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Galactomannan fenugreek extract as proposed alternative to antibiotics in young rabbits nutrition

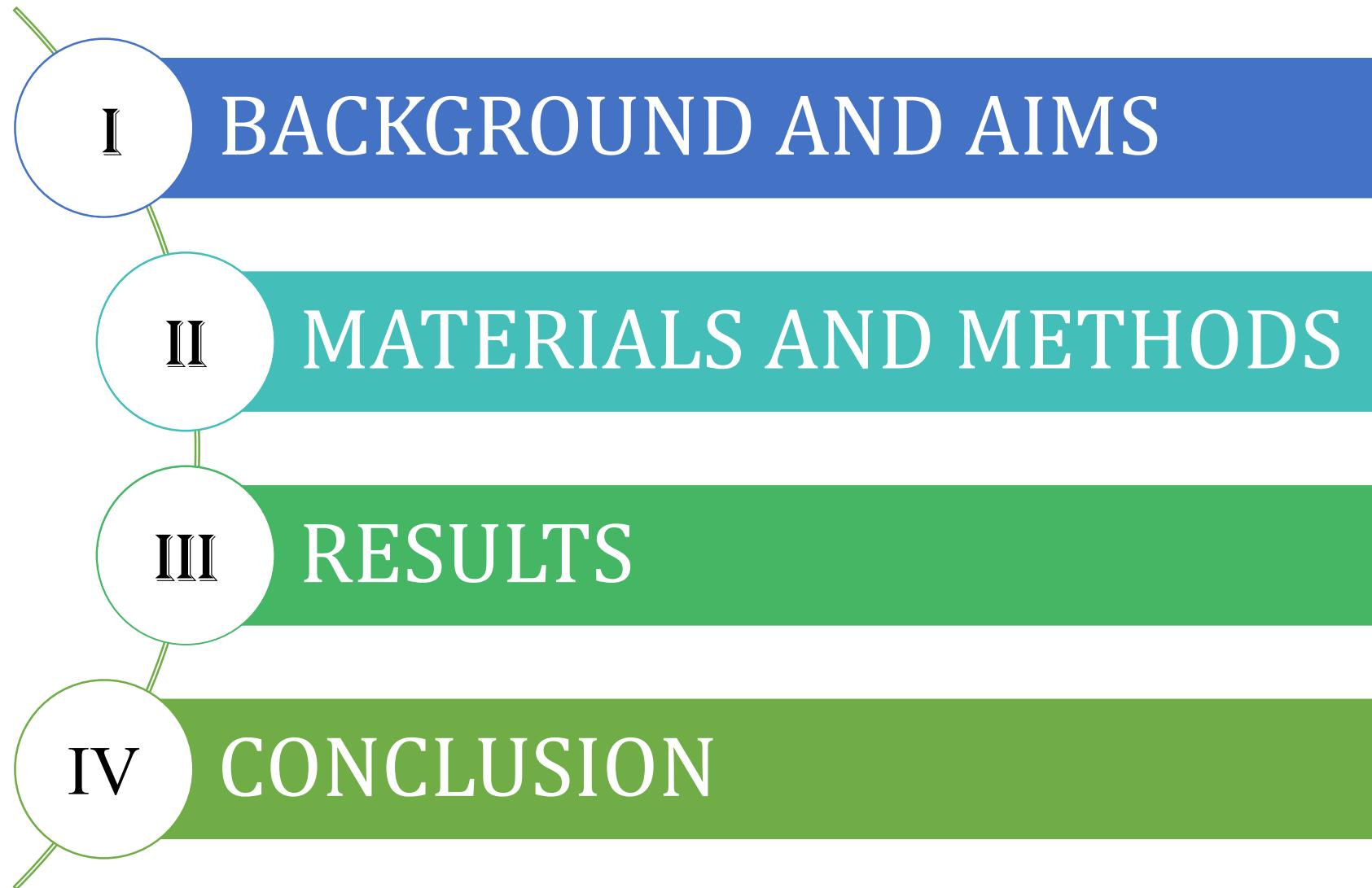
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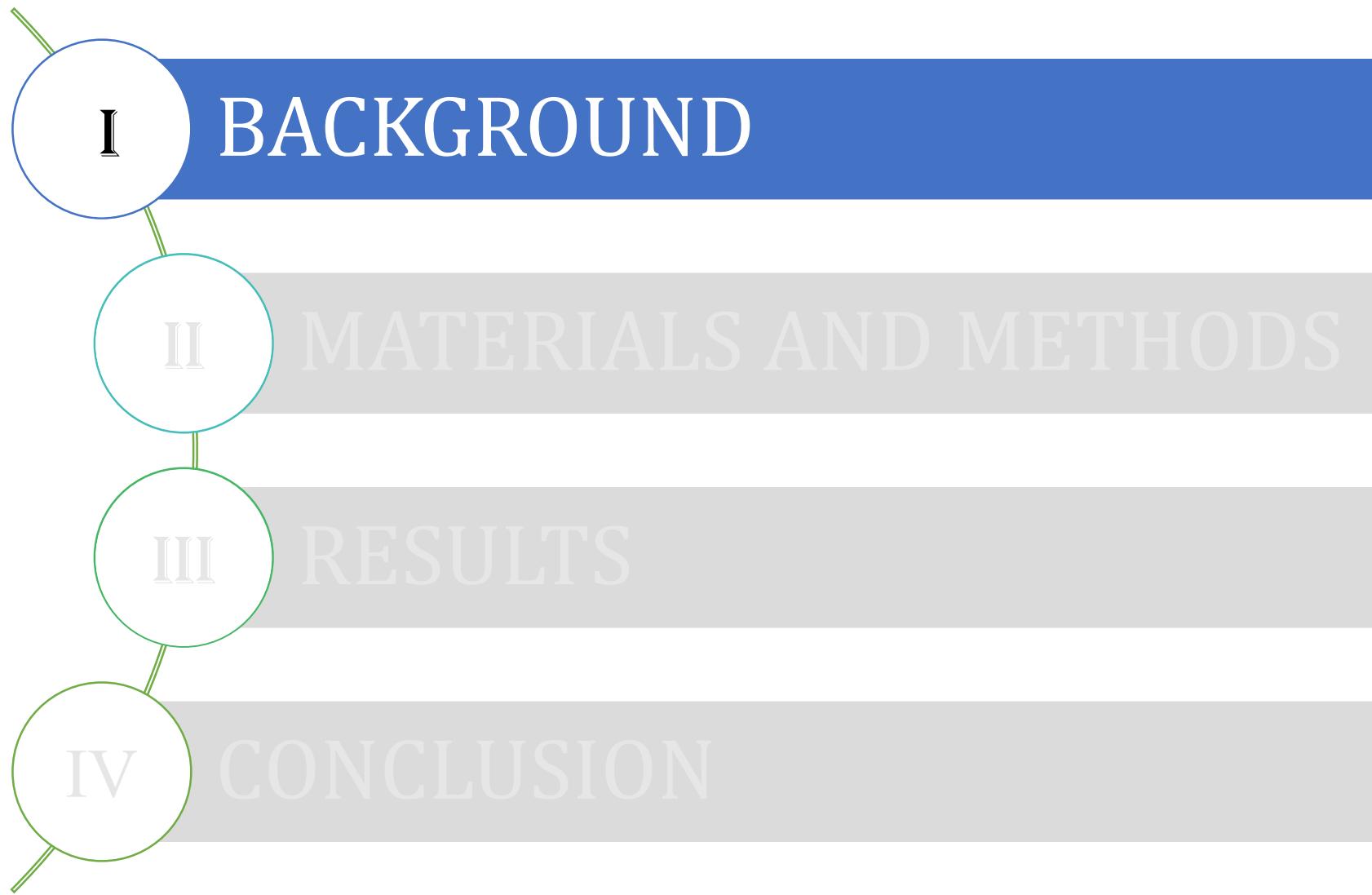
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- High incidence of digestive diseases



