

THE EFFECT OF YEAST AND SOME MEDICINAL PLANTS AS GROWTH PROMOTERS ON KIDS IN NEW VALLEY GOVERNORATE

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ABSTRACT

Thirty castrated kids, aged 6-9 months and weighed on average 9-10 kg were divided into three groups (10 kids in each), named A, B and C. The experiment extended from August, 2020 to February, 2021. Animal management procedures included injection of prophylactic dose of broad spectrum anti-parasitic Ivermectin plus Clorsulon and monthly dipping of animals in solution of Deltamethrin. Kids in the B group were fed the basal ration (concentrate feed mixture plus Barseem hay without additives (Control), while those in the A and C groups were fed the same basal ration supplemented daily with 1 gram from yeast tablet, 2 caps of medicinal plants mixture. respectively. The feeding program was applied 4% of total calculated body weights of each group per day. Addition of yeast and medicinal plants to the diet of kids during months of experiment as compared to the control group significantly improved the final live body weight at the end of 4 months and daily body gain of kids. Supplementation improved the animal rumen function i.e. increased feed intake, appetite and number of micro flora populations and also kept the biochemical parameters of animals within normal physiological state that indicate their healthy status. On the other hand, Supplementations of kids negatively affect the concentrations of Ca and Mg and positively increase P levels. In conclusion, the use of nutritional yeast and medicinal plants in animal nutrition as feed additives has a beneficial effect on increasing animal production.

Keywords: growth promoters & yeast & medicinal plants & kids

INTRODUCTION

Goats are considered one of the most beneficial animals in the world and widely known as the poor man's cow. These

animals are one of the earliest domesticated animals record in date back 10,000 years, which have gentle temperaments, making them ideal household animals (Rosalee *et al.*, 2008). World populations of goats have increased in the last 50 years, while populations of other livestock have maintained or decreased. Current number has reached about 1 billion goats around the world. Asia and Africa have more than 90% of population and only 1.8% in Europe. High adaptability to the environment is one

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of the main breed characters for high production in these countries (Capote, 2014). In Egypt, there are approximately 3 million head of goats which are the most favorable farm animals that are able to withstand drought and in New Valley which is a remote-desert region. Goats are of great importance in meat, milk and hair productions and local income for farmers (Magdy, 2004).

Yeast is one of the microbial feed additives which is non-pathogenic microbes occurring in nature and in the gastrointestinal tract of ruminants. They exert a positive influence on the host physiology, improve nutrient synthesis and their bio-availability resulting in better growth performance in farm animals (Khalid *et al.*, 2011). Supplements of yeast can significantly improve the performance of ruminants. Various beneficial effects have been reported include increased feed intake, milk production and weight gain (Ruf *et al.*, 1953). Yeasts are most efficient for animals fed on high energy diets, which easily fermented by rumen microorganisms (Williams *et al.*, 1991).

The use of herbal plants dates back thousands of years to the ancient Egyptians, Chinese, Indians and Greeks (Gill, 1999). In recent years, the use of herbs has been gradually increasing due its recorded benefits such as; Antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-stress, gut micro flora manipulation, nutria-genomics effect and immune enhancement (Guo *et al.*, 2004). Herbal plants are a significant source of various compounds with different biological activities that beneficially promote the growth of producing animals (Davoodi *et al.*, 2010). Therefore, the current study aimed to evaluate the effect of

yeast and medicinal plants on animals' production.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experimental study was conducted over a period of 4 months extended from August, 2020 to February, 2021 to evaluate the effect of two natural feed additives on goats added to a basal ration.

1- Selection and management of animals

Thirty kids were selected in New Valley with growing age (7 ± 1) months, similar weights within groups (9-10 kg), castrated males only, all animals were selected in good physical state free from any congenital defects or any infectious diseases and kept in well-ventilated healthy place supplied with clean regulatory changed water.

The animals were subcutaneously injected a dose of (Ivermectin plus Clorsulon) which is broad spectrum anti parasitic in a dose of 1 ml/50 kg.b.w repeated after 21 days. Another method of control is dipping method by the use of (Deltamethrin) which is a highly effective ectoparasiticide with a dose of 0.5ml / 1litre water.

