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## ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted to assess growth performance and economic benefits of native pigs fed diet with or without *Trichantera* (*Trichantera gigantea*) leaf meal (TLM) in growing native pigs. A total of ten (10) 88 days old growing native pigs with a mean body weight of  $5.54 \pm 0.30$  kg were used in the experiment and were allocated into two dietary treatments with 5 replicates at one pig per replicate. The two dietary treatment were namely, Treatment 1 which was a basal diet (100% BD) composed of rice bran, limestone, salt, molasses, poultry by product, antioxidant, vitamin -mineral premixes while treatment 2 was 85% BD + 15% TLM.

Result showed significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) on average daily feed intake. Body weight gain, average daily gain and feed conversion ratio of growing native pigs at all feeding period were comparable. There was also no economic benefit for growing native pigs fed diet with *Trichantera*. Considering that there was a significant difference in feed intake by growing native pigs fed diet with 15% *Trichantera*, higher inclusion for *Trichantera* may elicit significant response in future investigation.

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