

Supplemental figure legends

Figure S1

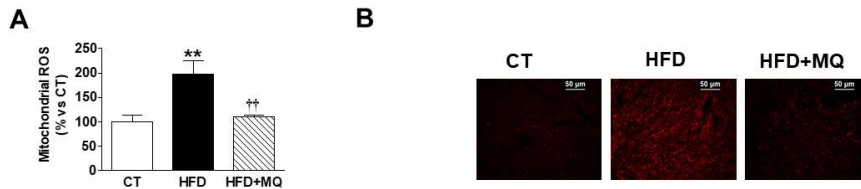


Figure 1. Effects of the mitochondrial antioxidant MitoQ (MQ) on mitochondrial superoxide anion levels. Hearts from rats fed a standard diet (CT) or a high fat diet (HFD) treated with vehicle or with MQ, the mitochondrial antioxidant (200 μ M), were analyzed. (A) Quantification of mitochondrial cardiac levels of superoxide anion and (B) Representative microphotographs of cardiac sections labeled with MitoSox are presented. Magnification ($\times 40$). Bar graphs represent the mean \pm SEM of 5 animals. ** $p < 0.01$ vs. control group. †† $p < 0.01$ vs HFD group.

Figure S2

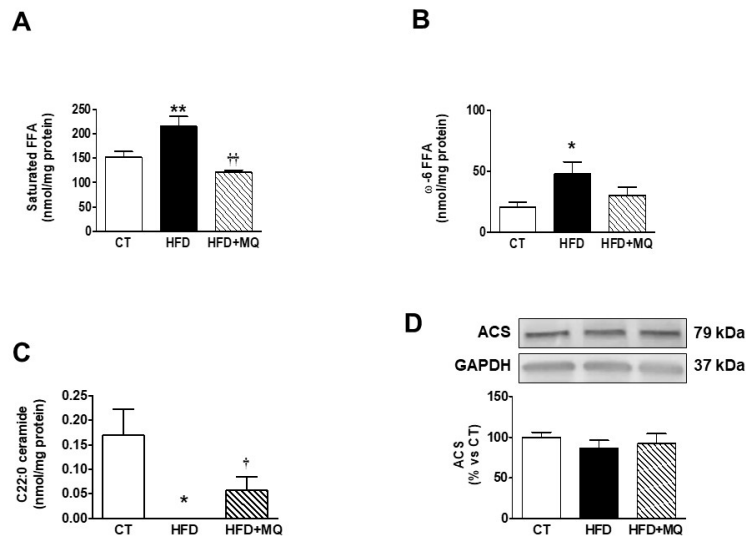


Figure 2. Impact of the mitochondrial antioxidant MitoQ on mitochondrial lipid species and protein levels in heart of obese rats. Hearts from rats fed a standard diet (CT) or a high fat diet (HFD) treated with vehicle or with MQ, the mitochondrial antioxidant (200 μ M), were analyzed. (A) Mitochondrial free fatty acids (FFA) enriched with saturated acids, (B) Mitochondrial FFA enriched with ω -6 acids, (C) Mitochondrial ceramides enriched with (C22:0) and (D) Protein expression of acetyl CoA synthetase (ACS) are presented. Bar graphs represent the mean \pm SEM. of 6-8 animals normalized to glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH). * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; vs control group. † $p < 0.05$ †† $p < 0.01$ vs HFD group.

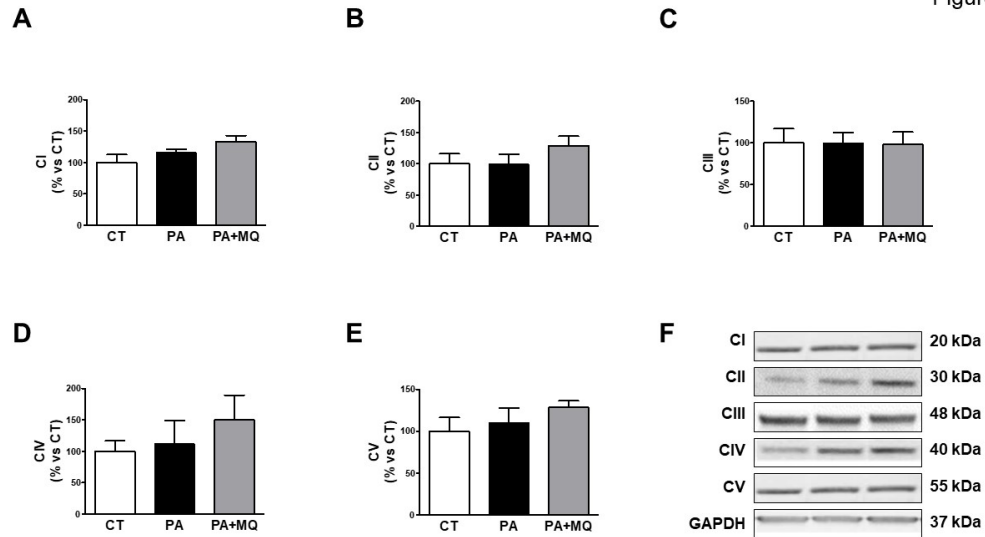


Figure 3. Effects of antioxidant MiToQ on complexes protein levels in palmitic-acid-treated H9c2 cells. Protein expression of mitochondrial complexes (A) I (subunit NDUFB8), (B) II (SDHB subunit of complex II) (C) III (core protein 2 UQCRC2), (D) IV (MTCO1 subunit 1)and (E) V (alpha subunit) in cardiac myoblasts treated for 24 h with palmitic acid (200 μ M) in the presence or absence of the mitochondrial antioxidant MitoQ (MQ; 5 nM). (F) Representative blots for mitochondrial complex protein expressions. Bar graphs represent the mean \pm SEM. of 6-8 animals normalized to glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH).