# Supporting Information

## Identification of N-benzothiazolyl-2-benzenesulfonamides as novel ABCA1

## expression upregulators

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#### 1. Western blot analysis of ApoA-I

In order to exclude the effect of ApoA-I on cholesterol efflux, we did western blot assay to examine whether our compound **6i** affect ApoA-I protein expression in RAW264.7 cells. As Fig. S1, compound **6i** at the indicated concentration (0 (control), 2.5, 5, 10  $\mu$ M) didn't affect ApoA-I protein expression. Therefore, the promoting cholesterol efflux effect of compound **6i** should be induced by increasing ABCA1 expression.



Fig. S1 Western blot analysis of apoA-I

#### 2. Cell validity test

HepG<sub>2</sub> cells (ATCC, Rockville, MD) were grown in 96-well plate and treated with compounds (100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.125, 1.56  $\mu$ M) for 72 h. Then the cell counting kit 8 (solarbio life sciences, Beijing, China) was used to investigate the influence of compounds on cell validity following the instruction. The results (Fig. S2) showed that all the tested compounds showed low cytotoxicity (CC<sub>50</sub> > 100  $\mu$ M).



Fig. S2 Cell validity test

## 3. ESI-MS, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR for compounds 6a-6n



ESI-MS of compound 6a



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6a** 



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6a** 



ESI-MS of compound 6b



<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6b** 



ESI-MS of compound 6c



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6**c

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ESI-MS of compound 6d

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6d** 

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ESI-MS of compound 6f

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6f** 

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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6g** 

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6g** 

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ESI-MS of compound 6h

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6h** 

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ESI-MS of compound 6i

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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6i** 

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ESI-MS of compound 6k

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## <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6**k

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ESI-MS of compound 6l

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6**l

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## <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6m**

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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **6n** 

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **6n**