

# *Targeting cardiolipin content and composition in the Taz shRNA mouse model of Barth syndrome*

*Investigating the therapeutic effects of dietary linoleate supplementation and thyroxine treatment*

Adam J. Chicco, Ph.D.

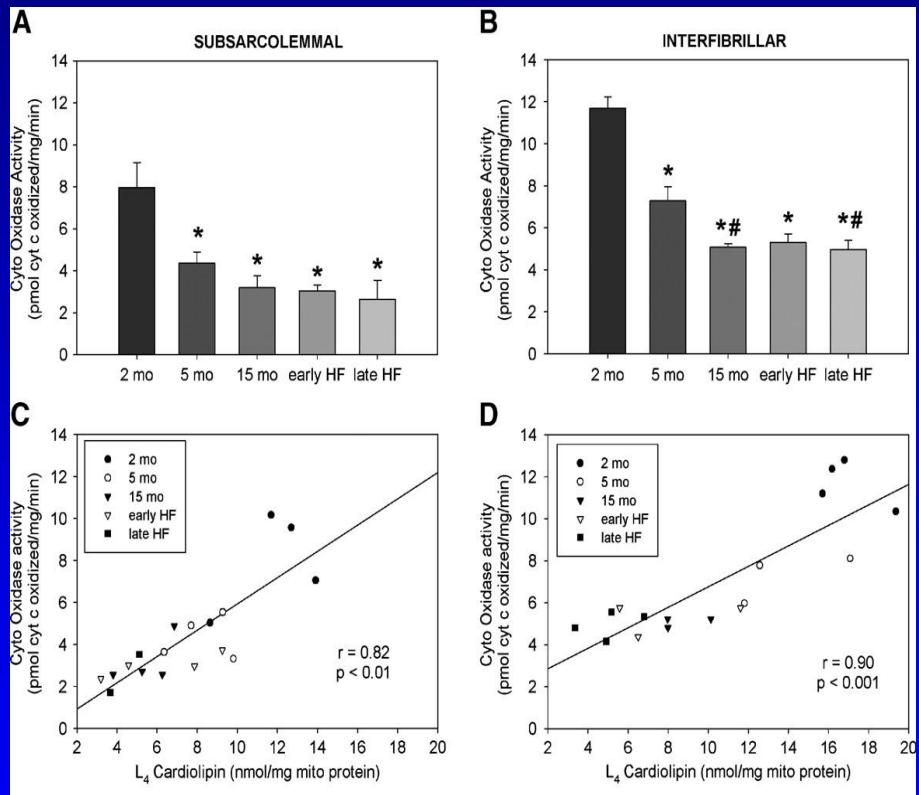
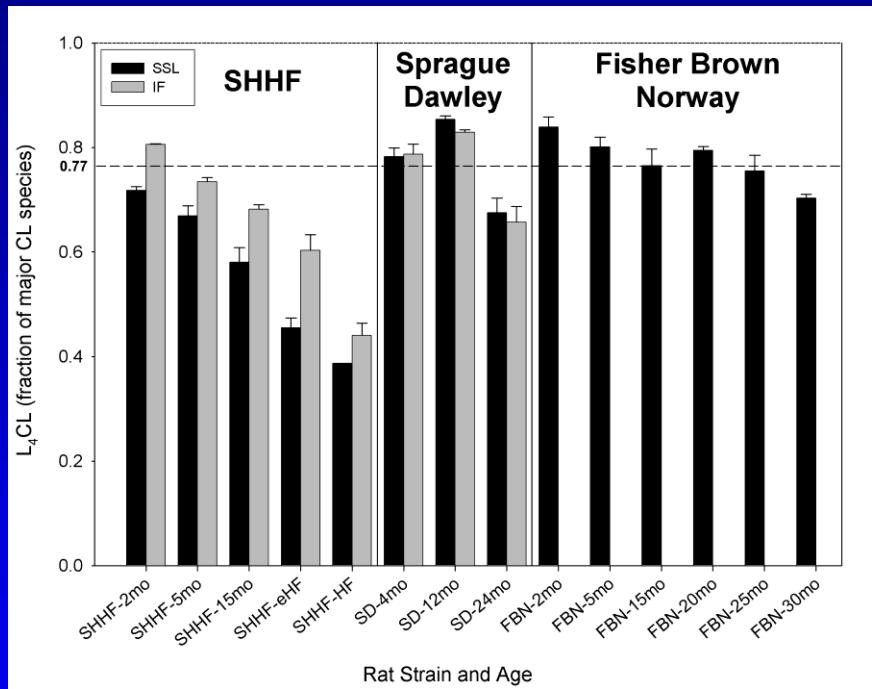
Assistant Professor

Departments of Health and Exercise Science, Food Science & Human Nutrition  
Biomedical Sciences, Program in Cell and Molecular Biology  
Colorado State University

Barth Syndrome Scientific Conference 2012  
St. Pete Beach, FL

June 29, 2012

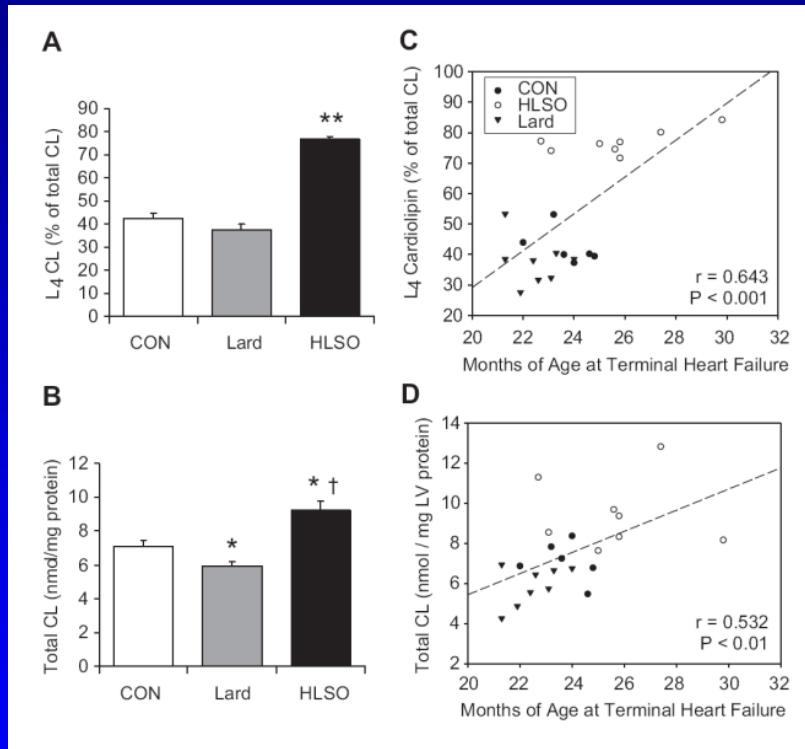
# Progressive loss of cardiac L<sub>4</sub>CL in Spontaneously Hypertensive HF rats



Sparagna, Chicco et al. *J Lipid Res*, 2007

# Supplementation with 20% (w/w) high-18:2 safflower oil restores L<sub>4</sub>CL and improves survival in aged SHHF rats

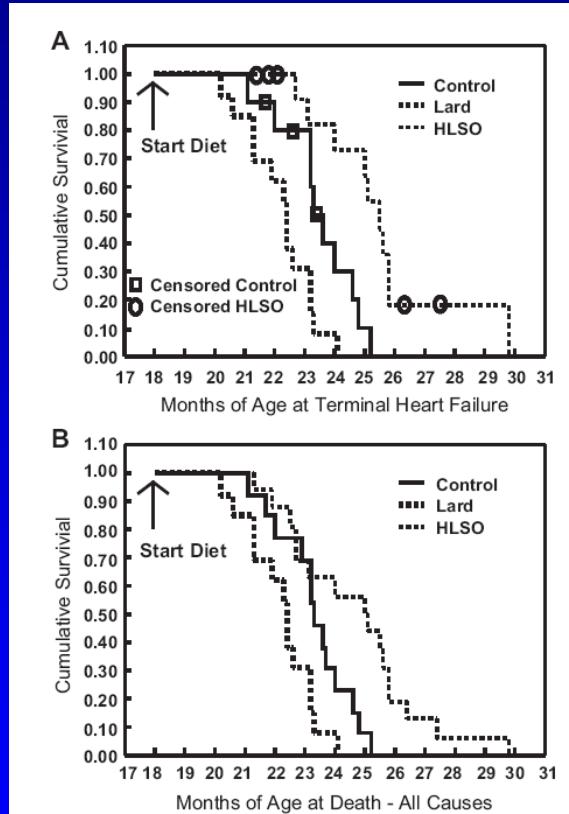
20% HLSO or Lard diets beginning at 18 mo of age until moribund



## Linoleate-Rich High-Fat Diet Decreases Mortality in Hypertensive Heart Failure Rats Compared With Lard and Low-Fat Diets

Adam J. Chicco, Genevieve C. Sparagna, Sylvia A. McCune, Christopher A. Johnson, Robert C. Murphy, David A. Bolden, Meredith L. Rees, Ryan T. Gardner and Russell L. Moore

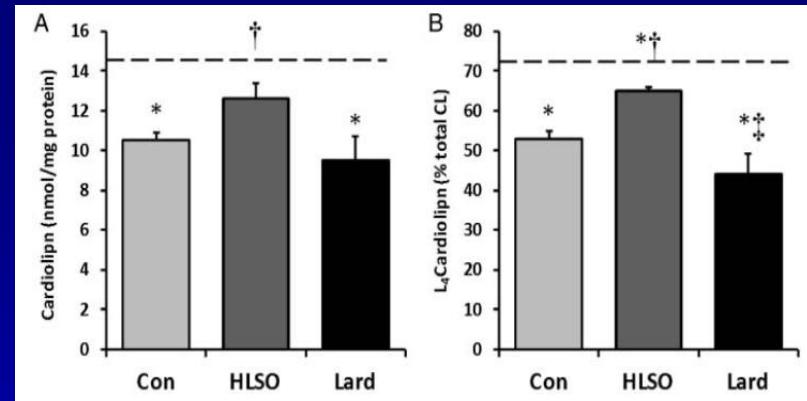
*Hypertension* 2008;52:549-555; originally published online Jul 28, 2008;



