

Special Issue

Gut Health in Small Ruminants

Message from the Guest Editors

Small ruminants are used throughout the world mainly for milk, meat and, to a lesser extent, wool and manure. They are animals that can suffer from numerous pathological processes with different origins: infectious, parasitic, nutritional, hormonal, etc. There are many organs that can be affected and that not only put the lives of animals at serious risk but also reduce their productive capacity. Specifically, the digestive system of small ruminants, due to its anatomical peculiarities and its role in production, plays a fundamental role in the health and productivity of these animals. Infectious agents, parasites, nutritional factors, environmental factors or poor management, among others, represent the main causes. We are pleased to invite you to original papers on this type of process, whatever the cause, that affect the small intestines of small ruminants, focusing on their origin, the symptoms they produce or the consequences on production. You can also discuss issues that address problems in the prevention/prophylaxis or treatment of these pathologies.

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