

1 **HIF1 α -mediated RelB/APOBEC3B downregulation allows Hepatitis B Virus**
2 **persistence**

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48 **Supplementary Material and Methods**

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50 **Immunoblotting**

51 Cells for western blotting analysis were lysed in RIPA buffer (Cell Signalling Technologies),
52 supplemented with Complete and PhosSTOP (both Roche). Protein concentration was measured
53 by bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay. The same amount of protein was then separated on an 8%
54 SDS-PAGE, followed by transfer on a 0.2 μ m PVDF membrane. Membranes were blocked in 5%
55 non-fat dry milk, incubated over-night at 4°C with primary antibodies and one hour at room
56 temperature with secondary antibodies. All used antibodies are listed in the *Table S1*.

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58 **Immunohistochemistry and *in-situ* hybridization**

59 2 μ M sections of human liver specimen were stained with antibodies against HIF1 α or HBcAg
60 using the BOND-MAX Automated IHC/ISH Stainer (Leica). All reagents were purchased from
61 Leica. Secondary antibody-polymer (Leica) coupled to horseradish peroxidase was used for
62 detection. All used antibodies are listed in the *Table S1*.

63 5 μ M sections of human liver specimen were used for APOBEC3B *in-situ* hybridization. The probe
64 was purchased from ACD, as well as all buffers and other reagents. *In-situ* hybridization was
65 performed strictly according to the manufacturer's instructions.

66 Double immunohistochemistry and *in-situ* hybridization was conducted by first performing *in situ*
67 hybridization and then immunohistochemistry. Shortly, for *in situ* hybridization manufacturer's
68 instructions (ACD) were followed closely with one exception: suggested incubation time with
69 protease of 30 minutes was reduced to 15 minutes to insure good protein detection by the
70 subsequent immunohistochemistry. Immunohistochemistry was performed as described above and

71 signal was detected using Opal chemistry (Akoya Biosciences). Substrate that emits in the FITC
72 channel was chosen to detect HIF1 α (i.e. Opal520). Nuclei were stained with DAPI for 10 min.

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74 **Immunocytochemistry**

75 Differentiated HepaRG were seeded into 4-chamber slides (ThermoFisher). Experiments were
76 stopped by removing culture medium, washing once with PBS and then incubating cells with 4%
77 paraformaldehyde (Carl Roth) for 15 minutes at room temperature. Cells were then washed with
78 PBS twice, before permeabilisation with 0.2% Triton X-100 (Sigma Aldrich) for 10 minutes at
79 room temperature. Cells were washed once in PBS, incubated 5 minutes in 70% ethanol and
80 washed extensively in PBS again, before submitting to automated staining using the BOND-MAX
81 Automated IHC/ISH Stainer (Leica). Secondary antibody-polymer (Leica) coupled to alkaline
82 phosphatase was used for detection. All used antibodies are listed in the *Table S1*.

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84 **RT-qPCR**

85 RNAs were either prepared using the Monarch[®] Total RNA Miniprep Kit (New England
86 BioLabs), according to the manufacturer's instructions. Eluted RNA was measured with a
87 nanodrop spectrometer (ThermoFisher). For mRNA, 500 ng total RNA was reverse transcribed
88 using the Quantitect Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's protocol. The cDNA was diluted
89 1:10. For the qPCR reaction, 3 μ L cDNA was mixed with 6 μ L FS Universal SYBR Green
90 MasterRox (Roche), 0.12 μ L reverse+forward primer mix, and 2.88 μ L water (amounts given for
91 one reaction). Samples were analysed in a QuantStudio 5 light cycler (ThermoFisher). Data was

92 analysed using the QuantStudio software (ThermoFisher) and the $\Delta\Delta\text{CT}$ method. RHOT2, PRNP,
93 or HPRT were used as housekeeping genes for relative quantification.

94 All used primers are listed in *Table S2*.

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96 **cccDNA clean-up and quantification**

97 HBV covalently closed, circular DNA was extracted from infected dHepaRG using either the
98 QiaAmp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen; column based, non-selective for cccDNA over rcDNA) or the
99 MasterPure™ Complete DNA and RNA Purification Kit (Epicentre; precipitation based, selective
100 for cccDNA over rcDNA). In the case of column-based extraction, before qPCR, 300-500 ng total
101 DNA were subjected to T5 Exonuclease digestion at 37°C for 30 minutes, followed by heat
102 inactivation of the enzyme at 70°C for 20 minutes. T5 exonuclease digested and diluted samples
103 were used for cccDNA quantification, undigested samples were used for gDNA quantification.
104 cccDNA levels were normalized to HepaRG gDNA. In the case of precipitation-based extraction,
105 DNA quantity was determined by Nanodrop measurement, and 40 ng DNA was used per qPCR
106 reaction. qPCR was performed using the Luna Universal Probe qPCR Master Mix (New England
107 Biolabs) and custom made, FAM-labelled and BHQ-quenched probes (Sigma). All used primers
108 are listed in *Table S2*.

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110 **Southern blot**

111 cccDNA was extracted from HBV-infected dHepaRG using the KCl protein precipitation method,
112 separated through 0.8 % agarose gel, blotted onto nylon membrane and hybridized with ³²P HBV-
113 DNA probe, as previously described (1,2).

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115 **Immunoprecipitation**

116 For chromatin immune-precipitation, cells were fixed and nucleic acids and proteins were cross-
117 linked and processed as previously described (3). Immunoprecipitated DNA was measured with
118 specific primers on a SYBR-based qPCR reaction on a QuantStudio 5 real time PCR instrument
119 (ThermoFisher). All primers used are listed in *Table S2*.

120 For co-immuno-precipitation, cells were washed with ice cold PBS, lysed with cell lysis buffer
121 (Cell signalling; 9803S), and kept on ice at all time. Samples were pre-cleared with A/G beads for
122 1h at 4°C. Beads were discarded and the samples were incubated o/n at 4°C with the indicated
123 antibody (**Table S1**). The next day, samples were incubated 2 hours with A/G beads at 4°C. Beads
124 were washed afterwards 5 times, then beads with bound proteins were boiled in 4x loading dye
125 containing 5% beta-mercapto ethanol (Carl Roth) at 95°C for 5 minutes. Before loading on an
126 SDS-PAGE, beads were pelleted by centrifugation at 13.000 rpm for one minute. Same volumes
127 of IPs were loaded.

