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miR-33 controls the expression of biliary transporters, and mediates statin- and diet-induced hepatotoxicity

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SUPPORTING FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure S1. Expression profile of selected hepatic genes following treatment with anti-miR-33 oligonucleotides. C57BL/6 mice (n=5) were injected with saline, or scrambled or anti-miR-33 oligonucleotides (5 mpk i.v., for 3 consecutive days), fed chow for 7 days, and then fasted overnight before sacrifice. Relative hepatic mRNA expression of genes involved in bile metabolism and of two previously described miR-33 targets were determined by real time qPCR. Data are shown as mean \pm SD; ** $P < 0.01$

Figure S2. Bile acid secretion and synthesis are decreased in cells overexpressing miR-33. HuH7 cells were seeded in 24-well plates and transduced with empty (open bars) or miR-33 (closed bars) adenovirus. The next morning, cells were pulsed in media supplemented with 0.2% BSA and cyclodextran:cholesterol spiked with [¹⁴C]-cholesterol (prepared as described in Christian *et al.*, 1997). The final specific activity in the media was 2 μ Ci/mL. After 6 h, cells were washed in PBS and chased in fresh media supplemented with 0.2% BSA for 24 or 48 h. Chloroform- and water-soluble radiolabeled sterols (cholesterol and bile acids, respectively) were separated as described in Methods for the RCT experiment. Figure shows data from 8 replicas per condition. ** $P < 0.01$ miR-33 vs. empty; [§] 48 h vs. 24 h.

Figure S3. Hepatic expression of selected genes involved in lipid metabolism in mice overexpressing miR-33.

A. C57BL/6 mice (n=5) were transduced with empty or miR-33 encoding adenovirus vectors and then switched to a lithogenic diet, as described in *Fig. 3*. The relative abundance of selected genes was determined by real time qPCR.

B. Potential miR-33 response element in the 3'UTR of mouse and human *SREBP-1*. Asterisks denote complementarity to miR-33.

C. The 3'UTR of mouse *Srebp-1*, or the potential murine miR-33 responsive element shown in panel B were cloned downstream of a luciferase reporter. The effect of miR-33 overexpression on Luc activity was assayed as described in *Fig. 2*. Negative control (empty luc vector) and a positive control (reporter containing a 100% match to miR-33) were also included in these experiments.

D. Nuclear extracts were prepared from the livers of the same mice (as described in Sheng et al, 1995). Pieces from 2 livers were pooled to generate each nuclear extract sample. Fifty μg of total protein were separated by SDS-PAGE and probed with antibodies against the mature SREBP1, and β -actin.

E. C57BL/6 mice (n=5) were transduced with empty or miR-33 encoding adenovirus vectors and kept on a standard chow diet. The relative abundance of selected genes was determined by real time qPCR. Data are shown as mean \pm SD; nd, not detected; * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; nd, not detected.

Figure S4. Analysis of mouse and human *ABCG5* and *ABCG8* as potential direct targets of miR-33.

A. Human HepG2 and Huh7 hepatoma cells were transduced with empty or miR-33- encoding adenovirus, and the expression of *ABCG5* and *ABCG8* was measured 48 h later by real time qPCR.

B. The 3'UTR of mouse and human *ABCG5* and *ABCG8* were amplified from genomic DNA and cloned downstream of a luciferase reporter. The effect of miR-33 overexpression on Luc activity was assayed as described in *Fig. 2*. Negative control (empty luc vector) and a positive control (reporter containing a 100% match to miR-33) were also included in these experiments.

C. Human Huh7 hepatoma cells were transduced with empty or miR-33-encoding adenovirus, and then incubated in the presence or absence of agonists for LXR:RXR [T0901317:9-*cis*-retinoic acid; 1 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ each] for 48 h. The protein levels of ABCA1 and *ABCG5* were measured by Western blot using 50 μg of total protein extract.

D. Analysis of the 3'UTR of human and mouse *ABCG5* and *ABCG8*. Sequences in red and underlined are partially complementary to the seed sequence of miR-33. Sequences in italics and underlined are polyA signals. Data are shown as mean \pm SD; * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$.

