

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Tables

Table S1. Human skin fibroblasts with CI or CoQ₁₀ deficiency used in this study.

| <u>Defect</u> | <u>Gene</u> | <u>Mutations</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Residual C-I activity</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|------------------|---|
| Complex I Deficiency | <i>ND3</i> | 10158T>C p.Ser34Pro | (1) | 52% |
| | <i>ND6</i> | 14459G>A p.Ala72Val | (1) | 57% |
| | <i>NDUFB3</i> | c.64T>C, p.Trp22Arg c.208G>T, p.Gly70X | (2) | 17% |
| | <i>NDUFB9</i> | c.191T>C homo p.L64P | (1) | 18% |
| | <i>NDUFS1</i> | c.683T>C, p.V228A c.755A>G, p.D252G | (1) | 37% |
| | <i>NDUFS3</i> | c.595C>T homo; p.R199W | (3) | 40% |
| | <i>NDUFS8</i> | c.187G>C homo, p.Glu63Gln | (3) | 54% |
| | | | | <u>Residual CoQ₁₀ levels</u> |
| Primary CoQ ₁₀ Deficiency | <i>PDSS2</i> | c.[964C>T];[1145C>T] | (4) | 15% |
| | <i>COQ4</i> | c.[155T>C];[518 520delCCA] | (5) | 27% |

Table S2. Levels of CoQ₁₀ in untreated and CoQ₁₀-supplemented cells.

| <u>Gene</u> | <u>Regular Medium (A)</u> | <u>Regular Medium + 100 μM CoQ₁₀ (B)</u> | <u>(B/A)</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | <u>CoQ₁₀ (ng/mg prot)</u> | <u>CoQ₁₀ (ng/mg prot)</u> | <u>CoQ₁₀ Increase Fold</u> |
| <i>Controls</i> | 83.2 ± 13.3 | 715335 ± 304041 +++ | 8597 |
| <i>ND3</i> | 86.4 ± 2.1 | 446180 ± 166429 +++ | 5164 |
| <i>ND6</i> | 82.4 ± 30.1 | 450973 ± 50294 +++ | 4881 |
| <i>NDUFB3</i> | 88 ± 22.8 | 3260636 ± 1498894 +++ | 37074 |
| <i>NDUFB9</i> | 84.6 ± 7.5 | 195247 ± 31905 +++ | 2308 |
| <i>NDUFS1</i> | 75 ± 8.6 | 265735 ± 144425 +++ | 3543 |
| <i>NDUFS3</i> | 93 ± 9.2 | 446627 ± 169118 +++ | 4802 |
| <i>NDUFS8</i> | 87.4 ± 9.3 | 591155 ± 415712 +++ | 6768 |
| <i>PDSS2</i> | 18.8 ± 11.2 *** | 2046794 ± 9957 +++ | 108872 |
| <i>COQ4</i> | 27.4 ± 13.4 *** | 472774 ± 166429 +++ | 17255 |

Data are expressed as mean ± SD. ****P* < 0.001, differences versus controls; +++ *P* < 0.001, differences versus untreated cells (A).

Table S3. Levels of CoQ in tissues of the mouse models used in this study.

| Model | Tissue | No treatment Total CoQ (ng/mg prot) | Treatment with oral Q₁₀H₂ Total CoQ (ng/mg prot) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|---|--|
| <i>C57Bl6J</i> | <i>Liver</i> | 352.9 ± 13.3 | 1885.7 ± 412.6 +++ | |
| | | CoQ₉ (ng/mg prot) | | |
| <i>Ndufs4^{+/+}</i> | <i>Brain</i> | 315.3 ± 50.3 | | |
| <i>Ndufs4^{-/-}</i> | <i>Brain</i> | 365.7 ± 77.8 | | |
| | | Vehicle CoQ₉ (ng/mg prot) | Treatment with NAC CoQ₉ (ng/mg prot) | Under SAAR CoQ₉ (ng/mg prot) |
| <i>Coq9^{+/+}</i> | <i>Kidney</i> | 1042.3 ± 222.4 | | |
| <i>Coq9^{R239X}</i> | <i>Kidney</i> | 19.2 ± 2.1 *** | 16.2 ± 2.1 *** | 21.9 ± 4.1 *** |

Data are expressed as mean ± SD. ****P* < 0.001, differences versus wild-type; +++ *P* < 0.001, differences versus untreated animals.

