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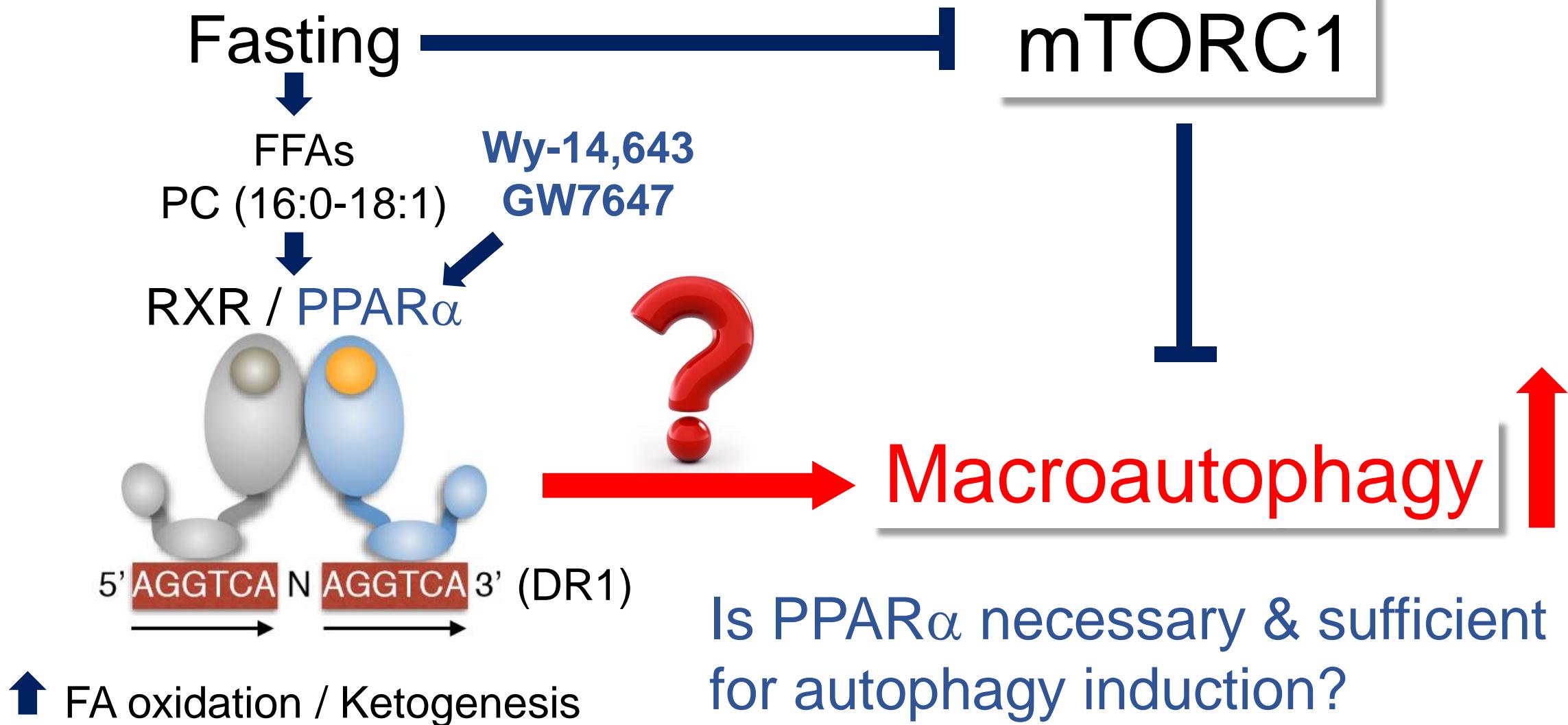
How is autophagy regulated?  
- Short-term vs. Long-term

Do nuclear receptor control autophagy?

Can autophagy-associated diseases be improved using nuclear receptor pharmacology?

## Hypothesis

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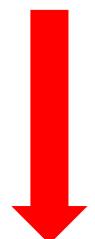
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mTORC1

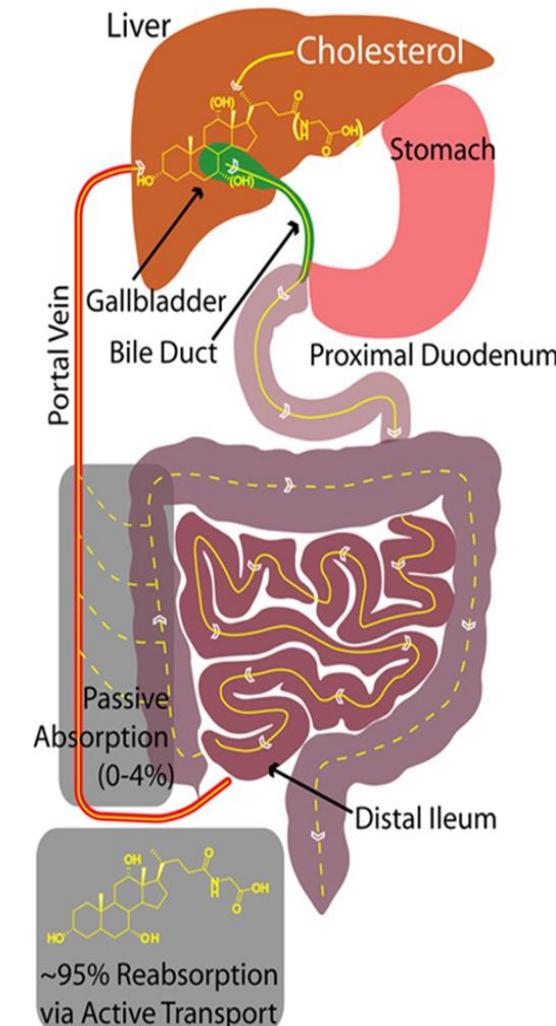
Feeding



Enterohepatic  
BA circulation

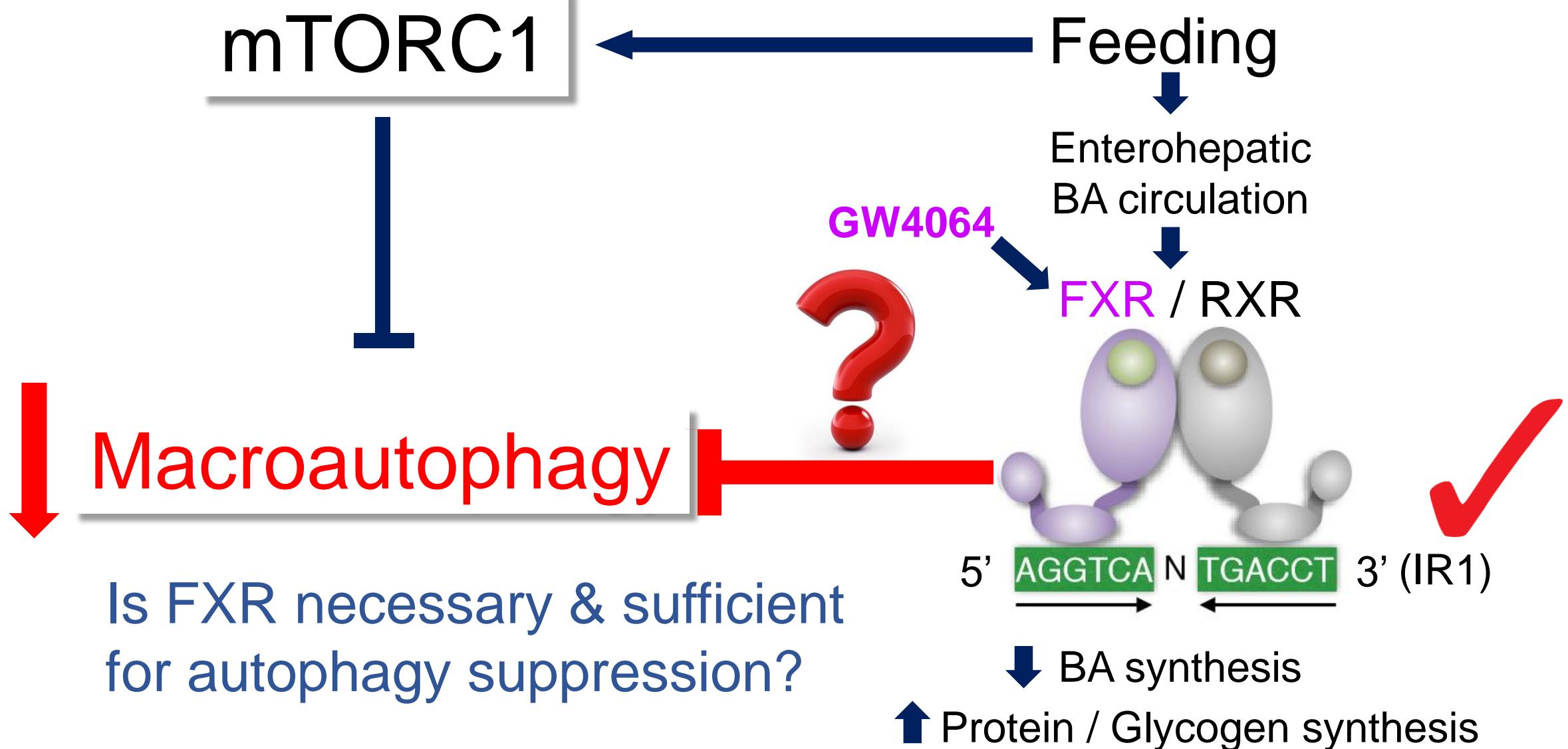


Macroautophagy



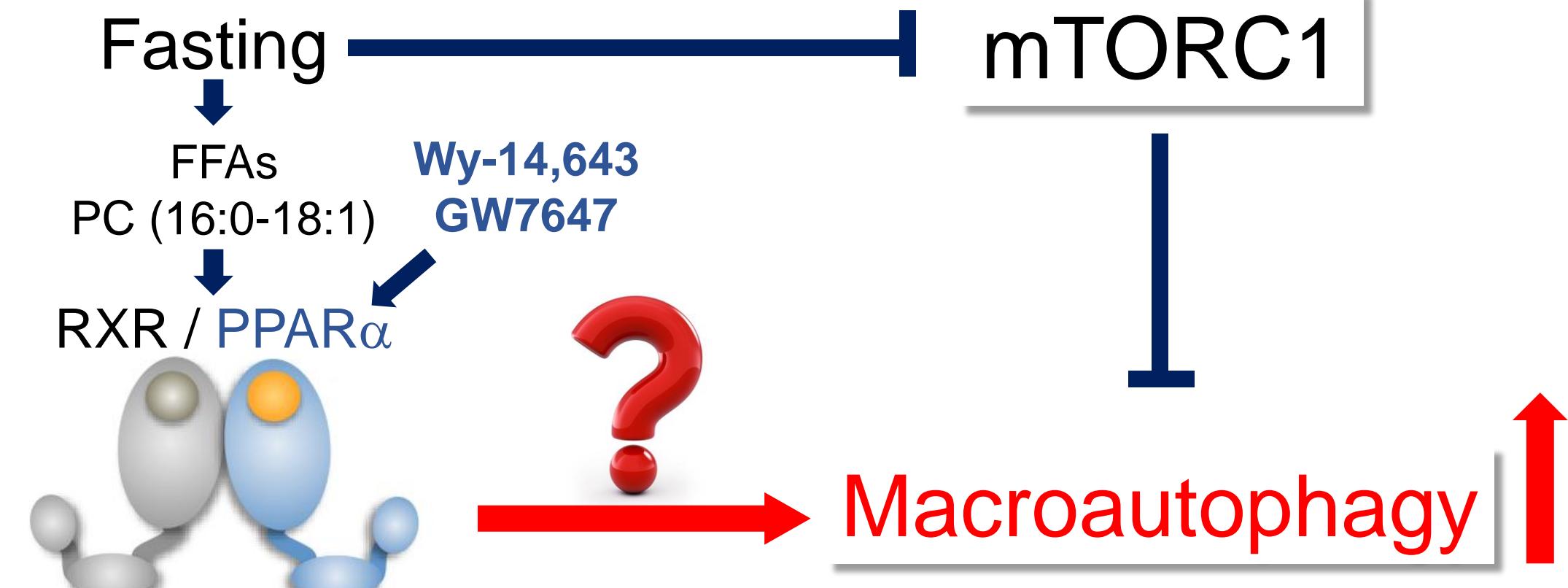
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Is PPAR $\alpha$  necessary & sufficient for autophagy induction?

