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**Autophagy enhanced by curcumin ameliorates inflammation in atherogenesis *via* the TFE3–p300–BRD4 axis**

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**Supporting tables****Table S1** The sequence of siRNAs used in this study.

Gene name	No.	5'→3'	5'→3'
<i>BRD4</i>	1	GCGUUUCCACGGUACCAAATT	UUUGGUACCGUGGAAACGCTT
	2	GGAAACCUCAAGCUGAGAATT	UUCUCAGCUUGAGGUUUCCTT
	3	CCGUGAUGCUCAGGAGUUUTT	AAACUCCUGAGCAUCACGGTT
<i>ATG5</i>	1	GGACGAAUUCACUUGUUTT	AACAAGUUGGAAUUCGUCCTT
	2	CCAUCAAUCGGAAACUCAUTT	AUGAGUUUCCGAUUGAUGGTT
	3	GGAAGCAGAACCAUACUAUTT	AUAGUAUGGUUCUGCUUCCTT
<i>TFEB</i>	1	GGCUACAUCAAUCCUGAAATT	UUUCAGGAUUGAUGUAGCCTT
	2	GACGAAGGUUCAACAUAATT	UUGAUGUUGAACCUUCGUCTT
	3	CAGGCUGUCAUGCAUUACATT	UGUAAUGCAUGACAGCCUGTT

**Table S2** Antibodies used in this study.

Factor or PTM	Vendor	Cat. No.	Dilution for blotting	Vol. for ChIP (μL)
P62	Cell Signaling Technology	5114S	1:1,000	
LC3	Proteintech	14600-1-AP	1:1,000	
Actin	Biogot	AP0060	1:1,000	
TFEB	Santa	sc-166736	1:1,000	10
TFEB	Proteintech	13372-1-AP	1:1,000	
p-TFEB	Affinity	AF3708	1:1,000	
PCNA	Cell Signaling Technology	13110	1:1,000	
ATG5	Cell Signaling Technology	12994	1:1,000	
P300	Abcam	ab54984	1:1,000	
P300	Bethyl	A300-358A		10
BRD2	Santa	sc-393720	1:1,000	
BRD2	Cell Signaling Technology	5848S		10
BRD3	Proteintech	11859-1-AP	1:1,000	8
BRD4	Abcam	ab243862	1:1,000	10
Histone 3	Abcam	ab1791	1:1,000	8
mTOR	Cell Signaling Technology	2972S	1:1,000	
p-mTOR	Cell Signaling Technology	2971S	1:1,000	
Acetylated histone 3	Abcam	ab4729	1:1,000	
MED1	Bethyl	A300-793A	1:1,000	5
AKT	Cell Signaling Technology	9272	1:1,000	
p-AKT	Cell Signaling Technology	4060S	1:1,000	
Calcineurin	Cell Signaling Technology	2614	1:1,000	
S6K1	Cell Signaling Technology	34475	1:1,000	
p-S6K1	Cell Signaling Technology	97596	1:1,000	
H3K27ac	Abcam	ab177178	1:1,000	8
H3K4me1	Abcam	ab176877	1:1,000	
H3K27me3	Abcam	ab6002	1:1,000	
H3K9ac	Abcam	ab32129	1:1,000	
H3K14ac	Abcam	ab52946	1:1,000	
H3K18ac	Abcam	ab177870	1:1,000	
H3K23ac	Abcam	ab177275	1:1,000	
BTK	Proteintech	21581-1-AP	1:1,000	
p-BTK	Cell Signaling Technology	5082	1:1,000	
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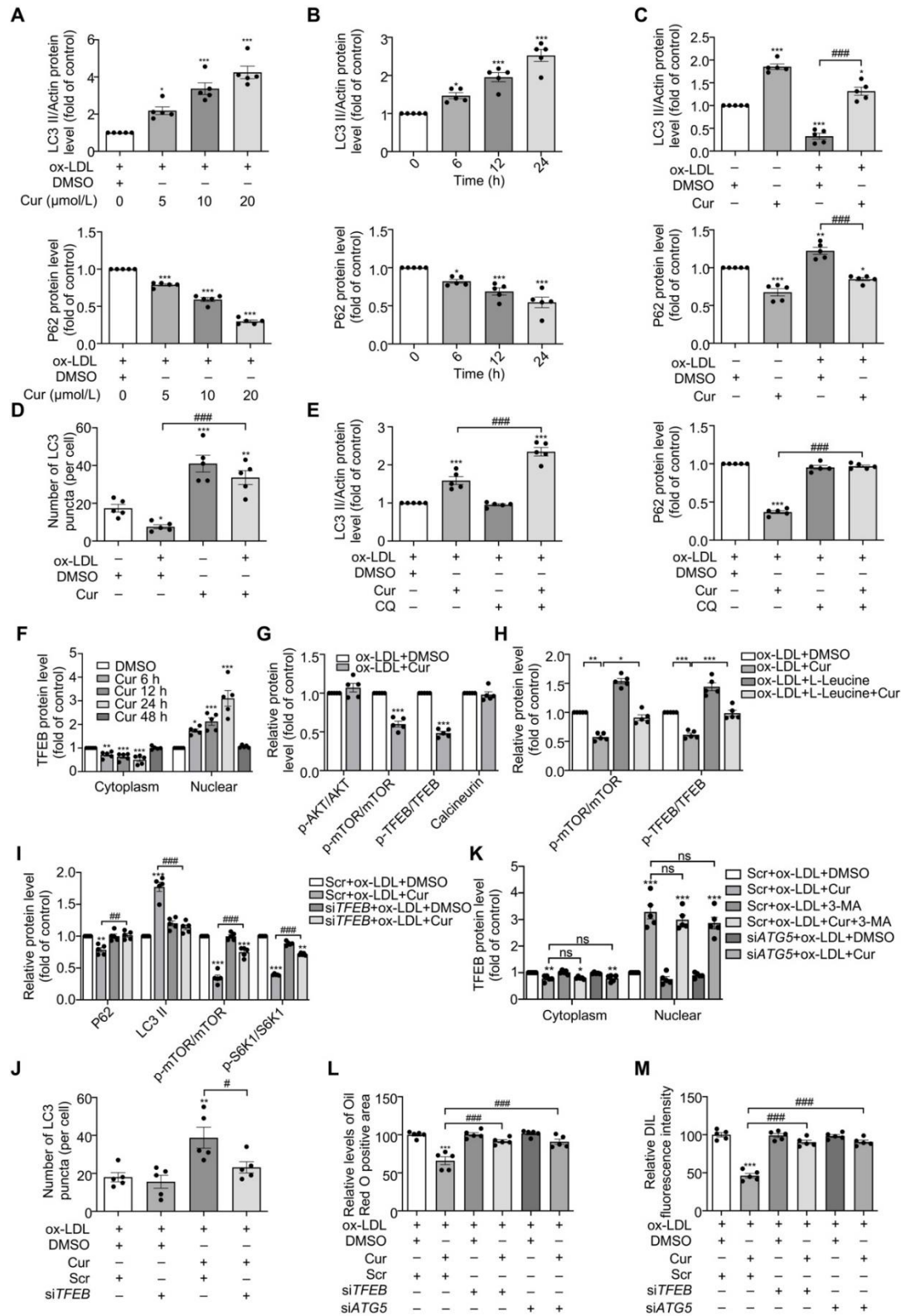
**Table S3** RT-PCR primers used in this study.

