
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Expanded Materials & Methods

Study design

In this study, we provide both genetic and chemical-genetic evidence to demonstrate that autophagy activation can reverse anthracycline-induced cardiac function decline. Using both a transgenic fish line that overexpresses *atg7* and an *atg7*-knockout mutant line, we discovered therapeutic effects of *atg7* overexpression in the later phase of AIC, which differs from its deleterious effects in the early phase. To translate this autophagy-based therapeutic strategy, we assessed autophagy-modulating drugs in a zebrafish eAIC model, confirmed the top-ranking drugs in a zebrafish aAIC model, and then validated the therapeutic efficacy of the top drugs in a mouse AIC model. Power analysis was performed by using PASS 11 software to determine approximate sample sizes for the animal heart function analysis.^{39, 40} The sample size calculation based on assumption of an intended power of 80%(90%), an alpha error of 5%, at a reference normal ejection fraction of 50%-60% as well as applying model group of 35%-50%, and an equal sample ratio results. For all animal experiments, the animal groups were randomized, and the researchers were blind to the genotypes and treatments of animals. We did not separate male from female in the animal studies because we did not notice any difference during our experimentation. No animals were excluded from the analysis.

Animal husbandry

Wild-type adult zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) were maintained at 28.5°C in a light-dark cycle (14-h of light and 10 h of darkness). Zebrafish embryos were maintained in a 1-mm petri dish with E3 water at 28.5°C until 7 dpf, and then, they were maintained in a recycling water system. Animal density was maintained after 28 dpf at 15-20 fish per 3 liters. The *atg7*-mutant (*atg7^{sa10973}*) and *cmlc2:creER* zebrafish lines were purchased from the Zebrafish International Resource Center (ZIRC).

C57/BL6 mice were maintained in a 12-h light/12-h dark cycle from 6 AM to 6 PM. All animal experiments were approved by the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (A00002577-17) and Beijing University of Chinese Medicine Animal Care Committee (BUCM-4-2018101504-4068). Please see the Major Resources Table in the Supplemental Materials.

Zebrafish eAIC model, aAIC model and mouse AIC model

Zebrafish eAIC model: The protocol for establishing the eAIC model was based on a previous study.²⁰ Zebrafish embryos 1 dpf were distributed in a 96-well plate after removal of the chorions, with each well containing 3 fish embryos in 200 µl of E3 water with either DMSO or 100 µmol/L doxorubicin hydrochloride (DOX; Sigma). The plates were covered with foil to avoid light exposure and incubated at 28.5°C. The medium was exchanged for fresh medium every day. Three days postfertilization, the zebrafish were phenotyped based on survival rate, heart rate, and fraction shortening.

44 Zebrafish aAIC model: The protocol for establishing the zebrafish aAIC model
45 was modified based on a previous study.¹⁶ The dose of 20 mg/kg DOX was determined
46 experimentally and is comparable to the accumulative dose used in rodent AIC models
47 (15-25 mg/kg).¹⁶ DOX was injected intraperitoneally (IP) into anesthetized adult
48 zebrafish using a syringe with a 34 G needle. The fish were positioned in the cavity of
49 a sponge with their abdomen up. The needle penetrated the ventral midline between
50 the pectoral fins, and with the needle pointing posteriorly, towards the tail, entered the
51 abdomen and then continued to move under the silver skin. Because the skin is
52 partially transparent, it is possible to closely monitor the movement of the needle,
53 avoiding any physical damage to intestines and/or other internal organs.

54 Mouse AIC model: The protocol for establishing the mouse AIC model is based
55 on a previous study.¹² Either tail vein injection (IV) or intraperitoneal injection (IP) was
56 conducted in adult mice with DOX. Either a single injection of 20 mg/kg DOX or
57 multiple injections of 5 mg/kg DOX weekly for 4 consecutive weeks was carried out.
58 As a stock solution, DOX was dissolved in 0.9% saline as a 2 mg/ml solution. Based
59 on the body weight of each mouse, the injection volume was calculated to reach the
60 desired dose.

61 62 **Quantification of the heart function in the eAIC model zebrafish**

63 Embryos 3 dpf were anesthetized in tricaine (0.02%) (Argent Chemical
64 Laboratories) for 2 min, placed on their lateral side, and held in place with 3% methyl
65 cellulose (Sigma-Aldrich). Beating hearts were documented using a Zeiss Axioplan II
66 microscope with a 10.0X lens. Ld and Ls, the length of the short axis of the ventricle
67 at the end-diastolic stage and end-systolic stage, respectively, were measured using
68 ImageJ software. Fraction shortening (FS) was calculated using the formula:
69 $[FS=(Ld-Ls)/Ld]$.⁴¹ Tail blood flow was recorded by a high-speed camera and
70 calculated by a customized analysis algorithm.^{15, 42} We used a microscope to record
71 a video of the end of the zebrafish tail vein for 30 seconds, and then, the video was
72 played at 8%-10% original speed utilizing tracker software. We measured the red
73 blood cell flow rate within a fixed time of 30 seconds. Each video clip was counted
74 three times to obtain caudal vein velocity per unit time.

75 76 **Quantification of the heart function in the aAIC model zebrafish**

77 High-frequency echocardiography was carried out using a Vevo 3100 high-
78 frequency imaging system (Fujifilm Visual Sonics Inc., Toronto, Canada) equipped
79 with a 50-MHz linear array transducer (MX700). Acoustic gel (Aquasonic 100, Parker
80 Laboratories Inc.) was applied over the surface of the transducer to provide adequate
81 coupling with the tissue interface. Zebrafish were anesthetized with tricaine (0.16
82 mg/ml), placed ventral side up, and held in place on a soft-sponge stage. The MX700
83 transducer was positioned above the zebrafish to provide a sagittal imaging plane of
84 the heart. B-mode images were acquired with an imaging field of view of 9.00 mm in
85 the axial direction and 5.73 mm in the lateral direction, a frame rate of 123 Hz, medium
86 persistence, and a transmit focus at the center of the heart. Images were quantified
87 using the Vevo LAB workstation. Ejection fraction were measured from B-mode

88 images. Cardiac contractility was quantified using ejection fraction (EF)
89 $[EF=(EDV-ESV)/EDV]$ or fractional shortening (FS) $[FS=(Ld-Ls)/Ld]$, where EDV and
90 ESV are the ventricular volumes at the end-diastolic stage and end-systolic stage,
91 respectively.⁴³ Three to five independent cardiac cycles per fish were measured to
92 determine average values.

93 94 **Quantification of the heart function in the AIC model mice**

95 Heart function and ventricular size were measured using a Vevo 2100 imaging
96 system equipped with an MS400C scan head. Two-dimensionally directed M mode
97 (2D M-mode) images of the left ventricle were acquired from the short axis view. Left
98 ventricular internal diameters at end-diastole (LVEDD) and end-systole (LVESD) were
99 measured. Fractional shortening (FS) was calculated using the formula $(LVEDD -$
100 $LVESD)/LVEDD$ (%). Ejection fraction (EF) was calculated using the formula $(LVEDV$
101 $- LVESV)/LVEDV$ (%).

102 103 **Western blotting**

104 Freshly dissected tissues were collected and mechanically homogenized in lysis
105 buffer (Sigma-Aldrich) used for radioimmunoprecipitation assay containing proteinase
106 inhibitor, phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, and stainless steel beads. Standard Western
107 blotting protocol were followed. Samples were separated by sodium dodecyl sulfate
108 polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and then transferred onto a PVDF
109 membrane (Millipore, CA, USA). The following primary antibodies were used: anti-LC3
110 antibody (1:3000; Cell Signaling Technology), anti-Atg7 antibody (1:1000; Cell
111 Signaling Technology), anti-Top2b antibody(1:10000; Abcam), anti-actin (1:2000;
112 Sigma-Aldrich), and anti-GAPDH (1:2000; Santa Cruz Biotechnology).

113 114 **Generation of the Tg(β actin2: loxP-mCherry-stop-loxP-atg7-cerulean) 115 transgenic line**

116 The transgenic line was generated using the Tol2/Gateway system. The loxP-
117 mCherry-stop-loxP fragment was inserted into the Kpn I/Eco RI sites of a pENTRI1a
118 vector obtained from the Tol2Kit.⁴⁴ Full-length atg7 cDNA (ENSDARG00000102893.3)
119 from a cDNA pool was amplified using forward primer 5'-
120 GATGGCGGAATCCAGTCTGAAGC-3' and reverse primer 5' -
121 GATGCTCTCGTCTCACTCATGTCC-3'. A clone with the correct sequence of full-
122 length atg7 was confirmed by Sanger sequencing, and the gene was then cloned into
123 a pENTRI1-loxP-mCherry-stop-loxP vector. To generate the final construct, p5E-
124 bactin2, pENTRI-loxP-mCherry-stop-loxP-atg7, p3E-cerulean-polyA and
125 pDestTol2pA were combined using Gateway LR Clonase II Plus Enzyme (Thermo
126 Fisher). Founder zebrafish fish (F0) were identified on the basis of mCherry
127 fluorescence. Founder fish were also identified by genotyping using the forward primer
128 5'- CTTTTTACTGAGCCCTACGAC-3' and the reverse primer 5'-
129 CTTTCGTCTAAGCGGTACTCG-3'. F2- and F3-generation transgenic zebrafish were
130 used for experiments.