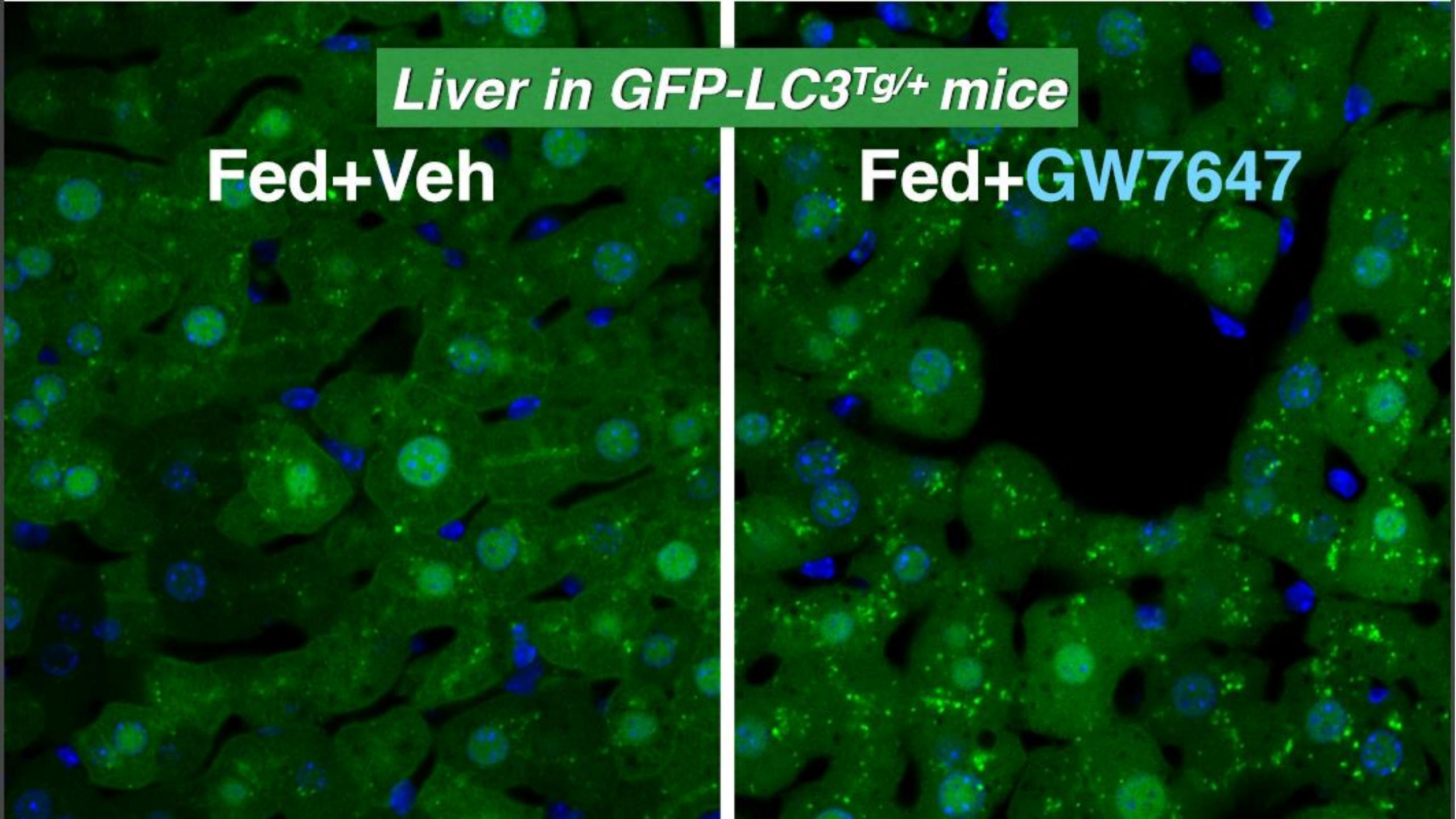
# Induction of AG by GW7647 is PPAR $\alpha$ -Dependent



*Liver in GFP-LC3<sup>Tg/+</sup> mice*

Fed+Veh

Fed+GW7647



Fed WT + GW7647

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0.5  $\mu$ m

Mouse liver

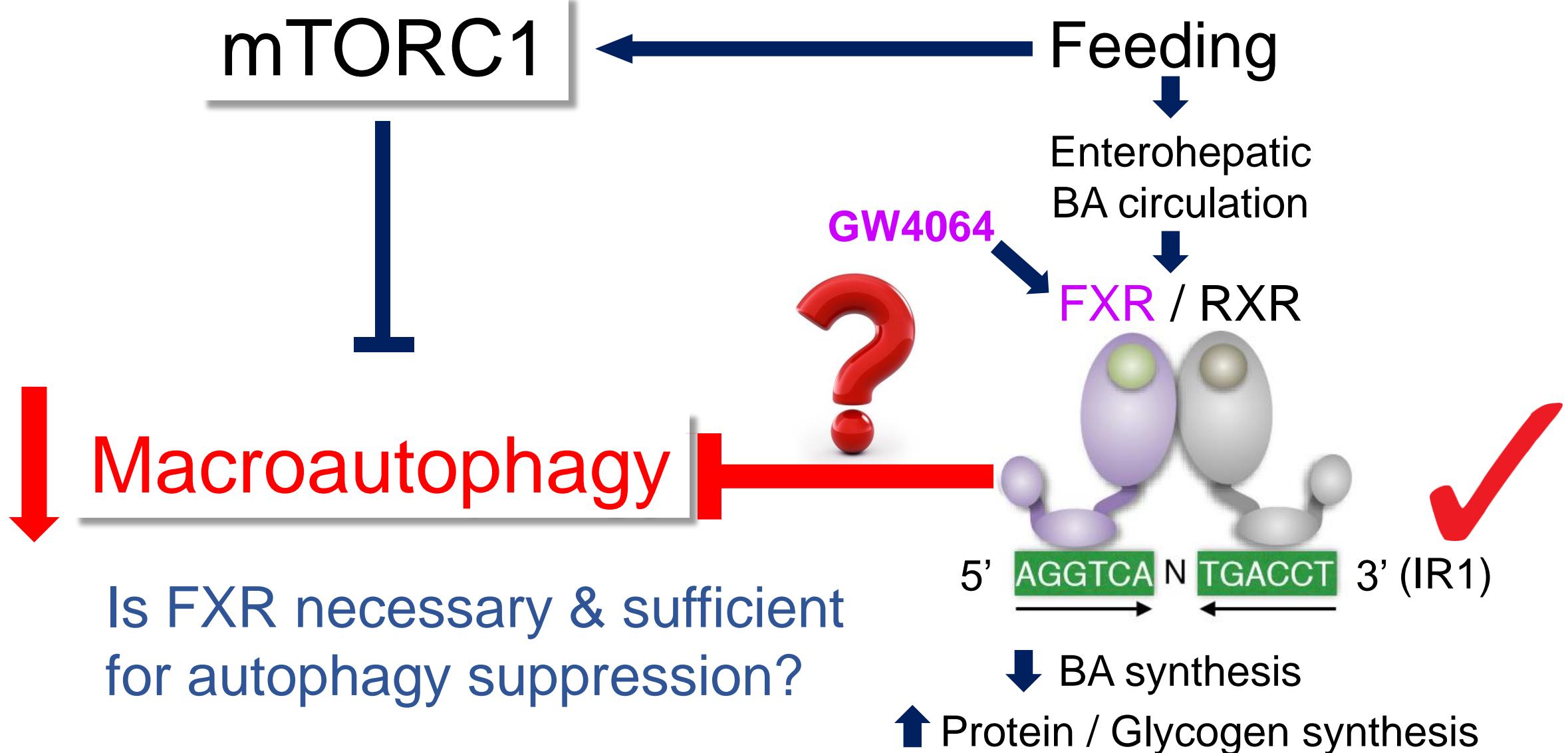
Fasted *Ppar $\alpha$* <sup>-/-</sup> + Veh

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Mouse liver

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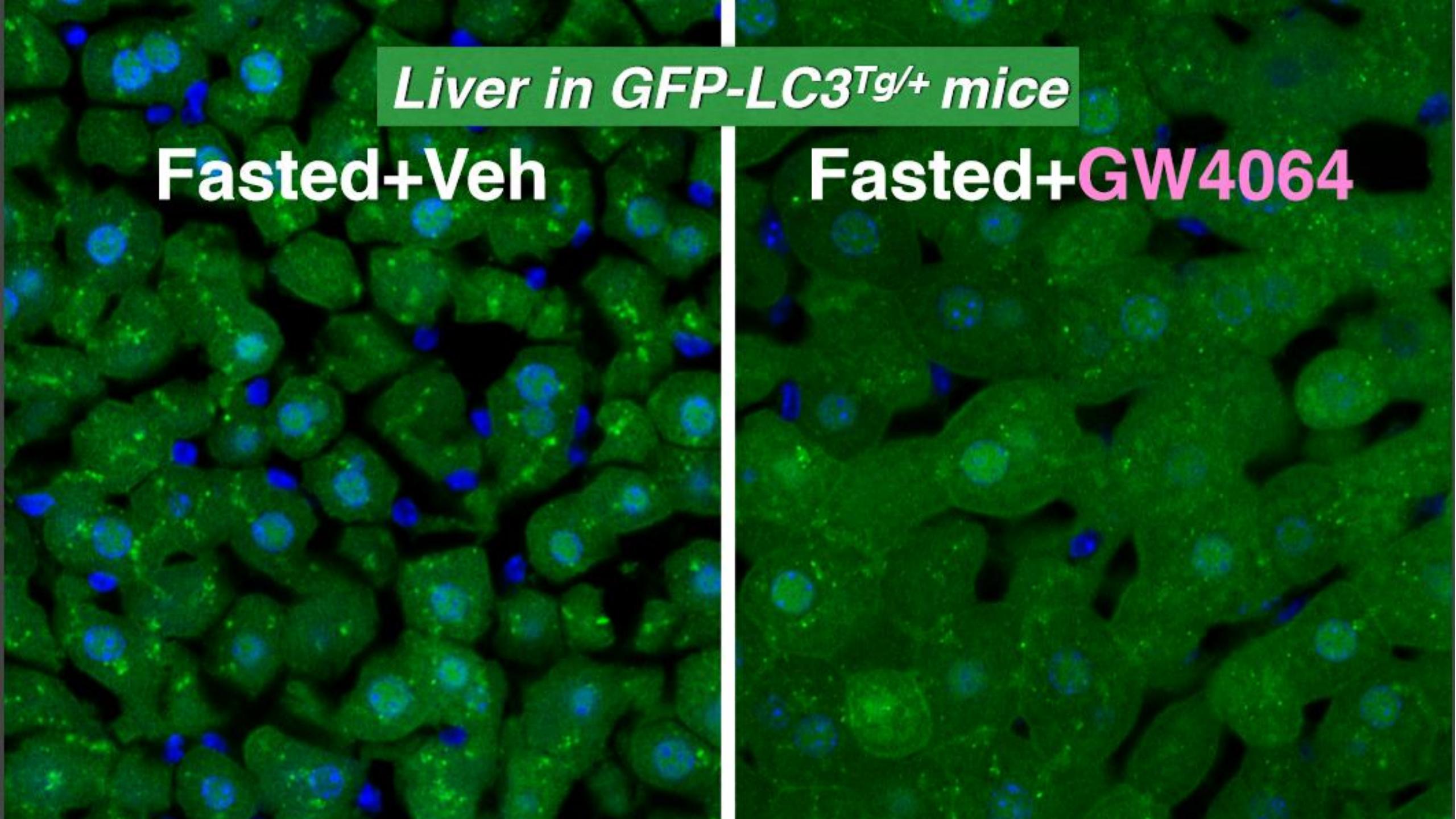
# Suppress of AG by GW4064 is FXR-Dependent



