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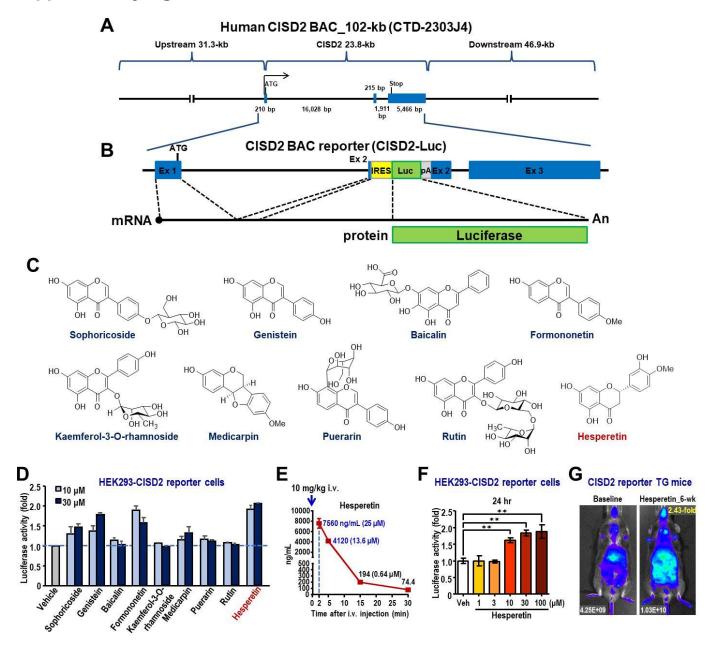
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No	Species (Latin name)	Plant part used	
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2	Achyranthes bidentata Bl	ACHYRANTHIS BIDENTATAE RADIX	
3	Acorus tatarinoxjuii Schott	ACORI TATARINOWII RHIZOMA	
4	Alisma plantago-aquatica Linn.	ALISMATIS RHIZOMA	
5	Angelica pubescens Maxim. f. biserrata Shan et Yuan	ANGELICAE PUBESCENTIS RADIX	
6	Artemisia scoparia Waldst. et Kit.	ARTEMISIAE SCOPARIAE HERBA	
7	Asarum sieboldii Miq.	ASARI RADIX ET RHIZOMA	
8	Asparagus cochinchinensis (Lour.)Merr	ASPARAGI RADIX	
9	Atractylodes macrocephala Koidz.	ATRACTYLODIS MACROCEPHALAE RHIZOMA	
10	Aucklandia lappa Decne	AUCKLANDIAE RADIX	
11	Carpesium abrotanoides L.	CARPESII FRUCTUS	
12	Cassia obtusifolia L.	CASSIAE SEMEN	
13	Chrysanthemum morifolium Ramat.	CHRYSANTHEMI FLOS	
14	Citrus reticulata Blanco	CITRI EXOCARPIUM RUBRUM	
15	Clematis apiifolia DC.	HERBA	
16	Cnidium monnieri (L.) Cuss.	CNIDII FRUCTUS	
17	Coix lacryma-jobi L. var. majuew (Roman.) Stapf	COICIS SEMEN	
18	Cucurbita moschata Duch.	SEMEN	
19	Cuscuta chinensis Lam.	CUSCUTAE SEMEN	
20	Cynanchum paniculatum (Bunge) Kitagawa	CYNANCHI PANICULATI RADIX ET RHIZOMA	
21	Dioscorea opposita Thunb	DIOSCOREAE RHIZOMA	
22	Dipsacus asper Wall.ex Henry	DIPSACI RADIX	
23	Eucommia ulmoides Oliv	EUCOMMIAE CORTEX	
24	Euryale ferox Salisb	EURYALES SEMEN	
25	Gastrodia elata Bl.	GASTRODIAE RHIZOMA	
26	Gentiana manshurica Kitag	GENTIANAE RADIX ET RHIZOMA	
27	Glycyrrhiza uralensis Fisch	GLYCYRRHIZAE RADIX ET RHIZOMA	
28	Juncus setchuensis Buchen.	HERBA	
29	Kochia scoparia (L.)Schrad.	KOCHIAE FRUCTUS	
30	Leonurus japonicus Houtt	LEONURIFRUCTUS	
31	Ligustrum lucidum Ait	LIGUSTRI LUCIDI FRUCTUS	
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33	Magnolia biondii Pamp	MAGNOLIAE FLOS	

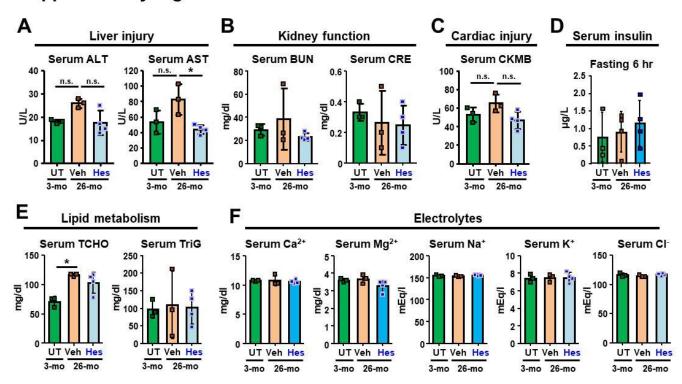
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37	Ophiopogon japonicus (L.f.)KerGawl.	OPHIOPOGONIS RADIX	
38	Peucedanum praeruptorum Dunn	PEUCEDANI RADIX	
39	Plantago asiatica L.	PLANTAGINIS SEMEN	
40	Platycladus orientalis (L.) Franco	PLATYCLADI SEMEN	
41	Polygala tenuifolia Willd	POLYGALAE RADIX	
42	Poria cocos (Schw.) Wolf	PORIA	
43	Prinsepia uniflora Batal	PRINSEPIAE NUX	
