## Biliverdin Reductase inhibitors did not improve severe unconjugated hyperbilirubinemia *in vivo*

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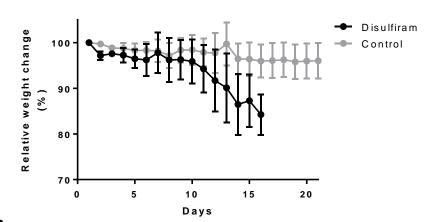
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## **Supplementary figures**

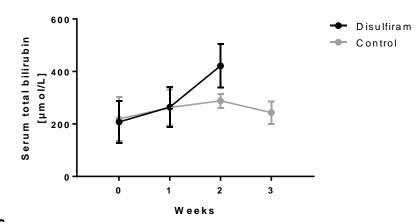
Gene (exon)	Primer sequence		Length bp
Rat BLVRA	F	TCTGTCTGTCTTCGGACACT	
	R	TGGTTGATAGGACCAAACCCTG	977
Human BLVRA	F	CGTCAGTGACCGAAGGAA	
	R	ATGCTGGTGCCATCTTGGA	959

Supplementary table 1: Primer sequences used for the cloning of rat and human biliverdin reductase A (rBVRA, hBVRA)

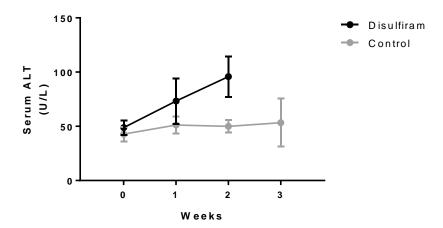
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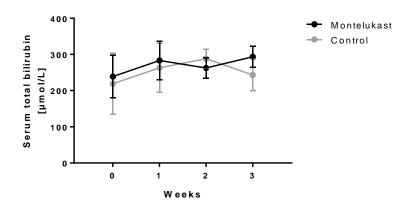
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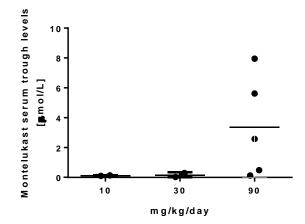
Supplementary figure 1: Hepatotoxic effect of Disulfiram in adult Gunn rats after 2 weeks of oral administration (90-180mg/kg/day) resulted in (a) weight loss compared to the control group (b)

increase in serum total bilirubin ( $\mu$ mol/L) and (c) elevation of alanine aminotransferase (ALT), leading to termination of the experiment. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of five animals per group.

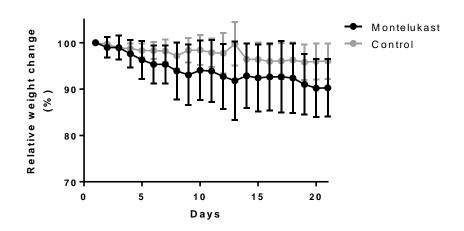
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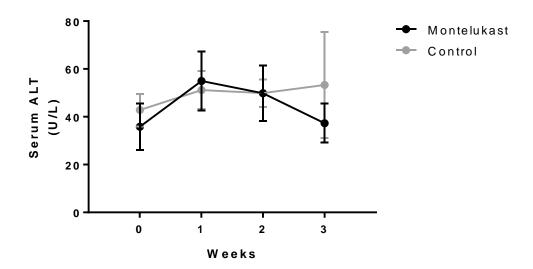
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Supplementary figure 2: Oral administration of Montelukast (up to 90 mg/kg/day) does (a) not result in reduction of serum total bilirubin, due to (b) insufficient serum concentrations to achieve complete BVRA inhibition (>60  $\mu$ mol/L). (c) no significant weight loss compared to control or (d) elevation of alanine aminotransferase (ALT) were seen in these animals. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SD of five animals per group.