Gene name	Forward sequence	Reverse sequence
TFEB	CCGGATGTAATCCACAGAGGC	AAGGAGCGGCAGAAGAAAGAC
ATG5	GCTGTGATGAAGAAAGTGTGGTAAA	AATGAATGAGGAAGTAAAAATGGGC
BRD4	CACATCCACCAGAAACCAG	AGCGAAGACTCCGAAACA
IL-6	CCTCCAGAACAGATTTGAGAGTAGT	GGGTCAGGGGTGGTTATTGC
TNF- $\alpha$	AGGACACCATGAGCACTGAAAGC	AAGGAGAAGAGGCTGAGGAACAAG
IL-1 $\beta$	GAAATGATGGCTTATTACAGTGGCA	GTAGTGGTGGTCGGAGATTTCGTAG
MCP-1	TAGCAGCCACCTTCATTC	CTTCTTTGGGACACTTGCT
IL-8	GACATACTCCAAACCTTTCCACCC	TTCAAAAACCTTCTCCACAACCCTC
Actin	CTACCTCATGAAGATCCTCACCGA	TTCTCCTTAATGTACGCACGATT

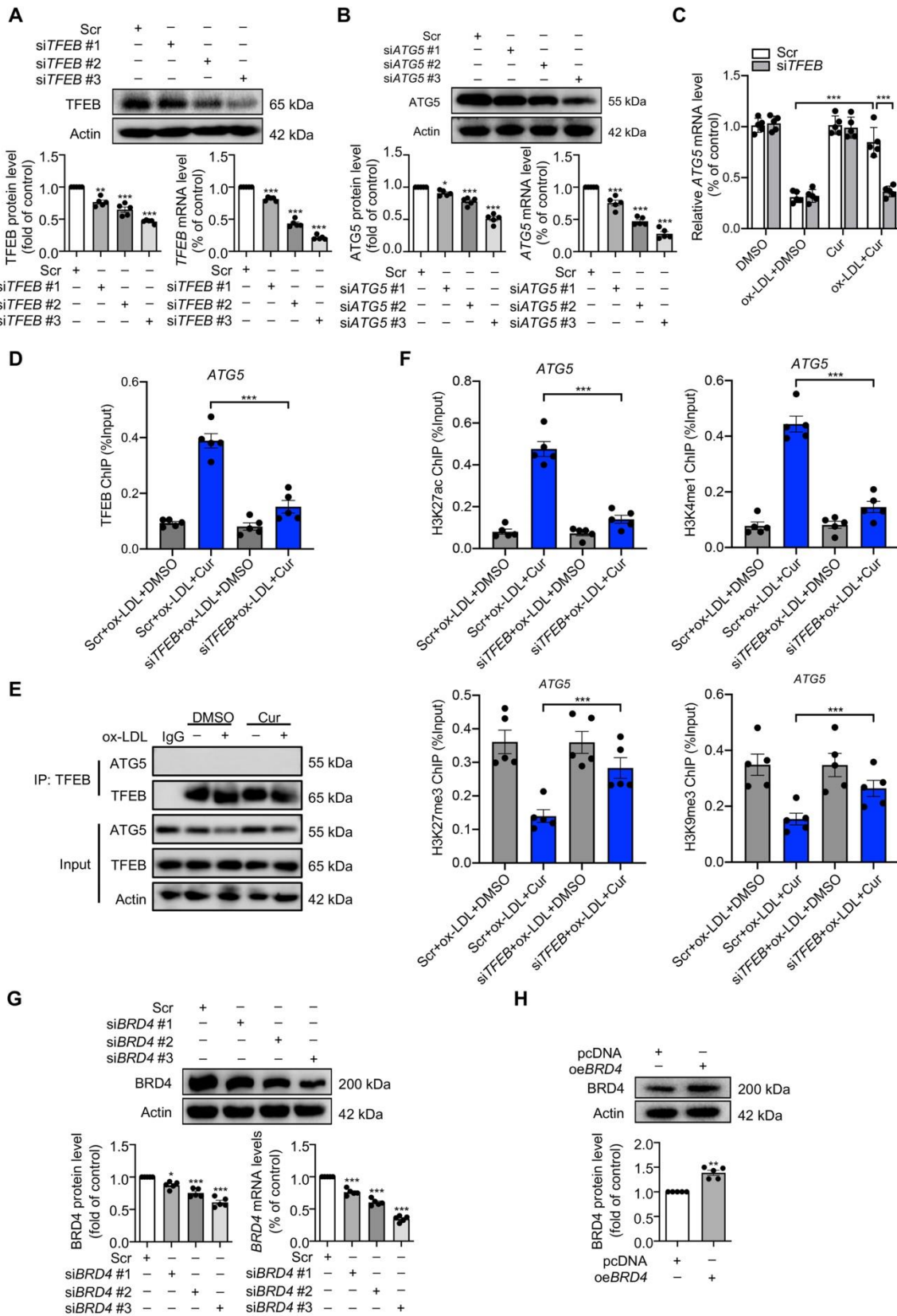
**Table S4** ChIP primers used in this study.