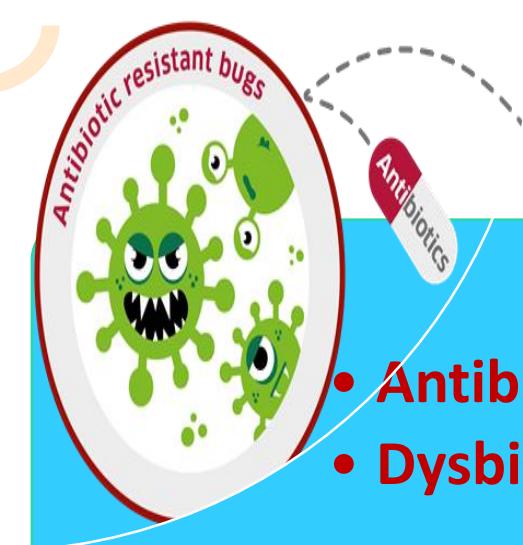
- High dependence on antimicrobials

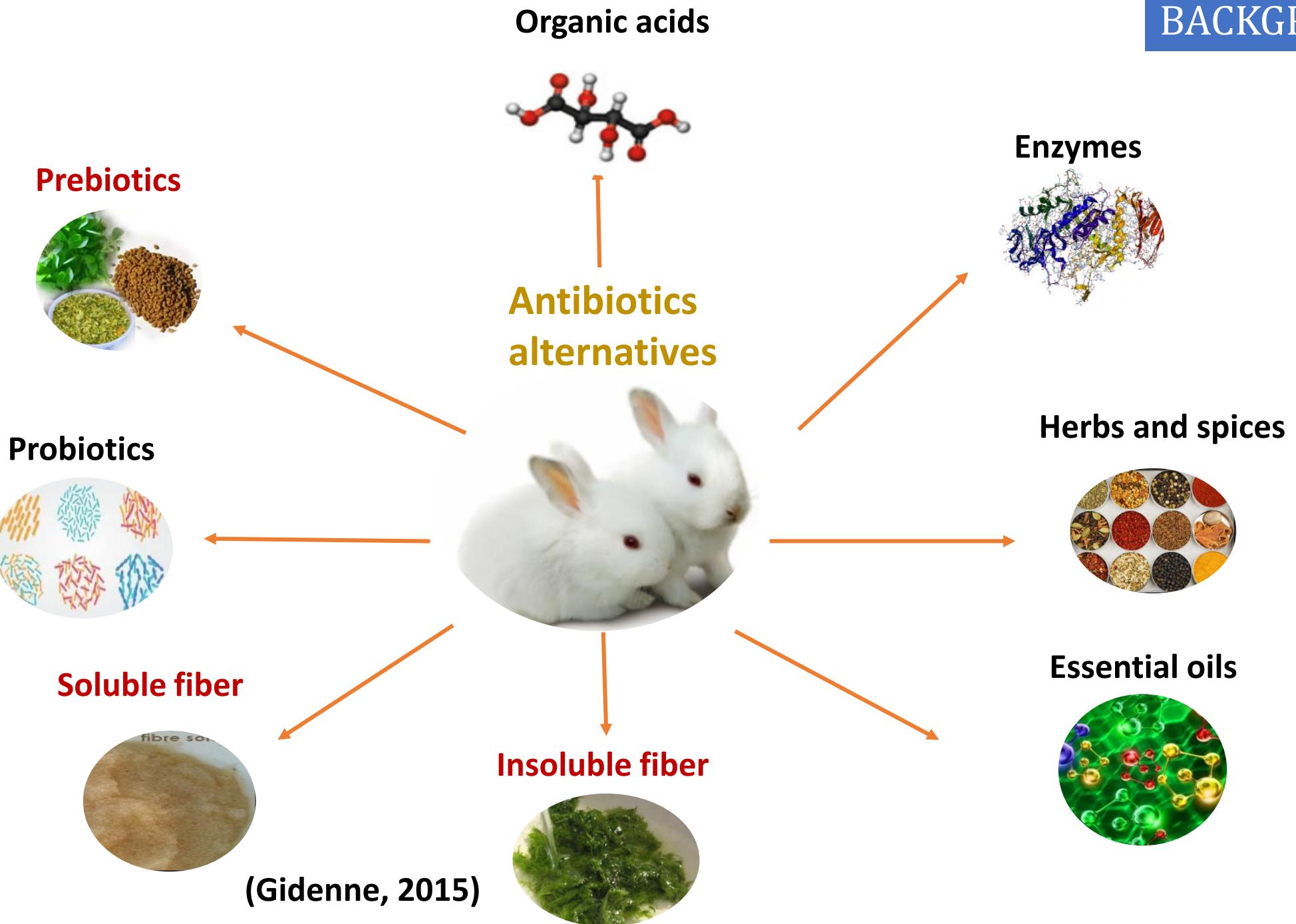


- Natural alternatives



- Antibioresistance
- Dysbiose





Prebiotics

Fenugreek galactomannan



Antibiotics alternatives



Soluble fiber

Beet pulp



Insoluble fiber

Grape seeds



Prebiotics ???
Galactomannan



Antibiotics alternatives



Fenugreek Plant
(*Trigonella foenum graecum*)



Aqueous Extraction



Has Fenugreek galactomannan really a prebiotic effect ?

**Not digestible by
gastrointestinal enzymes**

**Highly fermentable by
intestinal bacteria**

**Selectively stimulates the
development and/or activity
of intestinal bacteria**

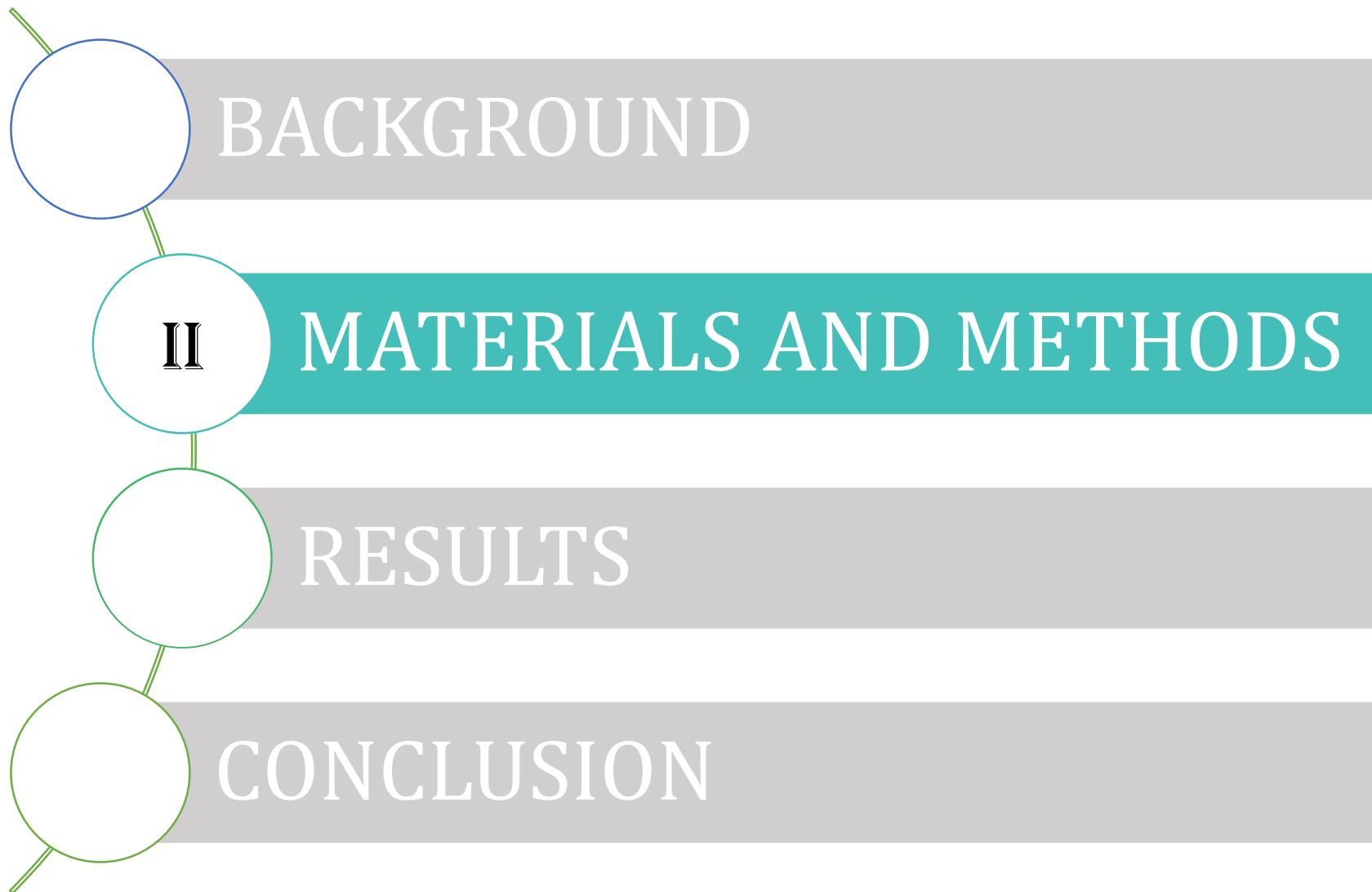


Characterization of fenugreek galactomannan (Chemical composition, purity)

