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## A postprandial FGF19-SHP-LSD1 regulatory axis mediates epigenetic repression of hepatic autophagy

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1st Editorial Decision

19 September 2016

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to us. I have now received all reports on your work, which I enclose below.

As you will see, referee #1 appreciates your data but requests extension to include analysis of the modulation of SHP nuclear translocation or Creb/crtc2/shp interactions via mTORC1 or AMPK. Referee #2 points out that the current data set lacks appropriate controls, precluding proper judgment of whether your claims are sufficiently supported by data. It is thus very difficult at this stage to conclude whether a revised version of your work would be appropriate for publication in The EMBO Journal. However, given the constructive input provided by both referees, I can offer to consider a revised version. This clearly would demand a lot of time and effort, since many experiments would have to be repeated and / or reanalyzed. I can extend the revision time to six months, should that be helpful. I should add that it is EMBO Journal policy to allow only a single round of revision, and acceptance of your manuscript will therefore depend on the completeness of your responses in this revised version.

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**Response:** We thank the reviewer for raising this insightful and important issue about a potential crosstalk between acute nutrient-sensing kinase pathway and longer-term transcriptional pathway in regulation of hepatic autophagy. As we noted in the discussion, regulation of autophagy by feeding is complex and multiple pathways are involved. In the revision work, we investigated potential cross-talk between mTORC1-induced inhibition of autophagy and FGF19-induced inhibition of autophagy. To this end, we carried out several major experiments, including in vivo FGF19 and rapamycin co-treatment experiments as suggested by the reviewer. The responses to the specific comments from the reviewer are below:

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**Response:** We performed three independent liver ChIP (rapa ChIP) assays in mice to examine the effect of treatment with FGF19, rapamycin, or both to examine the functional CREB/CRTC2/SHP interaction at autophagy-related genes (Supplemental Fig. S5). To avoid confounding effects of fed state hormones, we treated fasted mice with FGF19 as in previous studies by us and other investigators. We examined the occupancy of SHP, CREB, and CRT2 at *Tfeb* (a key gene activator of autophagy) gene. FGF19 treatment increased SHP occupancy and decreased CRT2 occupancy and CREB occupancy was not changed. Treatment with rapamycin did not result in significant changes in the occupancies of these factors at *Tfeb* and cotreatment of rapamycin with FGF19 did not affect the FGF19-mediated changes. Occupancy of these proteins at *Gapdh* as a control was not detected, i.e. the same as the IgG control (Supplemental Fig. S5). These results suggest that FGF19 inhibition of autophagy gene expression is likely independent of mTORC1 and that mTOR signaling doesn't directly affect the functional interactions of SHP, CREB, and CRT2 at least at the *Tfeb* gene promoter.

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**Response:** This may be a result of confusion between the response to direct treatment with FGF19 and to feeding. After feeding, FGF19 is a late fed-state hormone and its serum levels peak 3-4 h after feeding much later than insulin signaling, so its action takes hours. Directly administered FGF19, however, acting through its membrane coreceptor complex quickly triggers the activation of intracellular signaling, including activation of ERK. Direct administered FGF19, therefore, would be expected to rapidly inhibit autophagy including that induced by rapamycin.

Alternatively, the reviewer's concern may be related to our conclusion that FGF19 acts via transcriptional regulation which would be slower than the inhibition of autophagy by the mTOR signaling pathway. This is a valid point and FGF19 signaling may affect a downstream component in the mTORC1 pathway. As noted below, more studies will be required to examine potential cross-talk between mTOR and FGF19 signaling. In the physiological setting, since mTORC1 signaling occurs early after feeding and FGF19 effects are delayed, the significance of FGF19 impacting the mTOR pathway may not be significant. Further, while mTOR signaling would be expected to be very rapid, substantial activation of autophagy induced by rapamycin requires an hr or more after addition of rapamycin. For example, see Zhou et al, Cell Research (2013) 23:508–523.

