

Supporting information

Nitric oxide-primed engineered extracellular vesicles restore bioenergetics in acute kidney injury via mitochondrial transfer

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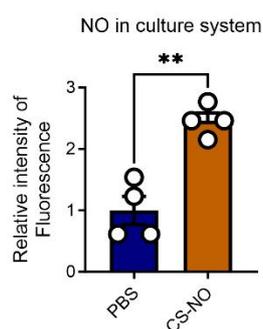


Figure S1. Relative quantification of the level of NO in the culture system determined using the DAF-2 fluorescence probe. Data are presented as means \pm SEM. Statistical significance was analyzed using ordinary one-way ANOVA. $n = 4$; $*p < 0.01$.

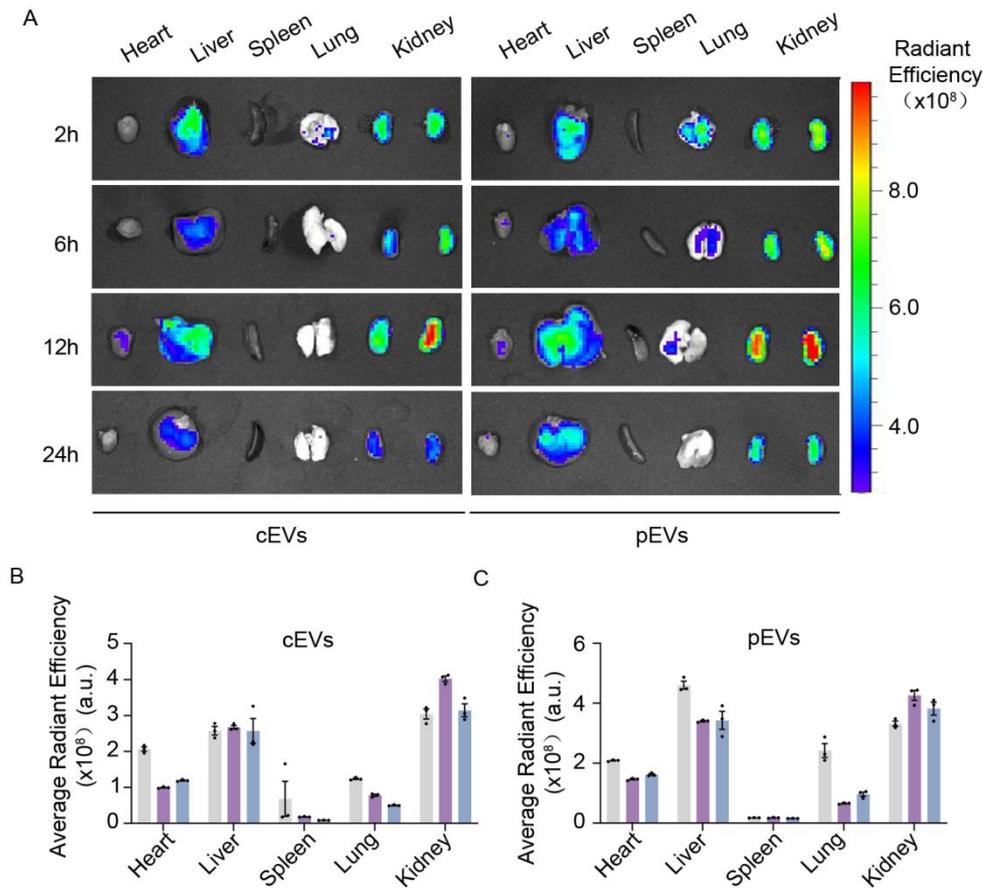


Figure S2. Ex vivo imaging of MSC-EVs in AKI mice. (A) Ex vivo fluorescence biodistribution of vital organs in AIE-EV groups at 2, 6, 12 and 24 h postinjection. (B) Average radiant efficiency changes of vital organs in cEV and pEV groups at selected time points 2 h (gray), 12 h (purple), 24 h (blue). $n = 3$.

