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# Supplemental Information

# A human pluripotent stem cell model

# for the analysis of metabolic

# dysfunction in hepatic steatosis

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**Figure S1.** Validation of mRNA sequencing analysis by RT-qPCR. Data were analysed using<br>4 two-tailed Student t-test and expressed as mean ± SD, \*p<0.05, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001. Related to two-tailed Student t-test and expressed as mean ± SD, \*p<0.05, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001. Related to

Figure 2.



- **Figure S2.** Representative blot of succinate dehydrogenase subunit A (SDHA) and pyruvate 9 dehydrogenase (PDH)  $\alpha$ 1 and  $\alpha$ 2 subunits, with total protein staining. Molecular weight band
- of SDHA = 70 kDa. Molecular weight band of PDh = 38 kDa. Related to Figure 3.



13 **Figure S3.** Measurement of mitochondrial (mitochondrial region 2 (MT2); mitochondrial region 14 3 (MT3)) and nuclear (beta-globin (HBB)) DNA. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD. Related 15 to Figure 3. to Figure 3.

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mRNA expression

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18 **Figure S4.** Steatotic HLCs show a moderate negative correlation between promoter 5hmC<br>19 enrichment and mRNA expression, Related to Figure 7.

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- 21 **Table S1.** Primer pairs and probes used to quantify mRNA expression, Related to Figure 1
- 22 and Figure 2.
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24 **Table S2.** Primer pairs used to quantify mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, Related to Figure 3.



- 26 **Table S3**. Primer sequences for validation of DNA immunoprecipitation protocol, Related to
- 27 Figure 7.







28 **Table S4.** Upregulated and downregulated KEGG pathways, Related to Figure 2.



30 **Table S5.** [Dysregulated genes in the TCA Cycle KEGG pathway], Related to Figure 2.





- 32 **Table S6.** [Dysregulated genes in the Oxidative Phosphorylation KEGG pathway], Related to
- 33 Figure 2



### **Differentiation of pluripotent human stem cells to hepatocyte-like cells and induction**

### **of intracellular lipid accumulation**

 Human female H9 pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) were differentiated to hepatocyte-like cells (HLCs) as previously described (Wang et al., 2017). Unless otherwise stated, compounds for this protocol were purchased from Thermo Fisher. Briefly, H9 cells were cultured on Laminin 61 521 coated plates, with mTeSR1 media, which contained 10  $\mu$ M ROCK inhibitor. H9s were initially differentiated to an endoderm phenotype in RPMI 1640 media containing 100 ng/mL Activin A (R & D Systems), and 50 ng/mL Wnt3A (Peprotech). Endodermal cells were then differentiated to a hepatoblast phenotype by culturing in Knockout DMEM, containing 20% Knockout Serum Replacement. Finally, cells were differentiated to a HLC phenotype by culturing in HepatoZYME media containing 10 ng/mL hepatocyte growth factor (Peprotech), 67 20 ng/mL oncostatin M (Peprotech), and 10  $\mu$ M hydrocortisone 21-hemisuccinate (Sigma Aldrich), until day 17, at which point the cells were used for the assays described in this manuscript.

 HLCs were cultured in a 96-well format for measurements of lipid accumulation and in a 6- well format for all other analyses. Each well is a separate differentiation event and represents a biological replicate. Intracellular lipid accumulation was induced in HLCs, as previously described (Lyall et al., 2018). Briefly, at day 17, HLCs were incubated in HepatoZYME media only (controls) or HepatoZYME media containing a cocktail of sodium l-lactate (L; 10mM), sodium pyruvate (P; 1 mM) and octanoic acid (O; 2 mM) (Sigma, Gillingham, UK) (LPO) for a 77 period of 48 hours. For isotopic tracing studies, lactate was replaced with  ${}^{13}C_3$ -lactate (CK Isotopes, CLM-1579-05). For mechanistic studies, HLCs were exposed to either 5- Aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-1-β-D-ribofuranosyl 5′-monophosphate (AICAR; 1mM; Sigma-Aldrich, A1393-50MG), O-(Carboxymethyl)hydroxylamine hemihydrochloride (AOA; 81 100  $\mu$ M; Sigma-Aldrich, C13408-1G) or AICAR combined with monomethyl fumarate (50  $\mu$ M; Sigma-Aldrich, 651419-1G) for the same duration as LPO.

#### **Cell mitochondrial stress test assay**

 The oxygen consumption rate (OCR) of LPO-exposed HLCs was measured using the Agilent Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Kit (Agilent, 103015-100) on a Seahorse XF Analyser (Agilent, California, USA). Data were collected from two separate plates, with each well representing a biological replicate and each plate representing a technical replicate. Analyses were performed under basal conditions and following treatment with oligomycin A (an ATPase inhibitor), carbonyl-cyanide-4-(trifluoromethoxy) phenylhydrazone (FCCP; an ETC uncoupler), and combined rotenone and antimycin A (inhibitors of complex I and III, respectively). Two concentrations of FCCP (0.5 μM and 1.0 μM) were used for optimisation. Since replicates within each group responded similarly to each other, results were combined. OCR was normalised to total protein for each well, using the sulforhodamine B (SRB) assay, as previously described (Orellana and Kasinski, 2016), but with spectrophotometric measurements read at 540 nm.

## **Citrate synthase assay**

 Citrate synthase activity was assessed as a readout of mitochondrial integrity (Boutagy et al., 2015; Short et al., 2005). Mitochondria were isolated using the Mitochondria Isolation Kit for Cultured Cells (Thermo Scientific, 89874), as per the manufacturer's instructions, selecting option A for isolation. Citrate synthase activity, a marker of mitochondrial integrity, was then measured using the Citrate Synthase Activity Colorimetric Assay Kit (BioVision, K318), as per the manufacturer's instructions.

#### **Protein Extraction**

 Adherent HLCs were washed once with ice-cold PBS, before incubating in ice-cold RIPA Lysis and Extraction Buffer (Thermo Scientific, 89900) supplemented with cOmplete Protease

- Inhibitor Cocktail tablets (1/10 mL buffer; Roche, 11697498001). The suspended HLCs were placed on ice for 30 minutes, vortexing every 3 minutes, before centrifuging for 20 min at 4 °C, 12,000 rpm. The supernatant was collected and stored at -80 °C until needed.
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### **Western blot analysis**

 Protein quantification was performed using the Qubit Protein Assay Kit (Invitrogen, Q33211), as per the manufacturer's instructions. Protein concentration was measured using a Qubit Fluorometer (Invitrogen, Massachusetts, USA). Equal concentrations (50 μg) of HLC protein extract in 4 x Sample Loading Buffer (Li-Cor, 928-40004) were loaded onto NuPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris Protein Gels (Invitrogen, NP0326BOX). Following resolution, protein was transferred to a methanol-activated polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membrane. Protein transfer was measured using Revert 700 Total Protein Stain Kit (Li-Cor, 926-11010) as per the manufacturer's instructions. To enable probing with different antibodies, membranes were then sliced (images shown in Figure S1), blocked with Tris-buffered saline containing Tween 20 (TBST) and 5% skimmed milk powder, and incubated with either Pyruvate Dehydrogenase 126 (staining total  $\alpha$ 1 and  $\alpha$ 2 subunits) (C54G1) Rabbit mAb (Cell Signaling Technology, 3205) or SDHA (D6J9M) XP Rabbit mAb (Cell Signaling Technology, 11998), both a 1:1000 dilution. The membranes were washed in TBST before incubating with the secondary antibody, IRDye 680RD Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (Li-Cor, 926-68072) at a 1:10,000 dilution, for 1 h at room temperature, in the dark, with shaking. Blots were visualised on a Li-Cor Odyssey CLx (Li-Cor, Nebraska, USA), and bands normalised to the Revert 700 Total Protein Stain, as per the manufacturer's instructions.

## **RNA-seq analysis**

135 Total RNA was extracted from HLCs using the Monarch<sup>®</sup> Total RNA Miniprep Kit (New England BioLabs, T2010). RNA integrity was assessed using a Bioanalyzer (Agilent) with the RNA 6000 Nano kit. All samples had a RIN value >7.0. mRNA sequencing was performed on 3 biological replicates per group by the Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI) (Shenzhen, China).

 Library preparation was performed with the TruSeq Stranded mRNA Library Preparation kit (Illumina, RS-122-2101), with additional use of the Ribo-Zero Gold rRNA Removal Kit (Illumina, MRZG12324). Paired-end sequencing was performed on an Illumina HiSeq 4000, with each sample sequenced to a depth >60 million reads. The generated FASTQ files were trimmed to remove adapters, using Trimmomatic (version 0.36) (Bolger et al., 2014), before performing quality control with FastQC (version 0.11.4) (Andrews). Alignment was performed against the *Homo sapiens* GRCh19 assembly. The assembly was first indexed using STAR (version 2.5.1b) before mapping trimmed reads, using STAR (version 2.5.1b) in paired-end mode with default behaviour (Dobin and Gingeras, 2015). Duplicate reads were removed using Picard (version 2.7.11) (2018), before using featureCounts to generate raw read counts for each gene. Differential gene expression (DEG) analysis was performed using DESeq2 (Love et al., 2014). Heatmaps were generated with Heatmapper (Babicki et al., 2016). Pathway enrichment analysis was performed using the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) function (Kanehisa, 2019; Kanehisa and Goto, 2000; Kanehisa et al., 2019) of the Database for Annotation, Visualization, and Integrated Discovery (DAVID) (Huang et al., 2009a, 2009b).

#### **Real-time quantitative PCR**

 RNA was taken from that prepared for RNA-sequencing. cDNA was generated using the High Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcriptase Kit (Applied Biosystems, 4368814). A master mix was prepared using PerfeCTa FastMix II (Quanta Biosciences, Inc., 95118-250). cDNA was amplified and quantified using the Universal Probe Library (Roche, Burgess Hill, UK) system on a Roche LightCycler 480 (Roche Diagnostics Ltd, Switzerland). Primer sequences and Universal Probe Library probes are detailed in Table S1.

 For quantifying mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, we purified DNA using the Monarch® Genomic DNA Purification Kit (NEB, USA), as per the manufacturer's instructions. DNA was quantified by using the Luna® Universal qPCR Master Mix (NEB, USA) on a Roche

167 LightCycler 480 (Roche Diagnostics Ltd, Switzerland). Primer sequences and Universal Probe 168 Library probes are detailed in Table S2.

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## 170 **NMR Spectroscopy**

171 This protocol was previously described by Hollinshead *et al* (Hollinshead et al., 2018). At the 172 conclusion of tracer experiments, cells were washed with 2 mL ice-cold 0.9% saline solution 173 and quenched with 0.3 mL pre-chilled methanol (-20 $\degree$ C). After adding an equal volume of ice-174 cold HPLC-grade water containing 1 µg/mL D6-glutaric acid (C/D/N Isotopes Inc), cells were 175 collected with a cell scraper and transferred to tubes containing 0.3 mL of chloroform (-20  $^{\circ}$ C). 176 The extracts were shaken at 1400 rpm for 20 min at 4  $\degree$ C and centrifuged at 16,000 x g for 5 177 min at  $4 \degree C$ . Then, 0.3 mL of the upper aqueous phase was collected and evaporated in 178 eppendorfs, under a vacuum using a Savant™ SpeedVac<sup>™</sup> Concentrator (ThermoFisher). 179 These samples were used either for NMR spectroscopy of for GC-MS. For NMR, dried 180 samples were re-suspended in 60 µL of 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) containing 181 500 µM DSS and 2 mM Imidazole, 10% D20, pH 7.0. Samples were vortexed, sonicated (5-182 15 min) and centrifuged briefly, before transferred to 1.7 mm NMR tubes using an automated 183 Gilson. One-dimensional (1D)-<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and two-dimensional (2D)-<sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C 184 Heteronuclear Single Quantum Coherence Spectroscopy (HSQC) NMR spectra were 185 acquired using a 600 MHz Bruker Avance III spectrometer (Bruker Biospin) with an inverse 186 cryogenic probe for 1.7 mm NMR sample tubes, fitted with a z-axis pulsed field gradient, at 187 300 K. Spectral widths were set to 13 and 160 ppm for the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C dimensions, respectively. 188 For the indirect ( $\rm ^{13}C$ ) dimension of the 2D- $\rm ^{1}H, \rm ^{13}C$  HSQC NMR spectra, 1228 out of 4096 (30%) 189 data points were acquired using a non-uniform sampling scheme.  $^{13}C^{-13}C$  splittings were 190 enhanced 4-fold in the  $13C$  dimension. Each sample was automatically tuned, matched and 191 then shimmed (1D-TopShim) to a DSS line width of <1 Hz before acquisition of the first 192 spectrum. Total experiment time was ~15 min per sample for 1D-<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and 1 h per 193 sample for 2D-<sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR spectra. 1D-<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were processed using the

 MATLAB-based MetaboLab software (Ludwig and Günther, 2011). All 1D data sets were apodized using a 0.3 Hz exponential window function and zero-filled to 131,072 data points before Fourier Transformation. The chemical shift was calibrated by referencing the DSS 197 signal to 0 ppm. 1D-<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were manually phase corrected. Baseline correction was 198 achieved using a spline function (Ludwig and Günther, 2011). 1D-<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were exported into Bruker format for metabolite identification and concentration determination using 200 Chenomx 7.0 (Chenomx INC). 2D-<sup>1</sup>H,<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR spectra were reconstructed using compressed sensing in the MDDNMR and NMRpipe software (Delaglio et al., 1995; Kazimierczuk and Orekhov, 2011; Orekhov and Jaravine, 2011). The final spectrum size was 203 922 real data points for the  $1H$  dimension and 16,384 real data points for the  $13C$  dimension. Analysis was performed using MetaboLab and pyGamma software was used in multiplet simulations (Smith et al., 1994). The methyl group of lactate was used to calibrate the chemical shift based on its assignment in the human metabolome database (Wishart et al., 2013).

## **GC-MS**

 Dried polar metabolites were purified as described for NMR spectroscopy. These were derivatised by incubating with 40 µL 2% methoxyamine hydrochloride (Sigma Aldrich, 226904) 211 in pyridine (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 25104) at 60 °C for 1 h, followed by incubation with 60 µL *N*-methyl-*N*-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyltrifluoroacetamide with 1% *tert*-butyldimethylchlorosilane 213 (MTBSTFA with 1% t-BDMCS) at 60 $\degree$ C for 1 h.

 GC-MS analysis was performed using an Agilent 6890GC in combination with an Agilent 5975C MS. The MS was operated under electron impact ionization at 70 eV with the source 217 held at 230 °C and the quadrupole at 150 °C. Helium was used as the carrier gas and 218 maintained at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. 1 µL of derivatised sample was injected (splitless) with 219 an inlet temperature of 280 °C on to a Rxi-5MS column (Restek) The oven temperature was 220 held at 100 °C for 1 min then increased at a rate of 5 °C/min up to a maximum temperature of

221 330 °C. Ions were detected using selected ion monitoring (SIM) mode as previously described (Battello et al., 2016). MetaboliteDetector software was used to correct for the natural isotope distribution and to determine the mass isotopomer distribution (MID) (Hiller et al., 2009).

### **DNA hydroxymethylation immunoprecipitation and sequencing (hmeDIP-sequencing)**

226 DNA was purified using the Monarch<sup>®</sup> Genomic DNA Purification kit (New England BioLabs, T3010S). DNA immunoprecipitation and sequencing was performed as previously described, using the Ion Proton platform (Thomson et al., 2015), with the addition of an IgG control (Merck, 12-370). We validated the DNA immunoprecipitation protocol on Roche LightCycler 480 (Roche Diagnostics Ltd, Switzerland), using the primer sets described in Table S3. We sequenced three biological replicates per group. A mean read length of 137-147 base pairs and 21,130,039 - 31,693,844 reads per sample was achieved. Reads were aligned to the hg19 genome using Torrent Suite v5.2.0. Aligned reads were sorted using SAMtools, before calling peaks using MACS2 (v. 2.1.1) -f BAM --broad --broad-cutoff 0.05 -B -g hs, over corresponding inputs (Zhang et al., 2008). To detect differentially hydroxymethylated regions (DHRs), we used Diffbind with DESeq2 (Stark and Brown). For Diffbind analysis, data were normalised to 237 a pooled input for each group and an IgG control. DHMRs were assigned to genes and other genomic features using the HOMER (v. 4.8; hg19) annotatePeaks tools (Heinz et al., 2010). For candidate hmeDIP analysis, the concentration of each sample was extrapolated from a standard curve of arbitrary concentrations and normalised to 10% input. Regions of interest were identified from the hmeDIP-sequencing dataset. Primers were designed using the NCBI primer-BLAST software (Table S2). Data are available through the Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE144955). Sliding window profiles and heatmaps were generated using deepTools (Ramírez et al., 2014), using the plotProfile and plotHeatmap functions, respectively, with blacklisted regions subtracted.

### **High content analysis microscopy**

 Cells were stained with a cell painter assay, adapted from Lyall *et al* and Bray *et al* (Bray et al., 2016; Lyall et al., 2018). Cells were fixed with 50 μL/well 4% (wt/vol) paraformaldehyde (Electron Microscopy Sciences, 15710-S) for 15 minutes at room temperature. For permeabilisation, cells were incubated in 0.1% Triton X-100 (Sigma-Aldrich, T8787) in PBS for 15 minutes at room temperature. For lipid droplet analysis, cells were then stained with a 253 combination of NucBlue Live ReadyProbes<sup>®</sup> Reagent (2 drops/mL) (Molecular Probes, 254 R37605), HCS CellMask<sup>™</sup> Red (2 µL/10 mL) (Invitrogen, H32712), and BODIPY<sup>™</sup> 493/503 (1:1000) (Life Sciences, D3922), as per the manufacturer's instructions. Following staining, images were acquired using an Operetta High Content Analysis microscope (Perkin Elmer, Buckinghamshire, UK). Lipid droplet morphology was analysed as previously described (Lyall et al., 2018).

### **Statistical analysis**

 All statistical analyses were performed using Graph Prism Version 8.0 for Windows or macOS, GraphPad Software, La Jolla California USA, www.graphpad.com. Normality of data distribution was measured using the Shapiro-Wilks test. Where indicated, data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test, Mann-Whitney test, one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) or two-way ANOVA. Data were considered to be significant where *p* <0.05.

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