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**Response:** In response to the reviewer's suggestions, we performed FGF19 and rapamycin experiments in mice in vivo. Since mTORC1 inhibits autophagy by phosphorylation of ULK1 at S757 (Ki et al., Nature Cell Biol, 2011), we examined the effect of treatment with rapamycin, FGF19, or both on p-S757-ULK1 levels and autophagic flux as assessed by the ratio of LC3-II/LC3-I in mice (3 mice/group). Treatment with rapamycin decreased p-S757-ULK1 levels and increased autophagic flux as expected (Supplemental Fig. S2B). FGF19 treatment inhibited autophagic flux without changing the levels of mTORC1 targets, p-S6K or p-ULK1, and co-treatment with rapamycin and FGF19 largely blunted the rapamycin-induced autophagic flux without changing the p-S757-ULK1 levels (Supplemental Fig. S2B). FGF19 treatment also increased p-ERK levels as expected, whereas p-AMPK levels is not changed (Supplemental Fig. S2C). These results suggest that FGF19 inhibition of autophagic flux is likely largely independent of mTORC1.

Finally, as noted in the discussion, since the temporal dissociation of CRTC2 correlates closely with the early binding of FXR in FXR target genes and with the late binding of SHP in the SHP target genes in temporal CHIP assays (Fig. 7), phosphorylation of CRTC2 does not appear to be sufficient for dissociation of CRTC2 from autophagy genes after feeding. However, we also observed that inhibition of autophagy genes, at least two tested genes, *Tfeb* and *Atg3*, were attenuated with the phosphor-defective CRTC2 S171A mutant that remains constitutively in the nucleus (Supplemental Fig. S13). Thus, these results, taken together, suggest that both phosphorylation status of CRTC2 regulated by acute nutrient-sensing kinases and FXR- or SHP-binding at CREB-target autophagy genes contribute to the dissociation of CRTC2 from autophagy genes. We agree with the reviewer that nutrient regulation of autophagy is complex and cross-talk between these two pathways likely exists. A number of studies have shown the role of acute nutrient-sensing kinase in autophagy regulation, and the role of transcriptional regulation in autophagy has been emerging. Further studies will be required for clear understanding of functional crosstalk between these two (acute kinase and longer term transcriptional) pathways in nutrient regulation of autophagy.

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**Response:** Lipophagy is detected by the presence of autophagic vesicles within (inside) lipid vesicles as reported in recent lipophagy papers (Sinha et al., JCI, 2012; Lee et al., Nature, 2014). This can be detected by EM and also by co-staining of autophagic vesicles with BODIPY lipid staining (as we did in Fig. 5A). In the revision, we have quantified the co-localization of lipids and GFP-LC3 autophagic puncta (Fig. 5A, right bottom panel). While other approaches like GFP-LC3 immunogold staining are better, we believe that the data from the EM studies are sufficient to estimate the relative levels of lipophagy in different experimental groups.

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**Response:** Although color and appearance of liver in SHP-KO and FGF15-KO mice were not notably changed, lipid droplets in liver section detected by Oil Red-O staining were reduced and serum and liver triglyceride levels were significantly decreased in SHP-KO mice (Supplemental Fig. S8B-C). Notably, neutral lipid levels were decreased in fed mice but these effects were not observed in SHP-KO mice (Supplemental Fig. S8D) and only modestly affected in FGF15-KO mice (Supplemental Fig. S8E).

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**Response:** We measured p-ERK levels as an indicator of intact FGF19 signaling. P-ERK levels were similar in WT, SHP-KO, and LSD1-downregulated mice, indicating that FGF19 signaling is intact and results from these studies in SHP-KO and LSD1-downregulated mice are presented in Supplemental Fig. S2A and S7H, respectively. Protein levels of CREB, CRTC2 and LSD1 in WT and SHP-KO mice were also measured and presented in Supplemental Fig. S7B.

