### **Supplementary Information**

# Gamma synuclein promotes cancer metastasis through a MKK3/6-p38MAPK cascade

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#### **Supplementary figures**



Figure S1. SNCG knockdown does not affect the induction of JNK phosphorylation by TGF- $\beta$ . HepG2 cells were transfected with siControl or siSNCG. 24 hours later, the cells were treated with 5 ng/ml TGF- $\beta$  for another 48h, followed by Western blot analysis of indicated proteins.



**Figure S2. SNCG does not interact with p38MAPK, TRAF6 and TAK1.** HepG2 lysates were subjected to immunoprecipitation with SNCG antibody or normal IgG, followed by Western blot analysis of p38MAPK, TRAF6, TAK1 and SNCG.



**Figure S3.** SNCG knockdown accelerates heat shock-induced decrease in MKK3 levels. HepG2 cells were transfected with siControl or siSNCG, followed by incubation at 42°C at indicated periods. The total proteins were harvested and subject to western blot analysis of indicated proteins.



Figure S4. MG132 abrogates MKK3/6 down-regulation resulting from SNCG knockdown. HepG2 and HeLa S3 cells were transfected with siControl or siSNCG#2. 24h later, the cells were treated with or without proteasome inhibitor MG132 (5  $\mu$ M) for another 48 h, followed by western blot analysis of MEK3/6 and SNCG.



**Figure S5. SB203580 abrogates TGF-\beta-induced HepG2 cell migration.** HepG2 cells were treated with or without 50  $\mu$ M of SB203580, 5 ng/ml of TGF- $\beta$  and 2  $\mu$ g/ml of mitomycin. *Scale bar*, 200  $\mu$ m. The wound closure rate was shown. Values represent mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 6). \*\*\*, p < 0.001.



**Figure S6. SNCG knockdown abrogates TGF-\beta-induced MMP-9 expression.** HepG2 and HeLa S3 cells were transfected with siControl or siSNCG#2. 24 hours later, the cells were treated with 10 ng/ml of TGF- $\beta$  for another 48h, followed by Western blot analysis of indicated proteins.



Figure S7. SNCG knockdown has no effects on TGF- $\beta$ -induced fibronectin, vimentin and N-cadherin expression. HepG2 cells were transfected with siControl or siSNCG. 24 hours later, the cells were treated with 5 ng/ml of TGF- $\beta$  for another 48h, followed by Western blot analysis of indicated proteins.



Figure S8. The expression of SNCG in HepG2 cells transfected with the empty vector (HepG2-EV) or SNCG expression plasmid (HepG2-SNCG). HepG2-EV and HepG2-SNCG cells lysates were subjected to Western blot analysis of indicated proteins.

## Supplementary tables

Table S1: SIKINA target sequences		
siRNA	Target sequences	
siSNCG	5'-GCAGCTGAGAAGACCAAGG-3'	
siSNCG#2	5'-GGAGAATGTTGTACAGAGC-3'	
siP38a	5'-CAGACCATTTCAGTCCATCATTCAT-3'	

## Table S1: siRNA target sequences

#### Table S2: Primers sequences

Gene	Forward sequences	Reverse sequences
SNCG	5'-ATGCGGCTGCCCACGCTCCT-3'	5'-GTCTTGGCTCCCACATACAT-3'
MKK3	5'-CTTGGTGACCATCTCAGAACTGG-3'	5'-CTTCTGCTCCTGTGAGTTCACG-3'
MKK6	5'-GCCTCAGACCAGTTCCAC-3'	5'-GCATCTTCTCCACCACCC-3'
GAPDH	5'-AATCGCATCATCATAACCTG-3'	5'-CATCCTGCCCATCATACTC-3'