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# Effect of Enzymes Supplementation to Low Energy and Protein Corn Soybean Meal Diets on Broiler Performance and Quality of Carcass and Meat

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**Abstract** | The effect of supplemented pectinase (PE) and protease (CIBENZA® DP100) (P) individually or mixture (PEP) and either on low crude protein (CP) and low metabolizable energy (ME) were studied on growth performance, carcass characteristics and meat quality of Arbor Acres broiler chickens. Two experiments were conducted in current study; experiments 1 (EXP1) evaluated the effects of PE and/or P supplementation to standard corn-soybean broiler diet (STD). while experiment 2 (EXP2) examined the PEP supplemented to different levels of low CP (low 10 or 15 %) and low ME diets (lower 100 or 150 kcal/kg) than control (L10%-100, L10%-150, L15%-100, L15%-150). The obtained results were: the EXP1 showed that significant improvement in feed conversion ratio (FCR) for chicken in P treatment by 8.38 and 5.75 % in compared to control and PE, respectively. Also, chicken in PEP treatment significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) increased dressing % by 7.89% and drum stick by 9.27% compared to control. All supplementation had significant improvement in total protein (TP) level in broiler meat. PE and PEP enhance meat oxidative by decreased malondialdehyde (MDA) by 28.15 and 19.87 %, respectively and improve meat quality by decreased low density lipoprotein (LDL) by 7.69 and 4.73 %, respectively. The EXP2 observed chicks fed on low ME and low CP diet significantly decreased total body weight gain (BWG) with increased in total feed intake and FCR. Chicken treated by PEP had significant increased on final body weight, BWG and improved FCR for control and L10%-100. Chicks fed on PEP+L10%-100 and PEP+STD significantly gained the highest dressing followed by L10%-100. These results in general show positive effect of EXP1 with improved FCR by supplemented P however PEP supplementation increased dressing % and drum stick %. Both supplementation enhanced meat TP and decreased meat MDA. The EXP2 with used low CP and low ME with PEP supplementation enhance especially for L10%-100 and control. The chemical quality of produced meat as the concentrations of MDA and LDL were decreased and increased meat TP.

**Keywords** | Pectinase, Protease, Broiler, Low protein, Low energy.

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## INTRODUCTION

The high costs of ingredients for yellow corn and soybean meal, which are the traditional feed mainly used in poultry rations, is one of the toughest challenges fac-

ing the poultry industry in developing countries (Abd El-Hack et al., 2015; Alagawany and Artia, 2015; El-kholy et al., 2020). So, the use of exogenous enzymes has become an excellent alternative and one of the most important mechanisms for feeding broilers to improve the performance of foods provided to animals. Also, it increase the efficien-

cy of rations, improve feed digestion, reduces the effects of anti-nutritional and enhances productivity indicators (Hooge et al., 2010).

The ability to reduce energy in adding feed enzymes has been investigated by many research (Selim et al., 2015, 2016 b; 2018). Also, protein is a very important and expensive component in broiler diets (Kamran et al., 2004). Reducing dietary crude protein without deleterious effects on broiler performance is a great challenge for broiler nutritionists (Selim et al., 2016a). Using these external enzymes individually or combined to feed the broiler, studies have stated that they have a role in improving the utilization of nutrient, and recording more consistent performance of the animal. (Selim et al., 2015, 2016 a and b; Selim et al 2018; Selim et al., 2019). The effect of protease enzymes supplementation has been examined by many investigators on protein and amino acid utilization of broilers and showed improved digestion and its availability (Romero et al., 2013 and 2014). The additional increase in energy utilization by some studies were recorded by adding protease to the broiler diets (Olukosi et al., 2015). Also, Selim et al. (2016a) using proteases with low protein in broilers diets recorded economical and environmental benefits. Which cleared in growth improvement, made broiler meat healthier (MDA decreased by 36%), and the cost of feeding/kilogram of weight of body decreased by 3.94 %.

Cowan et al. (1999) found that supplemented pectinase to broiler diet based on sorghum improved feed conversion ratio and final body weight. Applying low ME100 + PE in diets may help producers to obtain perfect weight for marketing with good carcass and meat quality (Selim et al., 2016b).

Also, using mixture supplementation of enzymes xylanase and protease (XP) in low energy 100 kcal and low protein (10%) diet for broiler were studied by Allouche et al. (2015). They showed that enhanced in growth performance, carcass traits, meat quality and the highest saving of feeding cost/kg of body weight (9.1%) for treated groups in compared to control one. Selim et al. (2019) recorded that reducing in the cost of feeding and enhanced growth performance, carcass traits and meat quality by supplemented XP combination to low protein (10%) and low energy (100 kcal) broilers diet.

The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of enzymes proteases and pectinase or their combination supplementation to standard or low diet different in energy and protein levels on the production performance, carcass characteristics, and meat quality of broilers.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND DIETS

The experimental work was conducted during the period in Poultry Research Unit, Fayoum Research Station, Fayoum Governor, Egypt. This Research is belong to Animal Production Research Institute (APRI), Agriculture Research Center (ARC). Two experiments were carried out according to the guidelines of the ethical committee of Animal Production Research Institute.

Experiment 1: One hundred and sixty one, days old Arbor Acres unsexed broiler chicks were randomly allocated (one way design) in four treatments, four replicates per treatment and ten birds/replicate. The diets were supplementation of two enzymes pectinase (PE) 1000U/kg diet, protease (CIBENZA® DP100) P 300000 U/kg diet and their mixture PEP (pectinase1000U/kg diet+protease300 000 U/kg diet). Three standard experimental diets (Table 1) were used in the three stages of this study (1-10 d), growing (11-24 d) and finishing (25-40 d) periods as described in Table 2. The diet contained 3000 kcal/kg of metabolizable energy (ME) and 23% dietary crude protein (CP), 3100 kcal/kg of ME and 21% CP and 3200 kcal of ME/kg and 19% CP, STD contained whole strain requirement from the rest of macro and micro nutrients during starting, growing and finishing periods, respectively.

