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## SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

### Chemicals and Reagents

Aspirin, sodium salicylate, SB 203580, cycloheximide, GW4064 (Sigma), LTB<sub>4</sub>, 15-epi-LXA<sub>4</sub>, LXA<sub>4</sub> and LXB<sub>4</sub> (Cayman Chemicals), [<sup>3</sup>H]-cholesterol (NET139001MC, PerkinElmer) and [<sup>14</sup>C]-glycocholic acid (NEC838050UC, PerkinElmer). 5-(R/S)-methyl-LXB<sub>4</sub> and 8,9-acetylenic-LXB<sub>4</sub> were a kind gift from Professor Charles N. Serhan, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University, Boston, MA ([Maddox et al., 1998](#)).

### Animal Studies

At the end of the studies, animals were fasted for 4 h and anesthetized. Blood samples were taken, mice sacrificed by cervical dislocation, and liver biopsies were snap-frozen. Kupffer cell depletion in mice was induced via iv-injection of clodronate-liposomes as described previously by our laboratory ([Theurl et al., 2008](#)). For atherosclerosis studies, male *LDLr*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (Jackson Laboratories Germany) were fed a Western-type diet for 14 weeks, then switched to normal chow and treated either with water containing aspirin (6 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> per d) or vehicle for another 6 weeks. At the end of the study, lipoprotein separation of pooled plasma revealed a 50% reduction of HDL-C in the aspirin treated group (114.9 vs. 68.0 mg dl<sup>-1</sup>, control vs. aspirin). Atherosclerosis lesion area was quantified as described previously ([Tancevski et al., 2010](#)). Male C57BL/6, *Alox5*<sup>+/+</sup>, and *Alox5*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were obtained from

Jackson Laboratories Germany. Male *Alox12/15<sup>+/+</sup>* and *Alox12/15<sup>-/-</sup>* mice obtained from Jackson Laboratories were bred at Akita University, Japan and University of Groningen, The Netherlands. Male *Abcb11<sup>-/-</sup>* on C57BL/6 background were described previously (Zhang et al., 2012). Of note, *Abcb11<sup>-/-</sup>* mice displayed similar plasma HDL-C levels compared to littermate controls ( $56.8 \pm 1.5$  vs.  $57.2 \pm 10.0$  mg dl<sup>-1</sup>, *Abcb11<sup>+/+</sup>* vs. *Abcb11<sup>-/-</sup>* mice, n = 5, mean  $\pm$  SEM, n.s.).

### Macrophage-to-feces RCT Studies

Macrophage *in vivo* RCT studies using J774 macrophages (ATCC) were performed as described (Naik et al., 2006; Tancevski et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2003). J774 macrophages were grown in suspension using a CELLspin 500 (Integra Biosciences), radiolabeled with 2.5  $\mu$ Ci ml<sup>-1</sup> [<sup>3</sup>H]-cholesterol and loaded with 40  $\mu$ g ml<sup>-1</sup> acetylated LDL (AcLDL) for 48 h. These foam cells were washed twice, equilibrated in medium with 0.2% bovine serum albumin for 6 h, spun down, and resuspended in PBS. [<sup>3</sup>H]-cholesterol-labeled and AcLDL-loaded J774 cells (typically  $5 \times 10^6$  cells containing  $2 \times 10^6$  counts per minute [CPM] in 0.6 ml PBS) were injected intraperitoneally (Tancevski et al., 2010). Plasma samples were taken at 6, 24, and 48 h post-injection. Feces were collected continuously from 0 to 48 h and stored at 4°C before extraction of sterols (Naik et al., 2006). At study termination (48 h after injection), mice were exsanguinated. Fecal cholesterol as well as bile acid extractions were performed as described (Naik et al., 2006). Radioactivity in plasma and in fecal lipid extracts was measured in a liquid scintillation counter, and is given as % CPM injected.

