

Supplemental data

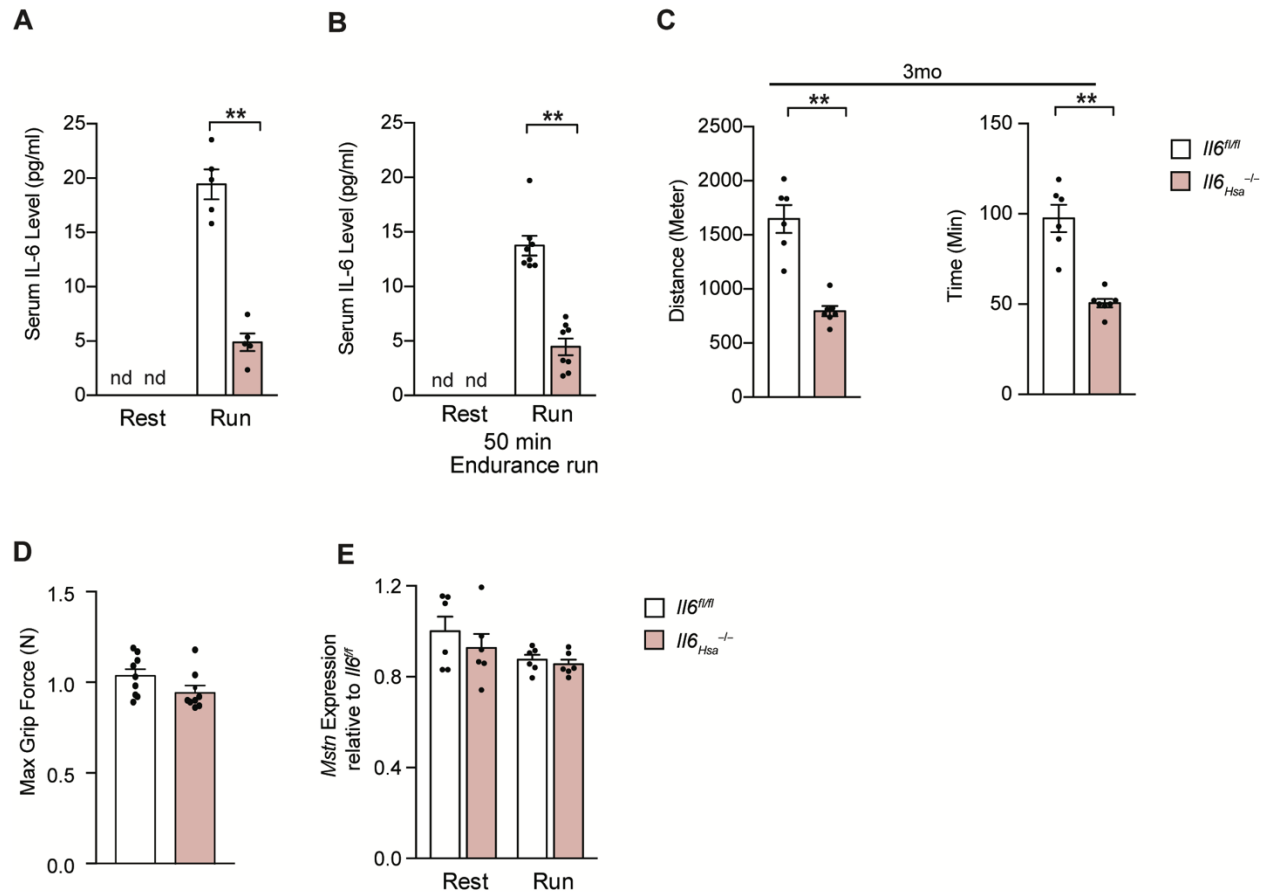
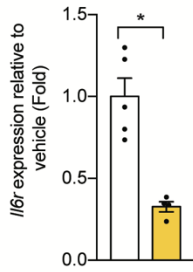


Figure S1. Related to Figure 2. Muscle derived IL-6 is needed for maximal exercise capacity.

