

*** Short In Vivo Checklist**

*AHA - Preclinical Animal Testing: Prevention of bias is important for experimental cardiovascular research. **This short checklist must be completed, and the answers should be clearly presented in the manuscript as well.** The checklist will be used by reviewers and editors but will not be published. If a revision is requested, you will be required to complete at revision submission a more detailed checklist that will be published with the accepted article.*

This study involves animals:

Yes

Animals

Species, age, sex, strains, and sources of animals are described: Yes

Randomization

Randomization and allocation concealment were performed: Yes

Blinding

Blinding was performed: Yes

Inclusions and Exclusions (a)

Specific criteria for inclusions and exclusions are specified: Yes

Inclusions and Exclusions (b)

Criteria for inclusions and exclusions were set before the study: Yes

Reporting of Excluded Animals

All animals excluded after the randomization are reported: N/A

Statistical Methods

Statistical Methods are described: Yes

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