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**Supplementary Materials for**

**CXCL12-ACKR3 Signaling Drives Fibrosis and Inflammation in Frozen Shoulder: A  
Single-Cell Guided Therapeutic Discovery**

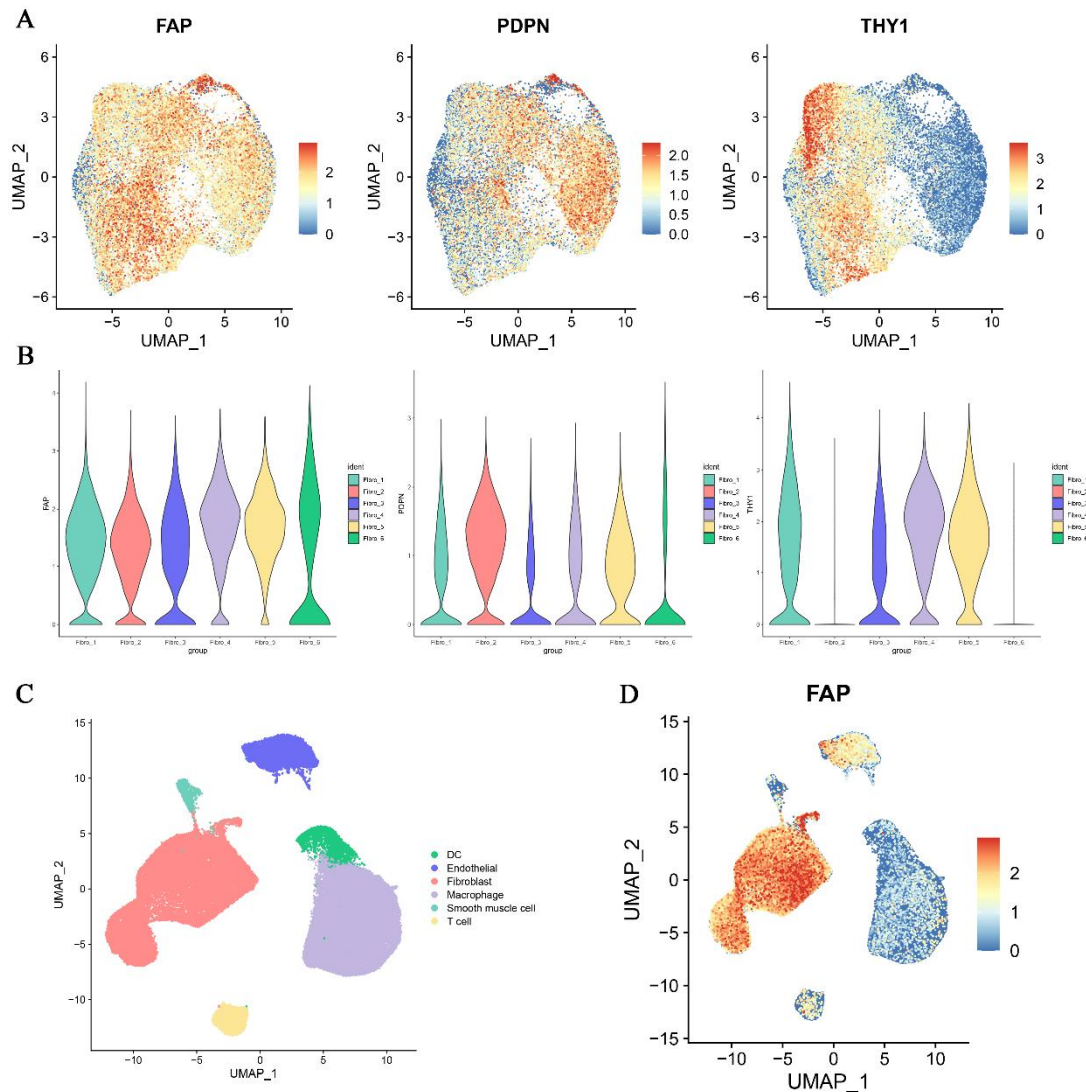
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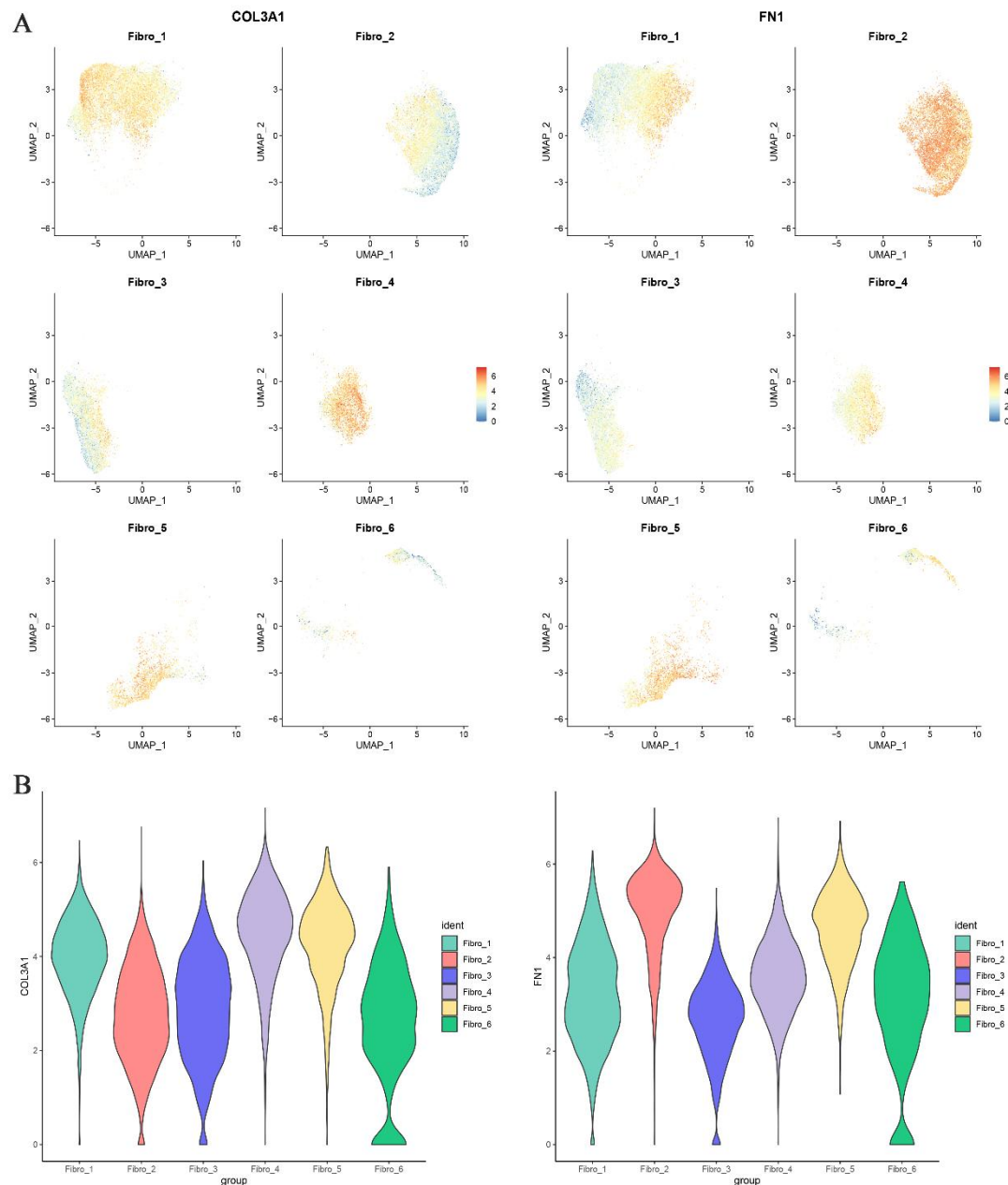
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**Fig. S1.**

