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Circadian Reprogramming in the Liver Identifies Metabolic Pathways of Aging

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SUMMARY

The process of aging and circadian rhythms are intimately intertwined, but how peripheral clocks involved in metabolic homeostasis contribute to aging remains unknown. Importantly, caloric restriction (CR) extends lifespan in several organisms and rewires circadian metabolism. Using young versus old mice, fed *ad libitum* or under CR, we reveal reprogramming of the circadian transcriptome in the liver. These age-dependent changes occur in a highly tissue-specific manner, as demonstrated by comparing circadian gene expression in the liver versus epidermal and skeletal muscle stem cells. Moreover, *de novo* oscillating genes under CR show an enrichment in SIRT1 targets in the liver. This is accompanied by distinct circadian hepatic signatures in NAD⁺-related metabolites and cyclic global protein acetylation. Strikingly, this oscillation in acetylation is absent in old mice while CR robustly rescues global protein acetylation. Our findings indicate that the clock operates at the crossroad between protein acetylation, liver metabolism and aging.

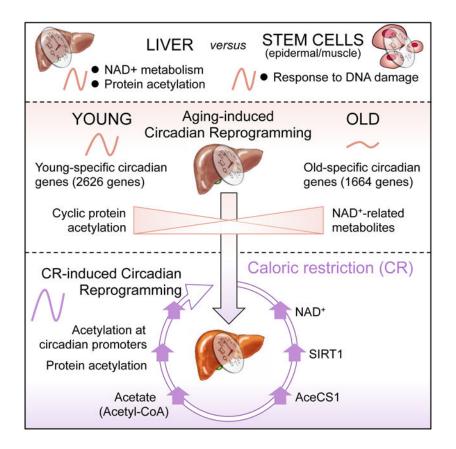
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Aging reprograms the circadian transcriptome in a highly tissue-specific manner

INTRODUCTION

It is commonly assumed that interplay exists between the circadian clock and the aging process and, more specifically, that changes in central rhythmic behavior are associated with age-dependent decline (Kondratova and Kondratov, 2012). In addition to a largely heterogeneous and anecdotal literature, it has been shown that neuronal activity rhythms display an age-dependent degradation in the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) (Nakamura et al., 2011), which houses the central circadian pacemaker. This age-dependent decline in the central clock disrupts the physiological ability of mice to entrain to external light cues and has been reported to alter rhythmic behavior (Chang and Guarente, 2013; Sellix et al., 2012). On the other hand, a genetic mouse model has shown that deficiency in the core circadian transcription factor aryl hydrocarbon receptor nuclear-translocator-like (ARNTL or BMAL1) results in reduced lifespan and premature aging phenotype in mice (Kondratov et al., 2006). Yet, how aging influences the metabolic functions of peripheral clocks remains virtually unexplored.

Several hallmarks of aging-associated deterioration are linked to disruption of metabolic homeostasis, including deregulated nutrient sensing, mitochondrial dysfunction, reprogramming of cellular signaling pathways and insulin-resistance (Cartee et al., 2016;

Fontana and Partridge, 2015; Houtkooper et al., 2012; Imai and Guarente, 2014; Ocampo et al., 2016; Verdin, 2015). Caloric restriction (CR) and fasting regimens have the unique ability to extend lifespan and enhance healthspan in a variety of organisms (Brandhorst et al., 2015; Grandison et al., 2009; Lee et al., 1999; Lin et al., 2002; Longo and Panda, 2016). Moreover, changes in nutritional availability of metabolic cues could be implicated in lifespan extension and attenuation of the aging-related phenotype in a clock-dependent manner (Gill et al., 2015; Patel et al., 2016a; Zwighaft et al., 2015), but the detailed molecular mechanisms remain unclear. Additionally, metabolic cues function as powerful zeitgebers for peripheral circadian clocks, and CR and time-restricted feeding have been linked to reorganizing peripheral circadian gene expression (Asher and Sassone-Corsi, 2015; Gill et al., 2015; Patel et al., 2016b; Stokkan et al., 2001). Importantly, the potential of the circadian clock to be reprogrammed by nutritional challenges has revealed its intrinsic plasticity (Eckel-Mahan et al., 2013). To date, the contribution of peripheral circadian metabolism in mediating the adaptation to macronutrient limitation that modulates lifespan extension is not mechanistically understood (Katewa et al., 2016; Ulgherait et al., 2016).

To unravel the molecular and metabolic pathways that underlie the interplay between circadian rhythms and aging, we have compared young versus old mice, fed ad libitum with either normal chow or under CR, and paralleled the high-throughput transcriptomic analyses of liver versus muscle and epidermal stem cells. Our findings reveal that aging operates by reprogramming the circadian transcriptome. We show that these age-dependent changes in circadian gene expression occur in a highly tissue-specific manner, as demonstrated by a comparative analysis of the liver transcriptional landscape versus epidermal and skeletal muscle stem cells (see accompanying study (Solanas et al.)). Our analysis of the circadian hepatic transcriptome revealed enriched biological pathways centered on protein acetylation and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+) metabolism, thus prompting subsequent examination. Strikingly, global protein acetylation was found to be highly circadian and this rhythmicity was dampened in aged mice. Also, CR resulted in a dramatic rescue of protein acetylation over the day/night cycle. Comparing the CR-dependent circadian transcriptome with our published SIRT1-dependent transcriptome (Masri et al., 2014), we identified an overlapping gene expression signature that linked SIRT1 with CR-mediated effects on circadian reprogramming in the liver. Further analysis by mass spectrometry revealed that CR regulates NAD⁺/SIRT1, which modulates the circadian acetylation of acetyl-CoA synthetase (AceCS1), a pathway known to control rhythmic nucleocytoplasmic acetyl-CoA production (Hallows et al., 2006; Sahar et al., 2014). These findings reveal age-dependent metabolic changes in the circadian hepatic transcriptome in young and old mice and link CR-dependent reorganization of circadian metabolism in the liver with NAD⁺ availability, SIRT1 activity and global protein acetylation over the circadian cycle.

RESULTS

Circadian Hepatic Transcriptome Reveals Aging- and CR-Induced Reprogramming

To determine how the hepatic clock regulates rhythmic metabolism during aging, young and old mice were subjected to a 30% calorie reduction or a normal chow feeding for 6-months (see Methods). Mice were sacrificed every 4 hours over the circadian cycle and hepatic

transcriptomic analysis was performed. Venn diagrams and heatmaps display circadian genes selected using the nonparametric algorithm JTK_cycle (Hughes et al., 2010) and a p-value cutoff of 0.01 in young normal diet (YND) and old normal diet (OND) fed mice. Transcriptomics revealed 2626 genes (44.8%) exclusively oscillatory in YND and 1664 (28.4%) genes were only rhythmic in OND groups, while 1575 genes (26.9%) were circadian in both groups (Fig. 1A). Comparison of the amplitude of hepatic oscillatory genes in YND versus OND is shown in Fig. 1B. Heatmaps display circadian genes found exclusively in YND (left panel) versus OND (right panel) (Fig. 1C), and common rhythmic genes (Fig. S1A). The expression of core clock genes enriched in both YND and OND was confirmed. The expression of core clock genes and clock-controlled genes (CCGs) as well as the expression of core clock proteins is virtually unaltered when comparing young and old animals fed a normal diet (Fig. 1D, and S2A and D).

