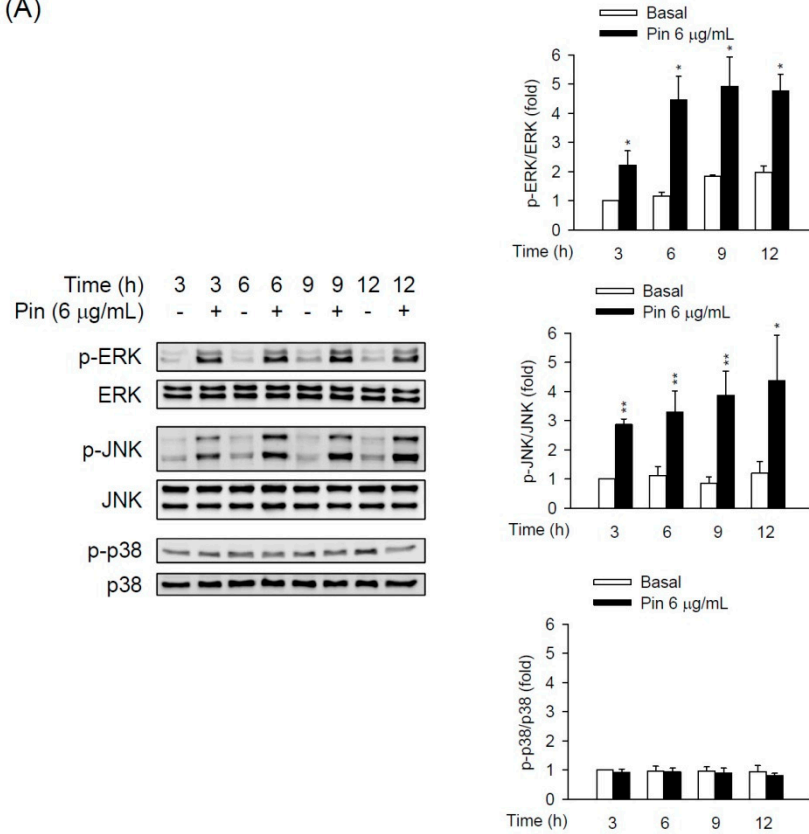


Figure S1. *N*-acetylcysteine (NAC) abolishes the Pin-induced apoptosis in hepatic stellate cells (HSCs). HSC-T6 cells were pretreated with NAC (2.5 mM) for 1 h and then incubated with Pin (6 μ g/mL) for 12 h. Apoptotic effect of pinnigorgiol A were determined by terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase dUTP nick end labeling (TUNEL) assay (green). Hoechst 33,342 (blue) was used to visualize the cell nucleus.

(A)



(B)

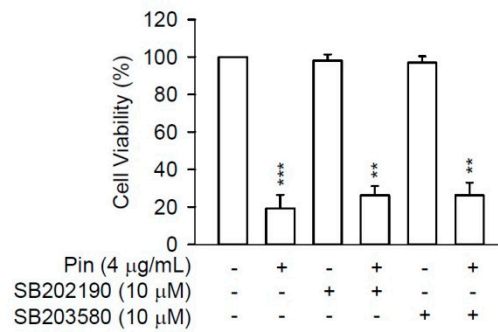


Figure S2. Pin-induced apoptosis is independent of p38 MAPK in HSCs. **(A)** HSC-T6 cells were treated with Pin (6 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) for 3–12 h. Phosphorylation of ERK, JNK and p38 were analyzed by immunoblot analysis using antibodies against p-p38, p-JNK, or p-ERK. Quantitation of the p-p38/p38, p-JNK/JNK, and p-ERK/ERK ratio was shown; **(B)** HSC-T6 cells were pretreated with SB202190 or SB203580 (p38 inhibitor; 10 μM) for 1 h and then exposed to Pin (4 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) for 24 h. Cytotoxicity assay was monitored spectrophotometrically at 450 nm. All data are expressed as the mean \pm S.E.M. ($n = 3$). * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ compared with the basal.

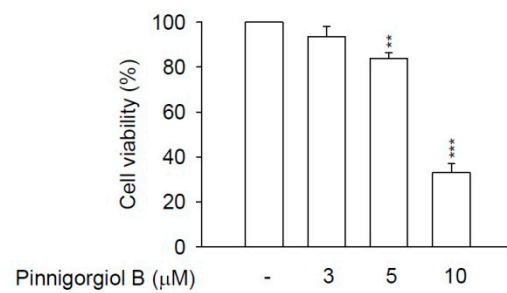


Figure S3. Pinnigorgiol B inhibits the cell viability of HSCs. HSC-T6 cells were treated with pinnigorgiol B (3–10 μ M) for 24 h. Cytotoxicity assay was monitored spectrophotometrically at 450 nm.