44	Rehmannia glutinosa (Gaetn.) Libosch.	REHMANNIAE RADIX	
45	Rhaponticum uniflorum (L.) DC.	RHAPONTICI RADIX	
46	Salvia miltiorrhiza Bge.	SALVIAE MILTIORRHIZAE RADIX ET RHIZOMA	
47	Selaginella tamariscina (Besiuv.) Spring	SELAGINELLAE HERBA	
48	Sesamum indicum L.	SESAMI SEMEN NIGRUM	
49	Solanum lyratum Thunb.	HERBA	
50	Sonchus oleraceus L.	HERBA	
51	Sophora japonica L.	SOPHORAE FRUCTUS	
52	Thlaspi arvense L.	THLASPI HERBA	
53	Trachelospermum jasminoides (Lindl.) Lem.	TRACHELOSPERMI CAULIS ET FOLIUM	
54	Tribulus terrestris L.	TRIBULI FRUCTUS	
55	Typha angustifolia L.	TYPHAE POLLEN	
56	Ulmus pumila L.	CORTEX	
57	Vaccaria segetalis (Neck.) Garcke	VACCARIAE SEMEN	
58	Vitex trifolia L.	VITICIS FRUCTUS	
59	Ziziphus jujuba Mill.	JUJUBAE FRUCTUS	
60	Ziziphus jujuba Mill. var. spinosa (Bunge) Hu ex H. F. Chow	ZIZIPHI SPINOSAE SEMEN	

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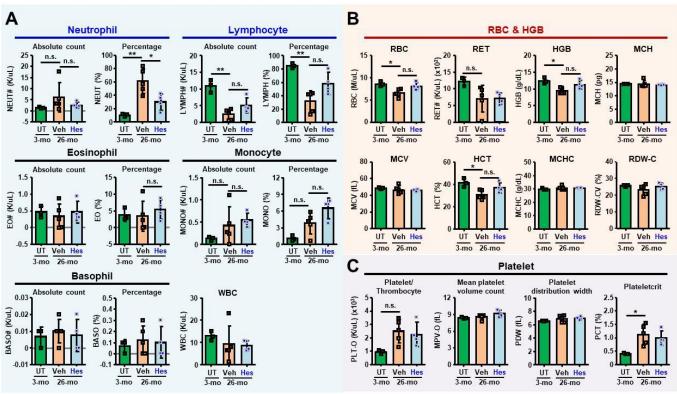
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Ingredients	Sources (% in food)				
Fat	Soybean Oil (7.00)				
Carbohydrate	• Corn Starch (39.75)				
	• Dextrin (13.20)				
	• Sucrose (10.00)				
Protein	• Casein (20.00)				
	• L-Cystine (0.30)				
Minerals and Vitamins	AIN 93G Mineral Mix (3.50)				
	AIN 93 Vitamin Mix (1.00)				
Miscellaneous	Powdered Cellulose (5.00)				
	Choline Bitartrate (0.25)				
	• t-Butylhydroquinone (0.0015)				
Energy (% kcal from)					
Fat	16.17				
Carbohydrate	64.90				
Protein	18.93				
Additives (% of reagent weight/food weight)					
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Propylene glycol	3.04	3.04			
Hesperetin	-	0.07			



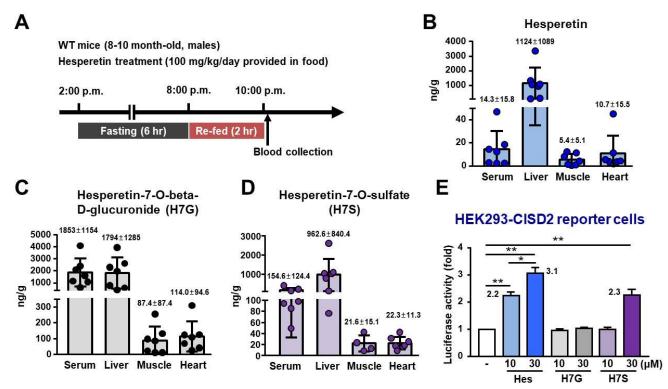
Supplementary Fig. S1 CISD2 reporter assay for hesperetin and its structural analogs. (A) The human BAC (bacterial artificial chromosome) clone CTD-2303J4, which contains the intact gene of human CISD2 in its native chromosomal setting, together with the flanking sequences of the upstream and downstream regions, was used to construct the CISD2 reporter gene. This BAC carries the entire genomic sequence of CISD2 coding region (23.8-kb), 31.3-kb upstream region and 46.9kb downstream region. (B) The IRES-Luc-pA, namely an internal ribosome entry site (IRES), luciferase (Luc) and a polyA signal (pA), was inserted into the