To determine if CR can reorganize circadian gene expression in the liver, CR was applied to young (YCR) and old (OCR) mice and the circadian hepatic transcriptomes were compared to young and old mice fed a normal diet. Transcriptomic analysis identified 1867 genes (22.6%) in YND and 4070 genes (49.2%) in YCR to be circadian based on a 0.01 p-value cutoff criteria, and 2334 genes (28.2%) were found to be commonly rhythmic in both groups (Fig. 1E). The amplitude of hepatic rhythmic genes is enhanced in YCR mice, as compared to YND (Fig. 1F). Heatmaps display circadian genes found exclusively in YND (left panel) versus YCR (right panel) (Fig. 1G), as well as common circadian genes (Fig. S1B). Though core clock and CCGs expression profiles are rhythmic in both YND and YCR groups, CR enhances the expression of clock genes (Fig. 1H and S2B). The dynamic response in oscillating genes found in YCR demonstrates the sensitivity of the circadian hepatic clock to macronutrient limitation.

Similarly, old mice were subjected to CR and transcriptomic analysis was performed. 1722 genes (24.8%) were found to be circadian in OND, 3715 genes (53.4%) were oscillatory in OCR group, and 1517 genes (21.8%) were commonly rhythmic in both groups (Fig. 1I). Similar to YCR, the amplitude of hepatic rhythmic genes is enhanced in OCR mice, as compared to OND (Fig. 1J). Heatmaps display circadian genes found exclusively in OND (left panel) versus OCR (right panel) (Fig. 1K), as well as common circadian genes (Fig. S1C). A significant increase in core clock and CCGs expression profiles was found in OCR versus OND fed mice (Fig. 1L and S2C). Overall, the effect of CR in both young and old mice is evident as a significant portion of the circadian hepatic genome is rhythmic in response to nutrient deprivation.

Gene ontology (GO) analysis of the oscillatory transcriptome shows that sterol metabolic process, mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) cascade, toll-like receptor (TLR) signaling and glycerolipid metabolism are highly enriched In the YND group (Fig. 2A). Both YND and OND categories are enriched in histone/chromatin modifications, while OND is specifically enriched in protein deubiquitination and cell cycle G1/S transition biological pathways (Fig. 2A). Moreover, as compared to YND, the YCR transcriptome shows highly significant biological function enrichment in genes involved in RNA processing, chromatin modification and peptidyl-lysine modification (Fig. 2B). Similar to the YCR group, GO pathway analysis does reveal that the OCR category of genes is highly

enriched in chromatin modification, RNA processing, autophagy and ribosome biogenesis (Fig. 2C). Common genes in YND, OND, YCR and OCR groups contain an enrichment in circadian regulation of gene expression and NAD⁺ metabolism or biosynthesis (Fig. S1, D–F). Moreover, a comparison between the YCR and OCR groups revealed a 45.8% overlap of 3653 common genes among these two categories (Fig. S3), including consistence in the expression of core clock gene between YCR and OCR groups (Fig. S3E).

The circadian hepatic transcriptome and resulting GO analysis reveal a large set of genes with dampened oscillation by aging whereas some genes gain oscillation by CR (Fig. S2, E–G). Remarkably, circadian genes involved in RNA processing and autophagy are highly enriched both in YCR and OCR groups (Fig. 2, B and C, and Data Table S1). Therefore, the question arises: does CR reorganize the circadian transcriptome in the liver? We compared the circadian transcriptome between YND and OCR revealing only 24% overlap of 1824 common genes in the liver (Fig. S4). However, GO analysis uncovered that some of the circadian biological signatures of CR such as autophagy, RNA processing, and target of rapamycin (TOR) signaling are identified within "common" circadian signatures between YND and OCR (Fig. S4D). These observations show that CR reprograms the circadian hepatic transcriptome.

Distinct Phase Signatures of Aging and CR in the Liver as compared to Stem Cells

Additionally, the hepatic transcriptome was analyzed for phase of circadian gene expression, revealing that two sets of circadian genes peaking around zeitgeber time (ZT) 0-6 (phase 1) and ZT 12-18 (phase 2) in both YND and OND liver (Fig. 3A). Interestingly, new peaks in phase of gene expression are evident in YCR and OCR groups, which is likely reflective of feeding anticipatory behavior in calorically restricted mice (Fig. 3A). In support of this notion, the phase of circadian genes is indeed advanced by CR (Fig. 3B). Comparative analysis of phase 3 (ZT 8-16) rhythmic genes of YCR/OCR shows they are enriched in phase 2 (ZT12–18) of YND/OND and advanced in ZT (Fig. 3B). Similarly, circadian genes of YCR/OCR at phase 4 (ZT 20-2) are enriched in phase 1 (ZT 0-6) of YND/OND (Fig. 3B). This data indicates that CR functions to broaden the phase of circadian gene expression over the day/night cycle. In addition to liver, epidermal (EpSCs) and skeletal muscle stem cells (MsSCs) were harvested from young and old mice fed normal diet or CR (see accompanying study (Solanas et al.)). Tissue-specific comparison of phase of gene expression was performed using genes selected to be circadian by JTK_cycle (p-value cutoff of 0.01). Remarkably, similar phase profiles were observed in MsSCs and liver, likely reflective of the metabolic and nutrient responsive nature of these cells (Fig. 3C). Also, EpSCs were altered in phase of gene expression in old mice, but in mice subjected to CR this phase was reverted to a 'young' profile, consisting of two sets of genes peaking in the day and the night, respectively (Fig. 3C). The phase profiles suggest that mice fed a CR diet display a reorganization of the transcriptome, and this phase distribution is reflective of tissue-specific function.

Unique Signatures in Circadian NAD+ Metabolism and Protein Acetylation in the Liver

To further compare the tissue-specific circadian signature, we carried out GO analysis. The Venn diagram reveals overlapping genes among the three cell types, including 74 genes in

common that comprise the tissue-independent circadian genes in liver, EpSCs and MsSCs from YND mice (Fig. 4A). The EpSCs transcriptome from YND mice reveals a highly significant enrichment in genes involved in response to DNA damage, DNA replication, and DNA repair as well as skin epidermal development (data shown in accompanying study (Solanas et al.). These data were further validated (Solanas et al.) to reveal a circadian reprogramming that occurs in OND versus YND, whereby aged EpSCs conversely lose oscillations of epidermal homeostasis genes while gaining oscillation in genes mediating a stress response to DNA damage and inflammation. Similarly, MsSCs from YND mice display a unique biological function signature that involves genes implicated in skeletal muscle development, glucose homeostasis, and response to insulin (see accompanying study (Solanas et al.)). Comparing both EpSCs and MsSCs from YND mice, a unique stem cell gene signature is uncovered, which includes cellular response to DNA damage stimulus, DNA replication, DNA repair and regulation of protein deacetylation (Fig. 4A). In contrast, a comparison of stem cells versus liver reveals a unique set of genes specifically enriched in the liver implicated in sterol metabolism, fatty acid biosynthetic process, NAD+ biosynthetic process, cellular ketone metabolism, histone H3 acetylation and peptidyl-lysine acetylation (Fig. 4A). Not surprisingly, genes involved in rhythmic processes are common in liver, EpSCs and MsSCs and are listed as tissue-independent circadian genes (Fig. 4A). Lastly, comparing the numbers of circadian genes identified in the tissue-independent group, we observe a robust induction of rhythmic genes in YCR and to a lesser extent in the OCR group (Fig. 4B). Similarly, GO analysis shows that a variety of biological processes are enriched exclusively in CR-fed mice. Among these, histone acetylation and peptidyl-lysine acetylation are prominent (Fig. S5A). These findings indicate the profound and tissuespecific effect of CR on reprogramming the circadian transcriptome in liver, EpSCs and MsSCs. This reorganization involves a robust induction of *de novo* oscillating genes as a compensatory response to nutritional deprivation.

