

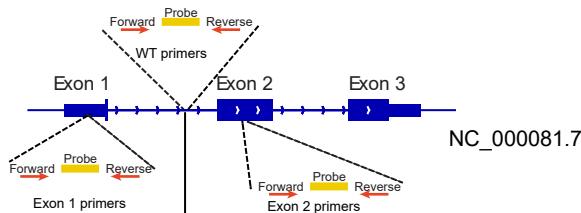
**Supplemental information**

**Premature aging and reduced cancer incidence  
associated with near-complete  
body-wide *Myc* inactivation**

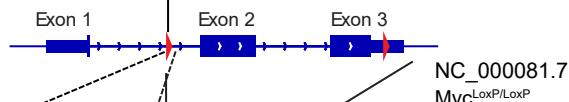
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Fig. S1

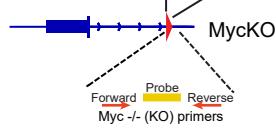
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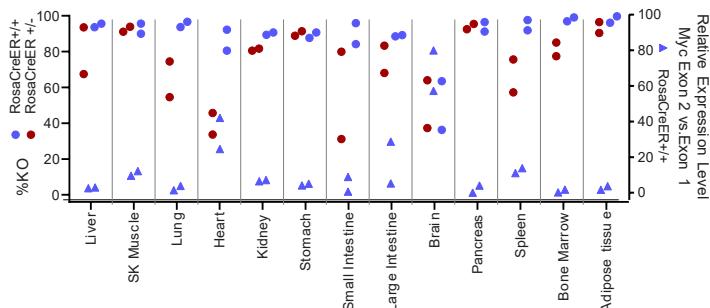
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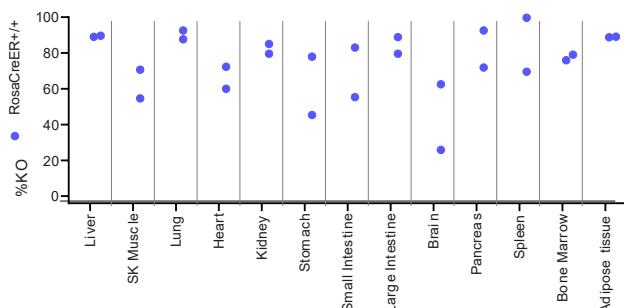
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	Reverse 61858675	61858675	CACCTCCCTTACACTCTAAC
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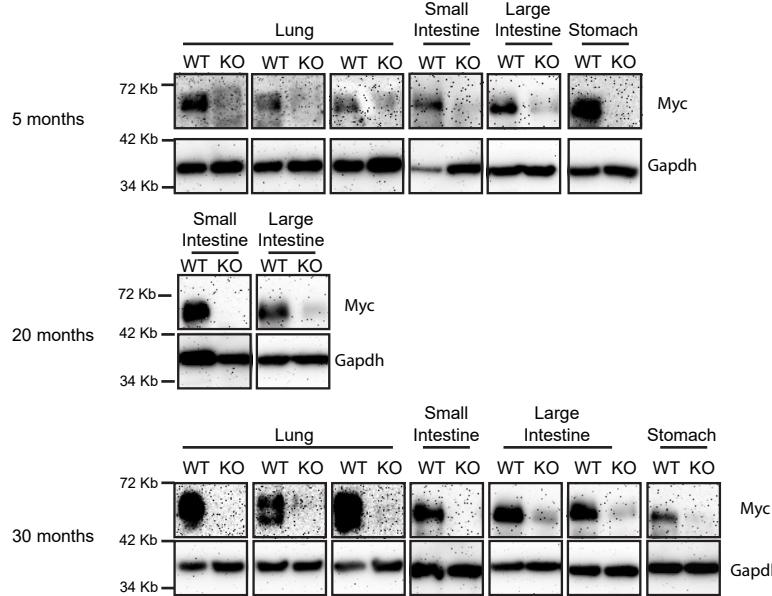
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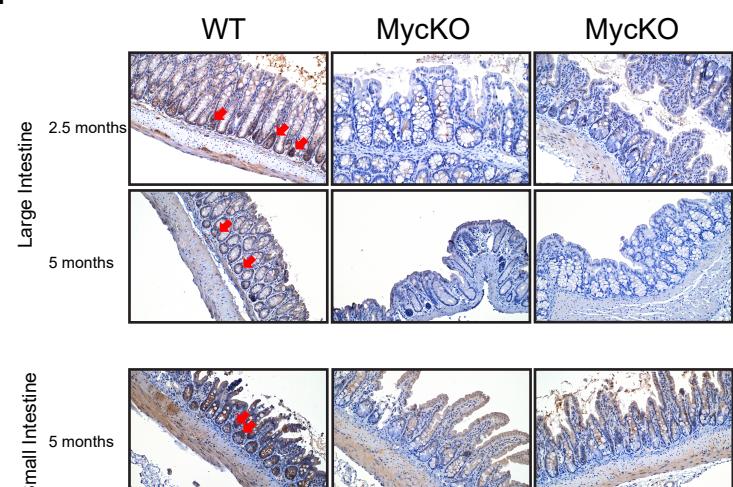
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**Figure S1. Strategy for qPCR-based Taq-Man-based assay for identifying *Myc* alleles, related to STAR Methods.**

(A, B). The *Myc* loci of WT and *myc*<sup>loxP/loxP</sup> (B6.129S6-*Myc*<sup>tm2Fwa</sup>/Mmjax) mice. LoxP sites are indicated by red triangles. In A, the red arrows indicate the primer sets used to amplify the WT allele. The reverse primer in intron 1 overlaps the inserted LoxP site in the (*Myc*<sup>loxP/loxP</sup>) allele shown in B. Amplification with this primer set is thus possible only in WT mice and generates a PCR fragment detected with the unique TaqMan probe. In B, red arrows indicate the primer set flanking the 5' LoxP site that specifically amplifies this region and is detected with TaqMan probe.

