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 - ii.* Introduction
 - iii.* Methods
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- iv. Results
 - v. Discussion
 - vi. Acknowledgements
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Animals

Species

Breed or strain

Sex

Age and weight at start of procedure

Genetic status: inbred; outbred; hybrid; mutant

Source

Microbiological status: conventional; specified pathogen free (define which pathogens animals are free from); gnotobiotic (define which microorganisms are present)

Quarantine or acclimatisation period

Husbandry during procedure

Type of housing: material; size; cage type if relevant

Number of animals per cage or unit
Bedding: type; quality; any pre-treatment

Type of system: conventional; barrier; ventilated rack;
isolator,
Environmental temperatures ($^{\circ}\text{C} \pm$ range)
Relative Humidity ($\% \pm$ range)
Lighting: natural; artificial (state hours of light and
dark)
Ventilation: number of air changes per hour
Period of acclimatisation before start of procedure
Feed: type; composition; any pre-treatment; amount;
frequency
Water: type; quality; any pre-treatment; amount;
frequency

Scientific procedure

Number of animals and any pre-treatment
Time of day of procedure(s)
Quantity and frequency of any samples

Statistics

Tests used should be named

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