#### **Supplementary figures**





Figure S1. ABLIM1 expression profiles and survival curves. (A) ABLIM1 expression profiles in different tumors analyzed in GEPIA 2 database (http://gepia2.cancer-pku.cn/). Tumors marked in red or blue indicates the gene is significantly up-regulated or down-regulated in tumors. (B) CRC patient overall survival curves stratified by ABLIM1 expression levels using data downloaded from CBioPortal database (B, TCGA PanCancer Atlas; C, TCGA Firehose Legacy). B, P = 0.37, hazard ratio = 0.84 [0.56-1.26, 95% confidence interval (CI)]. C, P = 0.30, hazard ratio = 0.79 [0.49–1.27, 95% CI].



Figure S2. The rescue effect of a shRNA-resistant mutant of ABLIM1 on colorectal cancer cell proliferation, migration, and invasion. (A) Western blot analysis of ABLIM1 in HCT116 cells transduced with shABLIM1+ABLIM1<sup>shMut</sup>, shABLIM1+Vec, or shVec+Vec. (B) HCT116 cell proliferation indexes recorded by RTCA system after indicated treatments.  $N = 4 \sim 5$  for each group. Unpaired t-test. \*\*\*\*, p < 0.001 for shVec+Vec versus shABLIM1+Vec. ##, p < 0.01 for shABLIM1+ABLIM1<sup>shMut</sup> versus shABLIM1+Vec. (C) HCT116 cell migration and invasion images stained by crystal violet after indicated treatments.



Figure S3. (A) Western blot analysis of ABLIM1 knock-down efficiency in SW620 cells transduced by shABLIM1 or shVec. (B) HE images of nude mouse livers in the CRC liver metastasis models. Stable shVec or shABLIM1 SW620 cells were injected into hepatic portal veins of nude mice (N = 5) to establish the CRC liver metastasis model. Blue triangles indicate the tumor nodes in livers under microscopy.

### Figure S4



Figure S4. Phosphorylation does not modulate the interaction between ABLIM1 and I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ . Co-immunoprecipitation assays were performed after BAY11-7082 treatment (10  $\mu$ M, 16 h) (A) or srI $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  overexpression (B) in 293T cells. (C) In HCT116 cells, ABLIM1 antibody was used to co-immunoprecipitate I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  after ABLIM1, and srI $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  or I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  overexpression. ABLIM1, I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ , and GAPDH were detected by immunoblotting.

Original Western blot images:





Figure 2A: HCT116 (UP) and RKO (Down)



Figure 3A: HCT116 (Up) and SW620 (Down)



Figure 4D Vector AND ABLIM1 <sup>OE</sup>



#### shVec AND shABLIM1



Figure 4E HCT116:



RKO:





Figure 5E



### Figure 6B



Figure 6C



gapdh

## Figure 6D HCT116



Figure 6D



### Figure 6E HCT116



293T:



# Figure 6F







## Figure 7A



## Figure 7B



## Figure 7C



# Figure 7D

























### Figure 8A



Supplementary Figure S2A



Figure S3A



GAPDH

## Figure S4A



## Figure S4B



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Figure S4C
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