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### Software and code

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Data collection	ZEN 3 for confocal imaging; Quantity One for the imaging of western blot and agarose gel electrophoresis; StepOne 2.3 for quantitative RT-PCR analysis; BD FACSuite for flow cytometry analysis.
Data analysis	Image-Pro Plus and Image J were used to analyze the results of Masson's staining, TTC-Evans blue staining, immunostaining, and Western blot. Flowjo 10 was used to analyze the results of Flow cytometry. RNA-seq data analysis was performed using HISAT2, featureCounts and DESeq2 packages. The generation of graphs, as well as the determination of significance of differences were performed with Graphpad Prism 8.

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The data for the expression levels of DUSP6 RNA in multiple human cell types were obtained from Human Protein Atlas (<https://www.proteinatlas.org/ENSG00000139318-DUSP6/single+cell+type>). The RNA-seq datasets of cardiac macrophages generated in this study have been deposited in Gene Expression

Omnibus (GEO) under accession code GSE195978. The remaining data in this study are available within the article, Supplementary Information and source data file. Source data are provided with this paper.

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

### Sample size

For experiments involving qRT-PCR, western blot, immunostaining, ELISA, flow cytometry and RNA-seq analyses, n = 3 was chosen as the minimal replicate number according to the typically minimum standards in the field, shown in previous studies (PMID: 19570514, 23261783, 32130914 and 32076644). Nonetheless, we performed most of these experiments with the sample size no less than 4 for each group. For all animal experiments including MI surgery and echocardiography, as well as the assessments of survival rate and infarct size, we used n = 5 as the minimal replicate number but only for the analyses in Supplementary Figure 12c-d. For other animal experiments in this study, we made the sample size as large as possible, which was determined by the specific situation of animal feeding and availability, to ensure the reliability of the results.

### Data exclusions

No data exclusion was executed in our study.

### Replication

We have repeated all presented experiments were at least three times with biological independent samples, and got similar results.

### Randomization

All animals chosen for MI surgery and the subsequent analyses were sex- and age-matched, and were operated and analyzed equally and randomly.

### Blinding

The operator of all echocardiographic analyses was blinded to group allocation during data collection and analysis. For other experiments, blinding was not possible since the primary investigators performed the experiments from the beginning to the end due to the technical nature of the experiments.