Introducing the ration according to NRC (4% of body weight) two times daily with green grass in between, then increased to 6% divided into three meals each meal cover 2% of body weight with no green grass in between.

Chemical analysis of the diet, conducted following AOAC (2000) the crud protein was determined by kjeldahl procedure, the crud fat was extracted by (Soxtec System). The Gross Energy content of the dried feed samples was analyzed in bomb calorimeter.

Table 1: Goat formula presented in 1 ton of ration calculated according to NRC.

ingredients	Kilograms
Corn	550
Soya bean meal (44%)	150
Wheat bran	100
Clover hay	170
Calcium carbonate	20
Na Cl	10
Premix® *	4
approximated chemical analysis	%
CP	15%
Fat	3.2%
Fiber	7.5%
Ca	1%
P	0.5%
Gross energy**	4100 kcal/kg

*Premix®: Provided by NACCOOP SA Espain (ppm or UI per kilogram of premix): Se,40; I, 250; Co, 80; Cu, 3000; Fe, 6000; Zn, 23 400; Mn, 29 000; S, 60 000; Mg, 60 000; vitamin A, 2 000 000 UI; vitamin D3, 400 000; vitamin E, 2000ppm; nicotinic acid, 10 000; choline, 20 300.

2- Experimental design: animals were divided into three groups according to similar body weights; each group contains 10 goats and received a dose of treatments over 4 months with the exception of control group, and named A, B and C.

Yeast supplements: which named group A and its animals received a dose of yeast in the form of tablets, each tablet contains dried yeast extract 66.66 mg, (*saccharomyces cervicae*) equivalent to 500 mg medical yeast, the daily dose was 1 gram (2 tabs.) introduced orally with morning ration.

Herbal supplements: Group B whose animals receive a dose of medicinal plants in the form of capsules, each capsule contains Pollen grains extract powder 200 mg, Treated *Nigella sativa* (black seed) seeds powder 100mg and Ginseng dry extract (10%) 50 mg . the daily dose was two capsules introduced orally with morning ration.

Control group: Named group C and consists of 10 kids receiving the same basal ration with no treatments.

Table.2: Daily treatments of kids for 4 months with yeast and medicinal plants.

Goat group	treatment	dose	No. of times daily
Group A	Yeast.	2 tabs (1gram)	once / day
Group B	Control		
Group C	Medicinal plants	2 capsules	once / day

Animal measurements, sampling and analysis

Weight gain and feed intake: Measuring of weight gain per each group every 15 days and feed intake of treatment groups compared to control one.

Blood samples: Collection of blood samples in serum tubes for biochemical tests including; liver function tests such as ALT and AST, kidney function tests such as creatinine and BUN and some serum elements such as P, Ca and Mg and evaluated by auto-analyzer (Trinder, 1961).

Ruminal fluid analysis: By using a stomach tube, 5 ml ruminal fluid from each group were randomly collected in 20cc

syringe, and then transported to laboratory for examination. The survival rate was evaluated according to (Nasbimana *et al.*, 2003).

Statistical analysis: Statistical differences were calculated by SPSS with Significance level at $P < 0.05$. All results were analyzed using the procedure of (SAS, 2004).

RESULTS

Statistical analysis of data in table (3) showed that animal received medicinal plants mixture and yeast showed significant increase in live weight and live weight gain compared with control.

Table 3: Body weights during experiment

	control	yeast	medicinal plants
Initial weights	9.667±0.33	9.667± 0.33	9.500± 0.28
1/12/2020	9.667± 0.33	11.333± 0.33	10.000± 0.57
15/12/2020	9.667± 0.44	11.500± 0.28	10.833± 0.60
1/1/2021	9.833± 0.16	12.500± 0.50	14.167± 0.88
15/1/2021	11.167± 0.33	14.000± 0.57	16.000 ± 1.15
15/2/2021	11.500± 0.28	14.833± 0.72	17.500 ± 1.15
28/2/2021	12.633± 0.46	16.333±0.23	19.100 ± 0.57