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129 **Mass spectrometry**

130 For mass spectrometry analysis, cultured cells were lysed in RIPA buffer, complemented with
131 Complete and PhosStop (both Roche). Samples were cleared by centrifugation and protein
132 concentrations were measured by BCA assay as for immunoblotting. Protein amounts were
133 adjusted to be the same and then submitted to the proteomics core facility of the DKFZ. Proteins
134 have been loaded on SDS-PAGE-gel, which ran only a short distance of 0.5 cm. After Commassie
135 staining the total sample was cut out unfractionated and used for subsequent Trypsin digestion
136 according to a slightly modified protocol described by Shevchenko et al. (4) on a DigestPro MSi

137 robotic system (INTAVIS Bioanalytical Instruments AG). Peptides have been loaded on a
138 cartridge trap column, packed with Acclaim PepMap300 C18, 5 μ m, 300Å wide pore (Thermo
139 Fisher Scientific) and separated in a three step, 180 min gradient from 3% to 40% ACN on a
140 nanoEase MZ Peptide analytical column (300Å, 1.7 μ m, 75 μ m x 200 mm, Waters) carried out on
141 a UltiMate 3000 UHPLC system. Eluting peptides have been analysed online by a coupled Q-
142 Exactive-HF-X mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) running in data depend acquisition
143 mode where one full scan at 120 k resolution (375-1500 m/z, maxIT 54 ms) was followed by up
144 to 35 MSMS scans at 15 k resolution of eluting peptides at an isolation window of 1.6 m/z and a
145 collision energy of 27 NCE. Ion injection time was set to a maximum of 22 ms or 1e5 ions (AGC
146 target). Unassigned and singly charged peptides have been excluded from fragmentation and
147 dynamic exclusion was set to 60 sec to prevent oversampling of same peptides. Data analysis was
148 carried out by MaxQuant (version 1.6.3.3) (5) using an organism specific database extracted from
149 Uniprot.org under default settings. Identification FDR cutoffs were 0.01 on peptide level and 0.01
150 on protein level. Match between runs option was enabled to transfer peptide identifications across
151 Raw files based on accurate retention time and m/z. Quantification was done using a label free
152 quantification approach based on the MaxLFQ algorithm (6). A minimum of 2 quantified peptides
153 per protein was required for protein quantification. Data have been further processed by in-house
154 compiled R-scripts to plot and filter data and the Perseus software package (version 1.6.7.0) using
155 default settings for further imputation of missing values and statistical analysis (7). Proteins with
156 three non-missing intensities in at least one condition are retained for the analysis. The remaining
157 missing values are imputed either by half of the minimum measured intensity and then log2
158 transformed, or after log2 transformation via the regularized expectation maximization (REM)
159 algorithm by Schneider *et al.* (8), regarded as superior in a variety of settings explored in (9). A

160 moderated t statistics (10) is obtained for each contrast of interest, and for each imputed data-set,
161 with the R package Limma (11). The resulting p-values for each contrast are adjusted with the
162 Benjamini-Hochberg (12) procedure to control for the false discovery rate (FDR). To enhance the
163 robustness of the analysis, only proteins significant or non-significant at level 5% in both analyses,
164 i.e. under each imputation approach, and the corresponding REM imputed analysis values, are
165 retained for each contrast for plotting and pathway analysis purposes. Self-contained pathway
166 analyses (KEGG annotation) are performed via the Limma function mroast, where p-values for
167 each pathway are obtained via the rotation test method described in (13). The FDR is again
168 controlled via the Benjamini-Hochberg adjustment. The regularized expectation maximization
169 algorithm is run in MatLab v. R2019b, with code available at <https://github.com/tapios/RegEM>.
170 The remaining analyses are performed in R, v. 3.6.1. Raw data and additional information is
171 accessible via <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride>, project accession: PXD022925.

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173 **Flow cytometry**

174 Cells cultured under normoxia or hypoxia were detached with Versene (Lonza), then collected by
175 centrifugation and immediately fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 5 minutes at room
176 temperature. After washing cells with PBS, incubation with the primary antibody and labelling of
177 the primary antibody with a secondary, Alexa-647-linked, antibody was both done for 30 minutes
178 at room temperature. Measurement was conducted on a Fortessa flow cytometer (BD). All
179 antibodies are listed in *Table S1*.

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181 **Viability assays**

182 Cytotoxicity was assessed by Sulforhodamin B as previously described (14).

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184 **Mice**

185 A total of 6 C57BL6/J mice (3 males and 3 females), 11 to 12 weeks old, were injected with 300
186 mg/kg of DMOG in i.p. 6h after injection, mice were sacrificed and liver were harvested for mRNA
187 and protein extraction. Experiment on mice were approved by the Ethics Committee of ULiege
188 (#1939).

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190 **Cytoplasm/nucleus extraction**

191 The cells were washed with cold-PBS, scraped and centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 5 minutes at 4°C.
192 Cytosolic fractions were obtained by lysis of the cell pellet in 1 ml Buffer (Hepes 10 mM pH7.9,
193 KCl 10 mM, MgCl₂ 2 mM, EDTA 0.1 mM, NP40 0.02%, DTT 1 mM) supplemented with
194 Complete and PhosSTOP. After 10 minutes on ice, cells were centrifuged and cytosolic fractions
195 were collected. Nuclear pellets were washed (Hepes 10 mM pH7.9, KCl 20 mM, MgCl₂ 2 mM,
196 EDTA 0.1 mM) then lysed on ice during 30 minutes in nuclear Buffer Lysis (Hepes 20 mM pH7.9,
197 MgCl₂ 1.5 mM, EDTA 0.2 mM, NaCl 0.42 M, Glycerol 25%, DTT 0.5 mM) supplemented with
198 Complete and PhosSTOP. Debris were removed by centrifugation.

