

1 ***Drosophila* Kruppel homolog 1 represses lipolysis through interaction with dFOXO**

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24 **Abstract**

25 Transcriptional coordination is a vital process contributing to metabolic homeostasis. As
26 one of the key nodes in the metabolic network, the forkhead transcription factor FOXO has been
27 shown to interact with diverse transcription co-factors and integrate signals from multiple
28 pathways to control metabolism, oxidative stress response, and cell cycle. Recently,
29 insulin/FOXO signaling has been implicated in the regulation of insect development via the
30 interaction with insect hormones, such as ecdysone and juvenile hormone. In this study, we
31 identified an interaction between dFOXO and the zinc finger transcription factor Kruppel
32 homolog 1 (Kr-h1), one of the key players in juvenile hormone signaling in *Drosophila*. We
33 found that *Kr-h1* mutants have reduced triglyceride storage, decreased insulin signaling and
34 delayed larval development. Notably, Kr-h1 physically and genetically interacts with dFOXO *in*
35 *vitro* and *in vivo* to regulate the transcriptional activation of adipose lipase *brummer (bmm)*. The
36 transcriptional co-regulation by Kr-h1 and dFOXO may represent a broad mechanism by which
37 Kruppel-like factors integrate with insulin signaling to maintain metabolic homeostasis and
38 coordinate organism growth.

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47 **Introduction**

48 Metabolic homeostasis plays important roles in developing animals ^{1,2}. The ability to
49 coordinate growth and development with nutrient availability is critical for the adaptation to
50 fluctuating environment. The main hormonal pathway that regulates insect growth and energy
51 metabolism is insulin/insulin-like growth factor signaling (IIS). Unlike the single insulin, two
52 insulin-like growth factor (IGF) system in mammals, insects have multiple insulin-like peptides ³,
53 ⁴. The activation of insulin/insulin-like growth factor signaling stimulates two major kinase
54 cascades: the PI3K/AKT pathway and MAPK/ERK pathways ⁵. In particular the O subclass of
55 the forkhead transcription factors (FOXO) are substrates of PI3K/AKT. Decreased cellular IIS
56 leads to de-phosphorylation and nuclear translocation of FOXO and the transcriptional activation
57 of FOXO target genes ^{6,7}. Besides IIS, FOXO transcriptional activity is modulated by several
58 other pathways (e.g. AMPK, JNK and SIRT) through post-translational modification (PTM) that
59 modulate FOXO binding to DNA or its co-activators ^{6,7}.

60 FOXO plays a key role in mediating the cross-talk between insulin signaling and other
61 insect hormones (e.g. juvenile hormone (JH) and ecdysteroids) to coordinate insect growth,
62 development and metabolic homeostasis ⁸⁻¹⁰. Molting hormone ecdysone regulates
63 developmental timing by inhibiting insulin signaling and promoting the nuclear localization of
64 *Drosophila* forkhead transcription factor (dFOXO) ⁸. During the non-feeding pupation stages of
65 *Bombyx* silkworm, 20-hydroxyecdysone (20E) induces lipolysis and promotes transcriptional
66 activation of two adipose lipases via the regulation of FOXO ¹¹. On the other hand, the link
67 between JH and insulin signaling was first demonstrated in *Drosophila* where insulin receptor
68 (InR) mutants were seen to reduced JH biosynthesis ¹². Recent studies on size control further
69 suggest that JH controls growth rate through *Drosophila* FOXO ¹⁰. Interestingly, JH also

70 regulates lipid metabolism via the interactions with FOXO in Tsetse flies⁹. Across these studies,
71 it remains unclear how JH interacts with nutrient signaling and whether JH directly acts on
72 FOXO-mediated transcriptional control.

73 FOXO interacts with a number of transcription factors within the nucleus to activate or
74 inhibit transcription of target genes¹³. The interactions between FOXO and its binding partners
75 contribute to the transcriptional specificity of FOXO and pleiotropic functions of insulin/FOXO
76 signaling. For instance, mouse FOXO1 interacts with PGC-1 α in liver to modulate insulin-
77 mediated gluconeogenesis¹⁴; mammalian FOXO1 binds to Smad2/3 in response to TGF-beta
78 signaling and regulates cell proliferation¹⁵; mammalian FOXO transcription factors (FOXO3A
79 and FOXO4) interacts with beta-Catenin of Wnt signaling to modulate cellular oxidative
80 response¹⁶. In *Drosophila*, dFOXO interacts with bZIP transcription factor REPTOR of
81 Mechanistic target of rapamycin (mTOR) signaling to regulate growth and energy homeostasis¹⁷.
82 Interestingly, recent studies found that FOXO interacts with Ultraspiracle (Usp), a co-factor of
83 the ecdysone receptor, to regulate ecdysone biosynthesis and developmental timing in
84 *Drosophila*¹⁸. To date, factors of JH signaling have not been identified to directly interact with
85 FOXO.

86 Kruppel-like homolog 1 (Kr-h1) is a key regulator of insect molting and metamorphosis
87 and a major effector in JH signaling¹⁹⁻²¹. JH strongly induces the transcription of *Kr-h1* via its
88 receptor Methoprene-tolerant (Met)²⁰⁻²². During insect development, Kr-h1 functions as a
89 transcriptional repressor on neurogenesis of mushroom body and photoreceptor maturation^{23,24}.
90 Kr-h1 belongs to Kruppel-like factors (KLFs) protein family, a group of conserved C2H2 type
91 zinc finger transcription factors. Unlike mammalian KLFs that contain three zinc finger DNA
92 binding domains, *Drosophila* Kr-h1 has eight zinc finger motifs²⁵. KLFs are also closely related

93 to transcription factor Sp1 (specificity protein 1). At least seventeen KLFs are identified in
94 mammals²⁶. Both KLFs and Sp1-like factors recognized GC-rich DNA elements or CACCC-
95 box in the promoters of target genes²⁶. While KLFs and Sp1 can function as both transcription
96 activator and repressor, the N-terminus of KLFs contains a consensus motif PXDL(S/T) that is
97 thought to interact with transcriptional co-repressor CtBP (C-terminal binding protein)^{27, 28}.
98 Some KLFs also interact with transcriptional co-activators to enhance transcriptional activities.
99 For instance, KLF1 is acetylated through its interaction with co-activators p300 and CREB-
100 binding protein (CBP), which leads to elevated induction of target gene beta-globin²⁹.

101 In this study, we identified an interaction between dFOXO and the zinc finger
102 transcription factor Kr-h1. While characterizing a *Drosophila Kr-h1* mutant, we found that Kr-h1
103 controls lipid metabolism and insulin signaling. Kr-h1 physically interacts with dFOXO and
104 represses the transcriptional activation of dFOXO target genes, including insulin receptor (*InR*)
105 and triglyceride lipase (*bmm* or *brummer*). The present study suggests a mechanism by which
106 Kruppel-like factor Kr-h1 integrates with insulin/dFOXO signaling to control lipid metabolism
107 and coordinate organism growth.

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109 **Results**

110 ***Kr-h1* mutants delay larval development and have reduced triglyceride.**

111 Here we study the role of *Drosophila* Kruppel-like factor Kr-h1 in larval development
112 and metabolic control using a P-element insertion line *Kr-h1[7]* (also known as *Kr-h1[k04411]*)
113^{19, 30}. The P-element insertion is located within exon 1 of the *Kr-h1 α* isoform and is reported to
114 interfere with the transcription of *Kr-h1* isoforms. *Kr-h1[7]* homozygous mutants are partially
115 viable during embryonic and larval development³⁰. We backcrossed this *Kr-h1[7]* allele into a

116 *yw^R* background for seven generations, producing a line where heterozygotes prolonged
117 developmental time to pupariation (Fig. 1A), and homozygotes arrest at either second or third
118 instar larval stage. *Kr-hl* mRNA is largely reduced in homozygous animals based on primers for
119 the common region of all three isoforms (Fig. 1B). Using a newly generated rabbit anti-Kr-hl
120 antibody, three major bands were detected in larval samples from wild-type and *Kr-hl[7]*
121 heterozygotes (Fig. 1C). Each of these bands was significantly reduced in homozygous animals,
122 although a novel protein band with a distinct molecular weight (around 51 kDa) was observed
123 (Fig. 1C). The identify of this protein band is unknown, but may correspond to the novel
124 transcript observed previously by northern blot in *Kr-hl[7]* homozygous mutants^{19,30}.

125 Defects in metabolic regulation also occur in the developmentally delayed *Kr-hl* mutants.
126 Triglycerides and glycogen were measured in *Kr-hl[7]* homozygous larvae at 90 hours after egg
127 laying (AEL). Among fed animals, triglycerides (TAG) were reduced 2-fold by *Kr-hl* mutation,
128 while glycogen was similar among genotypes (Fig. 1D & 1E). TAG is a major stored nutrient
129 mobilized during fasting. Accordingly, fasting reduced TAG stores in both genotypes, but to a
130 significantly greater extent in *Kr-hl[7]* homozygous larvae (2.9-fold vs 1.4-fold in wild-type)
131 (Two-way ANOVA, interaction $p < 0.047$). Fasting reduced stored glycogen to the same extent in
132 both genotypes (Fig. 1D & 1E).

133 In flies, adipose triglyceride lipase brummer (*bmm*) is a key lipase involved in TAG
134 mobilization^{11,31}. While transcripts of *bmm* were somewhat up-regulated by fasting in wildtype
135 larvae and in fed *Kr-hl[7]* mutants (Fig. 1F), *bmm* expression was dramatically increased in
136 fasted *Kr-hl[7]* homozygous larvae (4.3-fold vs. 1.8-fold in wildtype) (Two-way ANOVA,
137 interaction $p < 0.0196$) (Fig. 1F). This result is consistent with the greater TAG mobilization in
138 fasted *Kr-hl* mutants as shown in Fig. 1D, suggesting that lipase activities might be enhanced in

139 *Kr-h1* mutants, especially upon fasting. In parallel, we found that the expression of a lysosomal
140 acid lipase *Lip4* was significantly down-regulated by fasting in wildtype and in fed *Kr-h1*
141 mutants (Fig. 1G). These results suggest that Kr-h1 might specifically target the major adipose
142 triglyceride lipase *bmm* to regulate TAG mobilization. As well, transcripts of fly perilipin *Lsd-1*
143 were upregulated in *Kr-h1* mutants and down-regulated in both genotypes upon fasting (Fig. 1H).
144 Perilipin proteins (PLINs) are a group of lipid droplet-associated proteins that act as protective
145 coating factors to prevent lipid breakdown by triglyceride lipases^{32,33}. Notably, repression of
146 *Lsd-1* by fasting was significantly enhanced in *Kr-h1* mutants (10.2-fold vs. 2.4-fold in wildtype)
147 (Two-way ANOVA, interaction $p < 0.0001$). Collectively, these results suggest that Kr-h1 plays
148 an important role in lipolysis through the transcriptional regulation of triglyceride lipase *bmm*
149 and lipid droplet-associated protein *Lsd-1*.

150 ***Kr-h1* mutants have reduced insulin signaling**

151 One way Kr-h1 might modulate TAG is through interactions with insulin/IGF signaling.
152 Insulin/IGF signaling is a metabolic master regulator that controls lipase gene expression through
153 its downstream transcription factor dFOXO³⁴. Here we see that phosphorylation of IIS-regulated
154 kinase AKT was reduced in *Kr-h1[7]* homozygotes (Fig. 2A). Furthermore, *Kr-h1[7]*
155 homozygotes had reduced expression of two insulin-like peptides (*dilp2* and *dilp5*), which are
156 the major DILPs produced from brain neurosecretory cells, known as insulin producing cells
157 (IPCs) (Fig. 2B & 2C).

