

Supporting materials and methods

Mice and diets

IRF9 KO mice were backcrossed with C57BL/6 mice for 6 or more generations. The genotyping forward primer 5'-TCAATGTTCCGATGTGGCAGTTCAAAGGATC-3' was used in combination with the reverse primer 5'-TATCGAATACTGCCAGCAGGAACCC-3' to detect endogenous IRF9 or 5'-TCCTGCTTTACGCTATCGCCGCTCCCGATT-3' to detect mutant IRF9 mRNA. We initiated our animal experiments using eight-week-old male mice. The mice were housed at controlled temperature ($23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$) with a 12-hour light and a 12-hour dark cycle and given free access to water and a standard rodent diet prior to our study. Mouse body weight and fasting blood glucose levels were measured every four weeks, and food intake was monitored weekly.

Tissue processing and histological analyses

After 26 weeks of diet treatment, the mice were anesthetized with 3% pentobarbital sodium, and macroscopic pictures of their physical appearance were taken. Next, the mice were sacrificed, and their livers were rapidly harvested and weighed. Each liver was cut into two parts: one part was immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen for molecular biological analysis, and the other part was either fixed in 10% formalin or frozen with Tissue-Tek[®] OCT[™] Compound (Japan) in dry ice and then embedded. Liver tissues were cut into sections and stained with H&E (5 μm per section) to assess hepatic steatosis. For Oil red O staining, frozen liver sections (4 μm) were stained with Oil red O (Sigma) for 30 minutes. The sections were counterstained with Mayer hematoxylin after destaining in 60% isopropanol. Liver sections were also stained with anti-IRF9 antibody (Santa Cruz, sc10793), anti-HNF4 antibody (Abcam, ab41898) and immunofluorescent secondary antibody (Invitrogen,

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4 A11011). All digital images were obtained with a light microscope (Olympus DX51, Japan).
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6 IRF9-positive cells were counted with Image Pro Plus 6.0.
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10 11 **Metabolic studies and serum cytokine analyses**

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13 For GTTs, an i.p. injection of 1 g/kg glucose (Sigma-Aldrich Co. St. Louis, MO, USA) was
14 administered. For ITTs, an i.p. injection of 0.75 U/kg insulin (Novolin R, Novo Nordisk Co.,
15 Bagsvaerd, Denmark) was administered. Blood glucose levels were measured with a glucometer
16 (One Touch Ultra Easy, Life Scan) before glucose or insulin injection (after a 6-hour fast) and 15, 30,
17 60, and 120 minutes after injection. Serum fasting insulin was measured by ELISA (Millipore). The
18 homeostasis model assessment of the IR index was calculated as $HOMA-IR = [FBG (mmol/l) \times$
19 $FIns(mIU/l)]/22.5$. Hepatic triglyceride, total cholesterol, and non-esterified fatty acid (NEFA) levels
20 were determined using commercial kits (Wako). Triglycerides, total cholesterol, HDL-C, LDL-C,
21 non-esterified fatty acid (NEFA), and β -hydroxybutyrate serum levels were determined using
22 commercial kits (Wako and Abcam). Serum cytokines IL-1 β , IL-6, IL-4, TNF- α , MCP-1, IL-10,
23 leptin, resistin, and adiponectin were measured by ELISA (R&D, MBL, RayBio, Invitrogen,
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46 **Assessment of liver function**

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RNA isolation and quantitative real-time PCR

Total RNA from liver tissue and primary hepatocytes was isolated using TRIzol reagent (7950567275, Roche). Two micrograms of total RNA was used for cDNA synthesis with Transcriptor First Stand cDNA Synthesis Kit (04896866001, Roche). Quantitative real-time PCR reactions were performed in 20 μ l volumes (Light Cycler 480 SYBR Green I Master, 04887352001, Roche) using the LightCycler® 480 Real-time PCR system (Roche) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Gene expression levels were calculated after normalization to the standard housekeeping gene β -actin and expressed as relative mRNA levels compared with the internal control. See the Supporting table 2 for the primer pairs used.

Western blot

Liver tissue was lysed with RIPA lysis buffer containing 20 μ l PMSF, 100 μ l Complete protease inhibitors, 100 μ l PhosSTOP, 50 μ l NaF, and 10 μ l Na_3VO_4 . Total protein was quantified with the BCA kit (Thermo). Fifty micrograms of each protein sample was used for SDS/PAGE electrophoresis, followed by transfer to a PVDF membrane (Millipore). Protein expression levels were quantified and normalized to GAPDH as a loading control. All the antibodies used in this study are listed in the Supporting table 3.

