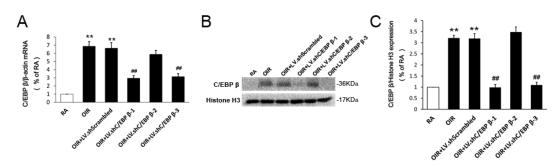
## **Materials and Methods**

The sequences of three shC/EBP  $\beta$ . The recombinant C/EBP  $\beta$  shRNA (shRNA-1: ACAAGCTGAGCGACGAGTACA, shRNA-2: CATGGAAGTGGCCAACTTCTA, shRNA-3: CACGCTGCGGAACTTGTTCAA) and the scrambled shRNA were designed and packaged by Genechem Co., Ltd (Shanghai, China).

## FIGURE CAPTIONS



Supplemental Figure 1. C/EBP  $\beta$  expression in rat retinas and lentiviral particle transduction. (A) Expression of C/EBP  $\beta$  mRNA (as determined by RT-PCR). (B) Expression of C/EBP  $\beta$  protein (as determined by Western blot). (C) Quantitative analysis of the Western blot signal density. Each column denotes the mean  $\pm$ SD (n=3). \*\*P<0.01 versus rats in the RA group. ##P<0.01 versus rats in the LV.shScrambled group.