Figures

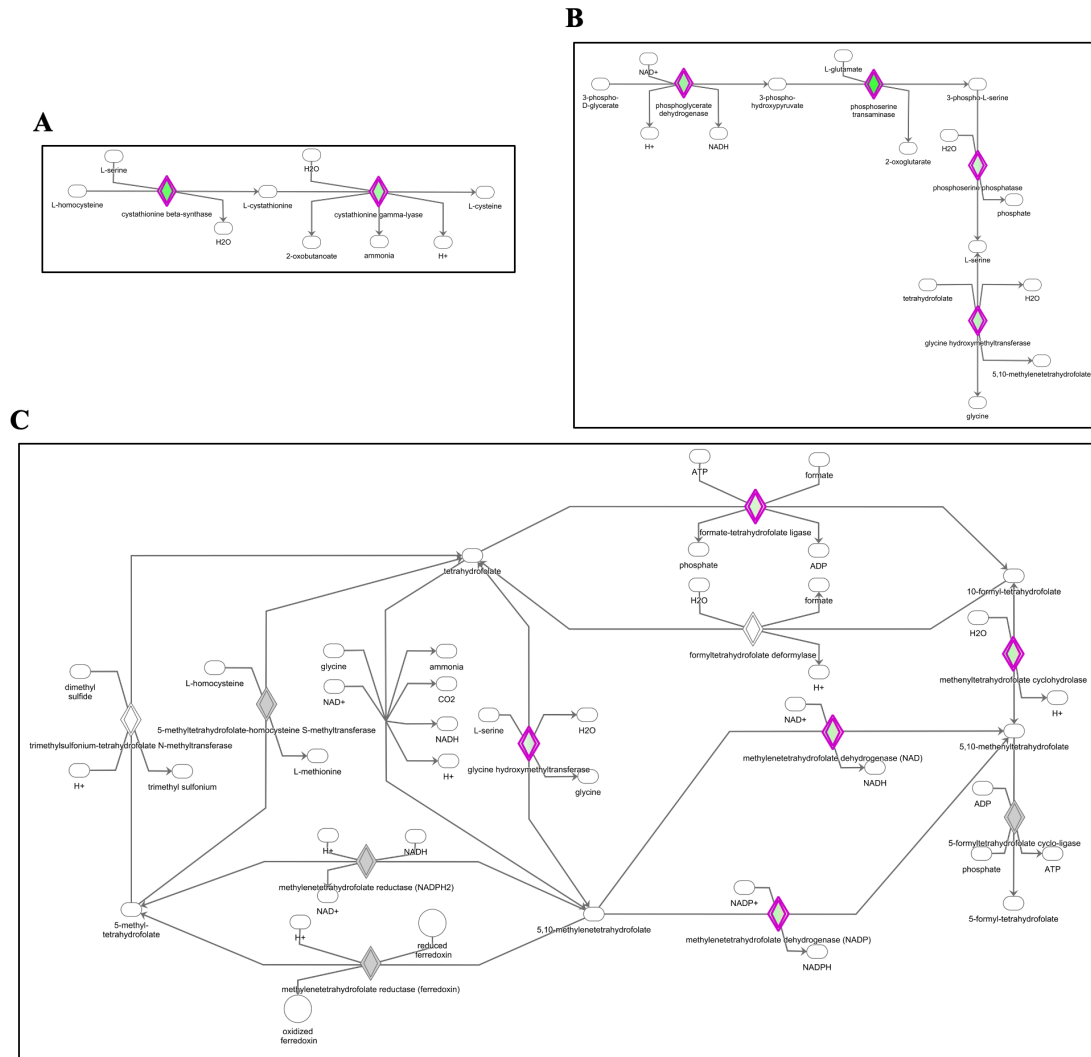


Figure S1. Representation of some of the pathways altered after CoQ10 supplementation.

(A) Cysteine biosynthesis/homocysteine degradation.

(B) Serine and Glycine Biosynthesis.

(C) Folate transformation.

