

## Supplemental Data

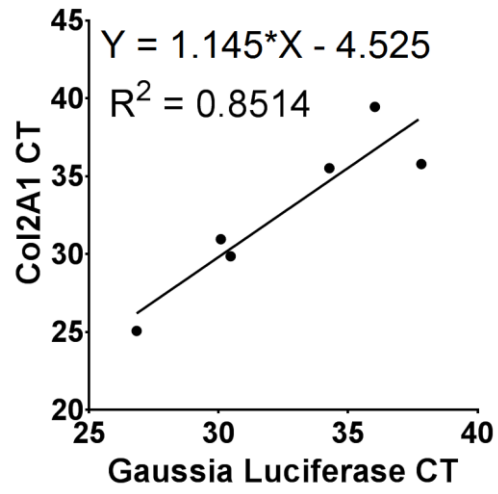
The following table shows the presence or absence of the 14 vitamins or minerals (highlighted in yellow) which were determined to be absent in DMEM.

**Supplemental Table 1 – Common media compositions**

Medium	DMEM	RPMI-1640	Ham's F12	IMDM
Catalog number	D5796	R8758	51651C	I2762
Component (g/L)				
<b>Inorganic Salts</b>				
Calcium Chloride	0.2		0.03322	0.219
Calcium nitrate Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> •4H <sub>2</sub> O		0.1		
<b>Chromium</b>				
<b>Cobalt</b> (*present due to Vitamin B12)			*	*
<b>Copper</b> Sulphate CuSO <sub>4</sub> • 9H <sub>2</sub> O			0.0000025	
Ferric Nitrate • 9H <sub>2</sub> O	0.0001		0.000834	
<b>Iodine</b>				
<b>Manganese</b>				
Magnesium Sulfate (anhydrous)	0.09767	0.04884		0.09767
Magnesium Chloride MgCl <sub>2</sub>			0.05722	
<b>Molybdenum</b>				
Potassium Chloride	0.4	0.4	0.224	0.33
Potassium Nitrate KNO <sub>3</sub>				0.000076
Sodium Bicarbonate NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	3.7	2	1.176	3.024
Sodium Chloride	6.4	6	7.599	4.505
Sodium Phosphate dibasic (anhydrous) Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>		0.8	0.14204	
Sodium Phosphate Monobasic (anhydrous) NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	0.109			0.109
Sodium Selenite Na <sub>2</sub> SeO <sub>3</sub>				0.000017
<b>Zinc</b> ZnSO <sub>4</sub> • 7H <sub>2</sub> O			0.000863	
<b>Amino Acids</b>				
L-Alanine			0.009	0.025
L-Arginine • HCl	0.084	0.2	0.211	0.084
L-Asparagine (Anhydrous)		0.05		0.0284
L-Asparagine • H <sub>2</sub> O			0.01501	
L-Aspartic Acid		0.02	0.0133	0.03
L-Cystine • 2HCl	0.0626	0.0652		0.09124
L-Cystine • HCl • H <sub>2</sub> O			0.035	
L-Glutamic Acid		0.02	0.0147	0.075
L-Glutamine	0.584	0.3	0.146	
Glycine	0.03	0.01	0.00751	0.03
L-Histidine (free base)		0.015		
L-Histidine • HCl • H <sub>2</sub> O	0.042		0.02096	0.042
L-Isoleucine	0.105	0.05	0.00394	0.105
L-Leucine	0.105	0.05	0.0131	0.105
L-Lysine • HCl	0.146	0.04	0.0365	0.146
L-Methionine	0.03	0.015	0.00448	0.03
L-Phenylalanine	0.066	0.015	0.00496	0.066

L-Proline		0.02	0.0345	0.04
L-Serine	0.042	0.03	0.0105	0.042
L-Threonine	0.095	0.02	0.0119	0.095
L-Tryptophan	0.016	0.005	0.0024	0.016
L-Tyrosine • 2Na • 2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.10379	0.02883	0.00778	0.10379
L-Valine	0.094	0.02	0.0117	0.094
<b>Vitamins</b>				
Choline Chloride	0.004	0.003	0.01396	0.004
<i>myo</i> -Inositol	0.0072	0.035	0.018	0.0072
<b>Vitamin A</b>				
Vitamin B1 Thiamine • HCl	0.004	0.001	0.000034	0.004
Vitamin B2 Riboflavin	0.0004	0.0002	0.000038	0.0004
Vitamin B3 Niacinamide	0.004	0.001	0.0000367	0.004
Vitamin B5 D-Pantothenic Acid (hemicalcium)	0.004	0.00025	0.000238	0.004
Vitmain B6 Pyridoxal • HCl	—			0.004
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<b>Vitamin B7</b> D-Biotin		0.0002	0.0000073	0.000013
Vitamin B9 Folic Acid	0.004	0.001	0.0013	0.004
<b>Vitamin B12</b>		0.000005	0.00136	0.000013
<b>Vitamin D</b>				
<b>Vitamin E</b>				
<b>Vitamin K</b>				
<b>Other</b>				
p-Amino Benzoic Acid		0.001		
D-Glucose	4.5	2	1.802	4.5
Glutathione (reduced)		0.001		
HEPES				5.958
Hypoxanthine sodium salt			0.00477	
Linoleic Acid			0.000084	
<b>α-linolenic acid</b>				
Phenol Red • Na	0.0159	0.0053	0.0013	0.016
Pyruvic Acid • Na			0.11	0.11
Putrescine • 2H <sub>2</sub> O			0.000161	
Thioctic Acid			0.00021	
Thymidine			0.00073	
<b>Add</b>				
L-Glutamine				0.584

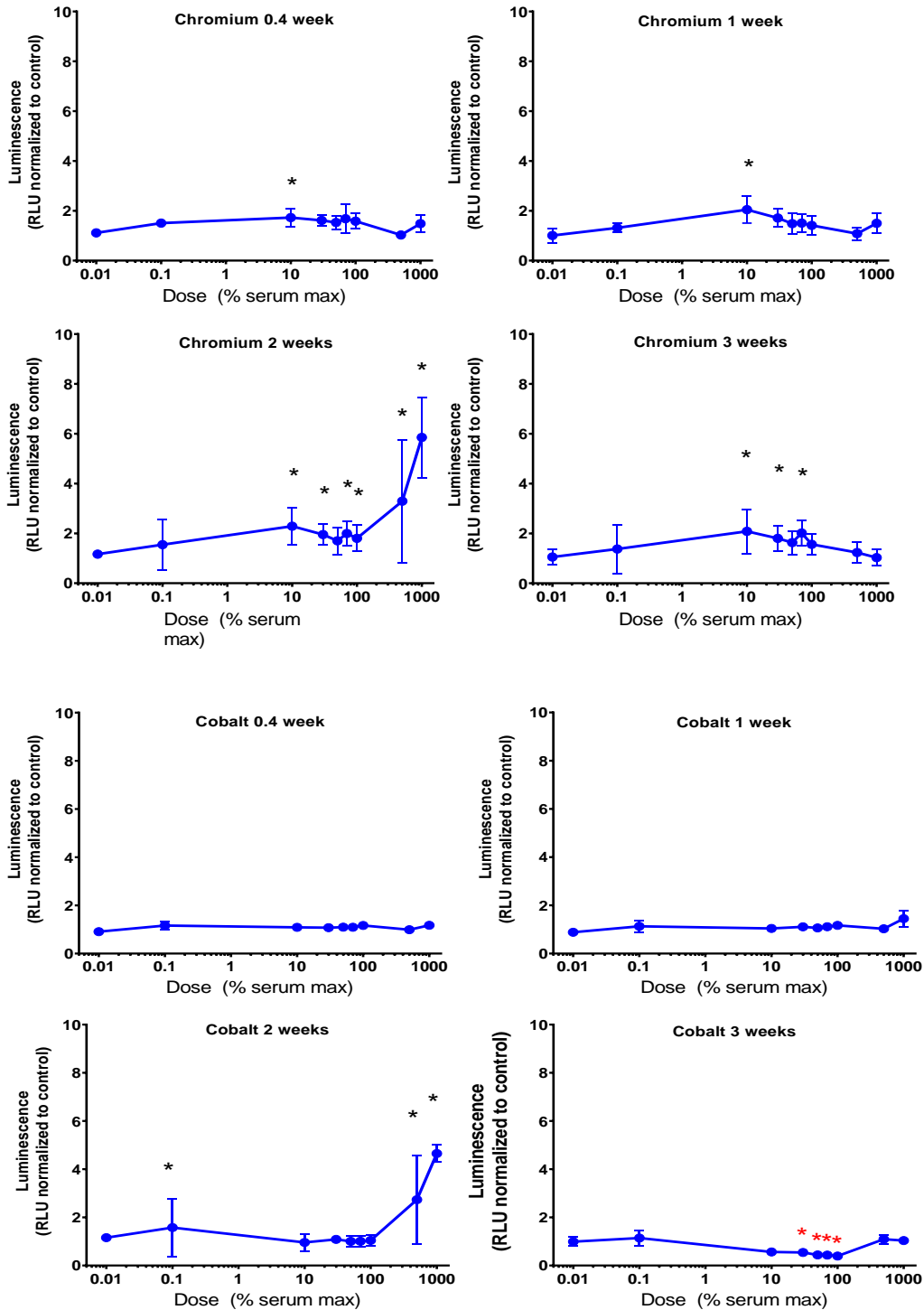
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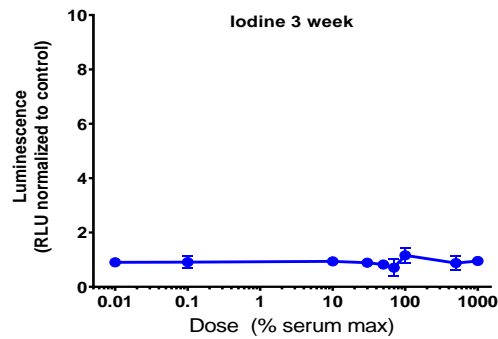
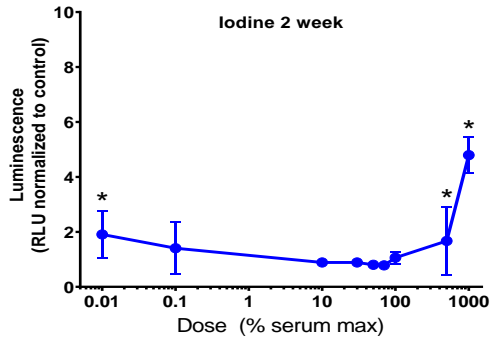
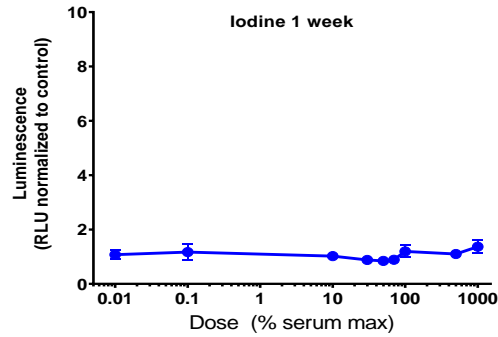
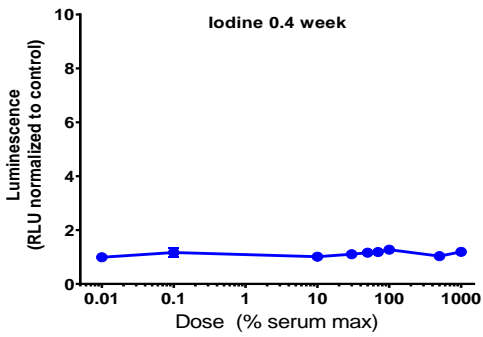
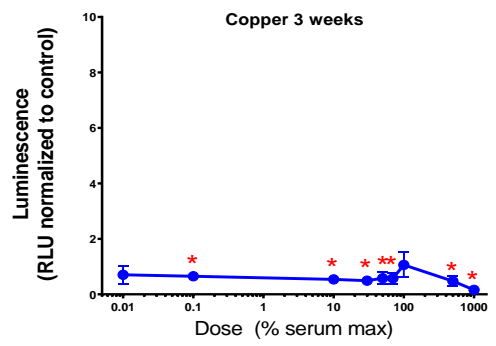
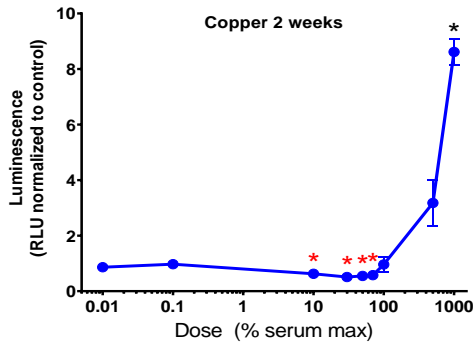
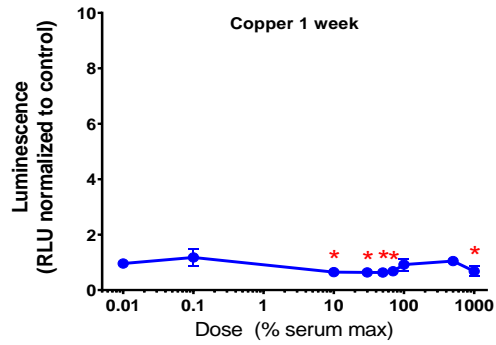
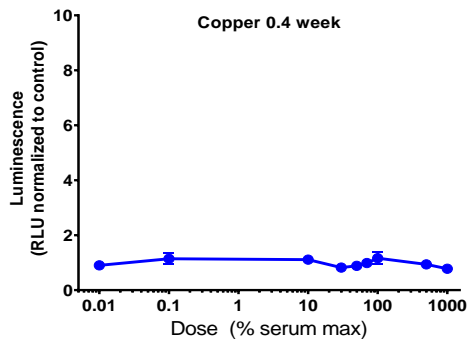


