

Supplemental information

Limiting Mrs2-dependent mitochondrial

Mg²⁺ uptake induces metabolic

programming in prolonged dietary stress

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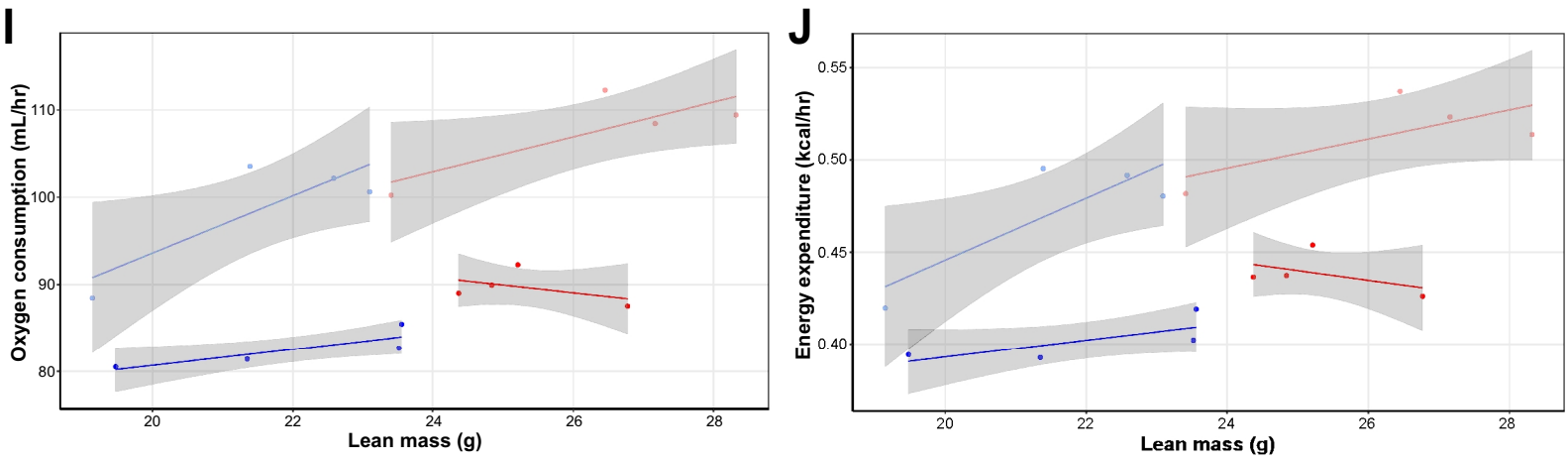
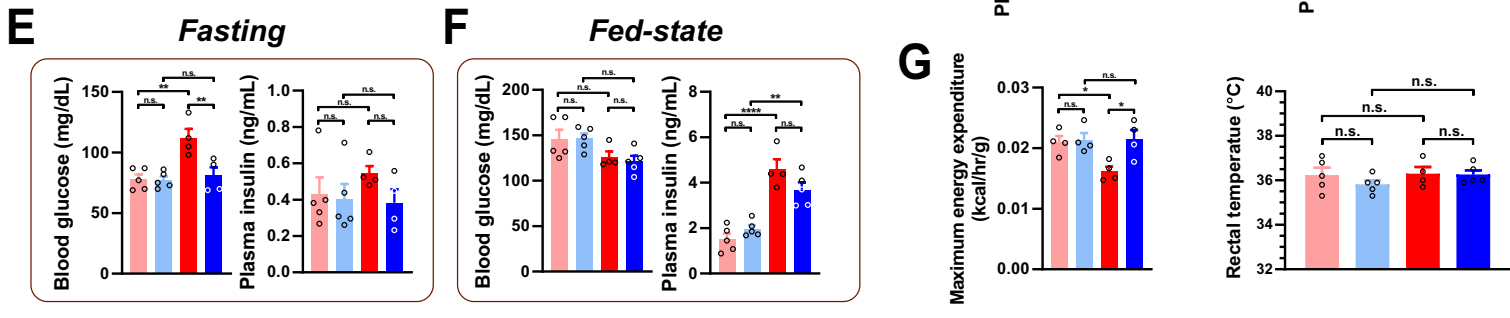
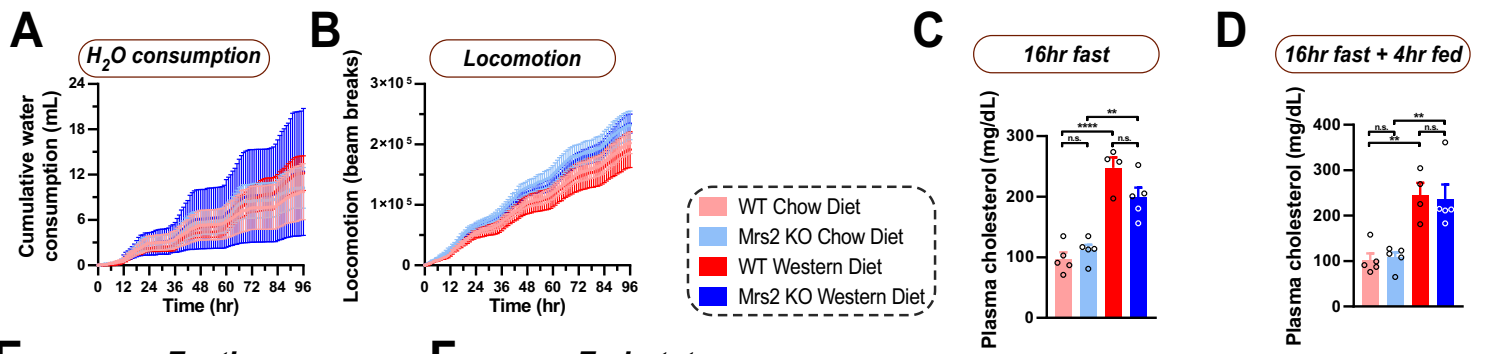


Figure S1: Assessment of Water Consumption, Locomotion, And Plasma Cholesterol in WT And *Mrs2*^{-/-} Mice (Related to Figure 1).

A and B) Water consumption and locomotion of mice during metabolic screening with Promethion system.

C and D) Plasma levels of cholesterol after mice were subjected to 16 hrs fasting (C) followed by 4 hrs of fed state (D). WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice fed either a WD or CD for one year. n=4-5 mice per group.

E and F) Blood glucose and plasma insulin levels in fasting (left) or fed (right) states of CD or WD-fed (1 year) WT or *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice.

G) Maximum energy expenditure calculated from Fig. 1G from mice from the four groups. n=4 mice per group.

H) Average rectal temperature from mice from the four groups before indirect calorimetry. n=4-5 mice per group.

I and J) ANCOVA plots of indirect calorimetry data of oxygen consumption (G) and energy expenditure (H) with lean mass as a covariate. n=4 mice per group.

A-H) Data is mean \pm SEM; ****= $P < 0.0001$, **= $P < 0.01$, *= $P < 0.05$, n.s.=not significant.

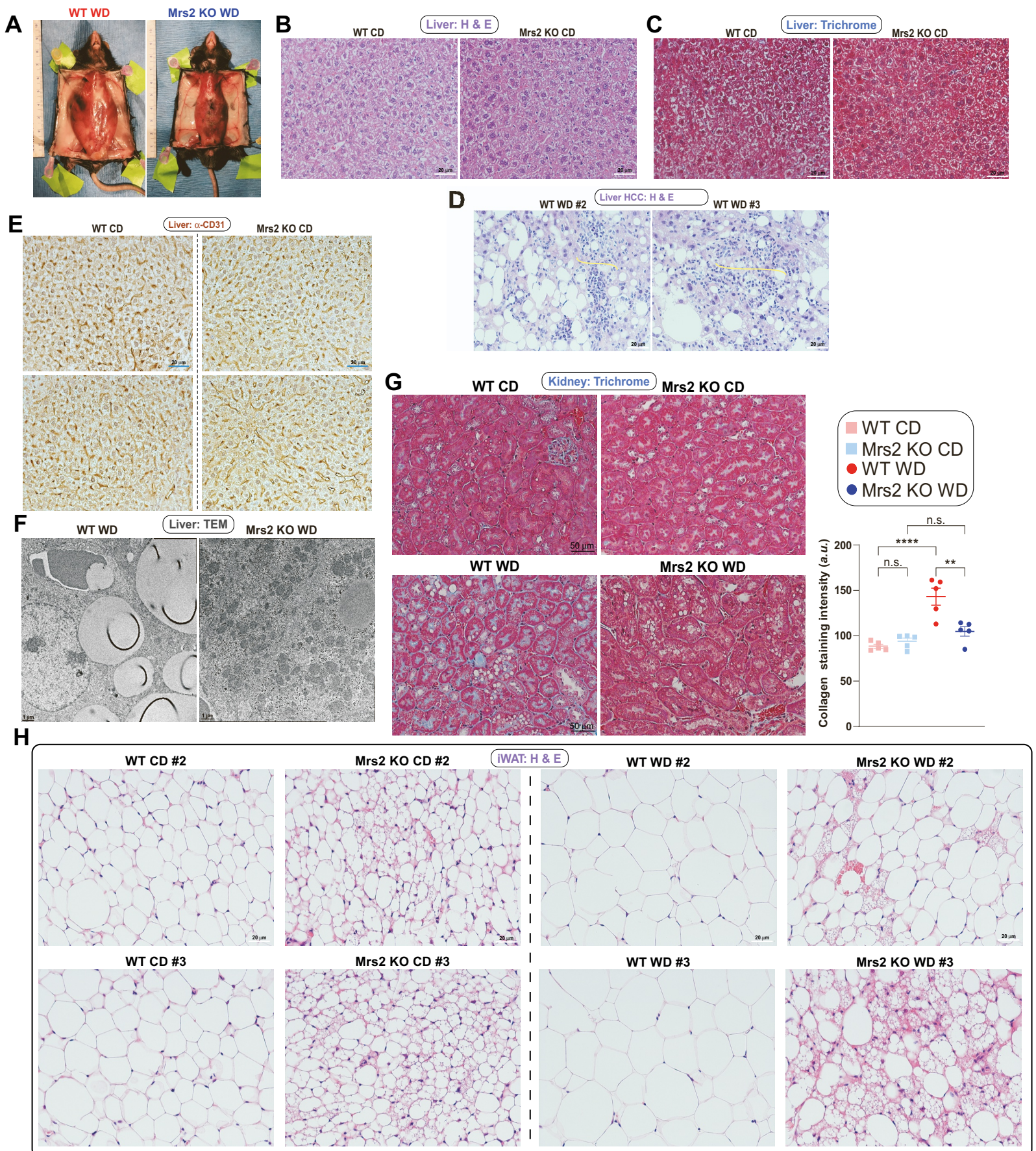


Figure S2: Microscopic Assessment of Fibrosis, Microvascular Density, and Ultrastructure in WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} Mice (Related to Figure 2).

A) Gross anatomy of Western diet-fed mice after 1 year on diet. Wildtype (left) and *Mrs2*^{-/-} (right).

B and C) Representative liver tissue sections stained with hematoxylin & eosin (H&E) (B) and Masson's trichrome (C) from WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} chow diet (CD) fed after 1 year diet period. n= 3 mice per group.

D) Representative images of H&E-stained liver sections from 1-year WD fed mice. Note foci of immune cell infiltration as an indicator of tumor nodules appearing in the liver (yellow curve).

E) Immunohistochemical analysis of vascular density (α -CD31) in liver samples obtained from CD-fed WT (left) and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice after 1 year diet period. n=3 mice per group.

F) Representative transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of liver sections from 1-year WD fed WT or *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice. n= 3 mice per group.

G) Representative kidney sections stained with Masson's Trichrome from CD or WD-fed WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} after 1 year diet period. n=3 mice per group. Dot plot indicates the quantification of collagen staining. Randomly five slides were used for quantification. Mean \pm SEM. **= $P < 0.01$ ****= $P < 0.0001$, n.s.= not significant.

H) Representative H&E-stained adipose tissue sections from remaining WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} chow diet (CD) or Western diet (WD) fed after 1 year diet period. Total n=3 mice per group.

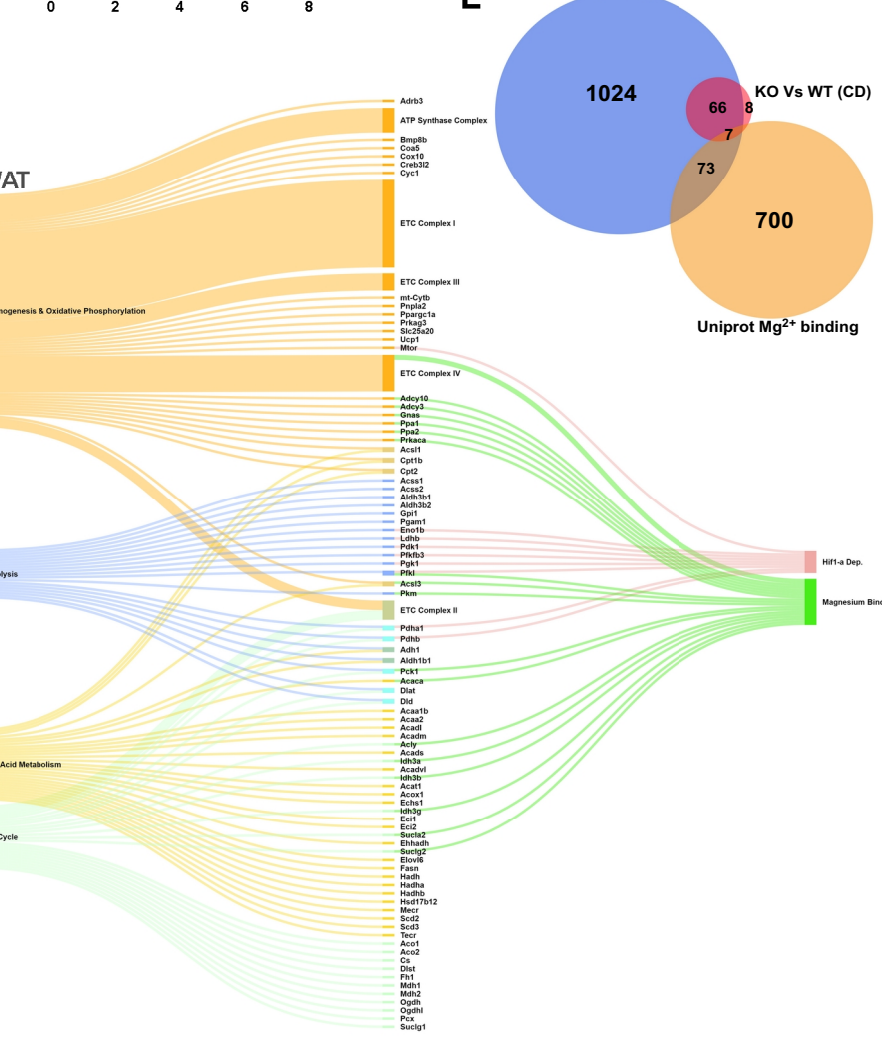
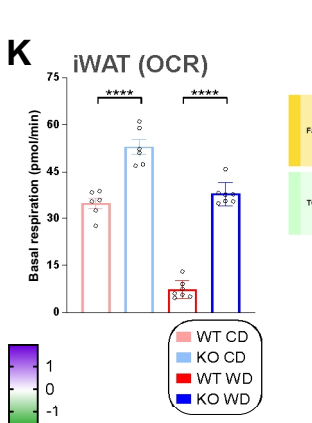
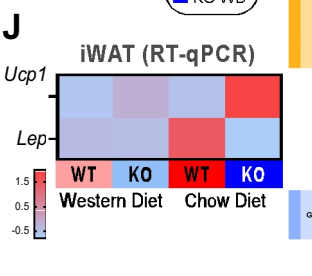
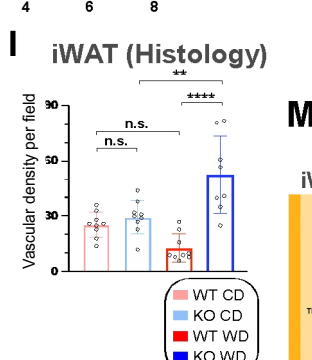
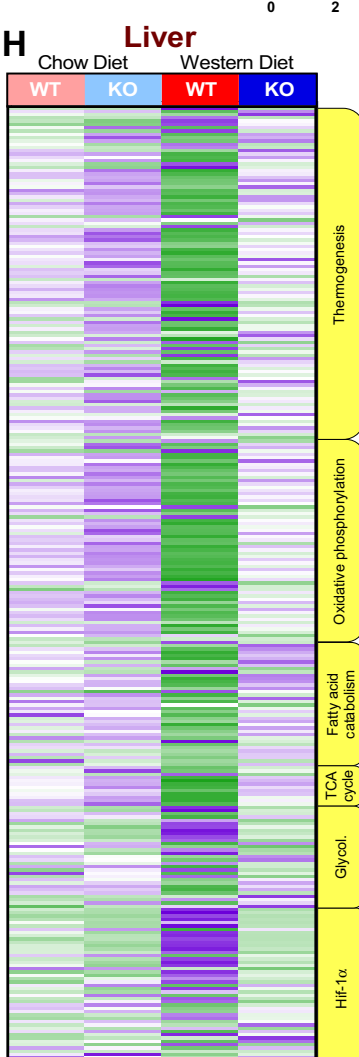
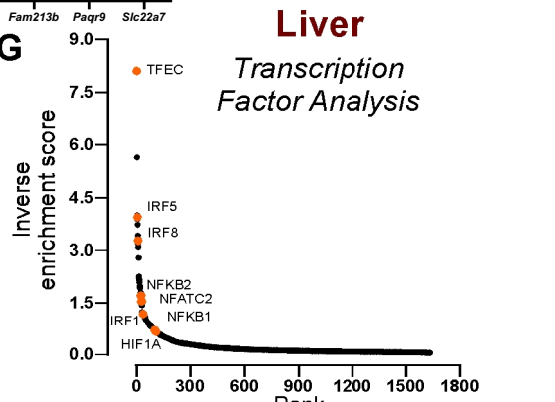
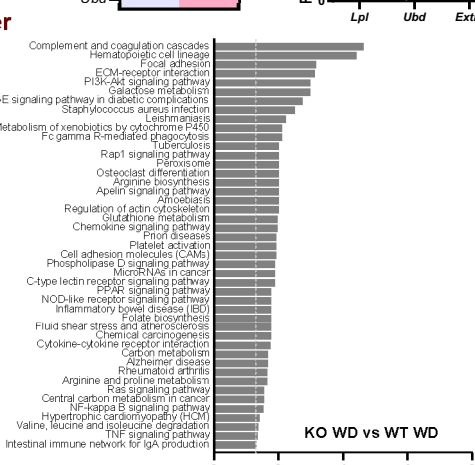
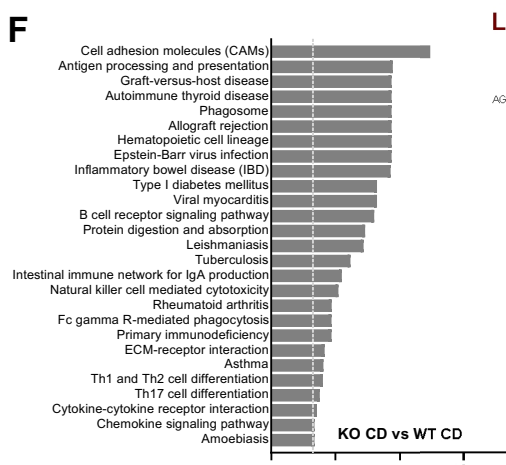
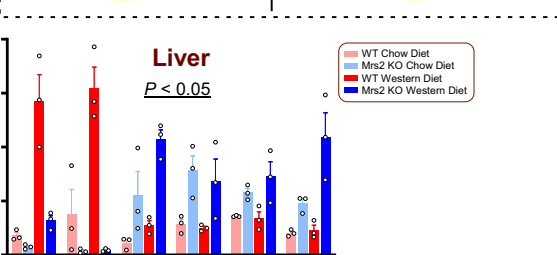
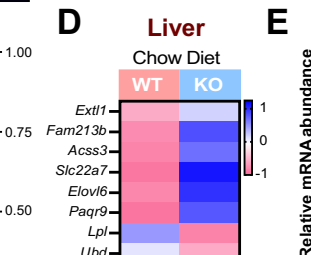
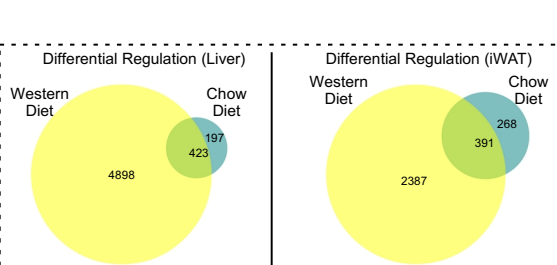
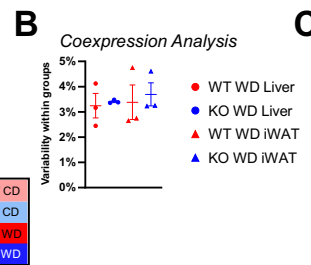
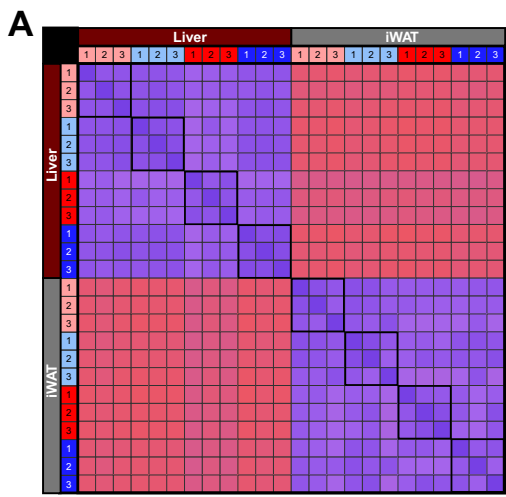


