# **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

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## **Supplemental Methods:**

#### **Experimental protocol**

All experimental protocols were performed in accordance with the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (NIH Publication No. 86-23) and with approval from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at the University of Groningen (Groningen, the Netherlands). Male mice (aged 8-10 weeks) were housed on a 12hr:12hr light:dark cycle in a temperature-controlled environment with *ad libitum* access to water and chow. Mice were subjected to an infusion of angiotensin II (Ang II) via osmotic mini pump for 10 days, or pressure overload by transverse aortic constriction (TAC) for either 1 or 5 weeks. In subsequent studies, a subset of mice underwent sham/TAC for 5 weeks for further assessment of myocardial FDG-glucose uptake with microPET or mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation (oxphos) measurements. For all experiments, non-transgenic littermates (Wt) served as controls. LXRα-null mice (LXR $\alpha$ <sup>-/-</sup>; provided by Dr. Gustafsson) (Alberti et al. 2001) and matching C57BL/6BomTac wild-type (WT) mice were obtained from Taconic, Denmark. Cardiac function was determined with echocardiography and invasive hemodynamic monitoring. Left ventricular (LV) tissue samples were used to perform expressional studies, immunohistochemical, and biochemical analyses.

## **Transverse aortic constriction**

Chronic pressure overload induced via TAC is a well established model (Rockman et al. 1991). Mice were anesthetized with 2% isoflurane/oxygen, intubated, and mechanically ventilated (MiniVent, Harvard Apparatus, Holliston, MA, USA). Thereafter, they were placed supine on a heated pad and a 0.5-1.0 cm skin incision was made to the chest. An additional small incision was made to access the aortic arch between the second intercostal space. The arch was constricted between the brachiocephalic and left carotid arteries with a 7-0 silk suture tied around a blunt 27-gauge needle, creating a reproducible stenosis. After ligation, the needle was immediately removed and the incised skin closed. Carprofen (5.0 mg/kg) was administered subcutaneously, perioperatively, to relieve pain. Sham procedures were identical except the aortic arch was not ligated.

## **Subcutaneous Ang II infusion**

Angiotensin II (1.0 mg/kg/day; dissolved in 0.9% NaCl) was dispensed into osmotic minipumps (Alzet 2004, Palo Alto, CA, USA) according to manufacturer's instructions. Mice were anesthetized with 2% isoflurane/oxygen and a single dose of 3.0 mg/kg flunixin-meglumin was given subcutaneously to alleviate wound pain. A small incision was made at the right flank wherein a subcutaneous pocket was prepared for pump insertion. Control groups received 0.9% NaCl in their pumps.

#### **Echocardiography**

*In vivo* cardiac dimensional and functional parameters were assessed with M-mode and 2D transthoracic echocardiography (Vivid 7 equipped with 14-MHz linear array transducer; GE Healthcare, Chalfont St. Giles, UK) 2-3 days prior to sacrifice. Mice were anesthetized with 2% isoflurane/oxygen, placed on a heating pad maintained at 37<sup>o</sup>C, followed by removal of chest hair via application of topical depilation agent. Parasternal short axis views were obtained to ensure M-mode recordings were recorded at LV midpapillary level. From three cine loops, M-mode tracings were used to measure LV dimensions and fractional shortening. Percent fractional shortening (%FS) was calculated as: [(LVIDd- $LVIDs/LVIDd$ <sup>\*</sup>100;  $LVIDd = LV$  internal diameter in diastole,  $LVIDs = LV$  internal diameter in systole. In apical 4-chamber view, pulsed wave Doppler with sample volume placed at mitral valve leaflet separation was used to record mitral flow gradients and E and A filling velocities.

