

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The New York Presbyterian (NYP) COVID-19 cohort was a cohort of study subjects who presented to New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medicine Center and New York Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital between March and May 2020. The baseline characteristics of this cohort, including comorbidities at presentation and stratified according to clinical outcome, are described in **Supplementary Table 1**.

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*Mass spectrometry.* Excised bands were digested in-gel with trypsin overnight at 37°C following reduction with 5mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and 14mM alkylation with iodoacetamide. The digests were vacuum centrifuged to near dryness and desalted by micro-C18 columns. A ThermoFisher Scientific EASY-nLC 1000 coupled on-line to a Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and 75  $\mu\text{m}$  x 15 cm chromatography columns (ReproSil-Pur C18-AQ, 3  $\mu\text{m}$ , Dr. Maisch GmbH, German) packed in-house were used for peptides separation. Peptides were separated with a gradient of 3–30% buffer B over 50 min, 30%–80% B over 10 min at a flow rate of 300 nL/min. The Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer was operated in data dependent mode. Full MS scans were acquired in the Orbitrap mass analyzer over a range of 300–1500 m/z with resolution 60,000. The top 15 most abundant precursors with charge states between 2 and 5 were selected with an isolation window of 1.4 m/z by the quadrupole and fragmented by higher-energy collisional dissociation with normalized collision energy of 35. MS/MS scans were acquired in the Orbitrap mass analyzer with resolution 15,000. The automatic gain control target value was 1e6 for full scans and 5e4 for MS/MS scans respectively, and the maximum ion injection time is 60 ms for both.

