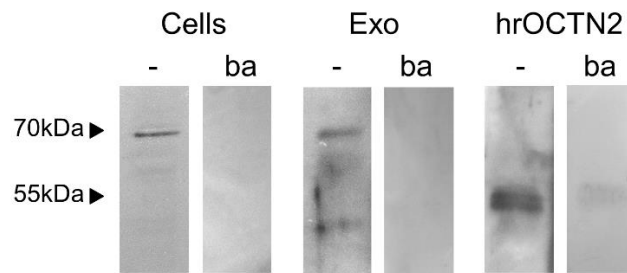


## **Characterization of Exosomal SLC22A5 (OCTN2) carnitine transporter.**

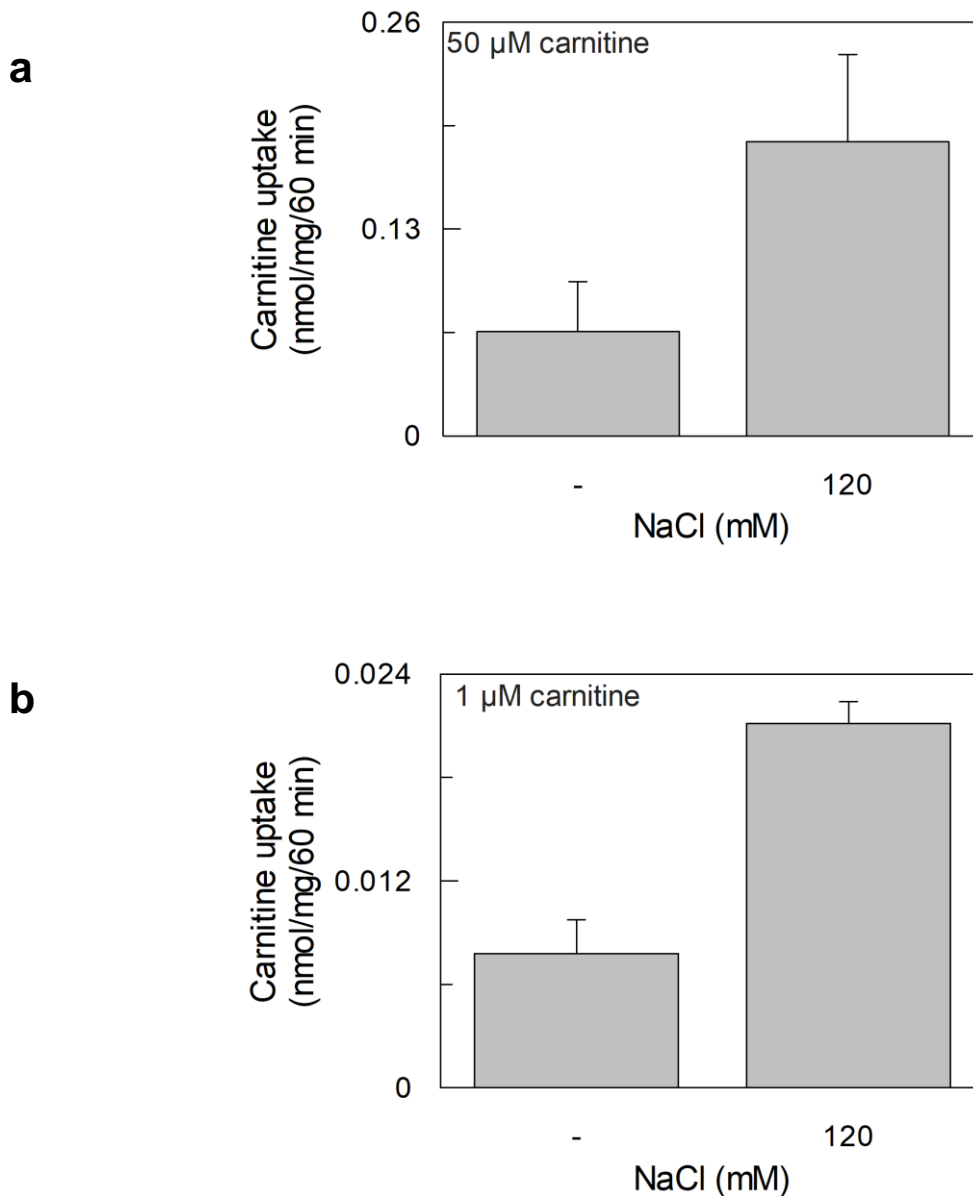
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**Fig. S1 Specificity of the anti-OCTN2 antibody.** A WB experiment using the recombinant human OCTN2 as a blocking peptide was performed. 20  $\mu$ g of cell extract (Cells), 20  $\mu$ g of exosomal extract (Exo) and 2  $\mu$ g of purified recombinant human OCTN2 (hrOCTN2) were run on SDS-PAGE and blotted on nitrocellulose membrane for immunodetection by anti-OCTN2. Before proceeding with the staining, 5  $\mu$ g of anti-OCTN2 was incubated with 50  $\mu$ g of the purified hrOCTN2. The blocked anti-OCTN2 antibody (ba) was used for staining in parallel with the untreated antibody (-). The absence or presence of faint bands in the lines immuno-stained with the blocked anti-OCTN2 (ba) demonstrates specificity of the anti-OCTN2 antibody. The image is representative of two independent experiments.



**Fig. S2. Effect of Sodium on carnitine uptake in proteoliposomes by exosomal OCTN2.** OCTN2 reconstitution into proteoliposomes was performed removing the detergent from mixed micelles obtained mixing 200  $\mu\text{g}$  of total proteins from exosome, 75  $\mu\text{l}$  of 10% Triton X-100, 110  $\mu\text{l}$  of 10% sonicated liposomes 70  $\mu\text{l}$  of Hepes 200mM at pH 7.5 in a final volume of 700  $\mu\text{l}$ . The proteoliposomes were passed through a Sephadex G-75 column and the eluate was used for transport measurement. Transport was started by adding 0.05 mM  $^3\text{H}$ -carnitine to proteoliposomes (a) or 0.001 mM  $^3\text{H}$ -carnitine (b) and termed by removing the external substrate. The concentrations of  $^3\text{H}$ -carnitine used in a and b are lower to the  $K_m$  of SLC6A14 and SLC22A4 which are low affinity transporters of carnitine to minimize their contribution to the measured transport activity. In both cases the stimulus of the transport activity by 120mM NaCl, a concentration which is in the physiological range, was evaluated. The values are the mean  $\pm$  SD from three experiments.