

Manuscript title: Anti-apoptotic effect of Banhasasim-tang on the chronic acid reflux esophagitis-induced esophageal mucosal ulcer

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### Animal Care and Use Statement

Animal experiments were carried out according to the “Guidelines for Animal Experimentation” and approved by the Ethics Committee of the Daegu Haany University. Male Sprague-Dawley rats (Nara Biotec Co., Pyeongtaek, Korea) weighing 160–170 g at the start of the experiment were used. They were housed at a constant temperature ( $24\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) with relative humidity (about 60%), in cages with an automatically controlled 12:12-h light/dark cycle (light on at 7:00 a.m.), and they had free access to food and water.