
Supplementary Materials

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Antiviral Toll-like Receptor Signaling in Non-Parenchymal Liver Cells Is Restricted to TLR3

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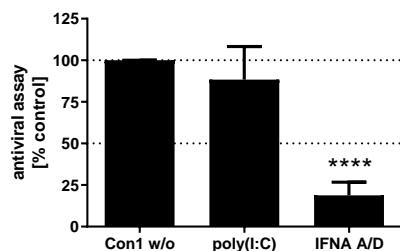


Figure S1. HCV replicon system con1 does not respond to poly(I:C). Subgenomic HCV replicon system con1 was treated with 50 μ g/ml poly(I:C) or 10IU/ml recombinant IFNA A/D. RNA was extracted after 72h and HCV replication was determined by qRT-PCR.

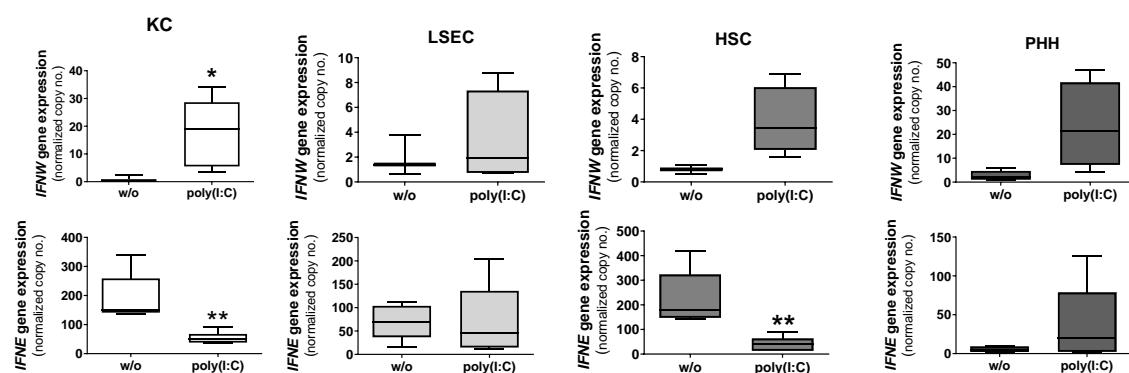


Figure S2. NPC show low expression of IFNW and IFNE. Gene expression of IFNW and IFNE was determined in NPC (n=3) treated with poly(I:C) for 6h. Data represent copy numbers as mean \pm sd normalized to 100,000 copies of reference gene ACTB. Abbreviations: HSC, hepatic stellate cells; KC, Kupffer cells; LSEC, liver sinusoidal endothelial cells; nd, not detectable; sd, standard deviation; TLR, toll like receptor; w/o (without treatment)

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Patients' characteristics

KC	Control group (n=15)	HCV group (n=10)
	mean ± sem	mean ± sem
transplantation	3	9
resection	12	1
male	8	7
female	7	3
age	54.9±4.2	55.6±2.1
GOT [IU/ml]	214.0±57.7	241.4±119.6
GPT [IU/ml]	153.4±37.6	169.9±77.0
fibrosis stage	1.5±0.4	3.9±0.1
LSEC	Control group (n=15)	HCV group (n=10)
	mean ± sem	mean ± sem
transplantation	2	10
resection	13	0
male	9	7
female	6	3
age	56.7±4.6	55.0±1.1
GOT [IU/ml]	233.9±64.1	216.1±115.3
GPT [IU/ml]	141.0±40.6	163.8±77.5
fibrosis stage	1.7±0.4	3.7±0.3
HSC	Control group (n=15)	HCV group (n=10)
	mean ± sem	mean ± sem
transplantation	2	10
resection	13	0
male	5	9
female	10	1
age	58.5±5.2	53.1±1.6
GOT [IU/ml]	277.3±88.6	222.3±114.1
GPT [IU/ml]	187.1±61.4	164.7±77.4
fibrosis stage	2.2±0.5	3.7±0.3

Data represent mean values±sem. Abbreviations: GOT, glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase; GPT, glutamate pyruvate transaminase; HCV, hepatitis c virus; HSC, hepatic stellate cells; KC, Kupffer cells; LSEC, liver sinusoidal endothelial cells; sem, standard error of mean.