**Definition of fibroblasts based on single-cell atlas. (A)** Feature plot showing the expression of fibroblast marker genes (FAP, PDPN, THY1) in shoulder capsular fibroblasts. **(B)** Violin plots illustrating the expression of fibroblast marker genes across fibroblast subsets in shoulder capsular tissues. **(C)** Feature plot displaying FAP expression across different cell types. **(D)** UMAP visualization of the major cell types identified. The general identity of each cell type is indicated on the right.



**Fig. S2.**

**Expression of extracellular matrix-related genes in fibroblast subsets. (A)** Feature plot showing the expression of extracellular matrix-related genes across fibroblast subsets. **(B)** Violin plots illustrating the expression of extracellular matrix-related genes in fibroblast subsets.

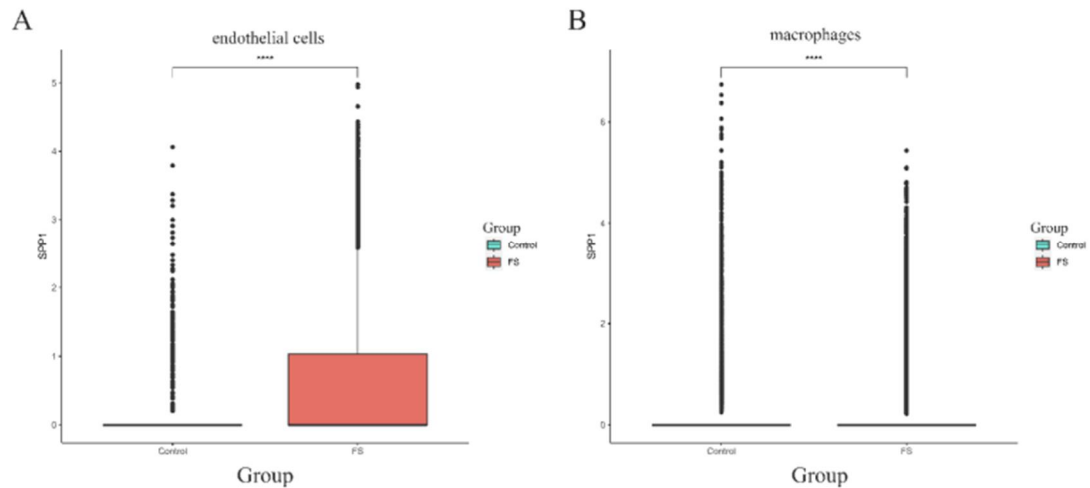


Fig. S3.

**Expression of SPP1 in endothelial cells and macrophages in frozen shoulder and control tissues. (A)** Box plot showing SPP1 expression in endothelial cells from FS and control tissues. Two-sided unpaired t-test, \*\*\*\*P < 0.0001. **(B)** Box plot showing SPP1 expression in macrophages from FS and control tissues. Two-sided unpaired t-test, \*\*\*\*P < 0.0001.

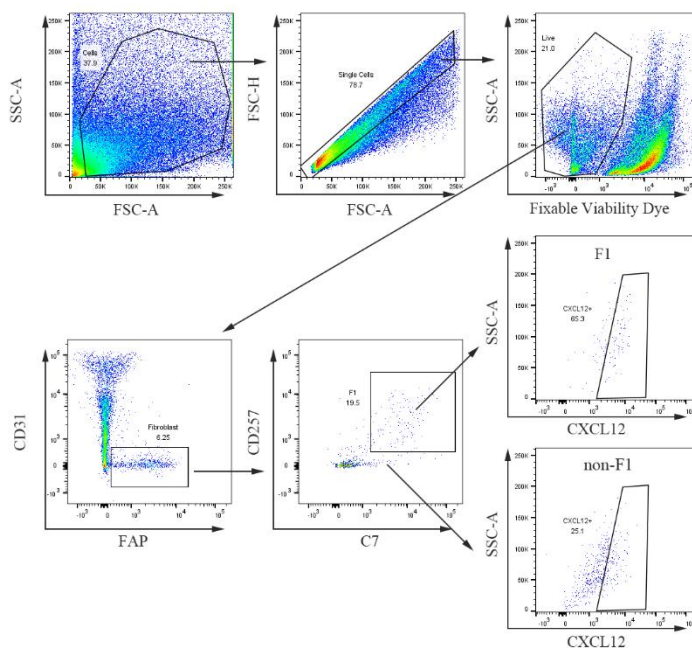
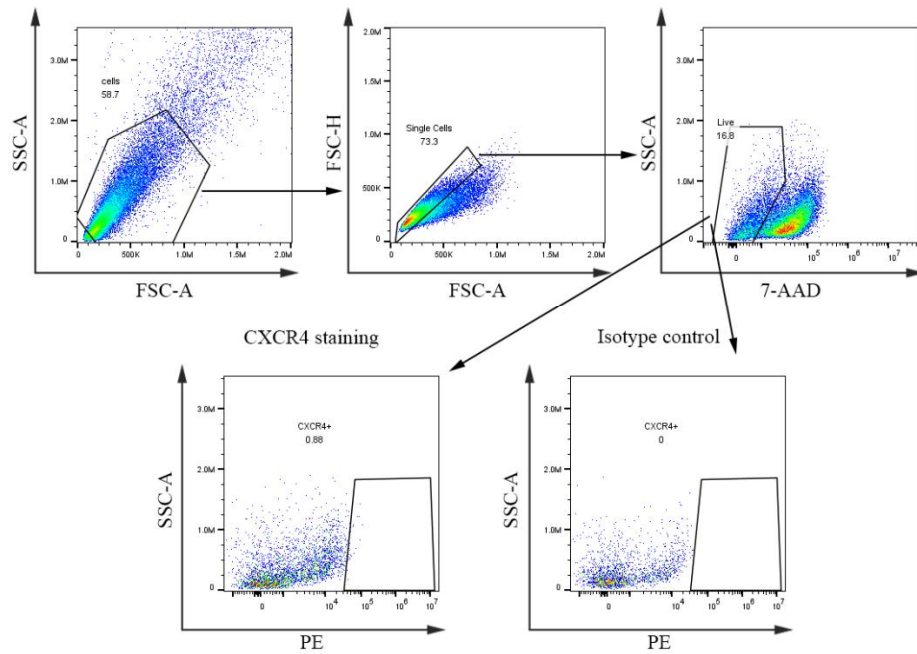


Fig. S4.

