# **Supplemental Information**

Downregulation of Hypoxia-Inducible Factor- $1\alpha$  by RNA Interference Alleviates the Development of Collagen-Induced Arthritis in Rats

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# **Supplementary Material for**

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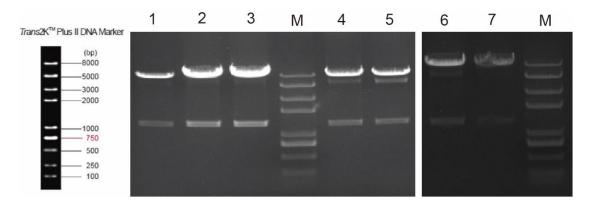


Figure S1. The pLVX-shRNA-HIF-1 $\alpha$  plasmid digested and identified by XhoI enzyme. Lane M: Trans2K plus marker, Lane 1,2,3: pLVX-shRNA1-HIF-1 $\alpha$  digested by XhoI, Lane 4,5: pLVX-shRNA2-HIF-1 $\alpha$  digested by XhoI, Lane 6,7: pLVX-shRNA3-HIF-1 $\alpha$  digested by XhoI

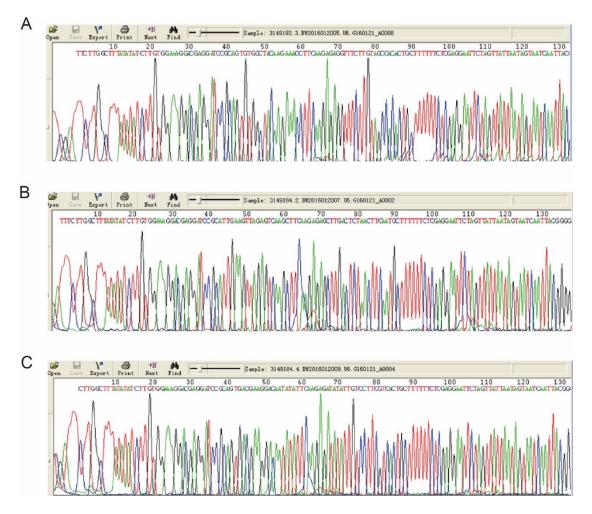


Figure S2. Vector plasmid sequencing (A) pLVX-shRNA1-HIF-1α, (B) pLVX-shRNA2-HIF-1α,

### (C) pLVX-shRNA3-HIF-1α.

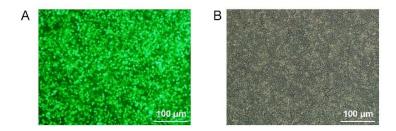


Figure S3. 24 h green fluorescence after transfection, (A) Green fluorescence observation after transfection of 293T cells for 24h, (B) Control non-fluorescent cell

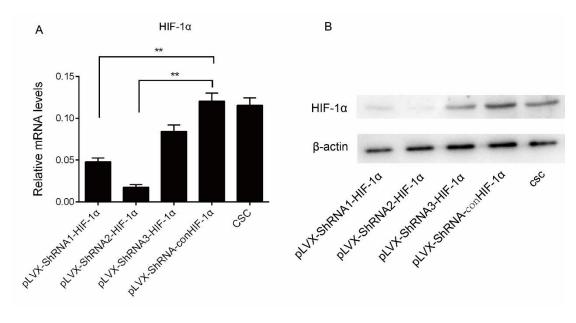


Figure S4. HIF- $1\alpha$  silencing effectiveness analysis, (A) HIF- $1\alpha$  mRNA expression, (B) HIF- $1\alpha$  Protein expression

#### Methods

# shRNA design, viral packaging and its effectiveness screening

(1) We designed 3 pairs of shRNAs that target HIF-1, and the sense and antisense sequences are as follows:

rHIF-lα-shRNA1-F:

5'-GATCCGCGCTGTGGCTACAAGAAACCTTCAAGAGAGGGTTTCTTGTAGCCACACTGCTTTTTTCTCGAGG-3'

rHIF- $1\alpha$ -shRNA1-R:

*5'*-**AATTC**CTCGAG<mark>AAAAAA</mark>GCAGTGTGGCTACAAGAAACCTCTCTTGAAGGTTTCTTGTAGCCACACTGC<mark>G</mark>-3'

rHIF-lα-shRNA2-F:

5'-GATCCGCATTGAAGTTAGAGTCAAGCTTCAAGAGAGCTTGACTCTAACT TCAATGCTTTTTCTCGAGG-3' rHIF- $1\alpha$ -shRNA2-R:

5'-AATTCCTCGAGAAAAAAGCATTGAAGTTAGAGTCAAGCTCTCTTGAAGC TTGACTCTAACTTCAATGC<mark>G</mark>-3'

rHIF-lα-shRNA3-F:

5'-GATCCGCAGTGACGAAGGACAATATATTCAAGAGATATATTGTCCTTCGT CACTGCTTTTTCTCGAGG-3'

rHIF-lα-shRNA3-R:

- 5'-AATTCCTCGAGAAAAAAGCAGTGACGAAGGACAATATATCTCTTGAATA TATTGTCCTTCGTCACTGC<mark>G</mark>-3'
- (2) The pLVX-shRNA-HIF-1 $\alpha$  plasmid was constructed and extracted in large amounts using a plasmid extraction kit, and then digested and identified by XhoI enzyme (Figure S1).

# (3) Vector plasmid sequencing

Sequencing is done by commercial companies (Figure S1).

- (4) Fluorescence observation of virus packaging and transfection of 293T cells for 24h (Figure S3)
- (5) Detection of the effectiveness of synovial cell silencing HIF-1a

The detailed operation of real time-PCR and western blot analysis are described in the text (Figure S4).