### [<sup>14</sup>C]-glycocholic Acid Study

To determine the bile flow, a previously described protocol was modified (Wang et al., 2001): Trace amounts of [<sup>14</sup>C]-glycocholic acid were injected into the tail vein of mice, and after 30 minutes the tracer was quantified in total bile of mice using a liquid scintillation counter.

### Plasma and Fecal Sterol Analysis

Total cholesterol and PEGylated HDL-C in mouse plasma were measured using a Roche commercial kit as described (Tancevski et al., 2010). Additionally, in some experiments pooled plasma from each group was subjected to FPLC fractionation analysis with two tandem Superose 6 columns (GE Healthcare) as described previously, and cholesterol was measured in single fractions employing a Roche commercial kit (Tancevski et al., 2010). Fecal bile acid mass analysis and measurement of

plasma 7 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-4-cholesten-3-one (C4) were performed as described ([Galman et al., 2003](#); [Tancevski et al., 2010](#)).

### **Studies in Primary Murine Hepatocytes**

Primary murine hepatocytes were prepared as described ([Theurl et al., 2008](#)). Hepatocytes were treated *in vitro* with indicated reagents or vehicle (DMSO) in serum-free medium for 24 h, after which protein or RNA extraction was performed. For the actinomycin D and cycloheximide experiments, cells were pre-treated before adding indicated compounds as described ([Kubitz et al., 2004](#); [Sirvent et al., 2004](#)).

### **FXR reporter assay**

FXR reporter assay was performed by Indigo Biosciences, State College, PA, USA.

### **Protein Extraction and Immunoblot Analysis**

Preparation of proteins and subsequent immunoblot analysis were performed as described ([Tancevski et al., 2010](#)). The anti-Abcb11 antibody was previously described by Renxue Wang ([Wang et al., 2001](#)). Anti-Abcc2, anti-LDLr and anti-Albumin antibodies were from ABCAM, anti-SR-BI was from Novus Biologicals, anti-Actin from Sigma Aldrich. The chemoluminescent reaction was performed using Super Signal West Dura Reagent (Pierce), blots were visualized by Fluor-S-Imager using Quantity One V4.1 software (BioRad) ([Tancevski et al., 2010](#)). Densitometric quantification was performed by the use of ImageJ.

### **RNA Isolation, Reverse Transcription, and Quantitative Real-time PCR (qRT-PCR)**

Total RNA was extracted using RNA bee according to the manufacturer's protocol (Tel-test Inc) and reverse transcribed with Omniscript-RT Kit (Qiagen). Primers are as follows:

*Abcb11*: 5' ATT GAA CTC CCC ATC GAG CC 3', 5' GCT GGG ATA TGC TTG GCA TTG 3';

*Cyp7a1*: 5' TCT CTG AAG CCA TGA TGC AAA 3', 5' TGA CCC AGA CAG CGC TCT T 3';

*Abcg5*: 5' ATT ATG TGC ATC TTA GGC AGC TC 3', 5' CGT AGG AGA AGC AGT CTT GGA A 3';

*Abcg8*: 5' AGT GGT CAG TCC AAC ACT CTG 3', 5' GAG ACC TCC AGG GTA TCT TGA A 3';

*Rps29*: 5' AGG ACA TAG GCT TCA TTA AGT TGG 3'; 5' AGC ATG ATC GGT TCC ACT TG 3';

*Alox5*: 5' GGA ACT GCA GGA CTT CGT GA 3'; 5' CCT GCT CTT GAT GGA CTT GG 3';

*Alox12*: 5' GGA CAA GTG CAG AGG CCG TGT T 3'; 5' CAT TGT CTC CTG CCA GGC GG 3';

*Alox15*: 5' ACA CTT GGT GGC TGA GGT CTT TG 3'; 5' CGG ACA TTG ATT TCC ATG GTG TAG 3';

*Cox1*: 5' CCA GAA CCA GGG TGT CTG TGT C 3'; 5' ACA GTT GGG GCC TGA GTA GC 3';

*Cox2*: 5' ACC CAT CAG TTT TTC AAG ACA GAT 3'; 5' GCG CAG TTT ATG TTG TCT GT 3';

Real-time PCR reactions were performed on a BioRad C1000 Cycler.

