Structural robustness and temporal vulnerability of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in liver of healthy and obese mice

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Abstract

Adaptation to starvation is a multi-molecular and temporally ordered process, that could

be impaired in obesity. To elucidate how the healthy liver regulates various molecules in

a temporally ordered manner during starvation and how obesity disrupts this process,

we measured time course multiomic data in the liver of wild-type (WT) and leptin-

deficient obese (*ob*/*ob*) mice during starvation. Using the measured data, we constructed

a starvation-responsive metabolic network, that is a transomic network including

responsive molecules and their regulatory relationships during starvation, and analyzed

the structure of the network. In WT mice, ATP and AMP, the energy indicators,

regulated various metabolic reactions in the network as the hub molecules, both of

which were not responsive in *ob*/*ob* mice. However, the structural properties of the

network were maintained in *ob*/*ob* mice. In WT mice, the molecules in the network

were temporally ordered through metabolic process coordinated by the hub molecules

including ATP and AMP and were positively or negatively co-regulated. By contrast,

both temporal order and co-regulation were disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice. Taken together, the

starvation-responsive metabolic network is structurally robust, but temporally

vulnerable by the loss of responsiveness of the hub molecules in obesity. In addition, we

proposed a potential therapeutic target to treat the negative effects of obesity on

intermittent fasting to extend lifespan.

One Sentence Summary

Hub molecules activate or inhibit various molecules in a temporally ordered manner in

healthy liver, and the regulatory network is structurally robust but temporally vulnerable

to obesity.

Introduction

Adaptation to starvation is important for life to maintain systemic homeostasis, that is a multi-molecular and temporally ordered process to optimize fuel usage (*1–6*). This process involves various molecules, including metabolites, lipids, metabolic enzymes, transcription factors (TFs), and protein kinases. These molecules are temporally ordered across metabolic processes, such as glycogen degradation, gluconeogenesis, and fatty acid degradation. However, how the liver, a central organ for metabolism (*7, 8*), coordinates various molecules in a temporally ordered manner during starvation at a multiomic scale has been elusive. This is because of the lack of a multiomic measurement at precise time intervals during starvation in mammals, although many researches have conducted omic measurements during starvation at a limited number of time intervals in mammals (*9–19*) or time course omic measurements in microorganisms (*20–23*) or worms (*24*).

Obesity is a pathological status that affects various metabolic processes (*25– 29*) including adaptation to starvation (*30*), but the global landscape of the effects at a multiomic scale has been elusive. In addition, obesity cancels the beneficial effects on lifespan of intermittent fasting, that is a permissive form of dietary restriction because of an accessible compliance (*31*). The effects of intermittent fasting, which is a long-term and repetitive starvation, result from the cumulative effects of short-term starvation. Thus, clarifying the differences of adaptation to short-term starvation between healthy and obese mice would be informative for investigating an effective therapeutic target of intermittent fasting for obese patients.

Analysis of properties of biological network is a powerful approach to understand such a multi-molecular process like adaptation to starvation (*32–35*). We

have developed transomic analysis, an analytical workflow for addressing multi-

molecular processes (*36–38*). With this approach, we can integrate multiomic data into

a transomic network, offering a global landscape of biochemical reactions. Recently, we

showed that analysis of the structural properties of the transomic network aids in their

interpretation during oral glucose ingestion (*39*). A network contains of nodes and

edges: nodes are entities such as molecules; edges are relationships between nodes such

as regulatory events (activation or inhibition). Network structure is how the edges

connect nodes. Biological networks, such as metabolic networks (*40–42*), are often

scale-free, which means that a small number of "hub" nodes interact with many other

nodes, and large number of "leaf" nodes interact with a few other nodes (*43*). We

showed that the transomic network is likely scale-free and structural properties of the

networks were different between healthy and obese mice during oral glucose ingestion

(*39*). However, we have not investigated the relationships between the structural

properties and temporal orders of the transomic network, as well as temporal co-

regulations, the correlated temporal patterns of nodes in a biological network. Because

adaptation to starvation is a temporally ordered multi-molecular process, integrating the

structural and temporal analysis of the transomic network would offer mechanistic

insights of adaptation to starvation.

In this study, we measured multiomic data, constructed a transomic network,

and conducted structural and temporal analyses of the network in the liver of wild-type

(WT) and leptin-deficient obese (*ob*/*ob*) mice, a commonly used model of obesity

caused by overeating due to loss of leptin (*44*). Through structural analyses, we showed

that the starvation-responsive metabolic network is a scale-free-like network and that

the structural properties of the network were maintained in *ob*/*ob* mice. We integrated

structural and temporal analyses of the transomic network. We found that the network was temporally ordered by hub nodes, such as ATP and AMP, in WT mice, but the temporal order was disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice, as well as temporal co-regulations. This global feature of the starvation-responsive metabolic network was conserved in glycolysis/gluconeogenesis. However, the structural property of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in urea cycle was disrupted as well as the temporal properties, suggesting the profound disruption of amino acid metabolism in *ob*/*ob* mice during starvation. Our omic data was also informative for the study of dietary restriction. Taken together, the starvation-responsive metabolic network was well-structured, temporally ordered, and co-regulated in healthy liver. The network was structurally robust but temporally vulnerable to obesity.

The focus here is adaptive responses to starvation, rather than direct comparisons between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice in a steady state. We have conducted such comparative studies previously for fasting and fed states (*45*, *46*). Note that identical data of 0 h starvation have been already published in one of our studies (*46*).

Results

Workflow for the construction and analysis of a global starvation-responsive

transomic network in liver of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice

To describe the temporal dynamics of various molecules during adaptation to starvation

in healthy liver and pathological alterations caused by obesity, we constructed and

analyzed a global starvation-responsive transomic network in liver of WT and *ob*/*ob*

mice (Fig. 1). We collected multiomic data from mice starved for 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16,

and 24 hours (Fig. 1**A**). We measured the metabolome, lipidome, FFA & acyls (free

fatty acids, acyl-carnitines, and acyl-CoAs), transcriptome, proteome, and

phosphoproteome in liver. We also measured the metabolome in plasma.

Using the collected data, we conducted a single-omic layer analysis (Fig. 1**B**,

and **C**). We identified starvation-responsive molecules and classified them into 4 groups

in each layer (Fig. 1**B**): "common," those that exhibited the same response in both WT

and *ob*/*ob* mice; "WT-specific," those that occurred only in WT mice; "*ob*/*ob*-specific,"

those that occurred only in *ob*/*ob* mice; and "opposite," those that exhibited opposing

responses between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. These results formed a single omic layer (Fig.

1**C**). Note that phosphorylation is a process occurred on a phosphosite, not a molecule,

but we refer phosphorylation events as molecules as well as metabolites, lipids, FFA &

acyls, proteins, and transcripts for simplicity.

The starvation-responsive molecules cooperatively activate or inhibit metabolic

reactions to adapt to starvation across the multiomic layers (Fig. 1**D**). Metabolites,

lipids, and FFA & acyls serve as substrates, products, and allosteric regulators for

metabolic reactions. Enzyme abundance and phosphorylation activate or inhibit the

metabolic reactions. TFs increase or decrease enzyme abundance through the gene

regulatory network, although the control is partial because of the effects of protein

translation and degradation. Protein kinases increase or decrease enzyme

phosphorylation through kinase-substrate network to regulate enzyme activity. Using

bioinformatic platforms, we integrated single omic layers along the regulatory network

of metabolic reactions and constructed a global starvation-responsive transomic network

(Fig. 1**E**). In this manuscript, we refer to "regulation" as encompassing both activation

and inhibition when no specific regulatory relationship is mentioned, for simplicity.

Metabolic enzymes, metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls, are direct, major and

fine regulators of metabolism (*37, 47, 48*). Therefore, we focused on the starvation-

responsive metabolic network, that is the sub-network of the global starvation-

responsive transomic network (Fig. 1**D** and **E**, dotted orange outline) to investigate

structural and temporal properties of the network. The starvation-responsive metabolic

network contains the direct regulators of metabolic reactions: metabolite, lipid, FFA &

acyls, enzyme_protein (protein abundances of metabolic enzymes), and enzyme_PTM

(phosphorylation of metabolic enzymes). We investigated structural properties of this

starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 1**F**), the temporal order of changes in the

network (Fig. 1**G**), and temporal co-regulation among molecules (Fig. 1**H**).

Single-omic layer analysis: identification of starvation-responsive molecules and their regulators

We measured seven omic layers: metabolome, lipidome, FFA & acyls, transcriptome, proteome, and phosphoproteome in the liver and metabolome in plasma (see fig. S1 for representative examples, and fig. S2 and Data File S1 for complete data) and performed a single-omic layer analysis in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 2). We conducted one-way ANOVA tests (ANOVA-like testing of edgeR (*49–51*) for transcriptome) in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice respectively, and defined molecules that showed a *P* value less than 0.025 as starvation-responsive molecules (Fig. 2**A**; Data File S2), whose false discovery rates were less than 0.1 except for phosphoproteome data (Table 1). Based on the area under the curve (AUC) of the log2-transformed time courses (Fig. 2**B**), starvation-responsive molecules with positive AUCs were classified as increased molecules (orange), and those with negative AUCs were classified as decreased molecules (purple). Using these classifications, we defined four classes of molecules: common (changing similarly in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, green), WT-specific (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific (red), and opposite (changing in opposite directions in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, magenta) (Fig. 2**C**).

We identified starvation-responsive molecules in the single-omic layer analyses of metabolites (Fig. 2**D**), lipids (Fig. 2**E**; Table 2), FFA & acyls (Fig. 2**F**), plasma metabolites (Fig. 2**G**), transcripts (Fig. 2**H**), proteins (Fig. 2**I**), and phosphorylation events (Fig. 2**J**). The common group comprised more than one-third of the total responsive metabolites in both liver (Fig. 2**D**) and plasma (Fig. 2**G**), FFA & acyls (Fig. 2**F**), and transcripts (Fig. 2**H**). Most starvation-responsive lipids were in the *ob*/*ob*-specific group (Fig. 2**E**). More than half of responsive proteins (Fig. 2**I**) and phosphorylation events (Fig. 2**J**) were WT-specifically responsive.

KEGG pathway enrichment analysis (Data File S3) revealed pathways that

were associated with the starvation-responsive changes in both the transcriptome (Table

3) and proteome (Table 4). For example, KEGG pathways such as "fatty acid

degradation" and "PPAR signaling pathway" were enriched in both transcriptome

(Table 3) and proteome (Table 4) in WT mice. However, this analysis did not find any

pathways that were enriched in the phosphoproteome data (Data File S3).

We inferred changes in the activities of following regulators of the starvation-

responsive molecules (Fig. 2**K**): TFs (Fig, 2**L**; Table 5; Data File S4), protein kinases

(Fig. 2**M**; Table 6; Data File S4), and signaling pathways (Fig. 2**N**; Table 7) based on

the regulatory network obtained from bioinformatic platforms and measured omic data.

Note that signaling pathway layer (Fig. 2**N**; Table 7) contains significantly enriched

signaling pathways in any of the transcriptome (Table 3) or proteome data (Table 4). We

classified the activities of these regulators as common, WT-specific, *ob*/*ob*-specific, or

opposite (Fig. 2**K**). The common group comprised more than half of the total responsive

TFs (Fig. 2**L**; Table 5), including Pparα and Hnf4α, well-established for promoting lipid

degradation (*5*). Note that some circadian TFs are included beacause of sampling time

and some results were not consistent with the previous studies such as failure of

identification of Foxo1 and unexpected identification of Creb1 as an inhibited ~~down-~~

~~regulated~~ TF~~s~~. These problems were caused by insufficient accuracy and

comprehensiveness of the database and omic data, particularly the limited number of

quantified proteins and phosphorylation sites. "PKC_group" kinases including Prkce,

Prkcd and Prkcz, master regulators of liver metabolism (*52–54*), were commonly

inhibited (Fig. 2**M**; Table 6). The "PPAR signaling pathway" was inferred as an

activated signaling pathway (Fig. 2**N**; Table 7) commonly in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice.

Construction of the global starvation-responsive transomic network by integrating

multiomic data

Using the starvation-responsive molecules and their regulators (Fig. 2), we constructed

a global starvation-responsive transomic network (Fig. 3**A**; Data File S5). The network

consists of nodes, layers, and edges. Nodes represent measured molecules (Figs 2**D-J**),

inferred activities of the TFs, protein kinases, and signaling pathways (Figs. 2**L**, **M**, and

N), metabolic reactions defined using KEGG (*55–57*), and transport activities from

TCDB (*58*). Based on chemical properties, biological functions, or both, nodes were

clustered into layers (see Table 8 for the precise definition). For example, the

enzyme_protein layer includes proteins (chemical property) that are metabolic enzymes

(biological functions). Enzyme_PTM layer represents phosphorylation (chemical

property) of metabolic enzymes (biological functions). Metabolite, lipid, and FFA &

acyls layers are assigned based on the chemical properties of the molecules. Edges are

the regulatory connections between nodes, connected based on the regulatory

relationships among omic layers (fig. S3**A**, **B**, **C**, and **D**), using bioinformatic platforms

~~(see Methods)~~. For example, edges from metabolite, lipid, and FFA & acyls layers to

metabolic reaction layer represent the regulatory relationships among metabolites,

lipids, and FFA & acyls— as substrates, products, and allosteric regulators— to

metabolic reactions. Edges from enzyme_protein and enzyme_PTM to the metabolic

reaction layer represent the regulatory relationships between metabolic enzymes and

metabolic reactions mediated by enzyme abundance (enzyme_protein) and

phosphorylation (enzyme_PTM). Colors of nodes and edges represent the type of

response: green, common in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red,

specific to *ob*/*ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig.

3**A** and **B**).

We showed the proportions of the commonly, WT-specifically, *ob*/*ob*-

specifically, and oppositely responsive nodes and edges in the global starvation-

responsive transomic network (Fig 3**B**). In this network, pie charts represent the

proportions of the classes of responses of nodes in the omic layers, and bar plots

between pie charts represent proportions of the classes of edges between omic layers.

For clear visualization, pie charts for signaling_activity and TF_activity are displayed

twice.

We assessed the proportions of the global starvation-responsive transomic

network (Fig. 3**B**). Although less than half (47 out of 122 nodes) of the starvation-

responsive metabolites ("metabolite" in Fig. 3**B**) were specific to WT mice, more than

half regulatory connections between the metabolites ("metabolite" in Fig. 3**B**) and the

metabolic reactions ("metabolic reaction" in Fig. 3**B**) were specific to WT mice (604

out of 1,008 substrate and product relationships and 828 out of 1,538 allosteric

regulatory relationships). Among the starvation-responsive lipids ("lipid" in Fig. 3**B**),

but not the FFA & acyls ("FFA & acyls" in Fig. 3**B**), most changes (8 out of 10) were

specific to *ob*/*ob* mice. This enrichment in the *ob*/*ob*-specific response also occurred

among the substrate, product, and allosteric regulatory connections between the lipids

("lipid" in Fig. 3**B**) and the metabolic reactions ("metabolic reaction" in Fig. 3**B**) with

43 out of 48 substrate and product relationships *ob*/*ob*-specific and 160 out of 163

allosteric regulator relationships *ob/ob*-specific. This enrichment of *ob*/*ob*-specifically

responsive regulatory connections was due to a larger number of *ob*/*ob*-specifically

responsive lipids. In addition, the number of regulations from commonly responsive

lipids and oppositely responsive lipids was very small (fig. S3**E**).

In the enzyme_protein layer ("enzyme_protein" in Fig. 3**B**), most nodes were

in the WT-specific class (130 of the 203, 64%) and only 17 of the 203 (8.4%)

starvation-responsive nodes responded in common between WT and *ob/ob* mice.

However, more than half of all the starvation-responsive nodes (587 out of 1144;

51.3%) exhibited a common response in the enzyme_mRNA layer ("enzyme_mRNA"

in Fig. 3**B**). This disconnection between the responses at the mRNA and protein levels

indicated that the protein abundance of the metabolic enzymes is determined processes

occurring after transcription, such as the rate of translation and protein degradation, that

are known to be downregulated in *ob/ob* mice (*59*, *60*). Among most of the nodes and

edges related to phosphorylation ("kinase_protein", "kinase_PTM", "kinase_activity",

and "enzyme_PTM" in Fig. 3**B**), WT-specific groups occurred most often compared to

the common, *ob/ob*-specific, and opposite groups. These results suggested a decrease in

regulation by phosphorylation in response to starvation in *ob/ob* mice.

Although regulatory connections from metabolites, lipids, enzyme_protein, and

enzyme_PTM contain a small portion of commonly responsive regulatory connections,

most of the starvation-responsive metabolic reactions ("metabolic reaction" in Fig. 3**B**)

were commonly responsive in both WT and to *ob/ob* mice (493 out of 702).

Compared with nodes in the other classes of responses, nodes with common

responses were most abundant in several layers related to transport_activities ("plasma

metabolite", "transporter_mRNA", "transporter_protein", and "transport_activity" in

Fig. 3**B**).

Taken together, the regulatory connections from metabolite, lipid,

enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM layers to metabolic reactions were different

between WT and *ob/ob* mice. Disconnections between the responses of enzyme_mRNA

and enzyme_protein were observed in *ob/ob* mice, probably due to the disrupted protein

translation and degradation, while the transport activities were maintained.

Structural properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic network

We focused on the sub-network of the global starvation-responsive transomic network

that directly regulate metabolic reactions, defined as the starvation-responsive metabolic

network (Fig. 4). To visualize the differences between WT and *ob/ob* mice, we show the

starvation-responsive metabolic network separately for WT (Fig. 4**A**) and *ob/ob* (Fig.

4**B**) mice. For each genotype, the networks include the layers for metabolite, lipid, FFA

& acyls, enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM (Data File S6) and their regulatory

relationship to the metabolic reaction layer (fig. S3**A**). The edges connecting metabolite,

lipid, and FFA & acyls layers to the metabolic reaction layer represent their roles as

substrates, products, and allosteric regulators of the metabolic reactions.

We analyzed the structural properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic

networks in WT and *ob/ob* mice (Fig. 5). We calculated the number of edges connected

to each node (called "degree") and then assessed the degree distribution of the network,

by a log-log scatter plot (Fig. 5**A**). We found that nodes with large degree were rare,

while nodes with small degree were abundant. This type of network is called a scale-

free network, and nodes with large degree are called "hub", while nodes with small

degree are called "leaf" (Fig. 5**B**). Degree distribution of a scale-free network can be

approximated by a power-law (*32, 43, 61*) defined as:

$$n(k) \propto k^{-\gamma},$$

where $n(k)$ denotes the number of nodes with a degree of k, and γ is a constant called

the scaling parameter. The scaling parameter represents the heterogeneity of the degree

distribution (*62*) with a small scaling parameter representing a large heterogeneity of

degree distribution of the network. From the calculated scaling parameter for each

genotype's network, we found that the starvation-responsive network for WT and *ob/ob*

mice had a similar amount of heterogeneity in the degree distribution (Fig. 5**A**).

Because the calculated scaling parameters do not meet the strict definition of scale-free

network that should be $2 < \gamma < 3$ (*61*, *63*), we call the starvation-responsive metabolic

network as a scale-free-like network.

