



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S2. NaHS decreased IL-6 expression and JAK2/STAT3 activation in the pretreatment model. (A) Time course valuation of *HAMP* induction by LPS-CM. *HAMP* mRNA level in Huh7 cells was analyzed after incubation with LPS-CM for different hours ($n=3$). (B) *IL6* mRNA level in THP-1 cells treated with NaHS in the absence or presence of LPS. NaHS suppressed *IL6* mRNA expression induced by LPS (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$), while elicited no significant effect without LPS stimulation ($n=3$). (C, D) Densitometry analysis of JAK2/STAT3 activation in Huh7 cells treated by LPS-CM and NaHS ($n=4$). Data are represented as the mean \pm SEM of three individual experiments. # $p < 0.05$, ## $p < 0.01$, and ### $p < 0.001$ compared with the control group; * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ compared with the LPS or LPS-CM group. CM, conditioned medium; IL-6, interleukin-6.