### Replication Cohorts

The LUdwigshafen Risk and Cardiovascular Health (LURIC) Study was described previously ([Winkelmann et al., 2001](#)). The Progressione Della Lesione Intimale Carotidea (PLIC) study was described previously ([Norata et al., 2010](#); [Norata et al., 2009](#)); SNP rs7068039 was genotyped in 2,141 individuals from this cohort, cholesterol efflux using apoB- depleted serum from 30 CC and 30 TT age- and sex-matched rs7068039 carriers was performed as described ([Baragetti et al., 2013](#)). Anthropomorphic characteristics and biochemical parameters in the PLIC population according to the *ALOX5* genotype are presented in **Table S2**.

## SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES

**Table S1, related to Figure 1. Ten Most Significantly HDL-C Associated SNPs within *ALOX5* in the GLGC 2010 Published Dataset**

SNP	Chr	Position	A1	A2	<i>P</i> value	Effect (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )	SE	eQTL <sup>a</sup>
rs7918542	10	45216257	A	G	2.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-0.271	0.093	NV
rs11239515	10	45222061	A	G	1.9 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-0.278	0.100	NV
rs11239516	10	45222543	T	G	1.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.294	0.100	NV
rs10900215	10	45227460	C	G	2.8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.275	0.100	5.8 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
rs11239524	10	45232777	T	G	2.7 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	-0.271	0.100	3.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
rs3780908	10	45244974	A	C	1.3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.348	0.097	NV
rs1487562	10	45248828	T	C	7.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.336	0.093	NV
<b>rs12765320</b>	10	45250811	T	C	<b>2.8 x 10<sup>-7</sup></b>	<b>-0.429</b>	<b>0.097</b>	NV
rs7080474	10	45251905	T	C	2.1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.394	0.097	NV
rs7068039	10	45252270	T	C	5.4 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	-0.386	0.097	NV

Results for all SNPs are based on the published GLGC data (Teslovich et al., 2010). The most significantly associated SNP within *ALOX5* (rs12765320) in this published data is highlighted. Chr, chromosome; A1, allele 1 (effect allele); A2, allele 2; SE, standard error; NV, non verifiable; eQTL, expression quantitative trait loci; <sup>a</sup>derived from the mRNA by SNP Browser 1.0.1 (2008) (Dixon et al., 2007; Moffatt et al., 2007).

**Table S2, related to Figure 1. Anthropomorphic characteristics and biochemical parameters in the PLIC population according to the *ALOX5* genotype**

Genotype	CC (n=30)		TT (n=30)		<i>P</i> value
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	
Age	55.3 ± 10.5	54.7 ± 10.9			n.s.
BMI (Kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	25.6 ± 3.4	26.3 ± 3.7			n.s.
Waist (cm)	87.1 ± 9.3	88.4 ± 10.2			n.s.
Hip (cm)	102.6 ± 6.5	103.8 ± 7.6			n.s.
Waist/Hip ratio	0.85 ± 0.07	0.86 ± 0.8			n.s.
PAS (mmHg)	125 ± 14	123 ± 16			n.s.
PAD (mmHg)	79 ± 6	80 ± 8			n.s.
TC (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )	207.2 ± 32	215.8 ± 32.2			n.s.
LDL-C (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )	127.4 ± 29.4	137.3 ± 29.5			n.s.
HDL-C (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )	64.6 ± 15.9	59.8 ± 15.8			n.s.
TG (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )	76.3 ± 31.2	93.6 ± 35.1			n.s.
Glucose (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )	88 ± 9.9	88.6 ± 9.3			n.s.

Anthropomorphic characteristics and biochemical parameters of the individuals from the PLIC study (Norata et al., 2010) whose serum was used to measure cholesterol efflux capacity according to the

*ALOX5* genotype shown in **Figure 1D**. BMI, body mass index; PAS, systolic arterial pressure; PAD, diastolic arterial pressure; TC, total plasma cholesterol; TG, triglycerides.

