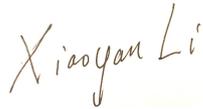


## **Biostatistics statement**

In the manuscript, data were expressed as means  $\pm$  SE. Statistical differences were evaluated by Student's *t* test or one-way analysis of variance where appropriate using SPSS version 18.0 (SPSS, Chicago, IL, USA). Differences were considered as statistically significant when *P* values were  $< 0.05$ .

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