

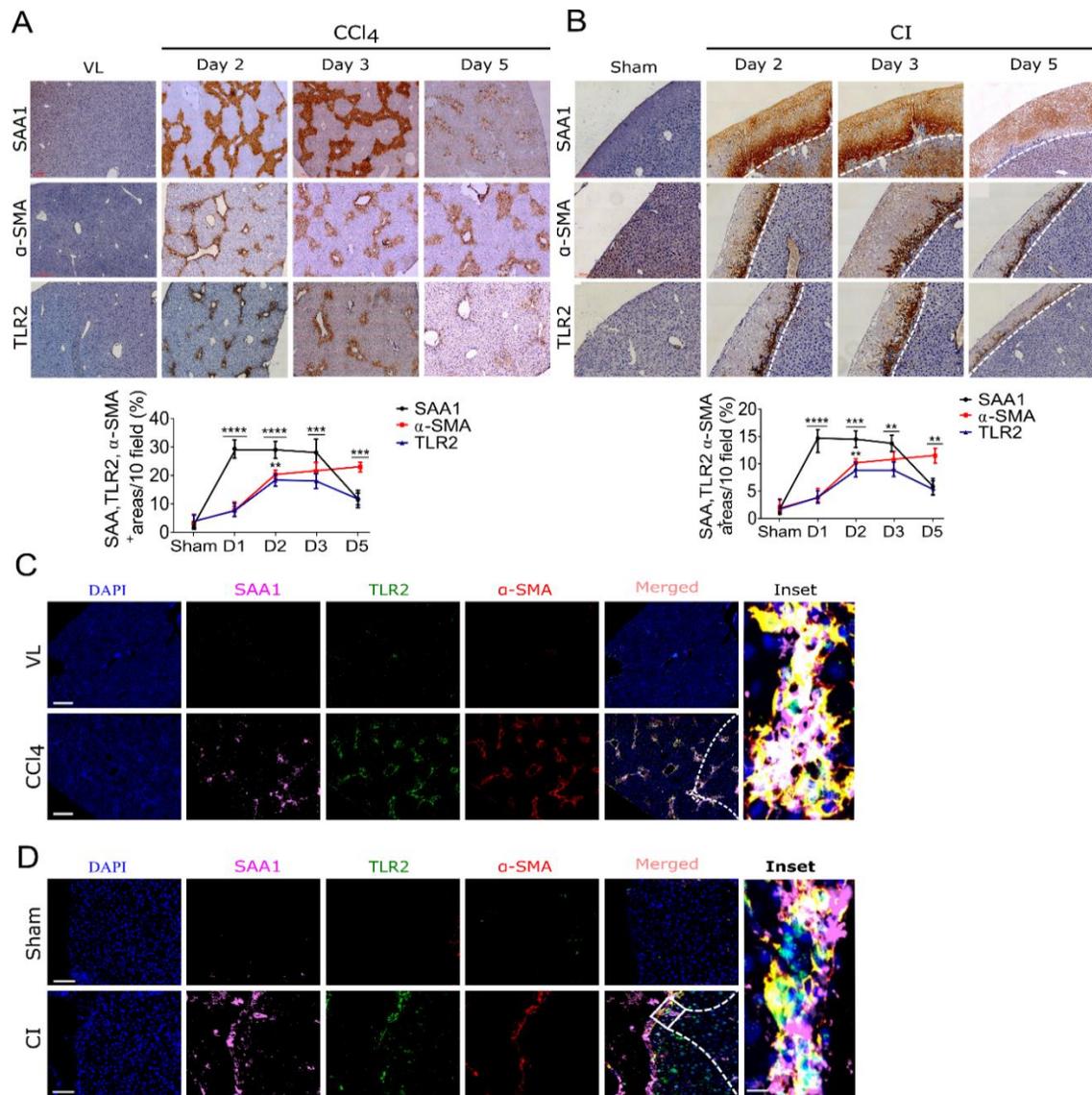
**Supplemental information**

**SAA1/TLR2 axis directs**

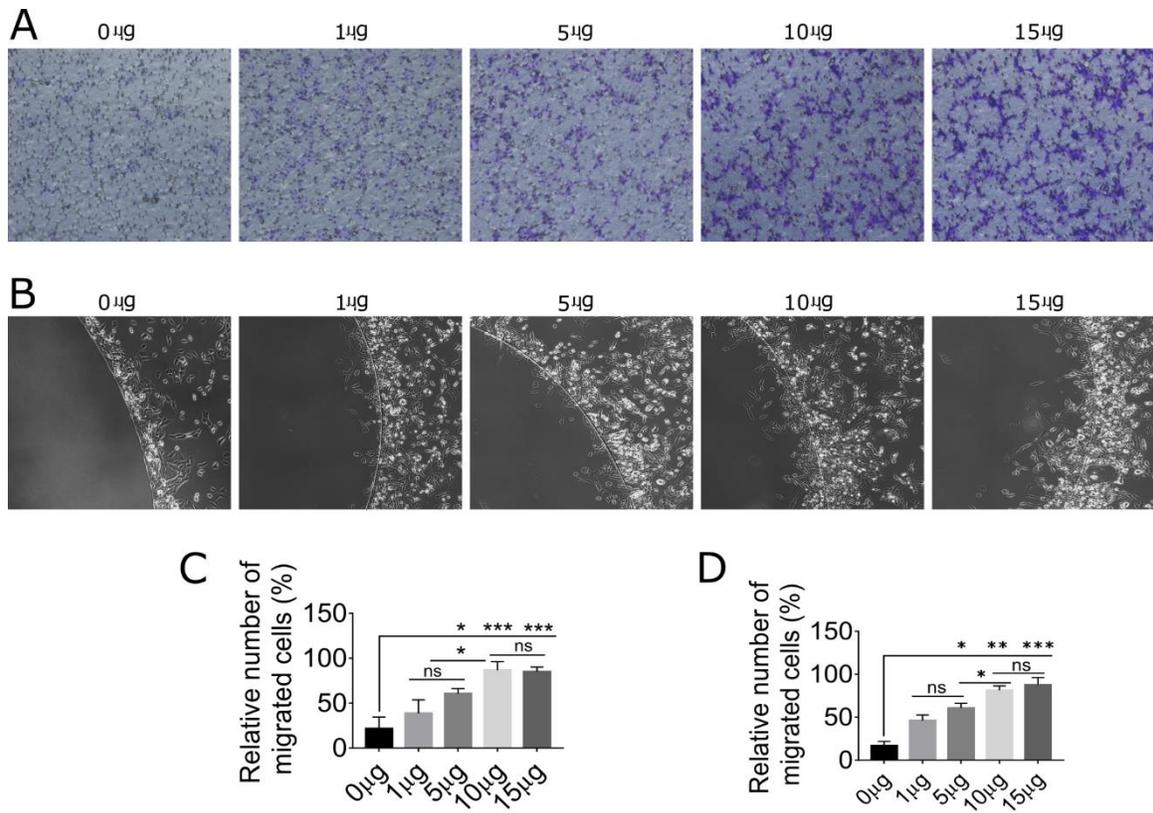
**chemotactic migration of hepatic**

**stellate cells responding to injury**

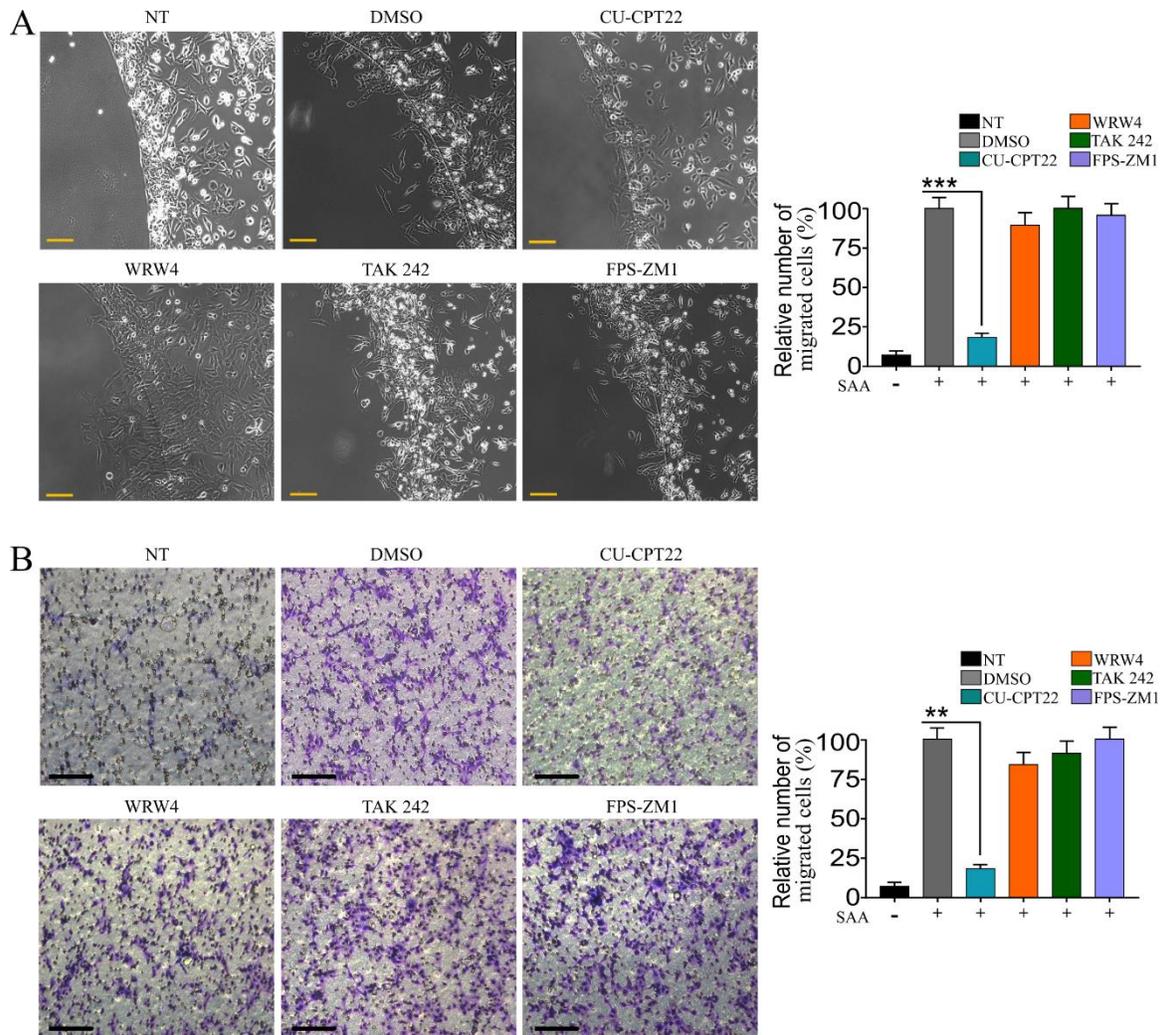
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**Figure S1. Expression and pathological relevance of SAA1, TLR2 and HSCs at injury locus, Related to Figure 2.** (A) Representative IHC staining of SAA1, α-SMA and TLR2 in CCl<sub>4</sub> injury model at indicated time intervals. (B) Representative IHC staining of SAA1, α-SMA and TLR2 in CI injury model at indicated time intervals. Bar