#### **Invasive hemodynamic measurements**

*In situ* hemodynamics were analyzed by aortic and LV catheterization under anesthesia with 2% isoflurane prior to sacrifice. The right carotid artery was isolated, punctured, and an indwelling micromanometer-tipped pressure catheter (1.4 F; Millar Instruments, Houston, TX, USA) was inserted. After three minutes of stabilization, arterial pressures were recorded. The catheter was then advanced into the LV to record intracardiac pressures. Heart rate (HR), aortic pressures, LV end-systolic (LVESP) and end-diastolic (LVEDP) pressures, and maximal and minimal first derivatives of force (dP/dt*max* and dP/dt*min*) were recorded. The catheter was then removed and the carotid artery ligated. Remaining under anesthesia, blood was collected via heart puncture. The thoracic cavity was then dissected and hearts were flushed with 10 ml phosphate-buffered saline to wash out red blood cells, then quickly excised and weighed. The remaining ventricle was portioned for either immunohistochemistry or frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80<sup>o</sup>C until further processing for RNA, protein, and biochemical analyses. In a subsequent TAC cohort (n=26), 50-60 mg of fresh tissue was procured and stored in ice-cold preparation medium and kept on ice for oxphos measurements.

## **Histological analysis and microscopy**

Mid-ventricular transverse sections were either post-fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for paraffin embedding, or cryopreserved (Tissue-Tek, Sakura Finetek). Paraffin-embedded mid-ventricular tissue were sliced into 4 µm sections and stained with the following: Massons trichrome for detection of collagen, FITC-labeled wheat germ agglutinin (WGA) to quantify myocyte cross-sectional area. Whole stained sections were scanned (Nanozoomer 2.0-HT, Hamamatsu, Japan), and quantification of % fibrosis

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of entire section was calculated at 20X magnification (ScanScope, Aperio Technologies, Vista, CA, USA). Cardiomyocyte cross-sectional area was measured and quantified at 20X magnification (ImageJ, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA). To detect neutral lipid, 4  $\mu$ m frozen LV sections were stained with hematoxylin-eosin and Oil red O (Sigma Aldrich).

## **Microarray analysis**

Total RNA was extracted from LV tissue using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA), and 2  $\mu$ g of purified total RNA was used to perform whole-genome expression profiling (n=3 per group). RNA quality was checked using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer™. Samples were exponentially amplified from a starting amount of 50 ng to a final amount of one ug purified biotin-labeled cRNA using the Illumina® TotalPrep™-96 RNA Amplification Kit (Ambion, Inc., Austin, TX, USA). This final cRNA was evaluated and the quality, concentration, and size of the reaction productions were measured using the Agilent RNA 6000 Nano Kit (Agilent).

Illumina.SingleColor.MouseRef-8\_V2.0 beadchips were used for microarray analysis. Chips were scanned using the BeadXpress Reader<sup>™</sup> (Illumina). Beadstudio™ Illumina was used to import the raw data and remove any background noise. Data were converted to standard format and exported for use in Agilent Genespring GX™ (version 12.0, Agilent) with which quantile normalization of each individual well was performed. GeneTrail [\(http://genetrail.bioinf.uni-sb.de/\)](http://genetrail.bioinf.uni-sb.de/) was used to cluster differentially expressed genes into highly enriched functional categories according to KEGG PATHWAY analysis [\(http://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html\)](http://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html).The microarray data from this publication have been submitted to the GEO database [\(http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/\)](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/) and assigned accession number GSE69355.

## **RNA isolation and quantitative real-time PCR**

Total RNA was extracted from tissue using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA), and from cells using the Nucleospin RNA II kit (Macherey-Nagel, Duren, Germany). From total RNA, 0.5 µg was reverse transcribed to cDNA using RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen Inc, Valencia, CA, USA). The resulting cDNAs were subjected to quantitative real-time PCR using C1000 Thermal Cycler CFX384 Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Veenendaal, The Netherlands). Quantification of mRNA levels were performed (Bio-Rad CFX Manager 2.0), and transcript measurements were normalized to the invariant transcript, *36b4*. Primer sequences used for quantitative PCR analyses are listed in Supplemental Tables 5 and 6.