Table S2. Primer sequences

Gene	Forward primer sequence	Reverse primer sequence	Species
ACTB	5'-TCCCTGGAGAAGAGCTACGA-3'	5'-AGCAATGTGTTGGCGTACAG-3'	Hs
HCV	5'-GC GG GTTG ATCCAAGAAAGG-3'	5'-ATCACTCCCCCTGTGAGGA ACT-3'	Hs
MX1	5'-AGCCACTGGACTGACGGACTT-3'	5'-GAGGGCTGAAAATCCCTTC-3'	Hs
Ifit1	5'-CTGAAATGCCAAGTAGCAAGG-3'	5'-CCAAAGGCACAGACATAAGGA-3'	Mm
Gapdh	5'- AAATTCAACGGCACAGTCAA-3'	5'-TCTCCATGGTGGTGAAGACA-3'	Mm

Table S3. Primary and secondary antibodies

Protein	Abbreviation	Company
Interferon regulatory factor 3	IRF3	Abcam
Phospho-interferon regulatory factor 3	P-IRF3	Abcam
Nuclear factor kappa B	NF-κB	Cell Signaling
Phospho-nuclear factor kappa B	P-NF-κB	Cell Signaling
Mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK)	MAPK	Cell Signaling
Phospho-mitogen-activated protein kinase	P-MAPK	Cell Signaling
Protein 38	p38	Cell Signaling
Phospho-protein 38	P-p38	Cell Signaling
c-Jun-amino-terminal kinases	JNK	Cell Signaling
Phospho-c-Jun-amino-terminal kinases	P-JNK	Cell Signaling
Serine/threonine-protein kinase	AKT	Cell Signaling
Phospho-serine/threonine-protein kinase	P-AKT	Cell Signaling
Actin beta	ACTB	Sigma
Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase	GAPDH	GAPDH
Goat anti-rabbit HRP-conjugated	-	Cell Signaling
Goat anti-mouse HRP-conjugated	-	Thermo Scientific