The raw files were processed using the MaxQuant computational proteomics platform Version 1.6.17.0 (Max Planck Institute, Munich, Germany) for protein identification. The fragmentation spectra were used to search the UniProt human protein database (downloaded on

27 09/21/2017). Oxidation of methionine and protein N-terminal acetylation were used as variable  
28 modifications for database searching. The precursor and fragment mass tolerances were set to 7  
29 and 20 ppm, respectively. Both peptide and protein identifications were filtered at 1% false  
30 discovery rate based on decoy search using a database with the protein sequences reversed.

31 **Supplementary Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of NYP COVID-19 Cohort by Outcome.**

*Parameter	Intubation/Death (n=157)	Intubation/Discharge (n=249)	No Intubation/Discharge (n=965)	**p-value
Sex n (%)				<0.001
Female	42 (27%)	83 (33%)	413 (43%)	
Male	115 (73%)	166 (67%)	552 (57%)	
Age [IQI]	71 [63, 78]	61 [50, 70]	61 [49, 71]	<0.001
Race n (%)				<0.001
Asian	41 (26%)	45 (18%)	144 (15%)	
Black	14 (8.9%)	20 (8.0%)	157 (16%)	
Hispanic	37 (24%)	72 (29%)	230 (24%)	
White	44 (28%)	61 (24%)	257 (27%)	
BMI [IQI]	27 [23, 31]	29 [26,33]	27 [24,31]	<0.001
Hypertension n (%)	100 (64%)	135 (54%)	490 (51%)	0.010
Diabetes n (%)	59 (38%)	83 (33%)	279 (29%)	0.056
