



# NK2R control of energy expenditure and feeding to treat metabolic diseases

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# **Background:** The relationship between Obesity and Diabetes

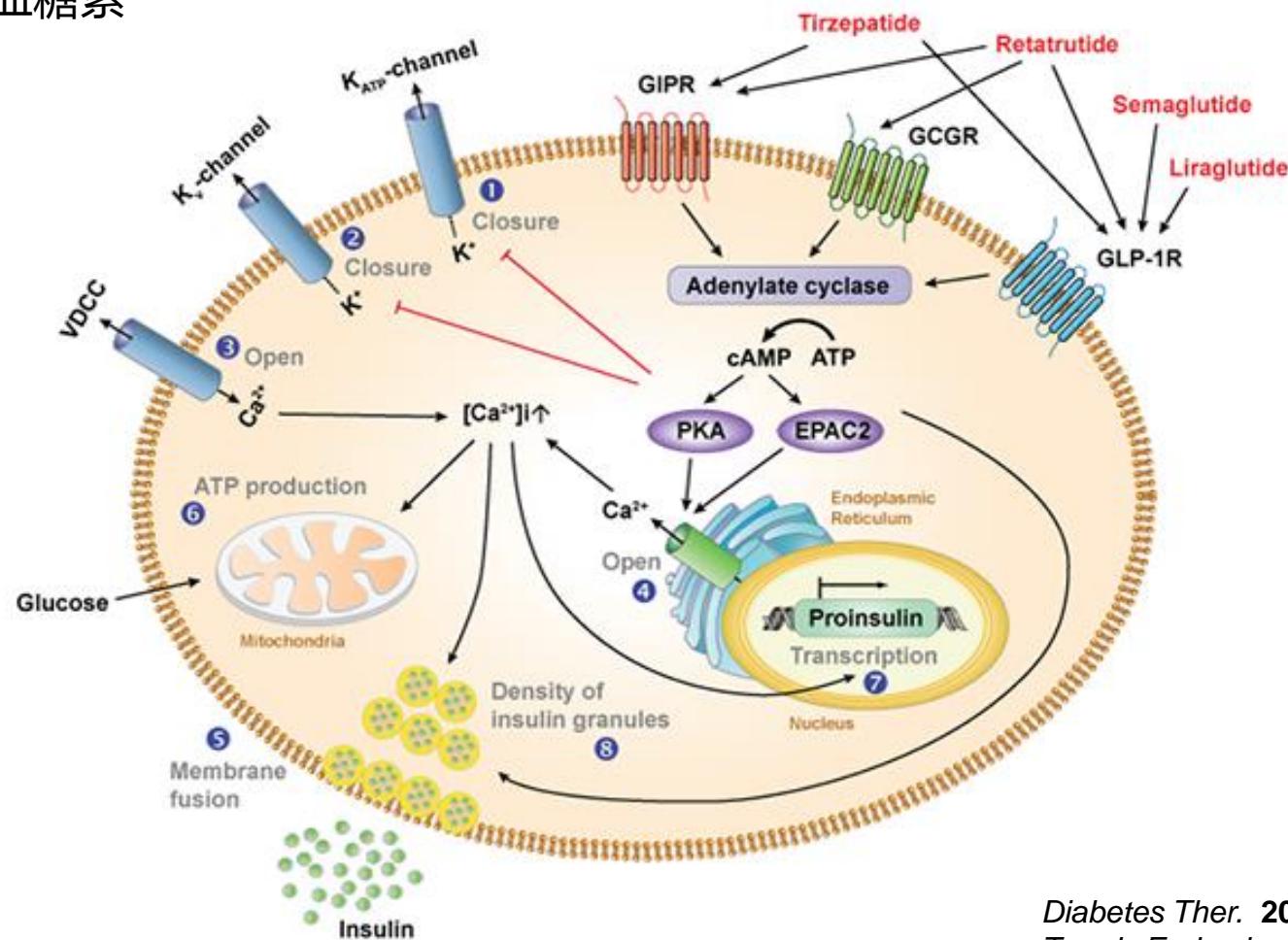


# Background: Targeting GLP-1, GIP & GCG in Obesity and T2DM

GLP-1 (Glucagon-Like Peptide-1), 肠促胰岛素类激素

GIP (Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide), 肠促胰岛素类激素

GCG (Glucagon), 胰高血糖素



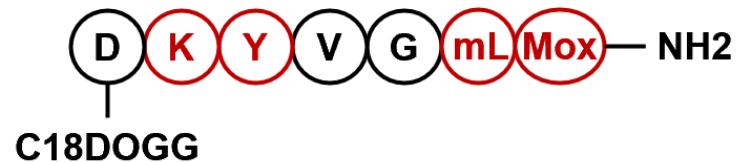
## 数据库 遗传筛选



## NK2R

### NK2R Agonists的开发

EB0002



### NK2R Agonists核心特点

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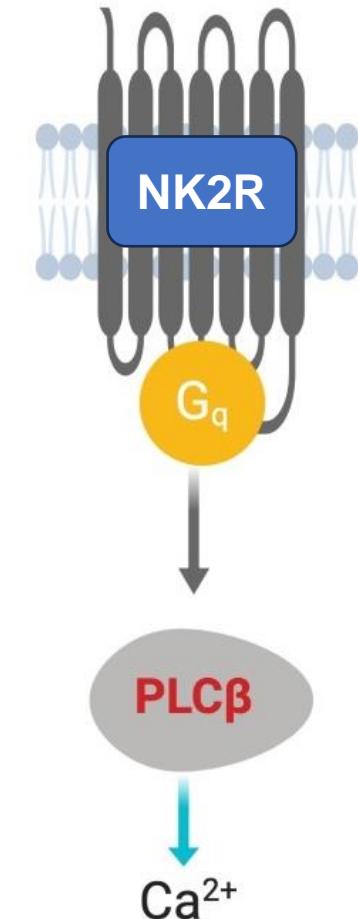
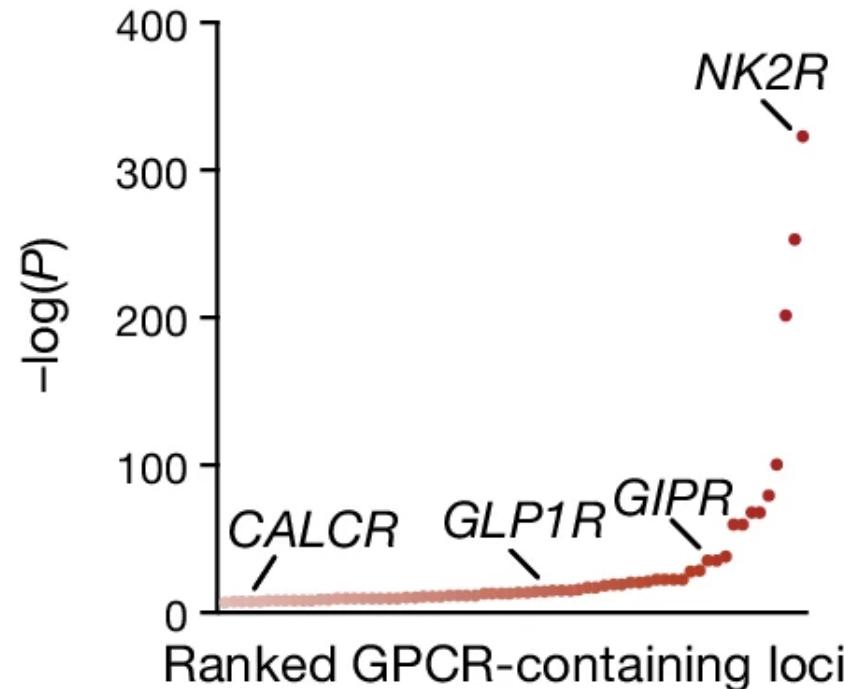
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**Database:**