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132 **Conditional expressional system**

133 4HT (4-hydroxytamoxifen, Sigma-Aldrich) powder was dissolved in 100% ethanol
134 to generate a 12.9 mM stock solution, which was stored at 20°C. The stock solution
135 was diluted in aquarium water for different working concentrations. To activate a
136 tissue-specific promoter,^{45, 46} Tg(\square act2:atg7);Tg(cmlc2:CreER) double-transgenic
137 adult zebrafish were incubated in 400 ml of system water containing 1 μ mol/L 4HT in
138 a 1-liter mini tank for 24 h. Subsequently, the zebrafish were rinsed in fresh water and
139 returned to the system.

140 **Real-time quantitative PCR**

141 Freshly dissected tissues were pooled for RNA extraction. RNA was extracted
142 using TRIzol (Bio-Rad) following the manufacturer's instructions. cDNA was
143 synthesized from 100 - 500 ng of RNA by using a Superscript III First-Strand Synthesis
144 System (Invitrogen). Real-time reverse transcription PCR assays were performed in
145 96-well optical plates (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using an Applied Biosystems Vii 7
146 System (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Amplification was comprised of a 10 min initial
147 denaturation/activation step at 95°C, followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 10 s, 60°C for
148 30 s, and a fluorescence measurement. Melting curve analysis was performed by
149 monitoring fluorescence throughout incremental increases of temperature from 60°C
150 to 95°C. Levels of gene expression were normalized to the expression of
151 glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase (gapdh) using $-\Delta\Delta C_t$ (cycle threshold)
152 values. The primers were 5'-ACTCAACGAGTACCGCTTAG -3' (sense) and 5'-
153 CTCATTGGCTGCTTTGTCC 3' (antisense) for zebrafish atg7, 5'-
154 TCAGATGGCAGAGTTTGGAG-3' (sense) and 5'- CGTGTATCTGGAGTGAAACTG-
155 3' (antisense) for zebrafish nppa, 5'-GCAGGAATACACAATCCGC-3' (sense) and 5'-
156 CGTGTATCTGGAGTGAAACTG-3' (antisense) for zebrafish nppb, 5'-
157 AGAGGAGAACTGGCACAGG -3' (sense) and 5'- CAAACTACCCACCAGCCAGT -
158 3' (antisense) for zebrafish Top2b, 5'-CCACCCATGGAAAGTACAAG-3' (sense) and
159 5'-CTCTCTTTGCACCACCCTTA-3' (antisense) for zebrafish gapdh. In mouse studies,
160 the primers were 5'- GACTGTGCTGGTCTCCTTGC -3' (sense) and 5'-
161 GTCCATACATCCGCTGAGGTTTAC-3' (antisense) for mouse Atg7 and 5'-
162 TTCAACGGCACAGTCAAG-3' (sense) and 5'-TACTCAGCACCAGCATCA-3'
163 (antisense) for mouse Gapdh.

164 **Compounds for drug screening**

165 All FAAs used in this study (the name, company and catalog number are listed in
166 Table S1) were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO, Sigma Aldrich). DMSO (0.1%)
167 was used as a negative control. We also used the following autophagy activators: Tat-
168 Beclin 1 peptide (Ana Spec),⁴⁷ rapamycin (Sigma-Aldrich) and the following autophagy
169 inhibitors: bafilomycin A1 (Sigma-Aldrich) and 3-MA (Sigma-Aldrich).⁴⁸ Zebrafish
170 embryos were incubated in E3 water containing compounds at the desired
171 concentrations.
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175 **Deducing the concentration of drugs with the eAIC model to use in the aAIC** 176 **model**

177 Based on the eAIC model, we obtained the effective dose for each compound
178 experimentally. We used the formula listed in online Fig VI B to deduce the
179 corresponding concentration in aAIC.⁴⁹ We assumed that all the drugs added to 96-
180 well plates were absorbed by the fish embryos (we arranged 3 embryos in each well
181 with 0.2 ml of medium). The average weight of an adult zebrafish is approximately 0.3
182 g, and that of an embryo is 0.005 g. Thus, the weight ratio between adult fish and
183 embryos is 60 (300/5).

184 185 **Drug administration to adult fish and mice via oral gavage**

186 To administer drugs, adult zebrafish were anesthetized with tricaine and then
187 propped vertically in a damp sponge.^{50, 51} The fish mouth was opened, and a soft
188 catheter tube (Braintree Scientific) was inserted 1.0~1.5 cm deep to reach the fish
189 stomach. In general, the insertion process was unobstructed; however, any
190 obstructions encountered were circumvented by changing the insertion angle. The
191 drug was released in the zebrafish when the syringe was depressed. The delivery
192 volume was less than 1 μ l/100 mg body weight.

193 To administer drugs to mice, a standard gavage protocol was used.⁵² The doses
194 of Spi (20 mg·kg⁻¹),⁵³ Pra (40 mg·kg⁻¹)⁵⁴ and Rapa (2.81 mg·kg⁻¹)⁵⁵ were determined
195 based on previous studies. Mino (10.23 mg·kg⁻¹) was determined based on a
196 conversion from human to mouse according to the FDA guideline (Online Fig. VI C).
197 Given that these drugs are poorly soluble in water, we applied a 0.5% aqueous solution
198 of sodium carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) as a vehicle, as described in a previous
199 study.⁵⁶

200 201 **Histological analysis and immunofluorescence microscopy**

202 Left ventricle tissue from each group was fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde,
203 embedded with paraffin, and sectioned into about a 5 μ m slice. Then slices were
204 stained with hematoxylin-eosin (H&E). Specifically, following steps of deparaffination
205 in xylene and ethanol (100%, 96%, 70%, 50%) solutions at room temperature, slides
206 were washed in RNase-Free water and RNase-Free PBS. Slides were then incubated
207 with Haematoxylin solution for 3 minutes followed by wash in RNase-Free water.
208 Following bluing step for 3 minutes, slides were then washed in running tap water for
209 5minutes and counterstained with Eosin for 3 seconds. Sections were then washed in
210 tap water and dehydrated (95%, 100% EtOH, Xylene) and mounted with xylene-based
211 mounting medium to be imaged. Additionally, we detected the DNA double strand
212 breaks (DSB) in myocardial tissue. The sections were blocked, permeated and
213 incubated with antibody against γ -H2AX (anti- γ -H2AX, ab81299, Biolegend, US) for
214 24 h at 4°C followed by incubation with horseradish peroxidase (HRP) conjugated
215 secondary antibody for 30 min at room temperature. Finally, the slides were developed
216 using diaminobenzidine (DAB). Nuclear staining by hematoxylin was performed as
217 counterstaining. The tissue slides were also stained with TUNEL for detection of

218 myocardium apoptosis. Briefly, tissue slides deparaffinized were treated with 20 µg/ml
219 proteinase K for 20 min at 37°C, and then were rinsing in PBS for 3 times. The
220 specimens were then incubated with TUNEL detection solution containing terminal
221 deoxynucleotidyl transferase (TdT) and fluorescent labeling solution for 1 h at 37 °C.
222 Dihydroethidium (DHE) staining were used to measure the production of ROS in
223 cardiac sections. DHE was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich LLC (Shanghai, China).
224 Frozen sections of the cardiac tissue were incubated with 5 µM DHE in a light-
225 protected humidified chamber for 30 min at 37°C. All images were acquired under an
226 optical microscope (Leica Microsystems GmbH).

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228 **Analysis of biomarkers in serum**

229 Serum supernatants were extracted from abdominal aortic blood. The blood was
230 poured into a collection tube and allowed to stand for 2 h at room temperature. Then,
231 the blood was centrifuged for 15 min at 3000 r/min. The upper layer of serum was
232 transferred to a new 1.5-ml Eppendorf tube. Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) and
233 creatine kinase-MB (CK-MB) activity was quantified using an automatic biochemical
234 analyzer (HITACHI 7080, Japan).

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236 **Electron Microscopy**

237 1 mm³ cardiac tissue was fixed with 2.5% (v/v) glutaraldehyde. After three washes
238 with 0.1 mol/L sodium cacodylate buffer, tissue was post-fixed in 1% osmium tetroxide
239 and 0.8% K₃ [Fe(CN₆)]/0.1 mol/L sodium cacodylate buffer for 1 hour (RT). Then
240 followed by three rinses with water, specimens were then dehydrated with increasing
241 dosages of ethanol, infiltrated with Embed-812 resin, and polymerized at a 60°C oven
242 overnight. Blocks were then sectioned with a diamond knife on a Leica Ultracut UC7
243 ultramicrotome and collected onto copper grids, stained with 2% uranyl acetate in
244 water and lead citrate. Finally, images were obtained using a Tecnai G2 spirit
245 transmission electron microscope (FEI).

