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Disruption of the N⁶-methyladenosine RNA modification machinery in hepatocytes induces nuclear heterotypia and progressive liver disease

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Supplemental Fig. 1: Mettl14[fl/fl] Alb-Cre mice display a sexually dimorphic liver injury phenotype, reduced weights, and reduced Mettl14 RNA and protein levels.

Unlike dual Ythdf1/Ythdf2, neither Ythdf1 or Ythdf2 deletion alone leads to significant histological changes in liver tissue (A). The observed injury phenotype in Mettl14 Males continues to progress with age, leading to marked steatosis (B, top), fibrosis (B, bottom left), and high levels of nuclear heterotypia (B, bottom right, red arrows). Male and female liver specific Mettl14 deletion mice show generally reduced weight throughout adulthood compared to C57BL/6 mice (C). Males show more pronounced liver damage than females, as shown by representative images (D). Reverse-transcription qPCR and western blot quantification both confirm significant reduction of Mettl14 expression by ~50% in our Mettl14[fl/fl] Alb-Cre model (E,F).



Supplemental Fig. 2: Heatmap of expression changes in DEGs between wild-type and Mett114[fl/fl] Alb-Cre expressing mice. RNAseq count data for DEGs determined by DeSEQ2 was normalized to the mean of wild-type samples. Values were then plotted by taking the base-10 log. Where transcripts were not detected, boxes are colored black, and where values exceeded 4, values are binned into one group with the same light-yellow color at the top of the scale bar. 45 46 47 48



Supplemental Fig. 3: Liver damage is exacerbated in Ythdf1, Ythdf2 and Mettl14 deficient liver tissue

Deletion of Ythdf1 and Ythdf2 both separately contribute to worsened injury response to DDC as seen by picrosirius red staining to show areas of fibrosis (A). Bile duct regeneration after blockage by DDC treatment is impaired significantly in Ythdf1 and Ythdf2 deletion mice (N=20 fields of view: 4 fields of view for each of 5 animals for all groups) (B). Response to CCl₄ is worsened in Ythdf1 and Ythdf2 mice leading to further liver fibrosis (C). This direct injury to hepatocytes leads to significantly increased rates of cell division, with higher mitotic events captured by histology imaging (N=20 fields of view: 4 fields of view for each of 5 animals for all groups) (D).



Supplemental Fig. 4: Confirmation of Mettl14 expression changes in mouse embryonic fibroblasts

RT-qPCR confirmed that SV40 large T antigen expression and Cre expression were present in transduced MEF cells (A). Western blot confirmed protein expression changes of Mettl14 in Cre-transduced MEF cells (B), with quantification of multiple replicates showing ~25% reduction in Mettl14 levels (C).