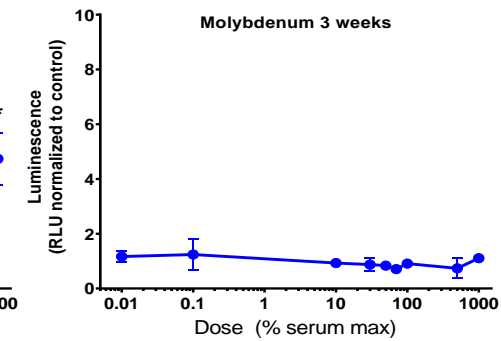
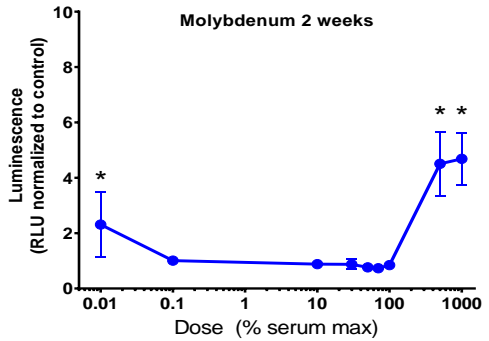
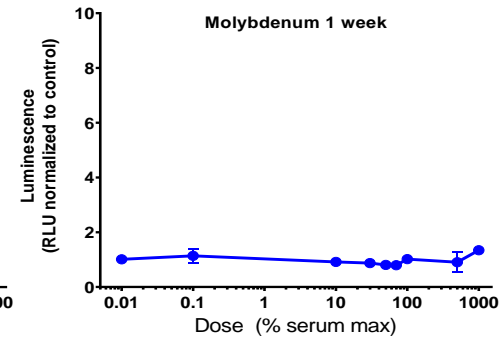
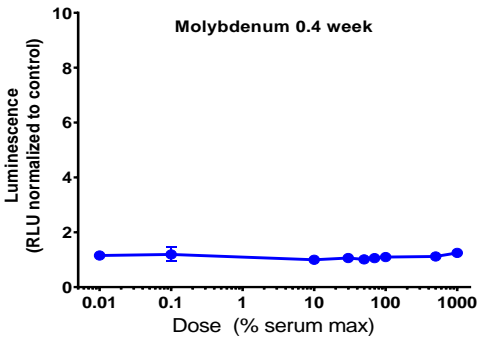
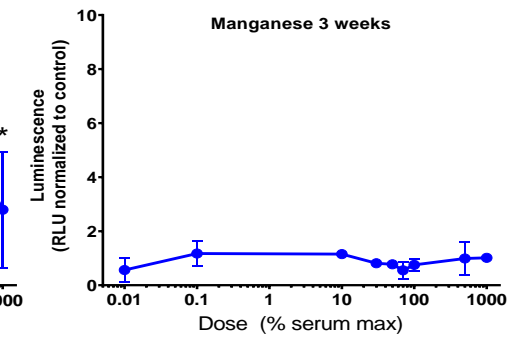
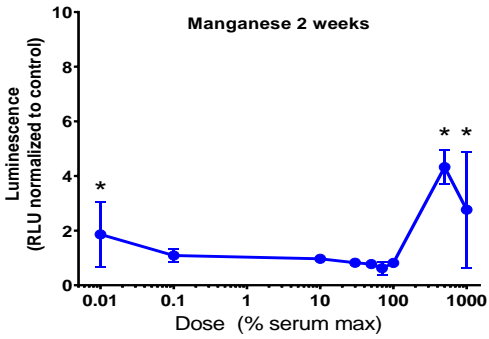
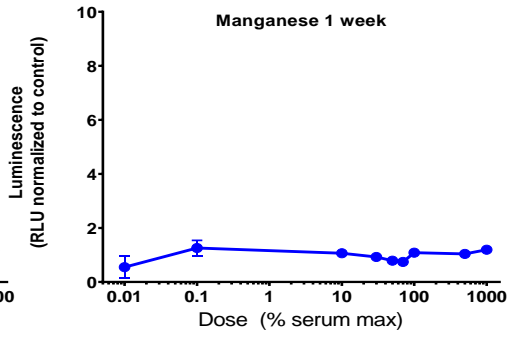
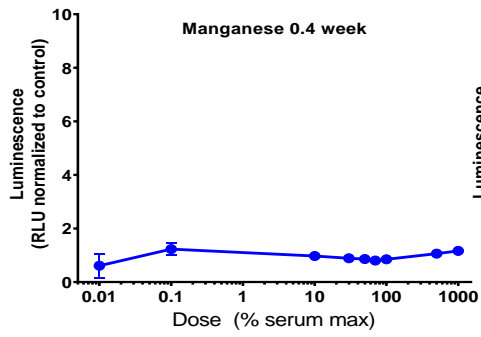
Correlation of *COL2A1* promoter-driven *Gaussia Luciferase* expression with type II collagen expression

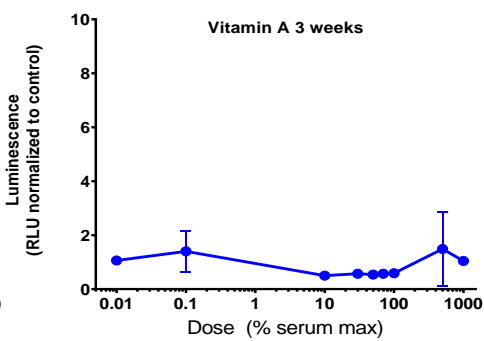
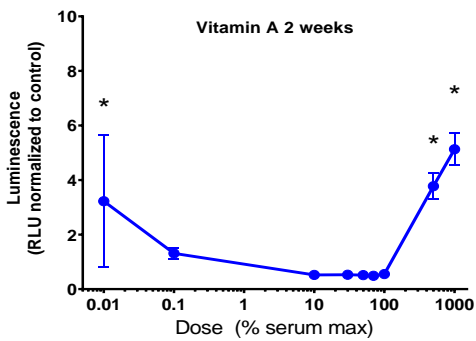
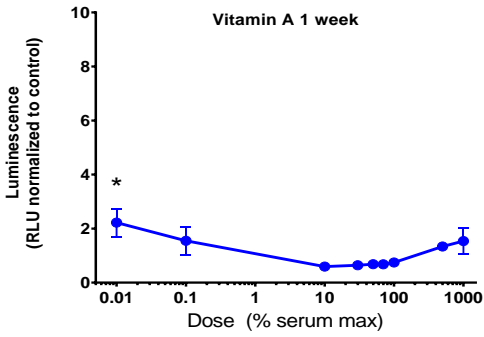
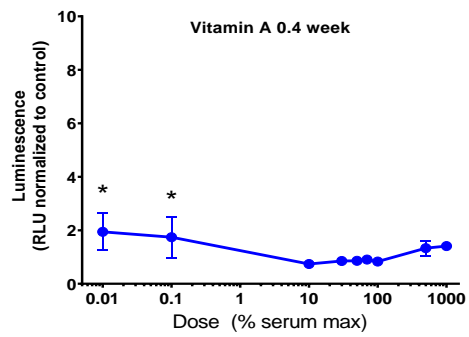
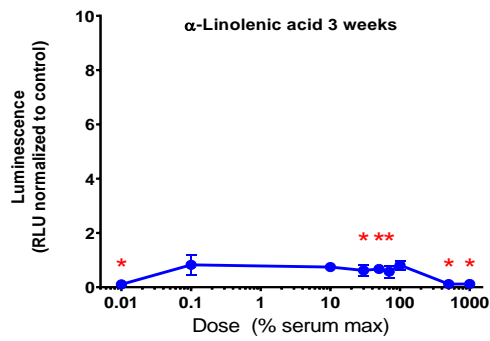
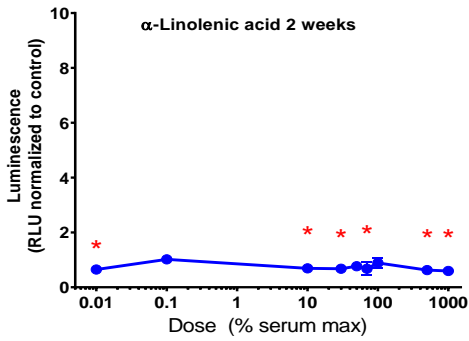
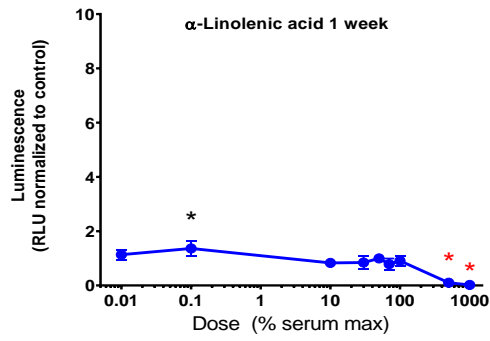
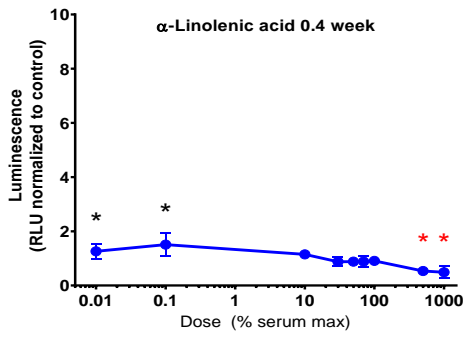
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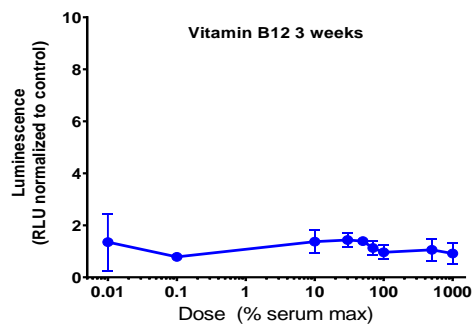
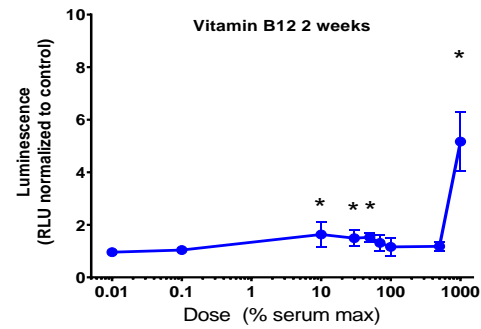
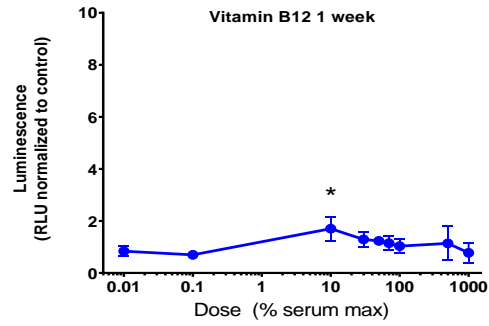
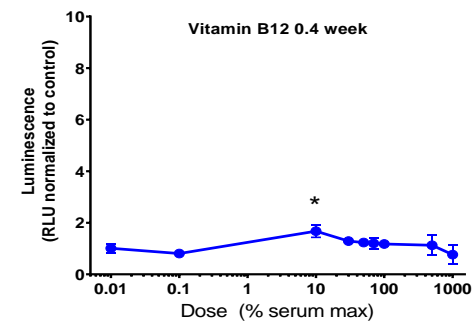
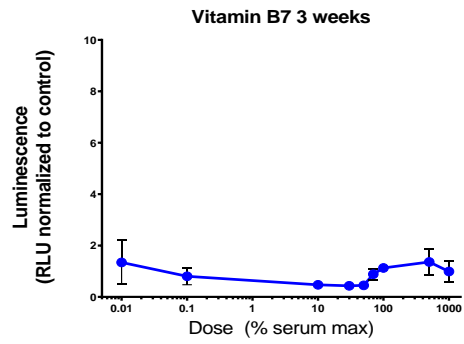
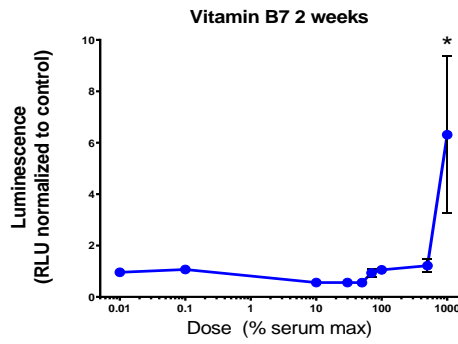
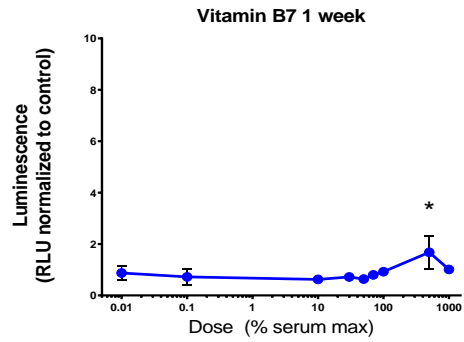
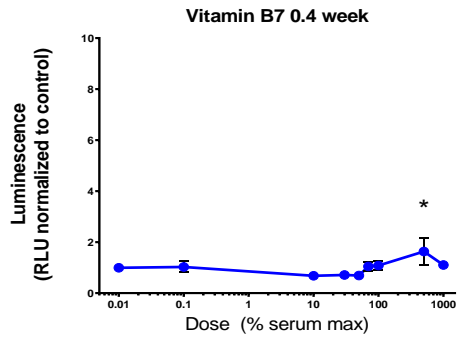
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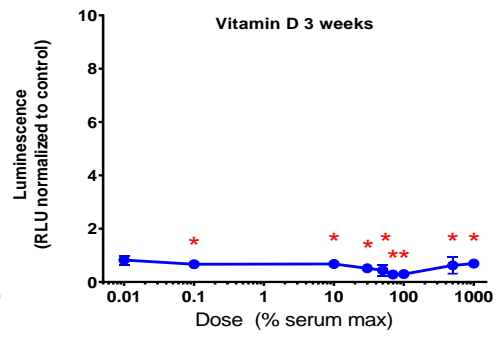
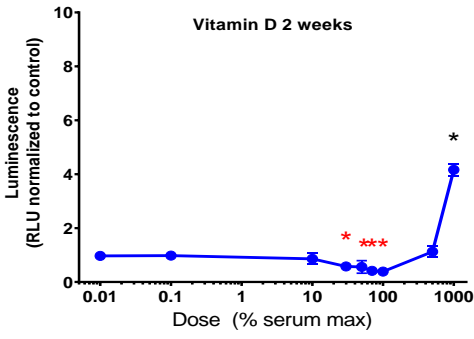
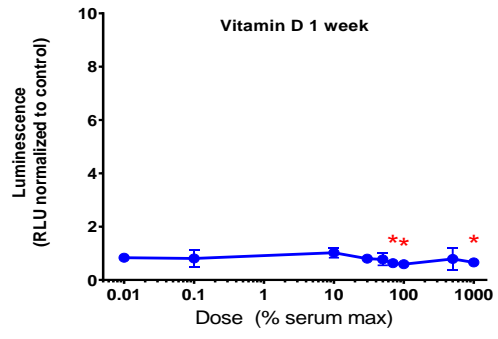
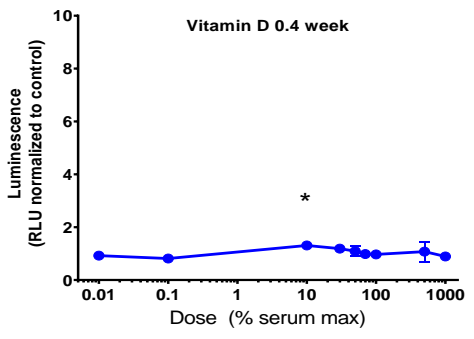