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247 **H9C2 cell culture system**

248 GFP-mCherry-LC3 adenovirus transfection: According to the manufacturers'
249 instructions (Hanbio Technology, Shanghai, China), H9C2 cell cultures were split one
250 day before adenovirus transfection and reached 50-60% confluence after 24 h.
251 Following the experimental protocol, H9C2 cells were incubated with adenovirus
252 (multiplicity of infection=10) for approximately 8 h. Images were obtained using a laser
253 confocal microscope (Leica Microsystems GmbH). To determine the colocalization
254 efficiency of GFP with mCherry signals, ImageJ software was used.

255 Small interfering (si) RNA transfection: H9C2 cells were cultured in serum- and
256 antibiotic-free siRNA transfection medium (Santa Cruz Biotechnology). Atg7 siRNA
257 (5'-CTCGCCGAGCTCGCCCA-3') and Top2b siRNA (5'-
258 GGUGCAAACUUUGUAAUADTDT-3') were purchased from Hanbio Technology
259 (Shanghai, China). Cells transfected with nonspecific scramble siRNA (NC siRNA)
260 were used as controls. Lipofectamine 2000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was applied to

261 perform siRNA transfection (100 nmol/L) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
262 The cells were analyzed 48 h after transfection.

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264 **Tumor cell lines**

265 MCF-7, U87 and HepG2 cells were obtained from China Infrastructure of Cell Line
266 Resources (Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, China). Cells were cultured in
267 Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM; Gibco, 11965-084) with 10% fetal
268 bovine serum (FBS; Gibco, 16000-044) and 1% 100 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin
269 (Corning, NYC, USA) in an incubator (Thermo, NYC, USA). CCK-8 was used to
270 evaluate the interference of drugs on the anticancer effect of DOX.

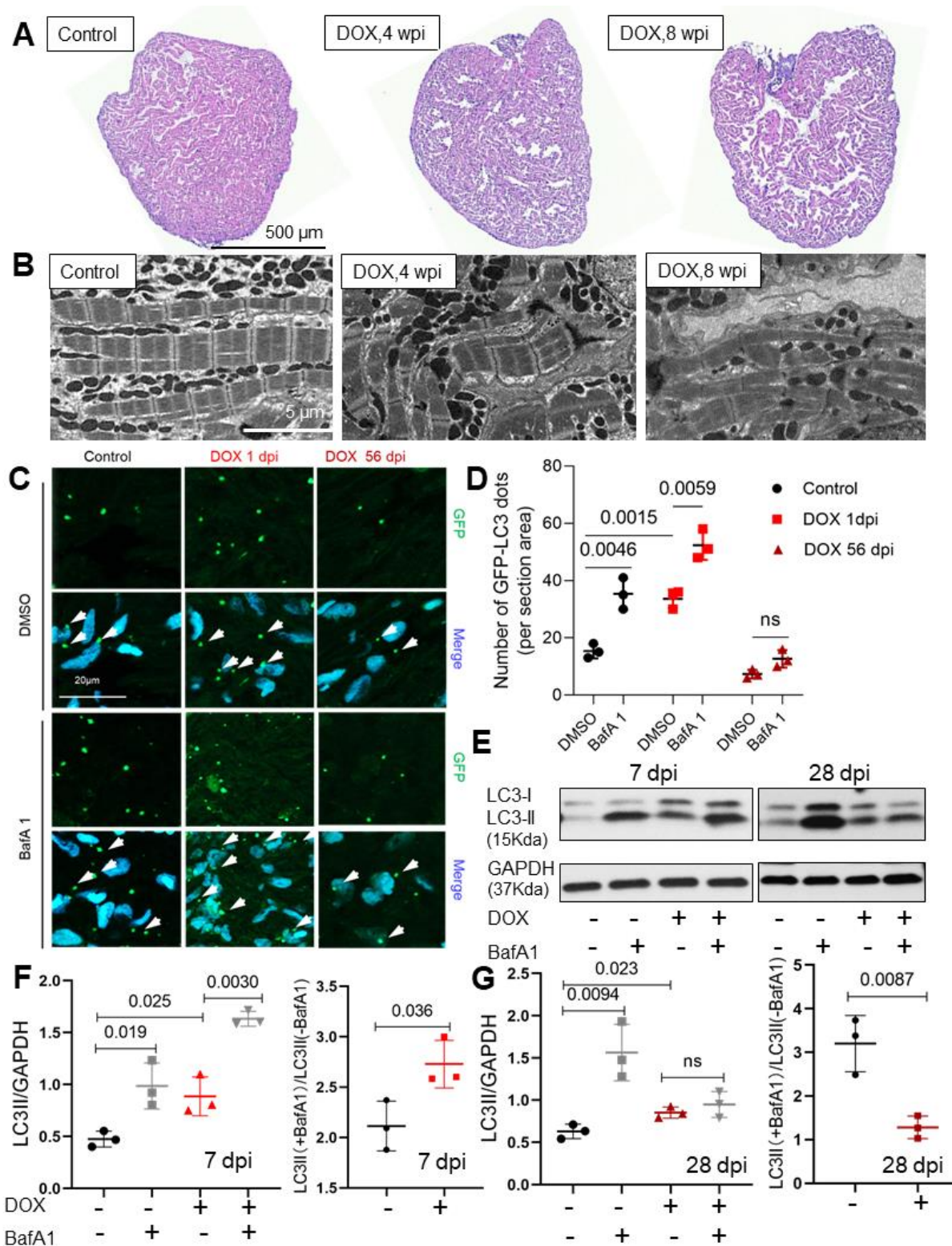
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272 **Statistical analyses**

273 Graphs are presented as scatters or bar charts of means \pm standard deviation (SD).
274 All statistical analyses were conducted using R, SPSS 22.0 and Prism 8 (GraphPad)
275 software. Unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test was used to compare two groups; one-
276 way analysis of variance (ANOVA) (or Kruskal-Wallis test) followed by Tukey's post
277 hoc test and Bonferroni post hoc test, was used for comparing three or more groups.
278 All the data obtained from in vivo experiments was test for normal distribution using
279 the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. Data following a normal distribution was analyzed using
280 unpaired t-test. In the case of data not-normally distributed or n too small ($n < 6$) to test
281 for normality, statistical significance was analyzed using Mann-Witney. Multiple testing
282 correction was used for comparison of groups within ANOVA, Kruskal-Wallis test was
283 used in the case of data not-normally distributed. Statistical test used to assess
284 statistical significance is indicated in each figure legend with the precise p-value
285 provided in the graphs where statistical significance was observed. P values less
286 than 0.05 were considered statistically significant. Sample sizes can be found in the
287 figure or figure legend. Power analysis was performed by using PASS 11 software to
288 determine approximate sample sizes for the animal experiments.

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290 **Online Figures I - XI**