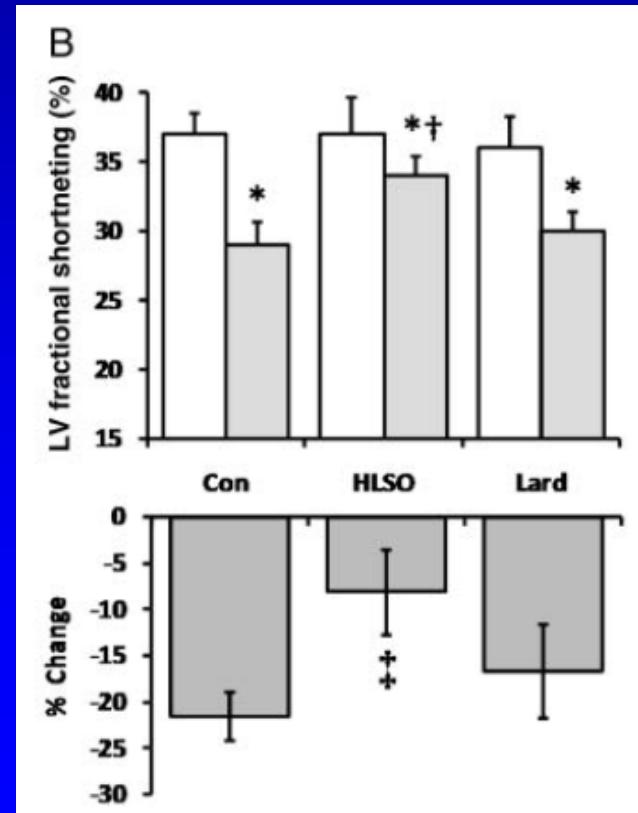
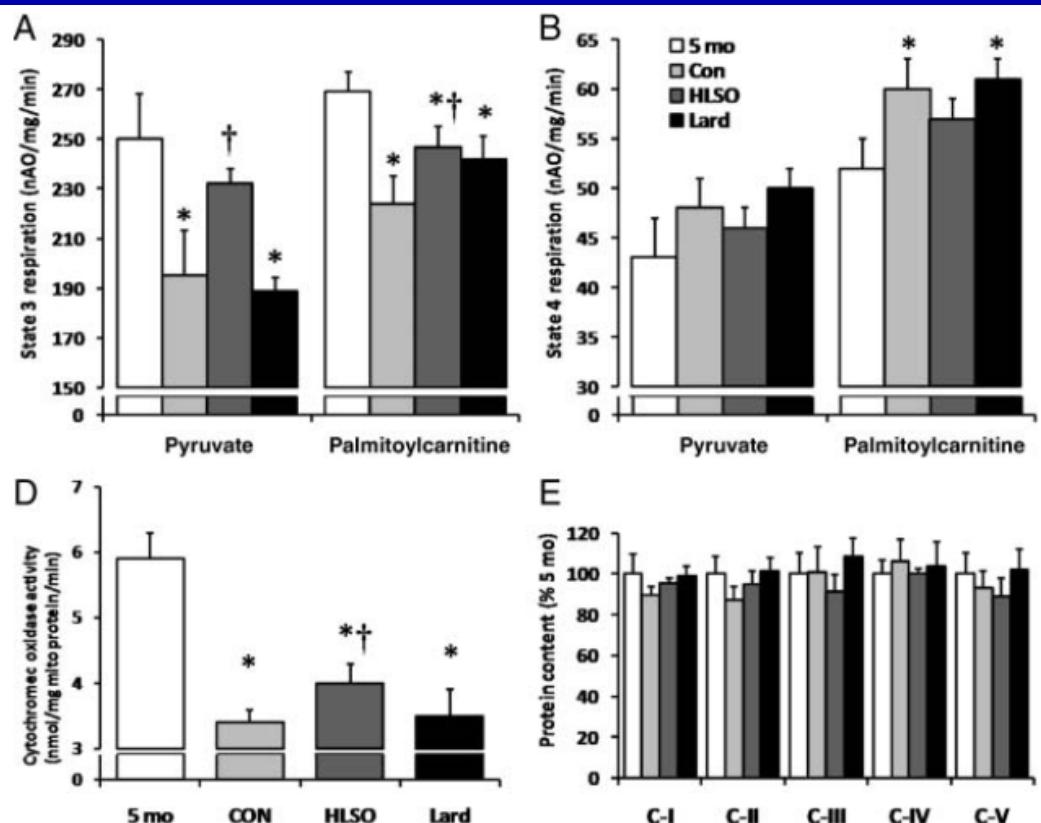
**Figure 1.** Kaplan-Meier curves illustrating cumulative mortality because of HF (A) and all causes (B) beginning at 18 months. The HLSO diet significantly improved survival resulting from HF and all causes compared with CON and lard, whereas the lard diet increased HF mortality.

## Dietary linoleate preserves cardiolipin and attenuates mitochondrial dysfunction in the failing rat heart

Christopher M. Mulligan<sup>1</sup>, Genevieve C. Sparagna<sup>2</sup>, Catherine H. Le<sup>3,4</sup>,  
Anthony B. De Mooy<sup>5</sup>, Melissa A. Routh<sup>3,4</sup>, Michael G. Holmes<sup>6</sup>, Diane L. Hickson-Bick<sup>6</sup>,  
Simona Zarini<sup>7</sup>, Robert C. Murphy<sup>7</sup>, Fred Y. Xu<sup>8</sup>, Grant M. Hatch<sup>8</sup>, Sylvia A. McCune<sup>2</sup>,  
Russell L. Moore<sup>2</sup>, and Adam J. Chicco<sup>1,3,4,5\*</sup>

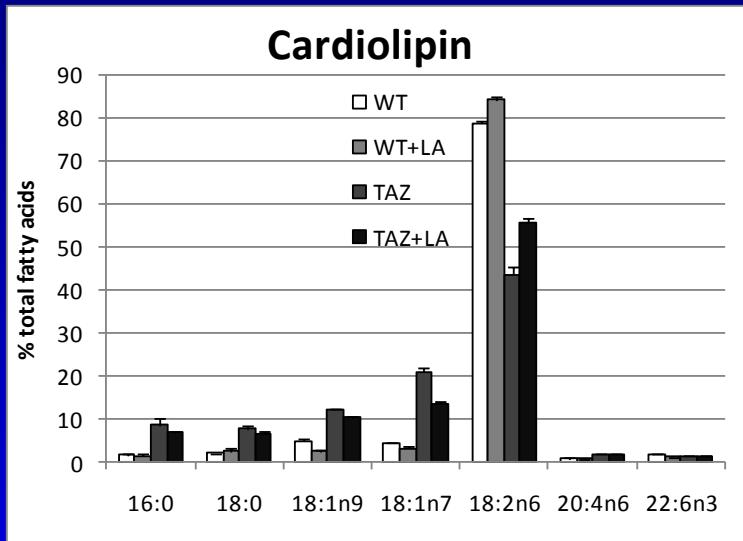


Male 21 mo old SHHF rats (early CHF) fed 10% HLSO or Lard (w/w) 4 weeks



*Will dietary HLSO supplementation  
enrich cardiolipin with 18:2n6 and improve  
cardiac mitochondrial respiratory function  
in Taz shRNA mice?*

# Effect of HLSO supplementation on mito PL composition in WT vs. Taz mice

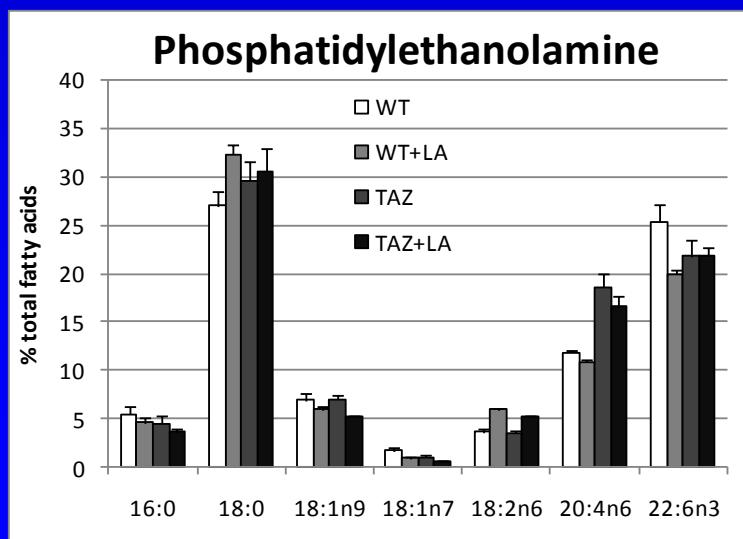
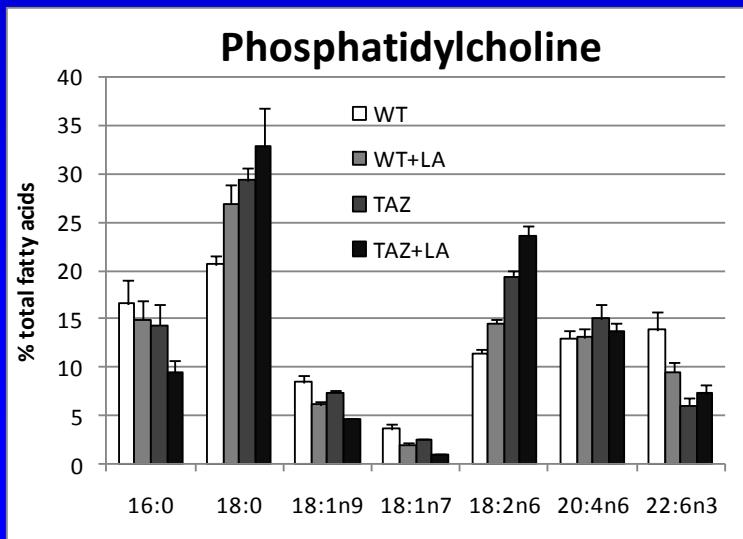


Male taz shRNA mice 4-5 mo of age;  
10% HLSO (w/w) mixed in chow for 4 weeks

↑18:2n6, ↓18:1 in WT and taz (all PLs)

