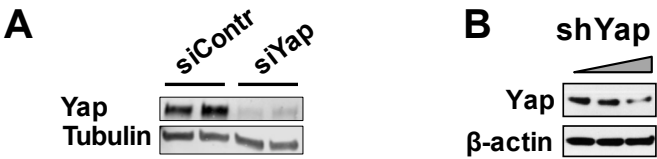
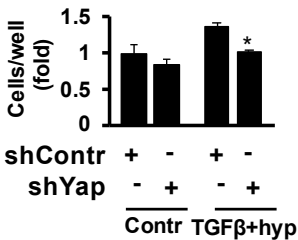


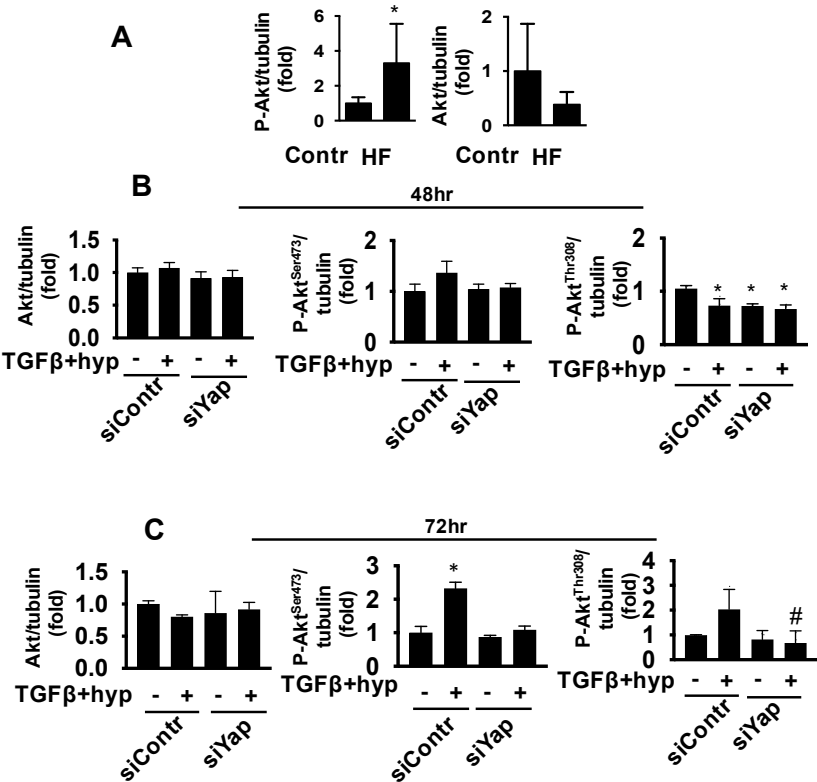
Supplemental Figures



Supplemental Figure S1. Efficient Yap downregulation. (A) Human adult cardiac fibroblasts were transfected with control (siContr) and Yap (siYap) siRNA, followed by immunoblot analysis to Yap protein level; $n = 5$. (B) Human adult cardiac fibroblasts were transduced with different doses of adenovirus expressing shRNA Yap (shYap) followed by immunoblot analysis to detect Yap; $n = 2$.