We defined the nodes that had a degree in the top 2% among the responsive

nodes in each genotype as hub nodes (Fig. 5**C** and **D**), that regulated multiple metabolic

pathways (fig. S4). We identified 20 hub nodes in the network of WT mice and 15 hub

nodes in the network of *ob/ob* mice (Fig. 5**C**, **D** and labeled on Fig. 4**A**, **B**). In WT

mice, 15 of the 20 were WT-specific (Fig. 4**A**; Fig. 5**C**). In *ob/ob* mice, 7 hub nodes out

of 15 were *ob/ob*-specific and 3 of the 7 were lipids (Fig. 4**B**; Fig. 5**D**). The hub nodes

with the highest degrees were ATP (degree >200) and AMP (degree >100) in the

network of WT mice (Fig. 5**C**); whereas all hub nodes in the network of *ob/ob* mice had

degrees less than 100 with reduced glutathione (degree 81) and NADH (degree 69) (Fig.

5**D**). Thus, the starvation-responsive metabolic network in *ob/ob* mice lacked the most

highly connected hub nodes such as ATP and AMP. The number of edges from the 15

WT-specific hub nodes was 955 out of 2,318 edges (41%) in the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in WT mice (Fig. 5**E**), suggesting a large contribution of WT-

specific hub nodes to the starvation-responsive metabolic network of WT mice, which

was lost in *ob/ob* mice.

To evaluate the effect of the loss of responsiveness of the highly connected hub

nodes in *ob/ob* mice, we analyzed the structural properties of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network: the relative size of the largest cluster (Fig. 5**F**) and average path

length (Fig. 5**G**). Cluster is a set of nodes connected through edges regardless of the

distances. The largest cluster is the cluster that includes the largest number of nodes in a

network. Fragmentation breaks the network into isolated clusters and reduce the relative

size of the largest cluster (Fig. 5**F**), that is the number of nodes in the largest cluster

divided by the total number of the responsive nodes in each genotype. Average path

length (Fig. 5**G**) is the average number of edges connecting two edges, which increases

by loss of communicability among nodes (*64*). In the starvation-responsive metabolic

networks of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, the relative sizes of the largest cluster were similar

(Fig. 5**H**), indicating that the network was not fragmentated in *ob*/*ob* mice. Additionally,

the average path lengths were significantly different but almost similar in the networks

of the WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 5**I**), indicating that communicability was almost

maintained in *ob*/*ob* mice. Collectively, all structural properties of the starvation-

responsive metabolic networks, the scaling parameter (Fig. 5**A**), the relative size of the

largest cluster (Fig. 5**H**), and the average path length (Fig. 5**I**) were similar between WT

and *ob*/*ob* mice. These results indicated that the starvation-responsive metabolic

network was structurally maintained in *ob*/*ob* mice, despite the loss of responsiveness of

highly connected hub nodes such as ATP and AMP.

356   The maintenance of the structural properties of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in *ob*/*ob* mice seems counter-intuitive because it has been known

that the loss of hub nodes in a scale-free network drastically alter the structural

properties (*64*). Taking a close look at the degree distribution (Fig. 5**A** and fig. S5), the

number of nodes (y-axis of Fig. 5**A**) with small degree (log10-transformed degree < 0.5

in the x-axis of Fig. 5**A**) were smaller in *ob*/*ob* mice than in WT mice, but the number of

nodes (y-axis of Fig. 5**A**) with log10-transformed degree ranging from 0.5 to 2 (x-axis

of Fig. 5**A**) were comparable between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 5**A**, see fig. S5 in

detail). Specifically, the percentage of nodes among the responsive nodes was higher in

ob/*ob* mice than WT mice for nodes with a log10-transformed degree between 0.5 and 1

(fig. S5**G**) and between 1 and 1.5 (fig. S5**H**). Totally, the percentages of nodes with

relatively large degrees (log10-transformed degree > 1) were similar between WT and

ob/*ob* mice (fig. S5**K**). The maintenance of nodes with relatively large degrees could

maintain the structural properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in

ob/*ob* mice.

To experimentally evaluate the effects of the loss of the responsiveness of ATP

and AMP in *ob*/*ob* mice, we measured the phosphorylation of Ampk, which reflect its

kinase activity, by western blotting. Ampk activity is known to depend on the AMP/ATP

ratio (*65*), that was WT-specifically responsive in our dataset (Fig. 5**J**). Starvation-

responsive phosphorylation of Ampk in *ob*/*ob* mice was weaker than in WT mice (Fig.

5**K**, and **L**), although significant responses were observed in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice.

This weak response of Ampk in *ob*/*ob* mice could be due to an aberrantly large decrease

of phosphorylation ratio of Akt (Fig. 5**K**, and **L**), a negative regulator of Ampk (*66*).

Taken together, the loss of AMP/ATP responsiveness reduced the response of Ampk

activity, although it was partially rescued by the larger of Akt activity.

Temporal order of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT mice and its disruption in *ob*/*ob* mice

Adaptation to starvation is a temporally well-ordered metabolic process (*1*–*6*). To explore the relationships between the network structure and the temporal order of the starvation-induced changes in the starvation-responsive metabolic network, we defined the time when the response reached half of the maximum amplitude of the responses as *t*-half (*37*). A small *t*-half represents rapid responsiveness, and a large *t*-half represents slow responsiveness. We analyzed molecules [metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, proteins (enzyme_protein), and phosphorylation events (enzyme_PTM)] in the starvation-responsive metabolic networks, because *t*-half can be defined only for measured molecules not for metabolic reactions. We refer to hub nodes (Fig. 5**C** and **D**) as hub molecules because all the hub nodes were molecules.

We investigated the relationships between network structure and *t*-half in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. We found a negative correlation between *t*-half and degree of molecules in WT mice (Fig. 6**A**), indicating that the molecules connected with many edges responded rapidly to starvation. In addition, 9 out of 20 hub molecules, including ATP, were essential for the negative correlation with *t*-half in WT mice (fig. S6, see Methods), suggesting a dominant role of hub molecules in coordinating the temporal order of the starvation-responsive metabolic network. By contrast, no significant correlation between *t*-half and degree of molecules was observed in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6**B**). Indeed, molecules with many edges, either increased or decreased, responded to starvation more rapidly than those with few edges in WT mice (Fig. 6**A**), but not in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6**B**). The *t*-half values of *ob*/*ob*-specific hub molecules were larger

than those of WT-specific hub molecules (Fig. 6**C**), indicating a slower response of the

ob/*ob*-specific hub molecules.

We conducted *t*-half analysis to evaluate how the temporal order of use of the

metabolic fuels such as glycogen, carbohydrates, amino acids and lipids (*1–6*), differs

during starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. We classified molecules into the following

metabolic pathways: "Starch and sucrose metabolism" (containing glycogen and

glycogen metabolic enzymes), "Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis", "Arginine biosynthesis"

(containing the urea cycle that could indicate amino acid degradation), and "Fatty acid

degradation" of the KEGG database (*55–57*). We compared *t*-half values for the

molecules in each of the metabolic pathways for the starvation-responsive metabolic

network in WT (Fig. 6**D**) and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6**E**). In WT mice, we observed

significant differences in *t*-half values of molecules among the investigated metabolic

pathways (Fig. 6**D**), indicating that the metabolic processes are temporally ordered

across the metabolic pathways in WT mice. Among them, "Fatty acid degradation"

responded to starvation the slowest, which is consistent with fatty acids as fuel for the

late stage of starvation (*1–6*). By contrast, no significant differences in *t*-half values

were observed in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6**E**), indicating that the temporal order among the

metabolic pathways was disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice.

To examine which metabolic pathways largely contribute to the disturbed

temporal order among metabolic pathways in *ob*/*ob* mice, we compared the *t*-half values

between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice for each metabolic pathway (Fig. 6**F**).

We found that *t*-half values were significantly smaller in "Fatty acid

degradation" of *ob*/*ob* mice than WT mice. "Fatty acid degradation" degrades fatty acids

to ketone body (3-Hydroxybutyrate) through acyl-CoAs and acyl-carnitines during

starvation (fig. S7**A**).We manually reconstructed major metabolic reactions for fatty

acid degradation based on "Fatty acid degradation" (mmu00071), "Propanoate

metabolism" (mmu00640), and "Butanoate metabolism" (mmu00650) in KEGG

database (*55–57*), and found that many metabolic enzymes (enzyme_protein and

enzyme_PTM) and allosteric regulators regulate the fatty acid degradation (fig. S7**B**).

Among substrates (fatty acids), intermediates (acyl-CoAs and acyl-carnitines), products

(3-Hydroxybutyrate, a ketone body), and regulators (metabolites, enzyme_protein, and

enzyme_PTM), only the *t*-half values of acyl-CoAs showed statistically significant

differences between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S7**C**), suggesting that the significant

difference in *t*-half values between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6**F**) was mainly due to

acyl-CoAs. Acyl-CoAs increased smoothly and continuously in WT mice, but showed a

transient increase in the early phase of starvation in *ob*/*ob* mice (figs. S7**A** and **B**).

Although the difference in *t*-half values between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice was not

statistically significant, acyl-carnitines showed time courses similar to those of acyl-

CoAs (figs. S7**A** and **B**). By contrast, fatty acids, the source of acyl-CoAs and acyl-

carnitines, showed similar time courses between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. This

disconnection in the time courses between substrates (fatty acids) and intermediate

(acyl-CoAs and acyl-carnitines) in fatty acid degradation could be a hallmark of

disrupted flux in fatty acid degradation.

This disruption could be due to the enzyme_protein because the number of

responsive enzyme_protein is the largest among substrates, intermediates, products, and

regulators in WT mice, and this number largely decreased in *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S7**D**).

However, most enzyme_mRNA corresponding to these enzyme_protein were

commonly responsive in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (11 out of 13, fig. S7**B**). This

disconnection between responses at the mRNA and protein levels could be due to the

decreased rate of protein translation and degradation in *ob/ob* mice (Fig. 3**B**) (*59, 60*).

Consistently, the correlations between the time courses of enzyme_mRNA and

enzyme_protein for each metabolic enzyme in fatty acid degradation were significantly

decreased in *ob/ob* mice (fig. S7**E**). To further validate this hypothesis, we evaluated the

protein phosphorylation related to protein translational (fig. S8**A** and **B**) and autophagic

(fig. S8**C** and **D**) activities. Phosphorylation of eIF2α represents inhibition of translation

(*67*). Phosphorylation ratio of eIF2α increased in *ob/ob* mice before starvation (fig. S8**A**

and **B**), suggesting translational deficiency in *ob/ob* mice, consistent with the previous

report (*60*). Although measuring autophagic activity in vivo without an exogenous

probe remains challenging (*68*), phosphorylation of p62 at Ser^{351} is an autophagic

substrate (*69*) and can serve as a marker for autophagic degradation. Phosphorylated

p62 significantly decreased in WT mice during starvation, but not in *ob/ob* mice (fig.

S8**C** and **D**), suggesting autophagy deficiency in *ob/ob* mice, consistent with the

previous report (*59*). Taken together, deficiency in protein translation and degradation in

ob/ob mice (fig. S8) reduced the number of responsive enzyme_protein in *ob/ob* mice

(fig. S7) and disrupted the flux of fatty acid degradation, reslting in a transient increase

in acyl-CoAs and acyl-carnitines during starvation in *ob/ob* mice (figs. S7**A** and **B**).

In addition, we compared *t*-half values of molecules in each omic layer in the

starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT (Fig. 6**G**) and *ob/ob* mice (Fig. 6**H**). In

WT mice, we observed significant differences in *t*-half values of molecules among the

omics layers (Fig. 6**G**), indicating that adaptation to starvation is temporally ordered

across omic layers in WT mice. Metabolites responded to starvation fastest, indicating

that metabolic reactions are initially regulated by metabolites through the effect of

starvation-induced changes in substrates and products and metabolite-mediated

allosteric regulators. Phosphorylation (enzyme_PTM), protein abundance

(enzyme_protein), and lipids responded next. The FFA & acyls layer responded the

slowest, consistent with fatty acid degradation important for the late stages of adaptation

to starvation (*3*). By contrast, no significant differences in *t*-half values were observed

in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6**H**), indicating that the temporal order of the starvation response by

the omic layers was disrupted.

Taken together, these results indicated that hub molecules coordinate the

temporal order of the responses of molecules, metabolic pathways, and omic layers in

the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT mice. In *ob*/*ob* mice, the temporal

order of the starvation response throughout the network was disrupted. Deficiency in

protein translation and degradation in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 3**B**, and fig. S7**E** and S8) (*59,*

60) also disturbed the fatty acid degradation (fig. S7).

Co-regulation among molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network

and disruption in *ob*/*ob* mice

Molecules positively or negatively regulated by common regulatory mechanisms show

positively or negatively correlated time courses, defined as co-regulation (Fig. 7**A**).

Thus, positively or negatively correlated time courses represent co-regulations, which

could be disrupted by the disrupted temporal order of metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls,

protein abundance, and phosphorylation events in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 6). As an index of

temporal co-regulation (Fig. 7**A**), we calculated the pairwise Pearson's correlation

coefficients for time courses of each pair of molecules (including phosphorylation

events) in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice,

respectively (Fig. 7**B**). The distribution of correlation coefficients in WT mice was

bimodal with peaks at around 0.75 and -0.75, indicating both positive or negative co-

regulation occurred among molecules. By contrast, the distribution of correlation

coefficients was unimodal with a broad peak around 0 in *ob*/*ob* mice, indicating that co-

regulation was disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice.

We evaluated the extent of disruption of co-regulations among molecules in

ob/*ob* mice in each metabolic pathway (Fig. 7**C**). We compared the absolute values of

pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients for the time courses of each pair of

molecules (including phosphorylation events) in each metabolic pathway in the

starvation-responsive metabolic network between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 7**C**). We

found statistically significant ($Q < 0.1$) decrease in the absolute values of pairwise

Pearson's correlation coefficients in *ob*/*ob* mice compared to WT mice, in all the

investigated metabolic pathways except for "Starch and sucrose metabolism". This

suggests that the extent of disruption in co-regulations in *ob*/*ob* mice was so substantial,

leading to disrupted co-regulation even among the molecules in the same metabolic

pathways.

To examine the detailed disruptions in each metabolic pathway, we manually

reconstructed major metabolic reactions for glycolysis/gluconeogenesis (fig. S9) and the

urea cycle (fig. S10) based on "Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis" and "Arginine

biosynthesis" in KEGG database (*55–57*), respectively. We focused on these pathways

because the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among molecules in

"Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis" and "Arginine biosynthesis" (including urea cycle)

significantly decreased in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 7**C**). Consistent with the disrupted *t*-half

values in the manually reconstructed map of fatty acid degradation (fig. S7C), the

pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients in "Fatty acid degradation" also significantly

decreased in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 7**C**).

We manually reconstructed major metabolic reactions for

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis based on "Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis" (mmu00010) in

KEGG database (*55–57*) for WT (fig. S9**A**) and *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S9**B**). We counted the

number of edges from each regulator and found that ATP and AMP regulate various

metabolic reactions in glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in WT mice (fig. S9**A**, and **C**), while

molecules with fewer edges than ATP and AMP regulate the metabolic reactions in

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S9**B**, and **D**). We assessed the degree

distribution of the network by a log-log scatter plot and found that degree distribution

was similar between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S9**E**) in glycolysis/gluconeogenesis,

consistent with the case of the whole starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig.

5**A**). We assessed the temporal order of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis by comparing the *t*-half and degree of responsive molecules

(figs. S9**F** and **G**). Although it was not statistically significant, we found a weak

negative correlation between *t*-half and the degree of responsive molecules in

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis of WT mice (figs. S9**F**), indicating that the molecules

connected with many edges responded rapidly to starvation (*t*-half values of nodes with

log10-transformed degree more than 0.6 were small). By contrast, the correlation

coefficient between *t*-half and the degree of molecules was slightly positive in *ob*/*ob*

mice (fig. S9**G**), suggesting that the temporal order of the molecules was disrupted in

ob/*ob* mice. We also calculated the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients for time

courses of each pair of molecules (including phosphorylation events) in

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S9**H**). Consistent with the case

of the whole starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 7**B**), the distribution of

correlation coefficients in WT mice was bimodal with peaks at around 1 and -0.75,

indicating that both positive or negative co-regulation occurred among molecules. By

contrast, the distribution of correlation coefficients was unimodal with a broad peak

around 0 in *ob*/*ob* mice, suggesting that co-regulation was disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice.

Taken together, the starvation-responsive metabolic network in

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis is regulated by highly connected hub molecules such as ATP

and AMP in WT mice, but by molecules connected with fewer edges than ATP or AMP

in *ob*/*ob* mice (figs. S9**C** and **D**). The network was structurally robust (fig. S9**E**) but

temporally vulnerable (figs. S9**F**, **G**, and **H**) in liver of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice.

We manually reconstructed major metabolic reactions for urea cycle based on

"Arginine biosynthesis" (mmu00220) in KEGG database (*55–57*) (fig. S10**A**). We

counted the number of edges from each regulator in WT (figs. S10**B)** and *ob*/*ob* (fig.

S10**C**) mice. We found that Glu and ATP, both of which were WT-specific hub nodes in

the starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 5**C**), regulated various metabolic

reactions in WT mice (fig. S10**B**). In *ob*/*ob* mice, succinate, an *ob*/*ob*-specific hub node

in the starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 5**D**), and citrulline regulated

various metabolic reactions in *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S10**C**). We assessed the degree

distribution of the network by a log-log scatter plot and calculated the scaling

parameters in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S10**D**). In contrast to the case of the whole

starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 5**A**) and glycolysis/gluconeogenesis (fig.

S9**E**), we found that the scaling parameter in *ob*/*ob* mice was smaller than that in WT

mice (fig. S10**D**), suggesting that the degree distribution was altered and the proportion

of nodes connected with many edges relatively increased in *ob*/*ob* mice. This result

suggests that the structure of the starvation-responsive metabolic network was altered in

urea cycle of *ob*/*ob* mice. We assessed the temporal order of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in urea cycle by comparing the *t*-half and the degree of responsive

molecules (figs. S10**E** and **F**). We found a significant negative correlation between *t*-

half and the degree of molecules in WT mice (fig. S10**E**), indicating that the molecules

connected with many edges responded rapidly to starvation in urea cycle. By contrast,

this significant correlation between *t*-half and the degree of molecules was lost in *ob*/*ob*

mice (fig. S10**F**), suggesting that the temporal order of the molecules was disrupted in

ob/*ob* mice. We also calculated the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients for time

courses of each pair of molecules (including phosphorylation events) in urea cycle in

WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, respectively (fig. S10**G**). The distribution of correlation

coefficients in WT mice was bimodal with peaks at around 1 and -0.6, indicating both

positive and negative co-regulation occurred among molecules in urea cycle. The

distribution of correlation coefficients in *ob*/*ob* mice was also bimodal but the peaks of

the distribution were at around 0.5 and -0.3, suggesting that co-regulation among

molecules was disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice. Taken together, the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in urea cycle was both structurally and temporally altered in *ob*/*ob*

mice, suggesting the severe disruption of amino acid metabolism in *ob*/*ob* mice.

It should be noted that the distribution of correlation coefficients (Fig. 7**B**)

could also be affected by the threshold for significance of the responses to starvation,

because the distribution of correlation coefficient among time courses of all measured

molecules was unimodal both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S11).

To obtain a qualitative landscape of co-regulations at a molecular level, we

constructed networks of molecules that exhibited strong co-regulations (the absolute

value of Pearson's correlation coefficient > 0.9, see fig. S12) among metabolites, lipids,

FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM in WT mice (Fig. 7**D**) and *ob*/*ob* mice

(Fig. 7**E**), named as the correlation metabolic network (Data File S7). Note that the

correlation metabolic network is data-dependent and the network structure highly

depends on the threshold for the absolute value of correlation coefficient (fig. S12).