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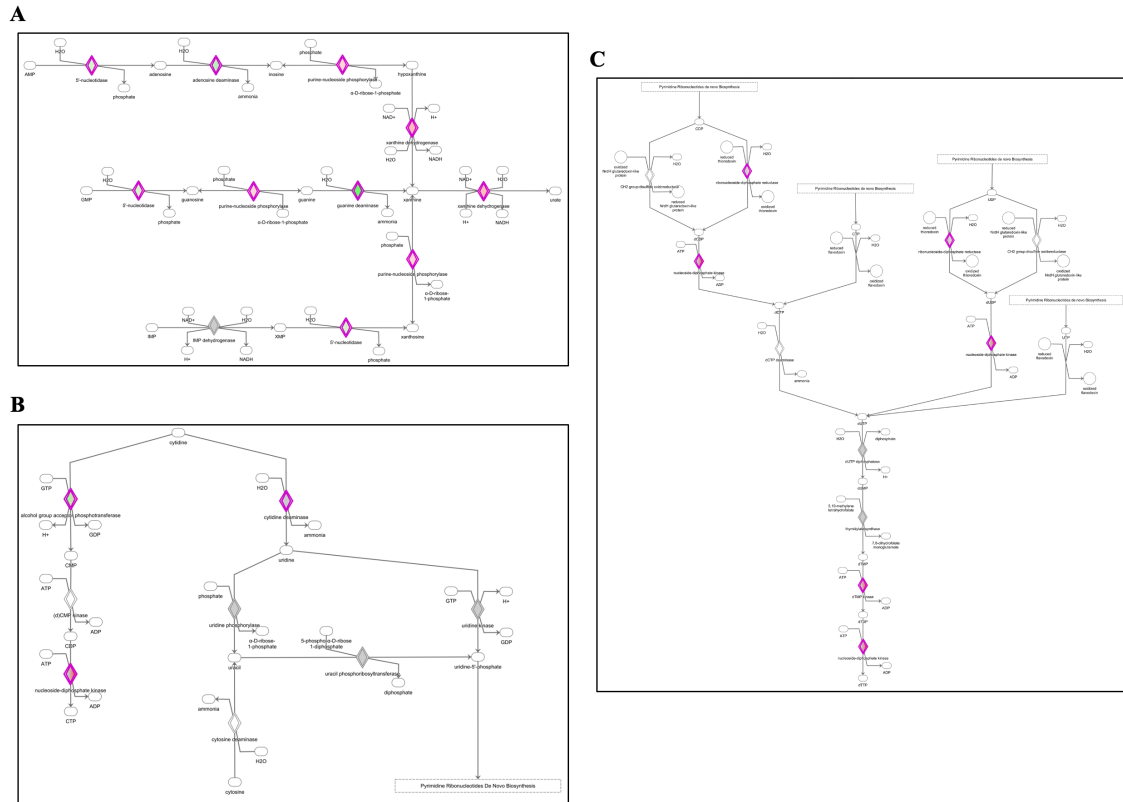


Figure S2. Representation of some of the pathways altered after CoQ₁₀ supplementation.

(A) Purine nucleotides biosynthesis and urate biosynthesis.

(B) Salvage pathways of pyrimidine ribonucleotides.

(C) Pyrimidine deoxyribonucleotides *de novo* biosynthesis.

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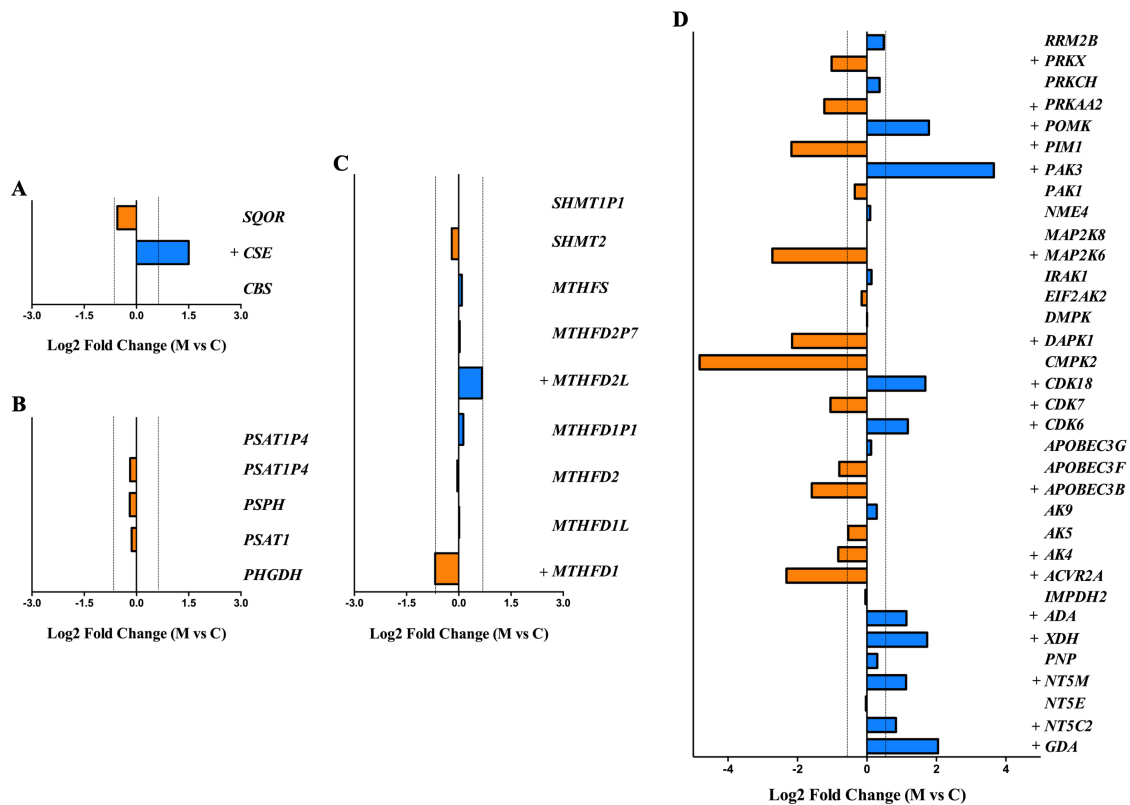


Figure S3. Changes in gene expression in the pathways related to sulfide metabolism in *NDUFS1* mutant cells.

