

Table SI. Number of deaths in the sham and model groups following the establishment of spinal cord injury model rats.

A, Sham group				
Author, year	Days post-surgery	Number of deaths	Reason for death	(Refs.)
Nan <i>et al</i> , 2010	1-3	2	Pulmonary edema	(1)
	4-7	0	n/a	
Huang <i>et al</i> , 2012	8-14	1	Pulmonary infection	(2)
	15-30	0	n/a	
	31-56	0	n/a	
B, Model group				
Author, year	Days post-surgery	Number of deaths	Reason for death	(Refs.)
Nan <i>et al</i> , 2010	1-3	2	Pulmonary congestion (n=1) or pulmonary edema (n=1)	(1)
	4-7	0	n/a	
Huang <i>et al</i> , 2012	8-14	3	Pulmonary infection (n=2) or urinary tract infection (n=1)	(2)
Huang <i>et al</i> , 2012	15-30	1	Pulmonary infection	(2)
	31-56	0	n/a	

n/a, not applicable.

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