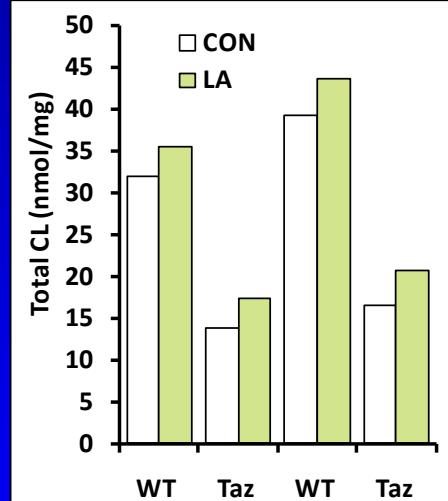
PC 18:2n6: taz > WT

PE 20:4n6: taz > WT

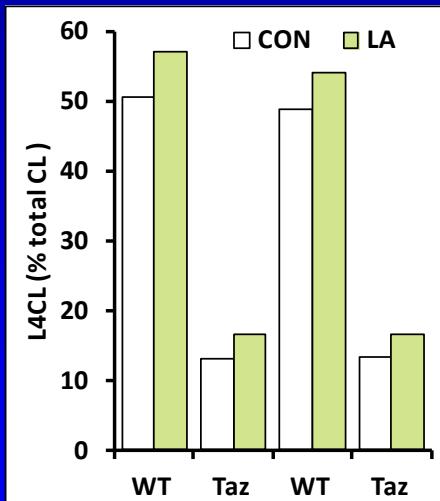


# Modest increase in cardiac mito CL content and L4CL% with HLSO supplementation

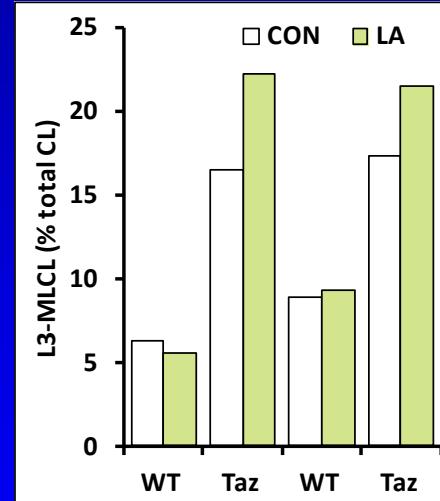
Total CL



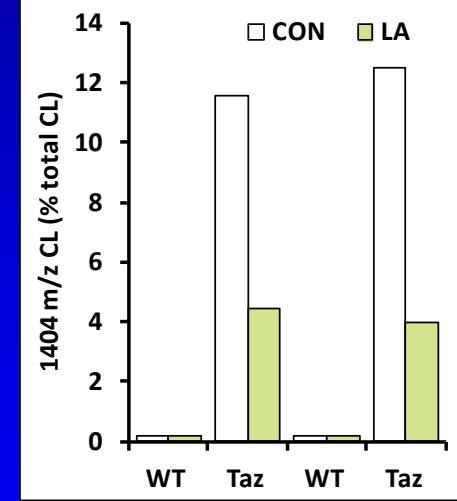
L4CL (%)



L3-MLCL (%)



“Saturated” CL



SSM

IFM

SSM

IFM

SSM

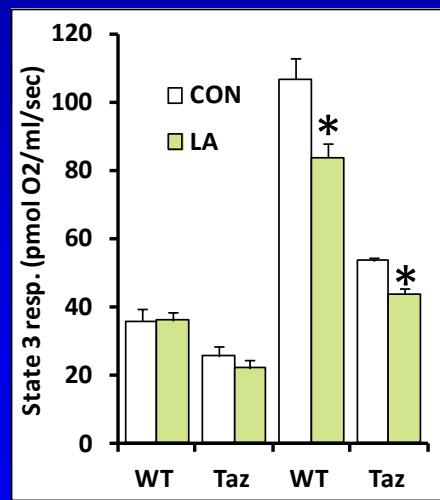
IFM

SSM

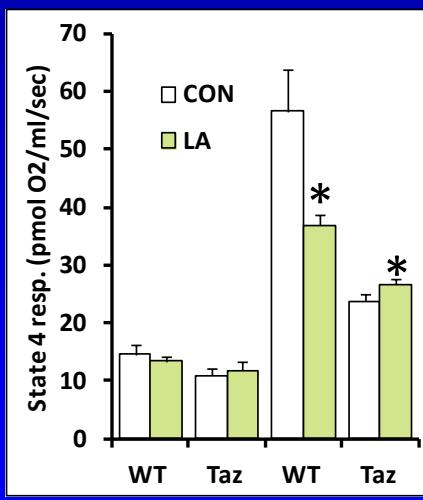
IFM

# HLSO does not improve mitochondrial OXPHOS capacity or efficiency in *Taz* or WT mice

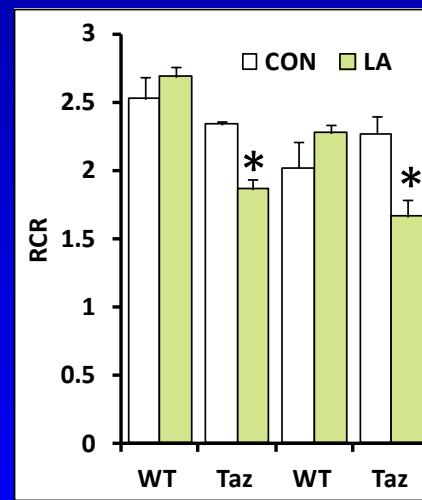
ADP-Stimulated respiration (State 3)



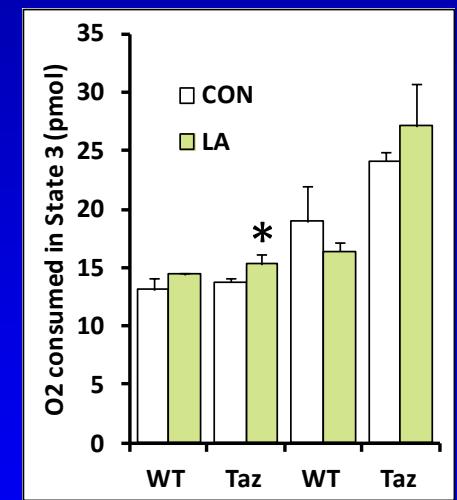
“Uncoupled” respiration (State 4)



Respiratory control ratio (State 3/State 4)



O<sub>2</sub> consumed in State 3



Pyruvate + Malate as substrates; n = 6-8/group

*Will stimulation of CL biosynthesis  
increase mito CL content and improve  
mitochondrial respiratory function in the  
presence of Taz deficiency?*

# Thyroxine (T4) stimulates CL biosynthesis and mitochondrial respiratory function

*Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, 1086 (1991) 139–140  
© 1991 Elsevier Science Publishers B.V. All rights reserved 0005-2760/91/\$03.50  
ADONIS 000527609100286N

139

BBALIP 50330

Rapid Report

Effect of thyroxine on the activity of mitochondrial cardiolipin synthase in rat liver

Karl Y. Hostetler

Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Diego and the VA Medical Center,  
San Diego, CA (U.S.A.)

**Thyroxine stimulates PGPS activity in rat heart mitochondria.**

Cao SG, Cheng P, Angel A, Hatch GM.

*Biochim Biophys Acta* 1995 May 17;1256(2):241-4.

Enhanced cytochrome oxidase activity and modification of lipids in heart mitochondria from hyperthyroid rats

G. Paradies \*, F.M. Ruggiero, G. Petrosillo and E. Quagliariello

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and CNR Unit for the Study of Mitochondria and Bioenergetics, University of Bari,  
Bari (Italy) *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, 1225 (1994) 165–170

**Effect of hyperthyroidism on the transport of pyruvate in rat-heart mitochondria**

Giuseppe Paradies and Francesca Maria Ruggiero

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and C.N.R. Unit for the Study of Mitochondria and Bioenergetics,  
University of Bari, Bari (Italy) *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, 935 (1988) 79–86

**Thyroid Replacement Therapy and Heart Failure**

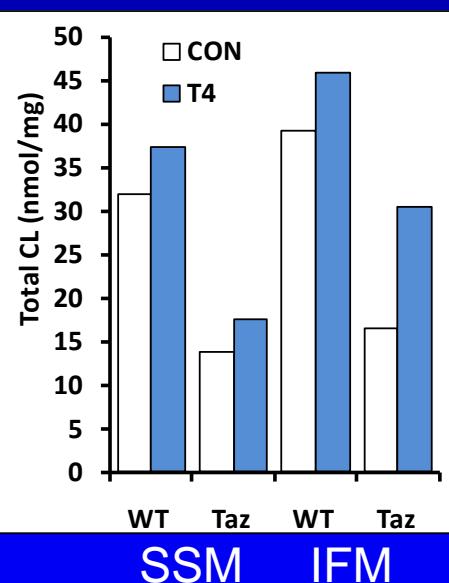
Anthony Martin Gerdes, PhD; Giorgio Iervasi, MD

*Circulation*, 2010;122:385-393

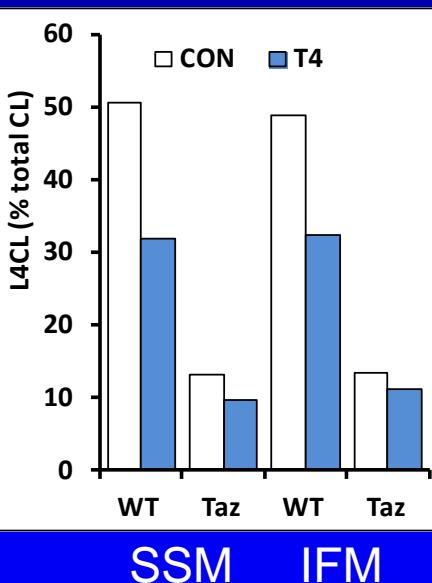
# Thyroxine treatment increases total CL, but decreases L4CL% in *Taz* shRNA and WT mice

Male WT or *Taz* mice 4-5 mo of age; 0.1% T4 mixed in chow for 4 weeks (n = 6 / group)

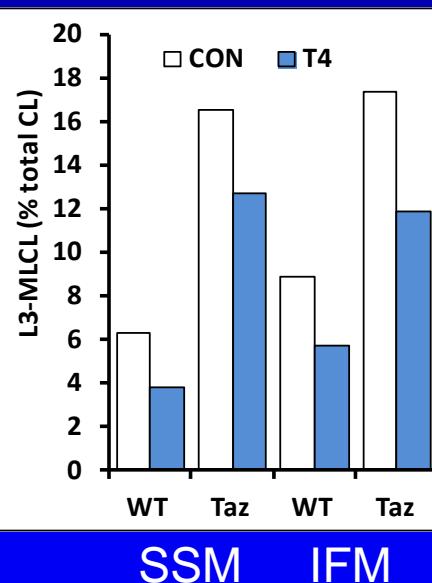
Total CL



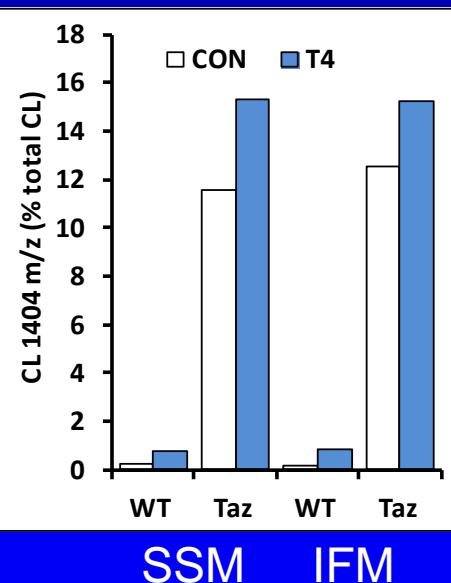
L4CL (%)



L3-MLCL (%)