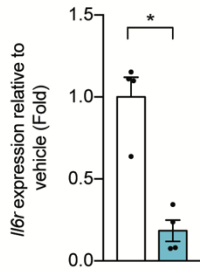
(A) Circulating IL-6 levels in 3-month-old male *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}* mice at rest and after exercise. (B) Circulating IL-6 levels during 50 min endurance run of 3-month-old female *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}* mice. (C) Performance during an endurance run of 3, and 6-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}* male mice. (D) Muscle strength determined as the maximal grip force in 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}* female mice. (E) *Mstn* expression 3-month-old male *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}* mice at rest and after exercise. All these experiments are representative of three independent experiments. Data shown in C, D were analyzed by 2-tailed unpaired t test and data in A and E Tukey's post hoc test. Results represent the mean+ SEM.

A *Il6^{fl/fl}* Osb/ *Il6^{fl/fl}* OPCs
 Il6^{-/-} Osb/ *Il6^{fl/fl}* OPCs
 CRE adenovirus-mediated recombination



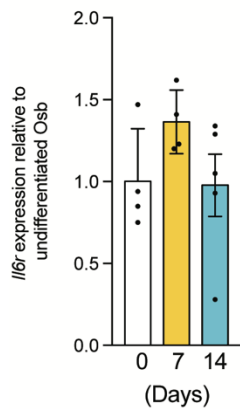
IL6r		Hprt		Δ Cp			
<i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> OB/ <i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> Opc with Adeno Empty	34.57	27.34	0.006673				0.93655
	34.39	26.93	0.005708				0.8011
	34.27	27.44	0.008752				1.22826
	34.60	27.84	0.009254				1.29874
	34.88	27.30	0.005240	0.007126	1		0.73535
					Average		1
					Devest		0.25248
					SEM		0.11291
Hprt		Δ Cp					
<i>Il6^{-/-}</i> OB/ <i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> Opc with adeno Cre	36.12	26.92	0.001696				0.237998
	35.87	27.37	0.002749				0.385771
	36.27	27.56	0.002399				0.336677
	36.10	27.44	0.002471				0.346844
					Average		0.32682
					Devest		0.06288
					SEM		0.03144
					t test		0.00292

B *Il6^{fl/fl}* Osb/ *Il6^{fl/fl}* OPCs
 Il6^{fl/fl} Osb/ *Il6^{-/-}* OPCs
 CRE adenovirus-mediated recombination



<i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> OB/ <i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> Opc with Adeno Empty	33.88	27.16	0.009482				1.11125
	33.80	26.28	0.005446				0.63821
	34.07	27.34	0.009373				1.09846
	34.16	27.49	0.009831				1.15207
				0.008533	Average		1
					Devest		0.24227
					SEM		0.12114
					t test		
Hprt		Δ Cp					
<i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> OB/ <i>Il6^{fl/fl}</i> Opc with Adeno Cre	36.78	26.29	0.000692				0.08107
	37.65	27.05	0.000644				0.07544
	36.61	28.20	0.002932				0.34366
	36.62	27.68	0.002032				0.23816
				0.001575	Average		0.18459
					Devest		0.13013
					SEM		0.06507
					t test		0.01672

C



D

Il6^{fl/fl} Osb/ *Il6^{fl/fl}* OPCs
 Il6^{-/-} Osb/ *Il6^{fl/fl}* OPCs

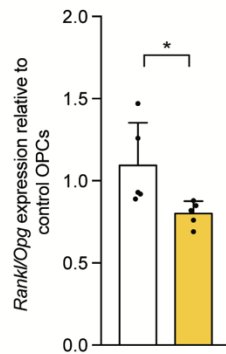


Figure S2: Related to Figure 5: IL-6 favors osteoclastogenesis by signaling in osteoblasts.

