

Supplemental information

**FGF21 promotes thermogenic gene expression
as an autocrine factor in adipocytes**

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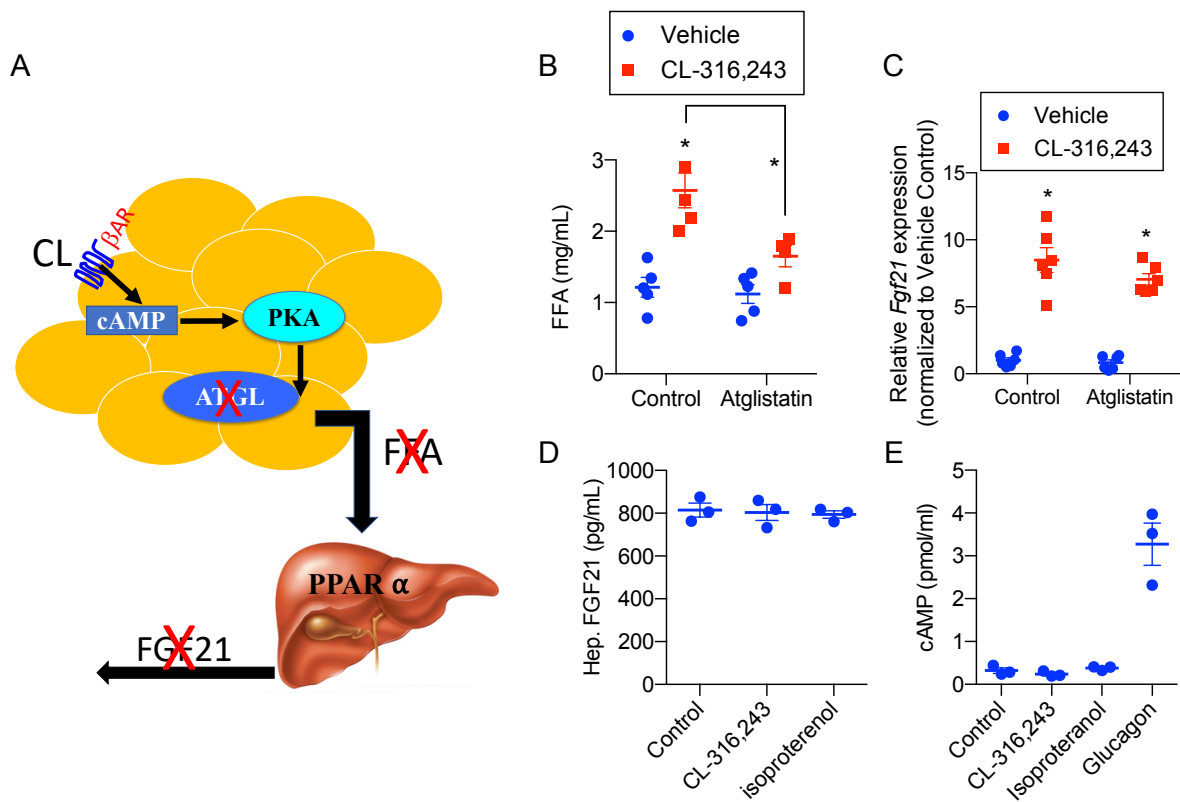


Figure S1. Crosstalk between adipose tissue and liver, Related to Figure 2. (A). Experiment design for the cross talk between adipose tissue and liver mediated by FFA. (B) Serum FFA from mice pretreated with ATGL inhibitor administered intraperitoneally for 30 minutes followed by IP injection of 1 mg per kg (body weight) CL-316,243 or vehicle for 4 h, $n = 5$ mice per group. (C) iWAT-FGF21 mRNA-expression isolated from mice used in (B). (D) FGF21 secretion to the media from primary hepatocyte following 6h treatment of CL-316,243 or isoproterenol. (E) primary hepatocyte-cAMP following treatments the cells with CL-316,243 10 μ M, isoproterenol 10 μ M, and Glucagon 10nM. * p -value < 0.05 from Holm-Sidak post hoc analysis after significant two-way ANOVA for vehicle versus CL-316,243 unless otherwise indicated with line