Figure S3: RNA-seq Quality Control and Comparative Analyses of Differentially Regulated Gene Transcripts (Related to Figure 3).

- A) Correlation (Pearson's r^2) heatmap of RNA-seq data.
- B) Coexpression analysis of Western-diet fed groups to examine the variability between biological replicates (within group). %variability indicates the proportion of protein-coding genes that are uniquely expressed in a single replicate within the indicated group. Mean \pm SEM.
- C) Venn diagram depicts the differentially expressed protein-coding genes between WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice fed Western diet or chow diet (1 year diet period). Liver tissue (left) and iWAT (right).
- D) Significant (adj. $P < 0.05$) differentially expressed genes between *Mrs2*^{-/-} CD and WT CD liver tissue shown as a heatmap. Values shown as row z-scores. n=3 mice/group.
- E) Bar graph shows the differentially expressed genes (adj. $P < 0.05$) shared in both CD comparison and WD comparison from *Mrs2*^{-/-} and WT liver tissue. The corrected enrichment counts (FPKM) were normalized and expressed as relative mRNA abundance. n=3 mice per group.
- F) Liver tissue KEGG gene set enrichment analysis with significantly differentially regulated pathways indicated (adjusted $P < 0.05$). CD-fed mice (left) and WD-fed mice (right). The dotted line indicates the significance threshold.
- G) Transcription factor enrichment analysis of liver tissue using utilizing ChEA ranking tool. Select transcription factors are highlighted. The y-axis is the mathematical inverse of the enrichment score x100. Based on differential expression analysis of Western-diet fed mice.
- H) Targeted KEGG analysis of liver tissue from WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice fed CD or WD. The heatmap depicts all gene hits in selected KEGG pathways (see methods). Values shown as row z-scores. n=3 mice/group.
- I) Microvascular densities in the adipose tissue were quantified from the H&E-stained tissues. Data expressed as the number of vasculatures/field n=3 mice per group. Nine images were chosen for the quantification. Mean \pm SEM. ****= $P < 0.0001$, **= $P < 0.01$, n.s.= not significant.
- J) Heatmap depicting relative fold-change (*Act* normalized) of *Ucp1* and *Lep* in iWAT (RT-qPCR) from WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice fed either CD or WD. n=4 mice per group.
- K) Quantification of the basal OCR in fresh iWAT explant homogenate. Mean \pm SEM. Two-tailed Student's *t*-test; ****= $p < 0.001$.
- L) Venn-diagram depicts the differential expression of Mg²⁺ binding protein transcripts. These candidate genes were extracted from Uniprot and compared between iWAT CD vs WD conditions of WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice.
- M) Sankey plot diagram depicting the expression of differentially regulated genes between WT WD and *Mrs2*^{-/-} WD animals (generated using SankeyMATIC). This diagram links the essential pathways that are modulated by Mg²⁺ and Hif1- α dependent signaling.

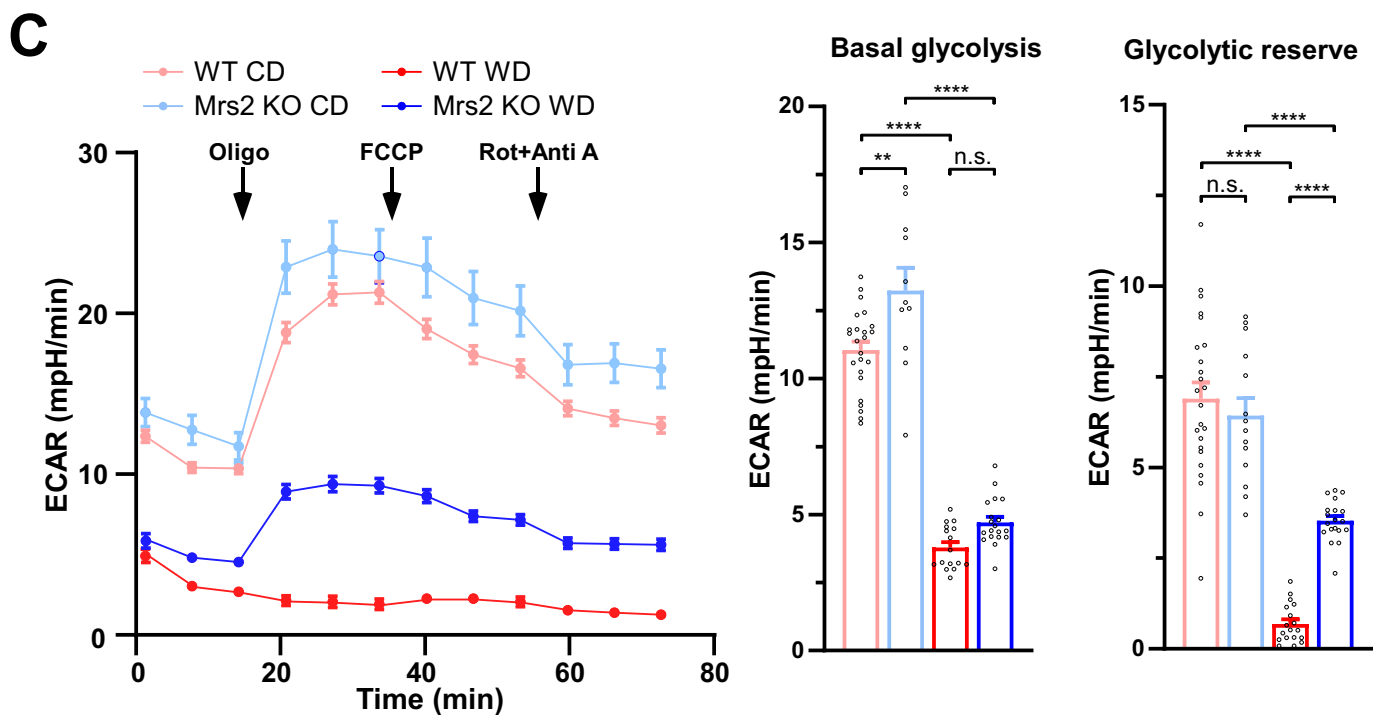
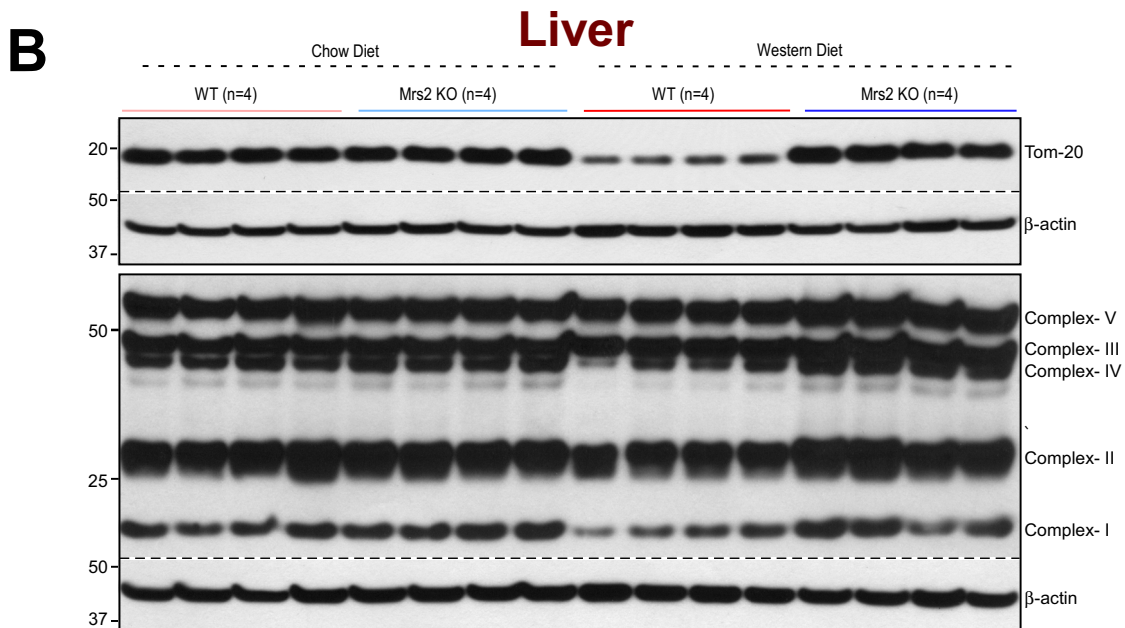
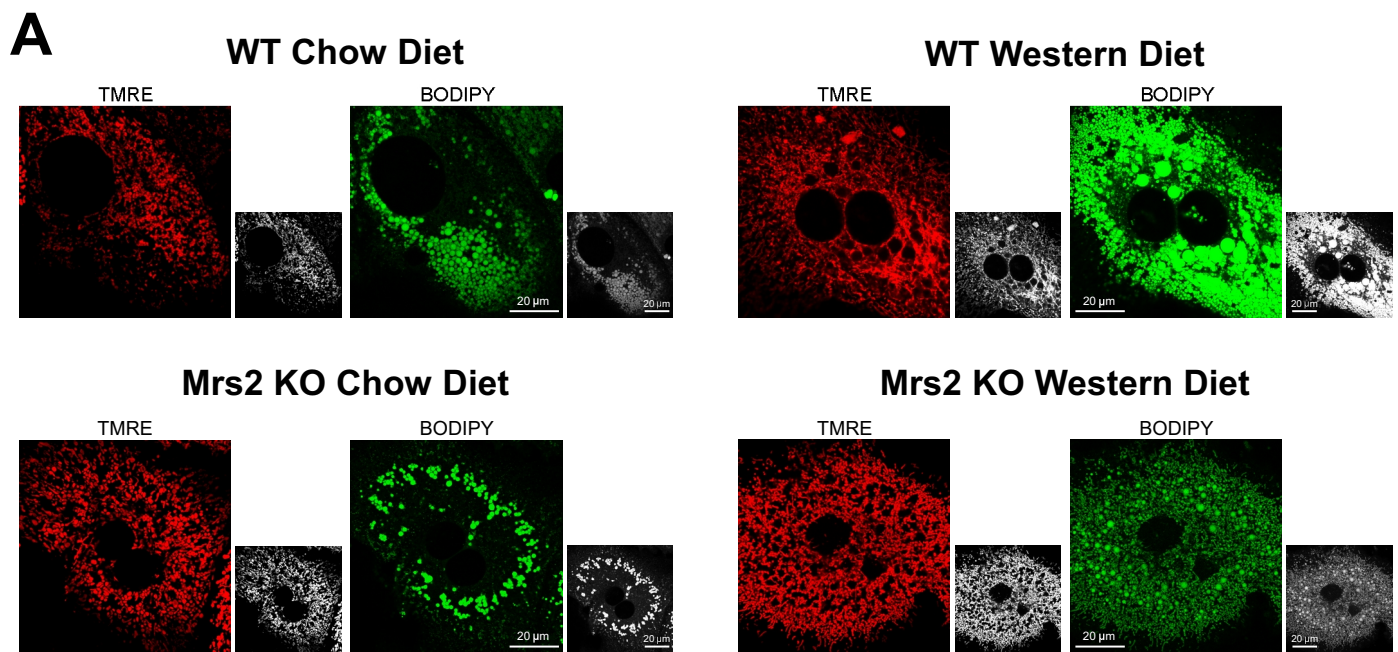