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## Antibodies

## Antibodies used

anti-DUSP6 (1:100, Origene, TA323084, lot #C509AA0011), anti-HIS48 (1:50, clone HIS48, Abd Serotec, MCA967), anti-MPO (1:50, clone 8F4, Novus, NBP1-51148, lot #1619M1114A), anti-protease 3 (1:50, clone D-1, Santa Cruz, sc-74534, lot #C0414), anti-8-OHDG (1:100, clone N45.1, Abcam, ab48508, lot #GR3216151-2), anti-rat CD45-PE-Cy7 (1:300, clone OX-1, BD Biosciences, 561588, lot #9336582), anti-rat granulocyte-FITC (1:300, clone HIS48, BD Biosciences, 554907, lot #5190755), anti-rat macrophage-PE (1:300, clone HIS36, eBioscience, 12-0660-82, lot #4312190), anti-rat CD11b-PE (1:300, clone WT.5, BD Biosciences, 562105, lot #6183867), anti-rat CD31-FITC (1:200, clone TLD-3A12, Abd Serotec, MCA1334F, lot #1602), anti-rat CD3-APC (1:300, clone 1F4, BD Biosciences, 557030, lot #5149589), anti-rat CD4-PE (1:300, clone OX-35, BD Biosciences, 561833, lot #5099845), anti-rat CD8a-FITC (1:300, clone OX-8, BD Biosciences, 559976, lot #5121613), anti-rat CD25-Alexa Flour 647 (1:300, clone OX-39, Bio-Rad, MCA273A647, lot #150668), anti-rat CD45RA-PE (1:300, clone OX-33, BD Biosciences, 551402, lot #6036851), anti-rat CD161-PE (1:300, clone 10/78, BD Biosciences, 555009, lot #5176831), anti-rat CD86-Alexa Fluor 647 (1:300, clone 24F, Abd Serotec, MCA2874A647, lot #150664), anti-DUSP6 (1:200, clone EPR129Y, Abcam, ab76310, lot #GR3276783-3), anti-cTnT (1:200, clone 1C11, Abcam, ab8295), anti- $\alpha$ -SMA-FITC (1:200, clone 1A4, Abcam, ab184675), anti-desmin (1:200, clone Y66, Abcam, ab32362), anti-TNF- $\alpha$ -PE (1:300, clone TN3-19.12, BD Biosciences, 559503, lot #4323635), anti-IL1 $\beta$  (1:200, Abcam, ab9722, lot #GR3208882-20), anti-TGF- $\beta$  (1:300, R&D, AB-100-NA, lot #EO2018111), anti-rat FOXP3-PE (1:300, clone FJK-16s, Invitrogen, 12-5773-80, lot #4232635), anti-GAPDH (1:5000, Easybio, BE0023), anti- $\beta$ -actin (1:5000, Easybio, BE0021), anti-ERK (1:5000, clone 137F5, CST, 4695, lot #21), anti-pERK (1:1000, clone D13.14.4E, CST, 4370, lot #30), anti-p38 (1:5000, clone D13E1, CST, 8690, lot #8), anti-p-p38 (1:1000, clone D3F9, CST, 4511, lot #13), anti-JNK (1:1000, clone EPR16797-211, Abcam, ab179461, lot #GR31876062), anti-pJNK (1:500, clone EP1597Y, Abcam, ab76572, lot #3323833-2), anti-BAX (1:1000, CST, 2772), anti-BCL-2 (1:1000, CST, 2870), anti-DUSP1 (1:1000, Millipore, 07-935, lot #2918976), anti-DUSP16 (1:1000, Biorbyt, orb215305, lot #DF3918), Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-rabbit IgG (1:1000, Thermo Fisher, A32731), Alexa Fluor 555 goat anti-mouse IgG (1:1000, Thermo Fisher, A21422), Alexa Fluor 555 goat anti-mouse IgM (1:1000, Thermo Fisher, A21426), and Alexa Fluor 555 goat anti-rat IgG (1:1000, Thermo Fisher, A21434), Alexa Fluor 647 donkey anti-rabbit IgG (1:1000, Thermo Fisher, A31573), and Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-mouse IgG (1:1000, Thermo Fisher, A11029), Goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (1:5000, Easybio, BE0101, lot #80790730) and goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP (1:5000, Easybio, BE0102, lot #80910305).

## Validation

The specificity of anti-DUSP6 (ab76310) for western blot and flow cytometry was validated using samples from Dusp6-deficient rats and Dusp6 neutrophil-specific KO mice.

The specificity of anti-DUSP6 (TA323084) for immunohistochemistry was validated with samples from Dusp6-deficient rats.

All other antibodies were validated for the given species and application, either directly by the manufacturers or in the primary references cited and visible on the websites of the products:

anti-HIS48 (Abd Serotec, MCA967): <https://www.bio-rad-antibodies.com/monoclonal/rat-granulocytes-antibody-his48-mca967.html?f=s%2Fn>

anti-MPO (Novus, NBP1-51148): [https://www.novusbio.com/products/myeloperoxidase-mpo-antibody-8f4\\_nbp1-51148](https://www.novusbio.com/products/myeloperoxidase-mpo-antibody-8f4_nbp1-51148)

anti-protease 3 (Santa Cruz, sc-74534): <https://www.scbt.com/p/pr3-antibody-d-1>

anti-8-OHDG (Abcam, ab48508): <https://www.abcam.com/8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine-antibody-n451-ab48508.html>

anti-rat CD45-PE-Cy7 (BD Biosciences, 561588): <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-au/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/pe-cy-7-mouse-anti-rat-cd45.561588>