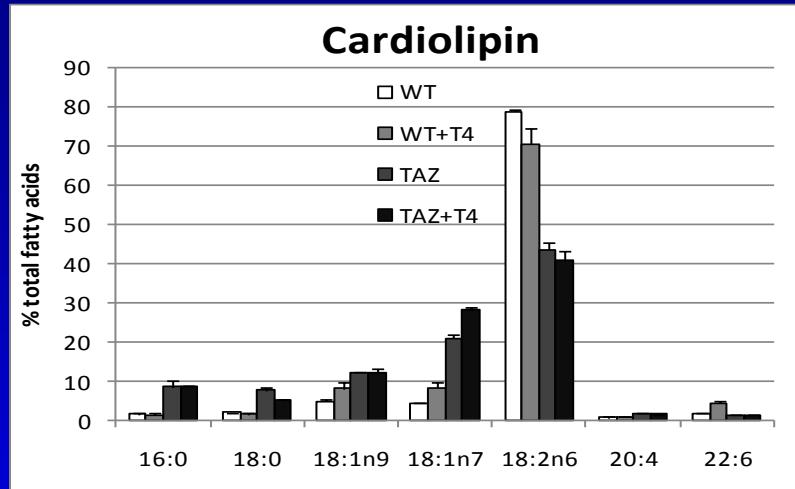


“Saturated” CL



# Effect of T4 on mitochondrial PL composition

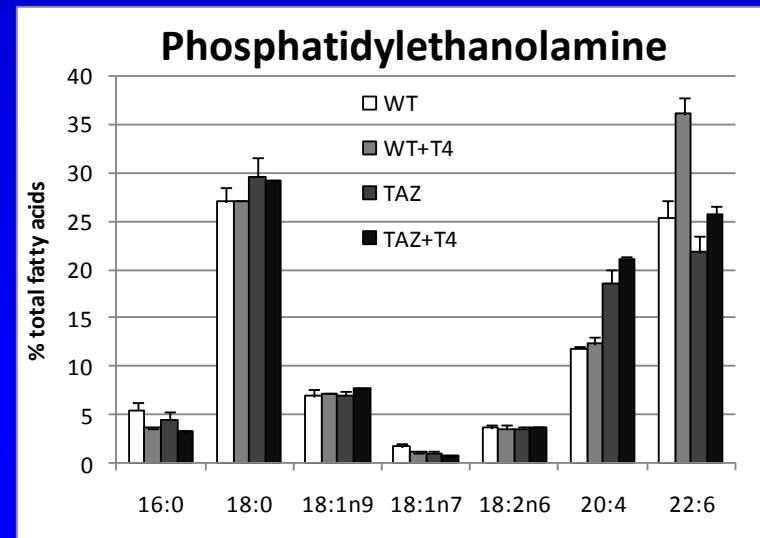
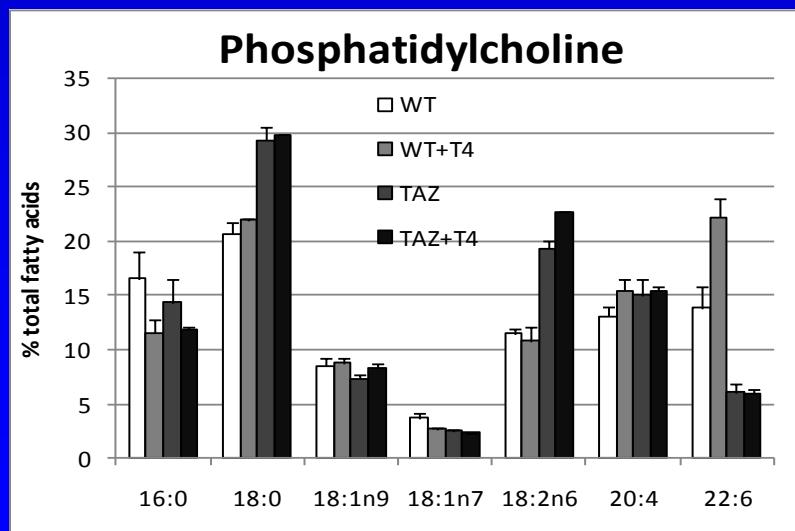
Male WT or *Taz* mice 4-5 mo of age; 0.1% T4 mixed in chow for 4 weeks (n = 6 / group)



T4 ↑18:1n7, ~↓18:2n6 in CL

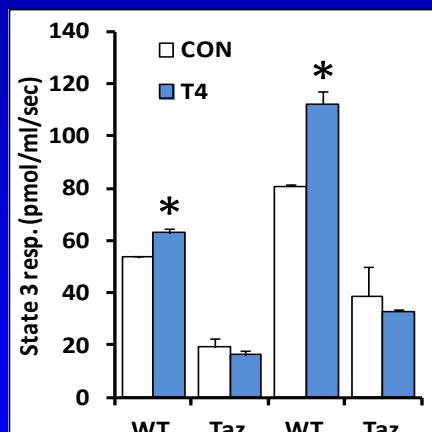
T4 ↑18:2n6 in PC, not CL or PE

T4 ↑22:6n3 in WT in all PLs,  
less/no effect in taz

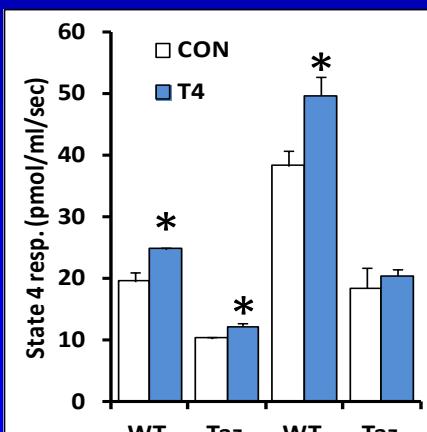


# T4 treatment fails to restore mitochondrial respiratory function in *Taz* shRNA mice

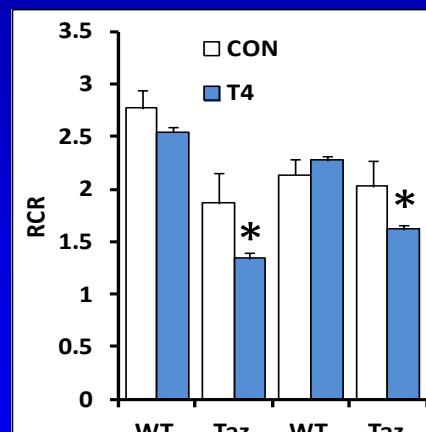
ADP-Stimulated respiration (State 3)



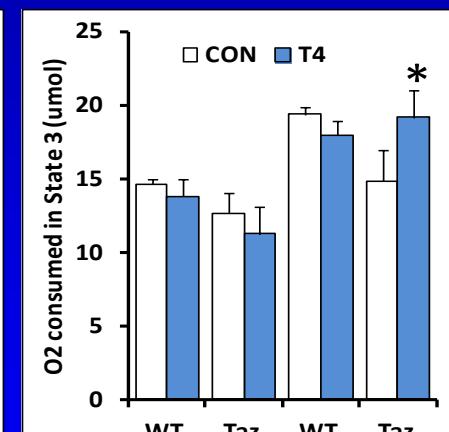
“Uncoupled” respiration (State 4)



Respiratory control ratio (State 3/State 4)



O<sub>2</sub> consumed in State 3



SSM IFM

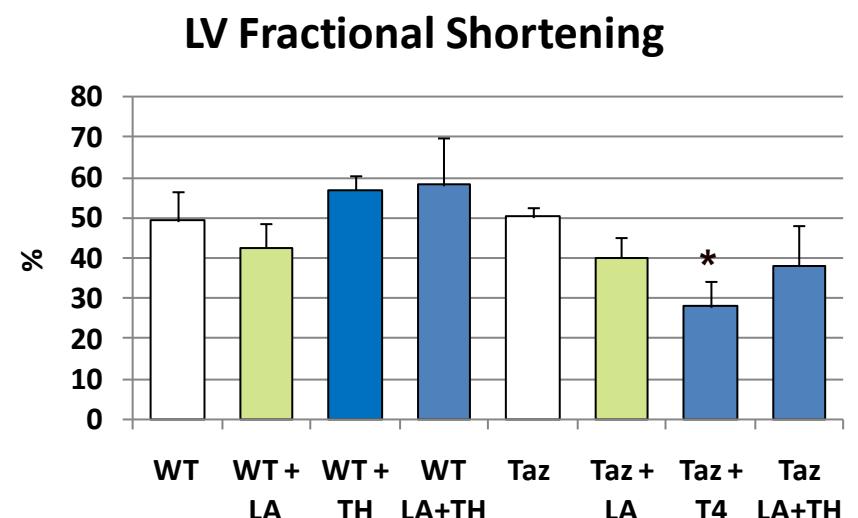
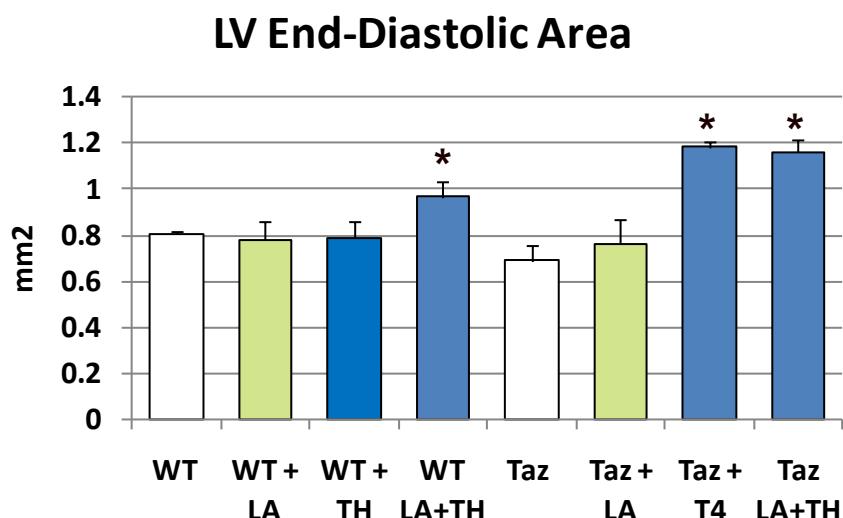
SSM IFM

