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Supplemental Table 1. Sequences of RT-PCR oligonucleotide primers and probes.

Gene	probe	primer
TSC22D3	#68	Left: tggtggccatagacaacaag
		Right: ttettetecaecageteteg
TRIB3	#67	Left: gtcttcgctgaccgtgaga
		Right: cagtcagcacgcaggagtc
PCK2	#61	Left: ccacctggtgttactgtgacc
		Right: aatcgagagttgggatgtgc
DDIT4	#69	Left: ctggacagcagcaacagtg
		Right: acaccccatccaggtaagc
TBP	#51	Left: cccatgactcccatgacc
		Right: tttacaaccaagattcactgtgg

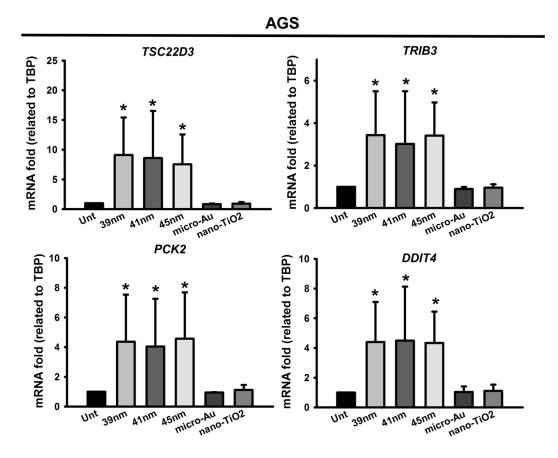


Figure S1. qPCR of *TSC22D3*, *TRIB3*, *PCK2* and *DDIT4* in AGS cells. AGS cells were exposed to 360 ng/ml of 39-, 41-,or 45-nm AuNPs, micro-Au, or nano-TiO₂ for 24 h, and then the mRNA levels of these four genes were determined by qPCR. *P < 0.05.

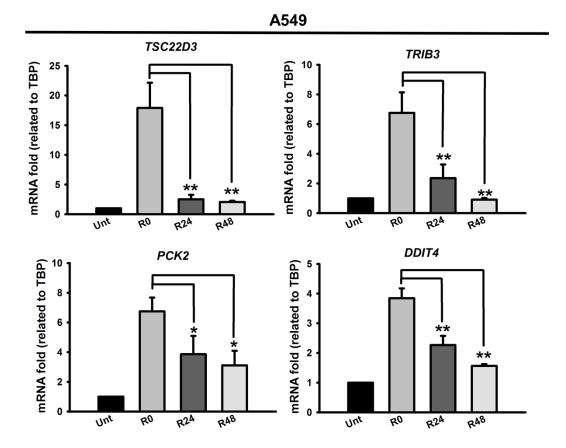


Figure S2. The induction of *TSC22D3*, *TRIB3*, *PCK2* and *DDIT4* expression was dependent on the existence of AuNPs. A549 cells were exposed to 360 ng/ml of 41-nm AuNPs for 24 h, and then the AuNP-contained medium was removed and the cells were washed by PBS twice. The cells were then continually in fresh medium for another 24 and 48 h. mRNA levels of these four genes were determined by qPCR at indicated time periods. **P*<0.05; and ***P*<0.01.