

**Table 6.** Effect of Arak (*Salvadora persica*), season and their interaction inclusion on libido, mating activity and physical semen characteristics of NZW rabbit bucks at 6 months of age

| Factors             | Parameters <sup>1</sup>     |                             |                            |                              |                             |                              |                               |                               |                              |    |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----|
|                     | Libido (sec)                | Mating Activity             | SEV                        | ASM                          | LS                          | MNS                          | SCC                           | TSO                           | AD                           |    |
| <b>Season:</b>      | **                          | **                          | **                         | **                           | **                          | **                           | **                            | **                            | **                           | ** |
| Winter (W)          | 31.76<br>±0.76              | 5.04<br>±0.14               | 0.71<br>±0.01              | 71.76<br>±1.31               | 72.42<br>±1.34              | 83.17<br>±1.17               | 561.71<br>±15.89              | 438.91<br>±14.68              | 12.33<br>±0.41               |    |
| Summer (S)          | 38.94<br>±1.13              | 4.40<br>±0.15               | 0.57<br>±0.02              | 62.22<br>±1.41               | 64.04<br>±1.18              | 69.80<br>±1.44               | 430.26<br>±17.37              | 294.44<br>±18.07              | 16.31<br>±0.47               |    |
| <b>Treatment:</b>   | **                          | **                          | **                         | **                           | **                          | **                           | **                            | **                            | **                           | ** |
| Control (C)         | 38.44<br>±1.05              | 4.28<br>±0.14               | 0.56<br>±0.01              | 63.67<br>±1.35               | 64.52<br>±1.12              | 73.36<br>±1.33               | 443.26<br>±15.04              | 319.08<br>±13.69              | 15.35<br>±0.44               |    |
| Treatment (T)       | 32.26<br>±0.70              | 5.16<br>±0.14               | 0.71<br>±0.01              | 70.31<br>±1.37               | 71.94<br>±1.31              | 79.61<br>±1.10               | 548.75<br>±16.75              | 414.26<br>±16.52              | 13.29<br>±0.40               |    |
| <b>Interactions</b> | **                          | **                          | **                         | **                           | **                          | **                           | **                            | **                            | **                           | ** |
| W × C               | 33.76 <sup>b</sup><br>±1.04 | 4.98 <sup>a</sup><br>±0.20  | 0.66 <sup>b</sup><br>±0.01 | 70.14 <sup>a</sup><br>±1.97  | 67.66 <sup>b</sup><br>±1.85 | 82.88 <sup>a</sup><br>±1.66  | 524.68 <sup>b</sup><br>±20.17 | 404.74 <sup>a</sup><br>±19.21 | 12.71 <sup>ab</sup><br>±0.60 |    |
| W × T               | 29.75 <sup>c</sup><br>±1.06 | 5.10 <sup>a</sup><br>±0.20  | 0.76 <sup>a</sup><br>±0.02 | 73.38 <sup>a</sup><br>±1.73  | 77.18 <sup>a</sup><br>±1.80 | 83.46 <sup>a</sup><br>±1.56  | 598.75 <sup>a</sup><br>±23.98 | 473.07 <sup>a</sup><br>±21.65 | 11.94 <sup>b</sup><br>±0.55  |    |
| S × C               | 43.11 <sup>a</sup><br>±1.67 | 3.59 <sup>b</sup><br>±0.18  | 0.49 <sup>c</sup><br>±0.01 | 57.20 <sup>b</sup><br>±1.60  | 61.38 <sup>b</sup><br>±1.16 | 63.84 <sup>b</sup><br>±1.85  | 361.84 <sup>c</sup><br>±18.33 | 233.42 <sup>c</sup><br>±14.13 | 17.98 <sup>a</sup><br>±0.54  |    |
| S × T               | 34.76 <sup>b</sup><br>±0.91 | 4.53 <sup>ab</sup><br>±0.19 | 0.64 <sup>b</sup><br>±0.02 | 67.24 <sup>ab</sup><br>±2.14 | 66.69 <sup>b</sup><br>±1.88 | 75.75 <sup>ab</sup><br>±1.57 | 498.74 <sup>b</sup><br>±23.52 | 355.45 <sup>b</sup><br>±24.90 | 14.63 <sup>ab</sup><br>±0.58 |    |

<sup>1</sup>SEV: semen ejaculate volume (ml); ASM: advanced sperm motility (%); LS: live spermatozoa (%); MNS: morphological normal spermatozoa (%); SCC: sperm cell concentration (N×10<sup>6</sup> ml); TSO: total sperm output (N×10<sup>6</sup> ejaculate); AD: acrosomal damage (%).

a, b, c, Means bearing different letters in the same column significantly differed within each factors (P≤0.05).

\*\* = P≤0.01.