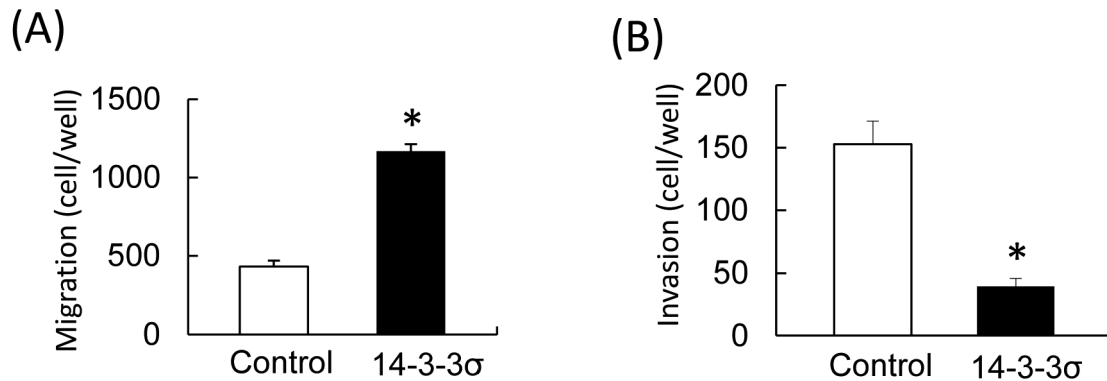
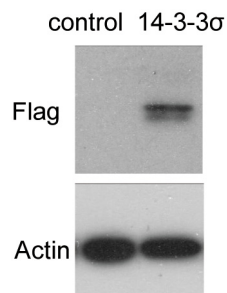


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### SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND TABLES

