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All subjects provided informed consent to participate in the study, which was approved by the local Ethics Committee : "Comité Consultatif de Protection des Personnes Sud Ouest et Outre mer", under the number DC2008-452, which authorizes us to perform in vitro experiments on samples of human adipose tissue.

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