

Study number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional File 2:** Case Report Form for Methodological Quality of animal research study.

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Data</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Title:</b> accurate and concise	Yes or No	If no: randomization; blinding; intervention; other.
<b>Abstract:</b> accurate	Yes or No	If no: -Omission: background, objectives, methods, results, conclusions -Inaccuracy: background, objectives, methods, results, conclusions.
<b>Introduction:</b>	-	-
Objectives/hypotheses in PICO format	Yes or No	-
<b>Number of animals used</b>	-	-
Stated in methods section	_____	-
Any extra in results section	Yes or No	If yes: answer bullets below
-how many more	_____	If number not clear: <5, 5 or more, unclear.
Number in the largest group	_____	-
<b>Methods:</b>	-	-
<b>Design:</b>	-	-
Randomized	Yes or No	If no: alternation; dates; picked out of cage; historical control; not specified, other _____ If yes: answer the bullets below
-Procedure described	Yes or No	Table; computer; other _____
-Block randomization	Yes or No	If yes: size of blocks: _____
-Stratified randomization	Yes or No	If yes: number of characteristics _____
-Factorial	Yes or No	If yes: number of factors _____
-Allocation concealment	Yes or No	If yes: third party; envelopes; other _____
Blinding	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-disease induction	Yes, No, N/A, or Unclear	-
-treatment/intervention	Yes, No, Some, or Unclear	-
-outcome assessment	All, Some, or None	If none or some: any subjective outcomes not blinded- Yes or No
Experimental Unit	Yes or No	Group; Individual; Part of individual
Eligibility criteria	Yes or No	-
<b>Study procedures:</b>	-	-
Sepsis model	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below.

-supportive therapy	Yes or No	If yes: fluids; antibiotics; other
-intercurrent illnesses	Yes or No	If yes: describe _____
-model relevance	-	Focal or bolus; $\leq$ or $>$ 24 hours; treatment intervention is pre- or post-sepsis induction
Preparation prior to experiment	Yes or No	If yes: acclimation; habituation; quarantine
Staff description	Yes or No	If yes: number; training in induction; intervention; monitoring; outcome
<b>Animal description:</b>	-	-
Species	Yes or No	_____
Strain	Yes or No	-
Sex	Yes or No	-
Age	Yes or No	-
Developmental stage	Yes or No	If yes: neonate; juvenile; adult
Weight	Yes or No	-
Strain, sex, and either weight or age	Yes or No	-
Source	Yes or No	If yes: commercial or local; colony; transport; previous use
Genotype	Yes or No	-
<b>Statistics:</b>	-	-
Sample size calculated	Yes or No	If cluster trial: cluster adjustment YorN If sample size calculated: explicit mention of alpha, beta/power, minimally important difference.
Primary outcome specified	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-number of primary outcomes	-	Number _____
-statistical method specified	Yes or No	-
Secondary outcomes specified	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-number of secondary outcomes	-	Number: none, $<5$ , 5-10, $>10$ .
-statistical methods specified	Yes or No	-
Sub-groups to be analyzed?	Yes or N/A	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-how many?	-	Number _____
<b>Results:</b>	-	-
baseline characteristics compared in table	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-at least two demographics	Yes or No	
-at least two physiology	Yes or No	
Primary outcome analyzed	Yes or No or N/A	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-numbers with denominators	Yes or No	-
-unaccounted numbers	Yes, No, or Unclear	-
-any excluded from analysis	Yes or No or Unclear	If yes: number stated; reasons stated

-numbers in tables/graphs	Yes or No	-
-all pre-specified reported	Yes or No	If no: number not reported _____
-measure of precision	Yes or No	If yes: CI; SD; SE
-absolute and relative effect	Yes or No	-
-number positive outcome	-	Number _____
-number negative or neutral outcome	-	Number _____
-intention to treat analysis	Yes or No	-
-pre-specified subgroups analyzed	Yes or No or N/A	If yes: test of interaction done YorN
-post-hoc subgroups analyzed	Yes or N/A	If yes: number _____; test of interaction done YorN
Secondary outcomes analyzed	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below as they apply to the majority of the outcomes.
-numbers with denominators for most	Yes or No	-
-unaccounted numbers	Yes or No or Unclear	-
-any excluded from analysis	Yes or No or Unclear	If yes: number stated; reasons stated
-numbers in most tables/graphs	Yes or No	-
-all pre-specified important outcomes reported	Yes or No	-
-measure of precision	Yes or No	If yes: CI; SD; SE
-absolute and relative effect	Yes or No	-
-mostly positive outcomes	Yes or No	-
-any negative outcome (obvious, or explicitly stated)	Yes or No	-
-number post-hoc outcomes (not pre-specified in methods)	-	Number: none; <5; 5-10; >10
-number of statistical comparisons	-	<5; 5-20; 21-40; >40
-pre-specified subgroups analyzed	Yes or No or N/A	If yes: number _____; test of interaction done YorN
-post-hoc subgroups analyzed	Yes or N/A	If yes: number _____; test of interaction done YorN.
Any toxicity or lack of toxicity mentioned or reported	Yes, No, or N/A	-
<b>Discussion:</b>	-	-
Internal validity: limitations discussed	Yes or No	If yes: sample size; bias; multiple comparisons.
External validity: to humans discussed	Yes or No	If yes: any limitation to generalizing to humans mentioned- Yes or No or Vague
Funding source described	Yes or No	If yes: answer the bullets below.
-government source	Yes or No	-

-foundation charity	Yes or No	-
-industry company	Yes or No	-
-any role in analysis or reporting	Yes or No or NR	-
<b>Any Comments:</b>		

**Notes:**

- circle correct response for Yes or No
- circle all that apply for sub-questions in last column
- fill in underlined space as applicable with numbers or names