SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	**American Journal of Experimental Agriculture**
Manuscript Number:	**2014_AJEA_13891**
Title of the Manuscript:	**Correlation between intake and feeding behavior of Holstein calves supplemented with pelleted and mash**

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	**Authors' response to final evaluator's comments**
Major concerns: The ms improved a lot, however it is still hard to follow and pick up a clear conclusion. In the abstract 2 treatments and six repetitions are described, however, the method section states 2 x 2 design and 2 measurements at each timepoints. Please, clarify! As I suggested previously the statistical analysis should be done according to a 2 x 2 design and not just correlation analysis. It would be nice to see if the timepoint of the measurement has an effect on the outcome (better to study younger or older animals) and if there is a change in pellet or meal preference between these two timepoints. Moreover, a clear conclusion wheather behavioral analysis is able to distinguish the food the animals consumed is missing. 'According to " in the discussion do not simply refer to an author, compare your own data with the cited ones. Minor problems: "Behaviour " start with small caps (throughout the ms) Abstract: "behaviour al" delete space (throughout the ms) Give explanation to TRP. "will support studies aimed to the formulation of diets based on behaviour al understanding of food intake by animals." Hard to pick up the meaning of this sentence. (in abstract and conclusion) "(DM) Dry Matter, (NDF) neutral detergent fiber and (ADF) acid detergent fiber" First the full than the abbreviated name should be given. line 152: delete r and p values, they are in the Table4.	

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