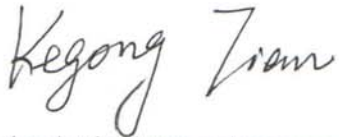


Animal care and use statement

To whom it may concern,

The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (23 °C, 12 h/12 h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water) for two weeks prior to experimentation. All animals were euthanized by barbiturate overdose (intravenous injection, 150 mg/kg pentobarbital sodium) for tissue collection.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kegong Zhan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Institutional animal care and use committee
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