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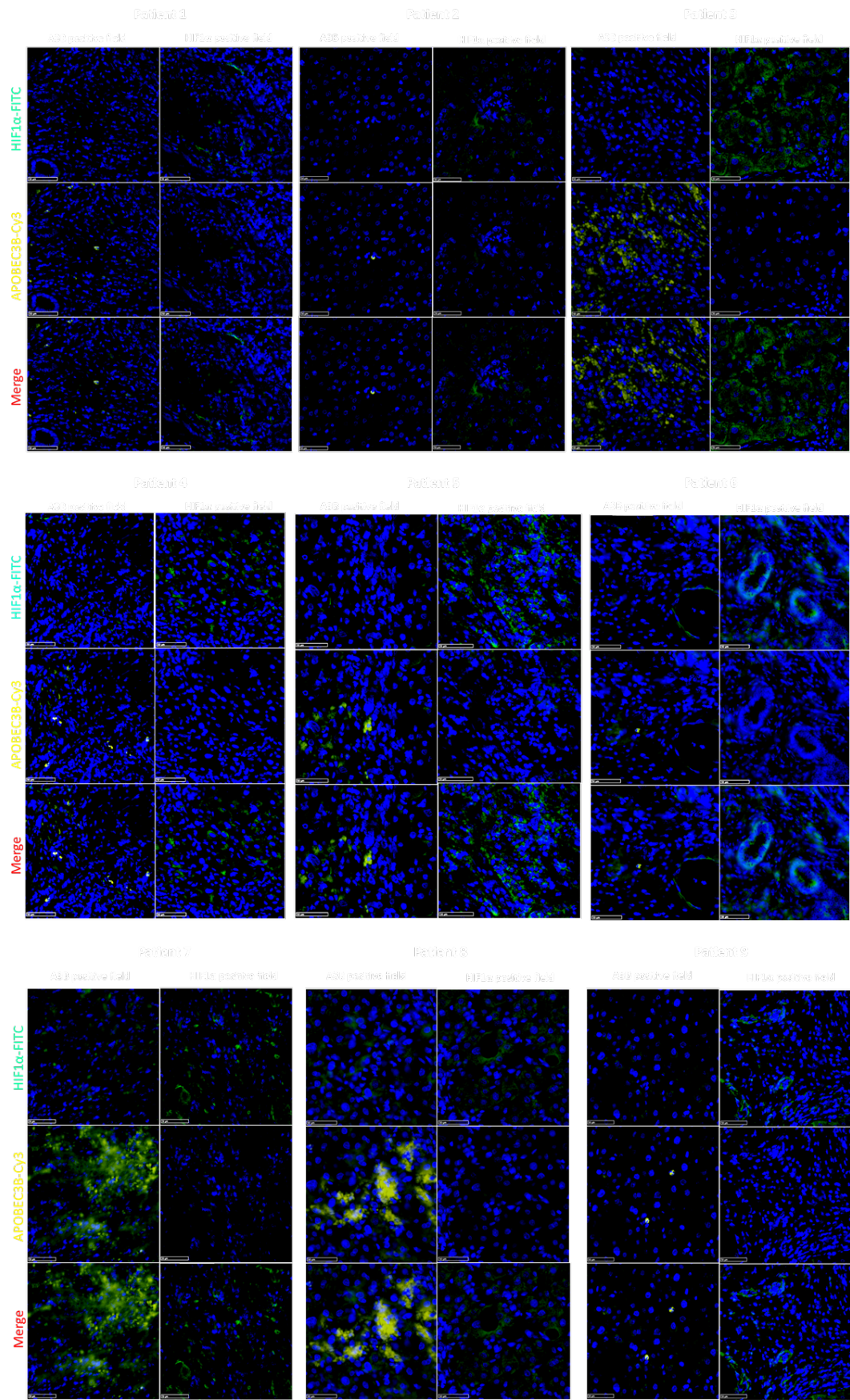
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239 **Supplementary figure 1 – In vivo, high HIF1 α expression is associated with low APOBEC3B**
240 **expression and vice versa.** Paraffin sections of chronic HBV patients were stained for
241 APOBEC3B mRNA by *in situ* hybridization (Cy3 in yellow, HIF1 α by IHC (FITC in green), and
242 nuclei were stained with DAPI (in blue). Photos were taken in one APOBEC3B high area and one
243 HIF1 α high area per patient.

