

**Biostatistics statement:** Microsoft Excel software (Microsoft Corp, Redmond, WA) was used for statistical analysis. A Student's *t*-test was used, and  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant. Triplicates were conducted in the experiments and data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD.

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