

**SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S2.** Increase of ROS levels in the liver of vitamin C-insufficient Gulo(-/-) in response to Con A. WT [Gulo(+/+)], vitamin C-insufficient [Gulo(-/-)], and vitamin C-sufficient [Gulo(-/-)+VC] mice were intravenously injected with 20  $\mu$ g/g of Con A or phosphate buffered saline (PBS). At 4 h after injection, the liver cells were isolated, and the intracellular ROS levels were measured by DCFA-DA, as described in the Supplementary Materials and Methods section. (A) Representative histogram. (B) Mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of DCF is represented as the mean ± SD [data were presented as the means ± SDs. Newman–Keuls multiple comparison test was used to compare the all groups, n=3, \*p < 0.05 vs. WT mice,  $^{\dagger}p < 0.05 vs$ . Gulo(-/-)+VC]. Con A, concanavalin A; DCF, dichlorofluorescein; ROS, reactive oxygen species.