

1 **Materials and methods**

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3 Lipofectamine 3000 (L3000008) and BODIPY^{493/503} (D3922) were purchased from
4 Thermo Fisher Scientific. Nile Red (SS1956) was purchased from BIOFUNT. Bovine
5 Serum Albumin (BSA) (B2064), palmitic acid (PA) (P5585), oleic acid (OA) (O1008),
6 puromycin (P7255), compactin (1443216), ²H₂O (151882), Oil red O (O0625), and
7 Triton X-100 (T8787) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Simple ChIP Plus
8 Sonication Chromatin IP Kit (56383S) was purchased from Cell Signaling Technology.
9 T0901317 (HY-10626), GW3965 (HY-10627), and CPTH2 (HY-W013274) were
10 purchased from MedChemExpress. Anti-mouse horseradish peroxidase (HRP) (A0216),
11 anti-rabbit horseradish peroxidase (HRP) (A0208), BCA protein concentration assay
12 kit (P0010), MTT (C0009S), reporter gene cell lysis buffer (RG126M), SDS (ST626),
13 SDS-PAGE Sample Loading Buffer (5X) (P0015L) were purchased from Beyotime.
14 Protease inhibitors (04693124001), and Phosphatase inhibitors (4906845001) were
15 purchased from Roche. Nitrocellulose (NC) membrane (HATF00010) was purchased
16 from Millipore. Tris-HCl buffer (T301502) and mevalonate (D304342) were purchased
17 from Aladdin. 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) (BL539A) was purchased from Biosharp.
18 TG (A110-1-1), TC (A111-1-1), HDL-c (A112-1-1), and LDL-c (A113-1-1) assay kits
19 were purchased from Nanjing Jiancheng Bioengineering Institute. HFD diets (D12492),
20 HFrD diets (D02022704K) and AMLN diets (D09100310) were purchased from
21 Research Diets. FPC diets (TD190142) were purchased from Teklad. HFMRC diets
22 (XTMRCD-60) and normal diets (1010039) were purchased from Jiangsu Synergetic

23 Biology Co., Ltd. RNA-easy isolated reagent (R701), HiScript Reverse Transcriptase
24 kit (R123-01), Dual Luciferase Reporter Assay Kit (DL101-01), and qPCR SYBR
25 Green Master Mix (Q111-02) were purchased from Vazyme. Protein A/G agarose bead
26 (sc-2003) was purchased from Santa Cruz Biotech. The mixture of ¹²C D-glucose and
27 ¹³C fructose (FRU-011) was purchased from Omicron.

28 **Primary antibodies**

29 Anti-Flag (ab205606), anti-LXR α (ab41902), and anti-SREBP1 (ab3259) antibodies
30 were purchased from Abcam. Anti-GAPDH (AF0006) antibody was purchased from
31 Beyotime. Anti-H3K14ac (7627T), and anti-H3K9ac (9649S) antibodies were
32 purchased from Cell Signaling Technology. Anti-PCAF (A22719), anti-GCN5 (A2224),
33 and anti-Myc (AE010) antibodies were purchased from Abclonal. Anti-p-I κ B α
34 (WL02495), anti-I κ B α (WL01936), anti-p-p65 (WL02169), anti-p65 (WL01273b),
35 anti-p-SMAD2/3 (WL02305), anti-SMAD2/3 (WL01520), anti-Collagen I (WL0088),
36 and anti- α -SMA (WL02510) antibodies were purchased from Wanleibio. Alexa Fluor $^{\text{®}}$
37 488 AffiniPure $^{\text{®}}$ Alpaca Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) (611-545-215) and Alexa Fluor $^{\text{®}}$ 594
38 AffiniPure $^{\text{®}}$ Alpaca Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) (615-585-214) antibodies were purchased
39 from Jackson ImmunoResearch.

40 **Plasmids**

41 pCMV3-C-Flag-p-SREBP1c, pCMV3-C-Flag-m-SREBP1c, pCMV3-C-HA-RXR α ,
42 pCMV3-C-Flag-GCN5, pCMV3-C-Myc-GCN5, pCMV3-C-Flag-GCN5 (E575Q),
43 pCMV3-C-Myc-LXR α , pCMV3-C-Myc-LXR α (1-163 aa), pCMV3-C-Myc-LXR α
44 (164-326 aa), pCMV3-C-Myc-LXR α (327-447 aa), pCMV3-C-Flag-GCN5 (1-407 aa),

45 pCMV3-C-Flag-GCN5 (408-656 aa), pCMV3-C-Flag-GCN5 (657-837 aa) plasmids
46 were constructed by gene synthesis and site-directed mutagenesis.

47 **Cell culture**

48 The HEK293T (293T cells), RAW264.7, and HepG2 cell lines were acquired from the
49 American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). The HL-7702 cells were procured from
50 Keygen Biotechnology. All cell lines were cultured at 37 °C with 5% CO₂ in the
51 indicated medium.

52 **Culture medium**

53 Medium A was prepared using DMEM (Keygen, KGL1206) supplemented with 10%
54 fetal bovine serum (Gibco, A5670701), 100 units/ml penicillin, and 100 µg/ml
55 streptomycin sulfate. Medium B consisted of an equal-volume mixture of Ham's F-12K
56 (Gibco, 21127030) and DMEM, supplemented with 5% LPDS (Kalen Biomedical,
57 880100), 10 µM compactin (Sigma-Aldrich, 1443216), and 50 µM mevalonate
58 (Aladdin, D304342).

59 **Mouse primary hepatocyte isolation**

60 Animals were first anesthetized using isoflurane (1.5% in O₂). A catheter was then
61 inserted into the vena cava, and the portal vein was cut. The liver was subsequently
62 perfused via the catheter with oxygenated, 37°C Buffer A (1× PBS, 5 mM EGTA). This
63 was followed by perfusion with oxygenated, 37°C Buffer B (1× PBS, 1 mM CaCl₂,
64 collagenase type IV). Finally, the liver was transferred to a Petri dish containing Buffer
65 C (1× PBS, 2 mM CaCl₂, 0.6% BSA) and gently dissociated using forceps. Liver
66 perfusions were centrifuged at 48 g for 5 minutes after digestion using sterile gauze.

67 Next, primary hepatocytes were isolated from mice using sterile gauze. A pellet of
68 hepatocytes was resuspended in Medium B, and the supernatant was discarded after
69 three washes. In collagen-coated plates, hepatocytes were plated, and cell viability was
70 confirmed via the trypan blue exclusion test. Cell viability greater than 70% was
71 considered acceptable for moving forward with the research.

72 **Prediction of transcription factors binding to the KAT2A promoter**

73 Using the JASPAR (jaspar.genereg.net) tool to scan transcription factors on the
74 2000+200bp region of the KAT2A promoter, under the screening condition of p value
75 $< 10^{-5}$, search for transcription factors targeting the motif sequences on the human and
76 mouse promoter regions. The intersection of the two is taken to screen out possible
77 transcription factors, and there are 6 of them. After analyzing the existing literature on
78 these 6 transcription factors, 4 related to lipid metabolism were selected for further
79 study.

80 **Viability assay**

81 Cell viability was assessed in HepG2, HL-7702, and primary hepatocytes using the
82 MTT assay. Briefly, cells were plated in 96-well plates at a density of 1×10^4 cells per
83 well. After 24 hours, the cells were treated with the specified concentrations of CPTH2
84 for another 24 hours. Then, 10 μ l of MTT solution (5 mg/ml) was added to each well,
85 and the plates were incubated at 37 °C for 4 hours. Subsequently, 100 μ l of formazan
86 solution was added to each well, followed by incubation at 37 °C for 3–4 hours.
87 Absorbance was measured at 570 nm using a microplate reader (BMG POLARstar
88 Omega).

89 **BODIPY^{493/503} and Nile Red staining**

90 Cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and then stained with 1 μ M Nile Red or 5
91 μ M BODIPY^{493/503} for 30 min at room temperature in the dark. After being stained with
92 DAPI, excess dye was washed away with PBS three times. The fluorescence of
93 intracellular lipid droplets was photographed by a laser confocal microscope (Olympus
94 FV3000). ImageJ (Version 1.5a) was used to quantify intracellular neutral lipids.

95 **Western blotting**

96 After collection, cells were solubilized in lysis buffer supplemented with SDS, loading
97 buffer, protease inhibitors, and phosphatase inhibitors. Samples were then thermally
98 denatured at 95 °C for 10 minutes and subjected to electrophoretic separation on 8–12%
99 SDS-polyacrylamide gels. Subsequently, proteins were transferred onto nitrocellulose
100 membranes via electroblotting. Membranes were blocked for 1 hour at room
101 temperature with 5% non-fat dry milk and then incubated with primary antibodies at
102 4 °C overnight. Following thorough washing, membranes were exposed to HRP-
103 conjugated secondary antibodies for 1 hour at room temperature. Detection was carried
104 out using an enhanced chemiluminescence substrate, and blot images were captured
105 with a Tanon 5200 imaging system (Tanon, China). Quantitative analysis of band
106 intensity was conducted using ImageJ software (Version 1.5a).

107 **Cellular, liver, and serum lipid determination**

108 A subset of cells was reserved for protein quantification via BCA assay, while the
109 remainder underwent lipid extraction. Cellular total cholesterol (TC) and
110 triacylglycerol (TG) were extracted in chloroform/methanol (2:1, v/v) at room

111 temperature for 3 h. After adding 500 μ l of 0.1 M NaCl, samples were vortexed,
112 centrifuged, and the lower organic phase collected and dried under nitrogen. Dried
113 lipids were redissolved in 50 μ l ethanol with 1% Triton X-100 (Sigma-Aldrich, T9284).

114 TG and TC levels were determined using commercial assay kits and normalized to
115 protein content.

116 For hepatic TG and TC measurement, 50 mg liver tissue was homogenized in PBS. Part
117 of the homogenate was used for BCA protein assay; 0.4 ml was mixed with 1.6 ml
118 chloroform/methanol for extraction as above.

119 Serum TG, TC, HDL-c, and LDL-c were measured using corresponding kits per
120 manufacturer's protocols.

121 **Measurement of *de novo* fatty acid synthesis**

122 *KAT2A* knockout and wild-type HL-7702 cells were treated under specified conditions
123 in Medium B for 16 h. The *de novo* fatty acid synthesis rate was assessed by incubation
124 with a 12 μ Ci/ 60 mm dish of [14 C] acetate for 2 h. After washing, cells were lysed in
125 0.1 N NaOH and saponified by autoclaving. Nonpolar lipids (cholesterol) were
126 extracted using petroleum ether and evaporated under nitrogen. Following acidification
127 with concentrated HCl, polar lipids (fatty acids) were similarly extracted, dried, and
128 dissolved in 5 ml scintillation cocktail for DPM measurement.

129 **Oxygen consumption rate (OCR)**

130 HL-7702 cells were plated in Seahorse XF96 microplates (Agilent Technologies, USA)
131 at 5×10^4 cells/well and treated with OA (200 mM) and PA (100 mM). Prior to OCR
132 assessment, cells were incubated for 1 hour at 37 °C in a CO₂-free incubator using XF

133 base minimal DMEM supplemented with 10 mM glucose, 0.5 mM L-carnitine, and 1
134 mM L-glutamine. OCR was monitored using the Seahorse XFe96 extracellular flux
135 assay kit under calibrant conditions. Sequential injections of 2 μ M etomoxir, 2.5 μ M
136 oligomycin, 1 μ M FCCP, and 0.5 μ M rotenone/antimycin A were performed during the
137 assay. Additionally, 30 μ l of BSA-control or BSA-palmitic acid (BSA-PA) was
138 introduced into each well before measurement. Data were acquired on a Seahorse
139 XFe96 Analyzer and analyzed with Wave 2.6.1 software.

140 **FFA uptake**

141 The uptake of free fatty acids (FFA) was quantified utilizing a fluorometric assay kit
142 (Abcam, ab176768). HL-7702 cells were seeded at 1×10^5 cells per well, resuspended
143 in PBS, and maintained at 37 °C in a CO₂ incubator for 30 minutes. Subsequently, a
144 fluorescent FFA probe was added. Following an additional incubation period of 1 hour,
145 fluorescence intensity was detected in bottom-read mode with excitation/emission set
146 at 485/515 nm (or FITC channel) on a microplate reader.

147 **Cholesterol efflux test**

148 RAW264.7 cells were inoculated at a density of about 1×10^6 cells/well in a 6-well plate.
149 The next day, the medium was removed and treated for 24 hours with drugs or other
150 means. Then, 1.5 μ M 22-NBD cholesterol was added to a medium containing 2.5%
151 FBS for 1 h. The cells were washed twice with Puck buffer and placed in a serum-free
152 medium. Efflux was initiated by adding HDL (10 μ g/ml). Following 4 hours of
153 incubation, cells were harvested and resuspended in FACS buffer. Fluorescence (FL-1)
154 was quantified via flow cytometry, and data were analyzed using Cell Quest Pro

155 software. HDL-dependent cholesterol efflux was calculated as: (fluorescence without
156 HDL – fluorescence with HDL) / fluorescence without HDL × 100%.

157 **Reporter gene assay**

158 Promoter-reporter constructs (SREBP-1c-Luc, SREBP-1c mtLXRE-Luc, ABCA1-Luc,
159 and ABCA1 mtLXRE-Luc) were generated by PCR-based cloning, with primer
160 sequences provided in Table 1. HL-7702 cells were seeded in 96-well plates, transfected
161 with the corresponding luciferase reporter plasmids, and treated as indicated. After
162 treatment, cells were lysed using reporter gene lysis buffer (Beyotime, RG0036) for 30
163 minutes at room temperature. Lysates from each well were transferred to a white 96-
164 well plate. Protected from light, luciferase substrate (Vazyme, DL101-01) was added,
165 and luminescence was immediately measured using a BMG POLARstar Omega
166 microplate reader. Luminescence values were normalized to the protein concentration
167 of each sample.

168 **Table 1. List of primers used for cloning.**

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170 Cloning Oligo Name	171 Sequence (5'→3')^A
172 SREBF1c (-550/+42) For	CGGGGTACCCCCCCCCTCCTGAAACAA
173 SREBF1c (-550/+42) Rev	CCGCTCGAGCCTAGGGCGTGCAGACGC
174 SREBF1c (mt LXRE a) For	ACGACAG <u>AGTCCGCCAGAAT</u> CCCCAGC
175 SREBF1c (mt LXRE a) Rev	GCTGGGG <u>AT</u> CTGGCG <u>ACT</u> CTGTCGT
176 SREBF1c (mt LXRE b) For	AAGGC <u>GGAA</u> GTCCGCTAG <u>AAAT</u> CCCCGGC
177 SREBF1c (mt LXRE b) Rev	GCCGGGG <u>ATT</u> CTAG <u>CGGACT</u> CCGCCTT
178 ABCA1 (-928/+101) For	CGGGGTACCTAAC <u>TTGGAGGT</u> CTGGAG
179 ABCA1 (-928/+101) Rev	CCGCTCGAGG <u>CTCTGGTGC</u> CGCG
180 ABCA1 (mt LXRE) For	AGG <u>CTTGTGTGATAGTA</u> ACT <u>GCTGC</u> GCT
181 ABCA1 (mt LXRE) Rev	AGCGCAG <u>CA</u> GT <u>TA</u> CTATCACACAAAGCCT

183 ^A Mutated nucleotides are underlined.

