

The impacts of *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* Cell Wall on Broiler Chicken Productivity and Gastrointestinal Mucosa Development

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Abstract

The use of antibiotics in chicken intakes to promote growth has been compared to resistance to bacteria and the emergence of novel management of product strategies. The *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* cell wall (SCCW), which is made up of complex carbohydrates, proteins, nucleic acids, and minerals, has demonstrated significant advantages in animal feeding. Its constituents' prebiotic characteristics, especially the mannans, and glucans, have been found to improve nutrient digestibility and promote the development of advantageous gut microbes. The goal of this study aimed to assess the growth and development of the intestinal mucosa of broiler chickens fed diets according to maize and soybean meal that contained a novel material (SCCW var. Calsberg) derived from the brewing industry. The findings of investigation 1 (conducted in litter-floor pens) showed that the birds had given 0.2% SCCW gained more body weight overall and had greater villus heights at 7 days of age. Field testing with 44,000 broilers who consumed food with 0.2% SCCW also revealed that the SCCW-supplemented birds had increased physical weight gains and improved conversion of feed. According to the current research, SCCW increased the body weight of broiler chickens. This improvement can be linked to the product's trophic gastrointestinal mucosa being affected, which raises the height of the villus, particularly in the first week of a chicken's life.

Keywords: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* cell walls (SCCW), broiler Chicken, fed diets, gastrointestinal mucosa, soybean, corn.

Introduction

Government regulations have lately considered the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in the chicken sector due to the development of resistance and possible negative human implications. Thus, a number of proven principles utilized as preventative measures have been researched; nevertheless, a better assessment of the total inhibition of these medications is required. The issue of harmful bacteria like *Salmonella*, *Clostridium*, and others colonizing the gut is being addressed via competitive exclusion principles, immunization, and other management techniques (1). Newly born birds have an incompletely formed digestive system that lacks microorganisms. In order to read chicks for their survival, there is a sudden change in the supply of nutrition and the colonization of gastrointestinal microorganisms after hatching (2). In order to absorb the vitamins and minerals available in the lumen, ingestion of exogenous feed requires fast growth of the intestinal mucosa and related processes. Soon after hatching, the colonization of the gut by microbes begins. The majority of these microbes

are found in the ceca, although there are also microbes in the small intestine and crop. By interfering with digestion and nutrition absorption, enteropathogenic bacteria in the stomach disrupt the birds' natural growth (3). For efficient tactics to be put into practice to maximize performance and enhance bird health, it is crucial to comprehend the interaction between broiler chicken production and gastrointestinal mucosa growth. This information may be used to pinpoint management strategies and dietary treatments that promote the development, integrity, and performance of the gastrointestinal mucosa, thus increasing productivity (4). Regarding development and, to a lesser extent, health, in-feed antibiotics are recognized and well-documented in the chicken industry. A global prohibition on the use of non-therapeutic antibiotics in chicken production will thus have a negative impact on the world's poultry output in the absence of a suitable replacement. According to this concept, scientists and the worldwide chicken feed business have stepped up their attempts to create viable substitutes for in-feed antibiotics (5).

In the production of chicken, several probiotics and prebiotics have been found to be suitable substitutes for in-feed antibiotics since they contain polysaccharides. The yeast and its derivatives are one example of such an alternative. Polysaccharides have been shown to be present in yeast and yeast cell walls (YCW), suggesting that they may have the ability to enhance biological processes (6). In order to prevent diarrhea, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a non-pathogenic yeast, is frequently administered together with therapeutic antibiotics in human medicine. Nevertheless, there are few findings on how adding yeast or yeast products to chicken feed might improve broiler performance and decrease the spread of enteropathogenic bacteria. When adding 0.02% *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* var. *Boulardii* to poult diets, there have been reports of alterations in their weight and ileal morphology, including a reduction in goblet cell count and crypt depth (7).