**Gating strategy for detection of CXCL12 expression in fibroblasts.**

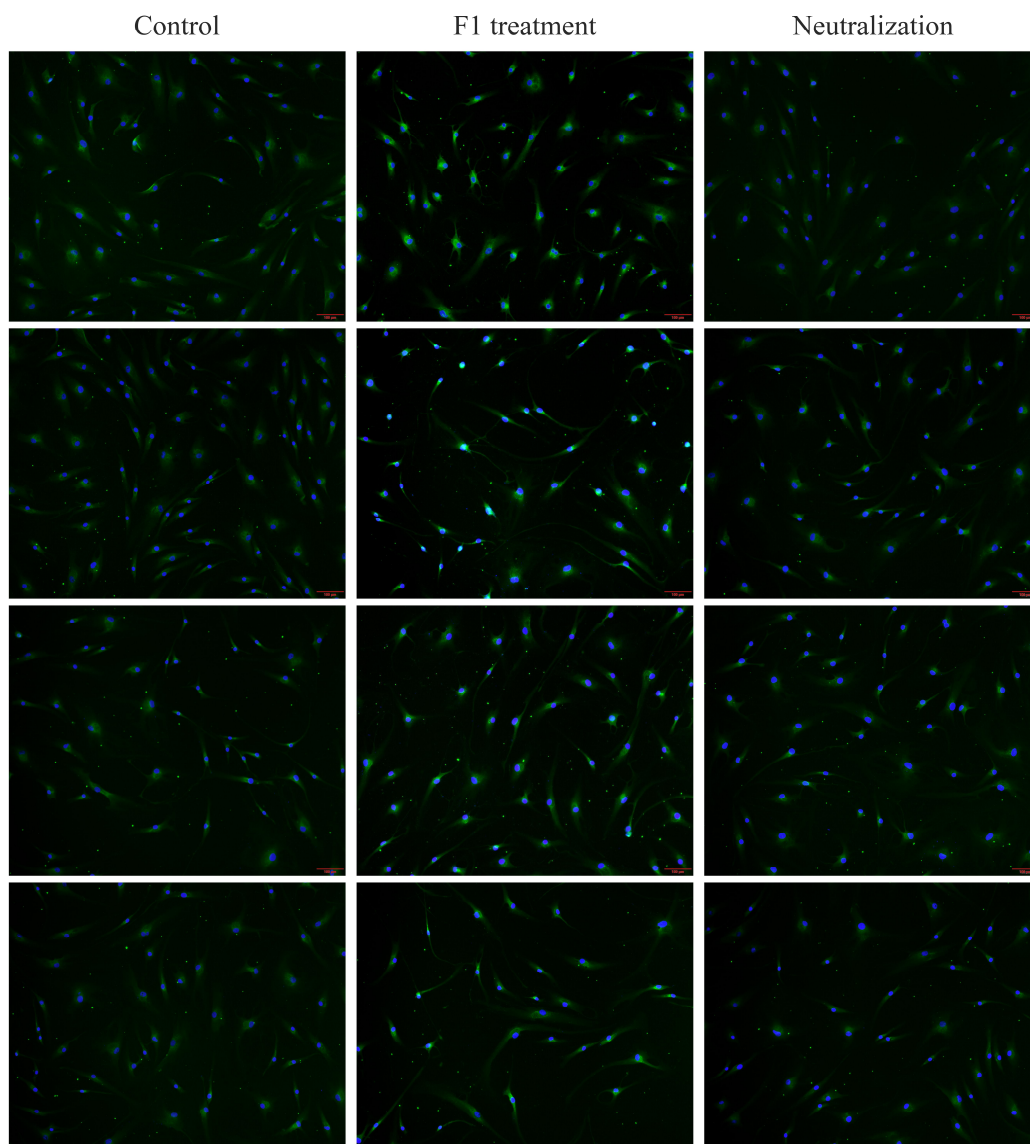






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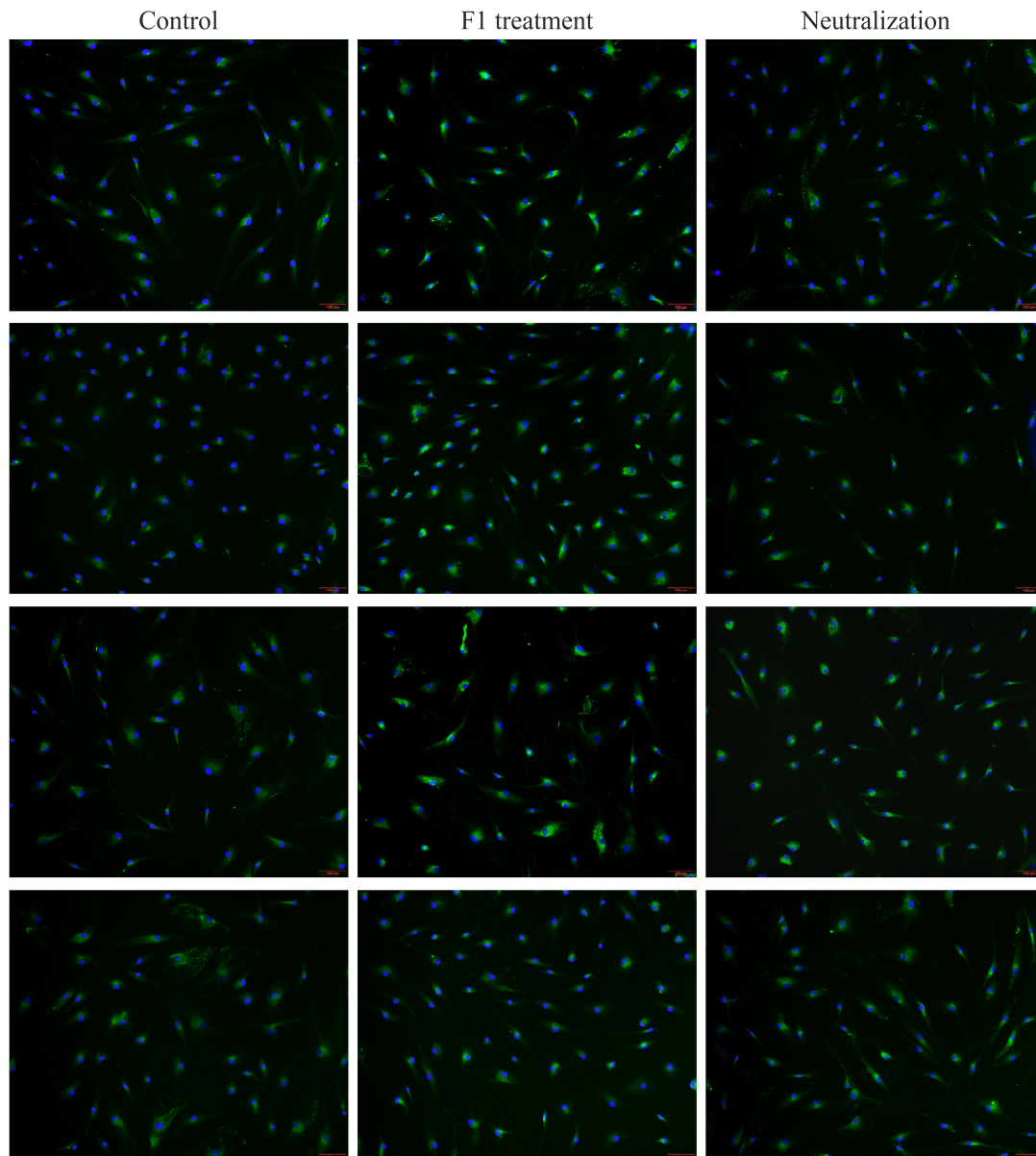
**Gating strategy for detection of CXCR4 expression in fibroblasts.**