Coronary Artery Disease n (%)	42 (27%)	29 (12%)	110 (11%)	<0.001
COPD n (%)	15 (9.6%)	13 (5.2 %)	25 (2.6%)	<0.001
Active Cancer n (%)	14 (8.9%)	8 (3.2%)	55 (5.7%)	0.051
Supplemental Oxygen in 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 Hours n (%)	135 (86%)	195 (78%)	390 (40%)	<0.001
*Statistics presented: N (%); median [IQI]				
**Tests used: Pearson's Chi-squared test; Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test; Fisher's exact test; Fisher's exact test with Monte Carlo simulated p-value				

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

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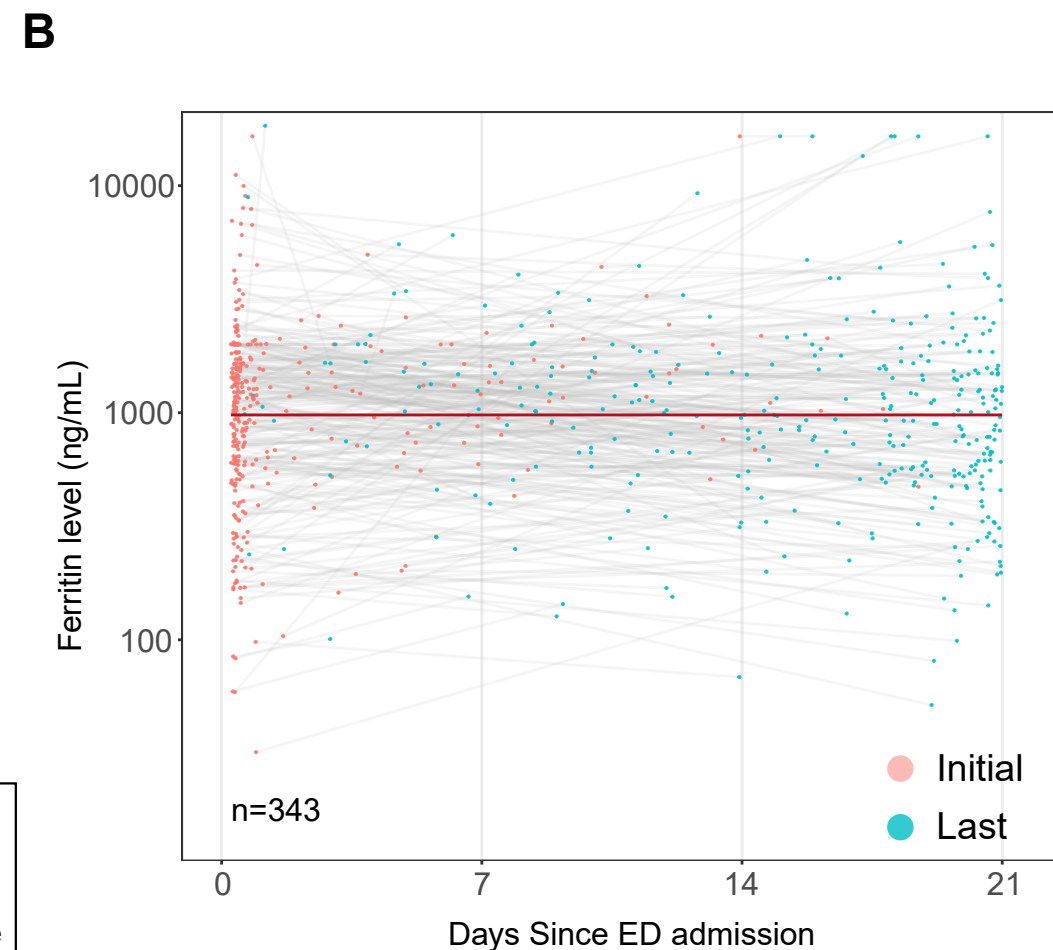