Experiment 2: Four hundred 1-d old unsexed Arbor Acres broiler chicks were divided into ten treatments (2x5 factorial design) with four replicates per treatment (10 birds per replicate). Two levels of PEP without and with (0 and PE 1000U /kg diet + P 300000 U/kg diet, respectively), and five levels of CP and ME were examined. A corn soybean meal-based control diet was formulated and used as a control diet strain recommendation (STD); four experimental diets were formulated to reduce energy and crude protein contents, 10% CP+100 kcal/kg ME lower than STD (L10-100); 10% CP+150 kcal/kg ME lower than STD (L10-150); 15% CP+100 kcal/kg ME lower than STD (L15-100); 15% CP+150 kcal/kg ME lower than STD (L15-150). Both of (L10-100); (L10-150); (L15-100) and (L15-150) diets were formulated to contain the same total lysine/CP and total SAA (methionine+cystine)/CP percentages of STD of certain feeding phase. Composition and calculated analysis of experimental diets are shown in Table 1.

The two experiments described in this study generally followed the same protocols. Birds were fed *ad libitum* during feeding phases which were starter (1-10 d of age), grower (11-24 d of age) and finisher (25-40 d of age). All chicks were housed on wire battery cages and received the same managerial conditions and veterinary program during the

**Table 1:** Composition and calculated values of experimental diets.

	Starter Diets (1-10 d)					Grower diets (11-24 d)					Finisher diets (25-40 d)					
	Diet	STD	L (10-100)	L (10-150)	L (15-100)	L (15-150)	STD	L (10-100)	L (10-150)	L (15-100)	L (15-150)	STD	L (10-100)	L (10-150)	L (15-100)	L (15-150)
Ingredients																
Yellow corn	55.07	59.66	60.32	63.61	62.71	60.62	66.03	65.30	65.56	66.76	64.71	68.63	69.52	67.58	68.77	
Soybean meal (44%)	31.00	32.94	32.31	28.48	32.33	23.84	24.13	26.12	26.0	25.8	19.25	21.51	22.73	24.26	24.06	
Corn gluten meal (62%)	7.50	2.12	2.59	3.05	0.40	8.57	4.50	3.21	1.7	1.7	8.16	3.30	2.34	0.0	0.0	
Soybean oil	1.80	0.73	0.20	0.2	0.0	2.27	0.72	0.84	2.29	1.29	3.28	2.11	1.0	3.66	2.66	
Di-Ca-P	2.0	1.96	1.97	1.91	1.91	1.75	1.84	1.82	1.75	1.75	1.55	1.75	1.73	1.71	1.71	
Limestone	1.15	1.33	1.32	1.47	1.42	1.46	1.43	1.42	1.50	1.50	1.58	1.40	1.39	1.60	1.60	
Min. & Vit. mix*	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	
NaCl	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	
Sodium bicarbonate	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	
DL-Methionine	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.19	0.24	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.21	0.19	0.19	
L-lysine (HCl)	0.34	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.09	0.40	0.27	0.20	0.12	0.12	0.40	0.24	0.18	0.10	0.10	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Calculated analysis																
Crude protein %	23	20.70	20.70	19.55	19.55	21	18.9	18.9	17.85	17.85	19	17.1	17.1	16.15	16.15	
ME kcal/kg	3000	2900	2850	2900	2850	3093	3000	2950	3000	2950	3200	3100	3050	3100	3050	
Calcium %	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.01	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Available P %	0.52	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	
Sodium %	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	
L. Lysine %	1.38	1.25	1.25	1.17	0.1.17	1.24	1.11	1.11	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.02	1.02	0.96	0.96	
Methionine %	0.67	0.61	0.61	0.59	0.58	0.60	0.62	0.61	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.44	0.44	0.46	0.46	
Met + Cys (SAA) %**	1.05	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.95	0.86	0.86	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.77	0.77	0.74	0.74	
Lys./CP	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.95	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96	
Met./CP	4.56	4.58	4.58	4.60	4.60	4.52	4.55	4.55	4.53	4.53	4.54	4.56	4.56	4.55	4.55	
C:P ratio	130.4	140.9	137.6	148.3	145.7	147.2	166.6	156.0	168	165.2	168.4	181.2	178.3	191.9	188.8	
Cost/ ton at Egyptian																
Local Price (LE)***	6650.53	6136.98	6102.49	5978.66	5895.66	6487.76	5997.12	5968.58	5961.59	5854.05	6366.64	5927.69	5794.70	5899.65	5791.70	

\* Vitamins and minerals premix will provide each kg of diet with: Vit. A, 11000 IU; Vit. D<sub>3</sub>, 5000 IU; Vit. E, 50 mg; Vit K<sub>3</sub>, 3mg; Vit. B<sub>1</sub>, 2mg; Vit. B<sub>2</sub> 6mg; B<sub>6</sub> 3 mg; B<sub>12</sub>, 14 mcg; Nicotinic acid 60 mg; Folic acid 1.75 mg, Pantothenic acid 13mg; and Biotine 120 mcg ;Choline 600 mg; Copper 16mg; Iron 40mg; Manganese 120 mg; Zinc 100mg; Iodine 1.25mg; and Selenium 0.3 mg; \*\* SAA = Methionine + Cystine ; \*\*\*Cost of pectinase supplemented diets increased 21 LE/Ton feed of each trématent and cost of protease supplemented diets increased 70 LE/Ton feed of each formula ;, STD = Standard requirements.

experimental period (1-40 d of age). Parameters of growth performance including final body weight (FBW), body weight gain (BWG), feed intake (FI), and feed conversion ratio (FCR) were recorded and feeding cost was calculated during the experimental period.

