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To Whom It May Concern:

The data analysis of the animal experiments involved in this basic study did not require complex statistical analysis. Student's t-tests were used to compare the means between two groups, and a one-way ANOVA was used to compare multiple groups, using GraphPad Prism 5 software (GraphPad software, La Jolla, CA). Thus, the use of a biomedical statistician for analysis was not deemed necessary. We have striven for an open data format and have detailed each individual data point in the accompanying figures, along with specific p-values. Upon article review, if it is deemed necessary to employ a biomedical statistician for verification, we are happy to do so.

Sincerely,



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