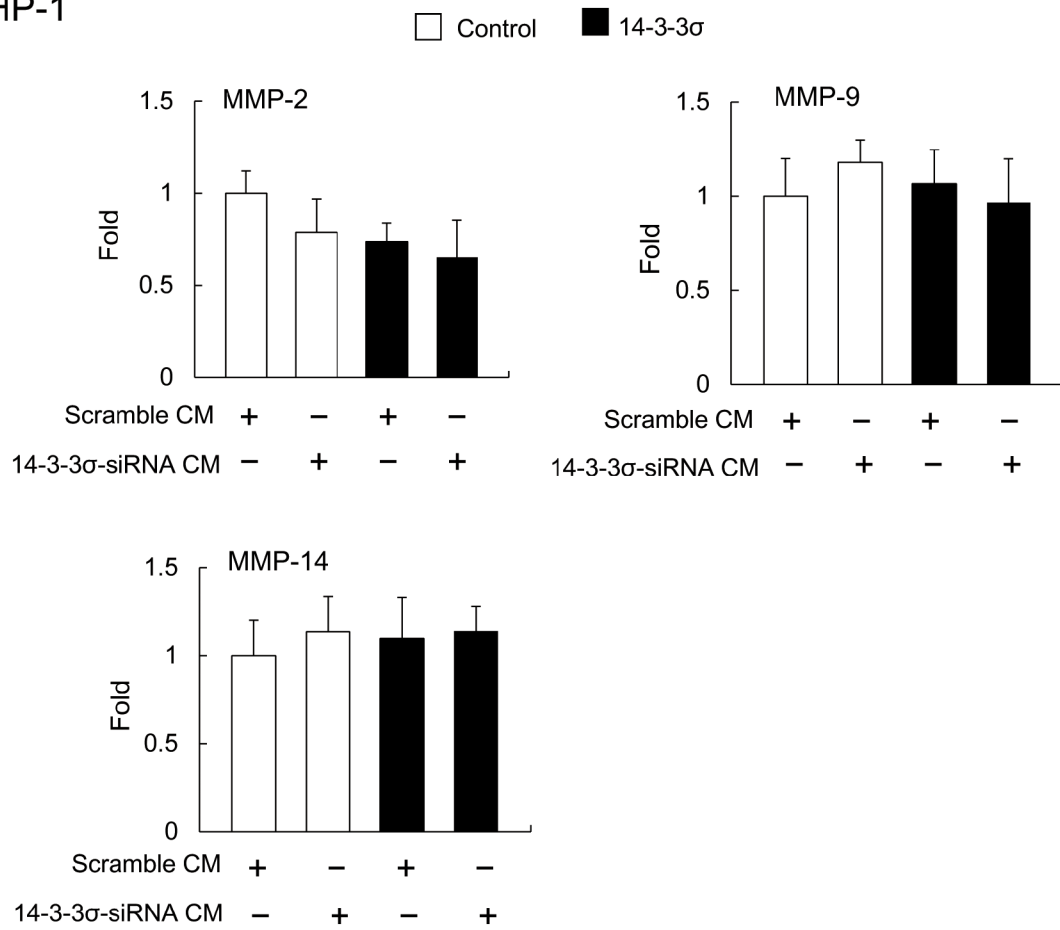


**Supplementary Figure S1: Effect of 14-3-3 $\sigma$  overexpression on cell migration and invasion of HCC cells.** A. Overexpression of 14-3-3 $\sigma$  promotes cell migration. B. Overexpression of 14-3-3 $\sigma$  reduces cell invasion. Efficacy of cell migration or invasion was examined by a two-chamber analysis. These results are from three independent experiments. Scale bars: mean  $\pm$  SD. \*,  $P < 0.05$ , \*\*,  $P < 0.01$ .

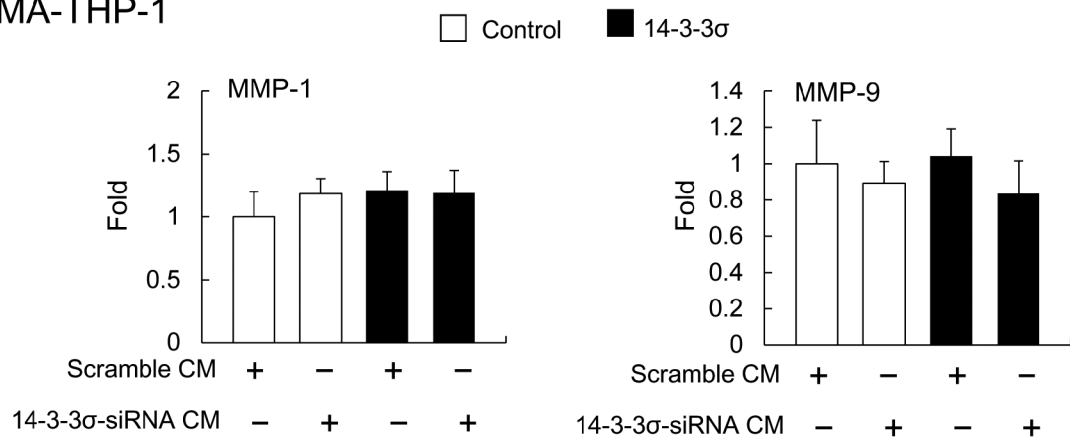


**Supplementary Figure S2: Expression of 14-3-3 $\sigma$  in stable Huh-7 cells.** Huh-7 cells were transfected with p3XFlag-CMV (control) and Flag-tagged 14-3-3 $\sigma$  overexpression vectors, followed by selection with G418 for 4 weeks. Expression of 14-3-3 $\sigma$  in stable cells was confirmed by Western blot analysis of flag antibody. Actin was used as loading control.