## SLAUGHTER, CARCASS CHARACTERISTICS AND MEAT QUALITY

At the end of both experiment (40 days of age), four birds around the average live body weight of each treatment were slaughtered to record carcass characteristics. Carcass, abdominal fat, edible parts (liver, gizzard and heart) were weighted and calculated as % from live body weight. Also, weights of front quarter (FQ) which include breast quarter muscles and skin (without wing) and back quarter (BQ) which includes drumstick and thigh were recorded as percentage from carcass weight. While weights including of drumstick (DS) and thigh samples were recorded as percentage of back quarter. Skin weight of every part was recorded as percentage of its part. After that all breast, thigh and drumstick samples were weighed and kept for 24 h at 4°C to complete the physical measurements which are Drip loss for meat cuts and chemical measurement which

are malondialdehyde (MDA), total protein, low density lipoprotein (LDL) and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) analysis of broiler meat (Selim et al., 2018).

## STATISTICAL ANALYSES

In this study, two models were used for analyzing data obtained by statistically analyzed using SAS (2004).

In experiment 1:

Data of all experimental treatments were subjected to one way analysis of variance to detect the differences between all treatments as the following model:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + T_i + e_{ij}$$

Where:  $\mu$  = overall mean of  $Y_{ij}$ ,  $T_i$  = effect of treatment,  $i = (1, \dots, 4)$ ,

$e_{ij}$  = Experimental error

In experiment 2:

Data of two levels of pectinase + protease (without and with), with different levels of protein and energy were subjected to two way analysis of variance to detect the effects of pectinase + protease and levels of energy and protein as the following model:

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + P_i + L_j + (PL)_{ij} + e_{ijk}$$

Where:  $Y_{ijk}$  = Trait measured,  $\mu$  = Overall mean,  
 $P_i$  = enzymes supplementation (0 and PEP),  $i=1,2$   
 $L_j$  = CP and ME ratio (STD, L10+100, L10+150, L15+100  
 and L15+150),  $j=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$   
 $(PL)_{ij}$  = Interaction between PEP and levels of CP and  
 ME,  $ij=1, \dots, 10$

$e_{ijk}$  = Experimental error

Duncan's Multiple Range test (Duncan's, 1955) was used for both experimental to separate means when separation was relevant. Statistical significance was accepted at probability level of ( $P < 0.05$ ).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### EXPERIMENT ONE (EXP1)

**Growth performance:** The growth performance parameters of EXP.1 for broiler chicks fed on PE, P and their mixture PEP were recorded in Table 2. The present results revealed that, enzymes supplementation (PE, P or PEP) to broiler diets resulted in numerical improvement FBW, BWG and significantly improvement in FCR for supplementing P by 8.38 and 5.75 % compared with the control and PE supplementation treatments, respectively. Also, PE and PEP treatments improved feed conversion values (1.74 and 1.69) without significant effect in compared to control (1.79).

**Carcass traits:** Results of carcass traits in Table 3 showed that, adding enzymes to the diet had significant effect on the dressing, edible parts, breast weight and BQ % (thigh and DS). The mixture of pectinase and protease supplementation improved dressing by 7.89% and DS by 9.27 % compared to control group.

**Meat quality:** The recorded values of physical and chemical meat quality measurements were listed in Table 4. The addition of PEP mixture to broiler diet significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) decreased pHu of thigh in compared to pectinase and control diets, respectively. The results of the study revealed enhance meat oxidative by decreased MDA by 28.15 and 19.87 % and improve meat quality by decreased LDL by 7.69 and 4.73 % of broiler meat for birds fed pectinase and PEP supplementation, respectively in compared to control group. Also, the additions of enzymes to broiler diet showed positive effect on TP concentration of broiler meat, the TP was increased significantly by 32.61 % with adding pectinase compared to the diet control.

About the effect of pectinase or protease supplementation on broiler performance the results in this study are consistent with the published by Selim et al., (2016a) who recorded that adding proteases to low-protein to broiler diet could enhance performance, carcass traits, lead to improve

quality of meat and decrease cost of feeding of the low protein broiler diets (L10 or L15 % CP). Otherwise, Selim et al. (2016b) investigated that, adding pectinase enzyme to low diet energy 100 or 150 kcal/kg diet didn't improve growth performance parameters, while the quality of carcass and meat were enhanced.

According to the results of this study, it could be concluded that both of pectinase and proteins enzyme supplementation to broiler diet based on corn-soybean meal, could improve feed conversion ratio and the quality of carcass and meat were enhanced. For these reasons, we think that we can add the mixture of PEP to low-energy and low protein diets to see if they can improve the growth performance and the quality of the meat as we decide in the next experiment.

### EXPERIMENT TWO (EXP2)

**Growth performance:** The results of broiler growth performance are presented in Table 5. Supplementation of PEP to broilers diets had significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) increased on FBW and BWG; while improved FCR value from 2.04 to 1.94. The data of low dietary ME and low crude protein level effect revealed significantly decreased total BWG with increase in total feed intake and FCR. The best FCR (1.73) recorded by control group followed by L10% -100 group (1.85), while L15%-150group recorded the worst FCR value (2.26).