T2D-KP

(HugeAMP Type 2

Diabetes Knowledge Portal)

**Methods:**筛选与HbA1c水平显著相关的  
的380多个非嗅觉类的  
GPCR基因

糖化血红蛋白 (HbA1c) 水平是血糖控制和糖尿病进展的主要临床指标。

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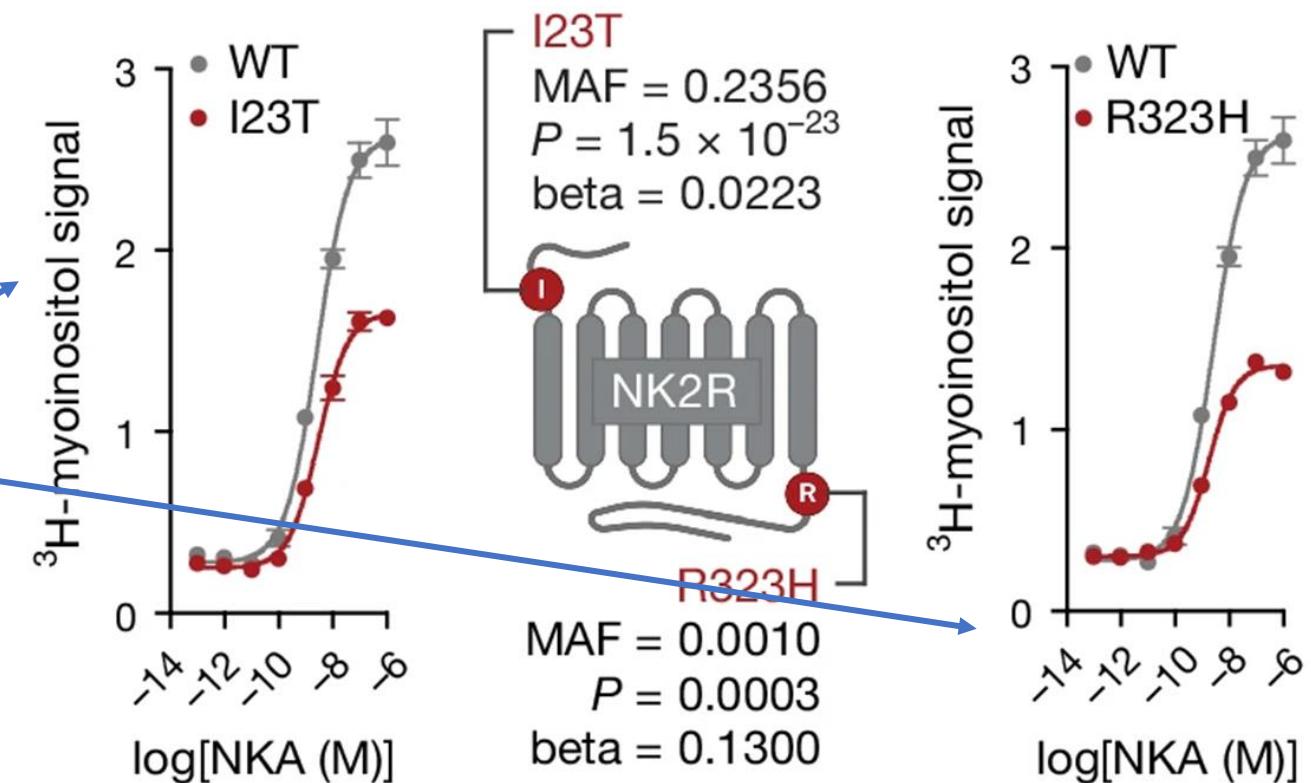
## Four missense variants:

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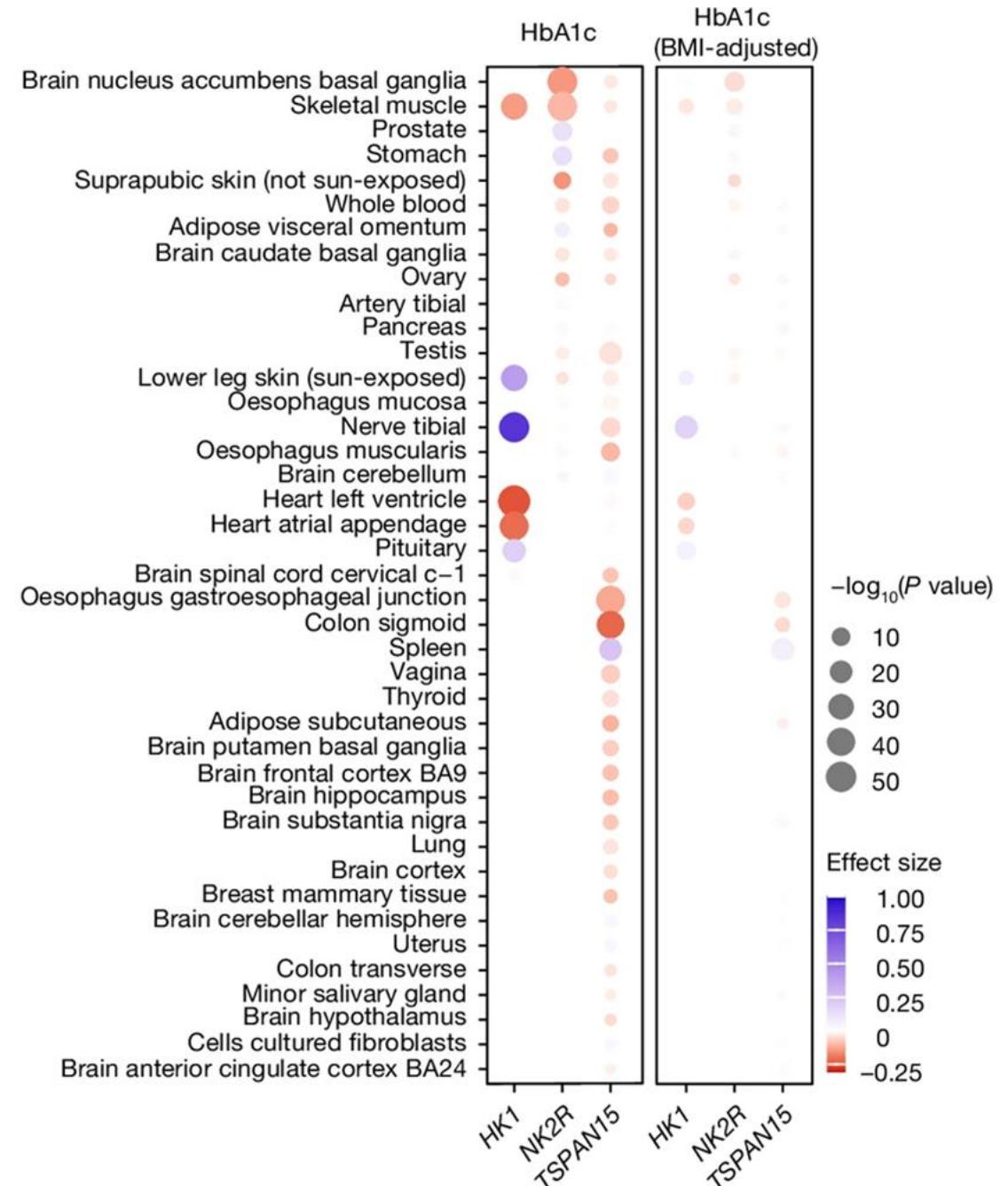
R323H (rs61732393; MAF = 0.10%)