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

### Figure S1, related to Figure 1. Genetic Variants Associated with HDL-C on Chr10 Locus in Humans, GLGC 2010 dataset

Common variants in genes involved in the processing of AA associated with HDL-C were evaluated in a GWAS meta-analysis comprising >100,000 individuals from European Ancestry (Teslovich et al., 2010). Strong association signals were identified on chromosome 10 around the genes coding for *ALOX5*, *MARCH8*, and *ANUBL1*. The Figure shows a Manhattan plot for GWA to HDL-C levels, with values of  $-\log_{10} P$  plotted against chromosomal position. Colors indicate degree of linkage disequilibrium between variants. Plots were generated using LocusZoom (Pruim et al., 2010).

### Figure S2, related to Figure 1. Genetic Variants Associated with HDL-C on Chr10 Locus in Humans, GLGC 2013 dataset

Common variants in genes involved in the processing of AA associated with HDL-C were evaluated in a GWAS meta-analysis comprising >188,000 individuals (Willer et al., 2013). Strong association signals were identified on chromosome 10 around the genes coding for *ALOX5* and *MARCH8*. The Figure shows a Manhattan plot for GWA to HDL-C levels, with values of  $-\log_{10} P$  plotted against chromosomal position. Colors indicate degree of linkage disequilibrium between variants. Plots were generated using LocusZoom (Pruim et al., 2010).

### Figure S3, related to Figure 2. Cox I/II Inhibition Does not Alter Plasma Cholesterol Levels

(A) Immunoblot analysis of LDLr and SR-BI protein expression in livers, as well as (B) total cholesterol and (C) HDL-C measurement in plasma of control and aspirin-treated C57BL/6 mice (n = 7). Bars show mean  $\pm$  SEM, no significant statistical differences between control and aspirin-treated mice were found.

### Figure S4, related to Figure 2. Cox I/II inhibition Does not Alter Bile Acid Synthesis

Measurement of 7 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-4-cholesten-3-one (C4), a stable intermediate of bile acid synthesis, in plasma of control and aspirin-treated C57BL/6 mice (n = 7). Bars show mean  $\pm$  SEM, no significant statistical differences between control and aspirin-treated mice were found.



**Figure S5, related to Figure 7. Treatment with Lipoxin Mimetics Lowers Plasma LDL-C**

FPLC analysis of plasma pooled from C57BL/6 mice treated i.v. with vehicle (Control) or 5-(R/S)-methyl-LXB<sub>4</sub> for 4 days (10 ng/day, n = 3).

**Figure S6, related to Figure 2. Kupffer cells are the major source of LTs and LXs *in vivo***

Male C57BL/6 mice were treated with aspirin or vehicle in their drinking water for 7 days; control liposomes or clodronate-liposomes were injected via tail vein at days 0 and 3 as indicated. At study termination, hepatic Abcb11 protein expression was determined by western blot analysis, Actin served as loading control (upper panels). Depletion of Kupffer cells was ascertained by immunofluorescence staining of liver sections (Kupffer cells, GFP green, nuclei DAPI blue; lower panels).

**Figure S7, related to Figure 5. Mediator lipidomics in livers of *Alox5*<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated with aspirin**

Mediator lipidomics in livers of *Alox5*<sup>+/+</sup>, *Alox5*<sup>-/-</sup> and aspirin-treated *Alox5*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (n = 3). Graphs show mean ± SEM.