Among all treatments, regarding to decreasing dietary protein and ME reflect on bad performance parameters of broilers, this bad result increase with decreasing the dietary protein and ME. Results showed that, the worst FCR (2.29) recorded by chicks fed Basal+L15%-150; while the chicks fed PEP+STD group recorded the best FCR (1.68) followed by control group (1.78) and PEP+L10%-100 group (1.81). Also, these results showed that feed conversion ratio could be improved by adding PEP enzymes to control diets or L10%-100 diets, respectively without depression in final body weights. Better performance of broiler treated with PEP, control and PEP+L10%-100 than others treatments were noticed.

These results agree with Selim et al. (2015; 2016 a and b; 2018) who recorded depression in growth performance when decreasing ME of broiler diets more than 100 kcal/kg or decreasing CP more than 10% from the requirement of broilers. Several studies (Cowieson et al., 2017; Mahmood et al., 2017a and b) reported that improved FBW, feed intake and feed conversion ratio in broilers when supplemented protease to diet. The enhancement of CP and amino acid digestibility due to protease supplementation. Furthermore, enzymes will work synergistically (Wu et al., 2004) and exogenous enzymes can break down

**Table 2:** Effect of pectinase and protease or both enzymes supplementation on growth performance of broiler chicks.

Treatment	Final body weight (g)	Feed intake (g)	Body weight gain (g)	Feed conversion ratio
Control	1888.00	3323.20	1861.67	1.79 <sup>a</sup>
Pectinase	1916.67	3265.50	1876.67	1.74 <sup>a</sup>
Protease	1982.96	3174.70	1942.96	1.64 <sup>b</sup>
PEP	1934.17	3190.30	1894.17	1.69 <sup>ab</sup>
Mean of SE	±50.22	±98.65	±52.53	±0.30
Probability	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.04

a,b,...= Means in the same row with different superscripts, differ significantly (P<0.05); N.S = Not Significant (P>0.05). PEP = Pectinase +protease

**Table 3:** Effect of pectinase and protease or both enzymes supplementation on Carcass characteristics of broiler.

Treatment	Carcass			Front quarter (FQ)			Back quarter (BQ)			
	Dressing (% from live weight)	Edible Parts (% from carcass)	Abdominal fat (% from carcass)	Breast weight (% from carcass)	Skin (% from Breast)	Total weight (% from carcass)	Thigh		Drums stick (DS)	
							Weight (% from BQ)	Skin (% from Thigh)	weight (% from carcass)	Skin (% from DS)
Control	70.00 <sup>b</sup>	5.63 <sup>b</sup>	1.18	19.73 <sup>a</sup>	8.75	17.47	61.93 <sup>a</sup>	9.61 <sup>a</sup>	38.07 <sup>b</sup>	10.10
Pectinase	72.41 <sup>ab</sup>	6.61 <sup>a</sup>	1.41	19.75 <sup>a</sup>	6.39	17.18	63.05 <sup>a</sup>	6.48 <sup>c</sup>	36.95 <sup>b</sup>	7.53
Protease	70.11 <sup>b</sup>	6.60 <sup>a</sup>	1.35	16.53 <sup>b</sup>	8.92	18.28	61.07 <sup>a</sup>	8.52 <sup>ab</sup>	35.93 <sup>b</sup>	10.31
PEP	75.52 <sup>a</sup>	5.94 <sup>ab</sup>	1.39	19.35 <sup>a</sup>	6.25	17.32	58.40 <sup>b</sup>	7.56 <sup>bc</sup>	41.60 <sup>a</sup>	9.45
Mean of SE	±2.30	±0.26	±0.24	±0.46	±0.80	±0.36	±0.81	±0.55	±0.81	±0.95
Probability	0.009	0.007	N.S	0.003	N.S	N.S	0.02	0.02	0.02	N.S

a,b,...= Means in the same row with different superscripts, differ significantly (P<0.05); N.S = Not Significant (P>0.05). PEP = Pectinase +protease

**Table 4:** Effect of pectinase and protease or both enzymes supplementation on physical and chemical meat quality of broiler chicks.

Treatment	Physical measurements						Chemical measurements			
	Breast		Thigh		Drum Stick		MDA (nmol/100g meat)	TP (mg/100g meat)	LDL (mg/100g meat)	HDL (mg/100g meat)
	Drip Loss	pH	Drip Loss	pH	Drip Loss	pH				
Control	3.08	7.20	2.34	6.31 <sup>a</sup>	0.89	6.38	530.28 <sup>a</sup>	44.19 <sup>c</sup>	1327.86 <sup>a</sup>	697.54
Pectinase	4.13	7.70	3.20	6.34 <sup>a</sup>	1.33	6.41	380.99 <sup>c</sup>	58.60 <sup>a</sup>	1225.71 <sup>b</sup>	678.33
Protease	3.58	7.76	3.10	6.15 <sup>ab</sup>	1.23	6.30	536.62 <sup>a</sup>	52.06 <sup>ab</sup>	1327.86 <sup>a</sup>	651.27
PEP	2.26	6.60	1.45	6.11 <sup>b</sup>	1.43	6.41	454.93 <sup>b</sup>	49.26 <sup>bc</sup>	1265.00 <sup>b</sup>	689.68
Mean of SE	±0.49	±0.36	±0.54	±0.06	±0.16	±0.06	±17.56	±2.10	±14.17	±24.42
Probability	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.05	N.S	N.S	0.0007	0.008	0.002	N.S

a,b,...= Means in the same row with different superscripts, differ significantly (P<0.05); N.S = Not Significant (P>0.05). PEP = Pectinase +protease

the non starch polysaccharides (NSPs) and releasing cell contents and overcoming the negative effects of supplementing legume grains (Jia et al., 2008; Ali et al., 2009).

