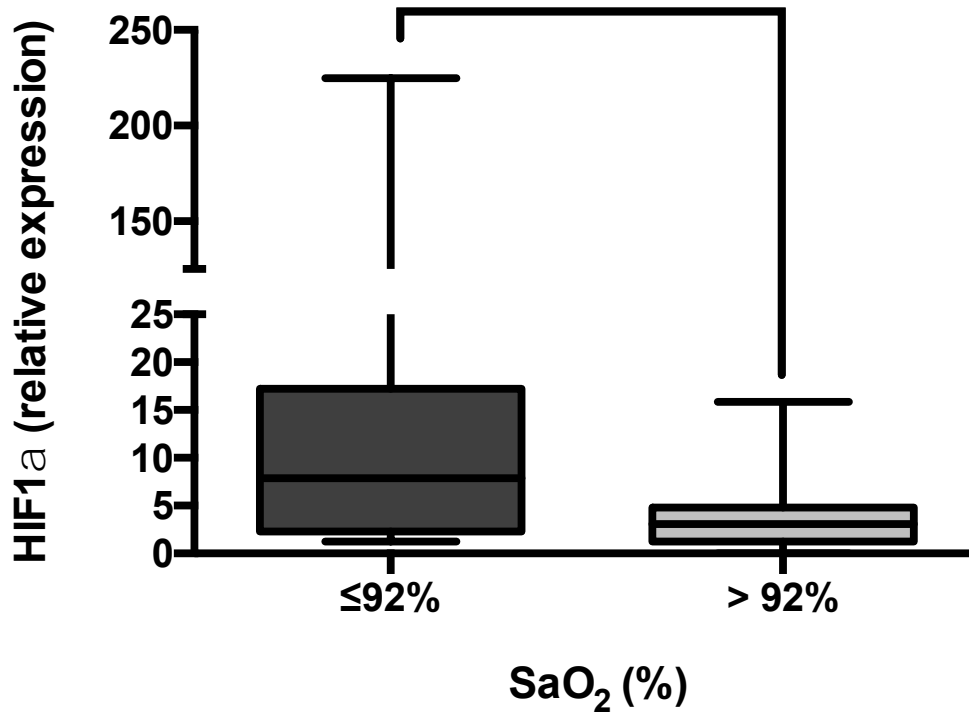


\*  $P=.0317$



**Supplementary Figure 2. HIF1 $\alpha$  expression is higher in patients with low oxygen saturation.**

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) from patients with sepsis (n=40, randomly selected) were cultured on adherent plates for 1 hour. Then, adherent cells ( $\approx 90\%$  CD14<sup>+</sup>) were harvested and RNA isolated. Levels of HIF1 $\alpha$  relative expression were analysed by real time Q-PCR. \*,  $p < .05$  using a Student's t-test.