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Lipid droplets biogenesis and COX-2 pathway activation are triggered by esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC), but not esophageal squamous carcinoma (ESCC), associated risk factors

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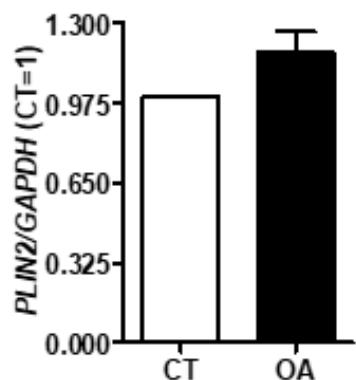
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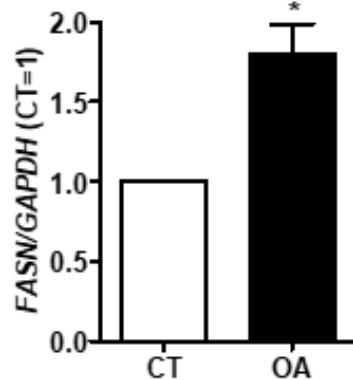
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Supplementary Figure 1

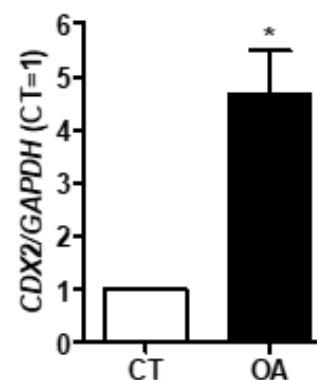
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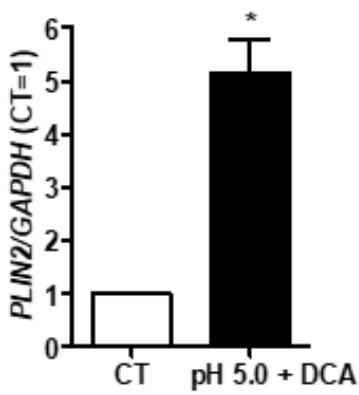
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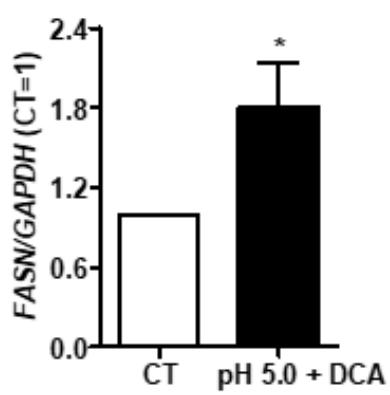
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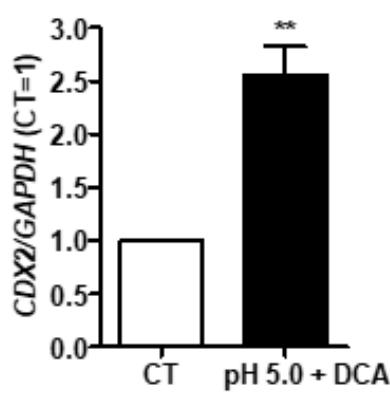
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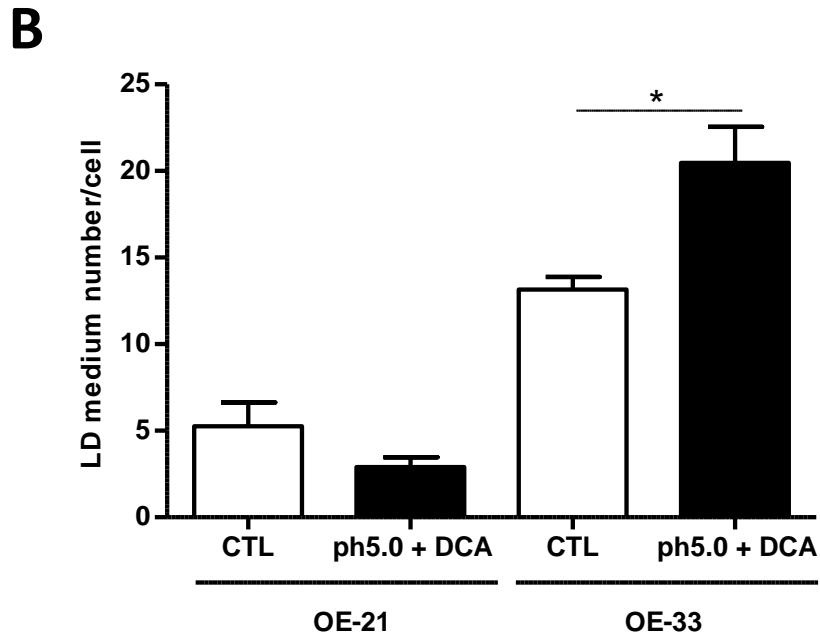
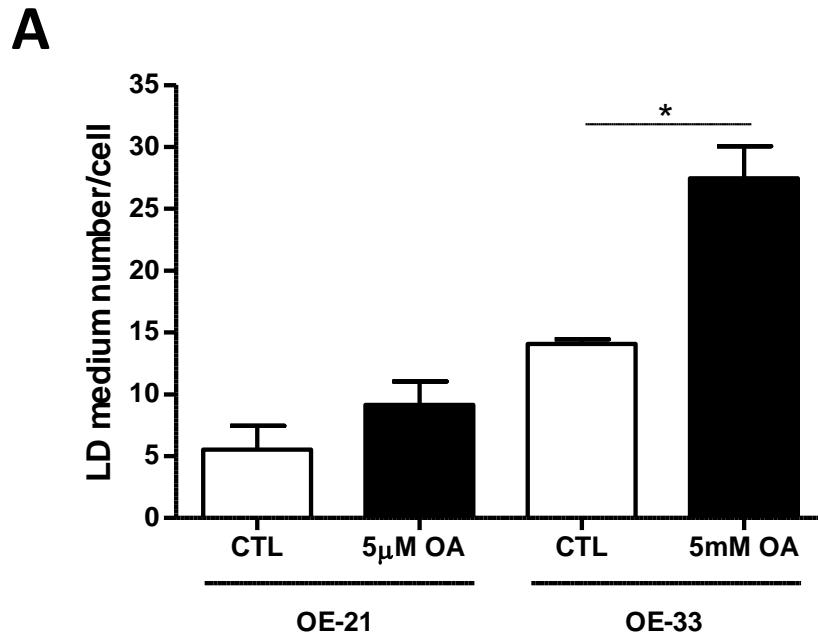


