

**Supplementary Figure 1.** A, HEK293T cells, pre-treated for 30 min with increasing concentrations of Methyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (MBC), were transfected with pcD-F-A7M8 (200 ng) and grown for 24 hours in the presence of 2  $\mu$ M mevinolin (to prevent *de novo* synthesis of cholesterol) and cell lysates were analyzed for NF- $\kappa$ B-dependent luciferase activity. B, HEK293T-cells were transfected with an NF- $\kappa$ B-dependent luciferase reporter plasmid, an internal control plasmid carrying a  $\beta$ -galactosidase gene together with empty vector (-) or 200 ng of the indicated constructs respectively and cell lysates were analyzed for NF- $\kappa$ B-dependent luciferase activity (represented as fold induction of vector transfected cells and represented graphically as the mean and standard deviation of at least three independent experiments).