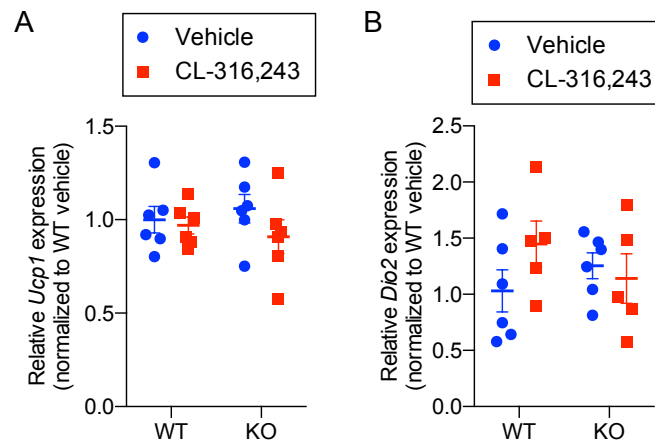


Figure S2. Thermogenic gene expression in BAT, Related to Figure 3. (A) *Ucp1* and (B) *Dio2* expression in the BAT of WT and whole body FGF21-KO mice, treated with 1 mg/kg CL-316,243 or vehicle daily for 7 days, $n = 6$ in each group. No significant differences detected by two-way ANOVA.

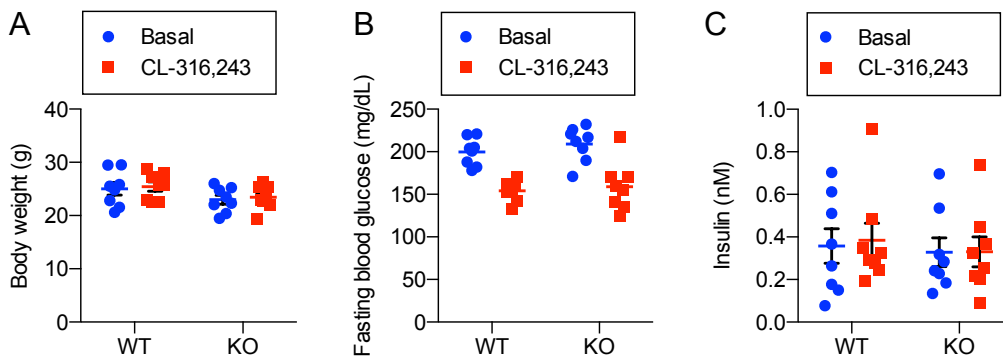


Figure S3. Metabolic phenotype of WT and FGF21-KO mice treated with CL-316,243 for 7 days, Related to Figure 3. WT and whole body FGF21-KO mice, treated with 1 mg/kg CL-316,243 daily, $n = 8$ mice per genotype. (A) Bodyweight at baseline and after 7 days of treatment. (B) Fasting blood glucose at baseline and after 7 days of treatment. (C) Fasting serum insulin at baseline and after 7 days of treatment.