**Fig. S6.**

**Expression of COL3A1 in fibroblasts treated with CXCL12 neutraligand (LIT-927).**

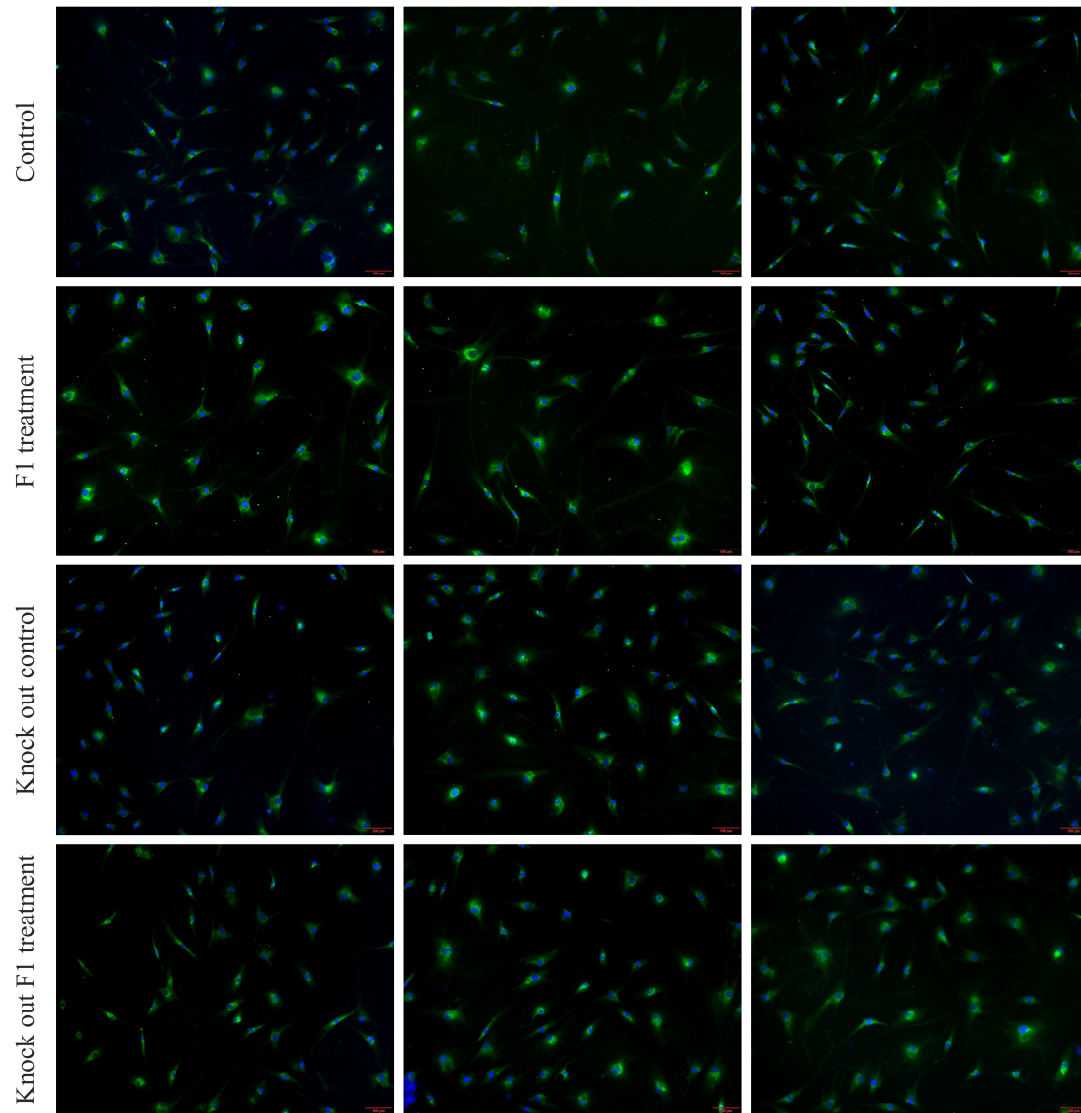
Immunofluorescence staining of COL3A1 (green) in non-F1 fibroblasts treated with normal culture medium, the supernatant of F1 fibroblasts, or the supernatant of F1 fibroblasts with 100 ng/ml LIT-927. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m. Experiments were repeated four times with fibroblasts from four different donors.



