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**Figure.S1. Purity analysis of hepcidin-20 and -25.** The purified hepcidin-20 **(A)** and -25 **(B)** obtained following preparative RP-HPLC.





8 Figure.S2. The hepcidin-Fpn axis controls the iron content in L8824 cells. (A and B) pFpn-9 eGFP, pHepcidin-RFP, and empty vector transiently transfected L8824 cells were seeded in 12-10 well plates. qRT-PCR and western blot (WB) were used to assess the efficiency of Fpn and 11 hepcidin overexpression. (C and D) Intracellular labile 219 iron pool (LIP) levels in Fpn and 12 hepcidin overexpression samples were detected by fluorometric assay. Calcein (CA) 13 fluorescence intensity was measured in the Multiscan Spectrum microplate reader. (E and F) 14 The Ferritin expressions were determined at 24 h after cell transfection of plasmid by qRT-PCR. 15 Results were expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (n=4), \*P< 0.05; \*\*P < 0.01.

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19 Figure.S3. Cellular iron homeostasis affects the ability of L8824 cells to resist bacterial 20 infection. (A) Cells were seed in 12-well plates for 24 h and then treated with PBS, FeSO4, or 21 DFO for 3 more hours. The LIP levels were detected by fluorometric assay, and the CA 22 fluorescence intensity was measured in the Multiscan Spectrum microplate reader. After 23 stimulated with PBS, FeSO4, or DFO, the cells were incubated with A. hydrophila (5×106 CFU/mL, 24 500 µL) for 24 h. Cell density was determined using phase-contrast microscopy (B) and crystal 25 violet staining (C). (D) Mix FeSO4 and DFO in different proportions to stimulate the cells. 26 Subsequently, cells were incubated with A. hydrophila (5×106 CFU/mL, 500 µL) for 24 h. The 27 final density of the cell was determined by crystal violet staining.







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31 Figure.S4. Effect of bacterial gDNA on iron homeostasis and immune regulation in L8824

cells. (A) The LIP content was detected by fluorometric assay after bacterial DNA stimulation.

32 33 34 The cells were harvested for qRT-PCR to quantify the relative expression of Ferritin (B), Fpn (C) IL-6 (D), iNOS (E). Data were expressed as mean ± SD (n=4), \*P<0.05; \*\*P<0.01.

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38 Figure.S5. Grass carp model of intestinal tract infection established by A. hydrophila strains.

39 (A)The mortality statistics for the grass carp which infected with a linear concentration gradient

40 model of bacteria.(B) The symptoms of A. hydrophila -infection test in grass carp.(C) At 3 days 41

post-infection, the bacterial burden in different tissues of grass carp infected with A. hydrophila.