Figure S4: Assessment of Hepatocyte Mitochondrial OXPHOS Complex Protein Abundance and Extracellular Acidification (Related to Figure 4).

A) Split channel confocal images from Fig. 4A. Hepatocytes stained with $\Delta\Psi_m$ indicator, TMRE (red, left images), lipid/fatty acid marker, BODIPY-488 (green, right images). Black and White images were generated for both TMRE and BODIPY staining (inset). 100x objective, scale bar 20 μm . n= 3 isolations per group.

B) Western blot depicting the abundance of mitochondrial OXPHOS complex protein in WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} liver from chow or western diet-fed mice. n=4 mice per group.

C) Traces (left) represent extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) in WT or *Mrs2*^{-/-} hepatocytes isolated from CD or WD-fed mice (1 year diet period). Inhibitors (oligomycin, FCCP, and rotenone+antimycin) added at the indicated time points. Bar charts show basal glycolysis and glycolytic reserve. Mean \pm SEM. n=3-6. ****= $P<0.0001$, **= $P<0.01$, n.s.=not significant.

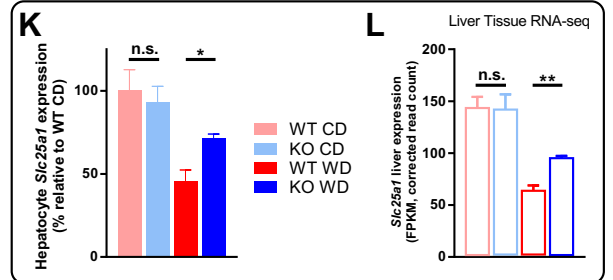
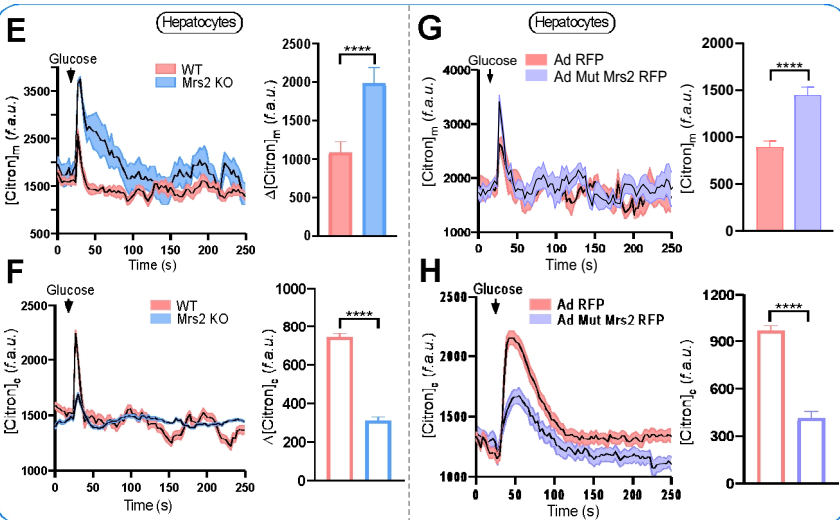
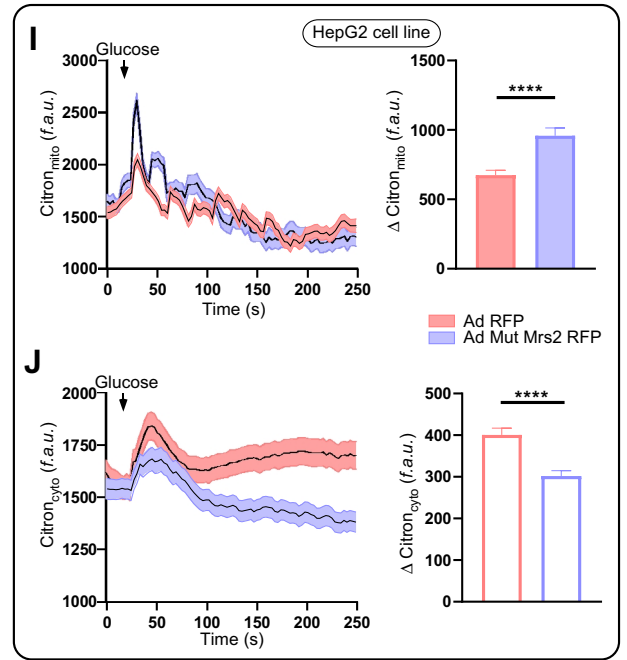
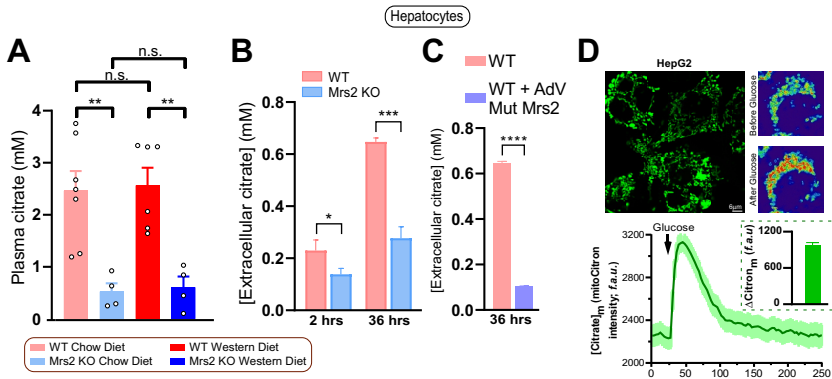
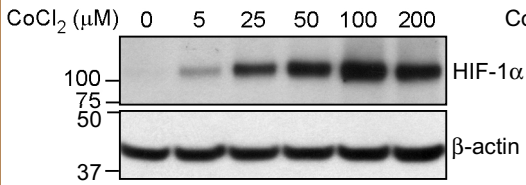


Figure S5. Genetic deletion of Mrs2 or Reconstitution of Loss-Of-Function Mrs2 Mutant Suppress Mitochondrial Citrate Efflux. (Related to Figure 5).

