Tissue-specific alteration of gene expression and function by RU486 and the GeneSwitch system

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



Supplementary Figure 1. Characterization of the *Act88F-GS-Gal4* driver for drug-induced transgenic expression in *Drosophila*. **a** Compared to the *Mhc-GS-Gal4*, which is leaky¹, *Act88F-GS-Gal4* drives expression of *mCherry* transgenes only in presence of RU486 but not in its absence. As inferred from the fluorescence of *mCherry* transgenes, *Act88F-GS-Gal4* drives transgenic expression specifically in thoracic flight muscles and to a lesser extent in leg muscles. No expression is detected in non-muscle tissues. **b** Consistently, *foxo* expression is induced by *Act88F-GS-Gal4* only in presence of RU486 but not in its absence, whereas leaky *foxo* expression occurs with *Mhc-GS-Gal4* even in the absence of RU486. **c** Transgenic *foxo* expression with *Act88F-GS-Gal4* is dose-dependent. In **b-c**, n=3 and the error bars represent the SD.

d *mCherry* expression induced with 10 μ M RU486 and *Act88F-GS-Gal4* does not extend lifespan (*P*=0.25; n[control]=72 and n[RU486]=76). **e** RU486-induced overexpression of wild-type *foxo* with *Act88F-GS-Gal4* significantly extends lifespan (trial #1: *P*=0.0014; n[control]=64 and n[RU486]=74); trial #2: *P*<0.0001; n[control]=58 and n[RU486]=69), consistent with previous results², obtained with a constitutive *Mhc-Gal4* driver.

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	Control				
<u>WT strains</u>	Non-flyers	Flyers	Percentage		
w1118	8	109	6.84		
В3	2	112	1.75		
<u>GeneSwitch strains</u>					
ACT5C	0	66	0.00		
WB-FB	0	85	0.00		
MHC	3	59	4.84		
ACT88F	5	79	5.95		

	1uM RU486				
<u>WT strains</u>	Non-flyers	Flyers	Percentage	Fisher P=	Chi+Yates P=
w1118	8	117	6.40	1.0000	0.8911
B3	9	130	6.47	0.1179	0.1280
<u>GeneSwitch strains</u>					
ACT5C	4	60	6.25	0.0559	0.1199
WB-FB	4	92	4.17	0.1236	0.1626
MHC	2	48	4.00	1.0000	0.8308
ACT88F	61	8	88.41	0.0001	0.0001

	10uM RU486				
<u>WT strains</u>	Non-flyers	Flyers	Percentage	Fisher P=	Chi+Yates P=
w1118	14	135	9.40	0.5076	0.5977
В3	6	103	5.50	0.1636	0.2522
<u>GeneSwitch strains</u>					
ACT5C	6	56	9.68	0.0113	0.0300
WB-FB	1	87	1.14	1.0000	0.3243
MHC	11	58	15.94	0.0492	0.0766
ACT88F	73	5	93.59	0.0001	0.0001

	100uM RU486				
<u>WT strains</u>	Non-flyers	Flyers	Percentage	Fisher P=	Chi+Yates P=
w1118	23	116	16.55	0.0207	0.0293
В3	3	138	2.13	1.0000	0.8307
<u>GeneSwitch strains</u>					
ACT5C	4	61	6.15	0.0578	0.1238
WB-FB	2	89	2.20	0.4977	0.5073
MHC	33	42	44.00	0.0001	0.0001
ACT88F	76	5	93.83	0.0001	0.0001

Supplementary Table 1. Statistical analysis of flight assays.