# NUTRITIONAL EFFECTS OF HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTES SUPPLEMENTATION IN SHEEP DIET

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#### ABSTRACT

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The present study aimed to assess the household food waste (HFW) as a substituted source of low cost feed for sheep. HFW was freshly collected, weighed, dried, ground and then chemically analyzed. On as-fed basis, HFW was used as an ingredient in the formulating balanced diet for lambs at varying levels of substitution (0 %, 15 % and 30%). On dry matter (DM) basis, HFW contained moderate protein content (14.72%), ether extract (6.96%), non-fibrous carbohydrate (47.39%), and ash (10.98%). The growth performance and feed efficiency of lambs supplemented with 15 and 30% HFW-contained diets were similar to control animals. The effect of HFW on fasted live weight, carcass weight, dressing percentages and meat chemical composition was also within the range of lambs feed on normal diet. Histopathologically, mosaic appearance of glycogen infiltration which may support the fattening effect. Unless, the oval cell proliferation associated with higher serum levels of GGT enzyme in 30% HFW-containing diet, which might be attributed to higher residue levels of iron in HFW. Therefore, HFW might be incorporated in lower concentration in lamb diet.

Key words: Household food waste; Growth performance; Digestibility; Sheep.

### INTRODUCTION

Food waste defined as any food not consumed by humans, which can be generated at any level within the food chain, farms, processing plants, manufacturers, commercial establishments households Okazaki et al. (2008). It includes vegetables, fruit, animal by-products and cereals' wastes. So far, the exact data on the amount of food waste are relatively sparse. An estimate depending on energy calculation indicated that the rate of food waste exceeds 40% in the United States Hall et al. (2009). In Japan, food waste is about twenty million tons per year, 3 and 5% were used as fertilizer and feed respectively Kawashima., (2004). Recently, the term of ecofeed, safety usage of the recycled food waste has been motivated upon economic and economic and environmental considerations Sugiura et al. (2009).

Food wastes usually have high energy and/or protein contents, which can provide competitive alternatives to more traditional energy or protein sources Westendorf., (2000). Substitution of imported commercial feeds with food waste can save energy in transportation, reduce the environmental impact of

waste burning or land filling and decrease animal production costs Cao *et al.* (2009). Moreover, food waste has high nutritive value that can be used in animal nutrition without health problems Summers *et al.* (1980). On the other aspect, incineration of different food waste induces emission of global warming gases and toxic substances such as dioxin and heavy metals Kawashima (2004). Furthermore, the disposal of waste to land fill was incriminated in environmental pollution through release of methane, which is a powerful green house gas Griffin *et al.* (2009). Food waste is composed of highly complex molecules that could be used as raw materials or a portion of their contents could be extracted Oreopoulou *et al.* (2007).

The feed cost considers the major section of the total animal production costs. Therefore, the substitution of conventional feed stuffs by HFW may lead to a significant reduction in the cost of animal feed and subsequently the ultimate derived products. Therefore, the objective behind recycling HFW into animal product is to achieve the same level of performance while decreasing the cost of production and maintaining a more sustainable agriculture system Normand (1996).

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In Egypt, there are large number of sheep and goat feed on HFW especially in rural areas near cities. Therefore, the current study aimed to study the possible supplementation of HFW in lamb diet based on animal growth performance and clinicopathological parameters of metabolic organs.

#### **MATERIALS and METHODS**

#### 1- Collection, quantitation and processing of HFW

House food wastes were daily collected from different houses and restaurants in Kafrelsheikh city from the period of the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2010. Then, sorting, drying and grinding were done in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kafrelsheikh University. The number of participants of each family was recorded to quantify HFW per person on a daily basis.

#### 2- Animals and diets

The study was carried out on 15 Barki male lambs with average body weight  $(22.98 \pm 3.25)$  kg, housed in individual straw-bedded pen. Lambs were divided into three groups of five animals per each, based on the percentage of HFW incorporated in the animal rations (0%, 15% and 30%). The lambs were underwent a fattening period of 8 weeks preceded by 10 days adaptation period. All procedures of the study were done according to the guidelines of Kafrelsheikh University and the Council Directive 86/609/EEC of European Communities for animals welfare for experimental and scientific purposes Communities (1986).

