

## **Animal care and use statement**

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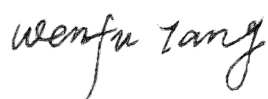
**Title:** Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of Da-Cheng-Qi-Decoction in the liver of rats with acute pancreatitis

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The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions ( $22 \pm 2$  °C,  $65 \pm 10\%$  relative humidity, ad libitum access to water and feeding with laboratory rodent chow (Chengdu, China)) for one week and fasted for 24 h prior to experimentation. Intra-gastric gavage administration was carried out with conscious animals, using straight gavage needles appropriate for the animal size ( $220 \pm 15$  g body weight). All animals were euthanized by 10% chloral hydrate overdose (intraperitoneal injection, 5 mL/kg body weight).

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