The raising of broiler chickens is essential for supplying the rising demand for poultry meat on a global scale. For an enterprise to be long-lasting and lucrative, broiler chicken output must be maximized, and their health must be maintained. The potential benefits of utilizing feed additives to enhance broiler performance and health have drawn more and more attention in recent years. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a yeast species well recognized for its uses in the food and beverage industry, has a cell wall that may be used as an additive (8). Optimizing nutrient utilization is essential for ensuring effective development and performance since nutrition is a key factor in the production of broiler chickens. The SCCW constituents, in particular mannans and glucans, display prebiotic characteristics that can improve nutrient absorption and encourage the development of advantageous gut bacteria. These prebiotic actions help broiler chickens have better gut health and nutrition absorption by encouraging a healthy gut microbiome (9). This study's goal was to find out how broiler chicken growth of performance (body weight and feed conversion) and small intestinal mucosa (villus height and crypt depth) were affected by adding SCCW to poultry feed. The goal of the current study (10) is to determine how broiler chickens subjected to the strain brought on by high stocking density would respond in terms of growth performance, intestinal health, and immunity depending on the rate at which dietary nucleotides were included. The purpose of this study (11) is to present an alternative to antibiotics that uses

probiotics made from various microbial strains, such as bacteria, yeasts, and others, that have bacteriostatic qualities that prevent the growth of infections and neutralize toxins in various ways. According to the harmful effects of drug resistance, the European Union has strictly prohibited the use of antibiotic therapy in the treatment of necrotizing enteritis (NE). Moreover, the removal of residual antibiotics from chicken meat causes antibiotic growth boosters to have a negative impact on human health. The possibility for the ingesting of the advantageous microbiota is negatively impacted by this study, and the gastrointestinal system (GIT), immunological system, and muscle growth and maturation are all negatively impacted. It has been suggested that altering the gut microbiota might be an effective way to boost host productivity, maintain good health, and prevent negative implications for the immune system and gut (12). Making use of early-life programming in probiotics and prebiotics for ovo stimulation, it might be feasible to prevent certain metabolic conditions, resistance, and lowered immunity to pathogens that the broiler sector is currently facing as a result of the stress involved in commercial hatching and selection caused by a market that is becoming more competitive (13).

Humic substances (HS) operate as growth boosters in poultry, although their exact methods of action are unclear. The capacity for production, histology, and quantity of goblet cells (GC) in the intestinal villi of broilers was assessed in this study while digestion is at steady-state settings and during unexpected alterations in diet with the addition of HS (14). Feed and feed ingredients are very prone to contamination with mycotoxin in the animal feed business. Among the primary indicators of contamination with mycotoxin in broiler feed and feed ingredients is deoxynivalenol (DON), yet little is known about this. Therefore, the aim of this research was to investigate DON's potential toxicity to the microbiota's micro ecological balance and the gut barrier in broiler chickens (15). The study (16) found that in hens inoculated with the Newcastle disease virus (NDV) vaccine, yeast cell wall product (YP) improved serum hemagglutination inhibition (HI) titers and intestine responses. The cell-mediated immune reactions that NDV and YP induced in industrial broilers were examined in the current study. A live NDV vaccination was administered intraocularly and intranasally to broilers at 14 and 28 days of age, and they were fed 0 or 0.1% YP. The chicken industry was forced to create non-antibiotic substitutes quickly in order to boost production yields due to the constantly expanding market and ongoing financial constraints brought on by the restriction of antibiotic growth boosters. Yeast and its derivatives, such as the YCW, which have been hypothesized to have specific positive effects on the host animal, are an option that may be used (17).

The aim of this study (18) determined whether nano curcumin alone or in addition to a diet tainted with aflatoxin could reduce the toxic impact of aflatoxin B1 on broiler improvement, blood and serum parameters, carcass traits, the presence of 35-day-old aflatoxin residue in the liver and muscle tissue, hepatic gene expression, and immunological histochemistry. This article will study the effects of using essential oils from members of the Lamiaceae family, including *Thymus vulgaris* (thyme), *Origanum vulgare* (oregano), and *Rosmarinus officinalis* (rosemary), on manufacturing results, immunity, and meat quality features (19). Incorporating essential oils into the diet on a range of stages, including dietary composition,

amount of feed inclusion, and bird genetics, is useful for broiler nutrition. The study's goal (20) assessed the way intake of seven essential amino acids and decreased dietary crude protein (CP) affects the performance and carcass composition of broiler chickens.