***In vitro* evaluation of the prebiotic effect of fenugreek galactomannan in diets rich in soluble fiber or insoluble fiber (No digestibility and high fermentability)**

The evaluation of the *in vivo* inclusion of 1% of Fenugreek galactomannan in young rabbit's diet with different levels of soluble fiber on health status, faecal digestibility and caecal activity





Characterization of fenugreek galactomannan

Materials and methods

Fenugreek galactomannan

Pepsin & Pancreatin digestion



Fenugreek galactomannan

Indigestible residue

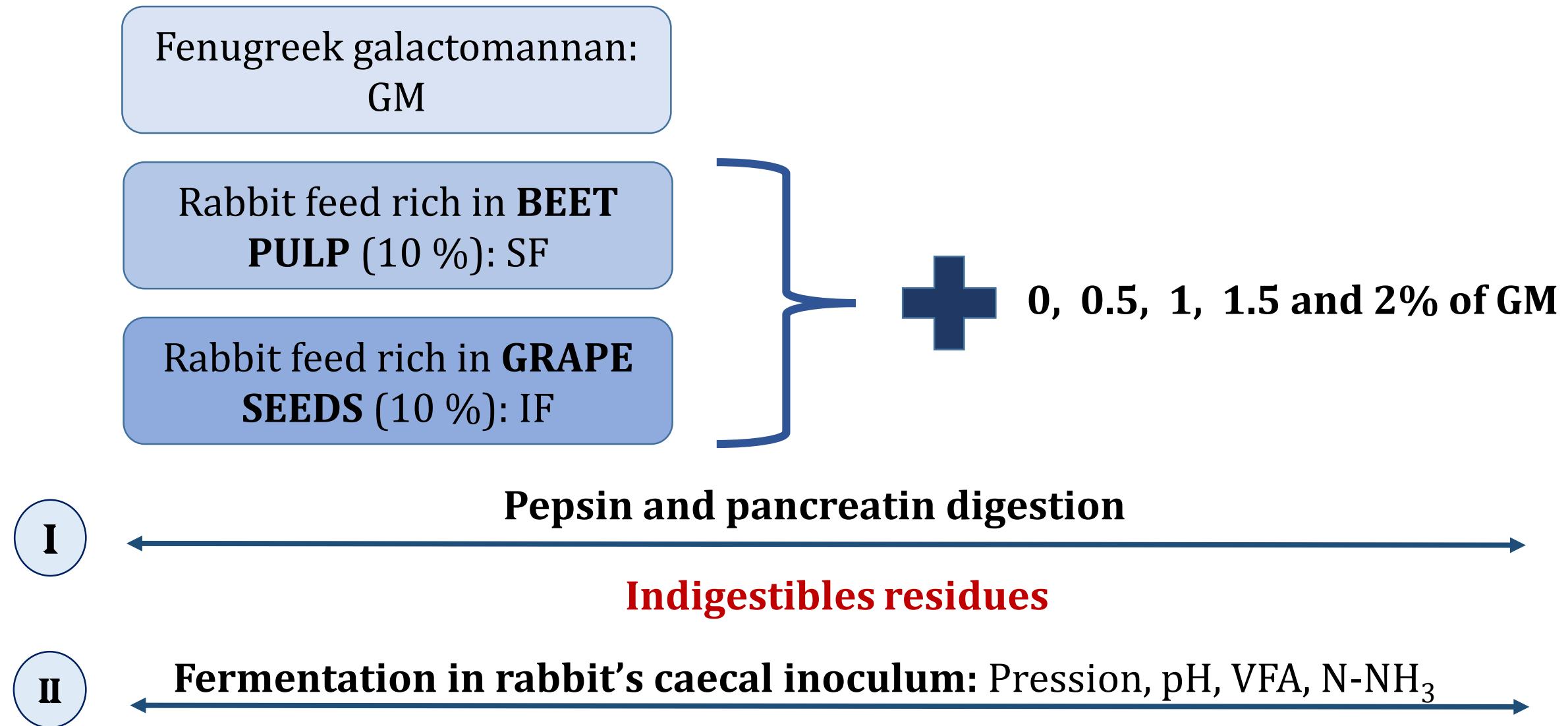


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In vitro evaluation of the prebiotic effect of fenugreek galactomannan: NO-DIGESTIBILITY & FERMENTABILITY

Materials and methods





GLM of SAS (2009)

Fixed factors Diets and analysis repetitions

Orthogonal
contrasts

Comparisons

GM level (0%GM vs
100% GM)

Lineal effect of GM

Lineal GM_{SF}

Lineal GM_{IF}

SF: 10% Beet pulp diet

IF: 10% Grape sedes diet

GM: Fenugreek galactomannan

In vivo 1% fenugreek galactomannan inclusion: effects on health status, faecal digestibility and caecal activity

Materials and methods

Animals

	Group 1 (25 gazapos)	Group 2 (25 gazapos)	Group 3 (25 gazapos)	Group 4 (25 gazapos)
Diets without antibiotics	High soluble fiber diet H	High soluble fiber diet +1% GM HGM	Low soluble fiber diet L	Low soluble fiber diet + 1% GM LGM