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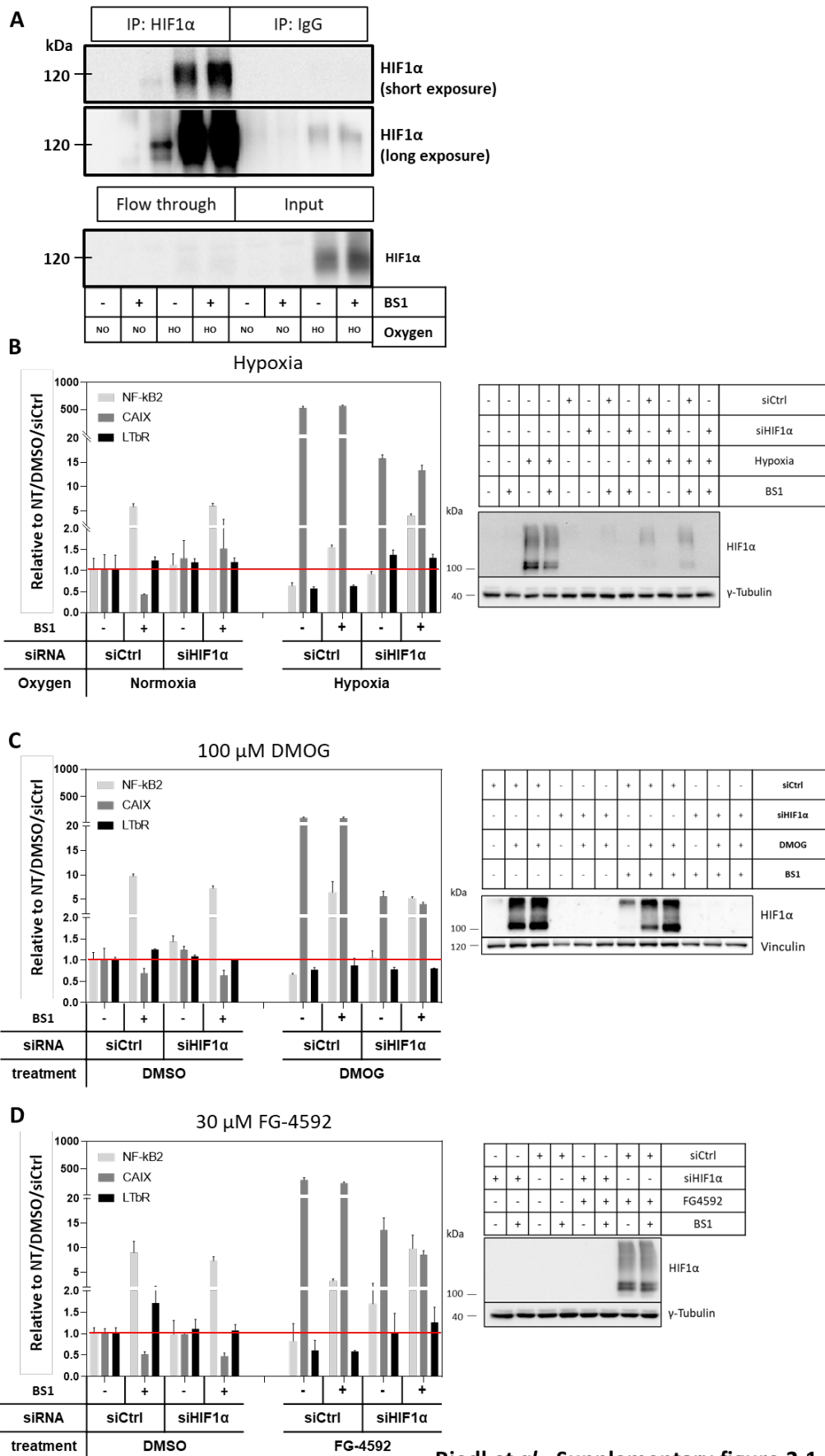
246 **Supplementary figure 2 – HIF1 α stabilisation interferes with efficient NF- κ B target gene**
247 **induction upon BS1 treatment. (A)** dHepaRG were incubated at 1% or 20% oxygen for 3 days
248 and treated +/- 0.5 μ g/mL of BS1. Proteins were immune-precipitated with the indicated antibody
249 and analysed by immunoblotting. **(B)** dHepaRG were infected with HBV. 6 d.p.i., cells were
250 transfected with either 10 nM HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs. On the next day, cells were
251 incubated under 1% (Hypoxia) or 20% (Normoxia) oxygen for 3 days, in presence or absence of
252 0.5 μ g/mL BS1. Cells were transfected then again under normoxia, and incubated then again under
253 1% or 20% oxygen for 3 days, in presence or absence of 0.5 μ g/mL BS1. Then, proteins and RNAs
254 were extracted and analysed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibody and RT-qPCR,
255 respectively. Bars represent the mean +/- SD of one experiment performed in quadruplicates. **(B)**
256 dHepaRG were infected with HBV. At 10 and 13 d.p.i., cells were transfected with either 10 nM
257 HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs. One day after the second transfection, cells were treated or
258 not with 0.5 μ g/mL BS1, either under presence of 100 μ M of DMOG or DMSO. 6 days post
259 treatment start proteins and RNAs were extracted and analysed by immunoblotting with the
260 indicated antibody and RT-qPCR, respectively. Bars represent the mean +/- SD of three
261 independent experiments performed in triplicates. **(D)** dHepaRG were infected with HBV. At 10
262 and 13 d.p.i., cells were transfected either 10 nM HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs. One day
263 after the second transfection, cells were treated or not with 0.5 μ g/mL BS1, either under presence
264 of 30 μ M of FG-4592 or DMSO. 6 days after the treatment start, proteins and RNAs were extracted
265 and analysed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibody and RT-qPCR, respectively. Bars
266 represent the mean +/- SD of three independent experiments performed in triplicates. **(E)** dHepaRG
267 were infected with HBV. At 7 d.p.i., cells were treated or not with 0.5 μ g/mL BS1, either with

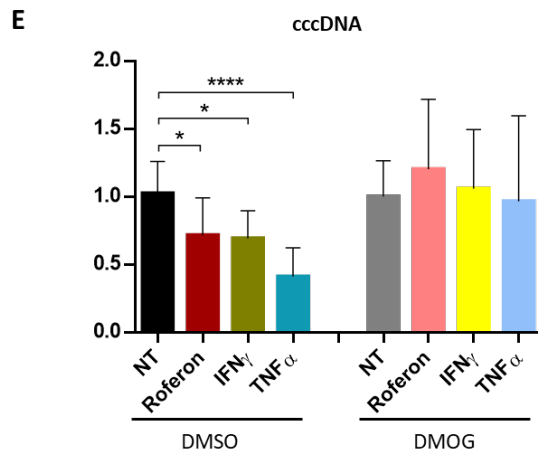
268 DMOG 100 μ M or DMSO. 6 days post treatment start DNA was extracted and analysed by qPCR.

