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Mr J. Palamountain
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Re: Mybeau Digestibility Study

Dear Mr Palamountain

Please find below the questions to the points you raised in your recent letter.

- The reason that the digestibility of MyBeau was determined by difference is because it is the only way to determine the absorption of nutrients from a supplement. For a food, you normally conduct a digestibility test by measuring total intake and total faecal output within a set period of time and measurement of the concentration of nutrients in the diet and faeces. This method however, cannot be used for supplements or non-complete foods. For these products, you have to conduct a test by difference. This is achieved by adding the product to a control food and measuring the digestibility of the control food+supplement and the control food itself. Calculation of the digestibility of the product/supplement is then achieved by difference.
- The report showed that the digestibility of the MyBeau in dogs is 99.5%. This is totally expected and if we did not find a digestibility value above about 95%, I would have been very surprised as oil digestibility is >95% normally.
- We also found that the digestibility of other nutrients in the food is enhanced due to the addition of MyBeau.
- In terms of health benefits, the report did not focus on testing potential health benefits. This was an initial study to meet the request for information on the digestibility of the product, and to determine the ME of MyBeau for labelling purposes.

I hope this answers your questions.

Regards

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