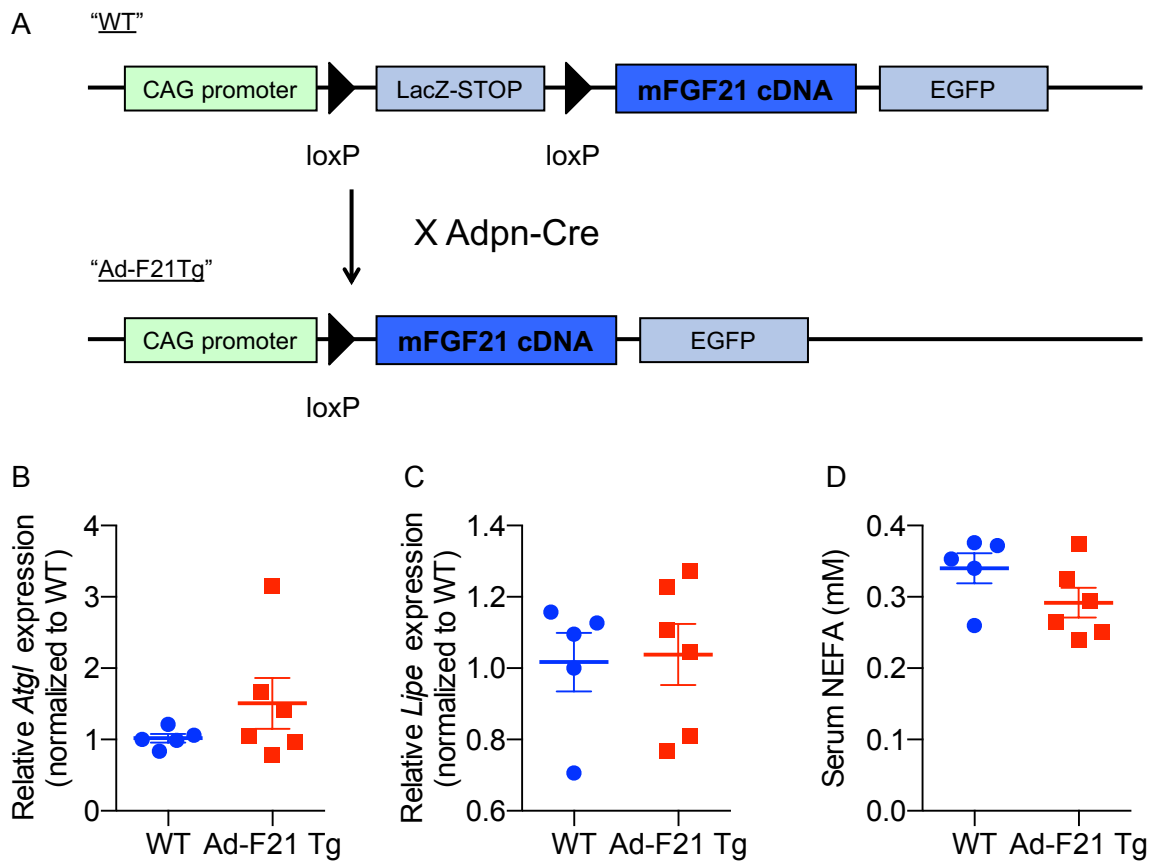


Figure S4. Lipolysis genes and FFA levels in adipose FGF21 Tg mice, Related to Figure 4. (A) Experimental design to generate adipose specific *Fgf21* transgenic (Ad-F21 Tg) mice. (B) iWAT *Atgl*-mRNA expression. (C) iWAT *Lipe*-mRNA expression. (D) FFA serum levels. $n = 5-6$ mice/genotype.

