

Supplemental data

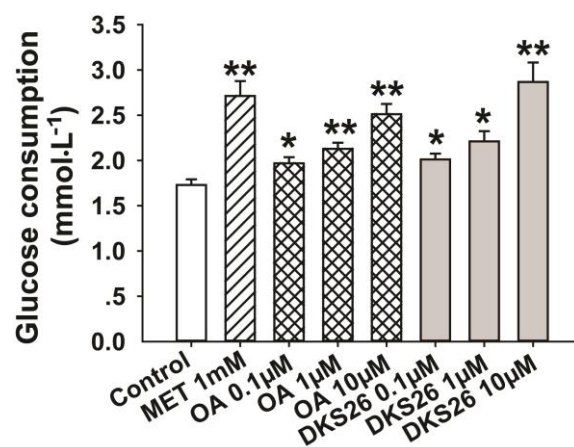


Figure S1 Effects of DKS26 on the glucose consumption in human hepatic HepG2 Cells. OA represented oleanolic acid, MET represented metformin. Values are expressed as mean \pm SEM (n= 3). Compared with control group, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$. Glucose consumption = glucose concentrations of blank wells – glucose concentrations of cell plated wells. The glucose consumption values were adjusted by SRB test. This glucose lowering activity *in vitro* showed that DKS26 might have hypoglycemic effects *in vivo*.

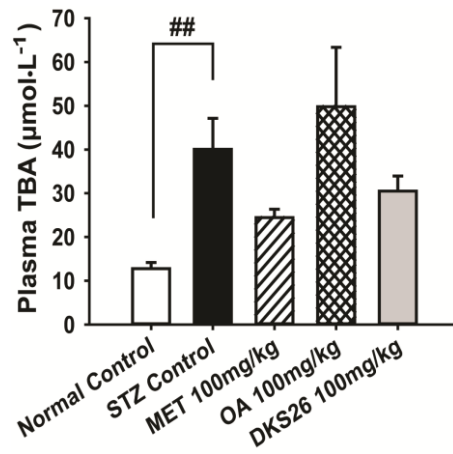


Figure S2 Effects of DKS26 on plasma total bile acids (TBA) levels in STZ-induced diabetic mice for 33 days' administration. OA represented oleanolic acid, MET represented metformin. Values are expressed as mean \pm SEM. Normal Control (n = 5), STZ control (n= 7) and other groups (n= 8). Compared with normal control group, ^{##} $P < 0.01$.

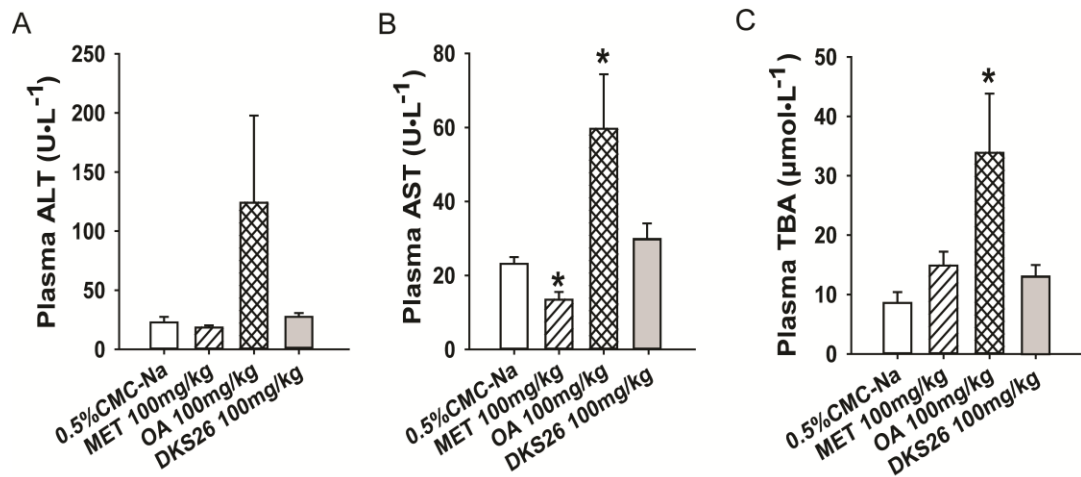


Figure S3 Effects of DKS26 on hepatic function and plasma total bile acids (TBA) levels in normal ICR mice for 8 days. OA represented oleanolic acid, MET represented metformin. Values are expressed as mean \pm SEM (OA group n= 5 and other groups n= 6). Compared with control group, * P <0.05, ** P <0.01, *** P <0.001. These findings indicated that the effect of DKS26 on hepatic injury in normal mice was significantly lower than OA.

