

S-nitrosylation Attenuates Pregnane X Receptor Hyperactivity and Acetaminophen-induced Liver Injury

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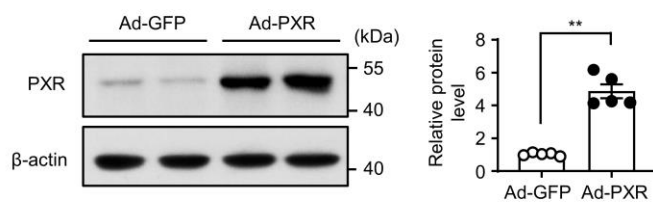
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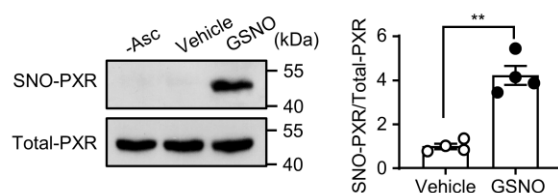
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Supplemental Figure 1



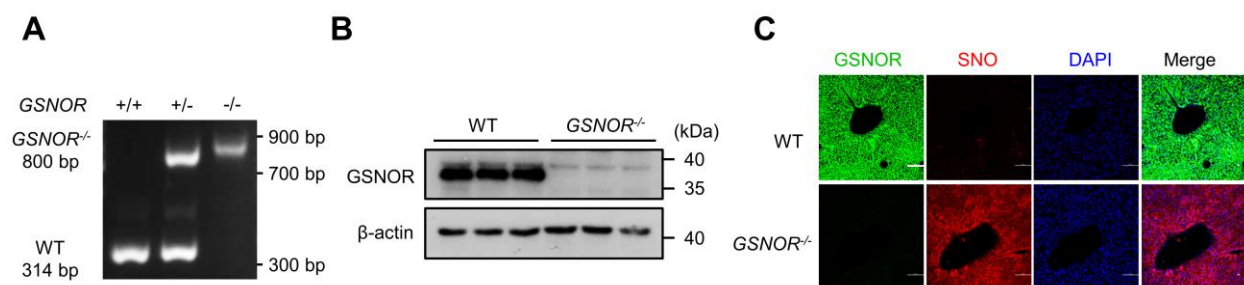
Supplemental Figure 1. Overexpression of PXR in HepG2 cells. HepG2 cells were infected with Ad-PXR or Ad-GFP for 24 h. Total PXR protein level was measured by using western blotting (n=5). All data were expressed as mean $\pm$ SEM. Statistical analysis was performed using 2-tailed Student's *t* test; ** $P < 0.01$.

Supplemental Figure 2



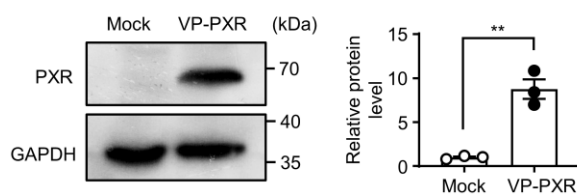
Supplemental Figure 2. PXR was S-nitrosylated in HepG2 cells. HepG2 cells were exposed to GSNO (0.5 mM, 4 h). Cell lysates were subjected to IBP to detect S-nitrosylated PXR level (n=4). -Asc, ascorbate acid (Asc) was omitted to serve as the negative control of biotin-switch assay. Statistical analysis was performed using 2-tailed Student's *t* test; ***P* < 0.01.

Supplemental Figure 3



Supplemental Figure 3. *GSNOR*^{-/-} mice displayed increased protein S-nitrosylation in the liver. (A) PCR genotyping results for *GSNOR*^{+/+} (WT), *GSNOR*^{+/-} and *GSNOR*^{-/-} mice. (B) GSNOR protein levels in liver samples from the WT and *GSNOR*^{-/-} mice were detected (n = 3 for each group). (C) WT and *GSNOR*^{-/-} mouse liver sections were subjected to immunofluorescence double-stained with primary antibodies against GSNOR and SNO-cysteine (SNO), and followed by the detection with Alexa Fluor 488 (green)-conjugated and Alexa Fluor 555 (red)-conjugated secondary antibodies. The cell nuclei were counterstained with DAPI (n = 3 for each group). Scale bars, 100 μ m.

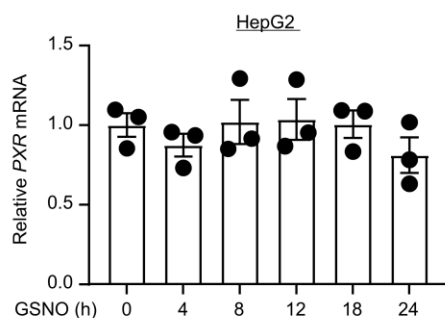
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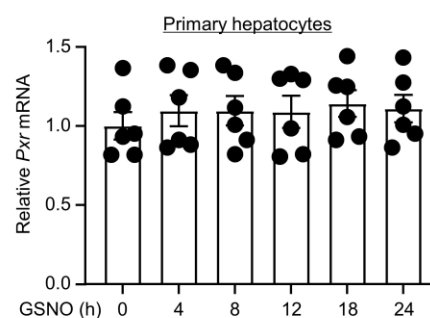
Supplemental Figure 4. Overexpression of Ad-VP-PXR in HepG2 cells. Confluent HepG2 cells were co-infected with Ad-VP-PXR together with Ad-tTA in the presence (Mock) or absence of tetracycline (1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$). Total PXR protein level was measured (n=3). Statistical analysis was performed using 2-tailed Student's *t* test; ** $P < 0.01$.

Supplemental Figure 5

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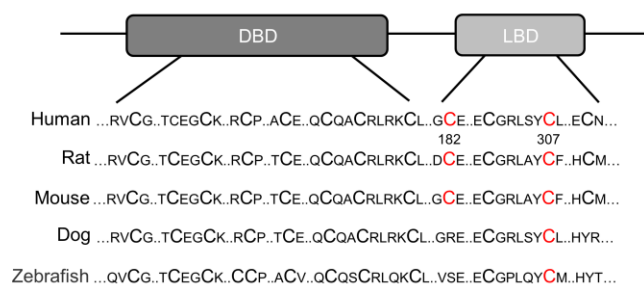


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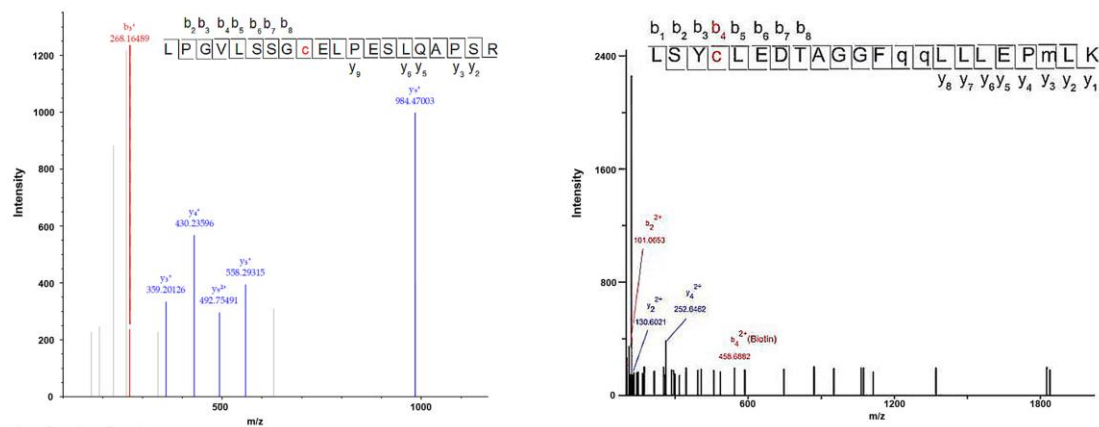
Supplemental Figure 5. GSNO did not affect PXR mRNA level. HepG2 cells (**A**, n=3) or mouse primary hepatocytes (**B**, n=6) were exposed to GSNO for indicated time periods. PXR mRNA levels were assessed. Data were expressed as mean $\pm$ SEM. Statistical analysis was performed using 1-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test.

