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**Animal care and use statement:** The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain and discomfort to the animals. Animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions, for two weeks before experimentation. Fresh fecal samples were collected from mice by gently squeezing their abdomen.

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