# **DEDICATION**

To my father, mother and my husband
To my sisters and brothers
To my friends and colleagues
With my respect

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The experiment was conducted at the Experimental farm, college of Agricultural studies, Sudan University of Science and Technology, Shambat. Five ratios of intercropping between Rhodes grass and Clitoria were used in this study.

The experiment was laid out in a randomized complete block design (RCBD) with three replications. Seven different characters were measured for consequence cuts. These characters were plant height (cm), leaf area (c  $^{m^2}$ ), number of leaves/ plant, leaf to srem ratio, fresh forage yield t\ha, dry forage yield t\ha and crude protein for the third cut. The analysis of variance revealed non-significant difference between the four studied ratios for the three cuts for all growth, quality and yield (fresh and dry) except the dry forage yield of the second cut, it was significant (P  $^{\leq}$  0.05). For fresh and dry forage yield in all the three cuts for five treatments, the range of the forage yield was 46.83 to 62.66 t\ha for fresh yield and 6.11 to 7.3 t\ha for dry yield. The range of crude protein was 12.25 to 17.50 for the third cut.

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