

Table 1: White blood cells (WBC), erythrocytes (ERCS), haemoglobin (Hb), haematocrit (HCT), mean corpuscular volume (MCV), mean corpuscular haemoglobin (MCH), mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration (MCHC), reticulocytes (RTC), platelet count (PLT) and red cell distribution width (RDW) of weanling male Wistar rats fed diets with differing amounts of Zn and Cu for 5 weeks¹

Diet Group ²	WBC	ERCS	Hb	HCT	MCV	MCH	MCHC	RTC	PLT	RDW
	10 ⁹ /L	10 ¹² /L	g/L	%	fl	pg	g/L	%	10 ⁹ /L	%
Zn-30	5.2 ± 0.5 ^a	6.8 ± 0.1 ^a	132.8 ± 1.6 ^a	40.08 ± 0.51 ^a	58.5 ± 0.6 ^a	19.6 ± 0.2 ^a	332.8 ± 1.9 ^a	3.66 ± 0.21 ^a	1102 ± 33 ^a	12.5 ± 0.3 ^{ab}
Zn-60	5.5 ± 0.6 ^a	6.8 ± 0.1 ^a	133.6 ± 1.7 ^a	40.17 ± 0.61 ^a	59.1 ± 0.5 ^a	19.8 ± 0.1 ^a	332.4 ± 1.7 ^a	3.64 ± 0.09 ^a	1118 ± 29 ^a	12.2 ± 0.2 ^a
Zn-120	5.6 ± 0.5 ^a	6.7 ± 0.1 ^a	130.8 ± 1.1 ^a	39.33 ± 0.45 ^a	58.5 ± 0.6 ^a	19.6 ± 0.2 ^a	332.8 ± 2.5 ^a	3.71 ± 0.13 ^a	1176 ± 46 ^a	12.4 ± 0.2 ^{ab}
Zn-240	5.0 ± 0.6 ^a	6.8 ± 0.1 ^a	132.3 ± 1.2 ^a	39.92 ± 0.43 ^a	58.7 ± 0.6 ^a	19.4 ± 0.2 ^a	331.6 ± 1.7 ^a	3.71 ± 0.16 ^a	1094 ± 26 ^a	12.2 ± 0.1 ^a
Cu-D	5.0 ± 0.4 ^a	6.9 ± 0.1 ^a	130.2 ± 1.2 ^a	39.83 ± 0.55 ^a	57.6 ± 0.5 ^a	18.8 ± 0.2 ^a	327.0 ± 2.2 ^a	3.65 ± 0.21 ^a	1127 ± 40 ^a	12.9 ± 0.2 ^b

¹ Values are means ± SEM, n = 12/diet group. Values in a column without a common letter differ, *P* < 0.05.