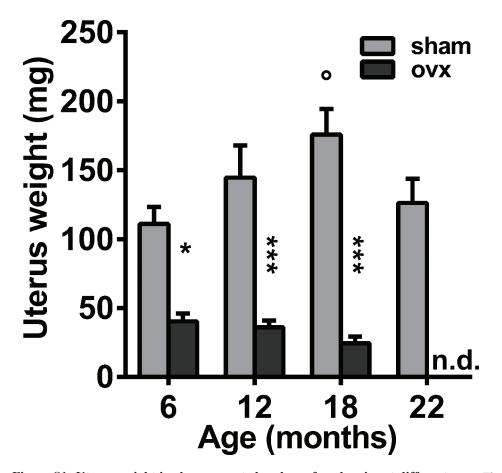
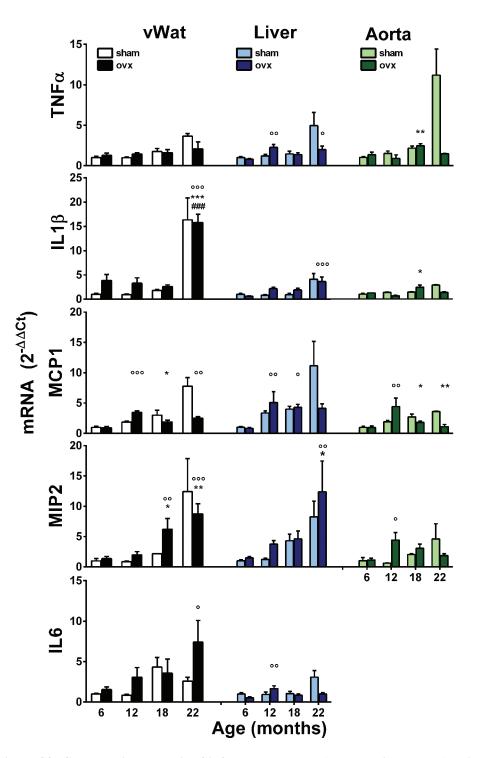
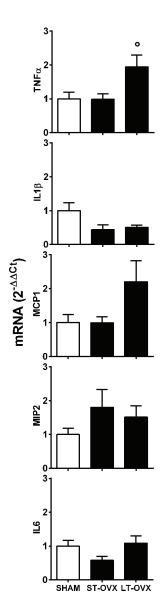
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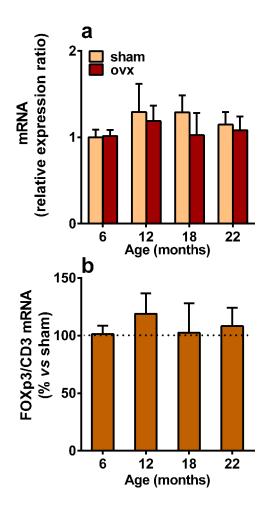
Supplementary Figure S1: Uterus weight in sham operated and ovx female mice at different ages. The uterus weight of each PPRE-lucRepTOPTM mouse was measured before tissue collection. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM and were analyzed by two-way ANOVA, followed by Bonferroni's *post hoc* test. **P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01; and ****P* < 0.001. Superimposable data were obtained in the aging experiment using female ERE-LucRepTOPTM.



Supplementary Figure S2: Comparative analysis of inflammatory mRNA content in the vWAT, liver and aorta of sham and ovx mice. TNF α , IL1 β , MCP-1, MIP-2 and IL-6 mRNA contents were measured by rtPCR using the vWAT, liver and aorta tissue extracts from sham-operated and OVX female mice. Data are expressed as the mean ± SEM. The effect of ovx on the expression of aging-related inflammatory mRNAs was analyzed using one-way ANOVA, followed by Bonferroni's *post hoc* test. °*P* < 0.05; °°*P* < 0.01, °°°*P* < 0.001 *vs*. 6 months; **P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01; and ****P* < 0.001 *vs*. 12 months; #*P* < 0.05; "#*P* < 0.05; "°*P* < 0.01 *vs*. 18 months. Unpaired *t*-tests were performed to evaluate the effect of ovariectomy in each age group (Figure 2b). °*P* < 0.05; °°*P* < 0.01; and °°°*P* < 0.001 ovx *vss* sham.



Supplementary Figure S3: Effect of short- and long-term ovx on the production of inflammatory molecules in young mice. TNF α , IL1 β , MCP-1, MIP-2 and IL-6 mRNA contents were measured using rtPCR using liver tissue extracts from sham-operated female mice and female mice after OVX for 1 month (ST-OVX) or 4 months (LT-OVX). Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM and were analyzed using one-way ANOVA, followed by Bonferroni's *post hoc* test. **P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01; and ****P* < 0.001.



Supplementary Figure S4: Effect of aging and OVX on Foxp3 mRNA content in mouse spleen. (a) Treg activation in the spleen of sham-operated and ovx female mice was expressed as the ratio of Foxp3 to CD3 mRNA content. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM and were analyzed by two-way ANOVA, followed by Bonferroni's *post hoc* test. (b) The Foxp3/CD3 ratio of ovx mice is represented as a percentage of the mean of sham-operated mice of the same age. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM and were analyzed by one-way ANOVA, followed by Bonferroni's *post hoc* test.