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Animal care and use statement: The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to animals. The animals were housed in standard laboratory conditions (23 C, 12h/12h light/dark, 50% humidity, ad libitum access to food and water. All animals were euthanized by overdose of anaesthetic (ketamine:xylazine).

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