

The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain, or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (23 °C, 12h/12h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water) for two weeks prior to experimentation. Intragastric gavage administration was carried out with conscious animals, using straight gavage needles appropriate for animal size. All animals were euthanized by overdose chloral hydrate for tissue collection.

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