

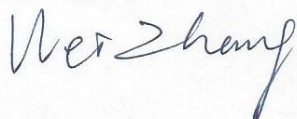
**Animal care and use statement**

**Changes of the Ghrelin/GOAT axis and the mTor pathway in the hypothalamus after sleeve gastrectomy in obese type-2 diabetes rats**

All procedures in this study conformed to and received approval from the institutional standards of The Second Military Medical University Animal Care and Use committee (animal permit number: SCXK(H) 2013-0016).

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wei Zhang', written in dark ink.