exon 2 of the CISD2 gene using in vivo recombineering-based method in E. coli. The IRES allows for the translation of luciferase protein in a cap-independent manner. This CISD2 BAC reporter was electroporated into HEK293 cells to established the HEK293-CISD2 reporter cells. In addition, it was also microinjected into fertilized eggs of C57BL/6 mice to generate transgenic (TG) mice, which will be used as the animal model for validating the potential CISD2 activator compounds. (C) Chemical structures of hesperetin and its structural analogs which have been analyzed for their activity to enhance CISD2 expression in the HEK293-CISD2 reporter cells. Sophoricoside and genistein from Sophora japonica L. (Supplementary Table S1) were initially identified as CISD2 activators. Seven structural analogs, including baicalin, formononetin, Kaemferol-3-O-rhamnoside, medicarpin, puerarin, rutin and hesperetin, were selected and examined for their activity to enhance CISD2 expression accordingly. (D) CISD2 reporter assay revealed that hesperetin, sophoricoside, genistein and formononetin can enhance CISD2 reporter, namely 1.5-2 fold of luciferase activity. HEK293-CISD2 reporter cells were treated with two different doses (10 and 30 µM) of the nine compounds as indicated. Luciferase activity was measured after compound treatment for 24 hours. Vehicle, 0.1% DMSO. (E) Compound concentrations of hesperetin in the serum of WT mice at different time points after intravenous (i.v.) injection of hesperetin (10 mg/kg). The molar concentrations of hesperetin are indicated in the brackets. (F) Hesperetin activates CISD2 reporter in HEK293 cells. The HEK293-CISD2 reporter cells were treated with different doses of hesperetin as indicated. Luciferase activity was measured after hesperetin treatment for 24 hours. Vehicle, 0.1% DMSO. In (D-F), all the experiments were performed and repeated for three independent times. Data are presented as mean \pm SD. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.005 by one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparison test. (G) IVIS analysis of in vivo luciferase activity was carried out using TG mice carrying the CISD2 BAC reporter before (baseline) and after dietary hesperetin treatment for 6 weeks (100 mg/kg/day provided in food).