184 **Structure prediction**

185 The amino acid sequences for human GCN5 and LXR α were retrieved from the UniProt,
186 with the respective Protein IDs: GCN5 (Q92830,
187 <https://www.uniprot.org/uniprotkb/Q92830/entry>), LXR α (Q13133,
188 <https://www.uniprot.org/uniprotkb/Q13133/entry>). 3D complex structures of GCN5
189 and LXR α were predicted using AlphaFold3 (<https://wwwalphafoldserver.com>).
190 Resulting models were visualized and analyzed with PyMOL.

191 **qRT-PCR**

192 Total RNAs were extracted by RNA-easy isolated reagents. cDNA was reverse
193 transcribed with the HiScript Reverse Transcriptase kit. qRT-PCR was carried out on a
194 LightCycler 96 system (Roche) with SYBR Green Master Mix. The relative expression
195 of genes was calculated by $\Delta\Delta CT$ method. Primer sequences are provided in Table 2.

196 **Table 2. Primers for RT-qPCR**

Gene	Forward	Reverse
<i>Mus musculus</i>		
<i>Kat2a</i>	AATTCTCCCCTGGGAGTCAGG	ATGGAAGGACTGAAGCTGGGTAC
<i>Kat2b</i>	CCGTGTCATTGGTGGTATCTGTT	AGGAAGTTGAGGATCTCGTGCTT
β -actin	GGCTGTATTCCCCTCCATCG	CCAGTTGTAACAATGCCATG
<i>Srebf1</i>	GGAGCCATGGATTGCACATT	GGCCCGGGAAAGTCAGTGT
β -actin	GGCTGTATTCCCCTCCATCG	CCAGTTGTAACAATGCCATG
<i>Acc</i>	GCCCCATATGATCCTCGGTG	ATTCCCCCTAACCTGGCTCT
<i>Fasn</i>	CTGACTCGGCTACTGACACG	AATGGGGTGCACAAGGAACA
<i>Scd1</i>	GGGTGCCGTGGCGA	GGAACTCAGAAGCCAAAGC
<i>Scd2</i>	GCATTGGGAGCCTGTACG	AGCCGTGCCTTGTATGTTCTG
<i>Fads2</i>	GGCCACTAAAGGGTGCCTC	GGCTCTTATGTCCGGGTCC
<i>Acly</i>	CAGCCAAGGCAATTTCAGAGC	CTCGACGTTGATTAACGGTCT
<i>Srebf2</i>	GCGTTCTGGAGACCATGGA	ACAAAGTTGCTCTGAAAACAAATCA
<i>Pcsk9</i>	GAGACCCAGAGGCTACAGATT	AATGTACTCCACATGGGGCAA
<i>Fatp1</i>	CGCTTCTCGGTATCGTCTG	GATGCACGGATCGTGTCT
<i>Ldlr</i>	TGACTCAGACGAACAAGGCTG	ATCTAGGCAATCTCGGTCTCC
<i>Cd36</i>	ATGGGCTGTGATCGGAAGT	GTCTCCCAATAAGCATGTCTCC
<i>Apob</i>	AAGCACCTCCGAAAGTACGTG	CTCCAGCTCTACCTACAGTTGA
<i>Apoe</i>	CTGACAGGATGCCTAGCCG	CGCAGGTAATCCCAGAAGC
<i>Fatp4</i>	TGTGGTGCACAGCAGGTATT	AGTCATGCCGTGGAGTAAGC
<i>Plin2</i>	GACCTTGTGTCCTCCGCTTAT	CAACCGCAATTGTGGCTC

<i>Mtp</i>	CTCTTGGCAGTGCTTTCTCT	GAGCTTGTATAGCCGCTCATT
<i>Ppara</i>	AGAGCCCCATCTGTCCTCTC	ACTGGTAGTCTGCAAAACCAA
<i>Acsll</i>	TGCCAGAGCTGATTGACATT	GGCATACCAGAAGGTGGTGAG
<i>Acadm</i>	AGGGTTAGTTGAGTTGACGG	CCCCGCTTTGTCATATTCCG
<i>Cpt1a</i>	CTCCGCCTGAGCCATGAAG	CACCACTGATGATGCCATTCT
<i>Cpt1b</i>	GCACACCAGGCAGTAGCTTT	CAGGAGTTGATTCCAGACAGGTA
<i>Cpt1c</i>	TCTTCACTGAGTCCGATGGG	ACGCCAGAGATGCCTTTCC
<i>Gpat</i>	ACAGTTGGCACAATAGACGTT	CCTTCCATTTCAGTGTGCAGA
<i>Ucp2</i>	ATGGTTGGTTCAAGGCCACA	CGGTATCCAGAGGGAAAGTGAT
<i>Acox1</i>	TCCAGACTCCAACATGAGGA	CTGGGCGTAGGTGCCAATT
<i>Me</i>	GGACTTCTATGACCTGTACGGA	GCTGCGTGAATACTCGACCA
<i>Pdk4</i>	AGGGAGGTCGAGCTGTTCTC	GGAGTGTTCACTAAGCGGTCA
<i>Abca1</i>	CGTTTCCGGGAAGTGTCTA	GCTAGAGATGACAAGGAGGATGGA
<i>Abcg5</i>	TGGATCCAACACCTCTATGCTAAA	GGCAGGTTTCTCGATGAAC
<i>Abcg8</i>	ACGTATGTACGTGGGGTGT	GGGTTCATCCAGAATGAGGA
<i>Il6</i>	TAGTCCTTCCCTACCCCAATT	TTGGTCCTTAGCCACTCCTC
<i>Il1b</i>	CCGTGGACCTTCCAGGATGA	GGGAACGTCACACACCAGCA
<i>Cxcl1</i>	GCTGGGATTTCACCTCAAGAA	TTGGGGACACCTTTAGCAT
<i>Cxcl15</i>	GGCCAATTACTAACAGGTTCC	GTCTCCGAATTGAAAGGGA
<i>Cxcl10</i>	ATGACGGGCCAGTGAGAATG	ATGATCTCAACACGTGGCA
<i>Acta2</i>	GTCCCAGACATCAGGGAGTAA	TCGGATACTTCAGCGTCAGGA
<i>α-Sma</i>	CCCAGACATCAGGGAGTAATGG	TCTATCGGATACTTCAGCGTCA
<i>Collal</i>	TGCTAACGTGGTTCGTGACCGT	ACATCTTGAGGTGCGCGCATGT
<i>Ctgf</i>	TGACCCCTGCGACCCACA	TACACCGACCCACCGAAGACACAG
<i>Tgfb</i>	ATTGGAGCCTGGACACACA	GAGCGCACAATCATGTTGGA
<i>Col3a1</i>	ACGTAAGCACTGGTGGACAG	CCGGCTGGAAAGAAGTCTGA
<i>Homo sapiens</i>		
<i>SREBF1</i>	ACAGTGACTTCCCTGGCCTAT	GCATGGACGGGTACATCTCAA
<i>ACC</i>	ATGTCTGGCTTGCACCTAGTA	CCCCAAAGCGAGTAACAAATTCT
<i>FASN</i>	CCGAGACACTCGTGGGCTA	CTTCAGCAGGACATTGATGCC
<i>FADS2</i>	GACCACGGCAAGAACTCAAAG	GAGGGTAGGAATCCAGCCATT
<i>SCD1</i>	TCTAGCTCTATACCACCACCA	TCGTCTCCAACTTATCTCCTCC
<i>SCD2</i>	CTCTGCGAGTGAATTGGC	GATCATCGGCTTGGTTGC
<i>GAPDH</i>	GCACCGTCAAGGCTGAGAAC	TGGTGAAGACGCCAGTGGA
<i>KAT2A</i>	CAGGGCTTCACGGAGATTGT	CTTGGGCACCTTGATGTCTC
<i>KAT2B</i>	CTGGAGGCACCATCTAACGAA	ACAGTGAAGACCGAGCGAAGCA
<i>GAPDH</i>	GCACCGTCAAGGCTGAGAAC	TGGTGAAGACGCCAGTGGA
<i>ABCA1</i>	TGCTAACGTGGCAGACGGAG	GGGTACTTGCCAAAGGGTG
<i>ABCG5</i>	CTGAGGTTGCCCGATTG	ATTGGATTTGGACGATA
<i>ABCG8</i>	TTTCCAACGACTTCCGAGAC	GCCTCAGCGATTCTTGATTAT

197 **Knockout of *KAT2A* by CRISPR-Cas9**

198 A CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing system was applied to establish the *KAT2A* KO cell.

199 Briefly, sgRNA sequence (5'-ATGGGGCAAACTCTCCAATC-3') was designed with

200 the Broad Institute CRISPRick tool

201 (<https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gppx/crispick/public>) and cloned into pUC-CBh-
202 gRNA vector named pUC-CBh-*KAT2A*-gRNA. HL-7702 cells were transfected with
203 the donor construct EF1A-GFP-T2A-Puro (conferring puromycin resistance) using
204 Lipofectamine 3000. After 48 hours, transfected cells were selected with puromycin (2
205 µg/ml) for 72 h. Single colonies were isolated, and *KAT2A* knockout was confirmed by
206 western blot.

207 **Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) and ChIP-seq analysis**

208 The ChIP assay was carried out using the Simple ChIP® Plus Sonication Chromatin IP
209 Kit (Cell Signaling Technology, 56383S). Following treatment, cells were cross-linked
210 with 1% formaldehyde for 10 min at room temperature and quenched with 0.125 M
211 glycine for 5 min. For liver tissues, approximately 100 mg was minced into 1 mm³
212 pieces and incubated in PBS containing protease inhibitors before fixation. Cells were
213 washed twice with cold PBS, collected in PBS with protease inhibitors, and centrifuged
214 at 1000 g for 5 min at 4 °C. The pellet was resuspended in Cell Lysis Buffer and lysed
215 on ice for 10 min twice. Nuclei were lysed with Nuclear Lysis Buffer, and chromatin
216 was sheared using a Branson SFX250 Sonifier (50% amplitude, 6 min cycle, 1 s on/off).
217 After centrifugation at 21,000 g for 10 min at 4 °C, the supernatant was collected. Each
218 10 µg of chromatin was immunoprecipitated with 2 µg of specific antibody or control
219 IgG overnight at 4 °C, followed by incubation with Protein G beads for 2 h at 4 °C.
220 Beads were washed, and chromatin was eluted and reverse cross-linked. DNA was
221 purified and quantified by qPCR. Primer sequences are listed in Table 3.

222 **Table 3. Primers for ChIP-qPCR**

Gene	Forward	Reverse
<i>Homo sapiens</i>		
SREBF1c (LXRE)	GAGAACCCGACACGAGGC	TTGCGAGGTTACTCACGGTC
ABCA1 (LXRE)	ATCCCTACCCTTGAGCCT	CGAGGTCACTCACTGGCTT
SREBF1c (Non-LXRE)	TGTGACTGGCTACCGTAGA	CTGTCCATAGATGGCCCTGG
ABCA1 (Non-LXRE)	TGTCATTGGTCCCTGGGTG	CGGGGACCTTACCTGGAAAC
Mus musculus		
SREBF1c (LXRE)	AGGCTCTTCGGGGATGG	TGGGTTACTGGCGGTAC
ABCA1 (LXRE)	GGGGAAAGAGGGAGAGAACAG	GAATTACTGGTTTGCCGC
SREBF1c (Non-LXRE)	TTTGTCAATTGGCTGTGGTCTTC	CGGCATGGTCCTGATTGC
ABCA1 (Non-LXRE)	GGCAGTGCCTTGTAGCCTATG	GGTCCACACCAGAGTTTCACA

223 ChIP-seq data were obtained from the GEO database (GCN5 ChIP-seq: GSM1003804
 224 and GSE94229; H3K9ac ChIP-seq: GSM1000141 and GSM918712). Raw sequencing
 225 reads were trimmed to remove adapter sequences and low-quality fragments using
 226 Skewer (v0.2.2). Quality control was performed with FastQC (v0.11.5). Cleaned reads
 227 were aligned with the mm9 mouse genome by Bowtie2 (version 2.5.2). Peak calling for
 228 tissues was performed using MACS2 (version 2.1.1) to obtain protein and DNA
 229 interaction binding sites. ChIP-seq peaks were visualized with IGV (version 2.17.2).
 230 Heatmaps were created using R 3.6.1 and the pheatmap package (1.0.12).

231 **RNA-seq analysis**

232 *KAT2A* knockout and wild-type HL-7702 cells were separately seeded into 6-well
 233 plates and treated with PAOA for 24 h, and livers of *Kat2a*^{HKO} mice and *Kat2a*^{flf} mice
 234 which fed with 10 weeks HFD diet, then total RNA was extracted using RNA-easy
 235 isolated reagent. RNA quantification was detected using NanoPhotometer (Thermo
 236 Fisher), followed by examination of RNA integrity and concentration with Agilent 2100
 237 RNA Nano 6000 Assay Kit (Agilent Technologies). mRNA was enriched with Oligo
 238 d(T) Magnetic Beads, fragmented, and converted into double-stranded cDNA. The
 239 cDNA underwent end repair, adenylation, adapter ligation, and size selection (~350 bp).

240 After PCR amplification, the resulting library was quantified with Qubit 3.0 (Thermo
241 Fisher) and quality-checked using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies).
242 Sequencing was performed on an MGI DNBSEQ-T7 platform. Raw reads were
243 processed with Fqtools Plus to remove adapters and low-quality sequences. Clean reads
244 were aligned to the hg38 reference genome using HISAT2 (v2.2.1). Differential gene
245 expression analysis was conducted with DESeq2 (v23.1.0) under thresholds of $|\log_2\text{FC}|$
246 ≥ 1 and $p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$. Gene Ontology enrichment was performed using cluster Profiler
247 (v3.5.1; $p\text{-value} < 0.05$). Visualization was carried out with GraphPad Prism (v8),
248 including heatmaps and volcano plots.

