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#### Highlights

- Leptin reduces effective concentration of miltefosine by two-folds.
- Leptin induces host macrophages for the activation of Th1 biased immune responses.
- Leptin when combining with miltefosine boosted up host immunity.
- Leptin plus miltefosine heightened the phagocytic activity of macrophages.

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