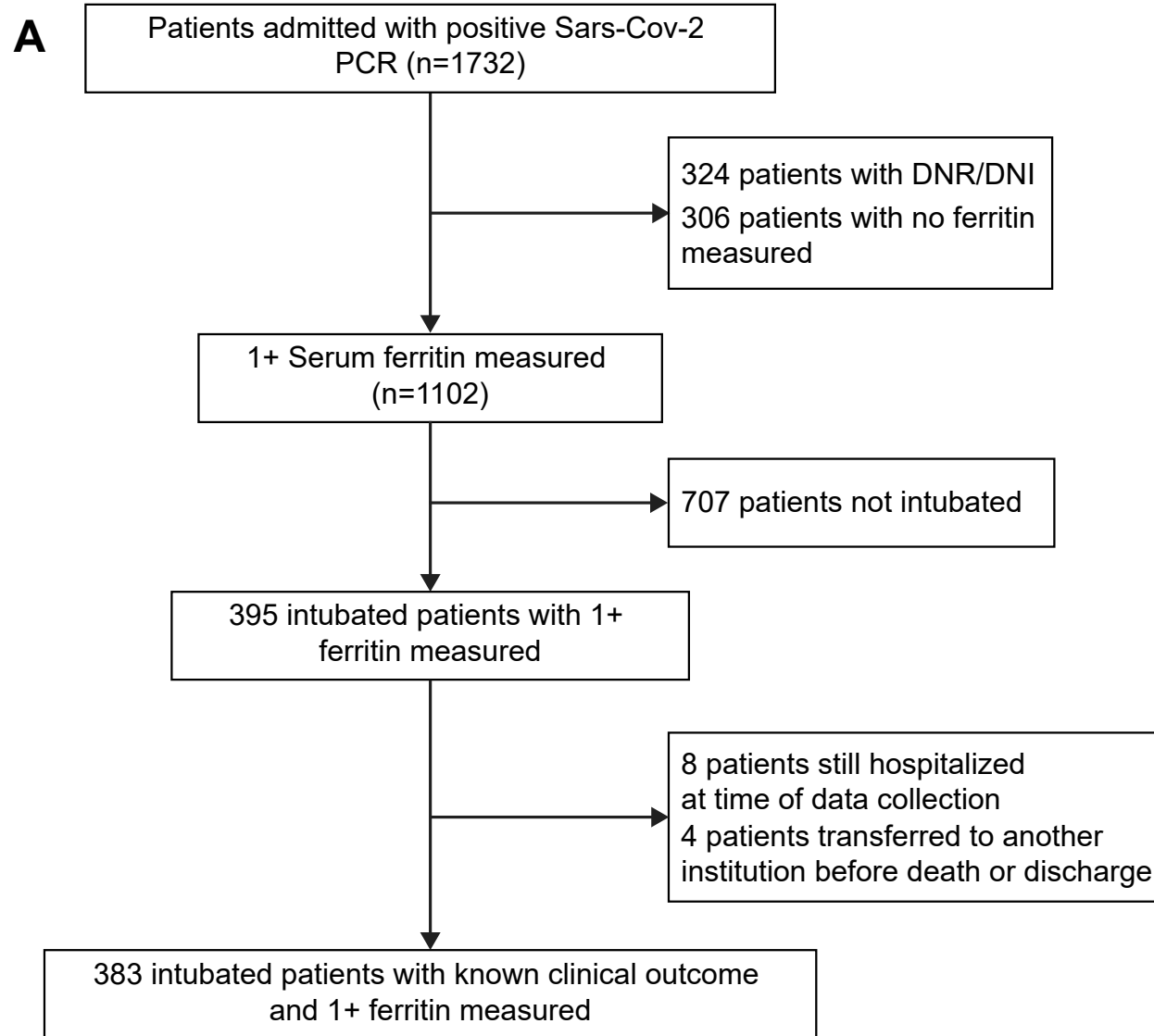
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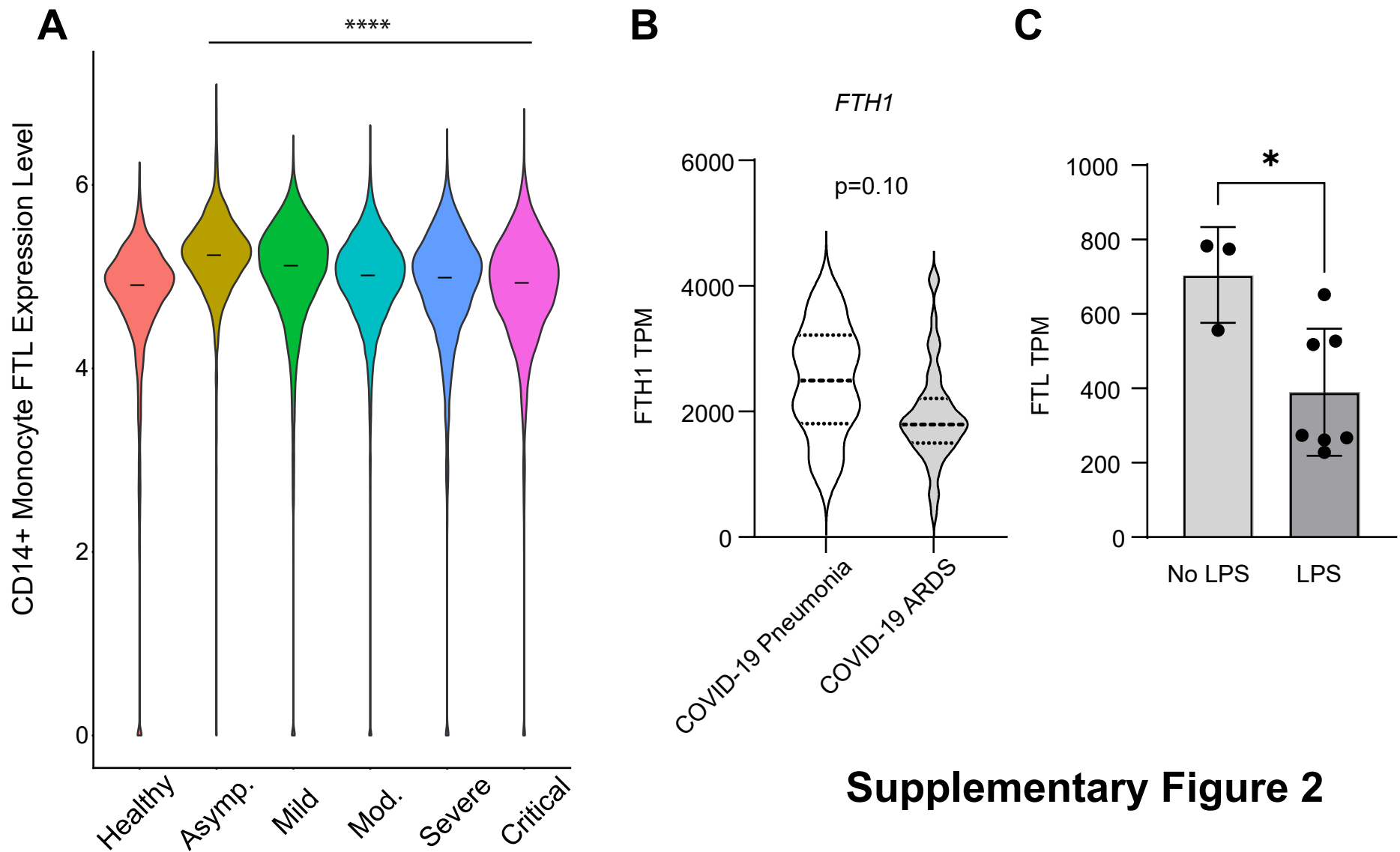
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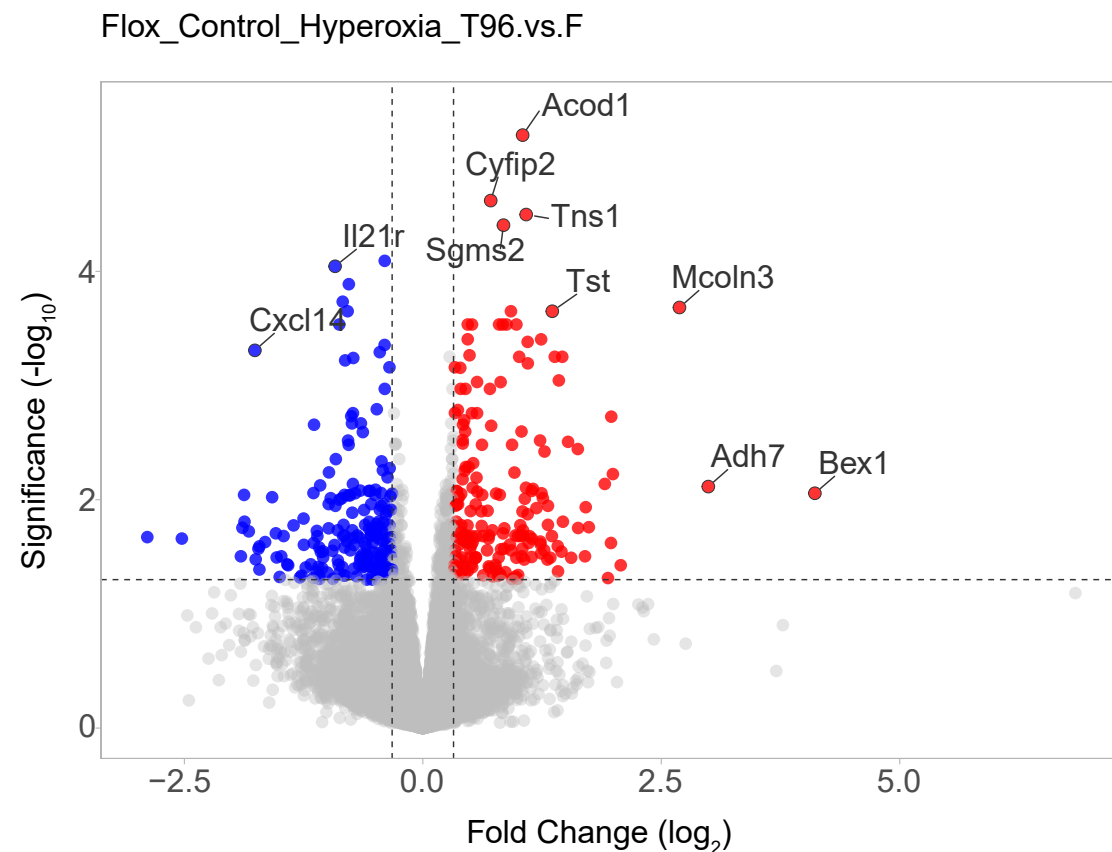
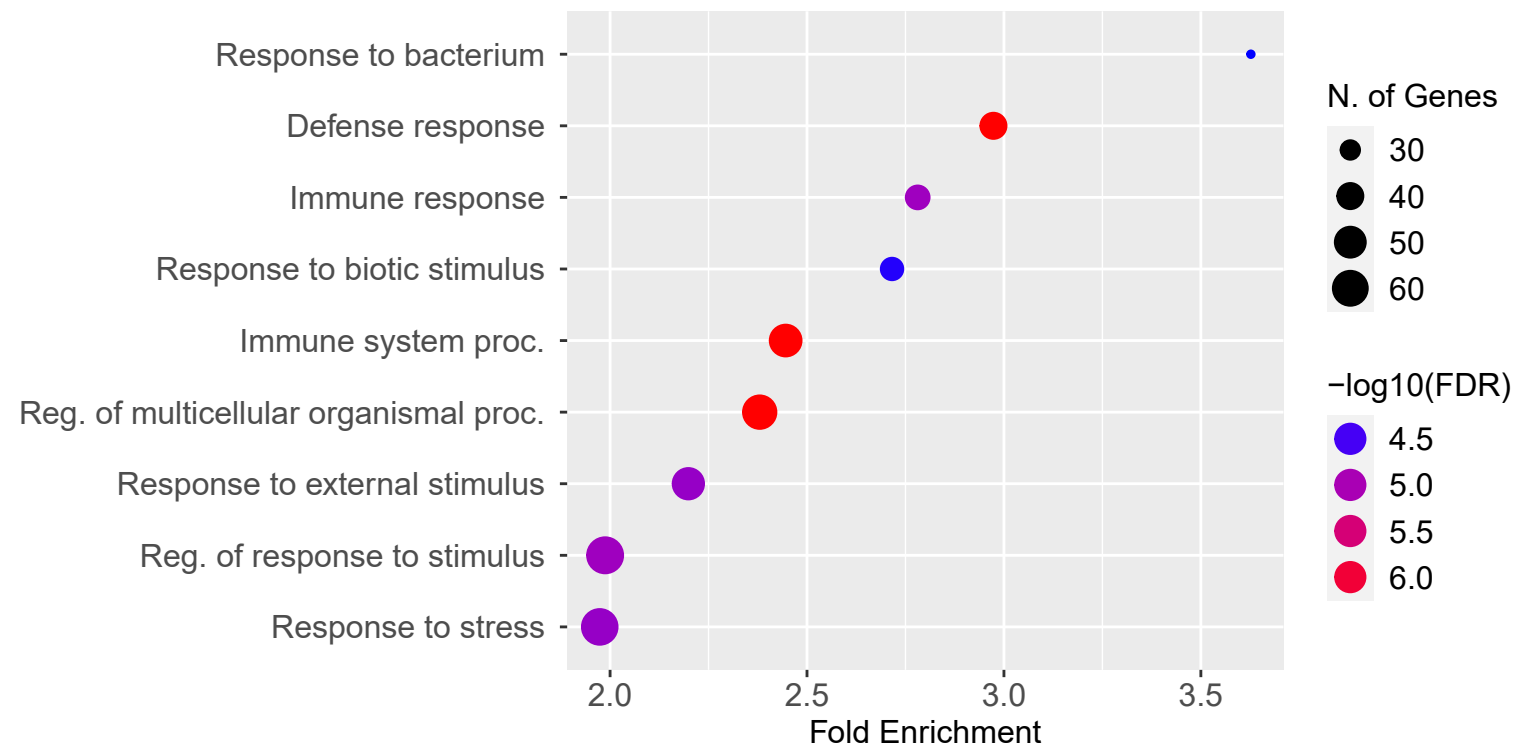


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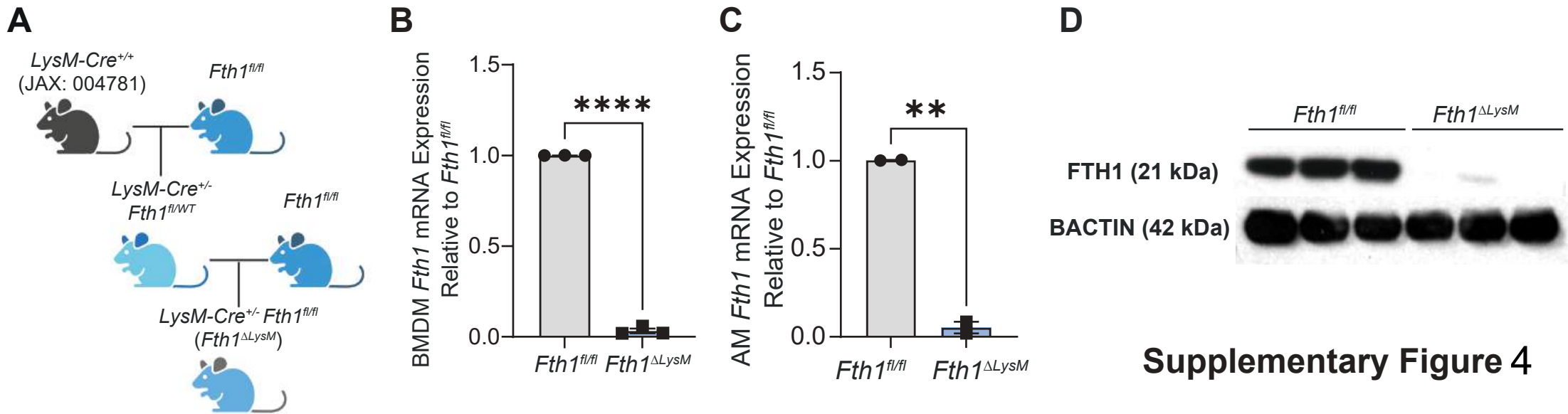


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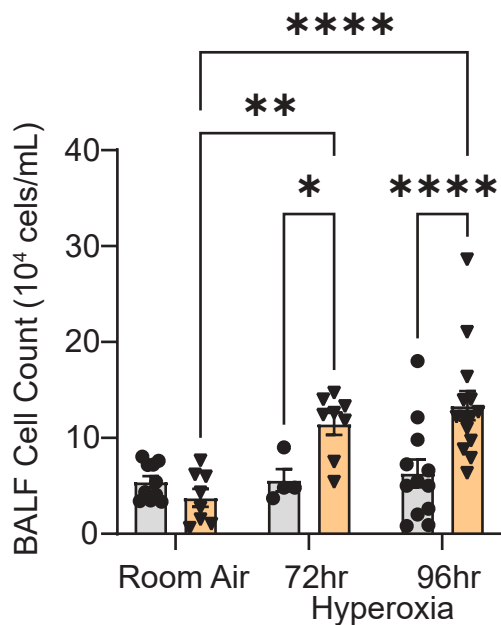
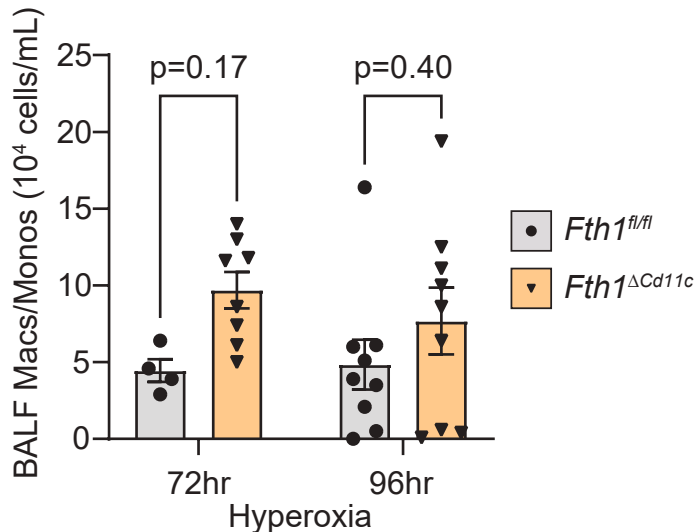
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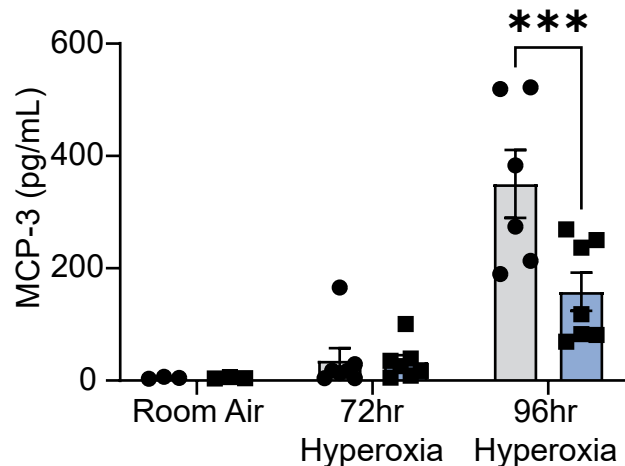
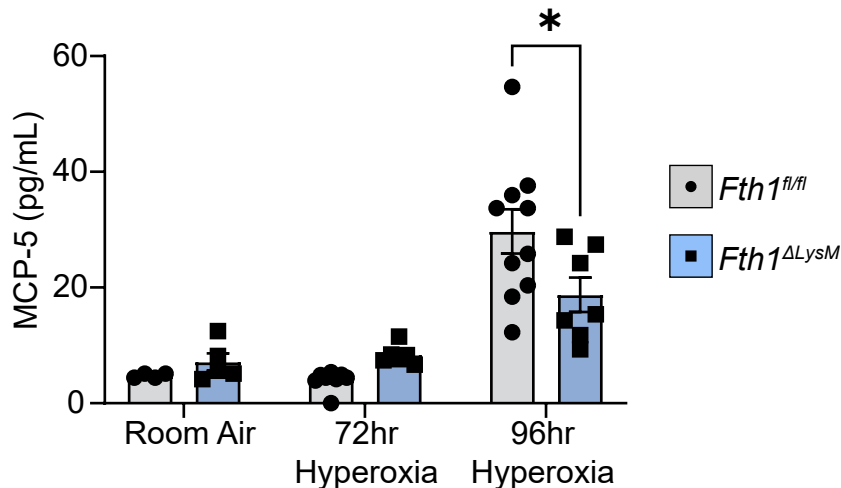
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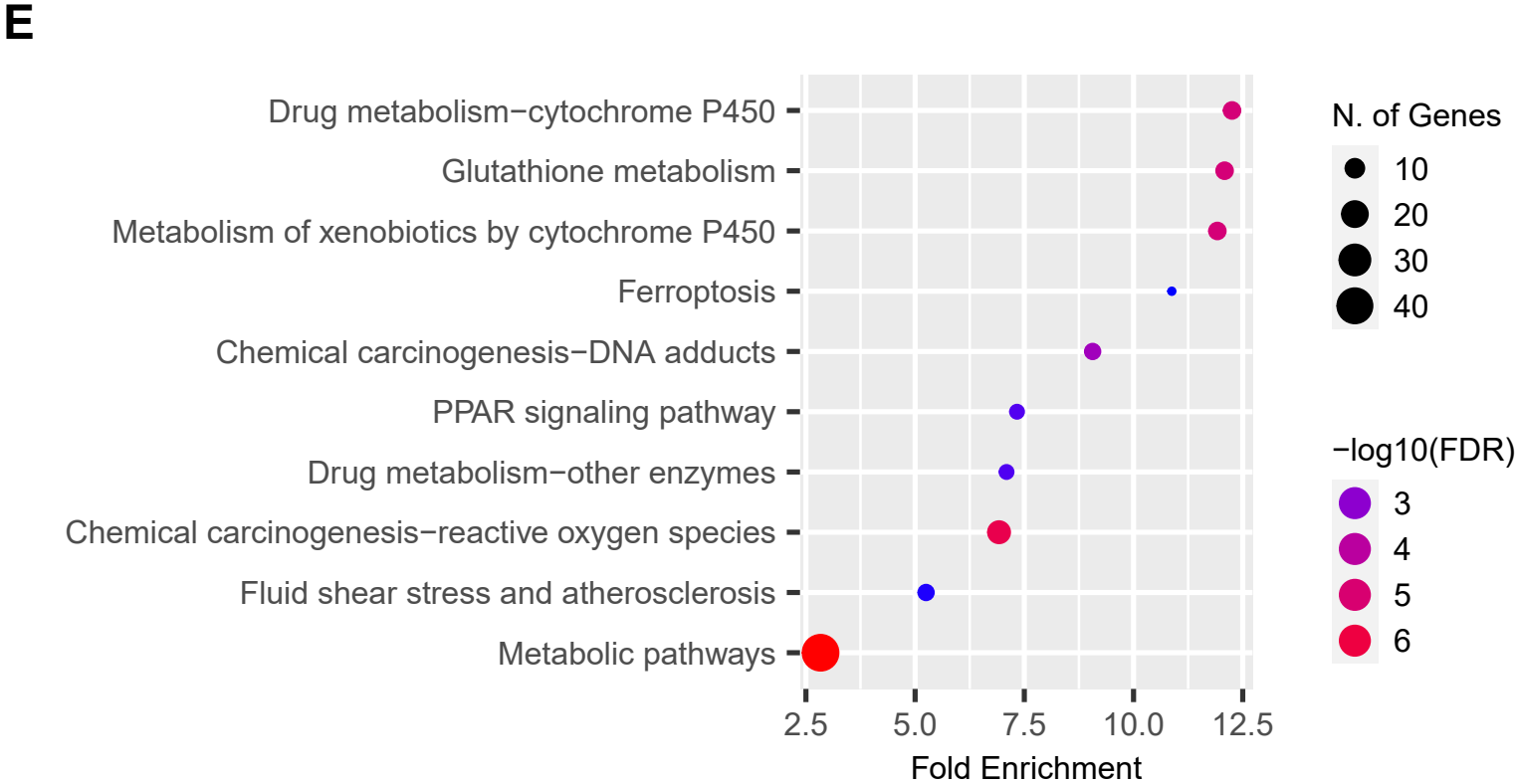
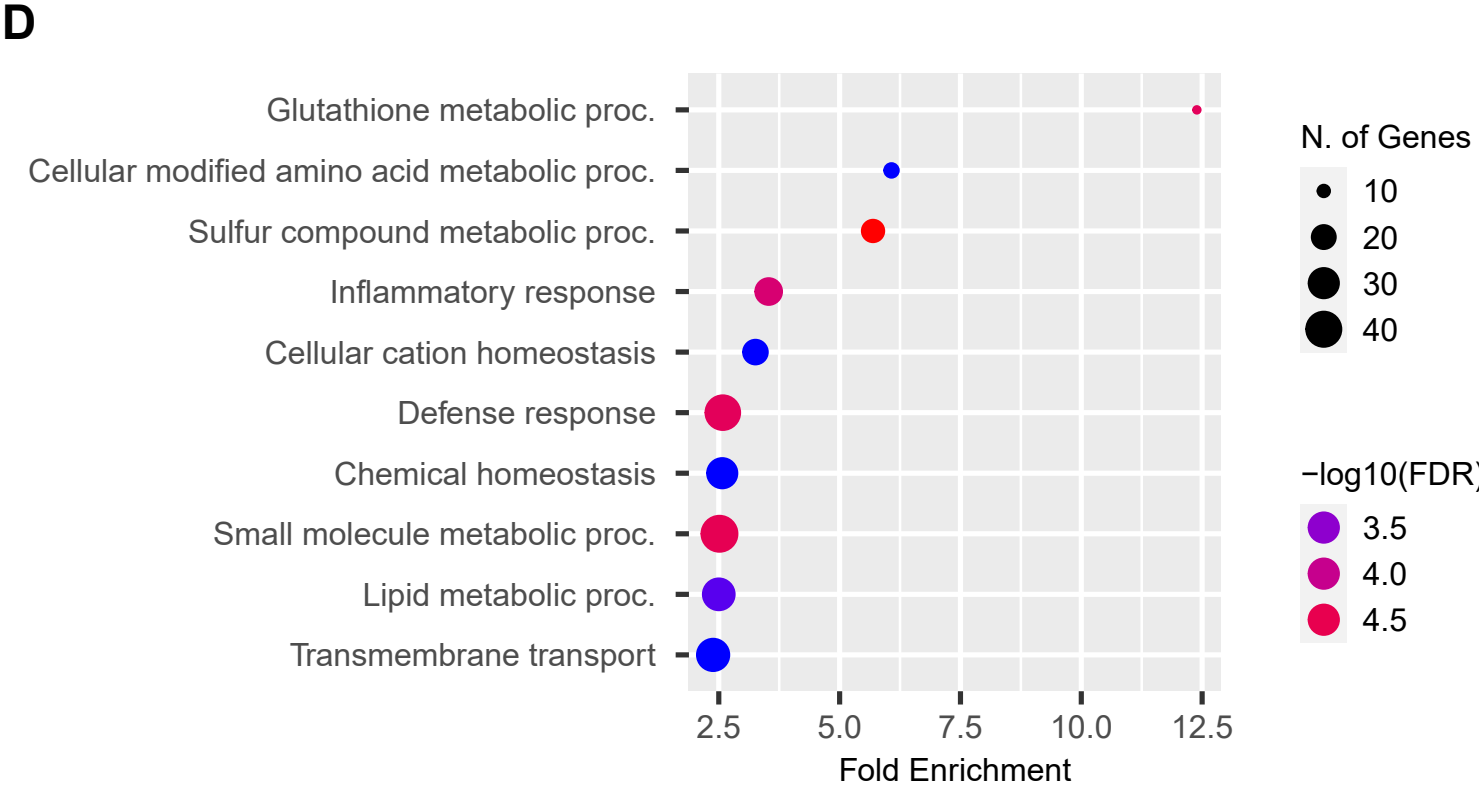
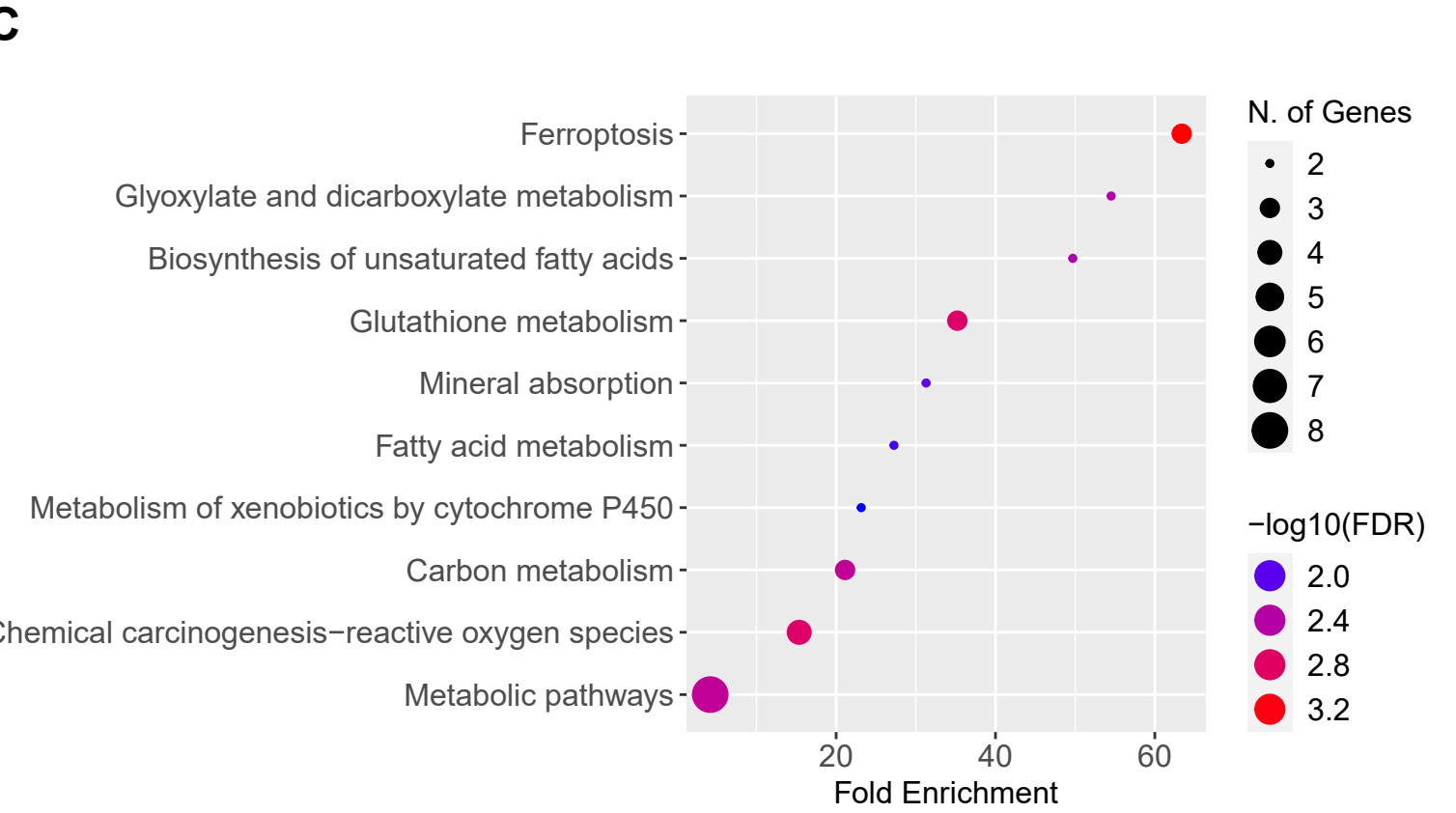
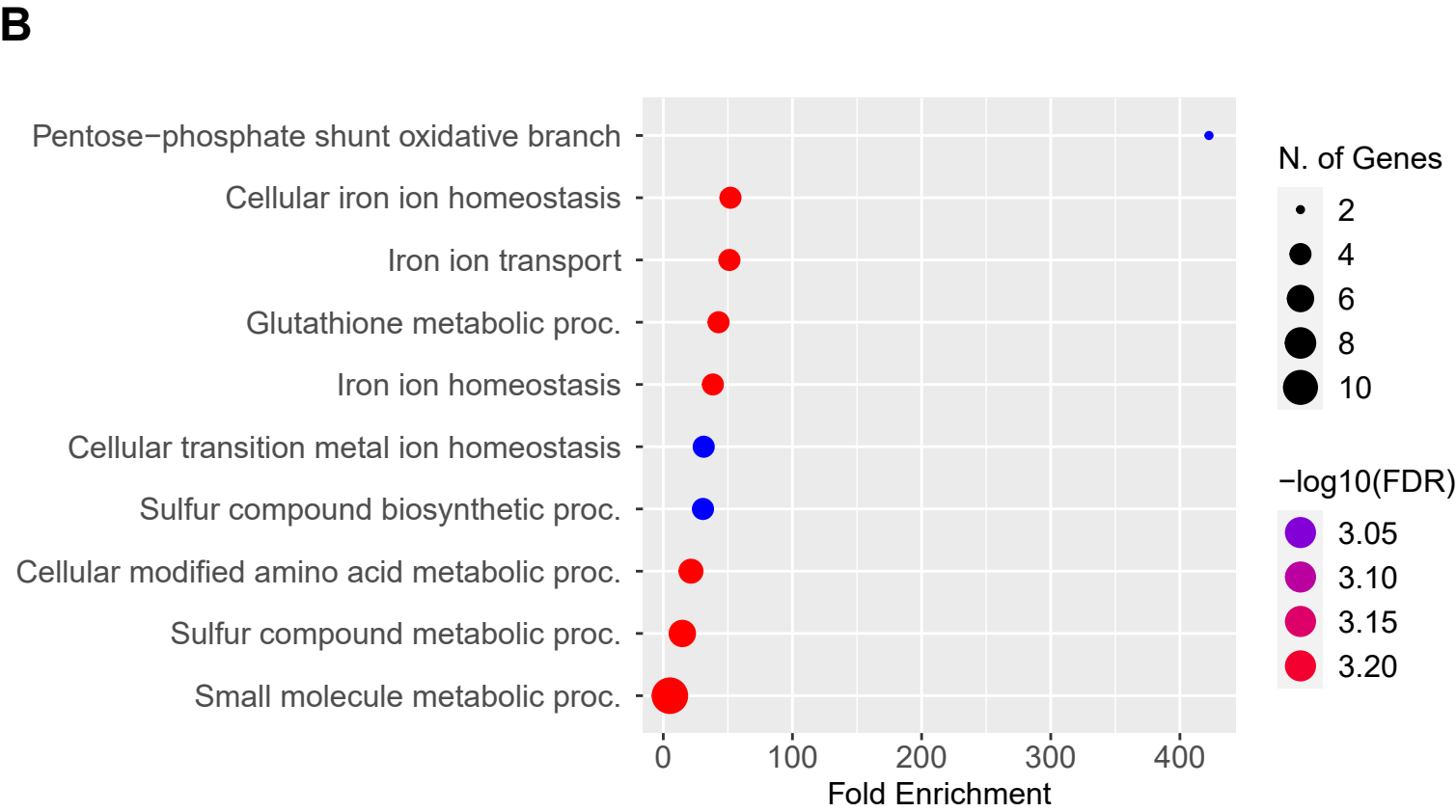
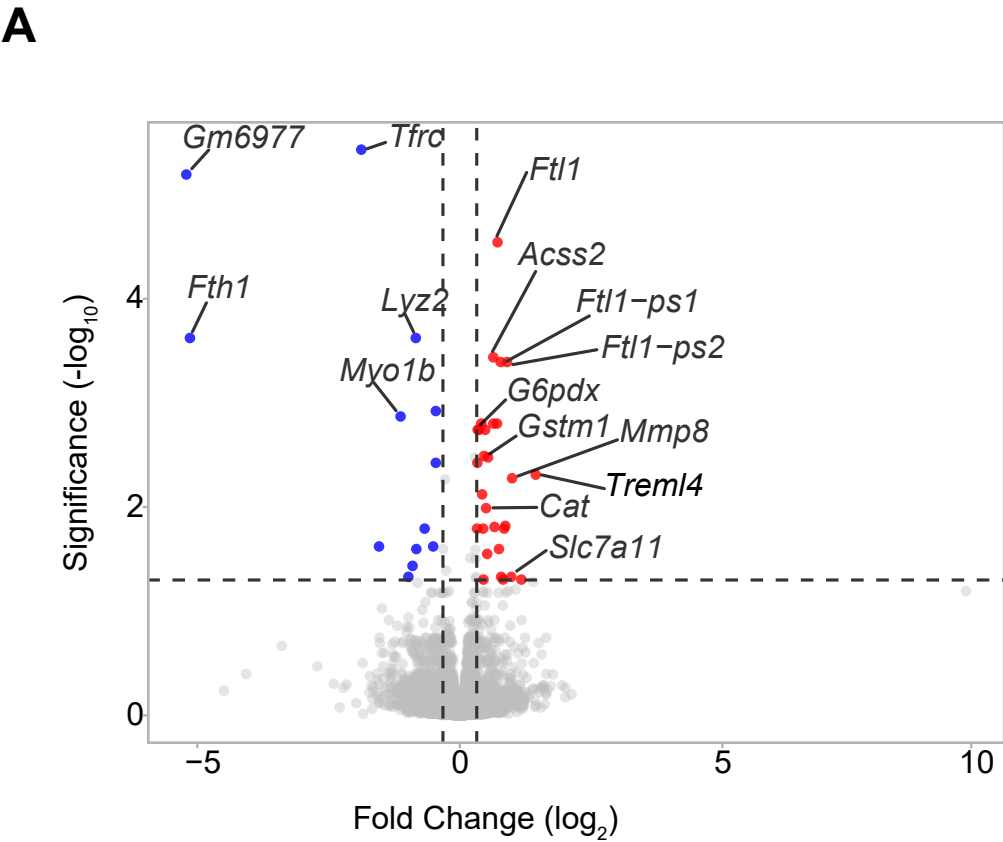
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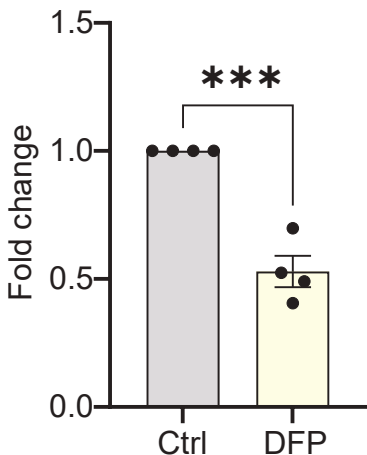
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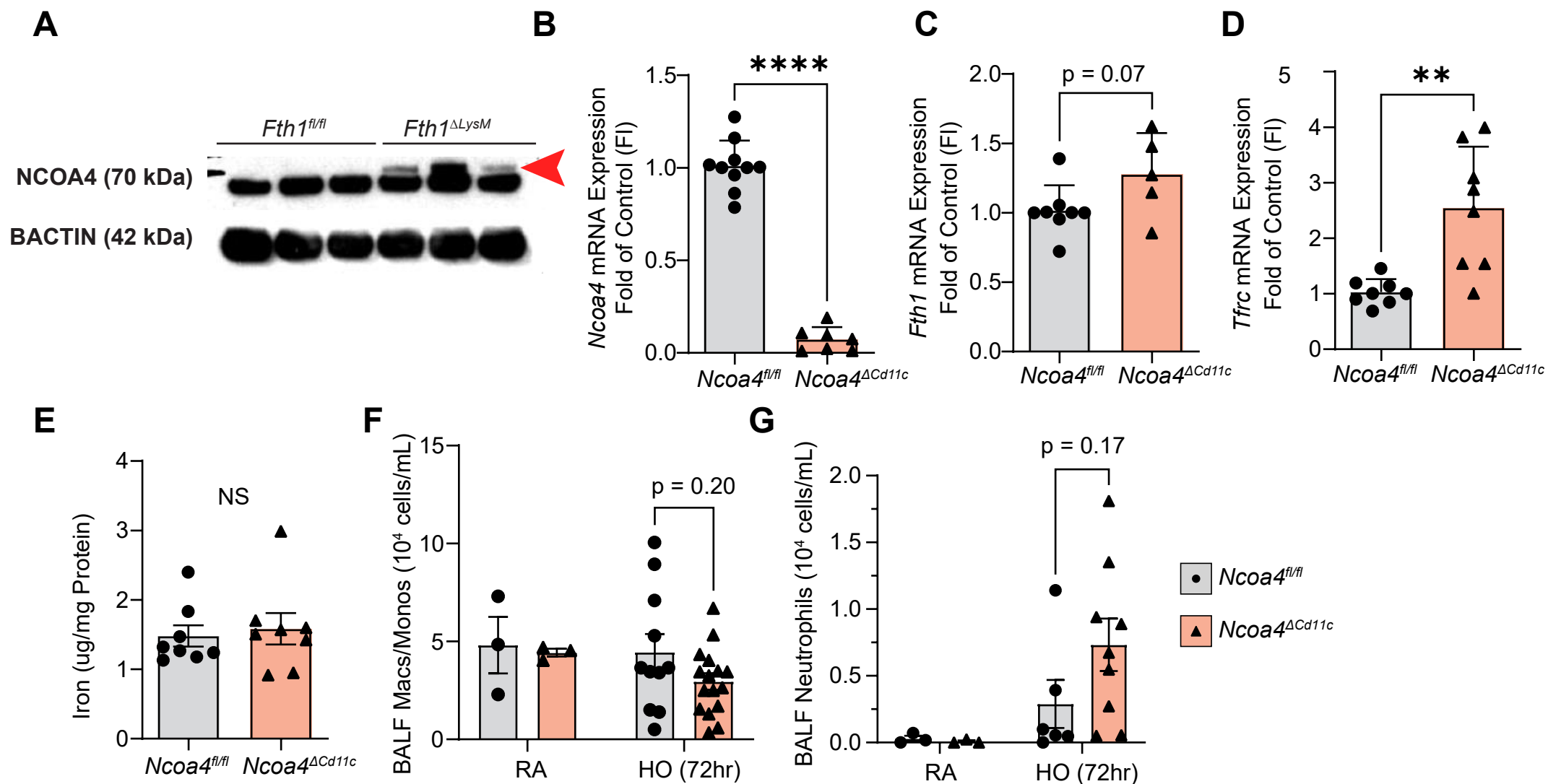
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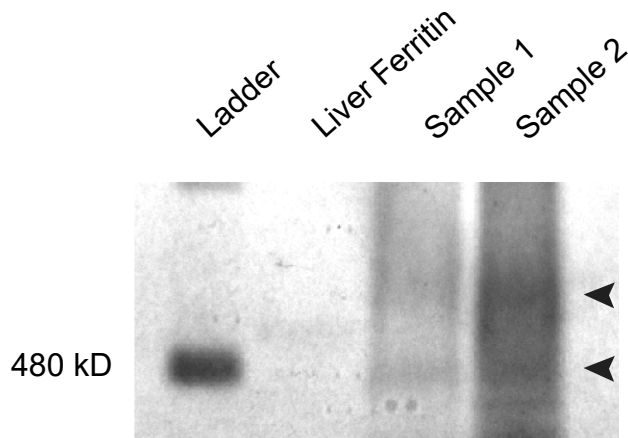
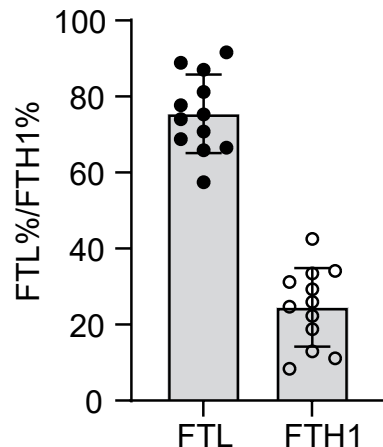
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