#### **Western blotting**

Frozen LV tissue was homogenized in ice-cold lysis buffer (50 mM Tris pH 8.0, 1% NP40, 0.5% deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM PMSF, 15 mM Na Vanadate) supplemented with protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktails (Sigma). Cells were lysed in ice-cold lysis buffer (50 mM Tris pH 8.0, 1% NP40, 0.5% deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM PMSF, 2 mM EDTA) supplemented with protease inhibitor and 100 µM *O*-(2-acetamido-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranosylidenamino) *N*-phenylcarbamate (PUGNAc) to prevent removal of O-GlcNAc from cellular proteins. This preparation was also used for O-GlcNAc protein determination in tissue lysates. Protein concentrations were measured using Bio-Rad DC Protein Assay (Bio-Rad) for tissue, and Pierce BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Scientific) for cells. Protein lysates (20-30 µg) were resolved on 8-15% SDS-PAGE gels, and separated proteins were transferred onto 0.2  $\mu$ m nitrocellulose membranes (Bio-Rad). Immunoblotting was performed using primary and secondary antibodies from the following commercial suppliers: antihuman LXRα (2ZPPZ0412H, R&D Systems, Perseus Proteomics); AMPKα (#2532), phospho-AMPKα (Thr172) (#2535), GLUT4 (#2213), hexokinase II (#2867) (Cell Signaling); anti-glucose transporter GLUT1 (ab40084, Abcam); CD36 (gift from Dr. Koonen, Groningen, The Netherlands); Bax (B-9) (sc-7480), Bcl-2 (C-2) (sc-7382) (Santa Cruz); O-GlcNAc CTD110.6 (MMS-248R, Covance) supplemented where indicated with *N*-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc) (Sigma) to demonstrate antibody specifity (Suppl. Fig. 9B); glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (10R-G109A, Fitzgerald, USA); rabbit anti-mouse immunoglobulins/HRP (P0260, Dako, Denmark); goat anti-rabbit immunoglobulins/HRP (P0448, Dako, Denmark). Signals were detected by ECL (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA, USA), and densitometry was quantified with ImageQuant LAS 4000 (GE Healthcare Europe GmbH, Diegem, Belgium). Fold changes were calculated and are shown.

#### **Biochemical assays**

Myocardial lipids were extracted from 40-60 mg of LV tissue according to Bligh & Dyer methods (BLIGH and DYER. 1959). Commercially available kits were used to measure the following: triglycerides (Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany), total cholesterol and non-esterified fatty acids (NEFA) (DiaSys, Holzheim, Germany). Phospholipids were quantified as detailed (Böttcher et al. 1961). For measurement of myocardial glycogen, 20 mg of LV tissue was boiled in 2N HCl at 99°C in a heat block for 2 hrs with occasional vortex. Tubes were re-weighed and reconstituted with  $dH_2O$  to original volume. Samples were neutralized with 2N NaOH. Glycogen content was measured using EnzyChrom Glycogen Assay Kit (BioAssay Systems, Hayward, CA, USA).

#### **Myocardial FDG-glucose uptake**

Mice were anesthetized by inhalation of medical air and 2% isoflurane. Immediately prior to scan, blood glucose was sampled via tail vein bleeding (Accu-Chek Aviva; Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany). Small-animal PET was performed on a microPET Focus 220 system (Siemens, USA). Inside the camera, mice were placed on a heated pad and maintained under anesthesia (1.5% isolflurane). A 200  $\mu$ l bolus of <sup>18</sup>F-FDG, approximately 5 MBq, was administered via the penile vein. PET emission data were acquired for 30 min followed by a 10 min transmission scan to correct for photon attenuation and scatter. The PET images were reconstructed into a matrix of 512 X 512 pixels and analyzed using Inveon Research Workplace (Siemens, USA). Three consecutive ROIs (region of interest) were selected from the LV myocardium in the frontal and coronal planes. The myocardial  ${}^{18}$ F-FDG uptake was calculated as a standardized uptake value (SUV): SUV = mean tissue counts  $(Bq/ml)/[injected$  dose  $(Bq)/body$  weight (g)]. All data were corrected for time of decay  $(t_{1/2} = {}^{18}F 109.8 \text{ min})$  before and after tracer injection.