Supplemental Figure 6



Supplemental Figure 6. Conserved cysteine residues in PXR protein. Sequence alignment of conserved cysteine residues in human, rat, mouse, dog and zebrafish PXR proteins. LBD, ligand-binding domain; DBD, DNA-binding domain.

Supplemental Figure 7

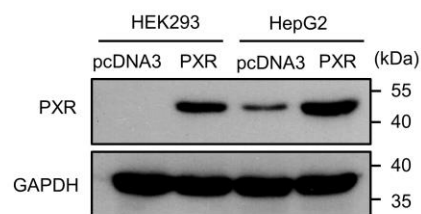


Sequence	Sites	Charge	Calc. MH ⁺ [Da]	ΔM [ppm]
LPGVLSSG C ELPEESLQAPSR	Cys182	3	2491.2399	3.17
LSY C LEDTAGGFqLLLEPmLK	Cys307	4	2936.3490	-9.44

Supplemental Figure 7. Identification of S-nitrosylated cysteine residues in PXR.

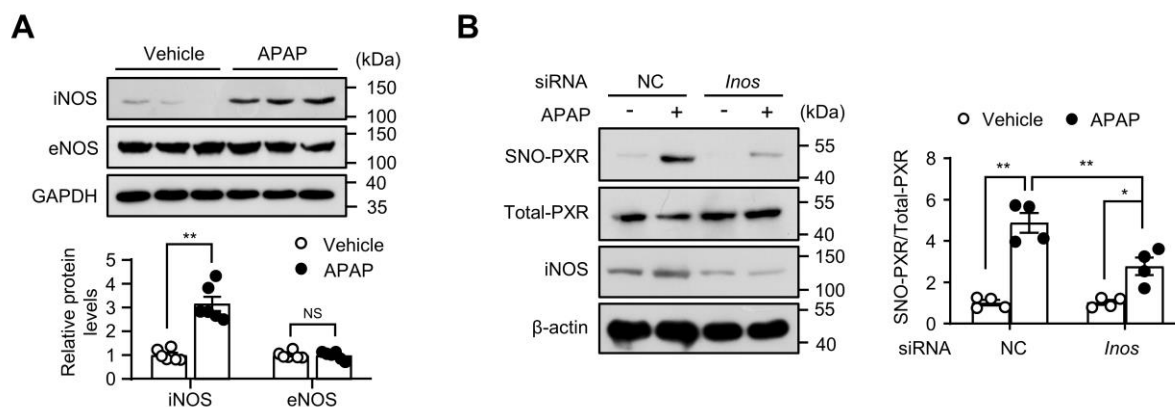
Representative LC-MS/MS spectra of biotin-maleimide labeled (S-nitrosylated) peptides in the recombinant human PXR. Sequence informative fragmentation ions were annotated (red, b-ions; blue, y-ions) on the peptide sequences and summarized with the sites, charge, calculated (Calc.) and measured mass in parts per million (p.p.m.).

Supplemental Figure 8



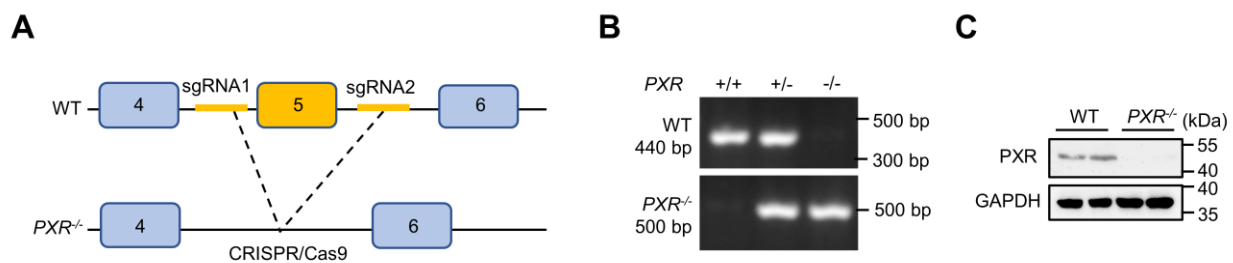
Supplemental Figure 8. Detection of PXR protein in HEK293 cells. HEK293 or HepG2 cells were transfected with HA-PXR (HA-tagged PXR) or pcDNA3.0 as control plasmid. Total PXR protein levels were measured 24 h later using western blotting (n=2 for each group).

