

## **INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

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**Title: "Tissue Pad Degradation of Ultrasonic Device May Enhance Thermal Injury and Impair its Sealing Performance in Liver Surgery"**

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**Institutional review board statement:** All procedures performed in this study were in strict accordance with international guidelines for animal welfare. IRB number were not obtained, as it was an ex vivo animal study.

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