

## Animal care and use statement

Lactobacillus acidophilus alleviates pouchitis after ileal pouch–anal anastomosis  
in rats

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The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (at a temperature of 25°C with a 12h light/dark cycle, and provided with standard rat chow and running water *ad libitum*) for one weeks prior to experimentation. Intragastric gavage administration was carried out with conscious animals, using straight gavage needles appropriate for the animal size. All animals were euthanized by chloral hydrate overdose (abdominal injection, 500 mg/kg 5% chloral hydrate solution ) for tissue collection.

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