(C). The excised and recombined *Myc* locus following CreER activation.

(D). Sequences and genomic locations for primers and probes shown in A-C as well as the qRT-PCR primers and probes used for qRT-PCR. Annotations for primers and probes are based on the numbering of the murine genomic sequence: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/17869>.

(E). qPCR and qRT-PCR-based quantification of *Myc* locus excision and expression in ~6-7 wk old mice that had been treated for 5 days with tamoxifen at the time of weaning (~4 wks and weights >15 g). 2 mice with 2 copies of CreER and 2 with a single copy of CreER were used to determine how *Myc* locus excision efficiency was influenced by CreER copy number. After confirming the number of CreER alleles using the TaqMan-based approach described above, the WT:KO *Myc* allele ratio was determined from a standard curve of known amounts of each DNA (Wang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2022b)(Wang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2022b). qRT PCR reactions for *Myc* transcripts (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/17869> ) were performed on RNAs extracted from tissues of mice with two copies of ROSA-CreER as previously described

<sup>1,2</sup>  
(F). Persistence of *Myc* locus deletion. qPCR performed as described in E on the indicated tissues from 20-22 month-old *Myc*KO mice. See Table S1 for a summary of qPCR and qRT-PCR results performed on various tissues of additional mice.

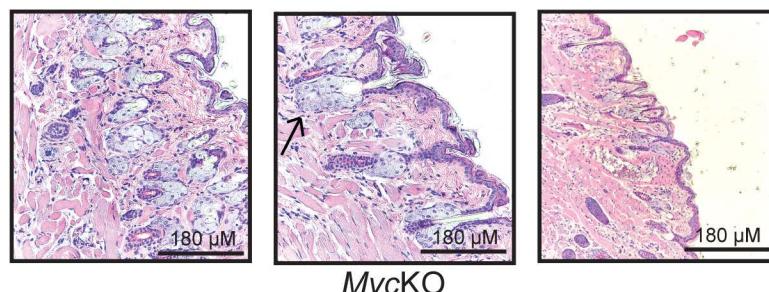
(G). Immuno-blotting for Myc protein in the indicated tissues from 5-6 months, 20-22 months and 30-33 months old WT and *Myc*KO mice.

(H). Immunohistochemical staining for Myc protein in the small and large intestines of WT and *Myc*KO mice. Note, in both tissues, the absence of detectable Myc in the crypts which is where the highest levels of expression are confined. <sup>3</sup> Scale bar = 100 µm.

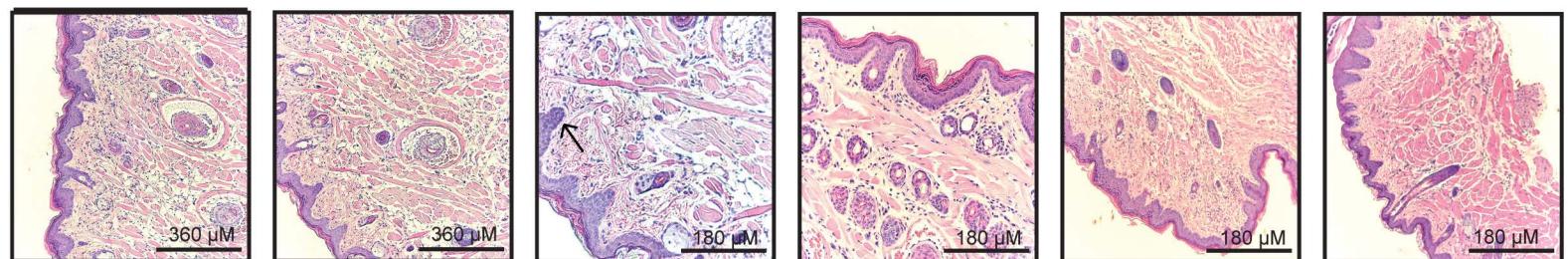
Fig. S2

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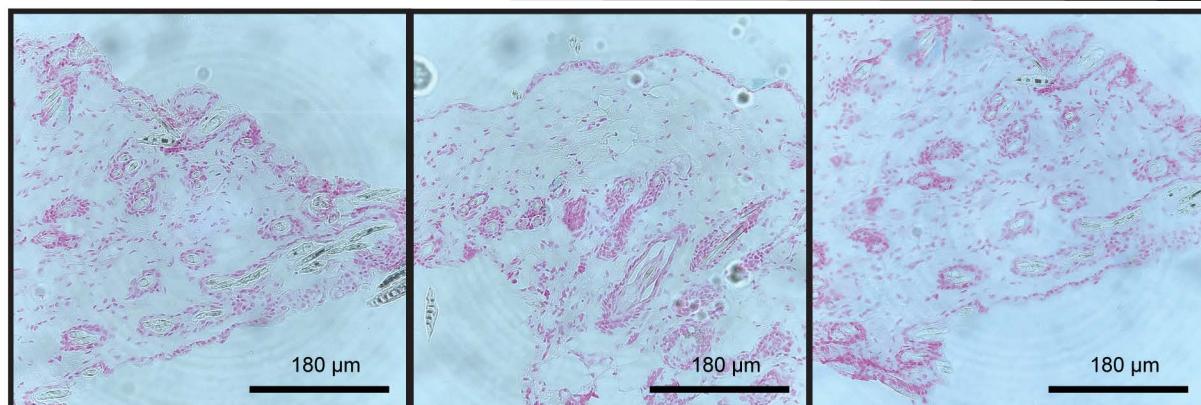