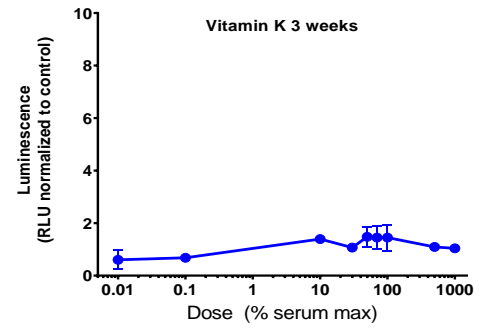
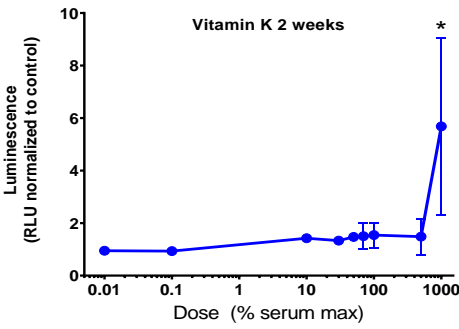
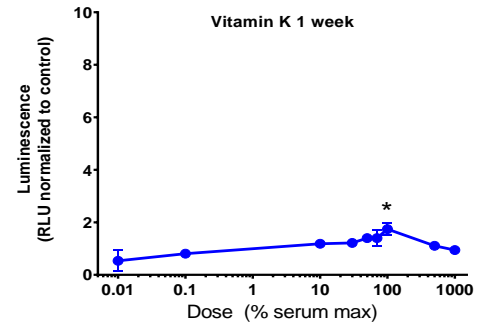
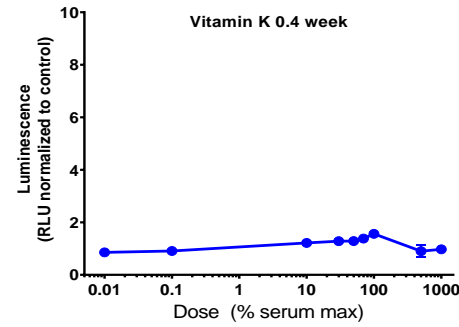
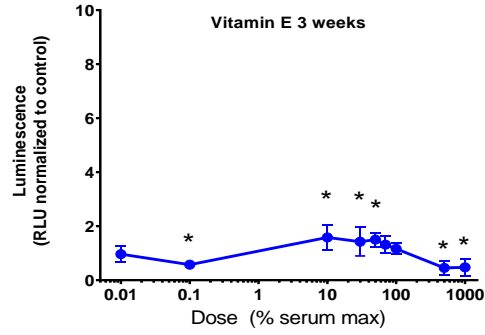
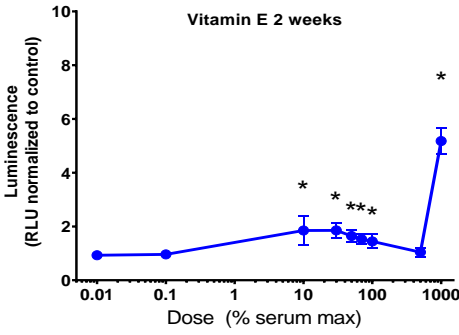
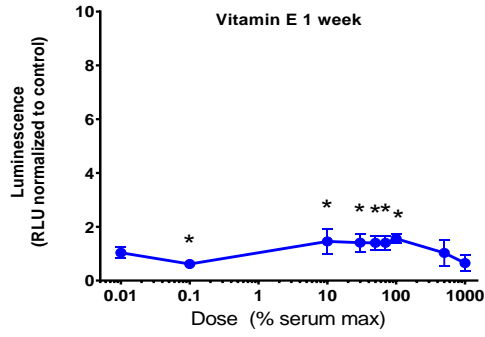
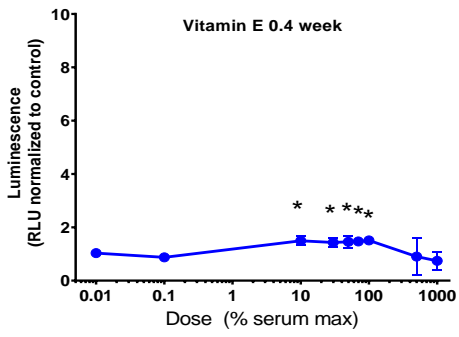


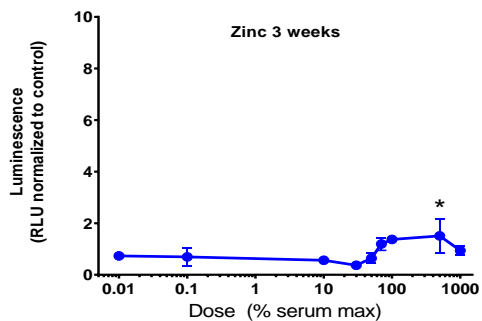
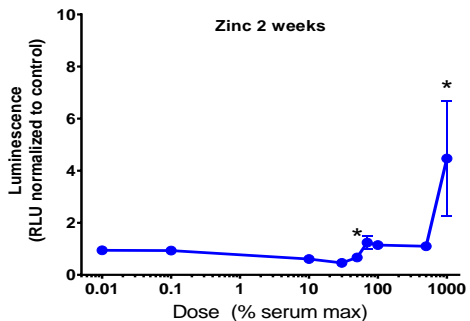
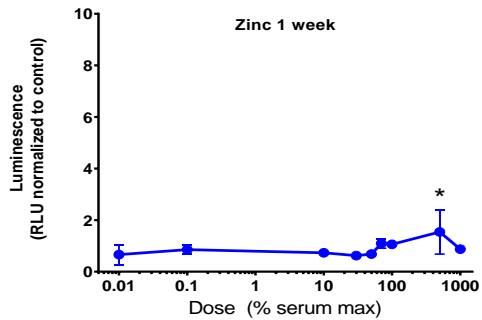
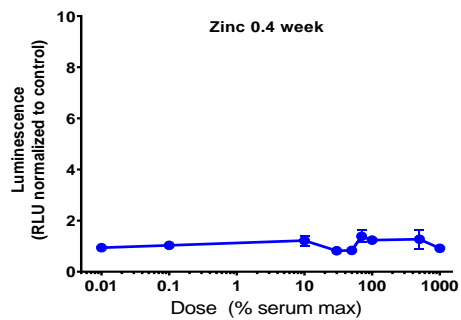










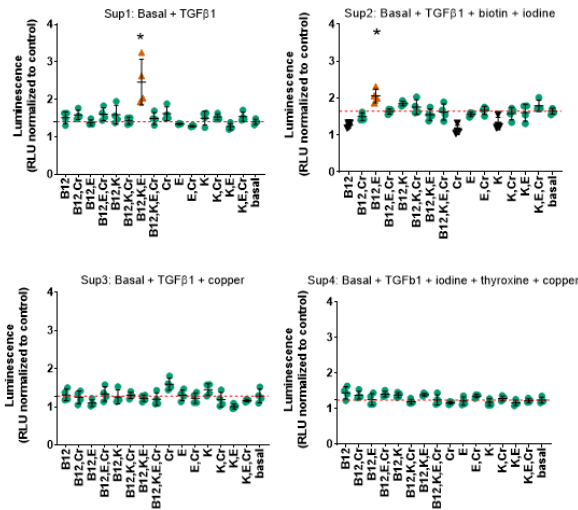




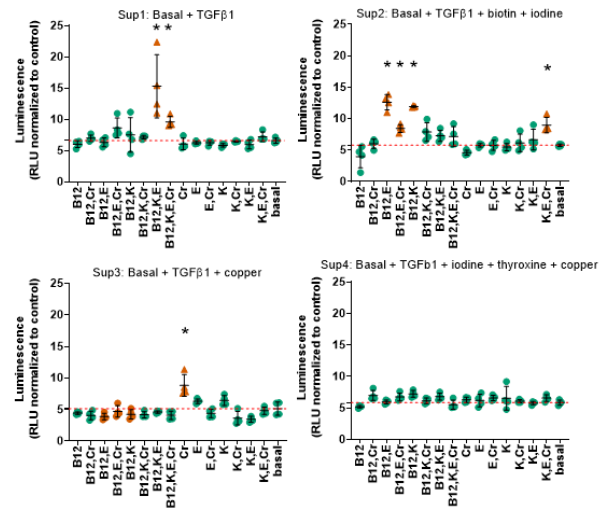
## Supplemental Data 4

The following graphs show the results of addition of vitamins B12, E, and chromium to previously defined supplemented media over a three-week period on *COL2A1* promoter-driven expression. Media were normalized against basal control medium with no TGFβ1 and compared to each supplemented media by two-way ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparison test, Alpha 0.05. Each supplemented media average is represented by a red dashed line. Conditions that were statistically greater than their respective supplemented medium are represented by a ▲ and an \*; conditions that were similar to their respective supplemented medium are represented by a ●; conditions that were lower than their respective supplemented medium are represented by ▼. There was significant interaction between the supplemented media and the additional factors, both of which were also significant sources of variation.

