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**Institutional animal care and use committee statement**

Dear Professor Balsano, dear Professor Chuang,

We confirm that the animals for our studies were kept according to the local regulations. All procedures involving animals were reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the Regierung von Oberbayern; protocol No.: 55.2.1.54-2532-104-11. All of the institutional and national guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals were followed.

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