

**Table S1, related to Figure 1.** Effects of deleting  $\beta$ Klotho in nervous system on metabolic parameters.

	$Klb^{fl/fl}$	$Klb^{fl/fl}/Tg$	$Klb^{Camk2a}$	$Klb^{Camk2a}/Tg$
Plasma Glucose (mg/dl)	194±22	152±4.4*	172±11	195±16
Plasma Insulin (ng/ml)	46.6±22	2.0±0.3*	30.2±15	48.3±25
Plasma Cholesterol (mg/dl)	303±19	178±13*	256±20	259±20
Plasma Triglyceride (mg/dl)	77.3±1.1	68.6±3.8	83.6±3.2	85.3±5.2
Plasma Leptin (ng/ml)	70.1±9.1	25.8±7.8*	50.3±4.6	65.8±6.8
Hepatic Cholesterol	3.7±0.4	2.5±0.1*	2.9±0.2	3.3±0.3
Hepatic Triglyceride	86.9±17	14.7±2.9*	51.3±9.0	70.0±16

Measurements were made after 3 months on the high fat diet. Data are shown as the mean ± S.E.M. n=8-13/group. \*p<0.05 compared to control ( $Klb^{fl/fl}$  or  $Klb^{Camk2a}$ ).

Figure S1

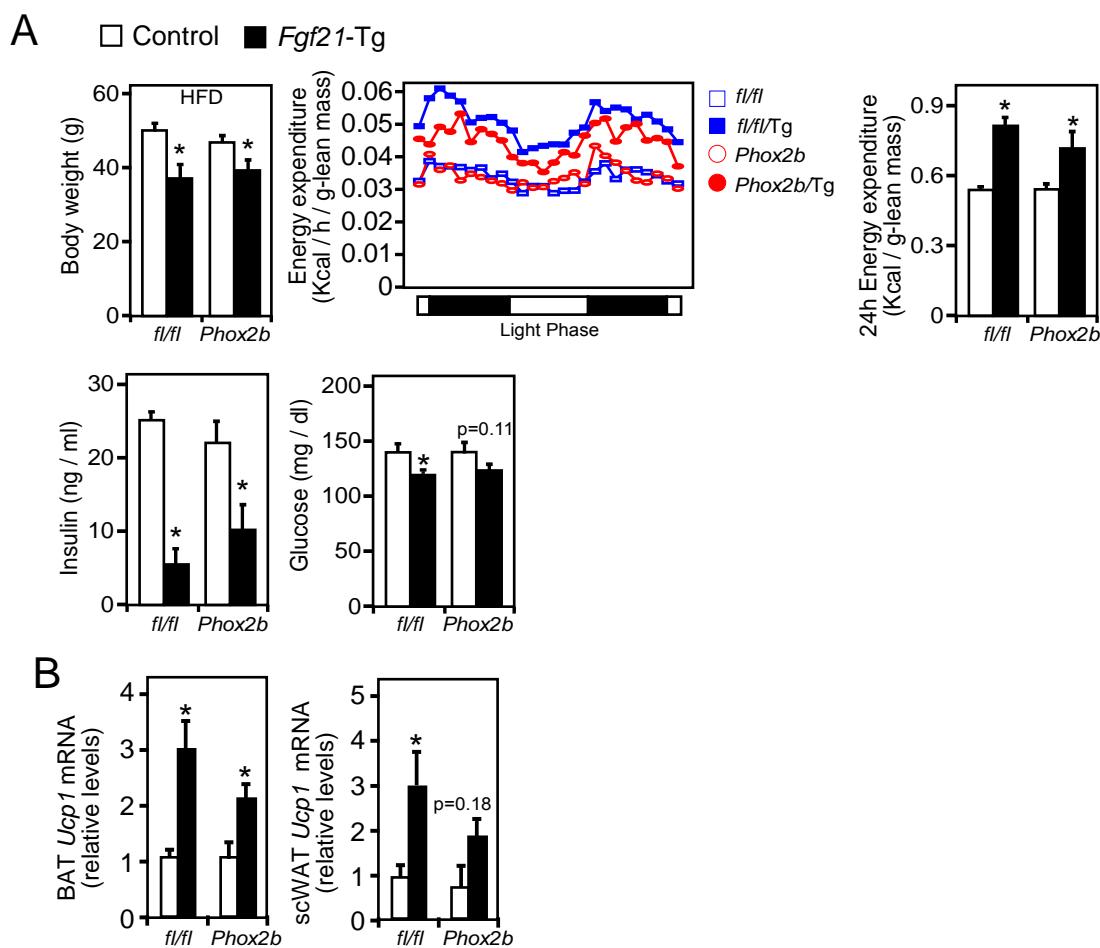
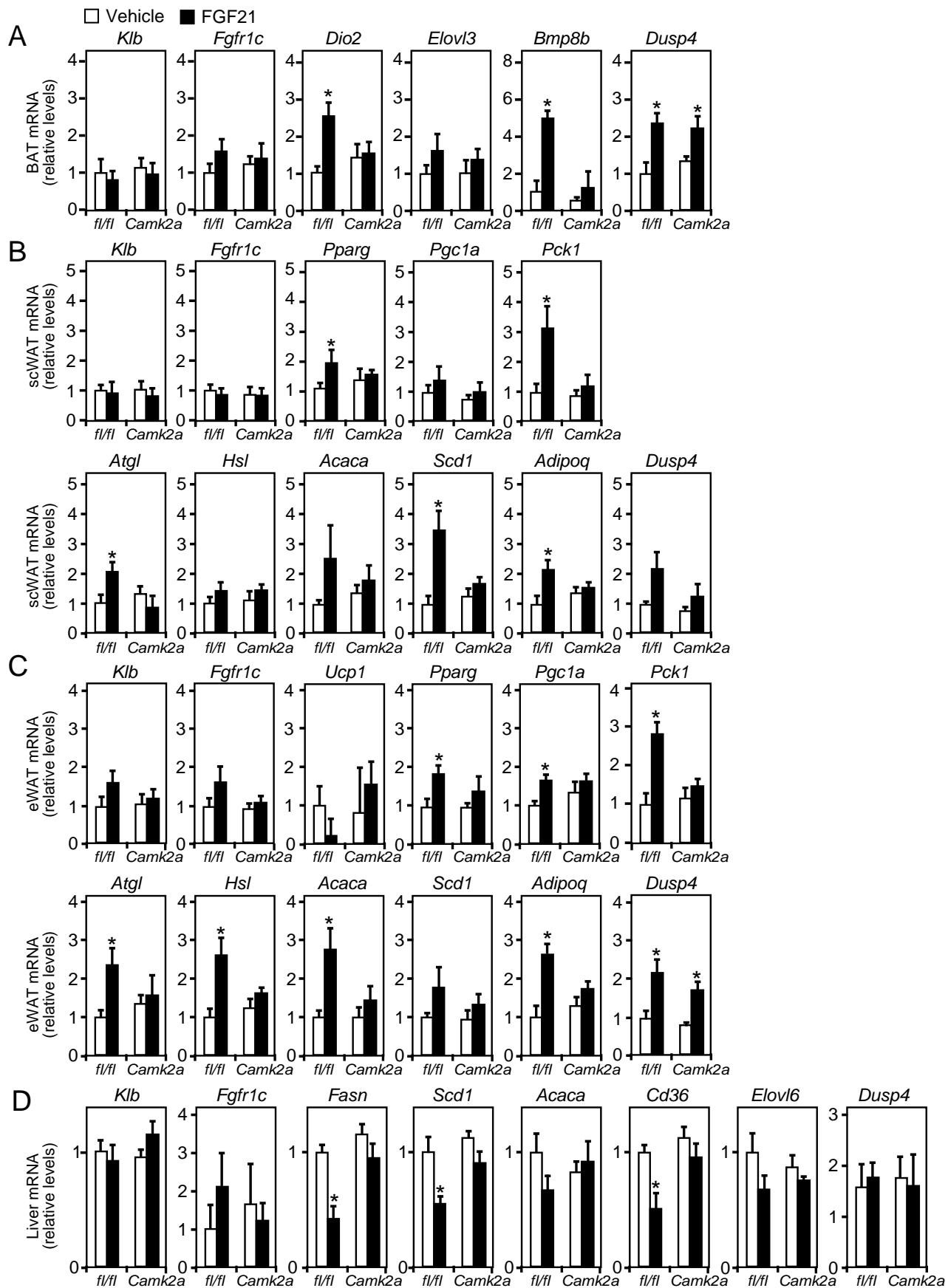