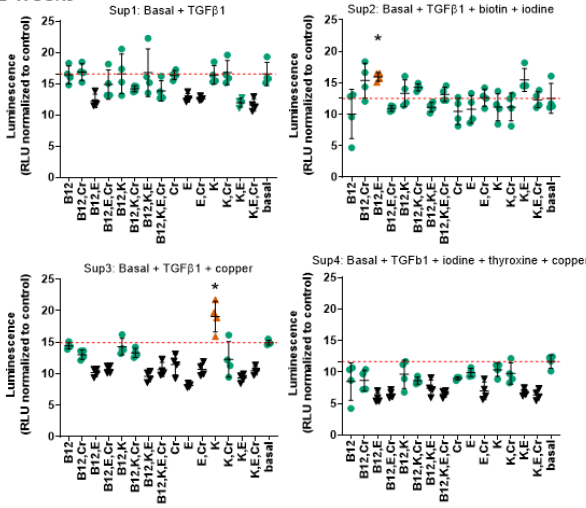
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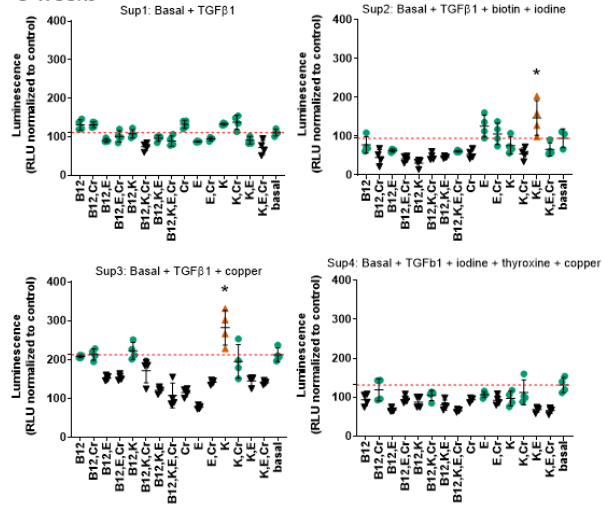
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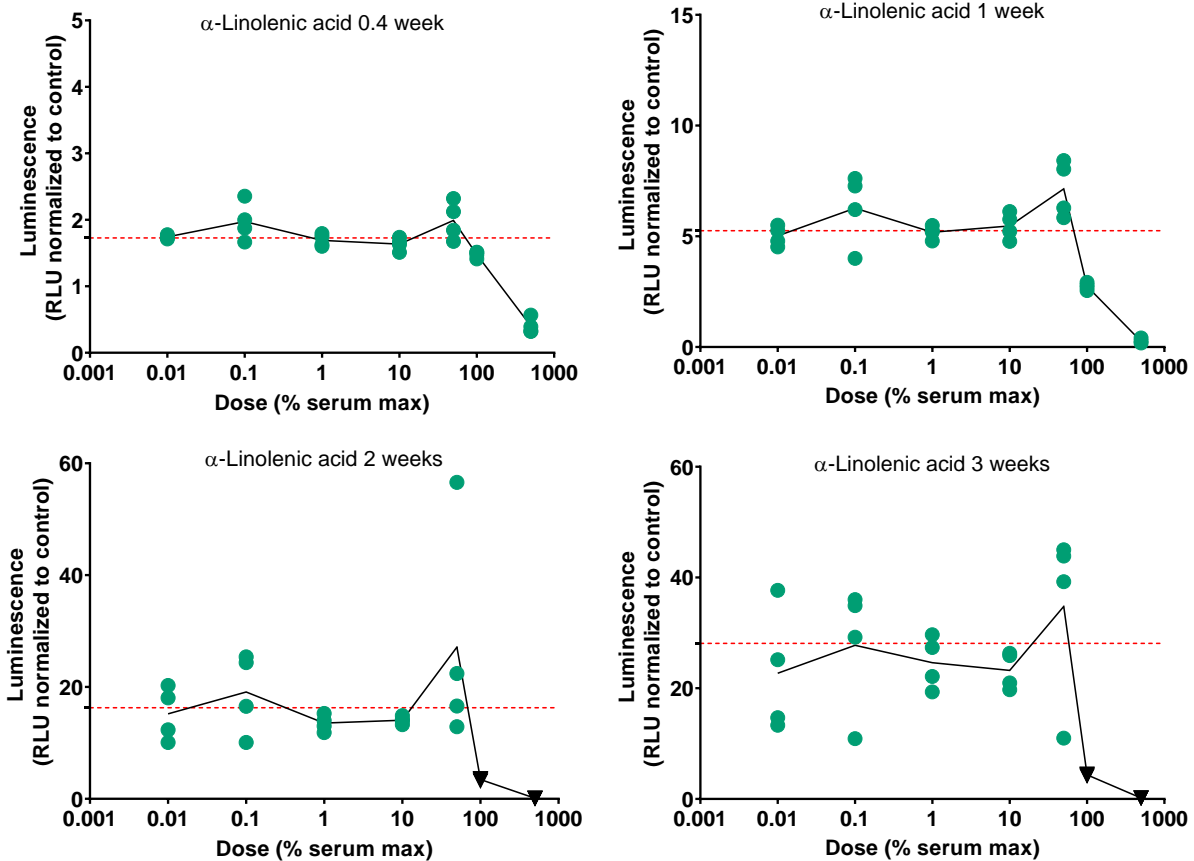


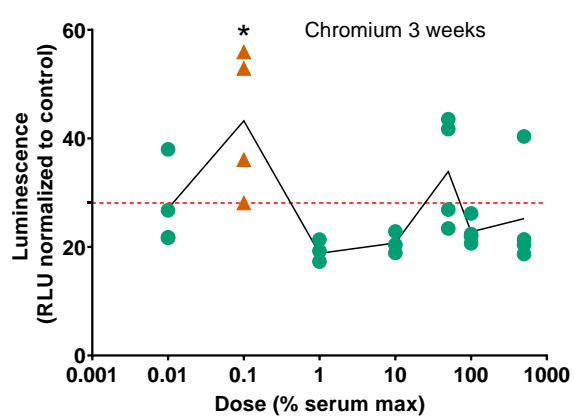
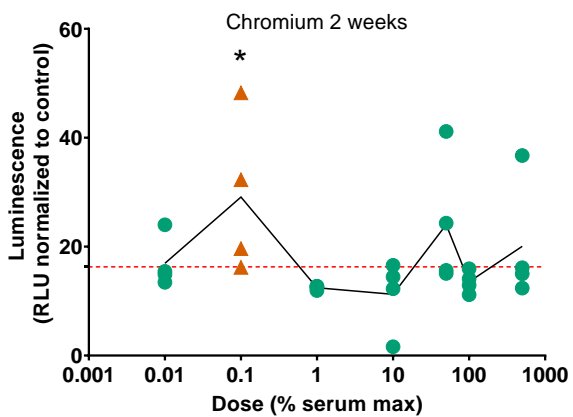
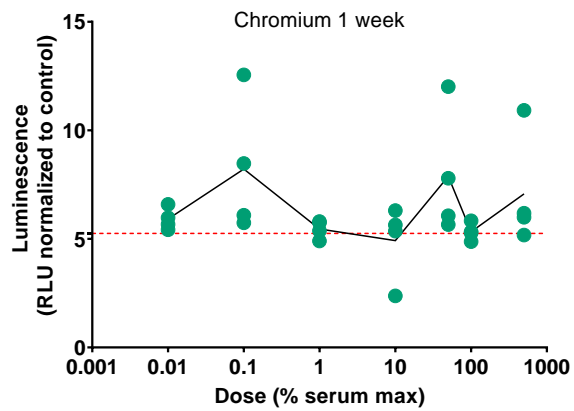
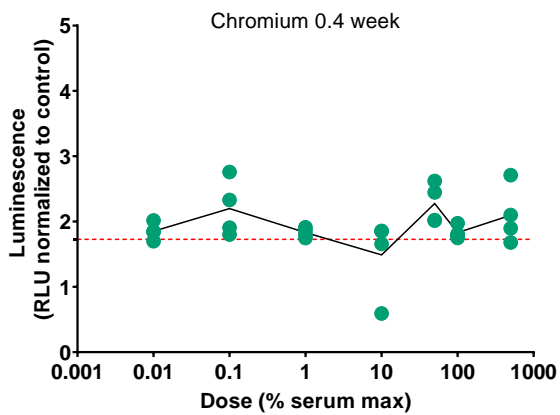
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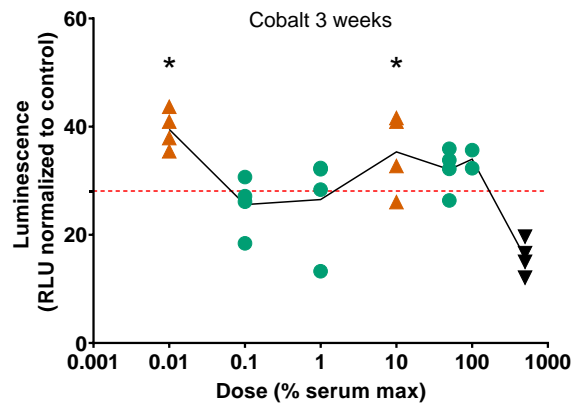
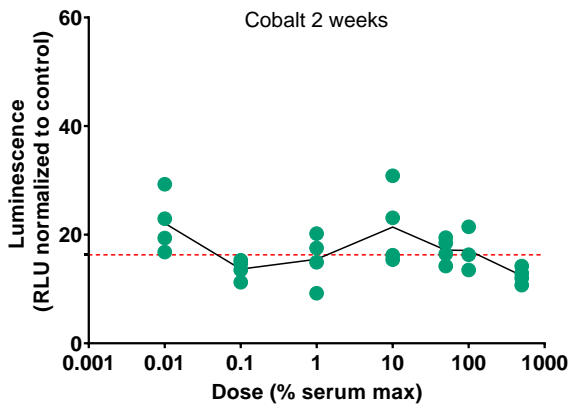
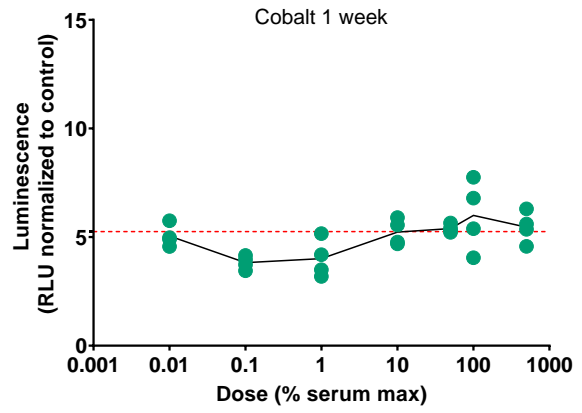
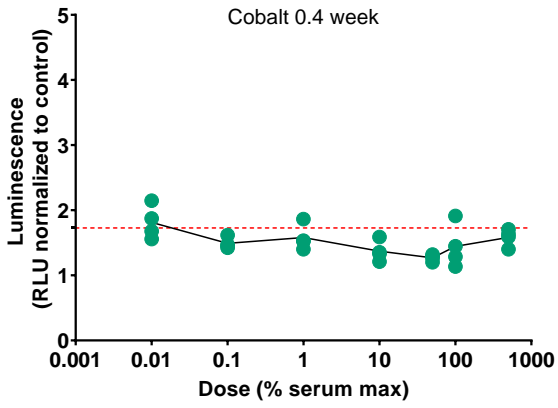


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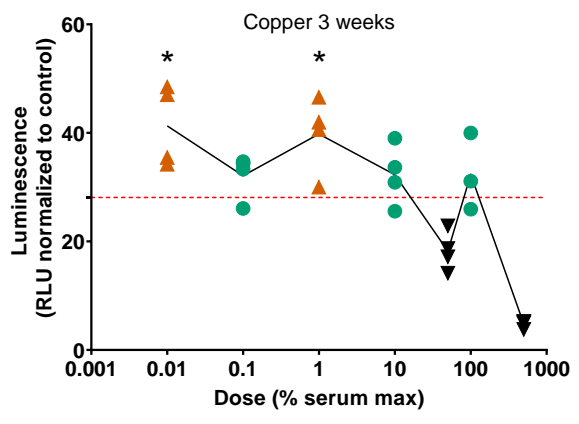
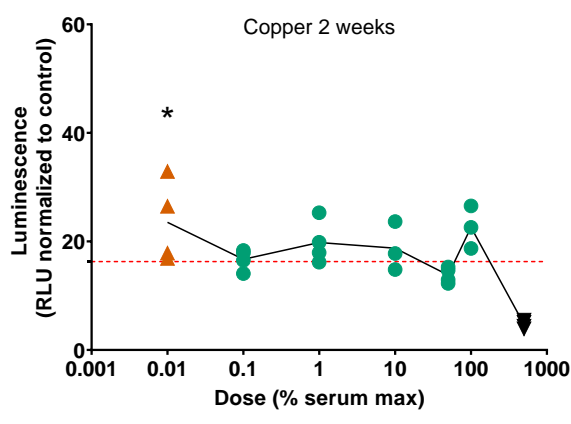
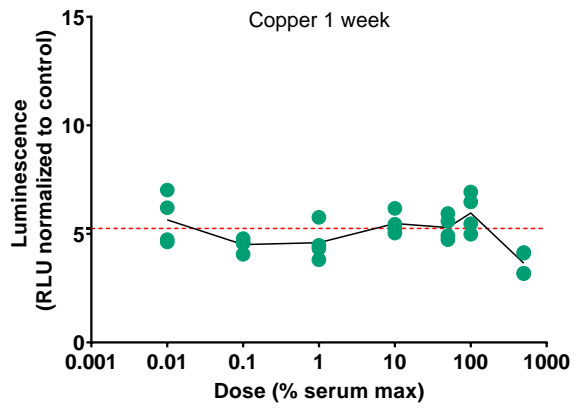
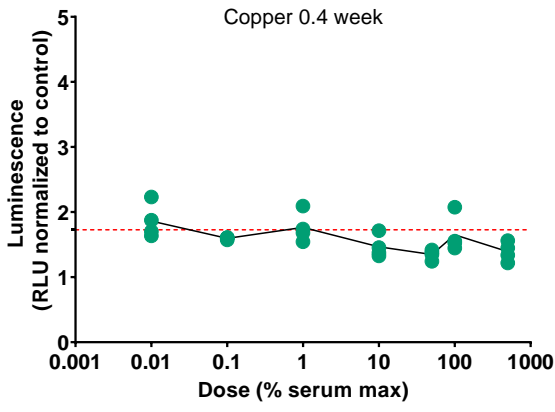
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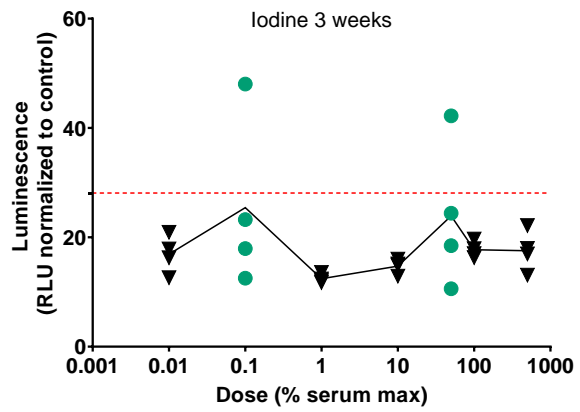
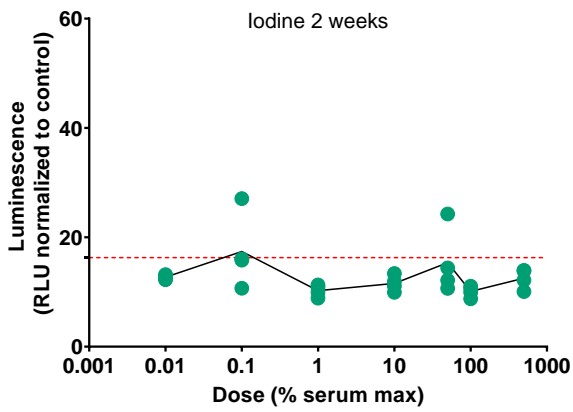
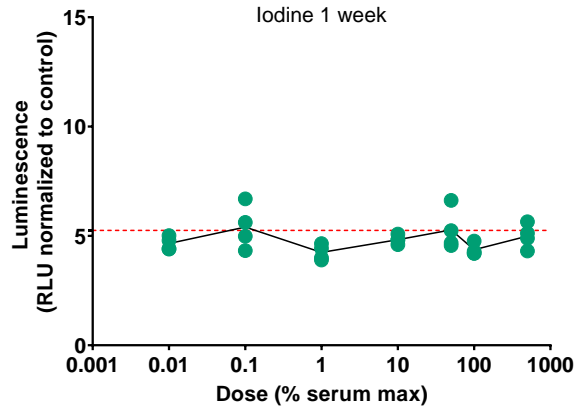
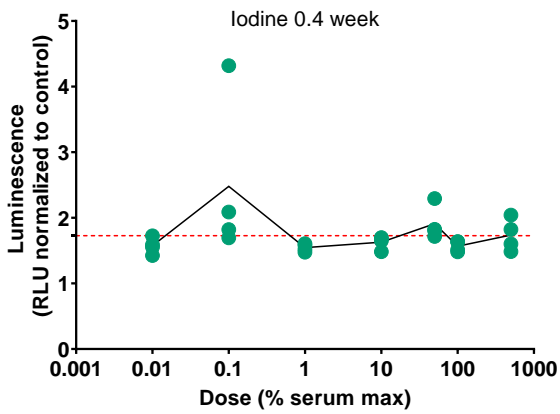




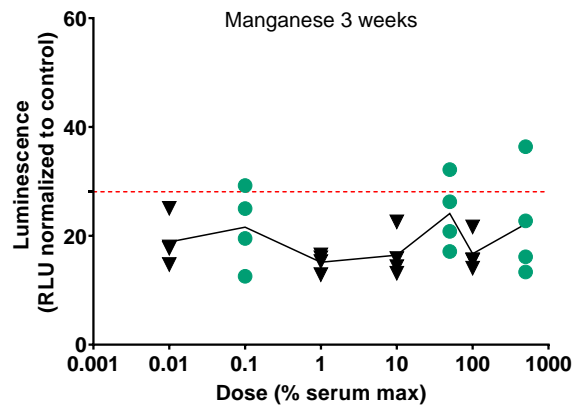
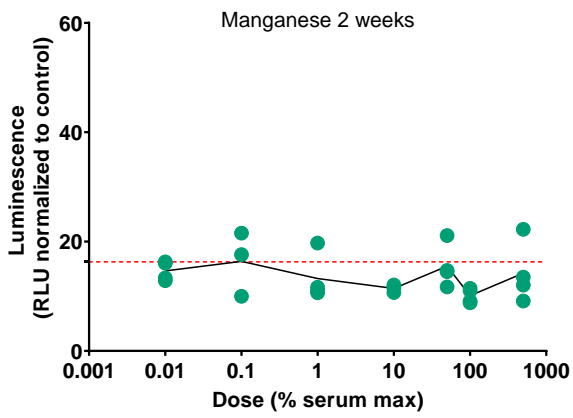
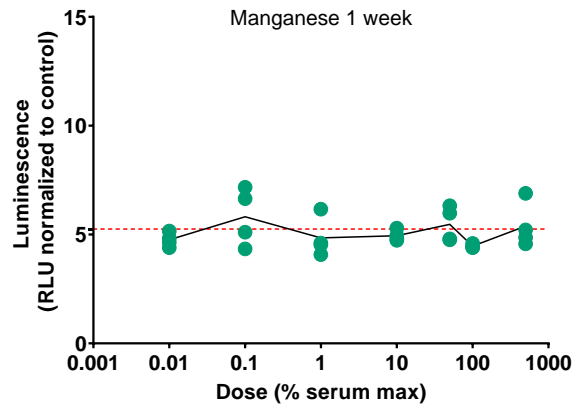
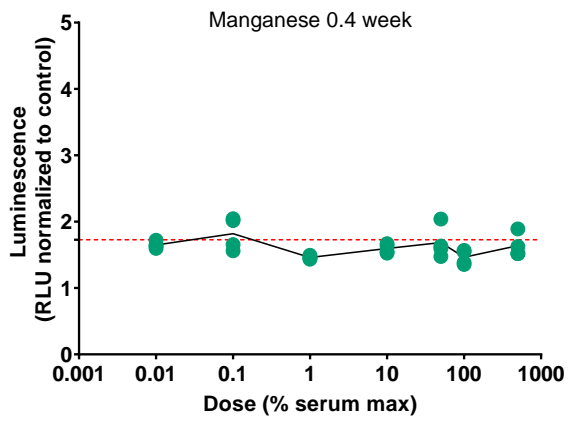




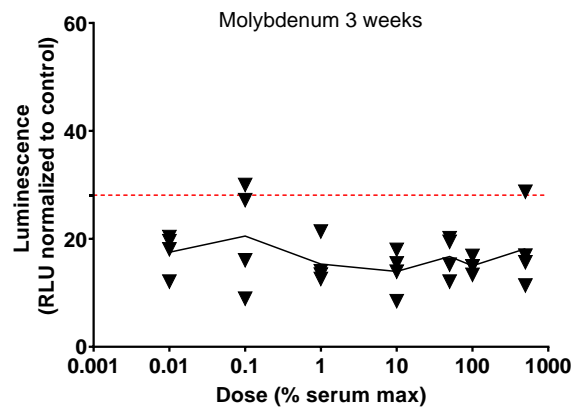
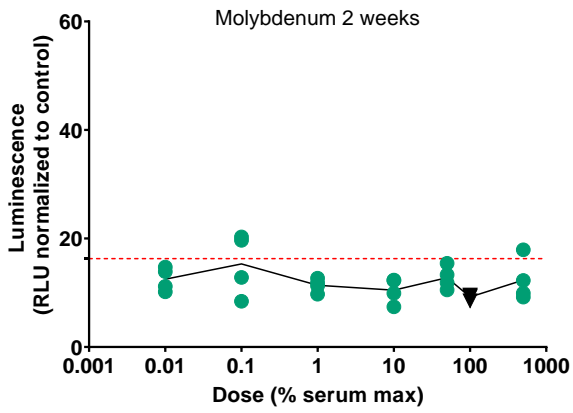
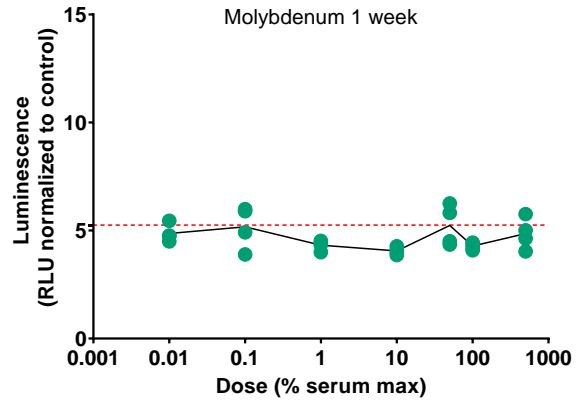
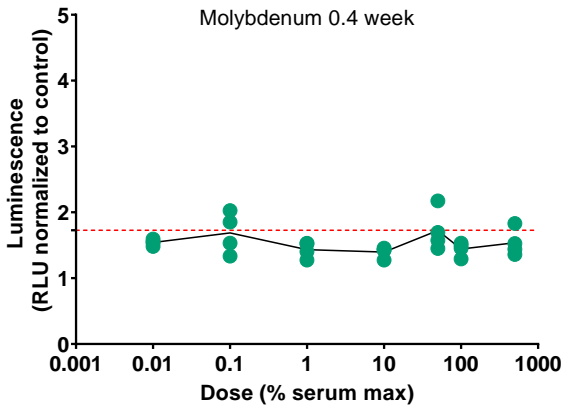


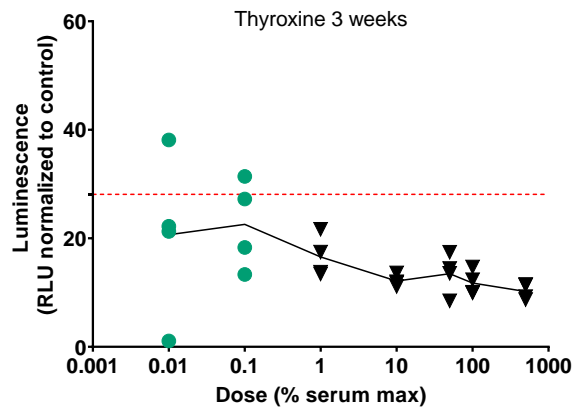
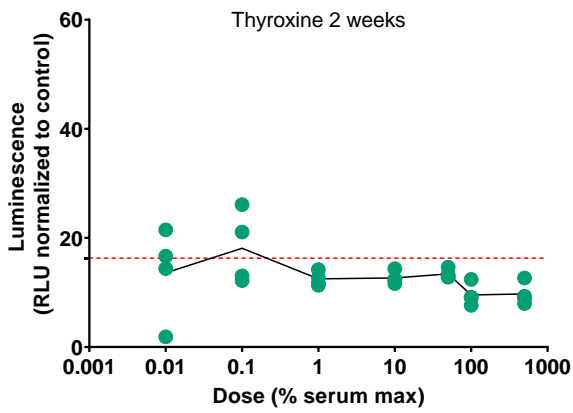
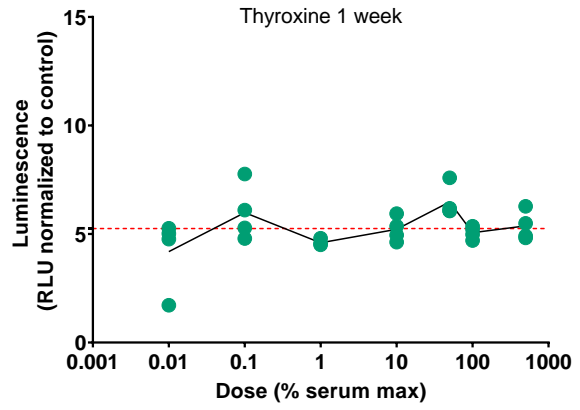
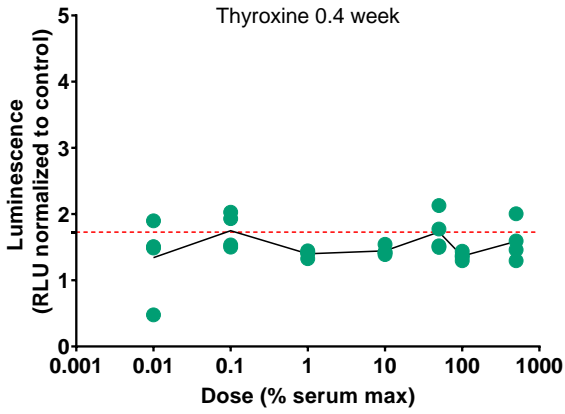


