

True ileal digestibility of amino acids of pea seeds and soyabean products estimated in pigs, rats and *in vitro**

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ABSTRACT

The standardized ileal digestibility/true ileal digestibility (SID/TID) of protein and amino acids (AA) in low- and high-tannin pea seeds and soyabean products (soyabean meal, raw soyabean, extruded soyabean) containing different levels of trypsin inhibitor activity was determined and compared in growing cannulated pigs, in adult rats and using *in vitro* method. Endogenous losses of protein and AA at the ileal level were estimated in rats after feeding protein-free diet and were found to be similar to tabulated values for pigs. Protein and AA SID was significantly higher in pigs fed with low- than with high-tannin pea. In rats, AA TID was also higher in animals fed low-tannin pea, however, values were significantly different only for few AA. The *in vitro* AA SID measured in six pea cultivars decreased linearly with increasing tannin contents. Addition of raw soyabeans to a diet significantly decreased protein and AA SID/TID in both animal species, as compared to soyabean meal diet. The *in vitro* protein and AA SID was not affected by trypsin inhibitor activity. In conclusion, to rank feedstuffs according to their AA digestibility for pigs using alternative methods, the *in vitro* method is suitable for peas containing different levels of tannins, while rats are sensitive enough to trypsin inhibitor activity to differentiate soyabean feedstuffs.

KEY WORDS: pigs, rats, *in vitro*, ileal digestibility, endogenous losses, amino acids

INTRODUCTION

The determination of amino acid (AA) digestibility in feedstuffs for pigs is an important point in protein evaluation system. It is usually accepted that the method based on ileal than faecal digestibility measurement should be used (Mosenthin et al., 2000). Protein and AA ileal digestibility may be expressed as apparent (AID) or true (TID), including standardized ileal digestibility (SID). It is agreed that the TID and SID determinations, recognized as comparable, are more correct than AID.

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Values of AID are influenced by protein and AA level in the diet whereas TID and SID are not. The difference between AID and TID/SID is related to basal endogenous losses of protein (EPL) and AA (EAAL) (Boisen, 1998). For TID calculations, the AID and basal EAAL are to be determined using the same animals, while SID values are calculated using average literature values for basal EAAL, as recommended by Rademacher et al. (1999) for pigs.

The basal EPL and EAAL are defined as the minimal losses of CP and AA related to the dry matter intake. Basal EPL and basal EAAL, in contrast to their extra losses, are independent of the composition of a feedstuff or of a diet. Presence of fibre and antinutritional factors can cause extra losses of nitrogen compounds (Boisen and Moughan, 1996). The amounts of basal EPL and EAAL at the ileal level may be determined by several methods, e.g., protein-free feeding, regression method, enzyme hydrolysed casein (EHC), etc. (Boisen and Moughan, 1996).

The determination of TID by conventional method on pigs is time-consuming and expensive thus more simple and cheaper methods for routine determination of protein and AA digestibility in feedstuffs and feed mixtures for pigs are sought for. Among *in vitro* methods, the multienzymatic method of prediction AA digestibility in feedstuffs and feed mixtures for pigs has been proposed by Boisen and Fernández (1995). The use of rat as a suitable animal model for pigs for estimating the ileal digestibility of protein and AA in feedstuffs was introduced by Skilton et al. (1991). The number of studies relating results of protein and AA digestibility determinations using alternative methods to experiments with pigs is limited.

Pea seeds and soybeans are high protein feedstuffs, but contain also various antinutritional factors, e.g., tannins and trypsin inhibitors. Tannins are known to affect negatively nutrient digestibility. Trypsin inhibitors can cause serious disturbances to physiological processes, including digestion and absorption.

The aim of the study was to assess the validity of *in vitro* assay and rat assay in evaluating protein value for pigs of two types of high-protein feedstuffs: pea seeds and soyabean products. Protein and AA SID or TID of peas with different tannin contents and of soyabean products with different trypsin inhibitor activity were determined in pigs, rats, and *in vitro*.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Feeds and diets

Two varieties of white-flowering (Agra, Albatros) and four varieties of coloured-flowering pea (Grapis, Selga, Retro, Almara) were analysed (Table 1) and used in the study. For *in vivo* trials, two diets were prepared, one with the pea var. Agra and one with var. Grapis containing 0.4 and 5.2 g tannins per kg DM, respectively. Both diets contained the same amount of crude protein (158 g kg⁻¹).

TABLE 1
Chemical composition (g kg⁻¹ DM), content of amino acids (g per 16 g N), tannin contents (g kg⁻¹ DM) and trypsin inhibitor activity (TIA) in six cultivars of pea

Pea cv.	Low-tannin		High-tannin			
	Albatros	Agra	Grapis	Selga	Retro	Almara
Crude protein	236.9	198.1	244.5	239.9	225.0	230.3
Ether extract	9.20	12.3	11.0	13.1	16.6	12.5
Ash	32.2	34.1	32.6	34.3	32.1	29.9
Crude fibre	65.8	71.4	68.3	66.7	67.9	73.5
ADF	90.3	96.3	104.7	87.0	90.7	97.1
NDF	152.2	159.3	146.9	116.9	117.7	138.7
Amino acids						
lysine	7.40	7.62	6.77	7.21	7.16	7.51
methionine	0.92	1.08	0.94	0.87	0.97	1.03
cystine	1.27	1.66	1.42	1.41	1.56	1.56
threonine	3.95	3.97	3.55	3.63	3.68	3.83
tryptophan	0.95	0.84	0.82	0.92	0.95	0.98
isoleucine	4.17	4.16	3.67	4.08	4.07	4.31
Tannins	0.20	0.40	5.20	8.20	9.50	11.5
TIA ¹	1.92	3.40	3.05	2.44	3.56	2.49

¹ TIA - trypsin inhibitor activity expressed as mg pure trypsin inhibited per g DM

Also, three soyabean products: soyabean meal (SBM), raw soyabean (RSB) and extruded soyabean (ESB) were analysed (Table 2) and used in the trials. Three diets were prepared for pigs and rats: one diet with SBM and two diets with

TABLE 2
Chemical composition (g kg⁻¹ DM), content of amino acids (g per 16 g N) and trypsin inhibitor activity (TIA) in soyabean products

Indices	Soyabean meal (SBM)	Raw soyabean (RSB)	Extruded soyabean (ESB)
Crude protein	518.9	386.9	361.5
Ether extract	24.8	220	240
Ash	77.7	51.3	50.6
Crude fibre	39.4	88.6	47.2
ADF	69.0	113.1	70.7
NDF	131.5	159.9	101.8
Amino acids			
lysine	6.29	6.32	6.33
methionine	1.40	1.44	1.46
cystine	1.53	1.60	1.59
threonine	4.07	4.22	4.06
tryptophan	1.35	1.38	1.31
isoleucine	4.62	4.63	4.58
TIA ¹	3.8	32.6	15.5

¹ expressed in mg trypsin inhibited per g DM

mixtures of SBM and RSB or ESB. The diet with ESB was not used in the pig experiment. All soyabean diets contained similar amounts of crude protein (172-174 g kg⁻¹). The composition of the diets is given in Table 3. Calculated metabolizable energy was about 13.4 MJ kg⁻¹.

TABLE 3

Composition of diets, g kg⁻¹, as-fed

Indices	Diets					
	pea		soyabean products			Cereals
	LTP	HTP	SBM	SBM+RSB	SBM+ESB	
<i>Ingredients</i>						
maize	125.6	125.6	192.7	192.7	192.7	258.3
triticale	347.5	347.5	533.4	533.4	533.4	714.8
low-tannin pea Agra (LTP)	500.0					
high-tannin pea Grapis (HTP)		500.0				
soyabean meal (SBM)			235.0		150.0	
raw soyabean (RSB)				100.0		
extruded soyabean (ESB)					100.0	
vit.-min. mixture ¹	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Cr ₂ O ₃	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
NaCl	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
limestone	8.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	8.0
soyabean oil			15.0			
<i>Calculated</i>						
crude protein, g kg ⁻¹	158	158	174	172	172	110
ME, MJ kg ⁻¹	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.3
TIA ²	1.45	1.33	0.79	3.42	1.95	n.d.

¹ vit-min. mixture (Polfamix T; BASF, Poland) contains in 1 kg: flavomycin, 0.5 g; IU: vit. A, 320 000; vit. D₃, 80 000; g: vit. E, 0.32; vit. B₂, 0.16; folic acid, 0.02; nicotinic acid, 0.8; choline chloride, 4; Mn, 3.2; Fe, 0.84; Zn, 1.84; Cu, 0.32; J, 0.2; Co, 0.12; Ca, 280; P, 140; Na, 45; mg: vit. B₁₂, 28, calcium panthothenate, 0.32

² TIA - trypsin inhibitor activity expressed as mg pure trypsin inhibited per g DM

Each experimental diet contained maize and triticale in proportion of 1:2.8 and one or two protein feedstuffs. Control diet contained maize and triticale in the same proportion as in the experimental diets. Protein-free diet was prepared for estimation basal EPL and basal EAAL in rats. The diet was composed of (g kg⁻¹): maize starch, 752; saccharose, 100; cellulose, 50; soya oil, 40; vitamin mixture, 35; mineral mixture, 20, and chromic oxide, 3. Chromic oxide was used as a marker.

Experiments on animals

The experimental procedures were approved by the ethics committee of the Kielanowski Institute of Animal Physiology and Nutrition (Jabłonna, Poland).

The experiment on pigs was carried out on twelve male castrates (Polish synthetic line 990) within a body weight (BW) from 30 to 70 kg. Following 5 days of adaptation to the cages, the pigs were surgically fitted with a post-valvular T-caecum (PVTC) cannula according to van Leeuwen et al. (1991). After 7 day recovery period, they were housed in individual metabolic cages in a temperature-controlled room (20-22 °C). Experimental diets were fed according to change-over design; each diet was given to six animals. Pigs were fed twice daily at 08.00 and 20.00 h, diets mixed with water in the ratio 1:1. Pigs were individually fed at 3 times maintenance requirement for metabolizable energy (1.4 MJ ME/kg BW^{0.75}). Water was available from drinking nipples. After adaptation of the animals to the diets, the ileal digesta was collected in plastic bags for 3 days, 12 h per day (08.00-20.00 h). The bags were connected to the canulas and were changed at least every hour, and their contents were immediately frozen in plastic containers at -20°C. After completing the collections, samples were thawed, pooled per animal within each experimental period, freeze-dried and ground (0.5 mm) before chemical analysis. Contents of nitrogen, AA, and chromic oxide were analysed in freeze-dried ileal digesta. The pigs were slaughtered at the end of the experiment and dissected to observe whether cannulation had caused any intestinal abnormalities.

The experiment on rats was carried out on male rats at BW about 250 g. The animals were housed individually in metabolic cages at 22±2°C with a 12-h light/dark cycle. Fresh water was available at all times. Experimental diets (15 g) were fed once daily, in the morning. On the fourth day of feeding experimental diets, animals were slaughtered 4 h after the meal and digesta was collected from the distal quarter of the small intestine. Samples from 4-6 animals were pooled and treated as an experimental unit. There were 5 experimental units per diet. The digesta samples were immediately frozen and stored at -20 °C and freeze-dried. The stomach contents of each rat were checked to ensure that coprophagy had not occurred.

In vitro assay

All six pea cultivars and the soyabean products were used for *in vitro* determination by Boisen and Fernández (1995) method. For this assay, soyabean products were mixed in the same proportions like in the diets and diluted with maize starch to obtain protein contents of about 180 g per kg. Precaecal digestion was simulated by two consecutive incubations corresponding to digestion in the stomach and in the small intestine: with pepsine at pH 2.0 for 6 h and with pancreatin at pH 6.8 for 18 h, at 39°C.

Chemical analysis

Dry matter (DM), nitrogen (N), ether extract, crude fibre were estimated using standard methods (AOAC, 1990). The content of neutral detergent fibre (NDF) and acid detergent fibre (ADF) were determined with Fibertec System M by methods of van Soest and Wine (1967) and van Soest (1973). Chromic oxide was determined according to Kimura and Miller (1957). Amino acid analyses were performed with Beckman 6300 high pressure amino acid analyser using modified procedures described by Buraczewska and Buraczewski (1984). The condensed tannin content was analysed according to Kuhla and Ebmeier (1981). The trypsin inhibitor activity (TIA) was estimated using method of Kakade et al. (1974) modified by Valdebouze et al. (1980) and An et al. (1993).

