

Animal Care and Use Statement:

In this research, all procedures involving animals were reviewed and approved by the Xi'an Jiaotong University Institutional Care and Use Committee, and performed according to the Guidelines for Animal Experimentation of Xi'an Jiaotong University (SYXK-SHAN 2014-003) and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Published by the US National Institutes of Health. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (23 °C, 12 h/12 h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water) for two weeks prior to experimentation. They were euthanized using a barbiturate overdose (intravenous injection, 150 mg/kg pentobarbital sodium) for tissue collection.

