Reviewer’s report

Title: Sub-chronic treatment with high doses of ascorbic acid reduces lead levels in hen eggs intentionally exposed to a concentrated source of lead: a pilot study

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Comments for authors:

Language needs to be revised.

Abstract

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Line 10 and 11: The unit used "mg/kg/day" was confused, it means 200 mg/kg body weight or feedstuff?

Line16 and 18: The p value in line 16 was in italic, but line 18 was not.

Line 29: Key words need to be limited to six.

Methods

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Line 14-21: Did you know the lead level in the adult egg laying hens before experiments, have you detected it? Did you know the hens were heathy or not?

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Line 12-16: Can you ensure that there was no lead loss in the preparation process?

Results

Is it equal on the egg production among each hen? If not, this problem will affect the results or not? It means that whether your statistics were performed on the same basis.

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