249 **Metabolomics**

250 **Sample extraction.**

251 Liver tissues from *Kat2a*^{HKO} mice and *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} mice were snap-frozen, pulverized, and
252 aliquoted. Metabolites were extracted using a two-phase system. Powdered tissue was
253 homogenized in 50% methanol and acetonitrile. Phase separation was induced by
254 adding methylene chloride and water, followed by vortexing and centrifugation (4°C,
255 20 min). The lower organic phase was collected and dried under N₂ for LC-MS analysis
256 of fatty acids. The upper aqueous phase was processed for two analyses: one aliquot
257 was dried, reconstituted in water, and analyzed by LC-MS for CoA species; the
258 remainder was dried, derivatized, and subjected to GC-MS for polar metabolites
259 (DHAP, Glycerol, Glycerol-3P, and Citric acid).

260 **Free and esterified fatty acids analysis by LC-MS**

261 The dried organic phase was reconstituted in a methanolic KOH solution containing an

262 internal standard (rD27-myristic acid) for saponification. After vortexing, sonication,
263 and incubation, methylene chloride was added, and the mixture was recentrifuged. The
264 aqueous layer was acidified, and free fatty acids were extracted with hexane. The
265 organic layer was dried, reconstituted in methyl acetate, and derivatized with
266 tetramethylammonium hydroxide to generate fatty acid methyl esters (FAMEs).
267 Chromatographic separation was carried out using an Acquity UPLC BEH C18 column
268 (2.1 × 100 mm, 1.7 μ m) maintained at 55°C with a flow rate of 0.3 ml/min. Mobile
269 phase A consisted of water-acetonitrile (40:60, v/v) and mobile phase B was
270 isopropanol-acetonitrile (90:10, v/v), both containing 5 mM ammonium formate and
271 0.1% formic acid. A 35-min gradient was used. Mass spectrometry was conducted on a
272 SCIEX X500B QTOF instrument using both positive and negative ESI modes. Data
273 were acquired in data-independent mode over m/z 100–1250. Quality control samples
274 were analyzed throughout the sequence to ensure instrument stability. Signal intensities
275 were normalized to protein concentration, and data were processed using SCIEX OS
276 software (v. 3.0).

277 **Acyl-CoA analysis by LC-MS/MS**

278 Acyl-CoA species were quantified using HILIC-MS/MS with an Agilent 6470 QQQ
279 mass spectrometer. Chromatographic separation was achieved on a Waters XBridge
280 BEH Amide column (2.1 × 150 mm, 2.5 μ m) maintained at 40 °C. The mobile phase
281 comprised (A) 10 mM ammonium acetate (pH 9.0) and (B) acetonitrile. The gradient
282 elution program was set as follows: 90% to 60% B over 10 min at a flow rate of 0.2
283 ml/min, followed by a 7-min re-equilibration period. The injection volume ranged from

284 2 to 5 μ L. MS detection used positive ESI mode with MRM acquisition. Source
285 conditions were set as follows: gas temperature 300 °C, gas flow 5 L/min, nebulizer
286 pressure 45 psi, and capillary voltage 3500 V. Quantitation was achieved using a stable
287 isotope-labeled internal standard. Quality control samples were regularly interspersed
288 throughout the analytical sequence. Data were processed with MassHunter Quant
289 software.

290 **Polar metabolites analysis by GC-MS.**

291 Following acyl-CoA analysis, samples underwent vacuum centrifugation to complete
292 dryness. Derivatization was initiated by reconstituting residues in methoxylamine
293 hydrochloride solution (10 mg/ml) with a 30-minute incubation at room temperature.
294 Subsequently, N-methyl-N-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl) trifluoroacetamide (MTBSTFA)
295 was added and samples were heated at 70 ° C for 1 hour. Chromatographic separation
296 was achieved using an Agilent 5975C GC-MS system equipped with a DB-5MS + DG
297 capillary column (30 m \times 250 μ m \times 0.25 μ m). The injection port was maintained at
298 280 ° C and operated in splitless mode with 1 μ L injections. The temperature program
299 commenced at 60°C (1 min hold), followed by a 10 ° C/min ramp to 320 ° C, with a
300 final 10-minute hold. Helium carrier gas flow was optimized for metabolite separation.
301 The mass spectrometer interface and quadrupole were maintained at 285 ° C and 150 °
302 C, respectively, with electron impact ionization at 70 eV. Mass spectrometric detection
303 incorporated both full scan (50-700 m/z) and selected ion monitoring modes.
304 Quantification was based on characteristic M-57 fragment ions using Agilent
305 MassHunter Quantitation software, with metabolite identification verified against

306 authentic standards through retention time and mass spectral matching.

307 **Immunofluorescence**

308 After washing with precooled PBS, cells were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde and
309 permeabilized with 0.5% Triton X-100. They were then blocked with fetal bovine
310 serum. Following removal of the blocking solution, cells were incubated with
311 fluorescent-conjugated primary antibody overnight at 4 °C. The next day, cells were
312 washed with PBS containing 0.1% Tween 20 and PBS, then incubated with secondary
313 antibody for 1 hour. Nuclei were stained with DAPI, and images were acquired using a
314 laser scanning confocal microscope (Olympus FV3000).

315 **Co-immunoprecipitation**

316 For co-IP analysis, cells were lysed in 500 µl of lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.4, 1
317 mM EDTA, 0.2% Triton X-100, protease inhibitor) on ice for 30 min. After
318 centrifugation, 50 µl of the supernatant was kept as input for the western blot. The rest
319 lysate was incubated with the corresponding antibody at 4 °C overnight, followed by
320 incubation with protein A/G agarose beads (Santa Cruz Biotech., sc-2003) for 3 h. Then,
321 the beads/protein complex was washed 5 times with cold lysis buffer and boiled with
322 40 µl of SDS loading buffer, and analyzed by western blot.

323 **Human study and approval**

324 The MAFLD patients recruited from Changzhou No. 2 People's Hospital were
325 diagnosed by ultrasonography and serologic testing. Inclusion criteria were as follows:
326 1) age between 18 and 65 years; 2) clinical diagnosis of non-alcoholic fatty liver (NAFL)
327 or non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH); 3) provision of written informed consent.

328 Exclusion criteria included: 1) severe comorbidities affecting major organs (e.g., heart,
329 liver, or kidney); 2) history of malignant tumors; 3) pregnancy or lactation; 4)
330 psychiatric disorders. The liver tissue samples of patients were obtained
331 intraoperatively from bariatric surgery, and subjects with excessive alcohol intake or
332 other liver diseases (such as viral hepatitis and drug damage et al.) were excluded.
333 Adjacent non-cancer normal liver tissues were collected from liver cancer surgical
334 resection as normal control liver specimens, except those with metabolic abnormalities.
335 The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Changzhou No. 2 People's
336 Hospital and followed the ethical guideline Declaration of Helsinki. Written informed
337 consent was provided by each subject ([2023]KY124-01).

338 **Animal**

339 Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International
340 has accredited the animal experimental center. Animals received human care following
341 the National Institutes of Health's Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
342 All animal experiments and care were approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of
343 China Pharmaceutical University (2024-06-017). Male C57BL/6J wild-type mice,
344 ob/ob mice, and littermate controls (SPF grade, 6-7 weeks old, 20 to 22 g) were
345 obtained from GemPharmatech Co. Ltd (Nanjing, China). Animals were maintained on
346 a 12-h light-dark cycle at 22-24°C and had free access to water and Normal chow
347 (Jiangsu synergetic biology Co., Ltd, 1010039) unless otherwise stated.

348 **Diet-induced mouse MAFLD models**

349 High-fat diet-induced mouse MAFLD models were constructed by feeding mice an

350 HFD diet (60 kcal% fat, 20.6 kcal% carbohydrate, 19.4 kcal% protein) for 8, 16, or 32
351 weeks. FPC diet-induced mouse MAFLD models were constructed by feeding mice an
352 FPC diet (52 kcal% fat, 34.5 kcal% sucrose, and 1.25% cholesterol; Teklad, TD190142)
353 combined with 42 g/L sugar solution (55% glucose + 45% fructose) in drinking water
354 for 16 weeks. HFrD diet-induced mouse MAFLD models were constructed by feeding
355 mice an HFrD diet (10 kcal% fat and 60 kcal% fructose; Research Diets, Inc.
356 D02022704K) for 6 weeks. AMLN diet-induced mouse MAFLD models were
357 constructed by feeding mice an AMLN diet (40 kcal% fat, 20 kcal% fructose and 2%
358 cholesterol; Research Diets, D09100310) for 16 weeks.

359 **Diet-induced mouse MASH models**

360 A mouse MASH model was built by feeding mice an HFMRCD diet (60 kcal% fat with
361 low methionine and no Choline; Xietong Shengwu, XTMRCD-60) for 6 weeks.
362 Another mouse MASH model was built by feeding mice an FPC diet (52 kcal% fat,
363 34.5 kcal% sucrose, and 1.25% cholesterol; Teklad, TD190142) combined with 42 g/L
364 sugar solution (55% glucose + 45% fructose) in drinking water for 24 weeks.

365 **AAV8-mediated gene overexpression**

366 For AAV8 transduction, mice were fed 4-7 weeks of HFD and then injected with 2.5e11
367 VG of AAV-*LacZ*/AAV-*KAT2A* WT/AAV-*KAT2A* Mut or AAV-m-SREBP1c through
368 the tail vein. The thyroxine-binding globulin (TBG) promoter was adopted for
369 hepatocyte-specific expression.

370 **Generation of *Kat2a*^{HKO} mice**

371 Hepatocyte-specific *Kat2a* knockout (*Kat2a*^{HKO}) mice were established with the

372 CRISPR-Cas9 system and Cre-loxP-mediated recombination technology. *Kat2a*^{fl/fl}
373 mice and Albumin-Cre (Alb-Cre) mice were obtained from GemPharmatech Co. Ltd
374 (Nanjing, China). All the mice were C57BL/6 J background. *Kat2a*^{HKO} mice were
375 generated by crossing homozygous *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} mice with Alb-Cre mice. Exon 7-11 of
376 *Kat2a* in hepatocytes were depleted from *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} mice. PCR was applied for
377 genotyping using DNA extracted from mouse tails. The genotyping primers were as
378 follows:

379 *Kat2a*-F, 5'-AAGTGAAGCCATTACCTATCTCTGTGCC-3';

380 *Kat2a*-R, 5'-GCCAGGATAGAGACTGGAGACCCAA-3';

381 Cre-F, 5'-GGCAGTCTGGTACTTCCAAGCT-3';

382 Cre-R, 5'-TAGCTACCTATGCGATCCAAACAAC-3';

383 WT-F, 5'-CAGCAAAACCTGGCTGTGGATC-3';

384 WT-R, 5'-ATGAGCCACCATGTGGGTGTC-3'.

385 The primer pairs *Kat2a*-F and *Kat2a*-R were used to detect flox allele (wildtype allele
386 = 257 bp, flox allele = 359 bp). The primer pairs Cre-F and Cre-R were used to detect
387 the Alb-Cre allele (Alb-Cre allele = 340 bp; wildtype allele = None). The primer pairs
388 WT-F and WT-R were used to detect whether Alb-Cre mice were homozygous or
389 heterozygous (homozygote = None; heterozygote = 412 bp).

390 **Measurement of *de novo* lipogenesis by ¹³C fructose gavage**

391 To measure lipogenesis with ¹³C-fructose gavage, *Kat2a*^{HKO} and *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} mice were
392 fed an HFD diet for 11 days or FPC diet for 9 days. After a 10-hour fast, mice were
393 refed for 2 hours, and received oral gavage (2g/kg) with a 1:1 mixture of ¹²C D-glucose

394 and ^{13}C fructose. Mice were sacrificed, and livers were collected and snap-frozen in
395 liquid nitrogen in the following day. Lipids were extracted from 20 mg of liver tissue
396 through saponification and analyzed via LC-MS as previously described. Signal
397 intensities were obtained for each fatty acid isotopomer ($M+i$), where M denotes the
398 unlabeled parent ion and i represents the number of ^{13}C atoms incorporated (ranging
399 from 0 to n , n being the total carbon number of the fatty acid). The fractional enrichment
400 was calculated as follows: for each fatty acid, the intensity of each isotopomer was
401 multiplied by i , summed across all isotopomers, divided by n and the total ion count,
402 and multiplied by 100 to obtain percentage enrichment.

403 **Measurement of *de novo* lipogenesis by $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ injection**

404 To measure lipogenesis with ^{13}C -fructose gavage, $Kat2a^{\text{HKO}}$ and $Kat2a^{\text{fl/fl}}$ mice were
405 fed an HFD diet for 11 days or FPC diet for 9 days. Following the feeding period, mice
406 received an intraperitoneal injection (30 $\mu\text{L/g}$) of 99.9% $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Sigma-Aldrich, 151882)
407 in 0.9% NaCl. Five hours post-injection, the mice were euthanized, and livers were
408 collected and snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen. Lipids were extracted from 20 mg of
409 frozen liver tissue via saponification and analyzed by LC-MS as described. Ion counts
410 were acquired for each fatty acid isotopomer ($M+i$), where M represents the unlabeled
411 parent ion and i corresponds to the number of incorporated deuterium atoms (ranging
412 from 0 to n , n being the total number of hydrogen atoms in the fatty acid eligible for
413 labeling). Deuterium enrichment was calculated as follows: for each fatty acid, the
414 intensity of each isotopomer was multiplied by i , summed over all isotopomers, divided
415 by n and the total ion count, and multiplied by 100 to obtain percentage enrichment.

416 **CPTH2 treatment**

417 Male C57BL/6J wild-type mice (8 weeks old) were fed 4 weeks of HFD diet or 10
418 weeks of FPC diet. Then mice were treated with vehicle A (10% DMSO, 40% PEG3000,
419 5% Tween-80, 45% saline, v/v) or CPTH2 (20 mg/kg) in vehicle A by intragastric
420 gavage every day, along with HFD fed. After another 6 weeks, mice were euthanized
421 for analysis.

422 **CPTH2 and T0901317 treatment**

423 Male C57BL/6J wild-type mice (8 weeks old) were fed 6 weeks of HFD. Then mice
424 were treated with vehicle A/ T0901317 (0.5 mg/kg)/ CPTH2 (20 mg/kg) or T0901317
425 and CPTH2 in the vehicle by intragastric gavage every day, along with HFD fed. After
426 another 2 weeks, mice were euthanized for analysis.