V54I (rs151093941; MAF = 0.025%)

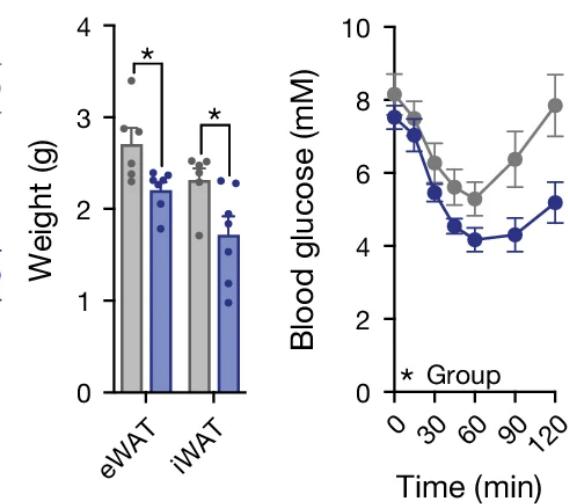
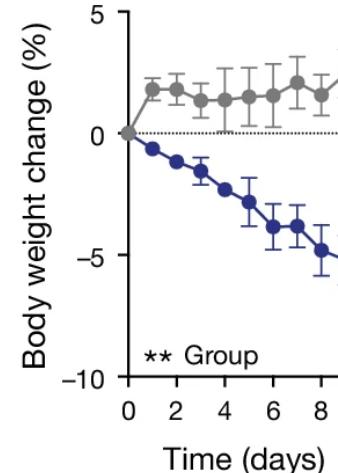
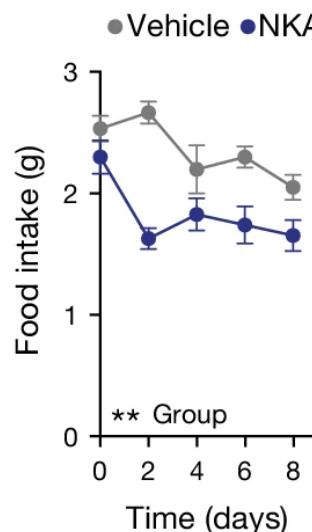
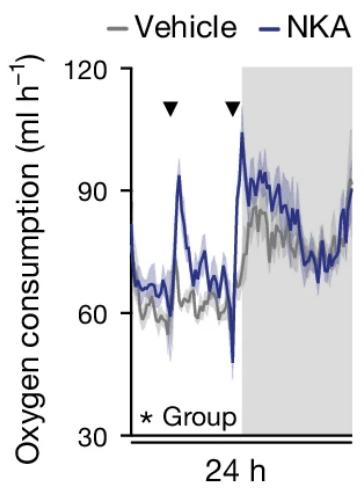
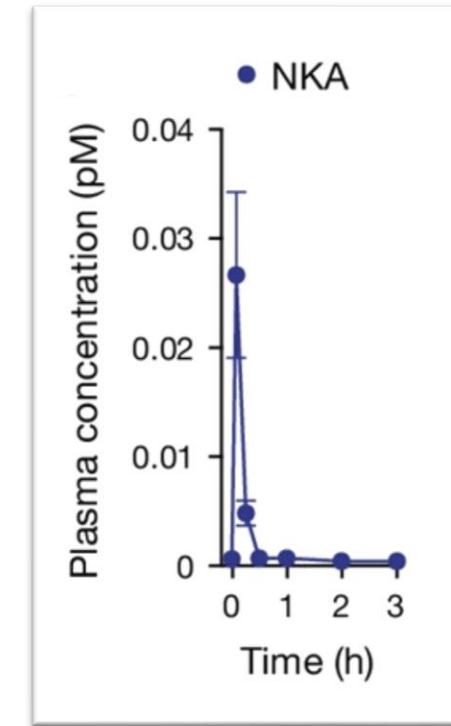
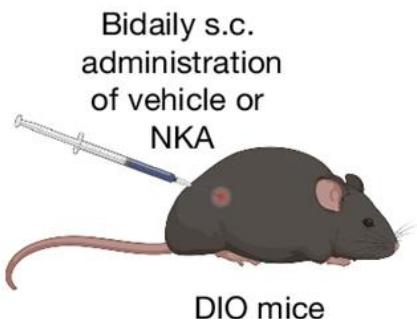
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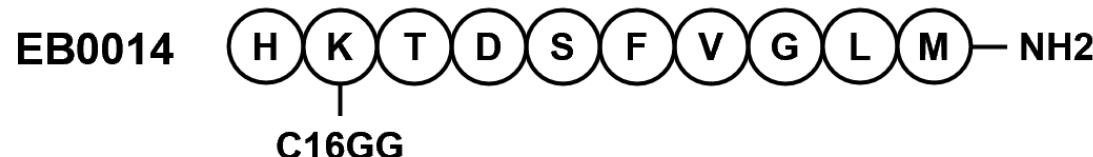
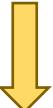
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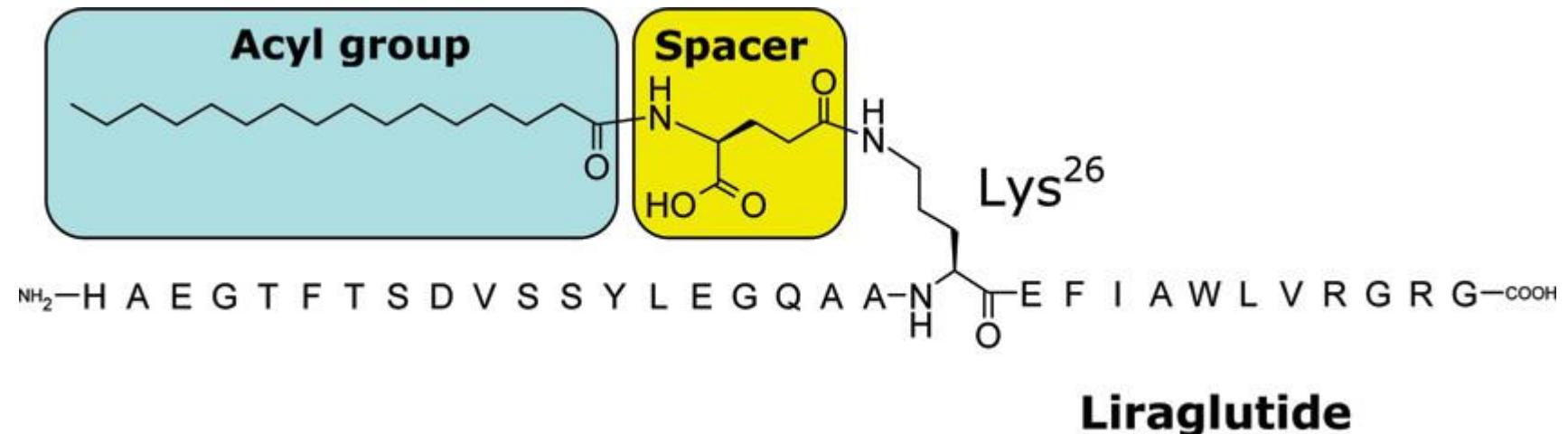
