

Supplementary material

Supplementary Table S1.

Biometric and metabolic parameters of mice fed a chow diet.

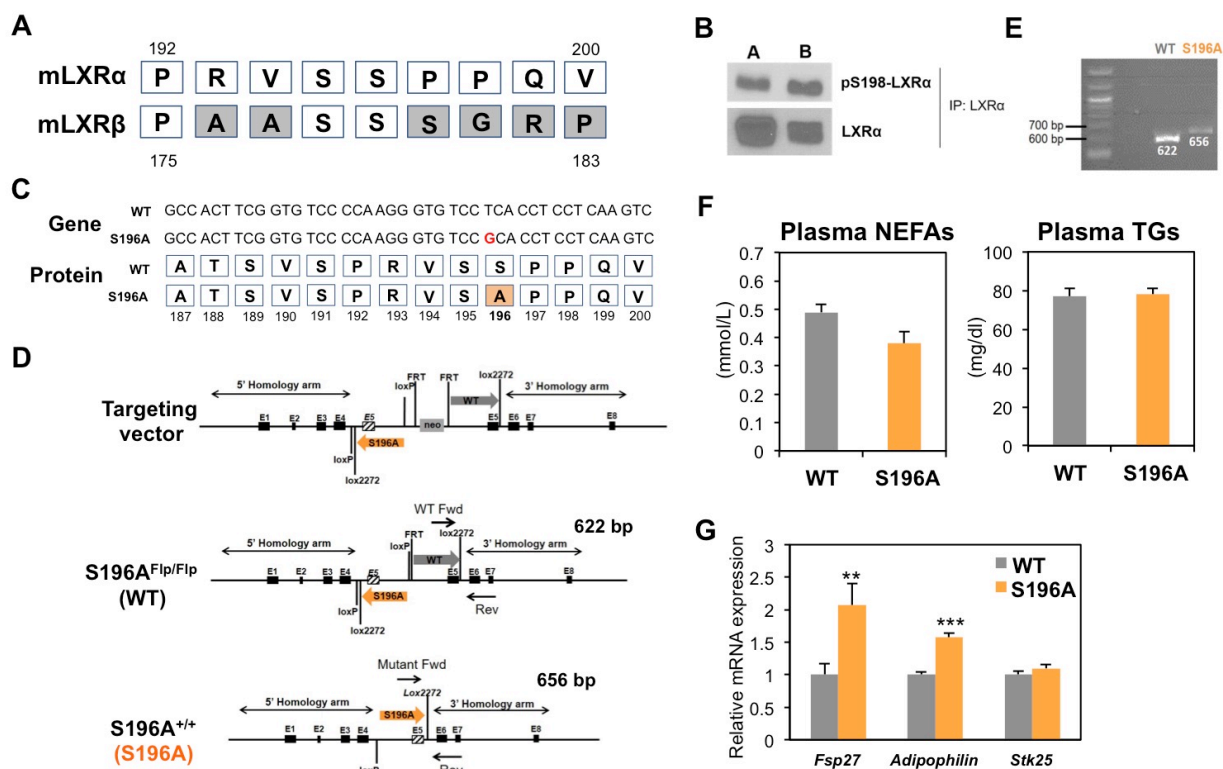
Parameter	Genotype	Mean \pm SEM	<i>p</i>
Body weight (grams)	WT	23.63 \pm 0.6	0.132
	S196A	21.70 \pm 0.75	
% Liver weight (Liver g/Body g)	WT	4.69 \pm 0.25	0.241
	S196A	4.41 \pm 0.07	
Plasma glucose (mmol/L)	WT	5.35 \pm 0.10	0.268
	S196A	4.63 \pm 0.22	
Plasma insulin (ng/ mL)	WT	0.34 \pm 0.05	0.103
	S196A	0.87 \pm 0.24	
Hepatic triglycerides (μ g / mg protein)	WT	51.95 \pm 5.06	0.116
	S196A	37.63 \pm 4.50	
Hepatic total cholesterol (μ g / mg protein)	WT	98.96 \pm 10.48	0.688
	S196A	104.43 \pm 4 .05	

Supplementary Table S2.