The circadian hepatic transcriptome illustrated the relevance of lysine acetylation (Fig. 2 and 4A). Control of acetylation is involved in the aging process as well as CR nutritional challenge (Peleg et al., 2016; Verdin and Ott, 2015). This notion was further strengthened by the remarkable significance found for all metabolic pathways implicated in NAD⁺ metabolism and protein acetylation in a comparison with the EpSCs and MsSCs transcriptome (Fig. 4C). Indeed, these metabolic pathways are not enriched in EpSCs whereas are present in MsSCs, pointing to metabolic properties as elements of distinction among SCs. Remarkably, the EpSCs transcriptome identified response to DNA damage and DNA repair as an EpSCs- and stem cells-dependent distinct circadian biological signatures (Fig. 4C). These observations indicate that circadian reprogramming of physiological homeostasis due to aging or CR is tissue-specific.

CR Rescues the Aging-Dependent Decline in Global Protein Acetylation in the Liver

Based on circadian transcriptomic evidence that NAD⁺ metabolism and protein acetylation identify significant liver-specific metabolic pathways, we analyzed liver protein lysates with a pan-acetyl-lysine antibody over the circadian cycle. A striking circadian oscillation was observed in global protein acetylation in YND mice, with a peak at ZT8 (Fig. 5A). This finding is in keeping with previous results by mass spectrometry showing that global protein

acetylation is rhythmic and dependent on an intact circadian clock (Masri et al., 2013). Notably, this cycle in protein acetylation was completely absent in the aging OND mice (Fig. 5A and S6A). The age-dependent rhythm of protein acetylation prompted us to investigate the effect of CR. In this respect it is notable that CR results in increased mitochondrial protein acetylation in liver (Hebert et al., 2013). Importantly, under both YCR and OCR, an extensive global protein hyperacetylation was observed in comparison to normal diet-fed mice (Fig. 5B and S6A).

Accumulation of Histone Acetylation at Circadian Hepatic Promoters by CR

Next, we sought to establish whether the effect of CR on global protein hyperacetylation would extend to histone acetylation and corresponding gene expression. Using EnrichR (http://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/Enrichr/), a comprehensive gene set enrichment analysis web tool, a comparative analysis was performed with our circadian CR transcriptome and published chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)-sequencing datasets for several histone modifications (Chen et al., 2013; Kuleshov et al., 2016). A significant enrichment of H3K9ac and H3K27ac was specifically identified in the YCR/OCR versus YND/OND specific gene lists (Fig. S7). Additionally, we observe an induction of amplitude of clock genes in YCR and OCR versus normal diet-fed mice (Fig. 1, H and L and S2, B and C), which would suggest changes in histone acetylation marks linked to active transcription. Additionally, the levels of hepatic β -hydroxybutyrate are dampened at ZT 4 in the liver from calorie-restricted diet fed mice (Fig. S6B).

Indeed, a significant accumulation of histone H3K9/K14ac and H3K27ac that perfectly matches the gene expression profile was found at the cryptochrome1 (*Cry1*) gene transcriptional start site (TSS) in YCR versus YND and OCR versus OND (Fig. 5C). A similar trend was also observed at the period2 (*Per2*) TSS with an increase in H3K9/K14ac and H3K27ac levels in response to CR in YCR and OCR, respectively (Fig. 5D). Similarly, the CR-dependent transcriptome in YCR and OCR mice reveals circadian transcriptional reprogramming of large numbers of genes that become newly oscillatory in response to nutrient deprivation (Fig. 1, E–L). In keeping with this concept, a number of rhythmic metabolic genes are enhanced in gene expression by CR. ChIP analysis revealed that an accumulation of H3K9/K14ac and H3K27ac was seen at the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase1 (*Pck1*) and cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase (*Por*) promoters in YCR versus YND, a similarly observed trend that was less pronounced in old mice under CR (Fig 5, E and F). Thus, CR triggers an extensive reorganization of protein acetylation that includes histone marks linked to activation of gene expression.

Liver-Specific Elevation of NAD+ and Related Metabolites

NAD⁺ and its biosynthetic pathway through the enzyme nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase (NAMPT) is a critical regulator of aging, and rescuing the levels of NAD⁺ is reported to modulate lifespan and/or healthspan extension (Belenky et al., 2007b; Gomes et al., 2013; Mouchiroud et al., 2013; Stein and Imai, 2014; Zhang et al., 2016). Also, CR has been previously shown to be dependent on the biosynthesis of NAD⁺ and the effects of CR may be tied to the cellular NAD⁺ (oxidized)/NADH (reduced) ratio and/or the level of NAD⁺ (Lin et al., 2000; Lin et al., 2004; Lin et al., 2002). Several NAD⁺-

dependent deacetylases are critically involved in facilitating the effects of nutrient deprivation, namely the sirtuins SIRT1 (Chen et al., 2005; Cohen et al., 2004; Rodgers et al., 2005) and mitochondrial SIRT3 (Hebert et al., 2013; Hirschey et al., 2010; Shimazu et al., 2010; Someya et al., 2010). Importantly, an interplay exist between aging, nutritional challenge and circadian metabolism as illustrated by the role played by mammalian SIRTs in circadian control of both transcription and metabolism in the liver (Asher et al., 2008; Masri et al., 2014; Masri and Sassone-Corsi, 2014; Nakahata et al., 2008), but also the cyclic availability of NAD⁺ (Nakahata et al., 2009; Peek et al., 2013; Ramsey et al., 2009) and acetyl-CoA (Sahar et al., 2014).

We therefore quantitatively measured the hepatic NAD⁺ metabolome to determine if aging or CR alters the circadian control of NAD⁺ metabolism. Mass spectrometry analysis of NAD +-related metabolites is displayed as a heatmap and reveals dynamic changes of each metabolite in YND, YCR, OND, and OCR (Fig. 6A). Levels of NAD⁺ are elevated in the liver from calorie-restricted animals compared to normal diet-fed animals (Fig. 6B). Similarly, a significant increase of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP⁺) levels in CR group versus ND group was found at both ZT 0 and ZT 12 (Fig. 6B). Upregulation of the levels of nicotinamide riboside (NR) and nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) under CR at ZT12 results in robust diurnal changes of these metabolites in YCR and OCR (Fig. 6B). This increase in NR and NMN levels suggests that CR leads to activation of NAD+ turnover through NMN to circulate NR (Bogan and Brenner, 2008). Levels of the metabolites produced by NAD+consuming enzymes, nicotinamide (NAM) and ADP ribose (ADPR) (Belenky et al., 2007a), are elevated in OND liver harvested at ZT 0 (Fig. 6B). Finally, CR suppresses the levels of nicotinic acid adenine dinucleotide (NAAD) (Fig. 6B), a metabolite that serves as a biomarker of NAD⁺ reserves (Trammell et al., 2016) and an intermediate of the NAD+ de novo synthesis pathway. These findings suggest that aging increases NAD⁺ turnover while CR sharpens circadian control of NAD⁺ metabolism, thereby boosting NAD⁺, NADP⁺ and potentially the circulation of NR. These results reveal the dependence of the NAD+ salvage pathway under CR rather than de novo NAD+ synthesis and show that aging and CR reorganize the circadian NAD⁺ salvage pathway (Fig. 6C).