269 Bars represent the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments performed in triplicates.

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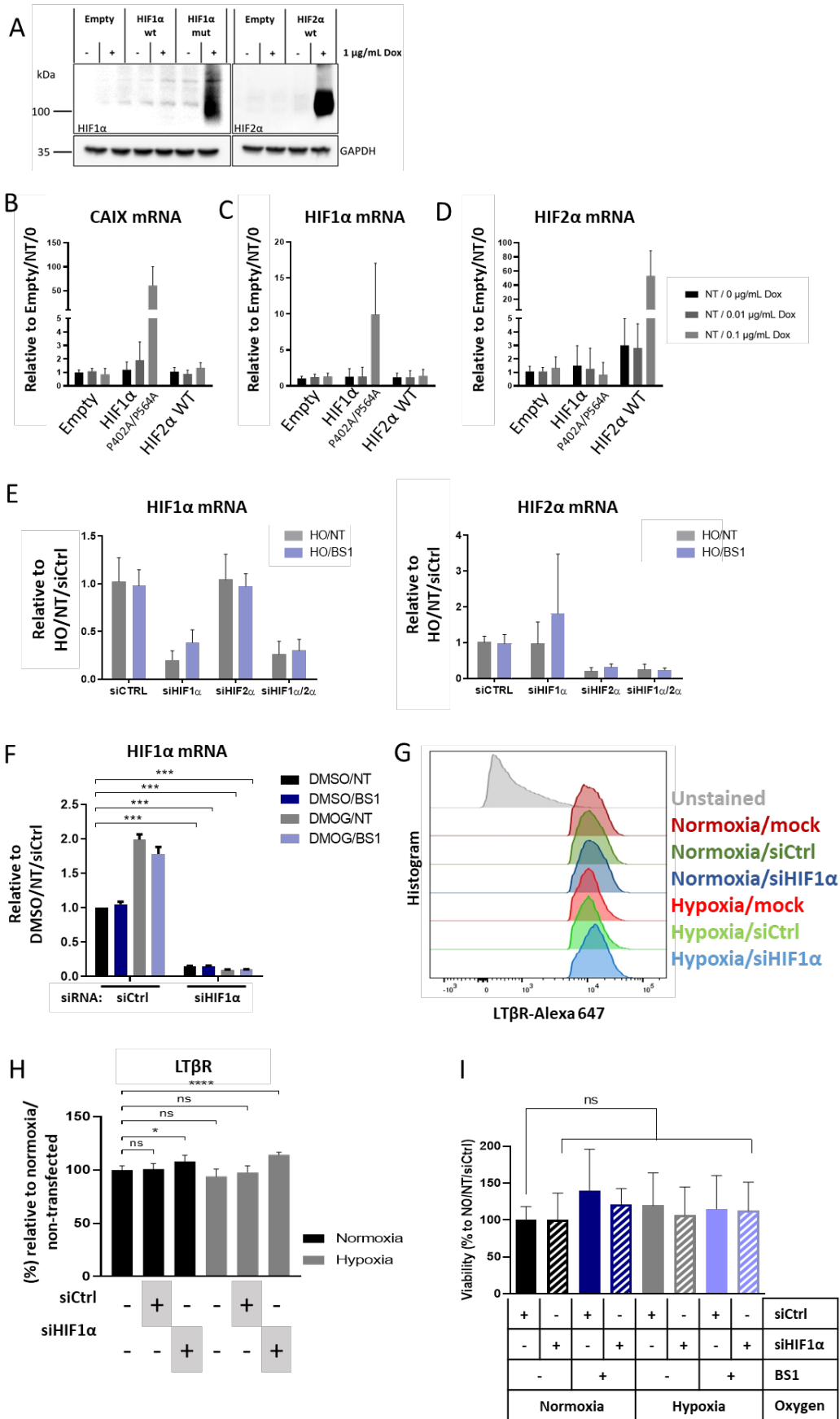
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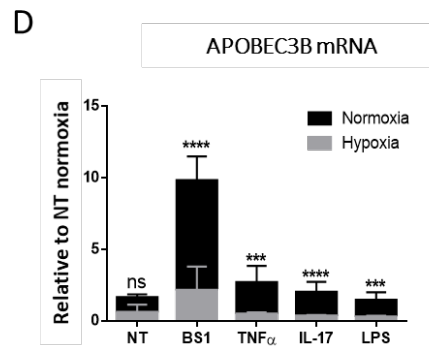
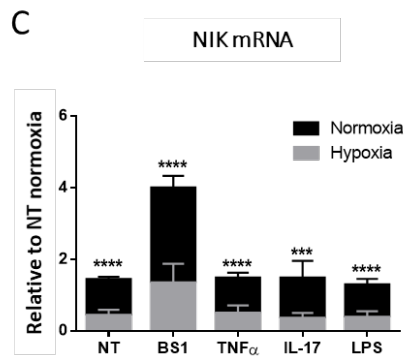
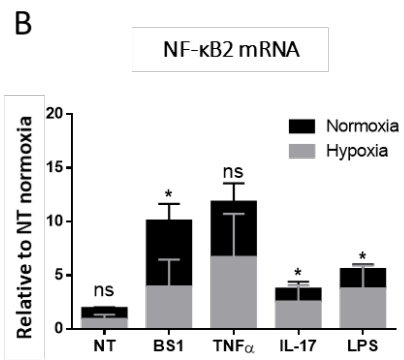
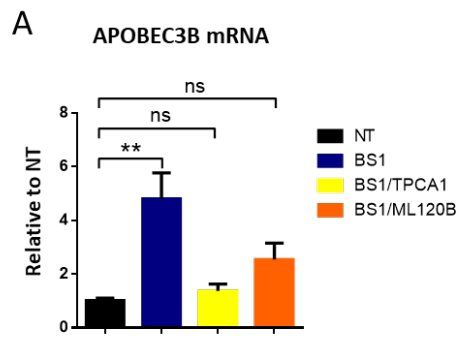
274 **Supplementary figure 3 – HIF1 α stabilisation, but not HIF2 α , induces impairment of A3B**
275 **induction.** (A) HepaRG expressing inducible wild-type HIF1 α , a degradation resistant mutated
276 HIF1 α (P402A/P564A, “mut”) or wild-type HIF2 α were exposed to 1 μ g/mL Doxycycline for 3
277 days. Proteins were extracted and analysed via immunoblotting for the indicated proteins. (B-D)
278 dHepaRG were treated with increasing doses of doxycycline as indicated. mRNAs were extracted
279 and (B) CAIX expression, (C) HIF1 α expression and (D) HIF2 α were analysed by RT-qPCR. Bars
280 represent the mean \pm SD of four independent experiments performed in triplicates. (E) dHepaRG
281 were transfected with 10 nM of either HIF1 α -targeting, HIF2 α -targeting, or both siRNAs or
282 control siRNAs. The next day cells were treated \pm 0.5 μ g/mL of BS1 under 1% oxygen. mRNAs
283 were extracted and analysed by RT-qPCR for the indicated genes. The bars represent the mean \pm
284 SD of three independent experiments performed in triplicates. (F) dHepaRG were transfected with
285 either 10 nM HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs. One day after the second transfection, cells were
286 treated or not with 0.5 μ g/mL BS1, either under presence of 100 μ M of DMOG or DMSO. 24h
287 post treatment start RNAs were extracted and analysed by RT-qPCR. Bars represent the mean \pm
288 SD of three independent experiments performed in triplicates. (G-H) dHepaRG were transfected
289 with either 10 nM HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs or left untransfected. From the following
290 day on, cells were incubated under 1% (Hypoxia) or 20% oxygen (Normoxia) for 3 days. Then,
291 cells were transfected under hypoxia or normoxia, and cultured for 3 more days. Cells were then
292 detached, fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde, stained for the lymphotoxin beta receptor and analysed
293 by flow cytometry. (G) Histograms of representative samples and (H) geometric mean of two
294 independent experiments with 3 or 4 biological replicates. (I) dHepaRG were transfected with 10
295 nM HIF1 α -targeting siRNAs or control siRNAs. One day post transfection, cells were cultured
296 under 1% (Hypoxia: HO) or 20% (Normoxia: NO) oxygen for 6 days \pm 0.5 μ g/mL of BS1.

297 Cytotoxicity was assessed by sulforhodamine B assay. Data represent the mean +/- SD of three
298 independent experiments performed in triplicates. Data were subjected (**F, H, I**) to one-way
299 ANOVA. *: $p < 0.05$; ***: $p < 0.001$; ****: $p < 0.0001$; ns: not significant.

