

# Effect of Toniliset and Roemin W2 Supplementations on the Performance of Lambs

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**Abstract**—A thirty Rahmani weaned male lambs of average body weight (27.28±1.40 kg) were randomly allotted to three similar groups, ten lambs in each, to study the benefit of commercial feed additives Toniliset (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) and Roemin W2 (*Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus thermophilus*, *Bifidobacterium* and Lactose) as growth promoters on lambs performance, digestibility, rumen activity and some blood constituents. The experiment lasted about 107 days. Three experimental groups were allotted as control group: received the basal ration, T1 group: received the basal ration supplemented with Toniliset as (0.5kg/ ton concentrate feed mixture) and T2 group: received the basal ration supplemented with Roemin W2 (1kg/ ton concentrate feed mixture).

Our study revealed that addition of Toniliset significantly increased digestion coefficient of crude protein than that of the control group, Furthermore, the supplementation of Toniliset or Roemin W2 increased ( $p<0.05$ ) crude fiber digestibility than control group. Total digestible nutrients and crude digestible protein were not significantly changed between treatments. Retained nitrogen was higher in treated lamb groups than untreated but the difference was non significant. Rumen activity of different rations showed that volatile fatty acids concentrations for Toniliset and Roemin W2 groups were higher than control group, but the differences were not significant. There are no significant changes between groups in tested blood parameters but in T1 group ALT and AST were decreased. Conclusion: Supplementation of the lamb's rations with probiotics had a non significant effect ( $p<0.05$ ) on blood constituents. While, growth performance and economic efficiency revealed that Toniliset supplemented lambs had the best average daily gain followed by Roemin W2 treated group in comparison with control group. The best economic efficiency was recorded for T1 which fed Toniliset followed by control group at whole period.

**Keywords**—Rahmani sheep, Toniliset, Roemin W2, Growth, Performance.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The lack of sufficient feed to meet the nutritional requirements of existing animal population is one of the most critical problems of animal production in Egypt. On the other hand, many attempts have been made for improving animal productivity, one of those are the use of feed additives and growth promoters including antibiotic and biological additives. In addition, probiotics have been used as a feed additive to young animals to protect them against enteropathic disorders and promoting increase feed conversion efficiency and live weight in young growing animals. Probiotics have been defined as bacterial preparations that impart clinically verified beneficial effects on the animal health when added to its ration [32]. In addition, Probiotics are widely used to prepare fermented dairy products such as yogurt or freeze-dried cultures. In the future, they may also be found in fermented vegetables and meats. Several health-related effects associated with the intake of probiotics, including alleviation of lactose intolerance and immune enhancement. Some evidence suggests a role for probiotics in reducing the risk of rotavirus-induced diarrhea and colon cancer [19]. Most probiotics are currently either lactic acid bacteria or bifidobacteria, but new species and genera are being assessed for future use. The selection of effective probiotics was based on general properties of probiotics [15]. More than 1000 strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* are listed in the American Type Culture Collection Catalogue [4]. Live yeast supplements release essential enzymes, Vitamins and amino acids during digestion, all of which are thought to have a positive effect on the performance of ruminants [23] and increase average daily gain and feed efficiency [8], [10], [30]. Some of the benefits associated with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* supplementation include increased DM and NDF digestion [6] and milk production [18], [38].

Intense research efforts are under way to develop dairy products into which probiotic organisms such as *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium* species are incorporated. Such probiotic foods may modulate gut microbial composition, thereby leading to improved gut health, for example, through improved tolerance to lactose in lactose-intolerant individuals or improved resistance to pathogenic bacteria [33]. Therefore, present study was carried out to compare the effect of Toniliset and Roemin W2 as feed additives on nutrients

digestibility, ruminal activity, blood constituents, feed efficiency and performance of growing lambs.