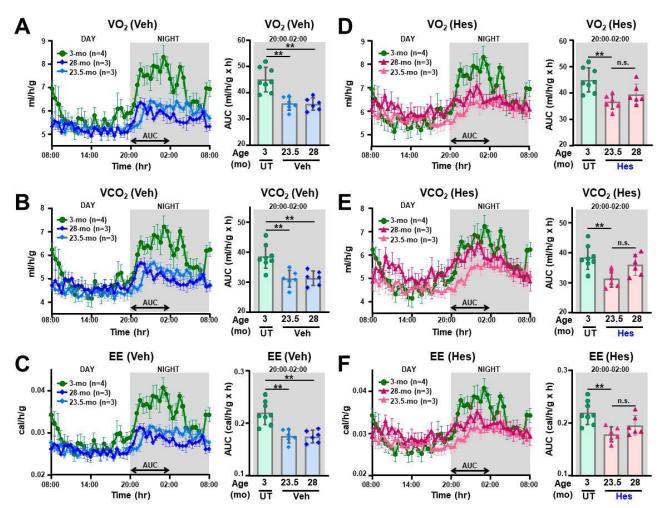
Supplementary Fig. S2 Serum biochemical analyses revealed that hesperetin has no detectable in vivo toxicity after 6 months of treatment in the old WT mice. (A) Liver damage markers (ALT and AST). (B) Kidney function (BUN) and kidney injury (CRE). (C) Cardiac injury (CKMB). (D) Serum insulin levels after 6 hours of fasting. (E) Serum TCHO and TriG levels. (F) Serum Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Na^+ , K^+ , and Cl^- levels. For the hesperetin treatment, 20-mo old WT mice were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 6 months and sacrificed at 26-mo old. Data are presented as mean \pm SD. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.005 by one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparison test; not significant (n.s.). All the mice used in this study are males. Whole blood samples were collected from facial vein or cardiac puncture at sacrifice. The serum biochemical parameters were analyzed by Fuji Dri-Chem 4000i (FUJIFILM). Abbreviations: ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; CRE, creatinine; CKMB, creatine kinase-myocardial band; TCHO, total cholesterol; TriG, triglycerides.