The correlation metabolic network in WT mice included a single large cluster

comprised of 275 molecules, representing molecules with various biological functions

such as carbohydrate metabolism and fatty acid degradation (Fig. 7**D**), indicating that

most of the responsive molecules in WT mice are co-regulated. ATP and AMP, the rapid

hub molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 5 and 6) were

included in the large cluster, possibly suggesting that ATP and AMP formed this large

cluster by regulating the large number of metabolic reactions. By contrast, the network

in *ob*/*ob* mice was fragmentated with some clusters containing functionally related

molecules (Fig. 7**E**). Taken together, temporal co-regulation of metabolism in response

to starvation was disrupted in the *ob/ob* mice.

Functional analysis of transcriptomic and proteomic data for potential clinical application

Dietary restriction, including caloric restriction (reducing total calorie intake) and intermittent fasting (setting fasting periods in daily life with or without reducing the total calorie intake), extends lifespan and improves health in multiple species (*6*, *31*, *70*, *71*). However, obesity cancels the effects of intermittent fasting, that is a permissive form of dietary restriction considering the compliance, to extend lifespan (*31*). Investigating a therapeutic target to treat the negative effects of obesity on intermittent fasting is clinically important. To achieve this, comprehensive and unbiased measurements are necessary, because manually measured phenotypic traits failed to explain 61% of the diet to lifespan covariance (*31*). Intermittent fasting, a long-term and repetitive form of starvation, is expected to include the cumulative effects of short-term starvation up to 24 hours. Thus, analyzing our omics data on short-term starvation is valuable, particularly to reveal the differences of starvation-induced changes between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. Since metabolic traits associated with lean tissue mass explained only 3.8% of the lifespan covariance (*31*), we focused on general functions of liver using our transcriptomic and proteomic data, rather than on metabolism. In addition, we used MSigDB (*72*), a more generalized database than KEGG (*55–57*).

To functionally characterize the starvation-responsive transcripts, we conducted an enrichment analysis of significantly changed (either increased or decreased) transcripts in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 8**A** and table Data File S8). Hallmarks, which are categories of molecules in MSigDB (*72*), related to immune responses, such as TNFA_SIGNALING_VIA_NFKB, INTERFERON_ALPHA_RESPONSE, and INTERFERON_GAMMA_RESPONSE; metabolism such as

CHOLESTEROL_HOMEOSTASIS, FATTY_ACID_METABOLISM, and

PEROXISOME; stress responses such as HYPOXIA, APOPTOSIS, and

UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE; and cellular signaling such as

MTORC1_SIGNALING, P53_PATHWAY, and KRAS_SIGNALING_DN were

identified as commonly enriched hallmarks in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 8**A** and

Data File S8). Hallmarks such as ESTROGEN_RESPONSES_EARLY,

ESTROGEN_RESPONSES_LATE, and GLYCOLYSIS were identified as WT-

specifically enriched hallmarks (Fig. 8**A** and Data File S8). MYC_TARGET_V1 and

MYC_target_V2 were identified as *ob*/*ob*-specifically enriched hallmarks (Fig. 8**A** and

Data File S8). The common enrichment of the hallmarks related to immune responses in

both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice suggest that the changes of the immune repertoire observed

with dietary restriction (*31*) also occurred with short-term fasting within 24 hours.

To functionally characterize the starvation-responsive proteins, we conducted

an enrichment analysis of significantly changed proteins in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 8**B**

and Data File S8). Hallmarks related to stress responses such as APOPTOSIS and

UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE; metabolism such as GLYCOLYSIS and

FATTY_ACID_METABOLISM; MTORC1_SIGNALING; and

OXIDATIVE_PHOSPHORYLATION were identified as WT-specifically enriched

hallmarks. MYC_TARGETS_V1 was identified as an *ob*/*ob*-specifically enriched

hallmark. No hallmark was commonly enriched in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, suggesting

that the responses to starvation are functionally distinct between both genotypes in

proteomic data.

Taken together, commonly enriched hallmarks were most abundant in

transcriptomic data, while WT-specifically responsive hallmarks were most abundant in

proteomic data, suggesting that the responses to starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice were

functionally similar in the transcriptome, but totally different in the proteome. This

disconnection between responses at the mRNA and protein levels in *ob*/*ob* mice could

be due to deficiencies in protein translation and degradation in *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S8).

Therefore, targeting deficiencies in protein translation and degradation could be a

potential therapeutic target to treat the insensitivity of intermittent fasting in obese mice

(*31*).

Discussion

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We measured multiomic data during starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 2) and

constructed a global starvation-responsive transomic network by integrating these data

(Fig. 3). We also showed that the starvation-responsive metabolic network (Fig. 4), a

sub network of the global starvation-responsive transomic network, is a scale-free-like

network. The hub molecules of the networks, regulating many metabolic reactions, were

energy indicators, such as ATP and AMP in WT mice, and less highly connected hub

molecules, such as lipids in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 5). Despite the loss of the responsiveness

of the hub energy indicators in *ob*/*ob* mice, structural properties of the network in *ob*/*ob*

mice were maintained (Fig. 5), likely through the maintenance of nodes with relatively

large degrees (Fig. S5). By contrast, the temporal properties including the temporal

order (Fig. 6) and the temporal co-regulation of molecules were disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice

(Fig. 7). Similar to the whole starvation-responsive metabolic network, the starvation

responsive metabolic network of glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in *ob*/*ob* mice was

structurally maintained but temporally disrupted compared to the network in WT mice

(fig. S9). However, the starvation-responsive metabolic network of urea cycle in *ob*/*ob*

mice was both structurally and temporally disrupted comparing to the network in WT

mice (fig. S10). In addition, we proposed a potential clinical target to treat the negative

effects of obesity on the intermittent fasting (Fig. 8).

The maintenance of the structural properties of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in *ob*/*ob* mice (Fig. 5) suggests the robustness of the metabolic

networks against pathological perturbations. Robustness of the structural properties of

metabolic networks have also been investigated in cancers (*41*, *42*). Structural

properties of metabolic networks based on the tissue-specific gene expression were

similar between 15 cancers and corresponding normal tissues (*41*). Metabolic network

based on flux correlations showed similar structural properties between normal and

cancer tissues (*42*). These two studies suggest that structural properties of metabolic

networks in cancer are similar to those of normal tissues, despite profound differences

in gene expression patterns of cancer and non-cancer cells (*73*). These studies, together

with our results, indicate that structural properties of metabolic networks are robust

among various metabolic perturbations including starvation in healthy or obese

conditions and cancers.

By contrast to the robust structural properties (Fig. 5), temporal properties,

which were maintained depending on the hub molecules including energy indicators

such as ATP and AMP in WT mice, were disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice (Figs. 6 and 7). These

results highlight the significance of the highly connected hub molecules for temporal

properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic networks. If a small number of hub

molecules regulate the entire network, nodes in the network would be uniformly

regulated, resulting in a temporally ordered and co-regulated network. Thus, the

starvation-responsive metabolic network is temporally disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice, that lost

the responsiveness of the highly connected hub molecules such as ATP and AMP.

Structural and temporal properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic

network were evaluated for specific metabolic pathways, such as

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis (fig. S9) and urea cycle (fig. S10). The starvation-

responsive metabolic network of glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in *ob*/*ob* mice was

structurally maintained but temporally disrupted, consistent with the whole starvation-

responsive metabolic network (fig. S9). However, the starvation-responsive metabolic

network of urea cycle in *ob*/*ob* mice was disrupted both structurally and temporally (fig.

S10), suggesting a strong disruption of amino acid metabolism in *ob*/*ob* mice during

starvation. Amino acids during starvation are supplied by autophagy (*74*), a protein

degradation process that is disrupted in *ob*/*ob* mice (fig. S8**C** and **D**). Therefore, a

disrupted amino acid supply caused by autophagy deficiency could result in severely

disrupted amino acid metabolism during starvation in *ob*/*ob* mice.

If the metabolic network is temporally vulnerable, the structural robustness

observed in starvation (several hours) and cancers (~years) could be disrupted in a rapid

metabolic shift such as glucose ingestion (minutes) because of the lack of time for

rescuing the structural properties. Previously, we conducted a transomic analysis of liver

in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice during oral glucose ingestion, in which we measured

metabolome, lipidome, and transcriptome (*37*, *39*). Small fraction of the responsive

metabolites (15 out of 88, 17.0%) and transcripts (732 out of 5,091, 14.4%) was

commonly responsive in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice during oral glucose ingestion, while more

than one-third of the responsive molecules were commonly responsive during starvation

(Fig. 2) (*37*). Scaling parameters of the transomic networks, representing the

heterogeneity of the network, were different during oral glucose ingestion but similar

during starvation between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (*39*). Taken together, glucose ingestion

requires distinct responsive molecules and heterogeneities of transomic network

between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, suggesting metabolic network is more vulnerable to

temporally rapid perturbations (oral glucose ingestion) than slow (starvation) or chronic

(cancer) perturbations.

By evaluating the temporal order among omic layers during starvation (Fig. 6),

we found that metabolite layer was the fastest even compared to the enzyme_PTM

layer, which is composed of protein phosphorylation events (Fig. 6**G**). Our previous

study showed that rapid metabolic regulation by metabolites also occurs in the liver of

WT mice during oral glucose ingestion (*37*). However, we did not measure the

phosphoproteome in that study (*37*), thus we cannot ascertain if metabolite regulation

precedes phosphorylation-mediated regulation. Because here we measured both the

metabolome and phosphoproteome, our data indicated that metabolites take the

initiating role in controlling the transomic layers during starvation in liver.

One of the limitations of this study is the accuracy of the inference of regulator

activities, including TFs and protein kinases, and regulatory relationships from

metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls to metabolic reactions. For inference of TF activity,

we failed to identify Foxo1, which is master regulator of liver metabolism and is

necessary for upregulation of glucose production during starvation (*75*). We can explain

this discrepancy because we removed data for Foxo1 in liver from the data obtained

from the ChIP-Atlas database (*76*, *77*) as not meeting our quality check process for

inference input (see Methods). Another example, Creb1, which has been known to be

upregulated during starvation (*5*), was classified as a down-regulated TF (Table 5),

probably due to the failure of detection in phosphorylation, that is important for Creb1

activity (*5*). For kinase inference, we failed both mTorc1 and Ampk as responsive

protein kinases, both of which are known to be important for adaptation to starvation

(*78*, *79*). Indeed, phosphorylation of Ampk was confirmed in our dataset by western

blotting (Fig. 5**K** and **L**), but not our phosphoproteome data, suggesting insufficient

comprehensiveness and quantitative capacity of our phosphoproteome data. In addition,

protein kinases were identified for less than 5% of phosphorylation events at present

(*80*), thus the prediction algorithm could be inaccurate. For regulatory relationships

including those from metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls to metabolic reactions, we

identified regulatory relationships that could be extracted from existing databases. Thus,

unfamiliar or unknown regulatory relationships not registered in the databases we used

were not included in our study. These limitations originate from incomprehensiveness of

omics measurement (for example, lack of phosphorylated Creb1 and Ampk) and

database (for example, lack of Foxo1). These limitations could be partially solved by

recently developed techniques of measurements such as LiP-SMAP (*81*), PROMIS (*82*),

and MIDAS (*83*) for protein-metabolite (including lipids and FFA & acyls) interaction,

LiP-MS (*84*) for post-transcriptional regulations including phosphorylation, and

integrating recently developed bioinformatic tools such as CollectTRI-based database

(*85*), The Kinase Library (*86*), and OmniPath (*87*) to transomic analyses for algorithm,

but it is still challenging to approach these limitations especially in vivo at present.

Therefore, we need some breakthrough for accurate inferences of regulator activities.

Another limitation of our study is that we only used one model of obesity. By

only using *ob*/*ob* mice, we cannot exclude the possibility that the results are caused by

the effect of leptin deficiency (*88*). We compared our results with the previous study

using high fat diet (HFD) as a model for obesity (*30*). We observed similar changes in

metabolic enzymes and in glycogen during starvation in WT and *ob/ob* mice (fig. S1) as

were reported for both lean and HFD mice (*30*). Thus, our results are related to obesity

not leptin-deficiency itself.

In addition, our experimental condition is not optimized for dietary restriction,

because we focused on adaptation to starvation. Although we proposed that disturbed

protein translation and degradation are potential therapeutic targets to treat the negative

effects of obesity on intermittent fasting to extend lifespan (*31*), validation is needed in

studies focusing on dietary restriction under well-controlled experimental conditions.

Despite several limitations, our present study successfully described the global

landscape of adaptation to starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice and suggested that the

highly connected hub energy indicators temporally coordinate the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in the healthy condition and that these critical hubs are no longer

starvation-responsive in obesity, resulting in temporal disruption of the starvation-

responsive metabolic network. Robustness of the structures against pathological

perturbations could be a general nature of metabolic networks, combining with the

previous studies in cancer (*41*, *42*). Vulnerability of temporal properties of the network

in *ob*/*ob* mice could be helpful to understand the pathology of adaptive responses to

starvation in obesity.

Materials and Methods

Mouse experiments

All the animal experiments were conducted after approval by the animal ethics

committee of the University of Tokyo. Ten-week-old C57BL/6 WT and *ob/ob* male

mice were purchased from Japan SLC Inc. Mice were starved for 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24

hours, starting at approximately 18:00. For omic measurement, mice were euthanized

by cervical dislocation, blood was collected from retro-orbital sinus into tubes

containing 0.5 mg of EDTA, and liver was dissected and immediately frozen in liquid

nitrogen. Blood was centrifuged at $2,300 \times g$ for 15 min at 4°C to separate plasma.

Plasma was frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C. The frozen liver was crushed

with dry ice to a fine powder with a Wonder Blender (WB-1, OSAKA CHEMICAL

CO., LTD). Blood glucose was determined using ACCU-CHECK (Roche).

Metabolomic analysis

Metabolomic analysis was conducted as previously described (*37*). For liver, total

metabolites were extracted with methanol:chroloform:water (2.5:2.5:1) along with total

proteins. Approximately 40 mg of liver was homogenized in 500 μl of ice-cold

methanol containing internal standards [20 μM l-methionine sulfone (Wako), 2-

morpholinoethanesulfonic acid, monohydrate (Dojindo), and d-camphor-10-sulfonic

acid (Wako)] for normalization of peak intensities of mass spectrometry (MS) among

runs. Next, 500 μL of chloroform and then 200 μL of water were added and mixed.

After centrifugation at $4,600 \times g$ for 15 min at 4°C, the aqueous layer was filtered

through a 5 kDa cutoff filter (UFC3LCCNB-HMT, Human Metabolome Technologies)

to remove protein contamination. Simultaneously, proteins were precipitated from the

interphase and organic layers by addition of 800 µL of ice-cold methanol followed by

centrifugation at 12,000 × g for 15 min at 4ºC. The pellet was washed with 1 mL of ice-

cold 80% (v/v) methanol and resuspended in 500 µL water, followed by sonication with

Bioruptor (UCW-310, COSMO BIO). By addition of 500 µL of 2% SDS and 100 mM

Tris-HCl pH8.8, the pellet was lysed for 1 hour at 4°C with gentle mixing followed by

sonication using Handy Sonic (UR-20P, TOMY). The concentration of total protein was

determined with the bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay (23227, Thermo Fisher Scientific)

and used for normalization of concentration among samples.

For plasma, 40 µL of the samples were used to extract metabolites with

methanol:chloroform:water (2.5:2.5:1). The samples were dissolved in 400 µL of ice-

cold methanol containing the internal standards [20 µM l-methionine sulfone (Wako), 2-

morpholinoethanesulfonic acid, monohydrate (Dojindo), and d-camphor-10-sulfonic

acid (Wako)], followed by addition of 400 µL of chloroform, and then 120 µL of water.

After centrifugation at 10,000 × g for 3 min at 4 ºC, the aqueous layer was filtered

through a 5 kDa cutoff filter (UFC3LCCNB-HMT, Human Metabolome Technologies)

to remove protein contamination.

The filtrate was lyophilized and suspended in 50 µL of water containing the

reference compounds [200 µM each of trimesate (206-03641, Wako) and 3-

aminopyrrolidine (404624, Sigma-Aldrich)]. Metabolites were quantified using an

Agilent 1600 Capillary Electrophoresis system (Agilent technologies), a G1603A

Agilent CE-MS adapter kit, and a G1607A Agilent CE electrospray ionization (ESI)–

MS sprayer kit. For cationic compounds, a fused silica capillary [50 µm internal

diameter (i.d.) × 100 cm] was used with 1 M formic acid as the electrolyte (*89*).

Methanol/water (50%, v/v) containing 0.01 µM hexakis (2,2-difluoroethoxy)

phosphazene was used as sheath liquid and delivered at 10 μl/min. ESI–time-of-flight

(TOF) MS was conducted in positive ion mode, and the capillary voltage was set to 4

kV. Each acquired spectrum was recalibrated automatically using the masses of the

reference standards [^{13}C isotopic ion of a protonated methanol dimer (2 MeOH + H)]$^{+}$,

mass/charge ratio (*m/z*) 66.0631 and [hexakis(2,2-difluoroethoxy)phosphazene + H]$^{+}$,

m/z 622.0290. For identification of metabolites, relative migration times of all peaks to

the reference compound 3-aminopyrrolidine were calculated, followed by comparison

of their *m/z* values and relative migration times to the metabolite standards. For

quantification of the metabolites, peak areas were compared to calibration curves

generated using internal standardization techniques with methionine sulfone. The other

parameters and conditions were the same as previously described (*90*). For anionic

metabolites, COSMO (+) (chemically coated with cationic polymer) capillary (50 μm

i.d. by 105 cm) (Nacalai Tesque, Kyoto, Japan) was used with a 50 mM ammonium

acetate solution (pH 8.5) as the electrolyte. Methanol/5 mM ammonium acetate (50%,

v/v) containing 0.01 μM hexakis (2,2-difluoroethoxy) phosphazene was used as sheath

liquid and delivered at 10 μl/min. ESI-TOFMS was conducted in negative ion mode,

and the capillary voltage was set to 3.5 kV. Trimesate and d-camphor-10-sulfonic acid

were used as the reference and the internal standards, respectively. The other parameters

and conditions were same as described previously (*91*). The Agilent MassHunter

software (Agilent technologies) was used for data analysis (*89–91*).

F1,6P and F2,6P were measured separately using IC-QEMS (*92*). A Dionex

IonPac AS11-HC-4 μm column (250 × 0.4 mm, 4 μm; Thermo Fisher Scientific) was

used at 35°C to separate metabolite. We used KOH as an eluent at the speed of 0.02

mL/min. The gradient was as follows: 1 mM from 0 to 2 min, 20 mM at 16 min, 100

mM at 35 min. As a sheath solution, isopropanol containing 0.1% acetic acid was used

at the speed of 5 µl/min. MS was performed in the ESI negative-ion mode. The

parameters were as follows: sheath gas, 20 (arbitrary units); auxiliary gas, 10 (arbitrary

units); spray voltage, 4.0 kV; capillary temperature, 300°C; S-lens, 50 (arbitrary units).

Data acquisition was conducted in full MS scan mode. Parameters of the scanning were

as follows: resolution, 70,000; auto-gain control target, 3×10^6; maximum ion injection

time, 100 ms; scan range, 70–1,000 m/z.

Lipidomic analysis

Liver samples were prepared for lipid extraction using the Bligh and Dyer's method

(*93*) with minor modifications. Briefly, the lipids and their related metabolites were

extracted from frozen and crushed liver tissues (~50 mg) with 1 ml of cold methanol.

The samples were vigorously mixed for 1 min and sonicated for 5 min. The extracts

were then centrifuged at 16,000 $\times g$ for 5 min at 4°C, and the resultant supernatant was

collected. Protein concentrations in the pellet were determined using the bicinchoninic

acid (BCA) assay (23227, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The collected supernatant (180

µL) was mixed with 200 µL of chloroform, 150 µL of water, 10 µL of internal standard

(IS) A (Mouse SPLASH Lipidomix Mass Spec Standard, Avanti Polar Lipids Inc.,

Alabaster, AL, USA) containing 1.0 nmol phosphatidylcholine (PC) 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$),

0.070 nmol phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$), 0.20 nmol

phosphatidylserine (PS) 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$), 0.050 nmol phosphatidylglycerol (PG) 15:0–

18:1 (d$_7$), 0.20 nmol phosphatidylinositol (PI) 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$), 0.10 nmol phosphatidic

acid (PA) 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$), 0.45 nmol lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC) 18:1 (d$_7$), 0.020

nmol lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE) 18:1 (d$_7$), 2.5 nmol cholesteryl ester (CE)

894 18:1 (d$_7$), 0.15 nmol diacylglycerol (DG) 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$), 0.35 nmol triacylglycerol (TG)

895 15:0–18:1 (d$_7$)–15:0, and 0.20 nmol sphingomyelin (SM) d18:1–18:1 (d$_9$), 10 µL of IS

896 B (Avanti Polar Lipids Inc.) containing 1.0 nmol monoacylglycerol (MG) 18:1 (d$_7$),

897 0.10 nmol ceramide (Cer) d18:1 (d$_7$)–15:0, 0.10 nmol hexosylceramide (HexCer) d18:1

898 (d$_7$)–18:1, 1.1 nmol free fatty acid (FA) 16:0 ($^{13}C_{16}$), and 3.0 nmol cholesterol (d$_7$), and

899 10 µL of IS C (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) containing 0.40 nmol acylcoenzyme A

900 (acyl-CoA) 2:0 ($^{13}C^2$). The aqueous and organic layers were separated by vortexing and

901 subsequent centrifugation at 16,000 $\times g$ and 4°C for 5 min.

902   The aqueous (upper) layer (250 µL) was transferred to a clean tube for analysis

903 by a liquid chromatography (Nexera X2 UHPLC system, Shimadzu Co., Kyoto, Japan)

904 with a metal-free peek-coated InertSustain C18 column (2.1 mm i.d. × 150 mm, 3 µm

905 particle size, GL Sciences Inc., Tokyo, Japan) coupled with a Q Exactive, high-

906 performance benchtop quadrupole Orbitrap high-resolution tandem mass spectrometer

907 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) (C18-LC/MS) for acyl-CoAs and acyl-carnitines (*94*). After

908 the aqueous layer extracts were evaporated under vacuum, dried extracts were stored at

909 −80°C until use for C18-LC/MS analysis. Prior to analysis, the dried aqueous layer was

910 reconstituted in 50 µL of water.

911   The organic (lower) layer (140 µL) was transferred to a clean tube for analysis

912 by supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC, Nexera UC system, Shimadzu Co.) with an

913 ACQUITY UPC^2 HSS C18 column (3.0 mm i.d. × 100 mm, 1.8 µm particle size,

914 Waters, Milford, MA, USA) coupled with a triple quadrupole mass spectrometry

915 (TQMS, LCMS-8060, Shimadzu Co.) (C18-SFC/MS/MS) for FAs, TGs, and CEs (*94*)

916 and an SFC (Shimadzu Co.) with a ACQUITY UPC2 Torus diethylamine (DEA) (3.0

917 mm i.d. × 100 mm, 1.7 µm particle size, Waters) coupled with a TQMS (DEA-

SFC/MS/MS) for PCs, PEs, PSs, PGs, PIs, PAs, LPCs, LPEs, MGs, DGs, SMs,

cholesterol, Cers, and HexCers (*94*, *95*). The liver lipid extract (140 µL) was diluted to a

final volume of 200 µL with a solution of methanol for C18-SFC/MS/MS and DEA-

SFC/MS/MS analysis.

Transcriptomic analysis

Total RNAs were extracted from approximately 10 mg of liver using RNeasy Mini Kit

(74106, QIAGEN) and QIAshredder (79656, QIAGEN). The amount and quality of

RNAs were assessed using Nanodrop (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and the 2100

Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies). The cDNA libraries were prepared using the

TruSeq Stranded mRNA Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). The resulting cDNAs

were subjected to 150 base pair (bp) paired-end sequencing on an Illumina

NovaSeq6000 Platform (Illumina). Sequences were aligned to the reference genome of

mice derived from the Ensembl database (*96*, *97*) (GRCm38/mm10, Ensembl release

97) using the STAR software package (v.2.5.3a) (*98*). The RSEM tool (*99*) (v.1.3.0) was

used to estimate gene expression levels from the aligned sequences. Resultant read

counts were used as inputs for edgeR software (*49*). For other analyses, transcripts per

kilobase million (TPM) were used.

Proteomic analysis

Total proteins extracted during sample preparation of metabolomic analysis were

subjected to the following proteomic analysis. For standardization among runs of

measurement, proteins from frozen liver powder of Lys(6)-SILAC mice (Silantes) were

also extracted with methanol/chloroform extraction. Protein concentration of the lysates

was determined using the bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay (23227, Thermo Fisher

Scientific) and calibrated to 1 mg/mL. Then, 50 µg each of non-labeled and labeled

lysates were mixed for peptide preparation. Cysteine residues were blocked by 2 mM

Tris (2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride (TCEP) (Thermo Fisher Scientific) at

37°C for 30 min followed by alkylation with 10 mM 2-iodoacetamide (IAA) at room

temperature for 30 min. The proteins were precipitated with acetone for 3 hours at

−30°C and the resulting pellet was dispersed in 50 mM triethylammonium bicarbonate

by ultrasonic treatment (three times for 30 s with intervals of 30 s) with a Bioruptor

(Diagenode). The protein suspension was subjected to digestion with lysyl

endopeptidase (Wako) for 16 h at 37°C. Resulting peptides were centrifuged at 15,000 ×

g for 15 min at 4°C and subjected to C18-StageTip purification (*100*). Peptides were

resolved in 50 µL 3% acetonitrile (can)-0.1% foromic acid prior to MS analysis.

All samples were analyzed with Q Exactive HF-X (Thermo Fisher Scientific)

instrument equipped with an UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano LC System (Thermo Fisher

Scientific) via a nano-electrospray source with a column oven set at 50°C (AMR Inc.).

Peptides were directly injected onto a 75 µm × 25 cm PicoFrit emitter (New Objective,

Woburn, MA, USA) packed in-house with C18 core-shell particles (CAPCELL CORE

MP 2.7 µm, 160 Å material; Osaka Soda Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan) with a linear gradient

of 7–42% B for 76 min, 42-80% B for 5 min, and 80% B for 9 min at a flow rate of 100

nL/min, where A is 0.1% formic acid and B is 0.1% formic acid and 80% acetonitrile.

MS data acquisition was performed in data-independent acquisition (DIA) mode. For

quantification in the DIA mode, MS1 spectra were collected in the range of *m/z* 423-865

at 60,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3×10^6. For MS2 spectra, collections were

conducted in the range of > *m/z* 200 at 30,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3 ×

10^6. The isolation width was configured to 8 Th with stepped normalized collision

energies of 20, and 23%. Through the optimization by Skyline 4.1 (*101*), isolation

window patterns in *m/z* 428-860 were used as window placements. In the DIA mode for

a spectral library, the pool of all samples was analyzed by using the above

measurements and the gas-phase fractionation method. In the gas-phase fraction

method, six MS ranges (*m/z* 426-502, 498-574, 570-646, 642-718, 714-790, and 786-

862) were used, and each was measured by overlapping DIA (*102, 103*). MS1 spectra

were collected at 120,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3×10^6. MS2 spectra were

collected in the range of > *m/z* 200 at 60,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3×10^6.

The isolation width was set to 2 Th with stepped normalized collision energies of 20 and

23%. Isolation window patterns in the ranges of *m/z* 428-500, 500-572, 572-644, 644-

716, 716-788, and 788-860 were used as window placements optimized by Skyline 4.1.

The spectra library was generated by searching MS data in the library against

the mouse Ensembl release 97 database using Scaffold DIA (Proteome Software Inc.,

Portland OR, USA). The parameters were as follows: experimental data search enzyme,

LysC/P; maximum missed cleavage sites, 1; precursor mass tolerance, 6 ppm; fragment

mass tolerance, 8 ppm; and static modification, cysteine carbamidomethylation. The

threshold for identification of peptides was a peptide false discovery rate (FDR) < 1%.

To identify peptides derived from Lys(6)-SILAC mice, a library of identified peptides

with a mass increase 6.020129 Da on Lys was built and added to the library obtained

above. All raw data was processed with DIA-NN (ver. 1.8) using library search mode

using the following parameters: reannotation, Mus_musculus.GRCm38.97.pep.all.fa;

modification, UniMod188 (6.020129), and peak-translation. Using the output from

DIA-NN software, the SILAC ratios of all assigned fragment ion pairs were calculated,

and the median of the SILAC ratios of each protein was used for protein quantification.

Proteins assigned to a single ensemble gene ID were used in the following analyses. The

SILAC ratios of all the proteins were normalized by the median of the SILAC ratio in

each biological sample.

Phosphoproteomic analysis

Total proteins extracted during sample preparation of metabolomic analysis were

subjected to the following phosphoproteomic analysis. As described above, 2 mg of

protein solution was subjected to reduction and alkylation by TCEP and IAA,

respectively. Then, proteins were precipitated in three volumes of ice-cold acetone and

centrifuged at $16,000 \times g$ for 2 h. The pellet was rinsed with 90% acetone followed by

digestion with 30 µg of trypsin in 600 µl of 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate for 16 h.

Thirty-five µl of 10% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and 450 µl of ACN were added to the

protein digests (1 mg/300 µl). The mixture was centrifuged at $16,000 \times g$ and the

supernatant was collected into a new tube. Phosphopeptides were enriched using Fe^{3+}-

IMAC (*104*). NTA-agarose resin (1 mL) (Qiagen) was washed twice with 3 ml of

distilled water and 2 ml of 100 mM $FeCl_3$ in 0.1% acetic acid was added. Following a

wash with 2 ml of 0.1% TFA, 2% ACN and 0.1% TFA, 60% ACN, the resin was stored

in 1 ml of 0.1% TFA, 60% ACN (Fe^{3+}-IMAC agarose resin). C18-StageTip (3M)

packed with 75 µl of Fe^{3+}-IMAC agarose resin was equilibrated with 200 µl of 0.1%

TFA, 60% ACN, then the protein digests were loaded onto the IMAC/C18-StageTip and

the loaded system was washed twice with 200 µL of 0.1% TFA, 60% ACN. Following

equilibration with 200 µl of 0.1% TFA, 2% ACN, 200 µl of 1% inorganic phosphate

was added to elute phosphopeptides from the Fe^{3+}-IMAC agarose resin and bind them

to the C18-StageTip. Following a wash with 200 μL of 0.1% TFA, 2% ACN, the

peptides were eluted with 0.1% TFA, 60%ACN from the IMAC/C18-StageTip. The

resulting peptides were dried, reconstituted in 3% ACN with 0.1% formic acid, and

subjected to MS analysis.

All samples were analyzed with Orbitrap Exploris 480 MS (Thermo Fisher

Scientific) instrument equipped with an UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano LC System (Thermo

Fisher Scientific) via a nano-electrospray source with a column oven set at 60°C (AMR

Inc.). Peptides were directly applied onto a 75 μm × 120 mm column (Nikkyo Technos

Co.,Ltd) with a linear gradient of 5–32% B for 70 min and 32-65% B for 10 min at a

speed of 200 nL/min, where A is 0.1% formic acid and B is 0.1% formic acid and 80%

acetonitrile.

MS data were acquired in overlapping data-independent acquisition (DIA)

mode (*102, 103*). For quantification in the DIA mode, MS1 spectra were collected in the

range of *m/z* 390-1010 at 30,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3×10^6. MS2 spectra

were collected in the range of > *m/z* 200 at 30,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3 ×

10^6, and stepped normalized collision energies of 22, 26, and 30%. The isolation width

for MS2 was set to 10 Th and overlapping window patterns in *m/z* 400-1000 were used

window placements optimized by Skyline v4.1 (*101*). In the DDA-MS mode for a

spectral library, the pool of all samples was analyzed by using the gas-phase

fractionation method with MS ranges of *m/z* 395-555, 545-705, 695-1005, and 390-

1010. MS1 spectra were collected at 120,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 3×10^6.

Within the MS ranges of *m/z* 395-555, 545-705, 695-1005, the 20 most intense ions with

charge states of 2^+ to 5^+ more than 5.0×10^3 were fragmented by HCD with normalized

collision energies of 22, 26, and 30%, and MS2 spectra were collected in the range of >

m/z 200 at 60,000 resolution to set an AGC target of 5×10^5. Within the MS ranges of

m/z 390-1010, the 40 most intense ions with charge states of 2^+ to 5^+ that exceeded $5.0 \times$

10^3 were fragmented by HCD with normalized collision energies of 22, 26, and 30%,

and MS2 spectra were collected in the range of > m/z 200 at 30,000 resolution to set an

AGC target of 2×10^5.

The spectra library was built by searching MS data in the library against the

mouse Ensembl database (GRCm38/mm10, Ensembl release 97) using Proteome

Discoverer v2.3 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The setting parameters were as follows:

Fragmentation, HCD; Precursor Tolerance, 8 ppm; Fragment Tolerance, 0.02 Da;

Digestion Enzyme, Trypsin; Max Missed Cleavages, 1; Variable Modification, Phospho

[S, T, Y]; Fixed Modification, Carbamidomethylation [C]; Site Probability Threshold,

75; Peptide FDR, < 1%. Unique phosphopeptides were subjected to the following

analyses. To determine phosphorylation at each phosphosite, the intensities of all signals

of quantified phosphopeptides that include the phosphosite of interest were summed.

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Glycogen content assay

Glycogen content in liver was measured using Amplex Red Glucose/Glucose Oxidase

Assay Kit glucose assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific) after digestion of glycogen to

glucose (*37, 105*). Approximately 20 mg of crushed tissue samples was incubated for 1

hour at 95°C in 1 mL of 30% (w/v) KOH solution. The lysate (50 μL) was collected into

another 1.5 mL tube and neutralized by 15.3 μL of glacial acetic acid. Total protein

concentration of the liver digest was determined using the BCA assay (23227, Thermo

Fisher Scientific) and the concentration of protein was adjusted to 1 μg/μL. Lipids were

removed by the Bligh and Dyer method and glycogen was extracted. Ice-cold methanol

(120 µL), 50 µL of chloroform, 10 µL 1% (w/v) of linear polyacrylamide, and 70 µL of

water were added to the liver digest (50 µL) and mixed. The mixture was incubated for

30 min on ice and centrifuged at 12,000 × g to remove the aqueous layer. The glycogen

was precipitated by adding 200 µL of methanol, followed by centrifugation at 12,000 ×

g for 30 min at 4°C. The pellet was washed with ice-cold 80% (v/v) methanol and dried

completely. Glycogen pellets were resuspended in 20 µL of amyloglucosidase (0.1

mg/mL; Sigma-Aldrich) in 50 mM sodium acetate buffer and incubated for 2 hours at

55°C. The glycogen content was determined using the Amplex Red Glucose/Glucose

Oxidase Assay Kit glucose assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific) following the

manufacture's protocol.

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Western blotting analysis

Total proteins extracted during sample preparation of metabolomic analysis were boiled

in sample buffer (58.28 mM Tirs-HCl, pH 6.8, 4.7% glycerol, 2.82% SDS, 6% β-

Mercaptoethanol, and 0.0094% bromophenol blue). Samples were subsequently

separated by SDS-PAGE followed by transfer to nitrocellulose membrane, and then

immunoblotting was conducted using total Akt (#9272, Cell Signaling), phospho-Akt

(Ser473) (#9271, Cell Signaling), total eIF2α (#9722, Cell Signaling), phospho-eIF2α

(Ser51) (#9721, Cell Signaling), total Ampk (#2532, Cell Signaling), phospho-Ampk

(Thr172) (#2531, Cell Signaling), total p62 (PM045, MBL), and phospho-p62 (PM074,

MBL). A Peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated anti-rabbit antibody (NA9340V) was used as a

secondary antibody. Immunodetection was performed using Immobilon Western

Chemiluminescent HRP Substrate (Millipore) and signals were detected by a

luminoimage analyzer (Fusion System Solo 7S; M&S Instruments Inc). Quantification

and brightness adjustment were conducted with the Fiji software (ImageJ; National

Institutes of Health). For the images with high background, we used the subtract

background function in the Fiji software (*106*). Conversion of the images to 8-bit image

was conducted by Photoshop CS6 (Adobe).

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Identification of starvation-responsive molecules

We analyzed molecules or phosphorylation events that were quantified in more than half

of replicates in both WT and *ob/ob* mice at all the time points after food removal (Fig. 2

and Fig. S1). For every molecule, one-way-ANOVA tests were conducted in data for

WT or *ob/ob* mice. Molecules with $P < 0.025$ were defined as starvation-responsive

molecules. False discovery rate (FDR) of the responsive molecules was less than 0.1

except for phosphoproteome data (Table 1). FDR was calculated using the Storey's

procedure (*107*) except for the lipidomic and FFA & acyls layers, including molecules

in the lipid and FFAs & acyls layers. For lipidomic and FFA & acyls analyses,

Benjamini-Hochberg procedure was conducted (*108*), because the number of measured

molecules were small in these omic layers (16 for lipidome and 41 for FFA & acyls).

For transcriptomic analysis, the likelihood ratio test in the edgeR package (version

3.34.1) (*49*) of the R language (version 4.1.1) was used to identify significantly changed

molecules during starvation. Mean time courses for each molecule in WT and *ob/ob*

mice were log2-transformed relative to the geometric mean of the values of WT and

ob/ob mice before food deprivation (0 h). Using these log2-transformed time courses,

the area under the curve (AUC) was calculated as the area between the time course

curves during starvation and the baseline value at 0 h (before food deprivation).

Molecules with positive AUC and P value < 0.025 were defined as increased molecules,

and molecules with negative AUC and *P* value < 0.025 were defined as decreased

molecules.

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Pathway enrichment analysis

We conducted pathway enrichment analysis for increased or decreased transcripts

(Table 3; Data File S3), proteins (Table 4; Data File S3), and phosphoproteins (Data File

S3). From KEGG database (*55–57*), we extracted gene sets of pathways in

"Metabolism", "Genetic Information Processing", "Environmental Information

Processing", "Cellular Processes", and "Organismal Systems". Note that

"Global/overview pathways" were removed. The enrichment of increased or decreased

molecules in each pathway was determined using one-tailed Fisher's exact test followed

by FDR correction by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (*108*). Transcripts, proteins,

and phosphoproteins quantified in more than half of the replicates in WT and *ob*/*ob*

mice were used as background. Pathways with *Q*-values < 0.1 were identified

significantly enriched.

