





## **Supplementary Materials**

### **Lenvatinib prevents liver fibrosis progression and inhibits hepatic stellate cell activation and sinusoidal capillarization in experimental liver fibrosis**

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### **Supplementary Figure 1. In vivo dose optimization of lenvatinib and body and liver weight in CCl<sub>4</sub>-mediated rats.**

(A) Kaplan-Meier curves show the overall survival of CCl<sub>4</sub>-treated rats receiving administration of the different doses (0.4, 0.8, 1.2, 1.6, 3.2, 6.4 and 9.6 mg/kg) of lenvatinib. (B) Body weight (Bw) and ratio of liver weight to body weight (Lw/Bw) in the experimental groups at the end of experiment. N.S; not significant. \*  $p < 0.05$  indicating a significant difference between groups.

### **Supplementary Figure 2. CCl<sub>4</sub>-induced liver fibrosis at the start of lenvatinib treatment.**

(Left panel) Representative microphotographs of Sirius-Red and  $\alpha$ -SMA at the start of lenvatinib treatment (Day 14) in Corn-oil (C/O)- or CCl<sub>4</sub>-mediated rats. Scale bar; 100  $\mu$ m. (Right panel) Semi-quantitation of Sirius-Red-stained fibrotic area and  $\alpha$ -SMA immuno-positive area in high-power field (HPF) by ImageJ software. \*\*  $p < 0.01$  indicating a significant difference between groups. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD (n=10). Histochemical quantitative analyses included five fields per section. Quantitative values are relatively indicated as fold changes to the values of C/O.

**Supplementary Table 1. List of primers used in q-PCR**

gene	Sense (5'-3')	Antisense (5'-3')
<b>Rat</b>		
<i>Col1a1</i>	TGCTGCCTTTTCTGTTCCCTT	AAGGTGCTGGGTAGGGAAGT
<i>Ctgf</i>	AAATAAACTGCCTCCCAAACCA	GAAATGGCTTGCTCAGGGTAAC
<i>Tgfb1</i>	CGGCAGCTGTACATTGACTT	AGCGCACGATCATGTTGGAC
<i>Cd31</i>	CCAGAAAGACAAGGCGATCG	CGGCTGGAGGAGAGTTCTAG
<i>Vegfa</i>	TTCTGTAGACACACCCACC	TCCTCCCAACTCAAGTCCAC
<i>Vegfr1</i>	TGCAGGAAACCATAGCAGGA	GTATAGTCCCCTGCGTCCTC
<i>Vegfr2</i>	CAACGTGGGGCTTGATTTCA	CGCTGTGCAGGTGTATTCTC
<i>Pdgfb</i>	ATCGAGCCAAGACACCTCAA	ATCACTCCAAGGACCCCATG
<i>Pdgfrb</i>	AACTCTTCTACCGCTGTGCT	ACAGCAACAATTGGCCTCTG
<i>Fgf2</i>	CATTCCTGGCCTCTGTCTCC	GCAACTTTCTCCCTTCCTGC
<i>Fgfr2</i>	CCAGCACCTGTGAGAGAGAA	TTGGAGTTCATGGACGAGCT
<i>Gapdh</i>	AGACAGCCGCATCTTCTTGT	CTTGCCGTGGGTAGAGTCAT
<b>Human</b>		
<i>COL1A1</i>	CCAAATCTGTCTCCCCAGAA	TCAAAAACGAAGGGGAGATG
<i>ACTA2</i>	TTCAATGTCCAGCCATGTA	GAAGGAATAGCCACGCTCAG
<i>TGFB1</i>	GGGACTATCCACCTGCAAGA	CCTCCTTGGCGTAGTAGTCG
<i>CCND1</i>	CCGTCCATGCGGAAGATC	ATGGCCAGCGGGAAGAC
<i>CDK4</i>	CCCACACAAGCGAATCTCTG	ACCCTCCATAGCCTCAGAGA
<i>CDK6</i>	AGGCATTTTGGGAACTGTTG	TCCCATCCACTTCAAAGGAG
<i>CDC25A</i>	GAGATCGCCTGGGTAATGAA	TGCGGAATTCTTCAGGTCT
<i>GAPDH</i>	CCAAGGAGTAAGACCCCTGG	TGGTTGAGCACAGGGTACTT