158 Reduced insulin signaling is expected to activate forkhead transcription factor dFOXO⁶.
159 Accordingly, mRNA expression of two key dFOXO target genes, *4ebp* (eukaryotic translation
160 initiation factor 4E binding protein) and *InR* were significantly induced in *Kr-h1* mutants (Fig.
161 2D & 2E), and *InR* expression was further increased in fasted *Kr-h1[7]* homozygotes (5.2-fold vs.

162 3.4-fold in wildtype) (Two-way ANOVA, interaction $p=0.1023$) (Fig. 2F). Thus, in *Kr-h1*
163 mutant larvae, insulin signaling is inhibited and dFOXO is activated.
164 ***Kr-h1* genetically interacts with *dfoxo* to regulate the transcription of *InR* and *bmm*, and**
165 **lipid metabolism.**

166 To determine the requirement of dFOXO for Kr-h1-mediated lipid metabolism, we
167 generated a double mutant by combining *Kr-h1*[7] and *dfoxo*[21]³⁵. Interestingly, *dfoxo*[21]
168 mutants suppressed the elevated *InR* and *bmm* expression found in *Kr-h1*[7] mutants (Fig. 2G &
169 2H), confirming that these transcription factors co-regulate key metabolic genes. Furthermore,
170 the reduction of TAG in *Kr-h1*[7] mutants was rescued by *dfoxo*[21]^{-/-} (Fig. 2I). Together, these
171 results reveal a genetic interaction between Kr-h1 and dFOXO in the control of the transcription
172 of metabolic genes and lipid metabolism.

173 **Kr-h1 physically interacts with dFOXO**

174 Kr-h1 and dFOXO may interact directly or indirectly to regulate the expression of *InR*
175 and *bmm*. To test the possibility of direct interaction, we attempted to co-immunoprecipitated
176 (Co-IP) Kr-h1 and dFOXO in cultured *Drosophila* cells. We were able to pull down endogenous
177 dFOXO from nuclear and cytoplasmic extracts using an anti-dFOXO antibody. Interestingly, Kr-
178 h1 was detected in the protein complex from the nuclear extracts, but not from the cytoplasmic
179 extracts (Fig. 3A), suggesting that Kr-h1 can form a protein complex with dFOXO in the nuclei.

180 To identify the protein interaction site between these transcriptional factors, we cloned a
181 series of deletion fragments that contained different protein domains into the Gateway expression
182 vectors. Both the DNA binding domain and transactivation domain of dFOXO bound to full-length
183 Kr-h1 proteins (Fig. 3B). On the other hand, the Kr-h1 fragments that contain
184 transactivation/repression domain (a Q-rich domain) bound to full-length dFOXO proteins, while

185 Kr-h1 fragments with no Q-rich domain showed no binding (Fig. 3C). Therefore, the
186 transaction/repression domain of Kr-h1 is responsible for the interaction between Kr-h1 and
187 dFOXO.

188 The direct interaction between dFOXO and Kr-h1 may serve as a mechanism for the
189 transcriptional repression of dFOXO target genes by Kr-h1. To test this idea, we co-expressed
190 dFOXO with Kr-h1 (or Kr-h1 Q-rich domain) in Kc167 cells. The mRNA expression of *bmm*
191 was significantly induced by dFOXO alone, and this induction was blocked by co-expressing
192 either full-length of Kr-h1 or Q-rich domain (Fig. 3D). Thus, Kr-h1 appears to repress dFOXO
193 transcriptional activity through direct protein-protein interactions.

194 **Kr-h1 binds to the promoters of *insulin receptor* and *brummer* lipase adjacent to dFOXO**
195 **binding sites**

196 Kr-h1 and dFOXO physically interact and may thus transcriptionally co-regulate
197 metabolic genes. It has been previously shown that dFOXO binds to the promoter regions near
198 transcriptional start sites of *InR* and *bmm*^{34,36}, although our recent ChIP-Seq analysis
199 (unpublished) suggests that dFOXO also strongly bound the promoter region near the 5'-UTR of
200 *InR* (P1 region as shown in Fig. 4A) that contains a canonical FOXO binding motif
201 (GTAAATAA). To identify potential Kr-h1 response elements of *InR* and *bmm*, we searched
202 their promoters using mammalian KLF motifs in the Jaspar database (<http://jaspar.genereg.net>).
203 Three putative KLF binding sites denoted P1~P3 in each promoter were identified including sites
204 in 5'-UTR and intronic regions (Fig. 4A & 4B) (Supplementary Table S1). We did not find any
205 sites corresponding to the *Bombyx* Kr-h1 response element
206 (GACCTACGCTAACGCTAAATAGAGTTCCGA) reported by Kayukawa et al.²²

207 Binding of dFOXO and Kr-h1 to these putative sites was determined by CHIP-PCR
208 analysis in fasted animals. At *InR*, dFOXO binding was strongest in the P1 region located at the
209 5'-UTR region (Fig. 4C), while Kr-h1 bound most strongly to the P3 regions (Fig. 4D). At *bmm*
210 lipase, both dFOXO and Kr-h1 bound with highest affinity in the P1 region (Fig. 4E & 4F). The
211 co-localization of Kr-h1 and dFOXO binding suggests these factors could interact at promoters
212 to control the transcriptional activation of the key metabolic genes, and *bmm* lipase in particular.

213 **Kr-h1 represses dFOXO binding to the promoter of *InR* and *bmm***

214 Kr-h1 may repress dFOXO activity by inhibiting its binding at response elements in *bmm*
215 and *InR*. We performed a CHIP-PCR to test this possibility using anti-dFOXO antibody and *Kr-*
216 *h1*[7] mutants. dFOXO binding to the *InR* P1 region was increased from 2.9-fold relative to
217 negative control (Act5C) in fasted wildtype to 8.95-fold in fasted *Kr-h1* mutants (Two-way
218 ANOVA, interaction $p < 0.0001$) (Fig. 4G). In contrast, dFOXO binding to the *bmm* P1 region
219 was slightly but non-significantly increased from 2.1-fold in fasted wildtype to 2.8-fold in fasted
220 *Kr-h1* mutants (Two-way ANOVA, interaction $p = 0.5862$) (Fig. 4H). At the *InR* promoter in
221 particular, inhibition of dFOXO-DNA interaction may be one mechanism by which Kr-h1
222 modulates dFOXO transcriptional activity. Notably, in a reciprocal experiment with anti-Kr-h1
223 antibody, the binding of Kr-h1 to *InR* and *bmm* promoters was abolished in *dfoxo*[21] mutants
224 (Fig. 4I & 4J). These data suggest that Kr-h1 may be recruited after dFOXO binds to the
225 promoters of target genes, and Kr-h1 subsequently modulates the transcriptional activities of
226 dFOXO through interfering with dFOXO-DNA interactions.

227 **Kr-h1 expresses in adipose tissue to control larval development and lipid metabolism**

228 To determine where Kr-h1 and dFOXO interact *in vivo*, we first examined the tissue-
229 specific expression of Kr-h1 using our anti-Kr-h1 antibodies. Interestingly, Kr-h1 expressed in

230 larval ring gland, especially in corpora allata (CA), the production sites of JH (Fig. 5A). No
231 expression of Kr-h1 was detected in insulin producing cells (IPCs) (Fig. 5B). Kr-h1 expressed
232 highly in body wall muscle and midgut muscle (Fig. 5C), and in fasted fat body (Fig. 5D). Upon
233 fasting, dFOXO is activated by de-phosphorylation and subsequent nuclear translocation³⁷.
234 Nuclear translocation of both dFOXO and Kr-h1 was increased in fasted larval fat body (Fig.
235 5D). Thus, dFOXO and Kr-h1 may interact in fat body at the genome to co-regulate the
236 transcriptional activation of target genes.

237 dFOXO expressed in fat body regulates lipid metabolism and Dilp2 production from
238 brain IPCs³⁸. To determine from which tissue Kr-h1 regulates lipid metabolism and larval
239 development, we knocked down *Kr-h1* message through RNA interference (RNAi) with specific
240 Gal4 drivers. Knockdown of *Kr-h1* in fat body (*r4-gal4*) and muscle (*Mhc-gal4*) delayed the
241 pupariation, while knockdown in gut, IPCs and CA showed no effects on larval development
242 (Fig. 6A). Since fat body is the major site for triglyceride storage in *Drosophila*, we further
243 examined the role of Kr-h1 in the regulation of lipid metabolism in fat body. Consistently, fat
244 body-specific knockdown of *Kr-h1* induced *bmm* transcription, while overexpression of *Kr-h1*
245 repressed it (Fig. 6B). Fat body-expressed *Kr-h1* also increased TAG levels (Fig. 6C). Thus,
246 adipose-expressed Kr-h1 is essential for larval development and metabolic regulation.

247 **Juvenile hormone signaling regulates lipase *bmm* through dFOXO**

248 The interaction between Kr-h1 and dFOXO has the potential to integrate development
249 and nutrient signaling. Nutrient signaling through FOXO involves insulin, AMPK, SIRT and
250 JNK in both insect and mammals alike^{6, 13}. On the other hand, the upstream regulators of
251 Kruppel-like factors are poorly characterized in vertebrates, but among insects Kr-h1 is
252 decisively regulated by JH, a key hormonal signal involved in molting and metamorphosis²⁰. In

253 particular, JH induces the transcription of *Kr-h1* via the JH receptor Methoprene-tolerant (Met)²¹,
254 ³⁹. In this capacity, recent studies suggest that JH and Met are involved in not only development
255 programming, but also in metabolic control^{9, 40-42}, although how JH affects metabolism is
256 fundamentally unknown.

257 Given that Kr-h1 and dFOXO functionally interact to control lipid metabolism, we
258 examined if this feature provides a way for JH to affect metabolic regulation through *bmm*
259 transcription. Consistent with previous studies⁹, triglyceride levels were reduced in flies where
260 the corpora allata were genetically removed (CAX) (Fig. 7A). Conversely, wild-type flies
261 exposed to the JH analog (JHA) methoprene had elevated TAG contents compared to controls
262 (Fig. 7B). Additionally, *Met* mutations had also down-regulated TAG levels (Fig. 7C) and up-
263 regulated *bmm* mRNA (Fig. 7D). Met also genetically interacts with dFOXO to regulate the
264 mRNA expression of *bmm* (Fig. 7D). JH may therefore regulate *bmm* via interaction with
265 dFOXO. Supporting this prediction, methoprene treatment inhibited the expression of *bmm* in
266 wildtype flies, but not in *dfoxo[21]* mutants (Fig. 7E). Furthermore, fasting reduced JH titers
267 about 2-fold in both female and male flies (Fig. 7F). But while it is known that JH positively
268 regulates Kr-h1 transcription^{20, 22}, *Kr-h1* mRNA did not change upon fasting (Fig. 7G). On the
269 other hand, methoprene treatment was sufficient to induce *Kr-h1* transcription (Fig. 7H). Overall
270 these results indicate that JH signaling interacts with dFOXO to regulate lipid metabolism and
271 lipase gene expression, but the specific role of Kr-h1 in this process remains to be elucidated.