SSM IFM

SSM IFM

Pyruvate + Malate as substrates; n = 6 / group

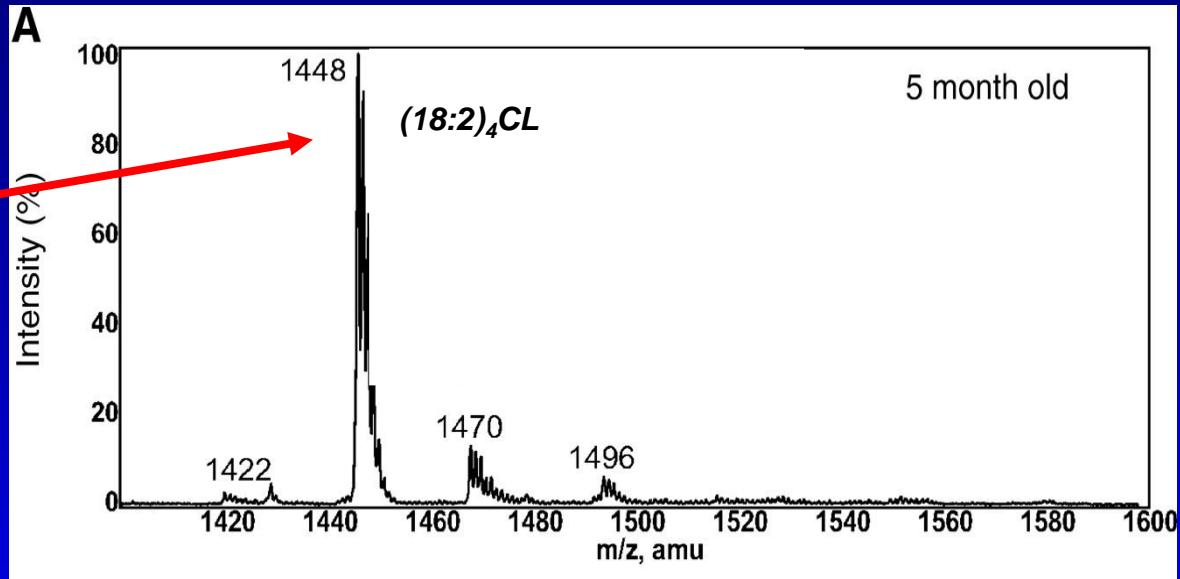
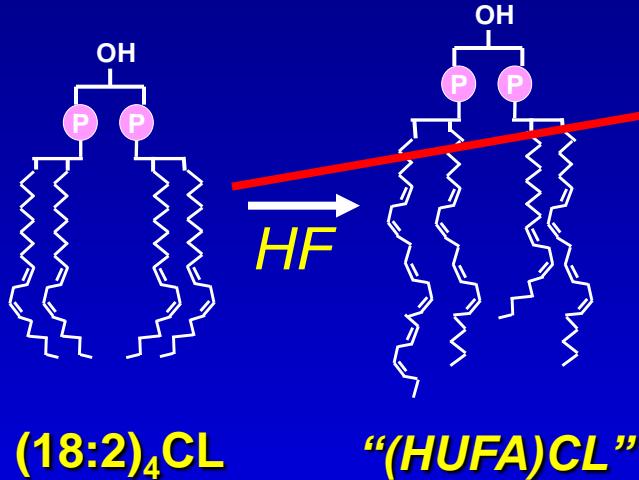
# Effect of HLSO and T4 on LV chamber size and contractile function



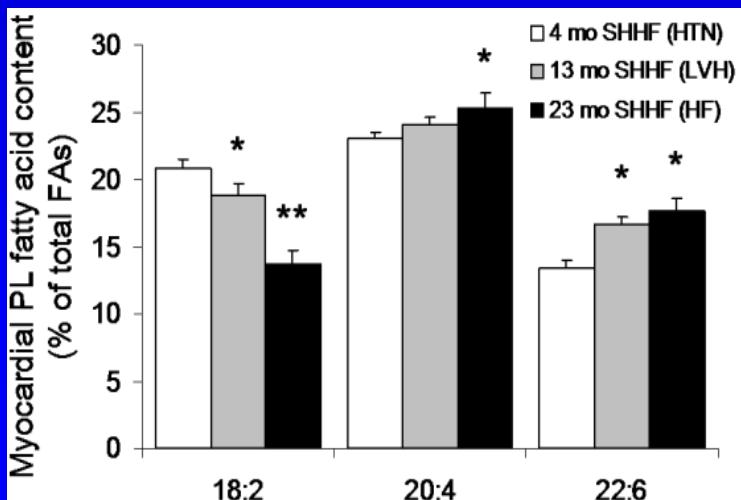
# Summary

- HLSO suppl. partially restores CL 18:2 content, but fails to improve mitochondrial respiratory function
- T4 tx partially restores total CL levels, but fails to improve mitochondrial respiratory function in *Taz* mice, despite having stimulatory effects in WT mice
- Effect of HLSO+T4 on CL content/composition and mito respiration is pending, but tx augments cardiac dilatation and contractile dysfunction in *Taz* mice
- *What if we could restore L4CL to ‘normal’ levels without HLSO or T4 treatment?*