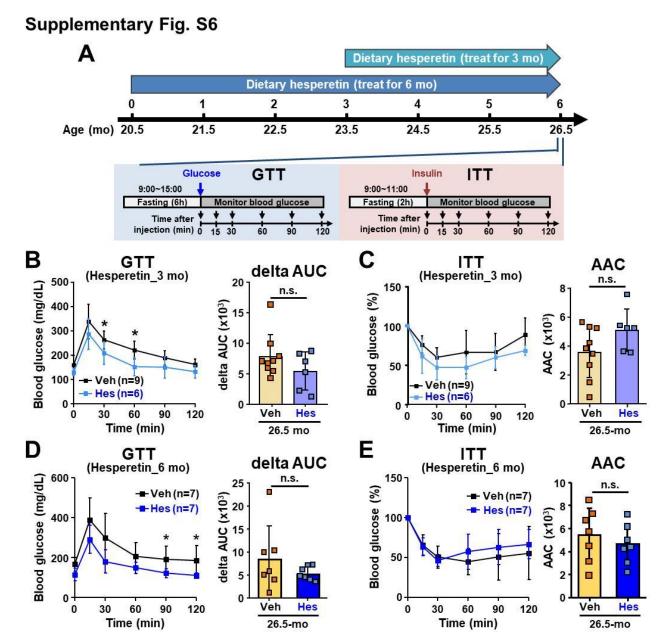
Supplementary Fig. S3 Complete blood count (CBC) analyses revealed that hesperetin has no detectable toxicity on hematological parameters after 7 months of treatment in the old WT mice. (A) White blood cells (WBC) parameters reveal that hesperetin (Hes) treatment appears to decrease the percentage of neutrophils compared with Veh-treated group of aged mice. (B) Parameters of red blood cells (RBC) and hemoglobin (HGB). (C) Parameters of platelets. For CBC analyses, 19-mo old WT mice were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 7 months and collected whole blood samples at 26-mo old. Data are presented as mean ± SD. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.005 by one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparison test; not significant (n.s.). All the mice used in this study are males. Whole blood samples were collected from facial vein using an EDTA (final concentration 5 mM) coated tube. The complete blood count was analyzed using a hematology analyzer (IDEXX ProCyte Dx). Abbreviations: HCT, hematocrit; HGB, hemoglobin concentration; MCH, mean corpuscular hemoglobin; MCHC, mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration; MCV, mean corpuscular volume; RBC, red blood count; RDW, red cell distribution width; RET, reticulocytes count.



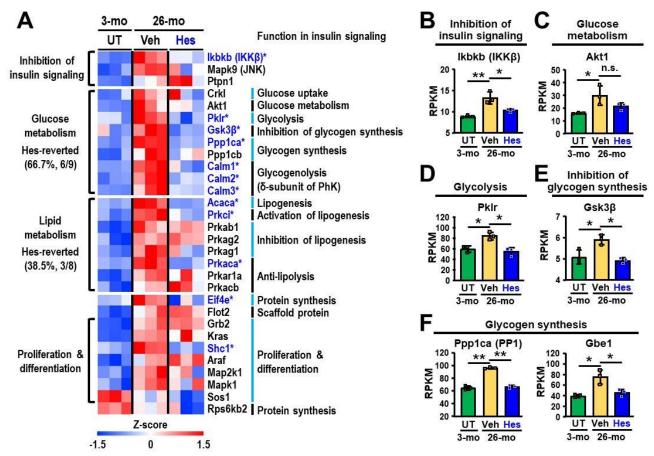
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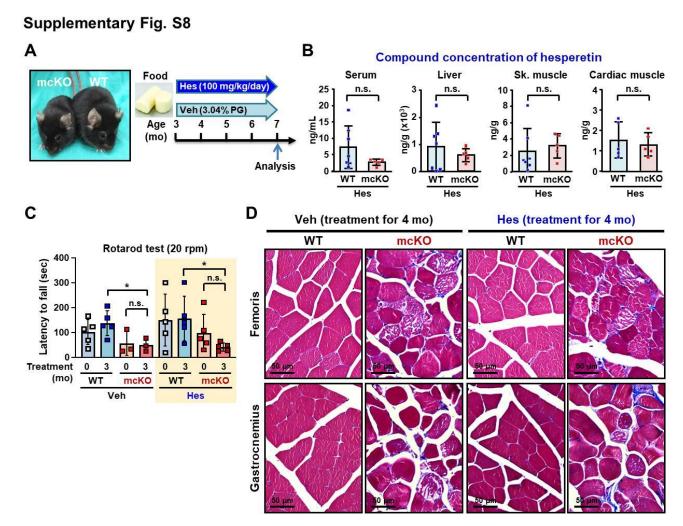
Supplementary Fig. S5 Comparison of whole body metabolic rate after hesperetin treatment for 1.5 and 6 months in old WT mice. (A-C) Whole body metabolic rate in the vehicle-treated old mice. Hour-to-hour average and quantification of (A) whole-body oxygen consumption (VO_2) , (B) CO_2 production (VCO_2) and (C) energy expenditure (EE) during the light and dark periods after treatment with vehicle food for 1.5 months and 6 months. (D-F) Whole body metabolic rate in the hesperetin-treated old mice. Hour-to-hour average and quantification of (D) whole-body oxygen consumption (VO_2) , (E) CO_2 production (VCO_2) and (F) energy expenditure (EE) during the light and dark periods after treatment with dietary hesperetin for 1.5 months and 6 months. The old mice (22-mo old) were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w). Their metabolic rate was monitored at 23.5-mo old (hesperetin or vehicle treatment for 1.5 months), and 28-mo old (hesperetin or vehicle treatment for 6 months). The metabolic rate of individual mouse was monitored for 48 hours. The area under curve (AUC) from 20:00 to 02:00 during dark period are quantified. For each mouse, two AUC quantitative values of each metabolic index calculated from the data of two cycles of 24-hr measurement are presented. Data for the VO₂, VCO₂ and EE are normalized to lean mass. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM in the hour-to-hour metabolic monitoring. Data for quantification of AUC are presented as mean \pm SD. *p < 0.005; **p < 0.005 by one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni correction for multiple comparison test; not significant (n.s.). All the mice used in this study are males. UT, un-treated.



