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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments		
Minor REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which data are come from secondary source? I think, authors highlighted, there was no cooperatives in study area. If this comes from secondary sources, put citation regarding it2. Why 10 small ruminant producers kebeles were selected. In multi stage sampling that control variables characteristics should be highlighted.3. How you differentiate small traders from larger one?4. Authors may highlight percentage of contribution of small ruminants from producers to consumers through different chain?5. Here authors highlighted value chain mapping through different actors but it is not cleared where and how value is added during movement of products.6. It is better, if value chain analysis is carried out by highlighting costs and selling price by different actors, time taken during movement of products and area of operation (whether products are consumed in same districts or move to different districts as well). If products are exported, then which country is the best destination?7. When skin of animals are processed, who are the customers and how it is marketed.8. How it is buyer driven?9. In value chain analysis, we also study the chain after product movement through processing industries (here it is leather processing).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "There was no cooperatives in study area" this sentences did not come from secondary source but from focus group discussion and from producers and traders of the study area.2. Because in this manuscript only describe about value chain but in the whole study of my thesis there was variables.3. Small traders are sell and/ or buy about 20 small ruminant but large traders are sell and/ or buy about 60 small ruminant. <p>4 and 5 Goat marketing channels</p> <p>Nine main alternative channels were identified for goat marketing. Small ruminant market participant of sample respondents were supplied 137.28 TLU of goats to the market. The main receivers from producers were collectors and small traders with an estimated percentage share of 34.8% and 20.9%, respectively (Figure 3).</p>

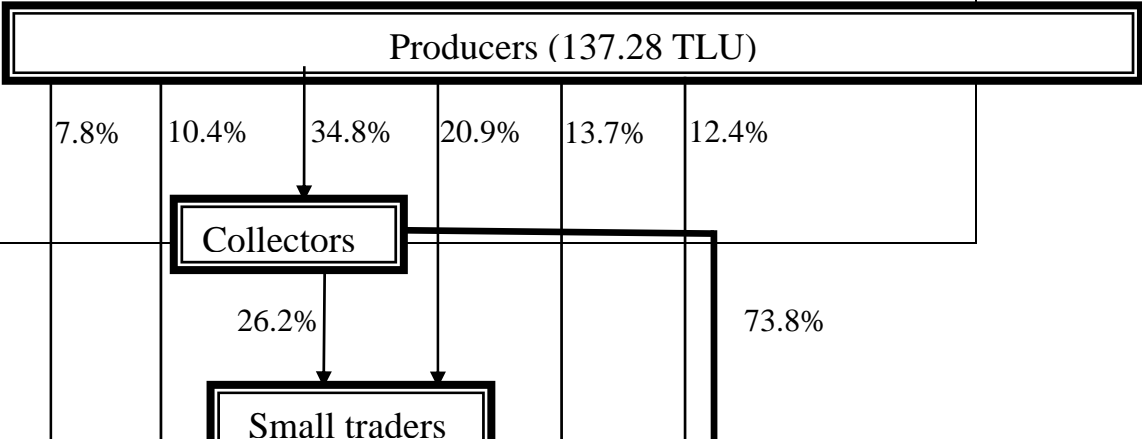
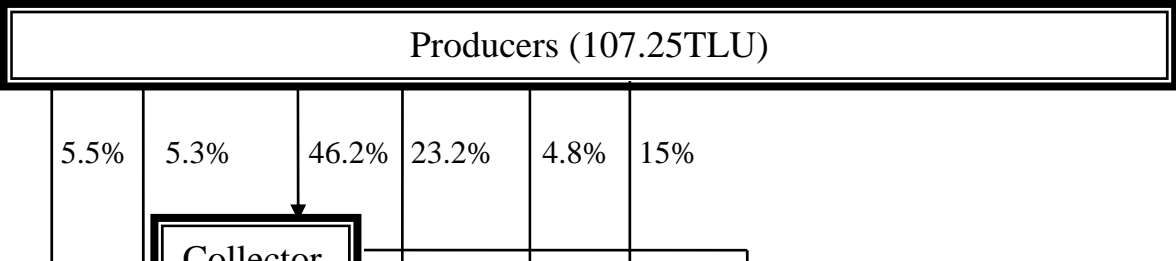




Figure 1: Goat market channel
 Source: Own sketch from survey result, 2015

Sheep marketing channels

Nine main alternative channels were identified for sheep marketing. Small ruminant market participant of sample respondents were supplied 107.25 TLU of sheep to the market. The main receivers from producers were collectors and small traders with an estimated percentage share of 46.2 % and 23.2%, respectively (Figure 4).





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Figure 2: Sheep market channel
Source: Own sketch from survey result, 2015.

6. This study used important information from sample households and value chain actors involved in the subsector in Tahtay Adyabo District. Hence, the study was limited spatially as well as temporally. Furthermore, even though value chain analysis includes from input suppliers to the end users covering wide range of geographical areas stretching from local to global markets due to shortage of logistics, the study did not represent the whole value chain of small ruminant in the country. However, it may be useful for areas with similar context with the study area.

7 and 9. The process of the skin is out of the district even the zone. So the product movement try to indicate only in the map.

8. The research result indicated the absence of organized institution and group marketing for small ruminant, have made other actors in a better position to dominate the pricing. This hands the power to buyers and due to this its governance is buyer driven.



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Optional/General comments		
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i> When products are deskinned and slaughtered any types of ethical practices have been taken in to consideration?	At the time of the study there was no considered the ethical practices. The study mainly focused on the value chain of live small ruminant. More over at farmers (producers) level, any ethical practices are not considered in to account.