# Cardiolipin accumulates long-chain PUFAs in cardiac overload, heart failure and senescence

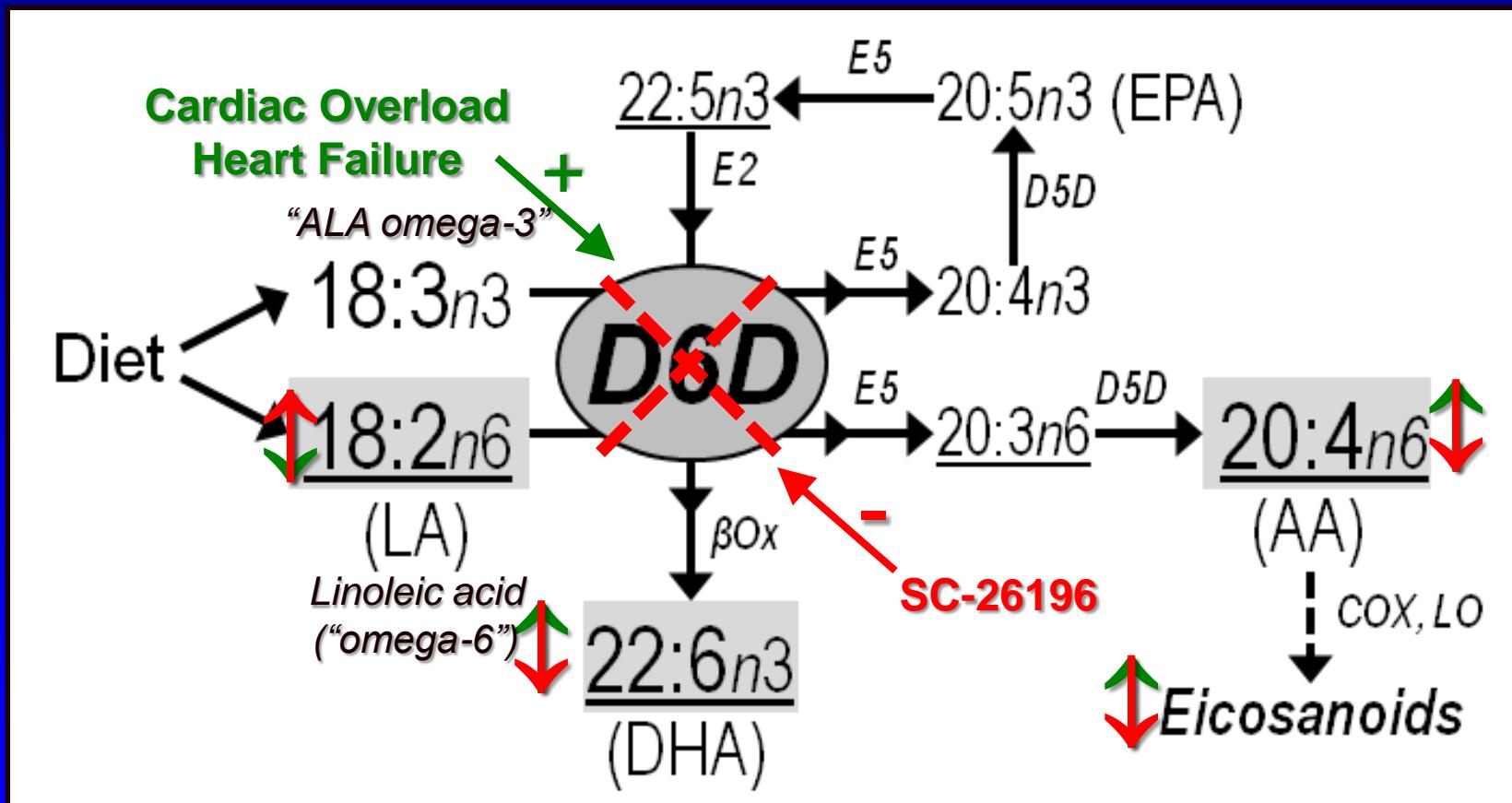


Sparagna et al. J Lipid Res, 2005

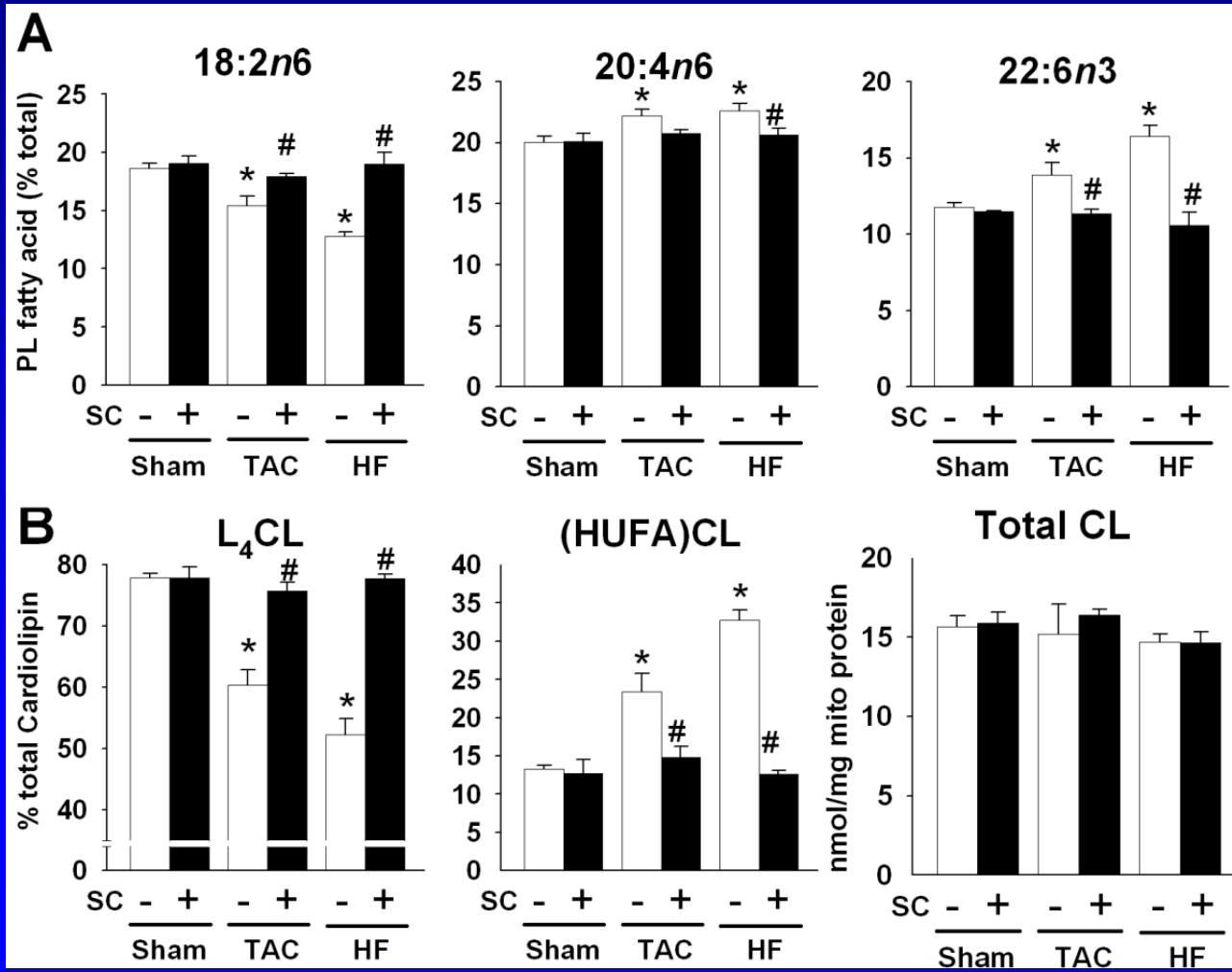


CL remodeling parallels a progressive *loss* of linoleic acid and *increase* in arachidonic acid (20:4n6) and/or DHA (22:6n3) in the global myocardial phospholipid pool

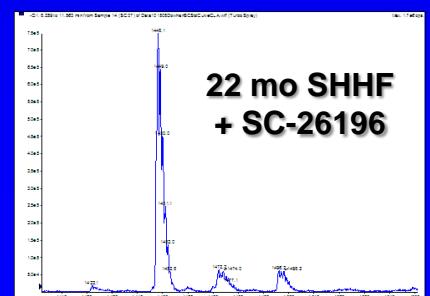
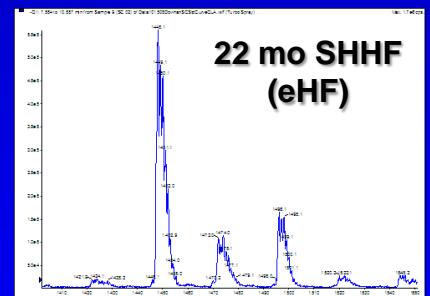
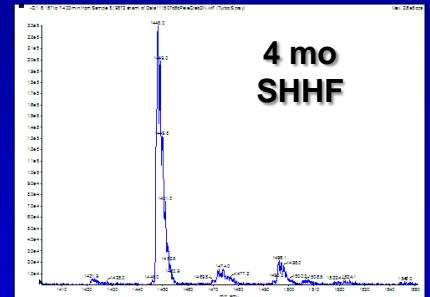
# Delta-6 Desaturase: central role in PUFA metabolism...*and phospholipid composition?*



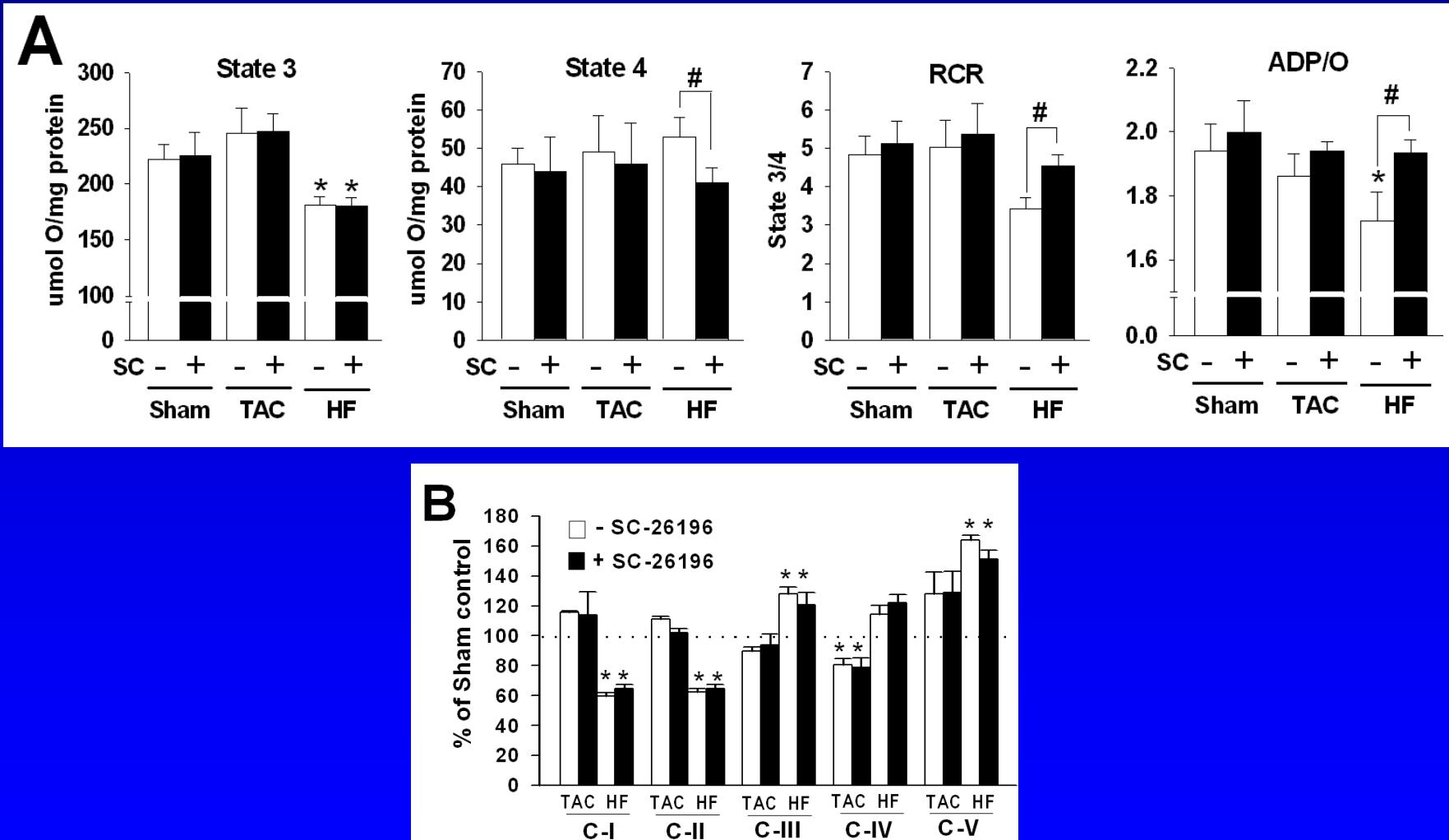
# D6D inhibition normalizes phospholipid PUFA profile and restores L<sub>4</sub>CL in TAC and HF



**CL Subspecies profile (LC/MS)**

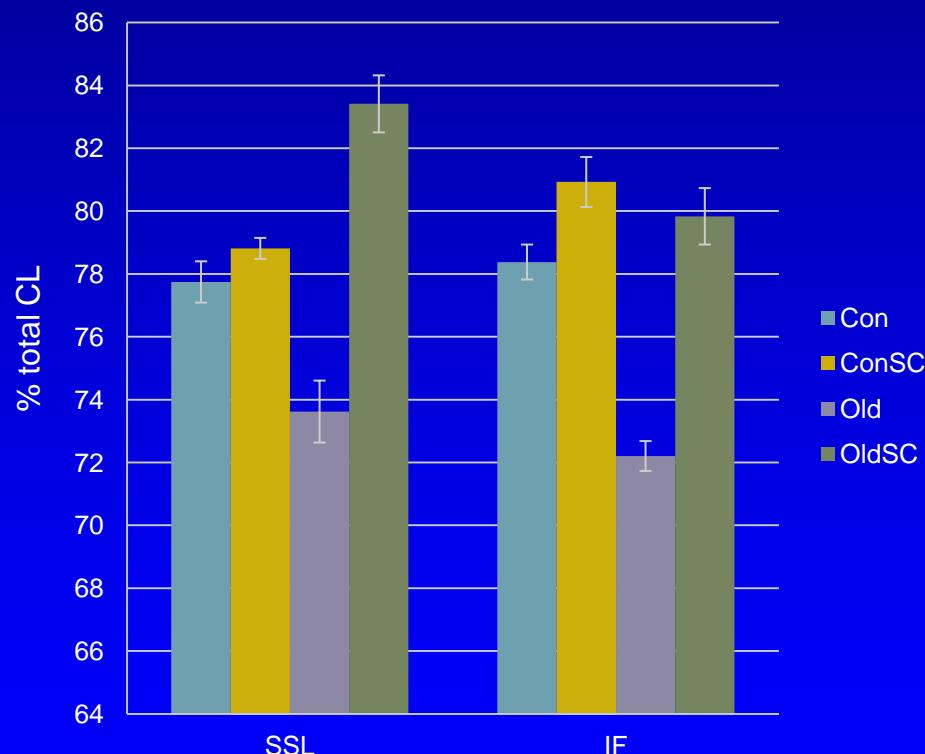


# D6D inhibition preserves respiratory efficiency, but fails to restore State 3 respiratory capacity

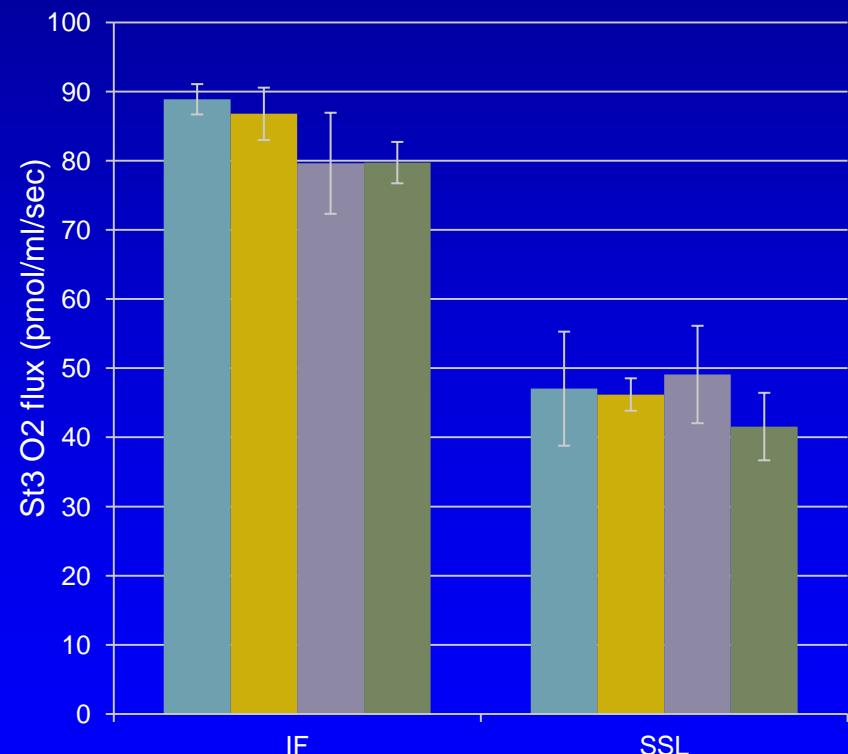


# D6D inhibition reverses loss of CL 18:2n6 in aged mouse hearts without significant changes in mitochondrial respiratory function