Primer set name	Forward sequence	Reverse sequence
IL-1 $\beta$ -(-)1 kb	AACCGAGACACCAGCAAAGT	GCAGACCTGTCAAAGAGGCA
IL-1 $\beta$ -P	GAATCCCAGAGCAGCCTGTT	AACAGCGAGGGAGAAACTGG
IL-1 $\beta$ -(+)1 kb	CTACTCCTCCCCTGTCACCA	TTCCAGTGAGACACAGGCTG
IL-6(-)1 kb	GGCACAGAGAGCAAAGTCCT	CACCTGCTTCAGCCCACTTA
IL-6-P	CACCCTCACCTCCAACAAA	TTCTCTTTCGTTCCCGGTGG
IL-6-(+)1 kb	GGGTCTGAAATCCATGCCCA	CTAGTCCTTCCAAAGCCCGG
TNF- $\alpha$ -(-)1 kb (TNF, TNFA)	TCCAGGGCTATGGAAGTCGA	GGTCCTGGAGGCTCTTTCAC
TNF- $\alpha$ -P (TNF, TNFA)	TGCTTGTGTGTCCCAACTT	CTGCACCTTCTGTCTCGGTT
TNF- $\alpha$ -(+)1 kb (TNF, TNFA)	CCTTCTCCCCAACAGTTCCC	ACCGGTAATAACCTACCCC
MCP-1(-)1 kb (CCL2)	ACTGCTGCCTGCTATGCTAG	TTCCAAATGGGCAGACAGCT
MCP-1-P (CCL2)	TCTCGCCTCCAGCATGAAAG	CTTGGGGAATGAAGGTGGCT
MCP-1-(+)1 kb (CCL2)	GAGCAAGGGACAAGCCTCAT	GGTGGAGAGTGATGTTGGGG
IL-8(-)1 kb (CXCL8)	CCCTCCACAGTGTGTTTACA	TTCGCTTCTGGGCAAGTACA
IL-8-P (CXCL8)	CAGAGACAGCAGAGCACACA	CCTTCACACAGAGCTGCAGA
IL-8-(+)1 kb (CXCL8)	CCCCAACAGGTGCAGTTTTG	TGGGGTGGAAAGGTTTGGAG