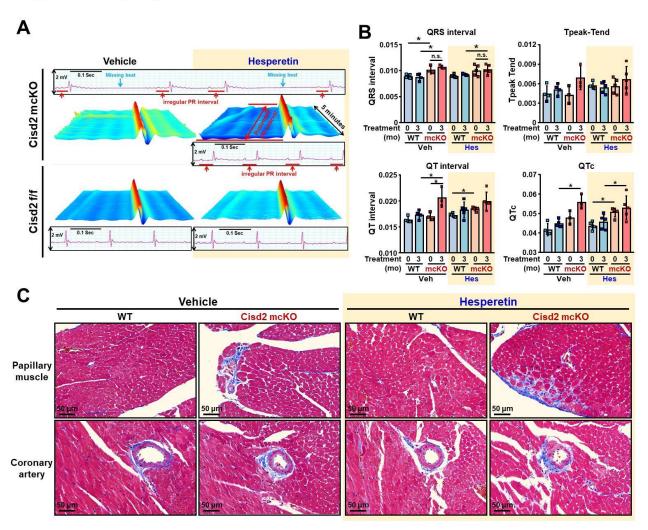
Supplementary Fig. S6 No significant difference in the glucose tolerance test (GTT) and insulin tolerance test (ITT) between the Veh-treated and Hes-treated old mice. (A) Protocols of GTT and ITT for the old mice treated with hesperetin for 3 months (from 23.5-mo to 26.5-mo) or 6 months (from 20.5-mo to 26.5-mo); GTT and ITT were carried out at 26.5-mo old. For the oral GTT, mice were orally administrated with glucose water (1.5 mg/g body weight) using a feeding needle after a 6 hours fasting (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). For the ITT, mice were intraperitoneally injected with insulin (0.75 U/kg body weight) after a 2 hours fasting (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.). Blood samples were collected from tail vein before (0 min) and after the treatment at the indicated time points. (B) (C) Results of GTT and ITT for the mice treated with hesperetin or vehicle for 3 months. (D) (E) Results of GTT and ITT for the mice treated with hesperetin or vehicle for 6 months. For the GTT, quantification was measured by calculating the delta area under curve (delta AUC). For the ITT, quantification was measured by calculating the area above curve (AAC). Results are presented as mean \pm SD. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.005 by Student's t test; not significant (n.s.). All the mice used in this study are males.



