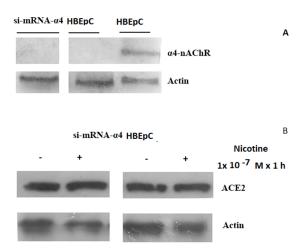
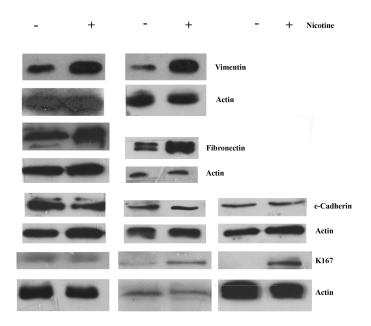
## **Supplementary Figures**



**Figure S1.** Expression of α4-nAChR and ACE2 in HBEpC in si-mRNA-α4-HBEpC after treatment for 1 h with Nicotine  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  M. **A:** Expression of α4-nAChR on wild type HBEpC and on si-mRNA-α4-HBEpC. **B** expression of ACE2.



 $\textbf{Figure S2.} \ We stern \ blot \ raw \ data.$ 

1 CTRL

2 positive control H2O2 400  $\mu M$  for 1 h

- 3. Nicotine  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  M for 1 h
- 4 Nicotine 1 x  $10^{-7}$  M for 24 h
- 5 Nicotine 1 x  $10^{-7}$  M for 48 h