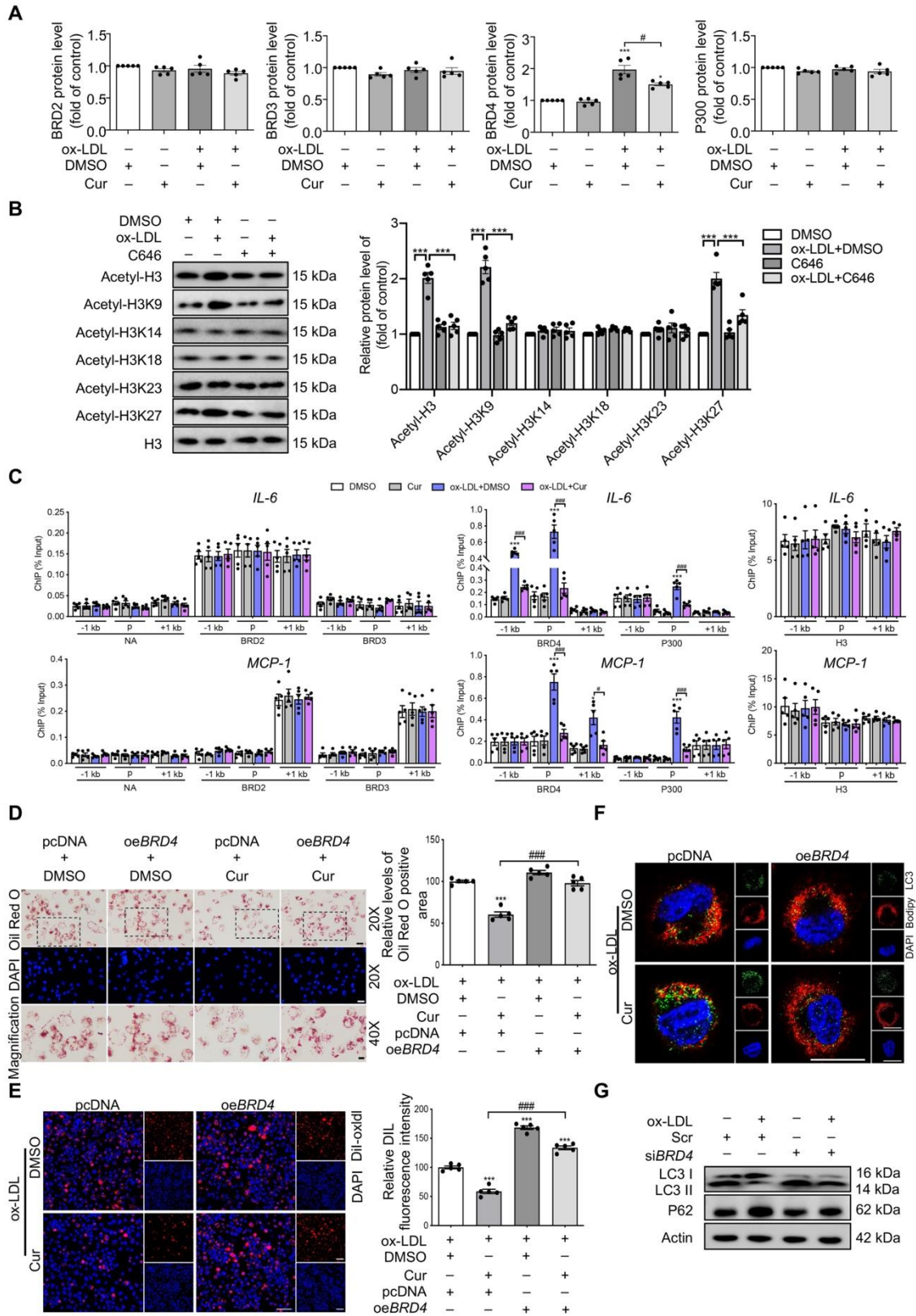
Supporting figures



**Figure S1** The statistical graphs of the results in Fig. 1. (A–C) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of endogenous LC3 II and P62 in foam cells (FCs) treated as in Fig. 1C (A), Fig. 1D (B), Fig. 1E (C). (D) The bar graph of the immunofluorescence staining of LC3 in oxidized low-density lipoprotein (ox-LDL)-treated macrophages challenged with Cur in Fig. 1F. (E) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of autophagic flux in FCs treated as in Fig. 1G. (F) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of TFEB subcellular distribution in FCs treated as in Fig. 1H. (G) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of mTOR/p-mTOR, AKT/p-AKT, calcineurin and TFEB/p-TFEB in FCs treated as in Fig. 1I. (H) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of the effect of mTORC1 specific agonist L-leucine on the activity of mTOR and TFEB as treated in Fig. 1J. (I) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of autophagy-related proteins in FCs as treated in Fig. 1K. (J) The bar graph of immunofluorescence analysis of LC3 (green) in FCs as treated in Fig. 1L. (K) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of the subcellular distribution of TFEB in FCs as treated in Fig. 1M. (L, M) The bar graph of Oil red O staining (ORO) in Fig. 1O (L) and 1,1'-dioctadecyl-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-lindocarbocyanine perchlorate labeled oxidized low-density lipoprotein (Dil-ox-LDL) analysis in Fig. 1P (M) in Cur-treated FCs combined with siTFEB or siATG5. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 5$ . \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; # $P < 0.05$ , ## $P < 0.01$ , ### $P < 0.001$ ; ns, no significance.

