Supplementary Data

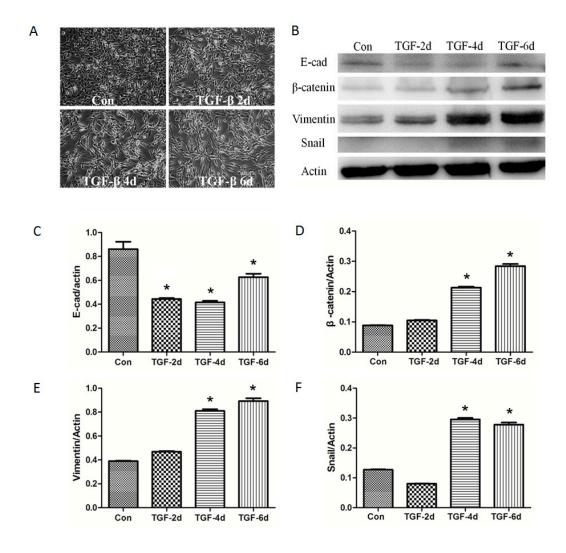


Figure S1. TGF-β induced EMT in BEAS-2B cells.

BEAS-2B cells were exposed to 5 ng/ml TGF- β for 0, 2, 4, and 6 days. (A) Morphological features of cells at the last day (400×magnification); (B) Western blot analysis of E-cadherin, Vimentin, β -catenin, and Snail. β -actin served as a loading control; (C-F) the levels of the indicated protein was quantified with gray value (Mean±SD, n=3). *P < 0.05 compared with the corresponding group.

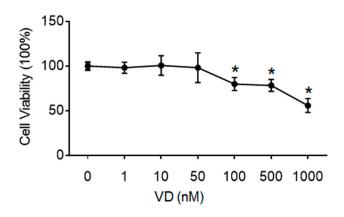


Figure S2. Effects of 1α,25(OH)₂D₃ on cell viability in A549 cells.

A549 cells were exposed to different concentration of $1\alpha,25(OH)_2D_3$ (0, 1, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000 nmol/L) for 3 days. Then 10 µl of CCK-8 solution was added and the cells were incubated for 1 h. Absorbance was measured at 450 nm in a microplate reader (BioTec Instruments, Inc., Winooski, VT, USA) and cell viability was calculated. Each experiment was performed in triplicate. *P < 0.05 compared with the corresponding group.

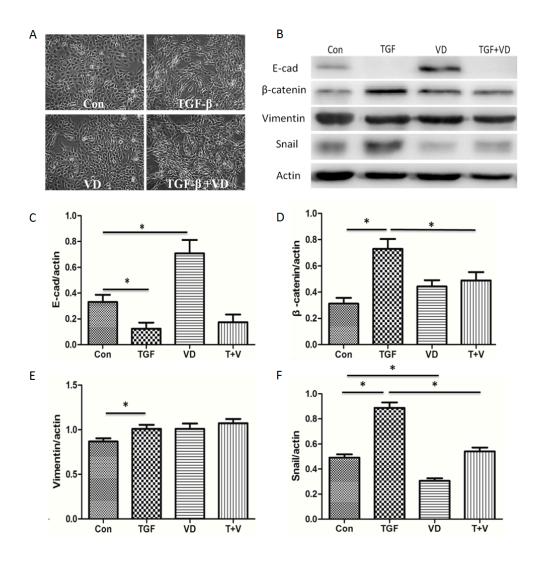


Figure S3. Vitamin D prevented TGF- β induced EMT markers alteration in BEAS-2B cells.

BEAS-2B cells were treated with 5 ng/ml TGF- β and/or 50 nmol/L 1α,25(OH)₂D₃ for 6 days. (A) Morphological features of cells at the last day (400×magnification); (B) Western blot analysis of E-cadherin, Vimentin, β -catenin, and Snail. β -actin served as a loading control; (C-F) The levels of the indicated protein was quantified with gray value (Mean \pm SD, n=3). *P<0.05 compared with the corresponding group.