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Fasted+Veh

Fasted+GW4064

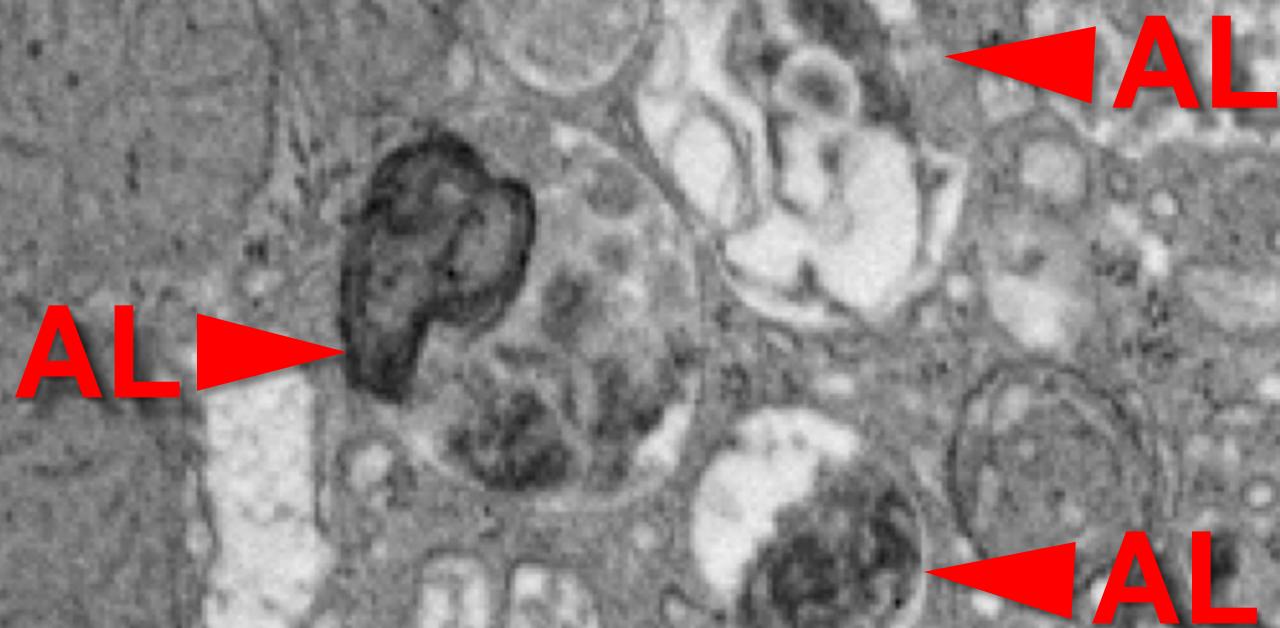


**Fasted WT + GW4064**

**0.5 μm**

**Mouse liver**

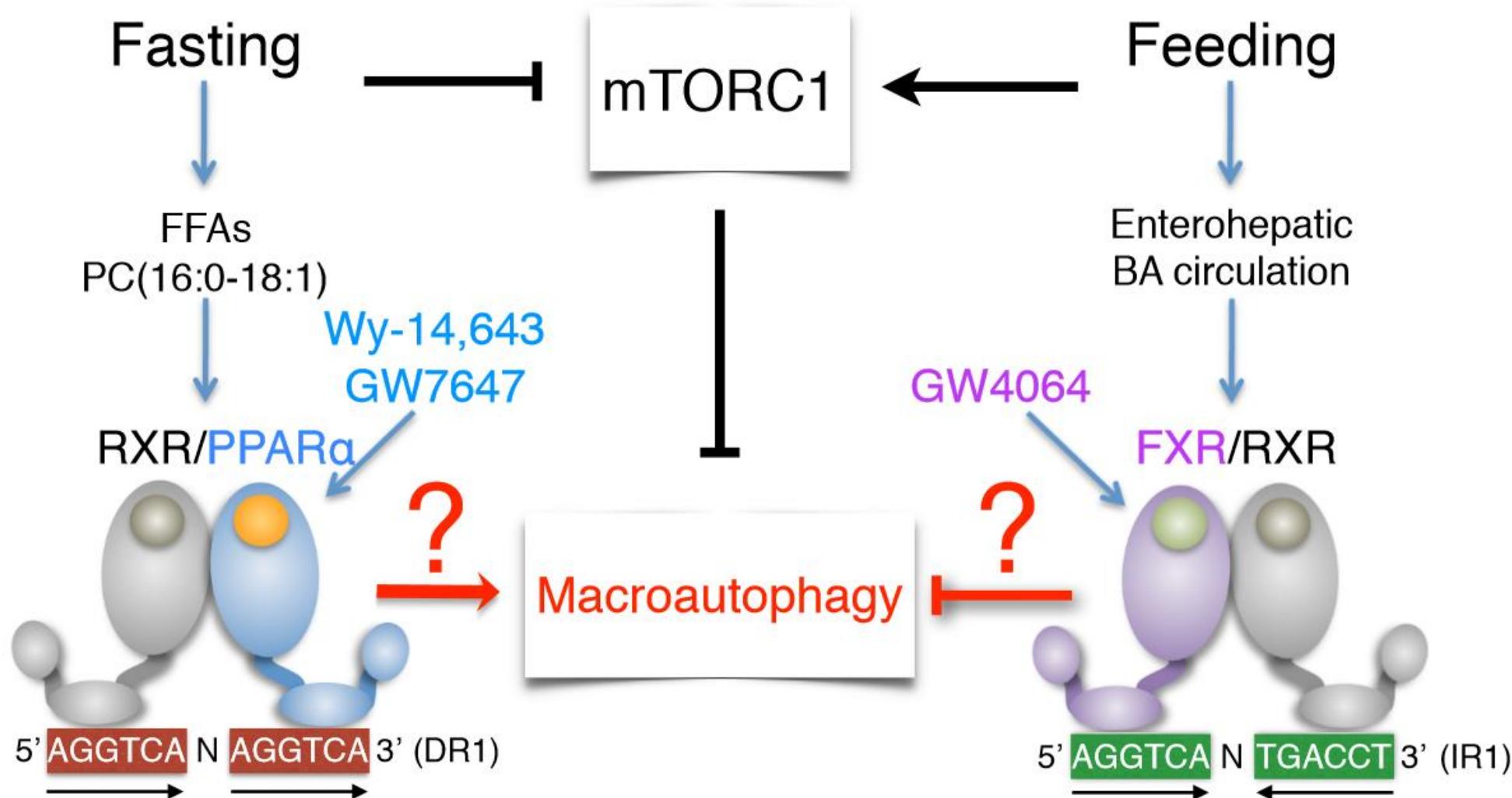
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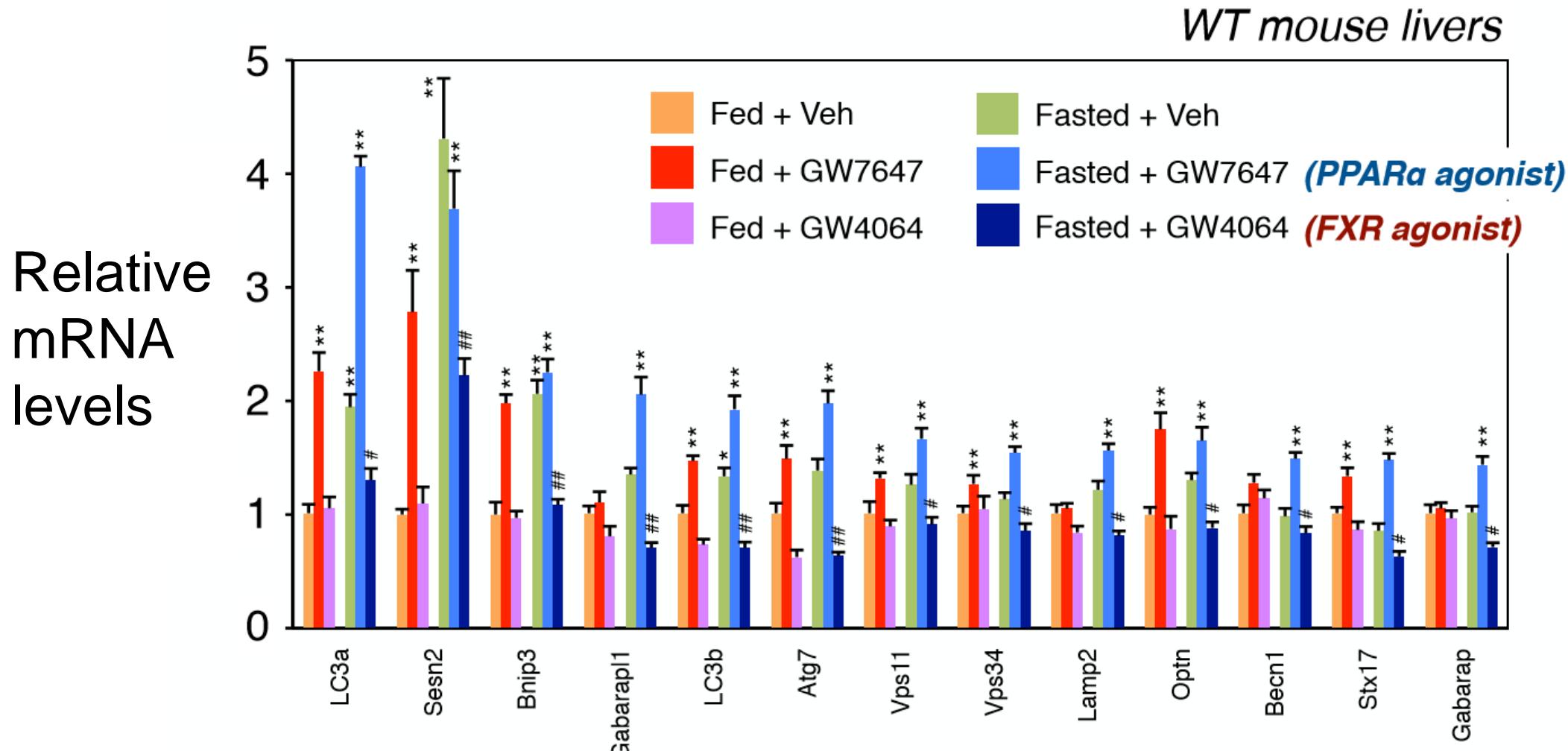
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Mouse liver

