Target gene	Primer designation	Oligonucleotide sequence (5`-3`)	Product size (bp)
m-TLR-2	Tlr <sub>2</sub> -F	TCCTGCGAACTCCTATCC	151
	Tlr <sub>2</sub> -R	CCTGGTGACATTCCAAGAC	
m-TLR-4	Tlr <sub>4</sub> -F	GCCTTTCAGGGAATTAAGCTCC	114
	Tlr <sub>4</sub> -R	GATCAACCGATGGACGTGTAAA	
m-TNF-α	Tnf-F	AACAACTACTCAGAAACACAAG	130
	Tnf-R	GCAGAACTCAGGAATGGA	
m-TGF-β	Tgfb-F	AATTCCTGGCGTTACCTT	116
	Tgfb-R	TGTATTCCGTCTCCTTGG	
m-α-SMA	Sma-F	CTGCCGAGCGTGAGATTG	122
	Sma-R	AGGCAGTTCGTAGCTCTTCT	
m-Col1a1	Col1-F	GGGGCAAGACAGTCATCGAA	144
	Col1-R	GGGTGGAGGGAGTTTACACG	
m-TIMP1	Timp-R	AGTGTTTCCCTGTTTATCTATCC	105
	Timp-R	AAGTGACGGCTCTGGTAG	
m-PDGF	Pdgf-F	CACCACCGCAGTGTCAAG	116
	Pdgf-R	AGGTTGGAGGTCGCACAT	
m-RPL-19	Rpl-F	TCAGCCACAACATTCTCA	138
	Rpl-R	GCACCTCCAACAGTAAGT	
m-HPRT	Hprt-F	TCAGTCAACGGGGGGACATAAA	142
	Hprt-R	GGGGCTGTACTGCTTAACCAG	
TLR-2	Tlr <sub>2</sub> -F	TTATCCAGCACACGAATACACAG	160
	Tlr <sub>2</sub> -R	AGGCATCTGGTAGAGTCATCAA	
TLR-4	Tlr <sub>4</sub> -F	AGACCTGTCCCTGAACCCTAT	147
	Tlr <sub>4</sub> -R	CGATGGACTTCTAAACCAGCCA	
TGF-β	Tgfb-F	GCACAACTCCGGTGACATCAA	86
	Tgf-R	CAATTCCTGGCGATACCTCAG	
α-SMA	Sma-F	ATGATGCTGTTGTAGGTG	142
	Sma -R	TTGAGAAGAGTTACGAGTTG	
Col1a1	Col1-F	TTACACAAGGAACAGAACA	91
	Col1-R	CGACAAAGCAGAAACATC	

Table S1. Oligonucleotide primers used in real-time PCR in cell line and mice.

TIMP1	Timp-F	CTATCAGCCACAGCAACAACAGG	82
	Timp-R	GCCCAGAGAGACACCAGAGAAC	
GAPDH	GAPDH-F	TGGAAGATGGTGATGGGATT	211
	GAPDH-R	TCAACGGATTTGGTCGTATTG	

Target gene	Primer designation	Oligonucleotide sequence (5`-3`)	Product size (bp)
Universal	Uni-F	ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGT	1
	Uni-R	ATTACCGCGGCTGCTGGC	
Firmicute	Firm-F Firm-R	GGAG <b>Y</b> ATGTGGTTTAATTCGAAGCA AGCTGACGACAACCATGCAC	2
Bacteroidetes	Bactero-F Bactero-R	GTTTAATTCGATGATACGCG TTAAGCCGACACCTCACG	2
Fusobacteria	Fuso-F Fuso-R	GATCCAGCAATTCTGTGTG CGAATTTCACCTCTACACTTG	3
Actinobacteria	Actino-F	GCGACCTATCAGCTTGTT	3
	Actino-R	CCGCCTACGAGCTCTTTACGC	
Clostridia	Ccl-F Ccl-R	AAAGGAAGATTAATACCGCATA TTCTTCCTAATCTCTACGCA	4
γ-Proteobacteria	Gamma-F Gamma -R	CATGCCGCGTGTGTGAA ACTCCCCAGGCGGTC <b>D</b> ACTTA	5
α-Proteobacteria	Alpha-F	GGTAAGGTTCTGCGCGTT	5
	Alpha-R	GGTAAGGTTCTGCGCGTT	
ε-Proteobacteria	Epsilon-R Epsilon-R	TGGTGTAGGGGGTAAAATCCG AGGTAAGGTTCTTCG <b>Y</b> GTATC	3
Enterobacteriaceae	Enterob-F	CGTCGCAAGMMCAAAGAG	3
	Enterob-R	TTACCGCGGCTGCTGGCAC	
Rumminococcaceae	Rum-F	GGCGGCYTRCTGGGCTTT	6
	Rum-R	CCAGGTGGATWACTTATTGTGTTAA	
Peptostreptococcus	Pepto-F	ATAGGAGGAAGCCCTGGCTAAA	This study
	Pepto-R	CTCCACGCTTTGACACCTGA	
Prevotellaceae	Prevo-F	CACCAAGGCGACGATCA	7
	Prevo-R	GGATAACGCCTGGACCT	
Methanobrevibacter spp.	Methano-F	CGATGCGGACTTGGTGTTG	8
	Methano-R	IGIUGUUIUIGGIGAGATGIU	

 Table S2. Oligonucleotide primers used for the gut microbiota analysis.

A. muciniphila	Am-F	CAGCACGTGAAGGTGGGGAC	9
	Am-R	CCTTGCGGTTGGCTTCAGAT	
Alistipes spp.	Alis-F	TTAGAGATGGGCATGCGTTGT	10
	Alis-R	TGAATCCTCCGTATT	
Veillonella spp.	Veillo-F	ACAACCTGCCCTTCAGA	11
	Veillo-R	CGTCCCGATTAACAGAGCTT	
Enterococcus spp.	Enteroc-F	CCCTTATTGTTAGTTGCCATCATT	12
	Enteroc-R	ACTCGTTCTACTTCCCATTGT	
F. prausnitzii	Fp-F	GATGGCCTCGCGTCCGATTAG	13
	Fp-R	CCGAAGACCTTCTTCCTCC	
E. coli	GAPDH-F	TGGAAGATGGTGATGGGATT	14
	GAPDH-R	TCAACGGATTTGGTCGTATTG	
Bifidobacterium spp.	Bifido-F	GGGATGCTGGTGTGGAAGAG	12
	Bifido-R	TGCTCGCGTCCACTATCCAG	
Lactobacillus spp.	Lacto-F	TGGATGCCTTGGCACTAG	12
	Lacto-R	AAATCTCCGGATCAAAGCTTAC	
Roseburia spp.	Rose-F	TACTGCATTGGAAACTGTCG	7
	Rose-R	CGGCACCGAAGAGCAAT	

The nucleotides in bold type represent: Y, C or T; K, G or T; M, A or C; D, A or G or T; R, A or G.

Figure S2. Gene expression of liver fibrosis markers in LX-2 cells upon treatment with different MOIs of live, pasteurized *A. muciniphila* and its EVs. Relative gene expression of fibrosis markers were markedly increased after treatment of LX-2 cells with LPS in comparison with quiescence condition. The mRNA level of an anti-fibrosis factors were decreased in LPS stimulated LX-2 cells treated with different supplementation of *A. muciniphila*. Data are shown as the mean  $\pm$  SEM. \**P* < 0.05, \*\**P* < 0.01, \*\*\**P* < 0.001 and by post hoc one-way ANOVA statistical analysis.





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