Figure S2



**Figure S1, related to Figure 1. FGF21 does not affect metabolic parameters in  $Klb^{Phox2b}$  mice.**

(A) Body weight was measured in groups of  $Klb^{fl/fl}$ ,  $Klb^{fl/fl}/Tg$ ,  $Klb^{Phox2b}$  and  $Klb^{Phox2b}/Tg$  mice after 3 months on high fat diet (HFD). 24 hour heat production was measured starting 24 hours after switching mice to the HFD. Plasma insulin and glucose concentrations were made after 3 months on the HFD.

(B) Uncoupling protein 1 (*Ucp1*) gene expression was measured by QPCR in brown adipose tissue (BAT) and subcutaneous white adipose tissue (scWAT) in groups of  $Klb^{fl/fl}$ ,  $Klb^{fl/fl}/Tg$ ,  $Klb^{Phox2b}$  and  $Klb^{Phox2b}/Tg$  mice after 3 months on the HFD.

Data are the mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. n=6-7/group. \*p<0.05 compared to control.

**Figure S2, related to Figure 3.  $Klb$  expression in the nervous system is required for the effects of recombinant FGF21 on gene expression in diet-induced obese mice.**

(A-D) Gene expression was analysed by QPCR in (A) brown adipose tissue (BAT), (B) subcutaneous (sc) white adipose tissue (WAT), (C) epididymal (e) WAT, and (D) liver of  $Klb^{fl/fl}$  and  $Klb^{Camk2a}$  mice administered either recombinant FGF21 (0.8 mg/kg/day) or vehicle by osmotic minipump for 2 weeks.

Data are the mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. n=5-6/group. \*p<0.05 compared to vehicle.