
Animal Care and Use Statement

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The animal protocol of the research : Experimental porcine model of complex fistula in ano performed by Ma-Mu-ti-jiang A ba-bai-ke-re et al was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The porcines were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (23°C, 12h/12h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water) for eight weeks prior to experimentation. Intragastric gavage administration was carried out with conscious animals, using straight gavage needles appropriate for the animal size. All animals were euthanized by barbiturate overdose for tissue collection.

Sincerely yours,

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