*Supplementary Materials*

# HMGA2 Contributes to Distant Metastasis and Poor Prognosis by Promoting Angiogenesis in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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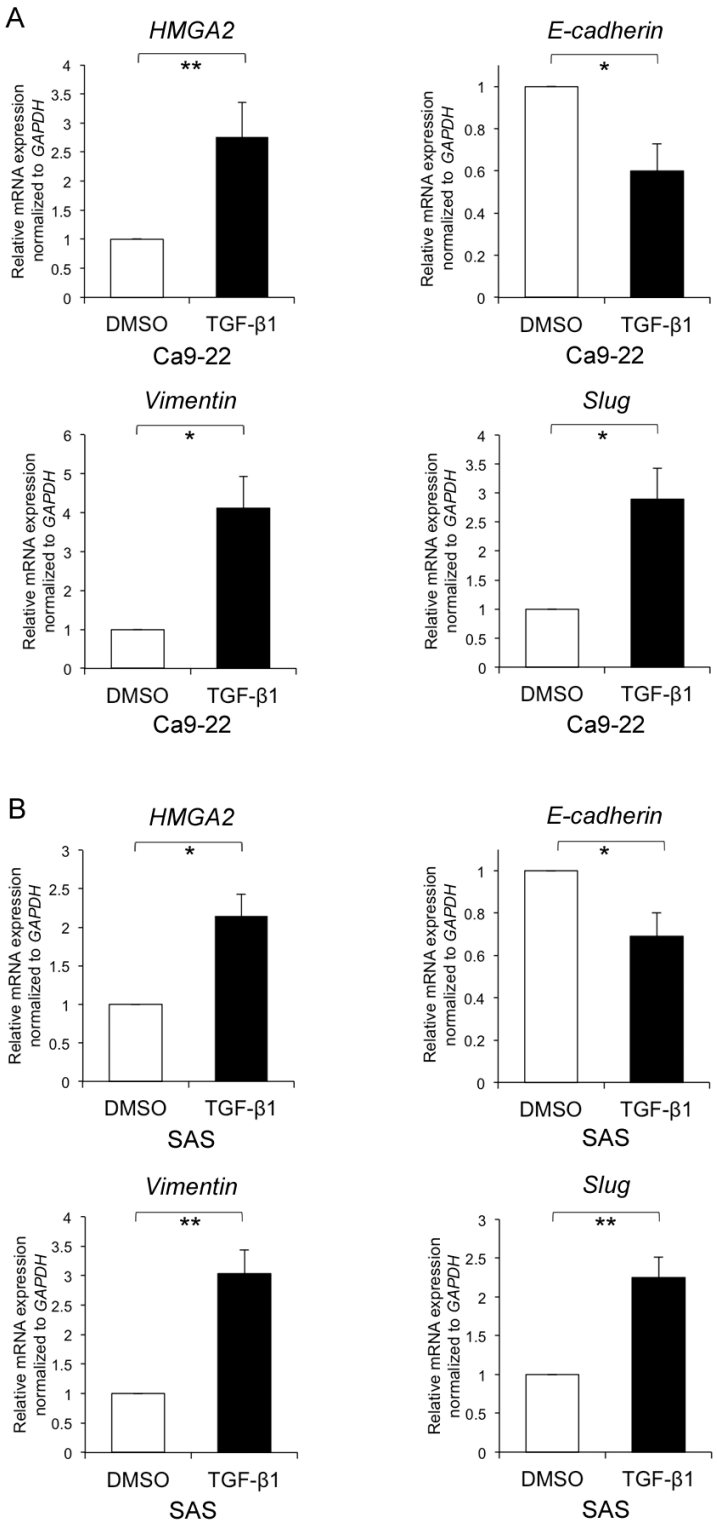
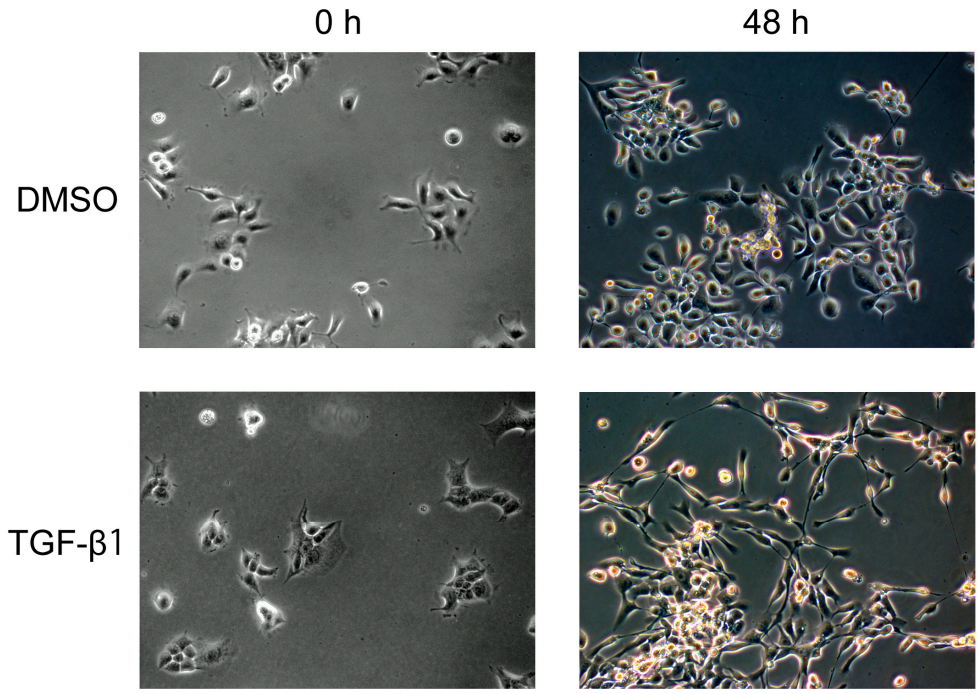
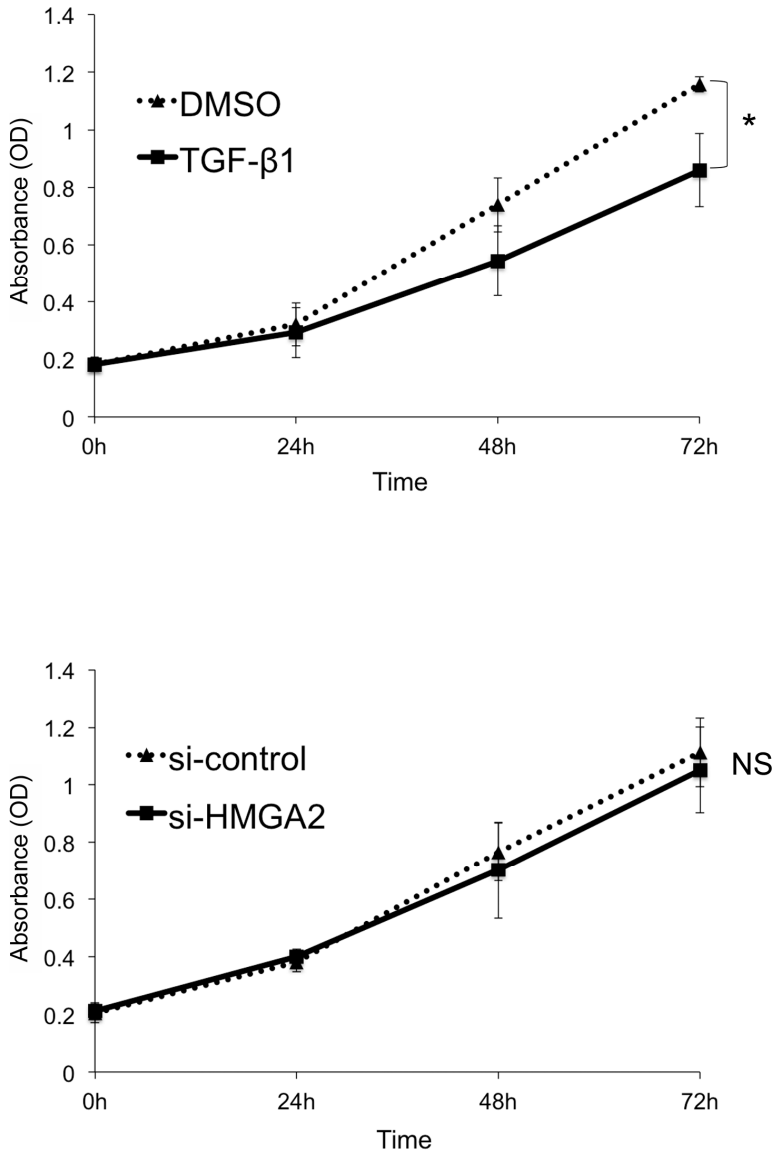