anti-rat granulocyte-FITC (BD Biosciences, 554907): <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/fic-mouse-anti-rat-granulocytes.554907>

anti-rat macrophage-PE (eBioscience, 12-0660-82): <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Mature-Macrophage-Marker-Antibody-clone-HIS36-Monoclonal/12-0660-82>

anti-rat CD11b-PE (BD Biosciences, 562105): <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/pe-mouse-anti-rat-cd11b.562105>

anti-rat CD31-FITC (Abd Serotec, MCA1334F): [https://www.bio-rad-antibodies.com/monoclonal/rat-cd31-antibody-tld-3a12-mca1334.html?f=purified&utm\\_source=citeab.com&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=3rd+party+directory](https://www.bio-rad-antibodies.com/monoclonal/rat-cd31-antibody-tld-3a12-mca1334.html?f=purified&utm_source=citeab.com&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=3rd+party+directory)

anti-rat CD3-APC (BD Biosciences, 557030): <https://wwwbdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/apc-mouse-anti-rat-cd3.557030>

anti-rat CD4-PE (BD Biosciences, 561833): <https://wwwbdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/fitc-mouse-anti-rat-cd4.561833>

anti-rat CD8a-FITC (BD Biosciences, 559976): <https://wwwbdbiosciences.com/en-eu/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/pe-mouse-anti-rat-cd8a.559976>

anti-rat CD25-Alexa Flour 647 (Bio-Rad, MCA273A647): <https://www.bio-rad-antibodies.com/static/datasheets/mca27/rat-cd25-antibody-ox-39-mca273a647.pdf>

anti-rat CD45RA-PE (BD Biosciences, 551402): <https://wwwbdbiosciences.com/en-eu/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/pe-mouse-anti-rat-cd45ra.551402>

anti-rat CD161-PE (BD Biosciences, 555009): <https://wwwbdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/pe-mouse-anti-rat-cd161a.555009>

anti-rat CD86-Alexa Fluor 647 (Abd Serotec, MCA2874A647): <https://www.bio-rad-antibodies.com/monoclonal/rat-cd86-antibody-24f-mca2874.html?f=purified>

anti-cTnT (Abcam, ab8295): <https://www.abcam.com/cardiac-troponin-t-antibody-1c11-ab8295.html>

anti- $\alpha$ -SMA-FITC (Abcam, ab184675): <https://www.abcam.com/alexa-fluor-488-alpha-smooth-muscle-actin-antibody-1a4-ab184675.html>

anti-desmin (Abcam, ab32362): <https://www.abcam.com/desmin-antibody-y66-cytoskeleton-marker-ab32362.html>

anti-TNF- $\alpha$ -PE (BD Biosciences, 559503): <https://wwwbdbiosciences.com/en-eu/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/pe-hamster-anti-rat-mouse-tnf.559503>

anti-IL1 $\beta$  (Abcam, ab9722): <https://www.abcam.com/il-1-beta-antibody-ab9722.html>

anti-TGF- $\beta$  (R&D, AB-100-NA): [https://www.rndsystems.com/products/tgf-beta-pan-specific-antibody\\_ab-100-na](https://www.rndsystems.com/products/tgf-beta-pan-specific-antibody_ab-100-na)

anti-rat FOXP3-PE (Invitrogen, 12-5773-80): <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/FOXP3-Antibody-clone-FJK-16s-Monoclonal/12-5773-80>

anti-GAPDH (Easybio, BE0023): [http://www.bioeasytech.com/product/2355.html?goods\\_id=4243](http://www.bioeasytech.com/product/2355.html?goods_id=4243)

anti- $\beta$ -actin (Easybio, BE0021): [http://www.bioeasytech.com/product/2377.html?goods\\_id=4265](http://www.bioeasytech.com/product/2377.html?goods_id=4265)

anti-ERK (CST, 4695): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/p44-42-mapk-erk1-2-137f5-rabbit-mab/4695>

