

Dear Dr Gong,

We appreciate the positive comments for our manuscript (32464). Based on the comments, we revised the manuscript and highlighted in red. A point-by-point response to the reviewers (part 1) and editor (part 2) is provided below.

Best regards.

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Part 1:

Comments from reviewers to authors:

1. Very interesting study, it can be accepted for publication.no comments.
2. This study is well designed, and the results are very interesting. In this study, the authors investigated the mechanism of hepatoprotection conferred by liver fibrosis, evaluated the phenotype of KCs isolated from fibrotic liver. KCs isolated from the fibrotic mice exhibited predominantly an M2-like phenotype. In vitro experiments have shown that HMGB1 was localized in the nucleus of the majority of M2-like KCs and the translocation of HMGB1 was inhibited upon LPS or HMGB1 peptide stimuli, while both LPS and HMGB1 peptide could elicit the conspicuous translocation of intranuclear

HMGB1 in KCs isolated from control mice. M2-like kupffer cells in the fibrotic liver may exert a protective effect against acute insult through inhibiting the translocation of HMGB1. The authors should check the data and references again.

Response: We have rechecked the data and reedited the references.

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Part 2:

Q1: You'd better offer us one paper with word format next (such as, .doc or .docx), which is easy to be edited and helpful to accept earlier. Thank you very much!

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A2: Our paper has been edited by Jing-Yun Ma Editorial Office, and the language certificate will be provided with the revised manuscript.

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