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	Normal	BD ^a	EF ^b	GH ^c
Weights (mg)	208.9±27.7	46.3±7.71	58.0±5.6	57.1±11.1
T(ng ml ⁻¹)	0.49±0.08	0.36±0.02	0.34±0.01	0.44±0.01
LH(mIU ml ⁻¹)	11.68±0.77	4.11±0.51	5.33±0.81	5.16±0.53
FSH(mIU ml ⁻¹)	1.64±0.19	1.48±0.20	1.45±0.15	1.55±0.24

Abbreviations: BD, Bbb Ddd; EF, Eee Fff; GH, Ggg Hhh.

^a 1.5 g kg⁻¹

^b 3.0 g kg⁻¹

^c 6.0 g kg⁻¹

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