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Supp Fig. 1 *PLIN2*, *FASN*, *CDX2* expression evaluation in the normal immortalized esophageal cell line, Het1a, upon exposure to esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) risk factors associated-stimuli. *PLIN2* (A and D), *FASN* (B and E), *CDX2* (C and F) mRNA levels were assessed by RT-qPCR in Het1a cells incubated with 5 μ M of Oleic Acid (OA) for 24h and stimulated with 5 pulses (3 min each) of acidified culture medium (pH 5.0) containing 200 μ M of DCA. Experiments were performed in triplicate * $p<0.05$; ** $p<0.005$

Supplementary Figure 2



Supp Fig. 2 Evaluation of Lipid Droplets (LD) number in esophageal squamous cell (ESCC) and adenocarcinoma (EAC) cell lines, upon exposure to esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) risk factors associated-stimuli. LD quantification assessed by Oil Red O (ORO) staining in the esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (OE21) and adenocarcinoma (OE33) cell lines cells incubated with 5 μ M of Oleic Acid (OA) for 24h (A) and stimulated with 5 pulses (3 min each) of acidified culture medium (pH 5.0) containing 200 μ M of DCA (B). Experiments were performed in triplicate *p<0.05.

Supplementary Table 1: Clinicopathological characteristics of the individuals and patients comprised in the study

| | NOE (n=10) | OE (n=22) | BE (n=19) | EAC (n=59) | ESCC (n=25) | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Characteristics | | | | | | |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Median (years) | 55.0 | 34.5 | 64.0 | 62.0 | 56.0 | |
| (Range) | [28 – 84] | [27 – 60] | [16 – 83] | [34 – 83] | [36 – 84] | |
| Follow-up | | | | | | |
| Median (months) | | | 12.13 | 31.56 | | |
| (Range) | | | [0.86 – 139.53] | [0.5 – 122.4] | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 4 | 40.0% | 11 | 50.0% | 10 | 52.6% |
| Male | 6 | 60.0% | 11 | 50.0% | 9 | 47.3% |
| N/A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tobacco Smoking | | | | | | |
| No | 7 | 70.0% | 14 | 63.6% | 4 | 21.0% |
| Yes | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 9.1% | 3 | 15.7% |
| Former | 3 | 30.0% | 6 | 27.3% | 5 | 15.7% |
| N/A | 0 | 0 | 9 | 47.3% | 1 | 1.7% |
| Alcohol Consumption | | | | | | |
| No | 2 | 20.0% | 9 | 40.9% | 6 | 31.6% |
| Yes | 8 | 80.0% | 13 | 59.1% | 4 | 21.0% |
| N/A | 0 | 0 | 9 | 47.3% | 15 | 25.4% |
| Tumor Localization | | | | | | |
| Upper Third | | | | 0 | 0.0% | |
| Middle Third | | | | 10 | 16.9% | |
| Lower Third | | | | 37 | 62.7% | |
| N/A | | | | 12 | 20.3% | |
| Tumor Differentiation | | | | | | |
| Well-differentiated | | | | 2 | 3.4% | |
| Moderately-differentiated | | | | 34 | 57.6% | |
| Poorly-differentiated | | | | 19 | 32.2% | |
| N/A | | | | 4 | 6.7% | |
| Tumor Stage | | | | | | |
| I | | | | 3 | 5.1% | |
| II | | | | 11 | 18.6% | |
| III | | | | 16 | 27.1% | |
| IV | | | | 2 | 3.4% | |
| N/A | | | | 27 | 45.7% | |
| Gastroesophageal Reflux History | | | | | | |
| No | 7 | 70.0% | 17 | 77.3% | 63 | 66.3% |
| Yes | 3 | 30.0% | 5 | 5.3% | 14 | 14.7% |
| N/A | 0 | 0 | 18 | 18.9% | | |