Diets were formulated to meet the nutrient requirements for lambs according to the feeding standards NRC (1985). Diets were formulated to contain different feed ingredients including alfalfa hay, Egyptian clover straw, soybean meal 44%, yellow corn grain, wheat bran, limestone, and salt. The chemical composition of the feedstuffs is illustrated in Table1. The diets were formulated (Table 2) to contain 0%, 15% and 30% of HFW instead of wheat bran (on as-fed basis). The ingredients of each diet were ground, thoroughly mixed and pressed into pellets of six mm diameter to decrease selective feeding.

Assessment of feeding amount, daily gain and Cost Feed intake was recorded daily, and DM content was determined to calculate individual voluntary dry matter in takes (DMI). To calculate average daily gain and feed conversion ratio, the lambs were weighed biweekly. Representative samples of the diets and feed ingredients were collected at regular intervals and pooled for subsequent analysis. Finally, an estimate of the feeding cost per kilogram of body weight gain was recorded.

#### 3- Digestibility trial

Lambs were housed individually in metabolism crates to evaluate nutrient digestibility. Lambs were fed at 90% of the voluntary intake determined during the growth trial. Daily fecal samples were collected, weighed and recorded, and then 10% were kept for subsequent analyses. Fecal samples were dried at 55°C, in a forced-air oven to reach a constant weight, then ground to pass 1mm screen (Cyclotec 1093, Foss Sweden), and then kept for further analysis. Refused feed samples were collected every 24 hrs in separate plastic bags for each lamb. Offered and refused feeds were weighed and sampled for each lamb daily. These sub-samples were further mixed into a composite sample by animal, before grinding. Representative samples of feed, refusals and feces were stored for further analysis. These samples were analyzed for DM, ash, crude protein (CP), ether extract (EE), acid detergent fiber (ADF), and neutral detergent fiber (NDF) AOAC., (2005).

# 4- Carcass characteristics and meat chemical composition

The lambs were slaughtered at the Center of Agriculture and Production facility at Kafrelsheikh University Abdullah et al. (1998). Approximately 18 hrs after the last feeding, the fasted live weight and hot carcass weight after slaughter were recorded. Dressing percentage was calculated as percentages of hot carcass weight/fasted live weight. Liver, kidney and heart were excised and weighed. Organ weights were expressed as absolute organ weight (kg) and relative to body weight and carcass weight (%). The longissimus dorsi muscle was excised, prepared by removal of visible fat and epimysium before mincing in a blender and kept at -25 °C until analysis Boccard et al. (1981). Then, chemical analyses of moisture, CP, EE and ash were carried out according to AOAC., (2005).

# 5- Chemical analysis

Samples from feeds, whole diets and dried fecal matter were collected and grounded to pass 1 mm screen (Cyclotec1093, Foss Sweden). Samples were analyzed for DM (100°C in air-forced oven to constant weight; method 934.01), ash (600°C in muffle furnace for 2 h; method 942.05), EE (Soxhlet procedure; method 2003.05) and CP (Kjeldahl procedure; method 2001.11) AOAC., (2005). NDF and ADF were determined using ANKOM<sup>2000</sup> fiber Technology analyzer apparatus (ANKOM Cooperation, Fairport, NY, USA). NDF analysis was performed using sodium sulfite and alpha amylase (heat stable) and expressed with residual ash content. Non-fibrous carbohydrates (NFC) content was estimated using the formula: NFC = DM - (CP + EE+ ash + NDF). Total digestible nutrients (TDN) based on nutrient analyses were estimated (NRC, 1985). Mineral composition was analyzed using atomic absorption spectrophotometer (V-630, Jasco, Japan), (AOAC, 2005). The total aflatoxin content in the feeds and whole diet was determined according to the 991.31 method using monoclonal antibody columns

for aflatoxin B1 and B2 (VICAM Science Technology, Watertown, MA,USA).

# 6- Serum biochemical analysis of liver and kidney functions

Blood samples were collected from each lamb by jugular vein puncture. The blood samples allowed to coagulate at room temperature for 3 hrs, centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 15 min, sera were collected in Eppendorf vials and kept at  $-20\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  for later analysis. Serum AST, ALT and GGT enzyme activities as well as the concentration of Total proteins and the level of creatinine were evaluated using commercially available standard diagnostic kits (Stanbio Laboratory Boerne, USA).