427 **Histological analysis of liver**

428 Livers were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde at 4°C overnight, embedded in paraffin wax,
429 and sectioned into 5 μ m thickness slices. Liver sections were stained with hematoxylin
430 and eosin (H&E) staining to estimate morphology. Liver sections were stained by oil
431 red O and counterstained with hematoxylin to evaluate lipid accumulation. Liver
432 sections were stained by Sirius Red to assess liver fibrosis. The indicated antibodies
433 were applied for Immunohistochemistry (IHC) staining. The sections were observed
434 and captured using an upright fluorescence microscope (Olympus, BX53, Tokyo,
435 Japan). The lipid drops were quantified by ImageJ (Version 1.5a).

436 **Quantification and Statistical Analysis**

437 Data were analyzed using GraphPad Prism (Version 8). All data are represented as mean

438 \pm SEM. Statistical significance was analyzed by the student's t-test between the two
439 groups. When comparison between three or more groups, one-way ANOVA or two-way
440 ANOVA was used. The D'agostino-Pearson normal test was used to determine whether
441 the data conformed to normal distribution. A $p<0.05$ was considered as statistically
442 significant (* $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$, ns = not significant).

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445 **Figure S1. Hepatocyte GCN5 is induced by PAOA conditions via KLF15.**

446 (A-C) Simple linear regression analysis revealed a significant correlation between
447 hepatic GCN5 and PCAF expression levels with the levels of bile acid (A), glucose (B),
448 and insulin (C). (D-L) Hepatocytes were incubated with PA (200 μ M) and OA (400 μ M)
449 at indicated times (n=3). The protein levels of GCN5 and PACF were detected by
450 western blot in HL-7702 (D, E), HepG2 (G, H), and mouse primary hepatocytes (J, K).
451 The mRNA levels of *KAT2A* and *KAT2B* were detected by qRT-PCR in HL-7702 (F),
452 HepG2 (I), and mouse primary hepatocytes (L) (n=6). (M) Prediction of KAT2A-
453 promoter-binding TFs. (N) Relative luciferase activity of the luciferase reporter plasmid
454 containing KAT2A promoter in HL-7702 hepatocytes transfected with the plasmids
455 overexpressing the four predicted transcription factors and the control plasmid, and then
456 treated with PAOA for 24 h (n=6). (O) Relative mRNA levels of *KAT2A* in HL-7702
457 hepatocytes transfected with the indicated plasmids after treated with PAOA for 24 h
458 (n=6). (P) Relative enrichment of Flag-KLF15 on the indicated regions of KAT2A
459 promoter in HL-7702 hepatocytes detected by ChIP assay using anti-Flag or control
460 IgG antibody, combined with qPCR assay (n=6). (Q) Relative luciferase activity of
461 luciferase reporter plasmids containing wild-type KAT2A promoter (WT) or its mutant
462 (MUT) in HL-7702 hepatocytes transfected with the plasmids overexpressing KLF15
463 or the control plasmid and then treated with PAOA for 12 h (n=6). The upper sequences
464 show KLF15 binding motif (blue) and its mutant (red). Error bars are represented as
465 mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done with one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's post-test;
466 E, F, H, I, K, L, N, O and Q) and two-way ANOVA (Sidak's multiple comparisons test;

467 P). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs Control (E, F, H, I, K and L), Flag (N, O),
468 IgG (P), or WT/Flag (Q).

469 **Figure S2. Validation of hepatocyte-specific overexpression of GCN5 in MAFLD**
470 **mice.**

471 (A) The protein expression of GCN5 and PCAF in the heart, kidney, spleen, and lung
472 were detected by western blot (n=4). (B) The mRNA levels of *Kat2a* and *Kat2b* in the
473 liver were detected by qRT-PCR (n=6). (C) Food intake. (D) Body weight. (E)
474 Quantification analyses of drop lipids in the liver were performed by ImageJ (n=6). (F)
475 The protein expression of GCN5 and PCAF in the heart, kidney, spleen, and lung were
476 detected by western blotting validation (n=4). (G) The mRNA levels of *Kat2a* and
477 *Kat2b* in the liver were detected by qRT-PCR (n=3). (H) Food intake. (I) Body weight.
478 (J) Quantification analyses of drop lipids in the liver were performed by ImageJ (n=6).
479 (K-M) The overexpression of *KAT2A* WT and *KAT2A* MUT (E575Q) plasmids were
480 validated by western blot in HL-7702 (K), HepG2 (L), and mouse primary hepatocytes
481 (M) (n=3). Error bars are represented as mean ± SEM. Statistical analysis was done
482 with two-way ANOVA (Sidak's multiple comparisons test; B-E and G-J). *p < 0.05,
483 **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs AAV-*LacZ* (A-J), or Vehicle (K-M).

484 **Figure S3. Validation of hepatocyte-specific knockout of GCN5 in HFD diet.**

485 (A) Schematic depiction of the generation of *Kat2a* hepatocyte-specific knockout mice
486 (*Kat2a*^{HKO}) and the control mice (*Kat2a*^{fl/fl}). (B) Genotyping of the *Kat2a*^{HKO} and
487 *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} mice. (C) The protein expression of GCN5 and PCAF in the heart, kidney,
488 spleen, and lung were detected by western blot (n=4). (D-G) HFD diet. (D) The mRNA

489 levels of *Kat2a* and *Kat2b* in the liver were detected by qRT-PCR (n=6). (E) Food intake.
490 (F) Body weight. (G) Quantification analyses of drop lipids in the liver were performed
491 by ImageJ (n=6). Error bars are represented as mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was
492 done with student's *t*-test (G), and two-way ANOVA (Sidak's multiple comparisons test;
493 D-F). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs *Kat2a*^{f/f}.

494 **Figure S4. Liver-specific KO of GCN5 protects mice from HFrD diet-induced
495 MAFLD.**

496 (A) Schematic diagram of HFrD diet-induced MAFLD models in *Kat2a*^{HKO} and
497 *Kat2a*^{f/f} mice. (B) Successful depletion of GCN5 protein in the liver was verified by
498 western blot (n=3). (C) LW and LW/BW of *Kat2a*^{HKO} and *Kat2a*^{f/f} mice (n=6). (D)
499 Representative H&E and Oil Red O staining of the liver (n=6). (E) The levels of serum
500 TG, TC, HDL-c, and LDL-c (n=6). (F) The contents of liver TG and TC (n=6). (G) The
501 levels of serum AST and ALT (n=6). (H) The mRNA levels of *Kat2a* and *Kat2b* in the
502 liver were detected by qRT-PCR (n=6). (I) Food intake. (J) Body weight. (K)
503 Quantification analyses of drop lipids. Statistical analysis was done with student's *t*-test
504 (C-G and K), one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's post-test; H), and two-way ANOVA (Sidak's
505 multiple comparisons test; I and J). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs *Kat2a*^{f/f}.

506 **Figure S5. Liver-specific KO of GCN5 protects mice from AMLN diet-induced
507 MAFLD.**

508 (A) Schematic diagram of AMLN diet-induced MAFLD models in *Kat2a*^{HKO} and
509 *Kat2a*^{f/f} mice. (B) Successful depletion of GCN5 protein in the liver was verified by
510 western blot (n=3). (C) LW and LW/BW of *Kat2a*^{HKO} and *Kat2a*^{f/f} mice (n=6). (D)

511 Representative H&E and Oil Red O staining of the liver (n=6). (E) The levels of serum
512 TG, TC, HDL-c, and LDL-c (n=6). (F) The contents of liver TG and TC (n=6). (G) The
513 levels of serum AST and ALT (n=6). (H) The mRNA levels of *Kat2a* and *Kat2b* in the
514 liver were detected by qRT-PCR (n=6). (I) Food intake. (J) Body weight. (K)
515 Quantification analyses of drop lipids. Statistical analysis was done with student's t-test
516 (C-G and K), one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's post-test; H), and two-way ANOVA (Sidak's
517 multiple comparisons test; I and J). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs *Kat2a*^{f/f}.

518 **Figure S6. Validation of hepatocyte-specific knockout of GCN5 in FPC diet and**
519 **HFMRC diet.**

520 (A-G) FPC diet. (A) The mRNA levels of *Kat2a* and *Kat2b* in the liver were detected
521 by qRT-PCR (n=6). (B) Food intake. (C) Body weight. (D-G) Quantification analyses
522 of drop lipids of 16w (D) and 24w (E), Sirius Red (F), and F4/80 (G) of the liver were
523 performed by ImageJ (n=6). (H-N) HFMRC diet. (H) The mRNA levels of *Kat2a* and
524 *Kat2b* in the liver were detected by qRT-PCR (n=6). (I) Food intake. (J) Body weight.
525 (K-M) Quantification analyses of drop lipids (K), Sirius Red (L), and F4/80 (M) of the
526 liver were performed by ImageJ (n=6). (N) The indicated protein levels in liver tissue
527 were detected by western blot (n=3). Error bars are represented as mean \pm SEM.
528 Statistical analysis was done with student's t-test (D-G and K-M), and two-way
529 ANOVA (Sidak's multiple comparisons test; A-C and H-J). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p
530 < 0.001 vs *Kat2a*^{f/f}.

531 **Figure S7. Hepatocyte GCN5 knockout reduces PAOA-induced lipid**
532 **accumulation in vivo.**

533 (A-F) *KAT2A* KO hepatocytes were transfected with *KAT2A* WT and *KAT2A* MUT
534 (E575Q) plasmids for 12 h, then the cells were incubated with PA (200 μ M) and OA
535 (400 μ M) for 24 h. (A-B) The replenishment of *KAT2A* KO cells with *KAT2A* WT and
536 *KAT2A* MUT plasmids was validated by western blot (A) and qRT-PCR (B) (n=3).
537 (C) The cellular TG and TC levels were detected (n=3). (D-E) The lipids were stained
538 with Bodipy (D) and Nile red (E) (n=6). (F) Quantification analyses of intracellular
539 neutral lipids by ImageJ (n=6). Statistical analysis was done with one-way ANOVA
540 (Dunnett's post-test; B, C and F). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs BSA-
541 WT+Vector.

542 **Figure S8. Validation of CPTH2.**

543 (A) The mean plasma concentration-time curve of CPTH2. (B) The mean tissue
544 distributions of CPTH2 in liver, heart, spleen, lung, kidney, muscle, WAT, BAT and
545 brain. (C) The protein expression of GCN5 and PCAF in the heart, kidney, spleen, and
546 lung were detected by western blotting validation (n=4). (D-F) HFD diet. (D) Food
547 intake. (E) Body weight. (F) Quantification analyses of drop lipids in the liver were
548 performed by ImageJ (n=5). (G-I) FPC diet. (G) Body weight. (H) Food intake. (I)
549 Quantification analyses of drop lipids in the liver were performed by ImageJ (n=8).
550 Statistical analysis was done with student's t-test (F, I), and two-way ANOVA (Sidak's
551 multiple comparisons test; D, E, G, H). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs Vehicle.

552 **Figure S9. CPTH2 reduces PAOA-induced lipid accumulation in vivo.**

553 (A-C) HL-7702, HepG2, and mouse primary hepatocytes were treated with increasing
554 concentrations of CPTH2 for 24 h, and cell viability was assessed by MTT (n=6). (D-

555 L) HL-7702, HepG2 and mouse primary hepatocytes were incubated PA (200 μ M) and
556 OA (400 μ M) with CPTH2 (25 or 50 μ M) for 24 h, then stained with Nile Red and
557 Bodipy (D, G, and J). Quantification of the cellular lipids was analyzed by ImageJ (E,
558 H and K) (n=6). The cellular TG and TC levels (F, I and L) (n=3). Error bars are
559 represented as mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done with one-way ANOVA
560 (Dunnett's post-test; A-L). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs Vehicle (A-C), or
561 PAOA (D-L).

562 **Figure S10. Effect of CPTH2 on hepatic lipid metabolism.**

563 (A) Schematic illustration of intermediate metabolites and genes involved in
564 glycolysis/gluconeogenesis, FA synthesis, glyceroneogenesis, and triacylglyceride
565 synthesis. (B-D) RNA sequencing was performed on *KAT2A* KO HL-7702 cells and
566 HL-7702 cells treated with PAOA (n=3). (B) Volcano plot representation of
567 significantly up-and down-regulated genes. (C) Gene Ontology analysis. (D) Gene Set
568 Enrichment Analysis plot of enrichment. (E) Body weight in Figure 5P. (F) Body weight
569 in Figure 5R. (G) The *de novo* lipogenesis was measured in the HL-7702 cells (n=5).
570 (H) Oxygen consumption rate (OCR) was measured in the HL-7702 cells (n=5). (I)
571 Fatty acid uptake was measured in the HL-7702 cells (n=5). Error bars are represented
572 as mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done with a student's *t*-test. *p < 0.05, **p <
573 0.01, ***p < 0.001 vs *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} or *KAT2A* WT.

