

23377- Animal care and use statement

Title: Recombinant adenovirus containing Hyper-IL-6 and HGF ameliorates acute-on-chronic liver failure in rats

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The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain and discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (23°C, 12 h/12 h light/dark, 50% humidity, and *ad libitum* access to food and water) for two weeks prior to experimentation. All of the animals were euthanized by barbiturate overdose (intravenous injection, 150 mg/kg pentobarbital sodium) and asphyxiated by high concentrations of carbon dioxide for tissue collection.

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