#### 7- Histopathological Examination

Livers and kidneys were fixed in 10% neutral-buffered formalin. Then specimens were then dehydrated in a graded series of ethanol, cleared in xylene and embedded in paraffin wax. Next, the paraffin-embedded specimens were sectioned into 4-µm samples for hematoxylin and eosin staining (Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH).

#### 8- Statistical analysis

All results were subjected to ANOVA using JMP 10 statistical analysis soft ware package (SAS, 2012). Dietary treatments were the main source of variance. Differences between means were tested for significance using Dennett's Least Significant Difference procedure (LSD) at 0.05 level of probability.

#### **RESULTS**

The total HFW was 18.58 tones collected from 600 participants within three months in Kafrelsheikh city (Egypt), representing 0.344±0.184kgper person per day.

On DM basis, the chemical composition of HFW has CP (14.72%), starch (32.47%), EE (6.96%), and ash (10.98%). Moreover, higher concentrations of calcium, phosphorus, sodium and chlorine were obtained (Table 1). Furthermore, chemical composition of the different tested diets is illustrated in Table 3.

The results of growth, feed intake and feed conversion ratio are presented in Table 4. There was no statistically significant difference in the final live-weight between the groups. The average daily gains were 188, 193 and 218 g/day in 0%, 15% and 30% HFW supplemented groups respectively. Feed consumption of lambs fed on diets containing HFW was similar to those control animals.

All groups showed a nearly similar feed conversion ratio, mean while the cost of production was lower in lambs fed on 30% HFW diet as compared to 0% fed lambs (P<0.05). Also, the price of HFW, including

the price of transportation and processing, was about 31% of the wheat bran price. In addition the replacement of wheat bran by HFW at 15 and 30% reduced the cost by 12 and 22% respectively.

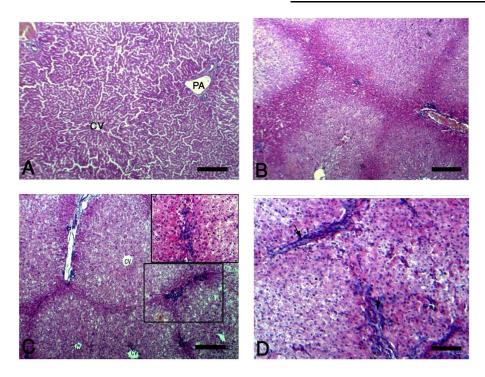
Digestion coefficients of DM, CP, EE, NDF, ADF and NFC of the control diet and diets containing HFW are summarized in Table 5. There was no significant difference among various groups in the mean digestibility coefficients of DM, CP, NDF, ADF and NFC. EE digestibility was tended to be higher in lambs fed diets containing 15% and 30% HFW than those fed on control diet.

Fasting live weight, hot carcass weight, dressing percentages, organs weight and relative organs weight and carcass weight are shown in Table 6. No differences were observed in such parameters among the different animal groups. Chemical composition of lamb meat is shown in Table 7. The moisture, protein, ash and fat content were also similar within the different groups.

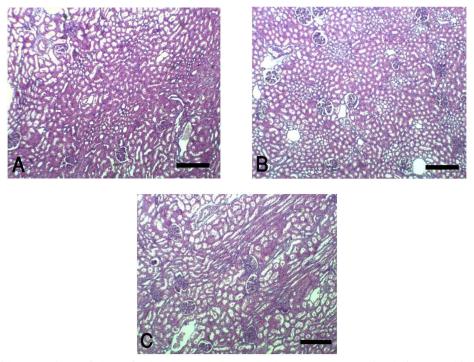
Total proteins concentration, creatinine level, AST, ALT, and GGT serum enzymatic activities of lambs are illustrated in Table 8. Lambs fed on HFW at 15% demonstrated increase GGT serum level, which was significantly increased with 30% supplementation of HFW. The other parameters were elevated with high HFW, but it was still within the normal limits.