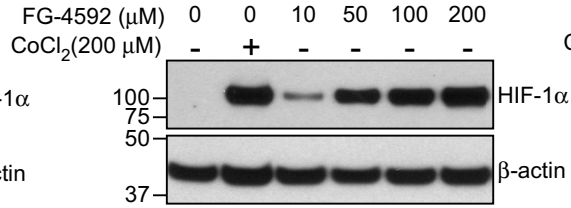
- A) Plasma citrate levels were measured in WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice fed with chow or Western diet. n = 4-7 mice/group.
- B) Extracellular citrate production after 2 hours (left) and 36 hours (right) of WT and *Mrs2* KO hepatocytes in culture. n=3 per time point.
- C) Extracellular citrate production in isolated hepatocyte culture after 36 hours of infection with adenovirus expressing mutant *Mrs2*. n=3.
- D) Representative image of HepG2 cells expressing mitochondria targeted citrate sensor Citron1. The pseudocolored images depict the mito-Citron dynamic fluorescence change upon glucose (17 mM) stimulation. Trace depicts mito-Citron1 fluorescence dynamics after glucose stimulation and the inset is the quantification of citrate production (amplitude; peak – pre-addition)
- E) Measurement (left) and quantification (right) of mito-Citron1 dynamics in WT or *Mrs2*^{-/-} hepatocytes after stimulation with 20 mM glucose. n=3.
- F) Measurement (left) and quantification (right) of cytosolic-Citron1 dynamics in WT or *Mrs2*^{-/-} hepatocytes after stimulation with 20 mM glucose. n=3.
- G) Measurement (top) and quantification (bottom) of mito-Citron1 dynamics in WT hepatocytes infected with either Ad-RFP or Ad-mutant-*Mrs2*-RFP. Stimulated with 20 mM glucose. n=3.
- H) Measurement (top) and quantification (bottom) of cytosolic-Citron1 dynamics in WT hepatocytes infected with either Ad-RFP or Ad-mutant-*Mrs2*-RFP. Stimulated with 20 mM glucose. n=3.
- I) and J) Measurement (left) and quantification (right) of mito-Citron1 (I) or cyto-Citron1 (J) dynamics in HepG2 cell line infected with either Ad-RFP or Ad-mutant-*Mrs2*-RFP. 17 mM glucose stimulation. n=3.
- K) Normalized *Slc25a1* gene expression in isolated hepatocytes from CD or WD-fed WT and *Mrs2*^{-/-} mice. Data represented as % of WT CD. n=3 per group. *=*p*<0.05, n.s.=not significant.
- L) Differential gene expression analysis of *Slc25a1* in liver tissue (RNA-seq). Data represented as the corrected read count (FPKM). n=3 per group.
- A-L) Data represented as mean ± SEM. (A, K) One-way ANOVA; **= *P*<0.01, *= *P*<0.05, n.s.=not significant. (B,C,E-K) Two-tailed Student's *t*-test; ****= *p*<0.0001, ***= *p*<0.001, *= *p*<0.05.

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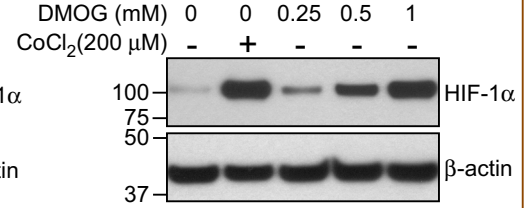
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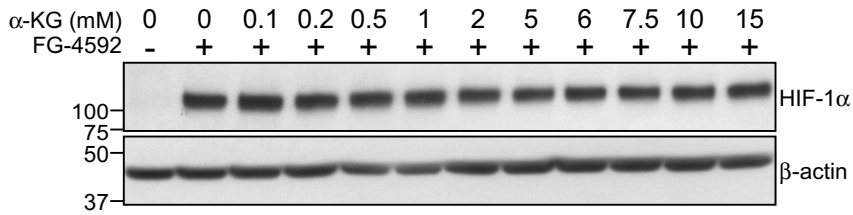


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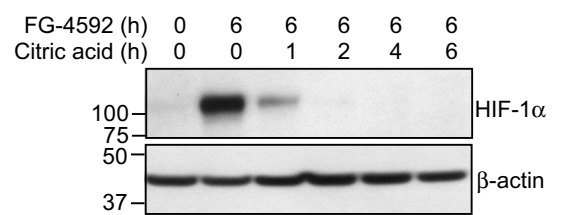


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In Vitro assay (WT Hepatocytes)

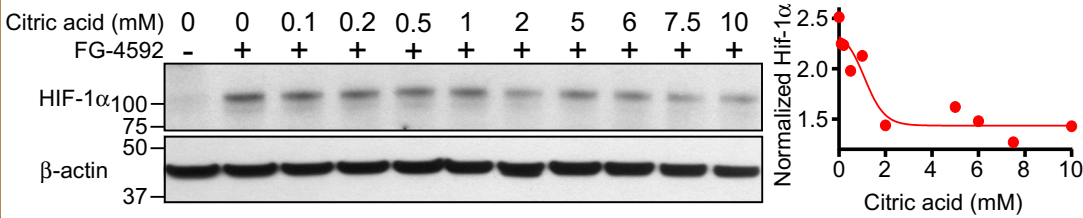


Figure S6. Citrate Destabilizes FG-4592, CoCl₂ or DMOG-Induced HIF-1 α Protein in Hepatocytes (Related to Figure 5).