**Fig. S7.**

**Expression of FN1 in fibroblasts treated with CXCL12 neutraligand (LIT-927).**

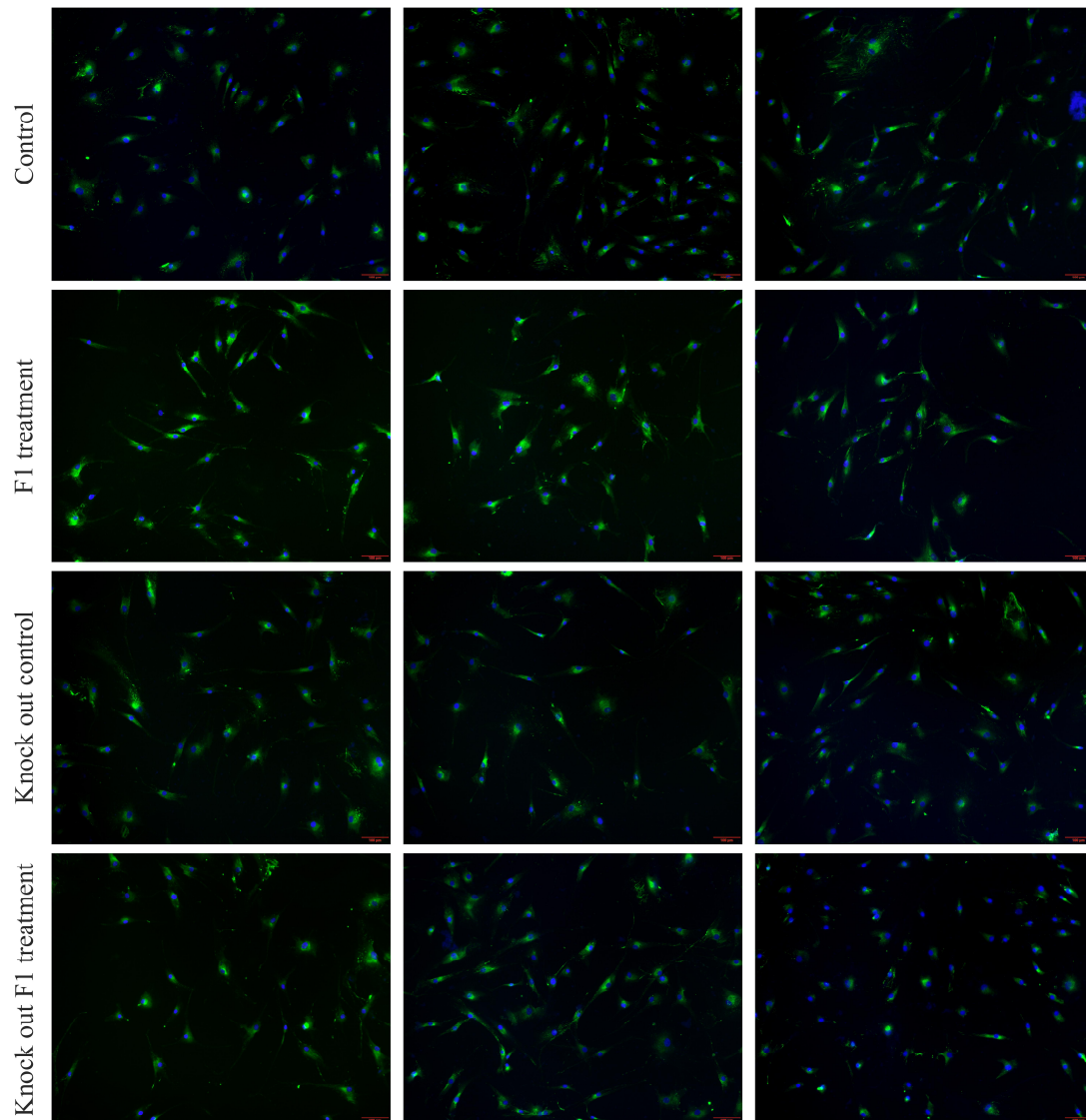
Immunofluorescence staining of FN1 (green) in non-F1 fibroblasts treated with normal culture medium, the supernatant of F1 fibroblasts, or the supernatant of F1 fibroblasts with 100 ng/ml LIT-927. Scale bar = 100 µm. Experiments were repeated four times with fibroblasts from four different donors.



**Fig. S8.**

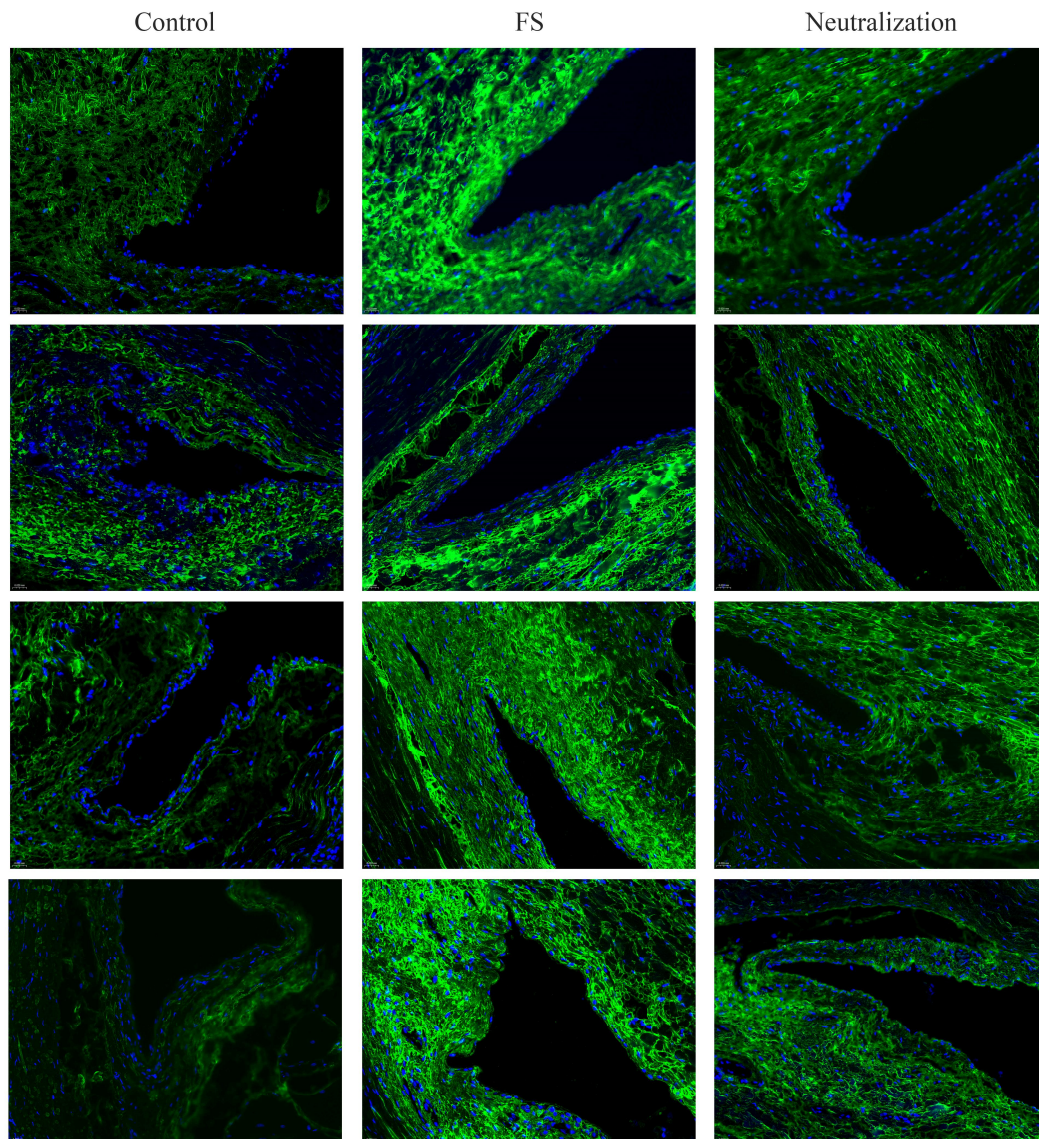
**Expression of COL3A1 in ACKR3-knockout fibroblasts.** Immunofluorescence staining of COL3A1 (green) in non-F1 fibroblasts and ACKR3-knockout non-F1 fibroblasts treated with normal culture medium or the supernatant of F1 fibroblasts. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m. Experiments were repeated three times with fibroblasts from three different donors.