CR Activates NAD+-Dependent SIRT1 leading to Circadian Hepatic Acetyl-CoA Metabolism

Given the changes in NAD⁺ related metabolites under CR, we sought to determine if SIRT1 is activated and thereby identify its downstream targets. We subsequently compared the SIRT1-dependent circadian transcriptome (Masri et al., 2014) with the YND, YCR, OND and OCR datasets from the present study. A 5-fold enrichment in circadian SIRT1-target genes was found in CR groups, as the number of overlapping genes increased from 84 to 435 and 87 to 426 in YCR and OCR, respectively, versus normal diet-fed mice (Fig. 7A and Data Table S2). The expression of *Nampt*, a clock-controlled gene that encodes the rate-limiting enzyme of the NAD⁺ salvage pathway (Nakahata et al., 2009; Ramsey et al., 2009), was found to be elevated in mice subjected to CR (Fig. 7B) (Lin et al., 2000; Lin et al., 2004; Lin et al., 2002). The enrichment of SIRT1-dependent targets, especially at ZT 8, indicates an activation of SIRT1 under CR, which also correlates with the increased expression of *Nampt* at ZT 8 (Fig. 7B). As an additional readout of SIRT1 activity,

acetylation at lysine 537 of BMAL1 has been previously demonstrated as a SIRT1-specific deacetylation site (Hirayama et al., 2007). As expected, CR suppresses the acetylation of BMAL1 (Fig. 7C), which supports our hypothesis that CR activates SIRT1.

We further explored the role of the hepatic metabolic clock in a CR-dependent model of aging. Glycolysis and the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle are responsible for the production of metabolites such as acetyl-CoA, which potentially supplies the increased demand of acetyl-CoA required for protein hyperacetylation seen in CR conditions (Hagopian et al., 2003; Pietrocola et al., 2015). Yet, given that nutrients are limiting under CR, the expression of glucokinase (Gck) and liver pyruvate kinase (Pklr) are flat in YCR versus YND (Fig. 7D). This corresponds with a drastic loss of protein expression of ATP-citrate lyase (ACLY) in YCR and OCR mice. As ACLY is responsible for conversion of citrate to acetyl-CoA (Fig. 7E), we reasoned that the cellular pool of acetyl-CoA required for the increased global acetylation under CR is not dependent on this pathway. Moreover, Acly is a transcriptional target of sterol regulatory element-binding protein (SREBP) and this pathway is responsible for de novo lipid biosynthesis that utilizes acetyl-CoA as a building block (Horton et al., 2003; Sato et al., 2000). The SREBP pathway controlling lipid metabolism is shut down under CR, as shown by the gene expression profiles of fatty acid synthase (Fasn), acetyl-CoA carboxylase α (Acaca) and stearoyl-CoA desaturase1 (ScdI) in YCR versus YND (Fig. 7F).

Importantly, SIRT1 deacetylates and controls cytoplasmic AceCS1 (Hallows et al., 2006), a regulatory pathway that was found to be circadian and drives cyclic pools of acetate-derived acetyl-CoA (Sahar et al., 2014). Indeed, elevation of hepatic acetate levels was found in YCR versus YND (Fig. 7G) Acetylation of nuclear AceCS1 is dynamically circadian with a sharp peak at ZT 8/12 in normal diet (Fig. 7H). Notably, CR broadens the acetylation profile of AceCS1 over several hours of the circadian cycle in YCR and OCR (Fig. 7H). As the ACLY-centered pathway is impaired in CR (Fig. 7E), and since both acetate (Fig. 7G) and acetyl-coA levels increase under CR in the liver (Hagopian et al., 2003; Pietrocola et al., 2015; Seufert et al., 1974), we hypothesize that the change in circadian acetylation of AceCS1 could be linked to acetyl-CoA and global protein hyperacetylation. While this hypothesis needs confirmation, it is noteworthy that the profile of AceCS1 acetylation under CR extends broadly over several circadian time points (Fig. 7H), in concert with the global protein hyperacetylation observed at all ZTs under CR (Fig. 5B). Although a causal relationship is not directly assessable, this regulatory pathway might also explain the phase of CR-dependent genes that is widely distributed over the circadian cycle (Fig. 3A), paralleling promoter-specific histone hyperacetylation of core clock and metabolic gene targets (Fig. 5, C-F).

DISCUSSION

How aging influences circadian rhythms and how the clock contributes to the aging process have been unresolved questions (Orozco-Solis and Sassone-Corsi, 2014). While some evidence suggests that the central clock mechanism in the brain is associated with an age-dependent decline (Chang and Guarente, 2013; Nakamura et al., 2011; Sellix et al., 2012), the specific cellular pathways implicated have been elusive. Moreover, whether aging

influences various clocks in a given organism by operating through different mechanisms is unknown. This question is particularly relevant when considering the central contribution of a circadian pacemaker in governing peripheral metabolic tissues and thereby controlling homeostasis. During aging the homeostatic balance changes and it has been suggested that re-synchronization of metabolic and physiological functions by the circadian clock may slow down the aging process. Indeed, peripheral metabolic clocks are particularly responsive to changes in nutritional availability (Damiola et al., 2000; Gill et al., 2015; Stokkan et al., 2001), and given the role of CR in lifespan extension (Lee et al., 1999; Lin et al., 2002), the question arises as to the contribution of the molecular clockwork in mediating the effects of CR on lifespan.

A question that remains unanswered is whether the interplay between the circadian clock and the aging process influences various tissues in different manners. In addition to the relationship between the central pacemaker in the SCN and peripheral oscillators (Reppert and Weaver, 2001; Welsh et al., 2010), evidence of communication between peripheral clocks is accumulating (Masri et al., 2016). Thus, it is conceivable that altered communication within a network of cell-autonomous clocks could contribute to the aging process. In this context it is notable that circulating serum factors appear to be able to alter cellular clock properties. Serum factors from aged subjects, while not influencing the molecular machinery of peripheral circadian clocks, induce age-related circadian dysfunctions (Pagani et al., 2011). These notions underlie the remarkable plasticity of the circadian clock and its link with the aging process, but do not provide a molecular interpretation of how the two processes are intertwined. Our findings, together with the accompanying study (Solanas et al.), reveal the molecular framework that underlies the above-mentioned plasticity and underscore its cellular specificity.