Statistical analysis for the obtained data showed in Fig.1 that differences in body weights were significant between the group that received medicinal plants and control group and improvement in the weights of the groups that received yeast supplement compared with control group

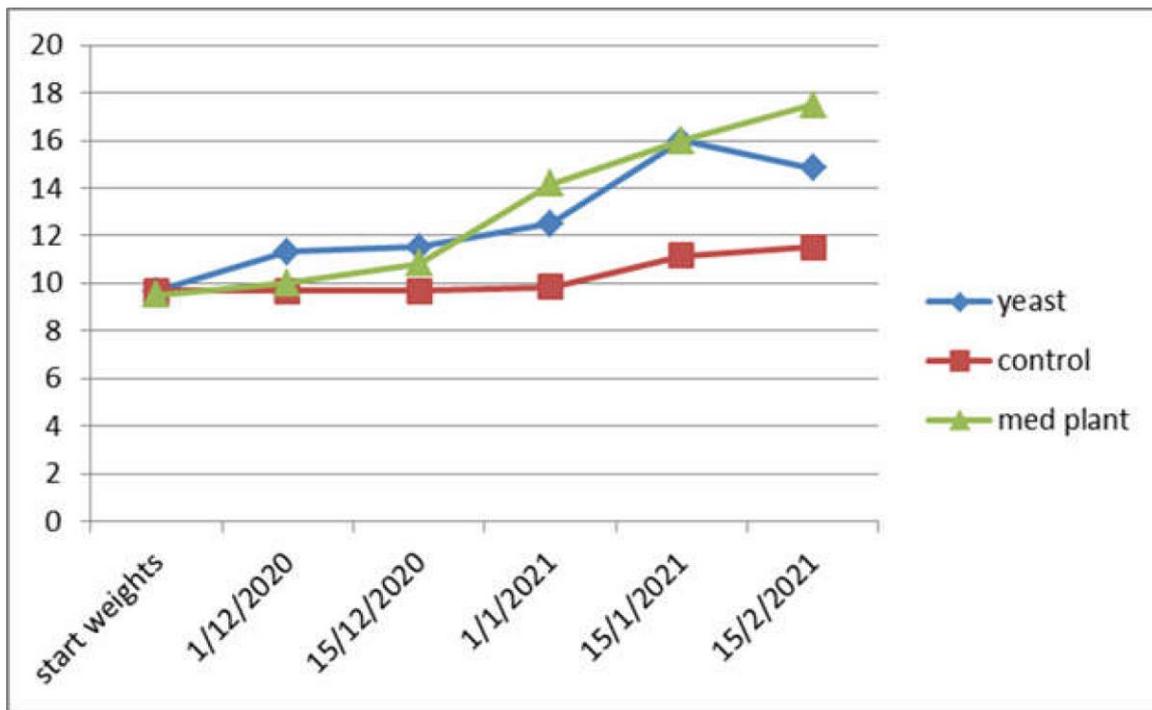


Fig. (1): Differences in body weights between experimental groups throughout the study

The biochemical parameters were in normal physiological state and showed no significant differences in groups received medicinal plants and yeast compared to

control group, in addition to normal levels of serum elements except of phosphorus which was significantly affected in group received medicinal plants.

Table 4: Serum biochemical analysis for experimental groups throughout the study

		SGPT	SGOT	urea	BUN	creatinine	Ca	P*	Mg
November	Control	18.367 ±0.69	53.200 ±7.82	36.567 ±1.91	17.087 ±0.89	.783 ±0.05	9.500 ±0.26	3.927 ±0.44	2.200 ±0.06
	Yeast	25.470 ±6.27	89.600 ±12.01	34.600 ±7.79	16.167 ±3.64	.947 ±0.06	10.200 ±0.66	3.857 ±0.70	2.490 ±0.11
	Med.plants	27.433 ±1.02	77.100 ±10.88	26.100 ±0.20	12.197 ±0.09	.767 ±0.01	11.467 ±0.29	4.210 ±0.55	2.667 ±0.13
December	Control	18.767 ±2.72	71.167 ±18.56	30.467 ±3.27	14.237 ±1.53	.773 ±0.09	10.500 ±0.40	4.310 ±0.09	2.300 ±0.10
	Yeast	21.667 ±3.51	67.333 ±7.17	37.067 ±5.44	17.320 ±2.54	.720 ±0.04	9.967 ±0.15	4.857 ±0.11	2.510 ±0.14
	Med.plants	26.833 ±1.72	81.467 ±12.07	29.600 ±5.75	13.830 ±2.68	.900 ±0.10	11.333 ±0.35	7.307 ±0.91	2.467 ±0.03
January	Control	16.567 ±1.27	82.100 ±7.75	35.600 ±3.67	16.637 ±1.71	.673 ±0.16	10.267 ±0.80	3.663 ±0.37	2.427 ±0.11
	Yeast	22.200 ±3.20	81.500 ±19.21	35.567 ±1.29	16.620 ±0.60	.663 ±0.05	11.533 ±0.83	7.513 ±1.34	2.333 ±0.18
	Med.Plants	20.933 ±2.33	103.367 ±3.45	35.533 ±5.07	16.607 ±2.37	.763 ±0.08	12.467 ±0.33	5.810 ±0.45	2.733 ±0.19
February	Control	17.600 ±4.68	90.033 ±4.34	34.467 ±4.22	16.107 ±1.97	.710 ±0.08	11.467 ±1.16	3.983 ±0.80	2.83 ±0.20
	Yeast	22.100 ±0.92	91.800 ±11.92	41.467 ±1.91	19.377 ±0.89	.633 ±0.06	10.833±0.7 9	5.493±2. 34	2.60±0.06
	Med.Plants	31.133 ±4.92	132.500 ±16.95	35.933 ±5.89	16.790 ±2.75	.723 ±0.07	13.000±0.3 1	6.853±1. 01	2.90±0.15

The examination of liver function including analysis of liver enzymes SGOT and SGPT showed that neither yeast supplementation

nor medicinal plants have any significant effects on these enzymes compared with control group.

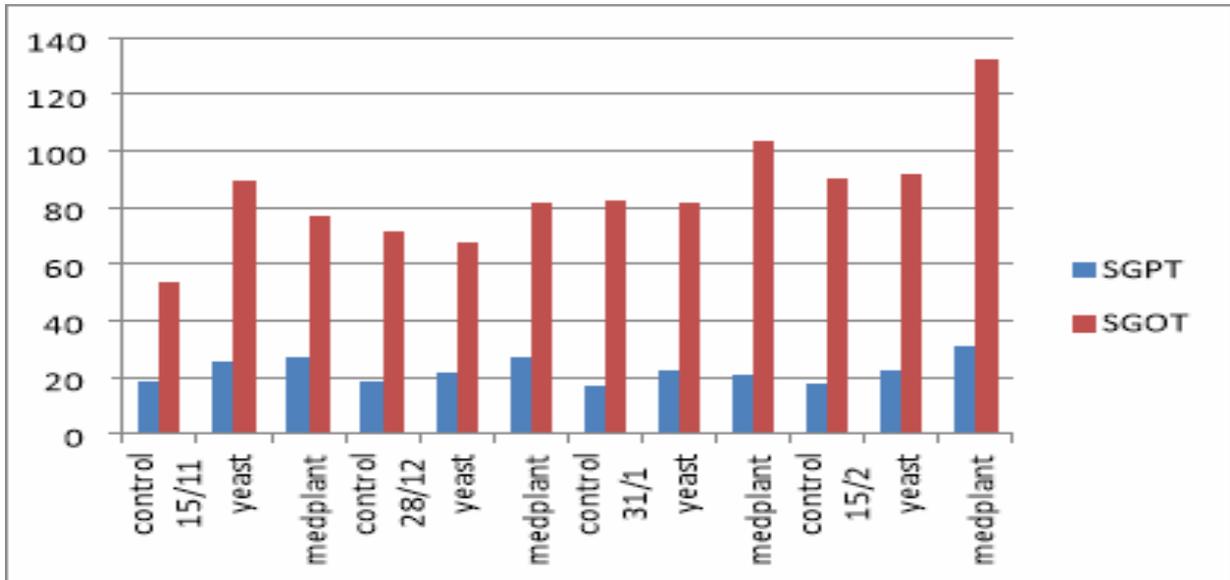


Figure 2: SGPT and SGOT analysis for experimental groups.