Abbreviations: HRP, horseradish peroxidase

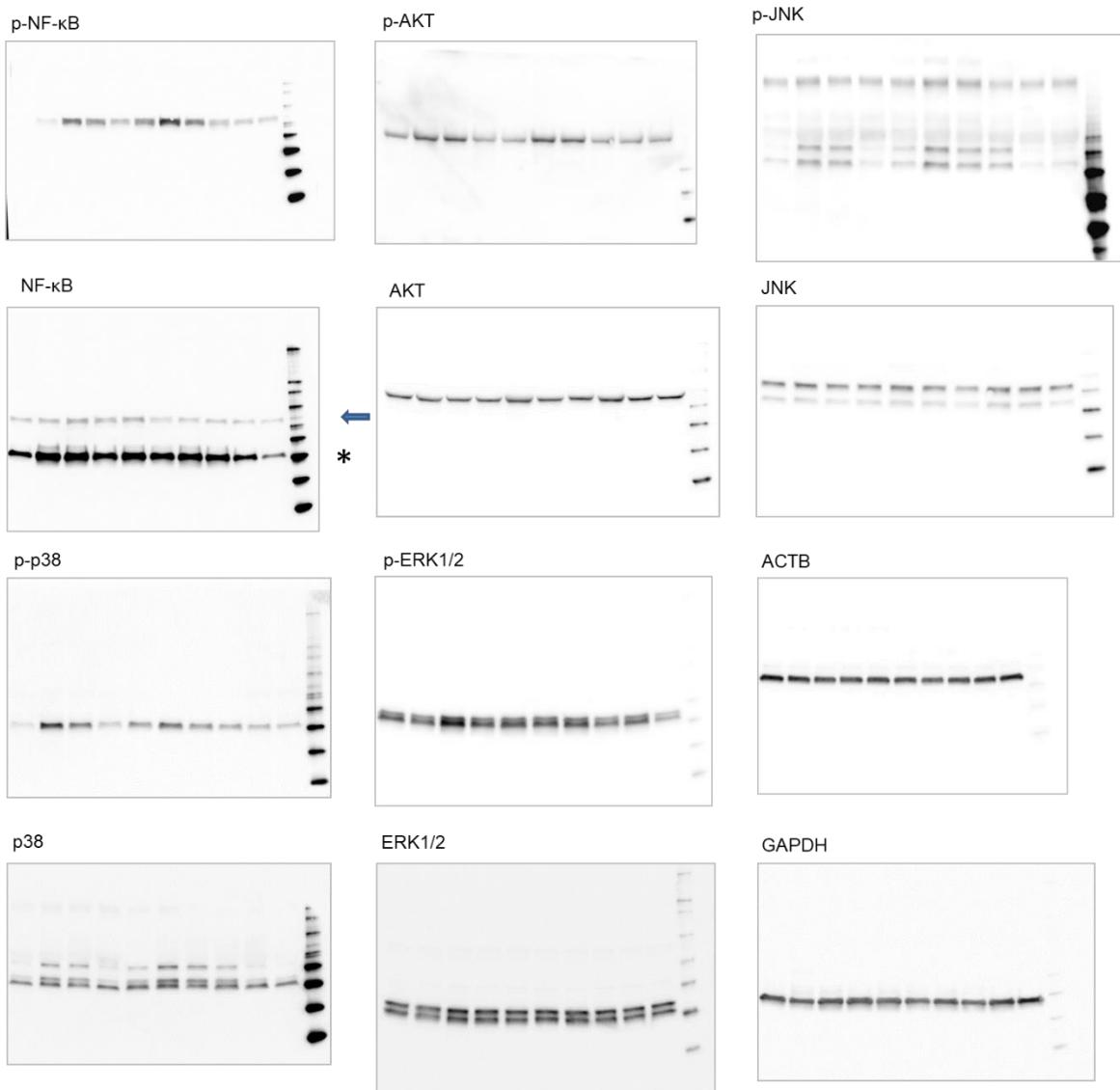
Table S4. TLR-induced gene expression of inflammatory cytokines