We have shown that the circadian profiles of all core clock genes are unaltered during the aging process in the liver as well as in EpSCs and MsSCs, stressing that the clock mechanism is intact in the peripheral tissues of aged mice. On the other hand, we show that remarkable circadian changes take place during aging and CR in the liver, where a reorganized metabolic clock defines a remodeled homeostasis. This reorganization was highlighted by the tissue comparative circadian transcriptome and underscores the importance of NAD⁺ metabolism and protein acetylation as liver-specific circadian metabolic processes. This finding parallels a rhythmic global protein acetylation that appears as a hallmark of the liver clock (Fig. 4). Remarkably, this oscillatory acetylation signature is drastically dampened in old mice whereas CR serves to rescue the age-dependent loss of global protein acetylation. These changes in protein acetylation are likely due to improved NAD+ availability, enhanced SIRT1 activity, and increased levels of acetate and acetyl-coA (Fig. 7I) (Hagopian et al., 2003; Pietrocola et al., 2015; Seufert et al., 1974). We have shown that control of protein acetylation is mediated at least by SIRT1 and the dynamic acetylation of AceCS1. Our results centrally place the circadian NAD⁺ salvage pathway in mediating the beneficial effects of CR and reveal changes in rhythmic protein acetylation that implicate metabolic cues along the process of aging (Fig. 7I). Strikingly, CR sharpened circadian oscillations while simultaneously boosting hepatic NAD+, NADP+ and the generation and potential circulation of NR (Fig. 6C).

Cyclic global protein acetylation appears to be age-dependent and controlled by nutritional cues. These concepts implicate a precisely timed activation of both histone acetyltransferases (HATs) and histone deacetylases (HDACs) in regulating histone and non-histone protein acetylation over the circadian cycle in response to aging and CR. As an additional level of control, the availability of metabolites such as NAD⁺ and acetyl-CoA suggest an intimate link between nutritional cues and regulatory pathways that ultimately result in controlled chromatin remodeling and regulation of gene expression.

STAR METHODS

CONTACT FOR REAGENT AND RESOURCE SHARING

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EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

C57B6/J mice were bred and aged at the animal facilities of the Barcelona Science Park, Spain, in accordance with the Spanish and European Union regulations. Animal care and use was approved by the Government of Catalonia, Spain, in accordance with applicable legislation. Both male and female mice were used for the experiment. Mice were maintained on a 12 hr light/dark cycle.

METHODS DETAILS

Animal Experiments

Mice of the two different age groups were fed either a control diet (Harlan TD.120685, Harlan Industries) ad libitum or a calorie-restricted diet (Harlan TD.120686, Harlan Industries) with a 30% food reduction as compared to the ad libitum control diet group, according to previously published work (Cao et al., 2001) with a slight modification. The control diet was composed of 18.8 %/w protein, 7.3 %/w fatty acids and 55.1 %/w carbohydrates, with 3.6 Kcal/g, whereas the calorie-restricted diet was composed of 32.9 %/w protein, 12.7 %/w fatty acids and 31.9 %/w carbohydrates, with 3.7 Kcal/g. The calorie-restricted group mice were adapted to the regimen for 3-weeks, receiving 10 % less calories every week until reaching the final 30 % restriction. The calorie-restricted group received food once a day at zeitgeber time (ZT) 12. Animals subjected to caloric restriction were housed individually to prevent food competition. All animals were weighed every 2 weeks. At the start of the adaptation period, the age of young and old animals was 19–29 weeks and 55–69 weeks, respectively. After 25-weeks of this feeding regimen, livers were collected every 4 hr over the circadian cycle and immediately flash frozen in liquid nitrogen for subsequent processing.

Microarrays Analyses

Microarrays were performed at the IRB Barcelona Functional Genomics Core Facility, IRB Barcelona, Spain. Total RNA was extracted from mouse liver using Trizol reagent (Life Technologies). cDNA library preparation and amplification were performed from 25 ng of total RNA using WTA2 (Sigma-Aldrich), with 17 cycles of amplification. cDNA was

purified using Purelink (Invitrogen). cDNA (8 ug) was then fragmented by DNaseI and biotinylated by terminal transferase obtained from GeneChip Human Mapping 10K 2.0 Assay Kit (Affymetrix). Hybridization mixtures were prepared according to the Gene Atlas protocol (Affymetrix). Each sample target was hybridized to Mouse Genome 430 PM array. After hybridization for 16 h at 45 °C, samples were washed and stained in the GeneAtlas Fluidics Station (Affymetrix). Arrays were scanned in a GeneAtlas Imaging Station (Affymetrix). All processing was performed according to manufacturer's recommendations. CEL files were generated from DAT files using Affymetrix Command Console software.

Processing of microarray samples was carried out separately for each dataset using R (http://www.R-project.org/) and Bioconductor (Gentleman et al., 2004; Irizarry et al., 2003).

Probesets were annotated using information available on the Affymetrix webpage (http://www.affymetrix.com/analysis/index.affx). Prior to downstream analysis, expression values were corrected for amplification and scanning batches using a liner model in which gender, time point, diet, age, and the pairwise interaction terms between the three last were included as covariates. Microarrays were analyzed at IRB Barcelona Biostatistics/Bioinformatics Core Facility.

Gene Ontology (GO) Analysis

GO analysis was performed using Genomatix (http://www/genomatix.de/), using the Gene Ranker package, based on a p-value cutoff of 0.01.

Real-Time Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (Real-Time qPCR)

Using Trizol reagent, total RNA was extracted from liver isolated from mice at ZT 0, 4, 8, 12,16, and 20. One ug of total RNA was reverse transcribed to cDNA using iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bio-Rad Laboratories). cDNA was applied to real-time qPCR using iQ SYBR Green Supermix (Bio-Rad Laboratories). Gene expression was normalized to 18S rRNA. Primers used for qPCR are listed in Table S1.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

ChIP assays were carried out as described previously (Masri et al., 2014). Briefly, liver nuclei were sonicated to fragment DNA to ~0.5 kb using Qsonica Q125 Sonicator (Qsonica). Sheared DNA was pre-cleared for 2 hr at 4 °C with protein G sepharose beads (Sigma-Aldrich) and immunoprecipitated with antibodies, including anti-H3K27ac (Abcam, ab4729), and anti-H3K9/K14ac (Diagenode, C15410200), overnight at 4°C. Protein G beads were added and rocked for 3 hr at 4 °C. The beads were washed and subjected to reverse-crosslink in elution buffer overnight at 65 °C. DNA was purified by phenol/chloroform and eluted in water for qPCR. Primers for ChIP are listed in Table S2. Anti-rabbit IgG antibody (Santa Cruz, sc-2027) was used as a negative control.

Western Blot

Liver whole cell lysates and nuclear extracts were prepared as described previously (Masri et al., 2014). Generally, 20 ug of liver whole cell lysates or 5 ug of liver nuclear extracts was loaded on 6–10% polyacrylamide gels. Antibodies used for western blots are as follows: anti-BMAL1 (Abcam, ab93806), anti-REV-ERBa, anti-acetylated lysine, anti-ACLY, anti-

AceCS1 (Cell signaling, 13418, 9441, 4332 and 3658, respectively), anti-CRY1 (Bethyl Laboratories, A302–614), anti-PER2 (Alpha diagnostic, PER21-A), anti-acetylated BMAL1 (Millipore, AB15396), and anti-p84 (Genetex, 5E10). Anti-acetylated AceCS1 was kindly provided from the laboratory of Dr. John Denu (University of Wisconsin) as described previously (Hallows et al., 2006).

Comparative Analysis of Transcriptome Data among Epidermal (EpSCs), Skeletal Muscle Stem Cell (MsSCs) and Liver

Tissue-specific comparison of phase of gene expression was carried out using genes selected to be significantly circadian (p-value cutoff of 0.01) in each tissue/cell from young and old mice fed normal diet or under caloric restriction (see accompanying study (Solanas et al.)). Hepatic microarray dataset in this study was also crossed with stem cells microarray datasets used in the accompanying study (GEO accession number is GSE84580 (Solanas et al.)).