However, Pucci et al. (2010) showed that supplemented EC mixture (amylase, cellulase and protease) to broilers diets based on corn and soybean meal significantly (P<0.05) improved FCR. Angel et al. (2011) reported that the as-

similation of nutrients by the birds especially in the early stage of life improved by supplementation of endogenous enzyme production which in turn improves as a result of the addition of exogenous enzymes. The release of nutrients encapsulated by the cell wall caused by enzymes which disruption of the plant cell wall integrity (Ravindran, 2013).

**Table 5:** Effect of pectinase and protease enzymes supplementation on growth performance of broiler chicks.

Treatments	Final Body weight (g)	Feed intake (g)	Body weight gain (g)	Feed conversion ratio
<b>Main effect</b>				
<b>Enzyme Supplementation</b>				
Basal	1769.47 <sup>b</sup>	3503.76	1731.63 <sup>b</sup>	2.04 <sup>a</sup>
PEP	1828.67 <sup>a</sup>	3446.87	1788.67 <sup>a</sup>	1.94 <sup>b</sup>
Mean of SE	±13.21	±38.16	±13.47	±0.03
Probability	0.004	N.S	0.005	0.02
<b>Composition</b>				
STD	1930.81 <sup>a</sup>	3272.29 <sup>c</sup>	1895.94 <sup>a</sup>	1.73 <sup>c</sup>
10% -100	1895.10 <sup>a</sup>	3434.25 <sup>bc</sup>	1855.10 <sup>a</sup>	1.85 <sup>c</sup>
10%-150	1802.38 <sup>b</sup>	3677.56 <sup>a</sup>	1762.38 <sup>b</sup>	2.09 <sup>b</sup>
15%-100	1805.87 <sup>b</sup>	3606.50 <sup>ab</sup>	1765.87 <sup>b</sup>	2.04 <sup>b</sup>
15%-150	1562.44 <sup>c</sup>	3427.29 <sup>bc</sup>	1522.44 <sup>c</sup>	2.26 <sup>a</sup>
Mean of SE	±20.23	±58.42	±20.61	±0.04
probability	≤0.0001	0.0005	≤0.0001	≤0.0001
<b>Treatments</b>				
Basal+STD	1916.00 <sup>a</sup>	3347.40 <sup>bc</sup>	1886.25 <sup>a</sup>	1.78 <sup>de</sup>
PEP+STD	1945.63 <sup>a</sup>	3197.20 <sup>c</sup>	1905.63 <sup>a</sup>	1.68 <sup>e</sup>
Basal +10%-100	1887.78 <sup>abc</sup>	3501.80 <sup>ab</sup>	1847.78 <sup>abc</sup>	1.90 <sup>cd</sup>
PEP+10%-100	1902.43 <sup>ab</sup>	3366.70 <sup>bc</sup>	1862.43 <sup>ab</sup>	1.81 <sup>de</sup>
Basal +10%-150	1710.00 <sup>d</sup>	3556.30 <sup>ab</sup>	1670.00 <sup>d</sup>	2.13 <sup>ab</sup>
PEP+10%-150	1871.67 <sup>abc</sup>	3768.50 <sup>a</sup>	1831.67 <sup>abc</sup>	2.06 <sup>bc</sup>
Basal +15%-100	1796.50 <sup>c</sup>	3740.50 <sup>a</sup>	1756.50 <sup>cd</sup>	2.13 <sup>ab</sup>
PEP+15%-100	1818.37 <sup>bc</sup>	3427.80 <sup>bc</sup>	1778.37 <sup>bc</sup>	1.93 <sup>cd</sup>
Basal +15%-150	1522.22 <sup>e</sup>	3386.00 <sup>bc</sup>	1482.22 <sup>e</sup>	2.29 <sup>a</sup>
PEP+15%-150	1602.67 <sup>e</sup>	3469.30 <sup>bc</sup>	1562.67 <sup>e</sup>	2.23 <sup>ab</sup>
Mean of SE	±28.61	±82.62	±29.16	±0.06
probability	≤0.0001	0.001	≤0.0001	≤0.0001

a,b,...= Means in the same row with different superscripts, differ significantly (P<0.05), STD = Standard requirements, PEP = Pectinase + Protease

Also, Ghazi et al. (2003) reported the same trend of FCR through enhancing digestibility of nitrogen and improving true ME with no effect of FI during the experiment. On the other hand, Selim et al. (2016b) observed that there was no increase in growth performance of the use pectinase (PE) supplementation in low energy diets for broiler.

**Carcass traits:** The recorded values of carcass characteristics measurements (Table 6) presented that in the presence and absence of PEP to broiler diets or dietary basal diet had no significant difference in all parameters of carcass characteristics except total weight of BQ%, thigh skin and DS skin of broilers at 40 days of age. The addition of PEP to broilers diets decreased significantly total weight of BQ% and increased significantly Skin % of thigh and DS. However, reducing ME and CP affecting significantly on dressing, edible parts, abdominal fat, thigh and DS.

Generally, chicks fed on PEP+L10%-100 and PEP+STD

significantly gained the highest dressing, followed by L10%-100. Regarding to abdominal fat % birds fed on PEP+L15%-150, PEP+10%-100, PEP +L10%-150 and L10%-150 recorded lower % compared to PEP-STD. There was significant increase of DS weight % from carcass due to feeding on PEP+L15%-150, L15%-150 and PEP+L10%-150 compared to STD. On the other hand, the highest value of thigh % recorded by STD. These results are in match with Selim et al. (2016b) who observed that the quality of carcass was enhanced with pectinase (PE) supplementation in low -energy diets for broiler. While, Min et al. (2011) who obtained that when broiler were fed on diet supplemented with Rovabio Max (containing pectinase) at rate of 200g/tonne and low energy diet (40 kcal/kg diet) didn't differ significantly compared with control group in dressing and breast meat yield %.