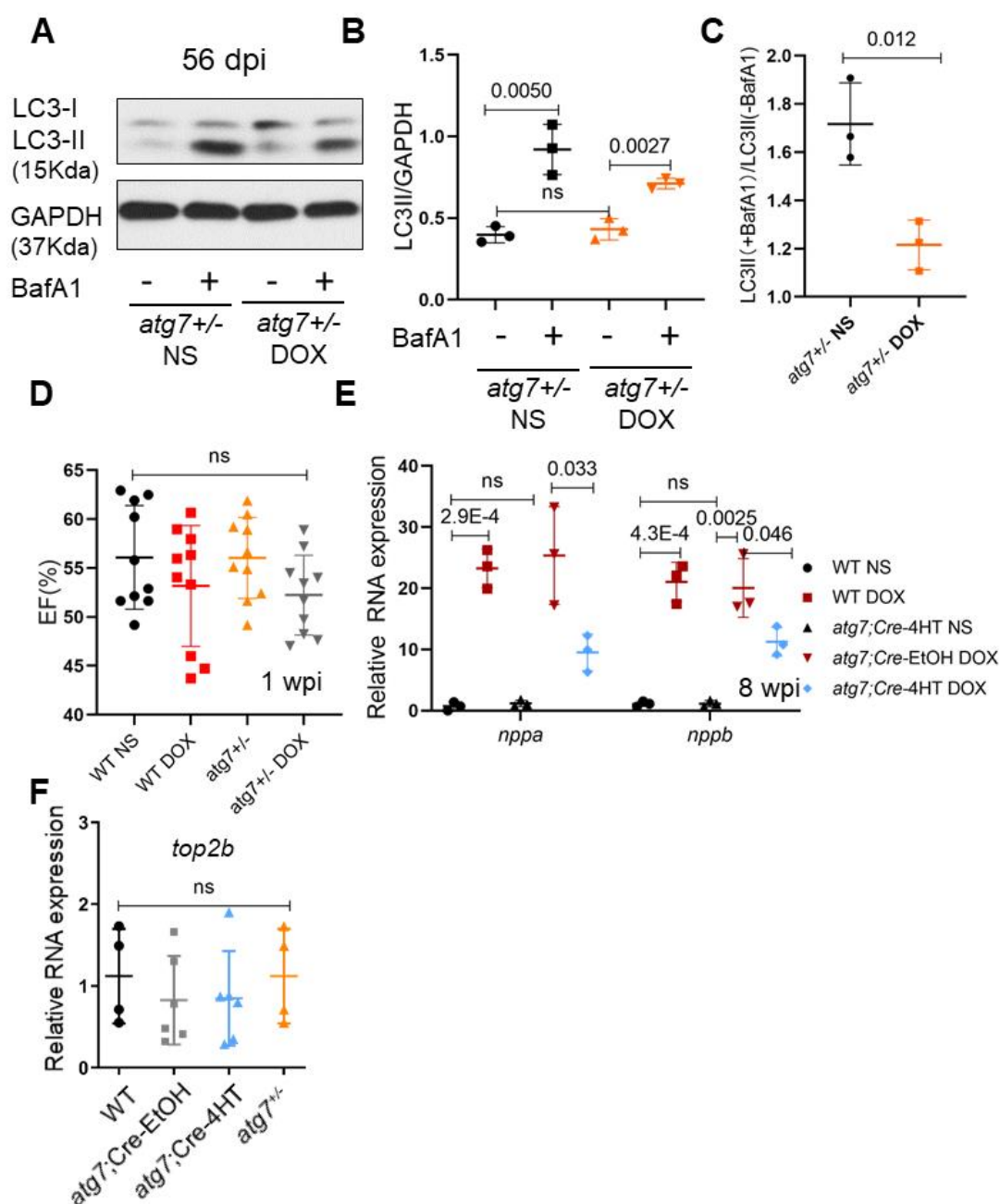


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292 **Online Fig. I. Supporting information on the zebrafish aAIC model.** (A) HE staining
 293 and (B) Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) showed muscular disarray and
 294 myofibril loss in the fish ventricle compared with wild type control at 4 weeks and 8
 295 weeks after DOX injection. (C) Representative images of sectioned ventricles of
 296 *Tg(GFP-Lc3)* zebrafish 1 and 56 dpi with or without BafA1 treatment. White arrows
 297 indicate LC3 aggregates. N=3 hearts/group. (D) Quantification of the GFP-LC3

298 aggregates in 1 dpi and 56 dpi. (E) Representative Western blot showing temporal
299 changes in LC3-II protein expression in the hearts of adult zebrafish with AIC.
300 Bafilomycin A1 (30 nM) was administered 4 h before the zebrafish were sacrificed. (F
301 and G) Quantification of LC3-II and the ratio between hearts treated with and without
302 BafA1 in (C), n=3 hearts/group. Bars represent the mean \pm SD. Comparisons were
303 performed by the Mann-Whitney test (two groups) or the Kruskal-Wallis test (multiple
304 groups) followed by post hoc Tukey's test.

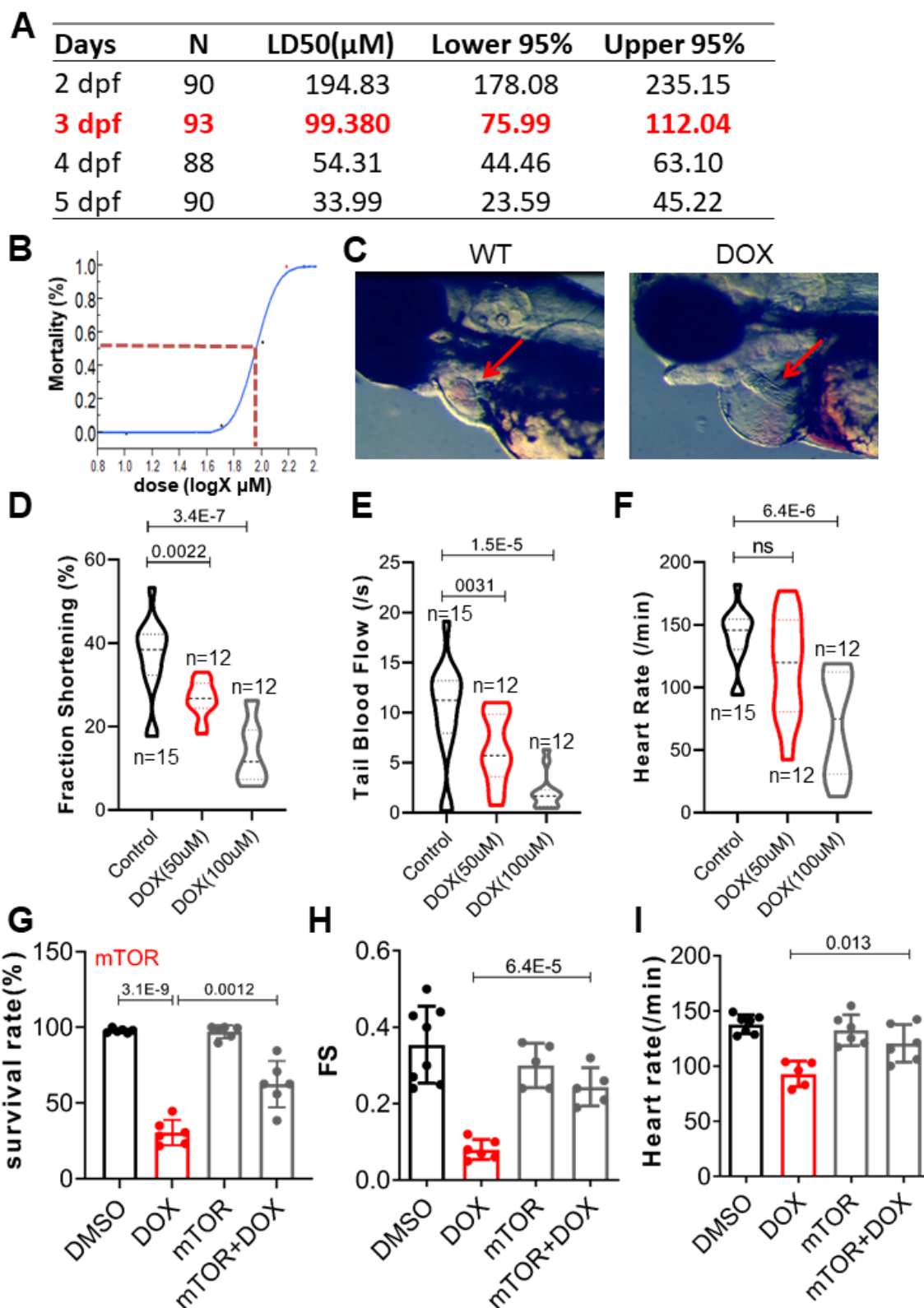
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307 **Online Fig. II. Supporting information on the *atg7+/-* and *atg7* OE zebrafish.** (A)
 308 Representative images of a Western blot showing the LC3 expression in the hearts
 309 *atg7+/-* zebrafish aAIC model at 56 days post DOX injection, in the absence or
 310 presence of 30 nM BafA1 for 4 h. (B and C) Quantification of the Western blot data in
 311 (A), $n = 3$ in each group. (D) *atg7+/-* did not affect cardiac function 1 week after
 312 injection with DOX. Ventricular ejection fraction of WT and *atg7+/-* zebrafish after
 313 induced DOX stress 1week post-injection (wpi) is shown ($n=10$). (E) Molecular
 314 markers are rescued by *atg7* OE. The levels of *nppa* and *nppb* gene transcript

315 expression were assessed by quantitative RT-PCR 8 wpi. n=3 per group. (F)The
316 expression level of top2b transcript were assessed by RT-PCR in either genetic
317 manipulations of atg7. One-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test was used
318 in (D) and (F); Mann-Whitney test in (C); Kruskal-Wallis test was used followed by post
319 hoc Tukey's test in (B) and (E). WT, wild type; DOX, doxorubicin.