NDF	34.62	78.24
ADF	16.24	54.13
Hemi cellulose	18.38	24.11
NFC <sup>□</sup>	38.44	6.76

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### A. Experimental design

The field experiment was carried out at the experimental station of Faculty of Agriculture, Alexandria University, Damanhour Branch, Al-Bostan district during the period from June to October 2008 to study the effect of adding either Tonilistat or Roemin W2 as growth promoter to the ration of lambs in growing trial which lasted for 107 day.

Thirty Rahmani weaned male lambs, aging about 6 months old of an average weight of about 27.28±1.40 kg were allotted randomly according to their live body weight and age into three equal groups, ten lambs each. Each group was housed in a separate part of a shaded pen.

Experimental animals were fed on 2.75 % of their live body weight on concentrate feed mixture without (control) or with Tonilistat (T1) or Roemin W2 (T2) as growth promoters. These feed additives were added at the rate of 0.5, 1 kg per ton of concentrate feed mixture for Tonilistat and Roemin W2, respectively. Animals through growing trail were fed free in feedlot and weighed in the morning before drinking or feeding at the beginning of the trial and biweekly thereafter. Concentrate feed mixtures were adjusted to the changing of body weight every two weeks. Concentrate mixtures were given twice daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. while wheat straw was offered (*ad lib.*). The offered and the refusals were weighed daily. Drinking water was available for animals all day time. Body weight changes and daily gain were recorded for each animal. The chemical composition and cell wall constituents of concentrate mixture and wheat straw were illustrated in Table I.

TABLE I  
 CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND CELL WALL CONSTITUENTS OF  
 FEED CONCENTRATE MIXTURE AND WHEAT STRAW (ON DM  
 BASIS)

Items	Feed concentrate mixture <sup>†</sup>	Wheat straw
Chemical composition		
DM	91.51	93.48
OM	89.64	89.58
CP	14.34	3.26
CF	8.47	40.23
EE	2.24	1.32
NFE	64.59	44.77
ASH	10.36	10.42
Cell wall constituents		

<sup>□</sup>NFC: Non fibrous carbohydrates = 100 - % (CP+ NDF + EE + ASH) [5].

<sup>†</sup> Concentrate feed mixture consisted of 25% undecorated seed cake, 12% linseed cake, 41% yellow corn, 16% wheat bran, 3% vinass, 1.5% limestone, 1.4 sodium chloride and 0.1 % common salt.

### B. Feed additives

The following two tested feed additives were used: Tonilistat dry yeast which consists of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* active live yeast 80x10<sup>8</sup>/gram and Roemin W2 a water soluble powder each gram of Roemin W2 contains *Lactobacillus acidophilus* 2x10<sup>8</sup> CFU, *Lactobacillus thermophilus* 2x10<sup>8</sup> CFU, *Bifidobacterium* 1 x10<sup>8</sup> CFU and Lactose.

Economic efficiency = Price per kg live body weight/ feed cost (LE/kg gain).

The price of feed stuffs and products: Concentrate feed mixture (1800 L.E/ ton), wheat straw (300 L.E/ ton), Tonilistat (100L.E/ Kg), Roemin W2 (40 L.E / Kg) and live body weight (22 L.E/ Kg).

### C. Digestibility and nitrogen balance trials

At the end of the growing trial three animals from each treatment were used in the digestibility trial for fourteen days as a preliminary period followed by six days as a collection period. The animals were fed according to the normal allowances according to the experiment assignment. The animals were fed individually. During the collection period feces and urine were quantitatively collected from each animal. Representative samples (10 %) of the collected feces were taken and dried in oven at 60<sup>0</sup>C for 48 hrs. The dried feces samples from each animal were mixed and saved for chemical analysis. Urine samples were daily collected by a graduated cylinder and 10 % daily samples were taken as a representative samples. The representative samples from each animal were mixed and stored for chemical analysis.

### D. Ruminal liquor samples

Ruminal liquor samples were collected at the end of the digestibility trial using clean and sterile stomach tube at 0, 2 and 4 hrs after feeding. Three animals from each treatment were used to obtain ruminal liquor samples which were prepared for later analysis.

