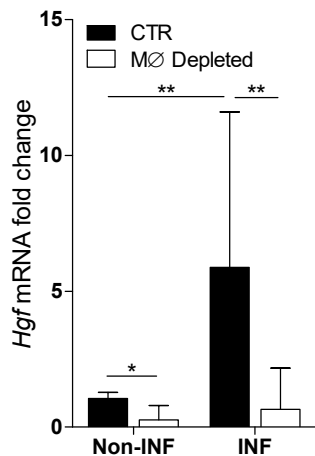


## HGF secreted by Activated Kupffer Cells Induces Apoptosis of Plasmodium-Infected Hepatocytes

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**Depletion of liver macrophages decreases *Hgf* mRNA expression.** Macrophages depleted (*MØ* depleted) *in vivo* by clodronate-containing liposomes show reduced *Hgf* mRNA expression in total livers of non-infected (Non-INF) and infected (INF) mice, and is evidenced in the INF group. *Hgf* mRNA expression was measured by qRT-PCR in six livers per mouse group, all from C57BL/6 mouse strain. (Non-parametric Mann-Whitney test,  $p < 0.05$  (\*) and  $p \leq 0.001$  (\*\*))