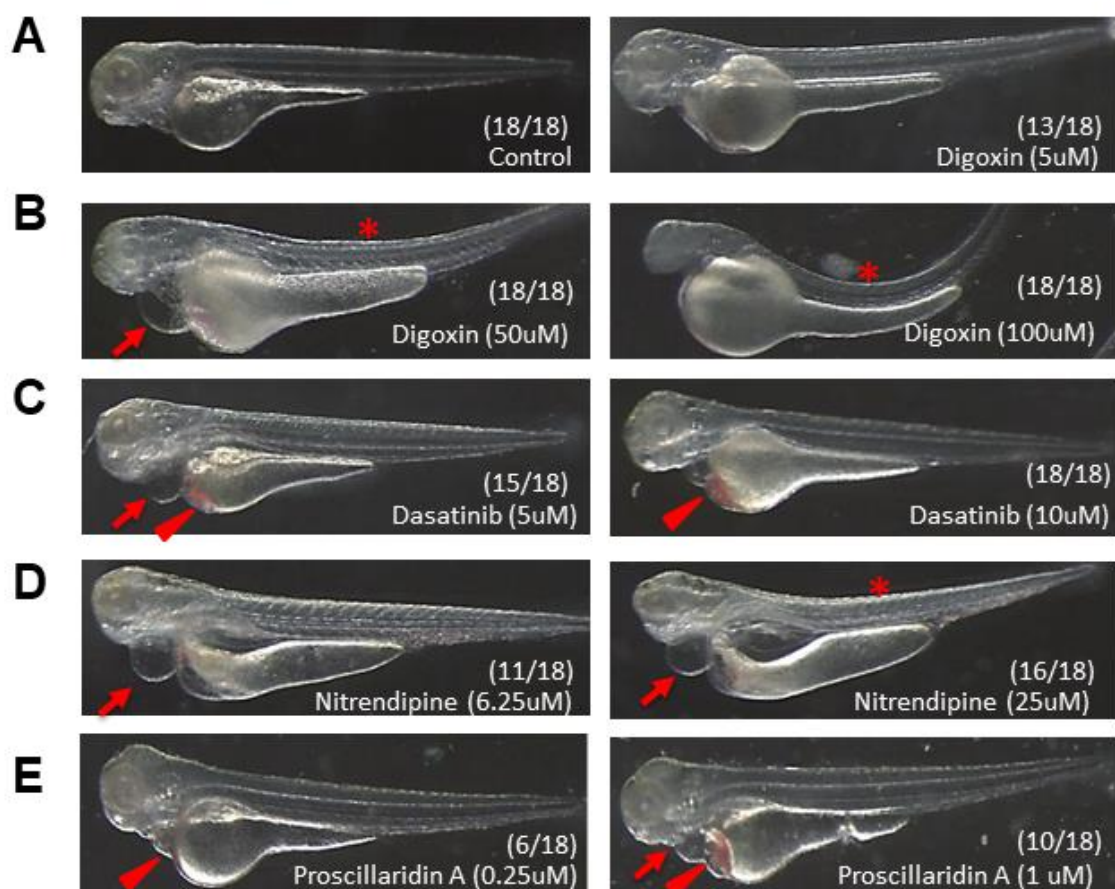


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321 **Online Fig. III. Establishment of an eAIC model with zebrafish embryos.** (A)
 322 LD50 and the associated 95% confidence interval at the indicated timepoints. (B)
 323 Dose-mortality curve for DOX-treated zebrafish embryos. (C) Representative images
 324 of the fish embryos treated with or without DOX. Arrows indicate the location of the

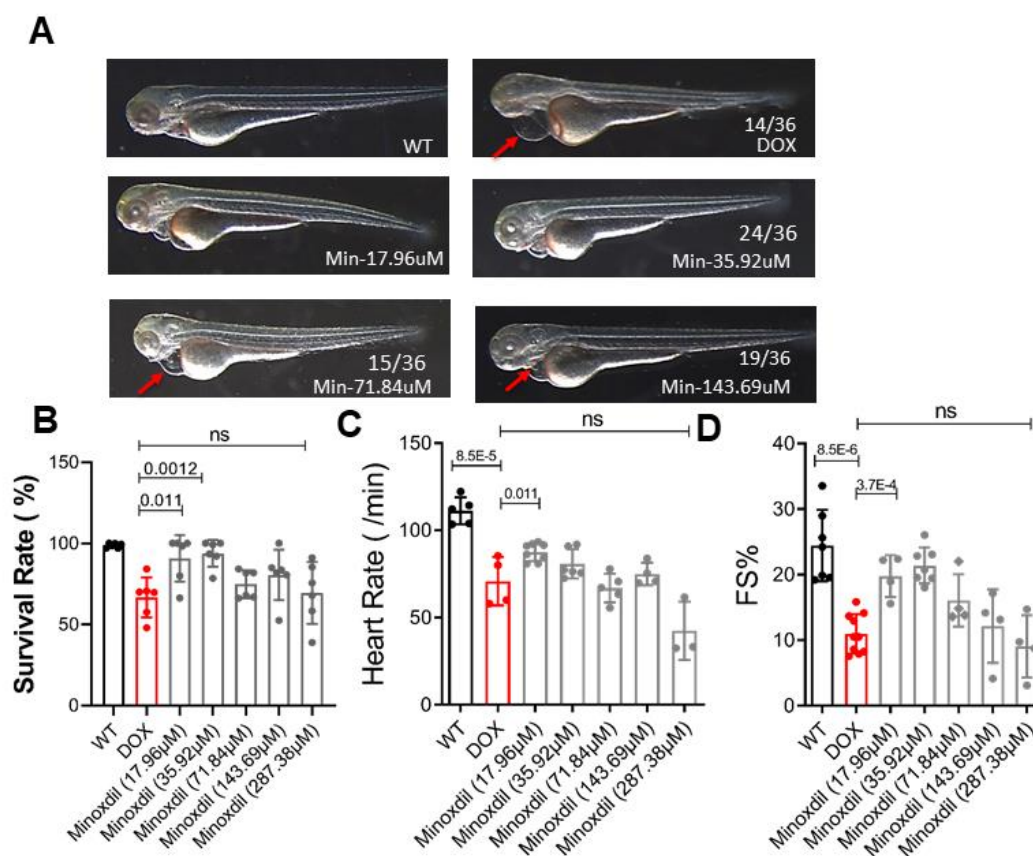
325 ventricle. (D) FS was reduced by the DOX-induced stress in a dose-dependent
326 manner. (E) Tail blood flow was reduced by DOX-induced stress in a dose-
327 dependent manner. (F) Heart rate was reduced by DOX-induced stress in a dose-
328 dependent manner. (G to I) *mtor*^{+/-} exerts therapeutic effects on eAIC, as indicated
329 by the recovered survival rate, FS and heart rate. Kruskal-Wallis test was used
330 followed by post hoc Tukey's test.

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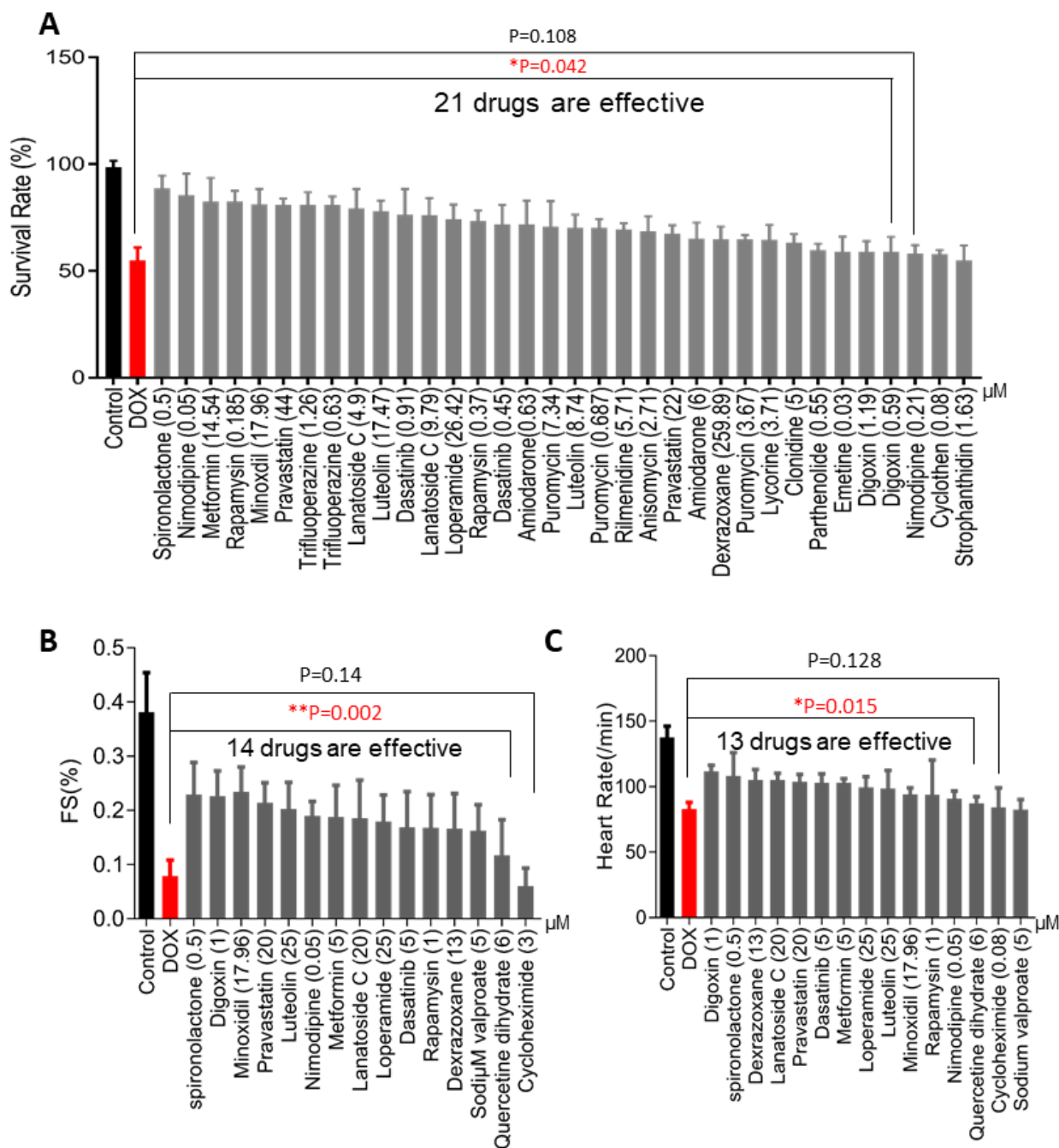
333 **Online Fig. IV. Digoxin, dasatinib, nitrendipine, and proscillaridin induce**
 334 **embryonic phenotypes in zebrafish.** Representative embryonic phenotypes,
 335 including pericardial edema (arrow), blood accumulation (arrowhead), and curly body
 336 (*), are shown. Eighteen embryos were assessed for each drug at the indicated
 337 concentration. The number of fish with the indicated phenotypes are listed.



