

Supplemental table 1. Baseline characteristics of included patients.

| Fibrosis stage | Normal histology | Mild fibrosis (20) | | | Advanced fibrosis (13) | | |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | | HBV (1-4) | HCV (1-2) | NASH (1-2) | HBV (5-6) | HCV (3-4) | NASH (3-4) |
| Patients number | 18 | HBV (8) | HCV (9) | NASH (3) | HBV (4) | HCV (8) | NASH (1) |
| Age (age) | 46.6±6.2 | 54.8±9.0 | 46.8±6.6 | 52.0±2.2 | 58.3±5.4 | 56.8±9.1 | 51.0 |
| Serum TB (umol/L) | 7.9±3.0 | 16.7±5.5 | 14.5±4.5 | 13.3±4.3 | 21.0±4.7 | 18.8±3.2 | 22.4 |
| Serum ALT (U/L) | 18.1±9.1 | 58.0±18.2 | 65.9±36.0 | 55.7±18.4 | 103.5±26.5 | 78.9±24.8 | 66.0 |
| Serum AST (U/L) | 23.1±10.3 | 64.5±22.7 | 57.9±26.8 | 45.0±8.8 | 80.5±7.0 | 76.0±33.1 | 78.0 |
| Serum ALB (g/L) | 41.6±1.8 | 39.1±1.9 | 40.7±2.6 | 39.2±1.4 | 35.4±2.1 | 34.8±2.1 | 35.6 |

Hepatic fibrosis stage in patients with HBV infection was defined as Ishak fibrosis score, 1-4 for Mild fibrosis, 5-6 for Advanced fibrosis.¹⁻⁴

Hepatic fibrosis stage in patients with HCV infection was defined as Metavir score, 1-2 for Mild fibrosis, 3-4 for Advanced fibrosis.³⁻⁵

Hepatic fibrosis stage in patients with NASH was defined as NAFLD activity score, 1-2 for Mild fibrosis, 3-4 for Advanced fibrosis.⁶⁻⁸ Quantitative variables are in mean±SD. HBV, Hepatitis B virus; HCV, Hepatitis C virus; NASH, non-alcoholic steatohepatitis; ALB, albumin; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; TB, total bilirubin.

Supplemental table 2. Hepatic fibrosis stage in patients with HBV infection was defined as Ishak fibrosis score.

| Fibrosis stage (Ishaks) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| Patients number | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Age (age) | 47.3±4.0 | 57.5±1.5 | 59.5±12.5 | 62 | 65 | 56±4.2 |
| Serum total bilirubin (umol/L) | 10.9±3.0 | 16.7±3.0 | 22.1±0.2 | 23.2 | 23.6 | 20.1±5.1 |
| Serum ALT (U/L) | 44.7±19.0 | 61.0±6.0 | 62.0±11.0 | 84.0 | 121 | 97.7±28.2 |
| Serum AST (U/L) | 56.7±32.3 | 66.5±11.5 | 68.0±13.0 | 77.0 | 82.0 | 80.0±8.0 |
| Serum albumin (g/L) | 40.9±1.1 | 38.3±1.9 | 38.3±0.4 | 36.9 | 35.6 | 35.3±2.5 |

Supplemental table 3. Hepatic fibrosis stage in patients with HCV infection was defined as Metavir score

| Fibrosis stage (Metavir) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Patients number | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Age (age) | 45.8±7.3 | 51.3±2.9 | 56.7±5.4 | 56.8±10.7 |
| Serum total bilirubin (umol/L) | 12.7±4.0 | 18.2±2.9 | 19.8±2.5 | 18.1±3.4 |
| Serum ALT (U/L) | 60.3±39.7 | 76.5±28.5 | 80.0±18.6 | 78.0±28.0 |
| Serum AST (U/L) | 55.8±31.8 | 62.0±10.0 | 74.0±37.0 | 77.2±30.4 |
| Serum albumin (g/L) | 41.6±2.6 | 39.1±1.4 | 35.7±1.7 | 34.2±2.1 |