NAD*-Targeted Quantitative Metabolomics

NAD⁺ metabolome was performed as described previously (Trammell and Brenner, 2013; Trammell et al., 2016). Mouse liver was pulverized using a Bessman pulverizer (Spectrum Laboratories, Rancho Dominguez, CA). For analysis of NR, Nam and Me4PY (group A analytes), samples were spiked with [¹⁸O₁]-NR, [¹⁸O₁]-NAM and [D₃]-Me4PY (internal standard (IS) A). For analysis of NAD⁺, NADP⁺, NMN, NAAD and ADPR (group B analytes), samples were dosed with ¹³C-yeast extract (IS B) as described (Trammell and Brenner, 2013). Before extraction, IS A and IS B were added to aliquots for quantification of group A and B analytes, respectively. Samples were extracted by addition of 0.4 ml of buffered ethanol at 80 °C. Samples were vortexed vigorously until thawed, sonicated in a bath sonicator (10 s followed by 15 s on ice, repeated twice), then placed into a Thermomixer (Eppendorf) set to 55 °C and shaken at 1,050 rpm for 5 min. After centrifugation, the supernatants were transferred to fresh tubes and dried via speed vacuum. Before LC-MS analysis, samples were resuspended in 60 ul of 10 mM ammonium acetate (>99% pure) in LC-MS-grade water.

Separation and quantitation of analytes were performed with an Acquity LC interfaced with a TQD mass spectrometer (Waters) operated in positive ion multiple reaction monitoring mode as described (Trammell and Brenner, 2013) with minor modifications. Group A analytes were analyzed using an acid separation, whereas group B analytes were analyzed using an alkaline separation on a 2.1 X 100 mm Hypercarb column (Thermo Fisher Scientific) (Trammell and Brenner, 2013). Metabolites were quantified by dividing their peak areas by IS peak areas and comparing the ratio to a standard curve in 10 mM ammonium acetate. Metabolites were normalized to wet liver weights.

Measurement of Hepatic β-Hydroxybutyrate Concentration

Liver β -hydroxybutyrate levels were determined by using a β -hydroxybutyrate assay kit (Abcam). Briefly, 20 mg of frozen liver tissue was homogenized with a Dounce homogenizer. After collecting supernatant, samples were deproteonized using ice cold perchloric acid and then neutralized with KOH. The deproteonized samples were subjected to enzymatic reaction and measured at OD450 nm using a microplate reader.

Measurement of Hepatic Acetate Concentration

Liver acetate levels were quantified by using an acetate colorimetric assay kit (BioVision) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Ten mg of frozen liver was homogenized and the supernatant was collected after centrifugation. The samples were incubated with enzyme and substrate at room temperature and measured at OD450 nm using a microplate reader.

Enrichment Analysis with SIRT1-Dependent Transcriptome Dataset

Each YND, OND, YCR, and OCR microarray dataset in this study was crossed with published microarray dataset that includes genes with more robust circadian expression when SIRT1 is disrupted (GEO accession number is GSE57830, (Masri et al., 2014)).

Enrichment Analysis with Hepatic Histone Modification ChIP-Sequence Dataset

EnrichR (http://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/Enrichr/), a comprehensive gene set enrichment analysis web tool (Chen et al., 2013; Kuleshov et al., 2016), was used for a comparative enrichment analysis between the circadian hepatic transcriptome in this study and ChIP-sequencing datasets in the liver for several histone modifications. Adjusted p-values extending to 0.05 were allowed for enriched histone marks.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Quantification

Western blots for pan acetylated lysine antibody were quantified using ImageJ (NIH).

Statistical Analysis

3–6 biological replicates were used for the animal experiment. Data were analyzed by two-way ANOVA using Bonferroni posttest (Prism 5.0). All of the data are presented as the mean±SEM and represent a minimum of three independent experiments. For the analysis of circadian genes, the nonparametric test JTK_cycle was used incorporating a window of 20–28 hr for the determination of circadian periodicity (Hughes et al., 2010), including amplitude and phase analysis. A gene was considered circadian based on a p-value cutoff of 0.01.

DATA AND SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY

The GEO accession number for the microarray data reported in this paper is GSE93903.

Supplementary Material

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Highlights

- Aging reprograms clockwork with distinct modalities in the liver versus stem cells
- Liver circadian genomic signatures of aging are reverted by caloric restriction (CR)
- Cyclic protein acetylation is lost in old mice while CR results in hyperacetylation
- CR reorganizes circadian metabolic pathway linked to NAD+-SIRT1-AceCS1 in the liver

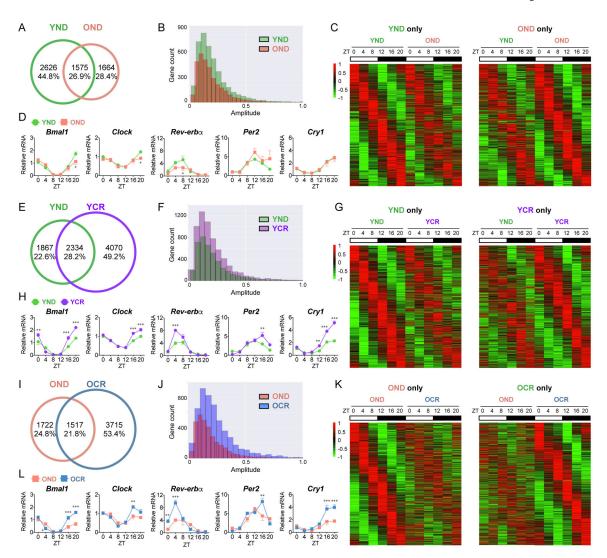
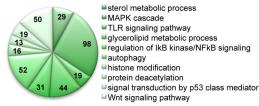


Fig. 1. Circadian transcriptome analysis in the liver: effect of aging and caloric restriction. (A) Venn diagram displays the total number (top) and ratio (bottom) of rhythmic genes in the liver from young mice fed a normal diet (YND, green) and old mice fed a normal diet (OND, orange), including common genes. (B) Amplitude plot represents the distribution of oscillatory genes in YND and OND. (C) Heatmaps display rhythmic genes exclusively in YND (left panel) and OND group (right panel). (D) Circadian gene expression of core clock genes, Bmal1, Clock, Rev-erba, Per2, and Cry1 in YND and OND liver was determined by qPCR. (E) Venn diagram displays hepatic rhythmic genes from YND (green), young mice subjected to CR (YCR, purple), and common genes. (F) Amplitude distribution of rhythmic genes in YND and YCR. (G) Heatmaps display circadian genes found exclusively in YND (left panel) and YCR (right panel). (H) Core clock gene expression in YND and YCR by qPCR. (I) Venn diagram represent circadian genes from OND (orange), old mice subjected to CR (OCR, blue), and common rhythmic genes. (J) Amplitude distribution of circadian genes in OND and OCR. (K) Heatmaps display circadian genes found exclusively in OND (left panel) and OCR (right panel). (L) Determination of core clock gene expression in OND and OCR by qPCR. Data represent mean±SEM and was analyzed by two-way ANOVA

using Bonferroni posttest. *, **, and *** indicate P<0.05, P<0.01, and P<0.001, respectively (YND, n=4-5 per time point; OND, n=3-4 per time point; YCR, n=5-6 per time point; OCR, n=3-5 per time point). See also Figure S1, S2, S3, and S4.

