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Example:

![Figure 1. The effect of muscle type and animal age on muscle Fe level. Slaughter group 1 = 4 months; slaughter group 2 = 8 months; slaughter group 3 = 14 months; slaughter group 4 = 20 months; LD = longissimus dorsi, SM = semimembranosus, ST = semitendinosus.](image)

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Example:

| Table 1: Mean live weight change, daily dry matter intake (DMI) and water intake (WI) of sheep housed in a cool room (20 °C) or a hot room (40 °C during the day and 30 °C during the night) and offered drinking water at 20 °C, 30 °C or 40 °C (Savage et al., 2006b). |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                 | 20 °C | 30 °C | 40 °C | 20 °C | 30 °C | 40 °C | SED | Room | Water | Room × water |
| Liveweight change (kg)          | -0.9  | -1.7  | -1.2  | 0.2   | -0.4  | -1.2  | 0.9  | 0.38 | 0.69  | 0.92           |
| DMI (g/d)                       | 1515* | 1426* | 1475a*| 1096b | 1211b*| 1073* | 156  | <0.01| 0.68  | 0.97           |
| WI (ml/d)                       | 5217* | 5822* | 5575a*| 6591b | 8491b*| 5918* | 1121 |
| *Means within rows with common superscripts are not significantly different (P > 0.05).