Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. PPAR γ is not a substrate for Fbxw7 α . 3T3-L1 cells were transfected with PPAR γ in the presence of increasing amounts of Fbxw7 α . The levels of PPAR γ , Fbxw7 α and α -tubulin (TUB) were determined by Western blotting.



Fig. 52. Fbxw7 α enhances the ubiquitination of C/EBP α . HEK293T cells were transfected with C/EBP α , either wild-type or the T222/226A mutant (TT/AA), and HA-ubiquitin in the absence or presence of Fbxw7 α . C/EBP α was immunoprecipitated from total cell extracts, and the ubiquitination of C/EBP α was monitored with anti-HA antibodies. The levels of C/EBP α and Fbxw7 α were determined by Western blotting.



Fig. S3. Fbxw7 α is a negative regulator of C/EBP α . 3T3-L1 preadipocytes were transfected with C/EBP α , either wild-type or the T222A/T226A mutant (TT/AA), in the absence or presence of Fbxw7 α . Forty-eight hours after transfection, the levels of C/EBP α , Fbxw7 α and α -tubulin (TUB) were determined by Western blotting.



Fig. S4. Adipocyte differentiation in Fbxw7-deficient cells is dependent on C/EBPα. 3T3-L1 preadipocyte cells were transfected with control, Fbxw7, or Fbxw7 plus C/EBPα siRNA. Ten days following transfection, cellular lipids were visualized with Oil Red O stain, and the cells were photographed.



Fig. S5. Inactivation of C/EBPa in 3T3-L1 preadipocytes does not affect the expression of adipocyte markers. 3T3-L1 preadipocytes were transfected with control, Fbxw7, or C/EBPa siRNA. Ten days following transfection, the mRNA expression of the indicated genes was determined by RT-PCR analysis (Cyclo; cyclophilin).



Fig. S6. Fbxw7 is down-regulated during adipocyte differentiation. (A) 3T3-L1 preadipocytes were left untreated or allowed to differentiate to mature adipocytes for 2, 4, 6, or 8 days. The expression of *Fbxw7* and glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase (*GAPDH*) was determined by RT-PCR analysis. The expression of *Fbxw7* was correlated to the expression of *GAPDH* in each sample. The expression of *Fbxw7* in the absence of a mixture of methyl-isobutylxanthine, dexamethasone, and insulin (MDI) was set as 1. (*B*) 3T3-L1 preadipocytes were treated as in *A* and Fbxw7 was immunoprecipitated from total cell extracts. The levels of Fbxw7 in the immunoprecipitates, and C/EBPα and α-tubulin (TUB) in cell extracts were determined by Western blotting.



Fig. S7. Fbxw7 is down-regulated during adipocyte differentiation in human adult stem cells. Adipose-derived adult human stem cells were left untreated or allowed to differentiate to mature adipocytes. The expression of *Fbxw7*, *CIEBPa*, *PPAR*γ, and *cyclophilin* (Cyclo) was determined by RT-PCR analysis.

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