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Title page

Abstract

Text

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 - Results
 - Discussion
 - Conclusions and implicationsIn lengthy articles, it may be necessary to add other sections to make the content clearer. Results and Discussion can be shown as a single section if considered appropriate.
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People which collaborated in the article may be named, adding their function or contribution; for example: "scientific advisor", "critical review", "data collection", etc.

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Standard journal article (List the first six authors followed by *et al.*)

- I) Basurto GR, Garza FJD. Efecto de la inclusión de grasa o proteína de escape ruminal en el comportamiento de toretes Brahman en engorda. *Téc Pecu Méx* 1998;36(1):35-48.

Issue with no volume

- II) Stephano HA, Gay GM, Ramírez TC. Encephalomyelitis, reproductive failure and corneal opacity (blue eye) in pigs associated with a paramyxovirus infection. *Vet Rec* 1988;(122):6-10.
- III) Chupin D, Schuh H. Survey of present status of the use of artificial insemination in developing countries. *World Anim Rev* 1993;(74-75):26-35.

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- IV) Cancer in South Africa [editorial]. *S Afr Med J* 1994;84:15.

Journal supplement

- V) Hall JB, Staigmiller RB, Short RE, Bellows RA, Bartlett SE. Body composition at puberty in beef heifers as influenced by nutrition and breed [abstract]. *J Anim Sci* 1998;71(Suppl 1):205.

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- VI) The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. Clinical exercise stress testing. Safety and performance guidelines. *Med J Aust* 1996;(164):282-284.

In press

- VII) Scifres CJ, Kothmann MM. Differential grazing use of herbicide-treated area by cattle. *J Range Manage* [in press] 2000.

Books and other monographs

Author(s)

- VIII) Steel RGD, Torrie JH. Principles and procedures of statistics: A biometrical approach. 2nd ed. New York, USA: McGraw-Hill Book Co.; 1980.

Chapter in a book

- IX) Roberts SJ. Equine abortion. In: Faulkner LLC editor. Abortion diseases of cattle. 1st ed. Springfield, Illinois, USA: Thomas Books; 1968:158-179.

Conference paper

- X) Loeza LR, Angeles MAA, Cisneros GF. Alimentación de cerdos. En: Zúñiga GJL, Cruz BJA editores. Tercera reunión anual del centro de investigaciones forestales y agropecuarias del estado de Veracruz. Veracruz. 1990:51-56.
- XI) Olea PR, Cuarón IJA, Ruiz LFJ, Villagómez AE. Concentración de insulina plasmática en cerdas alimentadas con melaza en la dieta durante la inducción de estro lactacional [resumen]. Reunión nacional de investigación pecuaria. Querétaro, Qro. 1998:13.
- XII) Cunningham EP. Genetic diversity in domestic animals: strategies for conservation and development. In: Miller RH *et al.* editors. Proc XX Beltsville Symposium: Biotechnology's role in genetic improvement of farm animals. USDA. 1996:13.

Thesis

- XIII) Alvarez MJA. Inmunidad humoral en la anaplasmosis y babesiosis bovinas en becerros mantenidos en una zona endémica [tesis maestría]. México, DF: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; 1989.
- XIV) Cairns RB. Infrared spectroscopic studies of solid oxygen [doctoral thesis]. Berkeley, California, USA: University of California; 1965.

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- XV) NRC. National Research Council. The nutrient requirements of beef cattle. 6th ed. Washington, DC, USA: National Academy Press; 1984.
- XVI) SAGAR. Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería y Desarrollo Rural. Curso de actualización técnica para la aprobación de médicos veterinarios zootecnistas responsables de establecimientos destinados al sacrificio de animales. México. 1996.
- XVII) AOAC. Official methods of analysis. 15th ed. Arlington, VA, USA: Association of Official Analytical Chemists. 1990.

- XVIII) SAS. SAS/STAT User's Guide (Release 6.03). Cary NC, USA: SAS Inst. Inc. 1988.

- XIX) SAS. SAS User's Guide: Statistics (version 5 ed.). Cary NC, USA: SAS Inst. Inc. 1985.

Electronic publications

- XX) Jun Y, Ellis M. Effect of group size and feeder type on growth performance and feeding patterns in growing pigs. J Anim Sci 2001;79:803-813. <http://jas.fass.org/cgi/reprint/79/4/803.pdf>. Accessed Jul 30, 2003.
- XXI) Villalobos GC, González VE, Ortega SJA. Técnicas para estimar la degradación de proteína y materia orgánica en el rumen y su importancia en rumiantes en pastoreo. Téc Pecu Méx 2000;38(2): 119-134. <http://www.tecnicapecuaria.org/trabajos/200212175725.pdf>. Consultado 30 Jul, 2003.
- XXII) Sanh MV, Wiktorsson H, Ly LV. Effect of feeding level on milk production, body weight change, feed conversion and postpartum oestrus of crossbred lactating cows in tropical conditions. Livest Prod Sci 2002;27(2-3):331-338. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03016226>. Accessed Sep 12, 2003.

12. **Tables, Graphics and Illustrations.** It is preferable that they should be few, brief and having the necessary data so they could be understood without reading the text. Explanatory material should be placed in footnotes, using conventional symbols.

13. **Final version.** This is the document in which the authors have incorporated all the corrections and modifications asked for by the editors. Graphs and figures should be submitted separately in Microsoft Word, MS Power Point, or Corel Draw. Figures must not be inserted as images within the text. In Tables do not use internal horizontal or vertical lines.

14. Once accepted, the final version will be translated into Spanish or English, although authors should feel free to send the final version in both languages. No charges will be made for style or translation services.

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16. Manuscripts not accepted for publication will be returned to the author together with a note explaining the cause for rejection, or suggesting changes which should be made for re-assessment.

17. **List of abbreviations:**

cal	calorie (s)
cm	centimeter (s)
°C	degree Celsius

DL50 lethal dose 50%
g gram (s)
ha hectare (s)
h hour (s)
i.m. intramuscular (..ly)
i.v. intravenous (..ly)
J joule (s)
kg kilogram (s)
km kilometer (s)
L liter (s)
log decimal logarithm
Mcal mega calorie (s)
MJ mega joule (s)
m meter (s)
µl micro liter (s)
µm micro meter (s)
mg milligram (s)
ml milliliter (s)
mm millimeter (s)
min minute (s)
ng nanogram (s)

P probability (statistic)
p page
CP crude protein
PCR polymerase chain reaction
pp pages
ppm parts per million
% percent (with number)
rpm revolutions per minute
sec second (s)
t metric ton (s)
TDN total digestible nutrients
AU animal unit
IU international units
vs *versus*
xg gravity

The full term for which an abbreviation stands should precede its first use in the text.

18. Scientific names and other Latin terms should be written in italics.