**Meat quality:** The relationship between either PEP supplementation and ME and CP level on some physical and

**Table 6:** Effect of pectinase and protease on Carcass characteristics of broiler chicks.

Treatments	Carcass			Front quarter (FQ)			Back quarter (BQ)			
	Dressing (% from live weight)	Edible Parts (% from carcass)	Abdominal fat (% from carcass)	Breast weight (% from carcass)	Skin (% from Breast)	Total weight (% from carcass)	Thigh Weight (% from BQ)	Skin (% from Thigh)	Drums stick (DS) weight (% from carcass)	Skin (% from DS)
Main effect	Enzymes Supplementation									
Basal	71.25	5.56	1.10	18.36	5.77	18.26 <sup>a</sup>	59.00	6.84 <sup>b</sup>	41.00	8.83 <sup>b</sup>
PEP	72.32	5.59	0.94	18.77	6.42	17.33 <sup>b</sup>	57.69	7.93 <sup>a</sup>	42.31	10.42 <sup>a</sup>
Mean of SE	±0.62	±0.13	±0.06	±0.35	±0.48	±0.29	±0.60	±0.36	±0.60	±0.52
Probability	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.04	N.S	0.04	N.S	0.04
Main effect	Composition									
STD	73.06 <sup>ab</sup>	5.82 <sup>ab</sup>	1.23 <sup>a</sup>	19.01	6.97	17.42	60.36 <sup>a</sup>	7.77	39.65 <sup>c</sup>	9.71
10%-100	75.19 <sup>a</sup>	5.19 <sup>bc</sup>	0.92 <sup>c</sup>	18.76	4.99	18.22	59.74 <sup>ab</sup>	6.36	40.26 <sup>bc</sup>	8.48
10%-150	69.97 <sup>c</sup>	5.68 <sup>abc</sup>	0.83 <sup>c</sup>	18.03	5.24	18.33	57.33 <sup>bc</sup>	7.28	42.67 <sup>ab</sup>	8.67
15%-100	71.83 <sup>bc</sup>	5.16 <sup>c</sup>	1.19 <sup>ab</sup>	18.52	5.88	17.98	59.30 <sup>ab</sup>	7.06	40.70 <sup>bc</sup>	9.86
15%-150	68.91 <sup>c</sup>	6.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.94 <sup>bc</sup>	18.52	7.41	17.03	55.00 <sup>c</sup>	8.46	45.00 <sup>a</sup>	11.41
Mean of SE	±0.99	±0.21	±0.09	±0.55	±0.75	±0.46	±0.94	±0.57	±0.94	±0.82
Probability	0.0008	0.02	0.01	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.004	N.S	0.004	N.S
Main effect	Treatments									
Basal-STD	71.47 <sup>bc</sup>	5.62	1.12 <sup>abc</sup>	18.67	7.92	17.56	62.69 <sup>a</sup>	8.41 <sup>abc</sup>	37.31 <sup>c</sup>	9.44 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-STD	74.64 <sup>ab</sup>	6.02	1.34 <sup>a</sup>	19.34	6.02	17.27	58.02 <sup>bc</sup>	7.13 <sup>bcd</sup>	41.98 <sup>ab</sup>	9.97 <sup>b</sup>
Basal-10%-100	74.42 <sup>ab</sup>	5.15	1.10 <sup>abc</sup>	18.47	5.27	18.59	58.56 <sup>abc</sup>	6.05 <sup>cd</sup>	41.44 <sup>abc</sup>	6.95 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-10%-100	75.96 <sup>a</sup>	5.24	0.74 <sup>cd</sup>	19.05	4.70	17.85	60.92 <sup>ab</sup>	6.67 <sup>bcd</sup>	39.08 <sup>bc</sup>	10.01 <sup>b</sup>
Basal-10%-150	70.84 <sup>bc</sup>	5.76	0.92 <sup>bcd</sup>	18.71	5.12	18.57	59.99 <sup>ab</sup>	8.03 <sup>abc</sup>	40.01 <sup>bc</sup>	9.78 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-10%-150	69.10 <sup>c</sup>	5.61	0.74 <sup>cd</sup>	17.35	5.37	18.10	54.67 <sup>c</sup>	6.54 <sup>bcd</sup>	45.33 <sup>a</sup>	7.56 <sup>b</sup>
Basal-15%-100	70.93 <sup>bc</sup>	5.25	1.15 <sup>abc</sup>	17.68	4.96	18.18	58.13 <sup>bc</sup>	5.29 <sup>d</sup>	41.87 <sup>ab</sup>	9.23 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-15%-100	72.73 <sup>abc</sup>	5.07	1.24 <sup>ab</sup>	19.35	6.79	17.77	60.47 <sup>ab</sup>	8.84 <sup>ab</sup>	39.53 <sup>bc</sup>	10.49 <sup>b</sup>
Basal-15%-150	68.62 <sup>c</sup>	6.05	1.23 <sup>ab</sup>	18.27	5.60 <sup>b</sup>	17.41	55.64 <sup>c</sup>	6.43 <sup>bcd</sup>	44.36 <sup>a</sup>	8.75 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-15%-150	69.21 <sup>c</sup>	6.01	0.65 <sup>d</sup>	18.77	9.22	15.65	54.36 <sup>c</sup>	10.48 <sup>a</sup>	45.64 <sup>a</sup>	14.07 <sup>a</sup>
Mean of SE	±1.40	±0.29	±0.13	±0.78	±1.07	±0.66	±1.33	±0.81	±1.33	±1.17
Probability	0.006	N.S	0.004	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.003	0.008	0.003	0.03

a,b,...= Means in the same column with different superscripts, differ significantly (P<0.05); N.S = Not Significant (P>0.05).  
STD = Standard requirements, PEP =pectinase + protease