*E. Blood samples*

During the last week of the growing trial, three animals from each treatment were used to obtain 10 ml blood from the jugular vein before feeding. Blood samples were centrifuged at 3000 r.p.m. for 15 min to separate serum. Collected serum samples were kept frozen until used for biochemical analysis.

Concentrate	1007.22	986.47	1006.61	51.19	353.53
Roughage	141.15	139.28	183.53	10.04	48.31
Total	1148.37	1125.75	1190.14	56.63	386.49
%Concentrate	87.52	87.65	84.48	0.70	3.23
% Roughage	12.48	12.35	15.52	0.70	3.23

*F. Chemical and biochemical analysis*

Wheat straw, concentrate feed mixture, orts and feces samples were analyzed for moisture, ash, crude protein, ether extract, crude fiber and urinary nitrogen according to Official Methods [3]. Cell wall constituents were estimated according to the methods described by [36]. Ammonia nitrogen concentrations and Total volatile fatty acids were measured in ruminal liquor samples. Ammonia nitrogen concentrations were estimated by using Magnesium oxide (MgO) and the Markham microdistillation apparatus [21]. Total volatile fatty acids were determined by steam distillation as described by [37].

Serum samples were subjected to laboratory analysis for total serum proteins and albumin [13], globulins [7] urea [16], ALT and AST [29] and cholesterol [40] in serum were performed by using commercial kits purchased from Biomerieux.

*G. Statistical analysis:*

Data were statistically analyzed by GLM fixed model procedures [34] Differences between mean values were compared by Duncan's multiple rang test.

Digestibility coefficients and nutritive values of experimental rations are presented in Table III. The data revealed that DM, OM, EE, NFE digestibility had insignificantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) affected by Tonilicat or Roemin W2 supplements. In addition, the data showed that crude protein and crude fiber digestibility significantly improved in lambs fed Tonilicat compared to control. The values were 77.41, 45.4 vs. 73.79, 40.29 for Tonilicat and control, respectively. Moreover, crude fiber digestibility was increased by adding Roemin W2 ( $p < 0.05$ ) more than control group. On the other hand, dry matter, organic matter, ether extract and nitrogen free extract digestibility were not significantly differing with Tonilicat or Roemin W2 supplementation compared with control lambs.

The results in the present study showed that rations supplementation with Tonilicat or Roemin W2 didn't affect on digestibility coefficients of DM, OM and EE. However, the highest values (64.81, 67, 27 and 73.61 respectively) were obtained from Tonilicat treated lambs. The results obtained are in harmony with those reported by [10], [17] who found that addition of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* had no significant effect on dry matter and organic matter digestibility in digestive tract of cows. [10] Demonstrated that *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* improved OM plus NDF digestibility compared with control diet. Some researches have shown that treatment with some yeast cultures increased the number of total and cellulolytic bacteria in the rumen and increased cellulose degradation (Miller *et al.*, 2002; and [24]. Furthermore, [12] reported that addition of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* at 5 or 10 g/ day has significantly modified the proportions of the different protozoa types and improved ruminal cellulolytic activity. On the other hand, the significant improving effect of Tonilicat supplementation on crude protein and crude fiber digestibility or *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and Roemin W2 on crud fiber digestibility observed in this study is in agreement with many other investigations among them the study stated that the digestibility coefficients of crude protein was improved almost linearly with increasing amounts of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* from 5 at 15 g added to the basal diet of lactating buffaloes [20]. In addition [1] reported that digestibility coefficients of DM, CP and CF were improved with Naemy lambs fed the yeast culture at 4 and 8 g yeast/ ram/ day in comparison with those fed yeast culture-free diet. Moreover, digestibilities of DM, OM, NDF and ADF of berseem hay were increased ( $p < 0.05$ ) when the supplementation level of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was 22.5 g where as 11.25 g had no effect [9]. yeast

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

*A. Digestibility*

Results of feed intake in all groups shown in Table II cleared that Roemin W2 group tended to increase total dry matter intake more than control or Tonilicat group but the differences were not significant ( $p < 0.05$ ).

