

307 **Table 4.** Ileal morphology of weaned pigs fed diets with positive control (PC), negative
 308 control (NC), and NC + 0.02% dietary protease (PRO) supplementation diets¹⁾

Items	Dietary treatment ²⁾			SEM	<i>P</i> -value Diet
	PC	NC	PRO		
Goblet cells, n	11.27 ^a	10.84 ^a	15.77 ^b	1.08	<0.05
Villus height, μm	294.89 ^a	233.79 ^b	322.95 ^a	19.27	<0.05
Crypt depth, μm	88.25	93.88	92.40	6.32	0.811
VH:CD	3.36 ^a	2.51 ^b	3.50 ^a	0.18	<0.05
Villus width, μm	111.40	112.38	104.66	6.89	0.697
Villus area, μm^2	23,800	21,977	22,939	1872	0.792

309 ¹⁾Each value is the mean of 5 replicates (6 pigs per pen).

310 ²⁾PC, CP = 23.71% (phase1) and 22.36% (phase2); NC, 0.61% less CP than PC.

311 ^{a,b}Means with different letters represent statistical significance ($P < 0.05$).

312 VH, villus height; CD, crypt depth; SEM, standard error of means.