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Inference for activities of TFs

We inferred the TF activities using transcriptomic data and ChIP-Atlas (*76, 77*) (Table

5; Data File S4). ChIP-Atlas includes a database curating publicly available ChIP-seq

experiments, that can be used for inference of the activities of TFs (*109*). The list for all

the ChIP-seq experiments was downloaded (https://github.com/inutano/chip-

atlas/wiki#downloads_doc) and all the experimental IDs of mm10 were extracted. We

focused on the ChIP-seq experiments conducted using "liver" or "hepatocytes" in mice.

Using this list of experimental IDs of mm10, we scraped "Target Genes" information

that includes genes whose transcription start sites (TSSs) were identified as binding

partners with the bait proteins (TFs) (https://chip-

atlas.dbcls.jp/data/mm10/target/**Protein.Distance**.tsv). The "Distance" was set as 1 kb

from TSS. We set the threshold for statistical significance of values calculated by peak-

caller MACS2 as 50 and identified target genes for each ChIP-seq experiment. To keep

quality of the inference, we removed ChIP-seq experiments that detected less than 50

target genes. Through these processes, we obtained a network between bait proteins

(TFs) for each ChIP-seq experiment and "Target Genes" with TSSs that were bound to

the bait proteins (TFs). Note that this network is a network of ChIP-seq experiments and

transcripts, not TFs and transcripts. In other words, ChIP-seq experiments for the

identical TFs were not combined at this step.

Using this network, we conducted TF enrichment analyses for increased or

decreased transcripts during starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The enrichment of

increased or decreased transcripts in each ChIP-seq experiment was determined using

one-tailed Fisher's exact test followed by FDR correction conducted by the Benjamini-

Hochberg procedure (*108*). Transcripts quantified in more than half of the replicates in

both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice were used as background. ChIP-seq experiments with Q-

values less than 0.1 were identified as significantly enriched ChIP-seq experiments. TFs

for which significant enrichment was observed in at least one ChIP-seq experiment were

identified as candidate TFs that changed their activities during starvation.

We further screened the candidate TFs to define the up-regulated or down-

regulated TFs using transcriptomic, proteomic, and phosphoproteomic data. It should be

noted that TFs that are registered as negative regulators in Transcriptional Repressor

Complex (GO_0017053) were defined as negative regulators, and other TFs were

regarded as activators in this study. If a transcriptional activator was enriched in

increased transcripts, and any of the transcriptomic, proteomic, or phosphoproteomic

data of the TF increased and none of the transcriptomic nor proteomic data decreased,

the TF was identified as an up-regulated TF. If a transcriptional activator was enriched

in decreased transcripts, and any of the transcriptomic, proteomic, or phospho-

proteomic data of the TF decreased and none of the transcriptomic nor proteomic data

increased, the TF was identified as a down-regulated TF. If a transcriptional inhibitor

was enriched in increased transcripts, and any of the transcriptomic, proteomic, or

phosphoproteomic data of the TF decreased and none of the transcriptomic nor

proteomic data increased, the TF was identified as an up-regulated TF. If a

transcriptional inhibitor was enriched in decreased transcripts, and any of the

transcriptomic, proteomic, or phosphoproteomic data of the TF increased and none of

the transcriptomic nor proteomic data decreased, the TF was identified as a down-

regulated TF.

Downstream genes of the inferred TFs were defined based on the gene

regulatory network from the ChIP-Atlas database. For each up-regulated TF, increased

transcripts whose TSS bind to the TF in at least one ChIP-experiment were defined as

downstream transcripts of the TF. For each down-regulated TF, decreased transcripts

whose TSS bind to the TF in at least one ChIP-experiment were defined as downstream

transcripts of the TF.

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Inference for activities of protein kinases

We inferred the protein kinase activities using phosphoproteomic data and NetPhorest

(*110*) (Table 6; Data File S4). We constructed a kinase regulatory network using

NetPhorest (*110*), a protein sequence-based algorithm to infer kinase-substrate

relationships. The inputs for NetPhorest were mouse protein sequences that were

associated with ENSMUSP in FASTA format obtained from

Mus_musculus.GRCm38.97.pep.all.fa in Ensembl database (*96, 97*), and a list for

phosphorylated residues measured in our phosphoproteomic data. The sequences in

FASTA format were handled using Seqkit tool (*111*). With the NetPhorest algorithm, we

obtained posterior probabilities that a residue was phosphorylated by protein kinase

groups. We selected protein kinase groups with posterior probability value more than

0.1 for each residue. Protein kinases contained in protein kinase groups were obtained

from NetworKIN (*112*). We converted the NetworKIN kinase names to Ensembl IDs

using Ensembl databases, STRING data in NetWorKIN_release3.0, and manual curation

(Data File S10).

We obtained a regulatory network among transcripts, proteins,

phosphorylation, and activities of protein kinases and phosphorylation of substrate

proteins. Using this network, we conducted kinase enrichment analyses for increased or

decreased phosphorylation events during starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The

enrichment of increased or decreased phosphorylation events in each kinase group was

determined using one-tailed Fisher's exact test followed by FDR correction conducted

by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (*108*). Phosphorylation events quantified in more

than half of the replicates in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice were used as background. Protein

kinase groups with Q-values less than 0.1 were identified significantly enriched protein

kinases.

We screened the candidate protein kinases to define the upregulated or

downregulated protein kinases using transcriptomic, proteomic, and phosphoproteomic

data. If a protein kinase was enriched in increased phosphorylation events, and any of

the transcriptomic, proteomic, or phosphoproteomic data of the protein kinase increased

and none of the transcriptomic nor proteomic data decreased, the protein kinase was

identified as an up-regulated protein kinase. If a protein kinase was enriched in

decreased phosphorylation events, and any of the transcriptomic, proteomic, or

phospho-proteomic data of the protein kinase decreased and none of the transcriptomic,

proteomic, nor phosphoproteomic data increased, the protein kinase was identified as a

downregulated protein kinase.

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Inference for activities of signaling pathways

Pathways in KEGG (*55–57*) database that contain "signaling" in their pathway names

were defined as signaling pathways. We identified up-regulated or down-regulated

signaling pathways that were enriched in increased or decreased transcripts, proteins, or

phosphorylation events at least one omics layer of transcriptomic, proteomic, or

phosphoproteomic data (Table 7; Data File S3).

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Construction of allosteric regulatory network

Allosteric regulation of metabolic reactions by metabolites was determined using

BRENDA database (https://www.brenda-enzymes.org/download.php) (*113*). Activating

and inhibiting compounds in mammals were extracted from brenda_2023_1.txt. Note

that the taxonomy list of mammals was obtained from NCBI

(https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pub/taxonomy/new_taxdump/) (*114*). Compound names in

brenda_2023_1.txt were transformed to KEGG ID via InChI key or using compound

names in KEGG (ftp.kegg.net/kegg/ligand/compound.tar.gz) (*55–57*) or HMDB

(https://hmdb.ca/downloads, ver. 5) (*115*). InChI keys of BRENDA ligands were

obtained from the search results of "Search Ligands" function in the classic view of

BRENDA without any query terms. Through these processes, we obtained the table of

the pairs of EC numbers and KEGG compound IDs.

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Construction of transport network

We used the Transporter Classification Database (TCDB, https://tcdb.org/) (*58*) to

identify transporters and substrates. Transport_activity was defined by the substrates of

transports. To define substrates of transports, TC2ChEBI.txt in TCDB was processed as

follows. TC2ChEBI.txt includes ChEBI IDs, that is a hierarchical database and linked to

each other with "is_a" function (for example, anion (CHEBI: 22563) **is a** ion (CHEBI:

24870)) (*116*). To focus on specific substrates, we selected ChEBI IDs that include less

than 50 ChEBI IDs that can be traced by "is_a" function. The selected ChEBI IDs were

transformed to KEGG compound IDs using KEGG

(ftp.kegg.net/kegg/ligand/compound.tar.gz, downloaded on 13rd/12/2022) (*55–57*) or

HMDB (https://hmdb.ca/downloads, ver. 5) (*115*), directly or via compound names.

For transporter protein, we selected transporters that are expressed in human or

mice using Uniprot database

(https://ftp.uniprot.org/pub/databases/uniprot/knowledgebase/complete/) (*117*), using

taxonomy list of mammals in NCBI

(https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pub/taxonomy/new_taxdump/) (*114*). Among them, we

further screened the transporters localizing on cell membrane, by selecting transporters

that include "Apical cell membrane", "Apicolateral cell membrane", "Basal cell

membrane", "Basolateral cell membrane", "Cell membrane", or "Lateral cell

membrane" in SUBCELLULARLOCATION in Uniprot database with at least one

evidence in ECO:0000250, ECO:0000269, ECO:0000303, or ECO:0000305. Uniprot

accessions were transformed to Entrez IDs by Uniprot database. Entrez IDs for human

were translated to Entrez IDs for mice using gene ortholog table in NCBI database

(gene_orthologs, https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/DATA/) (*114*).

Combining information of substrates and transporter proteins, we obtained a

table of combinations of TCDB IDs, transporter Entrez IDs and KEGG compound IDs.

Note that the transport_activities were defined by the name of substrates of the

transport.

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1264 **Construction of the global starvation-responsive transomics network**

1265 To construct the global starvation-responsive transomics network, nodes were grouped

1266 into layers based on the chemical properties, biological functions, or both (Table 8).

1267 Layers were defined as follows:

- 1268 The signaling_activity layer includes signaling pathways of KEGG database
1269 (*55–57*), that contains "signaling" in their pathway names.
- 1270 The TF_activity, TF_mRNA, TF_protein, and TF_PTM layers include activities,
1271 transcripts, proteins, and phosphorylations of all the TFs investigated, those
1272 were included in "liver" or "hepatocytes" data in ChIP-Atlas database (*76, 77*).
- 1273 The kinase_activity layer contains all the activities of the protein kinase groups
1274 in the *NetPhorest* database (*110*).
- 1275 The kinase_mRNA, kinase_protein, and kinase_PTM layers include transcripts,
1276 proteins, and phosphorylations of the protein kinases that belong to the kinase
1277 groups in the NetPhorest database, respectively.
- 1278 Metabolic enzymes were defined using KEGG Pathway information

(ftp.kegg.net\kegg\pathway\organisms\mmu.tar.gz and

ftp.kegg.net\kegg\pathway\pathway.list). The enzymes that belong to the

pathways that are classified in "Metabolism" were defined as metabolic

enzymes, except for Slc33a1 (mmu:11416), a transporter.

- The enzyme_mRNA, enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM layers include

transcripts, proteins, and phosphorylations of metabolic enzymes, respectively.

- The metabolite (in the liver), lipid, FFA & acyls, and plasma metabolite layers

include all the compounds measured in our metabolomic, lipidomic, and the FFA

& acyls measurements.

- The transport_activity layer includes all the possible transport activities, that is

defined using substrates of the transports in TCDB.

- The transporter_mRNA, transporter_protein, and transporter_PTM layers

include all the measured transcripts, proteins, and phosphorylations of

transporters regulating transport_activities, respectively.

- The metabolic reaction layer includes EC numbers in the KEGG database (*55–*

57) (ftp.kegg.net\kegg\genes\organisms\mmu\mmu_link.tar.gz) that metabolic

enzymes belong to.

Regulatory connections between nodes were determined using databases. The following

databases or assumptions were used to infer the edges (regulatory connections):

- KEGG database (ftp.kegg.net\kegg\ligand\enzyme.tar.gz) (*55–57*) was used to

infer the substrate and product regulation from metabolites, lipids, and FFA &

acyls to metabolic reactions.

- The BRENDA (*113*) database was used to infer the allosteric regulatory

connections from metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls to metabolic reactions.

- 1303 Regulation from enzyme_protein and enzyme_PTM to metabolic reactions were
- 1304 defined using KEGG database (*55–57*).
- 1305 Regulation of transport_activities was assumed to be mediated by the plasma
- 1306 metabolites, transporter_proteins, and transporter_PTMs.
- 1307 TCDB was used to determine regulation of metabolites in the liver by
- 1308 transport_activity (*58*).
- 1309 To determine regulatory connections between the TF_mRNA, TF_protein,
- 1310 TF_PTM and TF_activity layers, gene symbols of the bait in ChIP-Atlas
- 1311 database (TFs) were translated to ENSMUSG IDs using Ensembl database (ver.
- 1312 97) (*96, 97*).
- 1313 ChIP-Atlas (*76, 77*) was used to determine regulatory connections between the
- 1314 TF_activity, and enzyme_mRNA or transporter_mRNA layers.
- 1315 Regulation between the enzyme_mRNA and enzyme_protein, and
- 1316 transporter_mRNA and transporter_protein, were established by aligning Entrez
- 1317 IDs (*114*) of the metabolic enzymes and transporters.
- 1318 For protein kinase and phosphorylations, the kinase_mRNA, kinase_protein, and
- 1319 kinase_PTM layers were assumed to regulate the kinase_activity layer.
- 1320 NetPhorest (*110*) was used to determine regulation between the kinase_activity
- 1321 layer and the enzyme_PTM layer.
- 1322 Signaling pathways were assumed to regulate TF_mRNA, TF_protein,
- 1323 TF_PTM, kinase_mRNA, kinase_protein, kinase_PTM, enzyme_mRNA,
- 1324 enzyme_protein, enzyme_PTM, transporter_mRNA, transporter_protein, and
- 1325 transporter_PTM. The regulatory relationships were defined using KEGG
- 1326 database. Note that signaling pathways and downstream molecules were

connected regardless of increase or decrease of the molecules.

For phosphorylation-related regulation, phosphorylation events curated as "activity,

inhibited", "enzymatic activity, inhibited", "protein degradation", "receptor

desensitization, induced", "receptor inactivation, induced", "receptor internalization,

induced", or "receptor recycling, inhibited" in PhosphositePlus

(https://www.phosphosite.org/staticDownloads) (*118*) were assumed to negatively

regulates their downstream nodes.

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Construction and structural analysis of the starvation-responsive metabolic

network

The starvation-responsive metabolic network is a sub-network of the global starvation-

responsive metabolic network containing metabolic reactions and their direct regulators,

including metabolite, lipid, FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein and enzyme_PTM layers

(Data File S6). It should be noted that if a metabolite regulates a metabolic reaction both

as a substrate or product, and as an allosteric regulator, the edges were counted as a

single edge in the starvation-responsive metabolic network. The network was regarded

as directed graph for the calculation of degree and degree distribution. The degree of

each node (k) was counted by the centrality function in MATLAB, with the 'outdegree'

option specified, and degree distribution ($n(k)$) was determined. Scaling parameter was

inferred by fitlm function in MATLAB. Hub nodes were defined as responsive nodes

within the top 2% based on highest degrees.

The network was regarded as an undirected graph for the calculation of the

following structural properties. Because the starvation-responsive metabolic network is

composed of metabolic reactions and their direct regulators, all the edges are directed to

metabolic reactions and no edge starts from metabolic reactions. In this case, for the

calculation of the cluster sizes, only weakly connected components are generated. For

simplicity, we regarded the starvation-responsive metabolic network as an undirected

graph. In addition, the average path length would be 1 if we regard the starvation-

responsive metabolic network as a directed graph, because the regulators of the

metabolic reactions (metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, proteins and phosphorylation

events) regulate metabolic reactions with a single edge, and no edge starts from the

metabolic reactions.

The conncomp function in MATLAB was used to determine the maximum

cluster size. Distances between nodes were calculated by the distances function in

MATLAB and the average path length of the graphs were determined. Note that

distances among nodes without any connection were removed for calculation of the

average path length.

To connect hub nodes to metabolic pathways (fig. S4), metabolic reactions

were classified into metabolic pathways in carbohydrate metabolism, lipid metabolism,

nucleotide metabolism, and amino acid metabolism using KEGG database (*55–57*).

Then the number of metabolic reactions in each pathway that was regulated by the hub

nodes was counted. The number of metabolic reactions were log2-transformed to

display in the heatmap. Note that some metabolic reactions overlap among pathways

because KEGG database (*55–57*) allow overlaps of metabolic reactions among

pathways.

Calculation of *t*-half and temporal order analysis

The index of the temporal rate of response (*t*-half) was defined as the time when the

responses to starvation reached the half of the maximum absolute values of the gain of

the responses. We defined t-half for the responsive nodes not for metabolic reactions.

Calculated t-half values were analyzed by the following procedures. The

correlation between t-half and log10-transformed degree was determined by Spearman's

correlation coefficient. Comparison between t-half values of WT-specific and *ob/ob*-

specific hub molecules were conducted by Wilcoxon rank sum test. The classification of

starvation-responsive metabolites, FFA & acyls, and lipids into metabolic pathways was

conducted using KEGG database (*55–57*) for comparison of t-half values among

metabolic pathways. Note that some molecules are included in multiple metabolic

pathways. Comparisons of t-half values among metabolic pathways and omic layers

were conducted using Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn-Sidak test. Comparisons of

t-half values between WT and *ob/ob* mice were conducted by Wilcoxon rank sum test

followed by FDR correction conducted by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (*108*).

To identify the essential molecules for negative correlation between log10-

transformed degree and t-half in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT

mice, leave-one-out correlation and cumulative leave-one-out correlation were

calculated for each molecule. The leave-one-out correlation of molecule X was defined

as correlation coefficient between the log10-transformed degree and t-half for all the

responsive molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network except for X. The

cumulative leave-one-out correlation of molecule X was defined as correlation

coefficient between the log10-transformed degree and t-half of the responsive molecules

in the starvation-responsive metabolic network with leave-one-out correlations that

were smaller (the contribution to the negative correlation between log10-transformed

degree and t-half is smaller) than X.

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Analysis of co-regulation among molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic

network and construction of correlation metabolic network

Pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients were calculated among time courses of

significantly changed or all the molecules [metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, protein

(enzyme_protein), and phosphorylation events (enzyme_PTM)] in the starvation-

responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. The same procedure was

conducted for significantly changed molecules in each metabolic pathway and the

correlation coefficients between WT and *ob/ob* mice were compared by Wilcoxon rank

sum test followed by FDR correction conducted by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure

(*108*).

Based on these correlations, pairs of molecules whose Pearson's correlation

coefficients are more than the threshold were connected by edges, resulting in

correlation networks of the responsive molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic

network in WT and *ob/ob* mice, named as correlation metabolic networks. We tested

several thresholds for the absolute value of the Pearson's correlation coefficients (from

0.3 to 0.9). For each tested threshold, degree of each node was calculated using

centrality function in MATLAB with the 'degree' option specified, and then degree

distribution ($n(k)$) was determined. The scaling parameter was inferred by fitlm function

in MATLAB for each threshold. In addition, the number of the clusters (fig. S12**B**), the

relative size of the large cluster (fig. S12**C**) and the average path length (fig. S12**D**)

were calculated using MATLAB (conncomp function for the number of the clusters and

the relative size of the largest cluster and distances function for the average path length).

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Functional analysis of transcriptomic and proteomic data for potential clinical application

Hallmark gene sets (h.all.v7.4.entrez.gmt) were downloaded from the download page of MSigDB (*72*) (http://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/login.jsp). Gene IDs were converted using gene ortholog table in NCBI database (gene_orthologs, https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/DATA/) (*114*). We conducted functional enrichment analysis for significantly changed transcripts and proteins during starvation. The enrichment of significantly changed molecules in each hallmark was determined using one-tailed Fisher's exact test followed by FDR correction by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (*108*). Transcripts and proteins quantified in more than half of the replicates in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice were used as background. Hallmarks with Q-values < 0.1 were identified significantly enriched.