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Figure S1

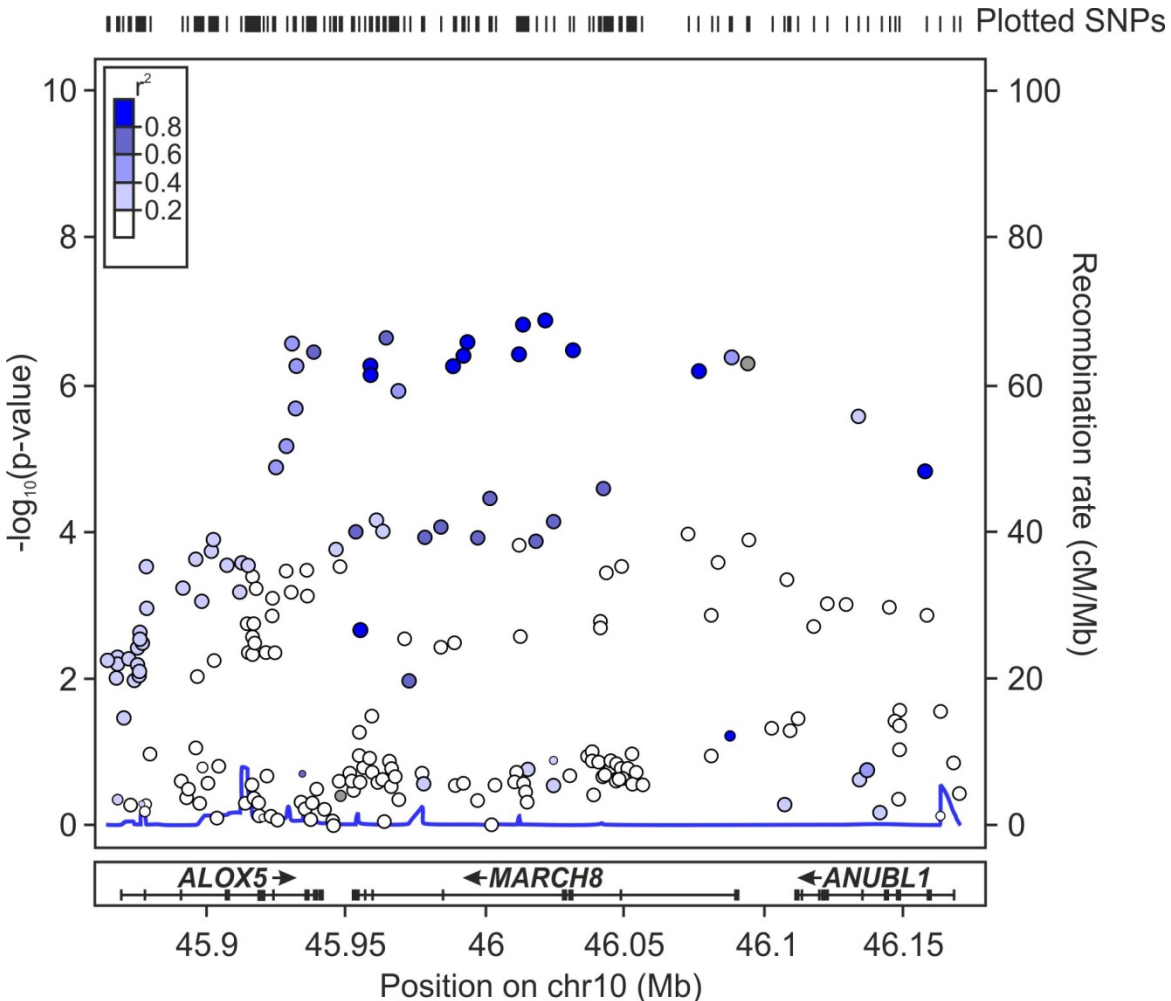




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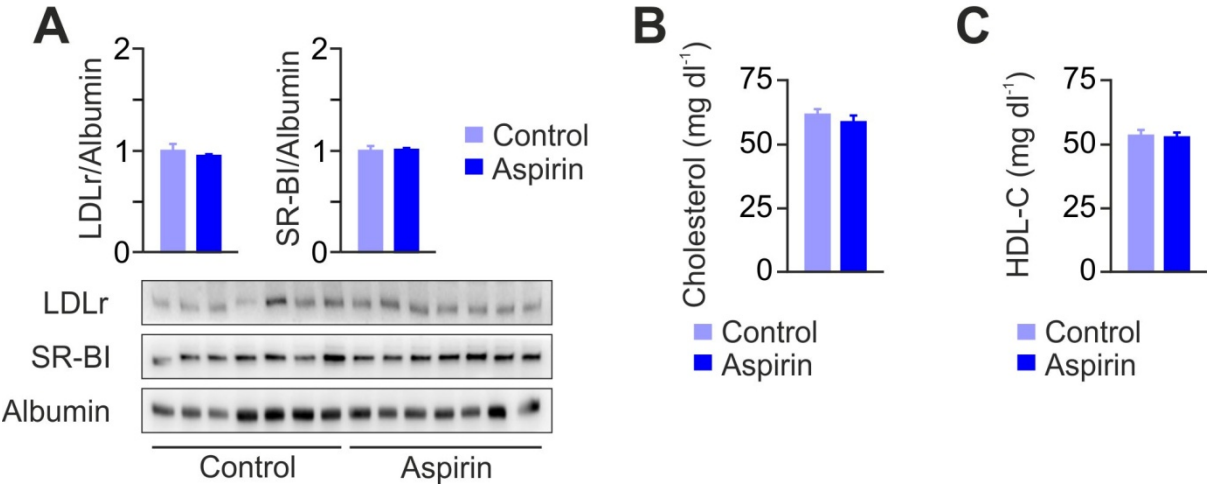


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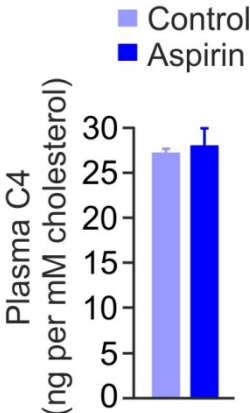