Supplemental Figure 9



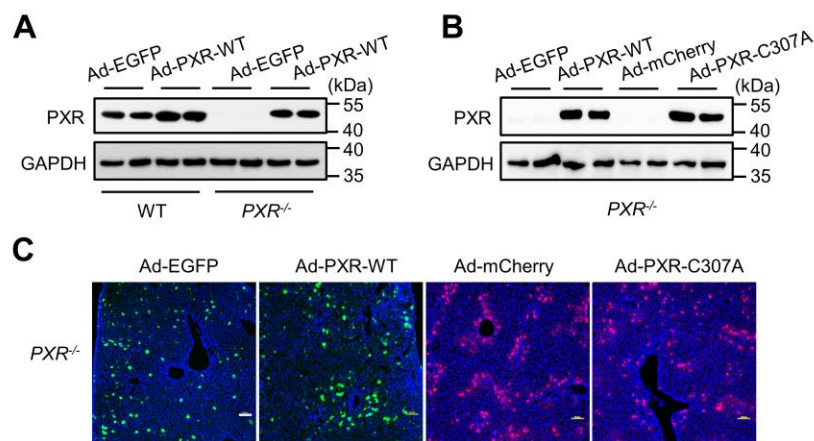
Supplemental Figure 9. (A) Western blotting was performed to detect the expressions of iNOS and eNOS in the mouse livers with or without APAP overdose (300 mg/kg, or vehicle for 12 h) (n=6). (B) Mouse primary hepatocytes were transfected with double-stranded *Inos* siRNA or scrambled (NC) siRNA. Twenty-four h later, the cells were treated with APAP (5 mM, 12 h) or vehicle control (saline). The protein levels of iNOS and S-nitrosylated PXR were detected (n=4). Data were expressed as mean $\pm$ SEM. Statistical analysis was performed using 2-tailed Student's *t* test (A) and 1-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test (B); ***P* < 0.01. NS, not significant.

Supplemental Figure 10



Supplemental Figure 10. Generation of $PXR^{-/-}$ mice. (A) $PXR^{-/-}$ mice were generated by deleting exon 5. (B) PCR genotyping results for $PXR^{+/+}$ (WT), $PXR^{+/-}$ and $PXR^{-/-}$ mice. (C) Liver PXR protein levels in WT and $PXR^{-/-}$ mice (n=6 for each group).

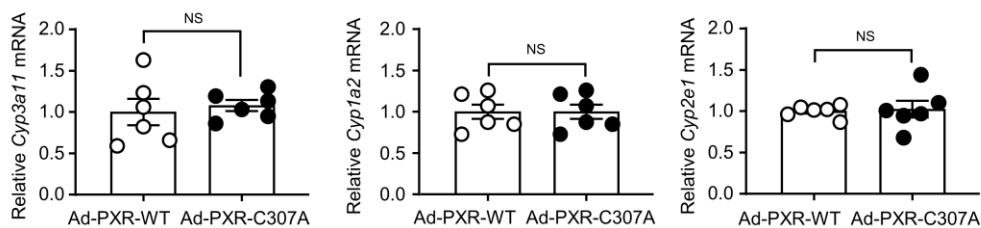
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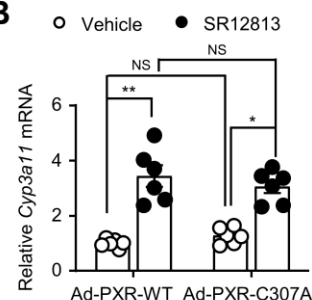
Supplemental Figure 11. Replenishment of PXR-WT or PXR-C307A in *PXR*^{-/-} mice. (A) WT or *PXR*^{-/-} mice at 8-10 weeks of age were injected with 100 μ L Ad-EGFP or Ad-PXR-WT virus containing 1×10^{10} PFU via tail vein. After 60 h, PXR protein levels were measured (n=2 for each group). (B) *PXR*^{-/-} mice were injected with 100 μ L Ad-EGFP, Ad-PXR-WT, Ad-mCherry or Ad-PXR-C307A. After 60 h, the efficiency of adenovirus-mediated PXR overexpression was measured (n=2 for each group). (C) Fluorescence microscopy of mouse liver tissues was acquired (n=2 for each group). Scale bars, 100 μ m.