574 **Figure S11. Overexpression of GCN5 promotes hepatic DNL by increasing
575 SREBP1 level.**

576 (A-C) HL-7702 cells were transfected with the indicated plasmids for 12 h, and cultured

577 in medium B for 24 h (n=3). (A) The luciferase activity of indicated genes was
578 measured. (B) The indicated protein levels were detected by western blot. (C) The
579 indicated gene expression was detected by qRT-PCR. (D-F) *KAT2A* KO HL-7702 cells
580 were cultured in medium B for 24 h (n=3). (D) The luciferase activity of indicated genes
581 was measured. (E) The indicated protein levels were detected by western blot. (F) The
582 indicated gene expression was detected by qRT-PCR. (G-I) HL-7702 cells were treated
583 with CPTH2 (50 μ M) in medium B for 24 h (n=3). (G) The luciferase activity of
584 indicated genes was measured (n=3). (H) The indicated protein levels were detected by
585 western blot. (I) The indicated gene expression was detected by qRT-PCR. (J-L) *KAT2A*
586 KO HL-7702 cells were transfected with *KAT2A* WT and *KAT2A* MUT (E575Q)
587 plasmids for 12 h, treated with CPTH2 (50 μ M) in medium B for 24 h (n=3). (J) The
588 luciferase activity of indicated genes was measured. (K) The indicated protein levels
589 were detected by western blot. (L) The indicated gene expression was detected by qRT-
590 PCR. (M) *KAT2A* KO HL-7702 cells were transfected with mSREBP1c plasmids for
591 12 h and incubated with PAOA for 24 h. The indicated gene expression was detected
592 by qRT-PCR (n=3). (M) Simple linear regression analysis revealed a significant
593 correlation of hepatic GCN5 expression levels with SREBP1 expression levels in
594 MAFLD patients. Error bars are represented as mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was
595 done using the student's *t*-test (D-L) and one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's post-test; A and
596 C). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

597 **Figure S12. Loss of GCN5 reduces PAOA-induced lipid accumulation by**
598 **SREBP1c pathway in vivo.**

599 (A-E) *KAT2A* KO HL-7702 cells were transfected with pSREBP1c or mSREBP1c
600 plasmids for 12 h and incubated with PAOA for 24 h. (A) the indicated protein levels
601 were detected by western blot (n=3). (B) The cellular lipids were stained with Nile Red
602 and Bodipy. (C) Quantification of the cellular lipids was analyzed by ImageJ (n=6). (D)
603 The indicated gene expression was detected by q-PCR (n=3). (E) The cellular TG and
604 TC levels (n=3). (F-M) HepG2 and primary hepatocyte cells were transfected with
605 pSREBP1c or mSREBP1c plasmids for 12 h, then treated with CPTH2 (50 μ M) and
606 PAOA in medium B for 24 h. (F) The indicated protein levels were detected by western
607 blot (n=3). (G) The indicated gene expression was detected by q-PCR (n=3). (H-I) The
608 cellular TG and TC levels of HepG2 (H) and primary hepatocytes (I) (n=3). (J-M) The
609 HepG2 (J) and primary hepatocytes (K) cellular lipids were stained with Nile red and
610 Bodipy. Quantification of the cellular lipids was analyzed by ImageJ of HepG2 (L) and
611 primary hepatocytes (M) (n=6). Statistical analysis was done using one-way ANOVA.
612 *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

613 **Figure S13.** Body weight and food intake in *Kat2a*^{HKO} and *Kat2a*^{fl/fl} mice with
614 overexpressing mSREBP1c
615 (A-B) HFD diet. (A) Body weight. (B) Food intake. (C-D) FPC diet. (C) Body weight.
616 (D) Food intake. Statistical analysis was done using two-way ANOVA (Sidak's multiple
617 comparisons test). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

618 **Figure S14. The expression of H3K9ac and H3K14ac in MAFLD and their
619 relevance to GCN5.**

620 (A) HL-7702 cells were transfected with Myc-*tag* GCN5 and Flag-*tag*-SREBP1c

621 plasmids for 12 h, and treated with CPTH2 for 24 h. The acetylation level of SREBP1c
622 and the interaction of GCN5 and SREBP1c were detected by IP (n=3). (B-C) HL-7702
623 cells were incubated with 100 μ M cycloheximide for 1 h, afterwards, the cells were
624 supplemented with 50 μ M cycloheximide plus vehicle, or CPTH2 for the indicated time.
625 The protein levels of SREBP1 were detected by WB (B), quantification of SREBP1
626 protein levels (C) (n=3). (D-E) Simple linear regression analysis revealed a significant
627 correlation between hepatic GCN5 expression levels with the levels of H3K9ac (D),
628 and H3K14ac (E) in MAFLD patients. (F-K) The protein levels of H3K9ac and
629 H3K14ac in the fatty liver of HFD-induced mice (F), ob/ob mice (G), PAOA-induced
630 HL-7702 (H), KAT2A KO HL-7702 cells (I), HL-7702 cells treated with CPTH2 (J),
631 and HL-7702 cells transfected with KAT2A WT (K) (n=3). Error bars are represented
632 as mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done with two-way ANOVA (Dunnett's post-
633 test). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

634 **Figure S15. GCN5 does not influence ABCA1 expression in a ligand-dependent
635 manner via LXRE.**

636 (A) Schematic diagram of primer locations used for the ChIP assay across the *ABCA1*
637 genomic structure. (B-C) HL-7702 cells were transfected with LXRx/RXR α /GCN5,
638 and a luciferase reporter plasmid under the control of *ABCA1* WT promoter (B), *ABCA1*
639 Mutant promoter (C), incubated with T0901317 and GW3965 (n=3). (D) AlphaFold 3
640 predicted structure of GCN5 (yellow) interact with LXRx (green). Hydrogen bonds are
641 shown as red dashed lines. (E-F) HL-7702 cells were transfected with siRNAs for 48 h.
642 The cells were incubated with T0901317 and GW3965 for 24 h. ChIP assays were

643 performed with anti-GCN5 (E) or anti-H3K9ac (F) antibodies. Recruitment of GCN5
644 and H3K9ac to the LXREs of the *ABCA1* genes was determined by qRT-PCR (n=3).
645 (G) The mRNA expression of *LXR α* was detected by qRT-PCR (n=3). (H-I) *KAT2A* KO
646 HL-7702 cells were treated with T0901317 and GW3965 for 24 h. ChIP assays were
647 performed with anti-LXR α (H) or anti-H3K9ac (I) antibodies. Recruitment of LXR α
648 and H3K9ac to the LXREs of the *ABCA1* genes was determined by qRT-PCR (n = 3).
649 Error bars are represented as mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done with student's
650 *t*-test (G) and one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's post-test; B-F and H-I.). *p < 0.05, **p <
651 ***p < 0.001.

652 **Figure S16. CPTH2 does not influence T0901317-induced RCT.**

653 (A-B) The primary hepatocyte cells were incubated PAOA with indicated compounds
654 (T0901317, GW3965, or CPTH2) for 24 h. (A) The treated cells were stained with Nile
655 Red and Bodipy. (B) Quantification of the cellular lipids was analyzed by ImageJ (n=6).
656 (C) Quantification of the HL-7702 cellular lipids was analyzed by ImageJ (n=6). (D)
657 Food intake. (E) Body weight. (F) Graphical abstract. Error bars are represented as
658 mean \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done with student's t-test (B), one-way ANOVA
659 (Dunnett's post-test; A), and two-way ANOVA (Sidak's multiple comparisons test; D
660 and E). *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

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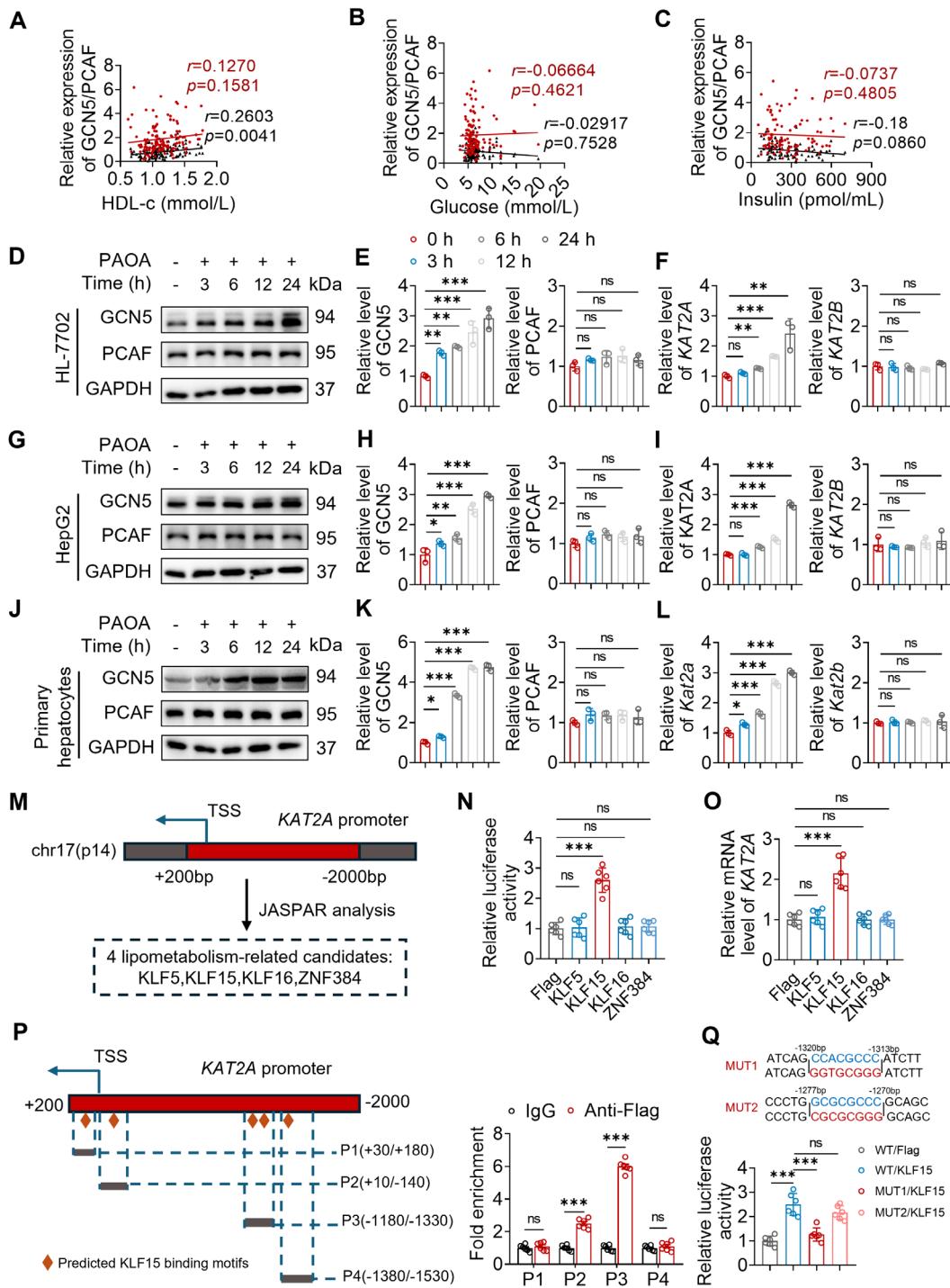
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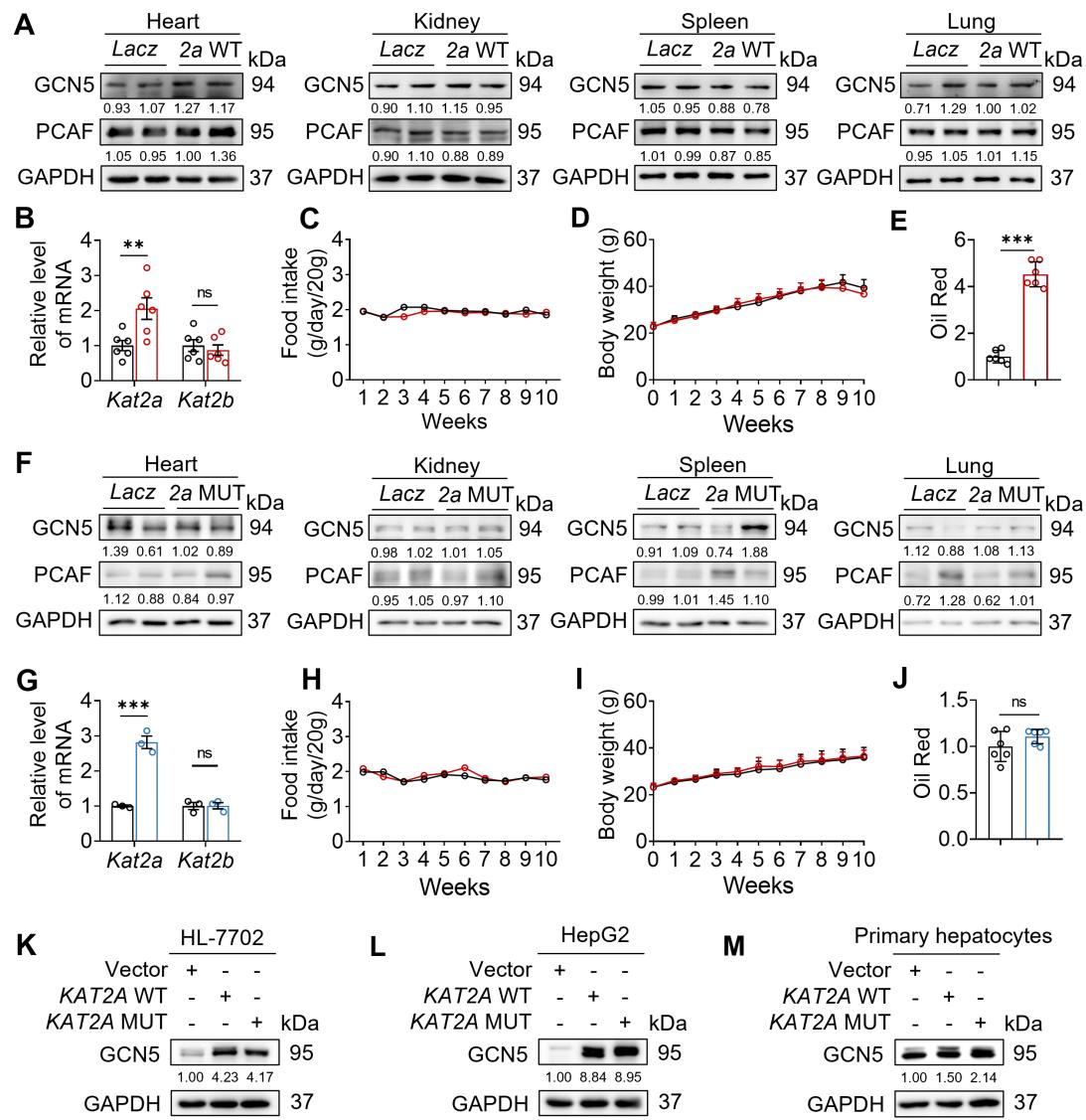
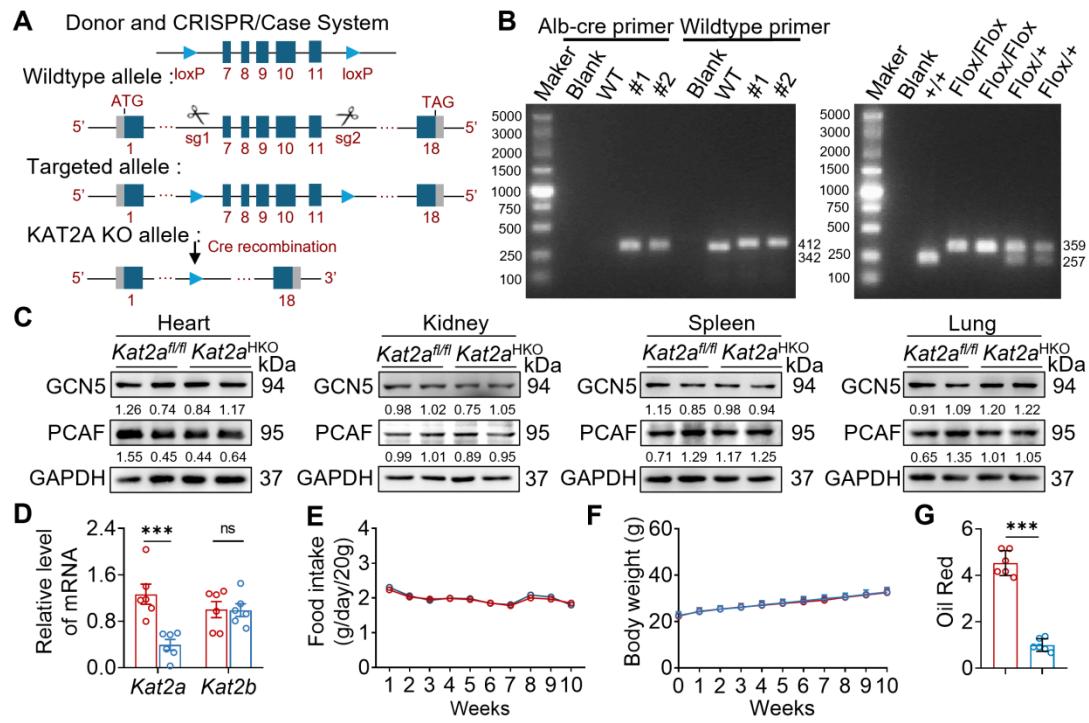
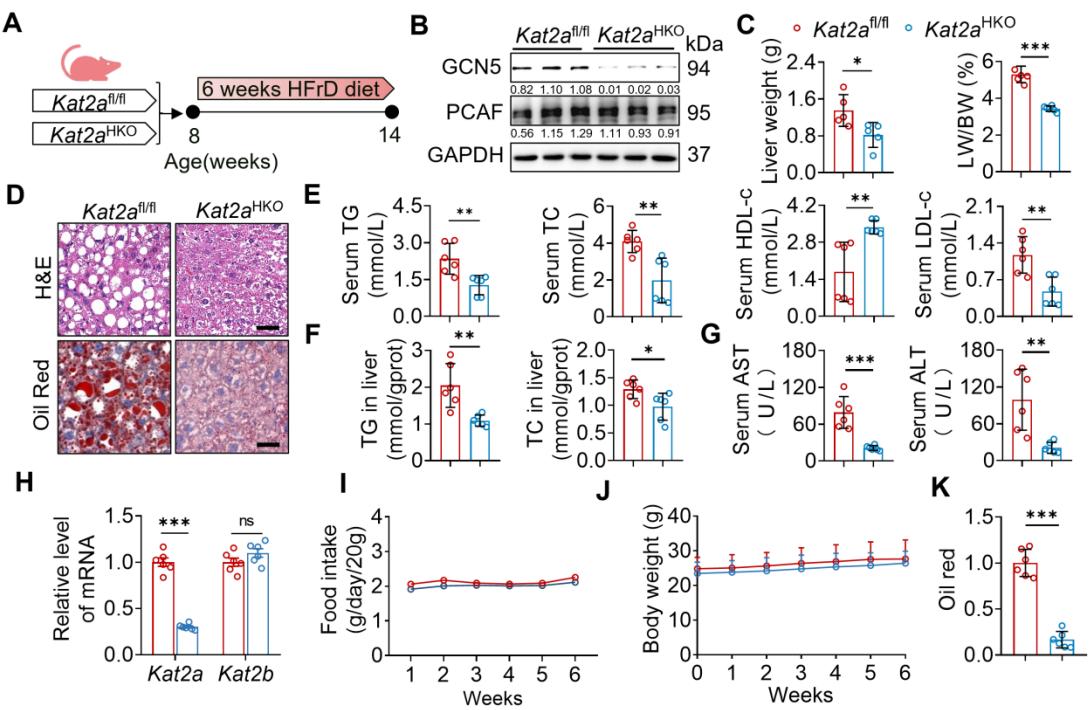
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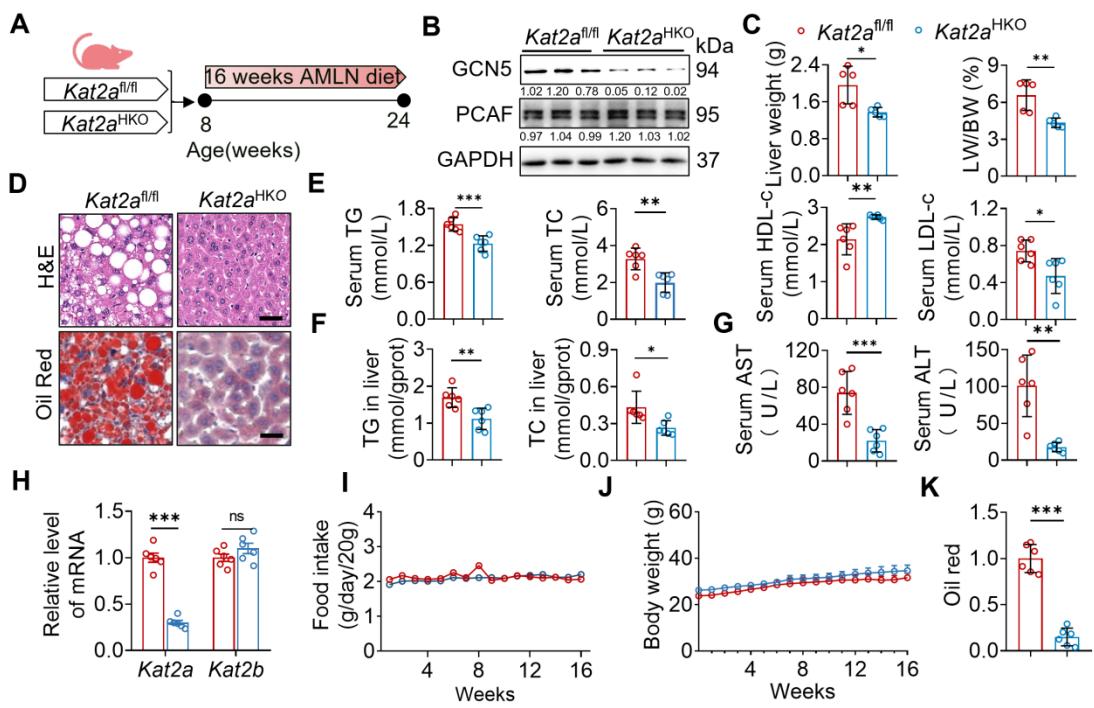
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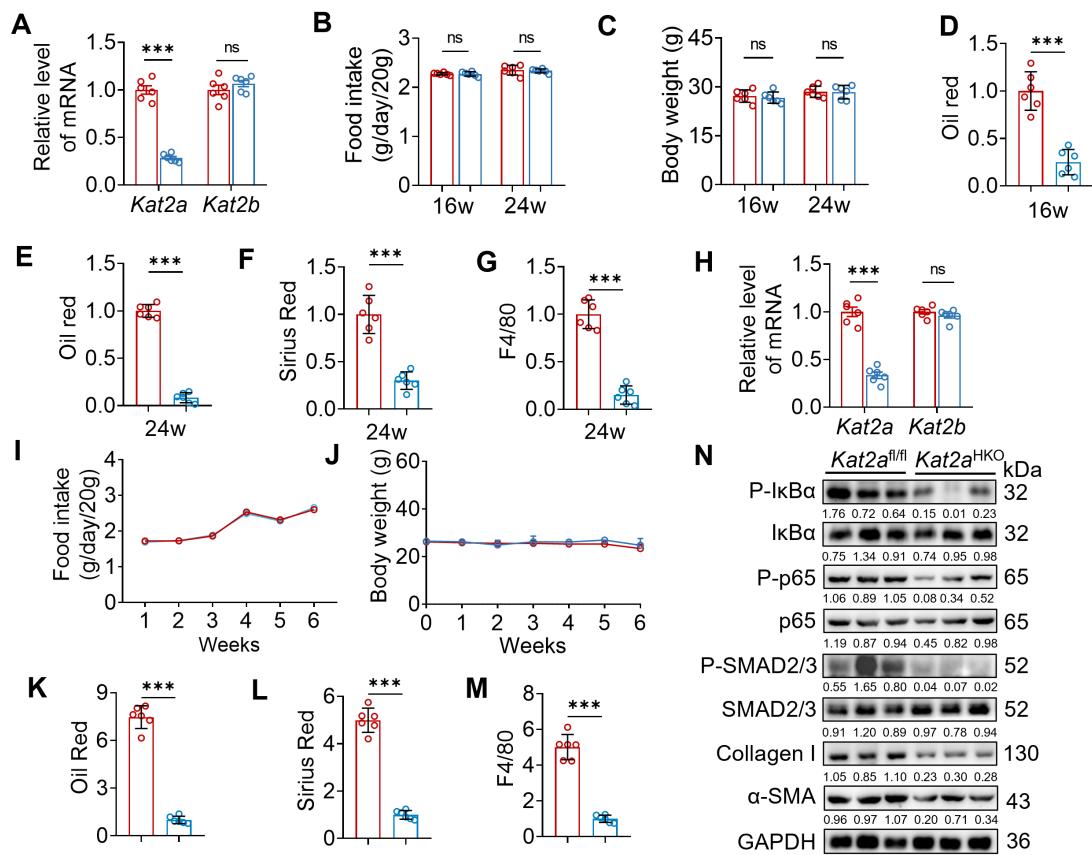
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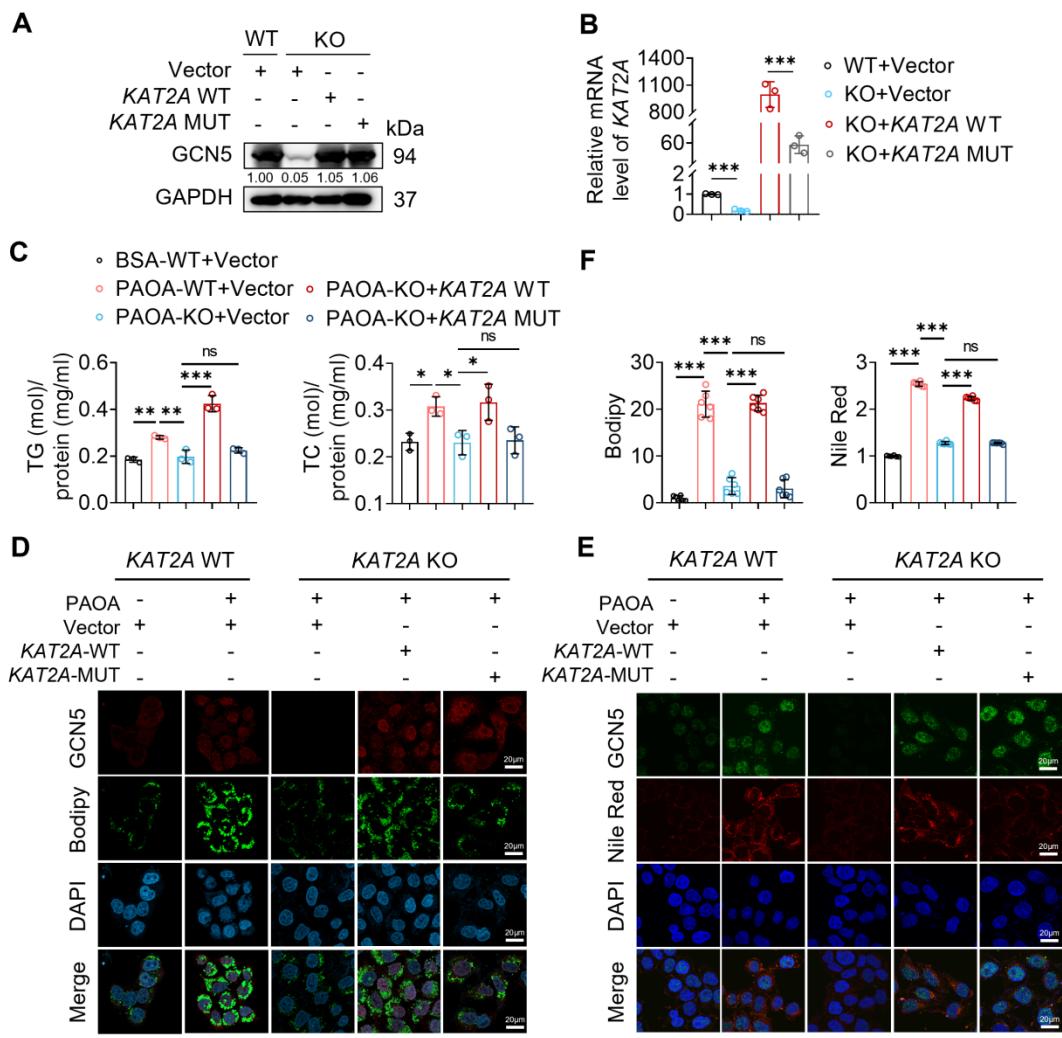
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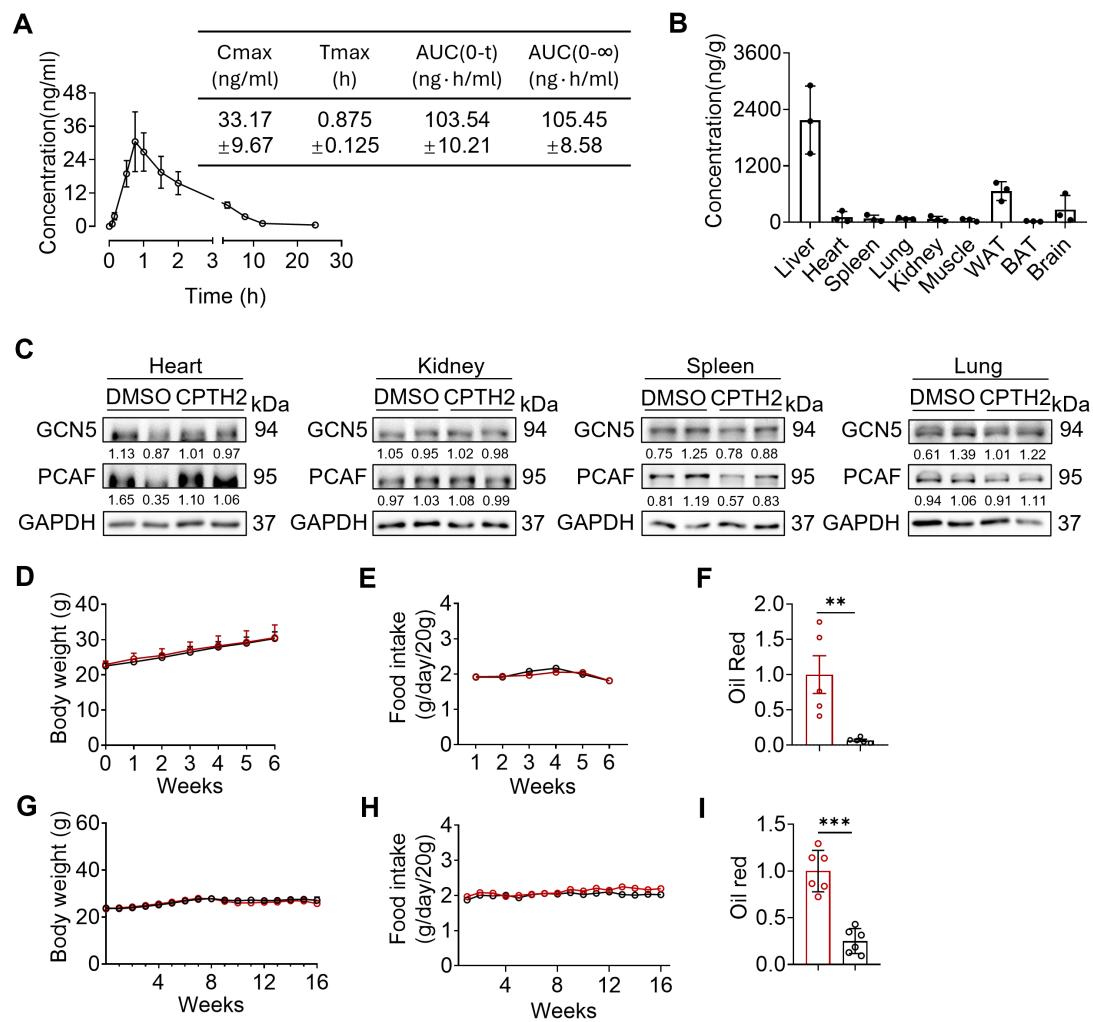
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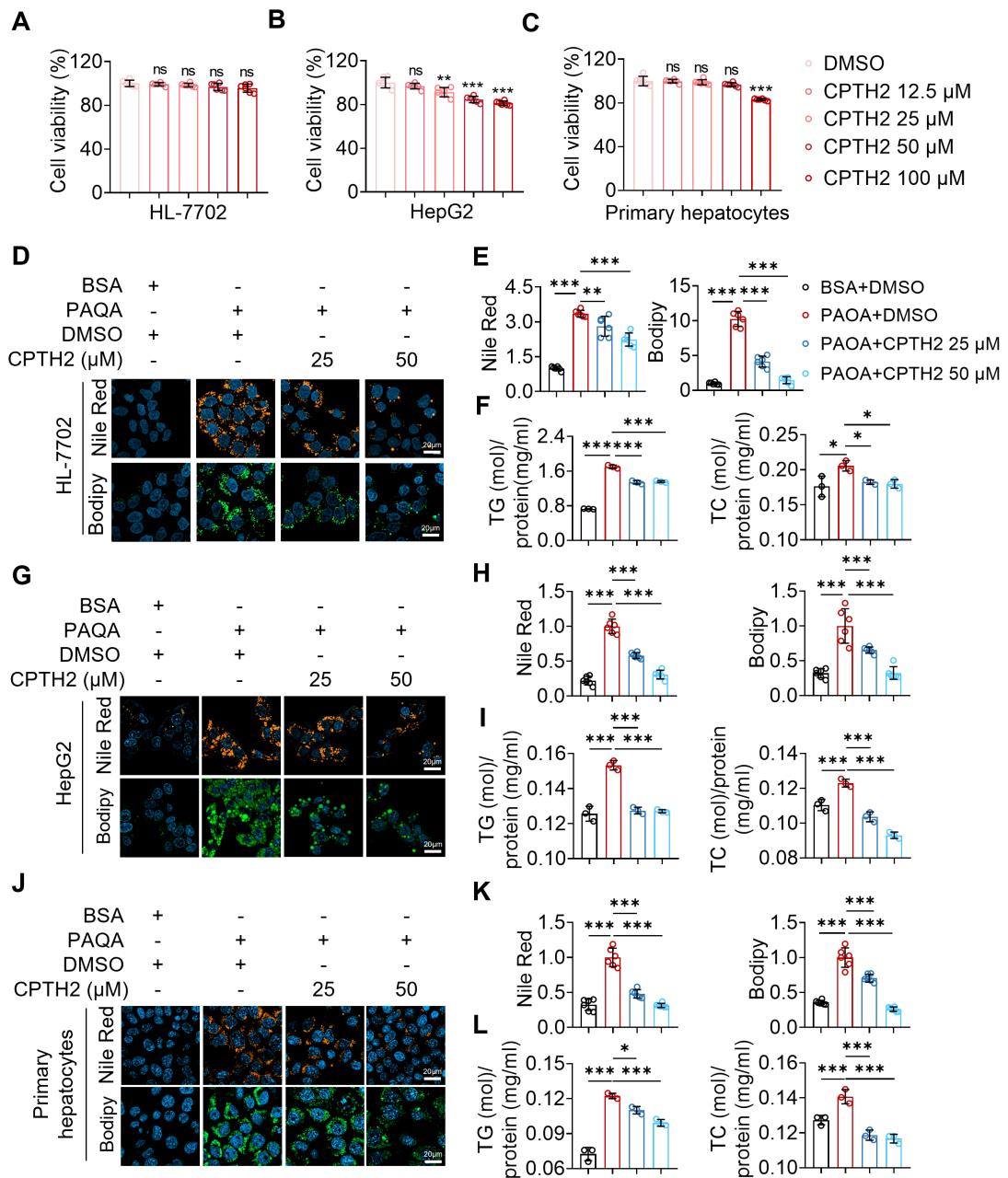