(A) Changes in the expression of genes related to sulfide metabolism.

(B) Changes in the expression of genes related to cysteine biosynthesis.

(C) Changes in the expression of genes related to the folate cycle.

(D) Changes in the expression of genes related to nucleotides.

Bars in blue indicates genes overexpressed; bars in orange indicates genes underexpressed. Botted lines indicate the limit chosen for overexpression (\log_2 FC = 0.585) or underexpression (\log_2 FC = -0.585). Asterisks indicates the genes that exceed the chosen fold change limit and have p-values less than 0.05 in the comparison of treated and untreated cells in both control and mutant cells.

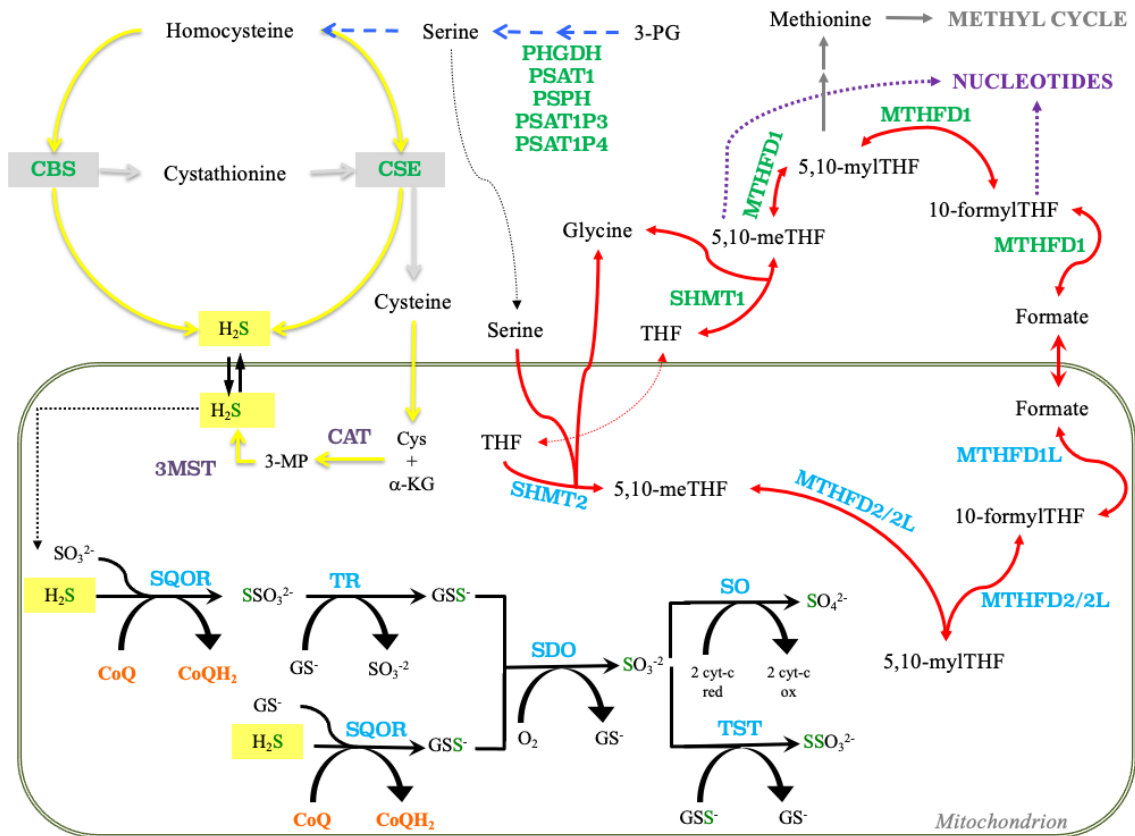


Figure S4. Relation between pathways, with some key genes indicated. Sulfide oxidation pathway (black arrows); transsulfuration pathway (grey arrows); sulfide synthesis (yellow arrows); folate cycle (red arrows); serine biosynthesis (blue arrows); nucleotides metabolism (purple arrows).