Total dry matter intake was improved by treatment with Roemin W2. Similar results reported by [8]; [30]. While total dry matter intake did not affected by Tonilicat supplementation this result was in accordance with that reported by [8], [30] who concluded that the dry matter intake was not affected by the addition of Tonilicat to the rations of ruminants.

TABLE II  
DRY MATTER INTAKE OF LAMBS RECEIVES DIFFERENT  
EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT DURING THE DIGESTIBILITY  
TRAIL

Items	Control	Tonilicat	Roemin W2	SEM	LSD
No of animals	10	10	10	—	—
Dry matter intake					

supplementation significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) increased digestibility of DM, OM, CP, NDF and ADF of tomato pomace at 2 and 4 g yeast per head per day in rams [27].

Table III showed the nutritive values expressed as total digestibility nutrients (TDN) and digestible crude protein (DCP) were not significantly differ with Toniliset or Roemin W2 supplementation compared with control lambs. Control group had the highest value of TDN (62.03 %) while, Toniliset showed the lowest value (61.47%) while, the highest value of digestible crude protein recorded with Toniliset group (10.04 %).

TABLE III  
 APPARENT DIGESTIBILITY AND NUTRITIVE VALUE OF  
 DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENTS

Items	Control	Toniliset	Roemin W2	SEM	LSD
No of animals	10	10	10	—	—
Digestibility coefficients					
DM	59.75	64.81	61.48	1.12	5.77
OM	65.27	67.27	65.78	0.47	2.51
CP	73.79 <sup>b</sup>	77.41 <sup>a</sup>	76.21 <sup>ab</sup>	0.64	2.46
CF	40.29 <sup>b</sup>	45.4 <sup>a</sup>	43.46 <sup>a</sup>	0.85	2.85
EE	73.18	73.61	72.45	0.43	2.78
NFE	70.78	68.31	69.34	0.79	4.85
Nutritive values					
TDN	62.03	61.47	61.52	0.49	3.32
DCP	9.56	10.04	9.62	0.11	0.54

#### B. Nitrogen balance

The data illustrated in Table IV revealed that supplementation of lambs with either Toniliset or Roemin W2 had a non significant effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) on nitrogen intake, fecal nitrogen, digestible nitrogen, urinary nitrogen and retained nitrogen. It could be seen that the highest retained nitrogen (10.18 g) was obtained from those lambs treated with Toniliset group followed by Roemin W2 treated lambs when compared with control group. It seems that the yeast treated lambs improved nitrogen balance as percentage of intake or digested (43.50, 56.22 vs. 36.22, 47.46 and 34.46, 46.69) for Toniliset, Roemin W2 and control groups, respectively. This improvement was resulted of less of excretion of urinary nitrogen and fecal nitrogen in lambs fed *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* compared with lambs fed Roemin W2 and control group.

Nitrogen intake, fecal nitrogen, digested nitrogen; urinary nitrogen and retained nitrogen were not affected significantly by addition of Toniliset or Roemin W2 to the basal diet (Table IV). However, the highest value of retained nitrogen (10, 18 g) was obtained from the lambs supplemented with Toniliset in their ration. When recalculating the difference between these

two values as percentage of the control value it is equal to 23.84 %.

In the results section study of nitrogen balance it can be seen that the only pronounced significant effect of Toniliset was on retained nitrogen as % nitrogen intake (Table IV). Retained nitrogen as % nitrogen intake was higher in lambs given Toniliset in their diet as compared with control lambs. Pronounced effect of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* in improving nitrogen utilization could be attributed to reduction nitrogen excretion in fecal and urine. Similar results were reported by [1], [8].

