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## Supplementary Material

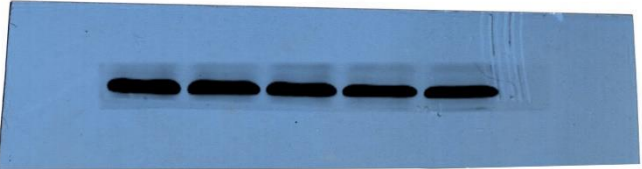
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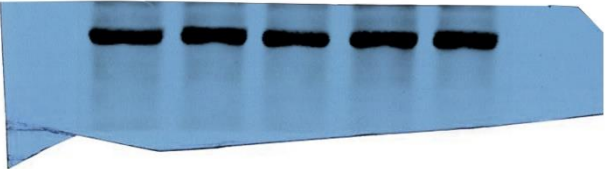
**Fig. aa.** Original Kodak film of total protein: p65.



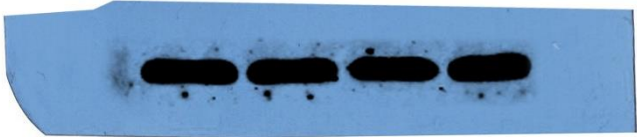
**Fig. ab.** Original Kodak film of total protein: glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH).



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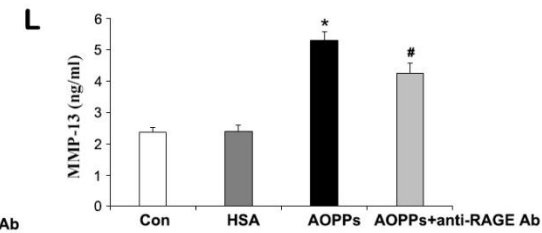
