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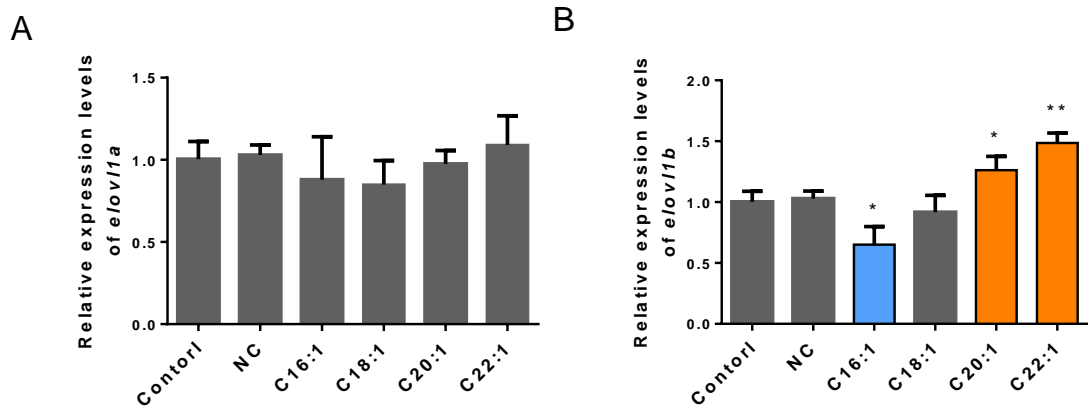


Figure S1. Expression levels of *elov11a* (A) and *elov11b* (B) in control and MUFA-treatment zebrafish liver (ZFL) cells at 28°C, related to Figure 1. The blue and orange color respectively meant significant decrease and increase in *elov11b* expression level of the treated groups, compared with the control group. Data were given as means \pm SD of 3 independent experiments. The statistical analyses were conducted by *T*-test. The asterisks labeled above the error bars indicated significant differences ($*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$). MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acids; NC, negative control; elov11, fatty acyl elongase 1.

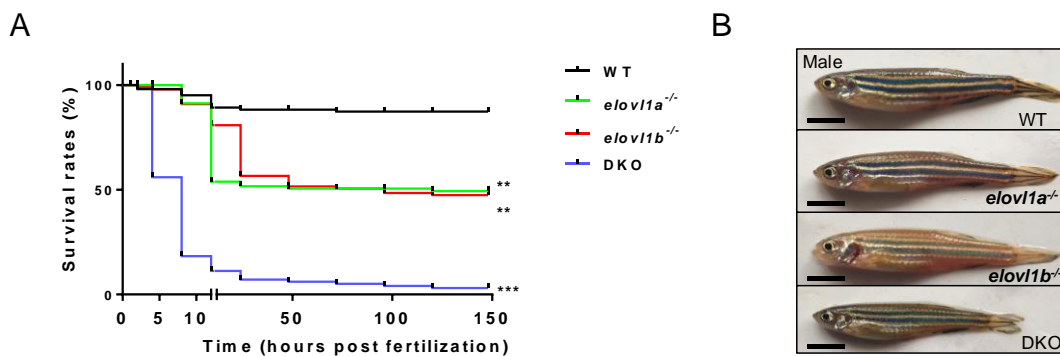


Figure S2. The early survival rates of WT, *elov11a*^{-/-}, *elov11b*^{-/-} and DKO zebrafish (A) and pictures of these four kinds of zebrafish of two-month-old (B), related to Figure 2. Scale bar=5mm. WT, wild-type zebrafish; elov11, fatty acyl elongase 1; *elov11a*^{-/-}, *elov11a* knockout zebrafish; *elov11b*^{-/-}, *elov11b* knockout zebrafish; DKO, double gene knockout zebrafish.