Figure S5. Simvastatin and lithogenic diet induce liver toxicity.

A. C57BL/6 mice (n=4) were gavaged with simvastatin and kept on chow for a week. The expression of miR-33 was normalized to that of U6 snRNA

B. C57BL/6 mice (n=4) were gavaged with simvastatin and fed a lithogenic diet as described in *Fig. 6*. The expression of miR-33 was normalized to that of U6 snRNA.

C. Daily body weight change (n=6).

D. Daily average food consumption (n=6).

E. Lipidomics analysis of hepatic contents (n=3) was performed by ESI-M. Individual molecular species were quantified by comparisons to the internal standards as described in Methods.

F. Lipidomics analysis of plasma (n=3).

Data are shown as mean \pm SD.

Figure S6. Silencing miR-33 rescues the liver damage induced by simvastatin and lithogenic diet. C57BL/6 mice (n=12) were injected with scrambled or anti-miR-33 oligonucleotides, and subsequently dosed with simvastatin and fed a lithogenic diet, as described in *Fig. 7*.

A. Relative expression of miR-33, normalized to U6 snRNA (n=4).

B. Lipidomics analysis of hepatic contents (n=3) was performed by ESI-MS. Individual molecular species were quantified by comparisons to the internal standards as described in Methods.

C. Lipidomics analysis of plasma (n=3).

D. Relative expression of detoxifying genes in the same mice (n=5 for each group of scrambled; n=10 for the anti-miR-33 group). The expression of *Oatp4* and *Car* was significantly higher in the antisense group, compared to both scrambled groups. The expression of most transcripts, with the exception of *Cyp3a11* and *Mrp4*, was significantly decreased in the moribund group.

Data are shown as mean \pm SD.

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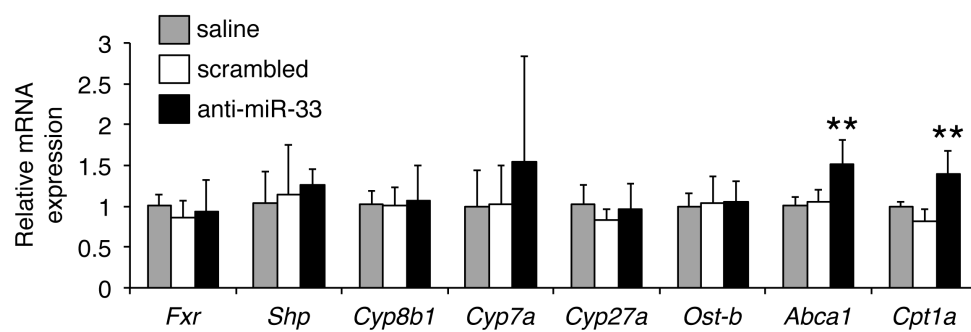