## **Mitochondrial function and citrate synthase activity**

Mitochondrial oxphos was measured in fresh LV tissue biopsies with pyruvate (5 mM) and parmitoylcarnitine (2 mM) as substrates, each combined with malate (5 mM) and carnitine (5 mM). For preparation of permeabilized myocardial fibers, approximately 10-40 mg tissue was dissected from LV and transferred to 2 ml ice-cold preparation medium (20 mM imidazole, 20 mM taurine, 0.5 mM dithiothreitol, 7.1 mM  $MgCl<sub>2</sub>$ , 50 mM MES, 5 mM ATP, 15 mM phosphocreatine, 2.62 mM CaK<sub>2</sub>EGTA, 7.38 mM K2EGTA, pH 7.0 adjusted with KOH). After brief manual separation of tissue, muscle fibers were permeabilized in preparation medium supplemented with saponin by gentle agitation for 15 min on ice. Fibers were kept on ice and washed twice for 10 min by agitation in 1.5 ml washing medium (20 mM imidazole, 20 mM taurine, 0.5 mM dithiothreitol, 1.61 mM  $MgCl<sub>2</sub>$ , 100 mM MES, 3 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO4, 2.95 mM  $CaK<sub>2</sub>EGTA$ , 7.05 mM  $K<sub>2</sub>EGTA$ , pH 7.1 adjusted with KOH), and immediately used for respirometric measurements. High-resolution respirometry was performed at 37<sup>o</sup>C with 2.5-3.5 mg tissue biopsy using OROBOROS Oxygraph-2k (OROBOROS Instruments, Innsbruck, Austria). Oxygen consumption rates were measured in 1.5 ml of MiR05 buffer (0.5 mM EGTA,  $3 \text{ mM } MgCl_2.6H_2O$ , 60 mM K-lactobionate, 20 mM taurine, 10 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 20 mM HEPES, 110 mM sucrose, 1 g/L BSA) at 37 $^{\circ}$ C. The O<sub>2</sub> solubility factor of the buffer is 0.920. Datlab Software (OROBOROS Instruments) was used for data acquisition and analysis. Oxygen consumption was recorded under three conditions: basal respiration rates in the presence of substrate alone before the addition of ADP was defined as state 2, maximal ADP-stimulated (4 mM) respiration rates was defined as state 3, and respiration rates in the absence of ADP phosphorylation and measured in the presence of oligomyocin (1 mM), an ATP synthase inhibitor, was termed state 4. Respiratory control ratio was calculated as the ratio of state 3 to state 4.

Oxygen consumption rates were expressed as nmol  $O_2/m$ in per dry tissue weight (mg), and normalized to citrate synthase activity (Sigma Aldrich).

## **WGA precipitation of O-GlcNAcylated proteins**

Nuclear extracts were prepared from three pooled hearts using the NE-PER Nuclear and Cytoplasmic kit (Thermo Scientific). In brief, left ventricular tissue was minced into small pieces and subjected to homogenization using a Dounce homogenizer. Cytoplasmic extracts were obtained and stored at -20°C, and supernatant containing nuclear extracts was assayed to determine protein concentration (Bio-Rad). Precipitation of O-GlcNAcylated proteins was performed with wheat germ agglutinin (WGA)-conjugated agarose beads, a lectin that binds to GlycNAcylated proteins (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, CA, USA). The agarose WGA gel was washed twice from the stabilizing sugar with a bead binding buffer (20 mM Tris pH 7.4, 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>). Nuclear proteins (500 µg) were diluted 4X in bead binding buffer containing 1  $\mu$ M PUGNAc. Of the diluted sample, 950  $\mu$ l was added to 25  $\mu$ l of washed agarose WGA solution, followed by overnight incubation at 4°C on a rocking platform. *N*-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc; 20 mM), a competitor, was added where indicated and served as a control (Sigma). The precipitated agarose WGA-protein complexes were obtained by centrifugation at 10,000 *g* for 1 min, and then washed three times with bead binding buffer. The complexes were then resuspended in protein sample buffer and boiled for 5 min. Samples were loaded on a 8% SDS polyacrylamide gel for electrophoresis, and Western blot was performed to identify eluted proteins using the following antibodies: GATA-4 (sc-25310), Nkx-2.5 (sc-14033) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.); MEF2C (#5030) (Cell Signaling).