Calculation

The protein and AA SID of pea seeds and soyabean products in pigs and the TID in rats were calculated by difference method using digestibility values of the control cereal diet and by correction for basal EPL and basal EAAL at the ileal level. The level of basal EPL and EAAL was estimated for pigs at the average literature value (Rademacher et al., 1999) and determined for rats after feeding a protein-free diet.

In vitro protein and amino acid AID and SID were calculated by correcting for EPL and EAAL using respective equations of Boisen and Fernández (1995) and Boisen (1998).

Statistical analysis

One-way analysis of variance was carried out on the experimental results using pea cultivar or type of soyabean product as an independent variables for each group of feedstuffs separately. The significance of differences between means was tested with the Duncan-test. All calculations were performed using Statistica 5.5 PL (1997).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Endogenous protein and amino acid losses at the ileal level in rats

Current protein evaluation systems are based on ileal digestible protein and AA. Values of TID or SID are preferred due to independence of dietary and experimental conditions (Mosenthin et al., 2000). Protein and AA TID and SID coefficients are calculated from AID by correcting them for endogenous losses. In

this study, EPL and EAAL for pigs were taken from literature (Rademacher et al., 1999) and for rats were assessed after protein-free feeding, as the literature values are widely variable (Donkoh et al., 1995; Hendriks et al., 2002; Rutherford and Moughan, 2003). Results obtained in this study (Table 4) were higher for few AA than those obtained by others using the same method but similar to values obtained when EHC/ultra filtration method was used (Donkoh et al., 1995; Hendriks et al., 2002) and close to literature values for pigs proposed by Rademacher et al. (1999). Only endogenous loss of tryptophan in rats was higher up to 25%, as compared with average values for pigs.

TABLE 4
Basal endogenous protein and amino acid losses at the ileal level in rats fed protein-free diet

Indices	Endogenous losses, g kg ⁻¹ DM intake	
	mean	SD
Protein	11.48	0.320
Lysine (Lys)	0.400	0.057
Methionine (Met)	0.119	0.002
Cystine (Cys)	0.249	0.006
Threonine (Thr)	0.631	0.014
Tryptophan (Trp)	0.204	0.012
Isoleucine (Ile)	0.425	0.014
Arginine (Arg)	0.398	0.011
Histidine (His)	0.215	0.009
Leucine (Leu)	0.565	0.031
Phenylalanine (Phe)	0.325	0.012
Valine (Val)	0.460	0.012
Alanine (Ala)	0.354	0.017
Aspartic acid (Asp)	0.983	0.024
Glutamic acid (Glu)	0.911	0.038
Glycine (Gly)	1.074	0.059
Proline (Pro)	0.499	0.017
Serine (Ser)	0.549	0.011
Tyrosine (Tyr)	0.734	0.009

Effect of tannin content on protein and AA digestibility in pea seeds

The chemical composition of the six varieties of pea used in the study (Table 1) is in agreement with literature values (Gdala et al., 1992; Grosjean et al., 2000). Pea varieties Grapis, Selga, Retro, and Almara contained much higher level of tannins than the low-tannin peas Albatros and Agra. Trypsin inhibitor activity was similar in all varieties. Protein content ranged from 198 to 245 g kg⁻¹ DM and amino acid analysis showed a relatively low level of methionine and high content of lysine in the peas.

Protein and AA SID was significantly higher in pigs fed the diet with the low-tannin pea Agra than with the high-tannin pea Grapis (Table 5). The respective digestibility of tryptophan, methionine, and cystine was lowest and the digestibility of lysine and histidine was highest in both varieties. These results are in accordance with the results obtained by Gdala et al. (1992) and Grosjean et al. (2000). The negative influence of tannins on ileal digestibility of protein and AA in pigs can be explained by formation of complexes between tannins and feed proteins, by decreasing enzyme activity and/or by increasing EPL as an effect of damage of mucosa and increase of mucin secretion.