Recombinant adenoviral vectors and in vivo adenovirus-mediated gene transfer

Hepatic IRF9 overexpression in two insulin-resistant mouse models (male C57BL/6 mice fed an HFD for 20 weeks and male *ob/ob* mice) was accomplished via jugular vein injection of GFP or Flag-tagged IRF9 (5×10^9 pfu) adenoviruses. PPAR α was overexpressed in the livers of 20-week,

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4 HFD-fed C57BL/6 mice and IRF9 KO mice by jugular vein injection of GFP or Flag-tagged PPAR α
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6 adenoviruses (5×10^9 pfu). Four weeks post-adenoviral injection, all the mice in each group were
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8 sacrificed, and the tissues were rapidly removed; one section of the liver was frozen in liquid
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10 nitrogen and stored at -80 °C for further analysis. Other sections were fixed for future histology
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23 vena cava with perfusion buffer (0.9% saline), followed by digestion buffer (D Hanks' solution
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25 supplemented with 0.05% trypsin 25200, [GIBCO]). The cell suspension was sterile filtered and
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27 centrifuged at 50 g for 5 min to obtain hepatocytes. The hepatocytes were resuspended in DMEM
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29 media (15% FBS, 5 μ g/ml insulin, 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 U/ml streptomycin) until the supernatant
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31 was clear. Hepatocyte viability was determined by trypan blue exclusion using the Countess
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33 (Invitrogen). Hepatocytes were seeded on collagen-coated dishes (Sigma) and cultivated for 24 h at
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35 5% CO $_2$, 37 °C. The cultivation medium was replaced with fresh FBS-free media, and the cells were
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37 additionally incubated for 24 h before adenovirus administration. The cells were washed in PBS
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39 followed by incubation with the adenoviruses expressing mutant IRF9, Flag-tagged full-length IRF9
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51 **Plasmid Constructs**

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8 IRF9-N1-3', IRF9-C1-5' and IRF9-3', respectively. The products were digested with *EcoRI* and *XhoI*
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10 and ligated into pEGFP-myc-C1 to create an in-frame fusion with EGFP-myc. To obtain IRF9
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12 deletion mutant lacking 120-218, EGFP-myc-IRF9 was amplified with IRF9-dP-5' and IRF9-dP-3'.
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14 The resulting PCR products were phosphorylated with T4 PNK and then ligated to create
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16 EGFP-myc-IRF9 Δ 120-218. The Flag-PPAR α construct was generated by amplifying the encoding
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18 region of PPAR α gene with primers PPAR α -5' and PPAR α -3' from Myc-PPAR α and subcloning into
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20 pCMV-tag2B. To obtain the PPAR α fragment consisting of residues 1 to 101, 101-173, 173-278, and
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22 278 to 468, Flag-PPAR α were PCR amplified with PPAR α -5' and PPAR α -A/B-3', PPAR α -C-5' and
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24 PPAR α -C-3', PPAR α -D-5' and PPAR α -D-3', PPAR α -E-5' and PPAR α -3', respectively. The products
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41 Immunoprecipitation

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51 (13,000 g for 10 minutes at 4°C). For each immunoprecipitation, 500 μ l of the sample was
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18 **GST pull-down assay**

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24 fusion protein was immobilized on the glutathione-Sepharose 4B beads (GE healthcare Bio-Sciences
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26 AB). The GST-IRF9 beads were incubated with EGFP-Myc-PPAR α -transfected 293T cell lysates in
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28 immunoprecipitation buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.5%
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30 NP-40 supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail) for 4 hours at 4 °C. GST tag was used as the
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44 **Confocal microscopy of primary mouse hepatocytes**

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46 Primary mouse hepatocytes were seeded in a 12-well plate containing cover slips. After
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48 pCherry-IRF9 and pEGFP-PPAR α cotransfection for 48 h, the cells were fixed in 4% fresh
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50 paraformaldehyde for 15 minutes, permeabilized with 0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS for 5 minutes, then
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52 incubated in Image-IT™ FX signal enhancer (I36933, Invitrogen) for 30 minutes. The cells were
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54 washed with TBS-T three times and stained with DAPI (1 g/ml, 15 minutes). Finally, the slides were
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mounted with mounting solution (D2522, Sigma). Hepatocytes treated with secondary antibodies alone were used as a control. Images were obtained with a confocal laser-scanning microscope (Fluoview 1000; Olympus).

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Supporting figure legends

Supporting Figure 1. IRF9 deficiency does not affect food intake but enhances hepatic gluconeogenesis.

(A) Energy of food intake by wild-type and IRF9 KO mice fed with the normal chow or HFD was calculated every week. n=28-39 per group. (B) Relative mRNA levels of gluconeogenesis genes PEPCK, G6Pase in liver extracts. n=6-12 per group. For all the statistical significance is indicated and compared with the WT HFD group, **p < 0.01.

Supporting Figure 2. IRF9 deficiency aggravates the hepatic steatosis upon HFD feeding.

(A) Liver function was examined by measuring the levels of alanine transaminase (ALT), aspartate transaminase (AST) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) in the serum by reagent kits, n=7 per group. (B) Immunoblot analysis indicated the inhibition of AMPK signaling in liver extracts from IRF9 KO mice. Protein expression levels were quantified and normalized to loading control GAPDH. All values are expressed as the mean \pm SEM. The statistical significance is indicated and compared with the WT HFD group, **p<0.01, ***p < 0.001; compared with the WT NC group, ##p < 0.01.