#### C. Ruminant activity

The data in Table V showed the effect of supplementation of lambs with Toniliset or Roemin W2 on volatile fatty acids concentrations (meq/ 100 ml R.L.) at 0, 2 and 4 hrs after feeding. The differences between control group and either of Toniliset treated or Roemin W2 treated lambs were not significant. The volatile fatty acids concentrations averaged 10.47, 8.96 and 10.17 meq/ 100 ml R.L. for control, Toniliset and Roemin W2 treated lambs, respectively.

TABLE IV  
 NITROGEN UTILIZATION OF LAMBS FED DIFFERENT  
 EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT

Items	Control	Toniliset	Roemin W2	SEM	LSD
No of animals	10	10	10	—	—
Nitrogen intake (g)	23.85	23.36	24.05	1.20	8.28
Fecal nitrogen (g)	6.19	5.29	5.70	0.28	1.72
Digested nitrogen (g)	17.66	18.07	18.35	0.96	6.60
Urinary nitrogen (g)	9.44	7.89	9.49	0.50	2.94
Retained nitrogen (g)	8.22	10.18	8.86	0.71	4.48
Retained nitrogen as %					
% nitrogen intake	34.46 <sup>b</sup>	43.50 <sup>a</sup>	36.22 <sup>ab</sup>	1.78	7.72
% Digested nitrogen	46.69	56.22	47.46	2.06	9.59

Means with the different letter are significantly different at (0.05)

The differences between these averages were not significant ( $p < 0.05$ ); however, volatile fatty acids concentrations were slightly decreased by treatment with Toniliset or Roemin W2. The highest improvement (10.47 meq/ 100 ml R.L.) was obtained with Toniliset.

Volatile fatty acids concentrations of sheep fed the experimental diets were ranged between 6.1 to 12.88 meq/100 ml R.L. for Toniliset at 0 hr and control group at 2 hrs post

feeding, respectively. No significant differences were found among diets with different additives. The total volatile fatty acids were increased after feeding for all treatments. These results in accordance with those reported by [12] who found that addition of Toniliset to the concentrate-enriched ration didn't induce any significant variation of total volatile fatty acids concentrations in ruminal fluid in sheep. Others emphasized that *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* supplementation had a non significant effect on total volatile fatty acids concentrations in ruminants [39] and [10].

The result of ammonia nitrogen concentrations (MEG/ 100 ML R.L.) of the rumen liquor of the experimental diets are presented in Table v. The differences between experimental groups were not significant at 0, 2 and 4 hrs after feeding. Ammonia nitrogen concentrations were increased after feeding than before feeding. At 4 hrs post feeding, the highest value of ammonia nitrogen concentration was recorded with Roemin group (33.38 mg /100 ml R.L), while the lowest value was recorded with control group (27.85 mg / 100 ml R.L). These results were agreed with those obtained by [12] and [11]. On the other hand, optimal concentration of ammonia nitrogen for microbial growth and protein synthesis ranged from 0.35 to 29 mg/ 100 ml R.L [26].

TABLE V  
 VOLATILE FATTY ACIDS CONCENTRATIONS (MEG/ 100 ML R.L.) AND AMMONIA-N CONCENTRATIONS (MG/ 100 ML R.L.) IN RUMEN LIQUOR FOR LAMBS FED DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENTS

Time after feeding	Control	Toniliset	Roemin W2	SEM	LSD
Volatile fatty acids concentrations					
0 h	6.78	6.10	7.91	0.40	2.12
2 h	12.88	11.75	11.98	0.56	3.72
4 h	11.75	9.04	10.62	0.61	3.22
Average	10.47	8.96	10.17	0.52	1.53
Ammonia-N (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) concentrations					
0 h	16.15	17.11	16.93	0.42	2.72
2 h	26.38	20.71	24.89	1.54	8.91
4 h	27.85	29.93	33.38	1.38	7.73
Average	23.46	22.58	25.07	1.28	3.31

#### D. Blood parameters

Differences in some serum parameters in lambs of all treatments were summarized in Table VI which revealed that no significant differences were observed between treatment groups in serum total protein, albumin and globulin levels, however addition of Toniliset gave the highest values (6.20, 3.71 and 2.49) respectively. In addition, in Toniliset treated group alanine aminotransferase and aspartate aminotransferase activities and cholesterol levels were none significantly decreased.