TABLE 5

True¹ ileal digestibility of protein and amino acids of two varieties of pea determined on pigs and rats

Animals Pea cv.	Pigs				Rats			
	Agra ²	Grapis	SEM	P _≤	Agra	Grapis	SEM	P _≤
Protein	75.3 ^B	70.6 ^A	0.84	0.001	77.0	78.2	0.45	NS
Lys	85.4 ^b	82.2 ^a	0.78	0.05	87.8	86.9	0.40	NS
Met	75.5 ^B	63.3 ^A	2.00	0.001	89.5 ^B	83.1 ^A	1.18	0.001
Cys	76.0 ^B	65.8 ^A	1.79	0.001	80.0 ^B	74.3 ^A	1.02	0.001
Thr	78.3 ^B	73.3 ^A	1.00	0.01	82.9	81.8	0.48	NS
Trp	71.4 ^B	59.3 ^A	1.97	0.001	64.9	65.3	1.30	NS
Ile	78.5 ^B	73.7 ^A	0.95	0.01	80.5 ^b	77.6 ^a	0.69	0.05
His	84.3 ^B	77.5 ^A	1.08	0.001	84.5 ^B	81.4 ^A	1.04	0.01
Leu	75.6 ^B	71.2 ^A	0.90	0.01	82.4	80.6	0.58	NS
Phe	81.5 ^B	74.2 ^A	1.26	0.001	84.6 ^b	82.4 ^a	0.57	0.05
Val	77.6 ^B	71.4 ^A	1.06	0.001	82.1 ^b	79.4 ^a	0.66	0.05

¹ calculated as standardized for pigs

² Agra, Grapis – low- and high-tannin pea cultivars containing 0.4 and 5.2 g tannin per kg of DM, respectively

^{a,b} - means in the same row with different superscripts differ at P_≤0.05

^{A,B} - means in the same row with different superscripts differ at P_≤0.01

^{A,B} - means in the same row with different superscripts differ at P_≤0.001

True ileal digestibility of AA was also higher in rats fed the diet with the pea var. Agra than with var. Grapis (Table 5), however, the values were significantly different only for methionine, cystine, isoleucine, histidine, phenylalanine and valine. Of the non essential amino acids, the highest differences in digestibility (86 vs 72%) was found for proline. The smaller response of rats than pigs to tannins may be related to the secretion of proline-rich protein by the parotid glands in rats (Jansman et al., 1994). It was found that the proline-rich proteins form complexes with tannins and the tannins can not interact with feed proteins or other endogenous proteins such as digestive enzymes.

Protein SID determined *in vitro* was highest for the pea Albatros and lowest for peas Retro and Almara (Table 6), after exclusion of var. Grapis which was the lowest in spite of relatively low tannin content.

TABLE 6
In vitro standardized ileal digestibility of protein and amino acids of six varieties of pea containing different levels of tannins, g kg⁻¹ DM

Pea cv.	Low-tannin		High-tannin			
	Albatros	Agra	Grapis	Selga	Retro	Almara
Tannins	0.20	0.40	5.20	8.20	9.50	11.5
Protein	95.9	86.3	82.6	87.3	85.0	85.6
Lys	94.8	90.2	87.0	86.0	83.5	84.1
Met	91.6	88.3	84.0	82.0	79.9	80.5
Cys	90.6	84.7	81.1	82.2	80.0	80.2
Thr	91.4	85.2	81.7	81.6	78.9	79.2
Ile	93.9	88.3	83.8	85.0	82.4	83.0
His	93.9	89.3	84.7	84.9	82.3	82.9
Leu	94.2	88.4	85.0	83.9	82.5	83.2
Phe	93.8	88.5	84.0	85.0	82.2	83.0
Val	93.3	87.0	83.2	83.9	81.5	82.2

The values of SID of protein and AA determined by the *in vitro* method were higher than the corresponding values determined *in vivo* for the peas Agra and Grapis. Standardized ileal digestibility of AA determined *in vitro* in six varieties of pea decreased linearly with increasing tannin content (Table 7). The highest correlation was obtained for methionine, lysine, and histidine, a lowest one for phenylalanine, valine, and cystine. It was not significant for protein what is not consistent with results of Garrido et al. (1991) who found a close ($r = -0.88$) relationship between the tannin content and *in vitro* protein digestibility in faba bean seeds.