#### **Neonatal rat ventricular myocyte isolation and culture**

Neonatal rat ventricular myocytes (NRVMs) were isolated from 1-3 day old Sprague-Dawley pups as previously described (Lu et al. 2010). Cells were cultured at  $37^{\circ}$ C in the presence of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) containing 5% fetal calf serum (FCS) and penicillinstreptomycin (100 IU/ml and 100 µg/ml, respectively) (Invitrogen, Breda, The Netherlands). Where indicated, cells were treated for 24 hours with the following in serum-free DMEM: 50  $\mu$ M phenylephrine (PE), an  $\alpha$ 1-adrenergic receptor agonist which induces cellular hypertrophy (Lu et al. 2010); 100  $\mu$ M 6diazo-5-oxonorleucine (DON) (Sigma), an inhibitor of glutamine:fructose-6-phosphate amidotransferase (GFAT), the first and rate-limiting enzyme in the hexosamine biosynthesis pathway (HBP) (Facundo et al. 2012); 100 µM PUGNAc (Sigma).

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#### **Adenoviral infection**

Adenoviral constructs and recombinant adenovirus containing murine LXRα (Ad-LXRα) and LXRαspecific siRNA (si-LXRα) were produced as described previously (Lu et al. 2010). Adenoviral sequences used for cloning are listed in Supplemental Table 7. A GFP-expressing virus, GL2 (Ad-cont), was used as a control (Lu et al. 2010). Cells were infected overnight at MOI of 50, unless otherwise indicated. After overnight incubation, cells were washed three times with PBS and culturing was continued in serum-free DMEM medium. Following 24 hours incubation in serum-free DMEM medium, the indicated treatments were administered over a 24 hour period.

#### *In vitro* **glucose uptake assay**

Glucose uptake in NRVMs was assayed using Glucose Uptake Colorimetric Assay Kit (Abcam). Briefly,  $40x10<sup>3</sup>$  NRVMs were seeded per well in a 96-well plate, and cells were infected and treated as described above. Prior to start of assay, cells were washed three times with PBS and incubated in 100 µl Krebs-Ringer-Phosphate-Hepes (KRPH) solution for 40 min. Insulin was administered as a positive control, and was added 20 min into incubation time for an additional 20 min. Thereafter, 10  $\mu$ l of 10 mM 2deoxyglucose (2-DG) was added to each well. To assess specificity, 20-fold excess glucose (20 mM final concentration) was added to a control well (Suppl. Fig. 9A). After 20 min incubation, cells were washed three times with PBS and lysed with extraction buffer. Sample preparation was performed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, and absorbance was measured at 412 nm using a spectrophotometer (Benchmark Plus Microplate Reader, Bio-Rad). Fold changes, as compared to control cells, were calculated and are shown.