Supplemental Figure 12

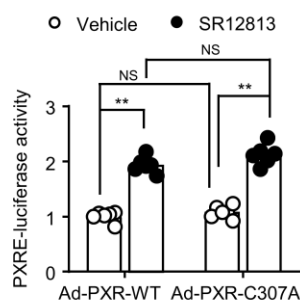
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Supplemental Figure 12. (A) The mRNA levels of *Cyp3a11*, *Cyp1a2* and *Cyp2e1* were assessed in the livers 48 h after Ad-PXR-WT or Ad-PXR C307A-mediated replenishment of the *PXR*^{-/-} mice (n=6). (B) Primary hepatocytes were isolated from the *PXR*^{-/-} mice and infected with Ad-PXR-WT or Ad-PXR-C307A. Twenty-four h later, cells were treated with or without SR12813 (1 μ M, 24 h) (n=6). (C) The primary hepatocytes from *PXR*^{-/-} mice were first transfected with PXRE-luciferase receptor and β -gal plasmids and, 6 h later, infected with Ad-PXR-WT or Ad-PXR-C307A. Twenty-four h later, the cells were exposed to SR12813 (1 μ M, 24 h) or vehicle. The luciferase activities were measured and normalized to β -gal activity (n=6). All data were expressed as mean $\pm$ SEM. Statistical analysis was performed using 2-tailed Student's *t* test (A) and 1-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test (B and C); **P* < 0.05, ***P* < 0.01. NS, not significant.

Supplemental tables

Supplemental Table 1. PCR primers used for genotyping

Name	Sequence (5'-3')
GSNOR-WT	Forward TGCCTTCTCGGCTGTGGT
	Reverse GGCCTTTGCGAATTTATCTTTA
GSNOR-KO	Forward TCTTGACGAGTTCTTCTGAGG
	Reverse CTGAAGCAGCTACTCCCACTAC
PXR-WT	Forward TGCTGTAGGGCTGATGTGTG
	Reverse TGCGTGTGTGATTTAGCCCT
PXR-KO	Forward AGGGGTACGGACTTCCTGTT
	Reverse TCTCTTTGGGCACCATTAGG

Supplemental Table 2. Antibody information

Antibody	Company	Catalog #	Application/Dilution
β-actin (C-2)	SCBT	sc-8432	WB (1:1000)
eNOS (D9A5L)	CST	32027	WB (1:1000)
Flag-Tag	Sigma-Aldrich	F3165	WB (1:1000)
GAPDH (D16H11)	CST	5174	WB (1:1000)
GSNOR	Proteintech	11051-1-AP	WB (1:1000)
HA-Tag (F-7)	SCBT	sc-7392	WB (1:1000)
Histone (AH3-120)	SCBT	sc-56616	WB (1:1000)
HMGB1(D3E5)	CST	6893	WB (1:1000)
iNOS (H-174)	SCBT	sc-8310	WB (1:1000)
PXR	Abcam	ab192579	IF (1:100)
PXR	Arigobio	ARG43116	WB (1:1000), IF (1:200)
PXR (G-11)	SCBT	sc-48403	IP (1:50)
SNO-Cysteine	Abcam	ab94930	WB (1:1000), IF (1:400)
Ubiquitin	CST	3933	WB (1:1000)
Alexa Fluor 555 anti-rabbit secondary antibody	CST	4413	IF (1:500)
Alexa Fluor 488 anti-rabbit secondary antibody	CST	4412	IF (1:500)
Alexa Fluor 555 anti-mouse secondary antibody	CST	4409	IF (1:500)
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Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody	CST	7074	WB (1:5000)
Anti-mouse IgG, HRP-linked Antibody	CST	7076	WB (1:5000)

