## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

Figure S1.

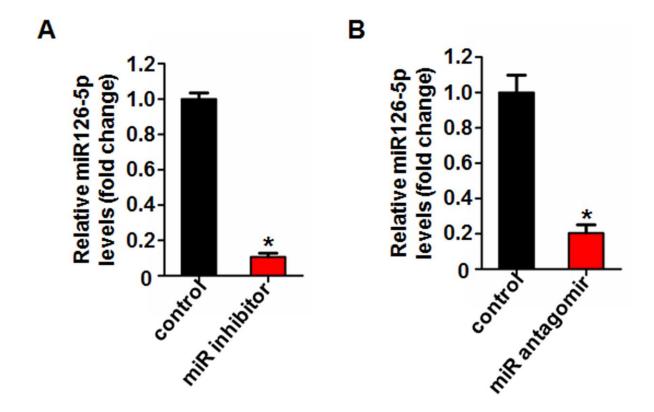
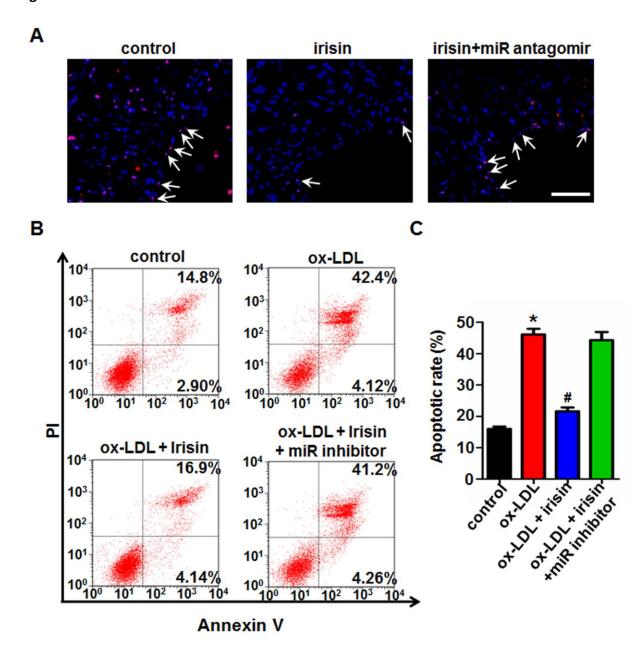


Figure S1. miR126-5p levels after transfection of the miR126-5p inhibitor in vitro and the miR126-5p antagomir in vivo. (A) HUVECs were transfected as indicated. At 24 h post transfection, cellular RNAs were isolated for detection of miR126-5p using qRT-PCR. (B) The miR126-5p antagomir was applied to the partial ligated carotid artery for 4 weeks, and RNAs were isolated for detection of miR126-5p using qRT-PCR. The data were normalized to that of negative control samples. The data were expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SEM of three independent experiments. \*P < 0.05 vs. control.



**EC** apoptosis. (*A*) Sections from the mice carotid arteries were labeled by TUNEL to detect apoptotic cells and counterstained with DAPI to detect nuclei. Scale bar

indicates 50  $\mu$ m. (*B*) HUVECs were transfected with the miR126-5p inhibitor or negative control for 6h followed by irisin and/or ox-LDL treatment. Apoptosis of HUVECs was detected by using flow cytometry. (*C*) The apoptotic rate was determined by calculating the ratio of Annexin-V-positive and Annexin-V/PI-double positive cells to total cells. The data were expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SEM of three independent experiments. \*P < 0.05 vs. control, # P < 0.05 vs. ox-LDL - treated group.