Construction and analysis of each metabolic pathway

For fatty acid degradation (fig. S7), map of "Fatty acid degradation" (mmu00071) was extracted from KEGG database (*55–57*) and measured fatty acids, acyl-carnitines, and acyl-CoAs were basically annotated to palmitic acid (C00249), palmitoyl-CoA (C00154), and L-palmitoylcarnitine (C02990), respectively. Long-chain fatty acids and acyl-carnitines, whose number of carbons were more than 20, were annotated to long-chain fatty acid (C00638) and long-chain acyl-[acyl-carrier protein] (C20683). In addition, "Propanoate metabolism" (mmu00640) and "Butanoate metabolism" (mmu00650) were merged for acyl-CoA (3:0) and ketone body metabolism, respectively. Major metabolic reactions, substrates and products were manually extracted for further analyses.

For glycolysis/gluconeogenesis (fig. S9) and urea cycle (fig. S10), major

metabolic reactions, substrates and products were extracted from the map of

"Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis" (mmu00010) and "Arginine biosynthesis" (mmu00220),

respectively. Allosteric regulators (metabolites, FFA & acyls, and lipids),

enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM of the extracted metabolic reactions were obtained

from the global starvation-responsive transomic network (Fig. 3A; Data File S5) and

visualized. For fatty acid degradation, significantly responsive enzyme_mRNA in WT

or *ob*/*ob* mice corresponding to the responsive enzyme_protein in WT or *ob*/*ob* mice

were also extracted and visualized. The starvation-responsive metabolic network of the

extracted molecules was obtained from the starvation-responsive metabolic network

(Data File S6). For glycolysis/gluconeogenesis (fig. S9) and urea cycle (fig. S10), the

degree of each node (k) was counted by the centrality function in MATLAB, with the

'outdegree' option specified. The degree distribution ($n(k)$) was also determined. Note

that the networks were regarded as direct graphs for the calculation of degree and

degree distribution. The fitlm function in MATLAB was used to calculate the scaling

parameters. Correlations between *t*-half values and log10-transformed degree were

determined by Spearman's correlation coefficient. Pairwise Pearson's correlation

coefficients among time courses of the extracted molecules in each metabolic pathway

were calculated to examine the co-regulations among the molecules in each metabolic

pathway.

For fatty acid degradation, *t*-half values of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice in each

molecular type (FFA, acyl-carnitine, acyl-CoA, ketone body, metabolite,

enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM) were compared by Wilcoxon rank sum test

followed by FDR correction conducted by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (*108*).

1471 For fatty acid degradation, correlation between the time courses of enzyme_mRNA and

1472 enzyme_protein in each molecule in each genotype, that is included the extracted

1473 molecules visualized (fig. S7), were calculated using Pearson's correlation, followed by

1474 a comparison between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice by *t*-test.

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Implementation

Statistical test, enrichment analysis, construction of transomic network, and network

analysis were conducted using MATLAB 2021a (The MathWorks Inc.). For edgeR, R

language (version 4.1.1) was used. For handling of database, MATLAB, Python 3.8, R

language, and Cygwin (version 3.2.0-1) were used. Transcriptomic analysis obtaining

count and TPM data from sequences and running of NetPhorest software were

conducted on the supercomputer system from the National Institute of Genetics in

Japan. Transomic networks were visualized in Graph Modeling Language formats using

Python 2.7 and Visualization and Analysis of Networks containing Experimental Data

(VANTED) (*119*).

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Statistical Analysis

As described above, we conducted statistical analysis using MATLAB 2021a (The

MathWorks Inc.) or R. For identification of responsive molecules, one-way ANOVA

tests (ANOVA-like testing of edgeR (51–53) for transcriptome) were conducted in WT

and *ob*/*ob* mice respectively. For pathway enrichment analysis, inference of activities of

TFs, and inference of activities of protein kinases, one-tailed Fisher's exact test

followed by FDR correction by the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (96) was conducted.

For comparison of *t*-half values of the hub molecules between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice,

Wilcoxon rank sum test was conducted. For multi comparison of t-half values, Kruskal-

Wallis test followed by Dunn-Sidak test was conducted. For identification of responsive

molecules or phosphorylation events, P-values less than 0.025 were defined as

significant. For multiple comparisons except for identification of responsive molecules

or phosphorylation events, Q-values less than 0.1 was defined as significant. P-values

less than 0.05 were defined as significant in other cases.

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 FIGURE TITLES AND LEGENDS

 Fig. 1: Workflow for the construction and analysis of a global starvation-

 responsive transomic network in liver of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice

(**A**) Experimental design. WT and *ob*/*ob* mice were starved for the indicated hours,

followed by the collection of liver and plasma samples. These samples were subjected

to multiomic measurements. It should be noted that metabolome was basically

measured by CE-MS, but IC-QEMS was used for quantification of F1,6BP and F2,6BP.

Enzymatic assay kit was used for glycogen. (**B**) Classification of molecules into 4

groups: commonly responsive in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (common, green); WT-

specifically (WT-specific, blue); *ob/ob*-specifically (*ob/ob*-specific, red); oppositely

(opposite, magenta) responsive molecules between WT mice and *ob*/*ob* mice. (**C**)

Schema for a single-omic layer composed of responsive molecules classified as in (**B**).

(**D**) Schema of regulatory input into the metabolic reactions. TFs increase or decrease

metabolic enzyme abundance through gene regulation. Protein kinases increase or

decrease enzyme phosphorylation to activate or inhibit enzyme activity. The

metabolites, FFA & acyls, and lipids act as substrates, products, and allosteric

regulators in metabolic reactions. The subset of the network that is defined as the

starvation-responsive metabolic network is outlined in orange. (**E**) Schematic

representation of the global starvation-responsive transomic network consisting of the

indicated layers. The subset of the network that is defined as the starvation-responsive

metabolic network is outlined in orange. (**F**) Structural properties of the starvation-

responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. (**G**) Temporal order of the

starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. (**H**) Temporal co-

regulations among the time courses molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic

network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice.

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Fig. 2: Single-omic layer analysis during starvation

(**A**-**C**) Identification and classification of starvation-responsive molecules. (**A**) One-way

ANOVA tests ($P < 0.025$) defined starvation-responsive molecules. (**B**) Area under the

curve (AUC) of log2-transformed mean time courses classified molecules into increased

(AUC > 0, orange) and decreased (AUC < 0, purple) classes. (**C**) Classification of

starvation-responsive molecules: common in both WT and *ob*/*ob* (either increased or

decreased in both, green), WT-specific (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific (red), or opposite

(increased in WT and decreased in *ob*/*ob*, or vice versa, magenta). (**D-J**) The number of

molecules and distribution in each group shown as pie charts colored as defined in (**C**).

Increased or decreased molecules are indicated by the orange or purple arcs,

respectively. The number and the ratio of significantly changed molecules of the

molecules in each category are shown. Responsive metabolites (**D**), lipids (**E**), and FFA

& acyls (**F**) in liver. Responsive plasma metabolites (**G**). Responsive transcripts (**H**),

proteins (**I**), and phosphorylation events (**J**) in liver. (**K**) Strategy for inferring activities

of upstream regulators and signaling pathways. Briefly, we constructed regulatory

networks using database and identified increased and decreased downstream molecules

from the measured data. In the case of positive regulators, we assumed that a regulator

is activated if most of the downstream molecules increased and vice versa (see

Methods). We screened regulators whose inferred activities were consistent with the

measured data (see Methods). Activated or inhibited regulators were classified into

common (green), WT-specific (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific (red), or opposite (magenta)

groups. (**L**-**N**) The number and distribution of these inferred TFs (**L**), protein kinases

(**M**), or signaling pathways (**N**) are shown in pie charts. $n = 5$ biological replicates per

group.

Fig. 3: Global starvation-responsive transomic network

(**A**) An overview of the global starvation-responsive transomic network. Nodes in the

layers represent metabolic reactions, transport activities, measured molecules, measured

phosphorylation events, and the inferred activities of TF, protein kinase, and signaling

pathway. Edges between the nodes represent regulatory relationships identified using

bioinformatic platforms. Colors represent the responsiveness: green indicates common

responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob*

mice; magenta, opposite responses between the WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. For metabolic

reaction and transport_activity layers, the classes were defined by the existences of

regulations regardless of the regulatory directions (activation or inhibition): green

indicates the node is regulated in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice;

red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice. (**B**) The proportions of nodes and edges classified as

common (green), WT-specific (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific (red), and opposite (magenta) in

the global starvation-responsive transomic network. Pie charts represent the distribution

of nodes in the omic layers, and bar plots between pie charts represent the distribution

of edges between omic layers. Type of regulation into the metabolic reactions for

metabolite, FFA& acyls, and lipid are indicated as allosteric regulation (denoted as "A")

and substrate and product (denoted as "S & P"). The starvation-responsive metabolic

network is outlined in orange, and layer names included in the starvation-responsive

metabolic networks are underlined.

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2056 **Fig. 4: Starvation-responsive metabolic network**

2057 Projected views of the starvation-responsive metabolic networks in WT (**A**) and *ob*/*ob*

2058 mice (**B**). The network is composed of direct regulators of metabolic reactions:

2059 metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM. Colors represent

2060 the responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice;

2061 blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses

2062 between the two genotypes. Hub nodes, which will be defined in Fig. 5, are labeled.

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Fig. 5: Structural properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic network

(**A**) Degree distributions of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT (blue)

and *ob*/*ob* (red) mice. The x-axis represents the log10-transformed degree (k); the y-axis

represents the log10-transformed number of nodes with degree of k. Lines show the

linear regression of the degree distributions. The slope of the lines (γ), which is defined

as a scaling parameter, and the 95% credible interval are shown. $n = 990$ in WT and $n =$

721 in *ob*/*ob* mice for the number of nodes. (**B**) Diagram of a scale-free network, where

$n(k)$ denotes the number of nodes with degree of k, and γ is a constant called a scaling

parameter. Circles represent nodes; lines represent edges. Light blue represents the hub

nodes; yellow represents leaf nodes. (**C** and **D**) Hub nodes with the top 2% highest

degree in WT (**C**) and *ob*/*ob* mice (**D**). The x-axis represents hub nodes. The y-axis

represents degrees. Colors represent the responsiveness: green indicates common

responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob*

mice; magenta, opposite responses between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. (**E**) The number of

edges (y-axis) from WT-specifically responsive hub nodes (blue), WT-specific nodes

except for the hub nodes (light blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific hub nodes (red), *ob*/*ob*-specific

nodes except for the hub nodes (light red), other nodes (commonly or oppositely

responsive, gray). (**F**) Illustration of fragmentation of a network through loss of hub

nodes. The largest cluster is orange. (**G**) Illustration of how communicability of a

network influences average path length (average length of the shortest paths between all

the pairs of nodes). (**H**) The relative size of the largest cluster in the starvation-

responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, calculated as the number of nodes

in the largest cluster of the network divided by the total number of responsive nodes in

the network for each genotype. (**I**) The average path length of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. $n = 853,884$ paths in WT and $n = 443,643$

paths in *ob*/*ob* mice. The error bars show standard deviation. *P* value of *t*-test is shown.

(**J**) Time courses of ATP, AMP, and AMP/ATP ratio during starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob*

mice. The x-axis represents the starvation time (hours) and the y-axis represents the

concentration (nmol/mg-protein) for ATP and AMP, and ratio for AMP/ATP. Blue lines

are the responses to starvation in WT mice, and red lines are those in *ob*/*ob* mice. Solid

lines represent that the responses were significant; dotted lines represent no

significance. Data are shown as the mean and SEM. Dots represent the data from

individual mice. (**K**) Time courses of phosphorylation ratio of Akt and Ampk during

starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The x-axis represents the starvation time (hours) and

the y-axis represents the phosphorylation ratio (the amount of phosphorylated protein

divided by the total amount of protein) of Akt and Ampk. (**L**) Images of the western

blotting analysis for (**K**) at the indicated starvation time (h) of the indicated genotype.

IC represents internal control to normalize the signals across membranes. $n = 5$

biological replicates per group. *P* values of one-way ANOVA of the molecules or ratio

with significant changes are shown.

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Fig. 6: Temporal order of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT mice

and its disruption in *ob*/*ob* mice

(**A** and **B**) Scatter plots for the log10-transformed degree (x-axis) and *t*-half (y-axis) in

WT (**A**) and *ob*/*ob* (**B**) mice. Dots represent the molecules (including phosphorylation

events) in the starvation-responsive metabolic network and colors denote the

responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue,

specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses between

WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. Spearman's correlation coefficient (Rho) and *P* values are shown.

Hub molecules for each genotype are labeled (see Fig. 5**C** and **D**). Time courses of

increased and decreased molecules connected with few ($1 \leq$ degree < 10), relatively

many ($10 \leq$ degree < 100), and many ($100 \leq$ degree) edges in WT (**A**) and *ob*/*ob* (**B**)

mice are also shown. The x-axis represents starvation time (hours) and the y-axis

represents the log2-transformed concentration to the concentrations before starvation of

the molecules in each genotype. $n = 291$ molecules for WT and $n = 163$ molecules for

ob/*ob* mice. (**C**) Values of *t*-half for the WT-specific and *ob*/*ob*-specific hub molecules

(see Fig. 5**C** and **D**). The *P* value of Wilcoxon's rank sum test is shown. $n = 15$ hub

molecules for WT and $n = 10$ hub molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice. (**D** and **E**) Distributions of

t-half values of molecules (metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, proteins, and

phosphorylation events) in the indicated metabolic pathways in WT (**D**) and *ob*/*ob* mice

(**E**). The data are ordered along the x-axis by the median *t*-half (red line) with each

molecule represented by a dot. $n = 19, 10, 14,$ and 36 molecules in mice WT for

"Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis", "Starch and sucrose metabolism", "Arginine

biosynthesis", and "Fatty acid degradation". n = 5, 15, 13, and 3 molecules in *ob*/*ob*

mice for "Starch and sucrose metabolism", "Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis", "Fatty acid

degradation", and "Arginine biosynthesis". P values of the Kruskal-Wallis test are

shown above the panels and those of the Dunn-Sidak test are shown above the lines

indicating the pairs of metabolic pathways with significant differences (P < 0.05). (**F**)

Q-values comparing *t*-half values of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice for each metabolic pathway.

(**G** and **H**) Distributions of *t*-half values in each omic layer in the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in WT (**G**) and in *ob*/*ob* (**H**) mice. The data are ordered along the x-

axis by the median *t*-half (red line). n = 98, 47, 154, 2, and 23 molecules in mice WT for

metabolite, enzyme_PTM, enzyme_protein, lipid, and FFA & acyls. n = 19, 75, 73, 15,

and 10 molecules in *ob*/*ob* mice for enzyme_PTM, metabolite, enzyme_protein, FFA &

acyls, and lipid. P values of the Kruskal-Wallis test are shown above the panels and

those of the Dunn-Sidak test are shown above the lines indicating the pairs of omic

layers with significant differences (P < 0.05).

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Fig. 7: Co-regulation among molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic

network and disruption in *ob*/*ob* mice

(**A**) Schematic representation of the analyses for co-regulation among the molecules in

the starvation-responsive metabolic network. Time courses of molecules sharing a

common regulatory mechanism could be positively or negatively correlated, defined as

co-regulation. Pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients were calculated for the time

courses of molecules that showed significant responses during starvation in the

starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. Positive correlation

represents positive co-regulation and negative correlation represents negative co-regulation. (**B**) Distribution of the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients for time courses of responsive molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The x-axis represents correlation coefficients; the y-axis represents the number of pairs of molecules examined for correlation. Pairs with an absolute value of correlation coefficient > 0.9 were connected by edges in the correlation metabolic network (see fig. S12). $n = 324$ molecules for WT mice, $n = 192$ molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice. (**C**) The absolute values of pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time courses of responsive molecules in the indicated metabolic pathways in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The x-axis represents the absolute values of Pearson's correlation coefficient. The y-axis represents metabolic pathways and genotypes. Light blue dots represent the absolute values of pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time courses of responsive molecules in each metabolic pathway of the starvation-responsive metabolic network. Red vertical lines indicate median, boxes the interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and whiskers 1.5 times the interquartile range. Red crosses represent outliers. *Q*-values comparing the correlation coefficients of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice by Wilcoxon rank sum test followed by FDR through Benjamini-Hochberg procedure are shown. The numbers of pairs of molecules are shown in the parenthesis. (**D** and **E**) The correlation metabolic network during starvation in WT (**D**) and *ob*/*ob* mice (**E**). Orange indicates the largest cluster; all other clusters are dark green. Individual orphan nodes with no connections are shown only by numbers.

Fig. 8: Functional analysis of transcriptomic and proteomic data for potential clinical application

2174   (**A**) Enrichment analysis of significantly changed transcripts in WT (blue circle) and

2175   *ob*/*ob* (red circle) mice using MSigDB. (**B**) Enrichment analysis of significantly

2176   changed proteins in WT (blue circle) and *ob*/*ob* (red circle) mice using MSigDB.

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 SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE TITLES AND LEGENDS

fig. S1: Time courses of responsive molecules during starvation

The x-axis represents the starvation time (hours) and the y-axis represents the

concentration of the indicated molecule: ng/μg-protein for glycogen, nmol/mg-protein

for other metabolites (F6P, Ala, 3-hydroxybutyrate); pmol/mg-protein for lipids (PS, PE,

PI) and FFA & acyls (Acyl-CoA 16:0); arbitrary units for proteins (Cpt1a, Pck1, G6pc)

and phosphorylation (Ser^{775} of Pfkl). TPM for transcripts (*Cpt1a*, *Pck1*, *G6pc*). Blue

lines are the responses to starvation in WT mice, and red lines are those in *ob/ob* mice.

Solid lines represent that the responses were significant; dotted lines represent no

significance. Data are shown as the mean and SEM. Dots represent the data from

individual mice. *n* = 5 biological replicates per group. *P* values of one-way ANOVA of

the molecules or ratio with significant changes are shown.

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fig. S2: Overview of each omic data

The heatmaps of the time courses of 123 responsive metabolites (liver, **A**), 10

responsive lipids (**B**), 27 responsive FFA & acyls (**C**), 60 responsive metabolites

(plasma, **D**), 9,872 responsive transcripts (**E**), 663 responsive proteins (**F**), and 391

responsive phosphorylation events (**G**) of WT and *ob/ob* mice during starvation. For

heatmap, two time courses for each molecule were divided by the geometric mean of

the values of WT and *ob/ob* mice before starvation (0 h) and then log2-transformed. The

x-axis represents time for starvation, and the y-axis represents the molecules or

phosphorylation events. *n* = 5 biological replicates per group.

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fig. S3: Regulatory relationships in the starvation-responsive transomic network

We assumed that the starvation-responsive molecules cooperatively regulate metabolic

reactions (see also Fig. 1**D**).

(**A**) Metabolic network. The enzyme_protein (protein abundance of metabolic enzymes)

and enzyme_PTM (phosphorylation events on metabolic enzymes) regulate metabolic

reactions (identified with KEGG). Metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls regulate

metabolic reactions as substrates, products (identified with KEGG), and allosteric

regulators (identified with BRENDA). (**B**) Transport network identified with TCDB.