Biometric and metabolic parameters of mice fed a high fat and high cholesterol diet.

Parameter	Genotype	Mean \pm SEM	p-value
Body weight (grams)	WT	21.36 \pm 0.41	0.012
	S196A	19.89 \pm 0.35	
% Liver weight (Liver g/Body g)	WT	9.30 \pm 0.17	3.06E-12
	S196A	6.41 \pm 0.18	
Plasma glucose (mmol/L)	WT	4.49 \pm 0.30	0.762
	S196A	4.61 \pm 0.24	
Plasma insulin (ng/ mL)	WT	0.60 \pm 0.10	0.498
	S196A	0.87 \pm 0.33	

Supplementary Figure S1



A) Alignment of the murine LXR α and LXR β showing differences in S196 phosphorylation motifs.

B) LXR α phosphorylation at Ser198 and total LXR α levels in human liver lysates (n=2) by immunoblotting.

C) WT and S196A genomic and protein sequence alignment of the murine LXR α depicting the single-site mutation at S196A.

D) Targeting construct containing the loxP and FRT sites, the predicted homologous recombinant alleles and the resulting WT and LXR α knock-in locus incorporating the mutated sequence. Diagram also shows oligos used for genotyping and product size.

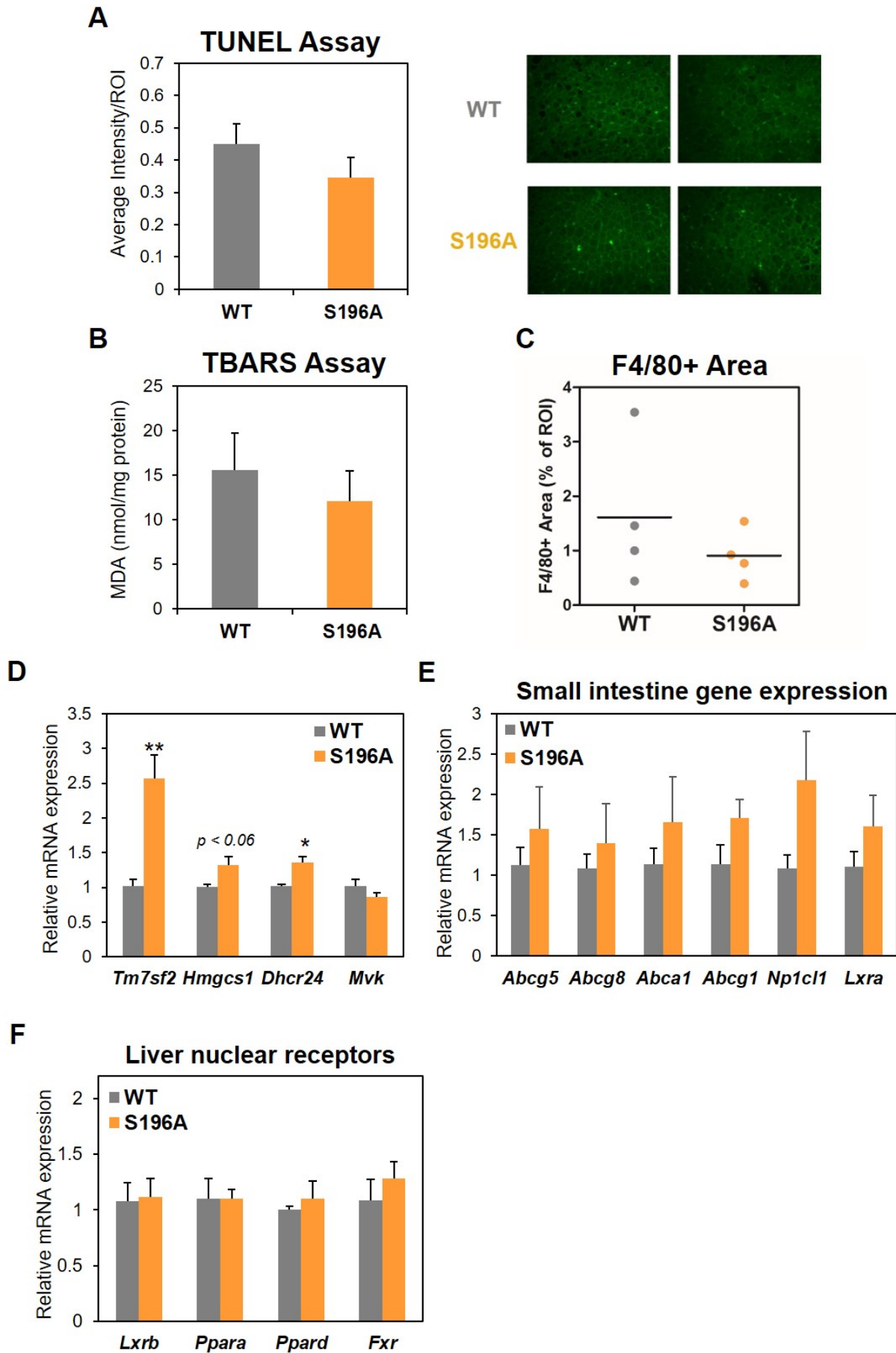
E) Gel electrophoresis of DNA amplified products using the corresponding primers.

