Gr/M	Nor	Sham	Veh + I/R	I/R + Veh	$XF_{1.35} + I/R$	$XF_{2.7} + I/R$	I/R + XI	$I/R + XF_{2.7}$	Total*
ERG	(5)†	(9)†	(6)†	5	(4)†	(8)†	6	(6)†	11
PHX	-	4	4	-	4	4	-	4	20
FG	4	4(3)††	4	-	4	4	-	4	24(23)††
PCR	4	4	4	-	4	4	-	4	24
WB	4	4	4	-	4	4	-	4	24
Ab	=	=	=	-	I/R + Avastin (n	=4) I/R + Shik	konin (n=4)	I/R + JIB-04 (n=4)§	12

<sup>\*</sup>The number of the rats used in this XFZUD (Xue-Fu-Zhu-Yu Decoction) study is **120** (=11+20+24+24+12+**5**), including **5** animals that died during the induction of pressure-induced retinal ischemia.

§RBP2 western blot was ill-defined in one rat [I/R + JIB-04 (n=4-1=3)].

Abbreviations: Gr, group; M, methods;; Nor, normal; I/R, ischemia/reperfusion; Veh, vehicle; XF<sub>1.35</sub>, XFZUD 1.35 mg/Kg; XF<sub>2.7</sub>, XFZUD 2.7 mg/Kg; ERG, electroretinogram; PHX, pathohistology (e.g. CV, ChAT & vimentin/GFAP labelling); FG, flurogold; CV, cresyl violet; ChAT, choline acetyl transferase; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein; rtPCR, real-time polymerase chain reaction; WB, western blot; Ab, antibody.

<sup>†</sup>After ERG recordings, among all groups except the number of the rats (5+6=11) in I/R + Veh (n=5) and I/R + XF<sub>1.35</sub> groups (n=6), the other rats were preserved for the following procedures, namely PHX, FG, rtPCR and WB.

<sup>††</sup>One animal died during the FG procedure.