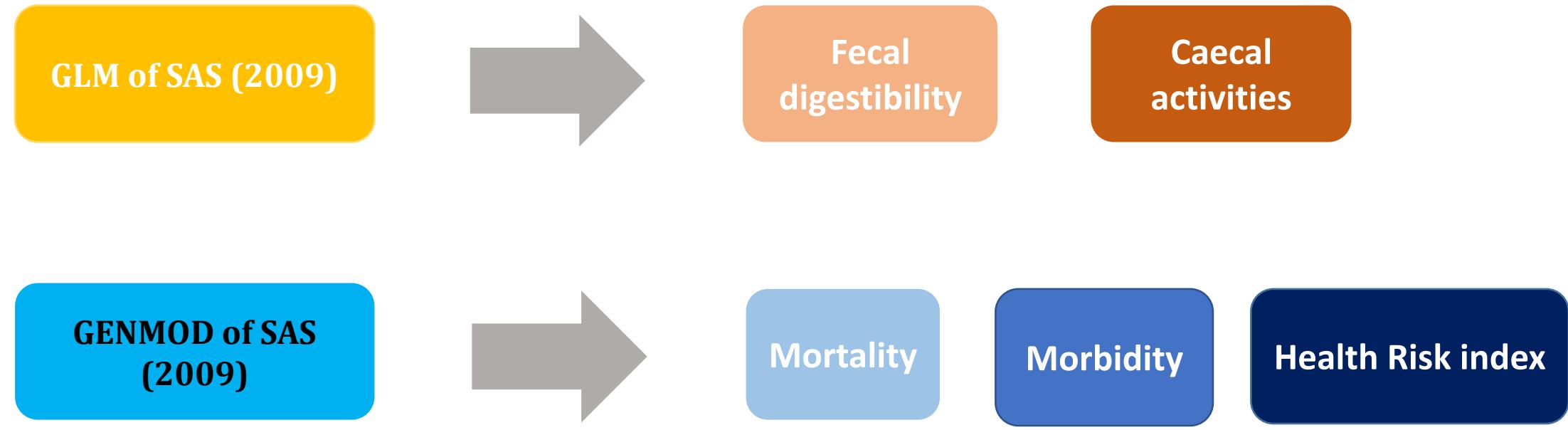
GM: Fenugreek galactomannan

Duration of the trial: weaning, 28 days to 63 day of age

Mortality and morbidity: daily

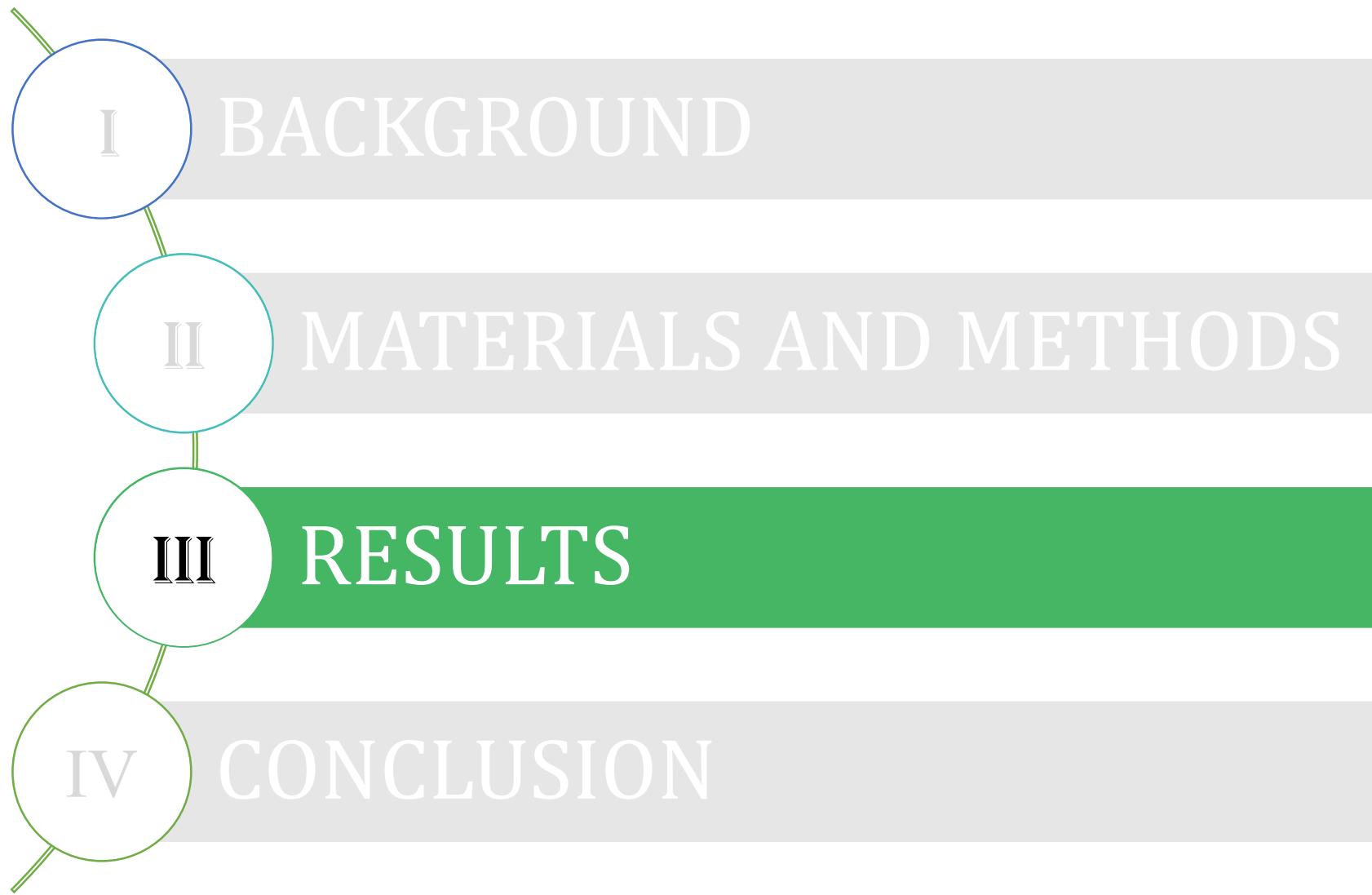
Faecal digestibility: 49 to 53 days of age (Perez et al., 1995)

Caecal parameters: pH, VFA, N-NH₃ at 63 days of age



Logistic regression
Binomial distributions

Fixed effects: Fenugreek GM level, Fiber level and their interaction



RESULTS

Characterization

Characterization and no-digestibility of fenugreek GM

	Fenugreek GM	Indigestible residue GM pepsine and pancreatin
Humidity (%)	8.7	7.8
Crude protein (%) DM	22.3	16.4
Mannose (%)	48.5	45.4
Fructose (%)	<0.1	<0.1
Glucose (%)	<0.1	<0.1
Lactose monohydrate(%)	<0.1	<0.1
Maltriose (%)	<0.1	<0.1
Galactose %	51.5	54.6
Galactose/Mannose Ratio	1.1	1.2
Purity (%)	68.8	52.5

84% of fenugreek galactomannan resist to digestion with pepsine pancreatin → the first condition of the prebiotic effect is validated

Fermentability of fenugreek galactomannan after digestion

	pH	Pression(mbar)	N-NH ₃ mg/ml	tVFA mmol/ ml	(%)No-fermentable residue
Indigestible residue of fenugreek GM	5.7 ^a	2.0 ^c	27.0 ^a	46.1 ^c	1.6 ^a
Indigestible residue of soluble fiber diet	6.2 ^a	1.5 ^{bt}	89.4 ^b	21.3 ^b	58.9 ^b
Indigestible residue of insoluble fiber diet	6.3 ^c	1.3 ^a	102.4 ^c	16.3 ^a	66.5 ^c
P-value indigestible residues	***	***	***	***	***
P-value Reptition	***	***	***	***	***

Level of signification:

* p<0.05

** p<0.01

*** p<0.001

Fenugreek GM is totally fermentable by rabbit's caecal bacteria → the second condition of the prebiotic effect is validated