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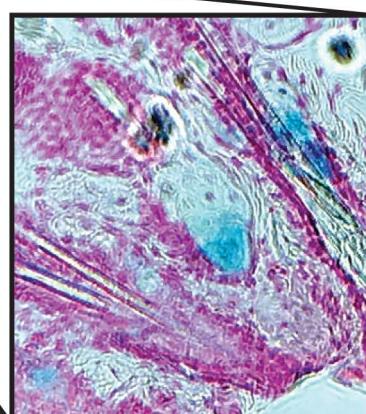
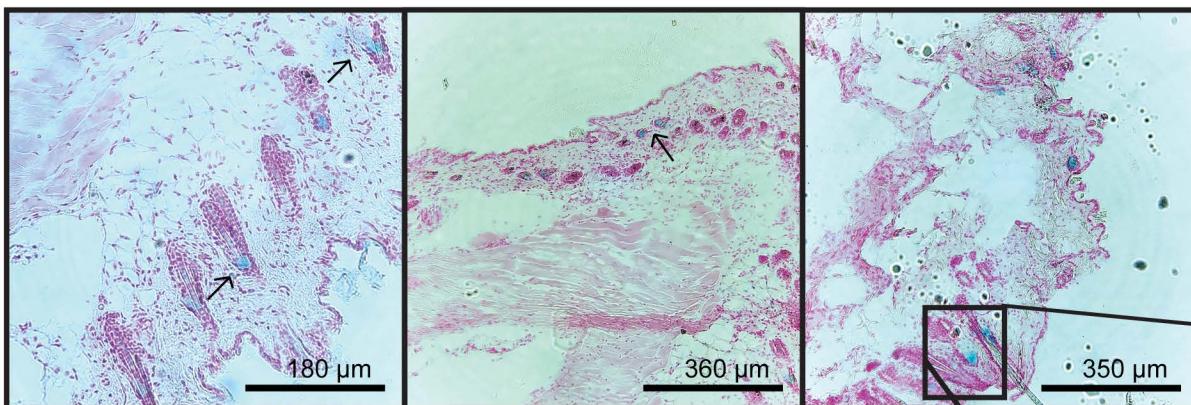


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WT



MycKO

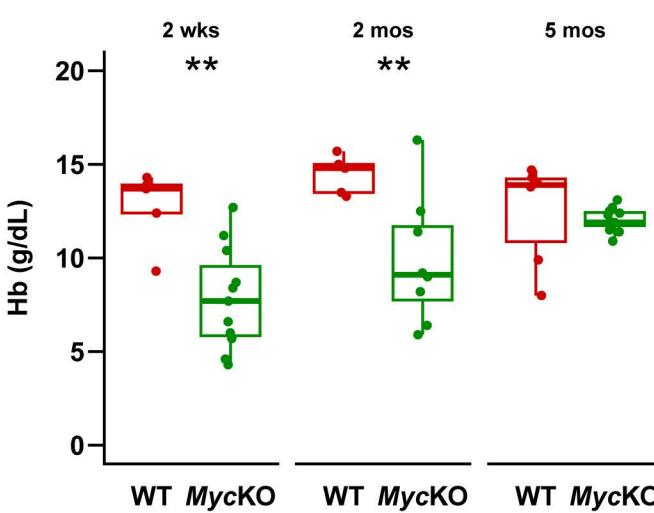


**Figure S2. Histopathology of skin from alopecic regions of *Myc*KO mice and premature onset of senescence, related to Figure 1B&C.**

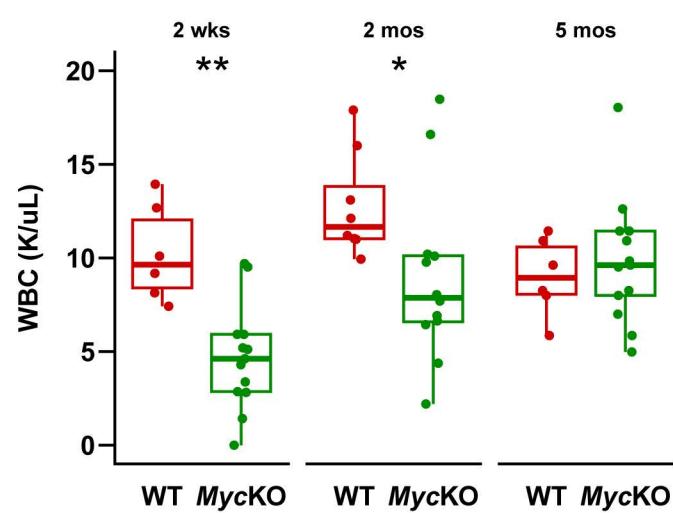
(A). H&E-stained sections of peri-orbital skin from a 5 mo *Myc*KO mouse and normal skin from the corresponding region of a WT control mouse. In WT panels, the arrow shows normal hair follicles and their adjacent sebaceous glands. In *Myc*KO panels, the arrows show thickening and hyperkeratinization of the epidermis, loss of surface invaginations and a generalized paucity of hair follicles and sebaceous glands. (B). SA- $\beta$ -gal staining of the same areas from the WT and *Myc*KO mice shown in A. Arrows indicate SA- $\beta$ -gal-positive cells in the latter samples adjacent to rare hair follicles. Most of SA- $\beta$ -gal-positive cells detected resided within the inner and outer root sheath and base of the follicle (<http://eulep.pdn.cam.ac.uk/~skinbase/>). A higher power magnification of one of the fields containing SA- $\beta$ -gal-positive cells is shown to the right.

