

## Animal care and use statement

The protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (21-23°C, 12h/12h light/dark, 50%-60% humidity, *ad libitum* access to food and water) for one week prior to experimentation. The animals were anesthetized with intraperitoneal injection of 10% chloral hydrate at the dosage of 3ml/kg for modeling. Grain-sized moxa cone was applied on the acupoints of conscious animals (the burning time of each cone was 10-12 seconds, with temperature about 48-52°C at acupoints). Intragastric gavage administration was carried out with conscious animals, using straight gavage needles appropriate for the animal size. All animals were euthanized by injecting 10% chloral hydrate at an overdose (intraperitoneal injection, 0.5ml/100g) for tissue collection.

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