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273 **Discussion**

274 Transcriptional coordination is a key process contributing to metabolic homeostasis⁴³.
275 Multiple transcription factors interact at their genomic binding sites to enhance transcriptional

276 specificity and pleiotropic functions of metabolic pathways. As a key node in the metabolic
277 network, forkhead transcription factor FOXO has been shown to interact with diverse
278 transcription co-factors and thereby integrate signals to control metabolism and oxidative stress ⁶,
279 ¹³. Intriguingly, in recent genomic studies ⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶, the enriched FOXO binding at specific genes
280 does not always correlate to elevated transcriptional output, suggesting there exists inhibitory or
281 inertial mechanisms to repress FOXO when it is already bound to target genes.

282 Here we find that *Drosophila* Kruppel-like factor Kr-h1 acts as a repressor of dFOXO to
283 modulate induction of two dFOXO target genes, *InR* and *bmm*. Like other FOXO interacting
284 partners, Kr-h1 physically binds to dFOXO and inhibits the expression of dFOXO targets by
285 influencing the binding affinity of dFOXO to DNA. The transcriptional activity of FOXO is
286 typically regulated in two layers. The first and probably most important regulation is through
287 PTM, including phosphorylation, acetylation and ubiquitination ⁶. PTM of FOXO proteins can
288 affect its subcellular localization (by phosphorylation), DNA binding affinity (by acetylation)
289 and protein degradation (by ubiquitination). Interestingly, the effects of acetylation on FOXO
290 factors seem to be quite different from those by acetylation on KLFs. Acetylation of FOXO by
291 co-factor CBP/p300 weakens the FOXO binding to its DNA targets ⁴⁷, while CBP/p300
292 acetylated KLF1 shows increased transcriptional activation of target gene beta-globin ²⁹. The
293 second mechanism for the regulation of FOXO activity is through the interaction between FOXO
294 and other transcription factors or co-factors. FOXO factors have been shown to interact with
295 diverse transcription factors (e.g. Smad3/4, PGC-1 α , STAT3) that often potentiate the expression
296 of FOXO target genes ¹³. Kr-h1 identified in our study presents another example for this type of
297 modulatory regulation, although the interaction between Kr-h1 and dFOXO results in
298 transcription repression, instead of activation.

299 While we do not fully resolve how Kr-h1 blocks dFOXO activity, it seems that Kr-h1 can
300 inhibit dFOXO binding to its DNA targets. This result is similar to previous studies showing
301 reduced FOXO-DNA binding upon interaction with androgen receptor (AR)⁴⁸ and with
302 peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- γ (PPAR γ)⁴⁹. Alternatively, Kr-h1 may act by
303 inhibiting recruitment of dFOXO-coactivators (e.g. SIRT or CBP/p300) or by sequestering these
304 coactivators away from dFOXO. Kr-h1 may also recruit additional co-repressors (e.g. CtBP or
305 Sin3-HDAC) to the dFOXO transactivation sites to block the transcriptional activation of target
306 genes. The N-terminal Q-rich domain of KLFs is crucial for the recruitment of co-repressors
307 CtBP and Sin3A⁵⁰. In our co-immunoprecipitation assays, the Q-rich domain of Kr-h1 strongly
308 binds to dFOXO, suggesting Kr-h1 might inhibit dFOXO activity through recruiting co-
309 repressors. One possible candidate is an Sds3-like gene (CG14220), which was previously found
310 to co-immunoprecipitate with Kr-h1⁵¹. Sds3-like gene family proteins can form co-repressor
311 complex with Sin3A and HDAC to inhibit gene transcription via interactions with sequence-
312 specific transcription factors⁵².

313 KLFs have well documented roles in cell proliferation, differentiation and apoptosis⁵⁰. A
314 function for KLFs in lipid metabolism and insulin signaling complements recent studies where
315 KLFs function in cellular metabolic regulation, such as gluconeogenesis^{53,54}. Likewise, KLF15
316 deletion in mice produces hypoglycemia and impaired amino acid catabolism upon fasting⁵⁴.
317 Additionally, KLF5 heterozygous mice are resistant to high-fat diet-induced obesity.
318 SUMOylation modulates the transcriptional activities of KLF5 and its association with
319 peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-delta (PPAR-delta) to control the expression of
320 carnitine-palmitoyl transferase-1b (Cpt1b), uncoupling proteins 2 and 3⁵⁵. Interestingly, KLF4
321 has recently been identified as a direct target gene of FOXO-mediated transcription during B cell

322 development⁵⁶, suggesting a potential interaction between KLF and FOXO transcriptional
323 regulatory network.

324 Our CHIP-PCR studies suggest that *Drosophila* KLF Kr-h1 transcriptionally controls
325 many metabolic genes, including some of the key dFOXO targets (e.g. *InR* and triglyceride
326 lipase *bmm*). While it is not known whether *Drosophila* Kr-h1 could broadly interact with
327 dFOXO across the genome, such a genome-wide interaction between mammalian FOXO factors
328 and KLFs has been suggested by a recent meta-analysis⁵⁷. Because Kr-h1 plays an important
329 role in morphogenesis during *Drosophila* development²⁰, the interplay between Kr-h1 and
330 dFOXO raises the possibility that Kr-h1 coordinates growth and development through
331 insulin/dFOXO-mediated metabolic regulation.

332 In insects, Kr-h1 is one of the key effectors of JH signaling, an important hormonal
333 pathway governing insect molting, metamorphosis and reproduction. Recent studies reveal that
334 JH also participates in the regulation of carbohydrate and lipid metabolism^{9, 40-42, 58}. In Tsetse
335 flies, JH and insulin co-regulate the expression of TAG lipase and inhibit lipolysis⁹, which is
336 similar to our observation that TAG metabolism and lipase *brummer* expression are regulated by
337 JH and its receptor Met. JH signaling genetically interacts with insulin/dFOXO to control larval
338 growth rate and define final body size¹⁰. Thus, the transcriptional co-regulation of lipid
339 metabolism by *Drosophila* Kr-h1 and dFOXO may contribute to a novel mechanism through
340 which JH interacts with insulin signaling to integrate metabolism and growth during larval
341 development.

342 Since both Kr-h1 and dFOXO express highly in metabolic tissues (fat body and muscle)
343 of *Drosophila*, it is likely that the two transcription factors co-regulate many key metabolic
344 genes in these tissues. On the other hand, these metabolic tissues also contribute significantly to

345 other insect physiology and organismal functions, such as stress resistance and aging that are
346 tightly regulated by insulin/dFOXO signaling⁵⁹ and linked to JH signaling⁴⁰. Therefore, the
347 interplay between Kr-h1 and dFOXO may contribute to the regulation of these adult
348 physiological processes. Identifying the key co-factors and downstream events of Kr-h1/dFOXO
349 transcriptional network may advance our understanding of the integrated regulation by JH and
350 insulin signaling of metabolic, developmental and aging pathways.

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352 **Materials and Methods**

353 **Fly Husbandry and Stocks**

354 Flies were maintained at 25 °C, 40% relative humidity and 12-hour light/dark. Adults
355 were reared on agar-based diet with 0.8% cornmeal, 10% sugar, and 2.5% yeast (unless
356 otherwise noted). Fly stocks used in the present study are: *Kr-h1*[7] or *Kr-h1* [*k04411*]^{19,30}
357 (Bloomington # 10381, backcrossed to *yw^R*), *Kr-h1* RNAi lines (Bloomington # 50685, VDRC
358 #107935), *Kr-h1* EP line #EP2289^{23,60}, UAS-Kr-h1-LacZ²⁴, *foxo*[21]⁶¹, *Met*[1]⁶², *Met*[27]⁶²,
359 *r4-gal4* (Bloomington # 33832), *Mhc-gal4*⁶³, *Mex-gal4*⁶⁴, *dilp2-gal4*⁶⁵, *Aug21-gal4*⁶⁶, *S106-*
360 *GS-gal4*⁶⁷, UAS-GFP.nls (Bloomington # 4775), UAS-mCD8::GFP (Bloomington # 5137).
361 Double mutants were made by crossing *Kr-h1*[7] or *Met*[27] to *foxo*[21] respectively. Corpus
362 allatum (CA) ablation flies (named CAX flies) are generated in our laboratory as previously
363 described⁴⁰. *yw^R* flies were used as wild-type flies in most of the experiments. For methoprene
364 treatment, adult flies were exposed for 24~48 hours to various concentrations of methoprene
365 applied to the side of culture vials.

366 **Kr-h1 Antibody and Western Blot**

367 Kr-h1 polyclonal antibody was generated in rabbits against the short peptide sequence
368 ‘LIEHFKRGDLARHG’ (Covance, Dedham, MA, USA) and affinity purified (Thermo Fisher
369 Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The antibody recognized three major bands in western blots
370 (Fig. 1C). These bands may be corresponding to the three isoforms of Kr-h1 (α , β , γ). All
371 western blots were performed per the following procedures: Fly tissues or cells were
372 homogenized in RIPA buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) with protease
373 inhibitors (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA). Supernatant was incubated with NuPAGE LDS
374 loading buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) at 70 °C for 10 min. About 20 μ g
375 of denatured protein was separated on 4~12% Bis-Tris precast gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
376 Waltham, MA, USA) and transferred to PVDF membranes. Following incubation with primary
377 and secondary antibodies, the blots were visualized with Pierce ECL Western Blotting Substrate
378 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Other antibodies used in the present study are
379 Phospho-*Drosophila* Akt antibody (Ser505) (#4054S, Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA,
380 USA), Akt antibody (#9272S, Cell Signaling Technology).

381 **Quantitative RT–PCR**

382 Total RNA was extracted using Trizol reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA,
383 USA) from 10 ~15 synchronously staged larvae or whole adult flies. DNase-treated total RNA
384 was quantified and about 500 ng of total RNA was reverse transcribed to cDNA using iScript
385 cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA). QPCR was performed with an ABI prism
386 7300 Sequence Detection System (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Three to five
387 biological replicates were used for each experimental treatment. mRNA abundance of each gene
388 was normalized to the expression of ribosomal protein L32 (*RpL32* or *rp49*) by the method of
389 comparative C_T . Primer sequences are listed in Supplementary Table S1.

390 **Pupariation timing analysis**

391 Synchronized eggs were placed on 35 x 10 mm petri dishes containing standard medium
392 (see above) at 20~30 eggs per dish. The numbers of pupae were recorded 2~3 times every day
393 around 120 hours AEL till all larvae molt into pupae.

394 **Metabolic assays**

395 All metabolic analyses were performed as previously described^{67,68}. For TAG assay, 25
396 staged larvae or six adult flies were collected and homogenized in 1xPBS containing 0.1%
397 Tween 20 and TAG was quantified using Thermo Scientific™ Triglycerides Reagent (Thermo
398 Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). For glycogen measurement, samples were digested with
399 amyloglucosidase (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA) and glucose contents were quantified
400 using Thermo Scientific™ Glucose Hexokinase Reagents (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham,
401 MA, USA). The relative level of each metabolite was obtained by normalizing the metabolites to
402 total protein.