anti-pERK (CST, 4370): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-p44-42-mapk-erk1-2-thr202-tyr204-d13-14-4e-xp-rabbit-mab/4370>

anti-p38 (CST, 8690): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/p38-mapk-d13e1-xp-rabbit-mab/8690>

anti-p-p38 (CST, 4511): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-p38-mapk-thr180-tyr182-d3f9-xp-rabbit-mab/4511>

anti-JNK (Abcam, ab179461): <https://www.abcam.com/jnk1--jnk2--jnk3-antibody-epr16797-211-ab179461.html>

anti-pJNK (Abcam, ab76572): <https://www.abcam.com/nav/primary-antibodies/rabbit-monoclonal-antibodies/jnk1jnk2jnk3-phospho-y185--y185--y223-antibody-ep1597y-ab76572.html>

anti-BAX (CST, 2772): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/bax-antibody/2772>

anti-BCL-2 (CST, 2870): <https://www.cellsignal.com/product/productDetail.jsp?productId=2870>

anti-DUSP1 (Millipore, 07-935): [https://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en/product/Anti-MKP1-Antibody,MM\\_NF-07-535?ReferrerURL=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F](https://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en/product/Anti-MKP1-Antibody,MM_NF-07-535?ReferrerURL=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F)

anti-DUSP16 (Biorbyt, orb215305): <https://www.biorbyt.com/dusp16-antibody-orb215305.html>

anti-C/EBP $\beta$  antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 3082): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/c-ebpbeta-antibody/3082>

anti-Histone H3 antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 4620): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/histone-h3-d2b12-xp-rabbit-mab-chip-formulated/4620>

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	HEK 293T reserved in our laboratory
Authentication	The HEK 293T has been authenticated by STR analysis in our previous study (PMID: 27929112). We did not furtherly authenticate it in this study.
Mycoplasma contamination	Cell line was not tested for Mycoplasma but no indication of contamination was observed.
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	No commonly misidentified line was used in this study.

## Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	Male Dusp6 mutant and littermate control rats at 8-10 weeks old for MI surgery and other subsequent analyses; Male Mrp8-Cre mice and female Dusp6 floxed mice at 8-10 weeks old to generate Dusp6 neutrophil-specific KO mice; Dusp6 neutrophil-specific KO mice at 8-10 weeks old for MI surgery and other subsequent analysis. Animal room condition was stated in the section of "Method".
Wild animals	No wild animals were used in this study
Reporting on sex	Male mice and rats were used for MI surgery and subsequent analyses in terms of previous studies (PMID: 19570514, 23261783, 32130914 and 32076644) . Female animals were used for breeding.
Field-collected samples	No field-collected samples were used in this study.
Ethics oversight	Both rats and mice were raised and handled with the animal protocol (IMM-XiongJW-4) approved by the Peking University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, which is fully accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International

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## Flow Cytometry

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## Methodology

Sample preparation

Single-cell suspensions of infarcted cardiac tissues were obtained by digestion with Liberase DL (Roche, 5401160001) for cardiac cells, neutrophils, and macrophages; single-T cell suspensions were obtained by smashing mediastinal lymph nodes (MLNs) through 40  $\mu$ m filters. Total peripheral leukocytes were isolated from blood samples by performing erythrocyte sedimentation and lysis.

Instrument

FACSVerse<sup>TM</sup> and LSRFortessa<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometers (BD Biosciences), MoFlo XDP Cell Sorter (Beckman Coulter).

Software

BD FACSuite and Flowjo 10

Cell population abundance

The macrophages in infarcted LV tissues were sorted as CD45/HIS36 double positive without examining the abundance. The purity of sorted cells was validated by RNA-seq results, which displayed a predominant expression of macrophage associated genes.

Gating strategy

Debris was removed by gating on the main cell population using the FSC/SSC gating. Positive threshold for each antibody staining was defined on the basis of negative control. Identical positivity threshold was applied to all samples within one analysis.

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