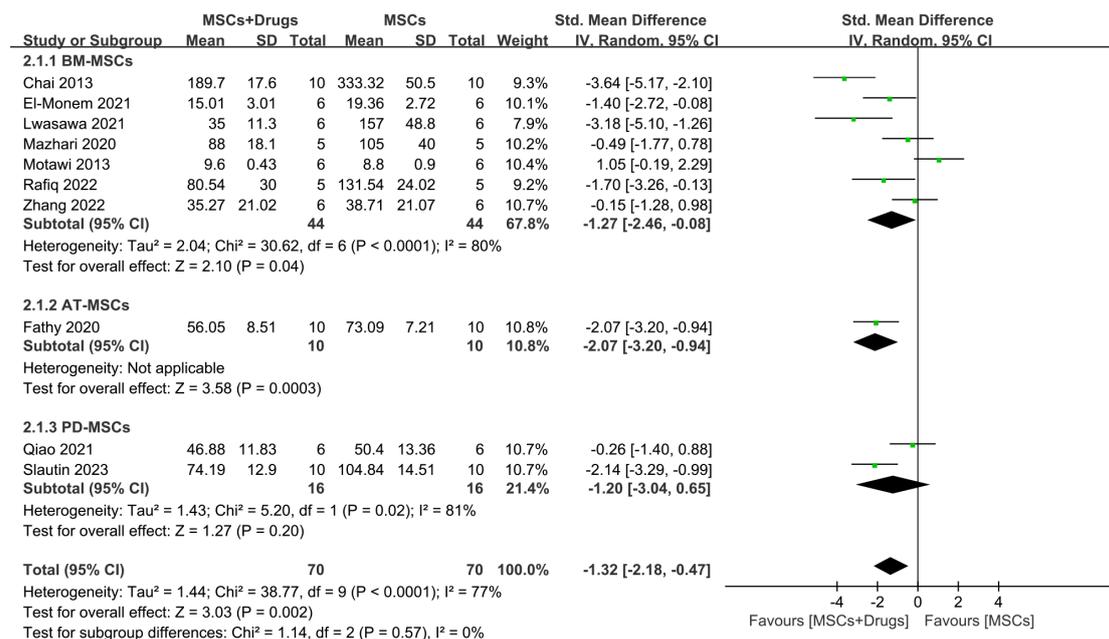
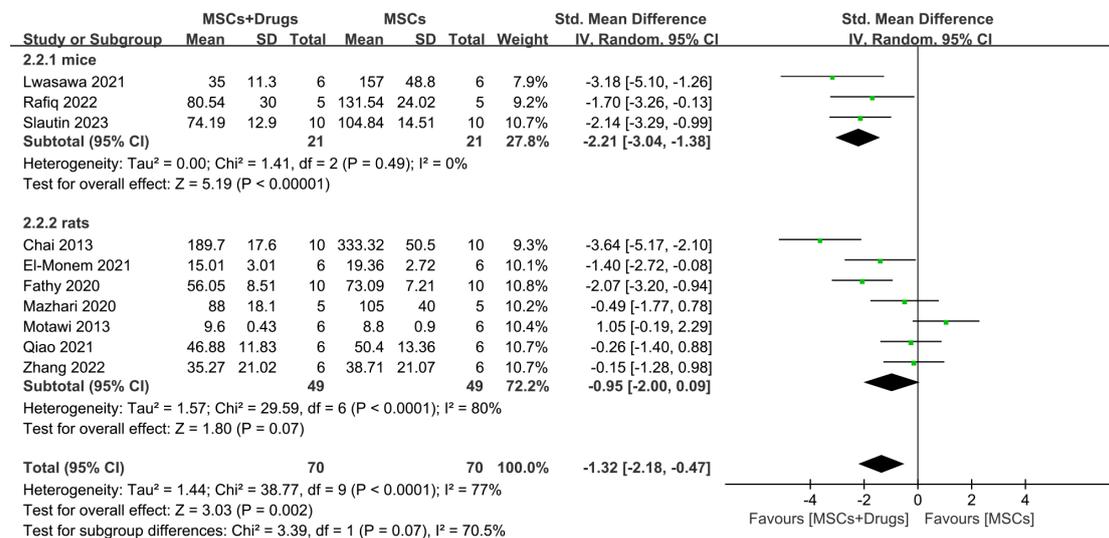


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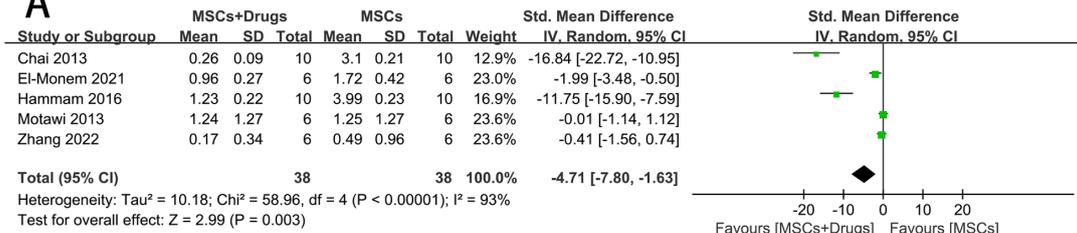


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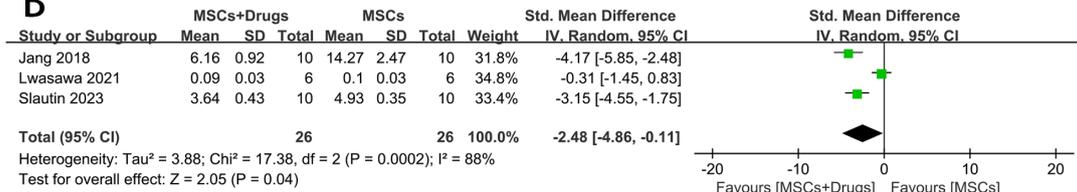


Supplementary Figure 2 The forest plots: Animal model subgroups of ALT levels.

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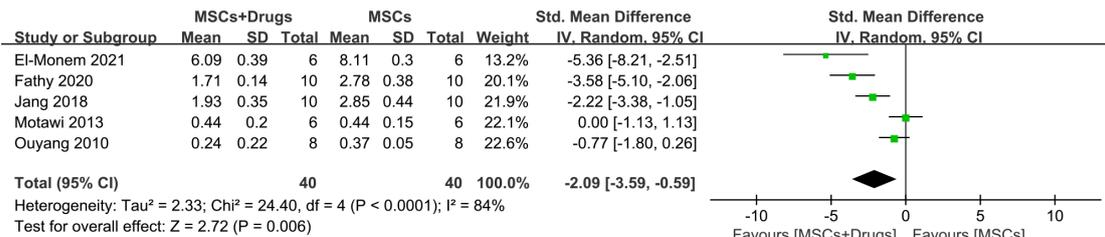


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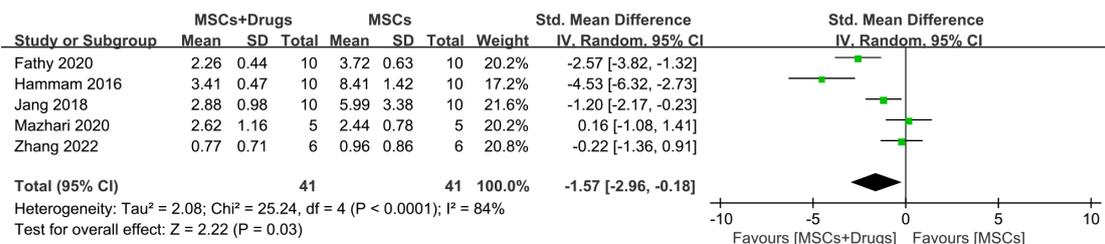


**Supplementary Figure 3: The forest plots: (A): Area percentage of levels (Masson**

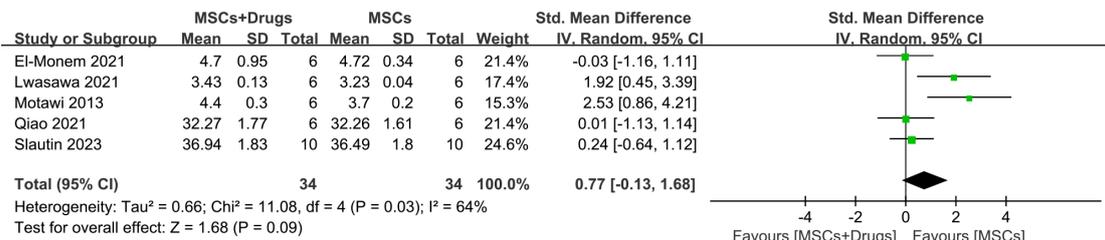
staining); (B): collagen fibers Area percentage of collagen fibers of levels (Sirius red



**Supplementary Figure 4 The forest plot of TGF-β1.**



**Supplementary Figure 5 The forest plot of α-SMA.**



**Supplementary Figure 6 The forest plot of ALB.**

**Supplementary Table 1 Summary of preclinical studies of mesenchymal stem cells combined with drug therapy for hepatic fibrosis**

Study	Year	Country	Design	Species	Injury model	Type of MSCs	Cell dose	Delivery route	Combination Drugs	Drug dose	Available outcomes
Ouyang[17]	2010	China	RCT	SD rats	Porcine Serum	BM-MSCs	1×10 <sup>6</sup>	portal vein	Salidroside	7mg/kg	AST , ALP , TGF-β1 , hydroxyproline
							cells/kg				
Chai [7]	2013	China	RCT	SD rats	CCL4	BM-MSCs	5×10 <sup>6</sup>	tail vein	Oxymatrine	50mg/kg	ALT, AST, IL-10, Masson
							cells/kg				
Motawi[22]	2013	Egypt	RCT	Wistar rats	CCL4	BM-MSCs	3×10 <sup>6</sup>	tail vein	Simvastatin	10mg/kg	ALT, AST, ALB, ALP, Col I, Col III, TGF-β1, Masson
							cells/kg				

Hammam[16]	2016	Japan	RCT	Albinomice	Schistosoma mansoni	WJMSCs	1.5	intrahepatic	Praziquantel	500mg/kg	$\alpha$ -SMA、Col I、MMP-9、Masson
							$\times 10^6$ cells/kg				
Jang[19]	2018	Korea	RCT	SD rats	TAA	BM-MSCs	1	intrahepatic	Simvastatin	10 mg/kg	$\alpha$ -SMA、TGF- $\beta$ 1、p-Smad3、Masson
							$\times 10^6$ cells/kg				
Fathy[13]	2020	Japan	RCT	SD rats	CCL4	AT-MSCs	9.75	tail vein	Eugenol	10 mg/kg	ALT、AST、IL-1 $\beta$ 、TNF- $\alpha$ 、IL-6、IL-10、 $\alpha$ -SMA、TGF- $\beta$ 1
							$\times 10^6$ cells/kg				
Mazhari[12]	2020	Lran	RCT	SD rats	CCL4	BM-MSCs	1.5	tail vein	Imatinib	20mg/kg	ALT、AST、ALP、Masson

							cells /kg				
El-Mone m[14]	20 21	Egy pt	RC T	Wistar rats	CCL4	BM- MSCs	1 ×10 <sup>7</sup>	tail vein	Nanocurc umin	100 mg/kg	ALT, AST, ALB, TGF-β1, Col I, Col III, MMP-2
							cells /kg				
Qiao[2 3]	20 21	Chi na	RC T	Wistar rats	CCL4	PD- MSCs	5×1 0 <sup>6</sup>	tail vein	Baicalin	25 mg/kg	ALT , AST , ALB , Hydroxyproline
							cells /kg				
Lwasa wa[20]	20 21	Jap an	RC T	C57BL /6 mice	CCL4	BM- MSCs	1 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	tail vein	Juzentaih oto	3 % (normal dose) or 1.5 % (low dose)	ALT, AST, ALB, Sirius Red staining, Hydroxyproline
							cells /kg				
Rafiq[2 1]	20 22		RC T		CCL4	BM- MSCs	1×1 0 <sup>6</sup>	tail vein	Ferulic Acid	0.30mg/g	ALT, ALB, Total-bilirubin

		Pakistan		BALB/c mice			cells/kg				
Zhang[15]	2022	China	RC T	SD rats	CCL4	BM- MSCs	5 ×10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg	tail vein	Melaton	10mg/kg	ALT、AST、α-SMA、HE、Masson
Slautin [18]	2023	Russian	RC T	CD1 mice	CCL4	PD- MSCs	1×10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg	tail vein	Fucoxanthin	10mg/kg	ALT、AST、ALB、α-SMA、Total-bilirubin、MMP-9

**Supplementary Table 2 Detailed search strategy.**

	<b>Detailed search strategy</b>		
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