Supporting Figure 3. Hepatic IRF9 overexpression improves metabolism in diet-induced obese mice.

(A) Immunoblot showed the IRF9 expression in livers, epididymal fat pads and gastrocnemius muscles four weeks after jugular vein injection of adenovirus within IRF9 cDNA or GFP sequence control. (B) Representative immunofluorescent images of liver section slides, which were stained with antibodies against hepatic nuclear factor 4 (HNF4, green) and IRF9 (red). DAPI (blue) was used

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24 **Supporting Figure 4. Hepatic IRF9 overexpression improves metabolism in *ob/ob* mice.**

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28 muscles four weeks after jugular vein injection of adenovirus within IRF9 cDNA or GFP sequence
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57 **Supporting Figure 5. IRF9 interacts with PPAR α to activate PPAR α target genes.**

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6 GFP or IRF9 plasmid are examined by real-time PCR. (B) The mRNA levels of PPAR α target genes
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10 PPAR α -interaction domain was deleted. (C) The mRNA levels of PPAR α target genes in the liver
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26 **Supporting Figure 6. Hepatic PPAR α overexpression rescues deregulated metabolism in IRF9**
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28 **KO mice.**
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31 (A) The mRNA levels of PPAR α target genes in primary mouse hepatocytes infected with adenovirus
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33 expressing IRF9 or vector controls. (B) Immunoblot showed the PPAR α expression in livers four
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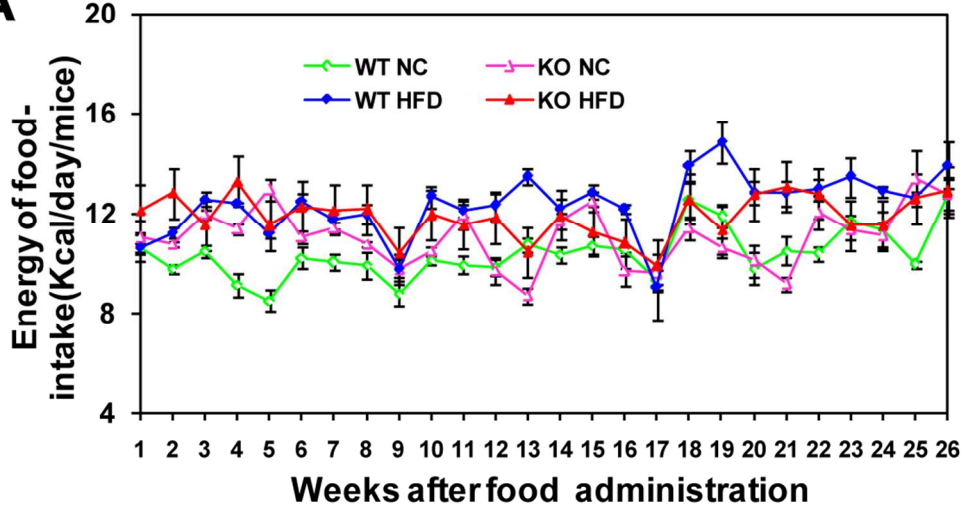
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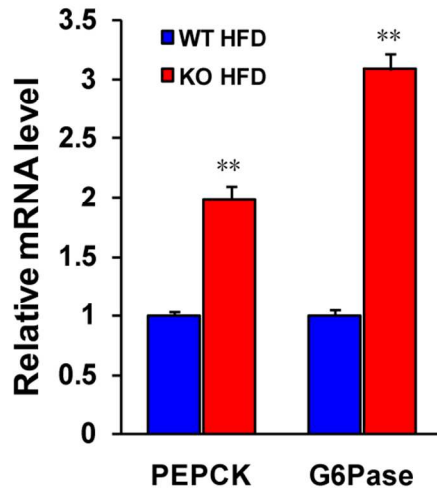
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Supporting Figure 1