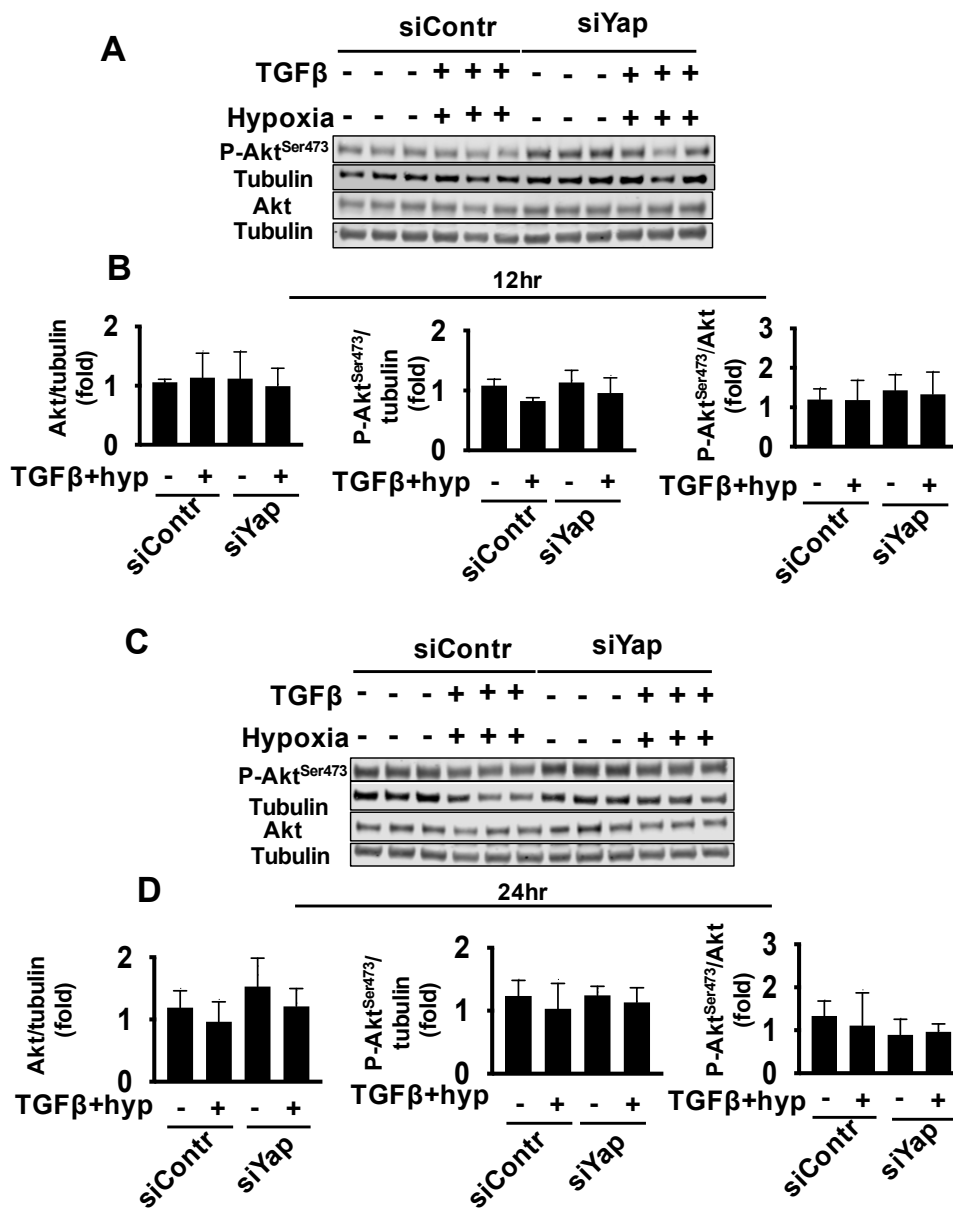


Supplemental Figure S2. Yap contributes to human adult cardiac fibroblast growth. Cardiac fibroblasts infected with adenovirus expressing shRNA Yap (shYap) or control adenovirus (shContr) and exposed to hypoxia (1% O₂) and TGFβ (10 ng/mL) followed by cell count performed at day 5 of exposure. Data are mean \pm S.E.M; * and # $p < 0.05$ vs. shContr and shContr+hypoxia/TGFβ, respectively, $n = 3-4$ /condition.

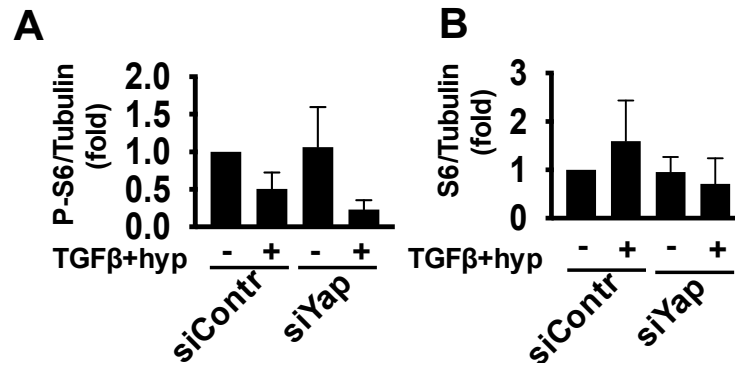


Supplemental Figure S3. Yap-dependent activation of Akt in HF and profibrotic conditions. (A) Detailed densitometry analysis of LV tissues from HF patients and control individuals from Figure 4A showing quantification of Akt and P-Akt normalized to