TABLE 7
Relationship between tannin contents (X) and standardized ileal digestibility of protein and amino acids determined *in vitro* (Y)

Indices	Equation: $Y = b + a X$	r	P ≤
Protein	$Y = 90.1 - 5.13 X$	-0.532	NS
Lys	$Y = 92.4 - 8.23 X$	-0.920	0.01
Met	$Y = 89.9 - 9.39 X$	-0.957	0.01
Cys	$Y = 87.3 - 7.08 X$	-0.831	0.05
Thr	$Y = 88.1 - 8.72 X$	-0.880	0.05
Ile	$Y = 90.6 - 7.84 X$	-0.851	0.05
His	$Y = 91.3 - 8.45 X$	-0.903	0.05
Leu	$Y = 90.9 - 8.14 X$	-0.879	0.05
Phe	$Y = 90.7 - 7.95 X$	-0.865	0.05
Val	$Y = 89.7 - 7.81 X$	-0.840	0.05

Effect of trypsin inhibitor activity on protein and AA digestibility in soyabean feeds

Raw soyabean and ESB contained less crude protein (386.9 and 361.5 g kg⁻¹ DM, respectively) as compared with SBM (518.9 g kg⁻¹DM) due to the higher fat content of RSB and ESB (220 and 240 g kg⁻¹ DM). Trypsin inhibitor activity, expressed in mg inhibited trypsin per g of DM, was 3.8, 32.6 and 15.5 for SBM, RSB and ESB, respectively (Table 3). Heating raw soyabean can reduce TIA by 57-90%, sometimes to the level that occurs in SBM (Herkelman et al., 1992). Inclusion of RSB or ESB in the diets increased TIA from 0.90 (in the control diet containing solely SBM) to 3.94 and 2.23 units, respectively.

Inclusion of RSB in the diet significantly decreased ($P \leq 0.001$) SID of protein and AA in pigs (Table 8). Similarly, TID of protein and AA of the diet with RSB was lower in rats, as compared with the SBM diet ($P \leq 0.001$; Table 9). Inclusion of ESB in the diet for rats also decreased TID of protein and AA, however, the values were significantly different only for lysine, tryptophan, histidine, leucine, phenylalanine and valine ($P \leq 0.001$). Protein digestibility in rats was low as compared to essential AA digestibility in rats and protein digestibility in pigs (Tables 8 and 9).

The negative effect of trypsin inhibitor on protein and AA digestibility is related to the formation of complexes between trypsin inhibitor and trypsin, what decreases trypsin activity and increases protein losses. Protein and AA digestibility of differently processed soya products may be also related to changes in protein structure and damage of AA during heating.

TABLE 8
Standardized ileal protein and amino acid digestibility of soyabean products determined in pigs and *in vitro*

Indices	Pigs				<i>In vitro</i>		
	soyabean meal	soyabean meal + raw soyabean	SEM	P ≤	soyabean meal	Soyabean meal	
						+ raw soyabean	+ extruded soyabean
Protein	84.5 ^B	61.9 ^A	3.48	0.001	90.4	93.5	94.4
Lys	89.9 ^B	72.7 ^A	2.65	0.001	91.7	93.9	94.6
Met	91.0 ^B	79.1 ^A	1.91	0.001	92.6	95.4	96.2
Cys	82.8 ^B	67.6 ^A	2.47	0.001	88.4	90.6	91.3
Thr	86.7 ^B	62.4 ^A	3.77	0.001	89.8	92.0	92.6
Trp	91.7 ^B	62.5 ^A	4.48	0.001			
Ile	88.6 ^B	64.3 ^A	3.70	0.001	90.9	94.0	94.9
His	90.1 ^B	72.6 ^A	2.68	0.001	81.8	95.1	96.0
Leu	86.7 ^B	60.3 ^A	4.03	0.001	90.9	92.5	93.2
Phe	89.3 ^B	66.5 ^A	3.47	0.001	91.2	94.2	95.1
Val	87.3 ^B	63.1 ^A	3.70	0.001	89.9	92.4	93.1

^{A, B} - means in the same row with different superscripts differ at $P \leq 0.001$