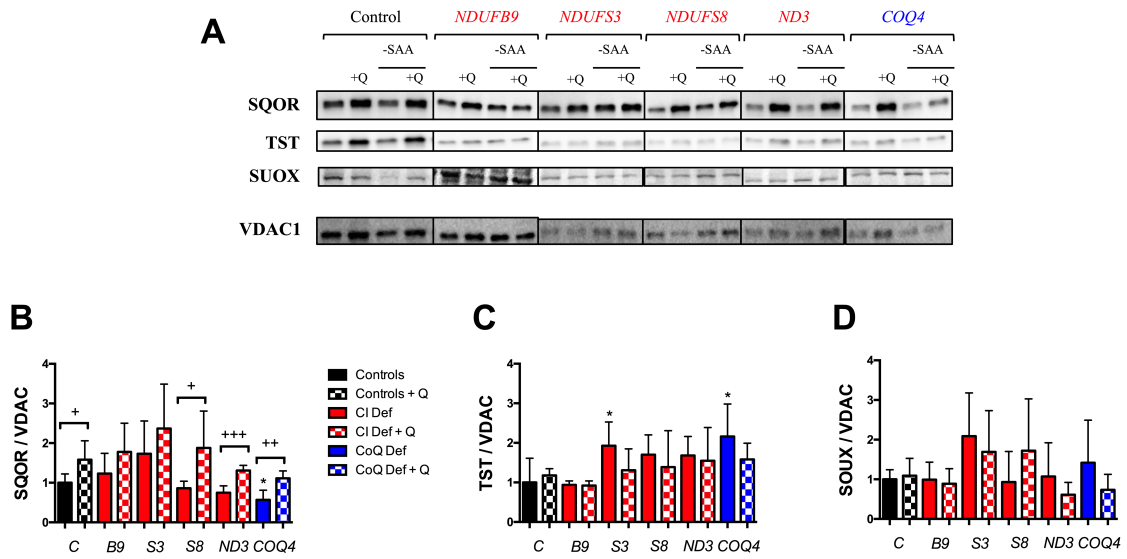


Figure S5. The levels of SQOR are modified under mitochondrial dysfunction or CoQ₁₀ supplementation, independently of sulfur amino acids availability.

(A, B, C, D) Levels of the proteins of the mitochondrial hydrogen sulfide oxidation pathway in human skin fibroblasts from control and patients with mutations in Complex I subunits or CoQ₁₀ biosynthetic genes. Data are expressed as mean \pm SD. * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; differences versus Control. + $P < 0.05$; ++ $P < 0.01$; +++ $P < 0.001$; Control versus Control + CoQ₁₀ or Complex I deficiency versus Complex I deficiency + CoQ₁₀ or CoQ₁₀ deficiency versus CoQ₁₀ deficiency + CoQ₁₀ (*t*-test; $n = 3$ for each group); $n = 3$ for each group). C = control; B9 = *NDUFB9* mutant; S1 = *NDUFS1* mutant; S3 = *NDUFS3* mutant; S8 = *NDUFS8* mutant; ND3 = *ND3* mutant; COQ4 = *COQ4* mutant; CI Def = cells with Complex I deficiency; CoQ Def = cells with CoQ₁₀ deficiency; Q = CoQ₁₀; -SAA = medium without sulfur aminoacids. The blot image (A) has been made from three different membranes, as follow: blot 1, control; blot 2, *NDUFB9*; blot 3, *NDUFS3*, *ND3* and *COQ4*; blot 4, *NDUFS8*.