Histopathologically, livers and kidneys samples from each group are shown in (Figs 1 and 2). Livers of sheep feed on normal diet were within the normal histological features (Fig1A). The liver of sheep supplemented with food containing HWF at 15% revealed enlarged pale hepatocytes of centrolobular and midzonal areas compressing the outer periportal area, showing a mosaic-like pattern consistent with glycogen storage. Also, there was occasionally minimal periportal mononuclear cells infiltration (Fig1B). One animal of this group showed periportal mononuclear cells infiltration and also round to oval cells with little basophilic cytoplasm, and round or oval nucleus was with light clear membrane and clear small nucleolus consistent with oval cells (Fig 1C). Regarding animals feed on formulated diet-containing 30% HFW, one of them showed normal liver with minimal periportal inflammatory cells infiltration. While the other animals demonstrated marked periportal mononuclear cells inflammatory cells infiltration and oval cells proliferation (Fig1D). Moreover, multifocal areas of single cell to focal hepatic necrosis were noticed.

The kidneys of different group were within the normal limits, however, the animal supplemented with 30% of HWF showed mild degeneration of renal tubular epithelium associated with hyaline cast (Fig. 2).



**Figure 1**: Liver sections of sheep feed on normal diet, 15 and 30% HFW contained diets. (A) photomicrograph of normal liver section of sheep feed on normal diet, H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m. (B) photomicrograph of liver section of sheep feed on normal diet contained 15% of HFW showing mosaic like appearance with mild periportal leucocytic infiltration H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m. (C) Photomicrograph of liver section of sheep feed on normal diet contained 15% HFW showing periportal oval cell proliferation H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m. Inset showing periportal oval cell proliferation, CV central vein, H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m. (D) Photomicrograph of liver section of sheep feed on normal diet contained 30% HFW showing marked periportal oval cell proliferation (arrows), H&E, bar=50  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 2:** Kidney sections of sheep feed on normal diet, 15 and 30% HFW contained diets. (A) kidney of sheep feed on normal diet, H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m. (B) kidney of sheep feed on normal diet contained 15% of HFW were within normal H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m. (C) kidney of sheep feed on normal diet contained 30% HFW showing hyaline cast H&E, bar=100  $\mu$ m.

**Table 1:** Chemical composition of the feedstuffs (on DM basis).

Nutrients	HFW <sup>A</sup>	Wheat bran	Corn grains	Soybean meal	Alfalfa hay	ECS B
Moisture (%)	10.51	10.9	11.9	10.9	6.82	5.55
Organic matter (%)	89.02	93.7	98.5	93.4	86.56	85.91
DM (%)	89.49	89.1	88.1	89.1	93.18	94.45
Crude protein (%)	14.72	17.3	9.1	49.9	20.0	7.0
Total digestible nutrient <sup>C</sup> (%)	67.35	71.44	88.68	80.0	56.91	44.3
Neutral detergent Fiber (%)	19.95	42.5	9.5	14.9	36.49	70.0
Acid detergent Fiber (%)	11.03	15.5	3.4	10.0	28.26	50.0
Non fibrous carbohydrate (%)	47.39	29.6	75.7	27.0	28.07	8.07
Starch (%)	32.47	22.5	72.1	1.7	1.8	0.0
Ether extract (%)	6.96	4.3	4.2	1.6	2.0	0.84
Ash (%)	10.98	6.3	1.5	6.6	13.44	14.09
Calcium (%)	1.68	0.13	0.04	0.4	1.47	0.31
Phosphorus (%)	0.58	1.18	0.3	0.71	0.28	0.1
Sodium (%)	1.17	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.1	0.12
Potassium (%)	0.96	1.32	0.42	2.22	2.37	1.51
Chlorine (%)	1.81	0.16	0.08	0.13	0.65	0.6
Cobalt (ppm)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.31	0.0
Copper (ppm)	13.18	11.0	3.0	22.0	9.0	6.0
Iron (ppm)	756.6	157.0	54.0	185.0	619.0	172.0
Manganese (ppm)	24.06	122.0	11.0	35.0	44.0	67.0
Zinc (ppm)	41.56	85.0	27.0	57.0	28.0	16.0
Total aflatoxins (ppb)	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup>HFW, household food waste; <sup>B</sup> ECS, Egyptian clover straw; <sup>C</sup> value of total digestible nutrient was determined according to NRC (1985).