The results in the present study indicated that rations supplementation with Toniliset or Roemin W2 didn't affect blood constituents significantly. However, the highest total protein, albumin and globulin concentrations (6.20, 3.71 and 2.49, respectively) were obtained from Toniliset treated lambs. Moreover, A/G ratio and urea, ALT, AST and cholesterol concentrations were not affected significantly by addition of Toniliset or Roemin W2 to the basal diet (Table VI). Although, the lowest concentrations of ALT, AST and cholesterol were recorded for the lambs supplemented with Toniliset in their ration. These results are constituent with previous data in sheep [12], [22], [35].

TABLE VI  
 SOME BLOOD PARAMETERS FOR LAMBS FED DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENTS

Items	Control	Toniliset	Roemin W2	SEM	LSD
Total protein (g/dl)	5.75	6.20	5.87	0.15	0.95
Albumin (g/dl)	3.58	3.71	3.40	0.12	0.80
Globulin (g/dl)	2.17	2.49	2.47	0.10	0.63
A/G ratio	1.65	1.52	1.40	0.09	0.55
Urea (mg/dl)	24.40	25.39	23.76	1.98	13.58
ALT (U/L)	31.00	29.67	31.33	1.00	6.69
AST (U/L)	37.00	36.33	36.33	1.53	10.55
Cholesterol (mg/dl)	38.79	25.95	33.33	3.55	20.89

#### E. Fattening trails

##### 1) Live body weight changes

Growth performance data of lamb groups fed different experimental treatments during growth trial are shown in Table VII. Initial body weight was almost the same for different lamb groups. From data illustrated in Table VII we found that the total gain during the entire period for the experimental lamb groups ranged between 17.33 kg (Toniliset treated lambs) and 16.17 kg (control). The differences between groups were not statistically significant. Average daily gains at the first period (60 d) were highest for Toniliset then Roemin W2 and control (being 150, 141.67 and 133.33 g). Average daily gain during the second period (47 d) tended to increase in all groups however the difference between the control group and any other treated group was not statistically significant.

The results in Table VII showed that addition of Toniliset or Roemin W2 to the basal diet generally increased the average daily gain at the whole period (107 d). However, no significant differences were detected between experimental groups. The highest value 161.99 g was obtained from Toniliset treated lambs which gave about increment in the average daily gain over the control group (151.09). These results are consistent with the findings of [1], [8] in lambs. [14] reported that the administration of yeast cultures Yea-

Sacc 1026 (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, strain 1026) at a level of 10 g / calf / day in male Holstein calves from day 4 to day 56 of age did not alter final body weight, body weight gain, Dry matter intake and feed conversion ratio. In a similar study with Holstein calves, dietary supplementation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (1g / day/ calf) did not affect body weight gain and feed conversion ratio [28]. On the other hand, [10] concluded that the supplementation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to the forage sorghum hay for male Nubian goat's kids had significant effect ( $p < 0.01$ ) on body weight gain. The improvement in daily gain as a result of adding *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* may be due to its effect on microbial efficiency and organic matter, crude protein and crude fiber digestibilities. Supplementation of yeast culture in steers could increase organic matter digestibility in the grazing season [25]. It is of interest to report that the results of total gain and average daily gain are in harmony with the results obtained in digestibility and nitrogen balance trial (Table 3 and 4) which showed that supplemented lambs with Tonilistat improved the digestion coefficients of crude protein and crude fiber and retained nitrogen as compared with control group. Also, they are in agreement Synchronization with the results of ruminal activity and blood constituents (Table 5 and 7) which revealed that ruminal volatile fatty acids, total protein, albumin and globulin concentrations of Tonilistat treated lambs were higher than those of control lambs.

