

Supplementary Figure. S7 Matrix stiffness induces lipolysis in HSCs via activating the FAK-YAP signaling pathway. (A) Protein levels of total Fak, phosphorylated Fak, total Src, phosphorylated Src, total Akt, phosphorylated Akt, total Yap, phosphorylated Yap, and Taz in JS-1 cells cultured on 1kPa, 10kPa and 25kPa polyacrylamide hydrogels. (B) Relative mRNA levels of lipolysis related genes in LX-2 and JS-1 cells cultured on 25kPa polyacrylamide hydrogels treated with DMSO, 10 μ M FAK inhibitor (FAKi) PF-573228 or 0.1 μ M YAP inhibitor verteporfin (YAPi) for 24 h (Student's *t*-test, n=3 independent experiments). (C) Protein levels of total Fak, phosphorylated Fak, total Yap, phosphorylated Yap, Atgl, Abhd5, total Lipe, phosphorylated Lipe and Mgll protein levels in JS-1 cells treated as indicated. (D) Representative images (left) and quantification (right) of lipid level in JS-1 cells with indicated

treatment. Scale bar: $5\mu m$ (one-way ANOVA, n=5 independent experiments). (E) FFA content in supernatant from LX-2 and JS-1 cells with indicated treatment (one-way ANOVA, n=5 independent experiments). (F) Representative images (left) and quantification (right) of labelled lipids in MC38 cells after co-culturing with JS-1 cells treated as indicated. Scale bar: $5\mu m$ (one-way ANOVA, n=5 independent experiments). (G) Fatty acid oxidation rate of MC38 cells treated with indicated conditioned medium (one-way ANOVA, n=5 independent experiments). (H) Protein levels of Cd36, Ppary, Acsl1, Cpt1a and Cpt1b in MC38 cells treated with indicated conditioned medium from JS-1 cells. Data are graphed as the mean \pm SD. ns, not significant, P>0.05; *P < 0.05; **P< 0.01; ***P < 0.001.