Table S1. Components and chemical analysis of the diet applied for feeding growing rabbits

Items	Control diet
Ingredients (g/1000 g DM)	
Soybean meal 44%	200
Maize	200
Molasses	20
Wheat bran	160
Berseem hay	320
Barley grain	100
Limestone	10
NaCl	5
Premix*	5
Chemical analysis (%, on DM basis)	
Crude fiber	12.37
Dry matter	85.81
Ash	8.58
Organic matter	91.42
Crude protein	17.36
Ether extract	2.23
Digestible energy	2700 kcal/kg

*Each kg of premix (minerals and vitamins mixture) contains vit. A, 20,000 IU; vit. D_3, 15,000 IU; vit. E, 8.33 g; vit. K, 0.33 g; vit. B_2, 1.0 g; vit. B_1, 0.33 g; B_6, 0.33 g; vit. B_{12}, 1.7 mg; vit. B_5, 8.33 g; folic acid, 0.83 g; biotin, 33 mg; choline chloride, 200 g; Cu 0.1 mg, Fe 75.0 mg, pantothenic acid, 3.33 g; iodine 0.2 mg, Co 0.5 mg, Mg 8.5 mg, Mn 8.5 mg, ZnO 20 mg, sodium selenite 0.1 mg. The diet of all experimental groups was isonitrogenous and isocaloric.

Table S2. The values of sensitivity, range detection, intra- and inter-assay for some items used in this experiment

Item	Sensitivity	Range	Intra-assay	Inter-assay
IgG	0.23 ng/mL	0.31–20 ng/mL	1.23	4.7
IgM	1.685 ng/mL	6.25–200 ng/mL	< 10	< 10
IL-6	9.38 pg/mL	15.63–1000 pg/mL	< 10	< 10
IFN-γ	9.38 pg/mL	15.63–1000 pg/mL	< 10	< 10
IL-10	4.69 pg/mL	7.81–500 pg/mL	< 15%	< 15%