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339 **Online Fig. V. Assessing the therapeutic efficacy of a FAA using the eAIC**
 340 **models with minoxidil as an example.** (A) Five concentrations (1/20, 1/40, 1/80,
 341 1/160, and 1/320 of the LD50) of minoxidil were used to treat eAIC. The
 342 concentration at 35.92 μM (1/80 of the LD50) was the most effective (24/36). (B)
 343 Quantification of survival, heart rate and FS in the eAIC zebrafish treated with
 344 minoxidil at 5 different concentrations. One-way ANOVA followed by post hoc
 345 Bonferroni test.

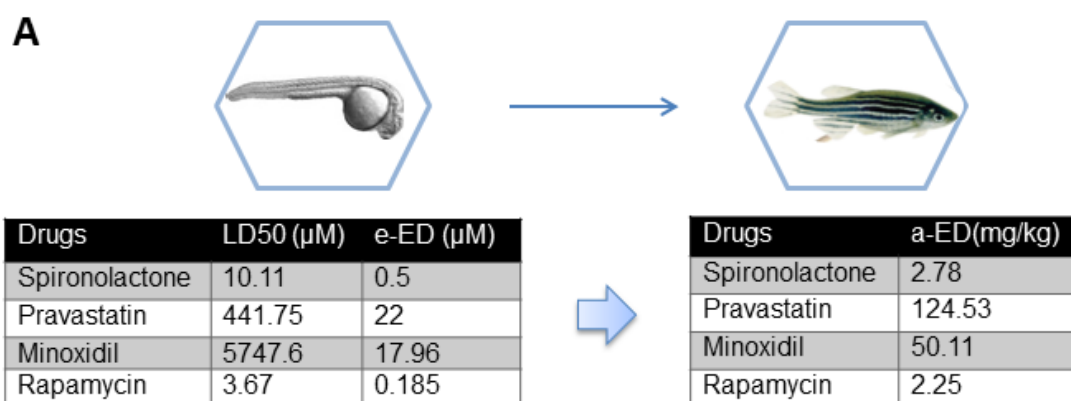
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348 **Online Fig. VI. The therapeutic effects of FAAs on the eAIC model were ranked**
 349 **based on survival rate, fraction shortening (FS) and heart rate.** Different
 350 concentrations of FAAs and their therapeutic effects as determined by the survival (A),
 351 FS (n=4-16) (B), and heart rate (n=3-9) (C) criteria, with 21, 14 and 13 FAAs considered
 352 effective, respectively; $P < 0.05$ was the cutoff for significance.

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Formula

$$\text{a-Dose(mg/kg)} = \text{e-dose}(\mu\text{M}) \times \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Number}} \times 60 \times \frac{\text{Drug}}{\text{MW(g/mol)}} \times 0.3$$

\downarrow dose in embryos \uparrow Weight ratio 300/5(adult/embryo) \downarrow Weight Per fish: 0.3g

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$$W_h = 60\text{kg} \quad W_m = 20\text{g} \quad Km_m = 3 \quad Km_h = 37$$

$$\text{ED}_h(\text{mg/Kg/day}) = \text{Dose for 60kg patient(mg/d)} \div W_h$$

$$= 50\text{mg/d} \div 60\text{Kg}$$

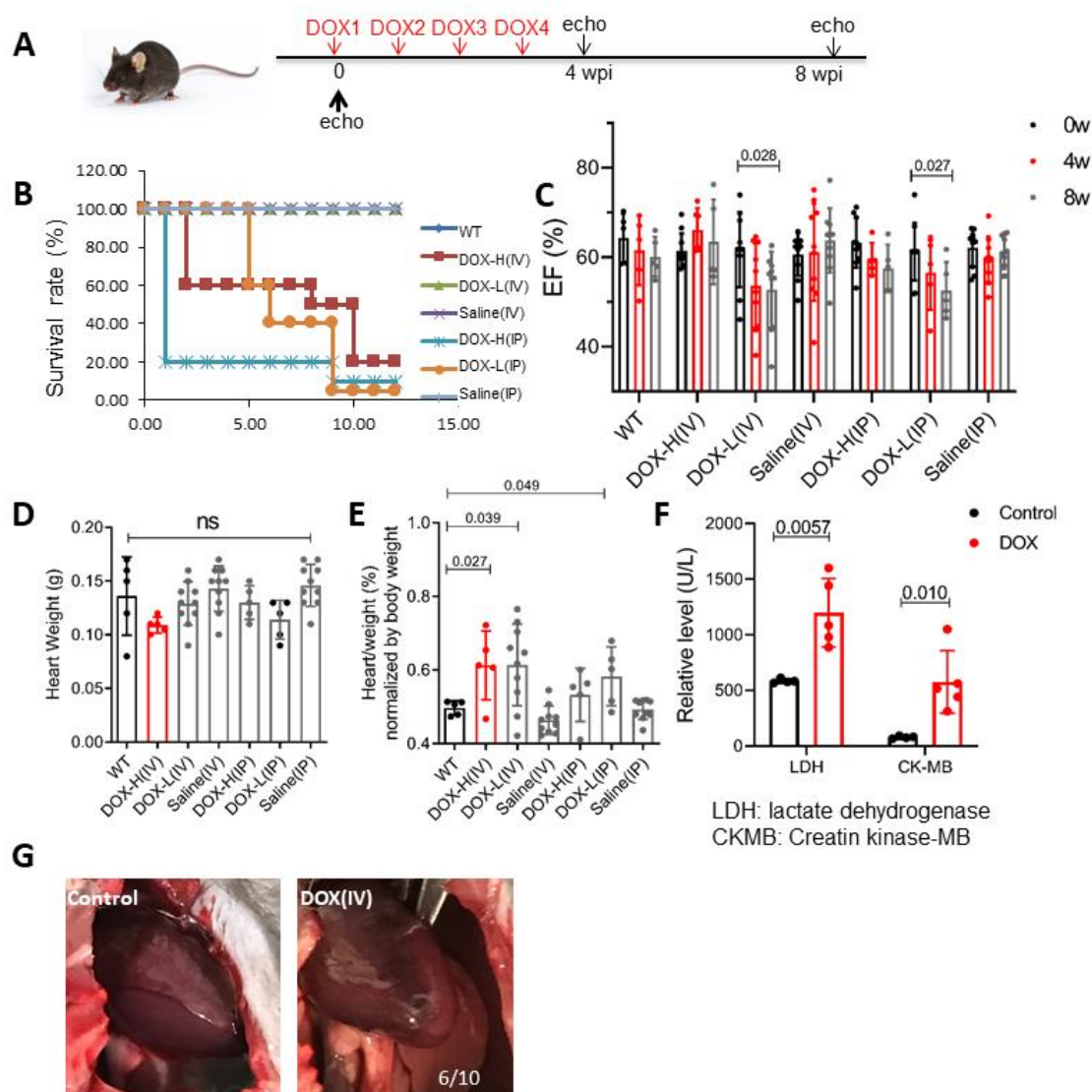
$$\text{ED}_m = \text{ED}_h \times [Km_h / Km_m] = 10.23\text{kg/kg}$$

Notes: Human effective dose (ED) were obtained according to FDA guidelines: FDA reference ID3685475. W: weight; h:human; f: fish; Km: Factor for converting mg/kg dose to mg/ m² dose.

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355 **Online Fig. VII. Effective doses (EDs) for the top FAAs in the aAIC models were**
 356 **determined from the effective doses (EDs) in the eAIC.** (A) While the LD50 and
 357 ED in the eAIC models (e-ED) were experimentally determined, the ED in the aAIC
 358 models (a-ED) was deduced using the formula shown in (B). (B) We assumed that
 359 all the drugs added to the 96-well plates (3 embryos in every well containing 0.2 ml
 360 of medium) were absorbed by the zebrafish embryos. The weight ratio between adult
 361 fish (0.3 g) and embryos (0.005 g) was 60 (300/5). ED: Effective Dose. (C) Drug
 362 dose conversion of minoxidil from human to mouse according to the FDA guideline.