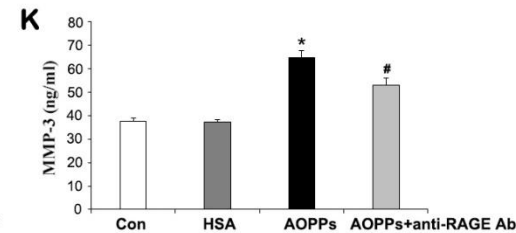
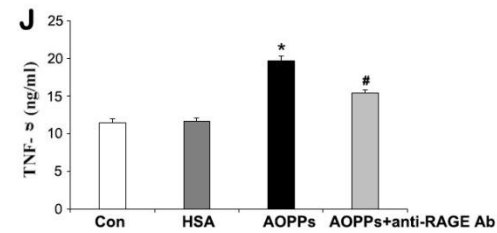
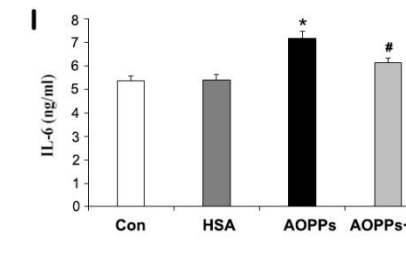
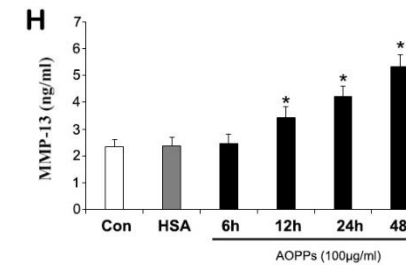
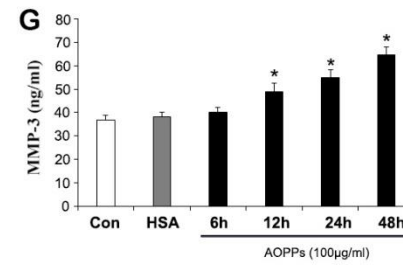
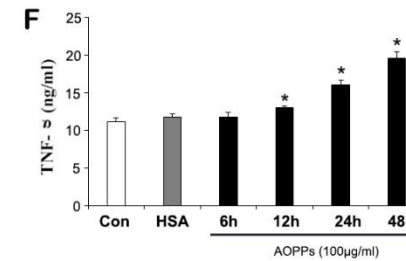
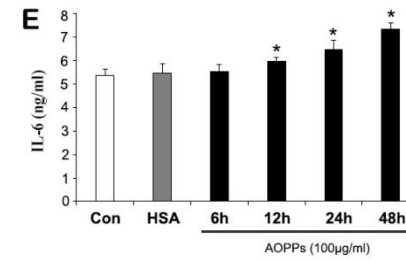
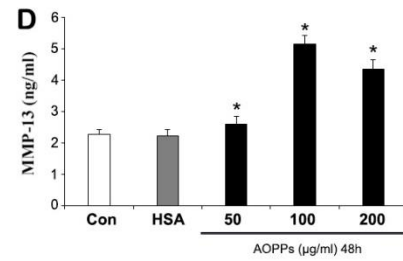
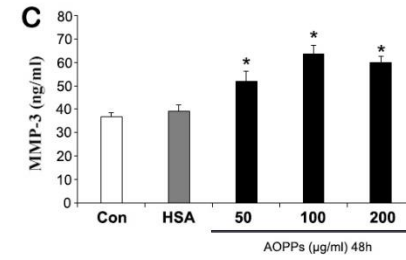
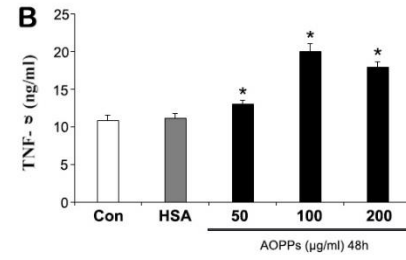
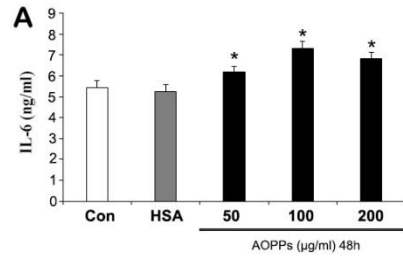
**Fig. ad.** Original Kodak film of total protein: GAPDH.