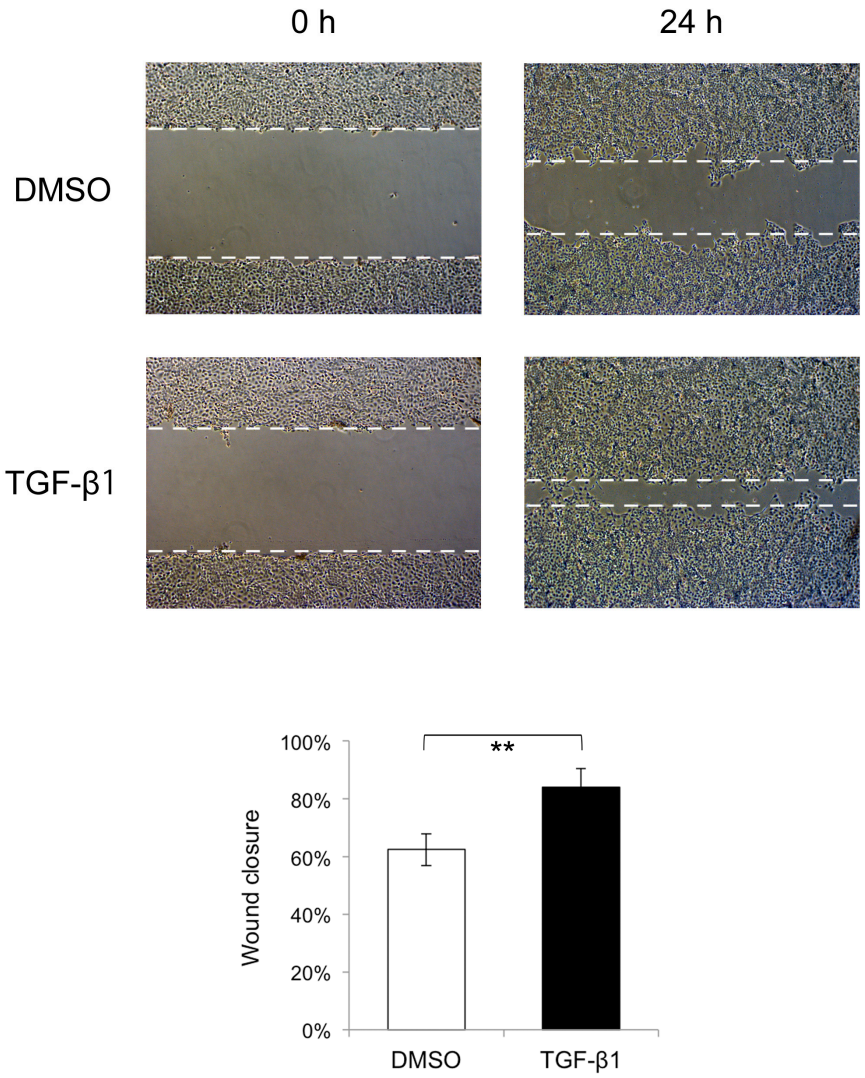

**Supplementary Figure S1.** HMGA2 and epithelial–mesenchymal transition (EMT) markers are overexpressed upon TGF-β1 stimulation. The mRNA expression levels of *HMGA2*, *Slug*, *E-cadherin*, and *Vimentin* in (A) Ca9-22 and (B) SAS cells stimulated with TGF-β1 for 48 h. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$.



