

Animal care and use statement

Dear Editors:

On behalf of all the contributors I will act as the guarantor and will correspond with the journal from this point onward.

The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (25° C, 12h/12h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water) for two weeks prior to experimentation. Intraperitoneal injection of high-dose zymosan (750 mg/kg) was carried out with conscious animals followed by a subcutaneous injection of DMSO (3 mL/kg, diluted in saline 1:2) or normal saline (3 mL/kg) 1 h after zymosan administration. All animals were euthanized by 3% isoflurane (Yeeran Technology Limited, Beijing, China), and rats were humanly sacrificed by exsanguinations for tissue collection.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sen Hu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Sen Hu