	
Revise all the references and in the text (already mentioned)	
In the text there a lot of extra spaces and paragraphs in different formats	Corrected
	Corrected