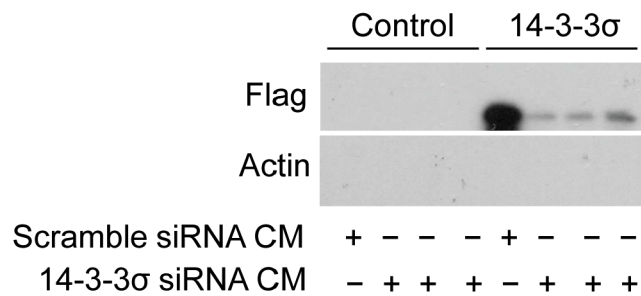
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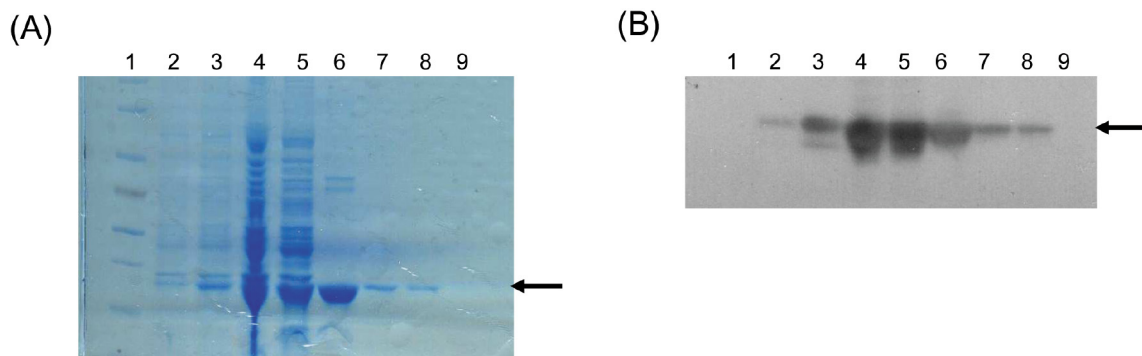
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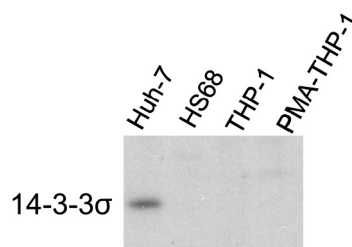
**Supplementary Figure S3: Effect of 14-3-3σ silencing on 14-3-3σ-CM induced MMPs expression.** A. THP-1 cells were incubated with CM and expression of MMPs was determined by Q-PCR. B. PMA-THP-1 cells were incubated with CM and expression of MMPs was determined by Q-PCR. These results are from three independent experiments. Scale bars: mean ± SD.



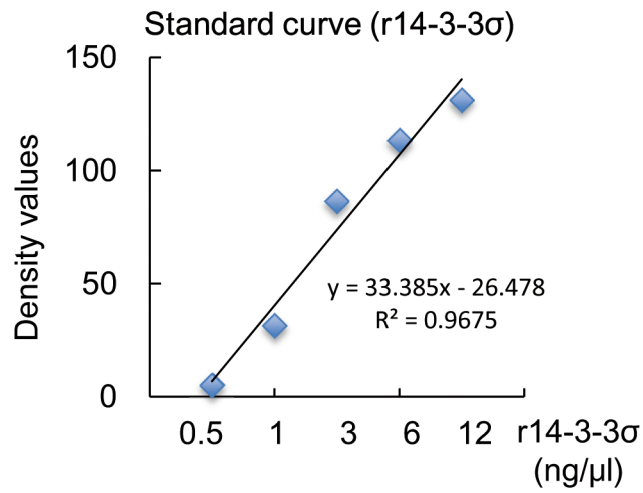
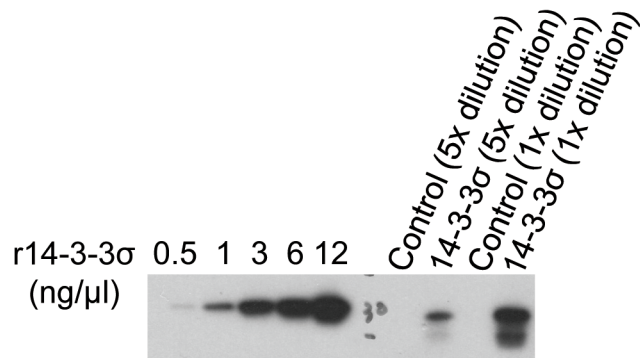
**Supplementary Figure S4: Expression of 14-3-3σ in CM from 14-3-3σ stable cells was abolished by siRNA.** 14-3-3σ stable and control cells were transfected with scramble or three different 14-3-3σ siRNA sequences for 48h. CM was harvested and expression of 14-3-3σ was determined by Western blot analysis of Flag antibody. Actin was used as loading control.