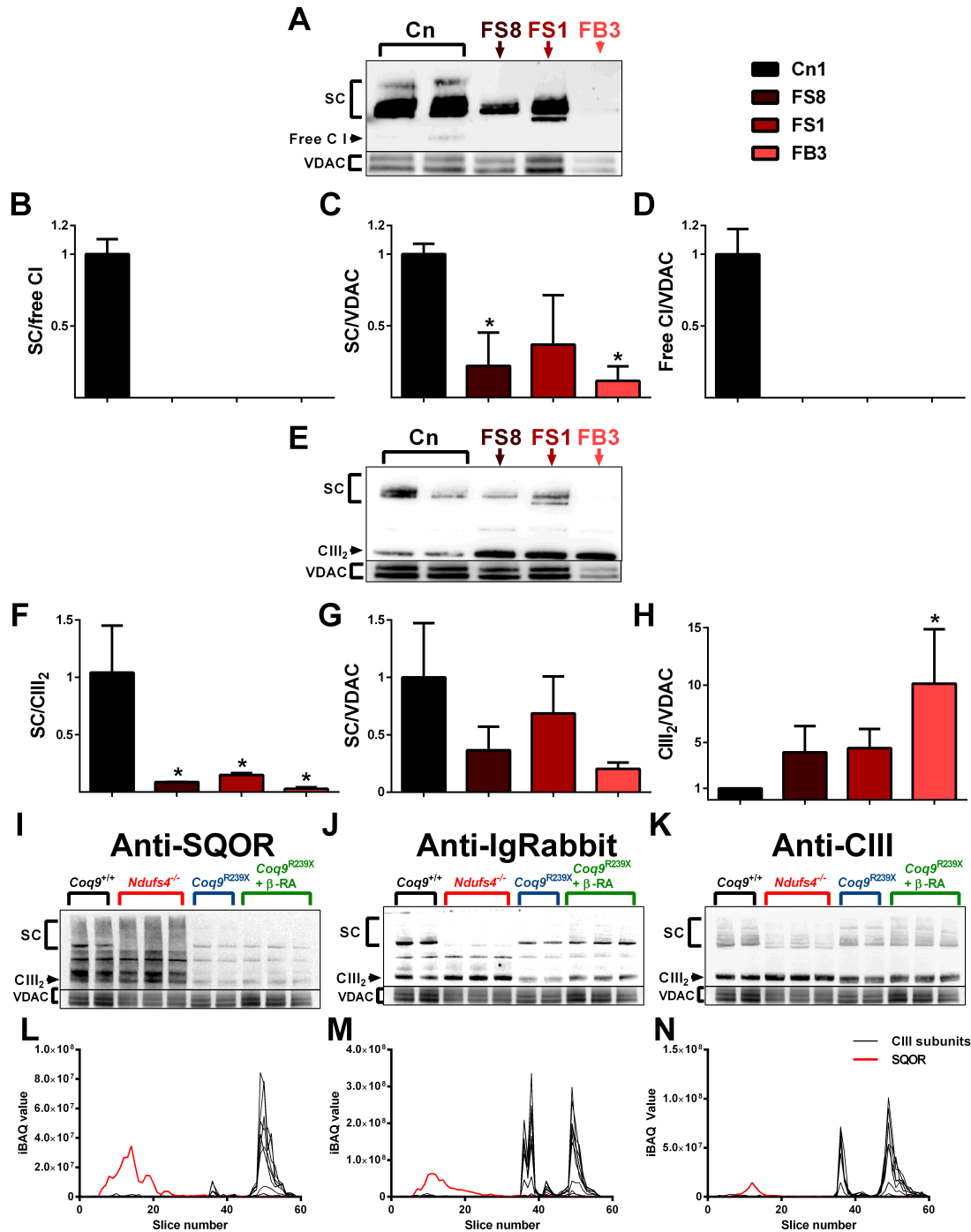


Figure S6. The changes of SQOR levels under mitochondrial dysfunction do not depend of mitochondrial supercomplexes formation.

(A-D) Blue-native gel electrophoresis (BNGE) followed by C-I immunoblotting analysis of mitochondrial supercomplexes in Control and CI deficiency skin fibroblasts. Anti-VDAC was used as loading control.

(E-H) Blue-native gel electrophoresis (BNGE) followed by C-III immunoblotting analysis of mitochondrial supercomplexes in Control and CI deficiency skin fibroblasts. Anti-VDAC was used as loading control.

(I-K) Blue-native gel electrophoresis (BNGE) followed by SQOR, Ig rabbit or CIII immunoblotting to check the presence of SQOR in mitochondrial supercomplexes in mitochondria isolated from kidneys of mouse models with CI or CoQ deficiency. Test made in 6 different membranes using different conditions.

(L-N) Migration pattern of Complex III subunits and SQOR proteins from human skin fibroblasts of three different controls. Data extracted from Van Strien, Guerrero-Castillo et al., 2019.

Data are expressed as mean SD. *P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001; Control cells versus deficiency skin fibroblasts. (*t*-test; n = 3 for each group); n = 3 for each group).