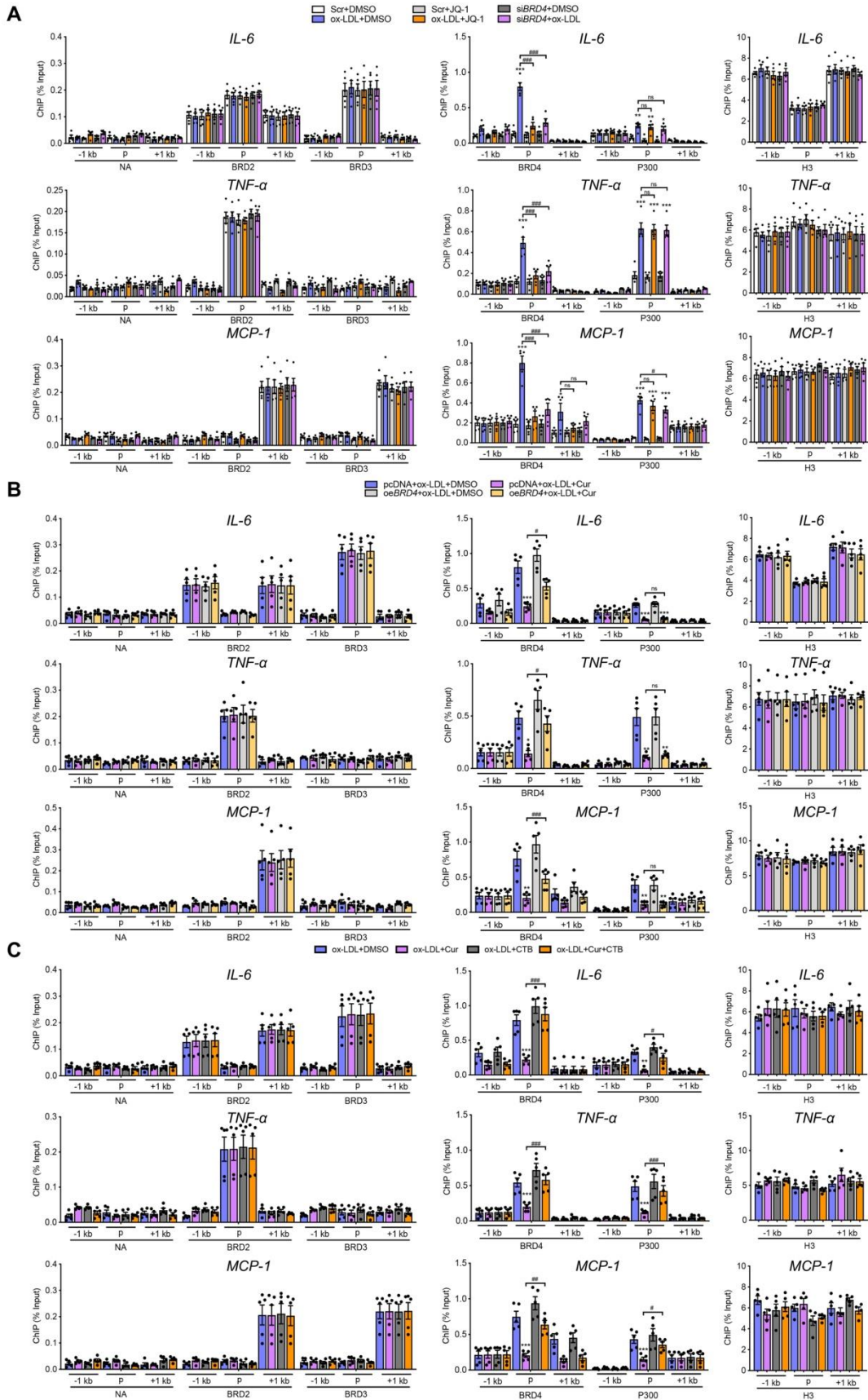


**Figure S2** The interference and overexpression efficiency of proteins, and the interaction between TFEB and ATG5 in FCs treated with Cur. (A, B) Immunoblot and qRT-PCR analysis of interference efficiency targeting *TFEB* (A) and *ATG5* (B) in macrophages. (C) qRT-PCR analysis of the mRNA level of *ATG5* in ox-LDL-treated macrophages in the presence of *siTFEB*. (D) Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) analysis of the enrichment of TFEB at the promoter of *ATG5* in Cur-treated FCs combined with *siTFEB*. (E) Co-immunoprecipitation analysis of the protein interaction between TFEB and ATG5 in macrophages treated with ox-LDL in the presence of Cur. (F) ChIP analysis of the enrichment of H3K4me1, H3K9me3, H3K27ac and H3K27me3 at the promoter region of *ATG5* in FCs treated with Cur in the presence of *siTFEB*. (G) Immunoblot and qRT-PCR analysis of interference efficiency targeting *BRD4* in macrophages. (H) Immunoblot analysis of the overexpression efficiency targeting BRD4 in macrophages. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 5$ . \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ .

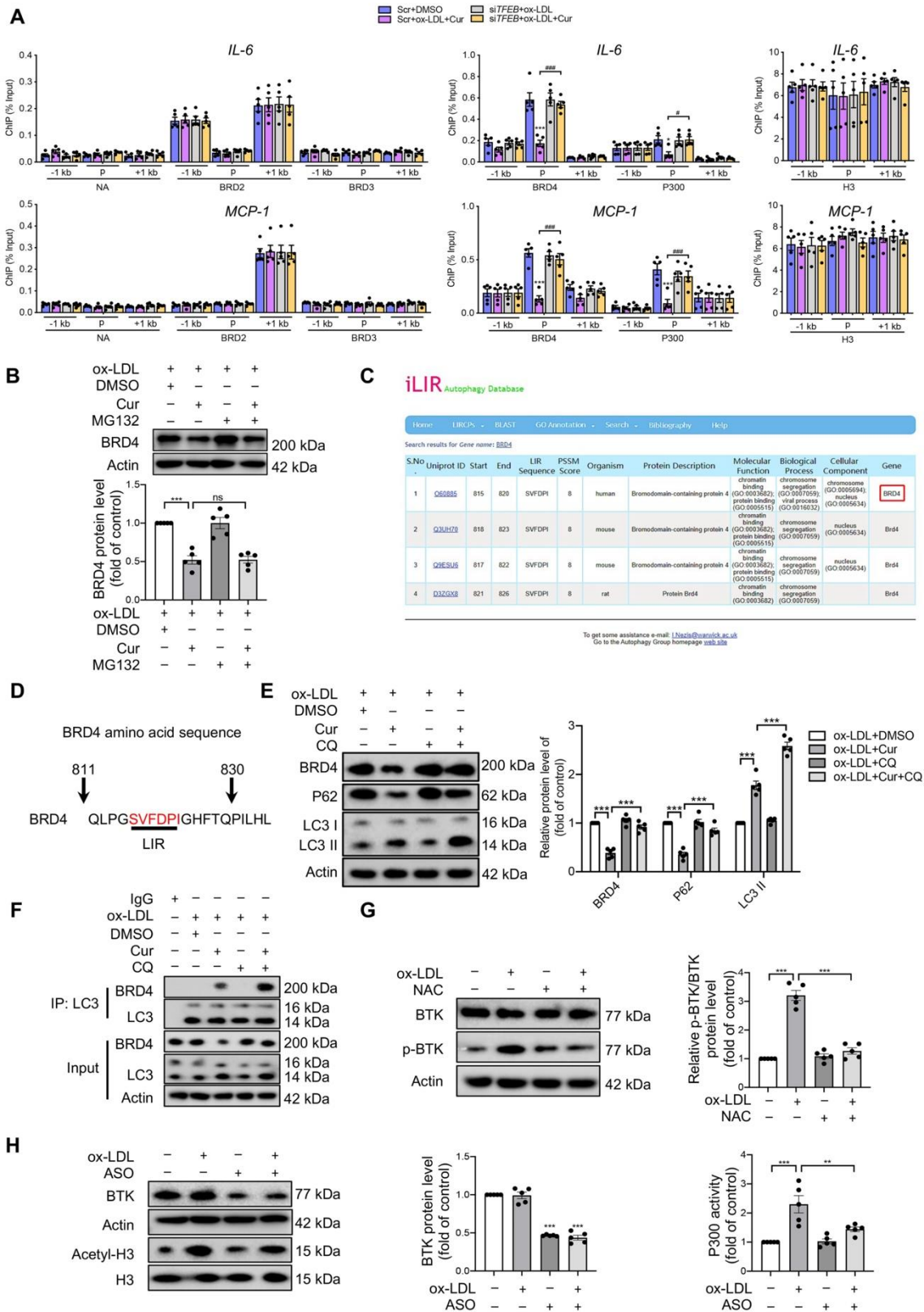




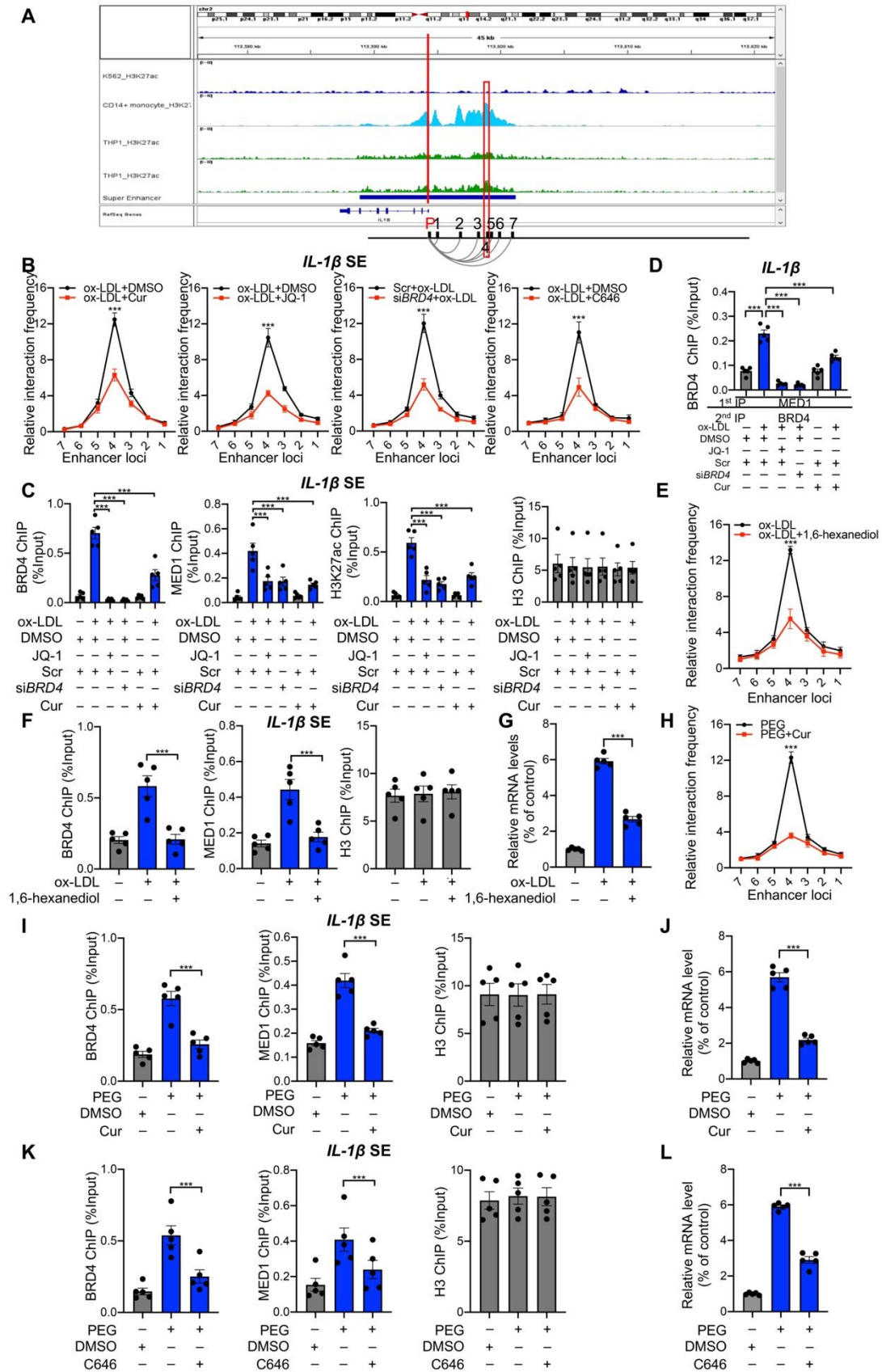
**Figure S3** The histone target of P300 in FCs and the effects of BRD4 overexpression on lipid accumulation in FCs treated with Cur. (A) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of P300, BRD2, BRD3, BRD4, Actin, Acetyl-H3, and H3 in ox-LDL-treated macrophages combined with Cur treated as in Fig. 2C. (B) Immunoblot analysis of P300 activity in FCs by P300 inhibitor C646. (C) ChIP analysis of the enrichment of P300, BRD2, BRD3, BRD4 and H3 at -1 kb, promoter and +1 kb of *IL-6* and *MCP-1* in Cur-treated FCs. (D-F) The effects of *BRD4* overexpression on lipid accumulation (D), lipid uptake (E) and lipid catabolism (F) in FCs treated with Cur. (G) Immunoblot analysis of the effect of BRD4 on autophagy impairment of FCs by *siBRD4*. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 5$ . \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; # $P < 0.05$ , ### $P < 0.001$ .