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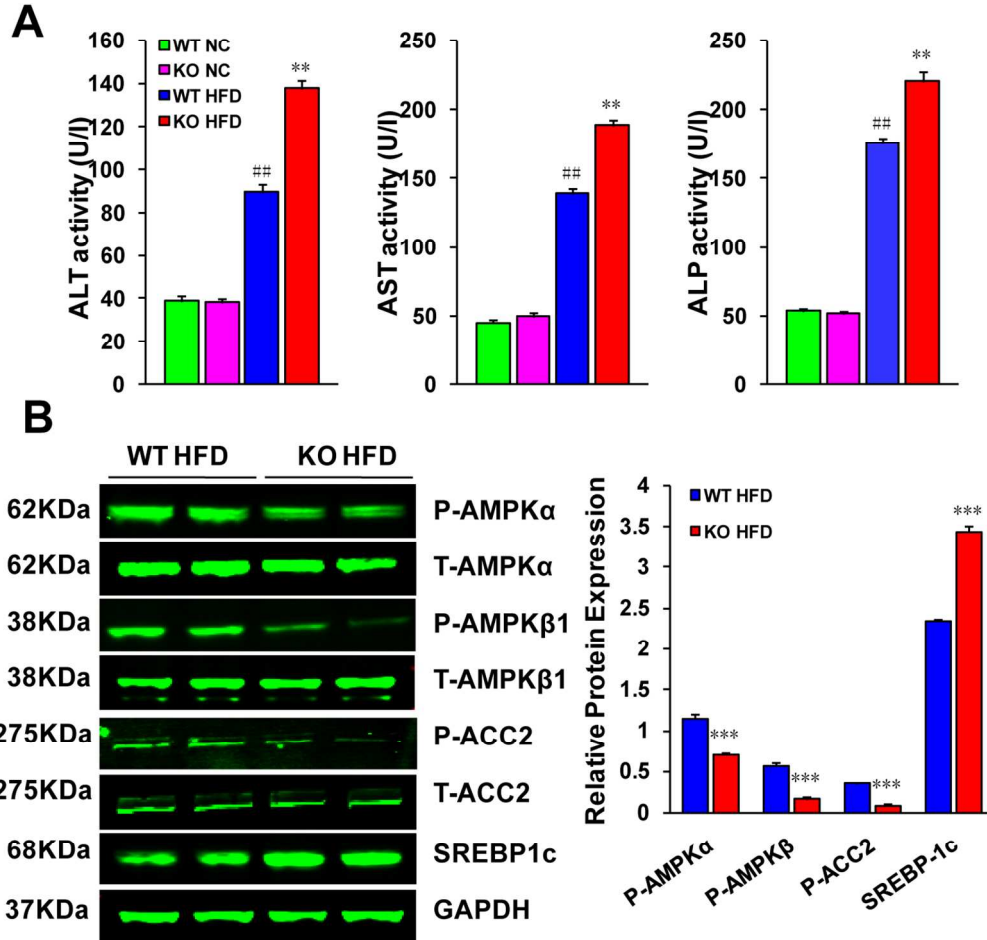