403 **Immunoprecipitation and pull-down**

404 All the immunoprecipitation and pull-down experiments were conducted in *Drosophila*
405 Kc167 cells adapted to serum-free culture medium (*Drosophila* Schneider Medium). Either full-
406 length (Kr-h1 α -isoform) or partial gene products were cloned into *Drosophila* Gateway Vectors
407 with N-terminal tags (FLAG and HA) following *Drosophila* Gateway Vectors protocols
408 (<https://emb.carnegiescience.edu/Drosophila-gateway-vector-collection>). About 1 μ g of
409 constructs were transfected to 2×10^6 Kc167 cells using Effectene reagent (Qiagen, Hilden,
410 Germany). Two days after transfection, cells were harvested and lysed in NP-40 lysis buffer
411 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) with proteinase inhibitors (Sigma-Aldrich, St
412 Louis, MO, USA). To pull-down target proteins, total protein extracts were incubated with

413 proper antibodies and Dynabeads Protein A (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA).
414 Following pull-down, western blotting was performed to examine protein complex. Antibodies
415 used in pull-down and western blots include rabbit anti-Kr-h1 and anti-dFOXO produced in our
416 laboratory, rabbit anti- HA (Covance, Dedham, MA, USA), and mouse anti-FLAG (Sigma-
417 Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA). Nuclear extracts for immunoprecipitation were conducted with a
418 nuclear extraction kit (Active motif, Carlsbad, CA, USA).

419 **Immunohistochemistry and imaging**

420 To examine the tissue-specific expression of Kr-h1 and its co-localization with dFOXO,
421 various larval tissues were dissected from fed or fasted 3rd instar larvae (90 hr AEL) (For fasting,
422 larvae were placed onto wet kimwipe soaked with 1 x PBS for 16 hours). Tissue immunostaining
423 were performed as previously described ⁴⁶, using slowFade mounting solution with DAPI
424 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Samples were imaged with a Zeiss 510 laser
425 scanning confocal microscope or an Olympus BX51WI upright epifluorescence microscope
426 equipped with Hamamatsu Flash 4.0 Plus CMOS Camera. Antibodies used in
427 immunohistochemistry included: rabbit anti-Kr-h1 (1:200) (this study), anti-dFOXO (1:200) ⁶⁹,
428 anti-GFP (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA), anti-rabbit IgG-DyLight 488 (1:300) anti-rabbit
429 IgG-Alexa Fluor 594 (1:300) and anti-Guinea pig IgG-DyLight 488 (1:300) (Jackson
430 ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA, USA).

431 **Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)**

432 ChIP was conducted as previously described ⁴⁶. About 50 staged larvae were used in each
433 sample. Flies were homogenized and cross-linked in 1xPBS containing 1% formaldehyde. The
434 fly nuclear extractions were sonicated using a Branson 450 sonicator to break down the
435 chromatin. Immunoprecipitation was performed using Dynabeads Protein A and anti-Kr-h1 and

436 anti-dFOXO antibodies. Following the wash with LiCl and TE buffer, the DNA-protein complex
437 was eluted, reverse cross-linked, digested with Proteinase K and RNase. Kr-h1-bound or
438 dFOXO-bound DNA fragments were purified and used as templates in qPCR analysis. Binding
439 enrichment was calculated as the fold change between ChIP DNA vs. input DNA (Chromatin
440 extracts before immunoprecipitation). The binding to the coding region of Actin (*Act5C*) was
441 used as negative controls.

442 **Juvenile hormone quantification**

443 For each sample, 197-200 individual flies (7~10-day-old) were placed in 500 μ l hexane
444 in a glass vial with a Teflon cap insert and stored at -80 °C prior to analysis. To extract the
445 hormone, the flies were crushed with a Teflon tissue grinder. The resultant homogenate was
446 centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 5 min, and the supernatant was removed to clean vial. Extraction
447 was conducted three times, combining the resultant supernatant from each sample. The gas
448 chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC-MS) method ⁷⁰, as modified ^{71, 72}, was used to quantify
449 juvenile hormone (JH). Samples were eluted through aluminum oxide columns successively with
450 hexane, 10% ethyl ether-hexane and 30% ethyl ether-hexane. Samples were subjected to a
451 second series of aluminum oxide elutions (30% ethyl ether-hexane then 50% ethyl-acetate-
452 hexane) after derivatization with methyl-d alcohol (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA) and
453 trifluoroacetic acid (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA). Purified samples were analyzed on an
454 HP 7890A Series GC (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) equipped with a 30 m x
455 0.25 mm Zebron ZB-WAX column (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) and coupled to an HP
456 5975C inert mass selective detector with helium as the carrier gas. MS analysis occurred in the
457 SIM mode, monitoring at m/z 76 and 225 to ensure specificity for the d3-methoxyhydrin
458 derivative of JH III. Total abundance was quantified against a standard curve of derivatized JH

459 III and using farnesol (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA) as an internal standard. The
460 detection limit is approximately 1 pg.

461 **Statistical analysis**

462 GraphPad Prism 6 (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA) was used for statistical analysis.

463 To compare the mean value of treatment groups versus that of control, either student t-test or
464 one-way ANOVA was performed using Dunnett's test for multiple comparison. The effects of
465 mutants on starvation responses was analyzed by two-way ANOVA, including Tukey multiple
466 comparisons test.

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653 **Figure Legends**

654 **Fig. 1 *Kr-h1* mutants delayed larval development and have reduced triglyceride.** (A). *Kr-*
655 *h1[7]* heterozygous mutants delayed pupation and homozygotes arrested at early larval stages.
656 Percentage of pupariation at different developmental time points is shown. Data are represented
657 as mean \pm SE of three trials. Student t-test (** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$). (B). *Kr-h1* transcripts were
658 significantly down-regulated in *Kr-h1[7]* mutants. Primers targeting common regions among
659 three isoforms were used in qRT-PCR. Each bar represents mean \pm SE of three biological
660 replicates. Statistical significance between wild-type and mutants is assessed by student t-test
661 (*** $p < 0.001$). (C). Reduced Kr-h1 protein expression in *Kr-h1[7]* homozygous mutants. Larvae
662 at 90 hr AEL (after egg laid) were used in western blots. In wild-type larvae, three distinct bands
663 are found (~84kDa, 64kDa and 48kDa). (D). *Kr-h1* mutant larvae have reduced TAG level. Upon
664 starvation, TAG mobilization was faster in Kr-h1 mutants than in wild-type larvae. Larvae at 90
665 hr AEL were fasted for 16 hr in culture vials with wet kimwipe soaked with PBS. Each bar
666 represents mean \pm SE of three biological replicates. Statistical significance is assessed by two-
667 way ANOVA followed by Tukey multiple comparisons test (*** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$).
668 (E). Glycogen contents and the utilization rate were not affected by *Kr-h1* mutation. (F).
669 Transcripts of TAG lipase *brummer* (*bmm*) were up-regulated by fasting and *Kr-h1* mutation.
670 The fasting-induced *bmm* expression was further enhanced by *Kr-h1* mutation. (G). Transcripts
671 of lysosomal acid lipase *lip4* were down-regulated by fasting and by *Kr-h1* mutation. (H).
672 Fasting-triggered fly perilipin *Lsd-1* repression was significantly enhanced in *Kr-h1* mutants.
673 Statistical significance is assessed by two-way ANOVA followed by Tukey multiple
674 comparisons test (*** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$).

675 **Fig. 2 *Kr-h1* mutants have reduced insulin signaling.** (A). Phosphorylation of AKT was down-
676 regulated in *Kr-h1* mutants. Ten 90 hr AEL larvae were lysed in RIPA buffer and ~20 µg of
677 denatured protein was loaded to SDS-PAGE gels. (B-C). The transcripts of two insulin-like
678 peptides (*dilp2*, *dilp5*) were down-regulated by *Kr-h1* mutation. (D-E). The mRNA expression of
679 the key dFOXO targets *4ebp* and *InR* were up-regulated in *Kr-h1* mutants. Each bar represents
680 mean ± SE of three biological replicates. Statistical significance between wild-type and mutants
681 is assessed by student t-test (** p<0.01, * p<0.05). (F). *InR* transcripts is additively regulated by
682 fasting and *Kr-h1*. Statistical significance is assessed by two-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple
683 comparisons test (*** p<0.001, ** p<0.01, * p<0.05). (G). *dfoxo[21]* mutants suppress the
684 induction of *InR* transcription by *Kr-h1[7]*. (H). *dfoxo[21]* mutants suppress the induction of
685 *bmm* transcription by *Kr-h1[7]*. Each bar represents mean ± SE of three biological replicates. (I).
686 *dfoxo[21]* mutants rescue the reduction of TAG levels in *Kr-h1[7]* mutants. Statistical
687 significance is assessed by one-way ANOVA, followed by Dunnett's multiple comparisons (*
688 p<0.05).

689 **Fig. 3 *Kr-h1* physically interacts with dFOXO.** (A). Co-immunoprecipitation of endogenous
690 dFOXO and *Kr-h1* from Kc167 cell lysates (N: Nuclear extracts; C: Cytoplasmic extracts). Anti-
691 dFOXO antibodies were used in pull-down. Rabbit IgG served as a negative control. (B). Co-
692 immunoprecipitation of FLAG-tagged full-length *Kr-h1* and HA-tagged dFOXO fragments.
693 Anti-FLAG antibodies were used to pull-down. Schematic graph on the right showing the
694 position of each dFOXO fragment. Both DNA binding domain and transaction domain of
695 dFOXO are able to bind to *Kr-h1*. (C). Co- immunoprecipitation of FLAG-tagged full-length
696 dFOXO and HA-tagged *Kr-h1* fragments. Anti-FLAG antibodies were used to pull down *Kr-h1*-
697 dFOXO complex Schematic graph on the right showing the position of each *Kr-h1* fragment. Q-

698 rich domain shows strong binding to dFOXO. TAD/TRD: Transaction/repression domain. DBD:
699 DNA binding domain. (D). Expression of either full-length Kr-h1 or Q-rich domain in Kc167
700 cells blocked dFOXO-induced transcription of *bmm*. Data are represented as mean \pm SE of three
701 trials. One-way ANOVA, followed by Dunnett's multiple comparisons (* $p < 0.05$).

702 **Fig. 4 Kr-h1 binds to the promoter of brummer lipase and insulin receptor adjacent to**
703 **dFOXO binding sites.**

704 (A). Schematic graph shows insulin receptor (*InR*) locus. P1 region contains a canonical FOXO
705 binding motif (GTAAATAA), while putative mammalian Kruppel binding sites are found in all
706 three regions (based on motif search on the Jaspar database, jaspar.genereg.net). (B). Schematic
707 graph shows brummer lipase (*bmm*) locus. P1, P2 and P3 are corresponding to the target sites
708 tested in ChIP-PCR analysis. P1 region contains a canonical FOXO binding motif, while putative
709 mammalian Kruppel binding sites are found in all three regions. (C). ChIP-PCR analysis on
710 dFOXO binding to *InR* promoter. (D). ChIP-PCR analysis on Kr-h1 binding to *InR* promoter.
711 Each bar represents mean \pm SE of three biological replicates. Statistical significance is assessed
712 by one-way ANOVA. (E). ChIP-PCR analysis on dFOXO binding to *bmm* promoter. (F). ChIP-
713 PCR analysis on Kr-h1 binding to *bmm* promoter. (G). dFOXO binding to *InR* promoter (P1
714 region) is enhanced in fasted *Kr-h1* mutants. Interaction is statistically significant, $p < 0.0001$. (H).
715 dFOXO binding to *bmm* promoter (P1 region) is slight enhanced fasted *Kr-h1* mutants.
716 Interaction is not statistically significant, $p = 0.5862$. (I). Kr-h1 binding to *InR* promoter is
717 abolished in fasted *dfoxo[21]* mutants. (J). Kr-h1 binding to *bmm* promoter is abolished in fasted
718 *dfoxo[21]* mutants. Each bar represents mean \pm SE of three biological replicates. Statistical
719 significance is assessed by one-way ANOVA, followed by Dunnett's multiple comparisons (*
720 $p < 0.05$, ns: not significant).