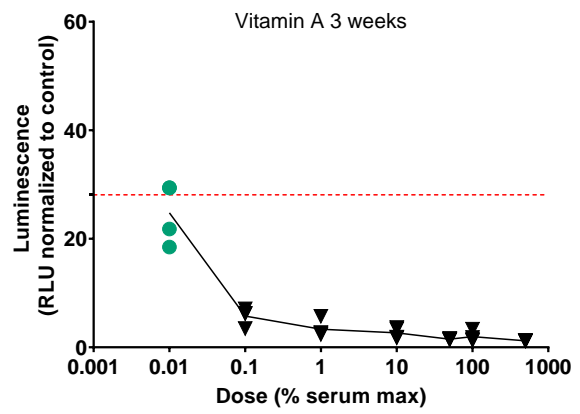
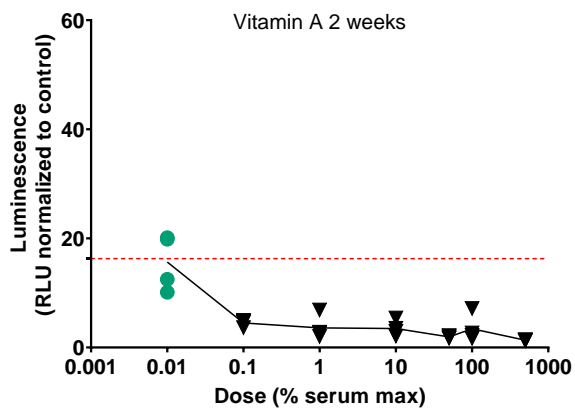
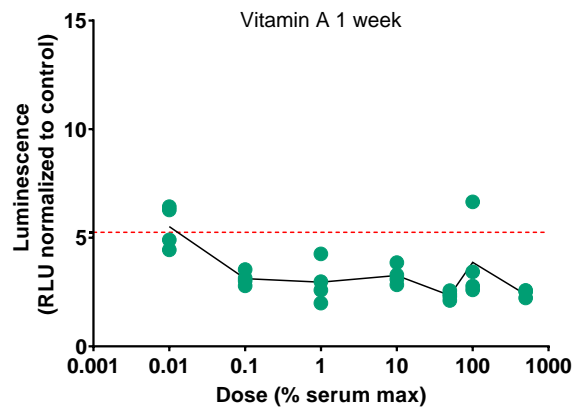
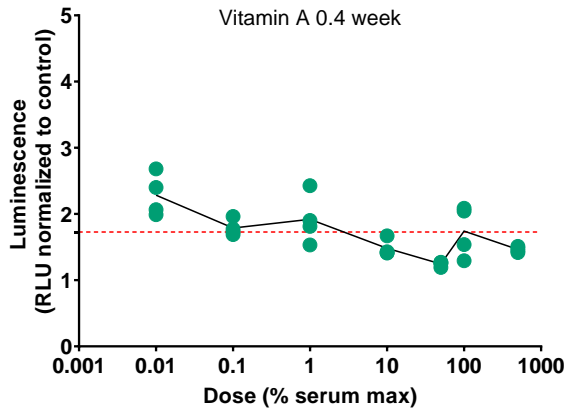
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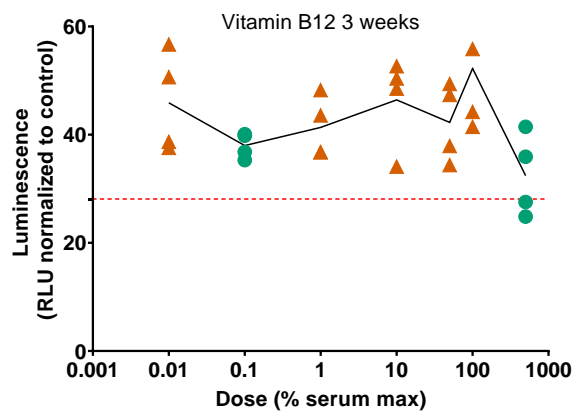
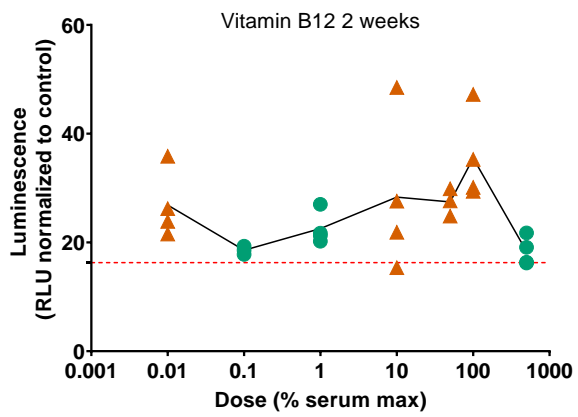
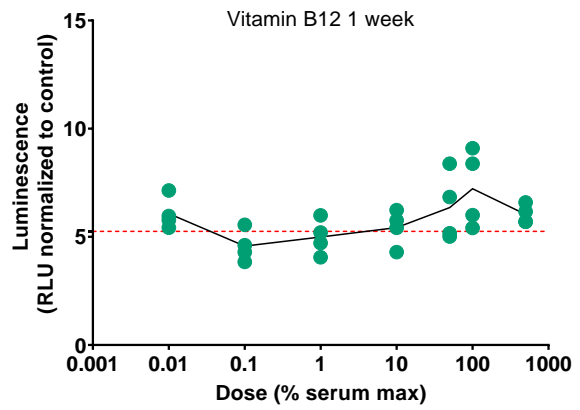
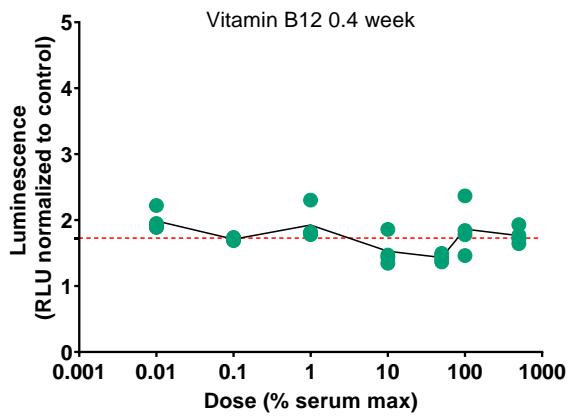


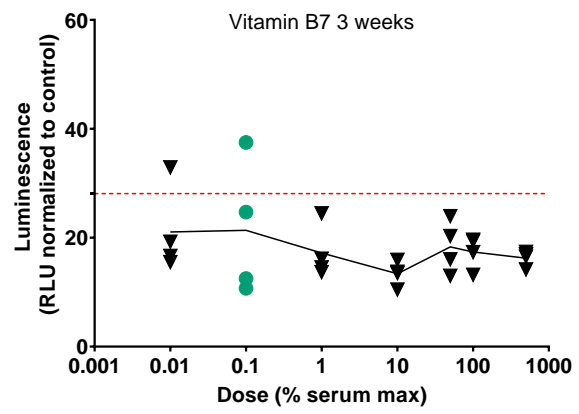
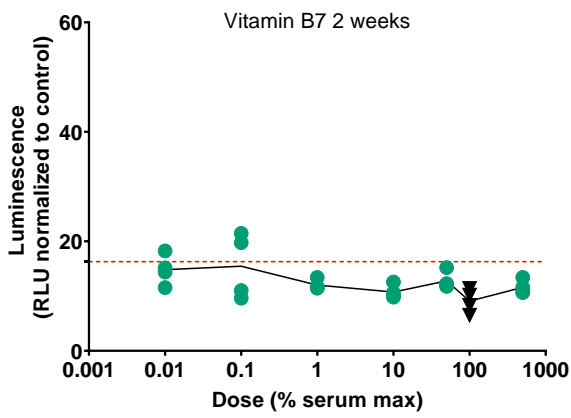
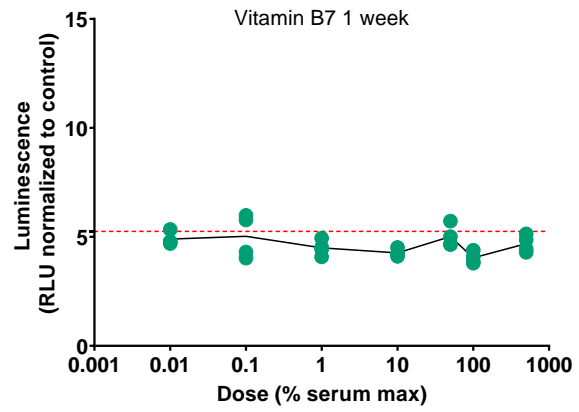
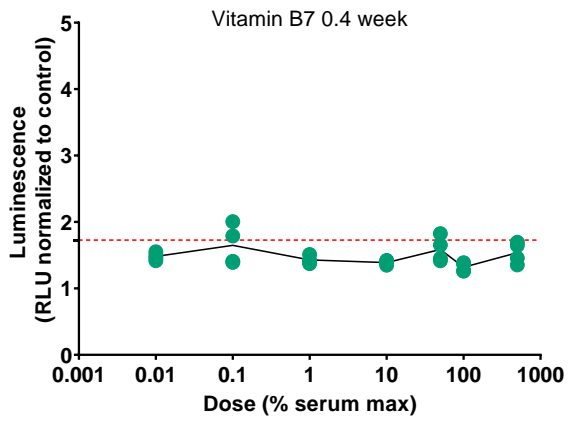
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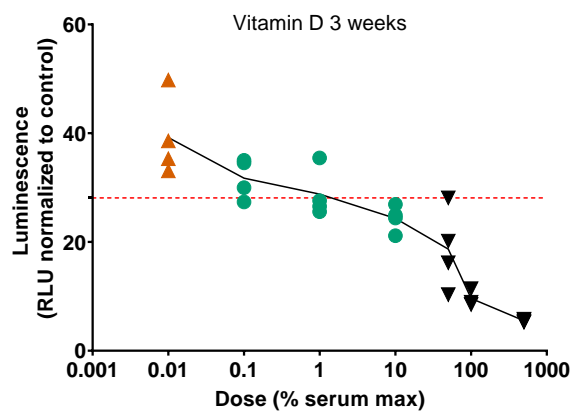
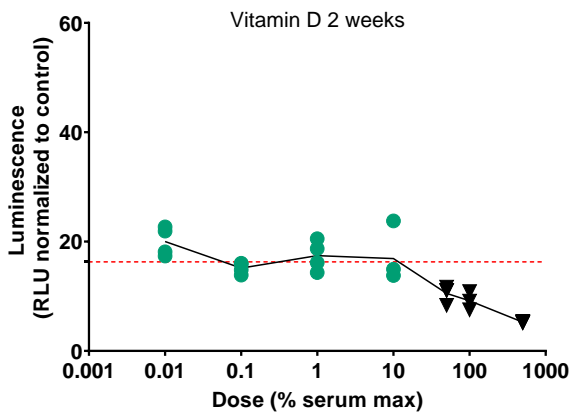
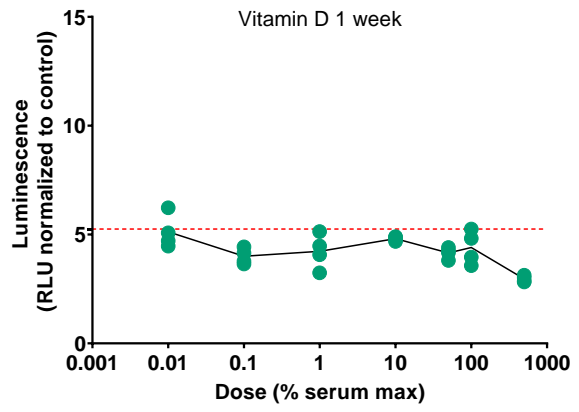
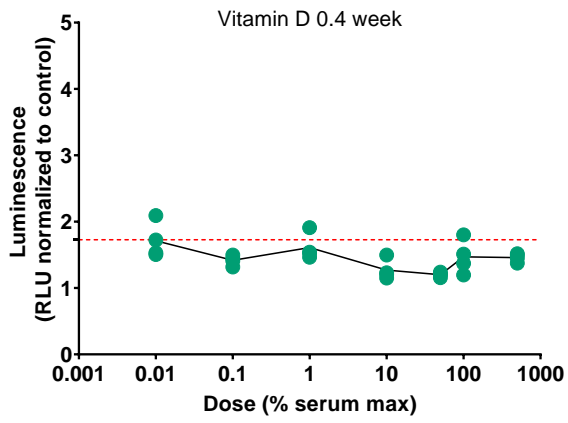


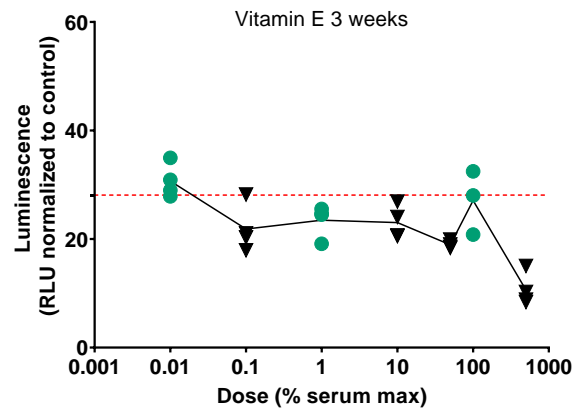
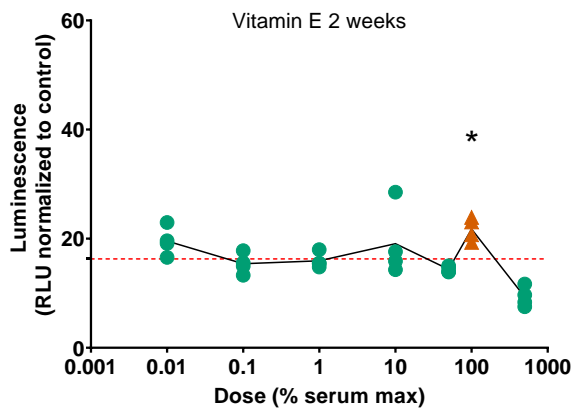
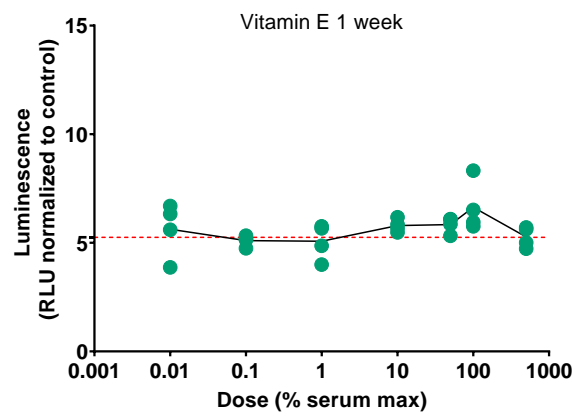
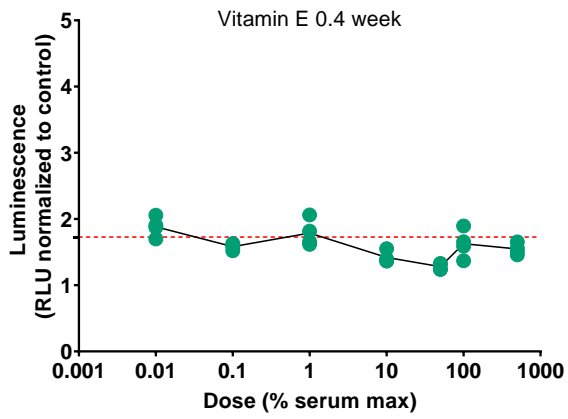