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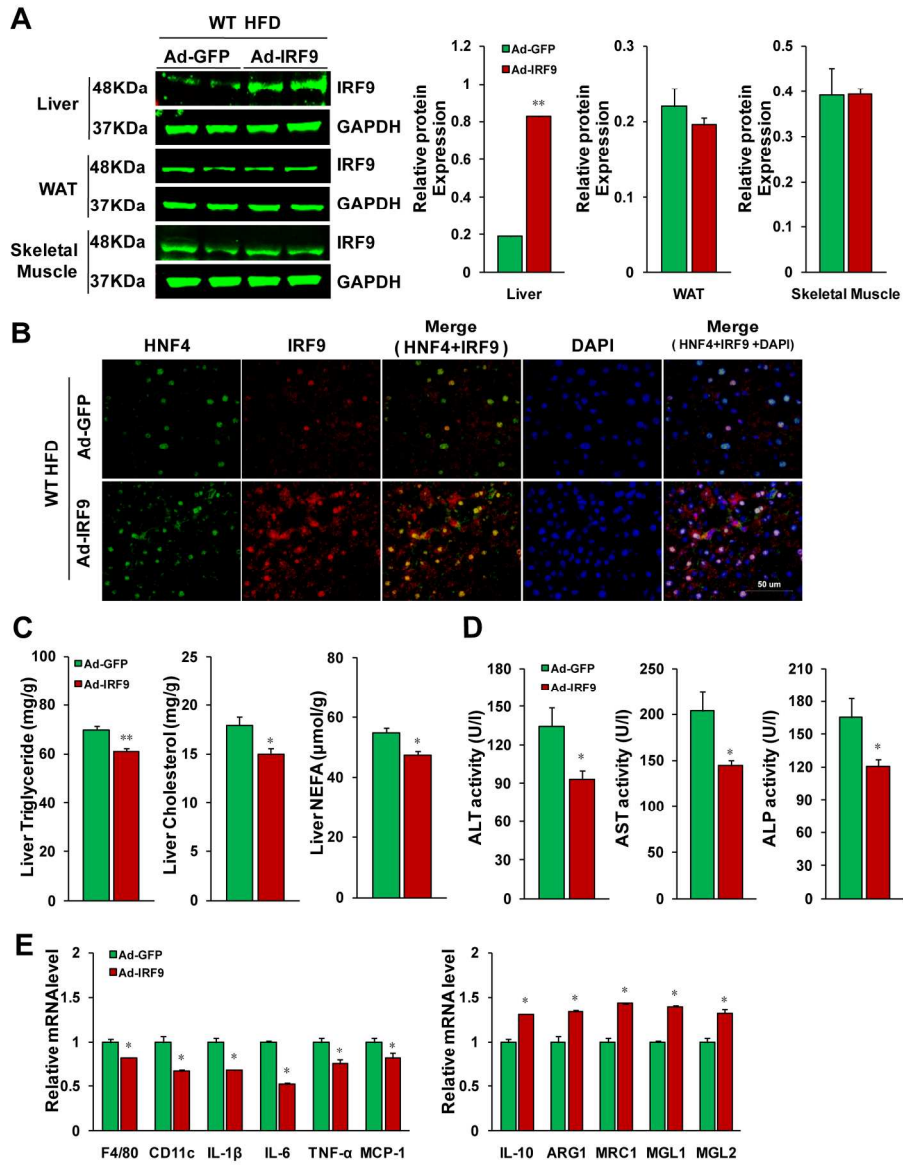
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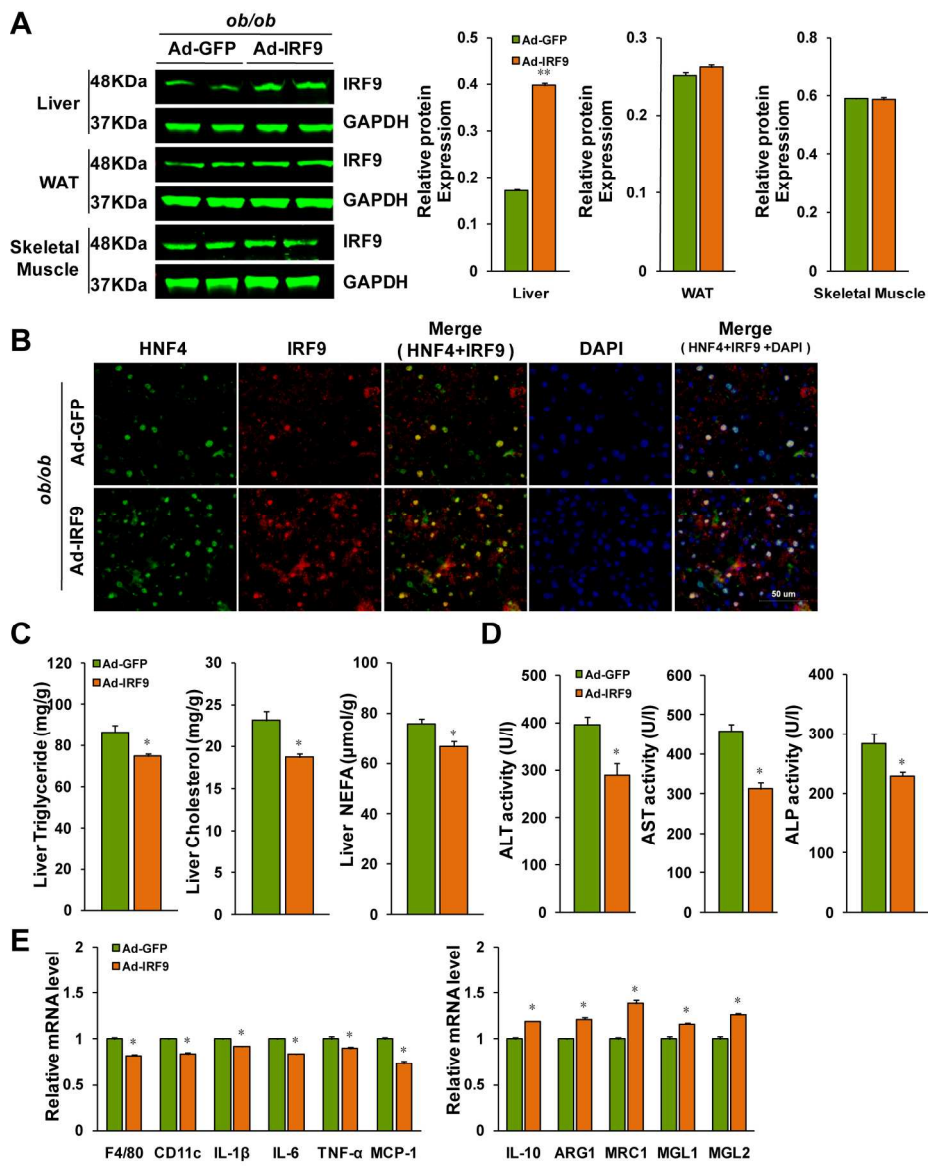
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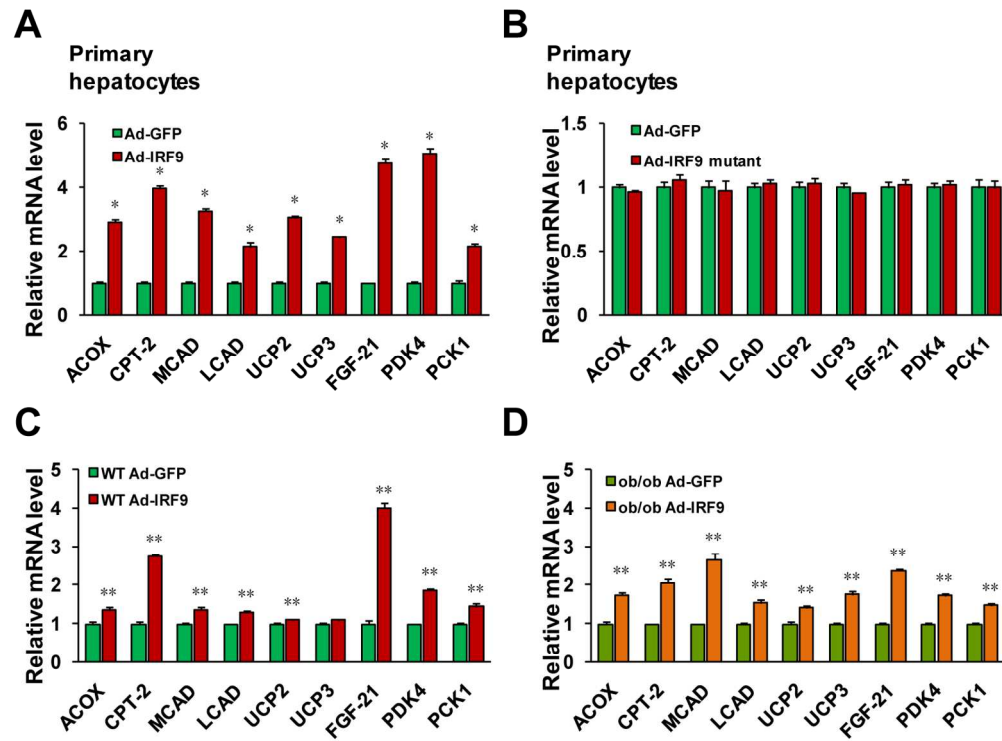
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Supporting Figure 4