For kidney function tests including creatinine and BUN, the supplementations of yeast and medicinal plants had no

significant effects on these tests compared with control group.

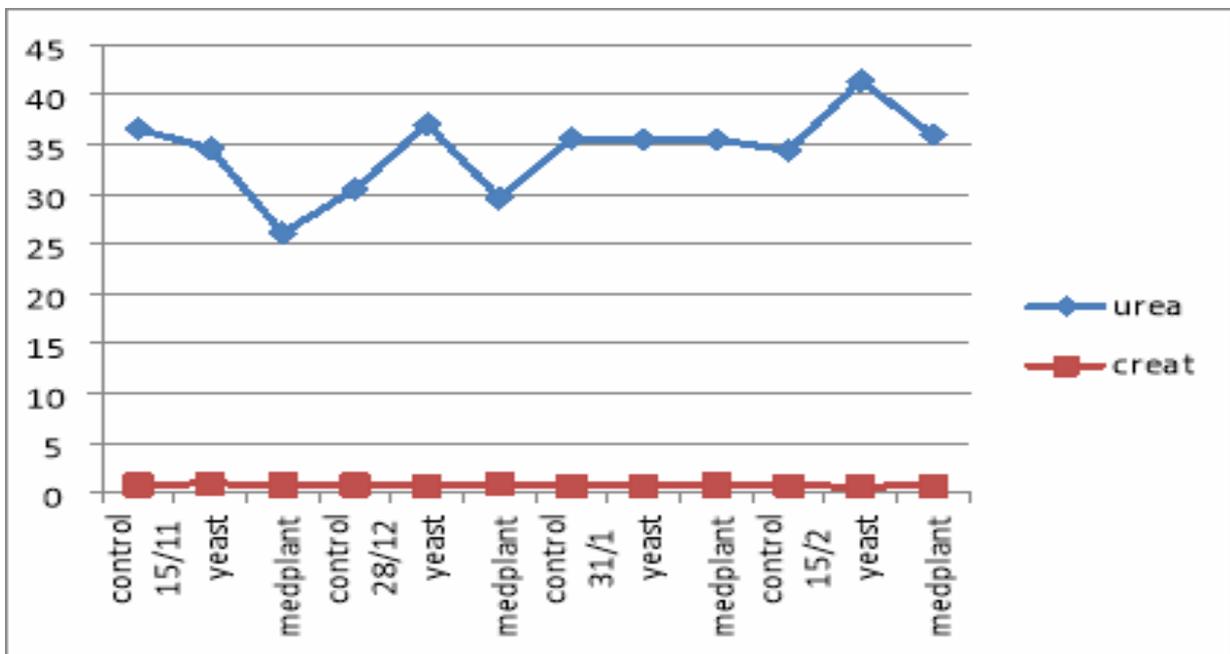


Figure 3: Urea and Creatinine analysis during experiment for experimental groups

The levels of phosphorus for experimental animals showed that no significant differences in yeast group compared with

control one, while for those that received medicinal plants, phosphorus levels were significantly increased.

