## Supplemental material

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Figure S1. Muscle phenotypes and metabolic parameters of MKO mice fed a chow diet. (A) Gross image of gastrocnemius muscle (GM; top) and extensor digitorum longus (EDL) muscle (bottom) from chow-fed 15-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice. (B) Hematoxylin and eosin staining of GM (left) and quantitation of GM fiber cross-sectional area in 15-wk-old Ctrl and MKO mice fed a chow diet. Bars, 100  $\mu$ m. (C) Succinate dehydrogenase staining in EDL muscle in 15-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice fed a chow diet. Bars, 100  $\mu$ m. (C) Succinate dehydrogenase staining in EDL muscle in 15-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice. Bars, 100  $\mu$ m. (D) Grip strength (13 wk, n = 10), latency to fall (13 wk, n = 10), and drop frequency of 2- to 4-mo-old male Ctrl and MKO mice (n = 10 per group). (E) Daily food intake on chow diet was measured in 8-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice. Mice were housed individually, and food weight was measured three times per week (n = 10 per group). (F) Body weight of male Ctrl, MKO heterozygous, and MKO mice on standard chow diet (left, n = 10 per group). Representative images of 8-wk-old mice (right). All data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM; \*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01. N.S., not significant.



Figure S2. **Reduced muscle and fat mass and elevated EE in HFD-fed MKO mice.** (A) Representative dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry images (left) and body composition of HFD-fed 11-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice (n = 10 per group). 5-wk-old male mice were fed an HFD for 6 wk. (B) Oxygen consumption (VO<sub>2</sub>), carbon dioxide generation (VCO<sub>2</sub>), energy expenditure (EE), and locomotor activity (C) of 8-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice on 1 wk (short-term) HFD. Mice were analyzed by indirect calorimetry over a period of 12 h light/12 h dark cycles (n = 5 per group). Data represent mean ± SEM. \*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01. NS, not significant.



Figure S3. ATF4/5/6-independent GDF15 promoter activity and CHOP-dependent induction of GDF15 in Crif1-deficient MEF cells. (A–C) Promoter activity of GDF15 in C2C12 myoblasts transiently cotransfected with a luciferase reporter driven by the human GDF15 promoter (-1.7 kb) and mock control or expression vector for HA-tagged human ATF4 (A), human ATF5 (B), or human ATF6 (C). Gdf15 mRNA expression (D) and GDF15 secretion (E) in Crif1-knockout (KO) MEF cells. (F) Immunoblotting to detect CRIF1, GDF15, HSPD1, CHOP, and phospho-p38 T180/Y182 expression in Crif1-deficient MEF cells. All data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM. \*\*, P < 0.01. NS, not significant. (G) Fgf21 mRNA expression in GM and EDL muscle in 8-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice fed a chow diet (n = 10 per group). (H) Serum FGF21 concentration in chow-fed 8-wk-old male Ctrl and MKO mice in the fasting state (n = 5-6 per group). All data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM. \*\*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01.



Figure S4. **rGDF15-treated** *ob/ob* mice exhibit elevated EE. Food intake (A), locomotor activity (B), oxygen consumption (VO<sub>2</sub>; C), carbon dioxide generation (VCO<sub>2</sub>; D), and energy expenditure (EE; E) of *ob/ob*-vehicle and *ob/ob*-rGDF15 mice. Male *ob/ob* mice were injected intraperitoneally three times per week for 3 wk with 0.5 mg/kg rGDF15 or vehicle. Mice were analyzed by indirect calorimetry over a period of 12 h light/12 h dark cycles (n = 5 per group). All data represent means ± SEM. NS, not significant.

## Table S1. List of primer sets used for quantitative RT-PCR analyses

| Gene         | Forward (5'-3')       | Reverse (5′-3′)         |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Clpp         | GCCATTCACTGCCCAATTCC  | TGCTGACTCGATCACCTGTAG   |
| Hspd1        | GAGCTGGGTCCCTCACTCG   | AGTCGAAGCATTTCTGCGGG    |
| Lonp 1       | AGCCCTATGTTGGCGTCTTC  | CCGGCTGATGTGAATCCTTCT   |
| Tid 1        | GGAAGCAAGGATAGGCGAGA  | GTTGACCGCTTTCCTCAGCAG   |
| Htra2        | TCCCCGGAGCCAGTACAAT   | GAAAGGGTGCCGGTCTAGG     |
| Chop         | AACAGAGGTCACCAGCACAT  | ACTTTCCGCTCGTTCTCCTG    |
| Atf4         | GGGTTCTGTCTTCCACTCCA  | AAGCAGCAGAGTCAGGCTTTC   |
| Grp78        | GTGTGTGAGACCAGAACCGT  | AGTCAGGCAGGAGTCTTAGG    |
| Ppara        | CTCCCTCCTTACCCTTGGAG  | GCCTCTGATCACCACCATTT    |
| Acadvl       | TTACATGCTGAGTGCCAACAT | CGCCTCCGAGCAAAAGATT     |
| Acadvm       | TGACGGAGCAGCCAATGA    | TCGTCACCCTTCTTCTCTGCTT  |
| Hsl          | AGACACCAGCCAACGGATAC  | GCGGTTAGAAGCCACATAGC    |
| Fasn         | TACGTACTGGCCTACACCCAA | TGAACTGCTGCACGAAGAAGCAT |
| Pparg        | ATCTTAACTGCCGGATCCAC  | TGGTGATTTGTCCGTTGTCT    |
| Pgcla        | TCACACCAAACCCACAGAAA  | CTTGGGGTCATTTGGTGACT    |
| Cpt1a        | TATAACAGGTGGTTTGAC    | CAGAGGTGCCCAATGATG      |
| Cpt1b        | TCGCAGGAGAAAACACCATG  | AACAGTGCTTGGCGGATGTG    |
| Cox1         | ATTCGAGCAGAATTAGGTCA  | CTCCGATTATTAGTGGGACA    |
| Ndufa9       | ACTGTGTTTGGGGGCTACAGG | GATTGATGACCACGTTGCTG    |
| Dio2         | AGAGTGGAGGCGCATGCT    | GGCATCTAGGAGGAAGCTGTTC  |
| Ucp1         | AGGGCCCCCTTCATGAGGTC  | GTGAAGGTCAGAATGCAAGC    |
| Xbp1         | CAGCACTCAGACTATGTGCA  | GTCCATGGGAAGATGTTCTGG   |
| Xbp1 spliced | CTGAGTCCGAATCAGGTGCAG | GTCCATGGGAAGATGTTCTGG   |
| Gdf15        | GAGCTACGGGGTCGCTTC    | GGGACCCCAATCTCACCT      |
| Fgf21        | AGATCAGGGAGGATGGAACA  | TCAAAGTGAGGCGATCCATA    |
| Cidea        | ATCACAACTGGCCTGGTTACG | TACTACCCGGTGTCCATTTCT   |
| Atgl         | CCACCAACATCCACGAGCTT  | TTCGAGAGGCGGTAGAGATTG   |
| 185          | CTGGTTGATCCTGCCAGTAG  | CGACCAAAGGAACCATAACT    |
| Gapdh        | GACATGCCGCCTGGAGAAAC  | AGCCCAGGATGCCCTTTAGT    |