Materials and Methods

This section covers the effects of SCCW on Broiler Chicken Productivity and Development of Gastrointestinal Mucosa. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has bioactive ingredients in its cell wall that may help broiler chickens' gastrointestinal mucosa grow and remain healthy. This may result in increased gut barrier function, decreased gut inflammation, and enhanced nutrient absorption. Calsberg, a product of the brewing business, was used in two tests to evaluate the effectiveness of SCCW (Pronady 500). The purpose of investigation 1 was to examine how YCWs affected the function and growth of the small intestine mucosa in an experimental chicken house. On a commercial chicken farm, investigation 2 was conducted to find out how the product affected flock performance.

Investigation 1

The Cobb 500 strain of male chicks, which were one day old, was raised in an experimental chicken house using standard management techniques. The birds were placed in litter-floor enclosures (1.5 x 2.0 m) after being weighed at one day of life. Three types of treatment (0, 0.1, and 0.2% SCCW added to the meal) and five repetitions of 30 birds each were included in the experiment, which had a fully randomized design. In accordance with the National Research Council's suggestions, the starter and grower diets contained 30 and 20 ppm, accordingly, of the growth stimulant Nitrovin. The diet's foundations were maize and soybean meal. Olaquinox was given to the starter and grower diets, respectively, at 40 and 30 ppm. (Table 1) each treatment resulted in the cervical dislocation death of five birds. Following a 12-hour removal, the food after body mass and calorie intake were assessed at 7, 28, and age of 42 days. Duodenum, jejunum, and ileum segments of the small intestine, each measuring two millimeters, were taken, fixed in Bouin solution, dried using the usual alcohol-toluene procedure, and then embedded in paraffin.

Table 1: Ingredients in the experimental diets used in the first investigation

	STARTER (1–21 d)			GROWER (22–42 d)		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Salt (NaCl), %	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.36	0.36	0.36
Vitamin premix	0.47	0.21	0.21	0.41	0.41	0.41
Soybean oil, %	3.97	2.98	3.96	6.91	6.91	6.91
Nitrovin, ppm	31.00	31.00	31.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Olaquinox, ppm	41.00	41.00	41.00	31.00	31.00	31.00

Trace minerals	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.21
DL-Methionine, %	.24	.24	.21	.12	.12	.12
Yeast cell walls, %	-	0.11	0.24	-	0.11	0.21
Yellow corn, %	53.88	53.88	53.88	57.78	56.79	57.79
Soybean meal, %	40.63	40.64	40.66	34.47	34.48	34.48
Sand, %	0.21	0.11	-	0.21	1.11	-
Dicalcium phosphate, %	2.62	2.62	1.62	1.16	1.16	1.16
Limestone, %	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.45	1.48	1.47

Hematoxylin-eosin staining was used to create slices that were five microns thick. An image processing system was used to measure the height of the villus (in millimeters) and crypt depth (in millimeters) from every section in 70 microscopic areas. Additionally, for every single segment, the ratio of the villus to the crypt was calculated. The statistical analysis system (SAS) software's general linear model was used to conduct the variance evaluation of the data. Tukey's test ($P < 0.05$) was used to detect the variance between averages.

Investigation 2

Using 44,000 Cobb 500 strain 1-day-old male chicks distributed into two houses with 22,000 birds each, the research was conducted on a commercial poultry farm. Apramycine (Apralam) and avilamycine (Surmax) were used as promoters of growth in the base diets, which were mostly composed of maize and soybean meal (Table 2). Control (basic food with growth stimulants) and preserved (basic food with growth stimulants + 0.2% SCCWs; Pronady500) were the two treatments. "Feed intake (FI), feed conversion (FC), Final body weight (FBW), and corrected feed conversion (CFC) were measured at 49 days of age, the conclusion of the experimental period". An equation was used to determine corrected feed conversion: $CFC = 3.7 (2,500 \text{ real body weights}) + FC$.

