

Animal care and use statement

Dear Editor,

Title: Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of Shengjiang Decoction in rats with acute pancreatitis for protecting against multiple organ injuries

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The animal protocol was designed to minimize pain or discomfort to the animals. The animals were acclimatized to laboratory conditions (22 ± 2 °C, $65 \pm 10\%$ relative humidity, ad libitum access to water and feeding with laboratory rodent chow (Chengdu, China)) for one week and fasted for 12 h prior to the experiment. Intragastric gavage administration was carried out with conscious animals, using straight gavage needles appropriate for the animal size (300 ± 20 g body weight). All animals were euthanized by 10% chloral hydrate (intraperitoneal injection, 3 ml/kg body weight).

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