N/A: not informed

NOE: non-obese individuals

OE: obese individuals

BE: Barrett's esophagus patients

EAC: esophageal adenocarcinoma patients

ESCC: esophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients

Supplementary Table 2: Association analysis between Perilipin-2 and COX2 staining and baseline characteristics of Barrett's esophagus (BE), esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC) patients investigated in the study.

| Characteristics | BE (n=19) | | | EAC (n=59) | | | ESCC (n=25) | | | BE (n=19) | | | EAC (n=59) | | | ESCC (n=25) | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| | Perilipin-2 staining | | | | | | COX2 staining | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Age</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| r | 0.355 | | | 0.003 | | | 0.47 | | | 0.0456 | | | 0.1361 | | | 0.2743 | | |
| p | 0.14 | | | 0.98 | | | 0.02 | | | 0.86 | | | 0.36 | | | 0.18 | | |
| | Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative | Positive | Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative | |
| <i>Gender</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Male | 6 | 3 | 34 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 21 | 18 | 4 | | | | | | |
| P | 1.00 | | 0.69 | | 1.00 | | 0.64 | | 0.68 | | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| <i>Tobacco Smoking</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Never | 3 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Yes | 6 | 0 | 29 | 15 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 21 | 14 | 5 | | | | | | |
| N/A | 9 | | 1 | | 1 | | 9 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| P | 0.40 | | 0.75 | | 0.34 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | 0.30 | | | | | | | |
| <i>Alcohol Consumption</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Never | 5 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Yes | 4 | 0 | 23 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 21 | 10 | 4 | | | | | | |
| N/A | 9 | | | | 3 | | 9 | | 11 | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| P | 1.00 | | 0.11 | | 0.66 | | 1.00 | | 0.13 | | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| <i>Tumor Localization</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Third | | 2 | 3 | | 6 | 8 | | | | 8 | 4 | 9 | 4 | | | | | |
| Lower Third | | 30 | 13 | | 3 | 7 | | | | 19 | 17 | 7 | 4 | | | | | |
| N/A | | 11 | | | 1 | | | | | 11 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| P | | 0.32 | | | 0.68 | | | | | 0.50 | | | 0.77 | | | | | |
| <i>Tumor Differentiation</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Well-differentiated | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Moderately-differentiated | | 24 | 12 | | 7 | 9 | | | | 23 | 14 | 7 | 10 | | | | | |
| Poorly-differentiated | | 12 | 7 | | 1 | 4 | | | | 10 | 8 | 2 | 3 | | | | | |
| N/A | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| P | | 0.87 | | | 0.60 | | | | | 0.08 | | | 0.35 | | | | | |
| <i>Tumor Stage</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Early | | 11 | 3 | | 2 | 4 | | | | 7 | 4 | 6 | 0 | | | | | |
| Late | | 9 | 9 | | 4 | 7 | | | | 9 | 12 | 4 | 7 | | | | | |
| | | 17 | | | 8 | | | | | 17 | | 8 | | | | | | |
| P | | 0.15 | | | 1.00 | | | | | 0.43 | | | 0.034 | | | | | |
| <i>Dysplasia</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No | | 6 | 0 | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Yes | | 7 | 6 | | | | | | | 6 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| P | | 0.044 | | | | | | | | 0.62 | | | | | | | | |