721 **Fig. 5 Tissue-specific expression pattern of Kr-h1.** (A). Kr-h1 expressed in ring gland of
722 Aug21-gal4>UAS-GFP.nls larvae. CA is labeled by GFP staining. Scale bar: 20 μ m. (B). Kr-h1
723 does not express in IPCs of dilp2-gal4>UAS-mCD8::GFP larvae. A cluster of IPCs is labeled by
724 GFP staining. Scale bar: 10 μ m. (C). Kr-h1 expressed in larval body wall muscle and midgut
725 muscle. Scale bar: 20 μ m. (D). Nuclear co-localization of Kr-h1 and dFOXO in fat body upon
726 fasting. Larvae at 90 hr AEL were fasted for 16 hr in culture vials with wet kimwipe soaked with
727 PBS. Fat body cells were dissected and staining with anti-Kr-h1 and anti-dFOXO antibodies.
728 Scale bar: 10 μ m.

729 **Fig. 6 Fat body-expressed Kr-h1 regulates larval development and lipid metabolism.** (A).
730 Knockdown of *Kr-h1* expression in fat body (*r4-gal4*) and muscle (*Mhc-gal4*) delayed the
731 pupariation. Knockdown of *Kr-h1* in gut (*Mex-gal4*), IPCs (*dilp2-gal4*) and CA (*Aug21-gal4*)
732 shows no effects on larval development. The Kr-h1 RNAi line was backcrossed into a *yw^R*
733 background for five generations prior to developmental timing experiments. Data are represented
734 as mean \pm SE of three trials. Student t-test (** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$) (B). Fat body-specific
735 knockdown of *Kr-h1* induced *bmm* transcription, while overexpression of *Kr-h1* in fat body
736 repressed it. (C). Fat body-specific overexpression of *Kr-h1* increased TAG levels. Data are
737 represented as mean \pm SE of three trials. Student t-test or one-way ANOVA (* $p < 0.05$).

738 **Fig. 7 Juvenile hormone signaling regulates TAG lipase *bmm* through dFOXO.** (A). TAG
739 levels are reduced in CA ablation (CAX) flies. Each bar represents mean \pm SE of three biological
740 replicates. Student t-test (* $p < 0.05$). (B) Flies exposed to JH analog (JHA) methoprene show
741 increased TAG levels. Each bar represents mean \pm SE of three biological replicates. One-way
742 ANOVA (* $p < 0.05$). (C). *Met* mutants have reduced TAG levels. Student t-test (* $p < 0.05$). (D).
743 Genetic interaction between *Met* and *dfoxo* in the regulation of *bmm* transcripts. *bmm*

744 transcription is up-regulated in *Met* mutants, which was rescued by *dfoxo²¹* mutants. One-way
745 ANOVA (* p<0.05, ns: not significant). (E). JH analog (JHA) methoprene treatment led to
746 reduced *bmm* expression in wildtype female flies, but not in *dfoxo²¹* mutant flies. Each bar
747 represents mean \pm SE of three biological replicates. Statistical significance is assessed by two-
748 way ANOVA (* p<0.05, ns: not significant) (F). JH titer is decreased upon fasting. 10-day-old
749 adult flies were fasted (in culture vial with wet kimwipe soaked with PBS) for 16 hours before
750 collected for JH quantification. Each bar represents mean \pm SE of 5~7 biological replicates.
751 Statistical significance is assessed by student t-test (* p<0.05). (G). The mRNA expression of
752 *Kr-h1* did not change upon fasting. (H). Methoprene treatment induced *Kr-h1* transcription. Each
753 bar represents mean \pm SE of three biological replicates. One-way ANOVA (* p<0.05, ns: not
754 significant).

Figure 1

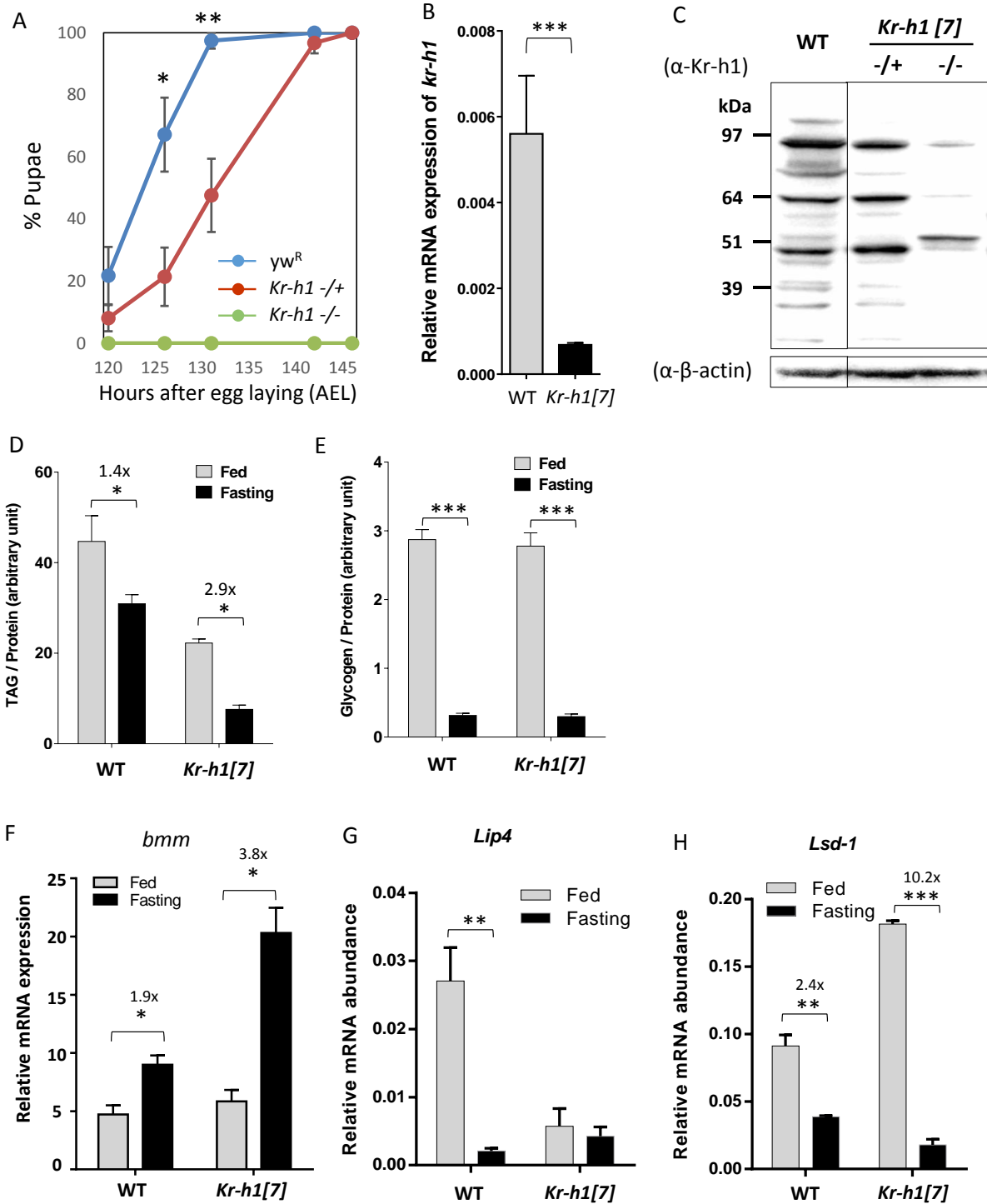


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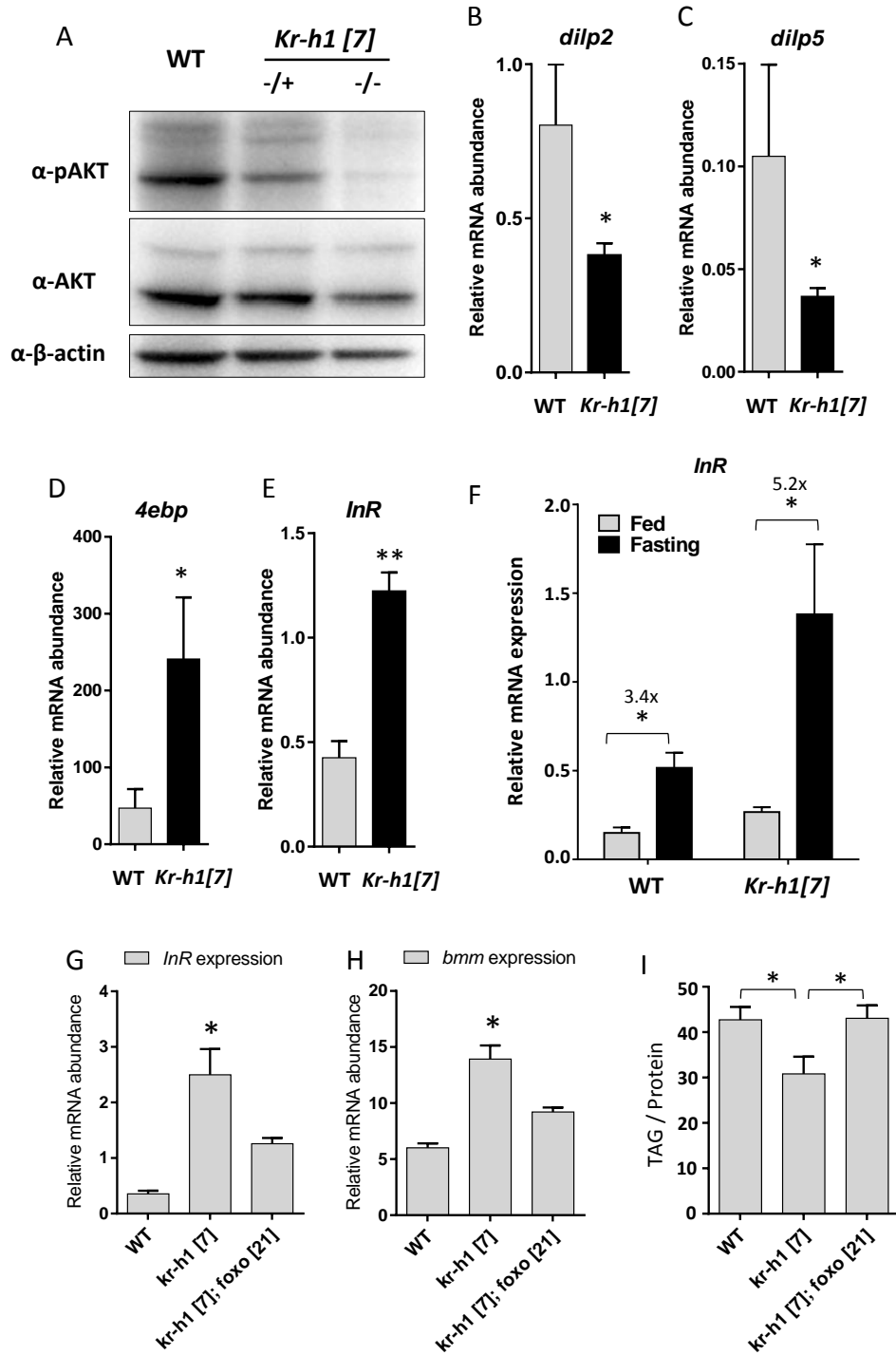


