

ANSWERS TO PEER-REVIEWER'S COMMENTS

Reviewer's code: 00050195

The authors employ a model of cirrhosis in rats receiving both carbon tetrachloride and alcohol. This is a well tested model. They describe the rationale for the investigation of the effect of arsenate and show a beneficial effect both on body weight, histopathology, dysbiosis and bacterial translocation. □ These are surrogate markers for complications of cirrhosis. □ The study is well written but does need revision by a native English speaker, especially on page 13.

Answer: We have done it in accordance with the reviewer's comments. All of the revisions, that we make, are highlighted in the updated version of the manuscript.

Reviewer's code: 00069262

It's a good job. Well presented. I suggest updating references. Improve the quality of the figures.

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