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Mice were allocated to groups by an un-blinded independent lab member so that all investigators would remain blind to genotype throughout testing and analysis. Because littermate controls were used throughout, mice were allocated to experimental groups based on age and litter, as stated in the Experimental Animals section of the Materials and Methods.



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