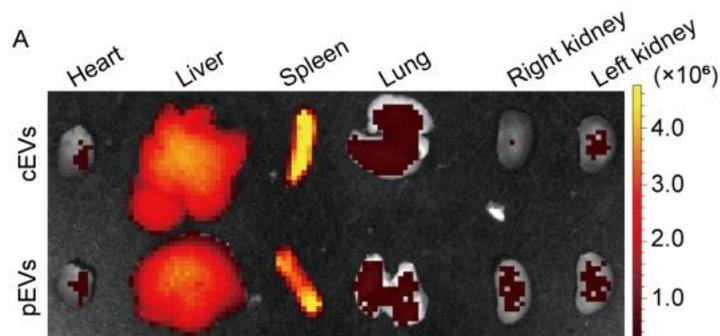


Fig. S3. Real-time imaging of MSC-EVs using DiR tracker. (A) Fluorescence intensity changes of vital organs in DiR-EV groups at 12 h postinjection. $n = 3$.

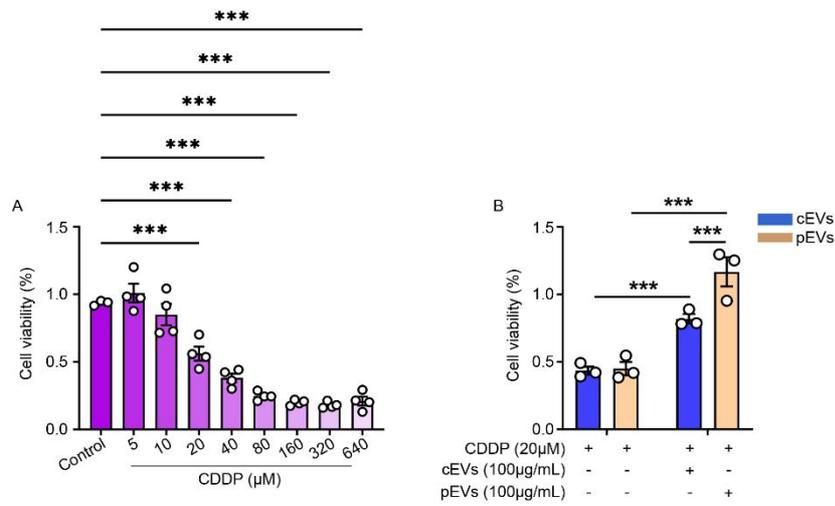


Figure S4. cEVs or pEVs protects HK-2 cells against cisplatin-induced cytotoxicity. (A) Cell viability of HK-2 cells stimulated with the designated doses of cisplatin for 24 h using CCK-8 assay. (B) Cell viability of HK-2 cells after the pretreatment with cEVs or pEVs for 8 h and co-treated with 20 µM cisplatin for 24 h. Data are presented as means ± SEM. Statistical significance was analyzed using ordinary one-way ANOVA. ***p < 0.001.