# What are the Molecular Mechanisms?

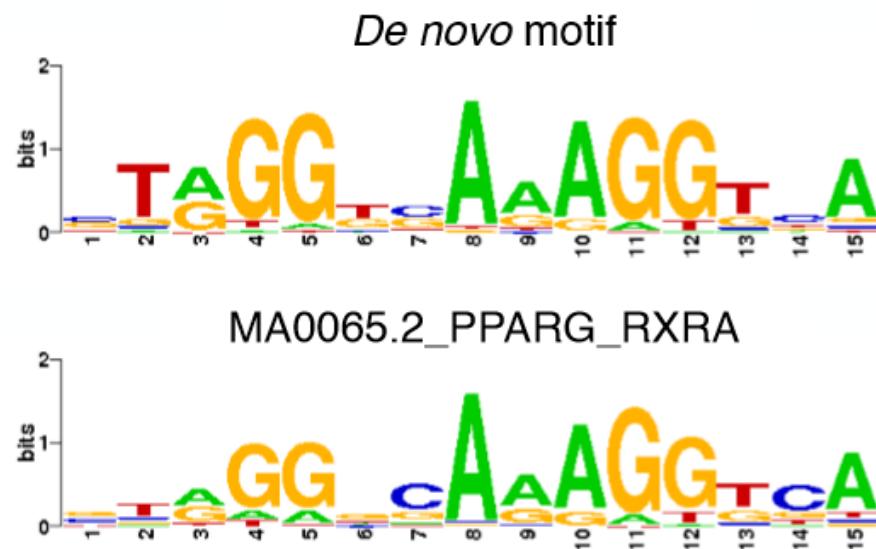


# Opposite Transcriptional Responses of Atg-Related genes to PPAR $\alpha$ & FXR Activation

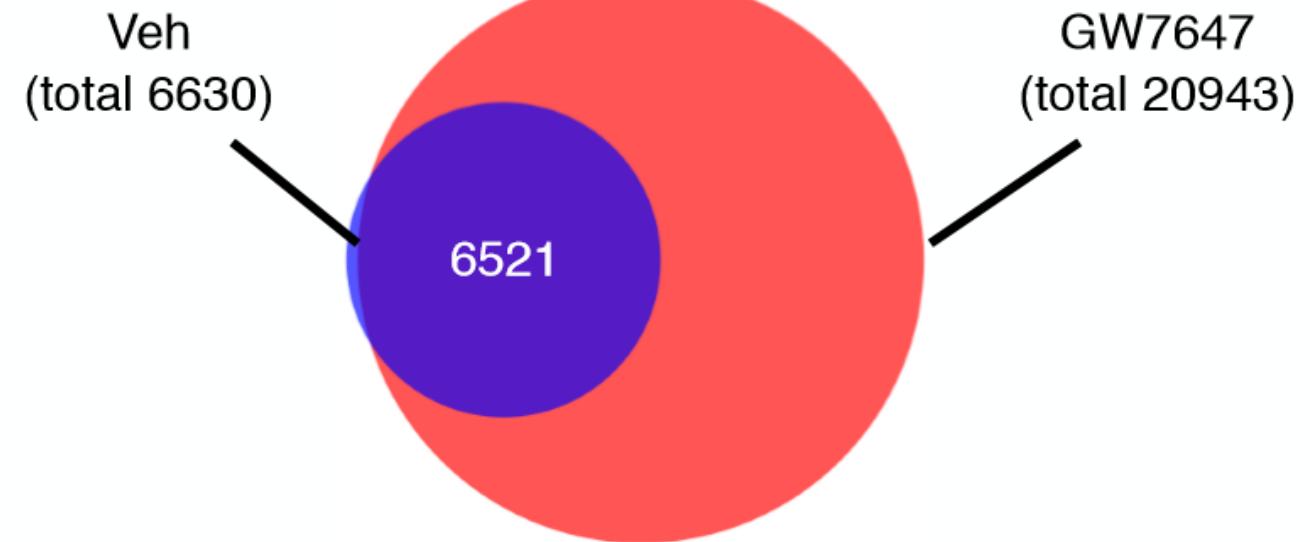


# Determining the PPAR $\alpha$ Cistromes in Liver

## Direct Repeat 1 (DR1)

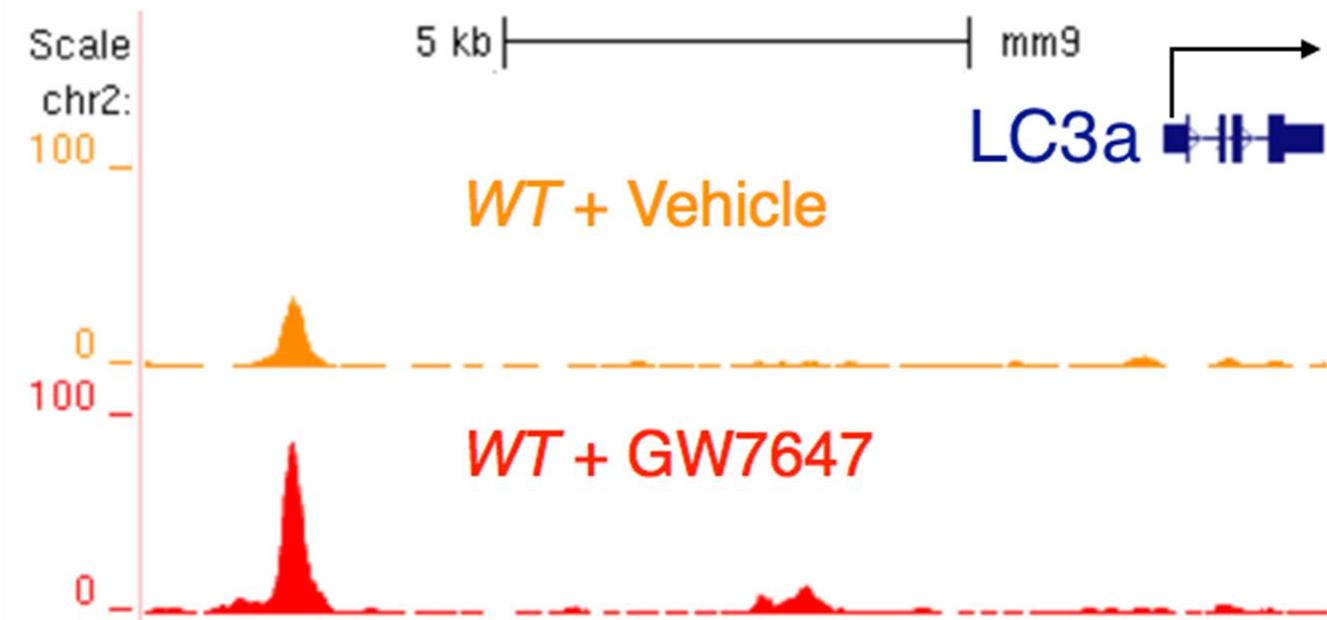


PPAR $\alpha$  HC binding peaks /  
WT mouse liver

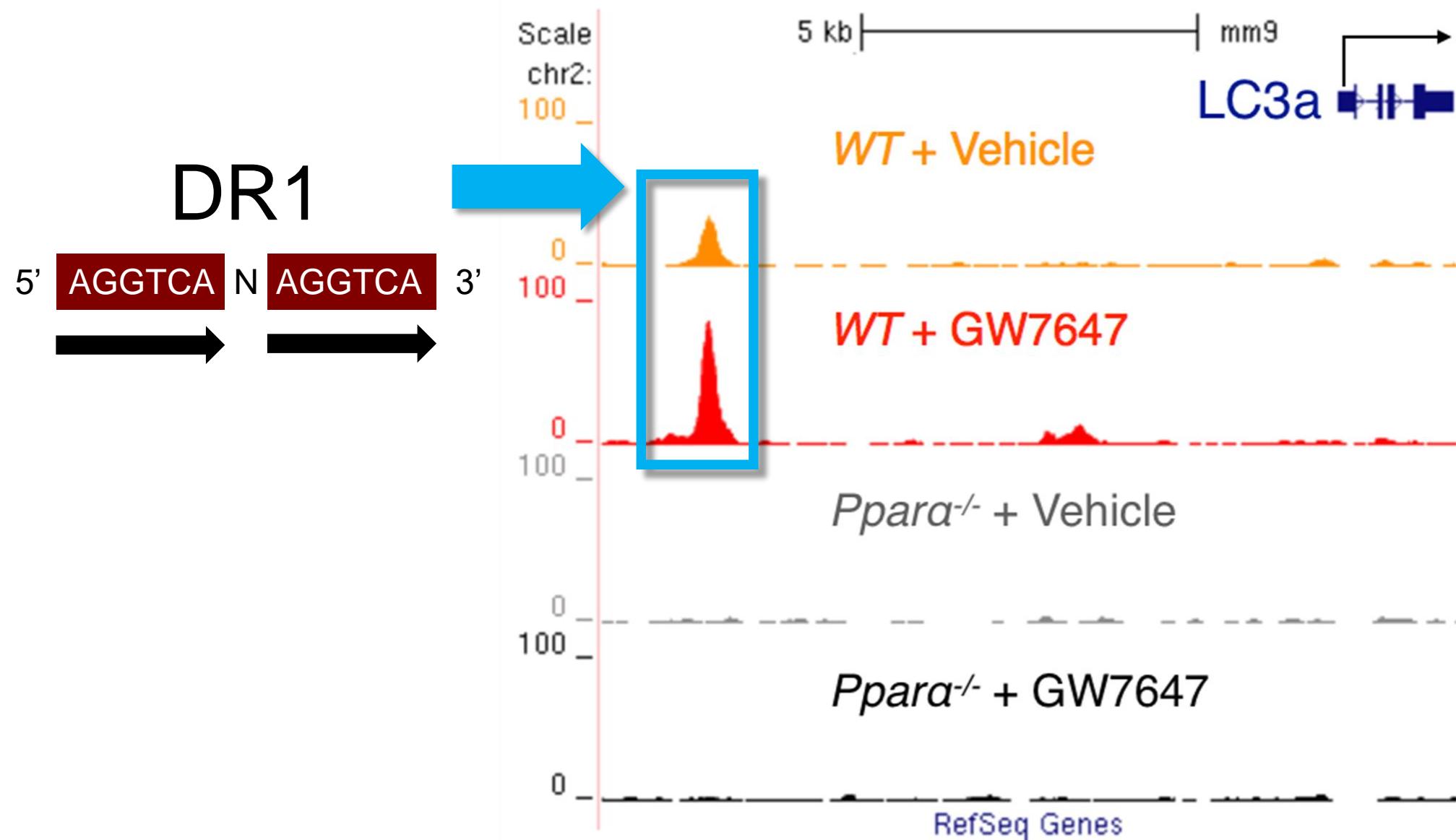


*Collaboration with the Lazar Lab at UPenn*

