

1 **Supplemental Figure 1.** (A and B) Expression levels of the indicated genes in the ovaries (A)
2 and liver (B) of female WT and Aster-B KO mice. n = 11/13 for ovary; n = 10/10 for liver. (C)
3 Representative images of the female mice on chow diet feeding. (D) Body weight of female WT
4 and Aster-B-KO mice on chow diet at age of 12 weeks, 20 weeks and 30 weeks; n = 20/31 for 12
5 weeks; n = 15/16 for 20 weeks; n = 13/13 for 30 weeks. (E) Body weight of male WT and
6 Aster-B-KO mice on chow diet at age of 12 weeks, 20 weeks and 30 weeks; n = 16/25 for 12
7 weeks; n = 11/13 for 20 weeks; n = 16/21 for 30 weeks. All data are presented as mean \pm s.e.m.
8 P values were determined by two-sided Student's t-test (A, B, D and E). *****P < 0.00001.

9 **Supplemental Figure 2.** (A) Relative expression of *Gramd1b* in different tissues from the
10 mouse. n=5. (B and C) cDNA sequence of *Gramd1b1*(B) and *Gramd1b2* (C). (D) ClustalW
11 alignment of N-terminal region from Aster-B1 and B2. The rest of the proteins share the same
12 amino acid sequence. The position of the predicted helices in Aster-B1 and B2 are highlighted in
13 cyan and magenta, respectively. (E) Immunoblot analysis of Aster-B1 and -B2 after vehicle or
14 indicated cholesterol treatment for 4 hours.

15 **Supplemental Figure 3.** (A and B) Aster-B2 (A) and Aster-B2 truncated α -Helix (B) in HeLa
16 cells imaged by confocal microscopy in 10% FBS (left), 1% LPDS (middle) or following
17 cholesterol loading for 1 h (right). Green, HA tagged Aster-B. Blue, DIPA. (C) Amino acid
18 composition of Aster-B1 and B2 N-terminal region. Non-polar residues in Aster-B1 are
19 highlighted in yellow and positively charged residues are highlighted in blue in Aster-B2. (D)
20 Aster-B2, Mito-tracker and KDEL-BFP were imaged by confocal microscopy in 10% FBS (left),
21 1% LPDS (middle), or following 100 μ M cholesterol: methyl- β -cyclo- dextrin complexes
22 loading for 1 h (right).