CL Linoleic acid (%)



State 3 respiration

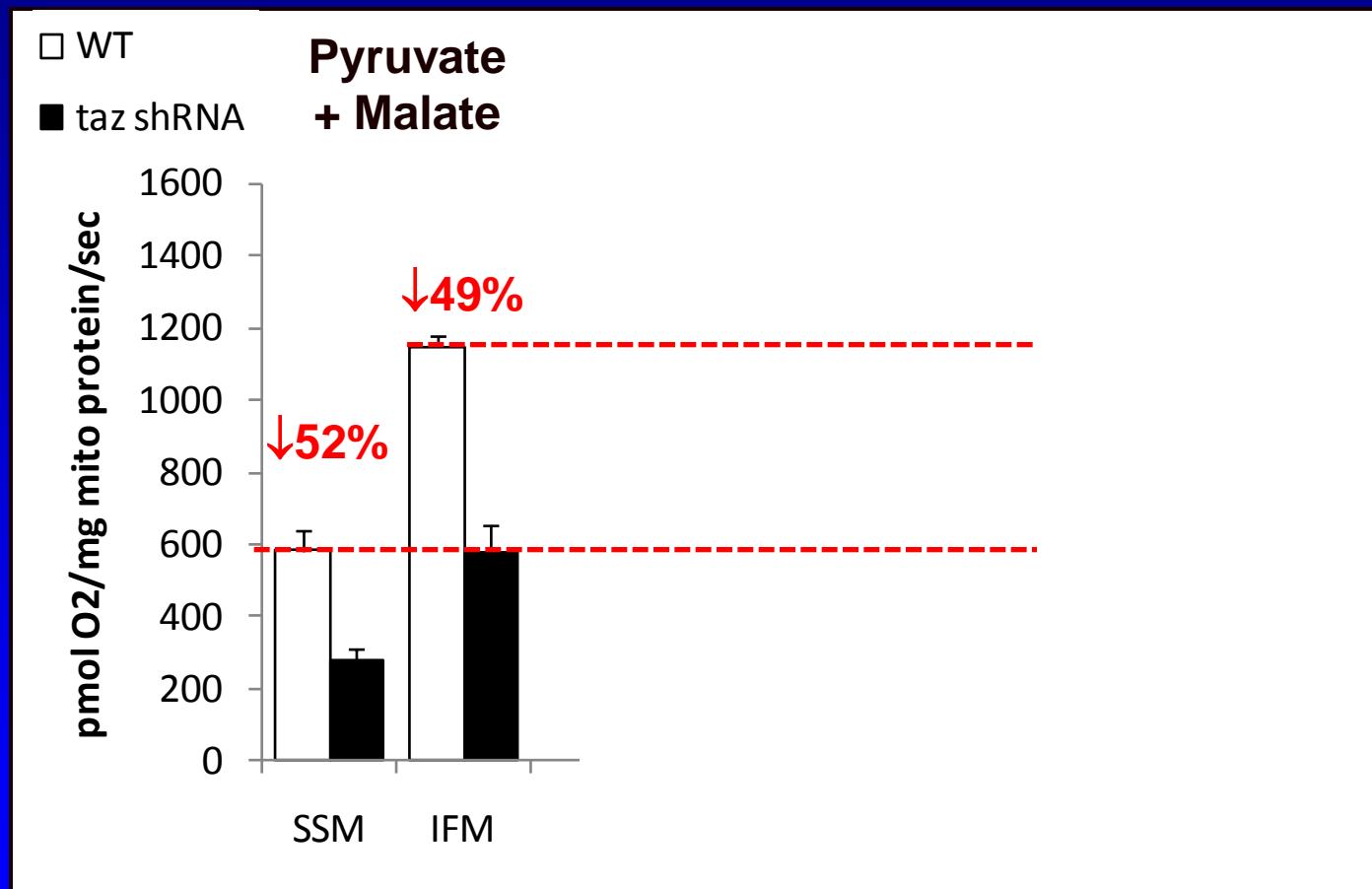


4 mo and 24 mo old C57Bl/6 mice treated with the D6D inhibitor SC-26196  
(100mg/kg/d in chow) for 4 weeks (n = 6 / group)

# Conclusions

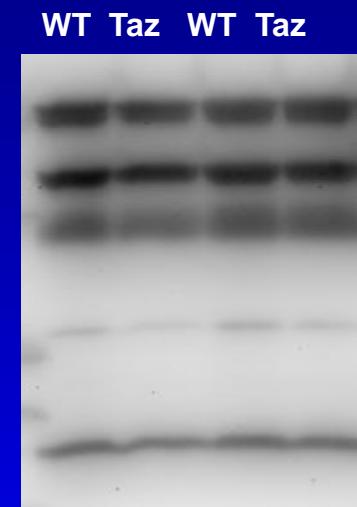
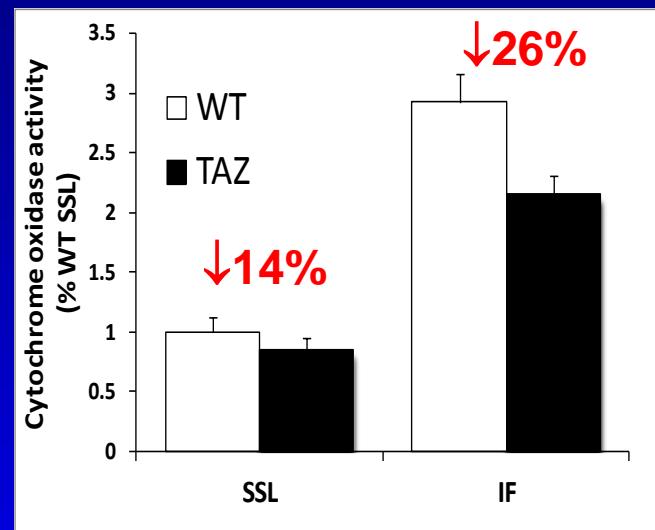
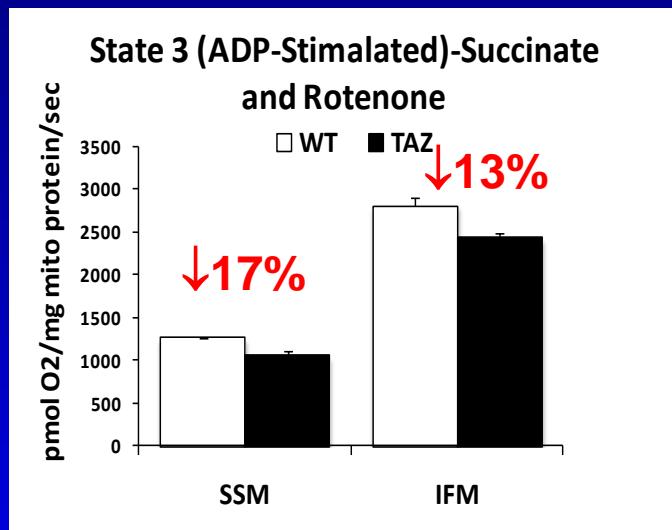
- 18:2n6 enrichment of cardiac CL is not a major regulator of mitochondrial respiratory (dys)function in the heart...at least not in aging/HF rodent models
- Lack of T4 benefit suggests that augmenting CL biosynthesis/mito biogenesis may not rescue *Taz*-deficient mito respiratory phenotype either
- Perhaps the pathologic effects of *Taz* deficiency extend beyond alterations in CL content/composition
- *How exactly does Taz deficiency impair cardiac mitochondrial respiratory function?*

# Substrate specificity of respiratory dysfunction in *Taz* shRNA cardiac mitochondria

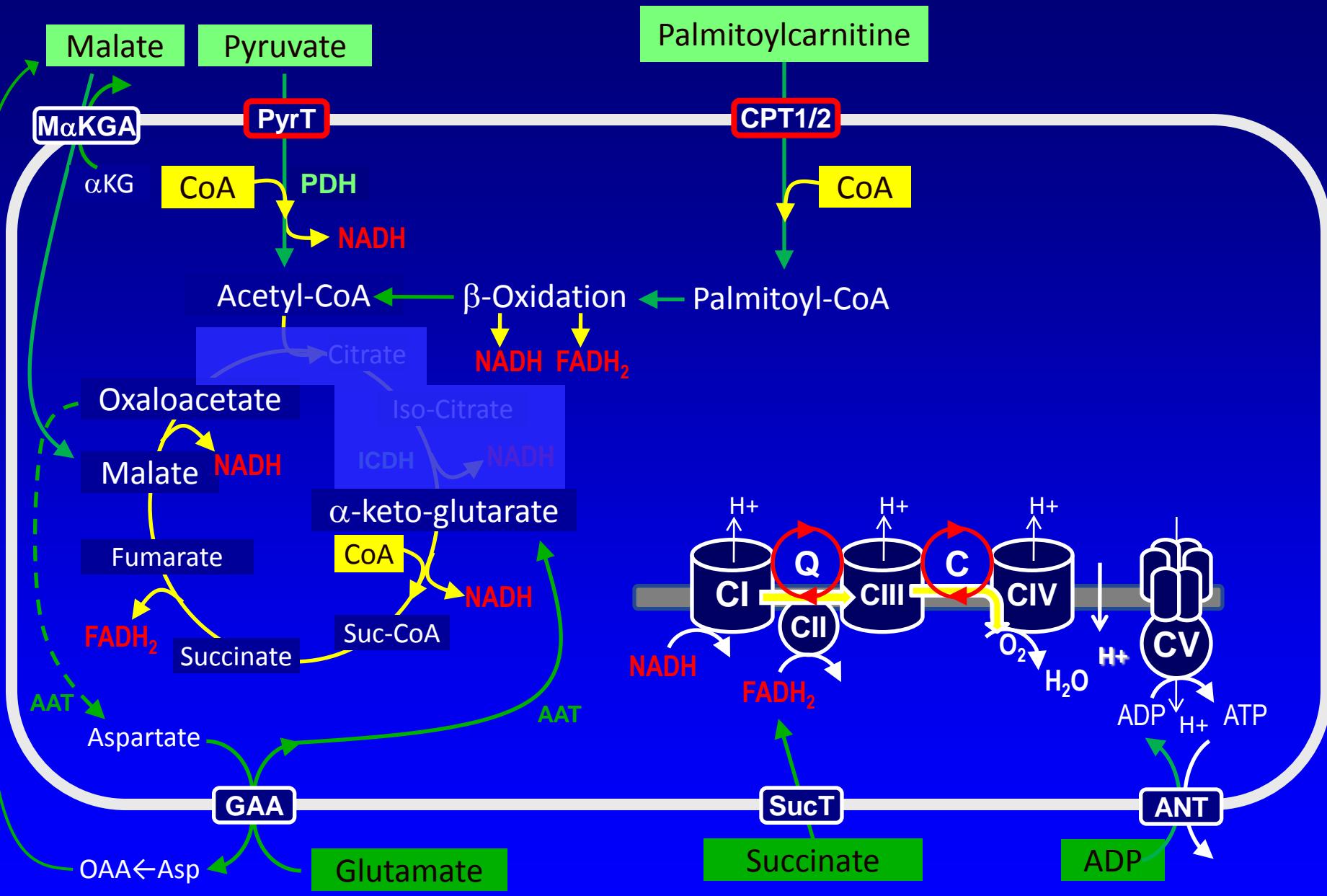


4-5 month old male WT and Taz shRNA mice (n = 8-12/group)

