

Responses to the comments of Reviewer #1

This paper provides valuable information on an important topic “goats sector in Vietnam”. This will have important benefits for researchers in the field.

Response: Authors really thank the reviewer very much for your positive comment.

I have some comments that I hope the authors respond to:

Introduction:

This section should be rewritten because the authors used paragraphs from some published papers and they change only data.

Response: As this paper is a review manuscript, the data were adapted from previous prestigious published articles and reports with proper citations. Several sentences seem to look similar with other publications, but we wrote in our own words. Furthermore, before submitting the manuscript to the journal, we check plagiarism through a *turnitin* software account of the University of New England, Australia and it had only 3% similarity, which is unavoidable. So, we are really confident that the manuscript is our own property. We rewrote some sentences, move some paragraphs to appropriate places or sections. We added more information with proper citations and all of the changes were heightened in the current version.

Data about goats in Asia and neighbouring countries should be given.

Response: Thanks for your suggestion, the goat population and developing trend of the world, the Asian continent, SEA region and neighbouring countries were added (lines 50-61).

The authors should more detailed about the goat sector in Vietnam.

Response: Done as suggested. Several detailed information such as recent growth rate (lines 62-63), distribution (lines 66-67), breeds (lines 70-72) was added in the introduction section of the revised version. Indeed, some goat production information including feed (lines 67-69) scale (lines 69-70), system (lines 72-75) and marketing (lines 78-83) has already been briefly outlined in the previous version. This information was mentioned and discussed further in sections: 3. Goat production and 4. Market status and types of goat supply chains.

Methodology:

This section should be more detailed. The systematic review process should be presented with different steps according to the PRISMA guideline.

Response: Thank for your suggestion. We cited the article of Braun and Clarke (2006) who described the thematic analysis method in detail. Regarding following the PRISMA guideline, the present manuscript is a literature review, not a systematic review. We simply use an inductive thematic analysis method to identify and discuss the common themes, challenges and opportunities of the goat sector in Vietnam from the already existing materials (statistical data, reports, and scientific publications) with no specific questions at the beginning. In contrast, Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) method are mainly used in systematic reviews and meta-analyses which focus on a particular research question in advance.

Results and Discussion

Goat production systems in Vietnam should be detailed and presented in a separate sub-section

Response: A big thank for this valuable suggestion. Indeed, goat population and distribution are two of the elements of goat production a country or region. Therefore, we created Goat production section which includes 3 sub-sections in the revision: *Goat population and distribution*, *Production system and scale* and *Main goat breeds* to discuss them in more detailed. Please refer lines 100-211 in the revised version.

What about diseases and parasites?

Response: Thanks for the interesting question. Indeed, diseases, parasites and veterinary service are major issues in the goat production and they were discussed in the initial version (lines 442-452).