KC	<i>IL6</i>		<i>TNF</i>		<i>IL10</i>	
Stimulation	mean ± sd	p-value	mean ± sd	p-value	mean ± sd	p-value
w/o	9,862.3 ± 8,243.6		352.7 ± 164.2		148.9 ± 129.4	
Pam3CSK4	35,275.5 ± 19,675.9	<0.001	2,509.5 ± 1,531.8	<0.001	233.4 ± 121.6	0.071
HKLM	47,645.5 ± 30,411.1	<0.001	4,297.4 ± 3,641.0	<0.001	467.4 ± 268.4	<0.001
poly(I:C)	27,112.3 ± 16,397.4	0.001	2,523.1 ± 1,394.3	<0.001	151.8 ± 102.2	0.946
LPS	49,002.0 ± 34,574.1	<0.001	2,833.9 ± 2,204.5	<0.001	346.7 ± 305.2	0.026
flagellin	87,368.8 ± 44,872.0	<0.001	10,402.4 ± 8,008.9	<0.001	544.9 ± 309.8	<0.001
FSL-I	39,569.6 ± 23,103.9	<0.001	3,599.6 ± 3,697.9	0.002	270.0 ± 177.0	0.037
Gdq	56,604.8 ± 38,768.2	<0.001	9,387.8 ± 5,379.6	<0.001	533.9 ± 345.9	<0.001
ssRNA40	24,331.4 ± 12,833.9	0.001	3,358.6 ± 2,831.5	<0.001	233.5 ± 209.5	0.190
ODN2216	12,280.9 ± 10,063.2	0.474	695.6 ± 290.5	<0.001	178.2 ± 139.0	0.552
LSEC	<i>IL6</i>		<i>TNF</i>		<i>IL10</i>	
Stimulation	mean ± sd	p-value	mean ± sd	p-value	mean ± sd	p-value
w/o	3,156.1 ± 2,819.5		244.0 ± 180.5		40.3 ± 35.6	
Pam3CSK4	4,428.9 ± 2,866.8	0.225	512.4 ± 388.8	0.020	52.0 ± 46.9	0.446
HKLM	4,160.7 ± 3,022.5	0.350	522.4 ± 399.7	0.018	46.6 ± 43.4	0.667
poly(I:C)	13,250.3 ± 11,861.0	0.003	720.9 ± 496.9	0.001	74.1 ± 55.0	0.065
LPS	5,853.4 ± 3,562.4	0.025	710.6 ± 602.2	0.007	58.3 ± 46.1	0.240
flagellin	14,118.1 ± 19,502.0	0.039	896.8 ± 576.7	<0.001	94.1 ± 72.4	0.013
FSL-I	7,576.4 ± 3,537.6	<0.001	791.0 ± 500.8	<0.001	64.7 ± 48.4	0.125
Gdq	4,165.8 ± 2,442.7	0.299	326.6 ± 326.1	0.395	44.0 ± 38.0	0.784
ssRNA40	3,944.8 ± 2,480.3	0.419.	493.5 ± 397.4	0.032	34.7 ± 20.1	0.601
ODN2216	2,527.5 ± 1,969.0	0.482	216.0 ± 154.9	0.650	32.9 ± 24.4	0.521
HSC	<i>IL6</i>		<i>TNF</i>		<i>IL10</i>	
Stimulation	mean ± sd	p-value	mean ± sd	p-value	mean ± sd	p-value
w/o	11,396.2 ± 5,376.1		61.3 ± 60.0		12.2 ± 13.6	
Pam3CSK4	38,148.5 ± 18,017.5	<0.001	316.9 ± 324.9	0.005	25.2 ± 33.7	0.175
HKLM	40,810.2 ± 21,262.3	<0.001	810.0 ± 1,059.6	0.011	43.5 ± 51.9	0.032
poly(I:C)	54,436.2 ± 23,117.5	<0.001	152.5 ± 156.5	0.046	22.2 ± 22.5	0.198
LPS	63,691.4 ± 27,297.2	<0.001	476.6 ± 634.8	0.017	41.1 ± 45.7	0.035
flagellin	132,965.1 ± 110,010.5	<0.001	899.9 ± 819.9	<0.001	57.0 ± 55.8	0.006
FSL-I	53,066.1 ± 52,041.3	0.004	319.3 ± 300.2	0.003	24.4 ± 22.1	0.089
Gdq	51,273.5 ± 50,818.6	0.005	489.7 ± 626.3	0.013	24.0 ± 22.9	0.124
ssRNA40	31,228.8 ± 33,671.3	0.032	248.1 ± 338.9	0.044	20.2 ± 16.7	0.199
ODN2216	15,212.0 ± 11,629.0	0.255	71.5 ± 53.1	0.631.	13.8 ± 13.2	0.774

Gene expression of inflammatory cytokines was determined in untreated NPC (w/o) or in cells treated with TLR ligands for 6h (n=15). Data represent copy numbers as mean ± sd normalized to 100,000 copies of reference gene *ACTB*. Abbreviations: FSL-I; synthetic lipoprotein (TLR2/6 ligand); Gdq, Gardiquimod (TLR7 ligand); HKLM, Heat Killed Listeria monocytogenes (TLR2 ligand); HSC, hepatic stellate cells; KC, Kupffer cells; LPS, lipopolysaccharide (TLR4 ligand); LSEC, liver sinusoidal endothelial cells; ODN2216, synthetic single-stranded DNA (TLR9 ligand); Pam3CSK4, synthetic triacylated lipopeptide (TLR1/2 ligand); poly(I:C), polyinosinic-polycytidylic acid (TLR3 ligand); sd, standard deviation; ssRNA40, single-stranded RNA oligonucleotide (TLR8 ligand); TLR, toll like receptor; w/o (without treatment)