### 2) Dry matter intake

The effect of Tonilistat or Roemin W2 on feed intake of lambs during growth trial is shown in Table VII. The data showed that addition of Tonilistat or Roemin W2 to the basal diet slightly increased total dry matter intake at different experimental periods. Addition of Tonilistat resulted in the highest total dry matter intake (1108.91, 1427.99 and 1249.05 g) followed by Roemin W2 treatment (1091.89, 1400.46 and 1227.73 g) then control group (1088.25 and 1222.17 g).

### 3) Feed conversion ratio and economic efficiency

The tabulated data in Table VII showed that the feed conversion ratio for the experimental groups ranged between 7.71 kg gain (Tonilistat treated lambs) and 8.09 kg DM /kg gain (control) at entire period (107 d). In addition, Table VII revealed that supplementation of Tonilistat decreased feed cost / kg gain at entire period. Moreover, the highest economic efficiency at entire period (2.07) was obtained from Tonilistat treated lambs followed by control lambs. In contrary, the lowest economic efficiency was obtained from lambs in Roemin W2 group.

Data in the present study showed that Tonilistat group was more efficient in covering DM to gain than Roemin W2 or

control group. The improvement of feed conversion ratio and economic feed efficiency may be due to the increase of growth rate in Tonilistat group comparing with control and Roemin W2 groups. These results are in harmony with those suggested by [2], [8], [31].

TABALE VII  
 BODY WEIGHT GAIN, DRY MATTER INTAKE, FEED CONVERSION RATIO AND ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY OF LAMB GROUPS FED DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENTS DURING GROWTH TRIAL

Items	Control	Tonilistat	Roemin W2	SEM	LSD
No of animals	10	10	10	—	—
Body weight gain					
Initial body weight (kg)	27	27.5	27.33	1.40	7.8
Body weight at 60 day from trial(kg)	35	34.33	35.83	1.37	7.6
Final body weight (kg)	43.17	44.83	43.83	1.38	7.6
Total gain during the entire period (kg)	16.17	17.33	16.50	0.40	2.1
Body weight changes (g)					
First period (0-60 d)	133.33	150	141.67	4.71	24
Second period (61-107d)	173.76	177.30	170.21	3.94	21
entire period (0 – 107 d)	151.09	161.99	154.21	3.78	20
Dry matter intake (g/d)					
First period (0-60 d)					
Concentrate	779.74	777.83	794.31		
Roughage	308.51	331.08	297.58		
Total	1088.25	1108.91	1091.89		
Second period (61-107d)					
Concentrate	983.57	995.93	1002.03		
Roughage	409.52	432.06	398.43		
Total	1393.09	1427.99	1400.46		
Entire period (0-107 d)					
Concentrate	869.27	873.63	885.86		
Roughage	352.90	375.42	341.87		
Total	1222.17	1249.05	1227.73		
Feed conversion ratio and economic efficiency					
Feed conversion ratio kg DM / kg gain					
0 – 60 d	8.16	7.39	7.71		
61 – 107 d	8.02	8.05	8.23		
0 – 107 d	8.09	7.71	7.96		
Feed cost / kg gain (L.E)					
0 – 60 d	11.17	10.27	10.94		
61 – 107 d	10.88	11.11	11.51		
0 – 107 d	10.98	10.61	11.15		
Economic efficiency					
0 – 60 d	1.97	2.14	2.01		
61 – 107 d	2.02	1.98	1.91		
0 – 107 d	2.00	2.07	1.97		

#### IV. CONCLUSION

It could be concluded that supplementation of the ration for growing lambs with Tonilistat at 0.5 kg per ton of concentrate feed mixture improves the growth performance, digestibility coefficient of dry matter, organic matter, crude protein and crude fiber, feed conversion ratio and economic feed efficiency. Results didn't show any negative effects on blood proteins and kidney and liver functions.

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