Supplementary Figures

Suppl. Figure 1 Soluble CD14 (sCD14) and lipopolysaccharide binding protein (LBP) strongly correlate in serum of patients with cirrhosis. Concentrations of sCD14 were measured as described in Patients and Methods. Concentrations of LBP were measured by a commercially available ELISA, according to manufacturer’s instructions. Each dot corresponds to individual patients with cirrhosis (n=36). Analysis was performed in samples collected from peripheral veins.
Suppl. Figure 2 No significant differences in the intestinal mRNA expression of antimicrobial peptides (AMPs) between cirrhosis and healthy controls (HC). The mRNA expression for (A) defa5, (B) defa6, (C) defb1, and (D) reg3a was calculated in total RNA extracted from endoscopically-obtained intestinal biopsies from cirrhotics and healthy controls. Relative expression of the target genes was calculated by the $2^{\Delta\Delta CT}$ method using RPLPO as the reference gene. No differences were found between healthy controls and cirrhotics for any of the AMPs tested in terminal ileum or the colon.