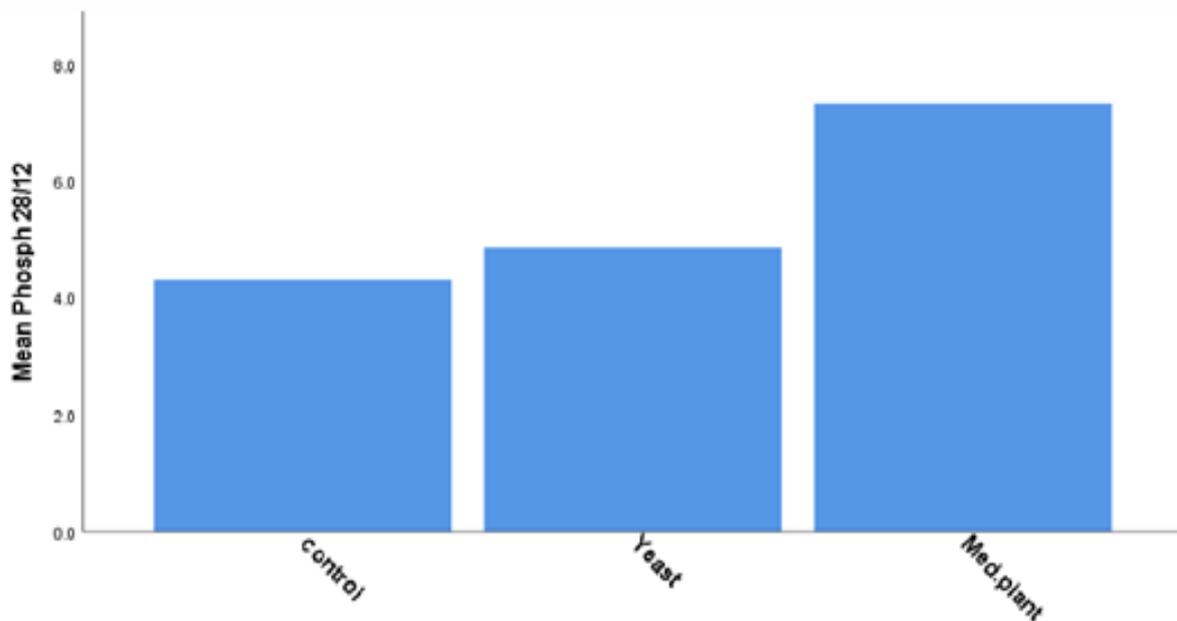


Figure 4: Phosphorus levels throughout the study for experimental groups

Table (5) showed that, the motility and crowdedness of ruminal protozoa were increased due to yeast and medicinal plants mixture (++++), (+++) in compared with control (++) .

Table 5: Evaluation of ruminal fluid samples for experimental groups during study

	Control	Yeast	Medicinal plants
Initial samples	++	++	++
1/12/2020	++	++	++
15/12/2020	++	+++	++
1/1/2021	++	+++	+++
15/1/2021	++	++++	+++
15/2/2021	++	++++	++++

DISCUSSION

Studies by Hassan *et al.* (2008) reported an improvement in live weight gain with diets supplemented with medicinal plants. While other reports by Khadem *et al.* (2007) had revealed that body weight gain improved using a diet with a yeast culture. Our study agreed with previous studies as the statistical analysis of data in table (3) and fig.1 showed that animal received medicinal plants mixture and yeast showed significant increase in live weight and live weight gain compared with control.

Previous studies revealed about yeast supplementations by Bullent *et al.* (2013) and other studies about supplementations of medicinal plants by Habeeb *et al.* (2009) reported that liver enzymes ALT and AST, in addition to BUN and Creatinine were not significantly affected. This agreed with our results in table (4) and fig.2 and fig.3 that revealed no significant differences in SGPT, SGOT, BUN and Creatinine in groups received yeast and medicinal plants compared to control.

Previous studies on serum elements indicated that Ca, P and Mg were in

physiological states after supplements of yeast by Petr *et al.* (2010). While other studies showed that there were no significant differences in the concentrations of Ca, P and Mg following supplementation of herbal plants by Salem *et al.* (1999). From the statistical analysis of our data in table (4) and fig.4 showed that the levels of Na, Ca and Mg were in normal levels in a way that agreed with previous studies except for P levels that showed increased in the group received medicinal plants compared to control group.

The effect of supplementation of feeds with medicinal plants on rumen ecosystem, studies by Mohamed *et al.* (2003) and Hassan *et al.* (2009) indicated a significant improvement in the feed intake and digestibility and also showed that herbal feed additives are beneficially affect gut functions either enzyme or microbial activity. In addition, Hong *et al.* (1994) indicated that supplementations of yeast had a positive effect on rumen viability and populations of rumen micro flora. From table (5), our evaluation to ruminal fluid samples for groups received yeast and medicinal plants had showed a positive effect on rumen ecosystem when the motility and crowdedness of ruminal protozoa had increased compared with control groups in a way that improved digestibility and rumen viability.