#### **Immunofluorescence staining**

Isolated cardiomyocytes were cultured in 12-well plates on 18 mm coverslips coated with laminin. Cells were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 min, then permeabilized with ice-cold 0.3% Triton X100 for 5 min. Blocking was performed in 3% bovine serum albumin (BSA) 0.1% PBS/Tween solution containing 2% goat serum for 1 hour, followed by incubation for 1 hour with a monoclonal anti-human LXR $\alpha$ antibody (2ZPPZ0412H, R&D Systems, Perseus Proteomics). After washing, cells were further incubated with goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC secondary antibody (sc-2010, Santa Cruz, Heidelberg, Germany) and fluorescent phalloidin-rhodamine (Invitrogen, Breda, The Netherlands) for detection of F-actin. Coverslips were mounted using Vectashield mounting medium with 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, CA, USA), and imaged with a confocal microscope (Leica Microsystems, Wetzlar, Germany). Cell size was determined as previously described (Cannon et al. 2015).

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### **Protein synthesis assay**

NRVMs were transfected with the following adenoviruses, Ad-LXR, si-LXRα, or Ad-cont, for 24 hours, then cultured in serum-free DMEM medium for 24 hours.  $[^{3}H]$ Leucine was administered to cells for a further 24 hours, and determination of protein incorporation is as previously described (Lu et al. 2010).

## **Statistical analysis**

All data are presented as means ± standard error of the mean (SEM). Student's paired 2-tailed t-test was used for two group comparisons. One-way ANOVA was performed to analyze differences for multiplegroup comparisons, followed by Bonferroni post hoc analysis to assess statistical significance. Kruskall-Wallis test followed by Mann-Whitney *U* test was used to analyze cell experiments (*n*=4-5). All results were tested at the P<0.05 level of significance. Statistical analyses were performed using IBM SPSS Statistics 22 software (Chicago, IL, USA).

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**Response of cardiac LXRα overexpression in the early phase of pressure overload-induced cardiac hypertrophy.**  LXRα-Tg and Wt mice were subjected to 1 week of transverse aortic constriction (TAC).

(A) Left ventricular weight to tibia length ratios (LV/tibia), n=8/group, except n=7 Wt sham. \*\*\*P=0.00001 versus Wt sham, \*\*\*P<0.00001.

(**B**) Functional determination of percent fractional shortening with echocardiography, n=8/group, except n=7 Wt sham. \*P=0.01 versus Wt sham.

(**C-I**) Assessment of molecular determinants of (**C**) hypertrophy, (**D-G**) inflammation, and (**H-I**) apoptosis in the LV; RT-PCR analysis of mRNA levels were normalized to *36b4*; n=8/group, except n=7 Wt sham.

(**C**) *Anp*: \*P=0.01 versus Wt sham, #P=0.04, \*\*P=0.007 versus LXRα-Tg sham, ##P=0.02; *Bnp*: \*P=0.03 versus Wt sham, #P=0.01; *βMhc*: \*P=0.00001 versus Wt sham, #P=0.0002; *Acta1*: \*P=0.001 versus Wt sham. (**D-I**) *IL6*: \*P=0.0001 versus Wt sham, #P=0.01; *Mcp1*: \*P=0.001 versus Wt sham, #P=0.03; *Cd68*: \*\*\*P<0.00001 versus Wt sham, #P=0.002; *Cox2*: \*\*\*P<0.00001 versus Wt sham, ###P<0.00001; *Bax*: \*P=0.02 versus Wt sham, #P=0.02; *Bcl2*: ###P=0.00004, §P=0.09.

(**J**) Western blot assessment of apoptosis markers after 1 week pressure overload, Bax and Bcl2, quantified as ratio; protein normalized to GAPDH, n=6/group.

Data information: data are means ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test was used to compare groups.



## **Cardiac LXRα protects against angiotensin (Ang) II stimulation.**

Cardiac morphometry and *in vivo* functional analysis following 10 days of Ang II (1 mg/kg/day) infusion. (**A**) Left ventricular weight to tibia length ratios (LV/tibia) of Wt and LXRα-Tg mice receiving saline (cont) or Ang II infusion via osmotic minipumps; n=6-8/cont group, n=12-14/ Ang II group. \*\*P=0.01, \*\*\*P=0.0005 versus respective control, #P=0.007.

