

**Supplemental tables.**

Supplemental Table S1. Body and tissue weight and plasma lipids and liver TGs.

	FCO		SO		CO	
	WT	HET	WT	HET	WT	HET
Body Weight Gain (g)	11.9±4.2	12.6±3.6	13.2±3.4	12.1±3.0	15.5±4.3	12.7±2.3
Liver (g)	1.29±0.17	1.35±0.30	1.31±0.26	1.20±0.25	1.44±0.24	1.43±0.11
Brain (mg)	443±8 <sup>ab</sup>	437±12 <sup>ab</sup>	437±12 <sup>ab</sup>	451±27 <sup>a</sup>	427±17 <sup>b</sup>	441±12 <sup>ab</sup>
Plasma TC (mg/dL)	90.3±24.8 <sup>ab</sup>	93.1±31.2 <sup>ab</sup>	108.2±43.6 <sup>ab</sup>	73.3±50.1 <sup>b</sup>	99.4±33.7 <sup>ab</sup>	117.9±16.7 <sup>a</sup>
Plasma TG (mg/dL)	60.0±20.3	60.1±22.2	49.7±21.8	42.5±28.0	58.8±29.9	57.8±12.9
Liver TG (mg/g)	15.7±6.0	19.8±6.3	17.7±6.9	19.8±6.9	18.5±7.9	18.3±4.7

Values are means ± SD (n=6); neither diet nor genotype effect was observed; data that do not share same superscript letter(s) within a row are significantly different, p < 0.05 by LSD multiple comparison; TC, total cholesterol.

Supplemental Table S2. Polyunsaturated fatty acid composition of liver triglycerides (wt. %)

Fatty acid	FCO		SO		CO		p-value		
	WT	HET	WT	HET	WT	HET	Diet	Gene	Gene x Diet
18:2 n-6	8.89+1.98 <sup>c</sup>	7.94+1.28 <sup>c</sup>	21.61+4.83 <sup>a</sup>	21.67+2.37 <sup>a</sup>	16.31+3.23 <sup>b</sup>	19.91+1.91 <sup>a</sup>	***		
18:3 n-6	0.08+0.03 <sup>bc</sup>	0.05+0.02 <sup>c</sup>	0.34+0.13 <sup>a</sup>	0.14+0.05 <sup>b</sup>	0.35+0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.16+0.06 <sup>b</sup>	***	***	*
20:2 n-6	0.14+0.03 <sup>c</sup>	0.11+0.08 <sup>c</sup>	0.36+0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.53+0.25 <sup>a</sup>	0.34+0.06 <sup>b</sup>	0.49+0.1 <sup>ab</sup>	***	*	
20:3 n-6	0.21+0.04 <sup>cd</sup>	0.12+0.06 <sup>d</sup>	0.7+0.46 <sup>a</sup>	0.45+0.28 <sup>abc</sup>	0.49+0.08 <sup>ab</sup>	0.27+0.04 <sup>bcd</sup>	***	*	
20:4 n-6	0.19+0.08 <sup>c</sup>	0.12+0.06 <sup>c</sup>	0.86+0.48 <sup>ab</sup>	0.72+0.46 <sup>ab</sup>	0.97+0.17 <sup>a</sup>	0.63+0.06 <sup>b</sup>	***		
22:4 n-6	0.03+0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.03+0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.26+0.25 <sup>a</sup>	0.31+0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.25+0.05 <sup>a</sup>	0.19+0.02 <sup>ab</sup>	**		
22:5 n-6	0.01+0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.01+0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.17+0.27 <sup>ab</sup>	0.24+0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.27+0.08 <sup>a</sup>	0.23+0.06 <sup>a</sup>	**		
18:3 n-3	3.81+0.61 <sup>a</sup>	3.94+1.4 <sup>a</sup>	1.48+0.45 <sup>b</sup>	1.53+0.55 <sup>b</sup>	0.12+0.09 <sup>c</sup>	0.19+0.02 <sup>c</sup>	***		
20:3 n-3	0.1+0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.12+0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.03+0 <sup>d</sup>	0.05+0.01 <sup>c</sup>	n. d.	n. d.	***	**	*
20:5 n-3	1.15+0.19 <sup>a</sup>	0.9+0.26 <sup>b</sup>	0.71+0.14 <sup>c</sup>	0.57+0.05 <sup>cd</sup>	0.44+0.03 <sup>d</sup>	0.41+0.04 <sup>d</sup>	***	*	
22:5 n-3	0.77+0.25 <sup>a</sup>	0.61+0.25 <sup>a</sup>	0.39+0.14 <sup>b</sup>	0.31+0.13 <sup>b</sup>	0.03+0.01 <sup>c</sup>	0.02+0.01 <sup>c</sup>	***		
22:6 n-3	2.24+1 <sup>a</sup>	1.8+1.01 <sup>a</sup>	1.57+1.02 <sup>a</sup>	1.53+1.13 <sup>a</sup>	0.12+0.03 <sup>b</sup>	0.08+0.03 <sup>b</sup>	***		
Total n-6	9.56+2.15 <sup>c</sup>	8.39+1.37 <sup>c</sup>	24.3+5.46 <sup>a</sup>	24.06+3.12 <sup>a</sup>	18.97+3.48 <sup>b</sup>	21.88+2.1 <sup>ab</sup>	***		
Total n-3	6.91+1.77 <sup>a</sup>	6.47+1.75 <sup>a</sup>	3.47+1.21 <sup>b</sup>	3.41+1.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.27+0.13 <sup>c</sup>	0.3+0.03 <sup>c</sup>	***		
n-6/n-3	1.4+0.19 <sup>b</sup>	1.33+0.16 <sup>b</sup>	7.34+1.27 <sup>b</sup>	7.36+1.29 <sup>b</sup>	78.97+24.23 <sup>a</sup>	74.73+11.6 <sup>a</sup>	***		
AA/DHA	0.09+0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.07+0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.59+0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.51+0.1 <sup>b</sup>	8.47+1.99 <sup>a</sup>	8.36+2.63 <sup>a</sup>	***		

