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On Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 3:42 AM Ir. A Rai Somaning Asih Ph.D <raiasih@unram.ac.id> wrote:

Dear Prof. Preston,

My apology for not responding to your mail for almost six 6 month, Firstly I was infected by covid-19, my health not getting better, and in April I was diagnosed with colon cancer. The surgery went successfully and from this month on I must take chemotherapy regularly.

But I am ok, I am able to revise the manuscript in accordance with your advice.

Thank you very much Prof, for your valuable comments and encouragements

Best Regard

A Rai Somaning Asih

Pada tanggal Jum, 7 Jan 2022 pukul 06.34 Reg Preston <reg.preston@gmail.com> menulis:

Dear authors

We accepted your paper for publication in LRRD subject to some editing changes which we suggest will improve the impact of the research.

The results are interesting especially the effects on yield and composition of colostrum.

We suggest you include the figures attached to this message and extend them further by drawing the response curves for milk yield and composition.

The design of your experiment is a production function in which variations in the input are reflected in the output which is the yield and all composition of the colostrum and of the milk.

Your presentation of the results and the discussion should be based on the figures with the data in the tables being used as a source of reference rather than the demonstration of the results which follow either as linear or a linear trend.

I hope you will continue with this research and consider the following modifications. The basic diet should be ad-lib fresh foliage of *Indigofera zollingeriana* and the experimental plan should be increasing amounts of coconut meal as the only supplement other than minerals.

Your data confirmed that it is the protein in the coconut meal which is the determining factor in the yield and composition of colostrum and milk.

there is no need for rice bran and even less for natural pasture which should be replaced by foliage of *Indigofera*.

The effect of the coconut oil in depressing lactose content of the colostrum is very interesting and I have not seen search results previously.

The paper can be reduced in length as there is no need to describe that the results are in tables 123 etc.

Readers of your paper will automatically go to the figures and tables

When you write: "... There were linear increases in yield of colostrum when the offer level of coconut meal was increased (Table X; Figure Y).

Please note the format in Table 5 to simplify the presentation of the data using the terminology milk yield, kg/d.

This is simpler than the use of brackets around the name of the measurement.

We are pleased to receive this is interesting data and trust that you will follow this line of research as we totally agree that milk from goats offers greater potential for farmers in Indonesia than milk from cattle.

Include photos of goats and grass used.

With best wishes

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On Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 7:03 AM Ir. A Rai Somaning Asih Ph.D <raiasih@unram.ac.id> wrote:

Please find our manuscript entitled 'Feeding coconut meal improves milk production and quality of Etawah grade goats' to be considered for publication in LRRD.

Thank you

Best regards

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