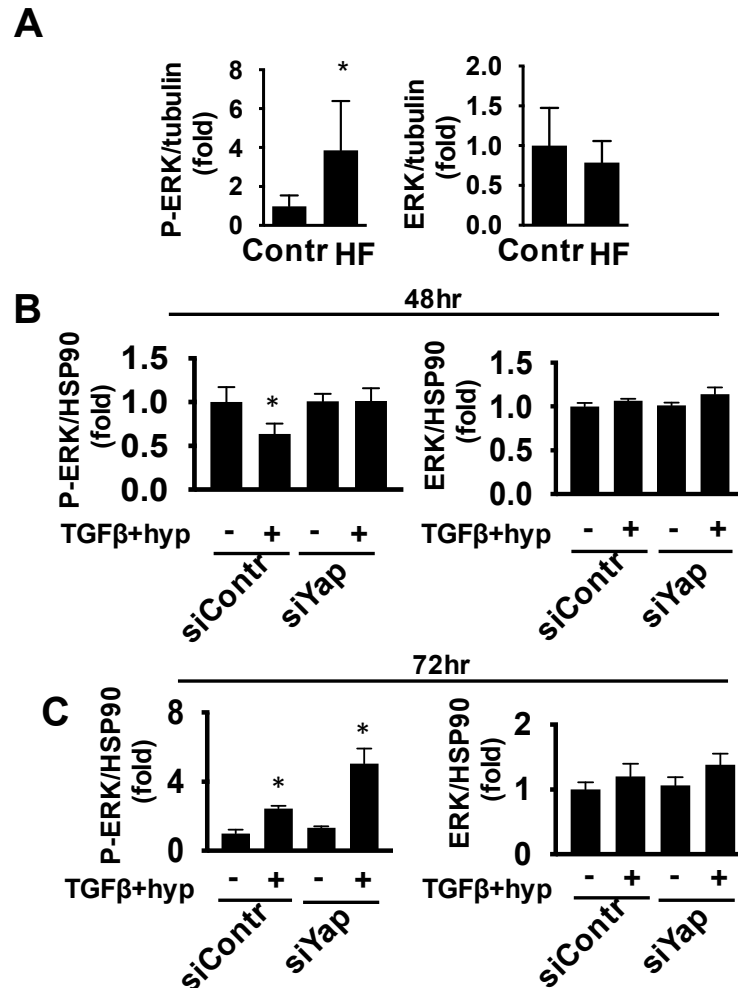
housekeeping control. Data represent mean \pm S.E.M of fold changes from control; $n = 7$ subjects/group, $*p < 0.05$ vs. control (B,C) Graphs representing fold change quantitative densitometry analysis normalized to corresponding loading control for total and phospho-Akt from Figures 4C–F of human cardiac fibroblasts transfected with siContr or siYap exposed to normoxia and vehicle (-) or hypoxia (1% O₂) and TGF β (10 ng/mL) for stated durations. Data represent mean \pm S.E.M. of fold changes from siContr control (-); $*p < 0.05$ vs. siContr control (-), $\#p < 0.05$ vs. siContr control exposed to hypoxia (1% O₂) and TGF β (10 ng/mL); $n = 3$ –4/condition.