# A Specific Example of PPAR $\alpha$ ChIP-seq

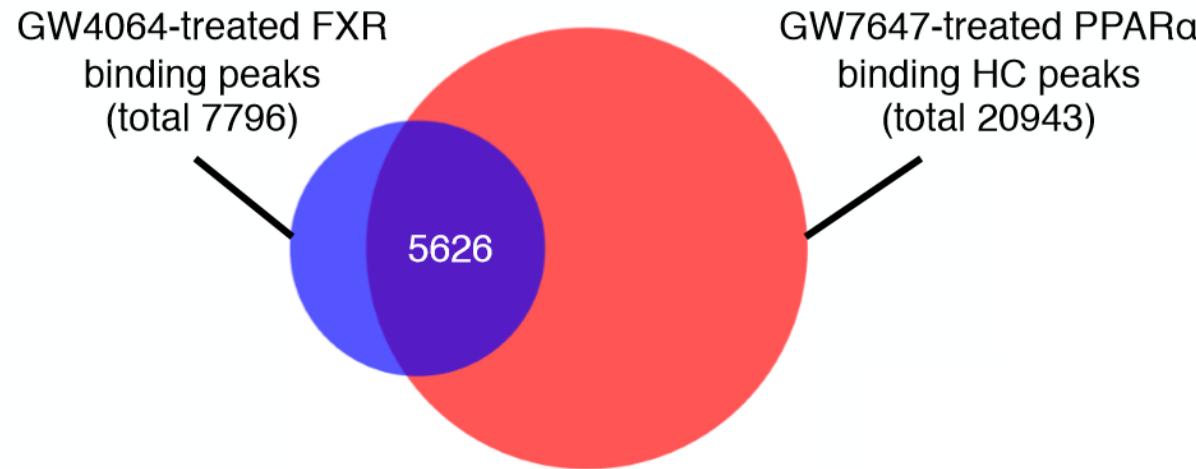


# Confirming Specificity of the PPAR $\alpha$ Antibody

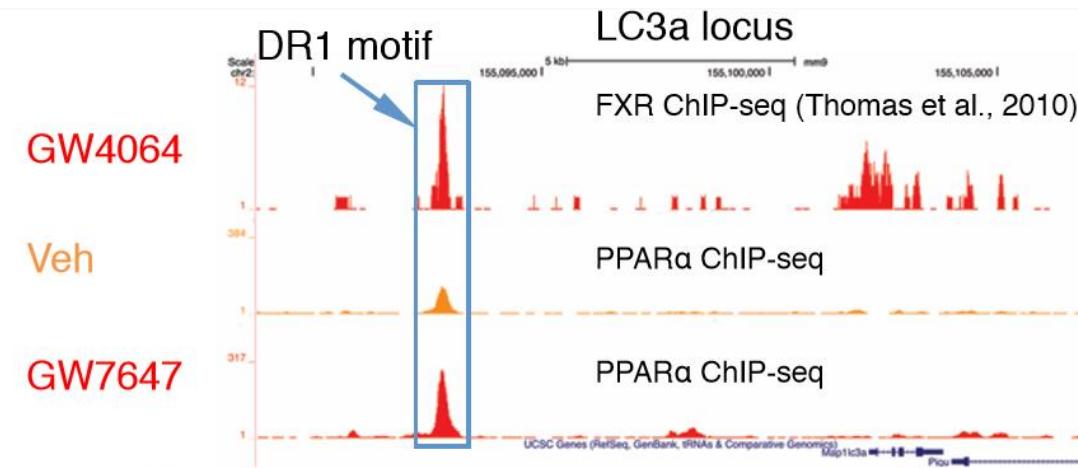


# PPAR $\alpha$ & FXR Cistromic Analysis

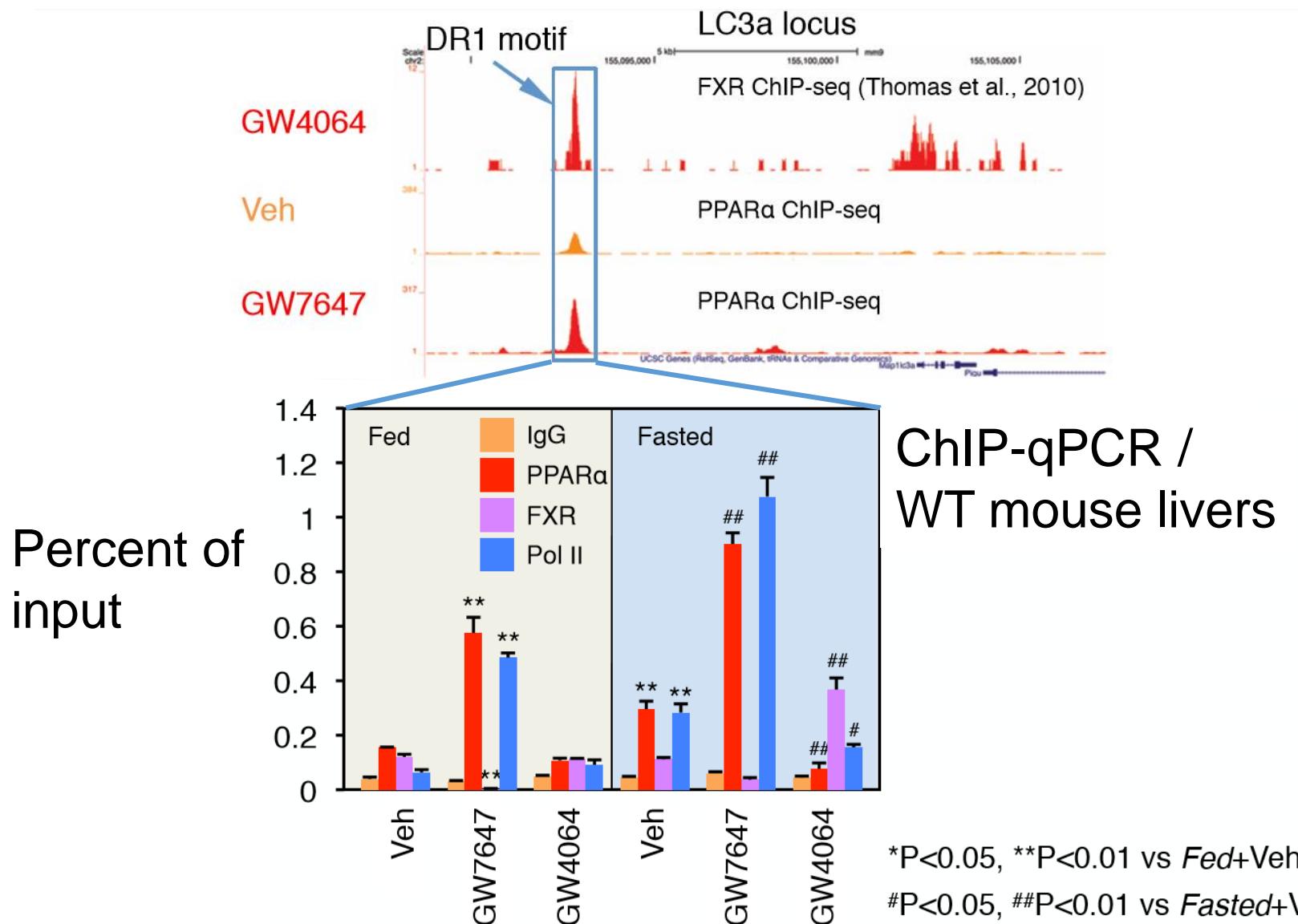
WT mouse liver



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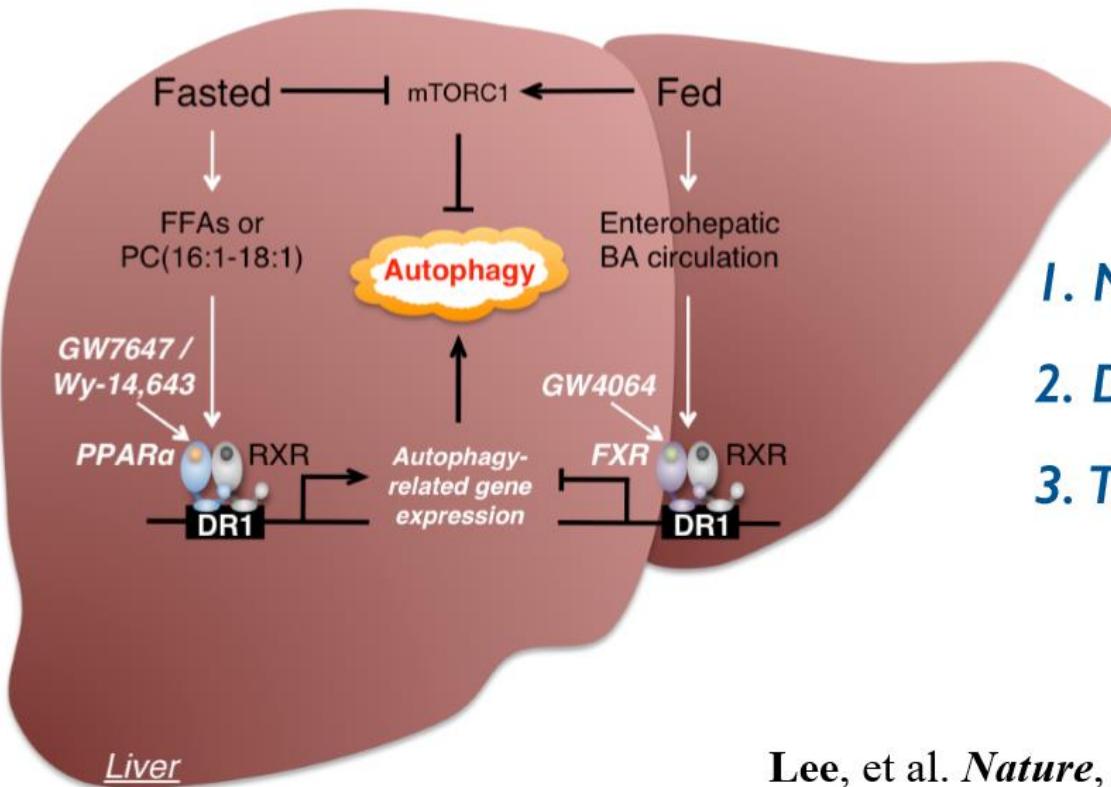
# Working Model

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## Nutrient-sensing nuclear receptors coordinate autophagy