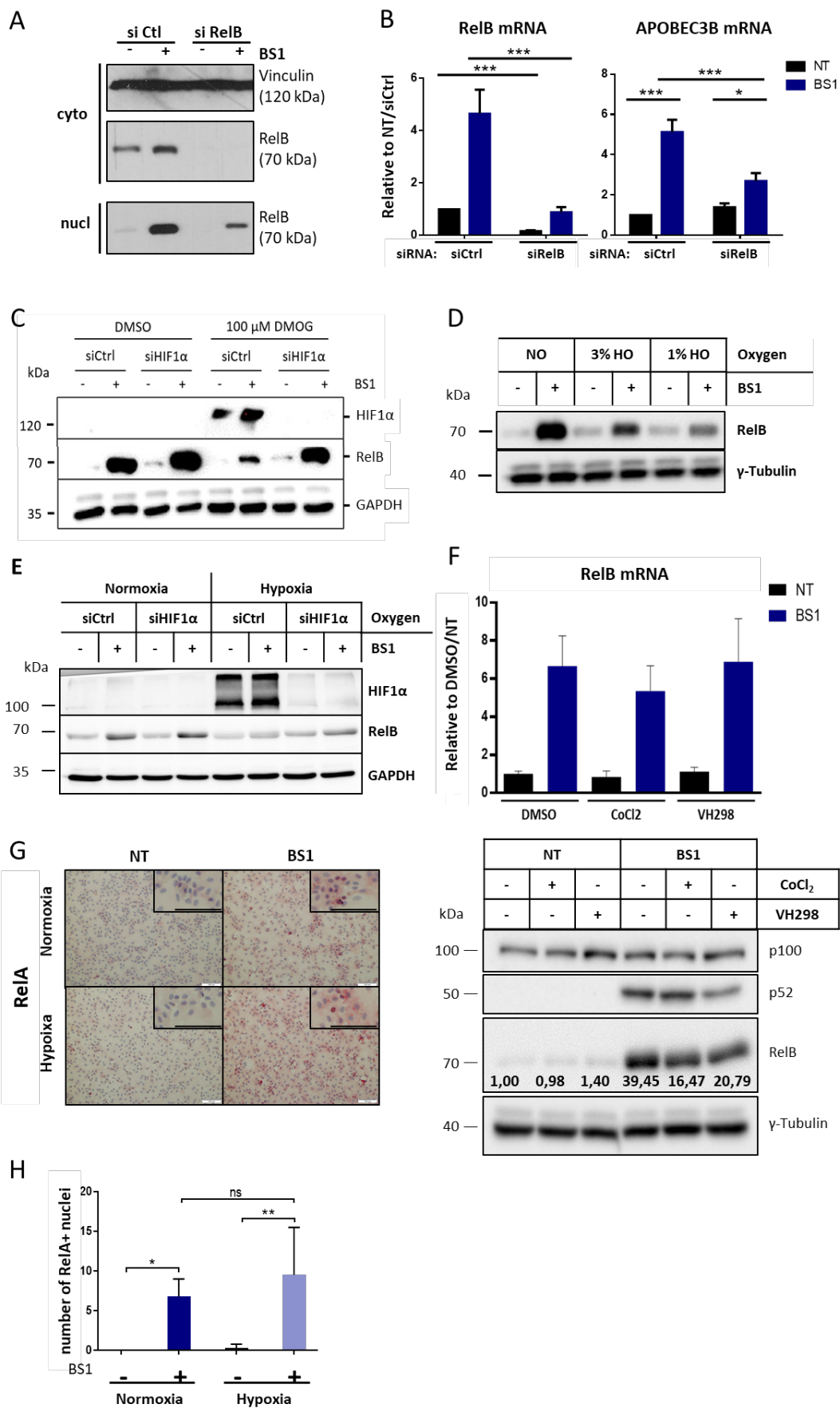


301 **Supplementary figure 4: HIF1 α stabilisation inhibits NF- κ B target genes in an oxygen**
302 **dependant manner. (A)** dHepaRG were treated for 2h with 5 μ M TPCA1 or 10 μ M ML120B,
303 before adding 0.5 μ g/mL BS1. 3 days after treatment start, mRNA were extracted and analysed by
304 RT-qPCR. Bars represent the mean +/-SD of three independent experiments performed in
305 duplicates. **(B-D)** dHepaRG were cultured under 1% or 20% oxygen and treated with, either, 0.5
306 μ g/mL BS1, 10 ng/mL of TNF α , 50 ng/mL of IL-17, or 100 ng/mL of LPS. 6 days post treatment,
307 mRNAs were extracted and analysed by RT-qPCR. **(A-D)** Data represent the mean +/- SD of three
308 independent experiments performed in duplicates or triplicates. Data were submitted to **(B-D)**
309 unpaired student's t-test or **(A)** one-way ANOVA. *: p < 0.05; ***: p < 0.001; ****: p < 0.0001;
310 ns: not significant.

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313 **Supplementary figure 5 – HIF1 α stabilisation modulates NF- κ B signalling through RelB**
314 **protein decrease. (A, B)** dHepaRG were transfected with RelB-targeting or non-targeting control
315 siRNAs, one day prior to treatment with 0.5 μ g/mL BS1. After 48 hours, (A) proteins and (B)
316 mRNAs were extracted and analysed by immunoblotting and RT-qPCR, respectively. Bars
317 represent the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments performed in triplicates. (C) dHepaRG
318 cells were transfected with either 10 nM HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs. On the next day, cells
319 were treated or not with 0.5 μ g/mL BS1, either under presence of 100 μ M of DMOG or DMSO. 3
320 days post treatment start proteins were extracted and analysed by immunoblotting. (D) Cells were
321 cultured under 1%, 3%, or 20% oxygen and treated \pm 0.5 μ g/mL of BS1. 3 days after treatment
322 start proteins were extracted and analysed by immunoblotting. (E) dHepaRG were transfected with
323 either 10 nM HIF1 α -targeting or control siRNAs. On the next day, cells were incubated under 1%
324 (Hypoxia) or 20% (Normoxia) oxygen for 3 days, in presence or absence of 0.5 μ g/mL BS1.
325 Proteins were extracted and analysed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibody. (F)
326 dHepaRG were incubated for 3 days \pm 100 μ M of CoCl₂ or VH298 in presence or absence of
327 0.5 μ g/mL of BS1. mRNAs and proteins were extracted and analysed by RT-qPCR and
328 immunoblotting, respectively. Bars represents the mean \pm SD of four independent experiments
329 performed in triplicates. (G-H) dHepaRG were seeded into 4-well chamber slides. 3 days after
330 seeding, cells were cultured under either 1% (Hypoxia) or 20% (Normoxia) oxygen for 3 more
331 days, either in the presence or absence of 0.5 μ g/mL BS1. Cells were then prepared for
332 immunocytochemistry and stained for RelA. (G) Representative pictures and (H) quantification of
333 RelA positive nuclei. Data represent the mean of 5 pictures per condition form two experiments.
334 Data were submitted to (B, F, H) one way ANOVA. *: p < 0.05; **: p < 0.01; ***: p < 0.001; ns:
335 not significant.