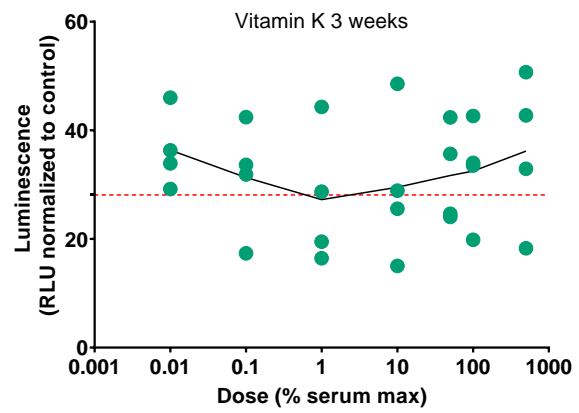
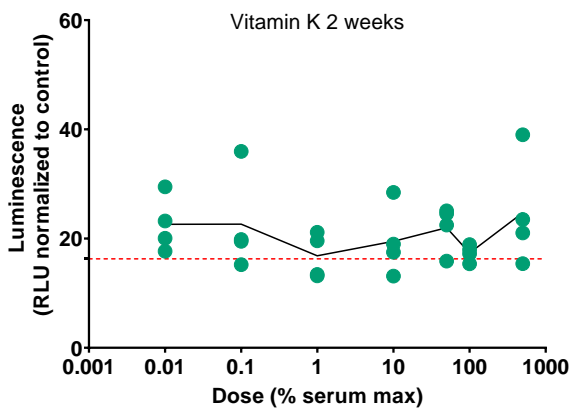
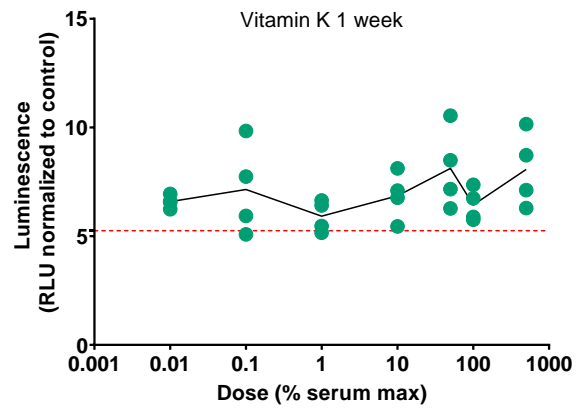
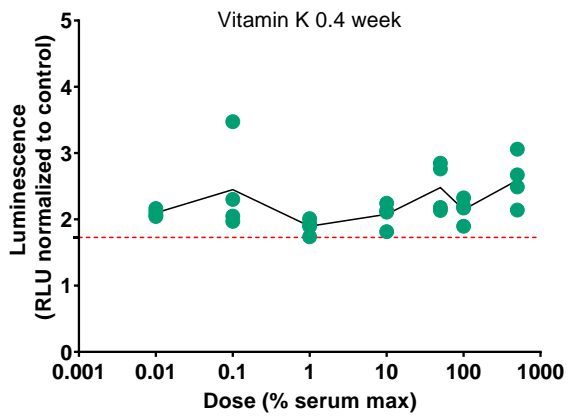


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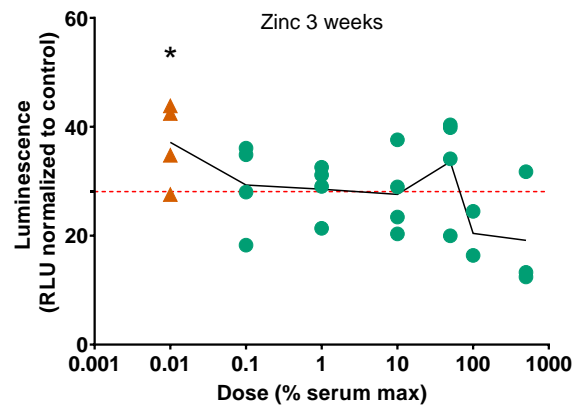
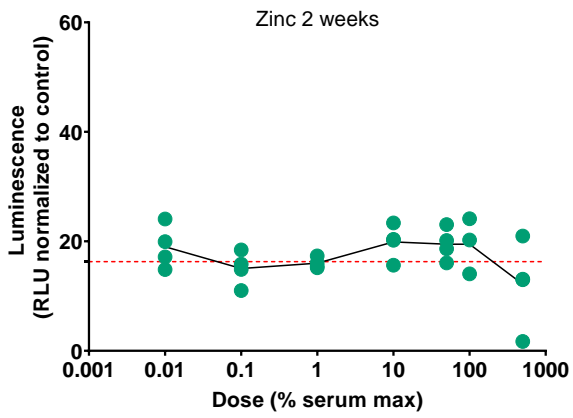
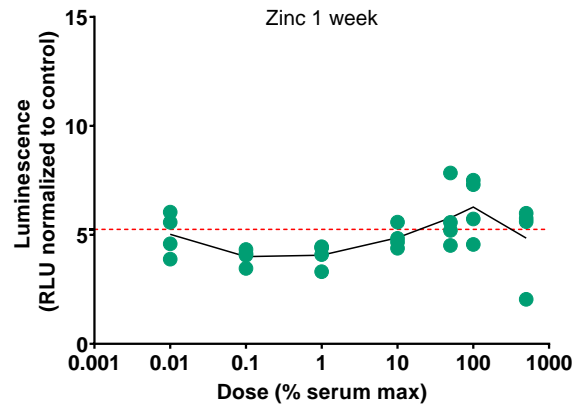
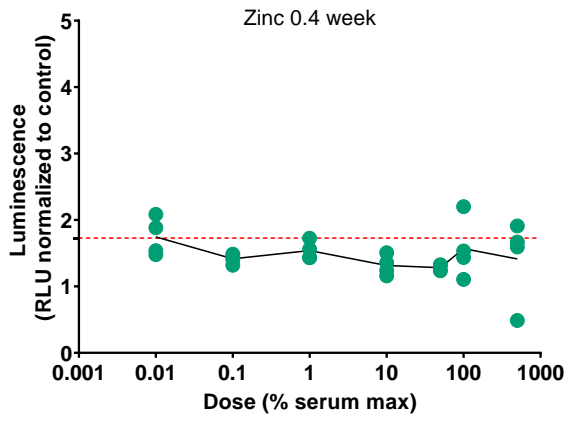






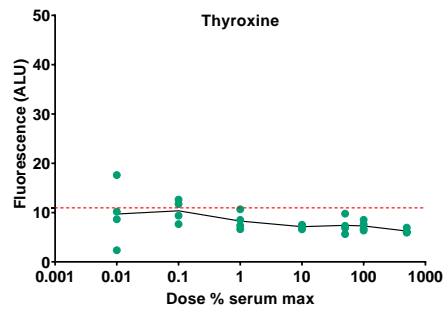
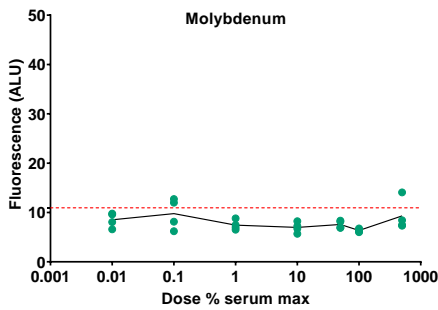
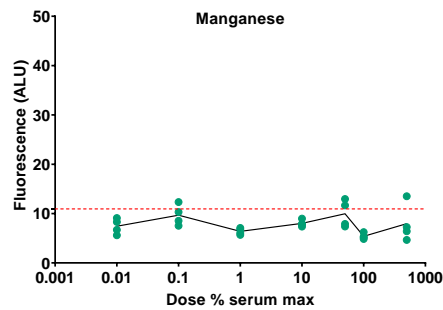
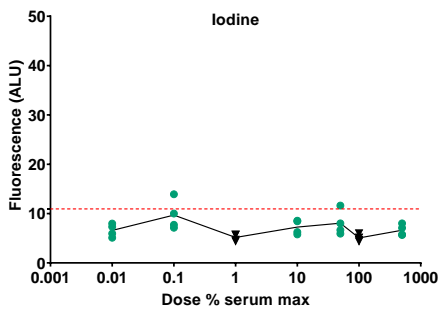
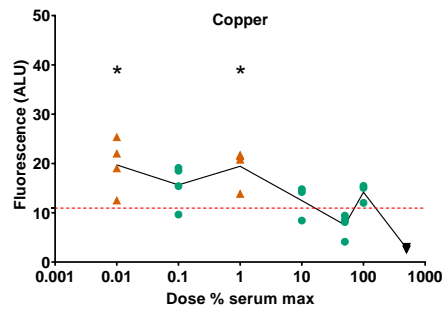
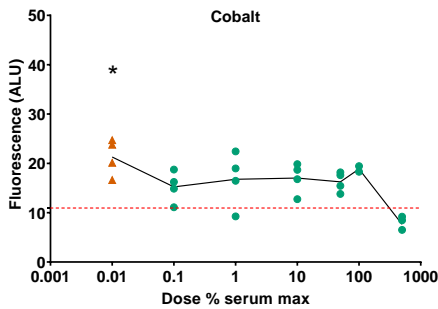
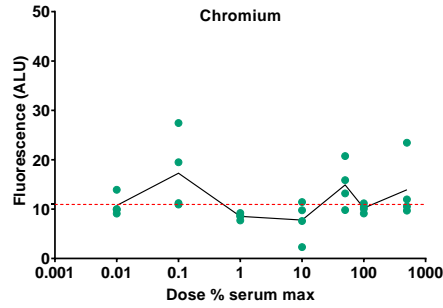
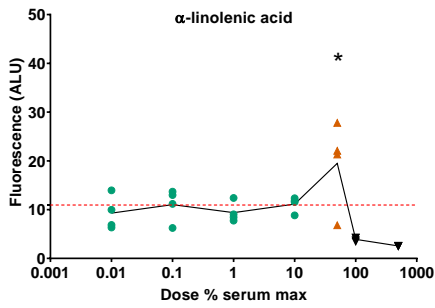


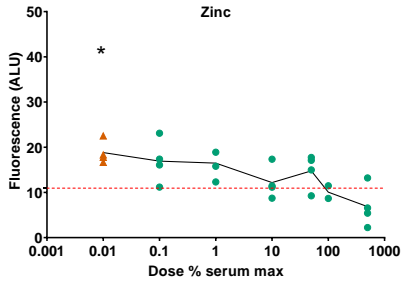
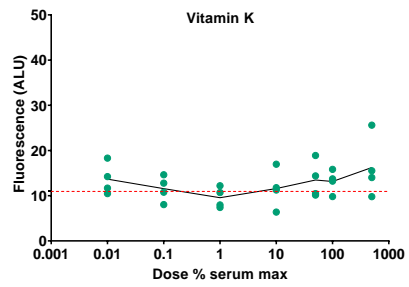
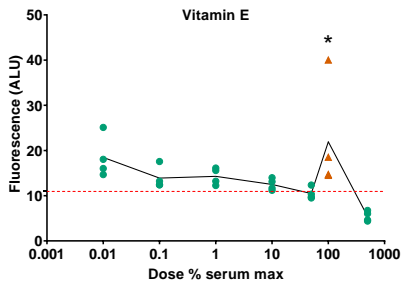
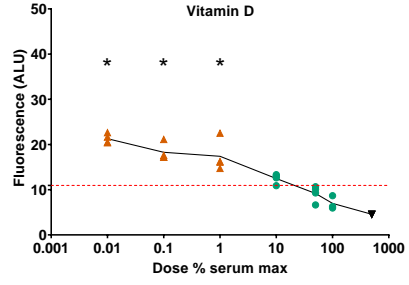
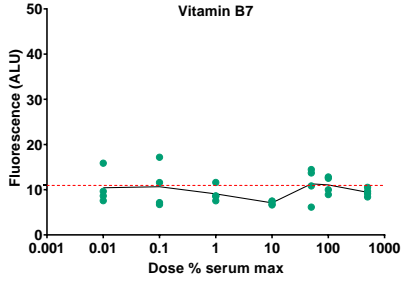
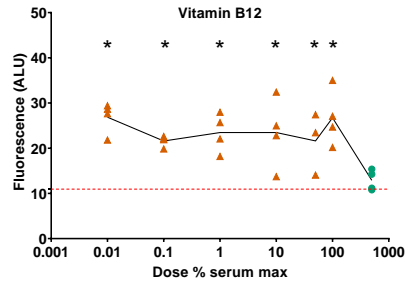
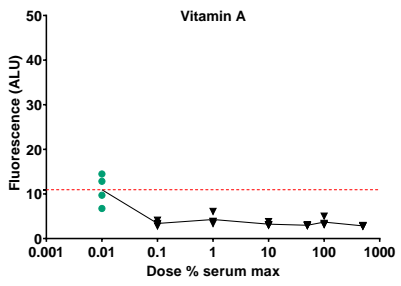
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## Supplemental Data 6

The following graphs all show metabolic activity, assessed by resazurin fluorescence, at day 21 following continuous stimulation with vitamins or minerals in the presence of TGF $\beta$ 1 (1ng/ml) over a 5 log dose response. Conditions that were statistically greater than TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium are represented by a  $\blacktriangle$  and an \*; conditions that were similar to TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium are represented by a  $\bullet$ ; conditions that were lower than TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium are represented by  $\blacktriangledown$ ; 1-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison test, Alpha 0.05. A red dashed line indicates the mean TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium response.





### Supplemental Data 7

The following table shows the cumulative response (normalized to basal medium control) to vitamin and mineral supplementation over the 21-day duration of the experiment in the presence of TGF $\beta$ 1 (1ng/ml), the table is sorted in order of the highest net area.