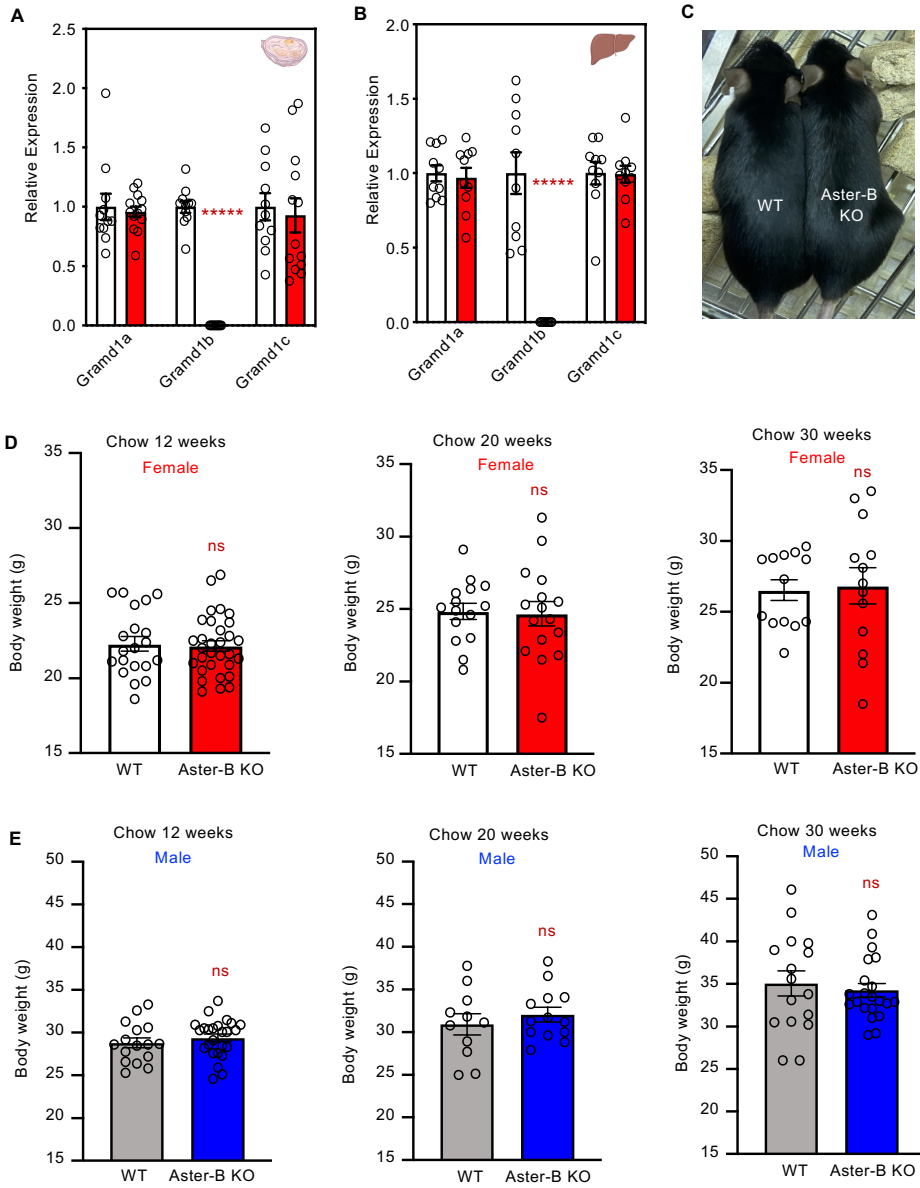
1 **Supplemental Figure 4.** (A) Average number of birth pups per female in 10 weeks; n = 6/6. (B)
2 Fertility rate analysis for female WT and Aster-B knock-out mice in 10 weeks. All data are
3 presented as mean \pm s.e.m. P values were determined by two-sided Student's t-test (A).