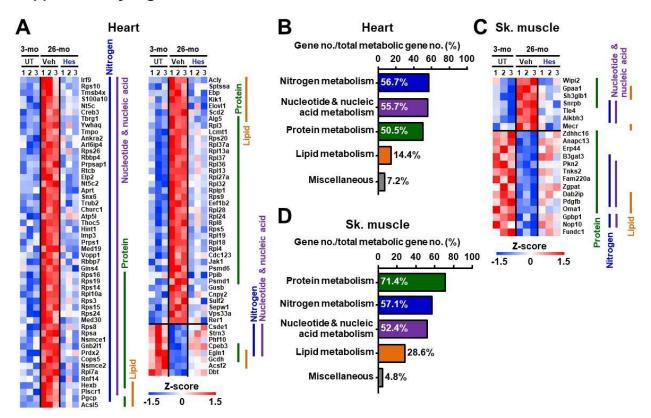
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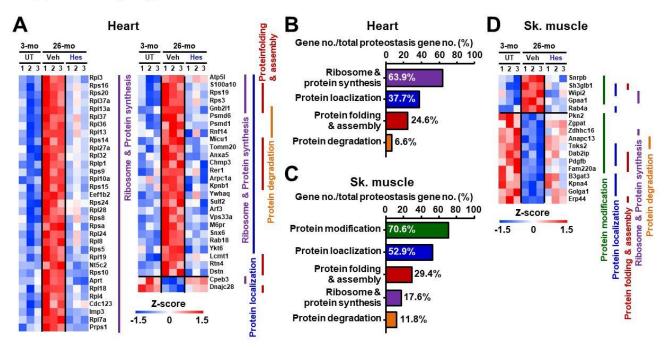
Supplementary Fig. S8 Hesperetin delays skeletal muscle aging in a Cisd2-dependent manner. (A) The 3-mo old WT and Cisd2 mcKO mice, which carry a Cisd2 KO background specifically in the skeletal and cardiac muscles, were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 4 months and sacrificed at 7-mo old. (B) Compound concentration of hesperetin in the serum, liver, skeletal muscle (femoris) and cardiac muscle of WT and Cisd2 mcKO mice. (C) Rotarod test revealed that in the absence of Cisd2, hesperetin has no beneficial effect on the functional tests of skeletal muscle. (D) Histopathological analysis of skeletal muscles (femoris and gastrocnemius) revealed that in the absence of Cisd2, hesperetin has no beneficial effect on the structural damages and fibrosis. The paraffin-embedded muscle sections were examined by Masson's trichrome staining with the aim of detecting collagen. Data are presented as mean \pm SD. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.005 by Student's t test; not significant (n.s.).



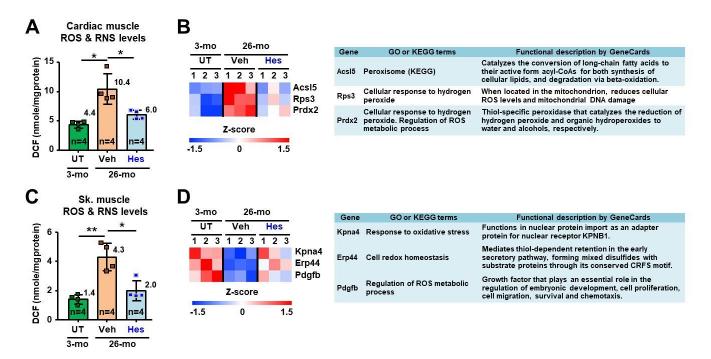
Supplementary Fig. S9 Hesperetin delays cardiac aging in a Cisd2-dependent manner. (A) Representative ECG tracings and continuous 5-minute waterfall plots recorded following anesthesia of the mice. Representative dysrhythmic ECGs, namely missing beat, prolonged and irregular PR interval, were found in the Cisd2 mcKO with or without hesperetin (Hes) treatment. (B) Quantification measurements obtained from 5-minute sequential beats of whole ECG tracings from baseline. (C) Histopathological analysis of cardiac muscle (left ventricle) revealed that in the absence of Cisd2, hesperetin has no beneficial effect on the structural injury and fibrosis. The paraffin-embedded myocardial sections (left ventricle) were examined by Masson's trichrome staining with the aim of detecting collagen. The 3-mo old WT and Cisd2 mcKO mice, which carry a Cisd2 KO background specifically in the skeletal and cardiac muscles, were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 4 months and sacrificed at 7-mo old. ECG was monitored after hesperetin treatment for 3 months. In the absence of Cisd2, hesperetin has no beneficial effect on the ECG abnormalities, the histopathological injury and fibrosis in the hearts of Cisd2 mcKO mice. Quantification data are presented as mean ± SD and analyzed by two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparison test. *p<0.05; not significant (n.s.).