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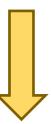
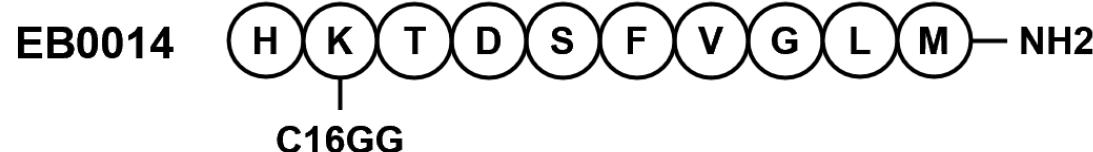
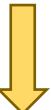
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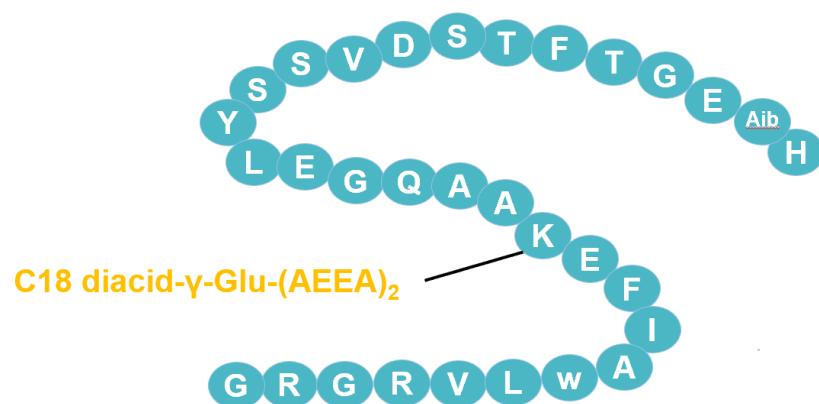
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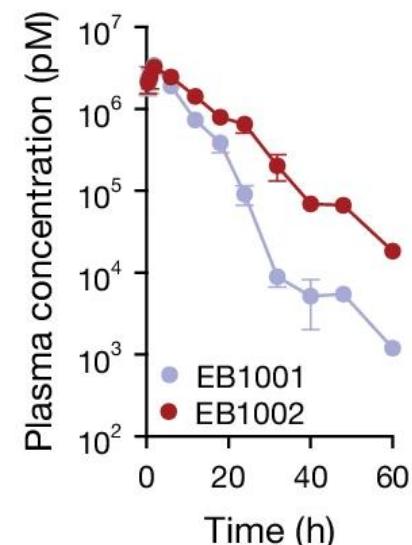
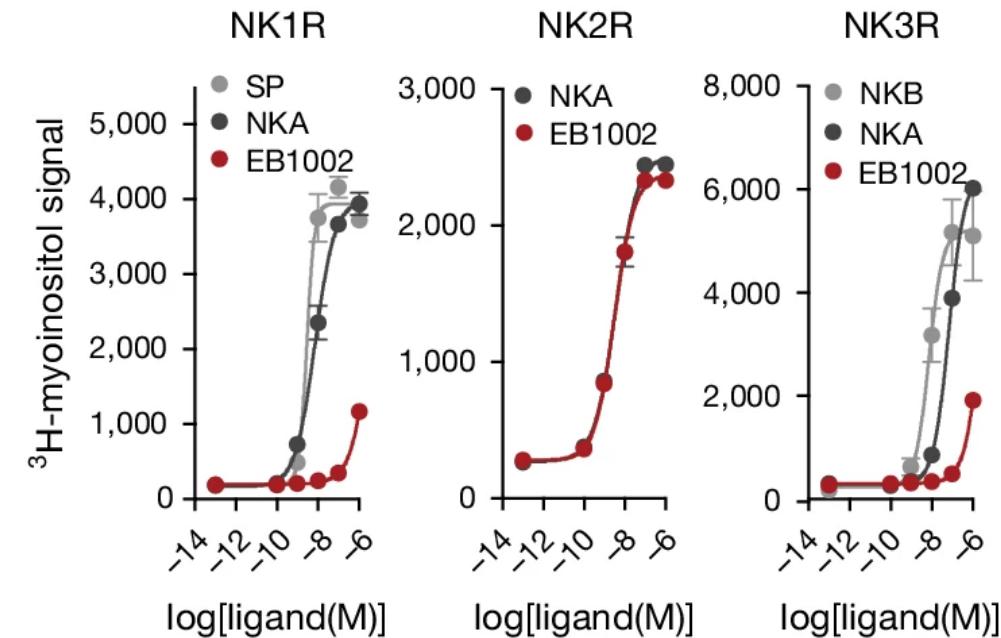
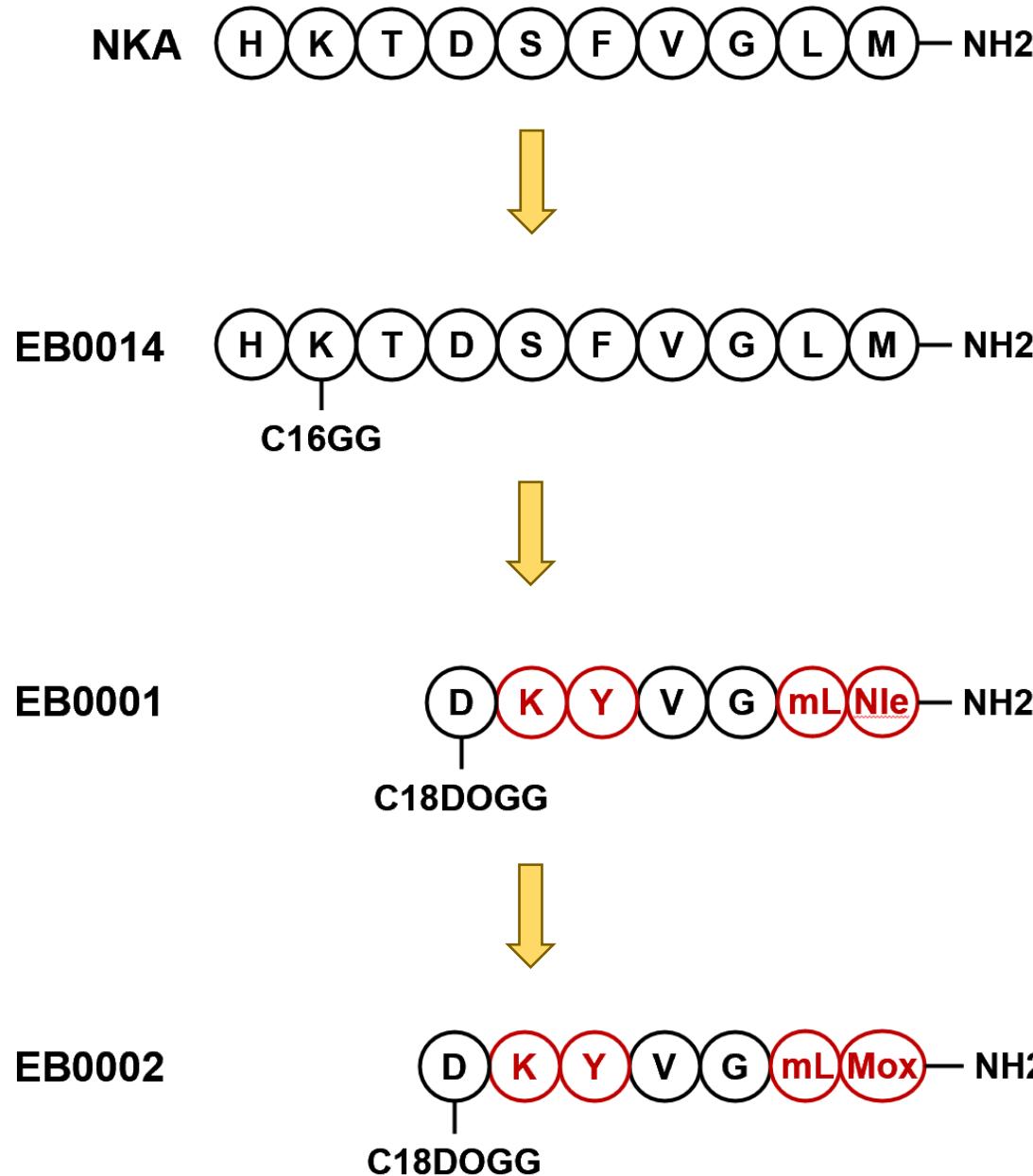
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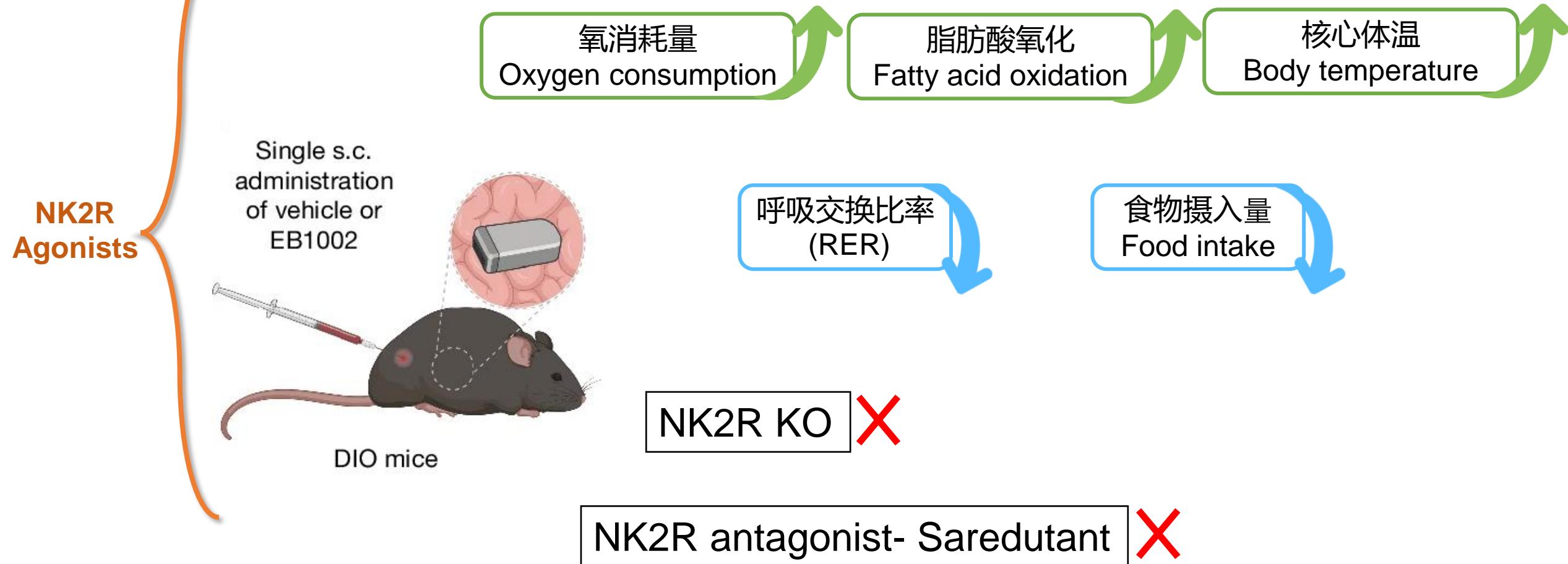


