

TABLE 1. Duodenal lesion scores, morphometric alteration, and mast cell response 6 days post-challenge with EA¹

| Trt ² | Lesion Score ³ | Villus | Crypt | Villus:Crypt | Mast cells (156.25 µm ²) | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Height (mm) | Depth (mm) | Ratio | LCB ⁴ | Mean | UCB ⁵ |
| Control | 0 ^c | 1.83 ± 0.07 ^a | 0.16 ± 0.01 ^b | 11.30 ± 0.40 ^a | 3.60 | 5.87 ^{ab} | 9.58 |
| EA1 | 2.35 ± 0.09 ^a | 1.46 ± 0.07 ^b | 0.32 ± 0.01 ^a | 4.73 ± 0.40 ^b | 1.77 | 2.89 ^b | 4.71 |
| EA2 | 0.77 ± 0.09 ^b | 1.68 ± 0.07 ^a | 0.17 ± 0.01 ^b | 9.97 ± 0.40 ^a | 5.10 | 8.33 ^a | 13.6 |

^{a-c}Means in columns with no common superscript differ significantly.

¹Values are means ± SEM.

²Treatments (Trt): Control = no challenge; EA1 = 1.25 x 10⁵ EA strain 1 oocysts; EA2 = 1.50 x 10⁵ EA strain 2 oocysts.

³Lesion score from 0 to 4.

⁴LCB = Lower confidence bound limit of the 95% confidence interval.

⁵UCB = Upper confidence bound limit of the 95% confidence interval.