Table 2: Ingredient composition of the experimental diets (on as-fed basis).

In anodionts (0/)	Dietary treatments			
Ingredients (%)	0% HFW	15% HFW	30% HFW	
Alfalfa hay	15.0	16.0	16.0	
Egyptian clover straw	13.0	15.0	16.5	
Soybean meal 44%	11.0	11.0	11.5	
Corn grains, ground	29.0	26.5	25.0	
Wheat bran	30.0	15.0	00	
HFW <sup>A</sup>	00	15.0	30.0	
Limestone	1.5	1.2	1.0	
Common salt	0.5	0.3	0.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup>HFW, household food waste.

**Table 3:** Chemical composition of the experimental diets (on DM basis)

Nutrients	Dietary treatments			
	0% HFW A	15% HFW	30% HFW	
DM (%)	91.36	91.27	90.45	
Organic matter (%)	90.84	90.22	88.43	
Crude protein (%)	16.16	16.61	17.04	
Ether extract (%)	2.82	3.59	4.22	
Neutral detergent fiber (%)	31.58	30.52	26.66	
Acid detergent fiber (%)	18.13	18.45	18.37	
Ash (%)	8.37	8.93	10.47	
Non fibrous carbohydrate (%)	41.07	40.34	41.61	
Total digestible nutrient <sup>B</sup> (%)	69.55	70.53	71.33	
Calcium (%)	0.91	1.05	1.31	
Phosphorus (%)	0.48	0.43	0.39	
Sodium (%)	0.59	0.69	0.88	
Potassium (%)	1.33	1.33	1.4	
Iron (mg/kg)	476.33	405.84	771.91	
Copper (mg/kg)	12.35	33.02	20.57	
Manganese (mg/kg)	48.05	42.65	27.42	
Zinc (mg/kg)	50.79	63.28	46.62	
Total aflatoxins (ppb)	1.0	1.0	1.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup>HFW, household food waste; <sup>B</sup>value of total digestible nutrient was determined according to (NRC 1985) sheep equation.

**Table 4:** Growth performance and feeding cost.

Parameters		Dietary treatments	
	0% HFW	15% HFW	30% HFW <sup>A</sup>
Initial body weight (kg)	$22.19 \pm 1.40$	$23.14 \pm 1.33$	$22.53 \pm 1.30$
Final body weight (kg)	$33.07 \pm 3.11$	$33.65 \pm 2.45$	$31.17 \pm 2.08$
Body weight gain (kg)	10.88±2.94	$10.51 \pm 1.30$	$8.64 \pm 1.95$
Average daily gain (kg)	$0.20 \pm 0.05$	$0.19 \pm 0.02$	$0.16 \pm 0.04$
Feed consumed (kg/day)	$1.27 \pm 0.17$	$1.29 \pm 0.21$	1.10± 0.25
Feed conversion ratio	$7.17 \pm 3.05$	$6.86 \pm 0.97$	$7.43 \pm 2.52$
Cost/kg gain (EGP)	$9.86 \pm 0.38$	$6.32 \pm 1.28^{a}$	$5.54\pm0.74^{a}$

Data expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD, standard deviation, <sup>A</sup>HFW, household food waste; superscript letter (a) are significantly different at (P<0.05).

Table 5: Nutrient digestibility of Barki lambs fed diets containing HFW.

Digestibility (%)		Dietary treatme	nts
	0% HFW $^{\rm B}$	15% HFW	30% HFW
DM	$58.5 \pm 1.20$	$59.25 \pm 1.87$	$61.25 \pm 2.14$
Crude protein	$75.75 \pm 2.15$	$73.25 \pm 1.46$	71.75 ±2.12
Ether extract	$58.07 \pm 4.32$	$70.92 \pm 3.48^{a}$	$74.5 \pm 5.18^{a}$
Neutral detergent fiber	$51.57 \pm 0.78$	52.28 ±1.10	$56.7 \pm 3.22$
Acid detergent fiber	$33.37 \pm 2.12$	$33.06 \pm 3.15$	$31.21 \pm 3.54$
Non fibrous carbohydrate	$88.49 \pm 4.65$	87.35 ±3.16	$86.33 \pm 4.12$
Total digestible nutrients	$69.67 \pm 3.73$	$70.35 \pm 2.85$	$71.98 \pm 3.98$

Data expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD, standard deviation, <sup>A</sup>HFW, household food waste; superscript letter (a) are significantly different at (P<0.05).