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## Summary

1. Necessity & Sufficiency
2. DRI response element
3. Transcriptional regulation

Lee, et al. *Nature*, 2014 Dec 4;516(7529):112-5

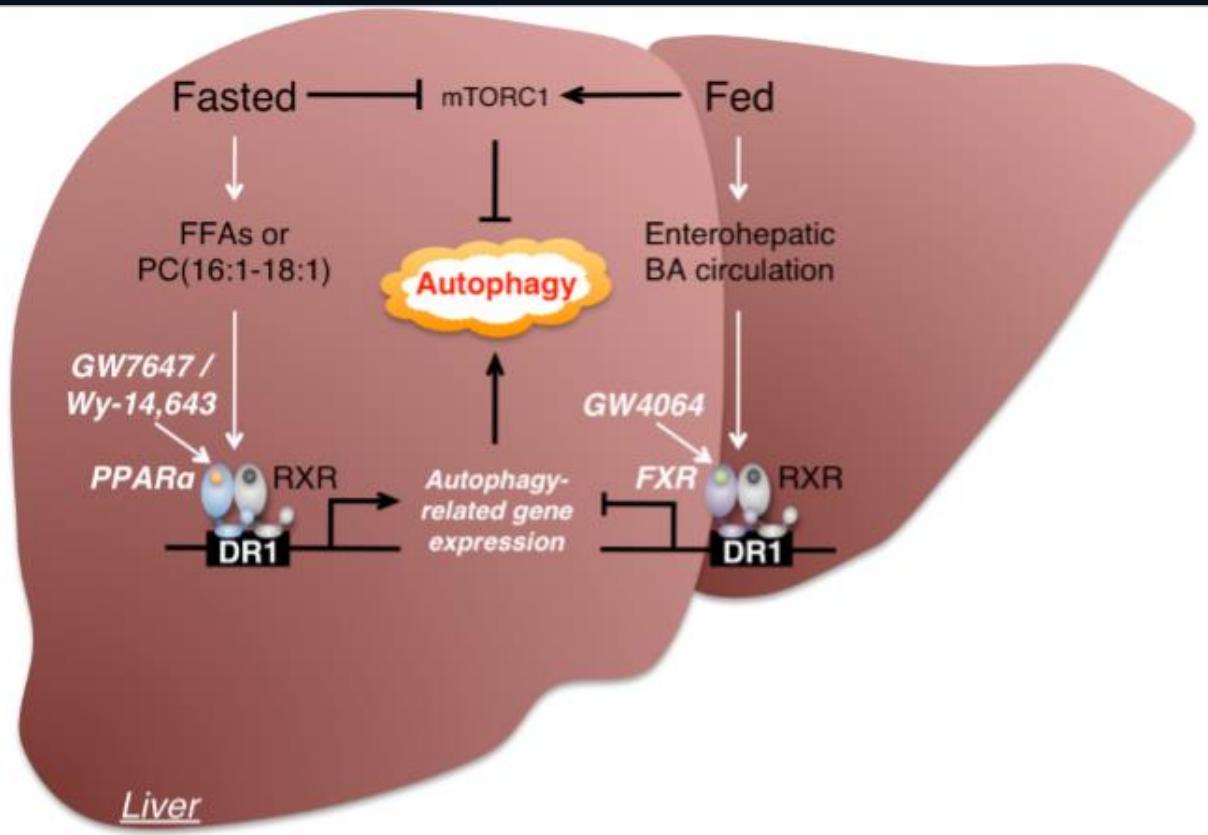
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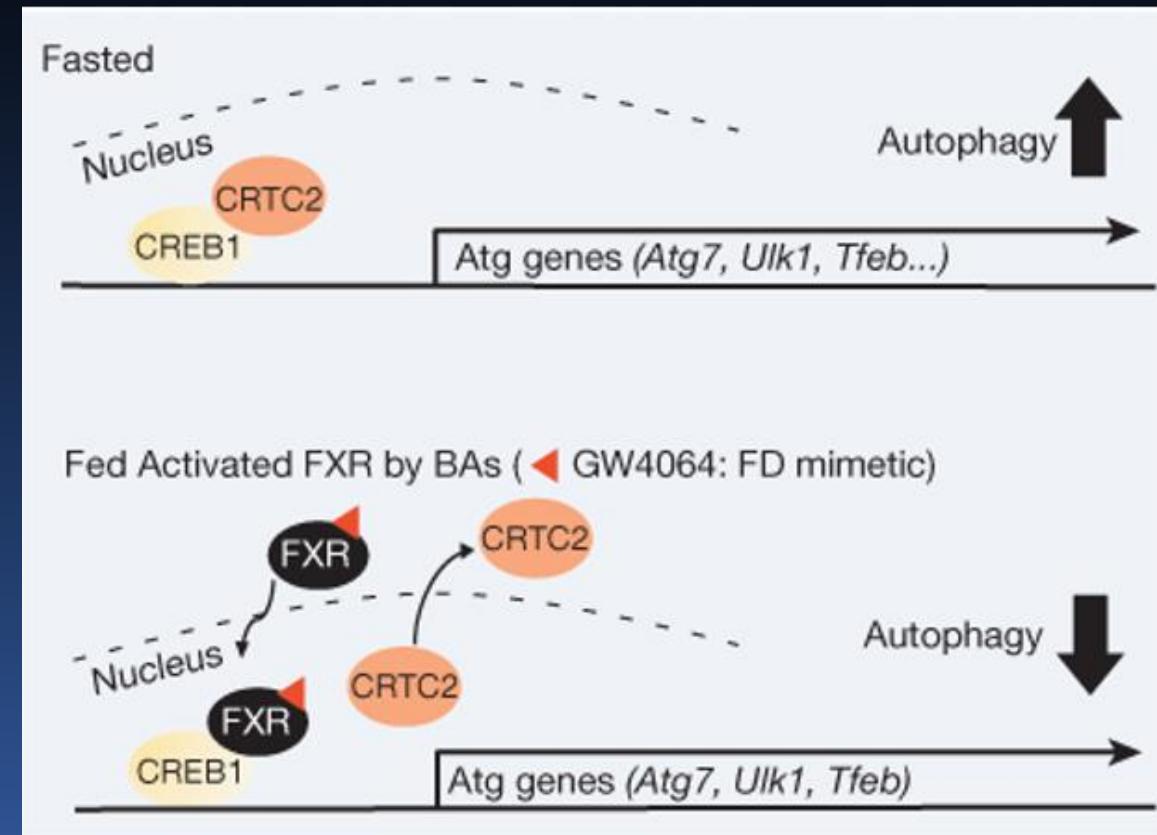


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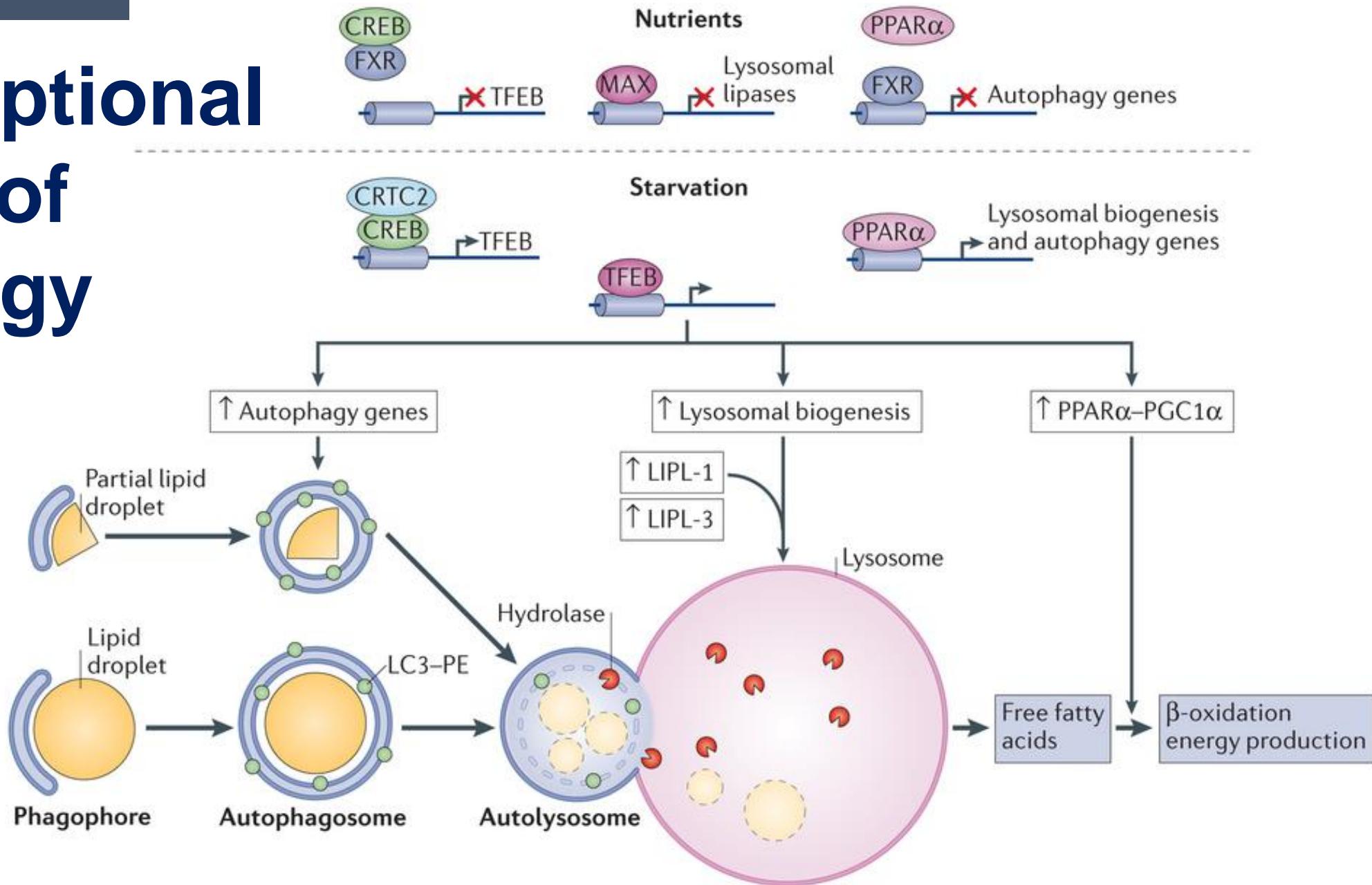
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## Transcriptional regulation of autophagy by an FXR-CREB axis

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# Transcriptional Control of Lipophagy





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*The Mizushima laboratory*

*GFP-LC3 Tg mice*



*The Yoshimori laboratory*

*mRFP-GFP-LC tandem plasmid*



*The Komatsu laboratory*

*Atg7<sup>F/F</sup> mice*

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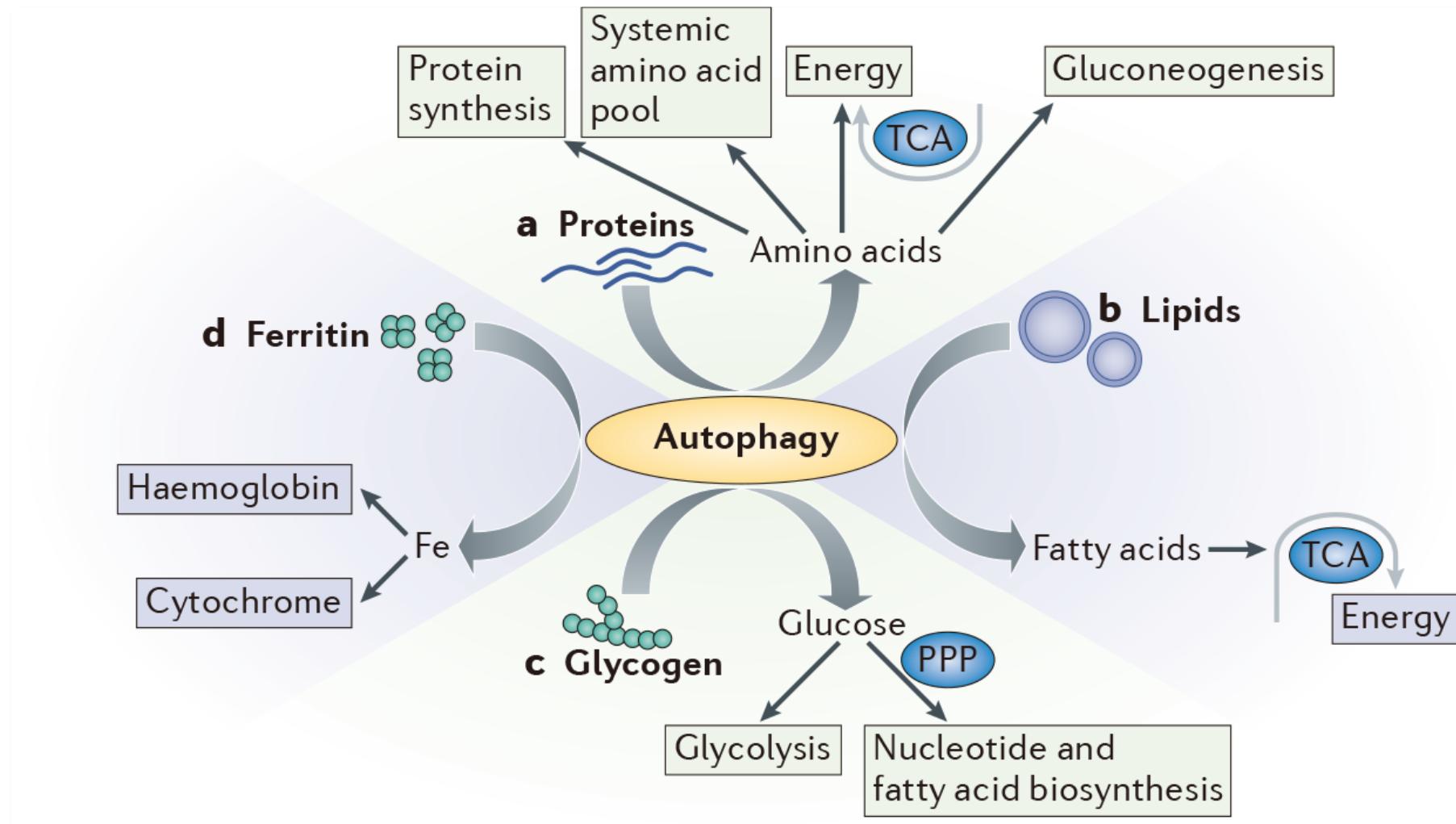
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**Autophagy**

