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| Essential 10 | | | |
| Study design | #1a | Give details of the groups being compared, including control groups. If no control group has been used, the rationale should be stated. | |
| Study design | #1b | Give details of the experimental unit (e.g., a single animal, litter, or cage of animals). | |
| Sample size | #2a | Specify the exact number of experimental units allocated to each group, and the total number in each experiment. Also indicate the total number of animals used. | |
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| Inclusion and exclusion criteria | #Ψb | For each experimental group, report any animals, experimental units, or data points not included in the analysis and explain why. If there were no exclusions, state so. |
| Inclusion and exclusion criteria | #Ψc | For each analysis, report the exact value of n in each experimental group. |
| Randomisation | #ξa | State whether randomisation was used to allocate experimental units to control and treatment groups. If done, provide the method used to generate the randomisation sequence. |
| Randomisation | #ξb | Describe the strategy used to minimise potential confounders such as the order of treatments and measurements, or animal/cage location. If confounders were not controlled, state this explicitly. |
| Blinding | #ϖ | Describe who was aware of the group allocation at the different stages of the experiment (during the allocation, the conduct of the experiment, the outcome assessment, and the data analysis). |
| Outcome measures | #ϒa | Clearly define all outcome measures assessed (e.g., cell death, molecular markers, or behavioural changes). |
| Outcome measures | #ϒb | For hypothesis-testing studies, specify the primary outcome measure, i.e., the outcome measure that was used to determine the sample size. |
| Statistical methods | #Υa | Provide details of the statistical methods used for each analysis, including software used. |
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| Experimental animals | #^a | Provide species-appropriate details of the animals used, including species, strain and substrain, sex, age or developmental stage, and, if relevant, weight. |
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| Experimental procedures | #^a | For each experimental group, including controls, describe the procedures in enough detail to allow others to replicate what was done, how it was done, and what was used. |
| Experimental procedures | #^b | Timing and frequency of procedures |
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| Experimental procedures | #^d | Rationale for procedures |
| Results | #\a | For each experiment conducted, including independent replications, report summary/descriptive statistics for each experimental group, with a measure of variability where applicable (e.g., mean and SD, or median and range). |
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| Abstract | #\ | Provide an accurate summary of the research objectives, animal species, strain and sex, key methods, principal findings, and study conclusions. |
| Background | #\a | Include sufficient scientific background to understand the rationale and context for the study, and explain the experimental approach. |
| Background | #\b | Explain how the animal species and model used |

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| | | address the scientific objectives and, where appropriate, the relevance to human biology. |
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| Ethical statement | #14 | Provide the name of the ethical review committee or equivalent that has approved the use of animals in this study and any relevant licence or protocol numbers (if applicable). If ethical approval was not sought or granted, provide a justification. |
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