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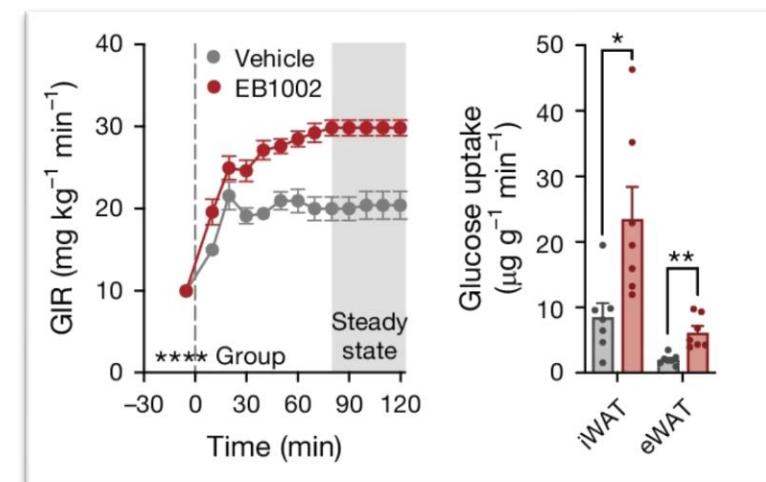
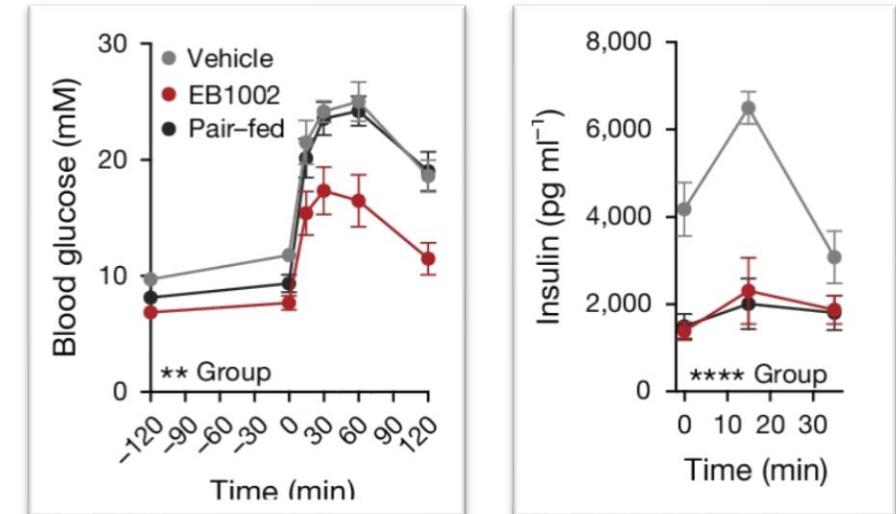
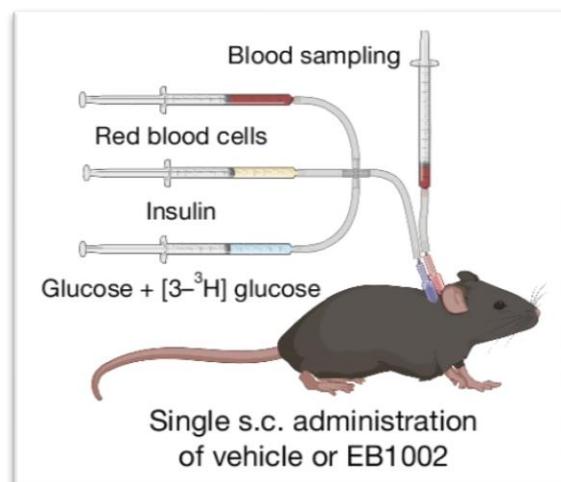
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配对喂养实验  
(pair-feeding)