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Supplemental Table S3. Polyunsaturated fatty acid composition of liver cholesteryl ester (wt. %)

Fatty acid	FCO		SO		CO		p-value		
	WT	HET	WT	HET	WT	HET	Diet	Gene	Gene x Diet
18:2 n-6	4.55+0.36 <sup>c</sup>	4.9+1.48 <sup>c</sup>	9.8+1.44 <sup>a</sup>	10.72+1.48 <sup>a</sup>	7.45+1.35 <sup>b</sup>	9.67+0.94 <sup>a</sup>	***	**	
18:3 n-6	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.			
20:2 n-6	0.17+0.35	0.4+0.88	0.1+0.13	0.5+0.94	0.06+0.02	0.11+0.06			
20:3 n-6	0.09+0.03 <sup>bc</sup>	0.05+0.04 <sup>bc</sup>	0.19+0.14 <sup>a</sup>	0.08+0.07 <sup>b</sup>	0.13+0.08 <sup>abc</sup>	0.08+0.05 <sup>b</sup>		*	
20:4 n-6	0.55+0.08 <sup>d</sup>	0.38+0.15 <sup>d</sup>	1.85+0.41 <sup>b</sup>	1.03+0.33 <sup>c</sup>	2.76+0.55 <sup>a</sup>	2.13+0.38 <sup>b</sup>	***	***	
22:4 n-6	0.01+0.01 <sup>c</sup>	0.03+0.03 <sup>bc</sup>	0.18+0.19 <sup>a</sup>	0.08+0.06 <sup>abc</sup>	0.13+0.06 <sup>ab</sup>	0.13+0.11 <sup>ab</sup>	*		
22:5 n-6	0.08+0.03 <sup>de</sup>	0.07+0.04 <sup>e</sup>	0.14+0.05 <sup>bc</sup>	0.13+0.05 <sup>cd</sup>	0.24+0.06 <sup>a</sup>	0.19+0.04 <sup>ab</sup>	***		
18:3 n-3	2.03+0.28 <sup>a</sup>	1.9+0.56 <sup>a</sup>	0.87+0.23 <sup>b</sup>	1.05+0.26 <sup>b</sup>	0.1+0.03 <sup>c</sup>	0.12+0.06 <sup>c</sup>	***		
20:3 n-3	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.			
20:5 n-3	0.97+0.41 <sup>a</sup>	0.97+0.62 <sup>a</sup>	0.3+0.08 <sup>b</sup>	0.61+0.58 <sup>ab</sup>	0.22+0.05 <sup>b</sup>	0.24+0.06 <sup>b</sup>	***		
22:5 n-3	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.			
22:6 n-3	1.48+0.24 <sup>a</sup>	1.27+0.36 <sup>ab</sup>	1.09+0.17 <sup>bc</sup>	0.88+0.14 <sup>c</sup>	0.36+0.04 <sup>d</sup>	0.3+0.08 <sup>d</sup>	***	*	
Total n-6	5.45+0.23 <sup>c</sup>	5.82+1.42 <sup>c</sup>	12.27+1.6 <sup>a</sup>	12.54+1.14 <sup>a</sup>	10.77+1.5 <sup>b</sup>	12.31+1.07 <sup>a</sup>	***		
Total n-3	4.48+0.43 <sup>a</sup>	4.14+0.85 <sup>a</sup>	2.26+0.28 <sup>b</sup>	2.54+0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.68+0.07 <sup>c</sup>	0.66+0.14 <sup>c</sup>	***		
n-6:n-3	1.22+0.14 <sup>d</sup>	1.42+0.25 <sup>d</sup>	5.44+0.48 <sup>c</sup>	5.05+0.76 <sup>c</sup>	15.79+1.49 <sup>b</sup>	19.24+3.53 <sup>a</sup>	***		*
AA/DHA	0.37+0.04 <sup>c</sup>	0.31+0.11 <sup>c</sup>	1.74+0.46 <sup>b</sup>	1.15+0.25 <sup>bc</sup>	7.71+1.07 <sup>a</sup>	7.39+1.31 <sup>a</sup>	***		

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