

Animal care and use statement

The protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to rats. The rats were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (22°C, 12 h/12 h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water) for one week prior to experimentation. Intragastric gavage administration was conducted on conscious animals using straight gavage needles appropriate for the rat size. All rats were anesthetized with 2% pentobarbital sodium at a dose of 2 ml/kg and then sacrificed.

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