A-F) FG-4592, CoCl₂ or DMOG induced HIF-1 α stabilization in WT hepatocytes were treated for 6 hours and total lysates were subjected to Western blot analysis to determine HIF-1 α protein abundance. n=2-3 independent hepatocyte isolations.

E) FG-4592 mediated HIF1 α stabilization is destabilized by citrate in a time-dependent fashion. As indicated, citrate (10 mM) was added to FG-4592 (100 μ M) hepatocytes. n=2 independent hepatocyte isolations.

F) FG-4592 treated hepatocytes were permeabilized and challenged with citrate at various concentration in vitro. Quantification of HIF1 α protein abundance from the Western blot. n=2 independent experiments.

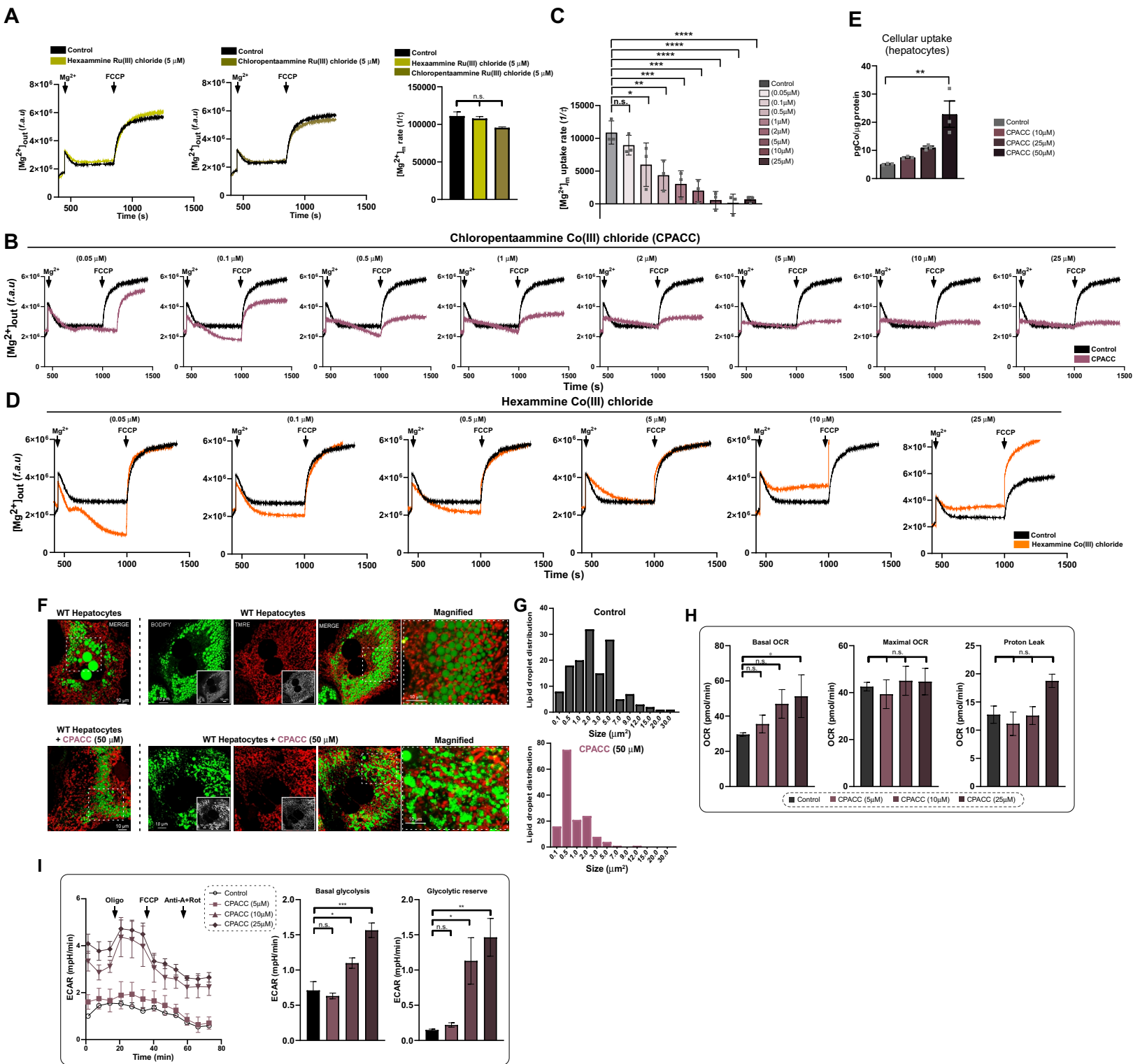


Figure S7. The Effect of Cobalt or Ruthenium Derivatives on Mrs2-Mediated mMg^{2+} Uptake and Mitochondrial Function (Related to Figures 6 and 7).

A-D) Permeabilized hepatocytes were treated with various concentrations of pretreatment. chloropentaammine Co(III) chloride, Ru (III) hexaammine chloride, chloropentaammine Ru (III) chloride, or cobalt (III) hexaammine chloride and then pulsed with 1 mM $MgCl_2$ and FCCP at the indicated time points. Representative traces show the uptake and the release of Mg^{2+} from the mitochondria (A, B, and D). Quantification of the uptake rate from Fig S7B (C). n=3-4.

E) Cellular uptake of CPACC in WT hepatocytes. Intracellular Co(III) was measured by atomic absorption spectroscopy. n=3.

F) Visualization and appearance of hepatocytes isolated from 12 months old WT mice using BODIPY-488 to label lipid droplets (left) and $\Delta\Psi_m$ indicator TMRE (middle), with or without CPACC (50 μ M) treatment for 48 hours. Left-most images are merged channel of images from Fig. 7A. Right-most images are merged, magnified images of images. Black and white images were generated for both TMRE and BODIPY staining (inset). Scale bar 10 μ M.

G) Size distribution of lipid droplets in hepatocytes following CPACC treatment (50 μ M). The area of droplet size was quantified from multiple cells. n=3.

H) Bar charts depict basal respiration, maximal respiration, and proton leak from Figure 7D traces. Mean \pm SEM. n=3-6.

I) Traces (left) represent extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) in WT hepatocytes (12 months old mice) with varying concentrations of CPACC treatment. Inhibitors (oligomycin, FCCP, and rotenone + antimycin added at the indicated time points. Bar charts show basal glycolysis and glycolytic reserve. Mean \pm SEM. n=3-5.

C, F, G-I) Data shown as mean \pm SEM. ****= $P < 0.0001$, ***= $P < 0.001$, **= $P < 0.01$, *= $P < 0.05$, n.s.=not significant.