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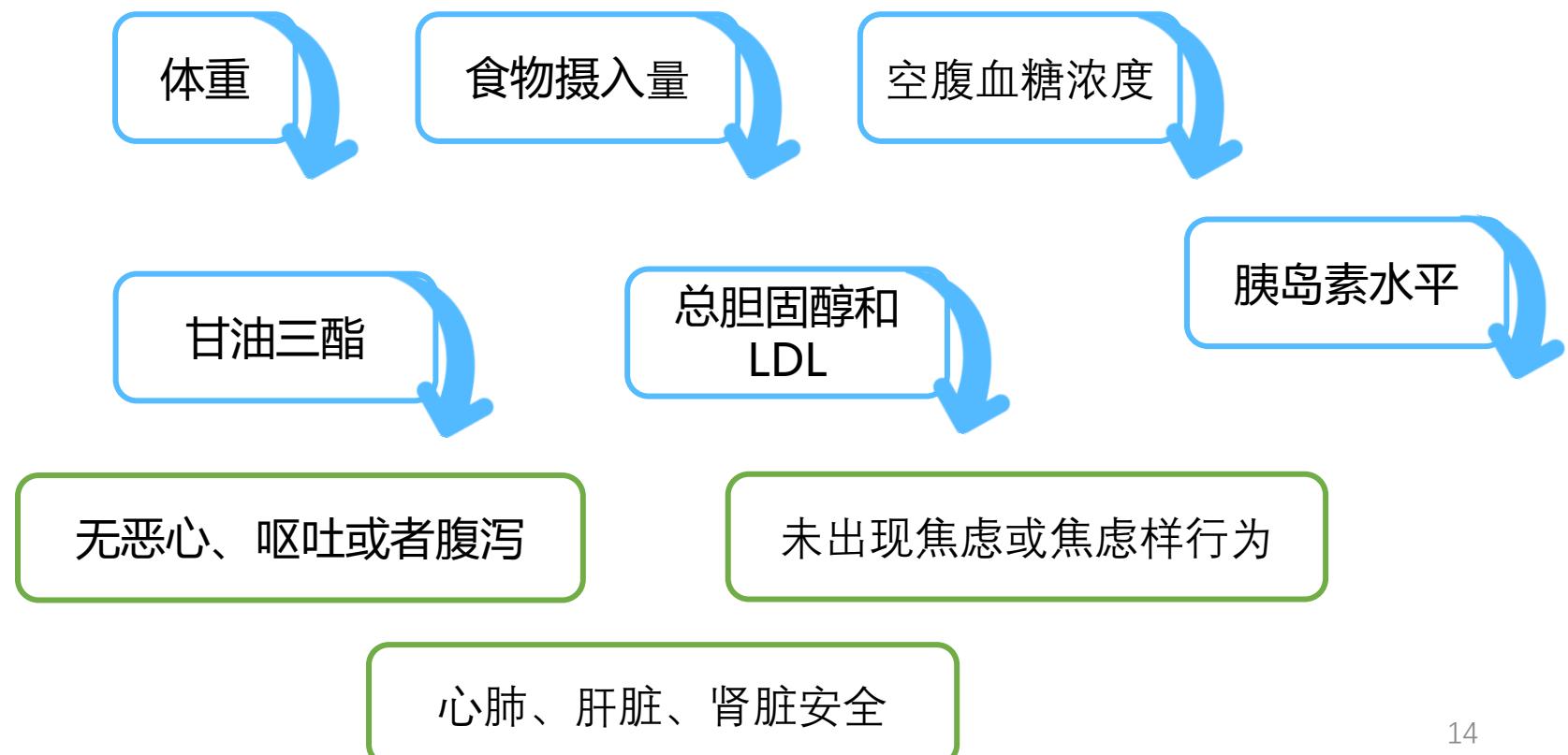
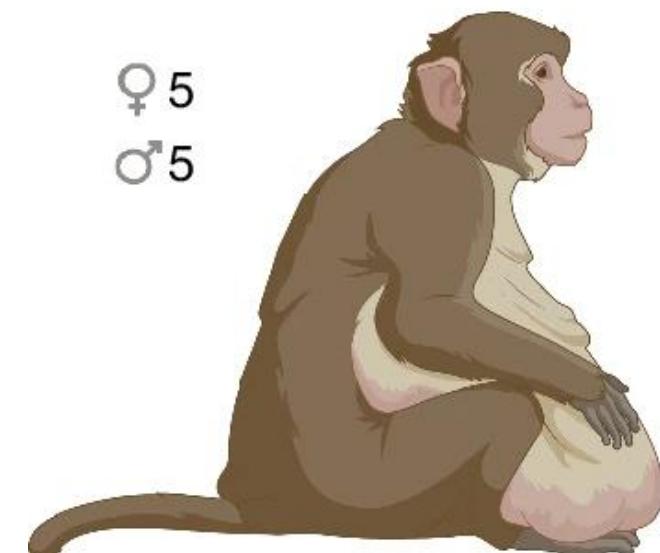
高胰岛素正常血糖钳夹研究  
(hyperinsulinaemic euglycaemic clamp study)

