

**Supplementary table 1** Sirius red staining of human samples of viral hepatitis and hepatic cirrhosis.

	Viral Hepatitis (%)	Hepatic cirrhosis (%)*
+++	0	5 (39)
++	2 (11)	2 (15)
+	7 (37)	5 (39)
—	10 (52)	1 (7)
N	19	13

\*Compared to viral hepatitis group,  $P=0.001$