

## 1. Supplementary Tables

**Table S1 Sequence of primers used for quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction (qPCR).**

Genes	Species	Sequence (5' → 3')
Usp5	Mouse	(Forward)-TGTCAGTGTTACCGACGATCC (Reverse)-CCGGCGTGTCGAAAGAGAAA
Usp15	Mouse	(Forward)-GTCCCTGCCTCCAGTTCTTGTG (Reverse)-GTCCCTCCTCCATCCCTCCATAG
Usp16	Mouse	(Forward)-TTTGGTGGCGAGCTGACTAG (Reverse)-CTCCTAGGTCCTCTGGGCTT
Usp22	Mouse	(Forward)-GAGTTCCTCATTGCAGCCCT (Reverse)-CTCTTTGCTGGAGGCCATGA
Usp38	Mouse	(Forward)-TCAATCAAAGCGCCTGGACT (Reverse)-CCCACAGTTTAGGCAGCAGA
Usp39	Mouse	(Forward)-CATGTACCTGACGCTGGACCTTC (Reverse)-CTCCGTGATGCCGTTGAACTTG
Usp42	Mouse	(Forward)-AAGAGTCTGATGAGGAGTCGAA (Reverse)-CGCTATTAGCACCATTTAGCAG
Usp51	Mouse	(Forward)-AGTTGATGGCATCTGAGGTGG (Reverse)-ATAAGGCCCAGGCAAATCCAA
Usp52	Mouse	(Forward)-TCGTCCACCCTACTCTTCACACTC (Reverse)-GCTCCAGGCAGATACTTCGCTTC
Usp53	Mouse	(Forward)-AAGCCTAGCGGCAATCTTGG (Reverse)-GTTCTGCCCTGGCTCGTTTA
ANP	Mouse	(Forward)-TCGTCTCCTTTTGGCT (Reverse)-TCCAGGTGGTCTAGCAGGTTCT
BNP	Mouse	(Forward)-AAGTCCTCGCCAGTCTCCAGA (Reverse)-GAGCTGTCTCTGGGCCATTTTC

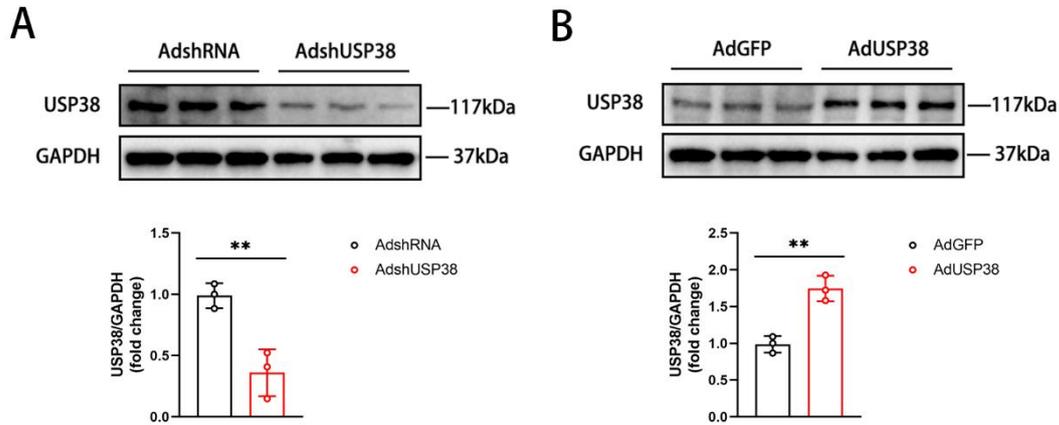
$\beta$ -MHC	Mouse	(Forward)-CCGAGTCCCAGGTCAACAA (Reverse)-CTTCACGGGCACCCTTGGA
Collagen I	Mouse	(Forward)-AGGCTTCAGTGGTTTGGATG (Reverse)-CACCAACAGCACCATCGTTA
Collagen III	Mouse	(Forward)-CCCAACCCAGAGATCCCATT (Reverse)-GAAGCACAGGAGCAGGTGTAGA
CTGF	Mouse	(Forward)-AAAGCAGCTGCAAATACCAATG (Reverse)-AAATGTGTCTTCCAGTCGGTAG
GAPDH	Mouse	(Forward)-ACTCCACTCACGGCAAATTC (Reverse)-TCTCCATGGTGGTGAAGACA

**Table S2 Primary antibodies for Western-blot**

Primary antibodies	Source organism	Producer	Number
USP38	Rabbit	Proteintech	17767-1-AP
TBK1	Rabbit	CST	#3504
p-TBK1	Rabbit	CST	#5483
Akt	Rabbit	CST	#9272
p-Akt	Rabbit	CST	#4060
GSK3 $\beta$	Rabbit	CST	#9315
p-GSK3 $\beta$	Rabbit	CST	#9322
mTOR	Rabbit	CST	#2983
p-mTOR	Rabbit	CST	#2971
ANP	Rabbit	Abcam	Ab225844
$\beta$ -MHC	Rabbit	Proteintech	22280-1-AP
IgG	Rabbit	CST	8726S
Flag	Rabbit	Abclonal	AE169
K48-linkage polyubiquitin	Rabbit	CST	#4289
GAPDH	Rabbit	CST	#5174S