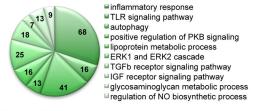
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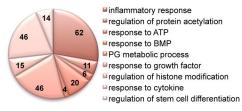
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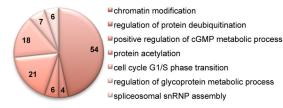


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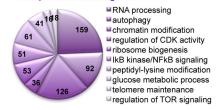
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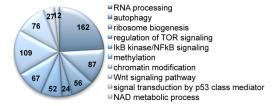


Fig. 2. GO ontology (GO) analysis of rhythmic genes from the circadian hepatic transcriptome.

(A) GO analysis of genes exclusively circadian in YND (left, green) and OND (right, orange). Numbers within the pie charts indicate number of circadian genes identified within each biological process, using a p-value cutoff of 0.01. (B) GO analysis of genes exclusively circadian in YND (left, green) versus YCR (right, purple). (C) GO analysis of genes exclusively circadian in OND (left, orange) versus OCR (right, blue). 3–6 biological replicates per time point were subjected to the hepatic transcriptomic analysis. See also Figure S1, S3, and S4.

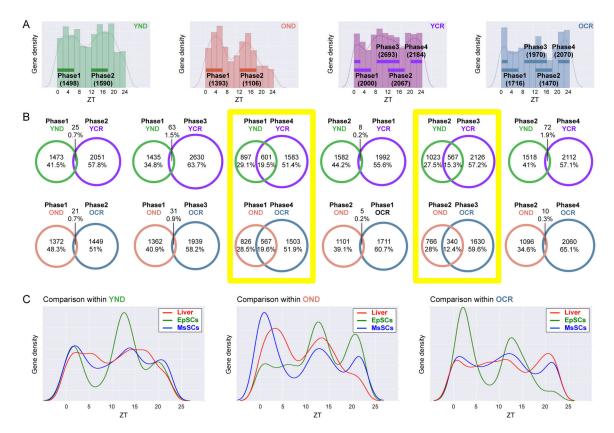


Fig. 3. Distinct phase signature of circadian hepatic genes.

(A) Phase analysis of YND (green), OND (orange), YCR (purple), and OCR (blue) liver-specific oscillating genes selected to be circadian by JTK_cycle, based on a p-value cutoff of 0.01. Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4 indicate ZT 0–6, ZT 12–18, ZT 8–16, and ZT 20–2, respectively.

(B) Venn diagrams display the total number (top) and ratio (bottom) of phase-specific rhythmic genes in YND, OND, YCR, and OCR. Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4 correspond to ZT 0–6, ZT 12–18, ZT 8–16, and ZT 20–2, respectively. Yellow squares highlight significant overlap between YND versus YCR, and between OND versus OCR. (C) Tissue-specific phase comparison of gene expression was performed using JTK_cycle, based on p-value cutoff of 0.01. Red lines, green lines, and blue lines indicate the phase of rhythmic genes in the liver, EpSCs, and MsSCs, respectively. 3–6 biological replicates per time point per tissue were subjected to the transcriptomic analysis.

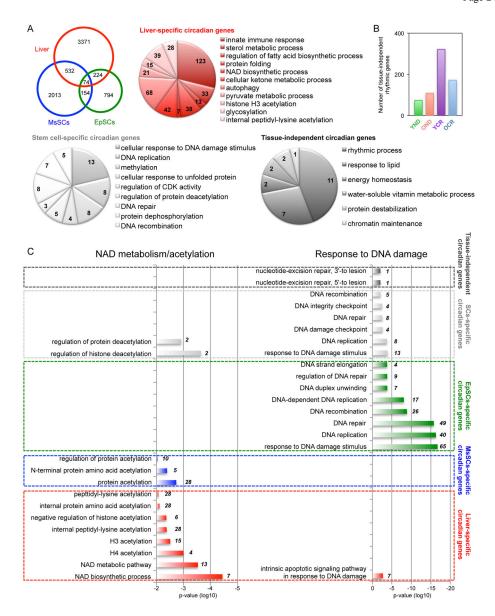


Fig. 4. Tissue-specific circadian signatures identified by transcriptomic analysis.

(A) Venn diagram displays the number of genes selected to be circadian by JTK_cycle, based on p-value cutoff of 0.01 in each tissue/cell including liver (red), EpSCs (green), and MsSCs (blue). Pie charts display GO terms of genes exclusively circadian in liver (red). Common circadian genes in EpSCs and MsSCs are indicated (light gray) versus rhythmic genes in all three tissues/cells (dark gray). (B) Histogram represents the number of tissue-independent common circadian genes in each group. (C) Histogram represents the significance of each biological process and numbers within the histogram indicate number of circadian genes identified within each biological process. GO terms regarding NAD metabolism/acetylation processes specifically identified by liver-specific circadian genes (left), while GO terms regarding DNA damage responses specific circadian genes (right). Top eight GO terms regarding DNA damage responses identified by EpScs-specific circadian genes were listed. p-value cutoff of 0.01 was used. 3–

6 biological replicates per time point per tissue were subjected to the transcriptomic analysis. See also Figure S5.

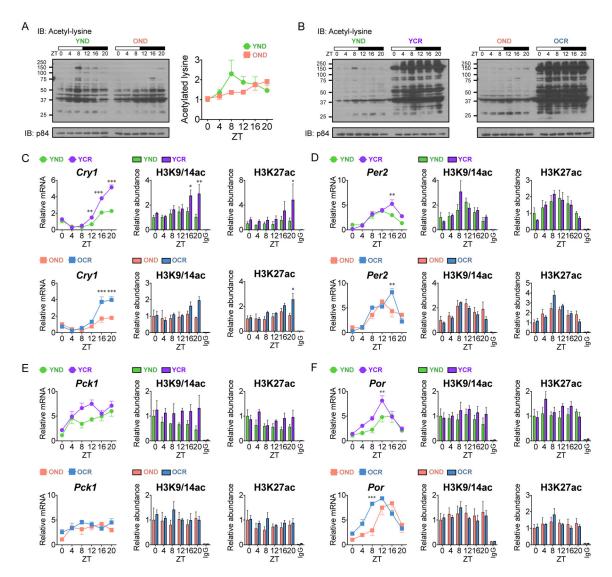


Fig. 5. Hepatic cyclic protein acetylation and protein hyperacetylation under CR. (**A** and **B**) Circadian lysates from livers of YND, OND, YCR, and OCR were probed with a pan acetylated lysine antibody by western blot and quantified using three independent samples. p84 was used as a loading control. (**C-F**) Abundance of acetylated H3K9/K14 and H3K27 was determined by ChIP analysis using YND (green) versus YCR (purple) liver and OND (orange) versus OCR (blue) liver at *Cry1* (**C**), *Per2* (**D**), *Pck1* (**E**), and *Por* (**F**) promoters (YND, n=4–5 per time point; OND, n=3–4 per time point; YCR, n=5–6 per time point; OCR, n=3–5 per time point). IgG was used as a negative control. Corresponding gene expression as determined by qPCR is shown on the left. Data represent mean±SEM and was analyzed by two-way ANOVA using Bonferroni posttest. *, **, and *** indicate P<0.05, P<0.01, and P<0.001, respectively. See also Figure S6 and S7.

