SUMMARY

This study has been conducted to determine the effects of usage of grape seed oil

alone and/or combined with vitamin E + organic Se, as a natural feed additive for diets, on

performance, carcass traits, oxidative stability and some serum biochemical parameters in

broiler chickens.

A total of 320 one day old male broiler chicks were divided into four groups (one

control, three treatments) each containing 80 chicks. Each group was assigned to 4 treatments

with 4 replications, each having 20 birds. Corn and soybean meal based basal ration was

supplemented with grape seed oil supplemented at the level of 300 mg/kg (for the 1st

treatment), with 200 mg/kg vitamin E + 300 mg/kg organic Se (as a 2nd treatment group) and

with grape seed oil + vitamin E + organic Se at same supplementation levels (as a third

experiment group) in present study. Feed and water was provided ad libitum for the entire

experimental period.

Supplementation of diets with grape seed oil and/or vitamin E and organic Se had no

significant effects on examined parameters such as; body weight, body weight gain, feed

intake, feed conversion ratio, carcass weight, absolute and relative weights of breast,

hindquarter, liver and abdominal fat, pH value of breast meat and peroxide number in

abdominal fat, serum triglyceride and cholesterol levels in broiler chickens. Besides, MDA

levels of breast meat were found significantly lower in vitamin E + organic Se supplemented

(2nd and 3rd treatment group) when compared with other treatments (P<0.05). It is concluded

that vitamin E + organic Se had more effectiveness on oxidative stability than grape seed oil.

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