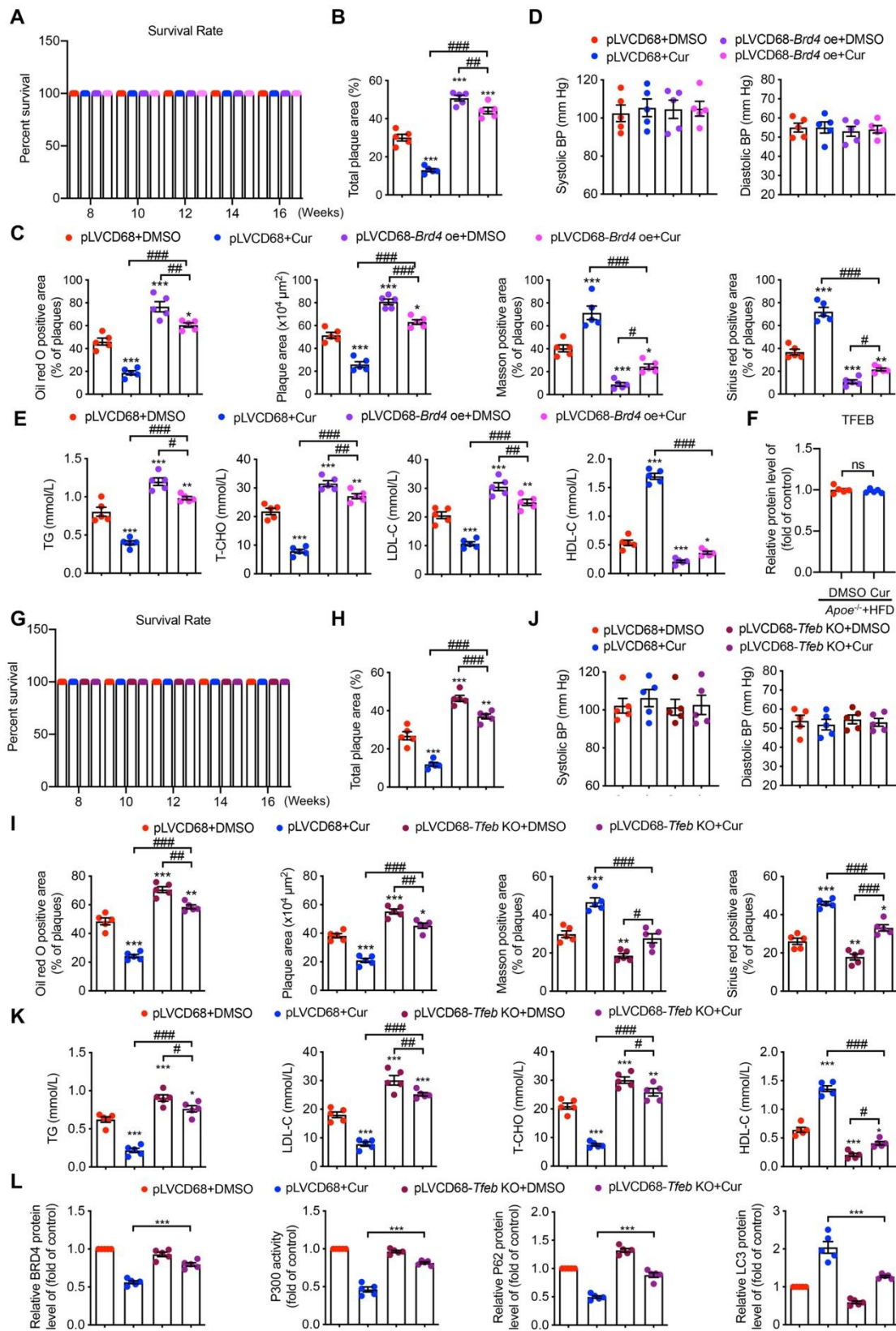
**Figure S4** Epigenetic landscape of P300-BRD4 dependent inflammatory genes in Cur treated FCs. (A) ChIP analysis of the enrichment of P300, BRD2, BRD3, BRD4 and H3 at -1 kb, promoter and +1 kb of *IL-6*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *MCP-1* in ox-LDL-treated macrophages combined with JQ-1 or si*BRD4*. (B, C) The enrichment of P300, BRD2, BRD3, BRD4 and H3 at -1 kb, promoter and +1 kb of *IL-6*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *MCP-1* in ox-LDL-treated macrophage combined with Cur in the presence of oe*BRD4* (B) or CTB (C) was measured by ChIP. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 5$ . \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; # $P < 0.05$ , ## $P < 0.01$ , ### $P < 0.001$ ; ns, no significance.