Effect of fenugreek GM on fermentation parameters

	0% fenugreek GM- 100% fenugreek GM	Lineal fenugreek GM Soluble Fiber	Lineal fenugreek GM Insoluble Fiber
tVFA	-27,32±3,31***	-0.72±2.44	1.79±2.44
Acetic acid	4.27±3.72	-1.84±2.74	0.12±2.74
Propionic acid	-3.08±0.87*	0.85±0.64	0.71±0.64
Butyric acid	-2.12±2.35	0.19±1.73	-0.92±1.73
Isobutyric acid	-0.15±0.06	0.06±0.04	0.01±0.04
Valeric acid	0.26±0.10*	0.20±0.07**	0.03±0.07
Isovaleric acid	-0.49±0.09***	0.08±0.06	0.04±0.06
Caproic acid	1.23±0.39**	0.42±0.28	-0.00±0.28
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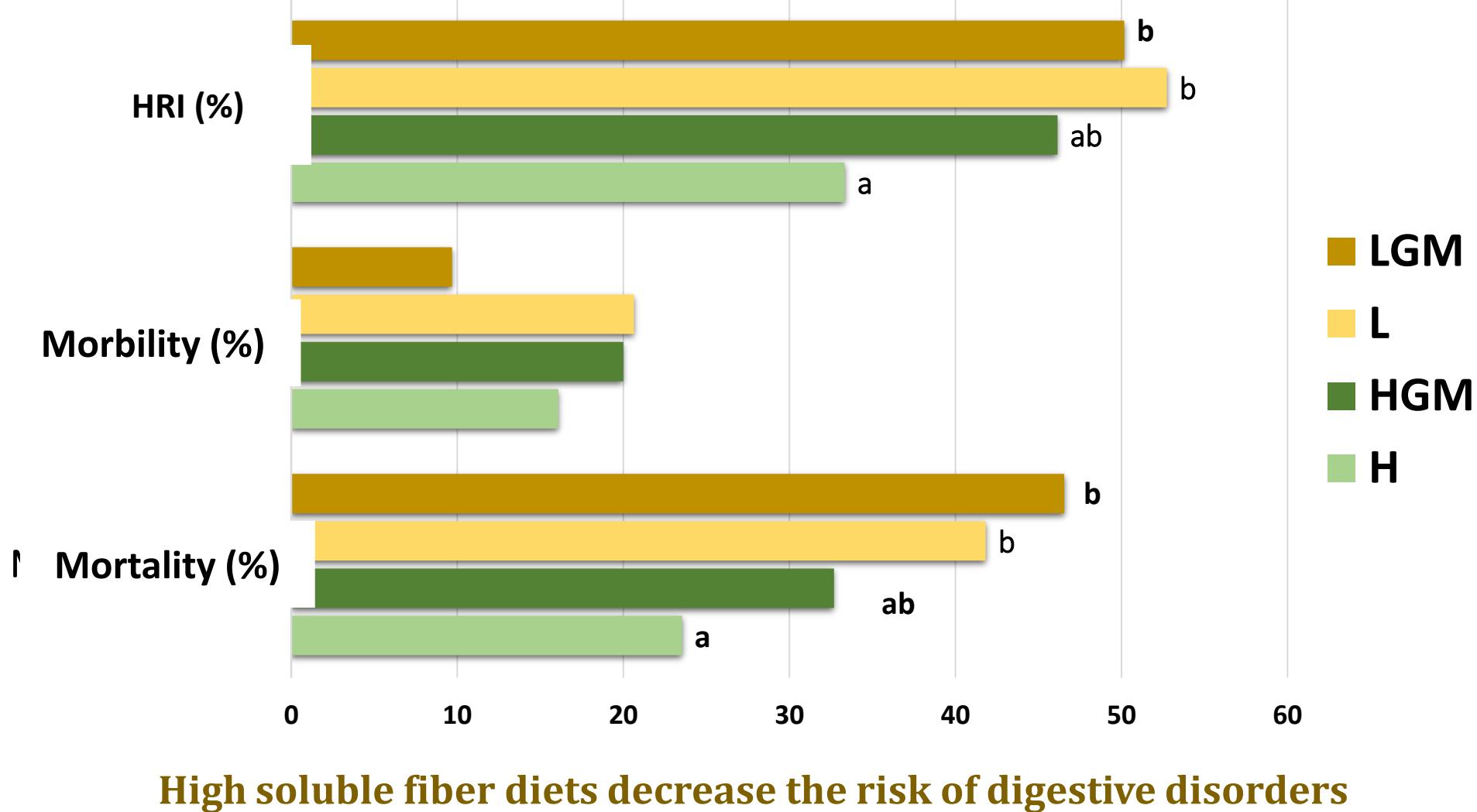
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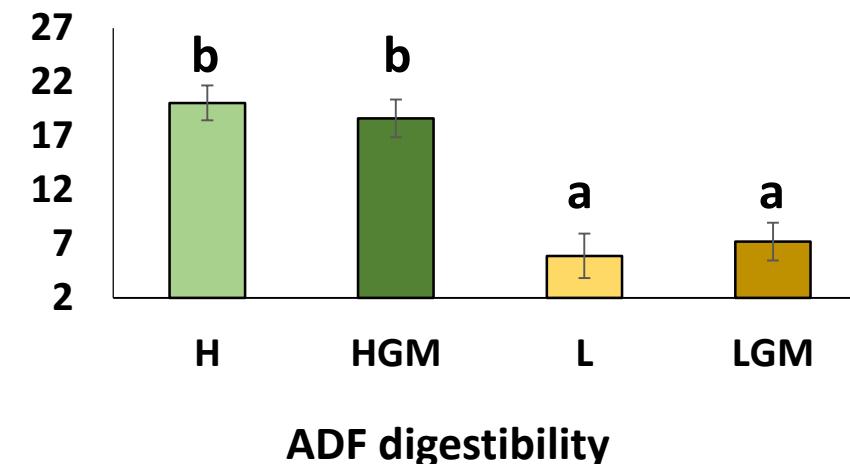
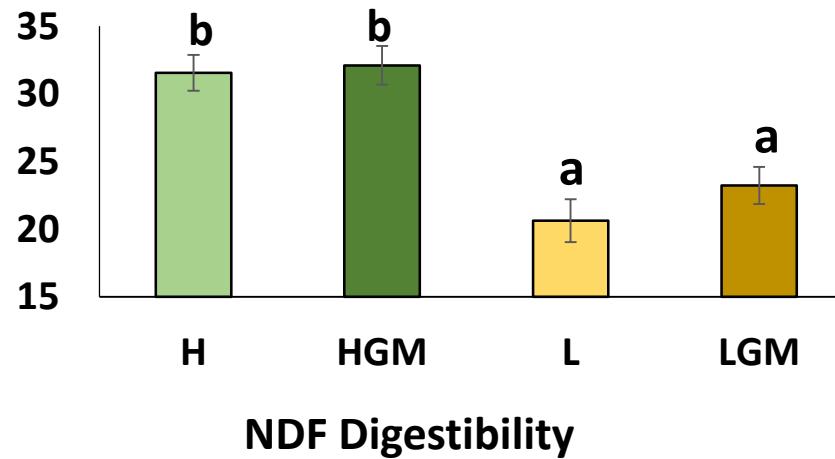
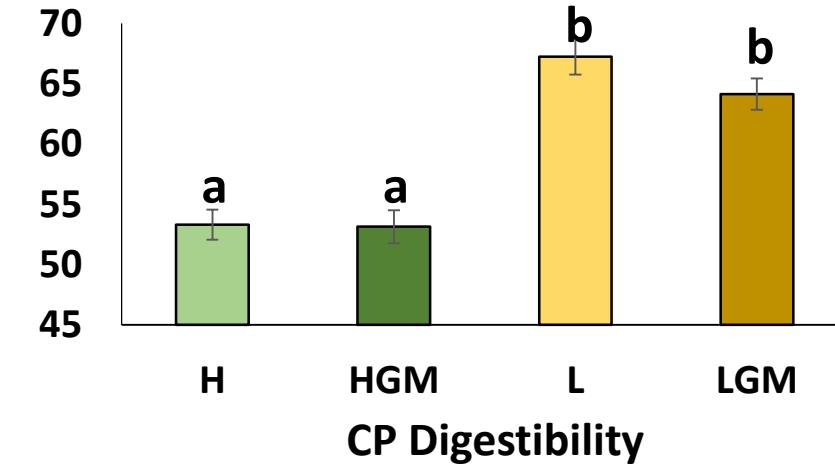
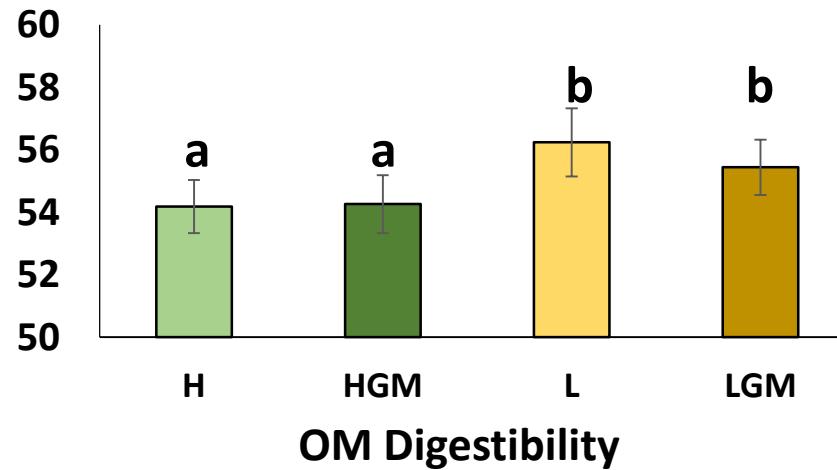
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The increasing levels of fenugreek GM affects significantly medium chain fatty acids and N-NH₃ → possible effect on caecal microbiota

Mortality, morbidity and health risk index (HRI)



Apparent faecal digestibility (%DM)



LGM increases ($P>0.05$) NDF digestibility with 2.6 and ADF digestibility with 1.3

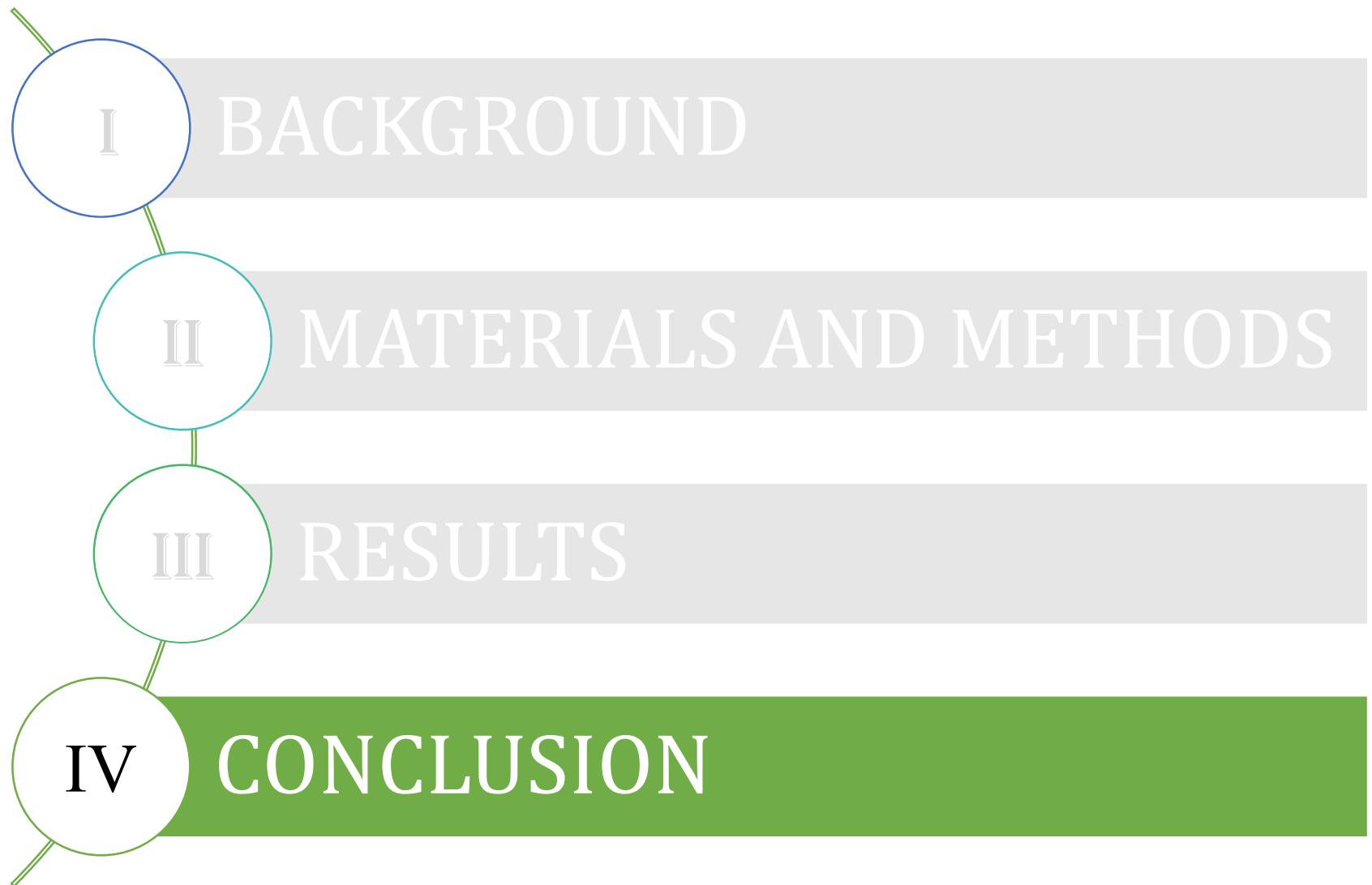
Rabbit's caecal activity parameters

	Pelleted Feed					P-value
	H	HGM	L	LGM	Fibra	GM
pH	5.87±0.03	5.87±0.03	5.89±0.03	5.88±0.03	0.420	0.843
tVFA	53.78±1.68	53.86±1.74	44.64±1.81	44.02±1.81	<0.001	0.878
Acetic,%	81.22±0.01	81.7±0.01	77.59±0.01	76.19±0.01	<0.001	0.568
Propionic,%	4.14±0.00	4.17±0.00	3.86±0.00	3.87±0.00	0.061	0.896
Butiric,%	13.11±0.01	12.9±0.01	16.7±0.01	17.76±0.01	<0.001	0.526
Caproic, %	0.39±0.00	0.37±0.00	0.83±0.00	1.15±0.00	<0.001	0.010
N-NH ₃ ,mg/L	35.18±8.47	35.75±8.83	92.45±8.64	105.21±8.83	<0.001	0.445

Caproic acid decreases coliform bacteria in the caecum and feces of animals infected with enteropathogenic strain of *E.Coli O103* (**Skrivanova et al., 2008**)

According to **Stewart et al. (1993)** y **Williams et al. (2000)**, short chain fatty acids are the main products of carbohydrates fermentation and for that they need a big amount of N-NH₃ as a source for microbial activity which could explain the low concentration of N-NH₃ in high soluble fibers diets **H** and **HGM**

→possible changes in caecal microbiota



Our Fenugreek galactomannan:

- Not digestible by stomach and hindgut enzymes
- Fully fermented by caecal bacteria
- Enhances fiber fractions digestion
- Affects medium chain fatty acids concentration in the caecum which suggests a different microbial activity in the presence of GM

➔ Future results of caecal microbiota composition

Thanks For Your Attention!



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