

TABLE 4. *VFA molar proportions and concentrations in digestive tract and blood of different mammalian species*

|                       | Total<br>VFA,<br>mM | Molar Proportions of VFA, % |           |         | Reference |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|                       |                     | Acetic                      | Propionic | Butyric |           |
| Sheep rumen           | 106                 | 68                          | 19        | 13      | 51        |
| Portal vein           | 1.60                | 86                          | 12        | 2       | 53        |
| Hepatic vein          | 1.39                | 98                          | 1.4       | 0.4     | 53        |
| Artery                | 0.77                | 98                          | 1.5       | 0.5     | 53        |
| Rabbit cecum*         | 74                  | 73                          | 9         | 18      | 302       |
| Portal vein           | 5.31                | 74                          | 10        | 16      | 302       |
| Hepatic vein          | 2.51                | 91                          | 4         | 5       | 302       |
| Artery                | 1.77                | 88                          | 6         | 6       | 302       |
| Pig colon             | 210                 | 55                          | 34        | 11      | 19        |
| Portal vein           | 0.75                | 63                          | 29        | 8       | 244       |
| Artery                | 0.17                | 90                          | 6         | 4       | 244       |
| Human colon†          | 124                 | 60                          | 19        | 21      | 85        |
| Portal vein           | 0.36                | 69                          | 23        | 8       | 85        |
| Hepatic vein          | 0.15                | 78                          | 14        | 8       | 85        |
| Arm vein              | 0.08                | 89                          | 6         | 5       | 85        |
| Human portal<br>vein‡ | 0.16                | 73                          | 20        | 7       | 87        |
| Arm vein              | 0.04                | 89                          | 5         | 6       | 87        |

\* Anesthetized and during phase of formation of hard feces.    † Accident victims.    ‡ Fasted before gall bladder surgery.

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