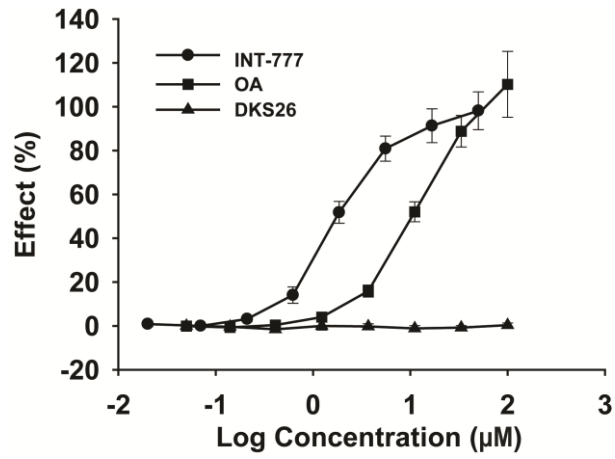


Figure S4 Direct effects of DKS26 on TGR5 in HEK293/pGL4.29/hTGR5 cells. Effect (%) was calculated as relative effect of 20 µM INT-777 regarded as 100%. EC50 was $1.77 \pm 0.45 \mu\text{M}$ and $13.66 \pm 1.81 \mu\text{M}$ for INT-777 and OA, respectively. OA represented oleanolic acid. Values are expressed as mean \pm SD (n= 3).

