Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

We revised the MS as the authors asked. First of all:

The manuscript has been rewritten by a native English speaker.

For Reviewer -2

Major language editing performed by an American native speaker. The whole manuscript was improved.

For Reviewer -1:

- Table 1: the commas replaced by dots.
- The assignment of figures to legends corrected
- In Fig. 5-7, the bar diagrams preferred
- We commented to these points according to the reviewers' comments:

  1. The study focussed on fibrosis. As animals were sacrificed after 28, any cirrhosis should not be expected anyway. Cirrhosis in BDL rats occurs earliest 4-6 weeks after ligation.

  2. Although markers of fibrosis and liver damage declined after the 3-week peak, they still remained elevated 4 weeks after ligation, compared to control groups. Thus, this animal model may in fact be suitable to study fibrosis and experimental therapies, provided that correct untreated control groups are included.
Lastly;
Conflicting interest has been located.