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# Corrigendum: Regulatory network and interplay of hepatokines, stellakines, myokines and adipokines in nonalcoholic fatty liver diseases and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

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In the published article, there was an error. Paragraphs 9-16 were a duplicate of Paragraphs 1-8 in section **Hepatokines and Type2 diabetes mellitus signaling**. This section previously stated:

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ASHG was shown to be an inhibitor of IRS1, which leads to IR. It means that ASHG might play a crucial role in regulation of insulin sensitivity. ASHG through inhibits insulin receptor tyrosine resulting in IR (115). ASHG through TLR4 promote lipid-induced IR, which may be a new therapeutic target for managing IR and T2DM (116). Furthermore, high glucose levels increase the expression of ASHG by activating the ERK-1–ERK- 2 signaling pathway. The above facts indicate that ASHG may be an important way to activate T2DM signaling through mediating glucose metabolism and IR. Moreover, ASHG also could interact with TNF, ADIPOQ, SLC2A4 and INS to regulate T2DM signaling (Figure 3B).

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The authors apologize for this error and state that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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