2) Most data are antibody-based (IHC, western blot, ChIP...) but control for specific signal is lacking in several instances.

**Response:** In this study, we have used SHP antibody purchased from Santa Cruz Biotech (SC-30169, H-160). The antibody quality is adequate, although not superb, and works reasonably well for IB, IHC, IP (including ChIP) and has been used in our previous studies, including a recent SHP ChIP-seq study (Genome Biology 16:268 2015), in which we identified SHP binding sites globally in hepatic chromatin in mice treated with vehicle or FGF19. Using ChIP and IB studies in SHP-KO

mice as a control, we have verified the specificity and quality of the SHP antibody in published studies in WT and SHP-KO mice (Kim et al. *Genome Biology*, 2015). In the revision, we also detected SHP using the SHP antibody by IB in WT, FXR-KO, and SHP-KO mice (Supplemental Fig. S10A), and by IHC in WT and SHP-KO mice and showed that protein was detected only in the WT mice (Supplemental Fig. S8A). In addition, the specificity of the antibody has been confirmed in published studies which are referenced in the method part of the paper (page 19). Validation of an antibody to detect LSD1 was also examined using IHC and the data is presented in Supplemental Fig. S7G.

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#### Supplemental Table S6

Method to call ChIP-seq peaks for Transcription factors (TF) used in manuscript as described for in the published papers for each factor

TF	Method
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PPAR $\alpha$	Peaks were called using FindPeaks 4 with the following parameters: 0.1 for subpeaks and 0.3 for trim-peaks. All peaks with less than 10 overlapping reads were discarded.
SHP	Peaks were called by MACS2 version 2.0.10.20130501 using options '-g 1.87e9 -B'. Peaks with False Discovery Rate (FDR) < 0.05 were kept.
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**Response:** FXR binding peaks, but not SHP peaks are detected at *Atg4* gene (Supplemental Fig. S11). We have shown that the majority (over 70%) of global SHP binding peaks were localized at the proximal promoter regions (Kim et al., Genome Biol, 16:268, 2015). Also, FXR binding was detected mostly at the intronic and intergenic regions (Lee et al., Hepatology, 2012). Regions analyzed were at the promoter regions for genes containing only SHP binding peaks or SHP and FXR both binding peaks and intron regions for FXR only binding peaks.

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**Response:** We thank the reviewer for pointing out this important issue. In all of the data with statistical significance presented in the revised manuscript, the number of independent replicates is now indicated. Furthermore, SD is used to indicate variability and the n values are presented in the figure legends.

Minor points:

1) What was the feeding status of mice used in Fig. 6B?

**Response:** GW4064 is a synthetic specific agonist for the feeding-sensing bile acid nuclear receptor FXR. To test the pharmacological effect of this compound, mice are fasted for 12 h to avoid confounding activation of FXR by feeding. This has been indicated in the figure legend (Fig. 6B).

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**Response:** The typo has been corrected.

2nd Editorial Decision

18 January 2017

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As you will see, referee #1 appreciates the revision. Referee #2, however, notes several issues with the revision that still need to be addressed. The issues relate directly to the work performed during revision and they preclude publication of your manuscript in the EMBO Journal at this stage. Though we usually only allow a single round of revision, I can offer to consider a further revised manuscript, should you be able to address the remaining concerns. Please get in touch with me to discuss the revision further if needed.

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4) Related to this point, the authors indicate on p14 that ' In sharp contrast to the genes with SHP binding sites, occupancy of LSD1 was not detected, and H3K4-me3 levels did not change'. However, the authors indicate that for these genes intronic regions bound by FXR were analyzed. Since H3K4me3 is low at enhancers compared to promoters (Heintzman et al. Nat G 2007), which is in line with the low H3K4me3 levels at the atg4 intronic region in Fig.7, the relevance of this observation is questionable.

