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#### Abstract

The present study was conducted to investigate the effect of dietary supplementation of Arg on growth performance, carcass characteristics, and morphological indices of jejunal epithelial cells in coccidia-challenged broiler chickens. A total of 288 one-day-old broiler chickens were randomly distributed among 3 experimental treatments with 8 replicate pens of 12 broiler chickens each. Experimental treatments consisted of the graded levels of dietary Arg (100, 105, and 110% of the standard recommendations during different growth periods). From 16 to 20 d of age, half of the replicate pens of each dietary Arg level were orally challenged with a mixture of Eimeria species (acervulina, tenella, maxima, and necatrix). Results showed that dietary Arg had no marked effect on average daily feed

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