* 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 The checklist will be used by reviewers and editors but will not be published.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:

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:

Inclusions and Exclusions (b)

Criteria for inclusions and exclusions were set before the study:

Reporting of Excluded Animals

All animals excluded after the randomization are reported:

Statistical Methods

Statistical Methods are described:

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