**Table 7:** Effect of pectinase and protease on physical and chemical meat quality of broiler chicks

Treatments	Physical measurements						Chemical measurements			
	Breast		Thigh		Drum Stick		MDA (nmol/100g meat)	TP (mg/100 g meat)	LDL (mg/100g meat)	HDL (mg/100g meat)
	Drip Loss	pH	Drip Loss	pH	Drip Loss	pH				
Main effect	Enzymes Supplementation									
Basal	3.90	6.09	4.12 <sup>b</sup>	6.36	2.23	6.46	277.28	72.65	980.57 <sup>a</sup>	705.18
PEP	3.32	5.93	5.22 <sup>a</sup>	6.33	2.04	6.44	275.21	71.32	913.52 <sup>b</sup>	704.27
Mean of SE	±0.21	±0.13	±0.33	±0.03	±0.21	±0.03	±7.17	±1.28	±22.16	±12.68
Probability	N.S	N.S	0.03	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	N.S	0.05	N.S
Main effect	Composition									
STD	2.90 <sup>b</sup>	6.79 <sup>a</sup>	2.38 <sup>b</sup>	6.24	1.33 <sup>b</sup>	6.38 <sup>b</sup>	493.19 <sup>a</sup>	50.20 <sup>c</sup>	1306.91 <sup>a</sup>	685.61
10%-100	4.12 <sup>a</sup>	5.80 <sup>b</sup>	5.89 <sup>a</sup>	6.38	1.59 <sup>b</sup>	6.56 <sup>a</sup>	257.75 <sup>b</sup>	81.72 <sup>a</sup>	945.48 <sup>b</sup>	732.42
10%-150	3.74 <sup>ab</sup>	5.72 <sup>b</sup>	5.95 <sup>a</sup>	6.41	2.24 <sup>b</sup>	6.61 <sup>a</sup>	211.50 <sup>c</sup>	77.41 <sup>ab</sup>	835.48 <sup>cd</sup>	727.53
15%-100	4.54 <sup>a</sup>	5.80 <sup>b</sup>	4.48 <sup>a</sup>	6.31	1.59 <sup>b</sup>	6.49 <sup>ab</sup>	225.82 <sup>bc</sup>	73.95 <sup>b</sup>	898.33 <sup>bc</sup>	712.56
15%-150	2.76 <sup>b</sup>	5.95 <sup>b</sup>	4.64 <sup>a</sup>	6.38	3.94 <sup>a</sup>	6.22 <sup>c</sup>	192.96 <sup>c</sup>	76.67 <sup>ab</sup>	749.05 <sup>d</sup>	665.50
Mean of SE	±0.006	±0.20	±0.52	±0.05	±0.33	±0.04	±11.34	±2.03	±35.04	±20.05
Probability	0.05	0.008	0.0006	N.S	≤0.0001	≤0.0001	≤0.0001	≤0.0001	≤0.0001	N.S
Main effect	Treatments									
Basal- STD	3.54 <sup>abc</sup>	7.35 <sup>a</sup>	2.84 <sup>c</sup>	6.34	0.84 <sup>c</sup>	6.39 <sup>bc</sup>	517.37 <sup>a</sup>	47.80 <sup>c</sup>	1346.19 <sup>a</sup>	701.32 <sup>ab</sup>
PEP-STD	2.26 <sup>c</sup>	6.22 <sup>b</sup>	1.92 <sup>c</sup>	6.15	1.82 <sup>bc</sup>	6.38 <sup>bc</sup>	469.01 <sup>b</sup>	52.60 <sup>c</sup>	1267.62 <sup>a</sup>	669.89 <sup>b</sup>
Basal-10%-100	4.38 <sup>ab</sup>	5.87 <sup>b</sup>	5.53 <sup>ab</sup>	6.46	1.15 <sup>c</sup>	6.59 <sup>a</sup>	248.36 <sup>cd</sup>	83.43 <sup>a</sup>	890.48 <sup>bcd</sup>	724.78 <sup>ab</sup>
PEP-10%-100	3.85 <sup>ab</sup>	5.72 <sup>b</sup>	6.24 <sup>a</sup>	6.30	2.03 <sup>bc</sup>	6.54 <sup>ab</sup>	267.13 <sup>c</sup>	80.00 <sup>ab</sup>	1000.48 <sup>b</sup>	740.06 <sup>ab</sup>
Basal-10%-150	4.17 <sup>ab</sup>	5.69 <sup>b</sup>	5.50 <sup>ab</sup>	6.35	1.54 <sup>bc</sup>	6.57 <sup>ab</sup>	221.13 <sup>cde</sup>	79.51 <sup>ab</sup>	916.66 <sup>bc</sup>	676.50 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-10%-150	3.31 <sup>bc</sup>	5.75 <sup>b</sup>	6.40 <sup>a</sup>	6.46	2.93 <sup>b</sup>	6.64 <sup>a</sup>	201.88 <sup>de</sup>	75.30 <sup>ab</sup>	754.29 <sup>de</sup>	778.56 <sup>a</sup>
Basal-15%-100	4.02 <sup>ab</sup>	5.81 <sup>b</sup>	3.48 <sup>bc</sup>	6.33	1.86 <sup>bc</sup>	6.51 <sup>ab</sup>	207.51 <sup>de</sup>	76.81 <sup>ab</sup>	948.09 <sup>bc</sup>	759.61 <sup>ab</sup>
PEP-15%-100	5.05 <sup>a</sup>	5.79 <sup>b</sup>	5.48 <sup>ab</sup>	6.29	1.32 <sup>c</sup>	6.48 <sup>ab</sup>	244.13 <sup>cde</sup>	71.08 <sup>b</sup>	848.57 <sup>bcd</sup>	665.50 <sup>b</sup>
Basal-15%-150	3.38 <sup>bc</sup>	5.73 <sup>b</sup>	3.24 <sup>bc</sup>	6.35	5.76 <sup>a</sup>	6.26 <sup>cd</sup>	192.02 <sup>e</sup>	75.68 <sup>ab</sup>	801.43 <sup>cde</sup>	663.66 <sup>b</sup>
PEP-15%-150	2.13 <sup>c</sup>	6.17 <sup>b</sup>	6.04 <sup>a</sup>	6.42	2.11 <sup>bc</sup>	6.19 <sup>d</sup>	193.90 <sup>e</sup>	77.65 <sup>ab</sup>	696.67 <sup>e</sup>	667.33 <sup>b</sup>
Mean of SE	±0.49	±0.29	±0.74	±0.07	±0.46	±0.06	±16.04	±2.87	±49.55	±28.36
Probability	0.01	0.02	0.002	N.S	≤0.0001	0.0004	≤0.0001	≤0.0001	≤0.0001	0.056

