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# Eastern Woodchuck

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A burrowing rodent of the family Sciuridae, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The woodchuck model of viral-induced hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) provides an animal model that resembles the complex human liver environment of HCC in the context of chronic hepatitis B viral infection.