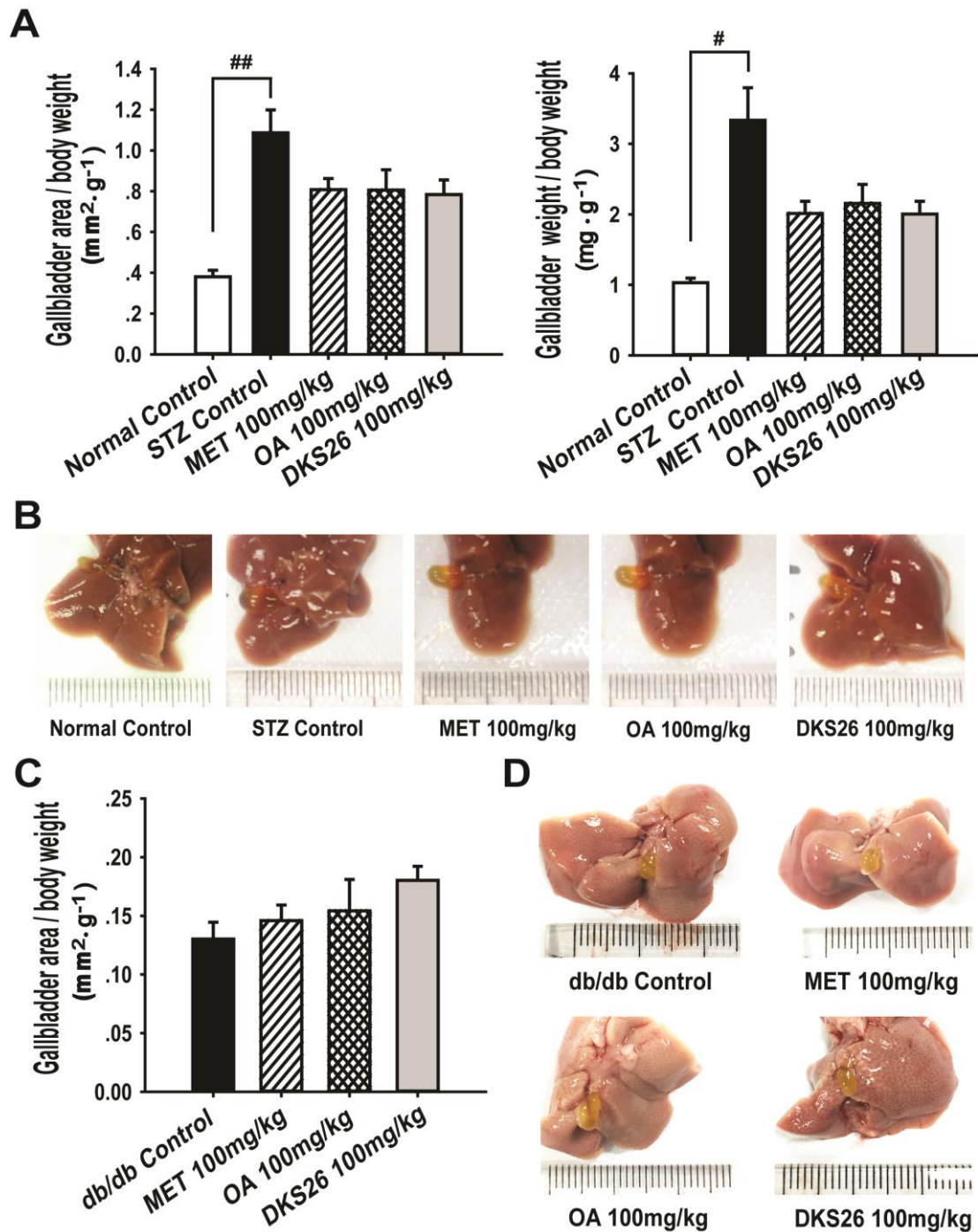


Figure S5 Effects of DKS26 on gallbladder size in STZ-induced and db/db diabetic mice. The gallbladders were removed 2h after the last administration and measured by a vernier caliper or analytical balance. The size of gallbladder was expressed as the cross-sectional area (length x width, mm²) or weight (mg) and corrected by body weight (g). (A) STZ-induced diabetic mice (normal control n= 5, STZ control n= 7 and other groups n= 8). (B) Db/db diabetic mice (db/db and metformin control n= 7, and other groups n= 8). OA represented oleanolic acid, MET represented metformin. Values are expressed as mean \pm SEM. Compared with normal control group, [#] $P < 0.05$, ^{##} $P < 0.01$.

Table S1 Effects of DKS26 on blood glucose with a single administration in STZ-induced diabetic mice.

Groups	Fasting blood glucose (mmol L ⁻¹)				
	Before	0.5h after	1h after	2h after	3h after
Normal Control	8.6±0.3	9.3±0.3	8.7±0.4	7.1±0.8	6.3±0.5
STZ Control	25.1±1.6 ^{###}	30.0±2.1 ^{###}	0.8±1.9 ^{###}	30.7±1.1 ^{###}	25.2±2.0 ^{###}
MET 100mg/kg	24.5±2.2	26.3±1.7	25.7±1.8	19.4±3.8*	14.4±3.8*
OA 100mg/kg	25.9±2.3	25.0±3.6	24.5±3.6	22.3±3.3	19.7±1.4
DKS26 100mg/kg	26.1±1.9	24.5±1.5	22.6±3.4	16.9±3.2**	16.4±4.6

Values are expressed as mean ± SEM. STZ-induced diabetic mice (STZ control n= 6 and other groups n= 5). OA represented oleanolic acid, MET represented metformin. Compared with normal control group, ^{###}*P*<0.001; compared with STZ control group, **P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01.

Table S2 The primer sequences used in this study.

Primers	Sequences (5'→3')
<i>gcg</i> forward	GCACATTCACCAGCGACTACA
<i>gcg</i> reverse	TGACGTTTGGCAATGTTGTTC
<i>PC3</i> forward	CTTCTTTTCTCTCAGCCCTTCCTAC
<i>PC3</i> reverse	CATTCATTGACAAACTGCCTCTTC
<i>GAPDH</i> forward	GTCATCCATGACAACCTTGG
<i>GAPDH</i> reverse	GAGCTTGACAAAGTGGTCGT
<i>TNF-α</i> forward	CCAGACCCTCACACTCAGATC
<i>TNF-α</i> reverse	CACTTGGTGGTTTGCTACGAC
<i>IL-6</i> forward	CCAGAGATACAAAGAAATGATGG
<i>IL-6</i> reverse	ACTCCAGAAGACCAGAGGAAAT
<i>IL-1β</i> forward	CTTCAGGCAGGCAGTATCACTCAT
<i>IL-1β</i> reverse	TCTAATGGGAACGTCACACACCAG
<i>SREPB-1c</i> forward	CGACATCGAAGACATGCTTCAG
<i>SREPB-1c</i> reverse	GGAAGGCTTCAAGAGAGGAGC
<i>FAS</i> forward	CCCTTGATGAAGAGGGATC
<i>FAS</i> reverse	ACTCCACAGGTGGGAACAAG
<i>PPAR-α</i> forward	TGTCGAATATGTGGGGACAA
<i>PPAR-α</i> reverse	AAACGGATTGCATTGTGTGA
<i>CPT1</i> forward	GCTCGCACATTACAAGGACAT
<i>CPT1</i> reverse	TGGACACCACATAGAGGCAG
<i>β-actin</i> forward	GGTCATCACTATTGGCAACG
<i>β-actin</i> reverse	ACGGATGTCAACGTCACACT