Supplementary Fig. S10 Subgroups of metabolism-related DEGs in the hearts and skeletal muscles. (A) Hesperetin shifts the expression pattern of a panel of metabolic DEGs, which are involved in nitrogen metabolism, nucleotide & nucleic acid metabolism, as well as protein and lipid metabolism, in the aged hearts toward the pattern of young hearts; a total of 97 DEGs were shown (89 up-regulated and 8 down-regulated genes). (B) Percentage of the metabolic DEGs in the aged hearts, which are reverted by hesperetin in panel (A), in different groups of metabolic pathways. (C) Hesperetin shifts the expression pattern of a panel of metabolic DEGs, which are involved in protein metabolism, nitrogen metabolism, nucleotide & nucleic acid metabolism and lipid metabolism, in the aged skeletal muscles (gastrocnemius) toward the pattern of young skeletal muscles; a total of 21 genes were shown (7 up-regulated and 14 down-regulated genes). (D) Percentage of the metabolic DEGs in the aged skeletal muscles, which are reverted by hesperetin in panel (C), in different groups of metabolic pathways. In this study, mice were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 5 months (from 21-mo to 26-mo). The grouping of pathways was carried out by Mouse Genome Informatics (MGI) Gene Ontology term finder (pathway p-value < 0.05).



Supplementary Fig. S11 Subgroups of proteostasis-related DEGs in the hearts and skeletal muscles. (A) Hesperetin shifts the expression pattern of a panel of proteostasis-related genes, which are involved in ribosome & protein synthesis, protein folding & assembly, protein localization and protein degradation, in the aged hearts toward the pattern of young hearts; a total of 61 genes were shown (59 up-regulated and 2 down-regulated genes). (B) Percentage of the proteostasis-related DEGs in the aged hearts, which are reverted by hesperetin in panel A, in different groups of proteostasis-related pathways. (C) Hesperetin shifts the expression pattern of a panel of proteostasis-related genes, which are involved in protein modification, protein localization, ribosome & protein synthesis, protein degradation, as well as protein folding & assembly, in the aged skeletal muscle (gastrocnemius) toward the pattern of young skeletal muscle; a total of 17 genes were shown (5 up-regulated and 12 down-regulated genes). (D) Percentage of the proteostasis-related DEGs in the aged skeletal muscles, which are reverted by hesperetin in panel (C), in different groups of proteostasis-related pathways. In this study, mice were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 5 months (from 21-mo to 26-mo). The grouping of pathways was carried out by Mouse Genome Informatics (MGI) Gene Ontology term finder (pathway p-value < 0.05).



Supplementary Fig. S12 Hesperetin decreases the levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and reactive nitrogen species (RNS), and shifts the expression patterns of several ROS-related DEGs in the aged hearts and skeletal muscles toward the patterns of young mice. (A) Quantification of ROS and RNS levels in the heart by measuring DCF levels using cardiac muscle tissues. (B) Heatmap illustrating the ROS-related DEGs identified in the hearts of different groups of mice. Functional description by GeneCards is also provided for the DEGs identified. (C) Quantification of ROS and RNS levels in the skeletal muscles (gastrocnemius) by measuring DCF levels using skeletal muscle tissues. (D) Heatmap illustrating the ROS-related DEGs identified in the skeletal muscles (gastrocnemius) of different groups of mice. Functional description by GeneCards is also provided for the DEGs identified. In this study, mice were treated with dietary hesperetin (100 mg/kg/day provided in food) or vehicle control food (3.04% propylene glycol, w/w) for 5 months (from 21-mo to 26-mo). Results are presented as mean \pm SD. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.005 by one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparison test.