**Figure S5** Cur promotes the degradation of BRD4 by autophagy in FCs and the mechanism underlying ROS activating P300 in FCs. (A) ChIP analysis of the enrichment of P300, BRD2, BRD3, BRD4 and H3 at -1 kb from the promoter, at the promoter, and at +1 kb of *IL-6* and *MCP-1* in Cur-treated FCs combined with si*TFEB*. (B) Immunoblot analysis of BRD4 in Cur-treated FCs in the presence of proteasome inhibitor MG132 (10  $\mu$ mol/L). (C) The iLIR autophagy database shows that BRD4 has LIR motif. (D) The amino acid sequence of BRD4 including LIR motif which is shown in red. (E) Immunoblot analysis of BRD4 in Cur-treated FCs in the presence of autophagic flux inhibitor CQ. (F) Co-immunoprecipitation analysis of the protein interaction between BRD4 and LC3 in Cur-treated FCs in the presence of CQ. (G) Immunoblot analysis of BTK, p-BTK in macrophage treated with ox-LDL in the presence of ROS scavenger NAC. (H) Immunoblot analysis of BTK, Actin, acetyl-H3 and H3 in macrophage treated with ox-LDL in the presence of BTK antisense oligonucleotides (ASO). Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 5$ . \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; # $P < 0.05$ , ### $P < 0.001$ .



**Figure S6** Cur regulates BRD4-dependent super-enhancer (SE) associated with phase separation on *IL-1 $\beta$* . (A) ChIP-seq peaks (H3K27ac levels) and putative SE location (highlighted by the red box) around *IL-1 $\beta$* . Cell lines marked with different colors: K562 in blue, CD14-positive monocyte in light blue, THP-1 in green. The putative SE region is marked as the horizontal line in blue. (B) 3C-qPCR analysis of the long-distance interactions between *IL-1 $\beta$*  promoter and seven enhancer loci (the positions of different loci were described as Fig. S6A) in FCs after different treatments (*x*-axis means seven enhancer loci of *IL-1 $\beta$*  promoter). (C) The enrichment of BRD4, MED1, and H3K27ac at the SE region of *IL-1 $\beta$*  in Cur-treated FCs combined with JQ-1, siBRD4 or Cur was measured by ChIP, as well as H3. (D) Re-ChIP was performed with 1st round pull-down of MED1 antibody and 2nd round pull-down of the BRD4 antibody. (E) 3C-qPCR analysis of the long-distance interactions between *IL-1 $\beta$*  promoter and seven enhancer loci (the positions of different loci were described as Fig. S6A) in FCs treated with 1,6-hexanediol (*x*-axis means seven enhancer loci of *IL-1 $\beta$*  promoter). (F) ChIP analysis of the enrichment of BRD4 and MED1 at the SE region of *IL-1 $\beta$*  in ox-LDL-treated macrophages combined with 3% 1,6-hexanediol, as well as H3. (G) The relative *IL-1 $\beta$*  mRNA level in ox-LDL-treated macrophages combined with 3% 1,6-hexanediol. (H–L) Meanwhile, the macrophages were treated with PEG combined with Cur or P300 inhibitor C646. We detected the long-distance interactions between *IL-1 $\beta$*  promoter and seven enhancer loci in macrophages treated with phase separation crowder PEG and Cur using 3C-qPCR (*x*-axis means seven enhancer loci of *IL-1 $\beta$*  promoter) (H), the enrichment of BRD4 and MED1 at the SE region of *IL-1 $\beta$*  using ChIP (I, K), and the relative *IL-1 $\beta$*  mRNA level using qRT-PCR (J, L). Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM, *n* = 5. \*\*\**P* < 0.001.





**Figure S7** The statistical graphs of the results in Fig. 7. (A) The survival rate of *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice with or without the transplantation of the pLVCD68-*Brd4* overexpression (*Brd4* oe) transduced bone marrow cells (BMCs) combined with Cur. (B) The statistical graph of total plaque area in *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7C. (C) The statistical graph of Oil red O, hematoxylin and eosin, Sirius red and Masson's trichrome staining of the cross-section of the aorta from *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7D. (D) The blood pressure of *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig 7C. (E) The plasma lipids of *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7C. (F) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of TFEB in *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice fed with a HFD and treated with Cur treated as in Fig. 7F. (G) The survival rate of *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice with or without the transplantation of the pLVCD68-*Tfeb* knockout (*Tfeb* KO) transduced BMCs combined with Cur. (H) The statistical graph of total plaque area in *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7H. (I) The statistical graph of Oil red O, hematoxylin and eosin, Masson's trichrome and Sirius red staining of the cross-section of the aorta from *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7H. (J) The blood pressure of *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7H. (K) The plasma lipids of *Apoe*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated as in Fig. 7H. (L) The bar graph of immunoblot analysis of LC3 II, P62, BRD4, and P300 activity in aortas treated as in Fig. 7L. Data are expressed as mean ± SEM, *n* = 5. \**P* < 0.05, \*\**P* < 0.01, \*\*\**P* < 0.001; #*P* < 0.05, ##*P* < 0.01, ###*P* < 0.001.