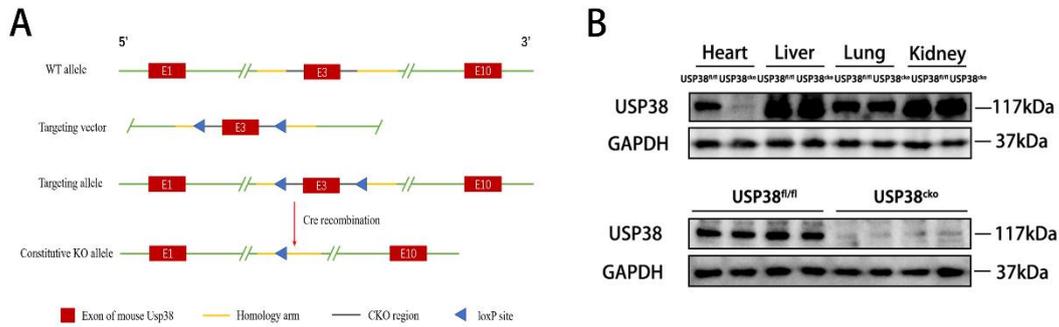
## 2. Supplementary Figures

**Figure S1**



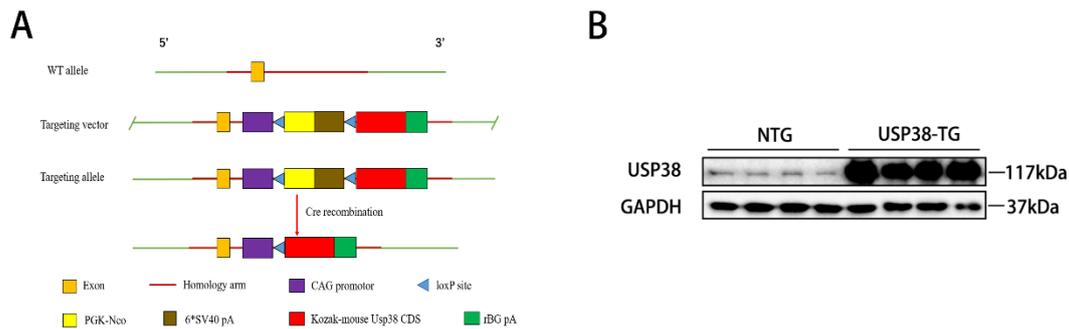
**Figure S1. The efficiency of adenovirus in NRCMs.** (A) Western blot bands and statistical analysis of USP38 in NRCMs which transfected with AdshRNA or AdshUSP38 for 24 hours (n=3). (B) Western blot bands and statistical analysis of USP38 in NRCMs which transfected with AdGFP or AdUSP38 for 24 hours (n=3). Data was calculated by Student's t-test (unpaired, two-tailed, two groups). \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ .

**Figure S2**



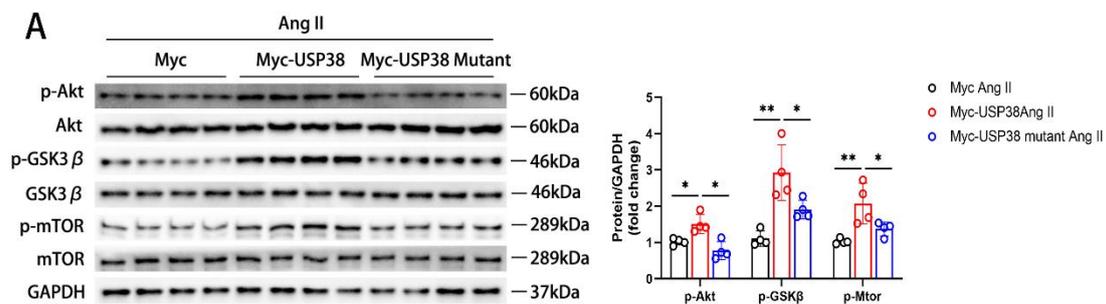
**Figure S2. The efficiency of cardiac-specific USP38 knockout in mice.** (A) Schematic diagram describing the strategy for the generation of cardiac-specific USP38 knockout mice. (B) Representative immunoblotting of USP38 protein in the heart, liver, lung and kidney from USP38<sup>cko</sup> and USP38<sup>fl/fl</sup> mice.

**Figure S3**



**Figure S3. The efficiency of cardiac-specific USP38 overexpression in mice.** (A) Schematic diagram describing the strategy for the generation of cardiac-specific USP38 overexpression mice. (B) Representative immunoblotting of USP38 protein in the heart from USP38-TG and NTG mice.

**Figure S4**



**Figure S4. Loss of USP38 activity hamper the activation of Akt signaling pathway.** (A) Western blot bands and statistical analysis of Akt, p-Akt, GSK3 $\beta$ , p-GSK3 $\beta$ , mTOR, and p-mTOR proteins (n=4). Data was calculated by one-way analysis of variance (Tukey's multiple comparisons test). \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ .