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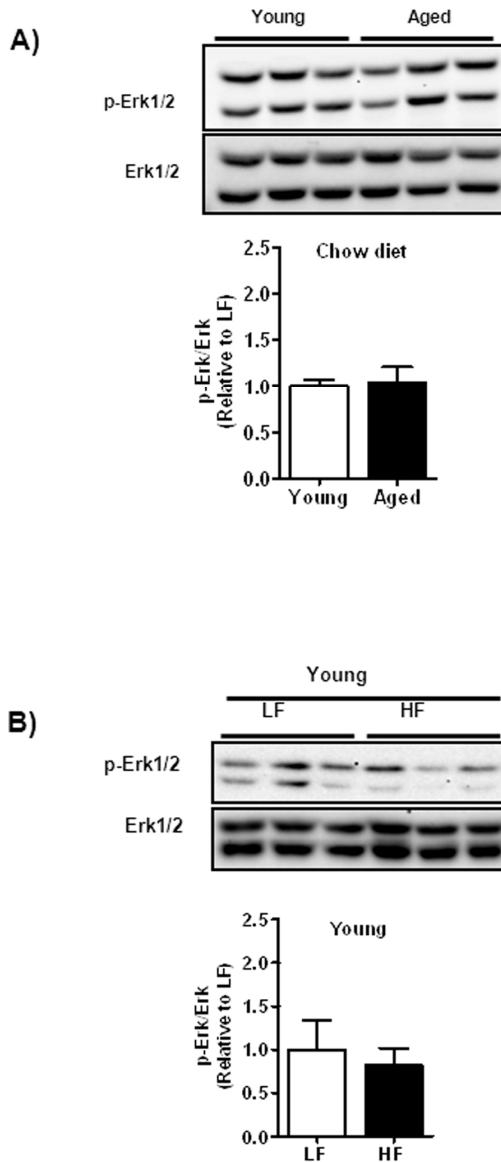
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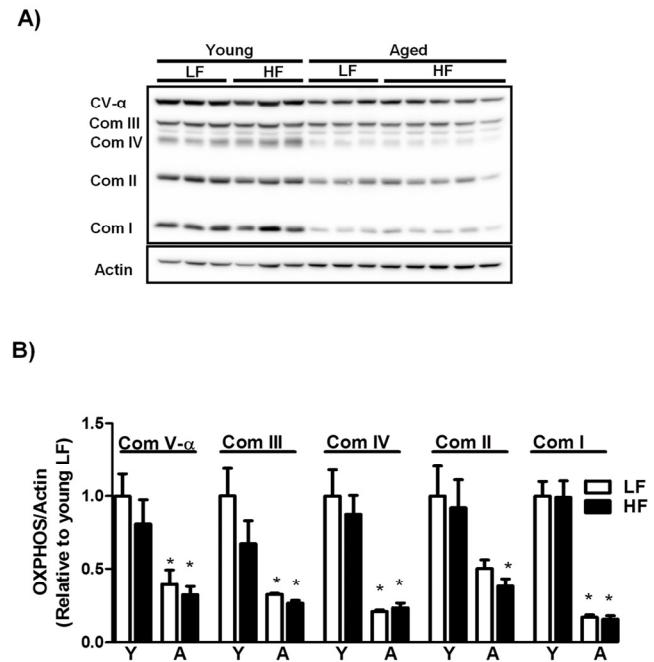
## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

**Supplementary Table 1.** Primer sequences used for qRT-PCR

Gene	Forward primer 5'-3'	Reverse primer 5'-3'
<i>Ikk2</i>	GGAGTACTGCCAAGGAGGAGAT	ACAGGCTGCCAGTTAGGGAGGAAG
<i>IkBa</i>	TGGAAGTCATTGGTCAGGTGAA	CAGAACGTGCCTCAGCAATTCCCT
<i>Cd68</i>	TGACCTGCTCTCTAAGGCTACA	TCACGGTGCAAGAGAAACATG
<i>Cxcl1</i>	CCAAACCGAAGTCATAGCCAC	GTCTTCTTCTCCGTTACTTGG
<i>Il10</i>	GCTCTTACTGACTGGCATGAG	CGCAGCTCTAGGAGCATGTG
<i>Il-1β</i>	TGCAGCTGGAGAGTGTGG	TGCTTGAGGTGCTGATG
<i>Il-6</i>	GTTCTCTGGAAATCGTGG	TTTCTGCAAGTGCATCATCG
<i>Mcp1</i>	GCTGGAGAGCTACAAGAGGATCA	ACAGACCTCTCTTGAGCTTGGT
<i>Cd36</i>	GATCGGAACTGTGGGCTCAT	GGTCCTTCTCAAGGACAACCTC
<i>Tnf</i>	GTAGCCCACGTCGTAGCAAAC	AGTTGGTTGTCTTGAGATCCATG
<i>Ppia</i>	TTCCTCCTTCACAGAATTATTCCA	CCGCCAGTGCCATTATGG



**Supplementary Figure 1. Hepatic inflammation did not alter in the aged mice fed a chow diet and young mice fed with HFD for 12 weeks.** (A) Phosphorylation status of Erk1/2 was detected in liver extracts from young and middle-aged mice using immunoblot analysis. (B) Immunoblot analysis using anti-phospho-Erk1/2 and anti-Erk1/2 antibody was performed in liver extracts from young mice fed a HFD for 12 weeks. Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM; n = 6–8 mice/group. \* $p \leq 0.05$  (Nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test).



**Supplementary Figure 2. Reduced expression of oxidative phosphorylation protein complexes (OXPHOS) in middle-aged mice.** (A) Representative immunoblots from liver extracts of young (Y) and middle-aged (A) mice fed a LFD and a HFD using anti-OXPHOS and actin antibody (B) Immunoblots were quantified by densitometry and normalized against actin as a control for loading. Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM; n = 6–7 mice/group. \* $p \leq 0.05$ . (Nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test).