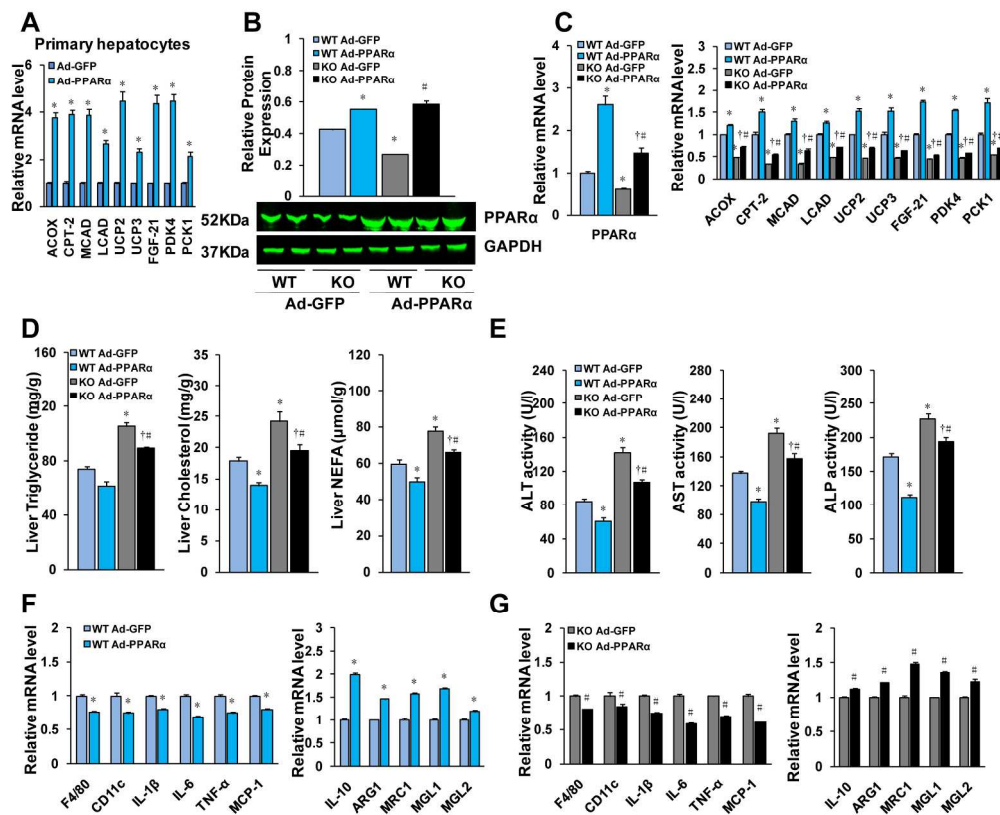
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Supporting Tables

Supporting table 1. Serum biochemical and cytokine, hormone analysis and liver function analysis kits.