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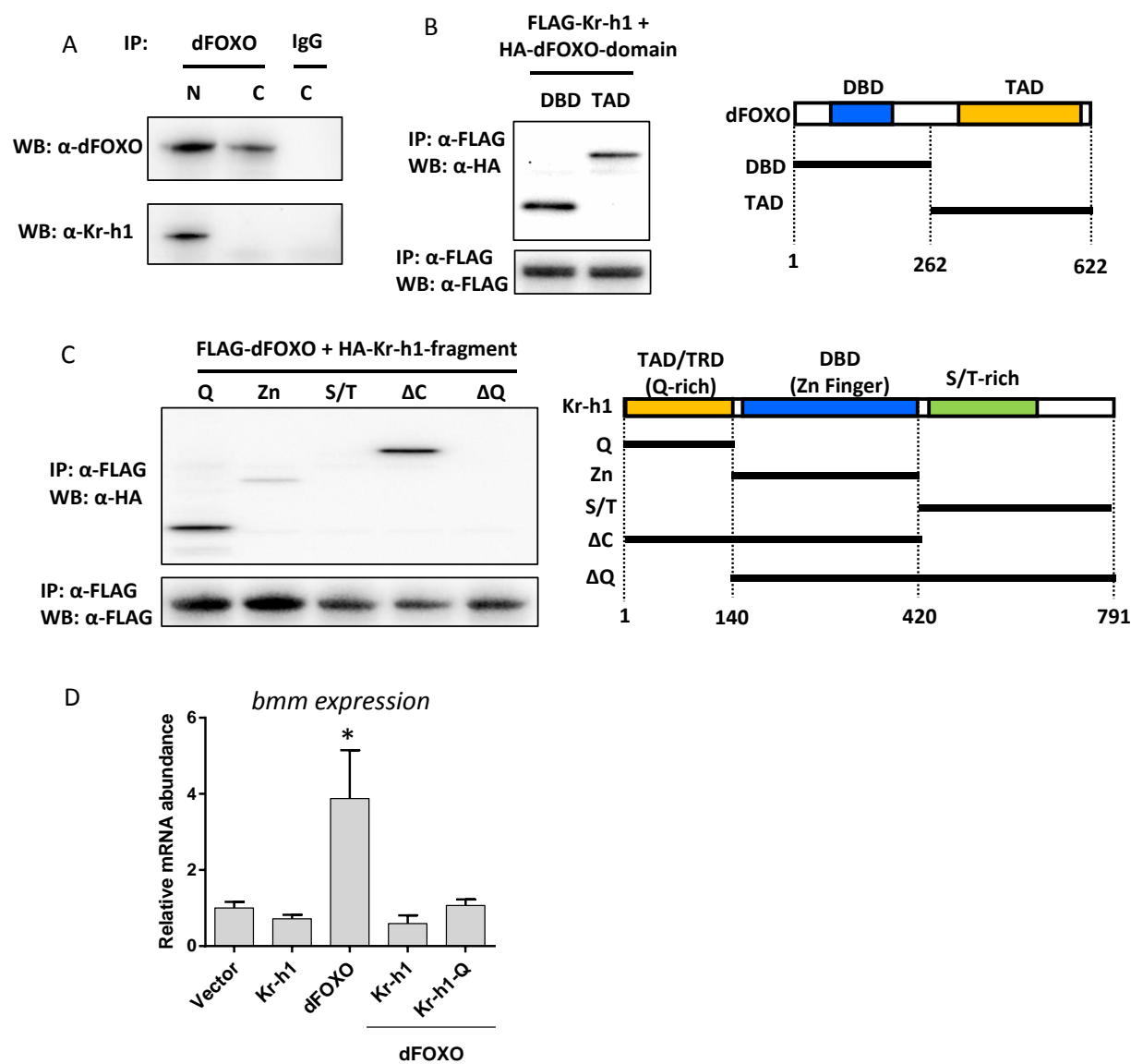


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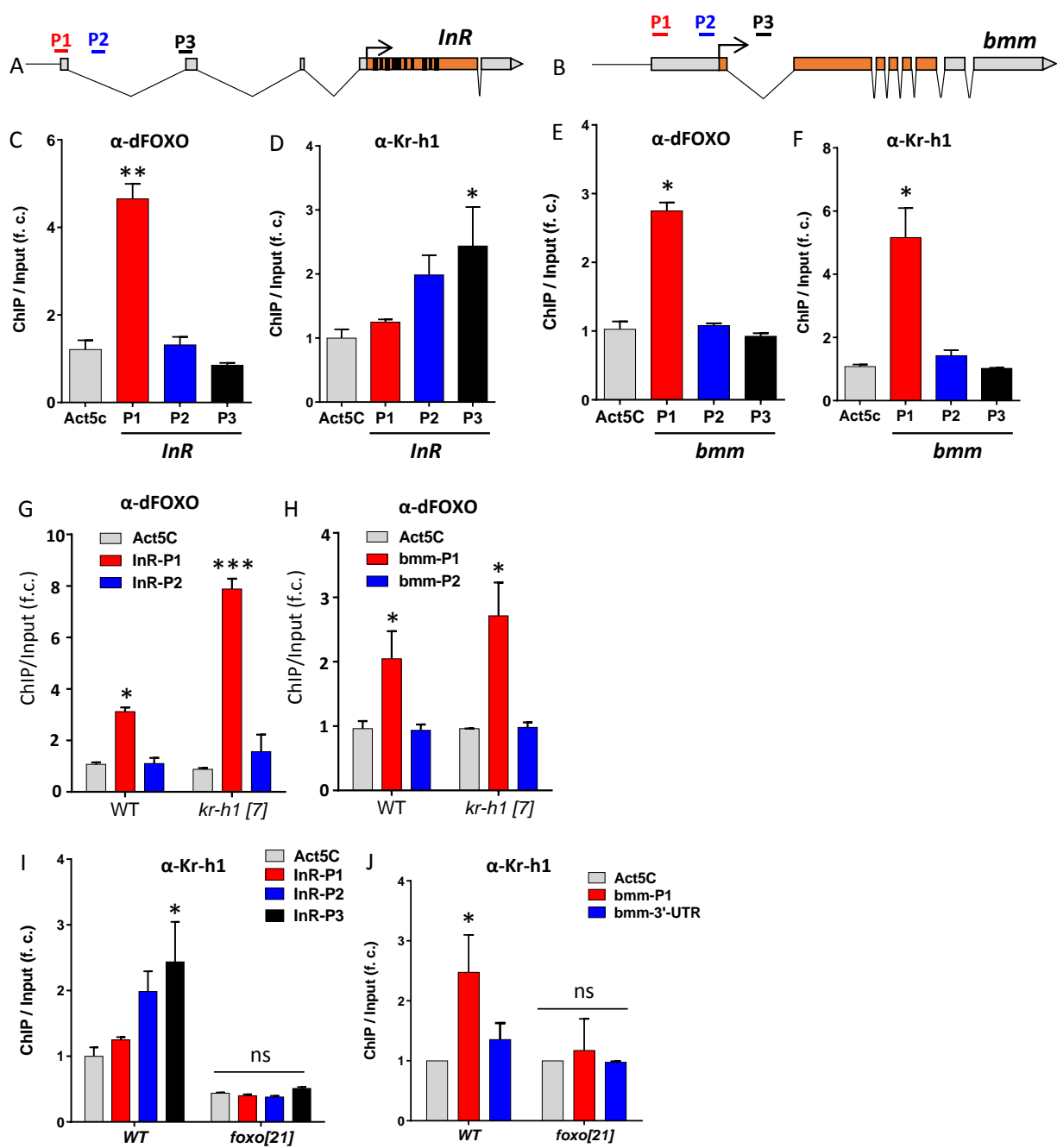


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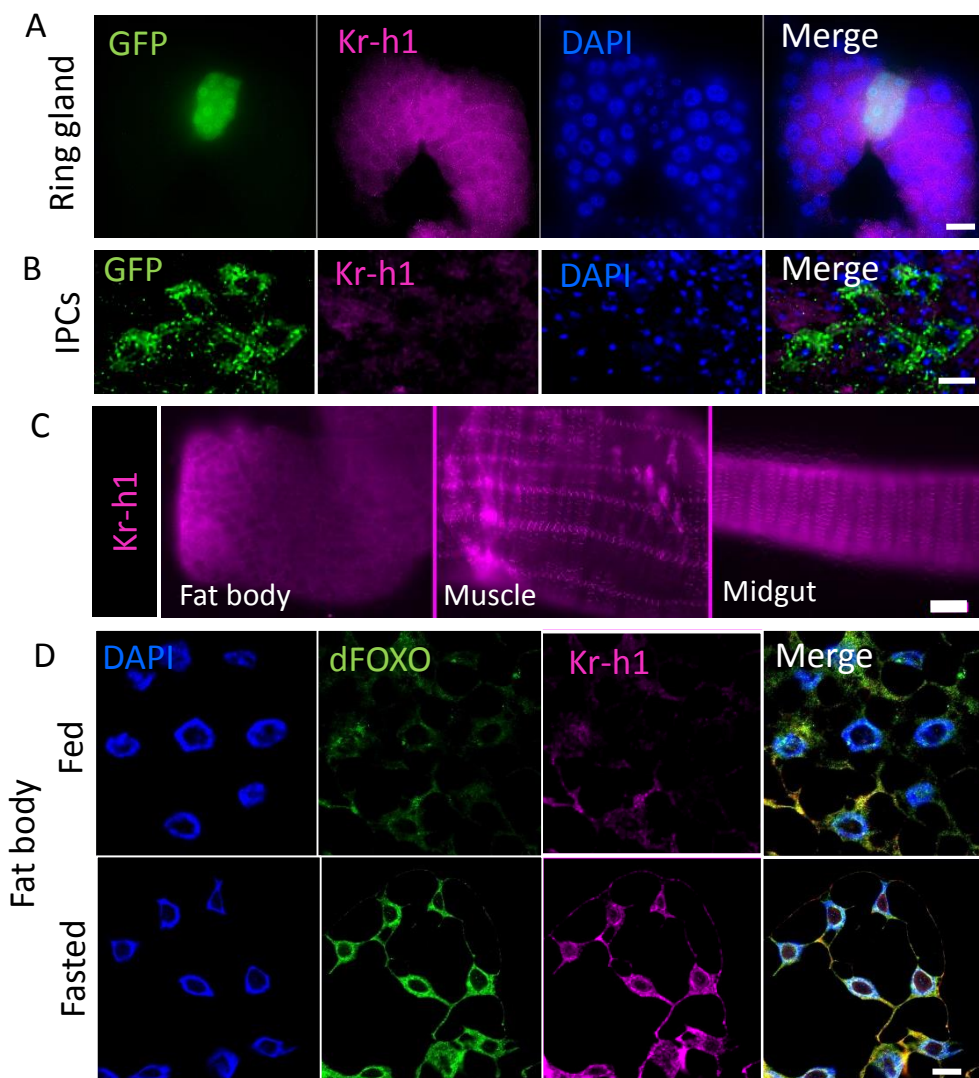