Fig. S3

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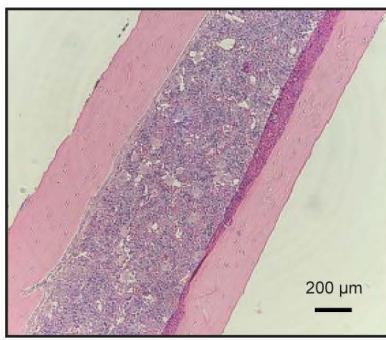


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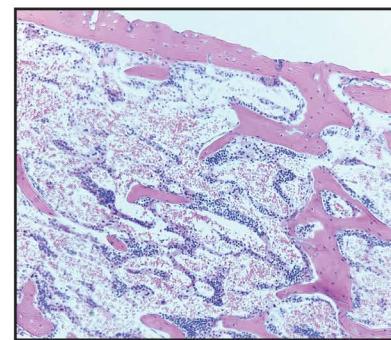


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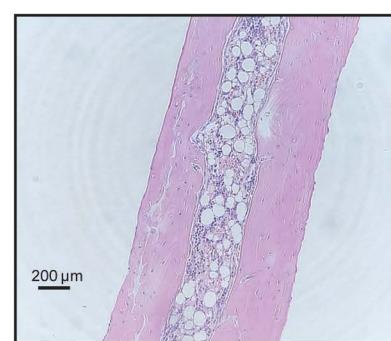
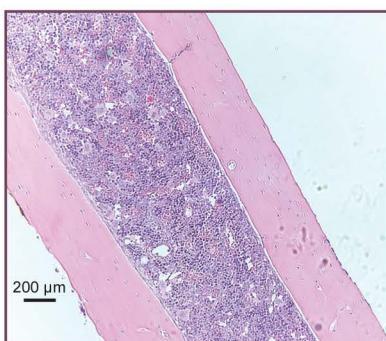
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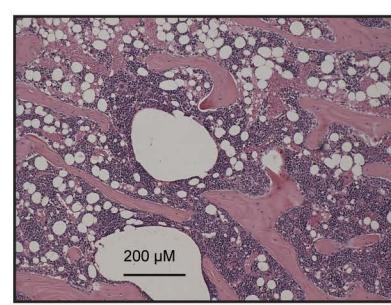
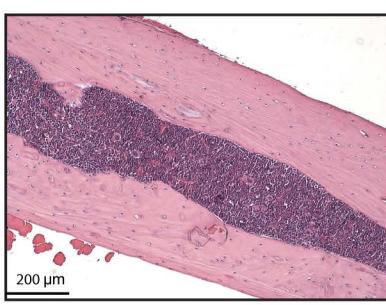
MycKO



2 weeks after TAM



6 weeks after TAM



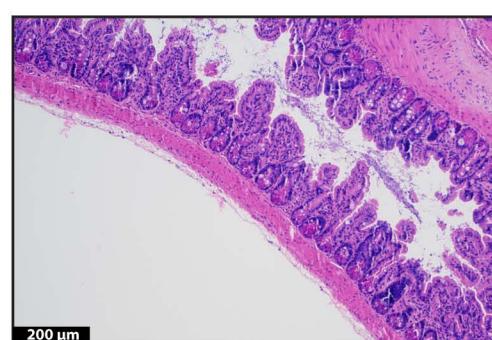
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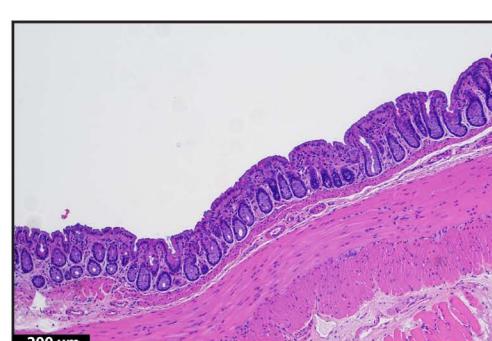
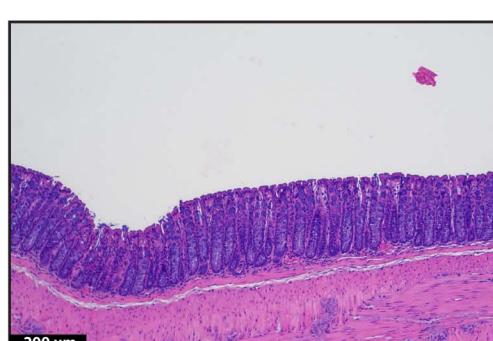
WT



MycKO



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**Figure S3. MycKO mice develop transient mild-moderate, anemia, leukopenia and bone marrow hypoplasia, related to Figure 1&3.**

(A). Hemoglobin levels in WT and age-matched *MycKO* mice at the indicated ages, which are expressed relative to the time of starting 4-hydroxytamoxifen therapy. N = 6-14 at each age, Unpaired t test, \*=p < 0.05, \*\*=p < 0.01.

(B). Peripheral white blood cell counts performed at the times shown in A.

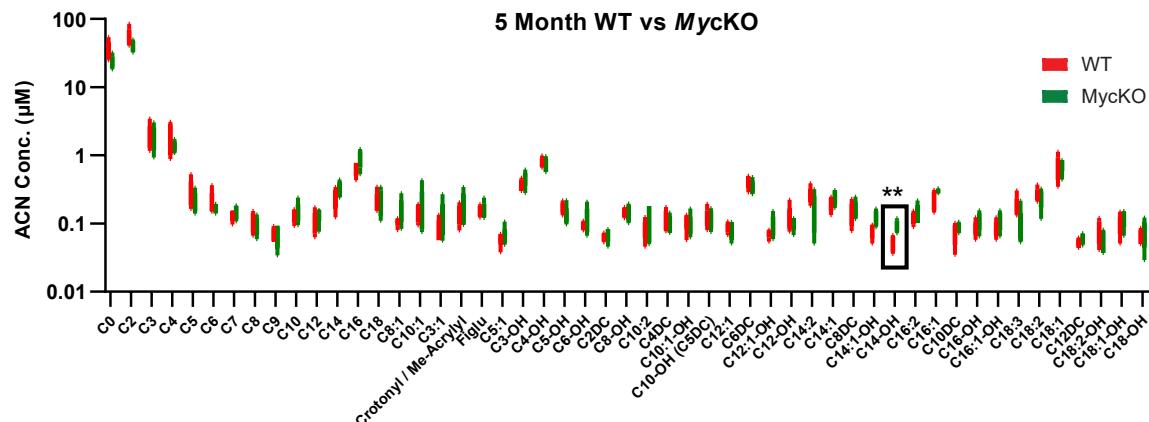
(C). H&E-stained bone marrows of WT and *MycKO* mice of the indicated ages.

(D). H&E-stained colonic tissues from WT and *MycKO* mice of the indicated ages.

Scale bar = 200  $\mu$ m

Fig. S4

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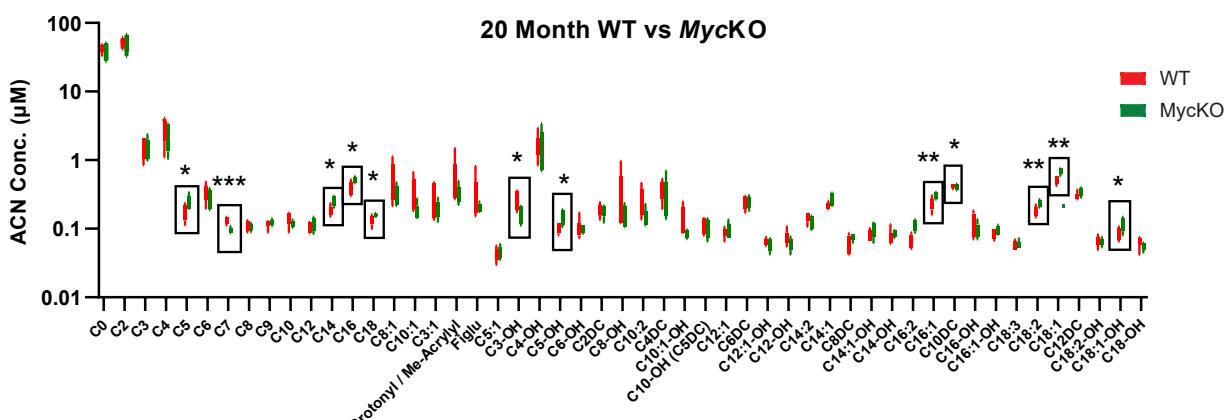


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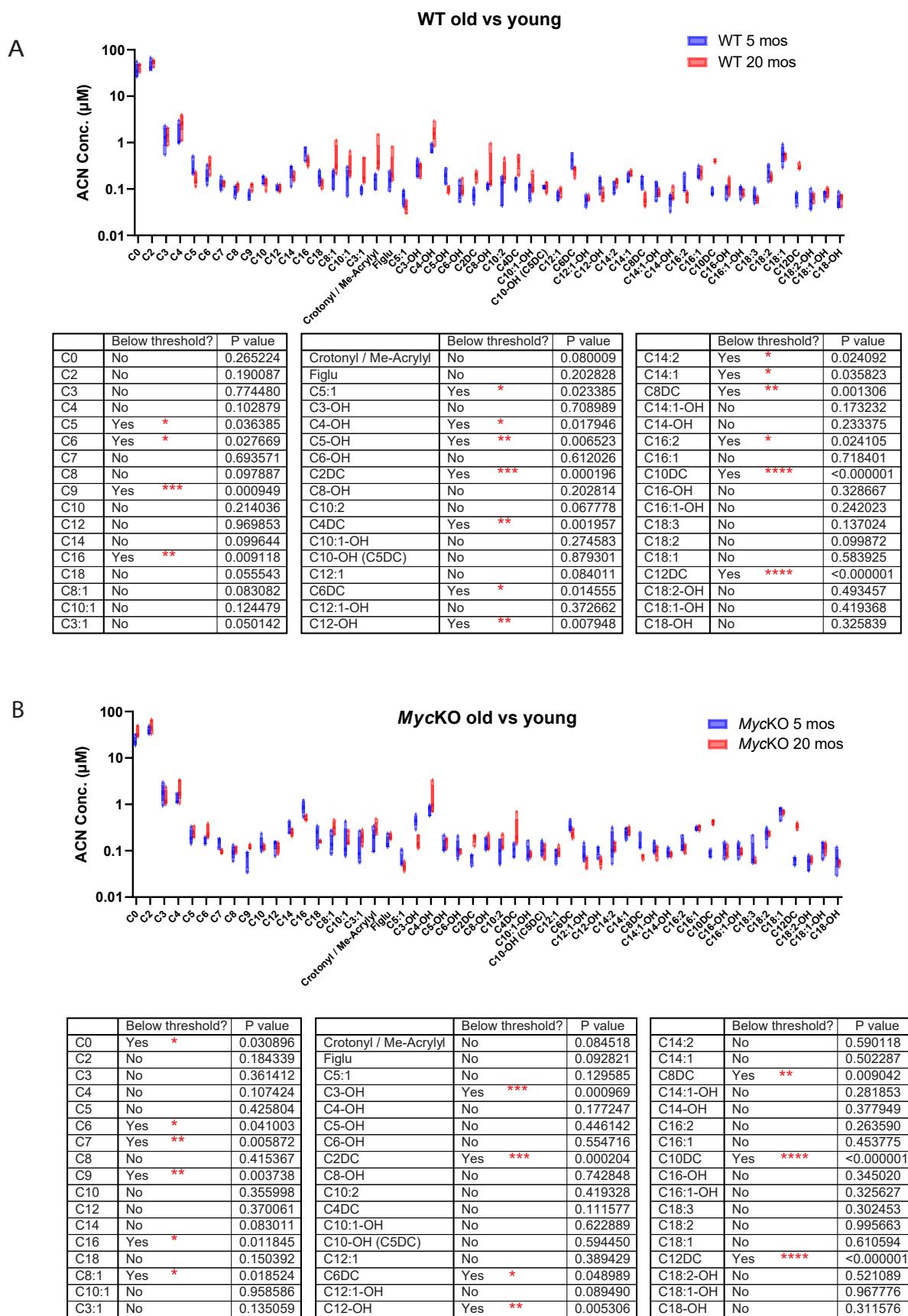
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**Figure S4. Young and old *Myc*KO mice show evidence of Complex I defects and more generalized mitochondrial dysfunction, related to Figure 4F&G**

(A). 5 month-old mice. The results from Figure 4F are again shown along with the actual values obtained for each serum acyl carnitine. Unpaired t test, \*\*=p < 0.01

(B). 20 month-old mice. The results from Figure 4G are again shown along with the actual values obtained for each serum acyl carnitine. Unpaired t test, \*=p < 0.05, \*\*=p < 0.01, \*\*\*=p < 0.001.

Fig. S5



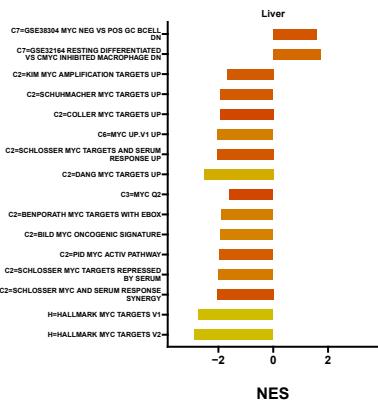
**Figure S5. Both young and old WT and *Myc*KO mice show evidence of age-related differences in serum acyl carnitine levels, related to Figure 4F&G**

(A). 5 month old and 20 month-old WT mice. Unpaired t test, \*= $p < 0.05$ , \*\*= $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*= $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\*\*= $p < 0.0001$ .

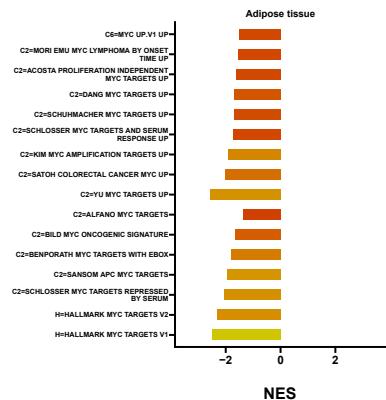
(B). 5 month old and 20 month-old *Myc*KO mice. Unpaired t test, \*= $p < 0.05$ , \*\*= $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*= $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\*\*= $p < 0.0001$ .

**Fig. S6**

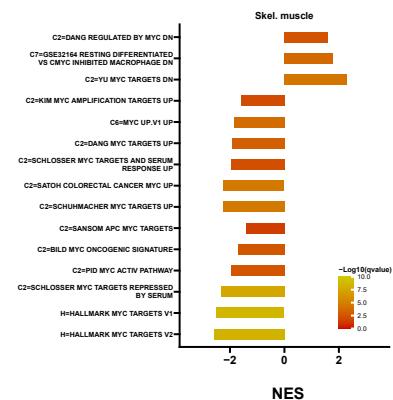
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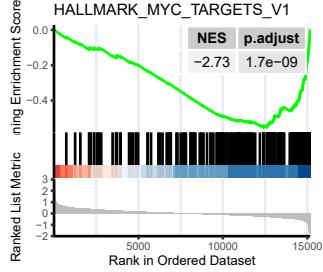
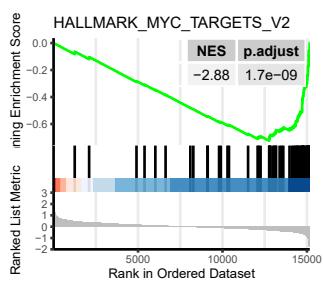
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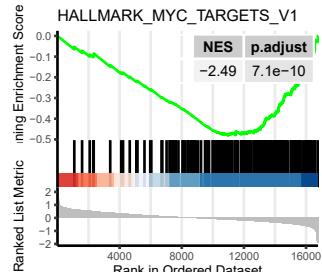
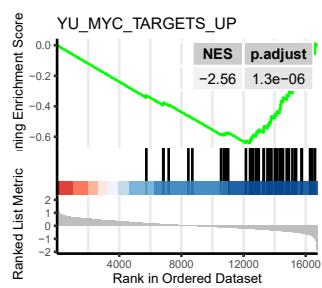
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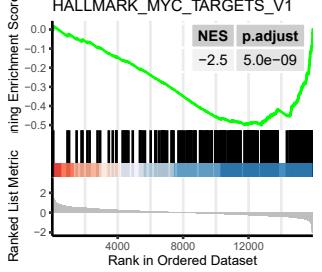
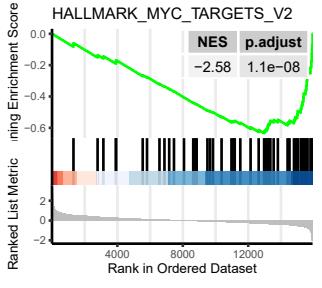
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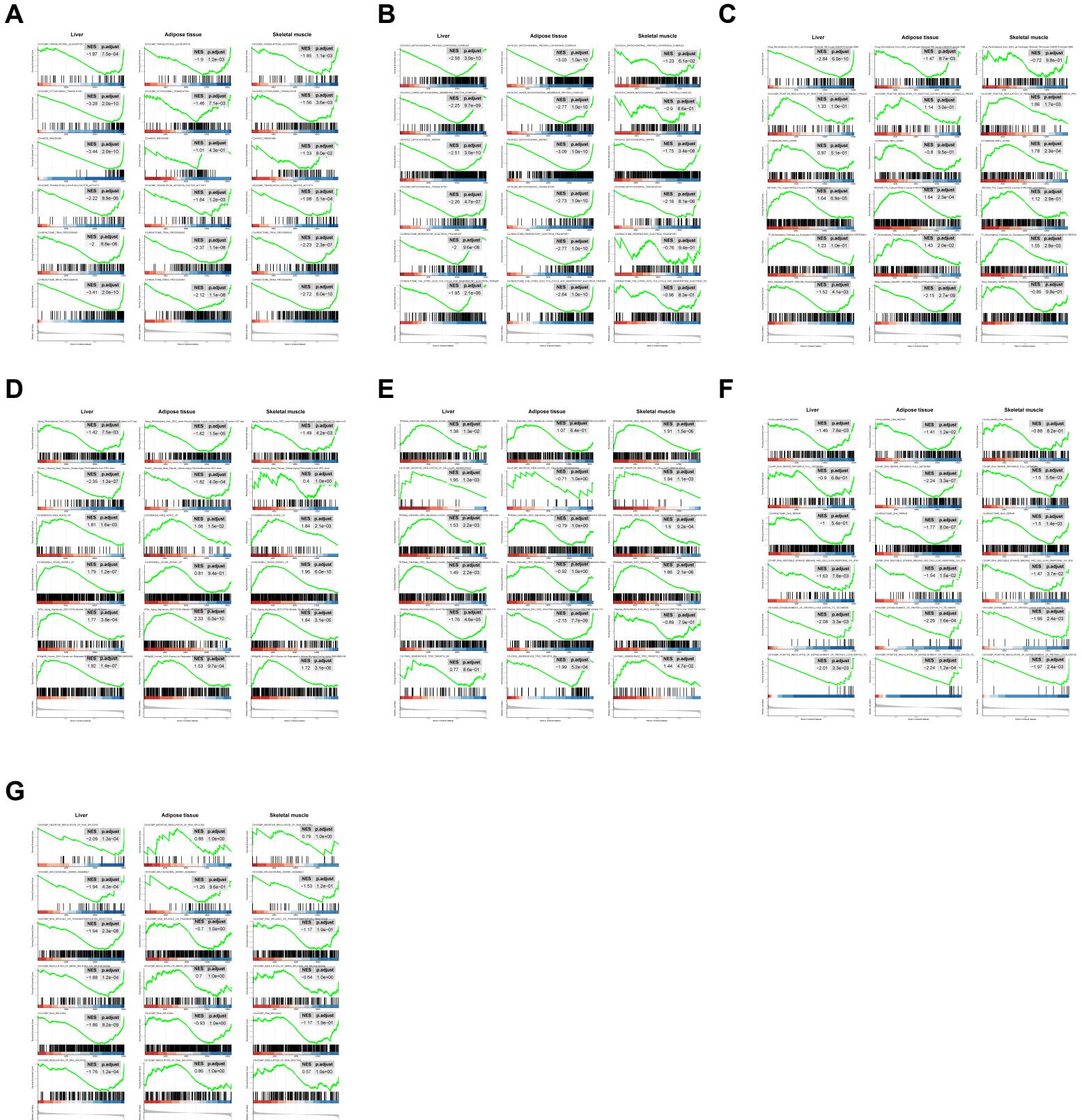