Item	Manufacturer	Cat No.
Mouse CCL2/JE/MCP-1 Quantikine ELISA Kit	R&D	MJE00
Mouse Adiponectin ELISA Assay Kit	MBL international corporation	#JM-K4902-100
RayBio® Mouse IL-1 β ELISA Kit	RayBio	ELM-IL1beta-001
RayBio® Mouse Leptin ELISA Kit	RayBio	ELM-LEPTIN-001
RayBio® Mouse Resistin ELISA Kit	RayBio	ELM-Resistin-001
Mouse IL-10	Invitrogen	KMC0101
Mouse IL-4	Invitrogen	KMC0041
Mouse IL-6	Invitrogen	KMC0061
Mouse TNF- α	Peptotech	ADI-900-047
rat / mouse insulin ELISA kit	Millipore	EZRMI-13K
beta Hydroxybutyrate (beta HB) Assay Kit	abcam	ab83390
Cholesterol E, Total	Wako	439-17501
L-Type LDL-C Reagent 1	Wako	993-00404
L-Type LDL-C Reagent 2	Wako	999-00504
HDL-C/LDL-C Calibrator	Wako	990-28011
HDL-Cholesterol E	Wako	431-52501
L-Type TG M Enzyme Color A	Wako	461-08992
L-Type TG M Enzyme Color B	Wako	461-09092
Multi-Calibrator Lipid	Wako	464-01601
HR Series NEFA-HR(2) Color Reagent A	Wako	999-34691
HR Series NEFA-HR(2) Solvent A	Wako	995-34791
HR Series NEFA-HR(2) Color Reagent B	Wako	991-34891
HR Series NEFA-HR(2) Solvent B	Wako	993-35191
Wako NEFA Linearity Set	Wako	997-76491

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3	NEFA Standard Solution	Wako	276-76491
4	AST-R1	SYSMEX (Shanghai)	290505
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6	ALT-R1	SYSMEX (Shanghai)	290503
7	ALT-R2	SYSMEX (Shanghai)	290504
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Supporting table 2. Primers for Real-time PCR detection.

Gene		Sequence 5'---3'
β-actin	forward	AGATCATTGCTCCTCCTGAGCGCA
	reverse	AAACGCAGCTCAGTAACAGTCCGC
IRF9	forward	ACAACCTGAGGCCACCATTAGAGA
	reverse	CACCACTCGGCCACCATAG
PEPCK	forward	TGCCCCAGGCAGTGAGGAAGTT
	reverse	GTCAGTGAGAGCCAGCCAACAGT
G6Pase	forward	TCTGTCCCGGATCTACCTTG
	reverse	GCTGGCAAAGGGTGTAGTGT
HMGCR	forward	ATCATGTGCTGCTTCGGCTGCAT
	reverse	AAATTGGACGACCCTCACGGCT
LDLR	forward	ATGAGTGGCCACAGAACTGCC
	reverse	ATGCAGGAGCCATCTGCACACT
LXR-α	forward	TTGCCAAACAGCTCCCTGGCTT
	reverse	TTGATGAACTCCACCTGCAGCCCT
ABCA1	forward	AGGCACTCAAGCCACTGCTTGT
	reverse	TGCCTCTGCTGTCTAACAGCGT
ABCG1	forward	TGAACCCGTTTCTTTGGCACCG
	reverse	AGTCCCGCATGATGCTGAGGAA
ABCG5	forward	ACACCGGCATGCTCAATGCTGT
	reverse	AAATGACCGTGCGATGACGCT
ABCG8	forward	AGGAAGTGCGTTGCGCATGT
	reverse	TCTTCCACCCGTTTGTACGCT
CYP7A1	forward	TCAAAGAGCGCTGTCTGGGTCA
	reverse	TTTCCCGGGCTTTATGTGCGGT
SREBP-1c	forward	CACTTCTGGAGACATCGAAAC
	reverse	ATGGTAGACAACAGCCGCATC
ACCα	forward	GGCCAGTGCTATGCTGAGAT