WB, western blotting; IP, immunoprecipitation; IF, immunofluorescence

Supplemental Table 3. Primers used for qRT-PCR

Name		Sequence (5'-3')
<i>CYP3A4</i> (human)	Forward	AATCCTAGCAGTTTGGGAGGCTGA
	Reverse	TGAGATTACAGGCGAGTCCACCAT
<i>SULT1A1</i> (human)	Forward	CACGTCGTTCAAGGAGATGA
	Reverse	AGGTTTGATTTCGCACACTCC
<i>PXR</i> (human)	Forward	AACTCGCAGCCACTGCTAAG
	Reverse	ACCACCAAGCAGTCCAAGAG
<i>GAPDH</i> (human, mouse)	Forward	ACCACAGTCCATGCCATCAC
	Reverse	TCCACCACCCTGTTGCTGTA
<i>Pxr</i> (mouse)	Forward	CACAACTTTCTCCCCTTCAAG
	Reverse	CCTTGAACATGTAGGTTGACAC
<i>Il1b</i> (mouse)	Forward	GTGCAAGTGTCTGAAGCAGC
	Reverse	CAAAGGTTTGAAGCAGCCC
<i>Il6</i> (mouse)	Forward	TCCAGTTGCCTTCTTGGGAC
	Reverse	GTACTCCAGAAGACCAGAGG
<i>Tnfa</i> (mouse)	Forward	GGCTGCCCCGACTACGT
	Reverse	ACTTTCTCCTGGTATGAGATAGCAAAT
<i>Cxcl2</i> (mouse)	Forward	CCAGCCTACTCATTGGGAT
	Reverse	GGGCCTGCTGTTTACAGTT
<i>Ccl2</i> (mouse)	Forward	TCCAGGTCAGTTAGCCTTGC
	Reverse	CGGTCAAAAAGTTTGCCTTG
<i>Cyp3a11</i> (mouse)	Forward	ACAGCACTGGTCAGAGCCTGAA
	Reverse	GAGAGCAAACCTCATGCCAAGG
<i>Cyp1a2</i> (mouse)	Forward	CATCACAAGTGCCCTGTTCAAGC
	Reverse	AATGCTCCAGGTGATGGCTGTG
<i>Cyp2e1</i> (mouse)	Forward	GGCTGTCAAGGAGGTGCTACT
	Reverse	AAAACCTCCGCACGTCCTTCCA
<i>Cyp27a1</i> (mouse)	Forward	TCAGGAGACCATCGGCACCTTT
	Reverse	CCAGTCACTTCCTTGTGCAAGG
<i>Cyp3a44</i> (mouse)	Forward	TGCTCTTCACCATGACCCACAG
	Reverse	CCTCATGCCAATGCAGTTCCTG
<i>Cyp2b10</i> (mouse)	Forward	AAGGAGAAGTCCAACCAGCA
	Reverse	CTCTGCAACATGGGGGTACT
<i>Sult2a1</i> (mouse)	Forward	GGAAGGACCACGACTCATAACC
	Reverse	CTCTGGGATTTCTCACGAGATAG

Supplemental Table 4. Primers used for ChIP assay

Gene	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>CYP3A4</i>	Forward TGGTTCATTCCTTTCATTGAT Reverse AGCAGAGGGTCAGCAAGTTC
<i>UGT1A1</i>	Forward GACACTGGATTCTTTGCTTTGAT Reverse AGTCCGGGTTTCAGGTTATG

Supplemental Table 5. Sequences of primers for RNA silencing

Gene	Sequence (5'-3')
Scrambled control	Sense CGGGUUGCCCAAAGACGACAA Antisense UUGUCGUCUUUGGGCAACCCG
<i>Inos</i>	Sense CCAGUUGUGCAUCGACCUA Antisense UAGGUCGAUGCACAACUGG