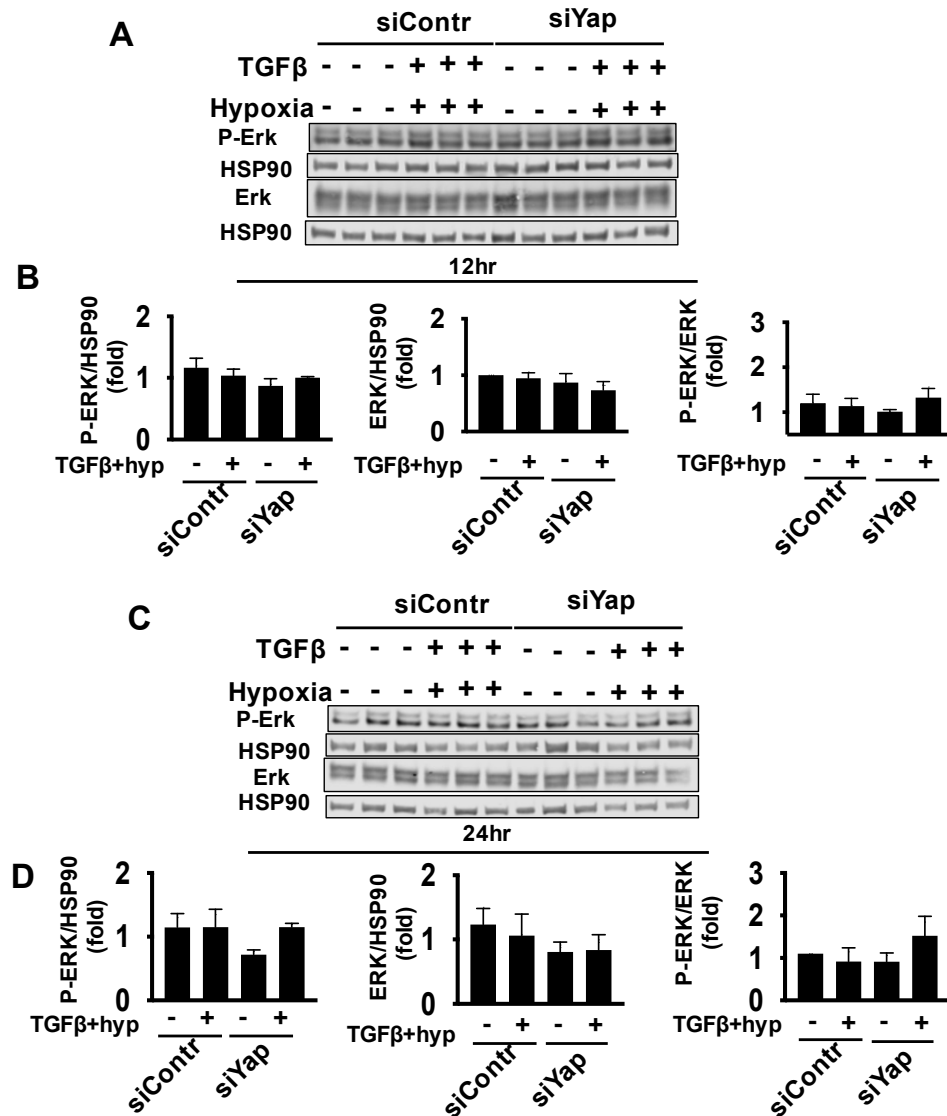
Supplemental Figure S4. Akt is not activated at early profibrotic stress timepoints. (A,C) Representative immunoblot for indicated proteins of human adult cardiac fibroblasts transfected with siYap or siContr and exposed to hypoxia/TGF β . (B,D) Fold change immunoblot densitometry analyses of indicated proteins normalized to corresponding loading control. Data represent mean \pm S.E.M of fold changes to siContr-infected vehicle-treated control group (-); $n = 3$ /condition.



Supplemental Figure S5. Alleviation of mTOR signaling with profibrotic conditions does not alter with Yap silencing. (A,B) Fold change immunoblot densitometry analyses from Figure 5A of S6 and phospho-S6 (p-S6) normalized to corresponding loading control in human adult cardiac fibroblasts transfected with siYap or siContr and exposed to hypoxia/TGFβ. Data represent mean ± S.E.M of fold changes to siContr-infected vehicle-treated control group (-); *n* = 3–4/condition.



Supplemental Figure S6. Yap-independent elevation of ERK1/2 signaling under conditions of HF. (A–C) Quantitative densitometry analyses of indicated proteins in (A) LV tissues from HF patients and control individuals from Figure 6 A. Data represent mean ± S.E.M of fold changes from control; *n* = 7 subjects/group, **p* < 0.05 vs. control. (B,C) Human adult cardiac fibroblasts transfected with siYap or siContr and exposed to hypoxia/TGFβ for stated durations normalized to corresponding loading control from Figures 6C,E. Data represent mean ± S.E.M of fold changes from siContr-infected vehicle-treated control group (-); *n* = 3–4/condition, **p* < 0.05 vs. corresponding (-) control.



Supplemental Figure S7. Hypoxia/TGF β does not activate Erk signaling at early timepoints. (A,C) Representative immunoblot for indicated proteins of human adult cardiac fibroblasts transfected with siYap or siContr and exposed to hypoxia/TGF β . (B,D) Fold change immunoblot densitometry analyses of indicated proteins normalized to corresponding loading control. Data represent mean \pm S.E.M of fold changes to siContr-infected vehicle-treated control group (-); $n = 3$ /condition.