TABLE 9

True ileal protein and amino acid digestibility of soyabean products determined in rats

Indices	Soyabean meal	Soyabean meal		SEM	P ≤
		+ raw soyabean	+ extruded soyabean		
Protein	76.4 ^B	64.0 ^A	76.2 ^B	1.61	0.001
Lys	86.8 ^C	72.2 ^A	83.9 ^B	1.73	0.001
Met	89.9 ^B	73.2 ^A	90.0 ^B	2.13	0.001
Cys	79.3 ^B	54.1 ^A	77.4 ^B	3.13	0.001
Thr	80.6 ^B	61.9 ^A	77.9 ^B	2.27	0.001
Trp	77.1 ^C	42.5 ^A	68.3 ^B	3.98	0.001
Ile	82.3 ^B	63.1 ^A	80.3 ^B	2.35	0.001
His	84.6 ^C	68.2 ^A	82.1 ^B	1.99	0.001
Leu	83.9 ^C	66.4 ^A	80.2 ^B	2.07	0.001
Phe	84.3 ^C	68.7 ^A	80.6 ^B	1.83	0.001
Val	83.3 ^C	63.7 ^A	78.6 ^B	2.30	0.001

A, B, C - means in the same row with different superscripts differ at P≤0.001

In contrast with *in vivo* results, SID of protein and AA determined *in vitro* was not negatively affected by inclusion of RSB or ESB in digested soyabean mixtures (Table 8). It can be suggested that soya TIA did not influence the digestion process. This result was probably due to the excess of enzyme used for digestion *in vitro*. These results are in agreement with data obtained by Clemente et al. (2000), who found no influence of TIA on *in vitro* protein digestibility in pea. Different results were obtained by Capetillo et al. (2001), who found significantly (P≤0.05) lower *in vitro* protein digestibility of raw soyabean as compared with soyabean meal (52.3 and 86.9%, respectively) and Martinez et al. (1998) who found a negative relationship (r=-0.65, P≤0.05) between trypsin inhibitor activity and protein digestibility determined *in vitro* in green beans.

CONCLUSIONS

The feasibility of alternative methods for prediction of AA SID for pigs depends on type of feeds and factors impairing digestion. *In vitro* method is a useful way of ranking pea cultivars for pig feeding while digestibility in rats gives a useful model to rank soyabean products for pigs.

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STRESZCZENIE

Rzeczywista strawność jelitowa aminokwasów nasion grochu i produktów sojowych oznaczona na świniach, szczurach oraz *in vitro*

Standaryzowaną/rzeczywistą strawność jelitową białka i aminokwasów (AA) niski- i wysokotaninowych nasion grochu oraz pasz sojowych (śruta sojowa, surowa soja lub soja ekstrudowana) o różnej aktywności inhibitora trypsyny oznaczono i porównano u rosnących świń i dorosłych szczurów oraz metodą *in vitro*. Ilość białka i AA pochodzenia endogennego w treści końcowego odcinka jelita cienkiego u szczurów żywionych dietą bezbiałkowa była zbliżona do średnich wartości tabelarycznych dla świń. U świń standaryzowana strawność jelitowa białka i AA grochu niskotaninowego była istotnie większa ($P \leq 0.05$) niż grochu wysokotaninowego. U szczurów różnice w strawności rzeczywistej porównywanych grochów uzyskano tylko dla kilku AA (metionina, cystyna, izoleucyna, histydyna, fenyloalanina, walina). Oznaczona *in vitro* standaryzowana strawność jelitowa sześciu odmian grochu zmniejszała się wraz ze wzrostem zawartości tanin w nasionach. Strawność jelitowa AA pasz sojowych u obydwóch gatunków zwierząt zależała od aktywności inhibitora trypsyny, która nie miała wpływu na strawność oznaczoną *in vitro*. Wnioskuje się, że alternatywne metody mogą być stosowane do oceny strawności jelitowej aminokwasów pasz dla świń, jednakże do oceny pasz sojowych zawierających czynnik antytrypsynowy właściwsze jest użycie szczurów, podczas gdy metoda *in vitro* pozwala na lepsze oszacowanie dostępności AA z pasz zawierających taniny.