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ABSTRACT

The comparative study on the anthelmintic potency of pawpaw leaf was investigated in naturally infected local indigenous goats of age group between 5-12 months which was in accordance with the study conducted by Nsereko in central Uganda that the worm burden where highest between 3-5 and 8-9 months old. The selected eight (08) samples of goats of the weight range of 10-20kg body weight were screened by picking their fecal sample for nematodes egg count under microscope for examination of natural helminthes before exposure to extract and control which is Albendazole. The purpose of the study was to determine the efficacy of pawpaw (*Carica papaya*) leaves in the treatment of gastrointestinal nematodes in goats. The sample size of eight goats(08) were divided randomly into four treatment that was A which was exposed to 2.5% pawpaw leaves extract, B which was 10% pawpaw leaf extract, C which was 2.5% Albendazole and D which was 10% Albendazole. Treatments A and B were extracted by 98% ethanol solvent using soxhlet apparatus. The results were as follows: In all the eight (8) goats' baseline counting, there was no significant difference in the nematodes (p value=1.0). However, there was reduction in the number of nematodes in the first drug exposure but there was no significant different in all the four study treatment and in Comparison of efficacy of pawpaw leaf extracts and Albendazole on GIT nematodes there was no significant difference between the 2.5% extract concentration and 2.5% Albendazole concentration in the reduction of nematodes in the second drug exposure. However, there was significant difference between the 10% extract and 10% Albendazole in the second drug exposure In the view of the above result, the reduction in the number of nematodes were the same in both pawpaw leaf extract and control hence there are no significant difference in the concentration in both first and second treatment hence both Albendazole and extract reduced the egg production therefore, the study allows us to affirm the use of pawpaw leaf plant extract as an alternative anthelmintic for goats and that in a farming environment, the leaves seem to be effective and are able to replace synthetic molecules to avoid the cost and the resistance observed during the repeated use of these molecules.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that this work is truly my original work and it has never been submitted to any institution for any academic award.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Dr:	Doctor
BUAC:	Busitema University Arapai Campus
Mr:	Mister
E.P.G:	Eggs per Gram
ETC:	And so on
GIT:	Gastrointestinal tract
GIN :	Gastrointestinal Nematodes

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1:0 Background

Goats are kept for various reasons such as income generation, household consumption religious purposes, and as security against crop failure while to the economy of Uganda, it contributes to employment, study purposes, and foreign exchange. (Maikasuwa and Jabo 2014). According to the Agricultural ministry and Uganda Bureau of Statistics currently there are sixteen million goats in Uganda. Despite of the fact that small ruminant farming has huge potential, there are challenges of diseases, parasites, and lack of adequate nutrition affecting goat production (Chah *et al.*, 2013). In Africa gastrointestinal parasites has caused serious anaemia and even death to goats (Adedeji *et al.*, 2013). There are conventional anthelmintic drugs such as Albendazole, Levamisoles against gastrointestinal nematodes of small ruminants, and the efficiency of conventional medicaments against nematodes diseases have been reported with variable success. (Hariono *et al.*, 2021). However, due to the fact that the synthetic drugs which are not readily available as well as the high cost of drugs paved way for herbal remedies as reasonable alternatives (Solikhah *et al.*, 2020b). Herbal therapies such as cassava leaves, neem trees, pawpaw seeds, garlic and many others have been used as natural products which are environmentally friendly and cheap and have been used and showed efficacy to different nematodes. The pawpaw bears a fruit and it is cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions and is well known for its nutritional benefits and medicinal applications (Hariono *et al.*, 2021). It is rich in the powerful antioxidants which are vitamin C, vitamin A, and vitamin E; minerals, magnesium, and, potassium; the B vitamin pantothenic acid, folate and fiber (Ameen *et al.*, 2018) In humans, pawpaw leaves are used in the prevention of diabetes, and heart disease since they not only provide a good source of fiber but also lower high cholesterol levels (Zingare *et al.*, 2018). However, pawpaw leaves have not been exploited for the treatment of gastrointestinal parasites in goats in Uganda hence there was need for research about the efficacy of pawpaw leaves in the treatment of GIT in goats.

1.2. Problem Statement

Gastrointestinal nematodes are a major challenge in goat farming globally and they have caused economic loss in terms of decreased growth rate, productivity, and mortality in small ruminants. This has caused income loss estimated up to US dollar two million in sub-Saharan Africa to the

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APPENDIX 1 PHOTOS DURING DATA COLLECTION

Photo during fecal sample preparation

Photo during administration