

## Review of: "The Growth Performance of Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis Niloticus) Fed Low-Cost Fish Feeds Formulated From Fish By-Products, Fishery By-Catch and Pig Blood-Meal"

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The authors made a good effort to report the growth performance of Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis Niloticus) fed low-cost fish feeds formulated from fish by-products, fishery by-catch, and pig blood-meal.

However, I observe a major experimental reporting error in the methods described by the authors.

The authors stated in the abstract that 20 fishes were stocked in the seven aquariums and in triplicate. I should expect that a total of 480 fishes should have been used for this study. Contrary to this, the authors went ahead to report that they used 160 fishes in the materials and methods. This is something that needed to be addressed.

I also have some concerns about treating the water with chlorine. The authors should report what concentration of chlorine was used and, if possible, carry out a chlorine test to validate that the concentration remaining in the water after the 24-hour aeration period is suitable for the aquatic organisms (fish).

The ingredient composition of each of the experimental diets should be reported for this study.

Were no significant differences observed among the experimental diets in the fish? This should be well captured and reported in the results and discussion sections.

I would also suggest a language editing of the manuscript.

Thank you.