Table 6: Carcass traits and organs weight.

Parameters	Dietary treatments			
	0% HFW <sup>B</sup>	15% HFW	30% HFW	
Carcass weight (kg)	$18.55 \pm 1.01$	$18.67 \pm 0.89$	$17.23 \pm 0.55$	
Dressing (%)	$56.27 \pm 2.94$	$55.58 \pm 2.04$	55.71 ±2.90	
Liver weight (kg)	$0.64 \pm 0.04$	$0.63 \pm 0.07$	$0.64 \pm 0.04$	
Kidney weight (kg)	$0.16\pm0.03$	$0.14 \pm 0.06$	0.18 ±0.02	
Heart weight (kg)	$0.12 \pm 0.02$	$0.14 \pm 0.03$	$0.12 \pm 0.03$	

Data expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD, standard deviation, HFW, household food waste (P>0.05).

**Table 7**: Chemical analysis of the longissimus dorsi muscle (% wet basis).

Parameters		Dietary treatments	3
	$0\%$ HFW $^{\rm B}$	15% HFW	30% HFW
Moisture	73.93± 5.32	74.2±7.25	73.93± 4.26
DM	26.07± 2.92	25.8±1.84	26.07± 1.64
Crude protein	20.14± 1.42	18.63± 1.28	19.21± 1.16
Ether extract	4.86± 0.64	$6.18\pm 1.02^{a}$	5.74± 1.24
Ash	$1.07 \pm 0.08$	0.98± 0.10	1.11± 0.12

Data expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD, standard deviation, HFW, household food waste, superscript letter (a) indicates the significance (P>0.05).

Table 8: Effects of organic home underutilized resources inclusion on enzyme serum activities.

Serum levels	0% HFW	15% HFW	30% HFW
AST (U/L)	13.01 ±2.05	$13.80 \pm 4.34$	15.20 ±5.63
ALT (U/L)	$5.20 \pm 3.78$	$7.80 \pm 3.10$	$8.80 \pm 2.90$
GGT(U/L)	$55.38 \pm 5.24$	$62.46 \pm 6.04$	$78.81 \pm 5.28^a$
TP (g/dl)	$6.88 \pm 1.26$	$8.24 \pm 2.06$	$6.60 \pm 3.52$
Creatinine (mg/dl)	$1.32 \pm 0.48$	$1.24 \pm 0.87$	$2.25 \pm 0.84$

### **DISCUSSION**

Our study aimed to investigate the bioavailability of HFW incorporation with lambs feed. In Egypt, HFW is composed mainly from breads, pea and beans. Thus, the DM of the collected food wastes was relatively higher in compared with (20%) that reported by Ben (2001). This might be attributed to the higher amount of bread within HFW. Moreover, the higher energy and/or protein contents from the

HFW could provide competitive alternatives to more traditional energy and protein sources (Westendorf, 2000)

Minerals level seem to be high in HFW, however, it still below the dietary maximum tolerable limit for sheep Walker *et al.* (1997). Moreover, it can be accommodated in balanced diets Myer *et al.* (1994), Walker *et al.* (1998). The total aflatoxins residues of HFW were within the permissible limits. HFW was

freshly collected and efficiently dried Sugiura *et al.* (2009). Mycotoxins mostly have been plagued and mankind since the beginning of organized crop production and probably before. HFW incorporation in lamb's diet did not affect animals up to 30%. In chicken, 30% processed food wastes in conjunction with other essential ingredients achieved adequate results for body weight, feed consumption and feed conversion Normand (1996).

