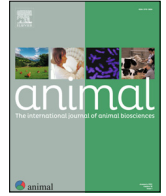




Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

# Animal

## The international journal of animal biosciences



## Retraction notice

### Retraction notice to “Growth performance, carcass characteristics, and selected meat quality traits of two strains of Pekin duck reared in intensive vs semi-intensive housing systems” [Animal 15(2) (2022) 100087]



M. Starčević<sup>a,\*</sup>, H. Mahmutović<sup>b</sup>, N. Glamočlija<sup>a</sup>, M. Bašić<sup>b</sup>, R. Andjelković<sup>c</sup>, R. Mitrović<sup>d</sup>, R. Marković<sup>a</sup>, J. Janjić<sup>a</sup>, M. Bošković<sup>a</sup>, M.Ž. Baltić<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Department for Food Hygiene and Technology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Belgrade, Bulevar Oslobođenja 18, Belgrade 11000, Serbia

<sup>b</sup> Department of Food Technology, Faculty of Technology, University of Tuzla, Univerzitetska 8, 75000 Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

<sup>c</sup> Military Health Department, Ministry of Defense Republic of Serbia, Bircaninova 5, Belgrade 11000, Serbia

<sup>d</sup> Institute of Meat Hygiene and Technology, Kačanskog 13, Belgrade 11000, Serbia

This article has been retracted: please see Elsevier Policy on Article Withdrawal (<https://www.elsevier.com/about/our-business/policies/article-withdrawal>).

The article has been retracted at the request of the Editor-in-Chief. The article was derived from the thesis of one of the authors:

Utjecaj genotipa i sustava držanja na kvalitetu pacjeg mesa  
H. Mahmutovic  
Faculty of Agriculture of Osijek  
UDK 637.5'65: 636.082(043)  
view ([nsk.hr](http://nsk.hr))

The thesis was not acknowledged in the article, contrary to requirement by the journal. Concerns raised by the Thesis supervisors (Drs. G. Kralik and Z. Kralik) were shared with the corresponding author and the different institutions involved.

The analysis performed by the journal concluded that the published article and the thesis report a different number of replicates per treatment (n = 6 vs n = 3) and differ in their description of

batches of animals delivered at the experimental facilities and starting the experiment at different times (n = 1 vs n = 3). Overall the analysis of the evidence provided indicates that the statistical model applied to the data is not appropriate to the experimental design. As a result, the study is not reproducible, and findings cannot be considered as reliable.

Authorship issues were identified. The thesis supervisors were not associated to the publication. Several co-authors (M. Starčević\*, H. Mahmutović, N. Glamočlija, M. Bašić, R. Mitrović, R. Marković, M. Bošković, M.Ž. Baltić) recognised that their contributions were erroneously declared so their authorship remains questionable.

The Financial Support Statement is incomplete. Evidence was provided that other sources also contributed to financing the study.

Apologies are offered to readers of the journal for any inconvenience this may cause.

DOI of original article: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.animal.2020.100087>

\* Corresponding author.

E-mail address: [marijadok@gmail.com](mailto:marijadok@gmail.com) (M. Starčević).

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.animal.2022.100689>

1751-7311/© 2022 The Author(s). Published by Elsevier B.V. on behalf of The Animal Consortium. All rights reserved.