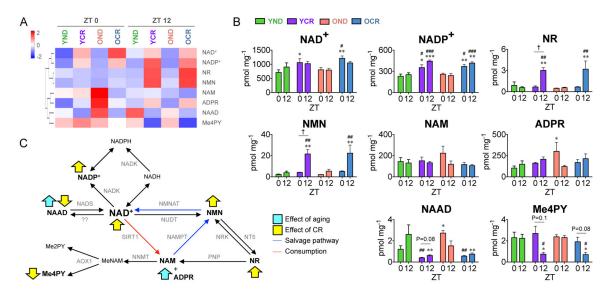


Fig. 6. Elevation of hepatic NAD⁺ and related metabolites by CR.

(A) Heatmap displays the levels of NAD⁺ and related metabolites in YND (n=3 per time point), YCR (n=3 per time point), OND (n=3 per time point), and OCR (n=3 per time point) groups at ZT 0 (left) and ZT 12 (right). (B) Histograms show the concentrations of NAD⁺ metabolites (NAD⁺, NADP⁺, NR, NMN, NAM, ADRP, NAAD, and Me4PY). (C) Schematic summary of the impact of aging (blue arrows) and CR (yellow arrows) on the NAD+ salvage pathway. Data represents mean±SEM from three independent samples and was analyzed by two-way ANOVA using Bonferroni posttest. *, **, and *** indicate P<0.05, P<0.01, and P<0.001 versus YND at corresponding time points, respectively. #, ##, and ### indicate P<0.05, P<0.01, and P<0.001 versus OND at corresponding time points, respectively. † indicates P<0.05 between ZT 0 and ZT 12, respectively. Abbreviations: AOX1, aldehyde oxidase1; Me2PY, N-methyl-2-pyridone-5-carboxamide; Me4PY, Nmethyl-4-pyridone-5-carboxamide; MeNAM, methylnicotinamide; NAAD, nicotinic acid adenine dinucleotide; NAD+/NADH, oxidized/reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide; NADK, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide kinase; NADP+/NADPH, oxidized/reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate; NADS, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide synthase; NAM, nicotinamide; NAMPT, nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase; NMN, nicotinamide mononucleotide; NMNAT, nicotinamide/nicotinic acid mononucleotide adenylyltransferase; NNMT, NAM N-methyltransferase; NR, nicotinamide riboside; NRK, nicotinamide riboside kinase; NT5, 5-nucleotidase; NUDT, nudix hydrolase; PNP, purine nucleoside phosphorylase; SIRT1, sirtuin1.

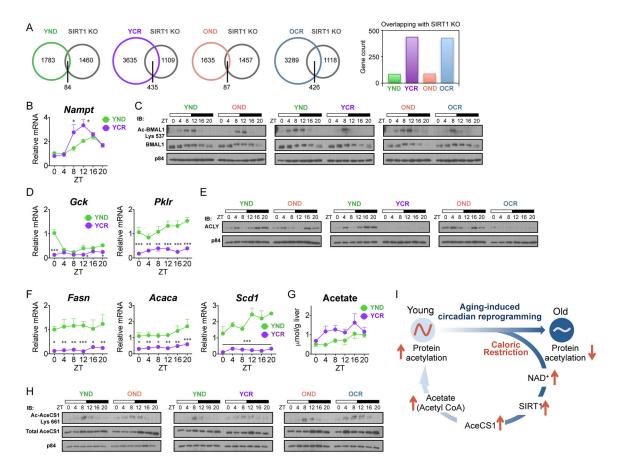


Fig. 7. CR activates SIRT1 and modulates circadian acetyl CoA metabolic pathways.

(A) Venn diagrams display the overlap between hepatic SIRT1-dependent circadian genes (Masri et al., 2014) and rhythmic genes in YND (green), OND (orange), YCR (purple), and OCR (blue). Histogram displays the number of overlapping circadian genes in each group. JTK_cycle was used for the selection of circadian genes, based on p-value cutoff of 0.01, for both transcriptome datasets. (B) Circadian gene expression of *Nampt*, the rate-limiting enzyme of the NAD⁺ salvage pathway. (C) Acetylated BMAL1 from liver whole cell extracts was determined by western blot. p84 was used as a loading control. (D) Gene expression of glycolytic enzymes, Gck and Pklr, compared between YND (green) and YCR (purple). (E) ACLY protein levels in liver nuclear extracts were determined by western blot, compared to the p84 loading control. (F) Gene expression profiles of SREBP-dependent lipogenic target genes, Fasn, Acaca, and Scd1. (G) Cellular acetate concentrations in liver as measured by colorimetric assay. (H) Circadian acetylation of AceCS1 levels as determined by western blot using liver nuclear extracts from YND, OND, YCR, and OCR. p84 was used as a loading control. (I) Scheme represents the circadian reorganization of CR-dependent metabolism which may rescue age-associated circadian decline in the liver. Western blot images represent a minimum of three independent experiments. Data represent mean±SEM and was analyzed by two-way ANOVA using Bonferroni posttest. *, **, and *** indicate P<0.05, P<0.01, and P<0.001, respectively (YND, n=4–5 per time point; OND, n=3–4 per time point; YCR, n=5-6 per time point; OCR, n=3-5 per time point).

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		•
Anti-BMAL121	Abcam	Cat# ab93806
Anti-H3K27ac	Abcam	Cat# ab4729
Anti-H3K9/K14ac	Diagenode	Cat# C15410200
Anti-rabbit IgG	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-2027
Anti-acetylated BMAL1	EMD Millipore	Cat# AB15396
Anti-REV-ERBa	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 13418
Anti-acetylated lysine	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9441
Anti-ACLY	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 4332
Anti-AceCS1	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 3658
Anti-CRY1	Bethyl Laboratories	Cat# A302-614
Anti-PER2	Alpha diagnostic	Cat# PER21-A
Anti-p84	Genetex	Cat# 5E10
Anti-acetylated AceCS1	Denu lab (University of Wisconsin)	(Hallows et al., 2006)
Anti-Mouse IgG, HRP conjugate	EMD Millipore	Cat# AP160P
Anti-Rabbit IgG, HRP-linked	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 7074
Chemicals and Reagent		•
TRIzol	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat# 15596026
WTA2	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# WTA2
Purelink	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat# K182002
GeneChip Human Mapping 10K 2.0 Assay Kit	Affymetrix	Cat# 511060
iScript Reverse Transcription Supermix	Bio-Rad Laboratories	Cat# 1708840
iQ SYBR Green Supermix	Bio-Rad Laboratories	Cat# 1708880
Protein G Sepharose	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# P3296
Protein Assay Dye Reagent	Bio-Rad Laboratories	Cat# 500-0006
Nitrocellulose Membrane, 0.45 μm	Bio-Rad Laboratories	Cat# 1620115
Immobilon Western Chemiluminescent HRP substrate	EMD Millipore	Cat# WBKLS0500
DSG (disuccinimidyl glutarate)	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat# 20593
cOmplete, EDT-free Protease Inhibitor Cocktail	Roche	Cat# 11873580001
Critical Commercial Assays		
β-Hydroxybutyrate Assay Kit	Abcam	Cat# ab83390
Acetate Colorimetric Assay Kit	BioVision	Cat# K658–100
Deposited Data		
Transcriptomics data	This paper	GEO# GSE93903
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Transcriptomics data	(Masri et al., 2014)	GEO# GSE57830
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		•

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