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Nutritional and Feeding Strategies to Enhance Gut Health in Rabbits

Message from the Guest Editor

Gastrointestinal disorders and post-wean mortality are the major health problems in intensive rabbit breeding. The bacterial community of the digestive tract, and in particular of the cæcum, plays a major role in rabbit gut health and in digestive efficiency. The gut microbiota is one of the main defense components in the gastrointestinal tract against the enteric pathogens, which depends on the feed provided. For this purpose, innovations in feeding strategy are needed in order to preserve rabbit health and to reduce the use of antibiotics. Therefore, more and more researchers are interested in the control or prevention rabbit ill-health, and the improvement of the productive performance through new alternative feeding strategies for rabbit feed. We invite researchers to send original papers, including reviews, addressed to nutritional and feeding strategies for improving rabbit gut microbiota, considering animal performance. We will appreciate, if appropriate, contributions on nutritional strategies including new ingredients, natural molecules, and specific feeding techniques.

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