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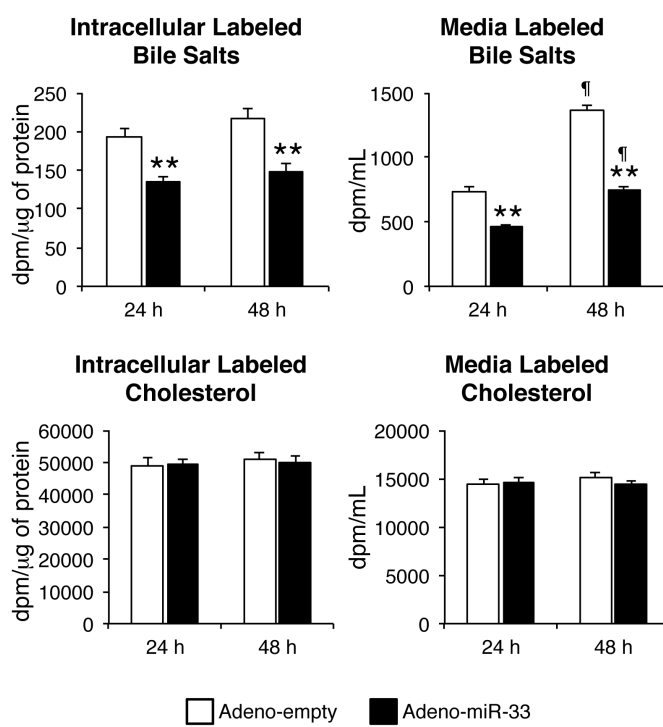
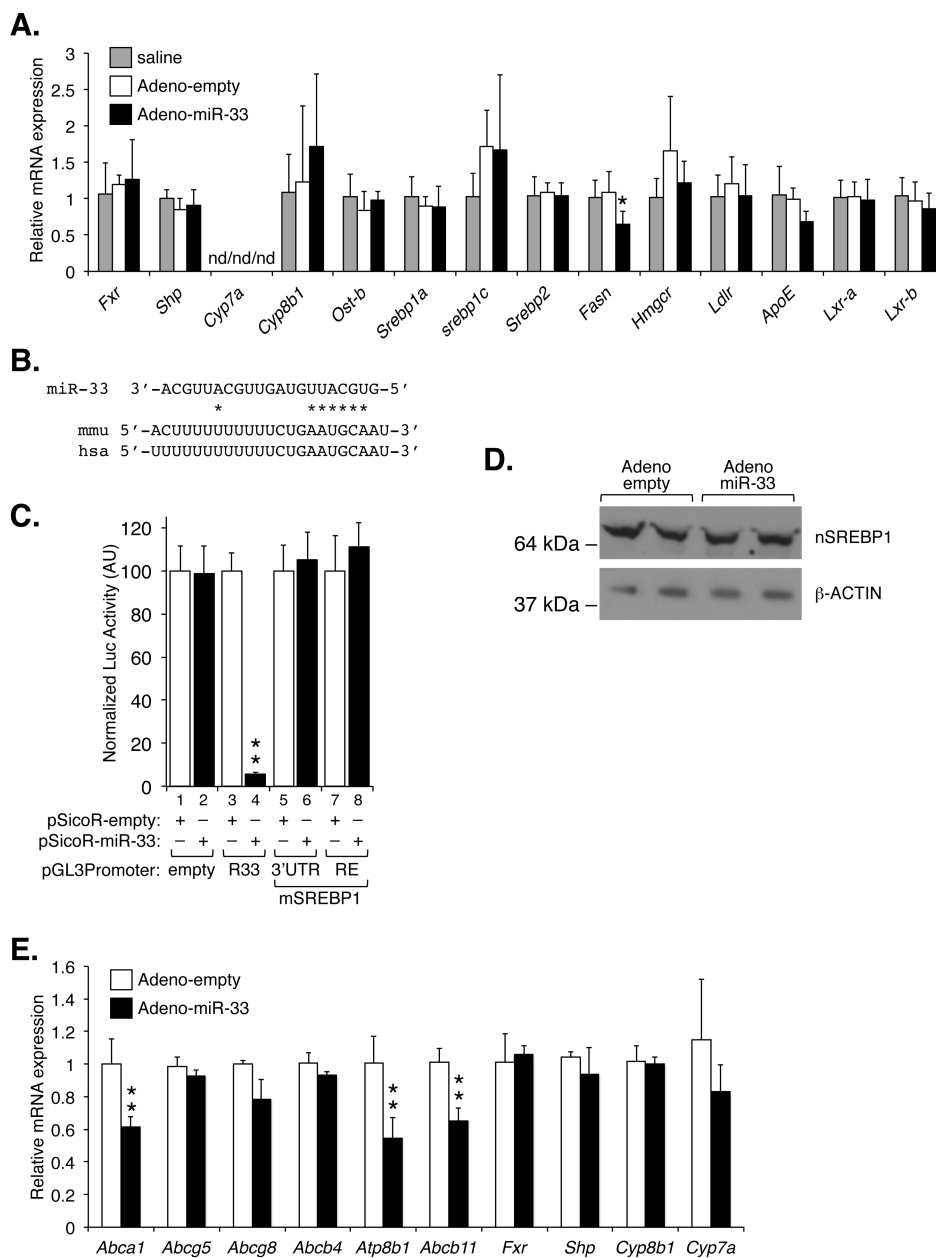


