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Animal Care and Use statement

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Re: *Title of the Manuscript:* PERFORMANCE OF COLD-PRESERVED RAT LIVER MICROORGANS (LMOS) AS THE BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT OF A SIMPLIFIED PROTOTYPE MODEL OF BIOARTIFICIAL LIVER (BAL).

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Male Wistar rats (110-130 days) were used throughout the study. The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. Animals were cared for in accordance with the principles and guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals, recommended by the National Academy of Sciences and published by the National Institute of Health (NIH publication 7th edition revised 1996) and recommended by regulations of the local ethics committee. All experimental procedures were approved by the Faculty of Biochemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Res. No.139/2011).

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