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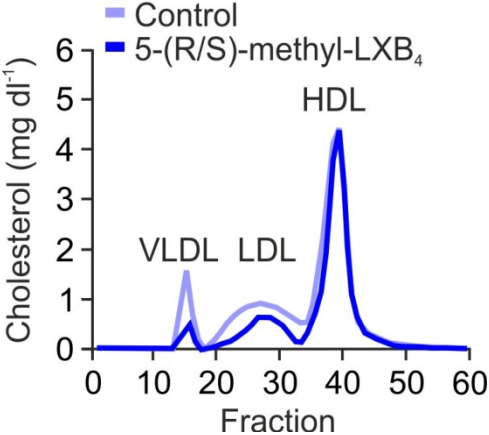


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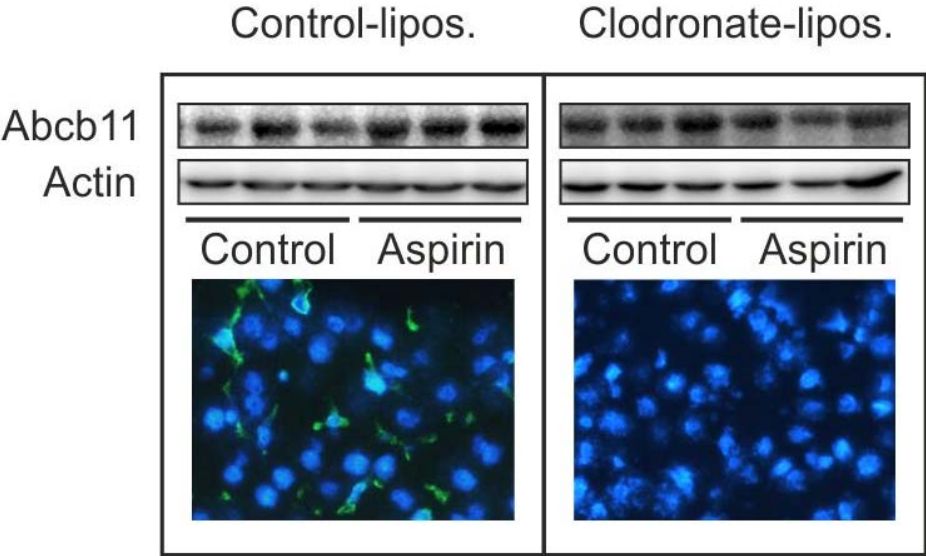


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