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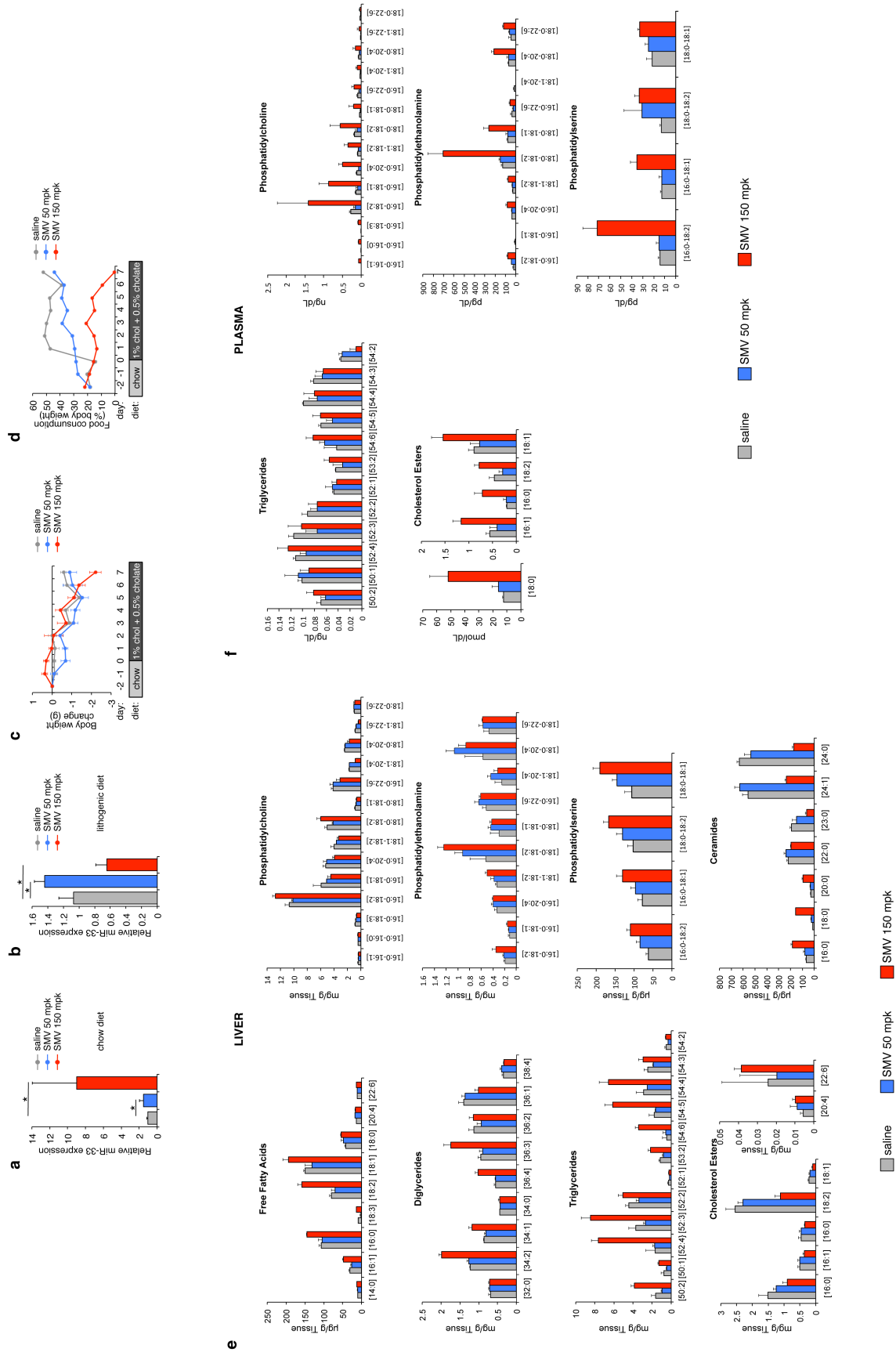