BE: Barrett's esophagus patients

EAC: esophageal adenocarcinoma patients

ESCC: esophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients

N/A: not informed

Supplementary Table 3: Clinicopathological characteristics of the esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC) patients from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) evaluated in the study

| Characteristics | EAC (n=89) | | ESCC (n=95) | |
|--|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | n | % | n | % |
| Age | | | | |
| Median (years) | 69.5 | | 57.0 | |
| [Range] | (27-86) | | (36-90) | |
| Follow-up | | | | |
| Median (months) | 7.0 | | 12.65 | |
| [Range] | (0.36 - 83.18) | | (0.3 - 67.97) | |
| Gender | | | | |
| Female | 12 | 13.5% | 14 | 14.7% |
| Male | 76 | 85.4% | 81 | 85.3% |
| N/A | 1 | 1.1% | 0 | |
| Tobacco Smoking | | | | |
| No | 24 | 27.0% | 32 | 33.7% |
| Yes | 8 | 9.0% | 29 | 30.5% |
| Former | 42 | 47.2% | 30 | 31.6% |
| N/A | 15 | 16.9% | 4 | 4.2% |
| Alcohol Consumption | | | | |
| No | 27 | 30.3% | 24 | 25.3% |
| Yes | 60 | 67.4% | 69 | 72.6% |
| N/A | 2 | 2.2% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Tumor Localization | | | | |
| Upper Third | 0 | 0.0% | 6 | 6.3% |
| Middle Third | 5 | 5.6% | 44 | 46.3% |
| Lower Third | 83 | 93.3% | 44 | 46.3% |
| N/A | 1 | 1.1% | 1 | 1.1% |
| Tumor Differentiation | | | | |
| Well-differentiated | 3 | 3.4% | 16 | 16.8% |
| Moderately-differentiated | 28 | 31.5% | 48 | 50.5% |
| Poorly-differentiated | 27 | 30.3% | 21 | 22.1% |
| N/A | 31 | 34.8% | 10 | 10.5% |
| Tumor Stage | | | | |
| I | 8 | 9.0% | 21 | 22.1% |
| II | 30 | 33.7% | 38 | 40.0% |
| III | 34 | 38.2% | 28 | 29.5% |
| IV | 11 | 12.4% | 6 | 6.3% |
| N/A | 6 | 6.7% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Gastroesophageal Reflux History | | | | |
| No | 33 | 37.1% | 63 | 66.3% |
| Yes | 43 | 48.3% | 14 | 14.7% |
| N/A | 13 | 14.6% | 18 | 18.9% |
| Esophagus Columnar Metaplasia | | | | |
| No | 29 | 32.6% | 47 | 49.5% |
| Yes | 31 | 34.8% | 1 | 1.1% |
| N/A | 29 | 32.6% | 47 | 49.5% |

N/A: not informed

EAC: esophageal adenocarcinoma patients

ESCC: esophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients

Supplementary Table 4: Association analysis between *PLIN2* expression and baseline characteristics of esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC) patients from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) investigated in the study.

| Characteristics | <i>PLIN2</i> | |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| | EAC (n=89) | ESCC (n=95) |
| <i>Age (years)</i> | | |
| <i>r</i> | -0,01 | -0,11 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.922 | 0.288 |
| <i>Gender</i> | | |
| Female | 825.0 | 141.5 |
| Male | 870.6 | 392.9 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.571 | 0.0078 |
| <i>Tobacco Smoking</i> | | |
| No | 1034.0 | 1034.0 |
| Yes | 810.1 | 810.1 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.19 | 0.19 |
| <i>Alcohol Consumption</i> | | |
| No | 874.7 | 437.0 |
| Yes | 810.1 | 376.1 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.786 | 0.4528 |
| <i>Tumor Localization</i> | | |
| Upper Third | 0 | 519.1 |
| Middle Third | 1283.0 | 338.9 |
| Lower Third | 815.6 | 357.8 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.1 | 0.528 |
| <i>Tumor Differentiation</i> | | |
| Well-differentiated | 671.4 | 397.2 |
| Moderately-differentiated | 867.4 | 335.1 |
| Poorly-differentiated | 994.2 | 648.2 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.215 | 0.215 |
| <i>Tumor Stage</i> | | |
| Early (I + II) | 660.3 | 320.6 |
| Late (III+IV) | 896.4 | 429.7 |
| <i>p</i> | 0.062 | 0.352 |
| <i>Esophagus Columnar Metaplasia</i> | | |
| No | 796.4 | |
| Yes | 896.4 | |
| <i>p</i> | 0.756 | |
| <i>Gastroesophageal Reflux History</i> | | |
| No | 854.2 | |
| Yes | 866.4 | |
| <i>p</i> | 0.966 | |

PLIN2 expression levels are expressed in RSEM+1

EAC: esophageal adenocarcinoma patients

ESCC: esophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients