

### **Animal care and use statement**

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 one week prior to experimentation. All animals were euthanized carbon dioxide asphyxiation for tissue collection (please see more details in methods).

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