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ii. For articles published in scientific proceedings

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Marques, M.R., Santos, C., Belo, C. and Cravador, A. 2001. Association between SSCPs in the *GH* gene and milk traits in "*Serra da Estrela*" ewes. In: *Proceedings of the International Conference on Farm Animals Endocrinology, Biotechnology, Agronomie, Societe et Environment (BASE)*, vol. 5. Gembloux, Belgium, pp.----

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Snedecor, G.W. and Cochran, W.G. 1994. *Statistical Methods*. 8th ed., Affiliated East-West Press, New Delhi and Iowa State University Press, Iowa, USA, pp ----

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