Factor (dose % serum max)	Net Area	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval
Vitamin B12 (100)	434.3	55.07	326.4 to 542.3
Chromium (0.1)	369.1	84.07	204.3 to 533.9
Vitamin B12 (10)	355.2	76.11	206.0 to 504.4
Vitamin B12 (0.01)	348.2	42.19	265.5 to 430.9
Vitamin B12 (50)	341.9	26.09	290.8 to 393.0
$\alpha$ -linolenic acid (50)	323	111.3	104.9 to 541.2
Vitamin K (500)	317.3	66.09	187.8 to 446.8
Copper (0.01)	308.1	44.43	221.0 to 395.2
Chromium (50)	303.8	69.33	167.9 to 439.7
Vitamin B12 (1)	297.7	22.98	252.6 to 342.7
Vitamin K (0.01)	293.1	33.25	227.9 to 358.2
Cobalt (0.01)	289.1	29.24	231.8 to 346.4
Vitamin K (50)	284.7	35.1	215.9 to 353.5
Vitamin K (0.1)	282.2	56.15	172.1 to 392.2
Copper (100)	276.5	29.24	219.2 to 333.8
Vitamin D (0.01)	273.9	26.17	222.6 to 325.2
Cobalt (10)	271.9	42.28	189.1 to 354.8
Copper (1)	271.2	29.04	214.2 to 328.1
Zinc (0.01)	260.2	30.43	200.6 to 319.8
Vitamin E (100)	258.6	21.22	217.0 to 300.2
Vitamin B12 (0.1)	256.8	8.326	240.5 to 273.1
Zinc (50)	256.4	32.63	192.4 to 320.3
Vitamin K (10)	252.4	53.2	148.2 to 356.7
Vitamin E (0.01)	248.6	17.08	215.1 to 282.0
Vitamin B12 (500)	247.6	26.48	195.7 to 299.5
Copper (10)	246	28.16	190.8 to 301.2
Chromium (500)	244.7	64.92	117.5 to 371.9
Vitamin K (100)	244	29.41	186.4 to 301.6
Cobalt (100)	242.5	22.6	198.2 to 286.8
$\alpha$ -linolenic acid (0.1)	240.5	50.59	141.4 to 339.7
Zinc (10)	235.8	27.83	181.3 to 290.4
Cobalt (50)	233.2	16.94	200.0 to 266.4
Copper (0.1)	225.5	15.53	195.0 to 255.9
Vitamin E (10)	222.3	33.49	156.6 to 287.9
Chromium (0.01)	221	33.23	155.9 to 286.2
Vitamin K (1)	220.9	43	136.6 to 305.2

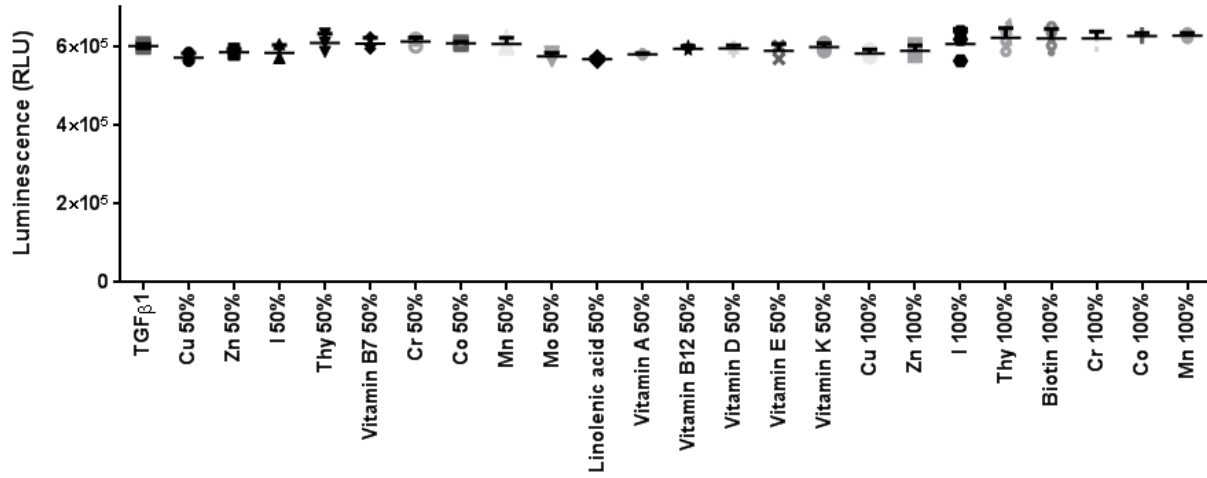
Zinc (100)	220.4	31.27	159.1 to 281.7
Vitamin D (1)	219	19.6	180.6 to 257.4
Iodine (0.1)	217.6	58.59	102.8 to 332.4
Thyroxine (0.1)	215.8	41.92	133.6 to 298.0
BR + TGFβ1	215.4	25.49	165.4 to 265.3
Vitamin D (0.1)	210.1	12.26	186.1 to 234.2
Zinc (1)	207.1	15.94	175.9 to 238.4
Vitamin D (10)	204.7	24.25	157.1 to 252.2
Vitamin A (0.01)	203.5	30.72	143.3 to 263.7
Zinc (0.1)	202	28.98	145.2 to 258.8
Manganese (0.1)	200	36.97	127.5 to 272.4
Manganese (50)	199	28.23	143.7 to 254.4
Vitamin E (1)	198	11.83	174.8 to 221.1
Cobalt (1)	197.1	36.02	126.5 to 267.7
Iodine (50)	196.8	50.85	97.16 to 296.5
α-linolenic acid (0.01)	190.1	41.5	108.7 to 271.4
Vitamin E (0.1)	189.2	16.26	157.3 to 221.0
Vitamin B7 (0.1)	187.7	48.11	93.42 to 282.0
α-linolenic acid (10)	186.2	10.96	164.8 to 207.7
Molybdenum (0.1)	185.1	41.19	104.4 to 265.8
α-linolenic acid (1)	185.1	15.99	153.8 to 216.5
Manganese (500)	183.7	42.03	101.3 to 266.0
Vitamin B7 (0.01)	181.3	27.8	126.8 to 235.8
Chromium (100)	180.7	12.43	156.4 to 205.1
Cobalt (0.1)	180.4	17.91	145.3 to 215.5
Vitamin E (50)	177.2	3.812	169.7 to 184.7
Manganese (0.01)	172.9	15.97	141.6 to 204.2
Copper (50)	167.7	13.26	141.7 to 193.7
Thyroxine (0.01)	167.1	62.27	45.00 to 289.1
Chromium (1)	162.1	6.33	149.7 to 174.5
Vitamin B7 (50)	159.6	16.71	126.9 to 192.4
Thyroxine (50)	158.5	12.43	134.2 to 182.9
Zinc (500)	156.7	52.09	54.57 to 258.7
Molybdenum (50)	156.5	16.05	125.0 to 187.9
Iodine (500)	155.7	14.64	127.0 to 184.4
Chromium (10)	155.3	34.66	87.38 to 223.2
Molybdenum (500)	155	29.99	96.24 to 213.8
Molybdenum (0.01)	154.2	15.7	123.5 to 185.0
Iodine (0.01)	152.8	10.71	131.8 to 173.8
Cobalt (500)	152.7	12.46	128.3 to 177.1
Manganese (1)	152.2	22.58	108.0 to 196.5
Thyroxine (1)	149.6	13.24	123.6 to 175.5
Vitamin B7 (1)	147.5	15.61	116.9 to 178.1



Manganese (10)	144.3	13.18	118.5 to 170.2
Vitamin B7 (500)	143.1	7.943	127.5 to 158.6
Thyroxine (10)	141.2	7.162	127.2 to 155.2
Iodine (10)	139.5	8.329	123.2 to 155.8
Vitamin D (50)	139.1	23.62	92.79 to 185.4
Molybdenum (1)	136.5	13.72	109.6 to 163.4
Iodine (100)	135.2	6.792	121.9 to 148.5
Manganese (100)	132.5	12.14	108.7 to 156.3
Vitamin B7 (10)	125.7	9.282	107.5 to 143.9
Vitamin B7 (100)	124.6	14.03	97.15 to 152.2
Molybdenum (10)	124.4	16.84	91.35 to 157.4
Molybdenum (100)	120.1	4.995	110.3 to 129.9
Iodine (1)	119.6	6.093	107.7 to 131.5
Thyroxine (100)	117.3	12.23	93.30 to 141.2
Thyroxine (500)	116.2	11.47	93.67 to 138.6
Vitamin E (500)	113.8	13.05	88.21 to 139.4
Vitamin D (100)	104.3	10.17	84.41 to 124.3
Vitamin D (500)	56.04	1.154	53.78 to 58.30
Copper (500)	54.15	4.816	44.71 to 63.59
Vitamin A (0.1)	53.1	5.784	41.76 to 64.44
Vitamin A (1)	38.77	12.79	13.70 to 63.84
$\alpha$ -linolenic acid (100)	38.66	1.248	36.22 to 41.11
Vitamin A (100)	38.49	15.45	8.204 to 68.78
Vitamin A (10)	36.95	7.876	21.51 to 52.38
Vitamin A (50)	16.57	1.479	13.67 to 19.46
Vitamin A (500)	12.13	0.9688	10.23 to 14.03
$\alpha$ -linolenic acid (500)	-14.43	0.5707	-15.55 to -13.31

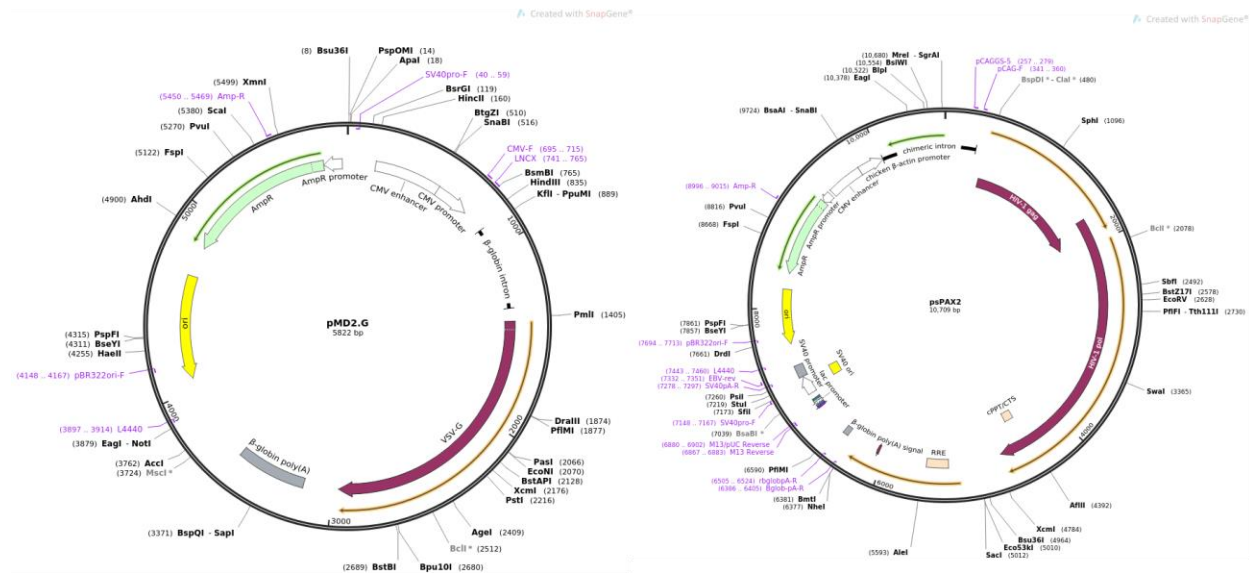
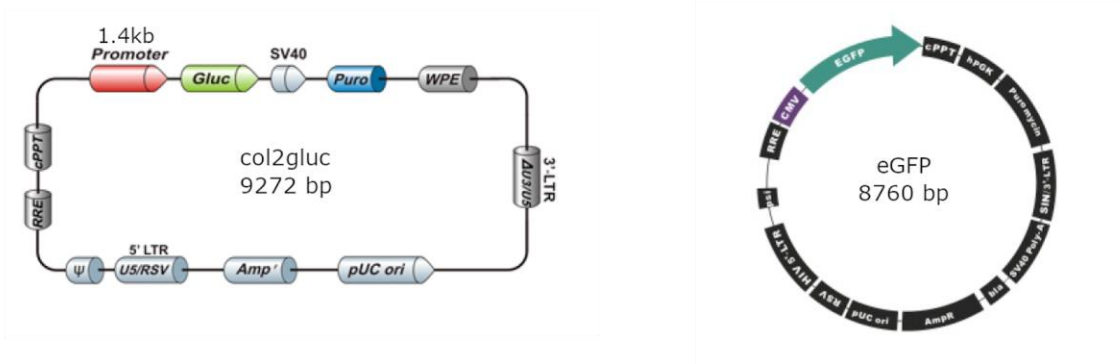
### Supplemental Data 8

The effect of vitamins and minerals on *Gaussia* luciferase luminescence was assessed by supplementation of conditioned medium with each of the vitamins and minerals tested. No significant changes were seen.



## Supplemental Data 9

Plasmid maps for col2gluc (HPRM22364-LvPG02; Genecopoeia), the eGFP control (EX-EGFP-Lv105; GeneCopoeia), psPAX2 (plasmid # 12259; Addgene) and pMD2.G (plasmid # 12260; Addgene).



## Supplemental Data 10

The following graphs all show type II collagen promoter-driven luciferase activity normalized to metabolic activity. Assessment was performed at day 21 following continuous stimulation with vitamins or minerals in the presence of TGF $\beta$ 1 (1ng/ml) over a 5 log dose response. Conditions that were statistically greater than TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium are represented by a  $\blacktriangle$  and an \*; conditions that were similar to TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium are represented by a  $\bullet$ ; conditions that were lower than TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium are represented by  $\blacktriangledown$ ; 2-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison test, Alpha 0.05. A red dashed line indicates the mean TGF $\beta$ 1 supplemented medium response.