2nd Revision - authors' response

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**Response:** CREB is a transcription factor driving hepatic fasting metabolic responses that promotes glucose production in the liver. It is well known that CREB is abundantly expressed in hepatic cells and hepatocytes and we also observed CREB is expressed in Hepa1c1c7 cells in the current study (Fig. S6C) and in previous studies (Fig. 3, Seok et al, Nature, 2014), so that inhibition of “basal activity” mediated by these endogenous factors would be expected. Importantly, SHP and LSD1 inhibit the CREB/CRTC2-mediated increase in transcription when CREB and CRTC2 are overexpressed, providing strong evidence that SHP and LSD1 inhibit CREB/CRTC2-mediated transcriptional activity. Furthermore, additional evidence that CREB is a target of SHP and LSD1 is provided in the bioinformatics analysis (Fig. 2B, Table S2), molecular and biochemical analyses (Fig. 2D-F), and immunofluorescence analysis (Fig. 2H) presented in this study. We feel these

experiments utilizing multiple approaches provide substantial and strong evidence supporting the conclusion that SHP and LSD1 inhibit CREB/CRTC2-mediated transcription.

2) Statistical analysis:

While the authors indicate that SD is used instead of SEM, all error bars look identical to the previous version of the manuscript, Student t tests are used throughout the manuscript while this test does not apply in most instances. No correction for multiple testing.

**Response:** The reviewer is correct that in nearly all cases, the error bars did not change. In preparing the first revision, we found that for experiments in the original manuscript, SD had been calculated and we mistakenly indicated in the figure legends that the SEM had been calculated. Changes were needed only for experiments in Fig.1A. We are sorry that we did not clearly point this out in the first revision. We have used the Student t-test to examine statistical significance between two experimental groups as indicated in the figures. We believe this is an appropriate use of this statistical method.

3) Genes defined as FXR or SHP only in Fig.7 actually appear to be bound by both factors in Fig.S11 (at same sites (uvrag, atg9b) or different sites (mapk8, atg4a)). This challenges the conclusions regarding the role exerted by FXR and SHP including the proposed temporal changes in repression mechanisms, which is one of the important conclusions.

**Response:** The conclusions of which genes were selectively bound by FXR or SHP were based on the presence of statistically significant peaks i.e. "called peaks". In the displays, there are often small peaks which are not statistically significant binding sites based on the criteria used for calling peaks.

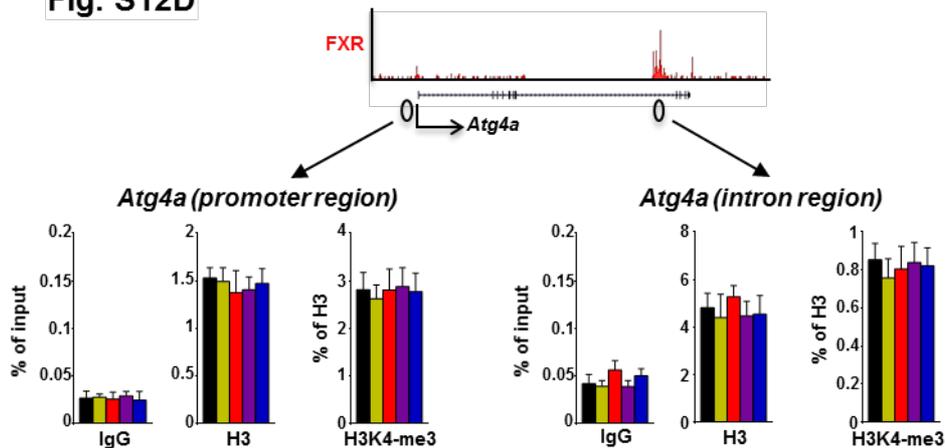
4) Related to this point, the authors indicate on p14 that 'In sharp contrast to the genes with SHP binding sites, occupancy of LSD1 was not detected, and H3K4-me3 levels did not change'. However, the authors indicate that for these genes intronic regions bound by FXR were analyzed. Since H3K4me3 is low at enhancers compared to promoters (Heintzman et al. Nat G 2007), which is in line with the low H3K4me3 levels at the atg4 intronic region in Fig.7, the relevance of this observation is questionable.