Table 2: Ingredients in the experimental diets used in the second investigation

Ingredients	PRESTARTER (1-7 d)	STARTER (7-14 d)	GROWER I (15-28 d)	GROWER II (29-42 d)	FINISHING (43-49 d)
Meat %	-	7.05	5.95	7.05	6.70
Feather %	-	-	2	4	5
Blood %	-	-	-	2	2
Methionine, %	1.23	1.30	1.14	1.18	1.09
Yellow corn, %	61.33	61.18	65.30	69.53	74.44
Salt, %	1.43	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.40
Limestone, %	2.30	1.20	1.70	1.15	-
Dicalcium phosphate, %	2.75	-	-	-	-
Choline (75%), %	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.06	1.09

Soybean meal, %	37.50	23.50	16.50	7.00	1.60
HCl lysine, %	-	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.07
mineral or vitamin blend, %	0.50	0.60	1.40	1.40	1.40
Soybean grain, %	-	10.90	15.55	15.20	15.55

Results and discussion

This study found that adding SCCW to broiler chicken diets affected feed conversion and body weight increase (Table 3). Broiler hens treated with SCCWs showed a significant tendency ($P = 0.083$) toward weight gain improvement increase throughout the first week of life (1 to 7 days of age) when the means were compared. In treated broilers, feed conversion was similarly decreased (0.2% SCCW) contrasted with controls (1.238 vs. 1.331), albeit this difference was not statistically important ($P = 0.432$). At 21 days of age, the birds fed with 0.2% SCCWs gained more body weight as opposed to controls (779 g vs. 747 g, $P = 0.028$), and their conversion of feed was likewise greater.

Table 3: Feed consumption, body weight gain, and feed conversion in broilers grown under experimental settings (investigation 1)

SCCW (%)	FEED INTAKE (g)	BODY WEIGHT GAIN (g)	FEED CONVERSION (g feed/g BW)
1-21day of age			
0	166.13	125.24	1.332
0.1	165.34	130.62	1.269
0.2	160.38	130.81	1.239
CV	8.20	3.31	9.71
P values	0.785	0.085	0.435
1-21 day of age			
0	1.213	748	1.624
0.1	1.212	768	1.584
0.2	1.163	780	1.495
CV	4.35	2.65	5.32
P values	0.240	0.030	0.029
1-42 day of age			
0	2,986	1.704	1.714
0.1	3.061	1.775	1.685
0.2	3,081	1.812	1.640
CV	4.85	5.12	3.25
P values	0.428	0.045	0.082

When 0.2% YCWS were added to feed during the development period (22 to 42 days) during the whole trial (1 to 42 days), body weight increase was improved in contrast to the control group (140 g larger throughout the trial for birds that received treatment). In comparison to controls, birds fed with 0.2% SCCW exhibited a propensity to improve in feed conversion (1.639 vs. 1.712, $P = 0.080$) during the whole study period (1 to 42 days). The findings of the field trial (investigation 2) demonstrate that adding SCCWs (0.2%) to the diet enhanced the difference in broiler body weight of 150 g favor (2,531 versus 2,432) of the treated birds.

When the conversion of feed was adjusted for 2,500 g of chicken body weight, the treated birds similarly displayed improved values (1.878 vs. 2.249).

As a result, this study's field trials and investigation data demonstrated that adding SCCW to broiler chicken diets from day one of life onwards boosted the conversion of feed and body weight gain. Tables 4 and Figures 1 to 3 illustrate how YCWs affect the growth of intestinal mucosal segments. When the birds were administered 0.2% SCCWs jejunum (JEJ), duodenum (DUO), and ileum (ILE), all of the investigated intestinal sections had a significant rise in villus height during the first week. Only in the jejunum did YCW treatment have an impact on crypt depth and the villus: crypt ratio. With the inclusion of cell walls in the meals for broiler chickens, crypt depth decreased ($P = 0.000$), and the villus: rising crypt ratio. The addition of YCWs to the meal had no discernible influence on how the intestinal mucosa develops at 28 and 42 days of age.