337 **Supplementary figure 6 – ARNT is not involved in HIF1 α modulation of NF- κ B signalling.**

338 **(A-C)** dHepaRG cells were transfected with either 10 nM ARNT-targeting or control siRNAs.

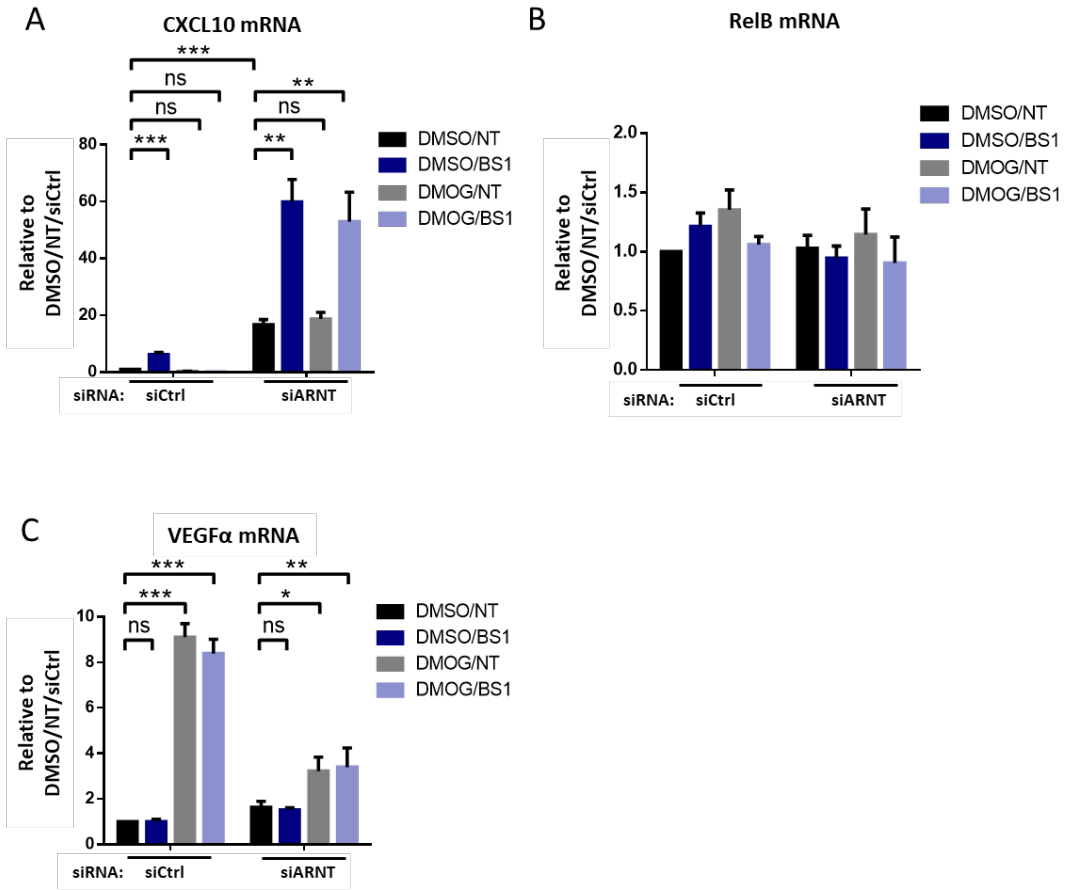
339 Two days after transfection, the cells were treated for 24h with +/- 0.5 μ g/mL of BS1 and 100 μ M

340 DMOG or the respective amount of DMSO. mRNAs were extracted and analysed by RT-qPCR.

341 Bars represent the mean +/-SD of three experiments. Data were submitted to one way ANOVA.

342 *: $p < 0.05$; **: $p < 0.01$; ***: $p < 0.001$; ns: not significant.

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345 **Table S1. Antibodies and molecules**

Type	Usage	Target	Supplier	Reference	Concentration
Antibodies	Western blot	GAPDH	Cell Signaling Technologies	2118	1:10.000
		HIF1 α	Becton Dickinson	610959	1:500
		IKK β	Cell Signaling Technologies	2678	1:1.000
		p100/p52	Merck Millipore	05-361	1:500
		p105/p50	Cell Signaling Technologies	3035	1:1.000
		pRelA	Cell Signaling Technologies	8242	1:1.000
		RelA	Cell Signaling Technologies	3033	1:1.000
		RelA	Cell Signaling Technologies	6956	1:1.000
		RelB	Cell Signaling Technologies	4922	1:5.000
		Vinculin	Sigma Aldrich	V9131	1:5.000
		p105/p50	Merck Millipore	06-886	1:2.000
		Tubulin	Sigma Aldrich	T6074	1:3.000
		Vinculin	Santa Cruz	sc-73614	1:2.000
		HIF-1a (D1S7W)	Cell Signaling Technologies	36169	1:1.000
		HIF1a	BD Biosciences	610958	1:1.000
		Histone H3	Abclonal	A2348	1:1.000
		HIF-1b/ARNT (D28F3) XP	Cell Signaling Technologies	5537	1:1.000
		Ikba	Cell Signaling Technologies	9242	1:2.000
	mouse IgG	Cell Signaling Technologies	7076	1:20.000	
	rabbit IgG	Cell signaling Technologies	7074	1:20.000	
	Flow cytometry	LT β R	Novus Biologicals	AF629	1:50
	ChIP	HIF1 α	R and D systems	NB100-105	1:150
	Histology	HBCAg	DAKO	B0586	1:250
HIF1 α		R and D systems	NB100-105	1:40	
RelA		Novus Biologicals	NB100-2176	1:200	
RelB		Cell Signaling Technologies	4922	1:200	
ISH probe	BA-Hs-Apobec3B-1zz-st	ACD	#701271		
Treatments and inhibitors	HIF1 α stabiliser	DMOG	Sigma Aldrich	D3695	100 μ M
		CoCl ₂	Sigma Aldrich	C8661-25G	100 μ M
		VH298	Biomol	Cay21133-5	100 μ M
		FG-4592	Biomol	Cay15294	30 μ M
	NF- κ B inhibitor	ML120B	Sigma Aldrich	SML1174-5MG	10 μ M
		TPCA-1	Sigma Aldrich	T1452	5 μ M
	Immune stimulator	BS1	Biogen/Idc	N/A	0.5 μ g/mL
		LPS (from <i>S. minnesota</i> R595)	InVivogen	tlrl-smmps	100 ng/mL
		TNF α	Novus Biologicals	210-TA	10 ng/mL
		Interleukin 17A	Novus Biologicals	7955-IL	50 ng/mL
		TNF α - anti-viral experieiment	R and D systems	210-TA	800 IU
		Interferon gamma	R and D systems	285-IF	200 IU
Roferon (PEG-interferon alpha)	Roche	Roferon	1000 IU		