graphs represent quantification of IHC positive cells/area in CCl<sub>4</sub> and CI injury model at indicated time intervals. (C and D) Confocal immunofluorescence images showing colocalization of SAA1, TLR2 and HSCs at CCl<sub>4</sub> (C) and CI injury (D) models.



**Figure S2. SAA1 mediates migration of HSCs in dose-dependent manner, Related to Figure 2.** (A) Representative Transwell migration assays showing SAA1 mediates migration of LX-2 cells in dose dependent (1-15µg) manner. (B) Representative Agarose spot migration assay showing the cells migrate under SAA1 containing spot in dose-dependent manner at indicated concentrations. (C) Quantification of Transwell migration assay. SAA1 attract LX-2 cells with maximal concentration of 10 to 15 µg/ml. (D) Quantification of agarose migration assay the maximal concentration by which SAA1 attract more numerous cells were shown at 10 to 15µg/ml.



**Figure S3. Inhibitor of TLR2 (CU\_CPT22) has blocked migration of LX-2 cells in agarose spot and Transwell assays, Related to Figure 3.** (A) Agarose spot migration assay showing LX-2 cells pretreated with different inhibitors and the effects in SAA1 induced migration. (B) Transwell migration assay showing LX-2 cells pretreated with different inhibitors and the effects in SAA1 induced migration.