Wheat bran substitution with HFW reduced the cost of diets and improved profitability. Similarly, the average replacement price of HFW and substitution rates was significantly reduced the feed costs when compared with the average price of concentrates having equal amount of nutrients (as-fed basis) Oishi *et al.* (2011). Moreover, it is economically processed in duck rations Ben (2001). The economic estimate of 30% HFW incorporation in the lamb diets may lead to an appreciable reduction of the feeding cost per kilogram of body weight gain.

Energy and protein percentages in the diets, DM intake and physical characteristics of the diets were consistent with Burrin *et al.* (1990). In our study, HFW has a high nutritive value for sheep, which indicated with a higher EE digestibility in diets-containing HFW. The growth performance and carcass characteristics obtained using diets containing HFW were found to be similar to those of the control group. HFW has no deleterious effect on meat chemical composition. In addition, the digestibility of primary nutrients in food waste must be 75% or greater to be an economical feed ingredient for inclusion in traditional diets Westendorf. (2000).

The biochemical results revealed normal serum levels of liver and kidneys enzymes of examined lambs. Unless lambs fed on 30% HFW had a higher serum GGT (*P*<0.05). Higher serum levels of GGT could be indicated hepatobiliary disorders of sheep Braun et al. (2010). This result was consistent with pathological periportal oval cells proliferation, which representing a bipotential cell, and can be differentiated into either hepatocytes or bile duct epithelial cells. Furthermore, it has been shown clonogenic potential in vivo and in vitro. Oval cells are not normally involved in liver regeneration, due to the enormous replicative capacity of hepatocytes, but are induced to proliferate under conditions of severe liver injury when mature hepatocytes are overwhelmed or prevented from proliferating Fausto et al. (2003). It can be induced by chronic iron overloading of the rat supplemented with 2% iron containing diet over 3 months inducing marked oval cells proliferation Smith et al. (1996). Tubular degeneration of the kidneys was noticed, however there was non significant increase in kidney serum enzymes levels which could also indicates the possible toxic effect of 30% HFW supplementation.

Analysis of 30% HFWs demonstrated a higher dietary iron level which exceed the maximum tolerable limits in sheep which could be one of the inducible factors for oval cells induction in this group. In addition, the most of Egyptian crops and ecosystem reported a higher residue levels of heavy metals, which also support the higher levels in HFW Mansour *et al.* (2009).

### **CONCLUSION**

Current result concluded that HFW was free from total aflatoxins. It was moderately high in protein, fat and minerals and may be used as a replacement of wheat bran in lamb diets. Incorporation of HFW in animal feed might be producible form the economic basis. However, the higher serum levels of GGT enzymes and oval cells induction at the 30% supplementation of HFW with lambs feed embarrass the higher level incorporation of HFW as a substitutive source of animal feed.

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#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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## التأثير الغذائي لإضافة بقايا الأكل المنزلية في عليقة الأغنام

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الغرض من الدراسة هو تقييم مدي إستخدام بقايا الأكل المنزلية في أعلاف الأغنام وذلك لإنتاج علف إقتصادي. تم تجميع ووزن وإعداد بقايا الأكل وتم إضافتها في العليقة بدلا من الردة بنسب ٠% و ١٥ %و ٣٠%. وبتحليل بقايا الأكل المنزلية وجد أنها تحتوي علي ١٤.٧٦ % بروتين و ٦.٩٦ % مستخلص إيثر و ٤٧.٣٩ ألياف غير كربوهيدراتية و رماد ١٩٠٠%. تقييم تأثير العليقة المضاف إليها بقايا الأكل المنزلية علي الحيوان فقد وجد أن وزن الحيوان قبل وبعد الذبح ونسب التشفية والقيمة الغذائية للحوم متشابهة مع حيوانات المجموعة الضابطة. التحليل الباثولوجي لكبد الحيوانات المعاملة وجد شكل الكبد الفسيفسائي لترسيب الجليكوجين. ولكن وجد زيادة الخلايا البيضاوية مع زيادة واضحة في إنزيم الكبد الجاما جلوتامايل خاصة في الحيوانات المعاملة بنسبة ٣٠٠% وذلك من الممكن أن يكون بسبب زيادة نسبة عنصر الحديد في عليقة بقايا الأكل. وعليه فأنه ينصح إضافة بقايا الاكل بنسب صغيرة وخاصة ١٥٠%.