

Supplementary Figure. S3 Conditioned medium derived from HSCs cultured on the stiff substrates upregulates FAO metabolism in colon cancer cells. (A–C) Fatty acid oxidation rate (**A**), ROS content (**B**) and ATP level (**C**) of MC38 cells treated with conditioned medium from JS-1 cells cultured on 1kPa, 10kPa and 25kPa polyacrylamide hydrogels for 48 h (oneway ANOVA, n=5 independent experiments). (**D**) The basal respiration, maximal respiration, spare respiration capacity and ATP production of MC38 cells with indicated treatment were measured by OCR measurements through Seahorse XF96 analysis (one-way ANOVA, n=5 independent experiments). (**E, F)** Relative expression of Cd36, Pparγ, Acsl1, Cpt1a and Cpt1b in MC38 cells treated with indicated conditioned medium from JS-1 cells for 48 h by qPCR analysis (one-way ANOVA, n=3 independent experiments) (**E**) and Western blot analysis (**F**).

Data are graphed as the mean \pm SD. ns, not significant, P>0.05; *P<0.05; *P<0.01; ***P<0.001.