

Animal Care and Use Statement.

The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. Animals were acclimated to the laboratory conditions in air-conditioned rooms (22-24 °C) under a controlled light/dark cycle (12 hours light, 12 hours darkness), 55% humidity conditions with free access to food and water two weeks prior to experimentation. Intraperitoneal injections with Rimonabant /vehicle were carried out with conscious animals using the 26G needles appropriate for the animal size (200-250 grams body weight). All animals were euthanized by decapitation after concussion for troncal blood and collection.



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