

### **Institutional review board statement**

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Dear "World Journal of Gastroenterology" Journal Editor:

Our original article "Experimental Porcine Model of Fistula-In-Ano" was the original work performed by research team of Anorectal Surgical Department of First Affiliated Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University. This research was conducted by animal ethics regulation laws published in 1986 and an animal protection law of the People's Republic of China. Care and handling of the animals were in compliance with the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals." Written approval from the animal experiment ethical committee of The First Affiliated Hospital of Xinjiang Medical University was obtained. The National Natural Science Fund project licenses were granted by local medical regulation.

Sincerely yours,

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