**Fig. ae.** Original Kodak film of total protein: p65.



**Fig. af.** Original Kodak film of total protein: GAPDH.

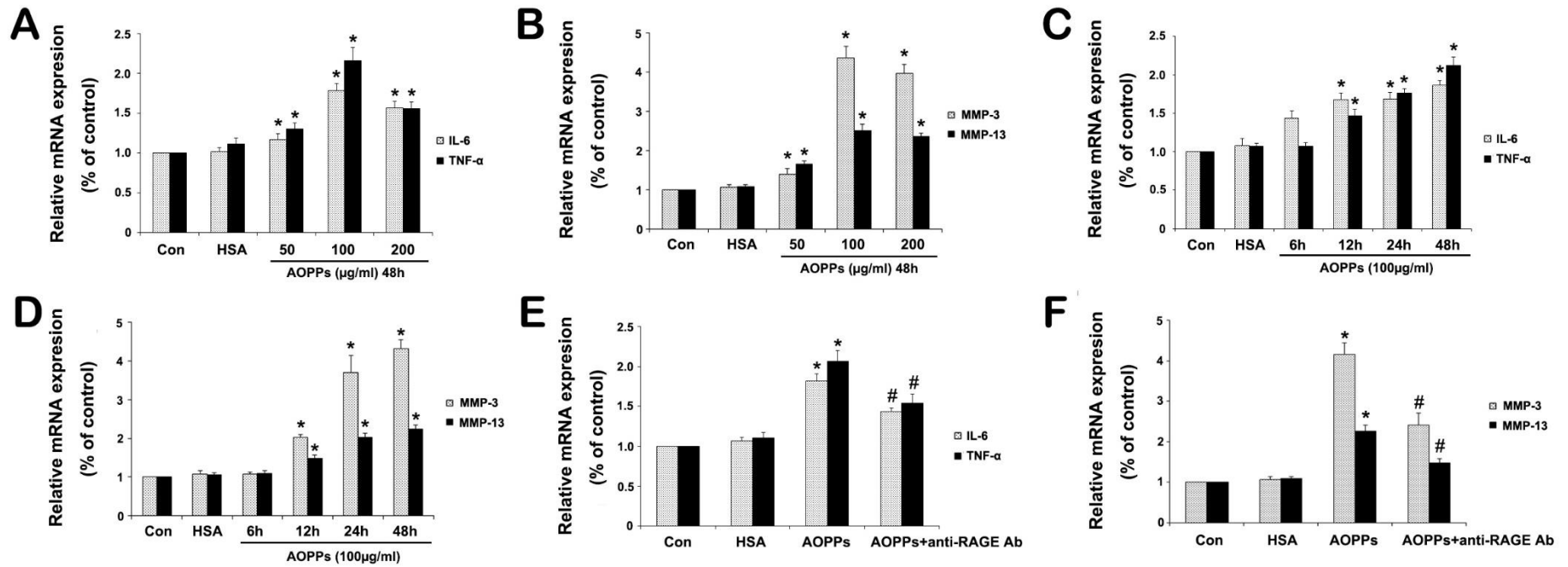


**Fig. b.** Interleukin-6 (IL-6), tumour necrosis factor alpha (TNF $\alpha$ ), and matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) production and secretion in response to advanced oxidation protein products (AOPPs) treatment were quantified with enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (ELISA) kits. a) to d) Cultured rheumatoid arthritis fibroblast-like synoviocytes (RA-FLSs) were incubated with the indicated concentrations of AOPP-human serum albumin (HSA), medium alone (control), or native HSA for 48 hours. e) to h) Cultured RA-FLSs were incubated for the indicated times with AOPP-HSA (100  $\mu$ g/ml), medium alone (control), or native HSA (100  $\mu$ g/ml). i) to l) Cultured RA-FLSs were incubated with medium alone (control), native HSA, AOPP-HSA (100  $\mu$ g/ml), or AOPP-HSA (100  $\mu$ g/ml) with a neutralizing antibody against receptor for advanced glycation end products (RAGE) (antiRAGE Ab, 10  $\mu$ g/ml) for 48 hours. AOPPs

treatment increased the expression levels of IL-6, TNF $\alpha$ , and MMP in dose- (a to d)) and time-dependent (e to h)) manners.

Pretreatment with the antibody against RAGE effectively suppressed IL-6, TNF $\alpha$ , and MMP production (i to l)). Data are presented as

the mean and standard deviation of triplicates. \*p < 0.05 versus medium alone (control). #p < 0.05 versus the AOPP group.



**Fig. c.** Advanced oxidation protein products (AOPPs) challenge increased the messenger RNA (mRNA) expression levels of interleukin-6 (IL-6), tumour necrosis factor alpha (TNF $\alpha$ ), and matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) in rheumatoid arthritis fibroblast-like

synoviocytes (RA-FLSs). a) and b) Cultured RA-FLSs were incubated with the indicated concentrations of AOPP-human serum albumin (HSA), medium alone (control), or native HSA for 48 hours. c) and d) Cultured RA-FLSs were incubated for the indicated times with AOPP-HSA (100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), medium alone (control), or native HSA (100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ). e) and f) Cultured RA-FLSs were incubated with medium alone (control), native HSA, AOPP-HSA (100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), or AOPP-HSA (100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) with a neutralizing antibody against receptor for advanced glycation end products (RAGE) (anti-RAGE Ab, 10  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) for 48 hours. The mRNA expression levels of IL-6, TNF $\alpha$ , and MMPs increased in dose-dependent (a) and b)) and time-dependent (c) and d)) manners. Pretreatment with the antibody against RAGE effectively suppressed the mRNA expression increases (e) and f)). Data are presented as the mean and standard deviation of



triplicates. \* $p < 0.05$  versus medium alone (control). # $p < 0.05$  versus the AOPP group.