

**Figure S1. HBV expression in transgenic mice.** (A) Northern blotting of the major HBV transcripts in the liver of Mutant 1 mice and wildtype HBV Tg05mice [1]. The C band corresponds to the precore/core transcripts, while the S band corresponds to the preS1/S transcripts [1]. (B) Detection of X protein by Western blotting following immunoprecipitation [2] in the liver of Mutant 1 and wildtype HBV mice. The band marked with an asterisk is non-specific, as shown by its presence in the non-transgenic littermate. (C) Southern blotting of HBV replicative intermediates [1] in the liver of Mutant 1 mice and wildtype HBV mice.

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