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CONCLUSION

It could be concluded that the use of nutritional yeast and medicinal plants in animal nutrition as a feed additive has a beneficial effect on increasing animal production without side effects of chemicals and drugs as growth promoters with a high safety on animal health.

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تأثير الخميرة وبعض النباتات الطبية كمحفزات للنمو على الجديان بمحافظة الوادى الجديد

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ثلاثون ذكر ماعز من محافظة الوادى الجديد – مدينة الخارجة تتراوح أعمارهم ما بين ٦ إلى ٩ شهور وأوزانهم ما بين ٩ إلى ١٠ كيلوجرام تم تعقيمهم بواسطة أداة البرديزو. جميع أفراد الماعز فى حالة بدنية جيدة خاليين من أى تشوهات وراثية أو أمراض معدية. تم حفظ هذه الأفراد فى حظيرة نظيفة وجيدة التهوية لمدة بمصدر نظيف للأكل والماء لمدة ٦ شهور. جميع الحيوانات استقبلت جرعات مضاد للطفيليات واسع المجال فى صورة حقن تكئين سوبر تعطى على حسب وزن الحيوان على جرعتين بينهم ٢١ يوما. كذلك بواسطة التغطيس فى محلول من البوتكس للتحكم فى الطفيليات الخارجية مرة شهريا. قسمت هذه الحيوانات إلى ثلاث مجموعات بكل منها ١٠ أفراد أعطوا أسماء (أ & ب & ج) استقبلت المجموعة (أ) عليقة أساسية واقراص خميرة بجرعة ١ جرام يوميا بعد وجبة الإفطار. واستقبلت المجموعة (ب) عليقة أساسية فقط كونها مجموعة تحكم . واستقبلت المجموعة (ج) عليقة أساسية وكبسولات من خليط نباتات طبية تحتوى على حبوب اللقاح ٢٠٠مجم ويزور الحبة السوداء ١٠٠مجم وجنسج ٥٠مجم (١٠%) بجرعة كبسولتين يوميا بعد وجبة الإفطار. تكونت العليقة الأساسية طبقا لتوصيات المعهد القومى للبحوث و تعطى بمقدار ٤% من وزن الحيوان يوميا. تم تجميع عينات دم من وريد الرقبة جزء منها على أنابيب إيدتا مانعة التجلط لاختبار صور الدم و الجزء الآخر على أنابيب سيرم لاختبارات البيوكيميائية وتم تعريض هذه الأنابيب لعملية الطرد المركزى لفصل السيرم والذى حفظ مجمدا فى درجة حرارة ٢٠ تحت الصفر وشملت هذه الاختبارات قياس نسبة الكالسيوم والفسفور والماغسيوم باستخدام اجهزة التحليل بالمعمل كذلك قياس بعض انزيمات الكبد لقياس وظائف الكبد وبعض انزيمات الكلى مثل الكرايبتينين ونيتروجين يوريا الدم. كذلك تم تجميع عينات من سائل الكرش باستخدام خرطوم الكرش لتحليل حيوية بروتوزوا الكرش وحركتها لتحديد نشاط الكرش فى هذه الحيوانات. كذلك تم قياس اوزان الحيوانات كل خمسة عشر يوما لمدة اربعة شهور متواصلة. جميع نتائج التجربة تم تحليلها إحصائيا وأوضحت هذه النتائج أن المجموعات التى استقبلت خميرة و نباتات طبية قد أظهرت زيادة فالأوزان الحية مقارنة بمجموعة التحكم كذلك تحسنا و زيادة فى عدد وحيوية بروتوزوا الكرش عن مجموعة التحكم الطبيعية. أما بالنسبة لصورة الدم واختبارات البيوكيميائية فلم توجد فروق معنوية بين المجموعات إلا فى مجموعة النباتات الطبية التى أظهرت زيادة فى تركيز الفسفور مقارنة بمجموعة التحكم.