(A) Deletion efficiency of *Il6r* in osteoblasts. Co-culture of *Il6^{fl/fl}* osteoblasts infected with either adenovirus expressing the empty vector or Cre recombinase with *Il6^{fl/fl}* osteoclast

precursor cells. **(B)** Deletion efficiency of *Il6r* in osteoclast precursor cells. Co-culture of *Il6r^{fl/fl}* osteoblasts with *Il6r^{fl/fl}* osteoclast precursor cells infected with either adenovirus expressing the empty vector or Cre. **(C)** Expression level of *Il6r* mRNA in the cultured osteoblasts isolated from 4days calvarias with at different time points (0,7,14days) in osteoblast mineralization medium, n=4. **(D)** Ratio of *Rankl* and *Opg* expression in co-culture of (1) *Il6r^{fl/fl}* osteoblasts with *Il6r^{fl/fl}* OPCs, (2) *Il6r^{Osb}^{-/-}* osteoblasts with *Il6^{fl/fl}* OPCs in presence of IL-6 and sIL-6r. These experiments are representative of 3 independent experiments. Data in A, B and D by 2-tailed unpaired t test whereas C were analyzed by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test. Error bars represent SEM. Results represent the mean+ SEM. *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01.

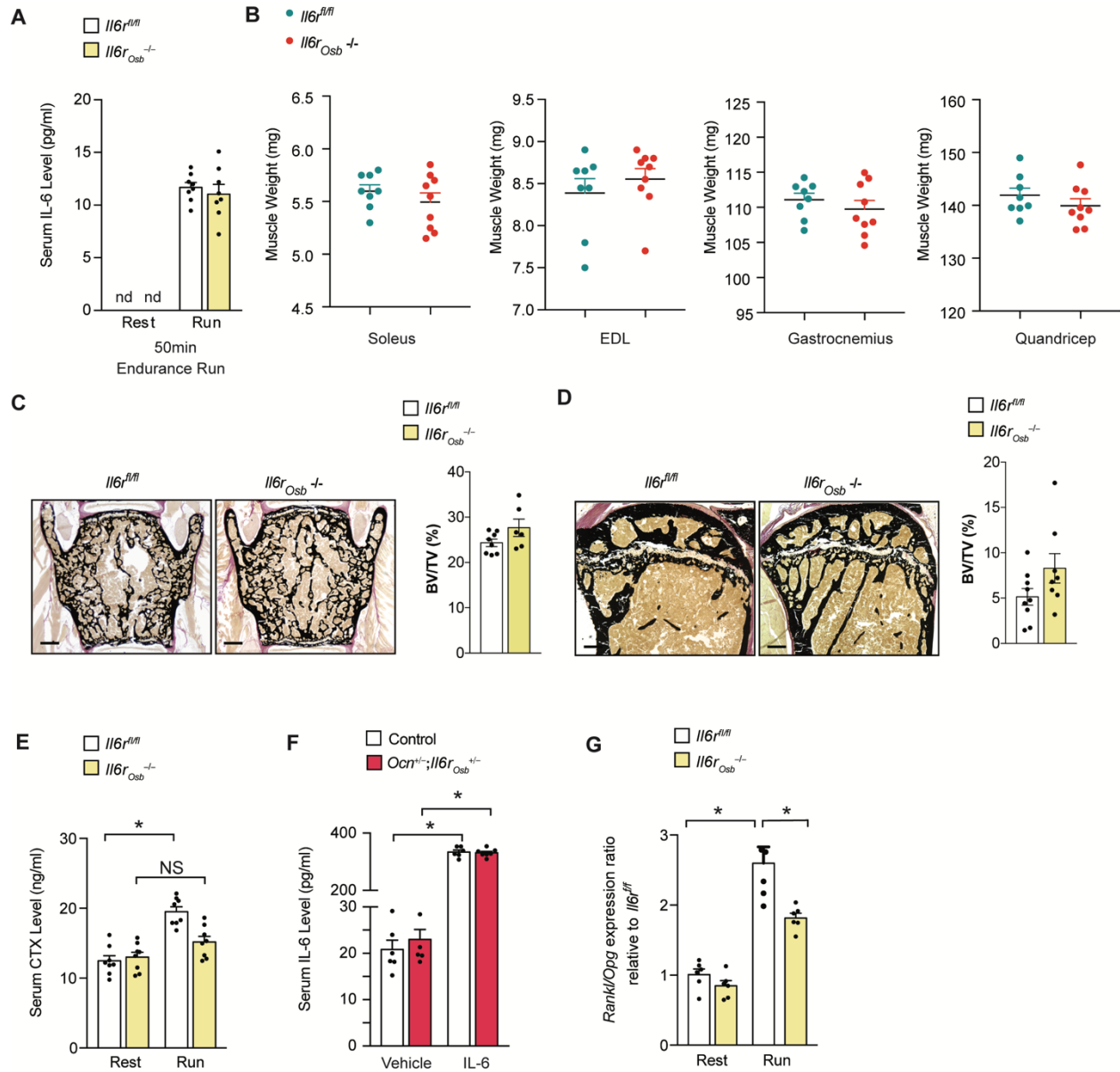


Figure S3: Related to Figure 6. mIL-6 favors exercise capacity in part through osteocalcin

Circulating IL-6 levels during 50 min endurance run of 3-month-old female *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{Hsa}-/-* mice, n=8. **(B)** Weight of hindlimb muscles such as Soleus, EDL, Gastrocnemius and quadriceps in 3month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{rOsb}-/-* mice, n=8-10. **(C-D)** Bone histology and histomorphometry of **(C)** lumbar vertebrae, n=6-8 **(D)** tibiae from 6-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and

Il6^{osb}^{-/-} mice, n=6-8. **(E)** Circulating IL-6 levels in 3-month-old controls: WT, *Il6^{osb}^{+/-}*, *Osteocalcin* +/- and *Il6^{osb}^{+/-}; Osteocalcin* +/- mice treated with IL-6 (3ng/g), n=5-7. **(F)** Circulating CTX levels in 5-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{osb}^{-/-}* mice n=6. **(G)** *Rankl/Opg* expression ratio in the Femur of 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{osb}^{-/-}* mice n=6. These experiments are representative of 3 independent experiments. Data in B, C and D by 2-tailed unpaired t test whereas A, E, F and G were analyzed by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test. Error bars represent SEM. Results represent the mean+ SEM. *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01.