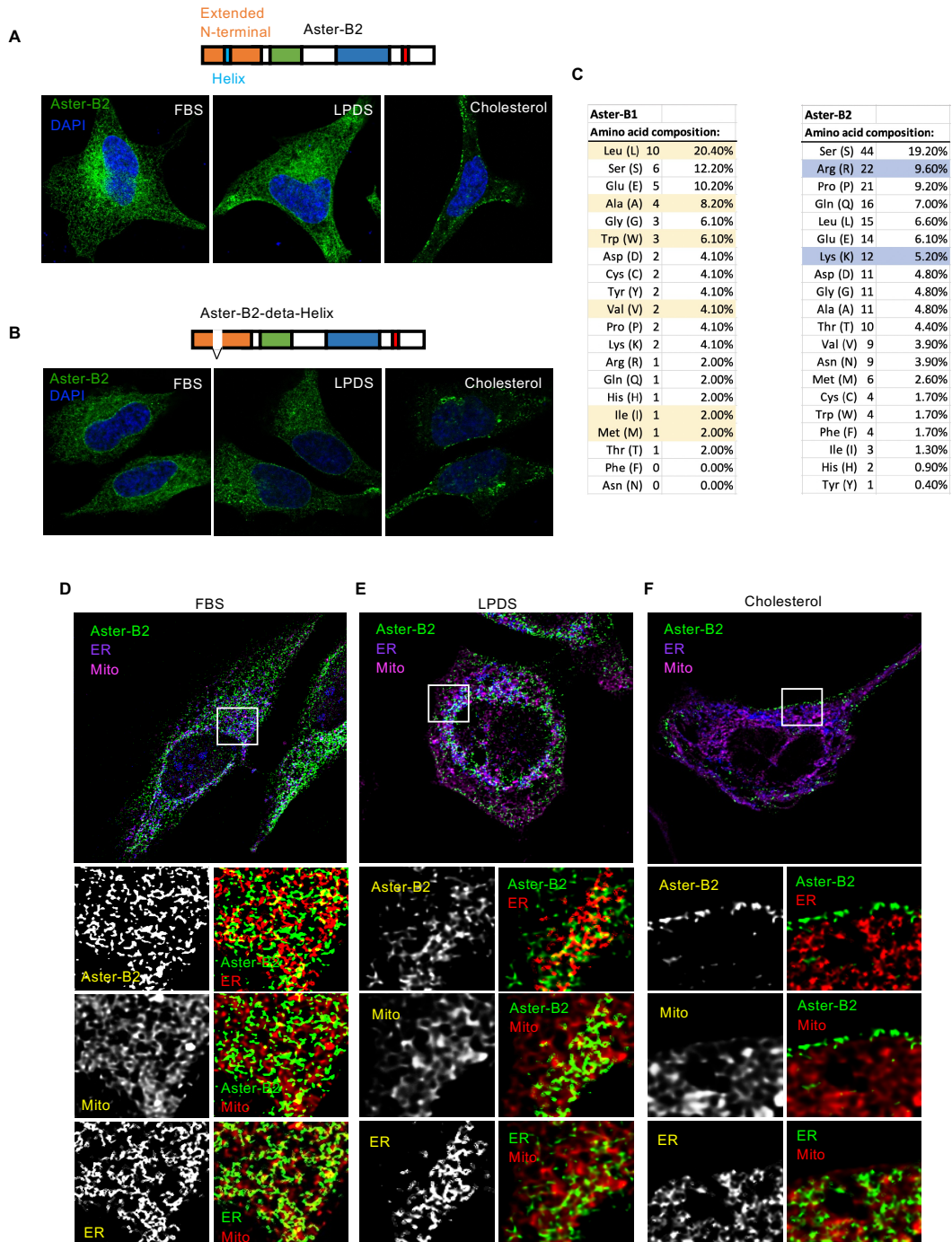
4 **Supplemental Figure 5.** (A and B) Total liver cholesterol (A) and triglyceride (B) in male WT
5 and Aster-B-KO mice after 10 weeks of WD feeding. n=10/10. (C and D) Plasma total
6 cholesterol (C) and triglyceride (D) in male WT and Aster-B-KO mice after 10 weeks of WD
7 feeding; n = 18/11 for cholesterol; n=19/11 for triglyceride. All data are presented as mean \pm
8 s.e.m. P values were determined by two-sided Student's t-test (A, B, C and D).

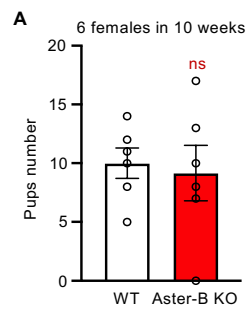
9 **Supplemental Figure 6.** (A) The cumulative food consumed per mouse from male WT versus
10 Aster-B-KO mice fed with WD for 4 weeks of study. n=6/4. (B) The body weight measured from
11 (A); n=5/4. (C) The Respiratory Exchange Ratio (RER) data from Figure 5C and 5D. n= 10/12.
12 All data are presented as mean \pm s.e.m. P values were determined by two-way ANOVA (A, B) or
13 two-sided Student's t-test (C).

14 **Supplemental Figure 7.** (A) Representative image of mice with or without ovariectomy. (B)
15 Normalized body weight gain from Figure 1A, and the ovariectomized WT or Aster-B-KO mice
16 are from Figure 6A. n = 10/8/11/15. (C) Normalized body weight gain from Figure 1A and E2
17 treated Aster-B-KO mice from Figure 7A. The WT group combined the data from Figure 1A and
18 7A. n = 21/11/15.