**Response:**

This is an important issue and we thank the reviewer for pointing out this issue. To address the reviewer's concern, we determined histone H3K4me3 levels at the proximal promoter region of the *Atg4a* gene using the same genomic DNA from the ChIP assays used in the intron region (Fig. 7A) and include the data for the information of the reviewers below and also has been presented in supplemental Fig. S12D in the revision manuscript. In spite of the inhibition of these genes by FXR and in contrast to the promoter regions of genes inhibited by SHP, the levels of histone H3K4me3 at the promoter did not change with time after feeding. This experiment provides further evidence that, compared to FXR repression of autophagy genes, a major and unique mechanism of SHP repression of autophagy genes is through recruitment of LSD1, which leads to epigenetic repression of these genes by decreasing histone H3K4me3 levels.

**Effects of feeding times on histone H3K4-me3 levels at *Atg4a*:** Mice were fasted for 12 h and then, fed for 1, 2, 4, or 8 h and livers were collected for ChIP assays. Histone H3K4-me3 levels were determined both at the intron region of *Atg4a* (chrX:137586310-137586816) having FXR binding peaks and the promoter region (chrX:137491147-137491430) as control. The intron data are also presented in Fig. 7A, middle.

Fig. S12D



Editor: Pre-Decision Consultation

14 February 2017

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript to our journal.

As pointed out in my previous decision letter, we usually only allow a single round of revision. I nevertheless offered a further revision, pending satisfactory responses to the remaining concerns of referee #2. I also asked you to get in touch with me in case of trouble addressing the concerns.

As you will see below, referee #2 is not satisfied with the revision and thinks that her/his constructive comments, aimed at improving your manuscript, were not taken seriously. The following issues still remain:

- use of student's t-test as performed is inappropriate (used in all figures: 1-A-H; 2-C,D,G,H; 3-B-E; 4-A-F; 5-A-I; 6-A-E; 7C)
- the conclusion of figure S11 is not supported (meta-analysis of published ChIP-seq data grouped into peaks occurring for one transcription factor or another or both)

I consulted with an additional statistician and ChIP-seq expert, who thinks that these are valid concerns. Please see the comments of this expert below.

Since the very same issues were raised in the previous round of peer-review and have not been resolved, it is impossible for me to commit to another round of revision until I know clearly that the issues can be resolved. Therefore, before I can take a decision on your manuscript, I would need to see another version of it and of a detailed point-by-point response. This would allow you to show how you would incorporate the requested changes (potentially with the help of a statistician at your institute; and see also <http://emboj.embopress.org/content/35/16/1726.long>). A positive decision on your manuscript will thus depend on complete incorporation of the requested changes and obviously on the data still being supported when using appropriate statistical tests. Please also note that table S6 does not list FXR at the moment, and that potential issues regarding the conclusions drawn from the meta-analysis are not sufficiently mentioned in the manuscript.

Please send me the revised manuscript and point-by-point draft by reply email so that I can take an editorial decision on your manuscript. Thank you very much.

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## REFEREE REPORTS

Referee #2:

In their rebuttal, the authors have either not convincingly addressed my points (point3; definition of FXR and SHP only target genes remain an issue) or disregarded my comments (statistics are still wrong). Since these issues remain after 2 rounds of reviews, I do not feel confident the authors are willing to take these comments into consideration.

Statistician / ChIP-seq expert:

Stats issues:

The referee is correct: the authors use ratios everywhere. They are inherently skewed and not suitable for a t-test. One should instead work with log<sub>2</sub> ratios. A t-test can then be used as this makes the distribution of the ratios more symmetric.