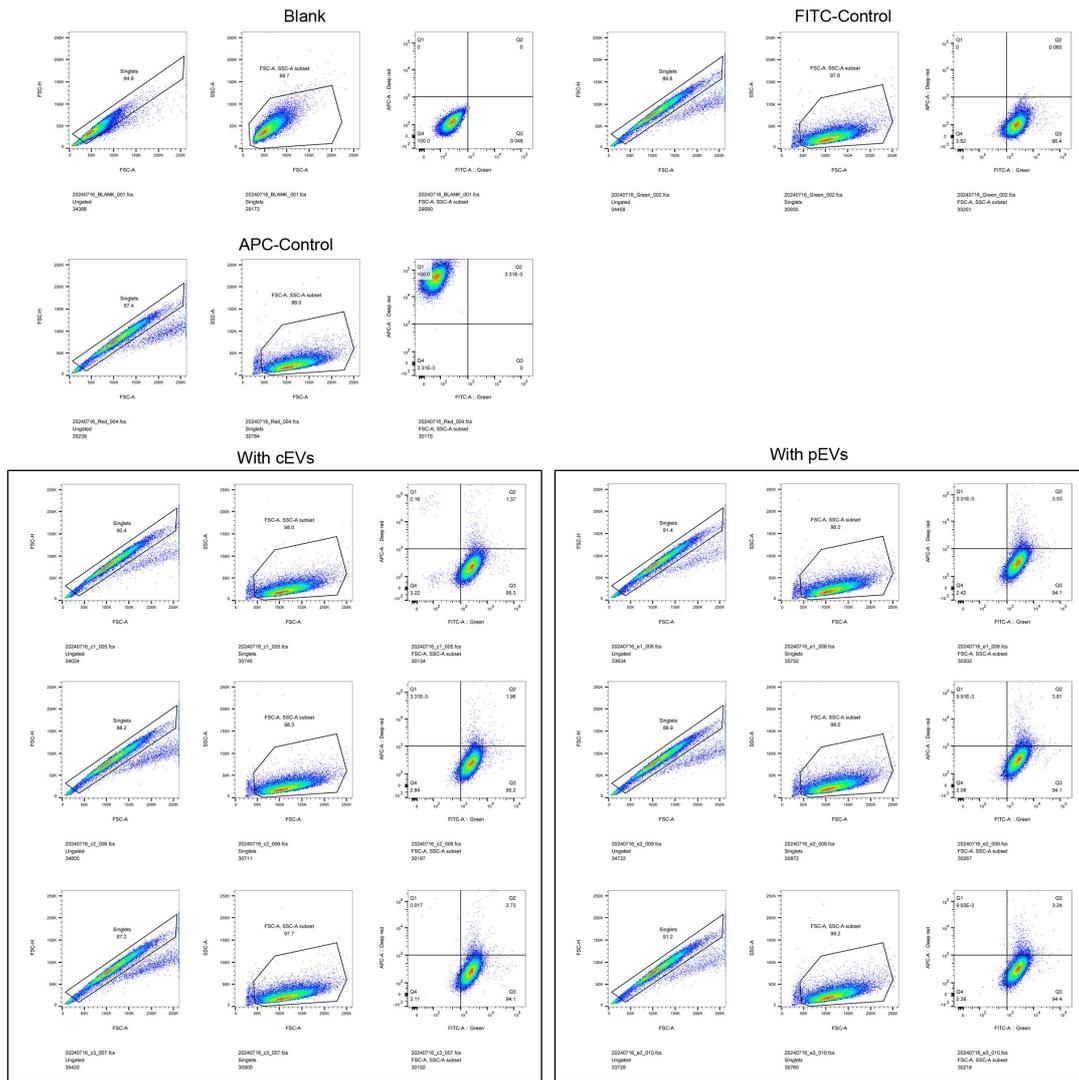


Figure S5. Gating strategies for analysis and percentage data of mitochondrial components transfer to HK-2 cells via cEVs or pEVs.

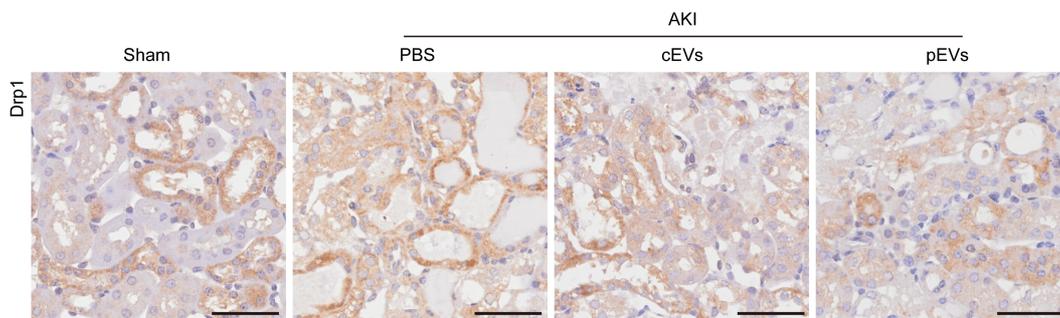


Figure S6. Expression of Drp1 in the AKI mice after cEVs and pEVs treatments. Scale bar, 50 μ m.