F) Plasma non-esterified fatty acids (NEFAs) and triglycerides (TGs) levels from WT and S196A mice on HFHC diet (n=5-6). Data are means \pm SEM.

G) Hepatic gene expression of lipid droplet proteins from WT or S196A mice (n=6). Results shown normalized to cyclophilin and relative to WT set as 1.

Data represents means \pm SEM. * p < 0.05 or ** p < 0.005 relative to WT determined by Student's t-test.

Supplementary Figure S2.



A) Hepatic cell apoptosis assessed *in situ* by Direct DNA Fragmentation (TUNEL) Assay (n=6) (*Right*). Representative images of TUNEL-stained liver sections from WT and S196A mice at 200x magnification (*Left*).

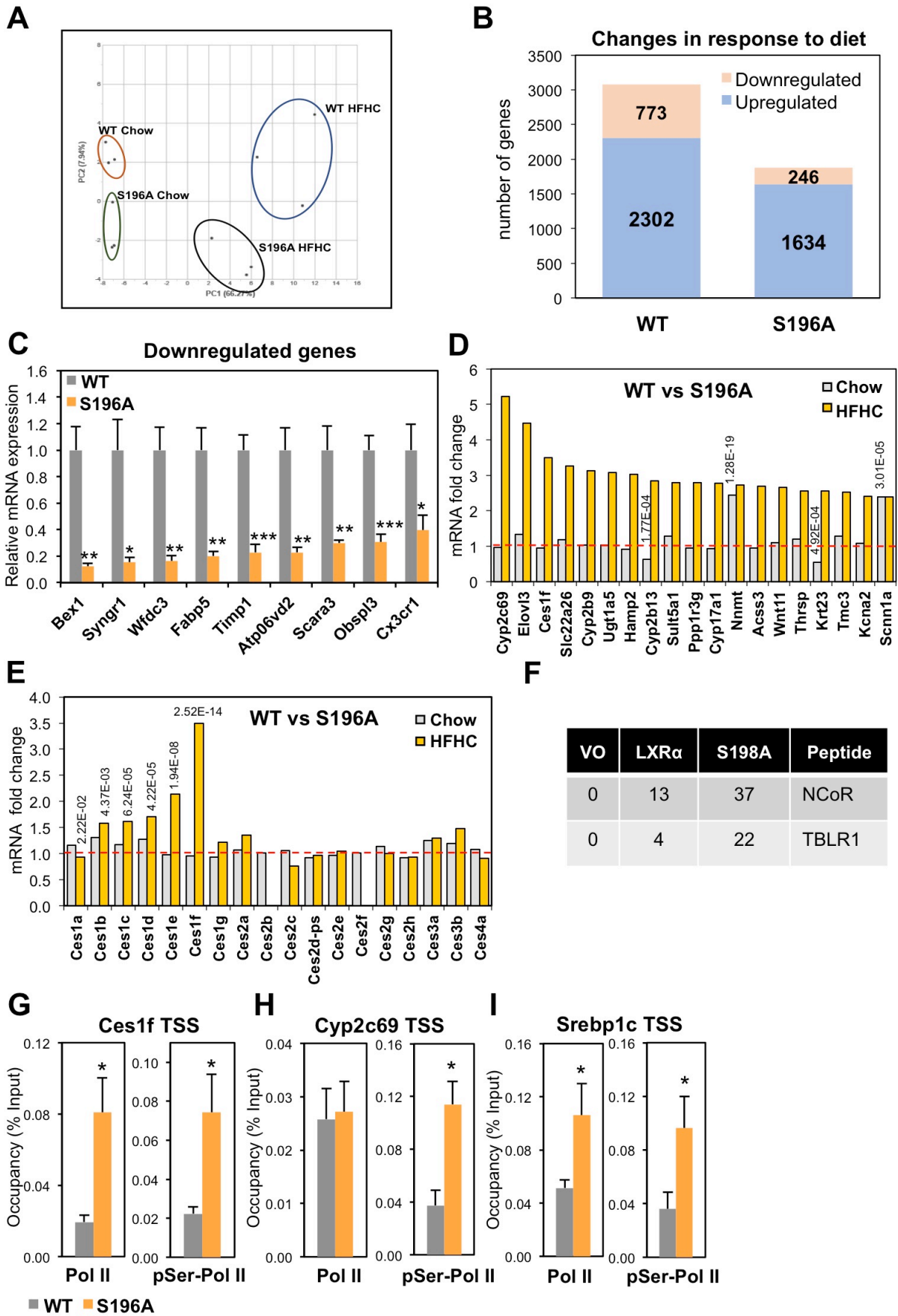
B) Hepatic lipid peroxidation shown as MDA levels in WT and S196A livers (n=6) normalised to protein levels in tissue homogenates.

C) Quantification of F4/80-positively stained areas in liver sections of WT and S196A mice (n=4) at 200x magnification. Dots represent average of three independent areas per animal.

D,F) Hepatic and **E)** Small intestine gene expression from WT or S196A mice fed a HFHC diet for 6 weeks (n=6). Results shown normalized to cyclophilin levels and relative to WT.

Data represents means \pm SEM. * $p < 0.05$ or ** $p < 0.005$ relative to WT determined by Student's t-test.

Supplementary Figure S3.



A) Principal Component (PC) Analysis plot showing RNAseq samples analysed by diet and genotype.

B) Number of genes differentially expressed between chow and HFHC-fed livers by RNAseq (n=3).

C) qPCR validation of top downregulated genes on experimentally-independent HFHC-fed WT and S196A livers (n=6). Results shown normalized to cyclophilin and relative to WT.

D) Fold-change of hepatic RNAseq gene counts of top upregulated genes comparing genotypes by diet (n=3). Shown are p values of genes differentially expressed on a chow diet.

E) Fold-change of hepatic RNA-Seq gene counts for Ces family members comparing genotypes by diet (n=3). Shown are p values of genes differentially expressed on a HFHC diet.

F) Total spectral counts obtained from immunoprecipitates of wild type LXR α (LXR α), phospho-mutant (S198A) and not expressing LXR (VO) cells identified by mass spectroscopy.

G-I) RNA Pol II and pSer2-Pol II occupancy at Ces1f, Cyp2c69 TSS and Srebp1c TSS in livers of WT and S196A mice fed a HFHC (n=3-6).

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