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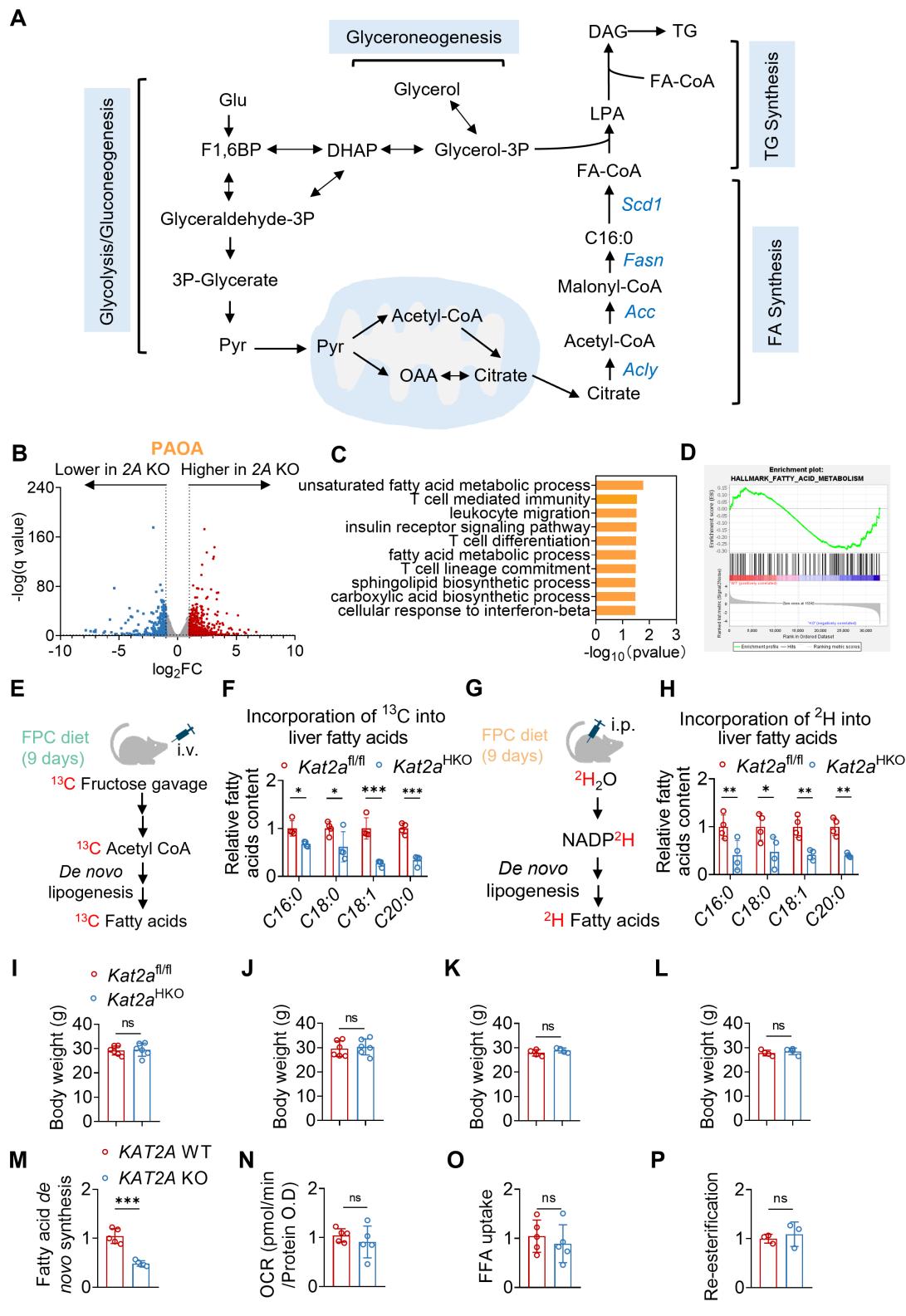
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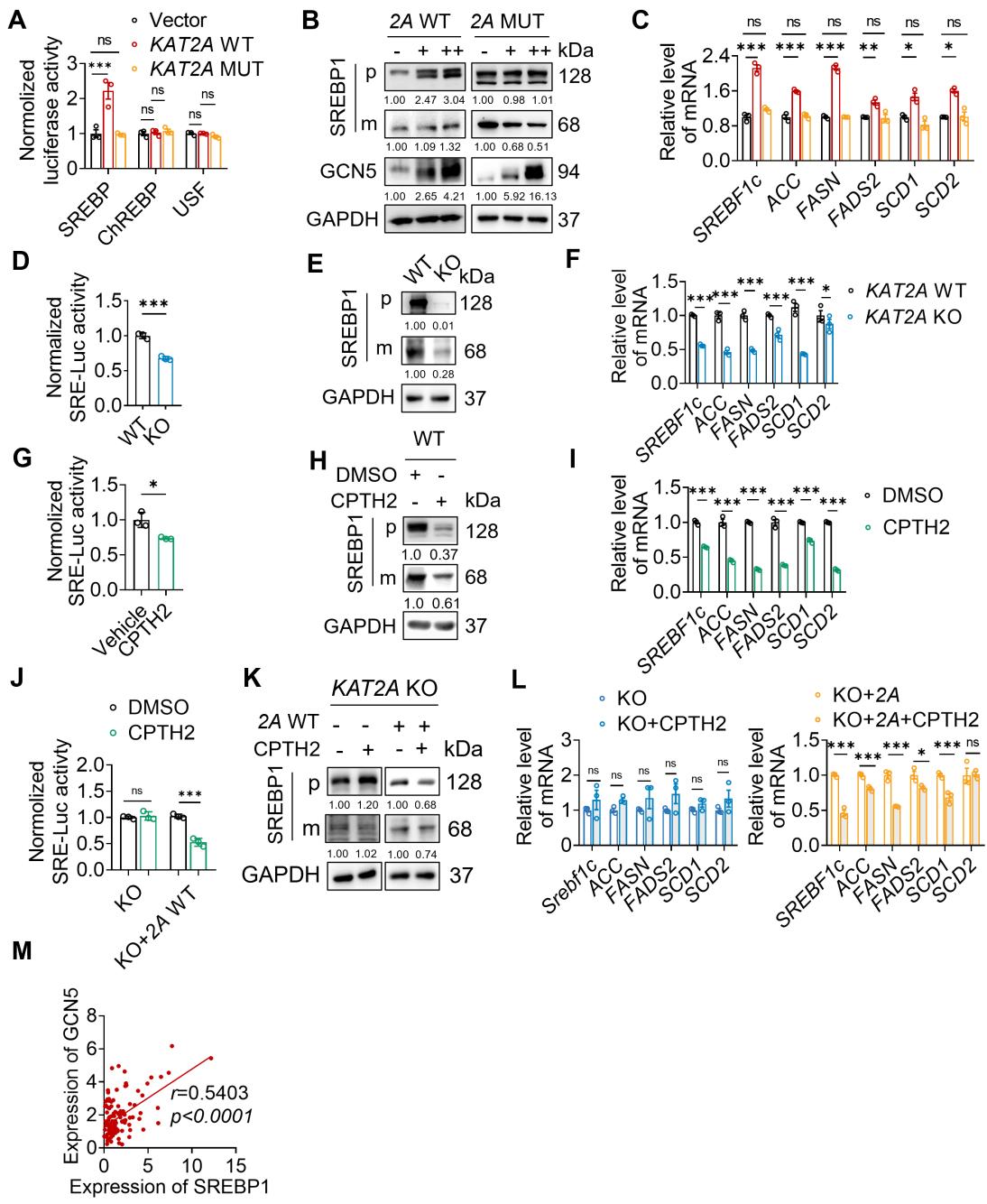


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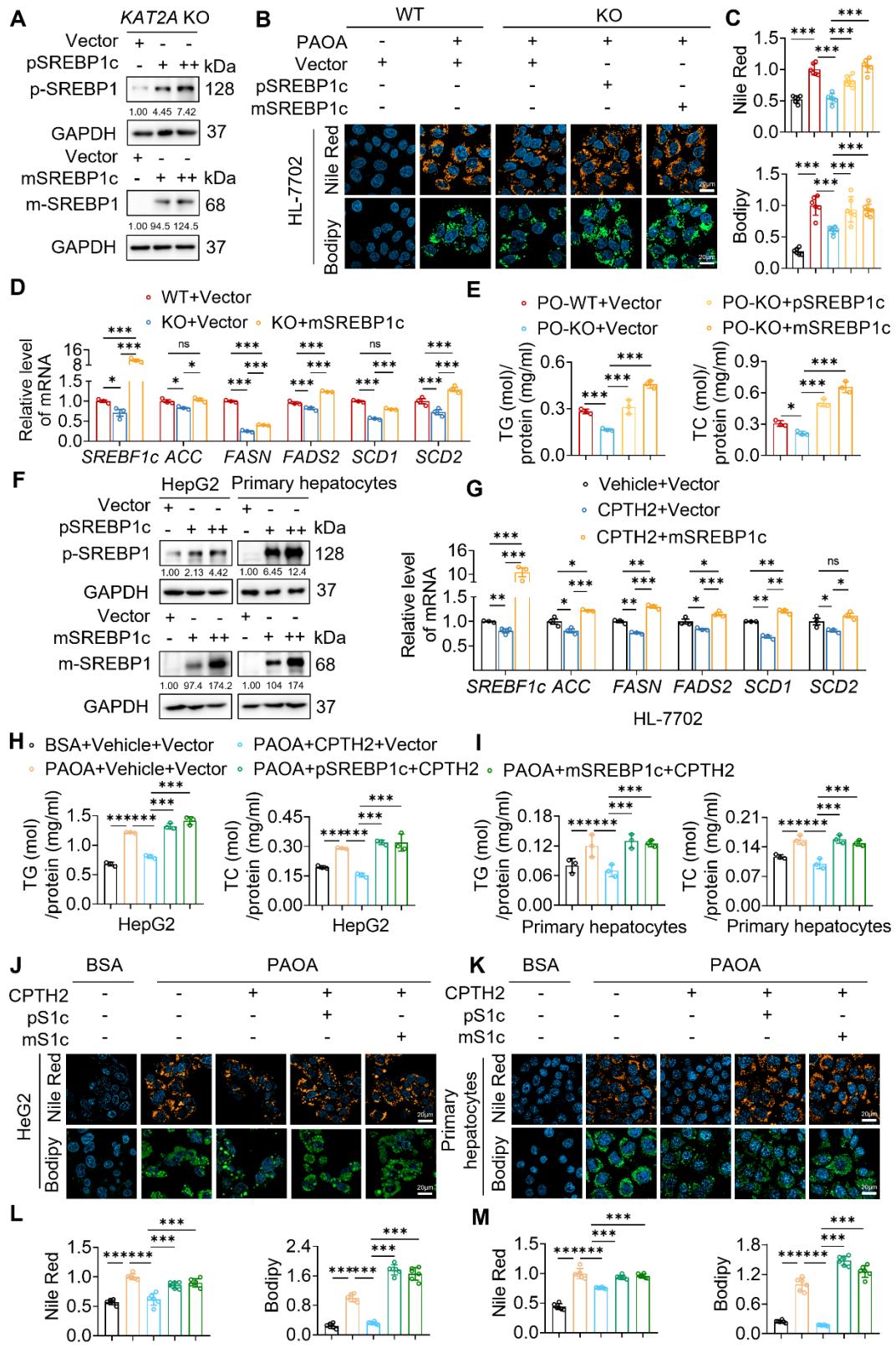
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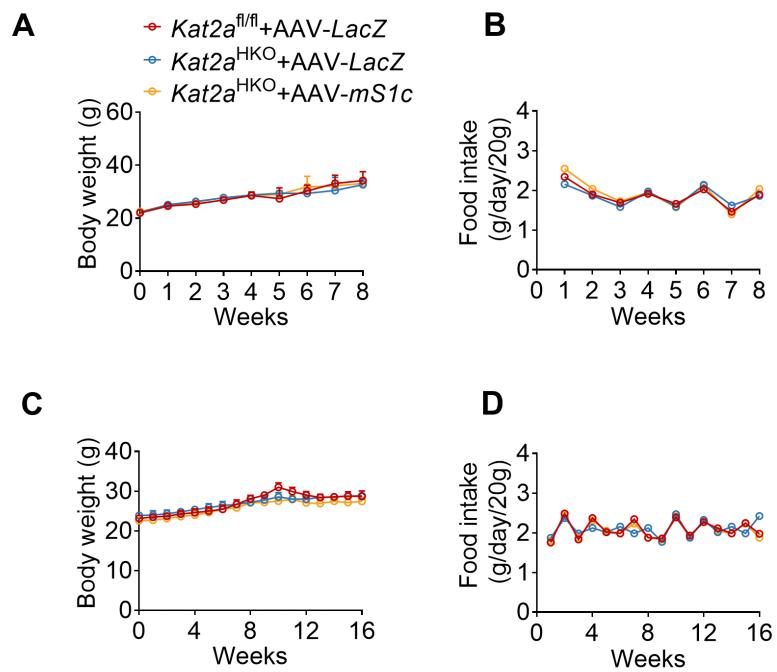
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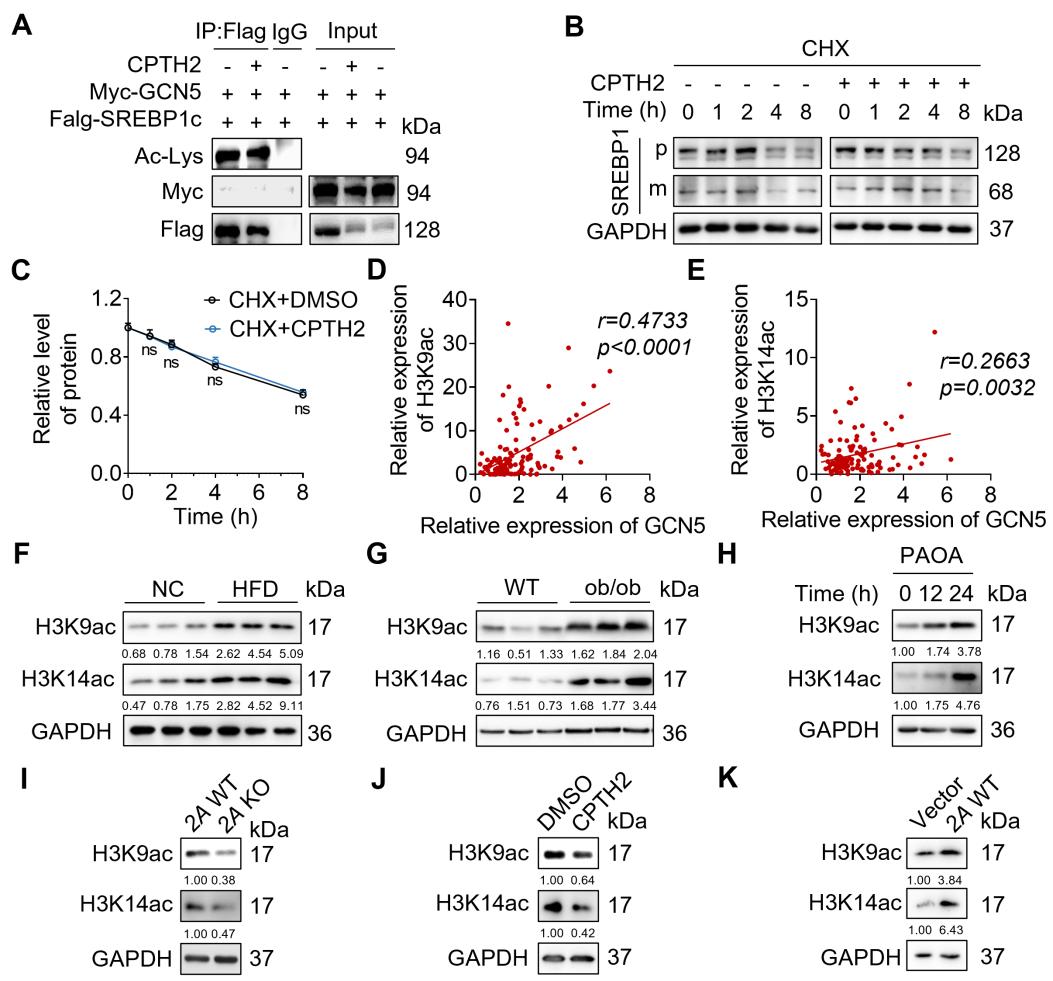
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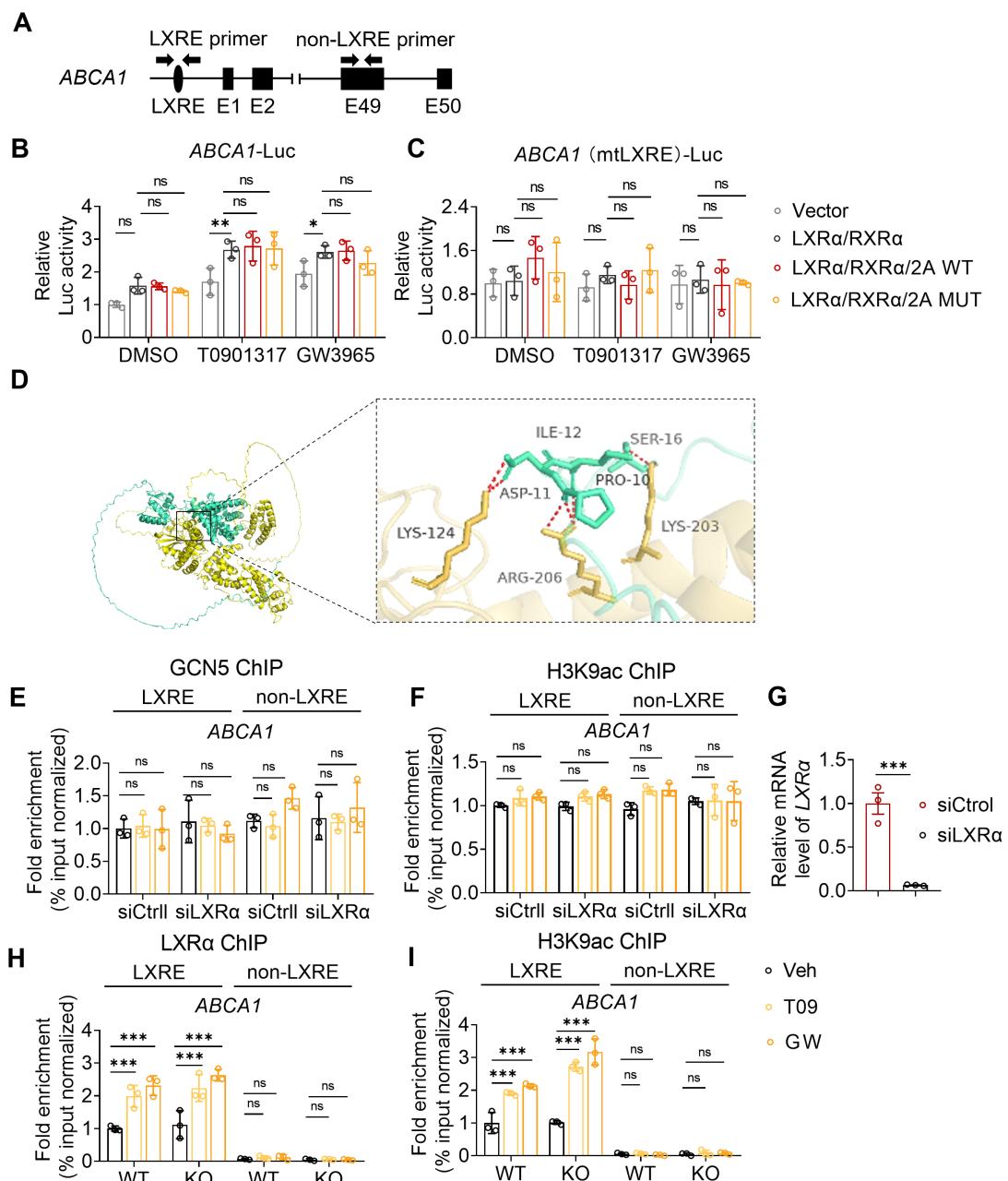
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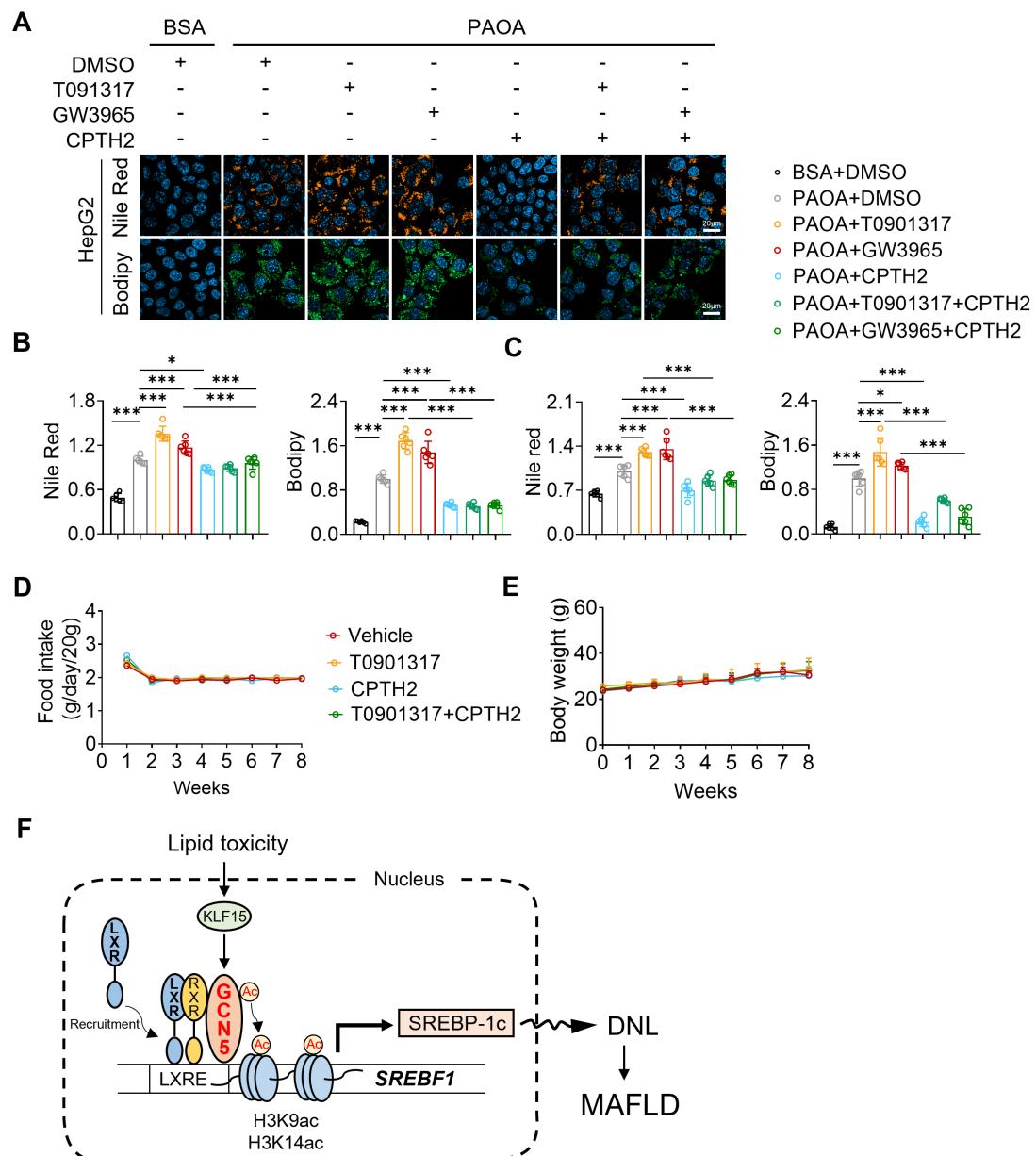
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