*Statistical analysis*

All analyses were carried out using R 2.10.1, using the package base and agricolae (please see the references 21 and 22 in the manuscript). A one-way between ANOVA was used to compare the outcome of each measurement (the levels of LDH, AST, wet to dry ratio and bile flow) and treatment condition. Least Square Difference (LSD) was used as Post Hoc test. Differences are considered to be significant if P < 0.05. Data is reported as mean ± standard error.