(**B-C**) Representative LV histological sections stained with Massons trichrome (bars = 1 mm, 100 µm) for quantification of percent fibrosis of whole heart: n=7 Wt cont, n=6 LXRα-Tg cont, n=8/Ang II group. <sup>§</sup>P=0.07 versus Wt cont.

(**D**) Echocardiographical assessment of percent fractional shortening; n=6 Wt cont, n=5 LXRα-Tg cont, n=4/Ang II group.

(**E-F**) Hemodynamic monitoring was performed *in situ* to record: (**E**) LV end-systolic pressure (LVESP), and (**F**) LV end-diastolic pressure (LVEDP); n=5-9/group. \*P=0.03 versus Wt cont.

Data information: data are means ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test was used to compare groups.

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[95 genes]

#### **Supplemental Figure 3**

## **Microarray analysis of left ventricular transcripts shows alterations in metabolic pathways upon myocardial LXRα overexpression.**

(**A-C**) Differentially expressed genes (1.2-fold, P<0.05) were classified as either up- or downregulated (n=3/group). Sets of genes were further clustered into functional biological pathways (KEGG PATHWAY analysis, FDR adjustment, P<0.0001), and major categories are shown. Gene numbers denoted are number of functionally annotated genes identified for highly enriched pathways per up or down classification, and their relative distribution within major categories are displayed as segmental percentages.

(**A**) Differentially expressed genes in sham-operated LXRα-Tg versus Wt mice.

(**B**) Genotype-specific assessment of TAC-induced alterations.

(**C**) Comparative analysis of upregulated genes between Wt and LXRα-Tg mice subjected to TAC.

No relevant categories were significantly enriched for downregulated genes.



**Metabolic gene expression in the heart following 5 weeks of chronic pressure overload.** 

(**A**) Key genes involved in glucose, and (**B**) fatty acid metabolism were determined to assess the impact of cardiac-specific LXRα overexpression at baseline and following hypertrophic perturbation. Quantitative PCR analysis of left ventricular mRNA levels normalized to invariant transcript, *36b4*; n=6-8/group.

(**A**) *Glut1*: #P=0.009; *Glut4*: #P=0.001; *Pfkm*: \*P=0.001 versus Wt sham; *Pdk4*: \*P=0.03 versus LXRα-Tg sham, #P=0.0001; *Chrebp*: \*P=0.004 versus Wt sham,  $*P=0.003$ .

(**B**) *Fasn*: \*P=0.001 versus LXRα-Tg sham, #P<0.00001; *Mcd*: \*P=0.002 versus Wt sham, \*P=0.01 versus LXRα-Tg sham; *Cpt1a*: \*P=0.02 versus Wt sham; *Ucp3*: \*P=0.00008 versus Wt sham, #P=0.02.

Data information: data are means ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test was used to compare groups.



#### **Assessment of key metabolic proteins in substrate utilization following 5 weeks of TAC.**

Protein was measured in the left ventricle from Western blot and expressed as fold change for the following: (**A**) hexokinase 2 (HK2), (**B**) phosphorylated AMPK to total AMPK, and (**C**) CD36. GAPDH is shown as control and for normalization in quantification; n=6-8/group. HK2: \*P=0.004 versus Wt sham, \*P=0.04 versus LXRα-Tg sham; P-AMPK/AMPK: \*P=0.049 versus Wt sham,  $*P=0.034$  versus LXRα-Tg sham.

Data information: data are means ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test was used to compare groups.



## **LXRα-deficiency impairs augmentations in glucose uptake**

Assessment of myocardial <sup>18</sup>F-FDG-glucose uptake levels (SUV, standard uptake value) with respect to developed left ventricular hypertrophy (LV/tibia ratio) in LXR $\alpha^{\text{+}}$  mice and WT cohorts following 5 weeks of pressure overload. Data information: n=6 per group.



**Effect of cardiac LXRα overexpression on mitochondrial oxidative capacity.** 

(**A, C-D**) Mitochondrial oxygen consumption rates were measured in permeabilized LV muscle fibers from sham- and TAC-operated mice in the presence of (**A**) pyruvate, and (**C**) parmitoyl (C16)-carnitine (FA substrate).

