

### **Institutional animal care and use committee statement**

Dear Editor,

I am submitting the manuscript entitled, "*In vitro and in vivo antioxidative and hepatoprotective activity of aqueous extract of Cortex Dictamni*," for consideration as a publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

All procedures involving animals were reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College (IACUC protocol number: SLXD-2016041279).

Cordially yours,

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