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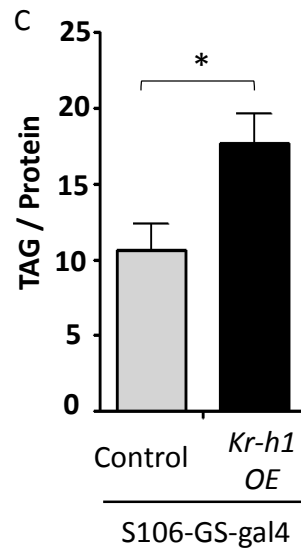
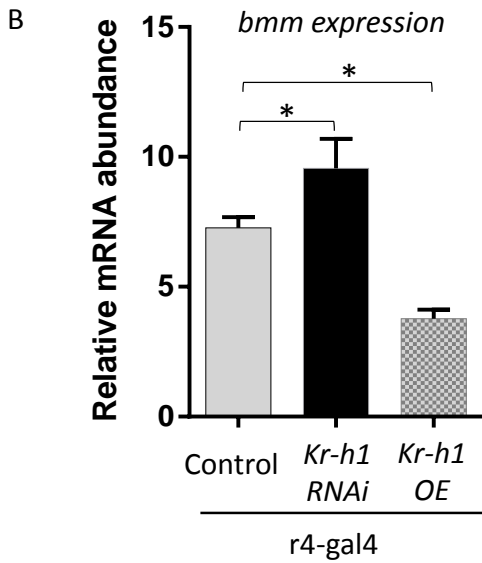
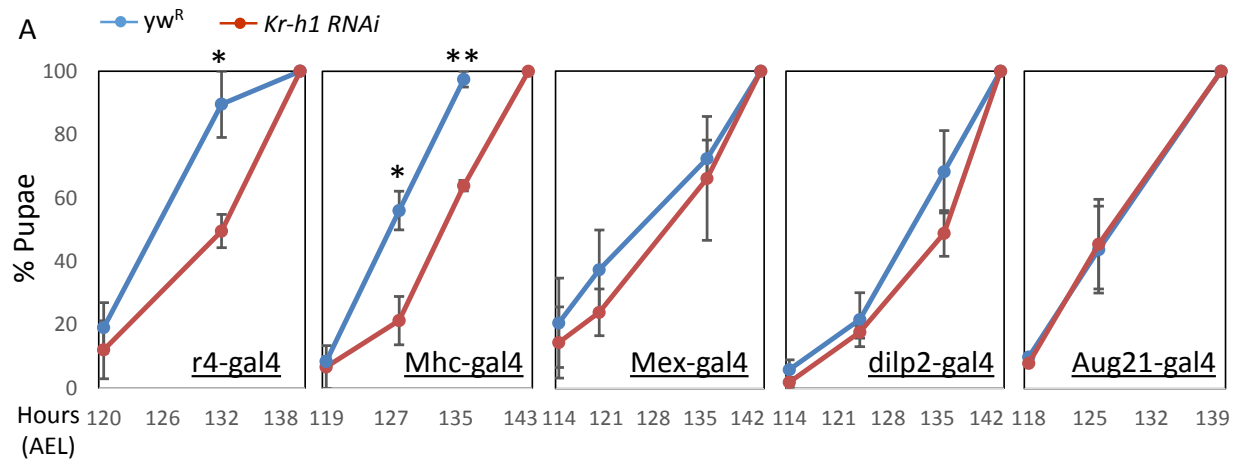
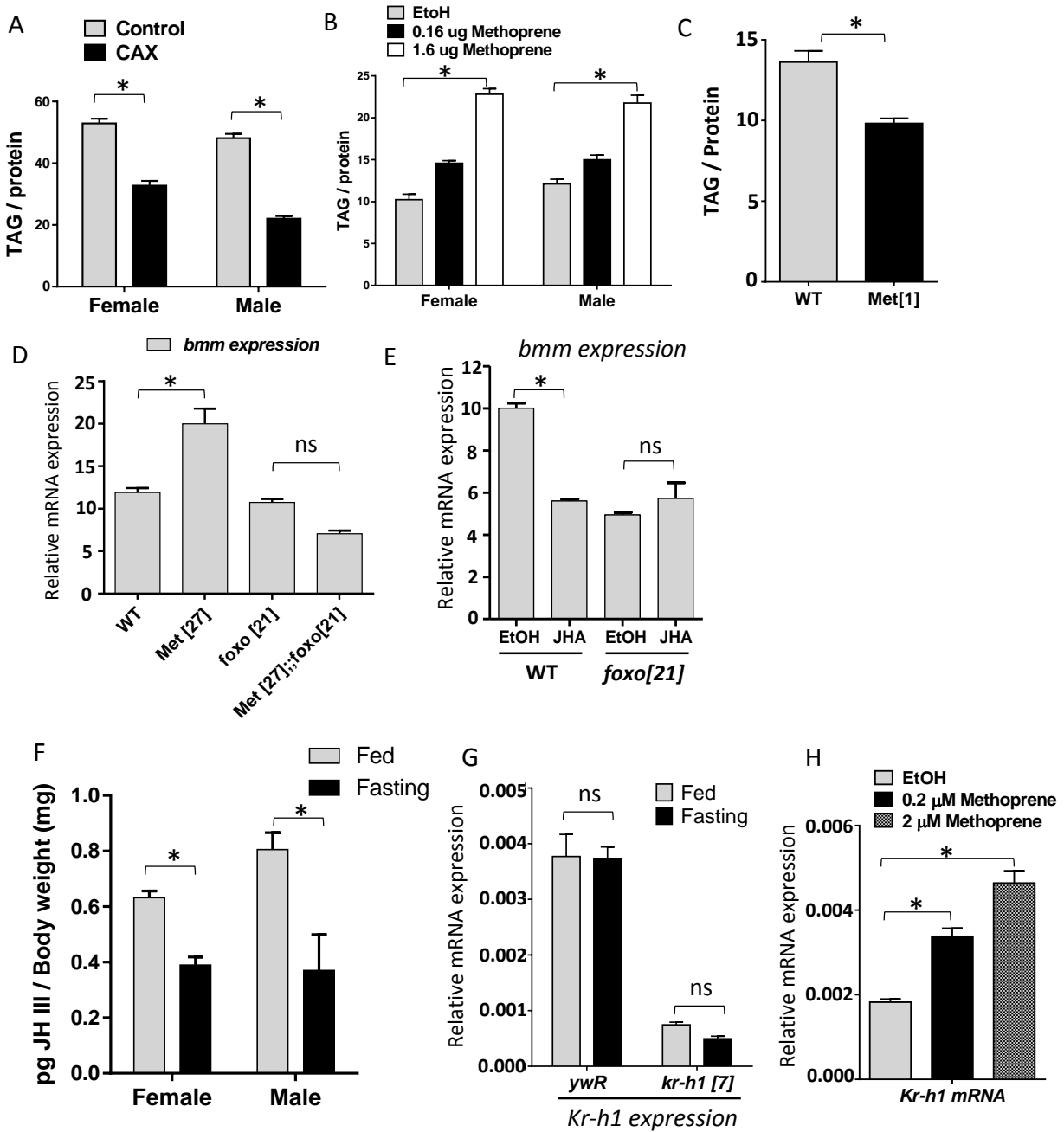