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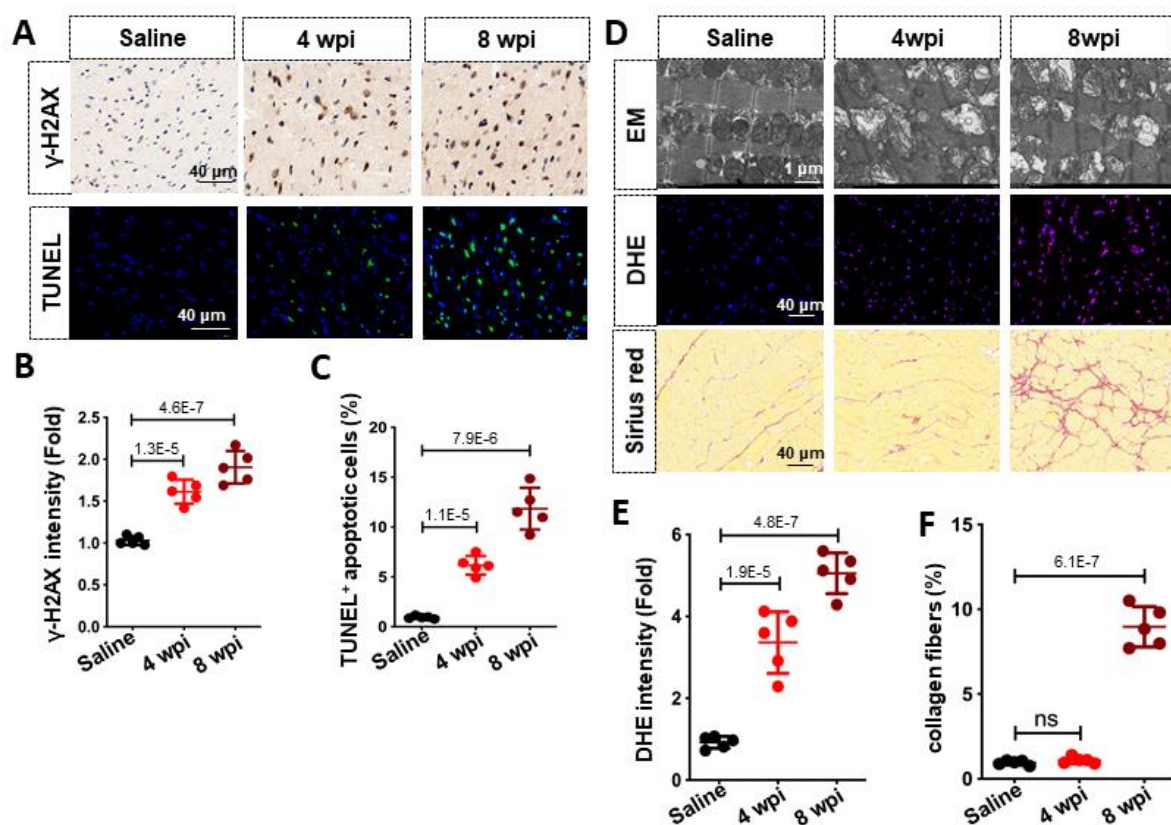


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365 **Online Fig. VIII. Generation of a mouse AIC model.** (A) Schematics of the
 366 experimental procedure for establishing the AIC mouse model. Echocardiography was
 367 performed immediately before the first injection, 4 weeks after the first injection, and 8
 368 weeks after the first injection. (B) Approximately 40% of the mice in the DOX-H(IV)
 369 group died 9 dpi, 80% of mice in the DOX-H(IP) group died at 1 week, 50% of mice in
 370 the DOX-L(IP) group died, and no mice died in the DOX-L(IV) group. N=5~10 per
 371 group. (C) EF (cube) of both DOX-L(IV) and DOX-L(IP) was decreased. (D and E)
 372 Heart weight was increased in the DOX-L(IP) group after normalization to body weight.
 373 N=5~10 per group. (F) LDH and CK-MB levels in serum were significantly increased
 374 in the DOX-L(IV) group. N=5~10 per group. (G) Heart structure was abnormal in the
 375 DOX(IV) group. DOX-H: single injection of high-dose DOX (20 mg/kg); DOX-L: four
 376 consecutive injections of low-dose DOX (5 mg/kg); IP: intraperitoneal injection; IV:

377 intravenous injection (tail vein). Comparisons were performed by the Mann-Whitney
378 test (two groups) or the Kruskal-Wallis test (multiple groups).

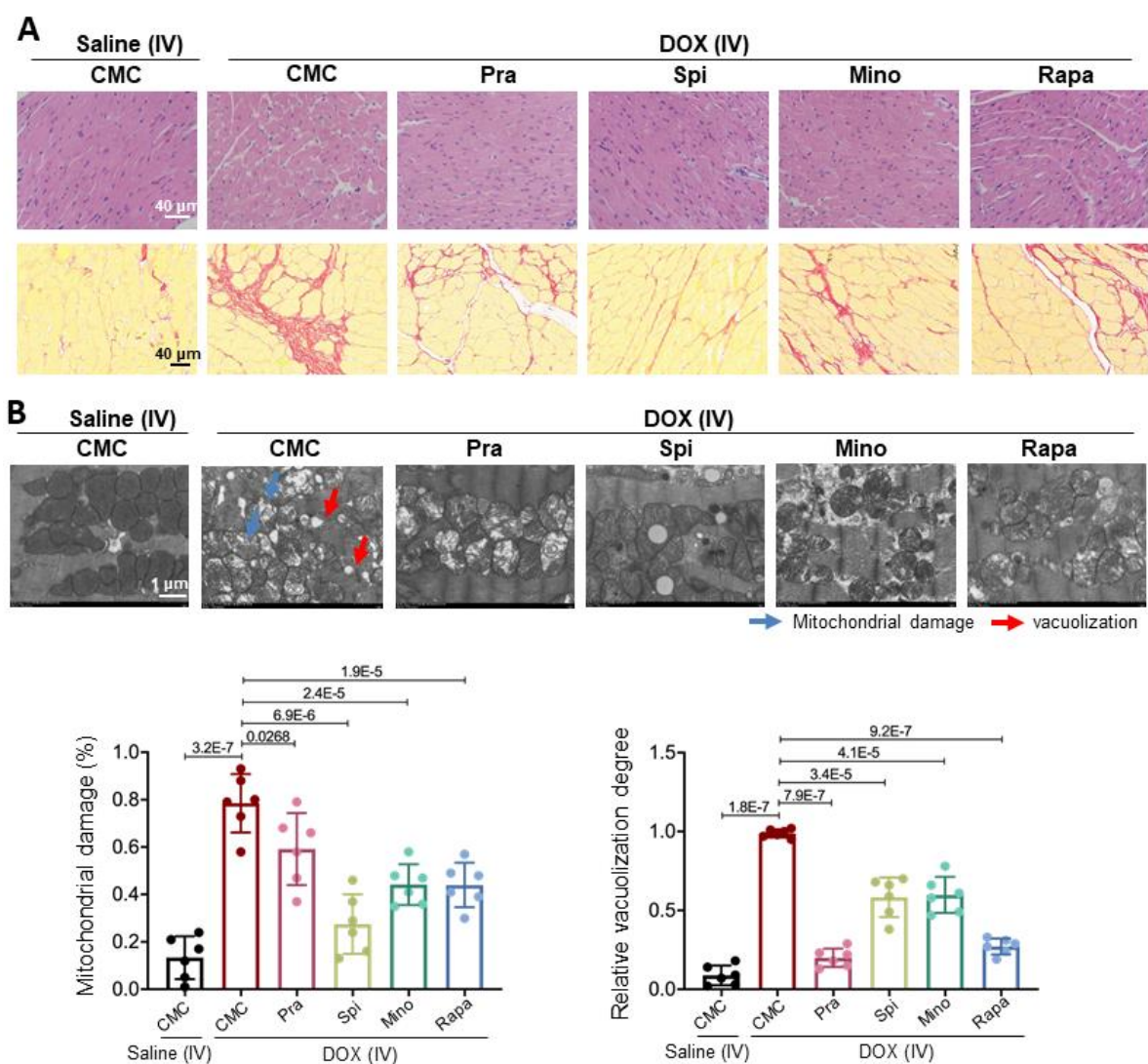
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381 **Online Fig. IX. Histological and immunohistochemical analysis of the mouse**
 382 **AIC model.** (A) The heart samples were stained with antibody against γ -H2AX (a
 383 marker for DSBs). TUNEL staining: Green color represents apoptotic cells via
 384 TUNEL staining; blue color represents cell nucleus stained by DAPI. (B and C)
 385 Quantification of (A). Scale car=40 μ m. (D) Electron microscopy, DHE staining and
 386 Sirius red staining of mice hearts from saline group, 4 wpi group and 8 wpi group.
 387 Scale bar=1 μ m (the first row). Scale bar=40 μ m (the lower two rows). Analysis of
 388 DHE intensity (E) and collagen fibrosis (D). N=5 mice per group. Data are presented
 389 as mean \pm SD. Kruskal-Wallis test was used followed by post hoc Tukey's test.

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392 **Online Fig. X. Four drugs rescued histological and ultrastructural abnormalities**
 393 **in hearts of the mouse AIC model.** (A) Shown are images after HE staining (top
 394 panels) and sirius red staining (lower panels). Scale bar=40 μm . (B) Electron
 395 microscopy showed mitochondrial damage (blue arrows) and vacuolization (red arrows)
 396 by DOX can be rescued in drug treated hearts. Scale bar=1 μm . CMC: a 0.5% aqueous
 397 solution of sodium carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) was applied as a vehicle. Kruskal-
 398 Wallis test was used followed by post hoc Tukey's test.