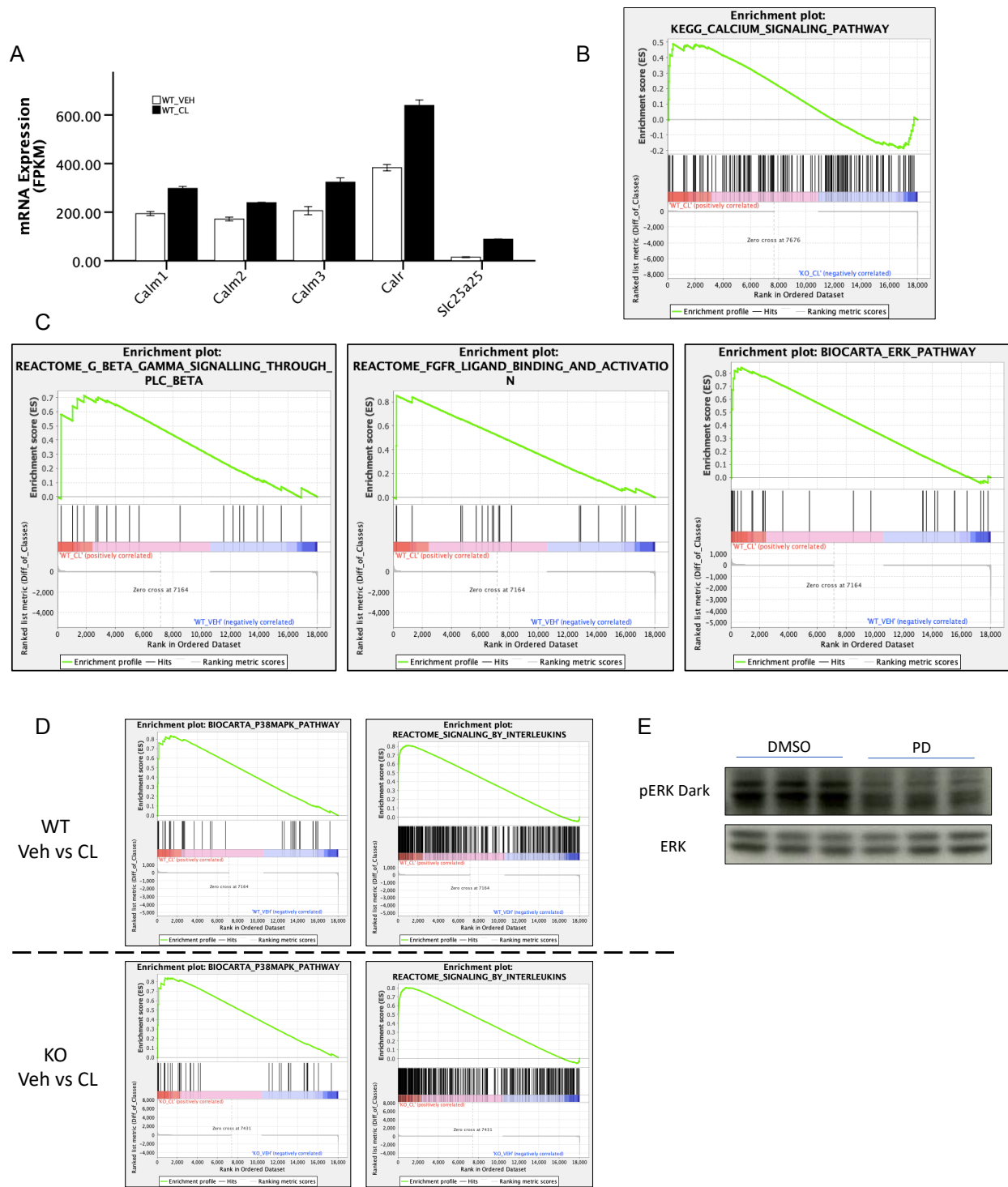


Figure S5. Genes involved in calcium signaling are upregulated by CL-316,243 in a FGF21 dependent manner, Related to Figure 5. (A) Calcium handling gene expression from RNA sequencing data performed on WT and FGF21-KO PPDIIVs treated with vehicle or 1 μ M CL-316,243 (CL). (B and C) Pathway analyses of RNA sequencing data using Gene Set Enrichment Analysis. (D) Pathways enriched with CL treatment that do not change with FGF21 Knockout. (E) Representative WB that for the validation of MEK inhibitor on the phosphorylation of ERK. **p*-value < 0.0 from student's t-test versus baseline.

Table S1: qPCR primer sequences, Related to Figures 1-4.

Primer	Forward	Reverse
<i>Arbp</i>	5'-CACTGGTCTAGGACCCGAGAA-3'	5'-AGGGGGAGATGTTCAGCATGT-3'
<i>Atf3</i>	5'-GABGATTTTGCTAACCTGACACC-3'	5'-TTGACGGTAACTGACTCCAGC-3'
<i>Ucp1</i>	5'-AGGCTTCCAGTACCATTAGGT-3'	5'-CTGAGTGAGGCAAAGCTGATT-3'
<i>FGF21</i>	5'-GTGTCAAAGCCTCTAGGTTTCT-3'	5'-GGTACACATTGTAACCGTCCTC-3'
<i>Pgc1a</i>	5'-CCACTTCAATCCACCCAGAAAG-3'	5'-TATGGAGTGACATAGAGTGTGCT-3'
<i>Adrb3</i>	5'-GGCCCTCTCTAGTTCCCAG-3'	5'-TAGCCATCAAACCTGTTGAGC-3'
<i>Il6</i>	5'-TAGTCCTCCTACCCAATTTCC-3'	5'-TTGGTCCTTAGCCACTCCTTC-3'
<i>Dio2</i>	5'-AATTATGCCTCGGAGAAGACCG-3'	5'-GGCAGTTGCCTAGTGAAAGGT-3'
<i>Dusp4</i>	5'-ACCACAAGGCCGACATCAG-3'	5'-GTCCTTACTGCGTCGATGTACTC-3'