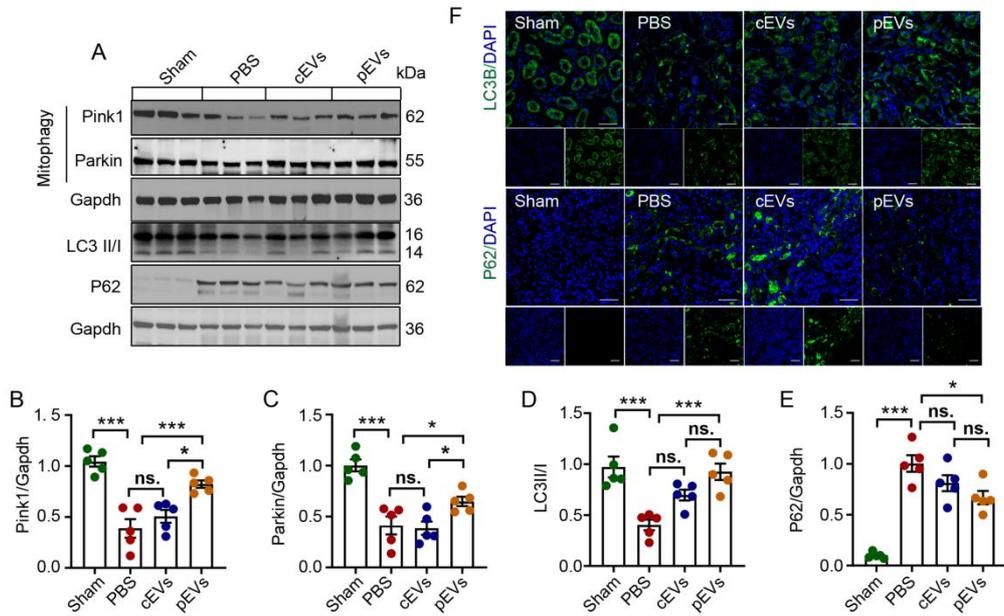


Figure S7. The pEV therapy demonstrated superior efficacy in restoring renal mitochondrial mitophagy. (A-F) Representative Western blot images (A) and quantitative analyses (B-E) of the mitochondrial mitophagy markers Pink1 (B), Parkin (C) and autophagy markers LC3 II/I (D), P62 (E). (F) Representative immunofluorescence images of LC3B and P62 in the kidney from AKI mice treated with cEVs or pEVs. Data are presented as means \pm SEM, n = 5; *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001. ns, not significant. Scale bar, 50 μ m.

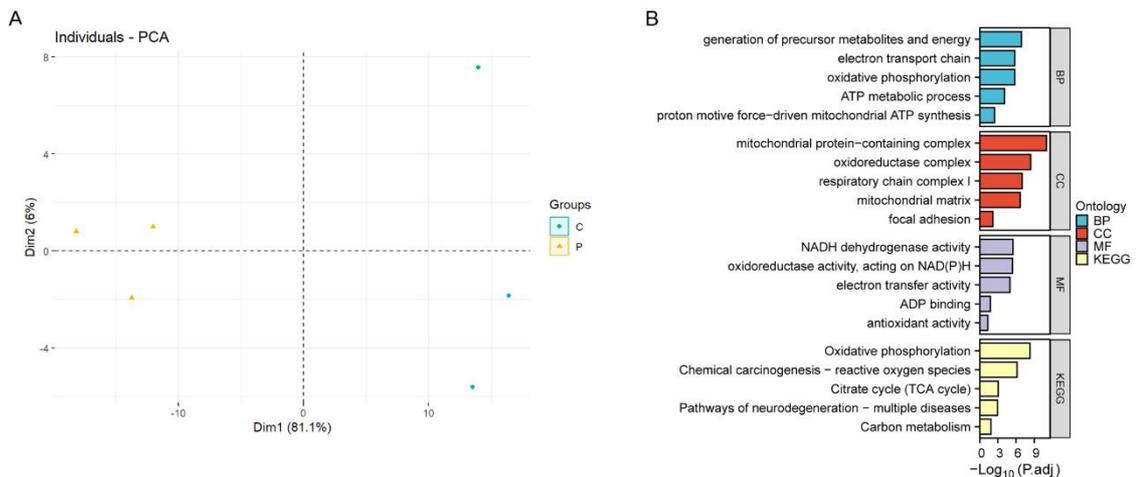


Figure S8. Identification and function enrichment of differentially expressed proteins (DEPs) between cEVs and pEVs. (A) PCA analysis for cEVs and pEVs samples. (B) The GO terms and KEGG pathway enrichment analysis of the DEPs.

Table S1. Primer sequences for qPCR analysis.

Gene	Accession number	Nucleotide sequence (5' to 3')	Species
Ngal	NM_008491.1	F-atggccctgagtgatcatgtg R-aactgacgctccggaagtc	Mus musculus
γ -H2ax	NM_010436.2	F-tacctcactgccgagatcct R-cttggtgagctcctcgtcgt	Mus musculus
Gsdmd	NM_026960.4	F-tgcgtgtgactcagaagacc R-caaacaggatcaccacga	Mus musculus
Il1b	NM_008361.4	F-gggctgctcacaaccttg R-aagacacaggtagctgccac	Mus musculus