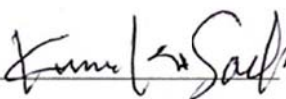


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As the corresponding author of the manuscript entitled "p38 MAPK regulates type-I versus type-II phenotyping of human vascular endothelial cells", I declare that our research does not include any animal experiments, and thus, there is no need for us to obtain Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Statement.

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