**Fig. S9.**

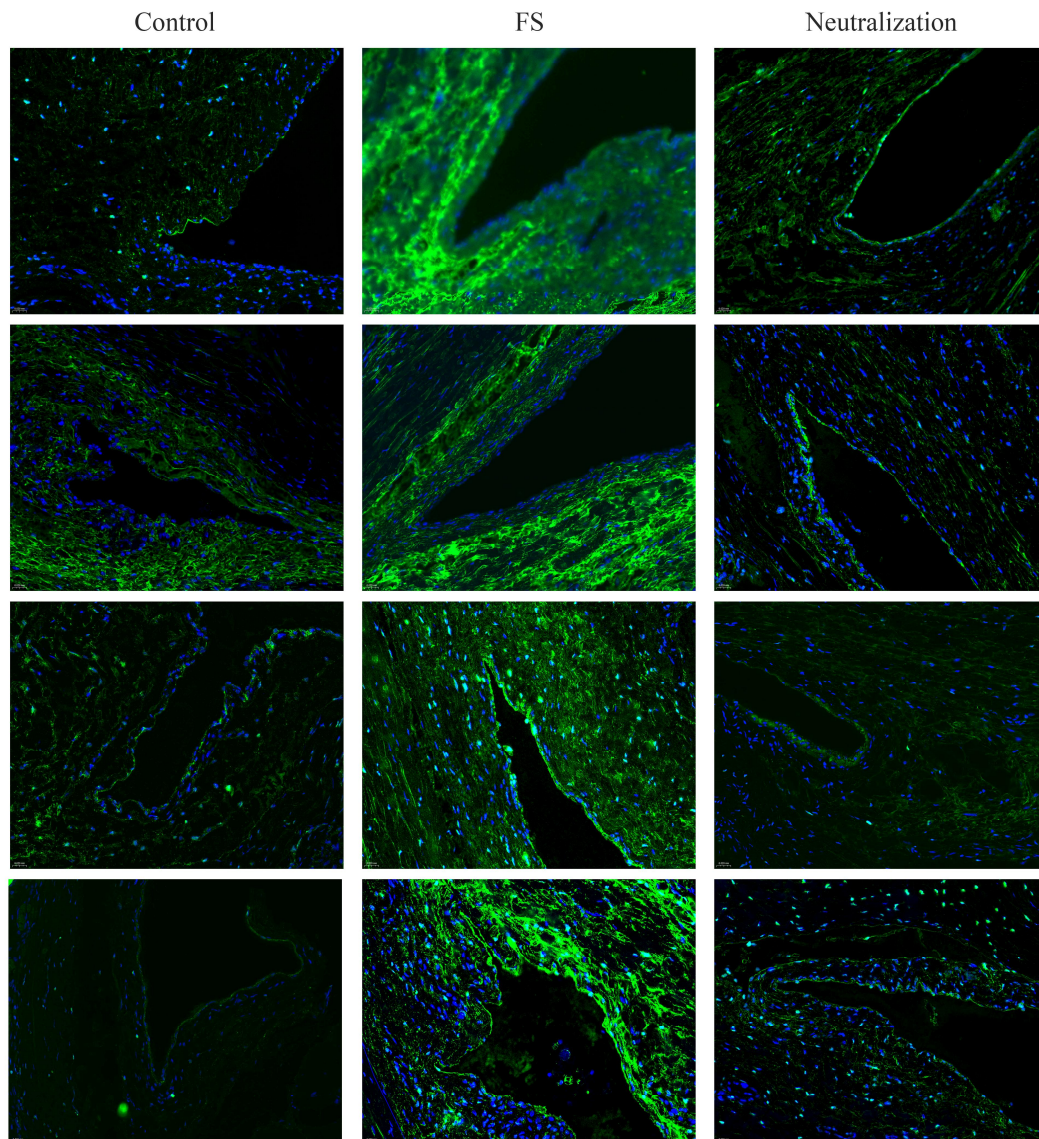
**Expression of FN1 in ACKR3-knockout fibroblasts.** Immunofluorescence staining of FN1 (green) in non-F1 fibroblasts and ACKR3-knockout non-F1 fibroblasts treated with normal culture medium or the supernatant of F1 fibroblasts. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m. Experiments were repeated three times with fibroblasts from three different donors.



**Fig. S10.**

**Expression of COL3A1 in rat model.** Immunofluorescence staining of COL3A1 (green) in rat models groups: Control, FS, and Neutralization, scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m. The experiments were repeated four times with four different rats in each group.

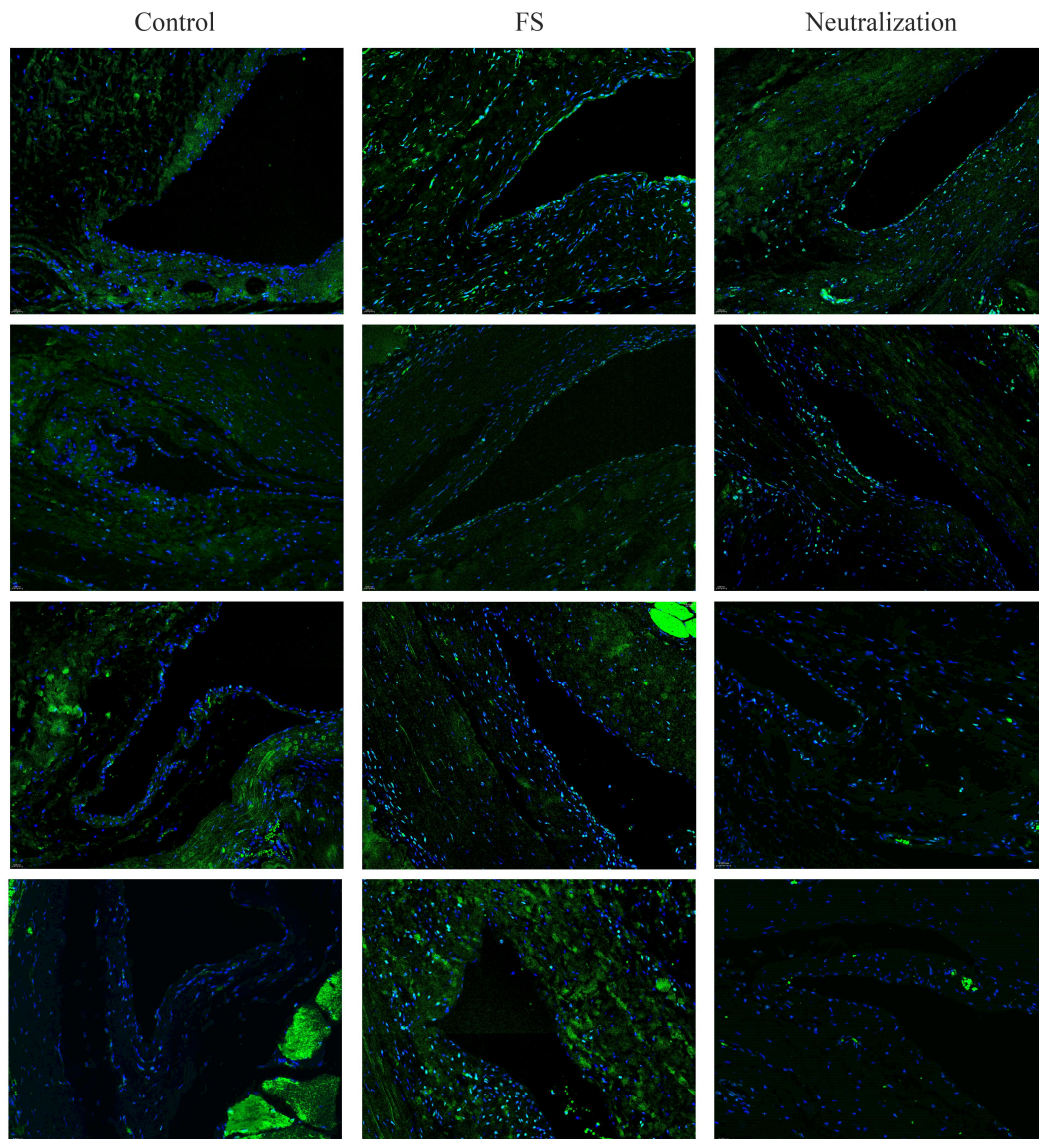




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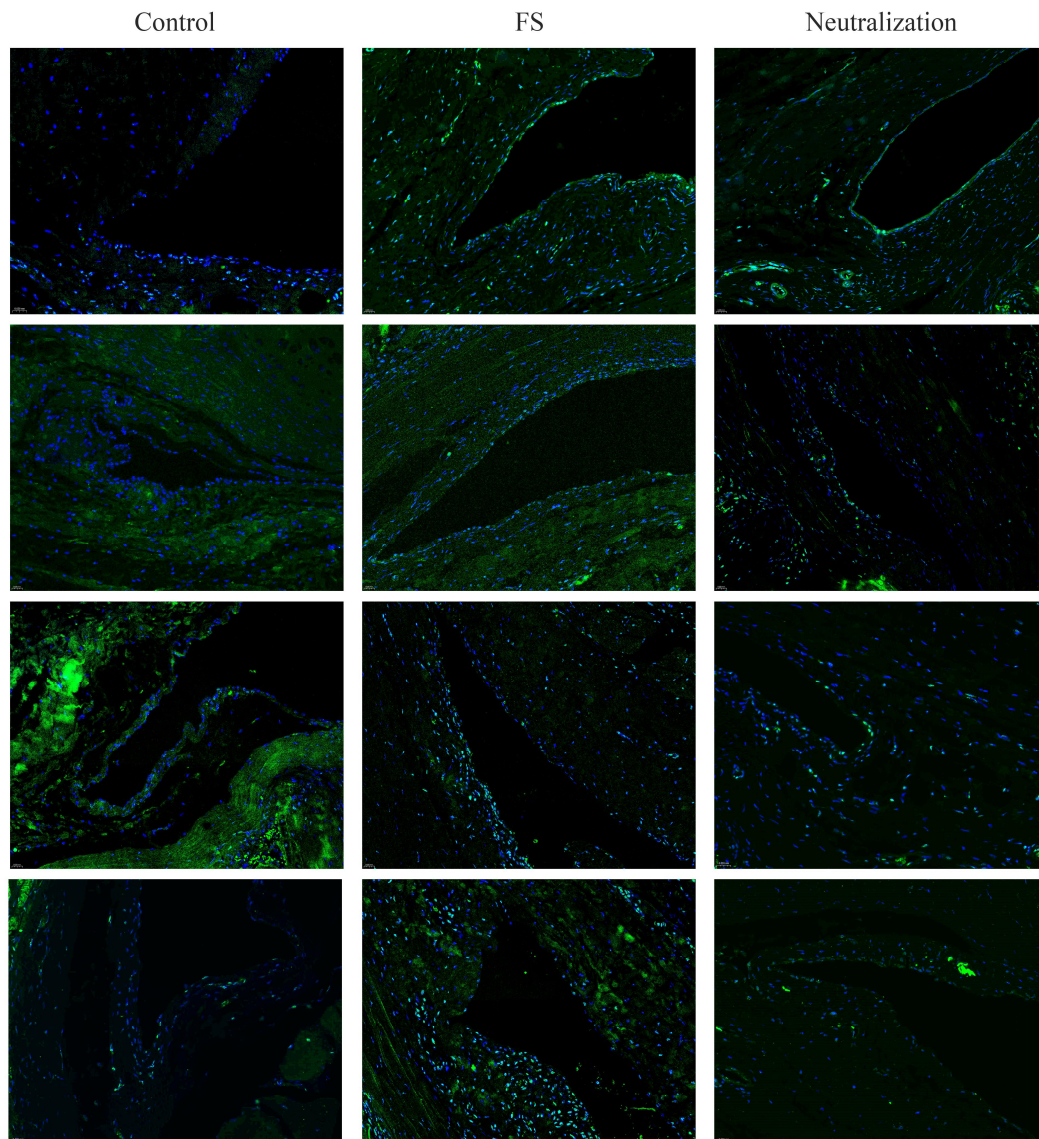
**Expression of FN1 in rat model.** Immunofluorescence staining of FN1 (green) in rat models groups: Control, FS, and Neutralization, scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m. The experiments were repeated four times with four different rats in each group.





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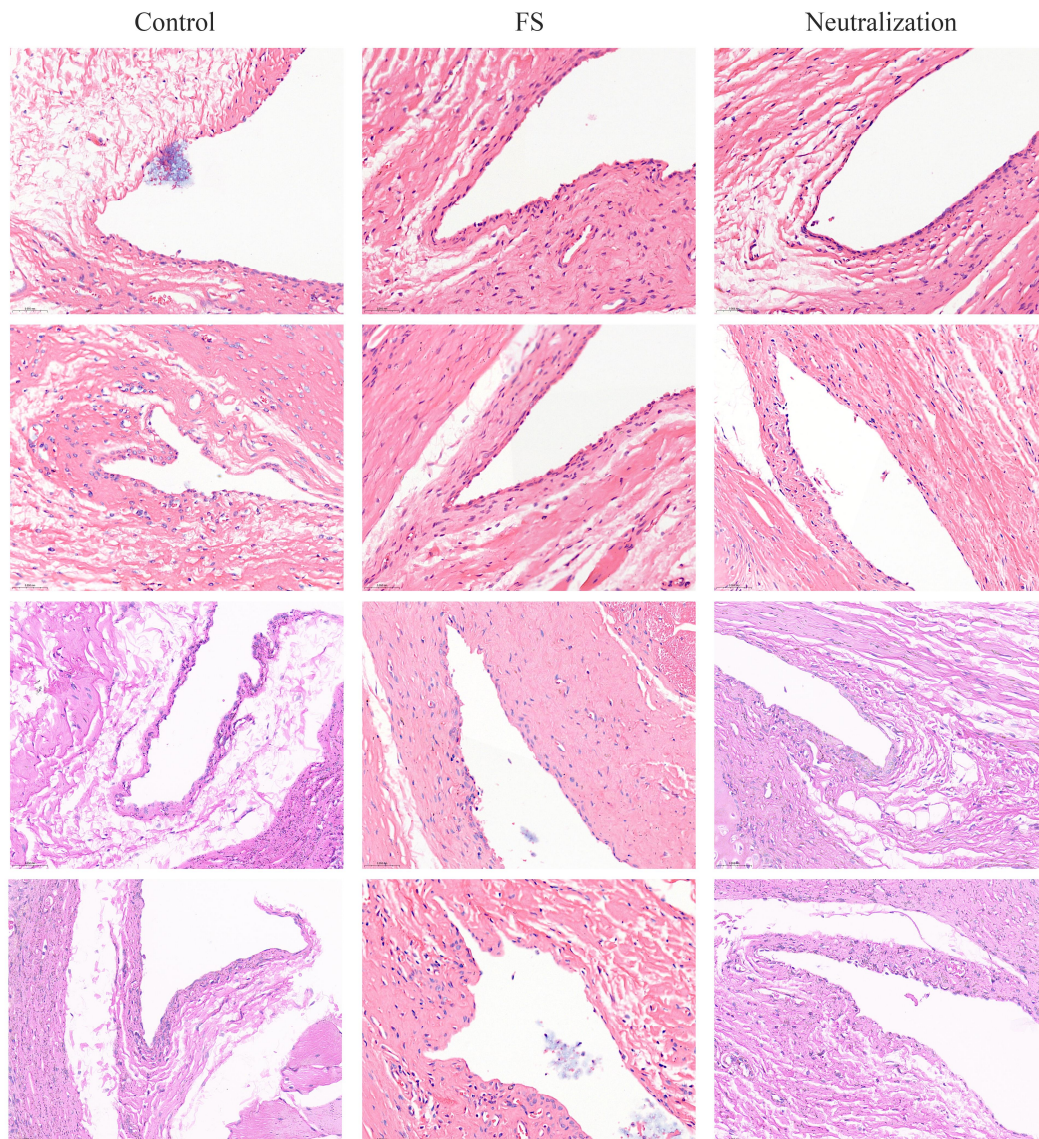
**Expression of MMP1 in rat model.** Immunofluorescence staining of MMP1 (green) in rat models groups: Control, FS, and Neutralization, scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m. The experiments were repeated four times with four different rats in each group.



**Fig. S13.**

**Expression of MMP3 in rat model.** Immunofluorescence staining of MMP3 (green) in rat models groups: Control, FS, and Neutralization, scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m. The experiments were repeated four times with four different rats in each group.





**Fig. S14.**

**Haematoxylin & Eosin (H&E) staining of the rat shoulder capsule.** H&E staining of the rat shoulder capsule in rat models groups: Control, FS, and Neutralization, scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m. The experiments were repeated four times with four different rats in each group.

**Table S1.**  
**Information of FS and control donors whose biospecimens were used for scRNA-seq experiments.**

Sample ID	Gender	Age	Sample ID	Gender	Age
FS.1	F	60	Control.1	M	60
FS.2	F	53	Control.2	F	59
FS.3	M	62	Control.3	F	51

**Table S2.**  
**Information of FS and control donors whose biospecimens were used for**  
**immunohistochemistry (IHC) and histological characterization (Hematoxylin &**  
**Eosin staining and Masson' s trichrome staining).**

Sample ID	Gender	Age	Experiment	Sample ID	Gender	Age	Experiment
FS.1	F	73	IHC	Control.1	M	56	IHC
FS.2	F	69	IHC	Control.2	F	64	IHC
FS.3	M	64	IHC	Control.3	F	61	IHC
FS.4	F	57	IHC	Control.4	M	63	IHC
FS.5	F	58	histology	Control.5	F	48	histology

120 **Table S3.**  
 121 **Information of FS donors whose biospecimens were used for CXCL12 stimulation**  
 122 **and flow cytometry analysis of CXCR4.**

Sample ID	Gender	Age
FS.1	M	48
FS.2	F	46
FS.3	F	61
FS.4	M	61

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**Table S4.**  
**Information of FS and control donors whose biospecimens were used for WB of**  
**ACKR3.**

Sample ID	Gender	Age	Sample ID	Gender	Age
FS.1	F	61	Control.1	M	65
FS.2	M	56	Control.2	F	62
FS.3	F	68	Control.3	F	63

**Table S5.**  
**Information of FS and control donors whose biospecimens were used for flow cytometry analysis.**

Sample ID	Gender	Age	Sample ID	Gender	Age
FS.1	F	59	Control.1	M	50
FS.2	F	51	Control.2	F	61
FS.3	M	61	Control.3	F	59
FS.4	F	59			



**Table S6.**  
**Information of FS and control donors whose biospecimens were used for Flow Cytometry Sorting.**

Sample ID	Gender	Age	Experiment	Sample ID	Gender	Age	Experiment
FS.1	F	52	CXCL12 Neutralization and Bulk RNA-Seq	Control.1	F	56	-
FS.2	F	63	CXCL12 Neutralization and Bulk RNA-Seq	Control.2	F	62	-
FS.3	M	48	CXCL12 Neutralization and Bulk RNA-Seq	Control.3	M	49	-
FS.4	M	50	CXCL12 Neutralization and ACKR3 Knockout	Control.4	M	61	-
FS.5	F	46	ACKR3 Knockout	Control.5	M	60	-
FS.6	F	65	ACKR3 Knockout	Control.6	M	39	-