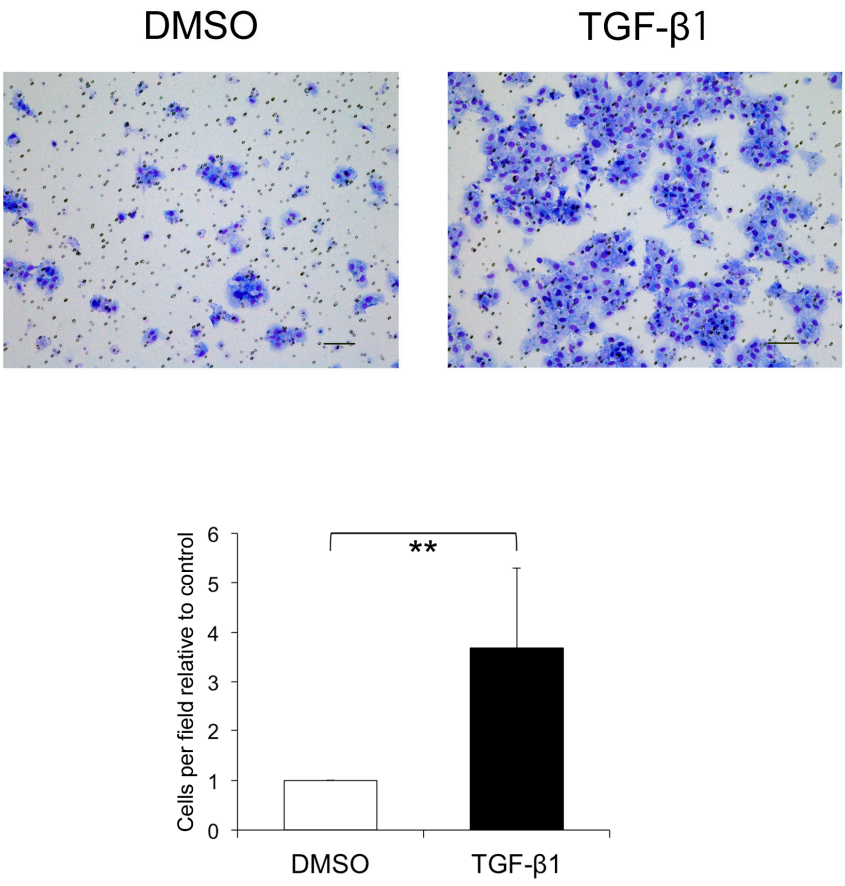

**Supplementary Figure S2.** TGF-β1 stimulation induces a morphological change from the cobblestone form to the spindle shape in oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) cells. Phase-contrast images of Ca9-22 cells stimulated with DMSO (control) or TGF-β1 for 0 and 48 h. Scale bar, 100 μm.



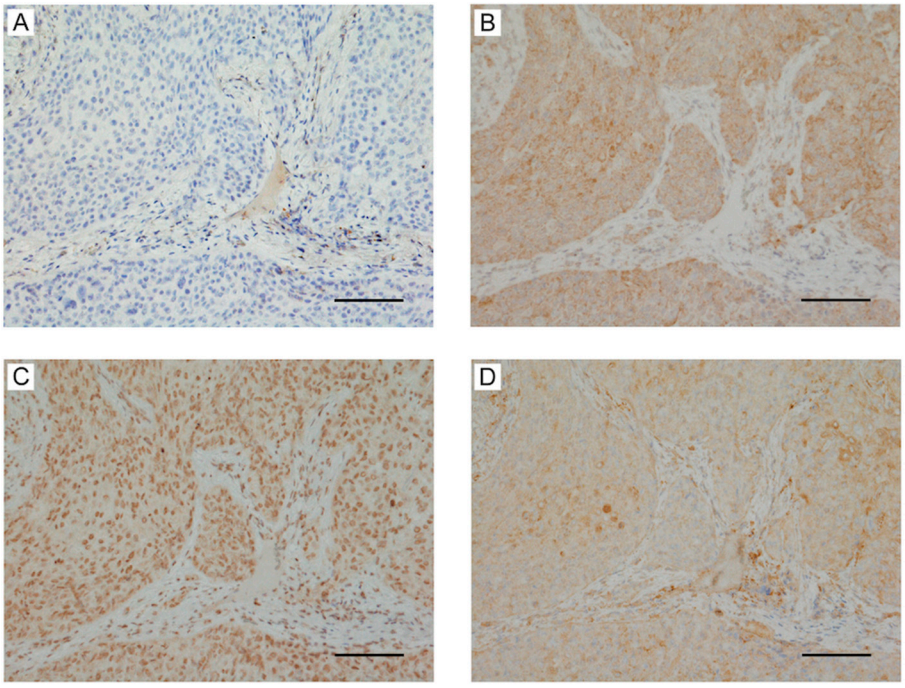

**Supplementary Figure S3. Cell proliferation is inhibited by TGF-β1 stimulation but not HMGA2 suppression.** Cell proliferation assay with Ca9-22 cells (A) stimulated with DMSO (control) and TGF-β1, and (B) transfected with si-control and si-HMGA2. Statistical analysis was performed using a Student's t-test. *$p < 0.05$.




**Supplementary Figure S4. Cell migration is promoted by TGF-β1 stimulation.** Wound healing assay with Ca9-22 cells stimulated with DMSO (control) and TGF-β1. The wound space was photographed at 0 and 24 h. The vertical distance of the wound was evaluated and statistically analyzed. Statistical analysis was performed using a Student's t-test. **$p < 0.01$.




**Supplementary Figure S5. Cell invasion is promoted by TGF-β1 stimulation.** Cell invasion assay with Ca9-22 cells stimulated with DMSO (control) and TGF-β1. The images are representative fields of invasive cells on the membranes. Statistical analysis was performed using a Student's t-test. **p < 0.01.




**Supplementary Figure S6.** The expression of angiogenesis-associated genes is decreased in oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) tissues expressing low levels of HMGA2. Immunohistochemical staining using the follow antibodies on OSCC biopsy specimens: (A) HMGA2, (B) VEGF-A, (C) VEGF-C, and (D) FGF-2. Scale bar, 100 μm.