

Animal care and use statement

The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain and discomfort to the animals.

Animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (e.g., $23 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ temperature, $50 \pm 20\%$ humidity, 12h/12h light/dark, *ad libitum* access to food and water) for two weeks prior to experimentation. All animals were euthanized using an inhalant overdose of sevoflurane.