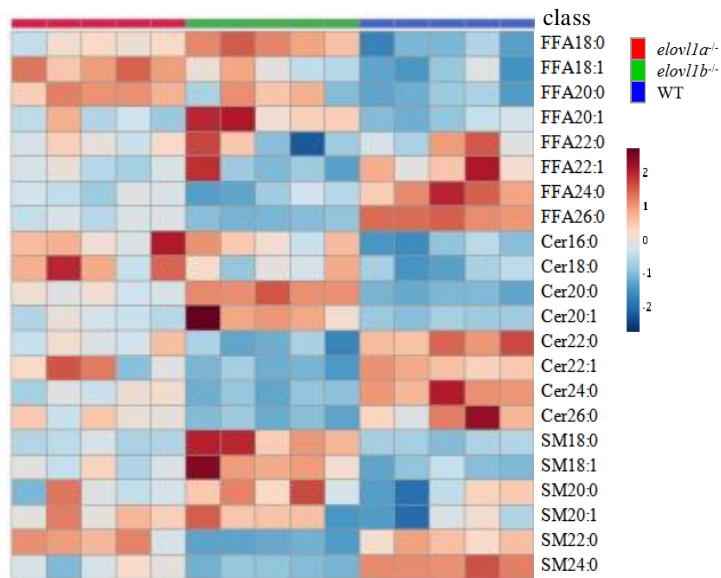


Figure S3. Heatmap of saturated and monounsaturated FFA, Cer and SM levels in livers of WT, *elov11a*^{-/-} and *elov11b*^{-/-} zebrafish, related to Figure 2. n=5. WT, wild-type zebrafish; *elov11*, fatty acyl elongase 1; *elov11a*^{-/-}, *elov11a* knockout zebrafish; *elov11b*^{-/-}, *elov11b* knockout zebrafish; FFA, free fatty acids; Cer, ceramide; SM, sphingomyelin.

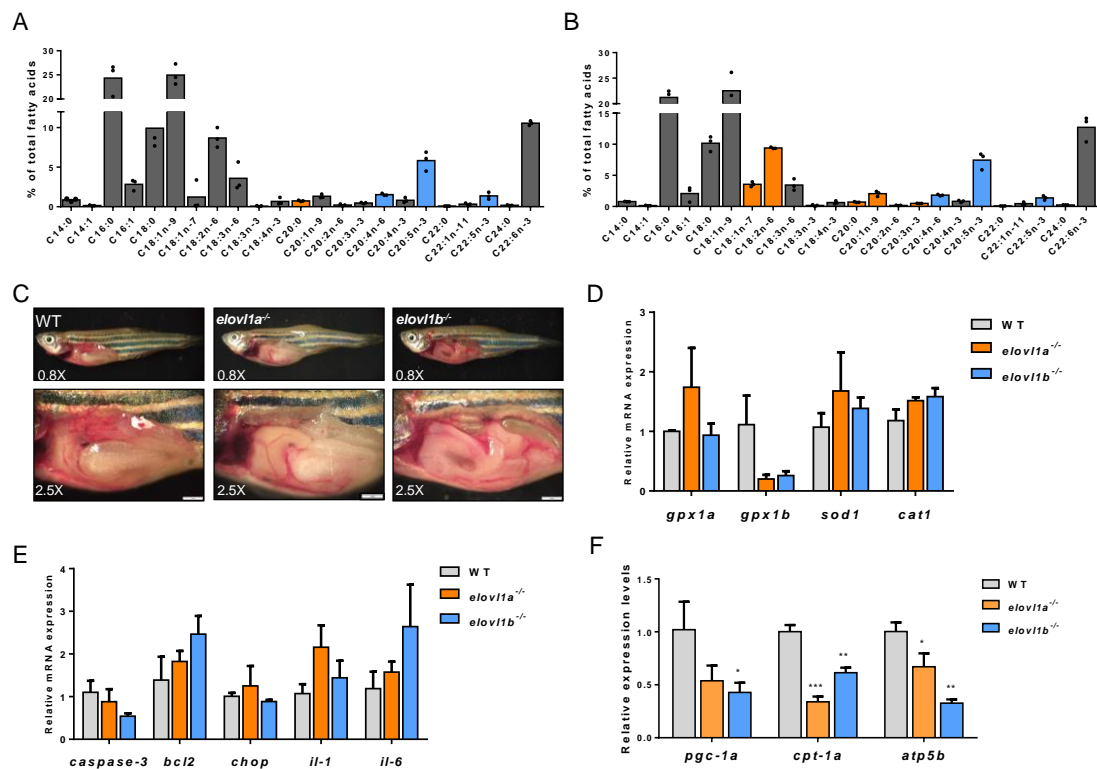


Figure S4. *elov11* deletion impairs the cold resistance of zebrafish. (A and B) Fatty acid compositions in livers of *elov11a*^{-/-} (A) and *elov11b*^{-/-} (B) zebrafish under cold stress, related to Figure 3. The blue and orange color in (A) and (B) respectively meant significant decrease and increase in parameters of *elov11a*^{-/-}/*elov11b*^{-/-} zebrafish, compared with WT zebrafish ($p < 0.05$). (C) The liver lesions of WT, *elov11a*^{-/-} and *elov11b*^{-/-} zebrafish under cold stress, observed under light microscope. (D and E) The expression levels of antioxidant stress-related genes (D) and apoptosis-related genes and inflammation-related genes (E) in livers of WT, *elov11a*^{-/-} and *elov11b*^{-/-} zebrafish at 28°C. (F) The expression levels of β -oxidation-related genes in livers of WT, *elov11a*^{-/-} and *elov11b*^{-/-} zebrafish under cold stress.