Also, a lot of tests are performed, but no multiple testing correction is ever applied (as the reviewer also notes). One needs to apply this to each set of tests, such as the ones presented in Figs. 1A, B, 2C, 3B, C etc.

The authors should report log<sub>2</sub>-transformed ratios, use a t-test and perform multiple testing correction (e.g. FDR, Holm, Bonferroni etc.)

ChIP Seq comparison figure issue:

The ChIP Seq figures are of really bad quality: they have a very low resolution, there are no genomic coordinates on the x-axis and there is no y-axis, so one cannot compare the peak heights. They definitely need to be redone in my opinion.

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Pre-Decision Consultation - authors' response

16 February 2017

Thank you for your patience with this paper. We have consulted an expert in statistics who agrees with reviewer 2 that the Student t-test is not appropriate for many of our experiments (excepting cases of direct comparison of two groups) and that a post-test is needed for the multiple samples.

This individual suggested using a 1-way or 2-way ANOVA with a Bonferroni post-test which is what we are proposing without doing the log transformation of the data. The log transformed data (see below) are not intuitive (see example, please see below) and in reviewing analysis in many papers with similar data (relative mRNA levels, ChIP-seq related to input) log transformation is not usually used for this type of analysis.

We are working with our bioinformatic co-authors to provide a better figure for the ChIP-seq browser display (Fig. S11) and will provide a better description of the rationale and criteria for selecting the FXR-only, SHP-only, and FXR and SHP genes for analysis.

If this approach is satisfactory, we will make the changes and resubmit the manuscript.

We look forward to hearing your answer and advice.

Response to reviewer concerns.

We thank the reviewers and the editor for their patience with this submission and their additional constructive comments. We are sorry for the slow response, but we have tried to address each point very carefully, particularly the statistical analysis which has taken some time.

**Editor Letter:** use of student's t-test as performed is inappropriate (used in all figures: 1-A-H; 2-C,D,G,H; 3-B-E; 4-A-F; 5-A-I; 6-A-E; 7C)

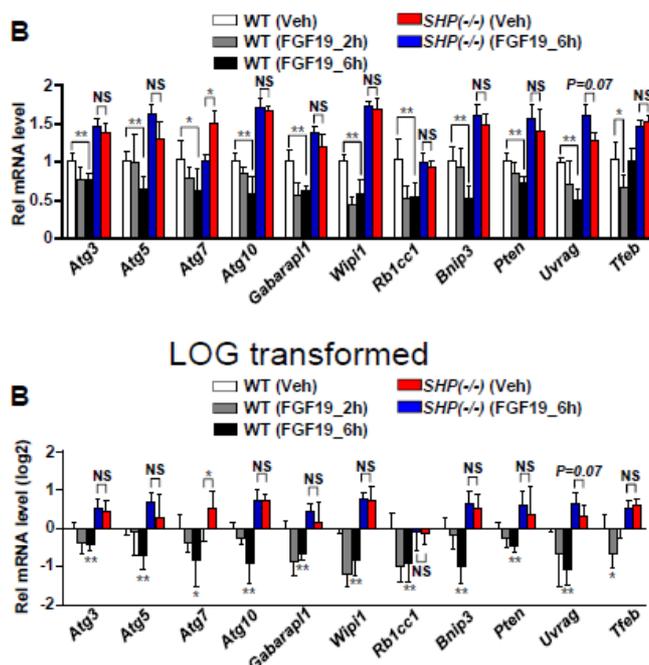
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We have consulted an expert in statistics who agrees with reviewer 2 that the Student t-test is not appropriate for many of our experiments (excepting cases of direct comparison of two groups) and that a post-test is needed for the multiple samples. As suggested we have reanalyzed the statistical significance of all the data. GraphPad Prism 6 (GraphPad software version 6.01) was used for data analysis. Statistical significance was determined by the Student's two-tailed t test, Mann-Whitney test or one- or two-way ANOVA with the Bonferroni post-test for single or multiple comparisons as appropriate. Whenever relevant, the assumptions of normality were verified using the Shapiro–Wilk test, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test or the D'agostino-Pearson omnibus test. P-values < 0.05 were considered as statistically significant. We have modified the figures to indicate the results of this analysis and have indicated in the figure legends the specific methods used for each experiment in the figure.

We have not done the log transform of the data as suggested by the Statistician/ChIP-seq expert since the presentation of the data in this form is not intuitive and we believe would be confusing to the reader. In reviewing a number of papers presenting data similar to ours, this is not generally done.

An example of the transform that results in confusing presentation is below:



**Editor Letter:** *the conclusion of figure S11 is not supported (meta-analysis of published ChIP-seq data grouped into peaks occurring for one transcription factor or another or both)*

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In response to the Statistician/ChIP-seq expert we have redrawn the browser images presented in Figures 2B, S1B, S11, and S12 with the X and Y axes defined properly. We have also better explained in the legend to Figure S11 the rationale for categorizing the genes for SHP or FXR binding. In particular, we have clarified that the categorization of the binding sites in genes into SHP only, FXR only, and both SHP and FXR was based on only SHP peaks at the promoter for SHP only, both SHP and FXR peaks at the promoter for both SHP and FXR, or no SHP peaks at the promoter with FXR peaks in an intron for the FXR only. We further clarified that the ChIP data in Figs. 7 and S12 analyzed these binding peak regions for FXR or SHP in the text and in the heading within the figures for each category. Thus, the ChIP assays analyzed protein binding and histone modification in the region of the specific binding sites.

**Editor Letter:** *table S6 does not list FXR at the moment*

We have added the description for FXR to table S6.

Editor: 2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Decision Consultation

21 March 2017

Thank you very much again for sending another revised version of your manuscript for my assessment.

I went through the text and associated figures and I noted the following issues:

- Figure 1: In my view it would make sense to also analyze the significance of the difference between +/- FGF19/feeding treatment for SHP-/- and FGF15-/- groups in panel C, E, G, H to better match your ms text.
- Figure 2D and S6: You note 'Further, siRNA-mediated downregulation of CREB reduced the occupancy of SHP at Tfeb, Atg3, and Atg7'. In my view, this conclusion is not supported: you pull with CREB (which is downregulated), so obviously you shouldn't be able to re-ChIP with SHP, CRTC2 and CREB in the KD condition.
- Figure 4 E and F: You note 'Further, FGF19 or feeding dramatically decreased the number of LC3 puncta in mouse liver, and downregulation of LSD1 partially reversed the decrease'. In my view, this conclusion is not supported: there is a strong decrease in LC3 puncta upon FGF19/feeding treatment in the KD condition.
- Figure 5 G, I: legends are missing
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- Figure 6 D, F: You note: 'Conversely, the decreased LC3-II puncta and decreased ratio of LC3-II to LC3-I after FGF19 treatment in WT mice were attenuated in FXR-/- mice'. In my view, this conclusion is not supported: there is a strong decrease in LC3 puncta/LC3II/I ratio upon FGF19 treatment in the KD condition.
- Figure S3: In my view it would be good to also analyze the significance of the difference between +/- feeding treatment in the SHP-/- condition to better match your ms text.
- Figure S9B: In my view it would be good to also analyze the significance of the difference between +/- feeding treatment in the SHP-/- condition to better match your ms text.

Prior to taking an editorial decision, I would appreciate if you could further comment on these issues via response email. Thank you very much.

Thank you very much for your careful reading of our manuscript and constructive comments. We made the following changes in response to your suggestions (detailed below) which significantly improved the manuscript.

We have placed the revised manuscript and figures in a dropbox as before in a folder called EMBOJ-2016-95500-3-27-2017.

We hope the manuscript will now be acceptable for publication.

### **Response to concerns.**

**- Figure 1: In my view it would make sense to also analyze the significance of the difference between +/- FGF19/feeding treatment for SHP-/- and FGF15-/- groups in panel C, E, G, H to better match your ms text.**

All of these significance differences had been analyzed, but we initially did not add a lot of the NS (statistically not significant) comparisons just to simplify the figures which were quite noisy. We have now put the suggested significance comparisons in the figure.

**- Figure 2D and S6: You note 'Further, siRNA-mediated downregulation of CREB reduced the occupancy of SHP at Tfeb, Atg3, and Atg7'. In my view, this conclusion is not supported: you pull with CREB (which is downregulated), so obviously, you shouldn't be able to re-ChIP with SHP, CRTC2 and CREB in the KD condition.**

You are right that this was badly worded. The important result of the re-ChIP is that SHP and CREB co-occupy the genes and the siCREB is basically a control showing that the SHP detected is not from non-specific binding, but is dependent on CREB. We have rewritten this as follows:

“Further, in re-ChIP assays, SHP was detected in CREB-bound chromatin indicating the co-occupancy of SHP and CREB at these genes, and as a control, downregulation of CREB showed that SHP occupancy in the CREB-bound chromatin was dependent on CREB (Fig. 2D and Supplemental Fig. S6A).”

**- Figure 4 E and F: You note 'Further, FGF19 or feeding dramatically decreased the number of LC3 puncta in mouse liver, and downregulation of LSD1 partially reversed the decrease'. In my view, this conclusion is not supported: there is a strong decrease in LC3 puncta upon FGF19/feeding treatment in the KD condition.**

We believe that in this case, these data show that there is a partial reversal after LSD downregulation so that the FGF19-mediated decrease is reduced from about 80% (82% in E; 74% in F) to 45% (40% in E; 49% in F) by LSD downregulation and also that basal levels are increased by LSD downregulation. We have rewritten this sentence as follows:

“Further, FGF19 or feeding dramatically decreased the number of LC3 puncta in mouse liver, and downregulation of LSD1 substantially increased basal puncta numbers and partially reversed the decrease in the numbers of puncta after FGF19 or feeding from about 80% to 45% (Fig. 4E, F).”

**- Figure 5 G, I: legends are missing**

Legends have been added.

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Suggested comparisons have been added-see first comment.

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We agree that the way this is stated is incorrect. We have reworded this to be consistent with the results as follows:

“Conversely, basal numbers of LC3-II puncta and the basal ratio of LC3-II to LC3-I were increased in FXR<sup>-/-</sup> mice and were decreased after FGF19 treatment in both WT and FXR<sup>-/-</sup> mice, but were significantly higher after FGF19 treatment in FXR<sup>-/-</sup> mice compared to WT mice (Fig. 6D, E).”

**- Figure S3: In my view it would be good to also analyze the significance of the difference between +/- feeding treatment in the SHP<sup>-/-</sup> condition to better match your ms text.**

Suggested comparisons have been added-see first comment.

**- Figure S9B: In my view it would be good to also analyze the significance of the difference between +/- feeding treatment in the SHP<sup>-/-</sup> condition to better match your ms text.**

Suggested comparisons have been added-see first comment.

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3rd Editorial Decision

29 March 2017

Many thanks for sending a further revised version of your manuscript to me. I have not involved the original referees or the advisor again, but have assessed myself your responses to the issues I noted. I appreciate the introduced changes, and I am happy to say that we can now move towards publication with your manuscript.

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3rd Revision - authors' response

31 March 2017

(Authors uploaded the data from the pre-decision consultation.)

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4th Editorial Decision

04 April 2017

Thank you for submitting the final version of your manuscript to us. This is a version containing the data you had made available earlier for pre-decision assessment. As mentioned before, I appreciate the introduced changes addressing the issues referee #2, a statistician, and myself noted, and I am happy to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the EMBO Journal.

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