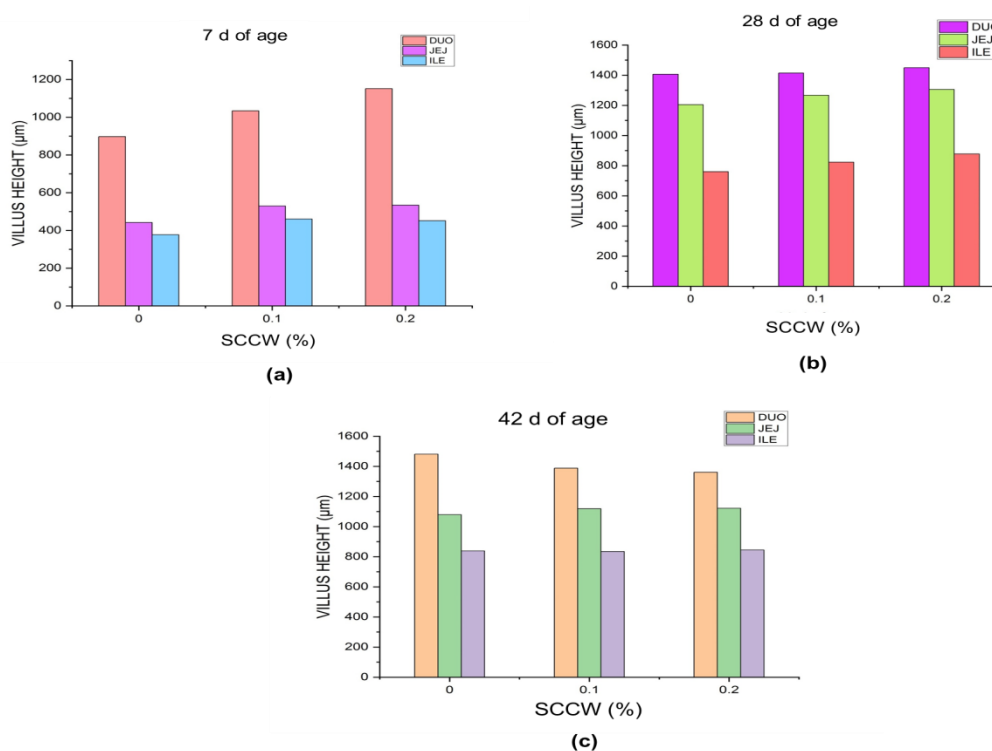


Figure 1: Villus height of different ages and fed diets containing SCCW

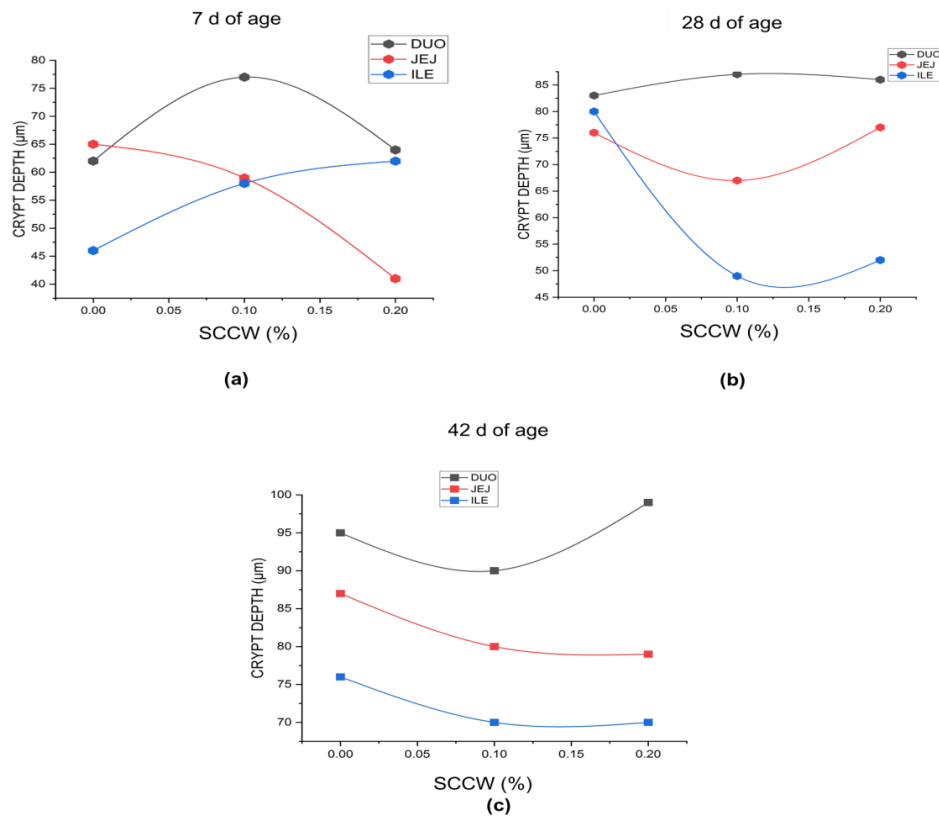


Figure 2: crypt depth of various ages and given SCCW-containing diets

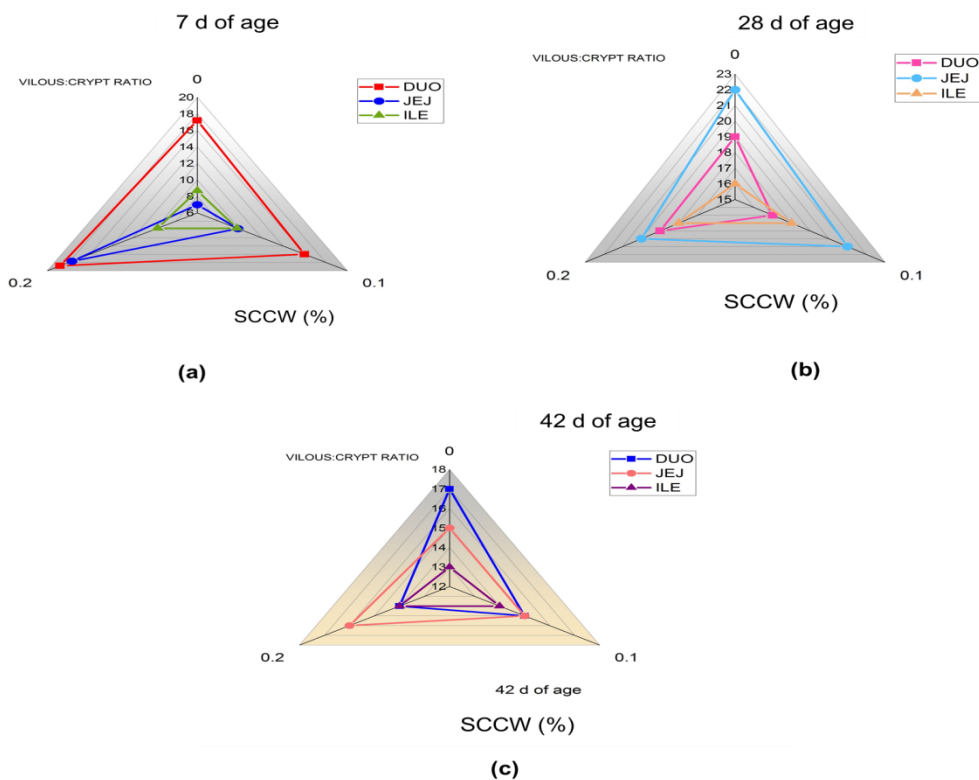


Figure 3: Villus-crypt ratio in animals given diets containing SCCW and of various ages

Table 4: Villus height, crypt depth, and villus: crypt ratio of broiler chickens given meals containing SCCWs at various ages were measured

SCCW (%)	VILLUS HEIGHT (µm)			CRYPT DEPTH (µm)			VILLOUS: CRYPT RATIO		
	DUO	JEJ	ILE	DUO	JEJ	ILE	DUO	JEJ	ILE
7 d of age									
0	897	442	377	62	65	46	17.2	7	8.7
0.1	1034	529	460	77	59	58	16	9.8	9.7
0.2	1151	534	451	64	41	62	18.8	17.7	9.7
28 d of age									
0	1406	1204	760	83	76	80	19	22	16
0.1	1414	1267	823	87	67	49	17	21	18
0.2	1450	1306	878	86	77	52	19	20	18
42 d of age									
0	1481	1079	839	95	87	76	17	15	13
0.1	1388	1118	834	90	80	70	15	15	14
0.2	1361	1122	845	99	79	70	14	16	14

Investigations are also ongoing on *saccharomyces cerevisiae*'s potential to enhance broiler performance. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a substance that decreases responses to pressure in birds by boosting vitamin absorption, enzyme production, and protein metabolism, might be added to broiler meals to enhance performances. When SCCWs were introduced to a turkey meal, the immune system was similarly observed to be non-specifically stimulated, with higher Immunoglobulin G (IgG) and Immunoglobulin A (IgA) levels of antibodies. Considering these reports, we may hypothesize that the beneficial impact of YCWs on the performance of an indirect factor that contributes to the increase of broilers mechanism that enhances the effectiveness of the birds' immune responses, improving the antibodies the gut mucosa responds and enabling improved nutrition uptake and digestion.

The findings demonstrated that intestine sections from 7-day-old broilers fed 0.2% SCCWs exhibited higher villus height. This discovery implies that the intestinal mucosa may indirectly benefit tropically from YCWs. When *saccharomyces cerevisiae* was added to the broiler diet, the number of goblet cells and the length of the crypt in the ileal mucosa decreased, indicating that the use of *saccharomyces cerevisiae* lowers the level of strain that Exposure of the mucosa to and lowers the number of germs or other poisons in the gut. SCCW is a complex structure made up of carbohydrates derived from mannose.

It is widely known that D-mannose can be used to lower enteropathogenic bacterial colonization because it prevents fimbrial lectins from bacteria from adhering to gut intestine receptors that contain D-mannose. The amount of *S. typhimurium* 29E colonization of the cecal lining was considerably ($P<0.05$) decreased by the YCW preparation (manna oligosaccharides). The cistern's lowered coliform count ($P<0.10$). According to these

findings, we may hypothesize that the increased height of villus found in the tiny intestines of broilers treated with YCWs may be related to an enhancement of intestinal lumen health, suggesting higher ingredient absorption, which led to improved performance.

Conclusion

Using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* cell wall in broiler chicken feeds has demonstrated encouraging impacts on both production and the development of the gastrointestinal mucosa. It has been discovered that adding SCCW to broiler chicken diets enhances the birds' overall productivity, growth performance, and feed efficiency. β -glucans and mannans, the two elements of SCCW, are essential for increasing nutrient absorption, controlling immunological reactions, and preserving gut health. The findings of the present study demonstrate that SCCWs may be utilized as a supplement to enhance the performance of broiler chickens in both laboratory and outdoor settings. The increase in intestinal lumen health by a dmannose-mediated action is thought to be the primary mechanism of the SCCWs. The substance is a complex carbohydrate based on mannose. Thus better health may have expanded the region of absorption in the stomach (villus height). In broiler chicken diets throughout growth, 0.2% SCCWs is advised. The inclusion levels of SCCW supplements in broiler chicken production should be optimized, and future studies should investigate their long-term consequences.

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