**Table S1. Stealth RNAi™ siRNA sequences used for *in vivo* knockdown of SAA1, Related to Figure 1.**

|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| SAA1-siRNA1 | CAACUAUGAUGCUGCUCAA |
| SAA1-siRNA2 | GUCCUCCUAUUAGCUCAGU |
| SAA1-siRNA3 | GAGGAGAGGGUAAUAAACA |
| SAA1-siRNA4 | CAUAACCUAUUGCUCUCGU |
| SAA1-siRNA5 | GACCUCCUAUUAGCUCACA |

**Table S2. siRNA sequences used to knockdown of TLR2 in HSCs, Related to STAR methods Transfection of siRNA.**

| siRNA          | (5'-3')                  | Modification |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Rat-Tlr2-si-1  | CAGCAGAAUCAAUACAAUAdTdT  | N/A          |
|                | UAUUGUAUUGAUUCUGCUGdTdT  |              |
| Rat -Tlr2-si-2 | GCCUUGACCUGUCUUUCAAdTdT  | N/A          |
|                | UUGAAAGACAGGUCAAGGCdTdT  |              |
| Rat -Tlr2-si-3 | GGAAAUGUAGAGACUUUCAAdTdT | N/A          |
|                | UGAAAGUCUCUACAUUUCCdTdT  |              |
|                | UAAAUGUUCAAGACUGCCCdTdT  |              |
| NC             | UUCUCCGAACGUGUCACGUdTdT  | N/A          |
|                | ACGUGACACGUUCGGAGAAAdTdT |              |
| FAM NC         | UUCUCCGAACGUGUCACGUdTdT  | 5'Fam        |
|                | ACGUGACACGUUCGGAGAAAdTdT |              |
| M/H MAPK1siRNA | UGCUGACUCCAAAGCUCUGdTdT  | N/A          |
|                | CAGAGCUUUGGAGUCAGCAAdTdT |              |
| GAPDH          | GUGGAGAUUGUUGCCAUCAAdTdT | N/A          |
|                | UGAUGGCAACAAUCUCCACdTdT  |              |

**Table S3. Primers for used in this study, Related to STAR methods Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction.**

| Primers |           |                    | Sequences                                       | Gene ID    |
|---------|-----------|--------------------|---|------------|
| Species | Gene name |                    |   |            |
| Human   | TLR2      | Forward<br>Reverse | gttgcaagcaggatccaaag<br>tgtcttctgccttacttg      | ID: 7097   |
| Rat     | TLR2      | Forward<br>Reverse | aggactcaagagcatcggt<br>gcagaatggccttccctga      | ID: 310553 |
| Human   | FPR2      | Forward<br>Reverse | agccaagaagcacacaggaa<br>atccgcagaacagtgtagcc    | ID: 2358   |
| Rat     | FPR2      | Forward<br>Reverse | tgctggacgtagcaaact<br>actcgtaagggacgactgga      | ID: 690158 |
| Human   | AGER      | Forward<br>Reverse | cctcaggaccaggaaccta<br>gaggctcaccgatgatgct      | ID: 177    |
| Rat     | AGER      | Forward<br>Reverse | agaaaccggtgatgaaggaca<br>ggtgtcgtttccgacag      | ID: 81722  |
| Human   | TLR4      | Forward<br>Reverse | agacctgtccctgaaccctat<br>cgatggacttctaaaccagcca | ID: 7099   |
| Rat     | TLR4      | Forward<br>Reverse | gaggacaatgctctggggag<br>atgggttttaggcgagagt     | ID: 29260  |
| Human   | SR-B1     | Forward<br>Reverse | cctatccccttctatctctccg<br>ggatgttggcatgacgatgt  | ID: 949    |
| Rat     | SR-B1     | Forward<br>Reverse | gaacacgttctacacgcagc<br>cctgcatggcctccttatcc    | ID: 25073  |
| Human   | MCP-1     | Forward<br>Reverse | cagccagatgcaatcaatgcc<br>tggatcctgaaccacttct    | ID: 6347   |
| Human   | IL-8      | Forward<br>Reverse | tttgccaaggagtgctaaaga<br>aacctctgcaccagtttc     | ID: 3576   |
| Human   | RANTES    | Forward<br>Reverse | ccagcagtcgtcttgcac<br>ctctgggtggcacacact        | ID: 6352   |