Original western blots - Figure 1

KC

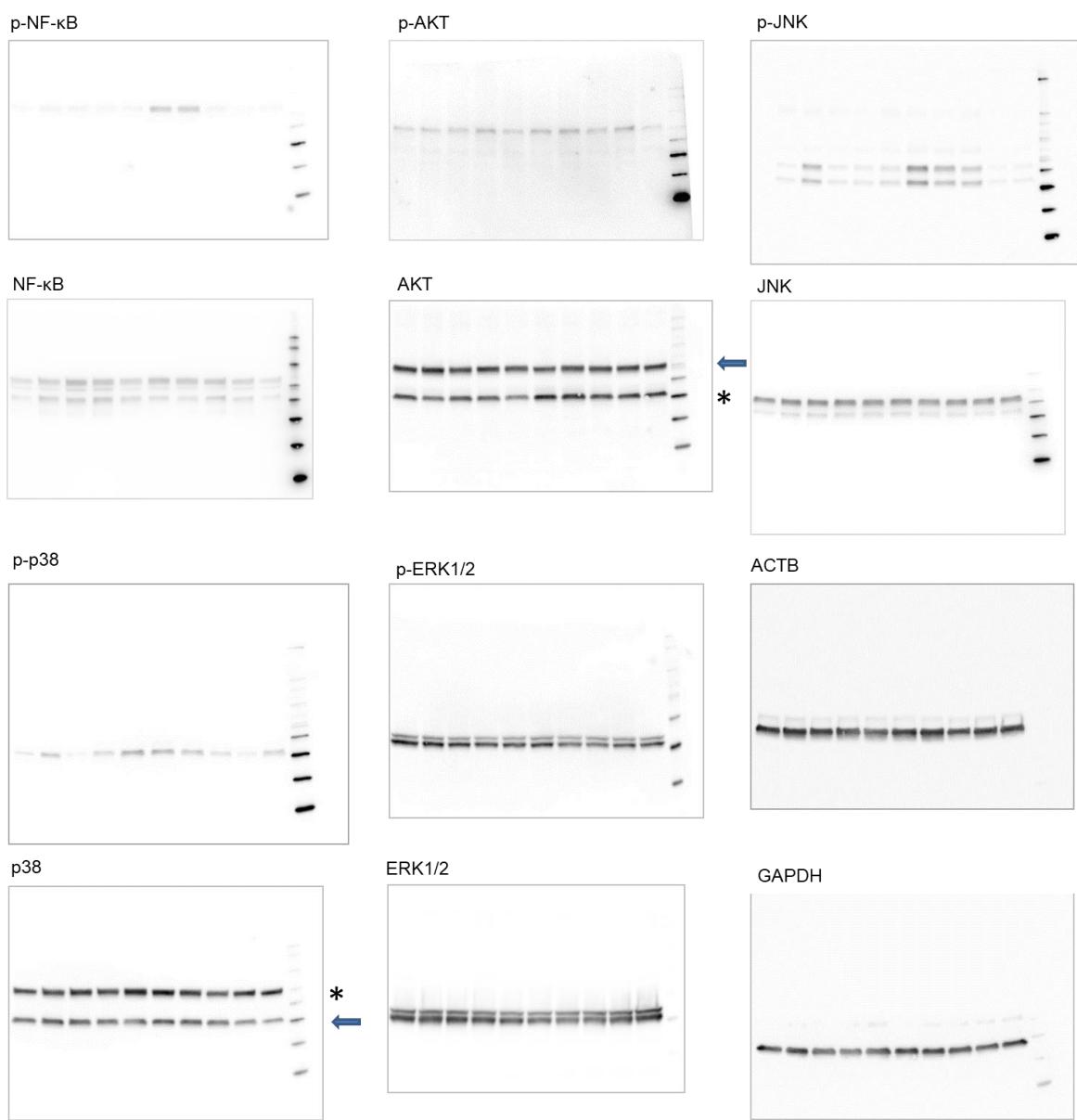


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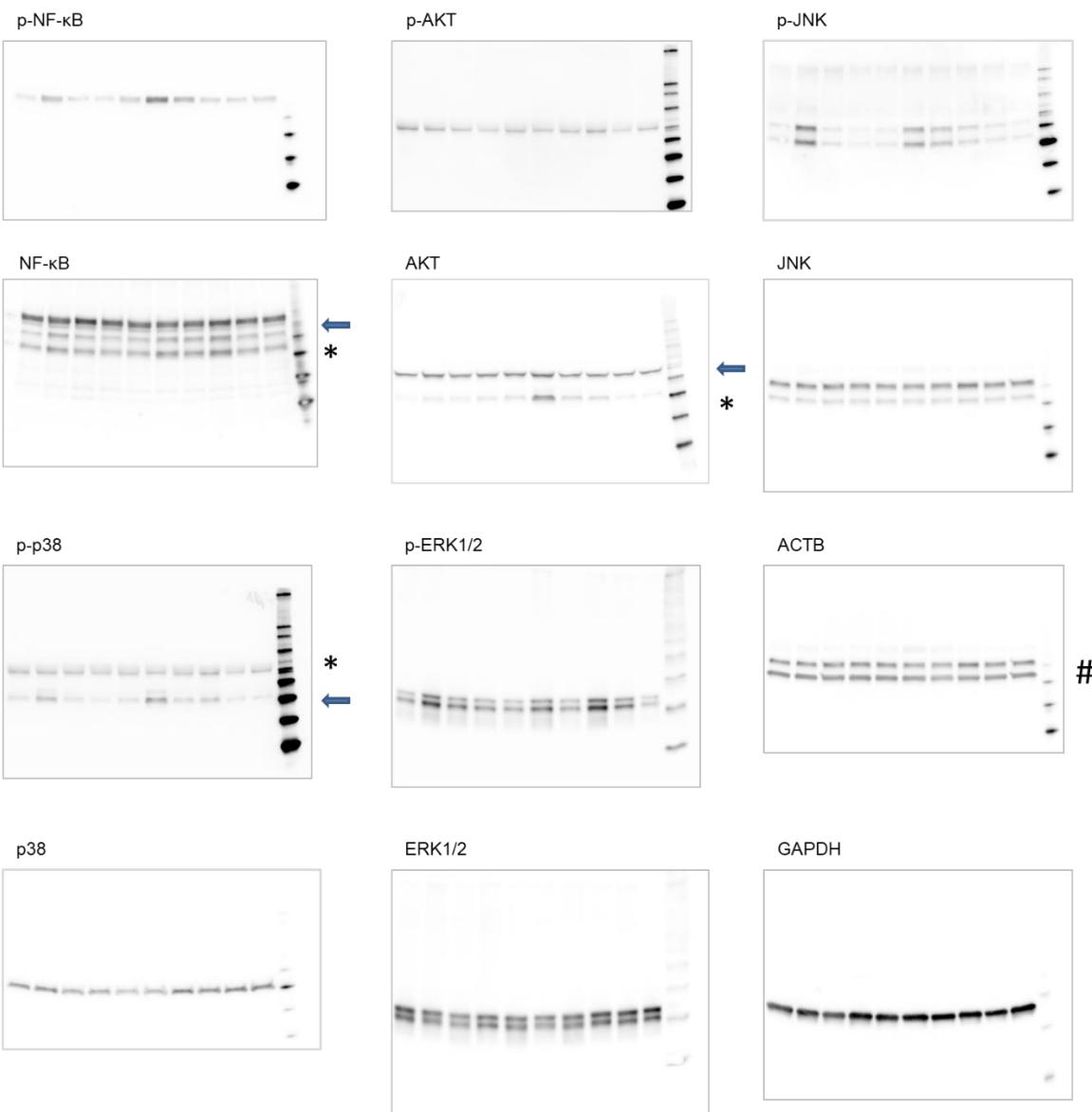


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Original western blots - Figure 1

HSC



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← band of interest

double band actin appeared in HSC

Original western blots - Figure 2