**Figure S6. Dysregulation of Myc target gene sets in 5 mo MycKO tissues, related to Figure 1&6.**

(A-C). GSEA summaries of positively-regulated direct Myc targets in liver, adipose tissue, and skeletal muscle, respectively from 5 month-old MycKO mice. All Myc targets from the MSigDB Collection (<http://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/collections.jsp>) were analyzed by GSEA to determine the overall directionality of expression of each set's component transcripts.

(D-F). Select examples of individual GSEA profiles from A-C.

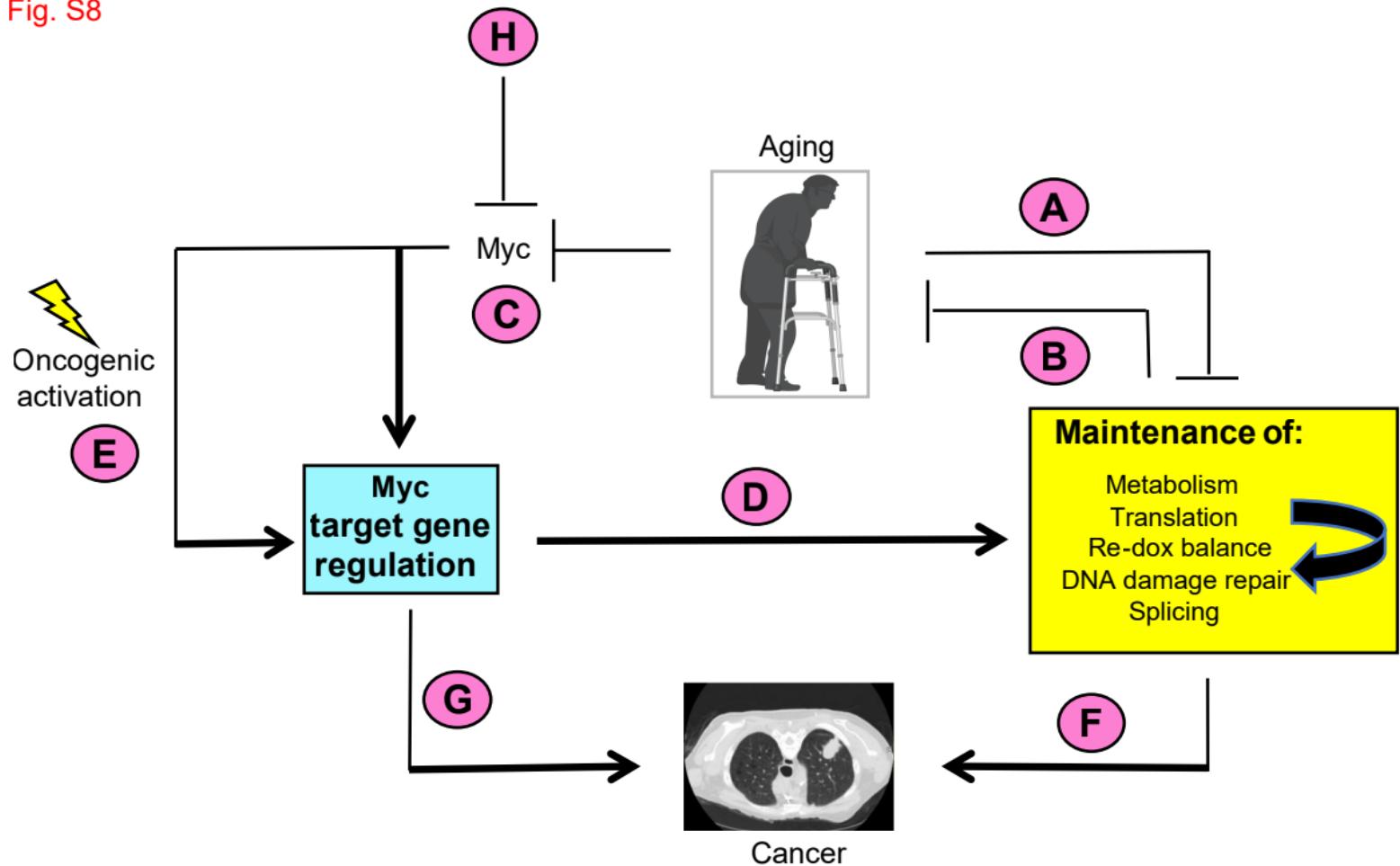
Fig. S7



**Figure S7. GSEA profiles in liver, adipose tissue and skeletal muscle from 5 month-old WT and MycKO mice, related to Figure 6A.** Normalized enrichment scores and q values are indicated in the upper right corner of each profile. Data used to generate the ridge plots shown in Figure 6A are re-graphed and included here.

- (A) GSEA profiles for “Translation/ribosomal structure and function”.
- (B) GSEA profiles for “Mitochondrial structure and function”.
- (C) GSEA profiles for “Oxidative stress response”.
- (D) GSEA profiles for “Aging”.
- (E) GSEA profiles for “Senescence”.
- (F) GSEA profiles for “DNA damage response and repair”.
- (G) GSEA profiles for “mRNA splicing”.

Fig. S8



**Figure S8. Model depicting the cooperation between normal aging and Myc regulation, related to Figures 1-7 .**

- (A). Normal aging and senescence are associated with the accumulation of Myc-independent defects involving the maintenance of mitochondrial and ribosomal structure and function, redox balance, DNA damage recognition and repair and splicing (yellow box) (Figure 7A).<sup>4-17</sup> Individual functional defects therein can negatively impact other functions (yellow box: curved arrow). For example, defective mitochondrial function can generate ROS, which in turn can cause oxidative DNA damage and impair translation.<sup>18-22</sup>
- (B). Defects in the above functions and pathways conversely accelerate aging.<sup>5,9,11,13,23-26</sup>
- (C). Normal aging is also associated with declines in Myc levels, causing dysregulation of Myc target gene expression (blue box) (Figure 7F-I).