**Supplementary Figure S5: Purification and identification of recombinant 14-3-3σ (r14-3-3σ) proteins.** cDNA of 14-3-3σ was amplified and cloned into a BL21/pET28a vector. Expression of r14-3-3σ was induced by IPTG (1 mM, 4h) followed by purification. **A.** SDS-PAGE analysis of r14-3-3σ protein. Samples were analyzed on 4-12% SDS polyacrylamide gel follow by coomassie blue staining. **B.** The expression of r14-3-3σ was confirmed by Western blot analysis. Arrow indicates r14-3-3σ. Lane 1, protein marker; Lane 2, uninduced cell lysate of BL21/pET28a-14-3-3σ; Lane 3, IPTG induced BL21(DE3)/pET28a-14-3-3σ; Lane 4, post-sonication sample were collected after 8 minutes, supernatant of the bacterial lysate; Lane 5, post-sonication samples were collected after 12 minutes, supernatant of the bacterial lysate; Lane 6, eluted BL21(DE3)/pET28a-14-3-3σ of the fraction 1; Lane 7, eluted BL21(DE3)/pET28a-14-3-3σ of the fraction 2; Lane 8, eluted BL21(DE3)/pET28a-14-3-3σ of the fraction 3; Lane 9, wash buffer was collected after the final elution step.



**Supplementary Figure S6: Endogenous protein levels of 14-3-3σ in Huh-7, HS68, THP-1 and PMA-THP-1 cells were analyzed by Western blot analysis.**



**Supplementary Figure S7: Quantification of 14-3-3σ level in CM.** The expression of 14-3-3σ in CM of control and 14-3-3σ stable cells (1X and 5X dilution, 20 μl per lane) was determined by Western blot analysis (upper panel). The r14-3-3σ proteins (0.5, 1, 3, 6 and 12 ng/μl) were loading as control for calibration of protein concentrations. The quantification of 14-3-3σ level in CM was estimated by densitometry according to the detection of the concentration of r14-3-3σ as standard curve (lower panel).

Supplementary Table S1: Oligonucleotide sequences for Q-PCR

Gene	Primers Sequences
MMP-1	Fw 5'- AGCTAGCTCAGGATGACCTTGATG -3' Rv 5'- GCCGATGGGCTGGACAG -3'
MMP-2	Fw 5'- TGCTGGAGACAAATTCTGGAGATAC -3' Rv 5'- ACTTCACGCTCTTCAGACTTTGG -3'
MMP-9	Fw 5'- AGGACGGCAATGCTGATG -3' Rv 5'- TCGTAGTTGGCGGTGGTG -3'
MMP-12	Fw 5'- CATGAACCGTGAGGATGTTGA -3' Rv 5'- GCATGGGCTAGGATTCCACC -3'
MMP-14	Fw 5'- CGAGGTGCCCTATGCCTAC -3' Rv 5' - CTCGGCAGAGTCAAAGTGG -3'
ANPEP (APN)	Fw 5' - CTGTGAGCCAGTCTAGTTCTGAT -3' Rv 5' - CATCGAGAGCTTCTGCTCATCT -3'

Supplementary Table S2: Oligonucleotide sequences of small interfering RNAs

Accession no.	Gene name	siRNA primer sequences	Concentration (nm)
NM_006142.3	SFN (14-3-3σ)	Sequence 1	40
		Fw 5'- UCUCAGUAGCCUAUAAGAACGUGGU -3'	
		Rv 5'- AGAGUCAUCGGAUAUUCUUGCACCA -3'	
		Sequence 2	
		Fw 5'-CCGUCUCCACUACGAGAUCCGCAA-3'	
		RV 5'-GGCAGAAGGUGAUGCUCUAGCGGUU-3'	
NM_001150.2	ANPEP (APN)	Sequence 1	60
		Fw 5'-GAUUAUGGUGGUGGCUCGUUCUCCU-3'	
		Rv 3'-CUAAUACCACCACCGAGCAAGAGGA-5'	
		Sequence 2	
		Fw 5'-GGCCACCACCUUGGACCAAAGUAAA -3'	
		Rv 3'-CCGGUGGUGGAACCUUGGUUCAUUU-5'	
		Sequence 3	
		Fw 5'-CCAACACGCUGAAACCCGAUCCUA-3'	
		Rv 3'- GGUUGUGCGACUUUGGGCUAAGGAU-5'	