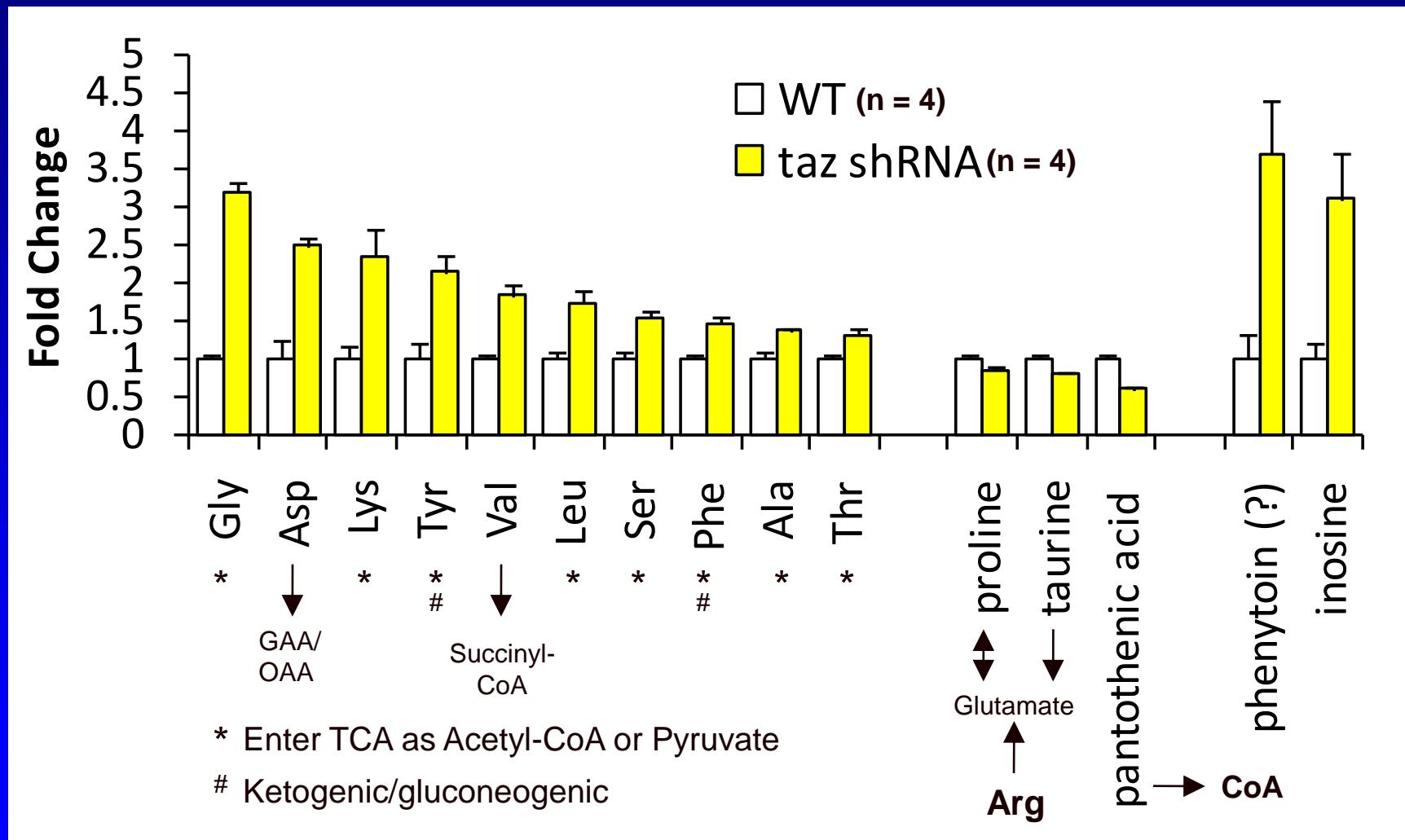
# Respiratory chain dysfunction does not contribute significantly to OXPHOS impairment in *Taz* deficiency

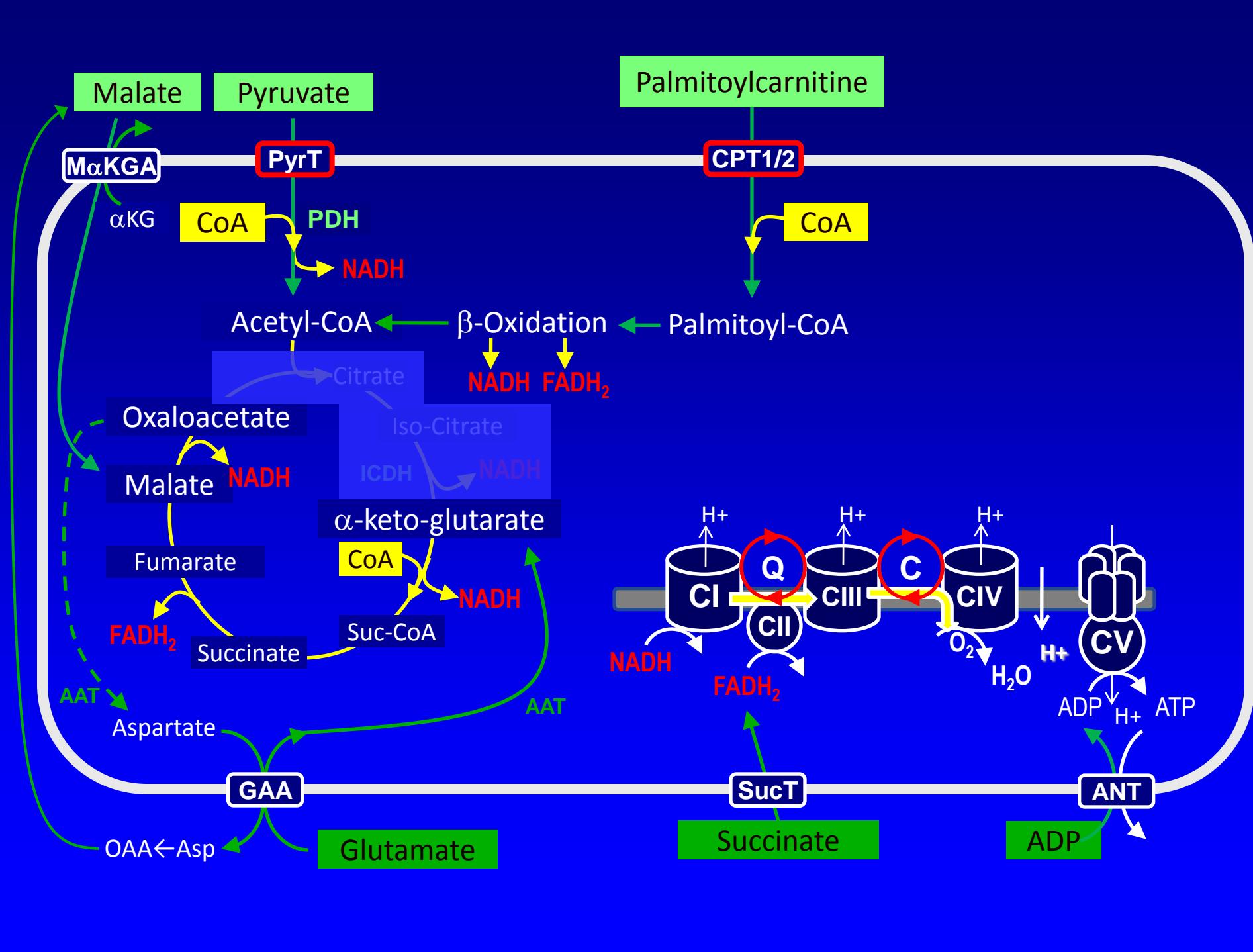


Taz deficiency must impair mitochondrial membrane transport of pyruvate and fatty acids and/or otherwise limit their oxidation by TCA cycle enzymes



# Metabolomic profile of *Taz* shRNA vs. WT hearts





# Notable effects of B<sub>5</sub>/CoA deficiency

- Impaired oxidation of glucose and fatty acids
- Enhanced taurine excretion (in rats)
- Growth failure and adrenal insufficiency
- Impaired cholesterol biosynthesis/ hypocholesterolemia  
leucine→3-methylglutaconyl-CoA →HMG-CoA

**Dilated cardiomyopathy due to type II X-linked 3-methylglutaconic aciduria: successful treatment with pantothenic acid**

I Östman-Smith, G Brown, A Johnson, J M Land

*Br Heart J* 1994;72:349–353

Long-term treatment of Barth syndrome with pantothenic acid:  
a retrospective study

Simone Rugolotto,<sup>a</sup> Maria D. Prioli,<sup>b</sup> Daniela Toniolo,<sup>c</sup> PierAntonio Pellegrino,<sup>d</sup>  
Susanna Catuogno,<sup>d</sup> and Alberto B. Burlina<sup>d,\*</sup>

Molecular Genetics and Metabolism 80 (2003) 408–411

# Acknowledgements

## Chicco Lab

Catherine Le

Chris Mulligan

Chris Nelson

Brett de Mooy

Scott Claiborne

Melissa Routh

Victoria Harcy

## Collaborators:

Zaza Khuchua, PhD

Genevieve Sparagna, PhD

Sylvia McCune, PhD



## Funding

Barth Syndrome Foundation

American Heart Association

NIH/NHLBI