a,b,...= Means in the same column with different superscripts, differ significantly (P<0.05); N.S = Not Significant (P>0.05). STD = Standard requirements PEP = Pectinase + protease

chemical parameters of broiler meat are presented in Table 7. Supplementation of PEP to broiler diets didn't cause any significant change in determined values of drip loss and pHu of all examined broiler meat cuts except thigh drip loss; it was increased from 4.12 to 5.22. While reducing dietary crude protein and ME significantly reducing pHu of breast meat and significantly increasing pHu of DS except DS pHu of 15%-150 which was decreased significantly. Regarding to drip loss, it was significantly increased by reducing dietary crude protein and ME for all cuts except 15%-150 treatment decreased breast drip loss.

Among all treatments the drip loss and pHu of all cuts significantly affected except thigh pHu. Breast drip loss samples wear increased by using PEP+L15%-100 diets as compared with other values, while the addition of PEP for STD and L15%-150 recorded significantly the lowest breast drip loss value. Thigh drip loss values increased for PEP -L10%-150, PEP -10%-100 and PEP-L15%-150 significantly compared with STD and PEP values. Decreasing CP and ME L15%-150 increasing significantly DS drip loss compared with all treatments. Chicks fed on control diet showed significantly high breast pHu values compared with other diets. The lowest pHu value recorded by L10%+150 for breast cuts and PEP+L15%-150 for DS cuts.

According to pH and drip loss results, water holding capacity and possessing ability of breast meat might be increased (Barbut, 1993; Zhang and Savage, 2010). On the other side reducing dietary ME from STD level to E100 or E150 enhanced glycogen storage in breast meat whereas breast pH values decreased. Also increased values of processing yield (Zhang and Savage, 2010). In previous study by Zakaria et al. (2010) reported that non significant impact on meat quality traits of broiler (pH, cooking loss and water holding capacity) when adding mixture enzymes containing pectinase. On the other hand, Selim et al. (2016b) observed that the quality of meat was enhanced with pectinase (PE) supplementation in low -energy diets for broiler.

The presented results of some chemical characteristics (Table 7) show that although supplementation of PEP enzymes to broiler diets did not cause any significant change of MDA, TP, or HDL of broiler meat samples, but decreased significantly LDL. The reduction of ME and CP level decreased significantly the concentrations of MDA and LDL of meat, L15%-150 recorded the lowest value by 60.88 % and 42.69 %, respectively compared to STD. Otherwise, the reduction of dietary crude protein and ME level significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) increased TP in compared to STD; 10%-100 recorded the highest value by 62.79 % in compared to STD. The results among all treatments showed

a significant decrease in MDA and LDL of broiler meat of birds compared to basal diet treatments or basal diet and PEP, respectively. On the other hand, all treatments significantly increased TP in broiler meat compared with the basal and PEP.

In general, the reduction in dietary crude protein and ME level improve broiler meat quality. The broiler fed 15%-150 and PEP-L15%-150 diet recorded decrease in the concentration of MDA in meat by 62.89 % and 62.52% compared to basal diet, while the broiler fed PEP+15%-150 recorded decrease in the concentration of LDL by 48.25 % compared to the basal diet. While, TP concentration increased in meat for broiler fed 10%-100 and PEP+10%-100, respectively. These results in general show positive effect of reducing CP and ME on the chemical quality of produced meat as the concentrations of MDA and LDL were decreased. The same trend was recorded previously by Rao et al. (2004) who reported that, the chicks feed on yellow maize with supplementing enzymes at 0.5 g/kg diet recorded reduction in LDL concentrations in serum, while protein concentration in the liver and breast muscle increases. Also, Lilly et al. (2011) studied the effect of diets with either excessive, high, low or deficient dietary amino acid density during the period from 28 to 42 day of age on meat quality. They reported that feeding deficient amino acid diet due to less protein and more fat in yielded thigh meat while feeding high and excessive amino acid yielded more susceptible to oxidation thigh meat.

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors have declared no conflict of interest.

## NOVELTY STATEMENT

We found that the best supplementation was the mixture enzymes PEP to standard or lower 10% CP and 100 kcal ME broiler corn/soybean meal diets, which improved growth performance, dressing % and meat quality.

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## CONCLUSION

All supplementation individually or mixture for pectinase and protease to standard broiler diet or the mixture for low dietary ME and CP broiler diet improved growth performance, dressing % and meat quality and enhance oxidative stability of meat by decreased MDA. The best supplementation was the mixture enzymes PEP to standard or lower 10% CP and 100 kcal ME broiler corn/soybean meal diets.

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