

## Supplementary FigureS1. NiCl $_2$ increases the expression of ANGPTL4 via TGF- $\beta$ signaling pathway.

(A) BEAS-2B cells were treated with 0.25 mM NiCl<sub>2</sub> for 0, 1, 3 and 6 h, The protein levels of p-smad2, p-samd3 and samd4 were analyzed by Western blot. (B) A549 and BEAS-2B cells were treated with SB525334 (2 $\mu$ M) and/or metformin (5 mM) underling NiCl<sub>2</sub> exposure for 24 h, the protein expression of ANGPTL4 was performed.  $\beta$ -actin was used as the internal control.

## Supplemental Table S1. Primers list for expression analysis.

Analysis	Gene symbol	Forward (5'-3')	Reverse (5'-3')
Q-PCR	ANGPTL4	CTCCACTTGGGACCAGGATC A	ATGGCTGCAGGTGCCAAAC
	HIF-1α	TAGCCGAGGAAGAACTATGAAC	CACACTGAGGTTGGTTACTG TTG
	β-actin	TCATCACCATTGGCAATGAG	CACTGTGTTGGCGTACAGGT
СНІР	ANGPTL4-		
	promoter-	GACGGTGACCATCTGAACCT	TCCAAGCCAGCTCATTCTCT
	HRE1		
	ANGPTL4-		
	promoter-	GGCTG GTCTG GAAGT CTTG	GGGCGGAGGAGTCTTGG
	HRE3		