The transporter_protein (protein abundance of transporters), transporter_PTM

(phosphorylation events on transporters), and plasma metabolites regulate

transport_activity (activities of transport). Transport_activity regulates metabolites in

the liver, thereby regulating metabolic reactions in the liver. (**C**) Gene regulatory

network identified with ChIP-Atlas and Ensembl. The TF_mRNA (mRNA abundance of

TFs), TF_protein (protein abundance of TFs), and TF_PTM (phosphorylation events on

TFs) regulate TF_activity (activities of TFs). TF_activity regulates enzyme_mRNA

(mRNA abundance of metabolic enzymes) and transporter_mRNA (mRNA abundance

of transporters). Enzyme_mRNA and transporter_mRNA regulate enzyme_protein and

transporter_protein, respectively, and were aligned with Ensembl database. (**D**)

Phosphorylation network identified with NetPhorest. The kinase_mRNA (mRNA

abundance of kinases), kinase_protein (protein abundance of kinase), and kinase_PTM

(phosphorylation events on kinases) regulate kinase_activity (activities of kinases). The

kinase_activity regulates enzyme_PTM and transporter_PTM. (**E**) The number of

metabolic reactions that lipids regulate as substrates, products, and/or allosteric

regulators. The colors of the bars represent common responses (green), *ob/ob*-specific

responses (red), and opposite responses (magenta) to starvation.

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fig. S4: Metabolic pathways regulated by the hub nodes

Heatmaps representing the number of regulated metabolic reactions in each metabolic

pathway (x-axis) regulated by the hub nodes (y-axis) in the starvation-responsive

metabolic network in WT (**A**) and *ob*/*ob* mice (**B**). Colors of the labels of the hub nodes

represent the responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob*

mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice; magenta, opposite

responses between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. KEGG metabolic pathways (x-axis) in

carbohydrate metabolism (olive green), lipid metabolism (orange), nucleotide

metabolism (brown), and amino acid metabolism (light blue) are displayed.

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2237 **fig. S5: Maintenance of the number of nodes with relatively large degrees in *ob*/*ob***

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2239 The number of nodes (**A-E**) and the percentage of nodes to the number of responsive

2240 nodes in each genotype (**F-J**), whose log10-transformed degree are as indicated. (**K**)

2241 The percentages of nodes whose log10-transformed degree is more than 1.

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fig. S6: Identification of molecules essential for the negative correlation between

degree and *t*-half in WT mice

(**A**) Schema for leave-one-out correlations. Log10-transformed degree negatively

correlated with *t*-half in WT mice (center, "Rho of full"). The leave-one-out correlation

of molecule X (left, "Rho without X") was defined as correlation coefficient between

log10-transformed degree and *t*-half that was calculated for all the molecules except for

X. The larger leave-one-out correlation (left, "Rho without X") represents the larger

contribution to the negative correlation between log10-transformed degree and t-half.

By contrast, the smaller leave-one-out correlation (right, "Rho without Y") represents

the smaller contribution to the negative correlation between log10-transformed degree

and t-half. (**B**) The cumulative leave-one-out correlation of molecule X (right) was

defined by the correlation coefficient between log10-transformed degree and t-half that

was calculated for the molecules with leave-one-out correlation smaller than X

(indicated in light blue). (**C**) Leave-one-out correlations (gray bars), cumulative leave-

one-out correlations (black dots), and P-values of the cumulative leave-one-out

correlations (black solid line) of the indicated molecules. Here, we displayed molecules

with P-values of the cumulative leave-one-out correlations that were less than 0.05 and

with leave-one-out correlations that were less than other molecules. $n = 291$ molecules

in total.

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fig. S7: The starvation-responsive metabolic network for starvation-responsive

metabolic reactions in fatty acid degradation

(**A**) Time courses of fatty acids as substrates, acyl-CoAs and acyl-carnitines as

intermediates, and 3-Hydroxybutyrate (a ketone body) as a product of fatty acid

degradation. Gray lines indicate the time courses of molecules in each group in each

genotype. Solid lines represent significantly responsive molecules, while dashed lines

represent not significantly responsive molecules. Bold and colored lines represent mean

and STD of the time courses of the significantly responsive molecules. The total

numbers of molecules are shown in parentheses following to the names of the molecule

types. The numbers of significantly changed molecules in each genotype are shown in

parentheses following to the label for genotype. (**B**) The transomic network for

starvation-responsive metabolic reactions in fatty acid degradation, that were manually

constructed based on "Fatty acid degradation" (mmu00071), "Propanoate metabolism"

(mmu00640), and "Butanoate metabolism" (mmu00650) in the KEGG database (*55–*

57). Time courses of measured metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein, and

enzyme_PTM are shown for corresponding nodes as the mean and SEM. $n = 5$

biological replicates per group. The colors of the frames represent common responses

(green), WT-specific responses (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific responses (red), and opposite

responses (magenta) to starvation. The black frames indicate that were not responsive to

starvation. From metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls to metabolic reactions, only

allosteric regulatory connections are colored. (**C**) The *t*-half values of the indicated

types of molecules in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The x-axis represents molecule types and

genotypes. The y-axis represents *t*-half values. Light blue dots represent *t*-half values of

each molecule. Red horizontal lines indicate median, boxes the interquartile range (25th

to 75th percentile), and whiskers 1.5 times the interquartile range. Red crosses represent

outliers. *Q*-value less than 0.1 for the differences of *t*-half values between WT and *ob*/*ob*

mice by Wilcoxon rank sum test followed by FDR using Benjamini-Hochberg

procedure is shown. The number of molecules in each category is shown in parentheses

following to the genotype label. (**D**) The number of responsive molecules of the

indicated molecule types in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. Blue represents WT and red represents

ob/*ob* mice. The x-axis represents molecule types and genotypes. The y-axis represents

the number of responsive molecules. (**E**) The distribution of Pearson's correlation

coefficients between the time courses of enzyme_mRNA and enzyme_protein for each

metabolic enzyme involved in fatty acid degradation, whose mRNA and protein were

both measured in our transcriptome and proteome data. The x-axis represents genotype

and the y-axis represents Pearson's correlation coefficient. The *P*-value calculated by

two-sample *t*-test comparing the correlation coefficients of WT and *ob*/*ob* mice is

shown. $n = 13$ commonly measured molecules both in transcriptome and proteome that

fatty acid degradation map (fig. S7**B**) includes.

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fig. S8: Activities of protein translation and degradation in *ob*/*ob* mice

(**A**) Phosphorylation ratio of eIF2α in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice before starvation. The x-axis

represents genotype and the y-axis represents the ratio of phosphorylated eIF2α to total

eIF2α. The *P*-value of a two-sample *t*-test comparing the phosphorylation ratios of

eIF2α between WT and *ob*/*ob* mice is shown. (**B**) Images of western blotting for (**A**).

(**C**) The time course of phosphorylation ratio of p62 in WT (blue line) and *ob*/*ob* mice

(red line). The x-axis represents starvation time (h) and the y-axis represents ratio of

phosphorylated p62 to total p62. The solid line represents that the response was

significant; the dotted line represents no significance. Data are shown as the mean and

SEM. Dots represent the data from individual mice. *P* value of one-way ANOVA of

ratio-pp62 with significant changes is shown. (**D**) Images of western blotting for (**C**) at

the indicated starvation time (h) of the indicated genotype. IC represents internal control

to normalize the signals across membranes. Arrowheads indicate the total and

phosphorylated p62 bands. $n = 5$ biological replicates per group.

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fig. S9: The starvation-responsive metabolic network for starvation-responsive

metabolic reactions in glycolysis/gluconeogenesis

The starvation-responsive metabolic network for starvation-responsive metabolic

reactions in glycolysis/gluconeogenesis, that were manually constructed based on

"Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis" (mmu00010) in the KEGG database (*55–57*), in WT (**A**)

and *ob*/*ob* (**B**) mice. Time courses of measured metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls,

enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM are shown for corresponding nodes as the mean and

SEM. $n = 5$ biological replicates per group. The colors of the frames represent common

responses (green), WT-specific responses (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific responses (red), and

opposite responses (magenta) to starvation. The black frames indicate that were not

responsive to starvation. From metabolites, lipids, and FFA & acyls to metabolic

reactions, only allosteric regulatory connections are colored. (**C** and **D**) The degree of

the indicated nodes in WT (**C**) and in *ob*/*ob* (**D**) mice. Nodes with degree more than 4

are shown. The x-axis represents degree (the number of edges) and the y-axis represents

nodes. It should be noted that the degrees shown in **C** and **D** are not necessarily

identical to those shown in **A** and **B.** This is because if a molecule regulates a metabolic

reaction both as a substrate or product, and as an allosteric regulator, the edges were

counted as a single edge in **C** and **D**, but were shown separately in **A** and **B**. (**E**) Degree

distributions of the nodes in the starvation-responsive metabolic network of

glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in WT (blue) and *ob*/*ob* (red) mice. The x-axis represents

the log10-transformed degree (k); the y-axis represents the log10-transformed number

of nodes with degree of k. Lines show the linear regression of the degree distributions.

The slope of the lines (γ), which is defined as a scaling parameter, and the 95% credible

interval are shown. $n = 49$ molecules for WT mice and $n = 37$ molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice.

(**F** and **G**) Scatter plots for the log10-transformed degree (x-axis) and *t*-half (y-axis) in

WT (**F**) and *ob*/*ob* (**G**) mice. Dots represent the molecules (including phosphorylation

events) in the starvation-responsive metabolic network of glycolysis/gluconeogenesis.

Blue dots represent WT and red dots represent *ob*/*ob* mice. Spearman's correlation

coefficients (Rho) and *P* values are shown. $n = 49$ molecules for WT mice and $n = 37$

molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice. (**H**) Distribution of the pairwise Pearson's correlation

coefficients among time courses of responsive molecules in the starvation-responsive

metabolic network of glycolysis/gluconeogenesis in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The x-axis

represents correlation coefficients; the y-axis represents the number of pairs of

molecules examined for correlation. $n = 49$ molecules for WT mice and $n = 37$

molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice.

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fig. S10: The starvation-responsive metabolic network for starvation-responsive

metabolic reactions in urea cycle

The starvation-responsive metabolic network for starvation-responsive metabolic

reactions in urea cycle, that were manually constructed based on "Arginine

biosynthesis" (mmu00220) in the KEGG database (*55–57*) (**A**). Time courses of

measured metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein, and enzyme_PTM are

shown for corresponding nodes as the mean and SEM. The colors of the frames

represent common responses (green), WT-specific responses (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific

responses (red), and opposite responses (magenta) to starvation. The black frames

indicate that were not responsive to starvation. From metabolites, lipids, and FFA &

acyls to metabolic reactions, only allosteric regulatory connections are colored. (**B** and

C) The degree of the indicated nodes in WT (**B**) and in *ob*/*ob* (**C**) mice. Nodes with

degree more than 2 are shown. The x-axis represents degree (the number of edges) and

the y-axis represents nodes. It should be noted that the degrees shown in **B** and **C** are

not necessarily identical to those shown in **A.** This is because if a molecule regulates a

metabolic reaction both as a substrate or product, and as an allosteric regulator, the

edges were counted as a single edge in **B** and **C**, but were shown separately in **A**. (**D**)

Degree distributions of the nodes in the starvation-responsive metabolic network of urea

cycle in WT (blue) and *ob*/*ob* (red) mice. The x-axis represents the log10-transformed

degree (k); the y-axis represents the log10-transformed number of nodes with degree of

k. Lines show the linear regression of the degree distributions. The slope of the lines

(γ), which is defined as a scaling parameter, and the 95% credible interval are shown. *n*

= 40 molecules for WT mice and *n* = 22 molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice. (**E** and **F**) Scatter

plots for the log10-transformed degree (x-axis) and *t*-half (y-axis) in WT (**E**) and *ob*/*ob*

(**F**) mice. Dots represent the molecules (including phosphorylation events) of the

starvation-responsive metabolic network in urea cycle. Blue dots represent WT and red

dots represents *ob*/*ob* mice. Spearman's correlation coefficients (Rho) and *P* values are

shown. *n* = 40 molecules for WT mice and *n* = 22 molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice. (**G**)

Distribution of the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time courses of

responsive molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network of urea cycle in

WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The x-axis represents correlation coefficients; the y-axis represents

the number of pairs of molecules examined for correlation. *n* = 40 molecules for WT

mice and *n* = 22 molecules for *ob*/*ob* mice.

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fig. S11: Distribution of the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time

courses of all the measured metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein, and

enzyme_PTM

The x-axis represents the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time

courses of all the measured metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, enzyme_protein and

enzyme_PTM; the y-axis represents the number of pairs of molecules examined for

correlation. The data of WT (**A**) and *ob*/*ob* (**B**) mice are shown. $n = 5{,}866$ molecules in

each genotype.

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fig. S12: The correlation metabolic network during starvation

(**A**) Scatter plots showing the degree distributions of correlation metabolic network

corresponding to each threshold of absolute values of correlation coefficients (|Rho|)

ranging from 0.3 to 0.9. The x-axis represents $\log_{10}(k)$, the log10-transformed degree;

the y-axis represents $\log_{10}(n(k))$, the log10-transformed number of nodes with degree

of k. Dots denote the degree distribution of the indicated networks and lines show the

linear-regression of the degree distribution. The scaling parameters (γ) and the 95%

credible interval are shown. Data for WT and *ob*/*ob* mice are shown. The number of

clusters (**B**), relative size of the largest cluster (**C**) and the average path length (**D**) for

each threshold are also shown. The lower threshold than 0.8 for the absolute value of

correlation coefficients resulted in formation of a single cluster (**B**). The higher

threshold (0.8 or 0.9) for the absolute value of correlation coefficients resulted in more

scale-free-like networks. To identify the qualitative differences between WT and *ob*/*ob*

mice clearly, we used 0.9 as a threshold for the absolute value of correlation coefficients

in Fig. 7**D** and **E**. Using 0.9 as a threshold for the absolute value of correlation

coefficients, the relative size of the largest cluster was smaller (**C**) and the average path

length was larger in *ob*/*ob* mice than in WT mice (**D**). For average path length, the

numbers of the investigated paths are shown in parentheses following to the genotype

label. The error bars show standard deviation.

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2417 **Tables and legends**

Omics type	Maximum Q-value
Metabolome (Liver)	0.0029
Transcriptome	0.0489
Proteome	0.0661
Phosphoproteome	0.1645
Lipidome	0.0502
FFA & acyls	0.053
Metabolome (Plasma)	0.0016

Table 1. Maximum Q-values for the omic layers of the starvation-responsive

molecules.

Maximum Q-values for each omic layer for molecules with P-values less than 0.025.

All the maximum Q-values were less than 0.1 except for phosphoproteome, suggesting

that false discovery rates of the starvation-responsive molecules were less than 0.1 in all

the omic layers except for phosphoproteome.

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Common name	Abbreviation
Lysophosphatidylcholine	LPC
Lysophosphatidylethanolamine	LPE
Cholesterol	Chol
Phosphatidylethanolamine	PE
Triacylglycerol	TG
Ceramide	Cer
Diacylglycerol	DG
Monoacylglycerol	MG
Phosphatidic acid	PA
Phosphatidylcholine	PC
Phosphatidylglycerol	PG
Phosphatidylinositol	PI
Phosphatidylserine	PS
Sphingomyelin	SM
Cholesterol ester	CE
Hexose ceramide	HexCer

2425 **Table 2. Measured lipid classes**

2426 Measured lipid classes and their abbreviations.

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	WT	*ob/ob*
Increased	Fatty acid degradation, Lysine degradation, Glycerolipid metabolism, Biosynthesis of unsaturated fatty acids, PPAR signaling pathway, Peroxisome, Fat digestion and absorption	PPAR signaling pathway, Fat digestion and absorption
Decreased	Pentose and glucuronate interconversions, Ascorbate and aldarate metabolism, Steroid biosynthesis, Steroid hormone biosynthesis, Tyrosine metabolism, Selenocompound metabolism, Glutathione metabolism, Thiamine metabolism, Retinol metabolism, Porphyrin metabolism, Terpenoid backbone biosynthesis, Sulfur metabolism, Metabolism of xenobiotics by cytochrome P450, Drug metabolism - cytochrome P450, Drug metabolism - other enzymes, ABC transporters, Protein export, Mismatch repair, Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum, Necroptosis, Cellular senescence, Signaling pathways regulating pluripotency of stem cells, RIG-I-like receptor signaling pathway, Serotonergic synapse, Prolactin signaling pathway, Bile secretion	Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis, Pentose phosphate pathway, Fructose and mannose metabolism, Fatty acid biosynthesis, Steroid biosynthesis, Steroid hormone biosynthesis, Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism, Tryptophan metabolism, Selenocompound metabolism, Glutathione metabolism, Starch and sucrose metabolism, Amino sugar and nucleotide sugar metabolism, Pyruvate metabolism, Glyoxylate and dicarboxylate metabolism, One carbon pool by folate, Nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism, Retinol metabolism, Porphyrin metabolism, Terpenoid backbone biosynthesis, Sulfur metabolism, Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis, Metabolism of xenobiotics by cytochrome P450, Drug metabolism - cytochrome P450, Drug metabolism - other enzymes, Biosynthesis of unsaturated fatty acids, ABC transporters, DNA replication, Protein export, Base excision repair, Mismatch repair, Non-homologous end-joining, Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum, Peroxisome, AMPK signaling pathway, Longevity regulating pathway, Thermogenesis, Phototransduction, Insulin signaling pathway

2428 **Table 3. KEGG pathway enrichment analysis of the starvation-responsive**

2429 **transcripts**

2430 KEGG pathways with Q-value < 0.1 are shown.

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	WT	*ob/ob*
Increased	Citrate cycle (TCA cycle), Fatty acid degradation, Arginine biosynthesis, Valine, leucine and isoleucine degradation, Phenylalanine metabolism, Phenylalanine, tyrosine and tryptophan biosynthesis, beta-Alanine metabolism, Propanoate metabolism, PPAR signaling pathway	Ribosome, Lysosome
Decreased	Pentose and glucuronate interconversions, Ascorbate and aldarate metabolism, Steroid hormone biosynthesis, Glutathione metabolism, One carbon pool by folate, Retinol metabolism, Porphyrin metabolism, Metabolism of xenobiotics by cytochrome P450, Drug metabolism - cytochrome P450, Drug metabolism - other enzymes, Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum, Antigen processing and presentation, Serotonergic synapse	No enrichment

2432 **Table 4. KEGG pathway enrichment analysis of the starvation-responsive proteins**

2433 KEGG pathways with Q-value < 0.1 are shown.

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WT	*ob*/*ob*	TFs
Up	Up	Arntl, Clock, Cry1, Egr1, Ep300, Foxa3, Hnf4a, Myc, Nelfa, Nfil3, Ppara, Prox1, Rorc, Stat3, Stat5a, Tead1, Yap1
Up	NE	Cebpb, Crebbp, Hdac3, Med1, Rad21, Rora
Up	Down	Klf15
NE	Up	Hsf1, Nr1h4, Pbrm1, Rela
NE	Down	Gps2, Gtf2e2
Down	Up	Bcl6, Foxa1, Gata4, Ncoa3
Down	NE	Ctbp2, Cux2, Foxa2, Nr1h3, Nr3c1, Onecut1, Rxra, Tead4
Down	Down	Ahr, Cebpa, Creb1, Dbp, E2f1, Esr1, Mlxipl, Ncor1, Nfe2l2, Nr1d1, Nr1d2, Pparg, Srebf1, Ssu72, Xbp1

2435 **Table 5. Activated or inhibited TFs during starvation**

2436 Activated or inhibited TFs during starvation. 'Up', 'Down', and 'NE' represent

2437 activation, inhibition, and no enrichment, respectively.