Supplemental table 4. Hepatic fibrosis stage in patients with NASH was defined as NAFLD activity score

| Fibrosis stage (NAS) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------|---|------|
| Patients number | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Age (age) | 51.0±2.0 | 54 | — | 51 |
| Serum total bilirubin (umol/L) | 12.3±5.0 | 15.5 | — | 22.4 |
| Serum ALT (U/L) | 53.0±22.0 | 61 | — | 66 |
| Serum AST (U/L) | 46.5±10.5 | 42 | — | 78 |
| Serum albumin (g/L) | 40.1±0.6 | 37.3 | — | 35.6 |

Supplemental table 5. Primers for mice genotyping

| Primer name | Target | No | Lot | Direction | Sequence | wt | ko | Blast | PRI | Using | Method | Cite |
|--------------------|------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----|-------------|--------|------|
| TL-CRE-G-JCYK-K | Lyz2Mut | C66 | 1 | Reverse | 5'-CCCAGAAATGCCAGATTACG-3' | - | 750-bp | N | | Genomic DNA | Age | JYCK |
| | | C67 | | Forward | 5'-CTTGGGCTGCCAGAATTCTC-3' | | | | | Tail | | |
| TL-CRE-G-JCYK-W | Lyz2WT | C67 | 1 | Reverse | 5'-CTTGGGCTGCCAGAATTCTC-3' | 350-bp | - | Y | | Genomic DNA | Age | JYCK |
| | | C68 | | Forward | 5'-TTACAGTCGCCAGGCTGAC-3' | | | | | Tail | | |
| NM-FSTL1-G-JYCK-FL | FSTL1-FLOX | FI34F-1 | 1 | Reverse | 5'-ACATGGTGACCATCCTCGG-3' | 547 | 734 | | | Genomic DNA | Age | JYCK |
| | | FI34R-1 | | Forward | 5'-TTCTAGGTTCCCTCCTAAAAC-3' | | | | | Tail | | |

Supplemental table 6. Primer sequences for the amplification.

| Gene | Forward Primer (5' → 3') | Reverse Primer (5' → 3') |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| FSTL1(Human) | GCCATGACCTGTGACGGAAA | CAGCGCTGAAGTGGAGAAGA |
| Collagen I (Human) | GAGGGCCAAGACGAAGACATC | CAGATCACGTCATCGCACAAAC |
| TIMP-1 (Human) | CTTCTGCAATTCCGACCTCGT | CCCTAAGGCTTGGAACCCCTT |
| β-actin(Human) | CATGTACGTTGCTATCCAGGC | CTCCTTAATGTCACGCACGAT |
| α-SMA(Mouse) | GTCCCAGACATCAGGGAGTAA | TCGGATACTTCAGCGTCAGGA |
| Collagen-I (Mouse) | GCTCCTCTTAGGGGCCACT | CCACGTCTCACCATTGGGG |
| TIMP-1 (Mouse) | GCAACTCGGACCTGGTCATAA | CGGGCCCGTGTGAGAAACT |
| β-actin (Mouse) | GGCTGTATTCCCCTCCATCG | CCAGTTGGTAACAATGCCATGT |
| TNF-α (Mouse) | GCCAGAGGGCTGATTAGAGA | CAGCCTCTCTCCTCCTGAT |
| IL-1β (Mouse) | CCAGGATGAGGACCCAAGCA | TCCC GACCATTGCTGTTCC |
| IL-10 (Mouse) | ACAGGGAAGAAATCGATGACA | TGGGGGAGAACCTGAAGAC |
| iNOS (Mouse) | AATCTTGGAGCGAGTTGTGG | CAGGAAGTAGGTGAGGGCTTG |
| Argines1 (Mouse) | CTCCAAGCCAAAGTCCTTAGAG | AGGAGCTGTCATTAGGGACATC |
| TGF-β (Mouse) | CGCCATCTATGAGAAAACCAA | GAGTTCCACATGTTGCTCCA |

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