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348 **Table S2. Primers sequences**

Type	Target	Forward	Reverse
qPCR	APOBEC3B	GACCCCTTGGTCCTTCGAC	GCACAGCCCCAGGAGAAG
	APOBEC3B- promoter	ACAGATAAAGACAGAGCAGCC	CCAGGGCCTTATGATCATG
	CAIX	GTCTCGCTTGAAGAAATCGC	CACAGGGCGGTGATGTCAG
	CXCL10	TATTCCTGCAAGCCAATTTTGTG	TCTTGATGGCCTTCGATTCTG
	CXCL0	GTGGCATTCAAGGAGTACCTC	TGATGGCCTTCGATTCTGGATT
	GLUT1	TCTTCAGCCAGGGTCCACGTC	CGTAGGGACCACACAGTTGCTC
	HIF1 α	TCATCAGTTGCCACTTCCACATA	CCATCATCTGTGAGAACCATAACAA
	HIF1 α	ATAAAGTCTGCAACATGGAAGGT	ATTTGATGGGTGAGGAATGGGTT
	HIF1 β /ARNT	CAAGCCATCTTCCCTCACTGATC	ACACCACCCGTCCAGTCTCA
	HIF2 α	CAATGACAGCTGACAAGGAGAAG	CATGGGCCAGCTCATAGAAC
	HPRT	TCAGGCAGTATAATCCAAGATGGT	AGTCTGGCTTATATCCAACACTTCG
	LT β R	GAGAACCAAGGTCTGGTGGGA	GAGCAGAAAGAAGGCCAGTG
	NF κ B2	GGGCCGAAAGACCTATCCC	CAGCTCCGAGCATTGCTTG
	NIK	AGCAGAAAGAACTCCCAAAA	ATCACGTCAATCAGGATCTCCC
	RelB	CATTGAGCGGAAGATTCAAC	GCAGCTCTGATGTGTTTGTG
	RelB	CAGCATCCTTGGGGAGAG	GACTCGGTGAGGCCAGTC
	mouse RelB	CATCGAGCTTCGAGACTGTG	CACGAGGCTATGTGGGTGTA
	RHOT2	CTGCGGACTATCTCCCTC	AAAAGGCTTTCAGCTCCAC
	VEGF	CAAGACAAGAAAATCCCTGTGG	GCTTGTACATCTGCAAGTACG
	cccDNA	CCGTGTGCACCTCGCTTCA	GCACAGCTTGAGGGCTTGA
PRNP	TGCTGGGAAGTGCCATGAG	CGGTGCATGTTTTCACGATAGTA	
Taqman probes	RHOT2	[6FAM] GCTACGCCATCGACACGGTGCAGGT [BHQ1]	
	HBV cccDNA	[6FAM] CATGGAGACCACCGTGAACGCC [BHQ1]	
siRNA	siHIF1 α	1: GAACAAUACAUGGGAUUA 2: AGAAUGAAGUGUACCUAA 3: GAUGGAAGCACUAGACAAA 4: CAAGUAGCCUCUUGACAAA	
	siAhr	CAAGCGGCATAGAGACCGACTTAATACAGAGTTGGACCGTTTGGCTAGCCTGCTGCCTTCCCACAAGATGTTATTA ATAAGTTGGACAACTTTCAGTTCTTAGGCTCAGCGTCAGTTACCTGAGAGCCAAGAGCTTCTTTGATGTTGCATTAAA ATCCTCCCCTACTGAAAGAAACGGAGGCCAGGATAACTGTAGAGCAGCAAAATTCAGAGAAGGCCTGAACCTACAAGA AGGAGAATCTTATTACAGGCTCTGAATGGCTTTGTATTAGTTGTCACCTACAGATGCTTTGGTCTTTTATGCTTCTTCT ACTATACAAGATTATCTAGGGTTTCAGCAGTCTGATGTCATACATCAGAGTGTATATGAACCTATCCATACCGAAGACC GAGCTGAATTC	
	siARNT	TCCACTTAGTATTGCAGCCAAAGAATATTTAAATAAACGCTTTTGTGCGCTTGCATCCATGCCAGCCAATATACAAC TGTAAGCAAAATATAGAAAGTCGGCTGTTGATACGATTGTCTGTTATCGAACACATTCAGTGATAAAGCTGGGTTACTG CTGCTTTTGGTGCCTCACCTTATCTGGAAGATCTGCAAACATTACCTAAATAGGCTGGCAAGATAAACACTTCTGG AACCCGAGACTTGGCCATAAAGATAATGCTGCATTTTCTGTCAGAATCACATATGATGTGTGTTCTGTAGAGTTATT TCTGCATGGAAACTCAACTTCTTGGATTAGCCGTCCAGTGAATAATCCTCATTGTTGGAGTGTAAACCAAATACGAAG CCCTCTTGCA	
	siRelB	1: CUGCGGAUUUGCCGAUUA 2: GCACAUGAAUUGGAGAU 3: CCAUUGAGCGGAAGAUUCA 4: GCCCGUCUAUGACAAGAAA	

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