Data were recorded under basal conditions (state 2) in the presence of substrate alone, maximal ADP-stimulated respiration (state 3), and respiration rates with the addition of oligomyocin to inhibit ADP phosphorylation by ATP synthase (state 4); CS, citrate synthase; n=6 per sham group, n=8 Wt TAC, n=7 LXRα-Tg TAC. No significant differences are reported.

(**D**) Respiratory control ratios (RCR) were determined from the ratio of state 3 to 4, indicative of mitochondrial function; n=6 per sham group, n=8 Wt TAC, n=7 LXRα-Tg TAC. No significant differences are reported.

(**B**) Individual oxygen consumption rates were normalized to citrate synthase activity, and group means are displayed; n=6 per sham group, n=8 Wt TAC, n=7 LXRα-Tg TAC. No significant differences are reported.

Data information: data are means ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test was used to compare groups.





## **Altered lipid homeostasis in murine hearts overexpressing LXRα.**

(**A**) Representative LV histological sections of neutral lipid droplets stained with Oil Red O and hematoxylin and eosin (H&E); bar = 10  $\mu$ m.

Myocardial (**B**) triglyceride, and (**C**) phospholipid content; n=5/group. \*\*P=0.009 versus Wt sham,\*P=0.045 versus Wt TAC.

Data information: data are means ± SEM; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test was used to compare groups.



#### **Modulation of glucose uptake and O-GlcNAc signaling in cardiomyocytes overexpressing LXRα.**

Neonatal rat ventricular myocytes (NRVMs) transfected with Ad-LXRα or GL2 control (Ad-cont) under basal conditions and in response to phenylephrine (PE) treatment for 24 hours.

(**A**) Assessment of 2-deoxyglucose (2-DG) uptake in which excess glucose and insulin served as experimental controls; n=2-4/ group.

(**B**) Additional independent Western blot to Figure 6D indicating Ad-LXRα- and PE-induced increases in global protein O-

GlcNAcylation, which was abrogated following inhibition of HBP with DON. PUGNAc was administered to verify increased O-GlcNAc levels, and GAPDH served as loading control.

Dashed line indicates where original membrane was cut prior to separate incubation with *N*-acetylglucosamine, which was used to confirm antibody specificity.



**Supplemental Table 1.** Baseline Characteristics in Young and Old LXRα-Tg and Wild-type Mice

Data are expressed as means ± SEM. \* P<0.05, † P<0.001, age-matched Wt versus LXRα-Tg mice. ‡ Not measured in 12-month mice. Wt, 3 months (n=7-15); LXR $\alpha$ -Tg, 3 months (n=6-15); Wt, 12 months (n=8); LXRα-Tg, 12 months (n=7).



**Supplemental Table 2.** Functional and Biometrical Parameters of LXRα-Tg and Wild-type Mice at Five Weeks Following Transverse Aortic Constriction

Data are expressed as means ± SEM. \* P<0.05, † P<0.001, TAC versus corresponding sham group; ‡ P<0.05, § P<0.01, ¶ P<0.001, Wt vs LXRα-Tg mice.  $*$  n=7-8/group.









**Supplemental Table 4.** Biometrical, Echocardiographic, and Hemodynamic Parameters of LXRα-/ and Wild-type Mice at Five Weeks Post Transverse Aortic Constriction

Data are expressed as means  $\pm$  SEM. \* P<0.05,  $\pm$  P<0.05,  $\pm$  P<0.001, TAC versus corresponding sham group;  $\ddagger$  P<0.05, WT vs LXR $\alpha^{-/-}$  mice.



## **Supplemental Table 5.** Mouse Gene Primers for Real-Time PCR



## **Supplemental Table 6.** Rat Gene Primers for Real-Time PCR



## **Supplemental Table 7.** Primers used for Cloning