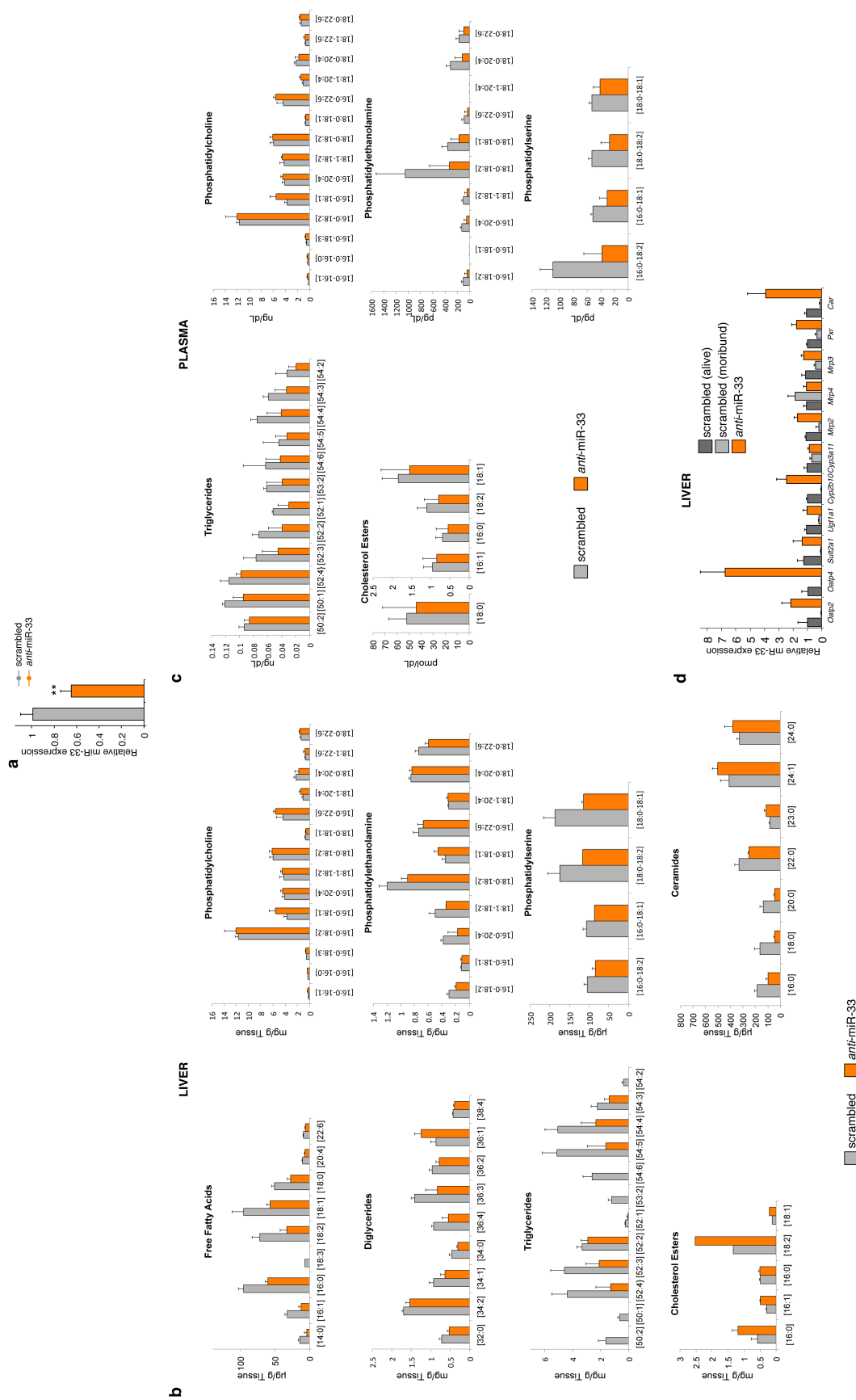


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