Data were given as means \pm SD of 3 independent experiments. The statistical analyses were conducted by *T*-test. The asterisks labeled above the error bars indicated significant differences (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$). WT, wild-type zebrafish; *elov11*, fatty acyl elongase 1; *elov11a*^{-/-}, *elov11a* knockout zebrafish; *elov11b*^{-/-}, *elov11b* knockout zebrafish; *gpx1*, glutathione peroxidase 1; *sod1*, superoxide dismutase 1, soluble; *cat1*, catalase 1; *chop*, DNA-damage-inducible transcript 3; *bcl2*, BCL2 apoptosis regulator a; *il-1*, interleukin-1; *pgc-1a*, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- γ coactivator-1a; *cpt-1a*, carnitine palmitoyl transferase 1a; *atp5b*, ATP synthase 5b.

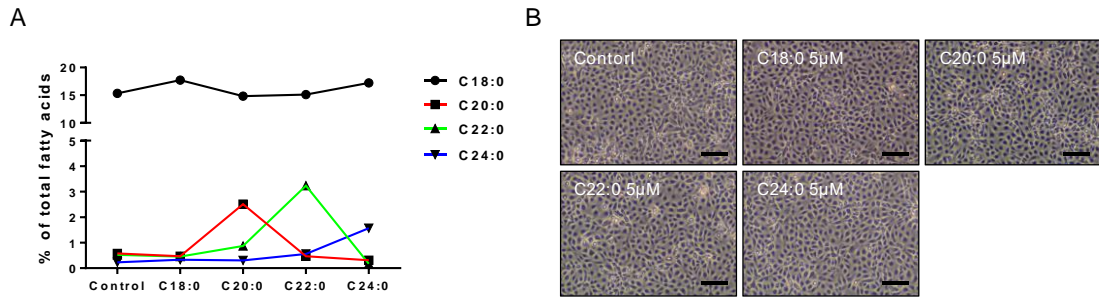


Figure S5. The effect of SFA treatment on zebrafish liver (ZFL) cells at 28°C, related to Figure 4. (A) The SFA compositions of ZFL cells incubated with C18-C24 SFA. (B) The proliferate status of ZFL cells with SFA treatment in 28°C, observed under light microscope. Scale bar=10µm. SFA, saturated fatty acids.

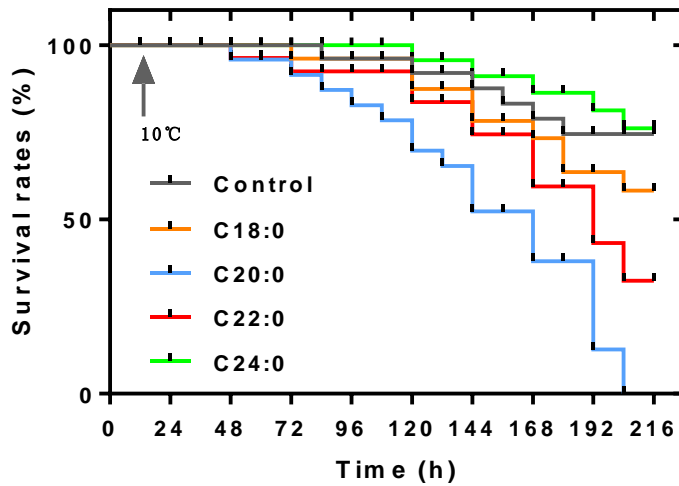


Figure S6. The survival rates of zebrafish during cold stress, after fed with different saturated fatty acid diets for 2 weeks, related to Figure 5.

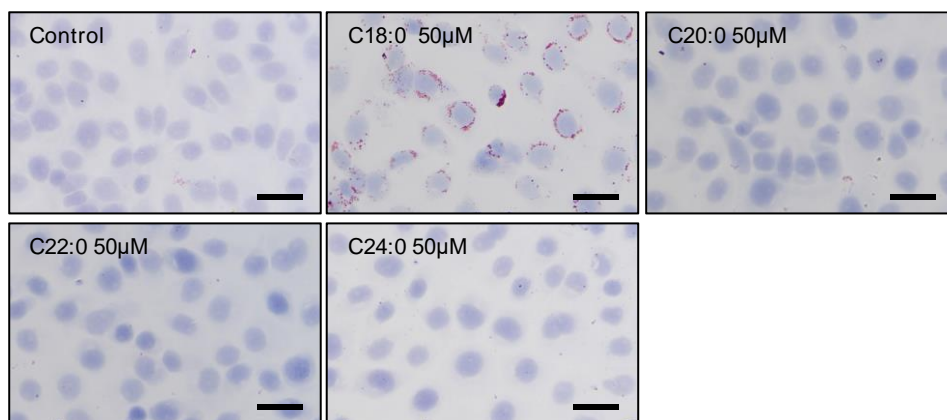


Figure S7. Oil red O staining of zebrafish liver (ZFL) cells incubated with C18-C24 saturated fatty acids, related to Figure 4. Scale bar=5µm.