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3		reverse	AGGGTCAAGTGCTGCTCCA
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8		reverse	GCGTTGAGCACCAGAGTGTATCG
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10	CD36	forward	TGGGTTTTGCACATCAAAGA
11		reverse	GATGGACCTGCAAATGTCAGA
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13	FABP1	forward	TGGTCCGCAATGAGTTCACCCT
14		reverse	CCAGCTTGACGACTGCCTTGACTT
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16	FATP1	forward	TGCACAGCAGGTACTACCGCAT
17		reverse	TGCGCAGTACCACCGTCAAC
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19	DGAT1	forward	TCCAGTGGGTTCCTGTTTGCT
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22	DGAT2	forward	AGATCGCAGTGGGTGCGAAACT
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28	ATGL	forward	TGGATGGCGGCATTCAGACA
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34	PPAR- α	forward	TATTCGGCTGAAGCTGGTGTAC
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37	ACOX	forward	CGGAAGATACATAAAGGAGACC
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PDK4	forward	TTCACACCTTCACCACATGC
	reverse	AAAGGGCGGTTTTCTTGATG
PCK1	forward	CAGTCATCATCACCCAAGAGCA
	reverse	GGGCGAGTCTGTCAGTTCAATAC
F4/80	forward	TCCTGCTGTGTCGTGCTGTTCA
	reverse	ATCCCGCAATGATGGCACAAGC
CD11c	forward	TTCCTGGCTGTTGGCTTGTGGT
	reverse	TGGACACTCCTGCTGTGCAGTT
IL-1 β	forward	CCGTGGACCTTCCAGGATGA
	reverse	GGGAACGTCACACACCAGCA
IL-6	forward	AGTTGCCTTCTTGGGACTGA
	reverse	TCCACGATTTCCCAGAGAAC
TNF- α	forward	CATCTTCTCAAATTCGAGTGACAA
	reverse	TGGGAGTAGACAAGGTACAACCC
MCP1	forward	TAAAAACCTGGATCGGAACCAAA
	reverse	GCATTAGCTTCAGATTTACGGGT
IL-10	forward	CCAAGCCTTATCGGAAATGA
	reverse	TTTTACAGGGGAGAAATCG
iNOS	forward	TGCGCCTTTGCTCATGACATCGA
	reverse	ATGGATGCTGCTGAGGGCTCTGTT
ARG1	forward	TGCAGCACTGAGGAAAGCTGGT
	reverse	ACCCAGCACCACACTGACTCTT
MRC1	forward	ACAACAGACAGGAGGACTGCGT
	reverse	AACCCATGCCGTTTCCAGCCTT
MGL1	forward	AACCCAAGAGCCTGGTAAAGCAGC
	reverse	ATCCAATCACGGAGACGACCACCA
MGL2	forward	AGGCCACTGCAGCCGGATAACT
	reverse	GCTGGCTTTGCCAGCTCTGTT

Supporting table 3. Antibodies for immunoblot analyses.

Antibody	Protein interaction sites	Cat No.	Manufacturer	Sources of species	Molecular Weight (KDa)	Dilution
GAPDH		MB001	Bioworld	mouse	37	1/10000
IRF9		sc10793	santa	rabbit	48	1/200
PPAR α		ab8934	abcam	rabbit	52	1/500
P-AMPK α	thr172	2535	cst	rabbit	62	1/1000

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3	T-AMPK α	2603	cst	rabbit	62	1/1000
4	P-AMPK β ser108	4181	cst	rabbit	38	1/1000
5						
6	T-AMPK β	4150	cst	rabbit	38	1/1000
7						
8	P-ACC2 ser219/ser221	sc-30446-R	santa	rabbit	280	1/200
9	T-ACC2	3676	cst	rabbit	280	1/1000
10	SREBP-1c	ab3259	abcam	mouse	120,60	1/1000
11	P-IRS-1 Tyr608	09-432	millipore	rabbit	170	1/1000
12						
13	T-IRS-1	2382	cst	rabbit	180	1/1000
14						
15	P-AKT ser473	4060	cst	rabbit	60	1/1000
16	T-AKT	4691	cst	rabbit	60	1/1000
17						

Supporting table 4. The primers for making constructs.

Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3')
IRF9-5'	CCGGAATTC [#] ATGGCATCAGGCAGGGCACG
	CCGCTCGAGCTACACCAGGGACAGAATGGC
IRF9-3'	TG
	CCGCTCGAGCTAGACGATTCTGGTGGCAGC
IRF9-N1-3'	A
IRF9-C1-5'	CCGGAATTC [#] TTTCTGCTTCCTCCAGAGCC
IRF9-N2-5'	CCGGAATTC [#] GTCTCTGGCCAGCCAGGGAC
	CCGCTCGAGCTACAGTGAGTAGTCTGGCTCT
IRF9-N2-3'	G
IRF9-dP-5'	TCACTGCTGCTCACCTTCATC
IRF9-dP-3'	GATTCCTGGTGGCAGCAACTG
PPAR α -5'	CGCGGATCCATGGTGGACACGGAAAGCCC
PPAR α -3'	ACGCGTCGACTCAGTACATGTCCCTGTAGAT
	ACGCGTCGACTCATTTCGATGTTCAATGCTCC
PPAR α -A/B-3'	AC
PPAR α -C-5'	CGCGGATCCGAATGTAGAATCTGCGGGGA
	ACGCGTCGACTCAAAAACGAATCGCGTTGT
PPAR α -C-3'	GTG
PPAR α -D-5'	CGCGGATCC [#] TTTGGACGAATGCCAAGATC
	ACGCGTCGACTCAGCACTGGCAGCAGTGAA
PPAR α -D-3'	AGA
PPAR α -E-5'	CGCGGATCC [#] TGCACGTCAGTGGAGACCGT

[#]Sites for restriction enzyme are underlined.