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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>This article is scientifically robust and technically sound. The Topic, Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, 5 Figures, 1 Table, Conclusion and Recommendation and References are all of acceptable standard. However, some correction could be effected to up grade the write up.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 5 Figures and 1 Table need to be re-checked and up graded, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Headings could be put in the format acceptable for this Journal (AJRAVS).</li> <li>- Abbreviations not explained under the Materials and Methods could be avoided.</li> <li>- Figures and Table should be able to stand on their own as much as possible without having to refer back to the Materials and Methods or Results.</li> <li>- In Fig. 1 to 5. - GRP A, B, C, D could be changed to Group A, Group B, C, D; 7.00 H, 13.00 H, 18.00 H could be changed to 7.00 h , 13.00 h , 18.00 h</li> <li>- In Fig. 2 - Before TP could put as – Before transportation; (OC) as (<sup>o</sup>C)</li> <li>- In Fig. 4 – Could put as – Before transportation; Immediately after transportation; 7 days post transportation; Different times of body weight measurement</li> <li>- Line 187: Figure 4. Body weight changes of WAD goats ---- at different times of Lines 188 to 189: 7 days post transportation measurements</li> <li>- In Line 191: Table 1. Body weight changes of WAD goats ; Group A B C D Before transportation; Immediately after transportation; 7 days post transportation; % difference between before and after transportation ; In Line 192 - change + SEM to ± SEM (Could use the insert, Table - delete border tools to draw this Table 1).</li> <li>- In Line 210: Figure 5 heading - Could change 'Excitability score' of WAD goats to 'Percentage excitation' of WAD goats -----</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>Amendments could be made as follows -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Line 4: PERCENTAGE OF EXCITATION AND BODY WEIGHT CHANGES OF WEST</b></li> <li>2. Line 27: The 'percentages of excitation' recorded</li> <li>3. Line 33: <b>Key words:</b> Road transportation, ascorbic acid administration, WAD goats, rectal temperature, 'percentage of excitation', live weight changes</li> <li>4. Line 43: potential sources of stress</li> <li>5. Line 44: during transportation (4).</li> <li>6. Line 45: additional stress sources to animals during transportation (5).</li> <li>7. Line 47: weight loss (6,4).</li> <li>8. Line 48: transportation stress has</li> <li>9. In Lines 75and 86: Could change 30 to 28 as – Twenty-eight (28) West African Dwarf male goats,</li> <li>10. In Lines 86, 111,143, 149, 178, 200, 203, 205, 236, 237 – could add 's' to group as – groups</li> <li>11. In Line 87: change ear-tagged to ear-tag</li> <li>12. In Line 117: Could be put as - originally loaded and given feed and water.</li> <li>13. In Lines 142, 143, 148, 151, 154, 159 – could add 's' to value as – values</li> <li>14. In Lines 196, 199, 203, 207, 210 as before, 263, 265, 279 and in the whole write up, could change/ replace 'excitability score' to/with 'percentage of excitation' (since the scores were not used).</li> <li>15. In Lines 199, 200, 203: Could delete the excitability scores recorded or change to percentages.</li> </ol>	



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	<p>16. In Line 207: Could change to - the percentage of excitation 7days post transportation.                  17. In Line 214: Could put RT in brackets as - Rectal temperature (RT) is                  18. In Line 220: Could include 'Minka and Ayo, 2009' under References as (26) etc.                  19. In Line 240: Could put in italics as - antioxidants <i>in vivo</i> (30). Therefore antioxidants                  20. There is need to check through the whole write up, to add 's' for plurals or tenses where necessary, Line 243 – change VC to vitamin C, Lines 254, 255, 258, 260, 275, 276, 281 etc. – could change AA to ascorbic acid (these could be wrong/misleading use of abbreviations that were not previously explained under Materials and Methods or Results and Discussion.                  21. In Lines 279 to 281: Could need to check /delete sentence as excitability scores were only recorded reported as percentage.                  22. Line 291: Could add 'S' as – <b>REFERENCES</b>                  23. Lines 362, 373: Could put year of publication below or as required in this Journal's format                  24. In Line 370: Could put as - Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NMA).                  25. In Line 397: Could delete 'l' as – Adelaye AB.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>This research report could be painstakingly and patiently up graded with more effort.</b></p>	

**PART 2:**

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<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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