Table S1. Primers used in this study, related to STAR Methods.

| Symbol | Forward | Reverse | accession |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Construction of knockout models | | | |
| <i>elov11a</i> | AGCATCAATCCGACTTAT | TGGTTGAACTATCCCTTT | ID: 449816 |
| <i>elov11b</i> | ACCGTAAACCCCTTTCAGC | AGATGGCAAGAGTTGCTT | ID: 406725 |
| Real-time quantitative PCR | | | |
| <i>β-actin</i> | CACCACCACAGCCGAAAGAG | ACCGCAAGATTCCATACCCA | AF057040.1 |
| <i>18s rRNA</i> | CGGCTACCACATCCAAGGAAGG | GCCCACTCCCAGATCCAACCTA | NR_145818.1 |
| <i>elov11a</i> | GAGACGTACGTTTGCCTCCA | ATGGGACTCTGCATCAACGG | NM_001005989.3 |
| <i>elov11b</i> | TCAGCTGAAAGAAGCCATGA | AAGGAATGATGGAAGATGTG | NM_213416.2 |
| <i>gpx1a</i> | AGGCACAACAGTCAGGGATT | CAGGAACGCAAACAGAGGG | NM_001007281.2 |
| <i>gpx1b</i> | GCGATGAGCCAATGCCGTTCA | GATGCCGCTGGTCAGGAATCTC | NM_001004634.2 |
| <i>sod1</i> | GTCCGCACTTCAACCCTCA | TCCTCATTGCCACCCTTCC | NM_131294.1 |
| <i>cat1</i> | CAAGGTCTGGTCCCATAAA | TGACTGGTAGTTGGAGGTAA | NM_130912.2 |
| <i>caspace-3</i> | GATCGCAGGACAGGCATGAACC | CATCGCCGTGACTGAGCAACA | AB047003.1 |
| <i>chop</i> | AGCGACTGATTGGTGCATGAC | GGTGTCTCCGTGGTTCGTTCT | NM_001082825.1 |
| <i>bcl2</i> | TGTGCGTGGAAAGCGTCAACC | TCCGATGGTCACTCCTGCCAAG | AY695820.1 |
| <i>il-1</i> | GGGCTCCTACCTGAACACACA | TTGATGCGCTCCAGCTCCTCT | NM_001290418.1 |
| <i>il-6</i> | CCTCAGTCCTGGTGAACGAC | GAACAGGATCGAGTGGACCG | NM_001261449.1 |
| <i>pgc-1a</i> | ATAGAGGAGAGGCGAGTG | GTGTAGCGGTAGGTGATG | AY998087.2 |
| <i>cpt-1a</i> | ATGAGGAGCACCAAAGAA | GTGGGAAAAGCGTAAAGA | NM_001044854.1 |
| <i>atp-5b</i> | TCACAACCACCAAGAAGG | GGTACATCATAATGCTCAG | NM_001024429.2 |
| <i>cers2a</i> | GACGGTGTACCTATGCCAA | TGGTCGCTCTTGGTTCCTTC | NM_153671.1 |
| <i>cers2b</i> | GAGACGGAGAGTTGCACACA | GGCCAGTTCAGCATGTAGT | XM_688576.7 |
| <i>cers4b</i> | ACAGATTGAGATCAGCGGGC | CCCAGCAGGAAAATTGTGGC | XM_005163643.4 |
| <i>cers6</i> | TCACACTAACGGGACCAACG | GCCGCGCTCAATCTAAAAGG | XM_688191.8 |

elov11, fatty acyl elongase 1; *β-actin*, beta-actin; *18s rRNA*, 18S ribosomal RNA; *gpx1*, glutathione peroxidase 1; *sod1*, superoxide dismutase 1, soluble; *cat1*, catalase 1; *chop*, DNA-damage-inducible transcript 3; *bcl2*, BCL2 apoptosis regulator a; *il-1*, interleukin-1; *pgc-1a*, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma, coactivator 1 alpha; *cpt-1a*, carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1a; *atp-5b*, ATP synthase F1 subunit beta; *cers*, ceramide synthase.