Figure 7



Supplementary Information

***Drosophila* Kruppel homolog 1 represses lipolysis through interaction with dFOXO**

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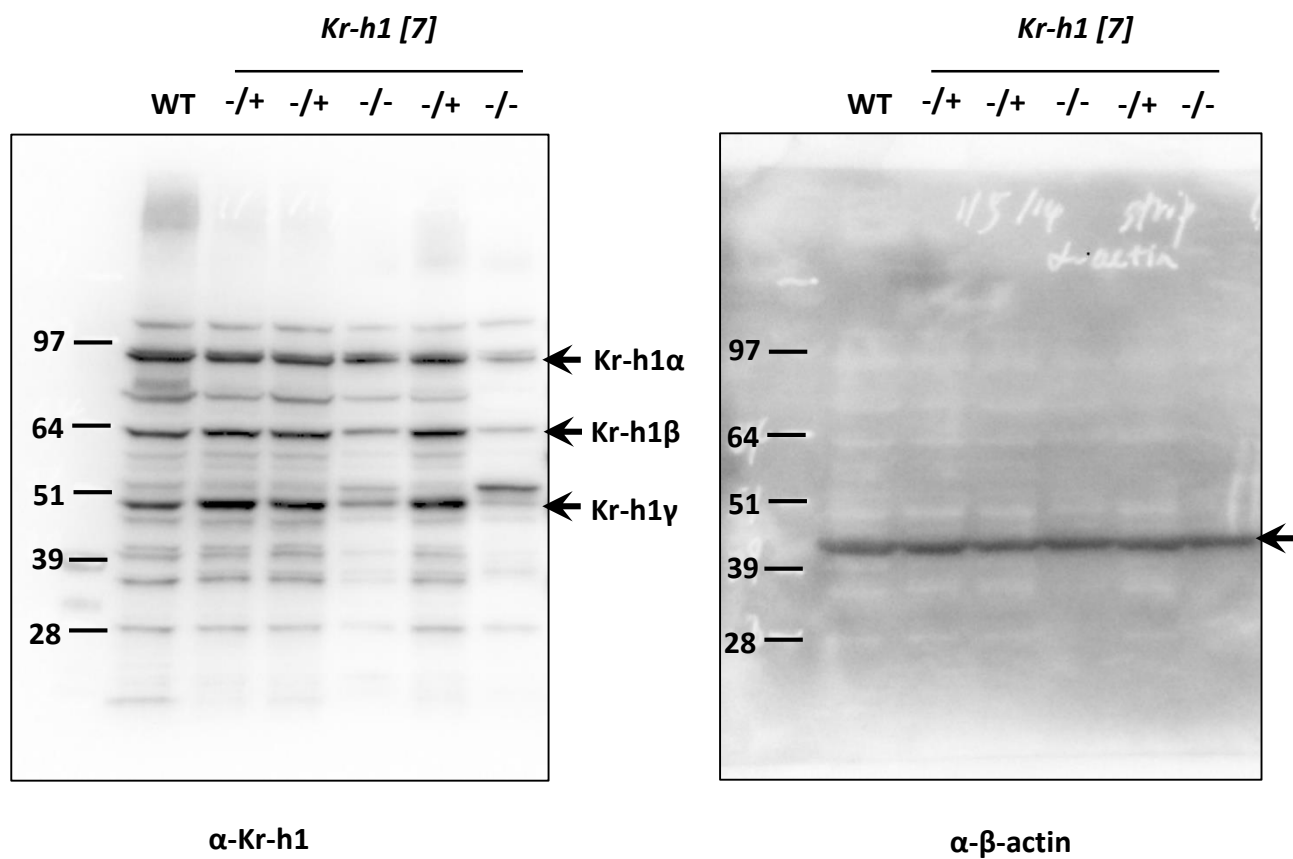
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MA0599.1	KLF5	8.222	0.907848237	ctcactccca	14778639	14778648
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MA0039.2	Klf4	11.870	0.938178771	tgggtgggtc	14778984	14778993
MA0039.2	Klf4	11.760	0.936309891	ggggagtggc	14774266	14774275
MA0599.1	KLF5	13.400	0.973719645	gccactcccc	14774266	14774275
MA0741.1	KLF16	13.178	0.933335628	cacacacccc	14774348	14774358
InR promoter						
Model ID	Model name	Score	Relative score	Predicted site sequence	Start	End
MA0599.1	KLF5	10.517	0.93704385	gtactcccc	17428300	17428309
MA0493.1	Klf1	11.370	0.903823178	agcccctcca	17429438	17429448
MA0039.2	Klf4	12.632	0.951125009	tgggaggggc	17429439	17429448
MA0741.1	KLF16	15.852	0.977047928	gccacgcccac	17441804	17441814
MA0493.1	Klf1	14.076	0.949567765	tgccacgcca	17441805	17441815
MA0039.2	Klf4	15.263	0.99582521	tgggcgtggc	17441805	17441814
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MA0493.1	Klf1	11.163	0.900323869	agatacaccca	17443145	17443155
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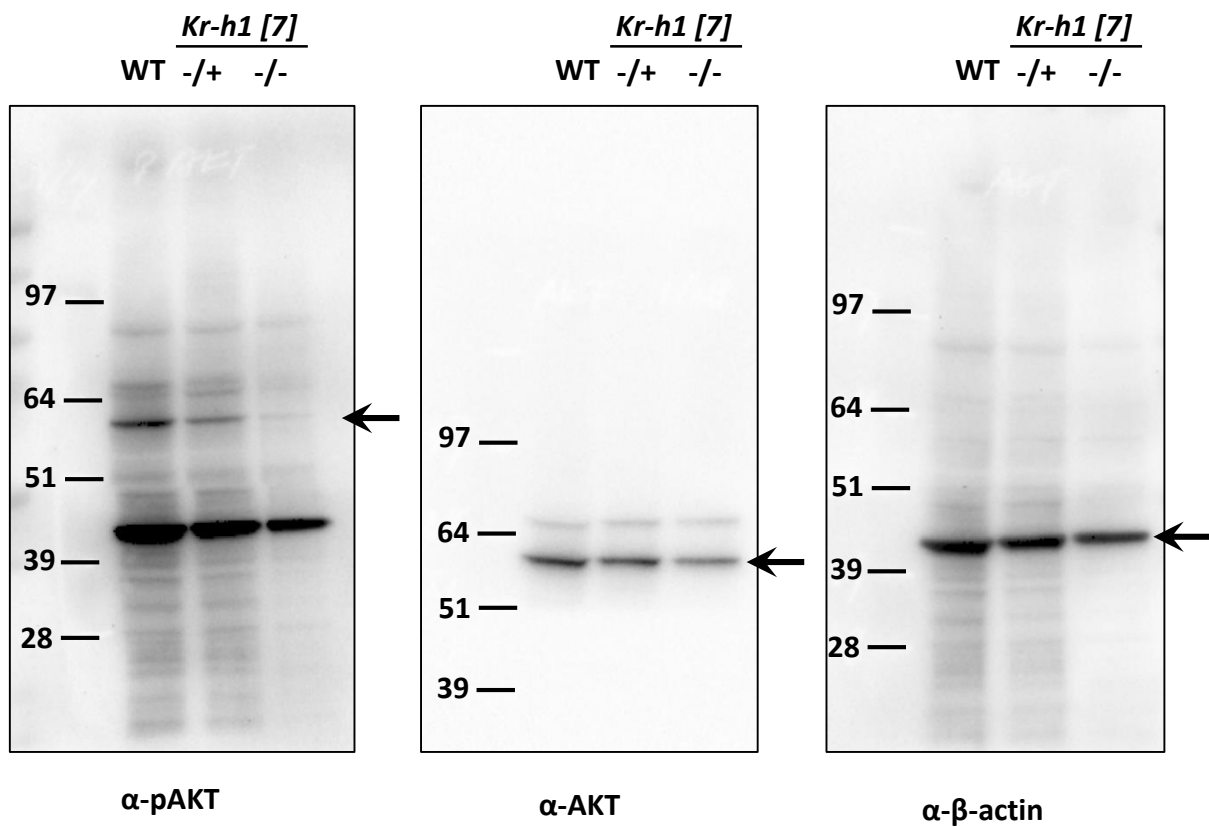
Supplementary Table S2. List of Primers

Name	Directions	Sequence 5'→3'	Assays
<i>Kr-h1</i>	Forward	TCA CAC ATC AAG AAG CCA ACT	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	GCTGGT TGG CGG AAT AGT AA	
<i>bmm</i>	Forward	GGCTACAATCATGTGCTGAAAC	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	CCTCCATCTCCTTCTTGTCTT	
<i>Lip4</i>	Forward	ATAGCACCCACCATGCCAAGTT	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	AATTGGCTTACGCCCGTGGAAT	
<i>Lsd-1</i>	Forward	CAAGGAGTACATGTCCGATCAC	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	CGGCTGCATAAGTGGTAAGT	
<i>dilp2</i>	Forward	TCATCTCGATGGTGGCCGTGATTT	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	ACACCATACTCAGCACCTCGTTGA	
<i>dilp5</i>	Forward	GGTTGCCTGTCCCAATGGATTCAA	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	TATCCAAATCCGCCAAGTGGTCCT	
<i>InR</i>	Forward	TAT CCA AGA GTC CCG CAA AG	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	GGT CGT CGC TGT TAGTGG AG	
<i>4ebp</i>	Forward	CCATGATCACCAGGAAGGTTGTCA	qRT-PCR
	Reverse	AGCCCGCTCGTAGATAAGTTTGGT	
<i>Act5C</i>	Forward	TCGCGATTTGACCGACTACCTGAT	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	TGATGTCACGGACGATTCACGCT	
<i>InR-P1</i>	Forward	TGTGTGTGTGTATGTGTGTGTA	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	TACAAGTGCGGGCGATTC	
<i>InR-P2</i>	Forward	TCTCCATTCCTGGTCCCATTA	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	CTGCTTGGCCTTGAACCTAGA	
<i>InR-P3</i>	Forward	CAACTCGAACTTGCAACAAAGTA	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	GTGGATTAAAGTGGCACGAATG	
<i>bmm-P1</i>	Forward	CACCGCGCCGCAATGAATGTATAA	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	TTCAATCACTGTTTGTCTGGTCTGGC	
<i>bmm-P2</i>	Forward	AAGGAGCTGCAACGACTAAA	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	CTTTGGACTCGGCGTTAGAT	
<i>bmm-P3</i>	Forward	AAATTGCAGCTGCCACAGTTCGTG	ChIP-PCR
	Reverse	TGCCATGAATTCTCCTCACTTGGC	
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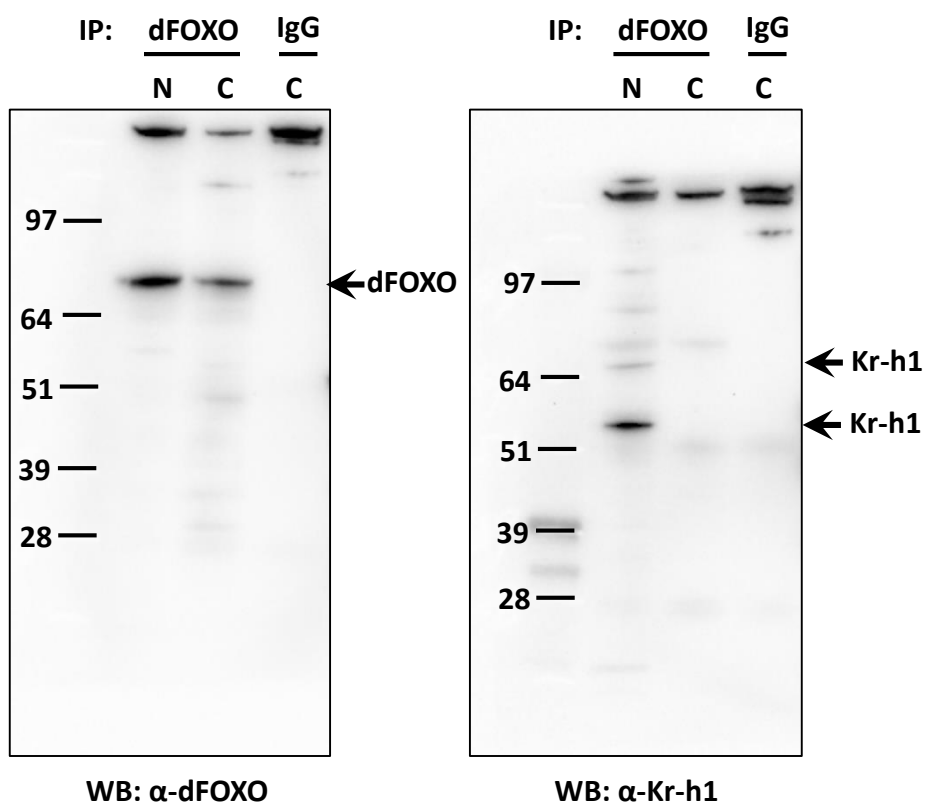
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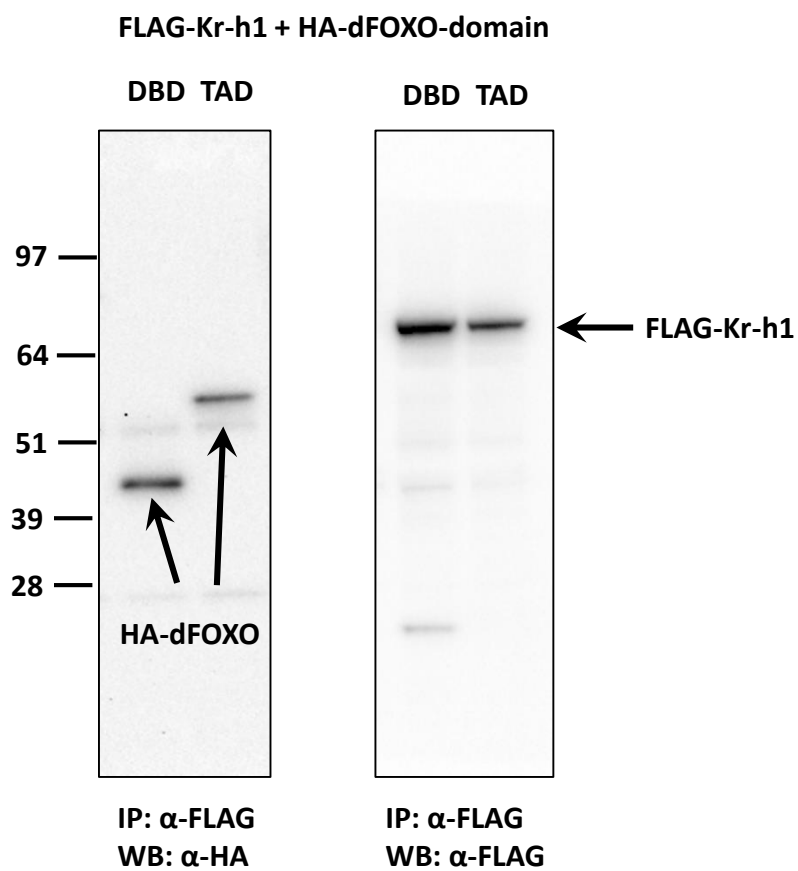
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Supplementary figure S4. Original full-length blots for Figure 3B



Supplementary figure S5. Original full-length blots for Figure 3C