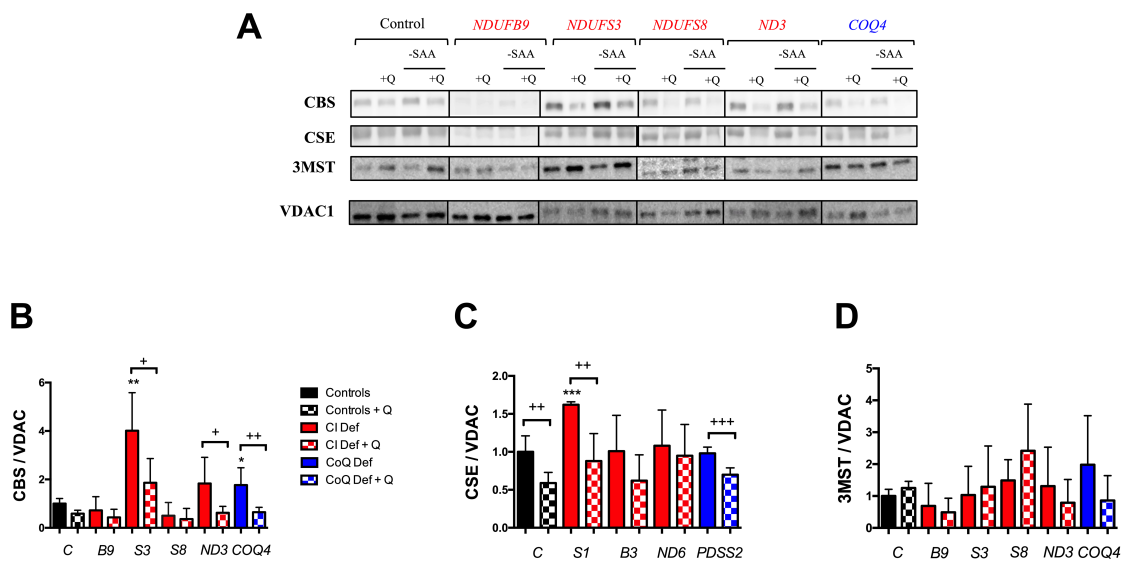


Figure S7. CoQ₁₀ regulates the enzymes of transsulfuration pathway independently of sulfur amino acids availability.

(A, B, C, D) Levels of the proteins of the transsulfuration pathway in human skin fibroblasts from control and patients with mutations in Complex I subunits or CoQ₁₀ biosynthetic genes. Data are expressed as mean \pm SD. *P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001; differences versus Control. +P < 0.05; ++P < 0.01; +++P < 0.001; Control versus Control + CoQ₁₀ or Complex I deficiency versus Complex I deficiency + CoQ₁₀ or CoQ₁₀ deficiency versus CoQ₁₀ deficiency + CoQ₁₀ (*t*-test; *n* = 3 for each group). C = control; B9 = *NDUFB9* mutant; S1 = *NDUFS1* mutant; S3 = *NDUFS3* mutant; S8 = *NDUFS8* mutant; ND3 = *ND3* mutant; COQ4 = *COQ4* mutant; CI Def = cells with Complex I deficiency; CoQ Def = cells with CoQ₁₀ deficiency; Q = CoQ₁₀; -SAA = medium without sulfur aminoacids. The blot image (A) has been made from three different membranes, as follow: blot 1, control; blot 2, *NDUFB9*; blot 3, *NDUFS3*, *ND3* and *COQ4*; blot 4, *NDUFS8*.

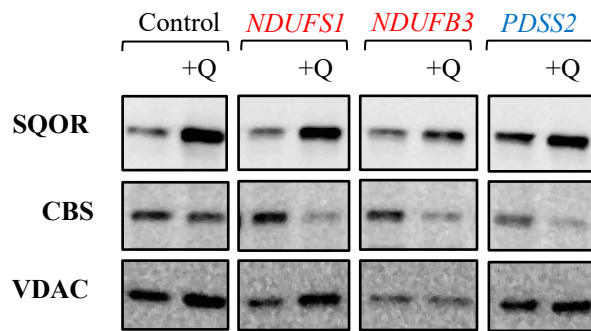


Figure S8. The levels of SQOR and CBS in control and mutant cells after supplementation with 20 μ M CoQ₁₀. C = control; S1 = *NDUFS1* mutant; B3 = *NDUFB3* mutant; *PDSS2* = *PDSS2* mutant; Q = CoQ₁₀.

