

## Supplementary Material

### **Contraceptive efficacy and dose-response effects of the gonadotrophin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist deslorelin in Tasmanian devils (*Sarcophilus harrisii*)**

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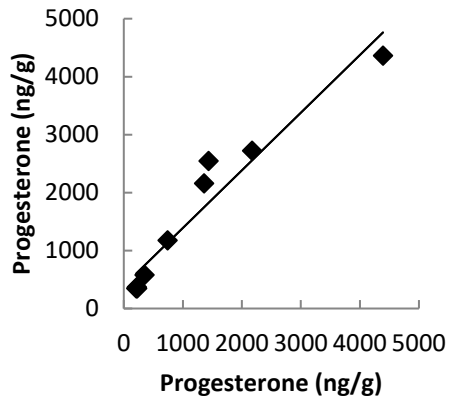
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#### *Inter-lab variation*

Nine samples from a female control devil were originally analysed at TWPZ for faecal progesterone in 2014 and re-analysed (including faecal extraction from stored dry scats) at Sydney University in 2017 to evaluate the inter-lab variation. The average CV between labs for each sample was 29.12%, and there was a strong correlation between labs ( $R^2 = 0.93$ , Slope = 0.995; Supp. Fig. 1). The variation between labs may be accounted for by the slightly different protocol used for the EIA (single versus double antibody).



**Fig. S1.** Progesterone concentrations (ng/g) of samples from one female Tasmanian devil extracted and analysed at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in 2014, then again at the University of Sydney in 2017. Trendline equation:  $y = 0.995x + 393.52$ ,  $R^2 = 0.9307$ .

General health analysis

**Table S1. Mean general health results for female Tasmanian devils in treatment groups control, low dose and high dose, with standard error presented in the bottom row**

	Quarterly CBC (2015–2016)			Annual blood chemistry (July 2015 and 2016)					
	PCV (%) <sup>*</sup>	RCC (× 10 <sup>12</sup> L <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>*</sup>	HGB (g/L) <sup>*</sup>	Na/K ratio <sup>*</sup>		Potassium (mmol/L) <sup>*</sup>		Albumin (g/L) <sup>*</sup>	
				2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>Control</b>	44.07 <sup>A</sup>	6.39 <sup>A</sup>	150.30 <sup>A</sup>	13.25 <sup>A</sup>	25.62 <sup>B</sup>	10.60 <sup>A</sup>	5.86 <sup>C</sup>	35.62 <sup>A</sup>	32.14 <sup>B</sup>
<b>Low dose</b>	45.82 <sup>AB</sup>	6.64 <sup>AB</sup>	155.40 <sup>AB</sup>	17.71 <sup>A</sup>	19.60 <sup>A</sup>	8.08 <sup>BD</sup>	7.38 <sup>CD</sup>	35.88 <sup>A</sup>	31.80 <sup>B</sup>
<b>High dose</b>	47.39 <sup>B</sup>	6.95 <sup>B</sup>	160.70 <sup>B</sup>	14.42 <sup>A</sup>	16.20 <sup>A</sup>	9.78 <sup>AB</sup>	9.28 <sup>ABD</sup>	36.29 <sup>A</sup>	35.02 <sup>A</sup>
<b>S.E.</b>	1.18	0.15	3.81	2.16	2.16	0.86	0.86	0.94	0.94

\*Significant differences within columns marked by an asterisk are denoted by superscripts.