- (D). Normal levels of Myc and its target genes are needed to maintain the baseline cellular functions depicted in the yellow box.<sup>2,27,28</sup> These cooperate with the age-dependent and Myc-independent pathways shown in A.
- (E). Oncogenic activation of Myc can dysregulate Myc target genes, thus altering the functions depicted in the yellow box in ways that sustain maximal rates of tumor growth.<sup>2,27-30</sup>
- (F). Dysregulation of the functions described for E and D support the initiation, maintenance and/or evolution of cancer.<sup>27-30</sup>
- (G). Other Myc target genes not shown in the yellow box, such as those pertaining to cell cycle and survival, can independently contribute to the development of cancer when they are dysregulated as a result of Myc over-expression.<sup>29,31-33</sup> Some of these genes may be so-called “pathological targets” that contain low-affinity Myc binding sites and are only activated in response to the excessive levels of Myc associated with certain tumors.<sup>29,34</sup>
- (H). *Myc*KO mice no longer regulate their target genes. As a result, they lose the ability to maintain the functions depicted in the yellow box, thereby hastening the onset of aging via the Myc-dependent pathway that support these functions (B, C and D). Reductions in Myc also eliminate a major age-dependent oncogenic pathway (E), thus leading to a reduced lifetime incidence of cancer (F and G) that contributes to the increased longevity of these mice.

**Table S3. Antibodies used for the current studies, related to STAR Methods.**

Name of antigen target	Type of antibody	Vendor	Catalog number	dilution	Purpose
Glut 1	Rabbit mAb	Abcam	Ab115730	1:2,000	WB
Glut 2	Rabbit pAb*	Proteintech	20436-1-AP	1:1,000	WB
Glut 4	Mouse mAb	Cell signaling	2213	1:1,000	WB
GAPDH	Mouse mAb	Sigma	G8795	1:10,000	WB
$\gamma$ H2A.X	Rabbit mAb	Abcam	ab81299	1:200	IHF
PDH	Rabbit mAb	Cell signaling	3205	1:1,000	WB
c-Myc	Rabbit mAb	Cell signaling	13987	1:1,000 1:400	WB
c-Myc(N-262)	Rabbit pAb	Santa Cruze	sc-764	1:250	IHC
p-PDH	Rabbit pAb	Cal biochem	AP1062	1:300	WB
PFK-L	Rabbit pAb	Avivva sys bio	ARP45774_T100	1:400	WB
PFK-M	Mouse mAb	R+D systems	MAB7687	1:3,000	WB
IgG	HRP-Goat-anti-rabbit	Cell signaling	7074	1:5,000 1:2,000	Secondary for WB
IgG	HRP-Goat-anti-mouse	Cell signaling	7076	1:10,000	Secondary for WB

\*pAb=Polyclonal antibody

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