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## ABSTRACTS

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>False yam (<i>Icacina oliviformis</i>) leaf meal as an ingredient in the diet of weaner rabbits (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>) to improve blood profile.</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Original Research, A20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ansah, T. and Aboagye, C. 2011.</b> <b><i>Online J. Anim. Feed Res.</i>, 1(4): 135-138.</b></p> <p><b>ABSTRACT:</b> <i>A 60 day feeding trial was conducted to determine the effect of Icacina oliviformis leaf (IOL) as a feed ingredient on the hematology of weaner rabbits. There were arranged in three treatments with four replicates in a completely randomized design. The control diet (T<sub>0</sub>) contained 0% Icacina oliviformis leaf (IOL) while the treatment diets (T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub>) contained 5% and 10% IOL, respectively. An amount of 200 g of the experimental diet was given to the animals each day while water was given ad libitum. Initial blood samples were collected two days earlier before experimental diet was fed. Data were analyzed using Genstat Discovery Edition 3. There were no significant differences (P&gt;0.05) in (Haemoglobin) Hb concentration, PCV, RBC however all the erythrocytes values increased from the initial low values to higher values. The margin of increase was higher for T<sub>1</sub>. There were no significant differences (P&gt;0.05) among the treatment means for WBC, Neutrophiles, Eosinophiles, Monocytes counts in the final readings. The hematology values recorded for all the treatments fell within the normal ranges for rabbits. Feeding 5% and 10% IOL to a weaner rabbits led to an increase in erythrocytes values and could be used in feeding without any detrimental effect.</i></p> <p><b>Keywords:</b> <i>Haematology, Icacina Oliviformis, false yam, terpenes.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Toxicological study of single action of zinc on Tilapia species (<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>).</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Original Research, A21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ezeonyejiaku, C.D. and Obiakor, M.O. 2011.</b> <b><i>Online J. Anim. Feed Res.</i>, 1(4): 139-143.</b></p> <p><b>ABSTRACT:</b> <i>Lethal effects of zinc sulphate (ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O), a widespread environmental pollutant was evaluated following exposure at different concentrations of the toxicant to Tilapia species, Oreochromis niloticus based on toxicity index of 96 hrs LC<sub>50</sub> values. The obtained results were analyzed by the Finney's Probit Analysis LC<sub>50</sub> Method and 96 hrs LC<sub>50</sub> value for Oreochromis niloticus was found to be 72.431 mg/l. The work further documented the lower and upper confidence limits for the LC<sub>50</sub> to be 77.288 mg/l and 67.682 mg/l, respectively. The research showed zinc to be lethal to the test organism and recommends proactive control measures to be put in place to avert possible disaster of zinc poisoning.</i></p>	

	<p><b>Keywords:</b> Lethality, heavy metal, single action, pisces, 96 hrs LC<sub>50</sub>.</p>	
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