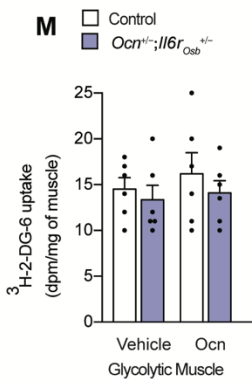
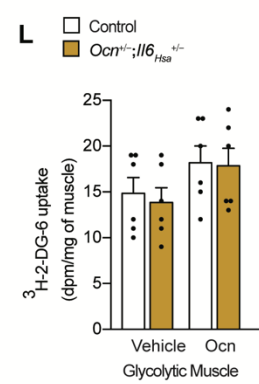
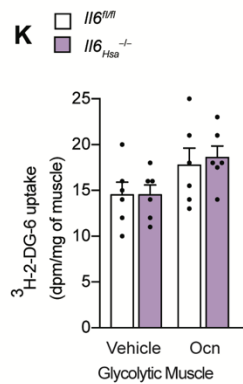
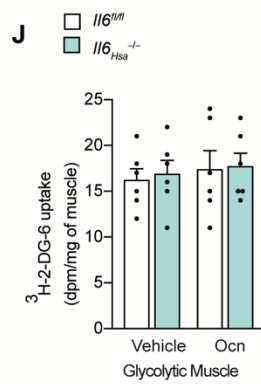
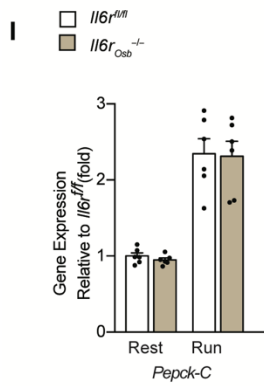
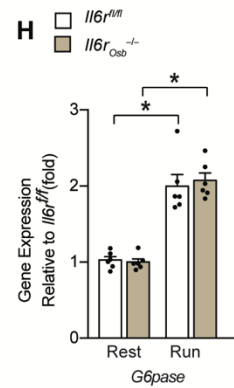
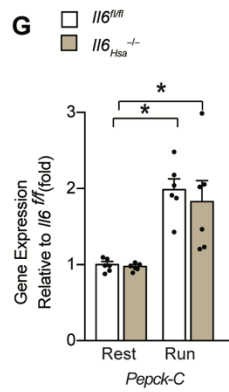
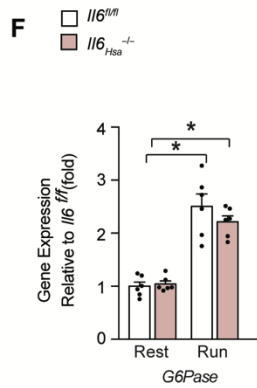
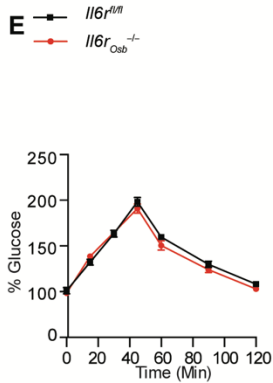
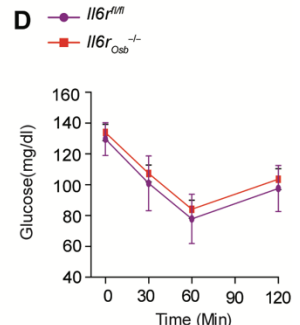
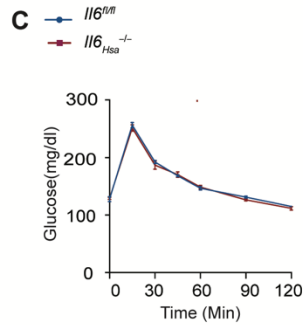
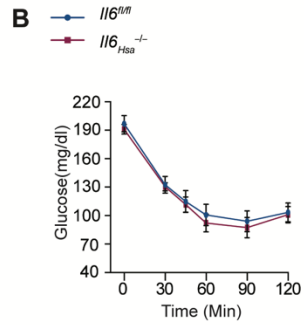
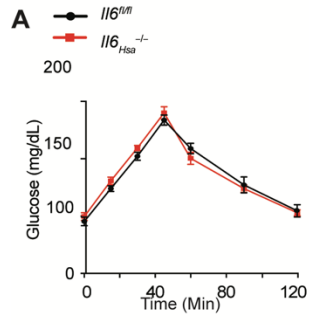


Figure S4: Related to Figure 8. mIL-6 favors glucose uptake and catabolism in myofibers during exercise through osteocalcin.

(A) Blood glucose levels during a PTT in 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{Hsa}-/-* littermate mice, n=6. (B) Blood glucose levels during an ITT of 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{Hsa}-/-* mice, n=6. (C-E) Blood glucose levels during a (C) GTT (D) ITT (E) PTT in 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{rosb}-/-* mice, n=6. (F-G) Expression of (F) *G6Pase*, (G) *Pepck-c* at rest and after exercise in livers of 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{Hsa}-/-* mice, n=6. (H-I) Expression of (H) *G6Pase*, (I) *Pepck-c* at rest and after exercise in livers of 3-month-old *Il6^{ff}* and *Il6^{rosb}-/-* mice, n=6. (J-M) Uptake of ³H-2-DG in glycolytic (Gly, white quadriceps) muscles treated with Ocn after exercise in 3-month-old mice, n=6 (J) *Il6^{ff}* vs *Il6^{Hsa}-/-* (K) *Il6^{ff}* vs *Il6^{rosb}-/-*. (L) Controls (WT, *Il6^{Hsa}+/-* and *Osteocalcin+/-*) vs *Osteocalcin+/-;Il6^{Hsa}+/-* (M) controls (WT, *Il6^{rosb}+/-* and *Osteocalcin+/-*) vs *Osteocalcin +/-;Il6^{rosb}+/-* n=6. These experiments are representative of 3 independent experiments. Data were analyzed by 1-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test. Error bars represent SEM. Results represent the mean+ SEM. *P < 0.05.