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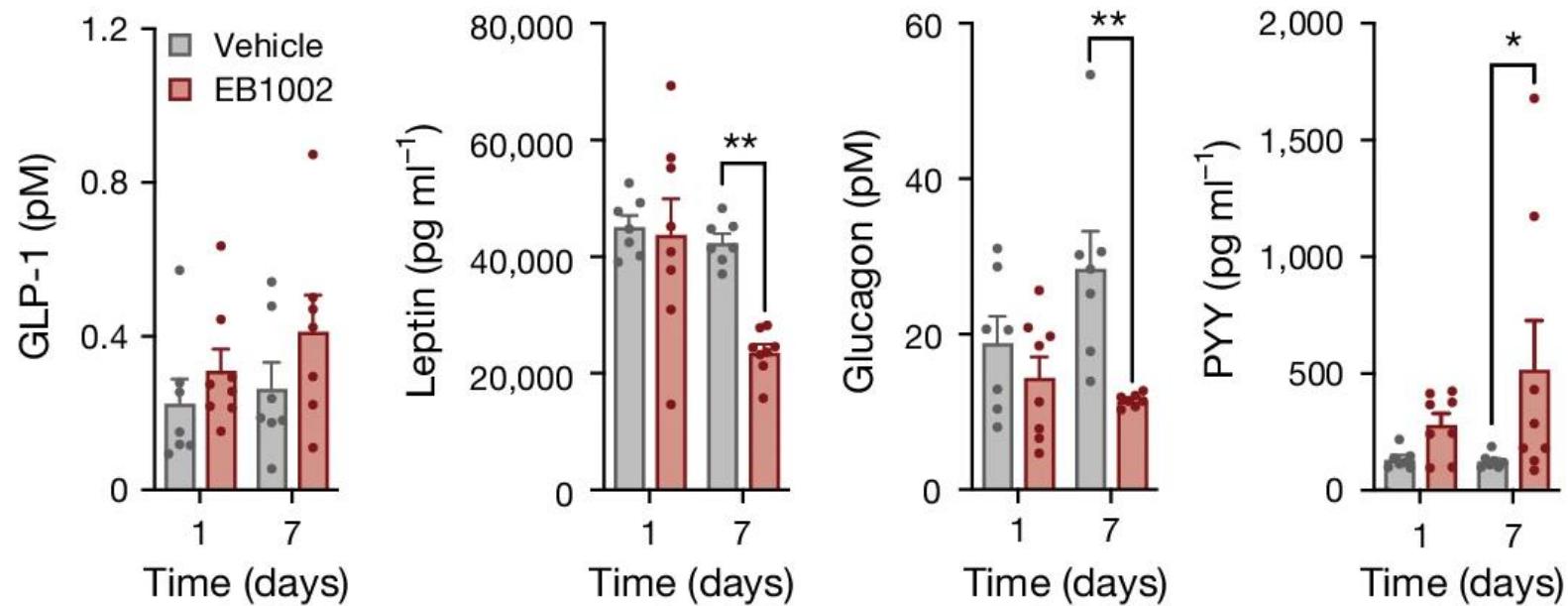
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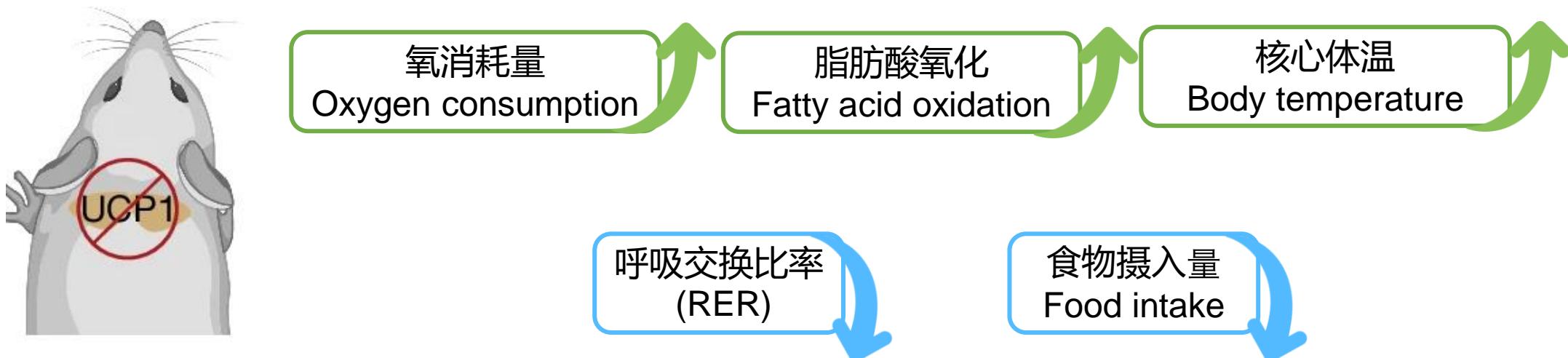
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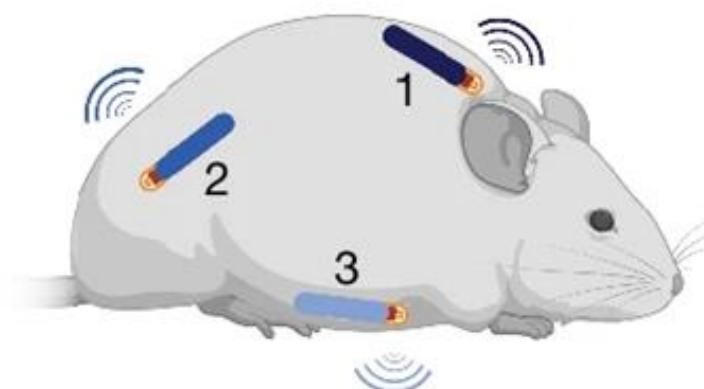
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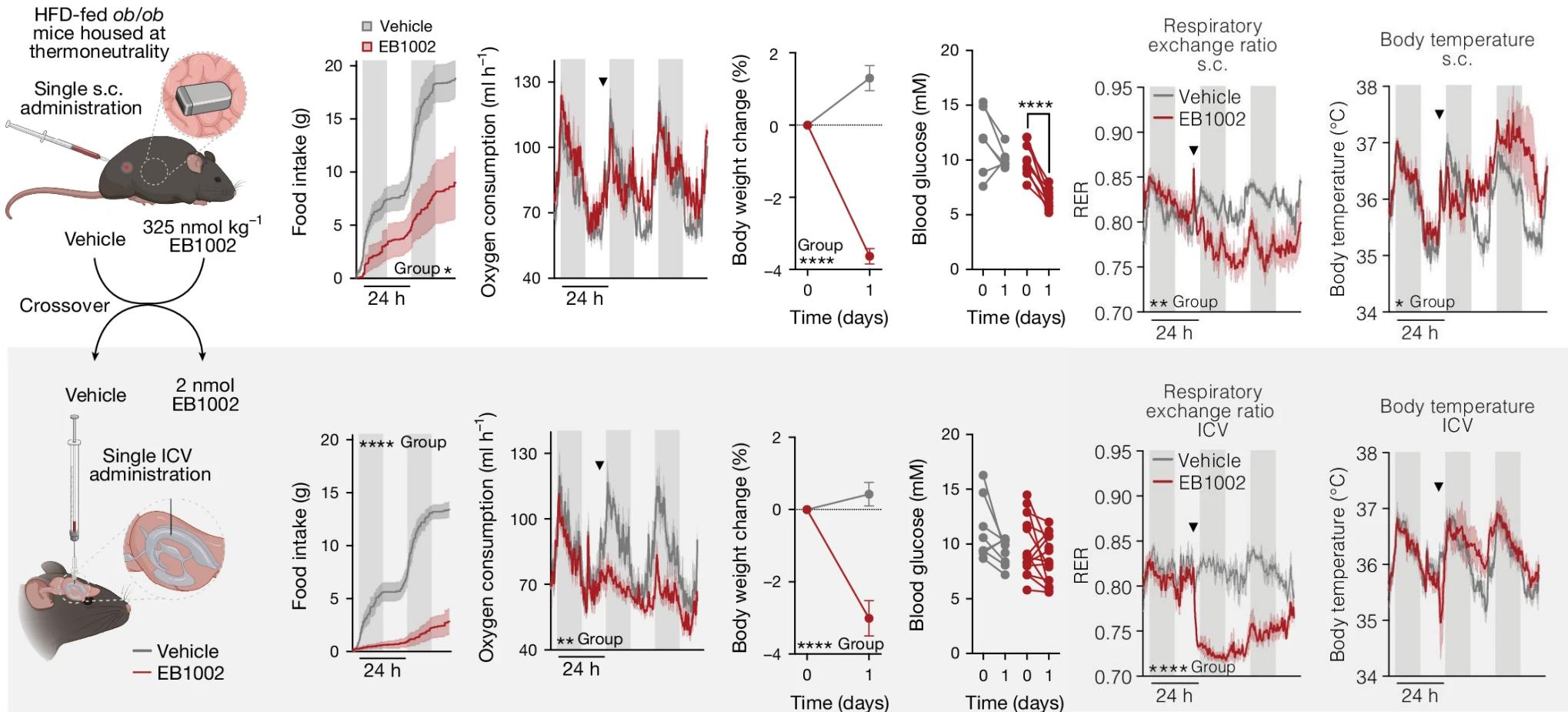
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Female DIO mice

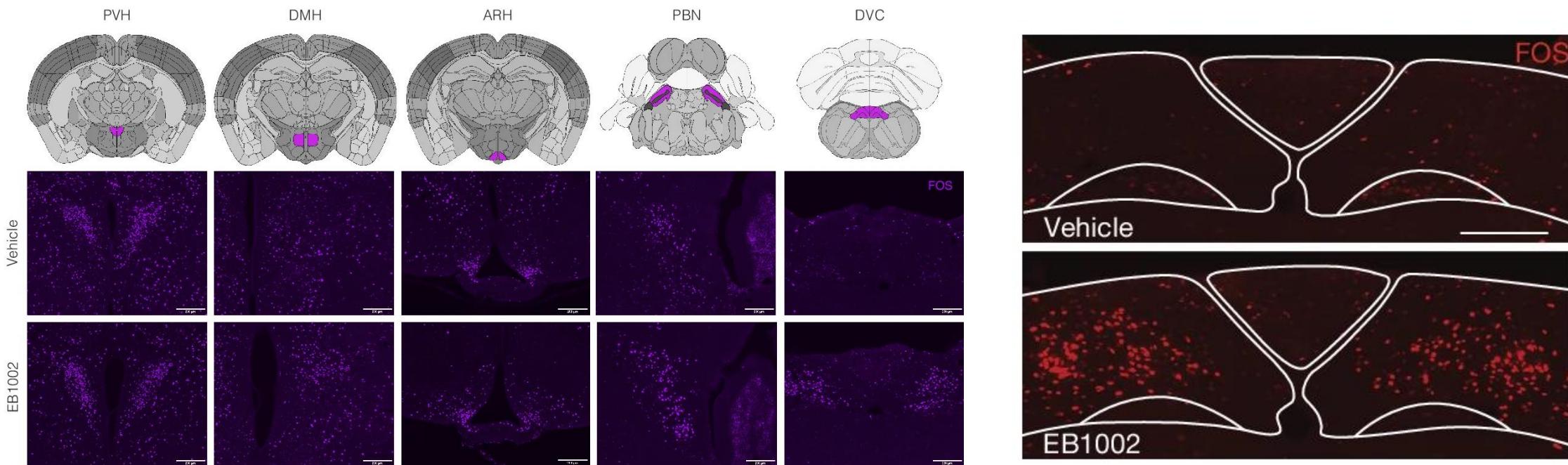
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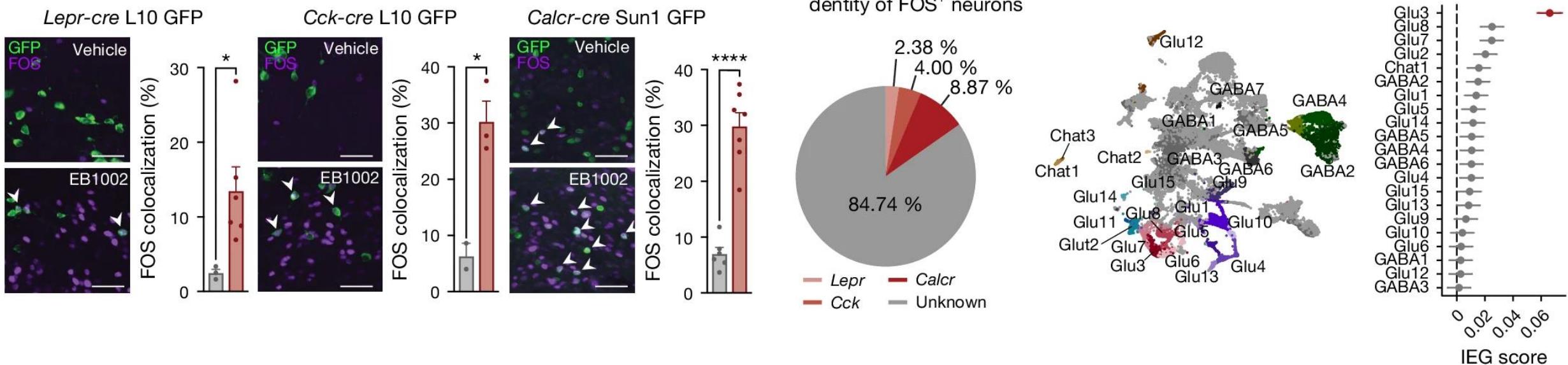
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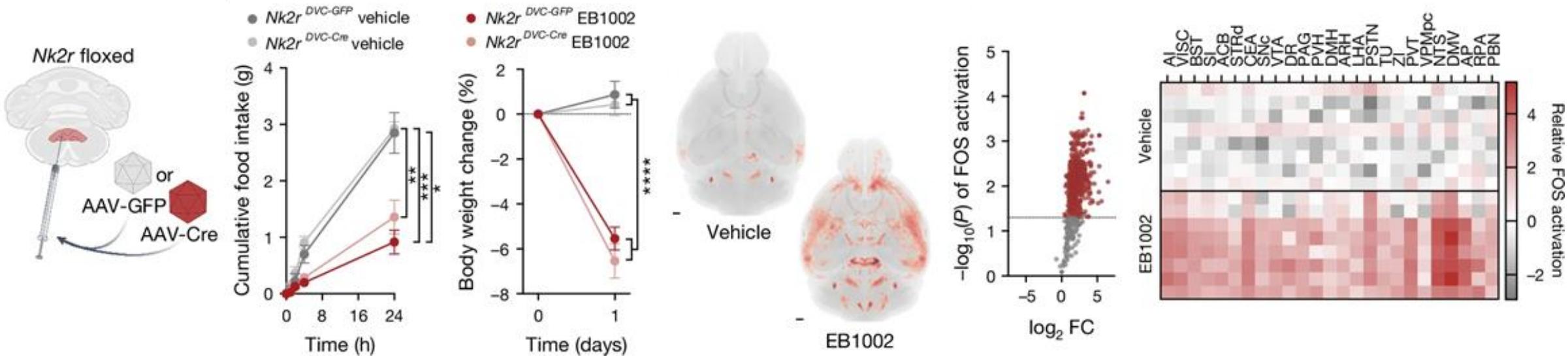
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