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WT	*ob*/*ob*	Protein kinases
Up	Up	NE
Up	NE	NE
Up	Down	NE
NE	Up	NE
NE	Down	NEK1_NEK5_NEK3_NEK4_NEK11_NEK2_group
Down	Up	NE
Down	NE	CaMKII_group, PAK_group, PDHK_group, PKD_group, SLK_group
Down	Down	PKC_group

2439 **Table 6: Activated or inhibited protein kinase groups during starvation**

2440 Activated or inhibited protein kinase groups during starvation. 'Up', 'Down', and 'NE'

2441 represent activation, inhibition, and no enrichment, respectively.

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WT	*ob/ob*	Signaling pathways
Up	Up	PPAR signaling pathway
Up	NE	NE
Up	Down	NE
NE	Up	NE
NE	Down	AMPK signaling pathway, Insulin signaling pathway
Down	Up	NE
Down	NE	Prolactin signaling pathway, RIG-I-like receptor signaling pathway, Signaling pathways regulating pluripotency of stem cells
Down	Down	NE

2443 **Table 7: Activated or inhibited signaling pathways during starvation**

2444 Activated or inhibited signaling pathways during starvation. 'Up', 'Down', and 'NE'

2445 represent activation, inhibition, and no enrichment, respectively.

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Layer name	Chemical property	Biological function	Omic
metabolite	metabolite	metabolite	metabolome
metabolic reaction	-	metabolic reaction	inference
enzyme_mRNA	mRNA	enzyme	transcriptome
enzyme_protein	protein	enzyme	proteome
enzyme_PTM	PTM	enzyme	phosphoproteome
TF_mRNA	mRNA	TF	transcriptome
TF_protein	protein	TF	proteome
TF_PTM	PTM	TF	phosphoproteome
TF_activity	-	TF	inference
kinase_mRNA	mRNA	kinase	transcriptome
kinase_protein	protein	kinase	proteome
kinase_PTM	PTM	kinase	phosphoproteome
kinase_activity	-	kinase	inference
signaling_activity	-	signaling pathway	inference
transporter_mRNA	mRNA	transporter	transcriptome
transporter_protein	protein	transporter	proteome
transporter_PTM	PTM	transporter	phosphoproteome
transporter_activity	-	transporter	inference
lipid	lipid	lipid	lipidome
bloodmetabolite	metabolite	metabolite in blood	metabolome
FFA & acyls	fatty acid, acyl-CoA, acyl-carnitine	FFA & Acyls	fatty acid, acyl-CoA, acyl-carnitine

2447 **Table 8: Omic layers in the global starvation-responsive metabolic network**

2448 Classification of molecules or inferred regulators into omic layers, biological function,

2449 or chemical property.

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TITLES AND LEGENDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Data File S1: All the analyzed data

This file includes all the analyzed data (metabolite, lipid, FFA & acyls, protein, phosphorylation, transcript, plasma metabolite, and western blotting), that were quantified in more than half of replicates in both WT and *ob/ob* mice at all the time points after food removal. Raw transcriptome data, raw proteome data, and raw phosphoproteome data are uploaded on public repositories (see Data and code availability section). All measured metabolome, lipidome, and FFA & acyls data are included in Data File S9. The columns represent biological samples (S25-S104), whose biological conditions are summarized in 'Sample_information' tab. The rows represent molecules or phosphorylation events. The units were nmol/mg-protein for metabolites except for glycogen, ng/μg-protein for glycogen, μM for plasma metabolites, pmol/mg-protein for lipids and FFA & acyls, TPM for transcripts, and arbitrary units for protein and phosphorylation, and western blotting.

Data File S2: Properties of the analyzed molecules

This file includes properties of the time courses (AUC and *t*-half), and results of statistical tests. The columns the names of properties of the time courses (AUC and *t*-half) and the results of statistical test (*P*-values, *Q*-values, and changes). The rows represent molecules. Abbreviations for WT_change and *ob/ob*-change columns were as follows: Up, Down, and NS represent increase, decrease and no significant changes.

Data File S3: KEGG Pathway Enrichment Analyses

This file includes all the results of Fisher's exact test in KEGG Pathway Enrichment

2475   Analyses for transcriptome, proteome, and phosphoproteome data. The Entry, Name,

2476   Class, and Subclass are displayed for the information of each pathway. *P*-values, *Q*-

2477   values, and odds ratio for Fisher's exact test, and significantly changed downstream

2478   molecules are listed.

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Data File S4: TF and kinase enrichment analyses

This file includes all the results of TF/kinase enrichment analysis for increased or

decreased transcripts/phosphorylation events in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, respectively. For

TF, Fisher's exact tests were conducted for each ChIP-seq experiment. The table

contains experimental IDs, name of TFs, organ, and cell for the information of ChIP-

experiments. Also, *P*-values, *Q*-values, and odds ratio for Fisher's exact test are

displayed. For protein kinases, names of kinase groups, ENSMUSG IDs of kinases, and

names of kinases were displayed. Also, *P*-values, *Q*-values, and odds ratio are listed.

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Data File S5: The global starvation responsive transomic network

This file includes all the information of nodes and edges of the global starvation-

responsive transomic network. The node tab includes information of node; IDs, names,

omic layers, changes in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, and comparisons between them (common

responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; specific to WT mice; specific to *ob*/*ob* mice;

opposite responses between the two genotypes). The edge tab includes the layers and

IDs of the source and target nodes, the type of regulation (Act: activation or Inh:

inhibition), and the presence or absence of the regulation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (TRUE

or FALSE).

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Data File S6: The starvation responsive metabolic network

This file includes all the information of nodes and edges of the starvation-responsive

metabolic network. The node tab includes information of node: names, IDs, omic layers,

significance of responses to starvation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (TRUE or FALSE), AUC

of the time courses in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, *t*-half in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice, and degrees

and cluster IDs of the background network (network of the database) and starvation-

responsive metabolic networks in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The edge tab includes the layers

and IDs of the source and target nodes, the type of regulation (Act: activation or Inh:

inhibition), and the presence or absence of the regulation in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice (TRUE

or FALSE).

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Data File S7: The correlation metabolic network during starvation

This file includes all the pairwise correlation coefficients among time courses of

molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic networks. Each tab represents WT or

ob/*ob* mice. Both the columns and rows represent responsive molecules in the

starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. The pairwise

correlation coefficients are displayed as a matrix in each tab.

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2517 **Data File S8: MSigDB Enrichment Analyses**

2518 This file includes all the results of Fisher's exact test in MSigDB Enrichment Analyses

2519 for transcriptome and proteome data. *P*-values, *Q*-values, and odds ratio for Fisher's

2520 exact test, and significantly changed downstream molecules are provided for each

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Data File S9: All the metabolome, lipidome, and FFA & acyls data

This file includes all data of metabolome, lipidome (including FFA), acyl-carnitines, and acyl-CoAs. The columns represent biological samples (S25-S104), whose biological conditions are summarized in 'Sample_information' tab. The rows represent molecules. The units were nmol/mg-protein for metabolites, pmol/mg-protein for lipids including FFA, acyl-carnitine, and acyl-CoA. Most metabolites were measured by CE-MS, while F1,6P and F2,6P were separately measured by IC-QEMS. F1,6P was quantified both in CE-MS and IC-QEMS. We used values of IC-QEMS in this study.

Data File S10: Kinase names and ENSMUSG IDs of all the kinase groups in NetPhorest

Kinase names, kinase groups and ENSMUSG IDs of protein kinases were displayed in this table.

Fig. 1: Workflow for the construction and analysis of a global starvation-responsive transomic network in liver of WT and *ob/ob* mice

(A) Experimental design. WT and *ob/ob* mice were starved for the indicated hours, followed by the collection of liver and plasma samples. These samples were subjected to multiomic measurements. It should be noted that metabolome was basically measured by CE-MS, but IC-QEMS was used for quantification of F1,6BP and F2,6BP. Enzymatic assay kit was used for glycogen. (B) Classification of molecules into 4 groups: commonly responsive in both WT and *ob/ob* mice (common, green); WT-specifically (WT-specific, blue); *ob/ob*-specifically (*ob/ob*-specific, red); oppositely (opposite, magenta) responsive molecules between WT mice and *ob/ob* mice. (C) Schema for a single-omic layer composed of responsive molecules classified as in (B). (D) Schema of regulatory input into the metabolic reactions. TFs increase or decrease metabolic enzyme abundance through gene regulation. Protein kinases increase or decrease enzyme phosphorylation to activate or inhibit enzyme activity. The metabolites, FFA & acyls, and lipids act as substrates, products, and allosteric regulators in metabolic reactions. The subset of the network that is defined as the starvation-responsive metabolic network is outlined in orange. (E) Schematic representation of the global starvation-responsive transomic network consisting of the indicated layers. The subset of the network that is defined as the starvation-responsive metabolic network is outlined in orange. (F) Structural properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. (G) Temporal order of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. (H) Temporal co-regulations among time courses of molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice.

Fig. 2: Single-omic layer analysis during starvation

(A-C) Identification and classification of starvation-responsive molecules. (A) One-way ANOVA tests (*P* < 0.025) defined starvation-responsive molecules. (B) Area under the curve (AUC) of log2-transformed mean time courses classified molecules into increased (AUC > 0, orange) and decreased (AUC < 0, purple) classes. (C) Classification of starvation-responsive molecules: common in both WT and *ob/ob* (either increased or decreased in both, green), WT-specific (blue), *ob/ob*-specific (red), or opposite (increased in WT and decreased in *ob/ob*, or vice versa, magenta). (D-J) The number of molecules and distribution in each group shown as pie charts colored as defined in (C). Increased or decreased molecules are indicated by the orange or purple arcs, respectively. The number and the ratio of significantly changed molecules of the molecules in each category are shown. Responsive metabolites (D), lipids (E), and FFA & acyls (F) in liver. Responsive plasma metabolites (G). Responsive transcripts (H), proteins (I), and phosphorylation events (J) in liver. (K) Strategy for inferring activities of upstream regulators and signaling pathways. Briefly, we constructed regulatory networks using database and identified increased and decreased downstream molecules from the measured data. In the case of positive regulators, we assumed that a regulator is activated if most of the downstream molecules increased and vice versa (see Methods). We screened regulators whose inferred activities were consistent with the measured data (see Methods). Activated or inhibited regulators were classified into common (green), WT-specific (blue), *ob/ob*-specific (red), or opposite (magenta) groups. (L-N) The number and distribution of these inferred TFs (L), protein kinases (M), or signaling pathways (N) are shown in pie charts. *n* = 5 biological replicates per group.

Fig. 3: Global starvation-responsive transomic network

(A) An overview of the global starvation-responsive transomic network. Nodes in the layers represent metabolic reactions, transport activities, measured molecules, measured phosphorylation events, and the inferred activities of TF, protein kinase, and signaling pathway. Edges between the nodes represent regulatory relationships identified using bioinformatic platforms. Colors represent the responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses between the WT and *ob*/*ob* mice. For metabolic reaction and transport_activity layers, the classes were defined by the existences of regulations regardless of the regulatory directions (activation or inhibition): green indicates the node is regulated in both WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice. (B) The proportions of nodes and edges classified as common (green), WT-specific (blue), *ob*/*ob*-specific (red), and opposite (magenta) in the global starvation-responsive trans-omic network. Pie charts represent the distribution of nodes in the omic layers, and bar plots between pie charts represent the distribution of edges between omic layers. Type of regulation into the metabolic reactions for metabolite, FFA& acyls, and lipid are indicated as allosteric regulation (denoted as "A") and substrate and product (denoted as "S & P"). The starvation-responsive metabolic network is outlined in orange, and layer names included in the starvation-responsive metabolic networks are underlined.

Fig. 4: Starvation-responsive metabolic network

Projected views of the starvation-responsive metabolic networks in WT (A) and *ob*/*ob* mice (B). The network is composed of direct regulators of metabolic reactions: metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, enzyme_proteins, and enzyme_PTMs. Colors represent the responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob*/*ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob*/*ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses between the two genotypes. Hub nodes, which will be defined in Fig. 5, are labeled.

Fig. 5: Structural properties of the starvation-responsive metabolic network
(A) Degree distributions of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT (blue) and *ob/ob* (red) mice. The x-axis represents the log10-transformed degree (k); the y-axis represents the log10-transformed number of nodes with degree of k. Lines show the linear regression of the degree distributions. The slope of the lines (γ), which is defined as a scaling parameter, and the 95% credible interval are shown. n = 990 in WT and n = 721 in *ob/ob* mice for the number of nodes. (B) Diagram of a scale-free network, where $n(k)$ denotes the number of nodes with degree of k, and γ is a constant called a scaling parameter. Circles represent nodes; lines represent edges. Light blue represents the hub nodes; yellow represents leaf nodes. (C and D) Hub nodes with the top 2% highest degree in WT (C) and *ob/ob* mice (D). The x-axis represents hub nodes. The y-axis represents degrees. Colors represent the responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob/ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob/ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses between WT and *ob/ob* mice. (E) The number of edges (y-axis) from WT-specifically responsive hub nodes (blue), WT-specific nodes except for the hub nodes (light blue), *ob/ob*-specific hub nodes (red), *ob/ob*-specific nodes except for the hub nodes (light red), other nodes (commonly or oppositely responsive, gray). (F) Illustration of fragmentation of a network through loss of hub nodes. The largest cluster is orange. (G) Illustration of how communicability of a network influences average path length (average length of the shortest paths between all the pairs of nodes). (H) The relative size of the largest cluster in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice, calculated as the number of nodes in the largest cluster of the network divided by the total number of responsive nodes in the network for each genotype. (I) The average path length of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. n = 853,884 paths in WT and n = 443,643 paths in *ob/ob* mice. The error bars show standard deviation. P value of t-test is shoiwn. (J) Time courses of ATP, AMP, and AMP/ATP ratio during starvation in WT and *ob/ob* mice. The x-axis represents the starvation time (hours) and the y-axis represents the concentration (nmol/mg-protein) for ATP and AMP, and ratio for AMP/ATP. Blue lines are the responses to starvation in WT mice, and red lines are those in *ob/ob* mice. Solid lines represent that the responses were significant; dotted lines represent no significance. Data are shown as the mean and SEM. Dots represent the data from individual mice. (K) Time courses of phosphorylation ratio of Akt and Ampk during starvation in WT and *ob/ob* mice. The x-axis represents the starvation time (hours) and the y-axis represents the phosphorylation ratio (the amount of phosphorylated protein divided by the total amount of protein) of Akt and Ampk. (L) Images of the western blotting analysis for (K) at the indicated starvation time (h) of the indicated genotype. IC represents internal control to normalize the signals across membranes. n = 5 biological replicates per group. P values of one-way ANOVA of the molecules or ratio with significant changes are shown.

Fig. 6: Temporal order of the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT mice and its disruption in *ob/ob* mice
(A and B) Scatter plots for the log10-transformed degree (x-axis) and *t*-half (y-axis) in WT (A) and *ob/ob* (B) mice. Dots represent the molecules (including phosphorylation events) in the starvation-responsive metabolic network and colors denote the responsiveness: green indicates common responses both in WT and *ob/ob* mice; blue, specific to WT mice; red, specific to *ob/ob* mice; magenta, opposite responses between WT and *ob/ob* mice. Spearman's correlation coefficient (Rho) and *P* values are shown. Hub molecules for each genotype are labeled (see Fig. 5C and D). Time courses of increased and decreased molecules connected with few (1 ≤ degree < 10), relatively many (10 ≤ degree < 100), and many (100 ≤ degree) edges in WT (A) and *ob/ob* (B) mice are also shown. The x-axis represents starvation time (hours) and the y-axis represents the log2-transformed concentration to the concentrations before starvation of the molecules in each genotype. *n* = 291 molecules for WT and *n* = 163 molecules for *ob/ob* mice. (C) Values of *t*-half for the WT-specific and *ob/ob*-specific hub molecules (see Fig. 5C and D). The *P* value of Wilcoxon's rank sum test is shown. *n* = 15 hub molecules for WT and *n* = 10 hub molecules for *ob/ob* mice. (D and E) Distributions of *t*-half values of molecules (metabolites, lipids, FFA & acyls, proteins, and phosphorylation events) in the indicated metabolic pathways in WT (D) and *ob/ob* mice (E). The data are ordered along the x-axis by the median t-half (red line) with each molecule represented by a dot. *n* = 19, 10, 14, and 36 molecules in mice WT for "Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis", "Starch and sucrose metabolism", "Arginine biosynthesis", and "Fatty acid degradation". *n* = 5, 15, 13, and 3 molecules in *ob/ob* mice for "Starch and sucrose metabolism", "Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis", "Fatty acid degradation", and "Arginine biosynthesis". *P* values of the Kruskal-Wallis test are shown above the panels and those of the Dunn-Sidak test are shown above the lines indicating the pairs of metabolic pathways with significant differences (*P* < 0.05). (F) *Q*-values comparing *t*-half values of WT and *ob/ob* mice for each metabolic pathway. (G and H) Distributions of *t*-half values in each omic layer in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT (G) and in *ob/ob* (H) mice. The data are ordered along the x-axis by the median *t*-half (red line). *n* = 98, 47, 154, 2, and 23 molecules in mice WT for metabolite, enzyme_PTM, enzyme_protein, lipid, and FFA & acyls. *n* = 19, 75, 73, 15, and 10 molecules in *ob/ob* mice for enzyme_PTM, metabolite, enzyme_protein, FFA & acyls, and lipid. *P* values of the Kruskal-Wallis test are shown above the panels and those of the Dunn-Sidak test are shown above the lines indicating the pairs of omic layers with significant differences (*P* < 0.05).

Fig. 7: Co-regulation among molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network and disruption in *ob/ob* mice

(A) Schematic representation of the analyses for co-regulation among the molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network. Time courses of molecules sharing a common regulatory mechanism could be positively or negatively correlated, defined as co-regulation. Pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients were calculated for the time courses of molecules that showed significant responses during starvation in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. Positive correlation represents positive co-regulation and negative correlation represents negative co-regulation. (B) Distribution of the pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients for time courses of responsive molecules in the starvation-responsive metabolic network in WT and *ob/ob* mice. The x-axis represents correlation coefficients; the y-axis represents the number of pairs of molecules examined for correlation. Pairs with an absolute value of correlation coefficient > 0.9 were connected by edges in the correlation metabolic network (see fig. S12). *n* = 324 molecules for WT mice, *n* = 192 molecules for *ob/ob* mice. (C) The absolute values of pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time courses of responsive molecules in the indicated metabolic pathways in WT and *ob/ob* mice. The x-axis represents the absolute values of Pearson's correlation coefficient. The y-axis represents metabolic pathways and genotypes. Light blue dots represent the absolute values of pairwise Pearson's correlation coefficients among time courses of responsive molecules in each metabolic pathway of the starvation-responsive metabolic network. Red vertical lines indicate median, boxes the interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile), and whiskers 1.5 times the interquartile range. Red crosses represent outliers. *Q*-values comparing the correlation coefficients of WT and *ob/ob* mice by Wilcoxon rank sum test followed by FDR through Benjamini-Hochberg procedure are shown. The numbers of pairs of molecules are shown in the parenthesis. (D and E) The correlation metabolic network during starvation in WT (D) and *ob/ob* mice (E). Orange indicates the largest cluster; all other clusters are dark green. Individual orphan nodes with no connections are shown only by numbers.

Fig. 8: Functional analysis of transcriptomic and proteomic data for potential clinical application
(A) Enrichment analysis of significantly changed transcripts in WT (blue circle) and *ob/ob* (red circle) mice using MSigDB. (B) Enrichment analysis of significantly changed proteins in WT (blue circle) and *ob/ob* (red circle) mice using MSigDB.