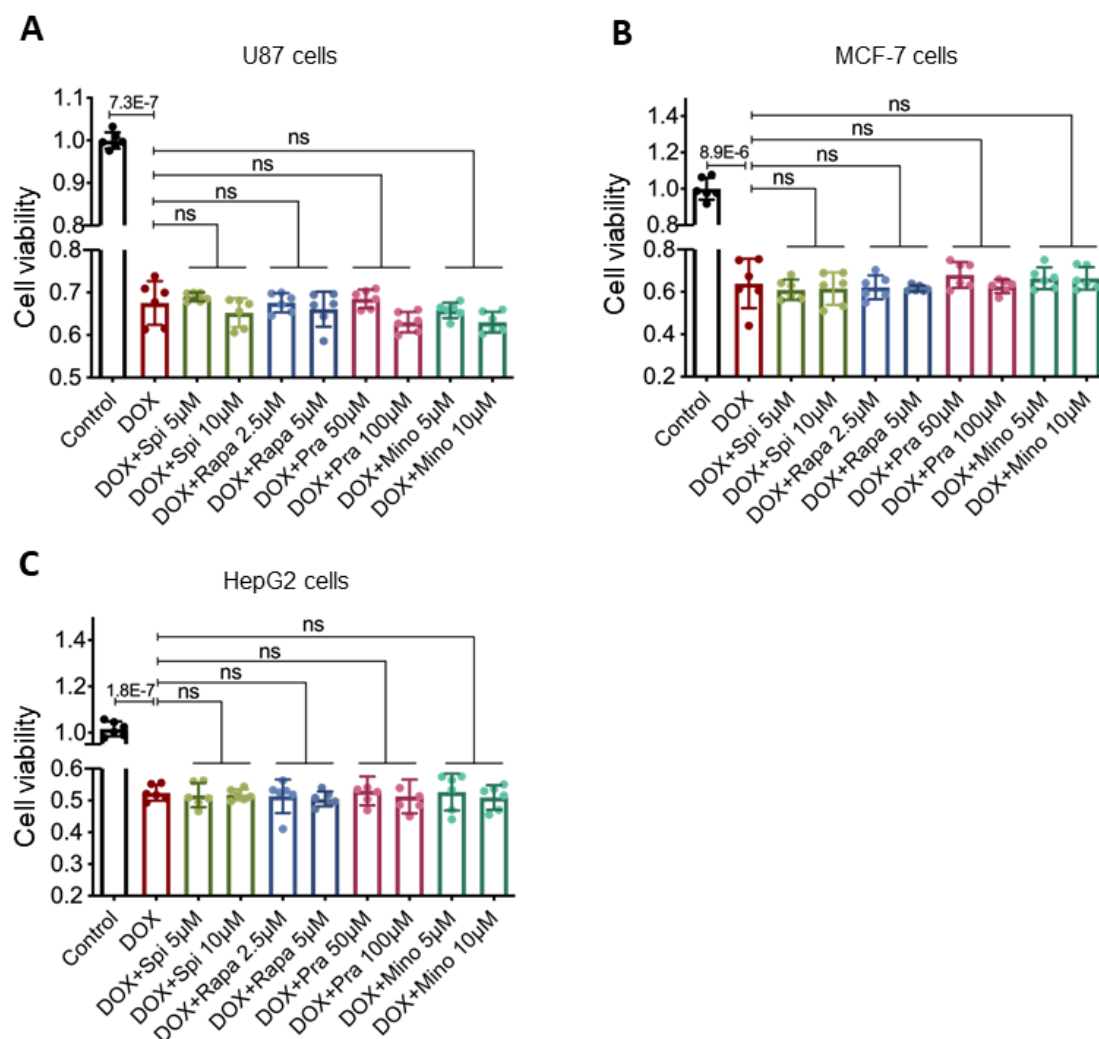
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405 **Online Fig. XI. In three in vitro tumor models, none of the four FAA drugs affect**
 406 **DOX's antitumor activity.** Shown are proliferative index in U87 (A) MCF-7 (B), and
 407 HepG2 cells (C). Kruskal-Wallis test was used followed by post hoc Tukey's test.

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409 **Online Table. I. LD50 for 37 FAAs.**

Drug	Company	Catalogue number	LD50 (μM)	Reference
Dexrazoxane	Sigma-Aldrich	D1446	41582.16	7
Minoxidil	Sigma-Aldrich	M4145	5747.60	27
Carbamazepine	Sigma-Aldrich	C4024	1056.42	26
Metformin	Sigma-Aldrich	M0605000	581.6	26
Loperamide	Sigma-Aldrich	L4762	528.31	27
Pravastatin	Sigma-Aldrich	P4498	441.75	26
Quercetine	Millipore	551600-M	382.82	28
Luteolin	Sigma-Aldrich	L9283	174.74	28
Strophanthidin	Sigma-Aldrich	S6626	130.22	28
Verapamil	Sigma-Aldrich	676777	107.21	26,27,29
Strophantine Octahydrate	Fisher scientific	AC161732500	105.26	28
Clonidine	Sigma-Aldrich	1140393	101.66	26,27
Lanatoside C	Sigma-Aldrich	L2261	97.9	28
Lycorine	Sigma-Aldrich	L5139	74.15	28
Rilmenidine	Sigma-Aldrich	R134	57.12	26
Sodium valproate	Sigma-Aldrich	S0930000	56.72	26,27
Anisomycin	Sigma-Aldrich	A9789	54.2	28
Temozolomide	Sigma-Aldrich	T2577	39.97	27
Digoxin	Supelco	D6003	26.89	28
Digitoxigenin	Sigma-Aldrich	D9404	23.28	28
Nitrendipine	Sigma-Aldrich	N144	15.21	27
Trifluoperazine	Sigma-Aldrich	T8516	12.58	26,29

Amiodarone	Sigma-Aldrich	A8423	12.5	27,29
Parthenolide	Sigma-Aldrich	P0667	10.96	28
Spironolactone	Sigma-Aldrich	S3378	10.11	28
Dasatinib	Sigma-Aldrich	SML2589	9.07	28
Puromycin	Sigma-Aldrich	P8833	6.87	28
Kaempferol	Sigma-Aldrich	K0133	4.3	28
Nimodipine	Sigma-Aldrich	N149	4.28	27
Rapamycin	Sigma-Aldrich	R8781	3.67	26,27,29
Verapamil Hydrochloride	Sigma-Aldrich	V4629	2.38	28,29
Tat-beclin 1	AS-65467	AnaSpec	1.41	26,47
Cycloheximide	Sigma-Aldrich	C4859	0.76	28
Amrinone	Sigma-Aldrich	A9251	0.71	28
Emetine	Sigma-Aldrich	E2375	0.55	28
Proscillaridin A	Sigma-Aldrich	E2375	0.36	28
Helveticoside	Sigma-Aldrich	H2634	No available	28
Lithium	Sigma-Aldrich	499811	No available	26

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411 The ordering information for 37 FAAs and references suggesting their identity as
412 autophagy activators. The LD50 for each drug was determined experimentally, as
413 exemplified by DOX (see Online Fig. II A-B).

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Drugs	Survival	FS	Heart Rate	Phenotype	Score	Rank	Reported/ new drug
Spirolactone (0.5 μ M)	1	1	2	NO	1.33	1	Reported(57)
Pravastatin (22 μ M)	2	3	5	NO	3.33	2	Reported(54)
Metformin (14.54 μ M)	4	7	7	NO	6.00	3	Reported(58)
Minoxidil (17.96 μ M)	7	4	10	NO	7.00	4	New
Nimodipine (0.05 μ M)	3	6	12	NO	7.00	5	New
Digoxin (1.19 μ M)	13	2	1	YES (curly)	7.33	6	Reported(59)
Lanatoside C (4.9 μ M)	10	10	4	NO	8.00	7	New
Rapamycin (0.185 μ M)	6	9	11	NO	8.67	8	Reported(17)
Dexrazoxane (259.89 μ M)	11	13	3	NO	9.00	9	Reported(60)
Luteolin (17.47 μ M)	8	5	9	YES (edema)	9.33	10	Reported(61)
Trifluoperazine (1.26 μ M)	5	8	16	NO	9.67	11	New
Dasatinib (0.91 μ M)	9	11	6	YES (edema)	10.67	12	New
Loperamide (26.42 μ M)	14	12	8	NO	11.33	13	New
Cycloheximide (0.08 μ M)	15	16	14	NO	15.00	14	New
Quercetin (619.41 μ M)	18	15	13	NO	15.33	15	Reported(62)
Puromycin (0.68 μ M)	16	17	17	NO	16.67	16	New
Valproate (5 μ M)	17	14	15	YES (blood)	17.33	17	New
Proscillaridin A (0.02 μ M)	12	18	18	YES (edema)	18.00	18	New

415 **Online Table. II. Ranking of the FAAs based on their therapeutic efficacy.**

416 The rankings of the FAAs were based on survival rate, heart function, heart rate;
417 whether FAAs induce the acquisition of embryonic phenotypes in zebrafish; and the
418 overall rank based on a combinatory score using the formula: combinatory
419 score= $[(\text{rank based on survival rate} + \text{rank based on FS} + \text{rank based on heart}$
420 $\text{rate})/3 + \text{Phenotype} * 2]$. Information is presented on drugs that were previously
421 reported in the literature as potentially effective for AIC and those that have been
422 newly identified.