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Morphometric evaluation of the growth of Alpacas (Vicugna pacos) from birth to 36 months of age

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Percentile curves describe the development the skeleton of up 36 month old alpacas.
- No significant differences in growth were determined between males and females.
- No significant differences in growth were determined between Huacayas and Suris.
- The thoracic circumference is a reliable parameter for estimating the body weight.

ABSTRACT

Currently, very limited information is available on the growth of alpacas (*Vicugna pacos*). The aim of this study was to describe the growth of alpacas with percentile

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