

Guideline for Peer Review Policies *(Research Opinions in Animal & Veterinary Sciences)*

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Questions to have in mind when reviewing the manuscript:

- 1) Is the manuscript of the quality and the contents are novel, you expect to see in a first-class international journal?
- 2) What are the strengths and weakness of the study?
- 3) Is the major innovative point of this study clearly explained and even included in the abstract section?
- 5) Does the author give sufficient credit to related work?
- 6) Are all tables and figures necessary?
- 7) Does the manuscript need language revision?
- 8) Is the discussion and conclusion are well balanced and reflect the data of the manuscript.
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- 10) Is there any ethical or competing interest issue that you have noticed during the reviewing of the manuscript and would like to raise?