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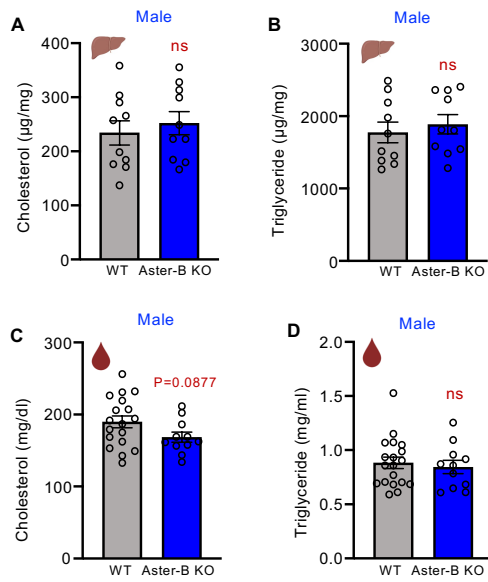


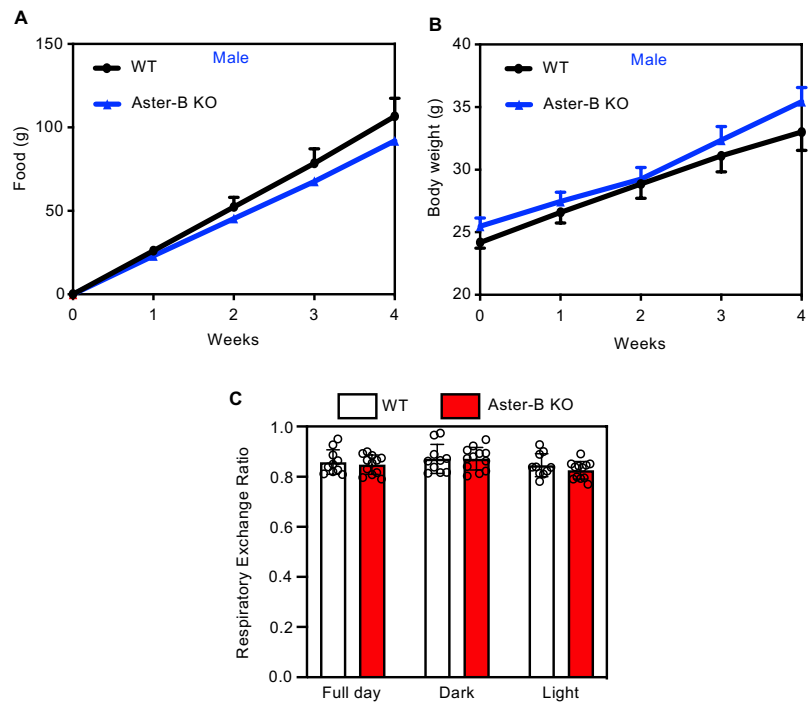


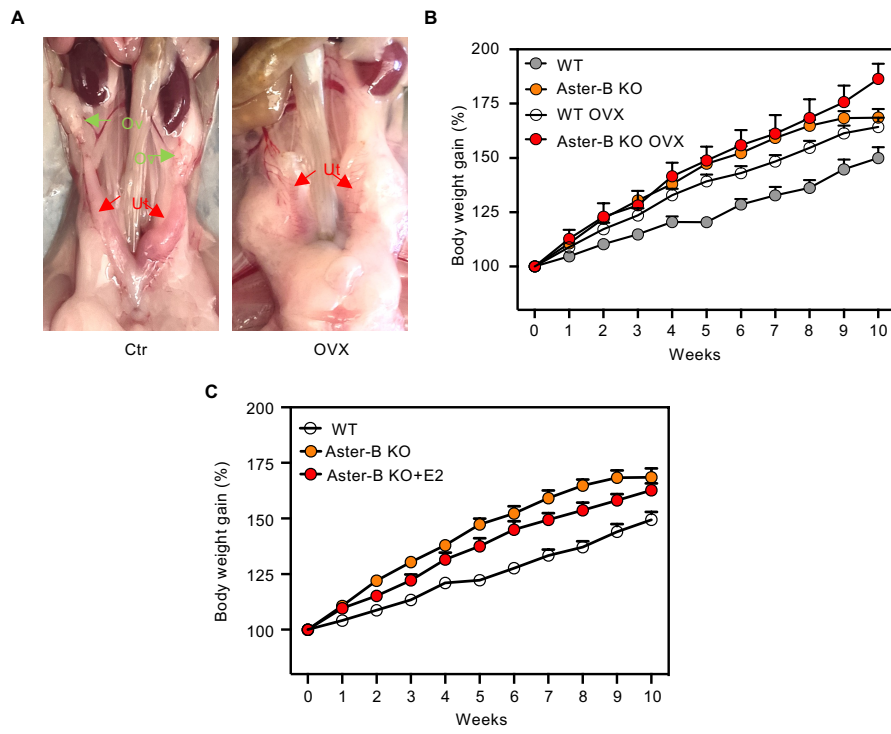


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M x F	Total Pups NO.	Pups/mouse	Total Litters NO.	Litters/mouse
WT x WT	60	10	11	1.83
WT x KO	55	9.17	8	1.33







Supplemental Table 1. Q-PCR primer sequences

Gene	Forward	Reverse
m Gramd1A	CAGCAGATGCTCTTCTCGGA	TCTGAGGATACACGAAGCCG
m Gramd1b	TCCAATGCCATCCAAGTC	ACAAAGTGCCAGAGCTCC
m Gramd1c	CCGTGTCTTTCACATCAGTGC	ACTTCCCAGTTAGCGGGTTG
m Srebp2	ACCTAGACCTCGCCAAAGGT	GCACGGATAAGCAGGTTTGT
m Hmgcr	CTTGTGGAATGCCTTGTGATT	AGCCGAAGCAGCACATGAT
m Hmgcs	GCC GTG AAC TGG GTC GAA	GCA TAT ATA GCA ATG TCT CCT
m Ldlr	AGGCTGTGGGCTCCATAGG	TGC GGT CCA GGG TCA TCT
m Sqle	GCCTCTCAGAATGGTCGTCT	CGCATGTCCCAGAATAAGGA
m Gdf9	GTCACCTCTACAATACCGTCCG	TAAACAGCAGGTCCACCATCGG
m Bmp15	GATTGGAGCGAAAATGGTGAGGC	GCTACCTGGTTTGATGCTAGAGG
m Caspase-3	GGAGTCTGACTGGAAAGCCGAA	CTTCTGGCAAGCCATCTCCTCA
m Bcl2	CCTGTGGATGACTGAGTACCTG	AGCCAGGAGAAATCAAACAGAG
m Bcl3	AGCAGTCGTCTCAGCTCCAATG	AGGCAGGTGTAGATGTTGTGGG
m p21	TCGCTGTCTTGCCTCTGGTGT	CCAATCTGCGCTTGGAGTGATAG
m p53	CTGGTTAGTCCTGAGACAGAGG	AGATGCAGCCAAACACAGGCAC
m Bax	AGGATGCGTCCACCAAGAAGCT	TCCGTGTCCACGTCAGCAATCA
m Esr1	GCCAGAATGGCCGAGAGAG	CCCCATAATGGTAGCCAGAGG
m Pgr	CTACTCGCTGTGCCTTACCATG	CTGGCTTTGACTCCTCAGTCCT
m Pck1	GGCGATGACATTGCCTGGATGA	TGTCTTCACTGAGGTGCCAGGA
m Gdf15	AGCCGAGAGGACTCGAACTCAG	GGTTGACGCGGAGTAGCAGCT
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m Scd1	TTCTTGCGATACACTCTGGTGC	CGGGATTGAATGTTCTTGTTCGT
m Elovl6	CGGCATCTGATGAACAAGCGAG	GTACAGCATGTAAGCACCAGTTC
m Pgc1a	TATGGAGTGACATAGAGTGTGCT	GTCGCTACACCACTTCAATCC
m Ucp1	ACTGCCACACCTCCAGTCATT	CTTTGCCCTCACTCAGGATTGG
m Adrb3	AGAAACGGCTCTCTGGCTTTG	TGGTTATGGTCTGTAGTCTCGG
m Cox8b	GAACCATGAAGCCAACGACT	GCGAAGTTCACAGTGGTTCC
m Cox4i1	ATTGGCAAGAGAGCCATTTCTAC	TGGGGAAAGCATAGTCTTCACT
m Cox5b	GCTGCATCTGTGAAGAGGACAAC	CAGCTTGTAATGGGTTCCACAGT
m Cox7a1	CAGCGTCATGGTCAGTCTGT	AGAAAACCGTGTGGCAGAGA