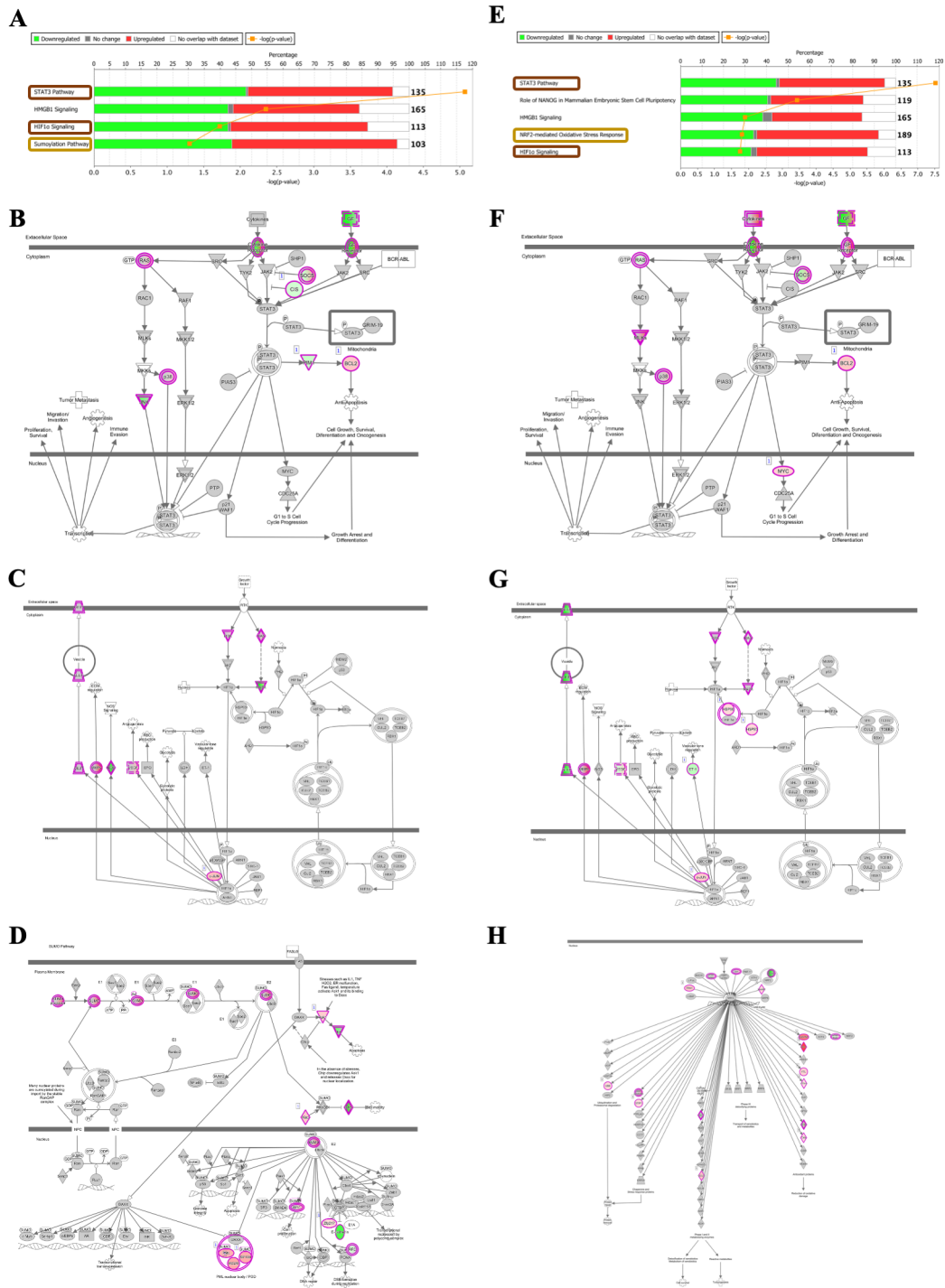


Figure S9. Transcriptional regulation and cell signaling pathways altered by CoQ₁₀ supplementation.

(A) Canonical pathways most enriched in the differentially expressed gene list, related to transcriptional regulation and cells signaling, of the CoQ₁₀ treated control cells dataset.

(B) STAT3 pathway in control cells.

(C) HIF1 α signaling pathway in control cells.

(D) Sumoylation pathway in control cells.

(E) Canonical pathways most enriched in the differentially expressed gene list, related to transcriptional regulation and cells signaling, of the CoQ₁₀ treated *NDUFS1* cells dataset.

(F) STAT3 pathway in *NDUFS1* mutant cells.

(G) HIG1 α signaling pathway in *NDUFS1* mutant cells.

(H) NRF2 pathway in *NDUFS1* cells.

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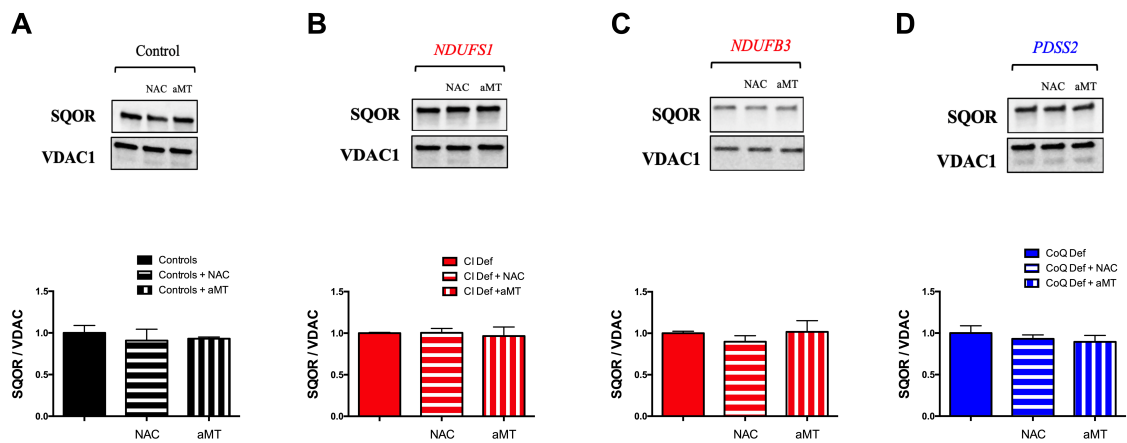


Figure S10. Levels of SQOR after the treatment with the antioxidants NAC or aMT. (A) Levels of SQOR in control cells; (B) Levels of SQOR in *NDUFS1* mutant cells; (C) Levels of SQOR in *NDUB3* mutant cells; (D) Levels of SQOR in *PDSS2* mutant cells;

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