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 - **Quality and safety of animal origin products.**

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Szewczyk A., Hanczakowska E. (2007). The effect of acidifiers and medium-chain fatty acids on microorganisms inhabiting the small intestine of piglets. *Conference materials: Contribution of young scientists to the development of agricultural sciences*. Puławy, 23–24.11.2007, pp. 225–230.

Multi-author books: Bock H.D., Eggum B.O., Low A.G., Simon O., Żebrowska T. (Eds) (1989). *Protein metabolism in farm animals: evaluation, digestion, absorption and metabolism*. Oxford, UK, Oxford University Press, 452 pp.

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