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PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
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Title of the Manuscript:	Correlation between intake and feeding behavior of Holstein calves supplemented with pelleted and mash
Type of Article	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The authors did not respond to any of my previous concerns. I do not see the aim of this study and I strongly think that this paper has NOT to be published (especially not in its present form and as the authors did not improved the ms after several possibilities I suggest NOT to give them further opportunity). Specific concerns: l. 7 behaviour al ??? l. 11 The subject is missing l. 12 The predicate is missing l. 22 Meaningless sentence. Similarly l. 212 l. 68 It is still not clear what was the difference between the two feeding type (meal and pellet??). In the abstract six repetitions are described, but in the text four observation period was mentioned. Please, clarify! As I suggested previously (already two times!!!) 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. l. 112 „described by [6].” At least add the authors name (in all subsequent similar cases as well). l. 171 EADM? ERDM?	

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