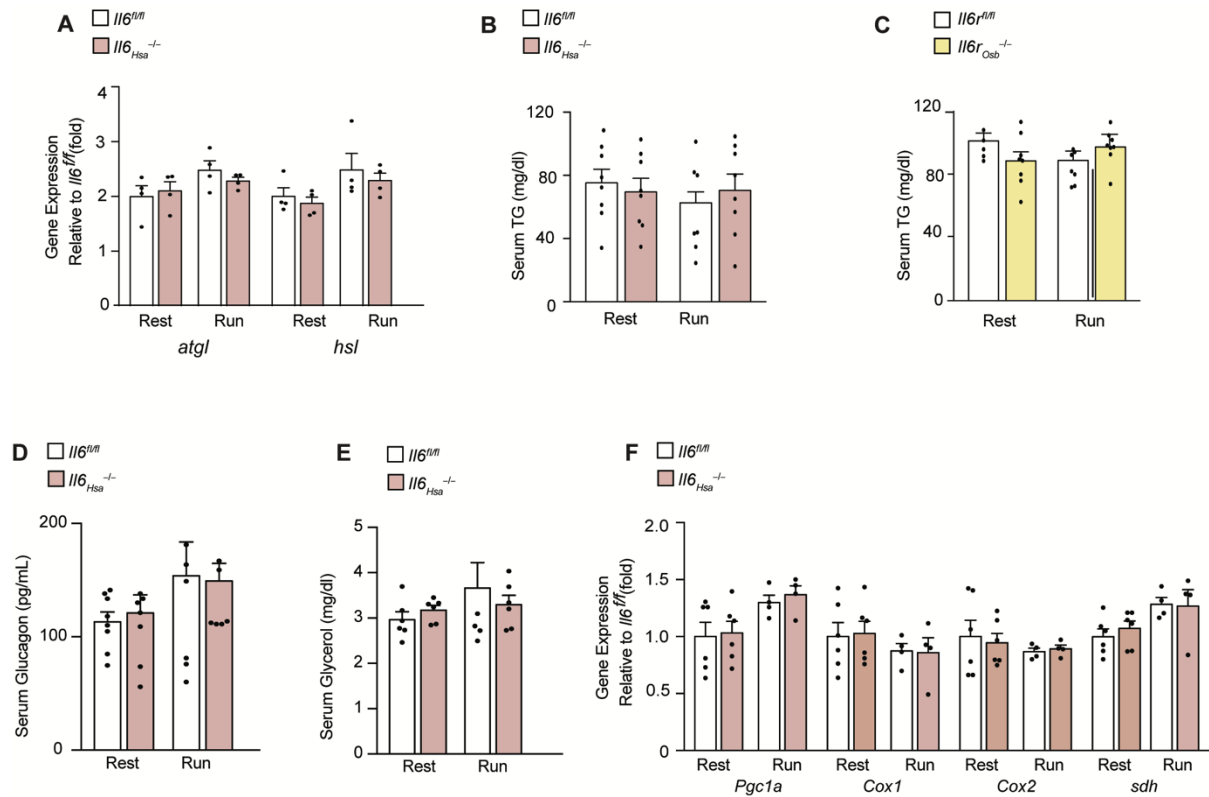


Figure S5: Related to Figure 9. mIL-6 favors fatty acid uptake and catabolism in myofibers during exercise through osteocalcin.

(A) *Hsl*, *atgl* expression at rest and after exercise in white adipose tissue of 3-month-old $Il6^{ff/ff}$ and $Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}$ mice, n=4. (B-C) Serum triglycerides levels at rest and after exercise in 3-month-old (B) $Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}$ and (C) $Il6_{Osb}^{-/-}$ and their respective controls ($Il6^{ff/ff}$ and $Il6^{r/ff}$), n=8. (D) Circulating glucagon and (E) glycerol levels at rest and after exercise in 3-month-old $Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}$ and $Il6_{Osb}^{-/-}$ mice and their respective controls, n=8. (F) *Pgc1a*, *Cox1*, *Cox2*, *SDH* expression at rest and after exercise in gastrocnemius muscles of 3-month-old $Il6^{ff/ff}$ and $Il6_{Hsa}^{-/-}$ mice, n=6. These experiments are representative of three independent experiments. Data were analyzed by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test. Error bars represent SEM. Results represent the mean+ SEM. *P < 0.05.