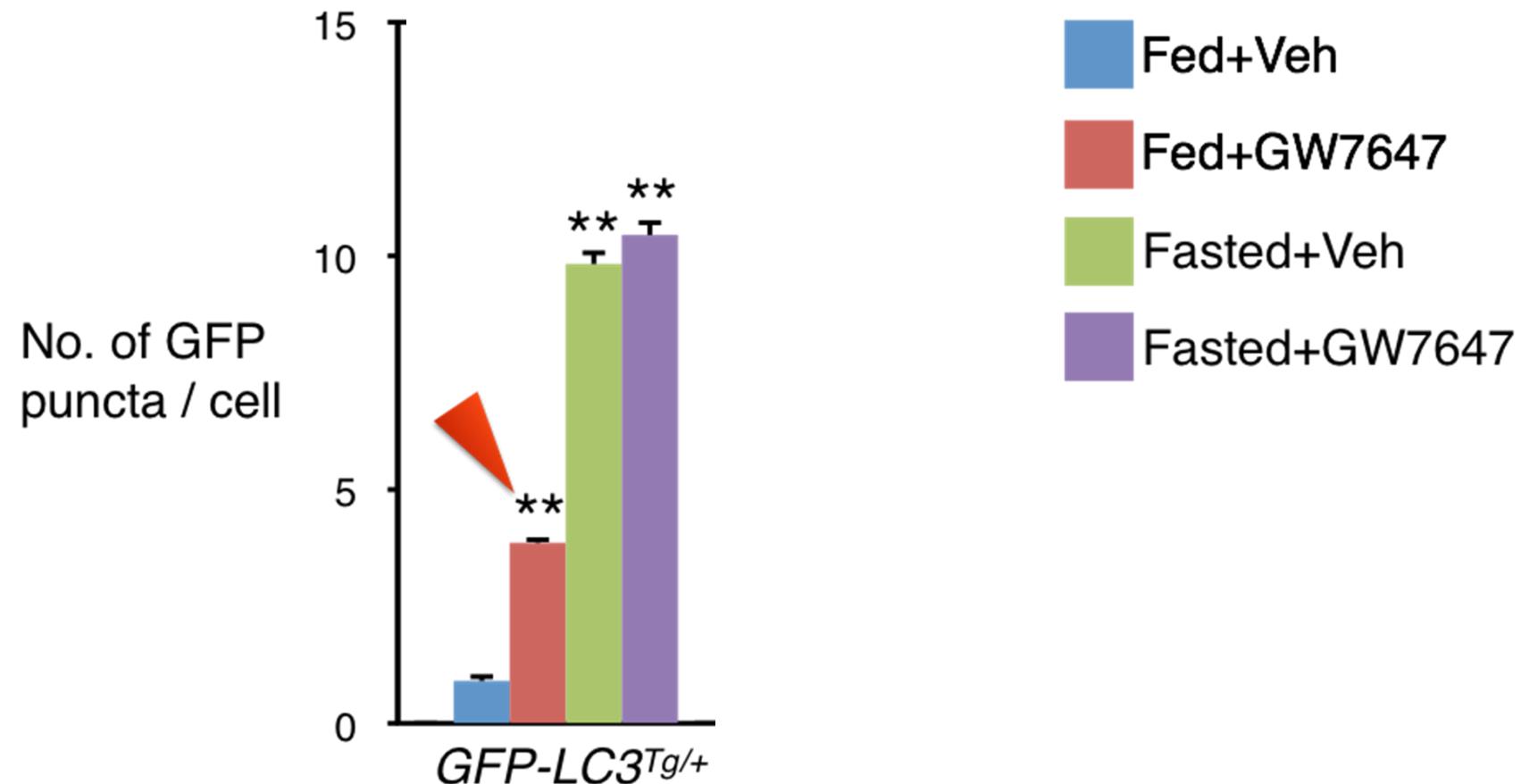
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- Atg6
- Atg7
- Atg8

# Autophagy-Derived Metabolites for Diverse Anabolic Functions



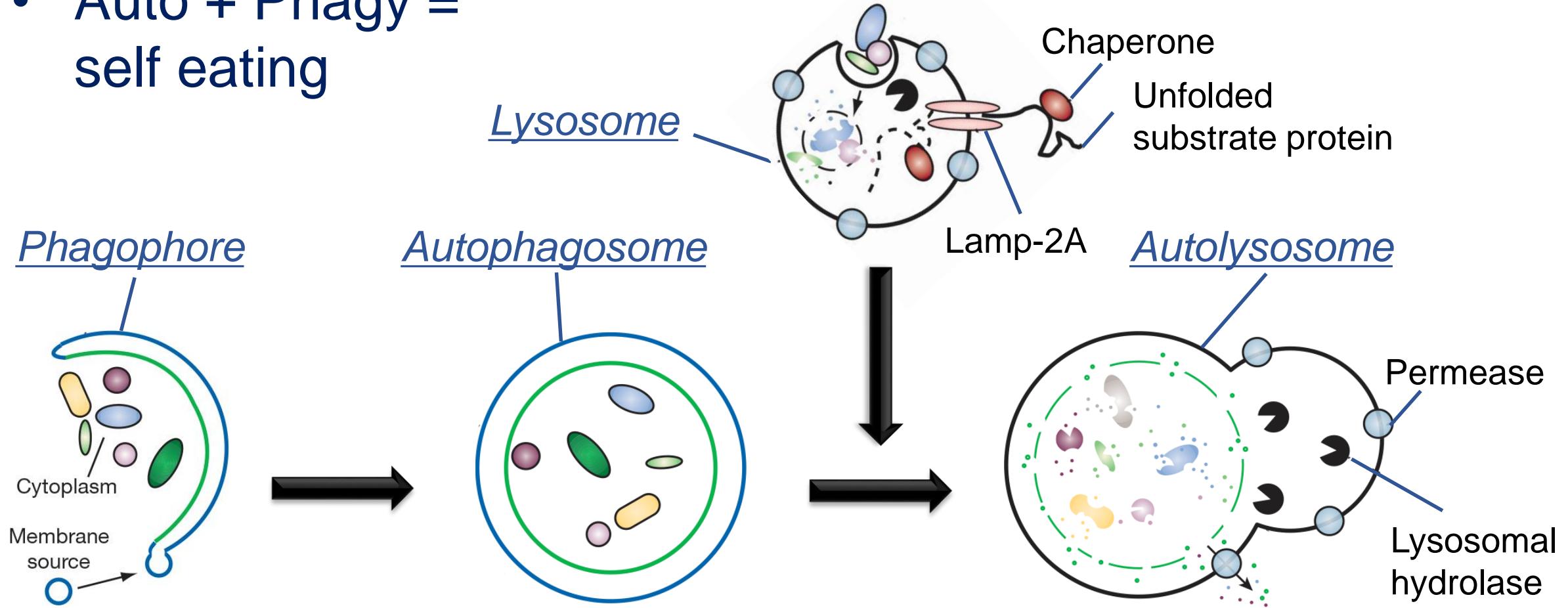
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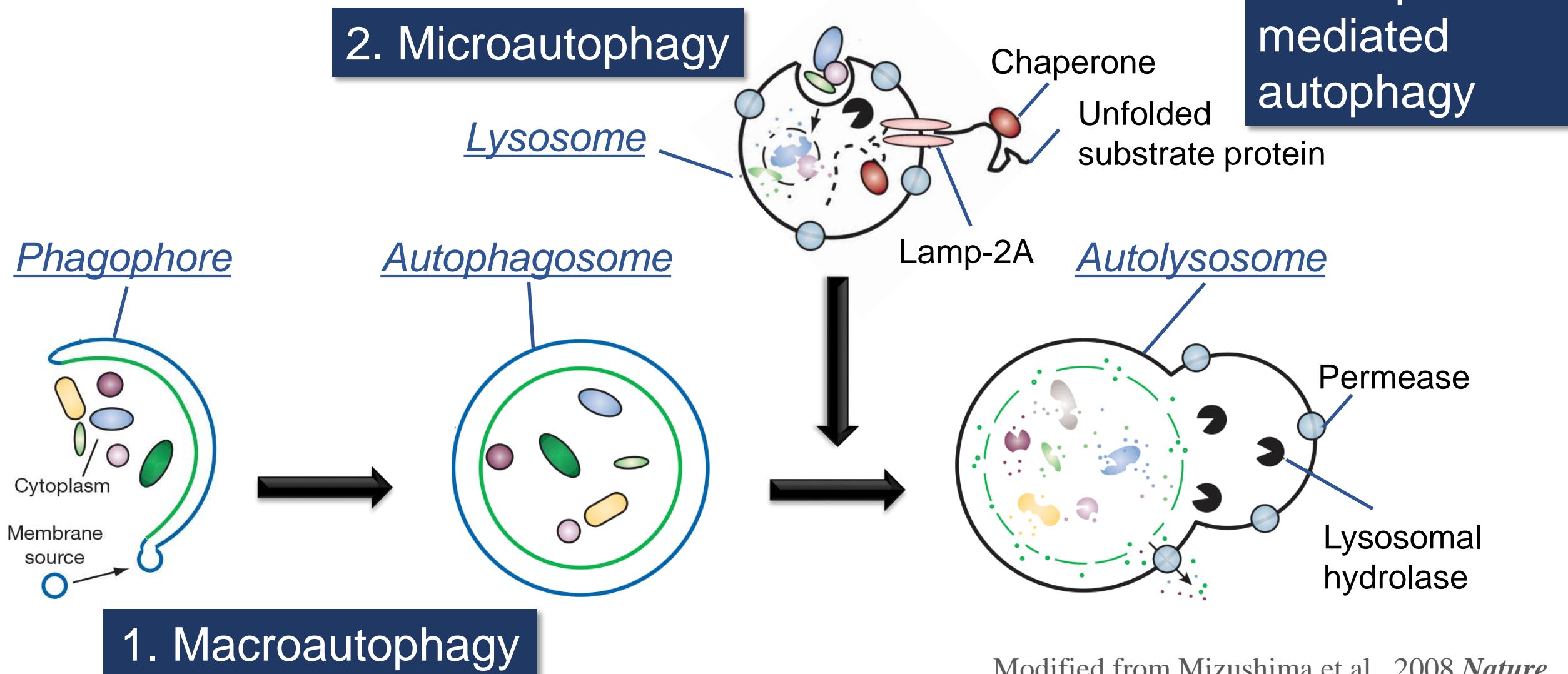
# Autophagy

- Auto + Phagy = self eating



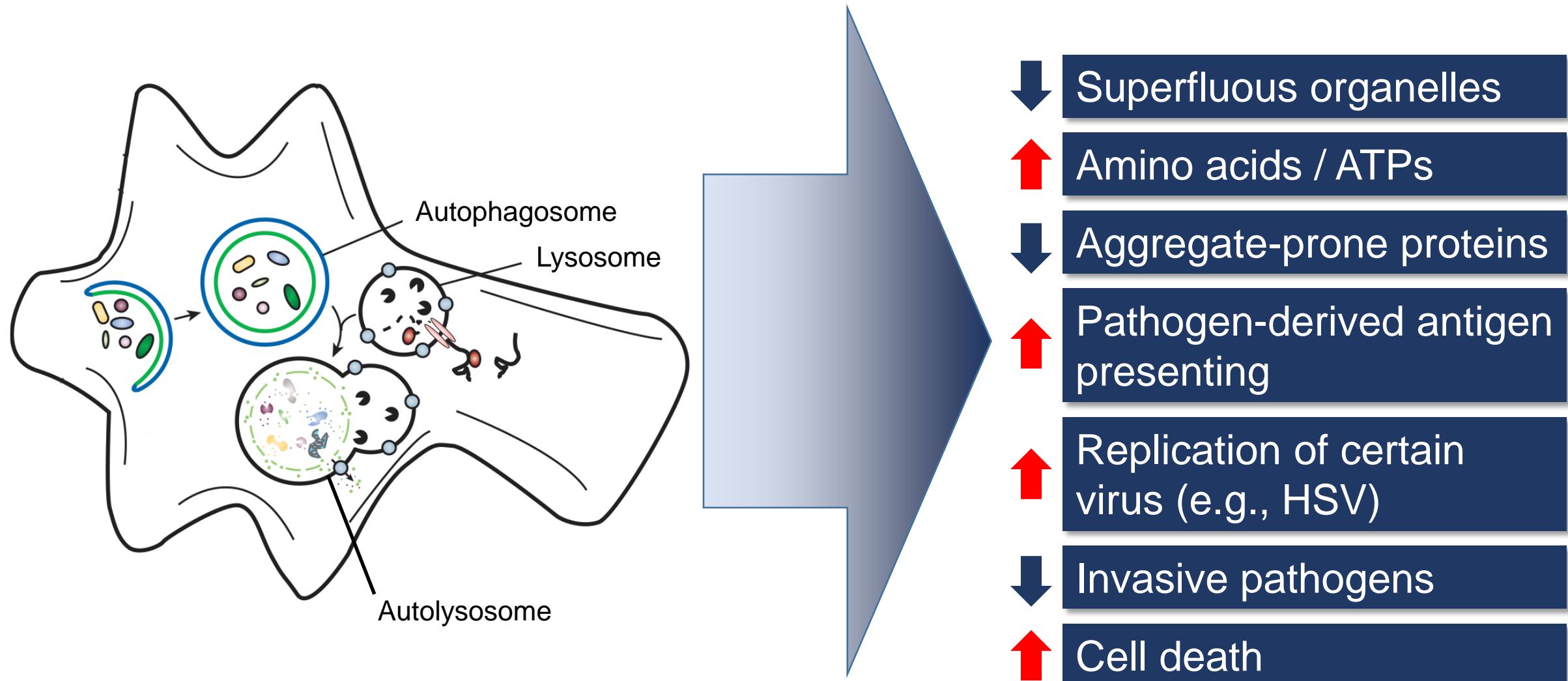
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# Three Major Types of Autophagy



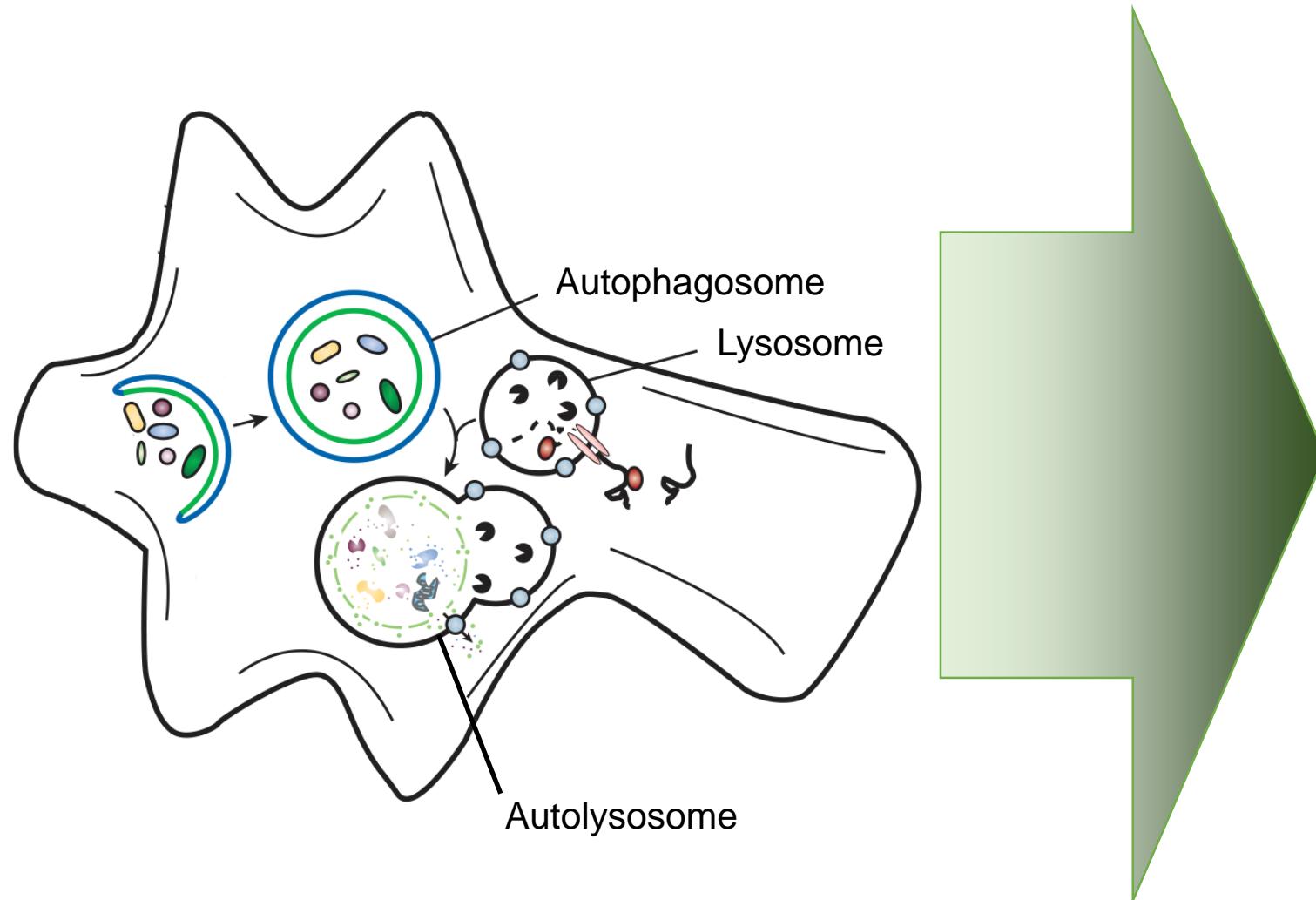
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# The Cellular Functions of Autophagy



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# The Role of Autophagy in Human Disease



Developmental defects

Crohn's disease

Infection & immunity

Neurodegenerative disease

Cancer

Heart disease

Myopathies

Ageing

Metabolic disorders

# Autophagy Inducers

Physiologic stress stimuli

Starvation, etc.

Hormonal stimuli

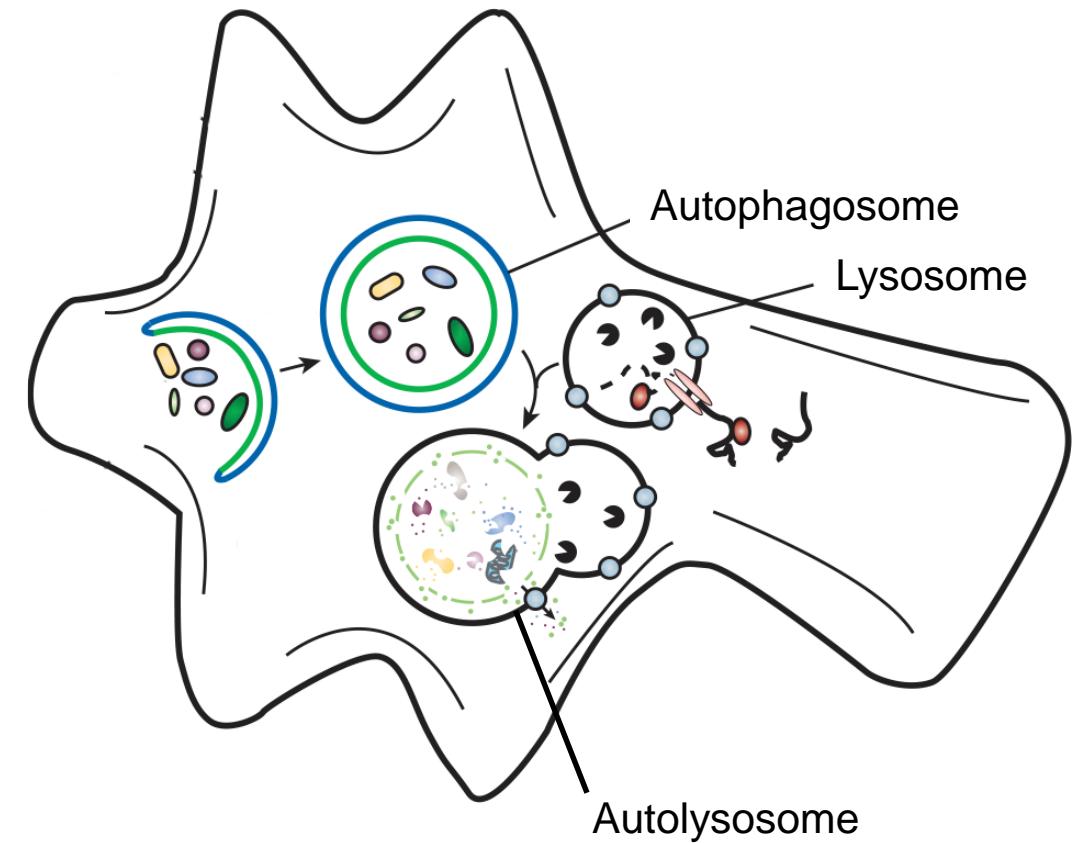
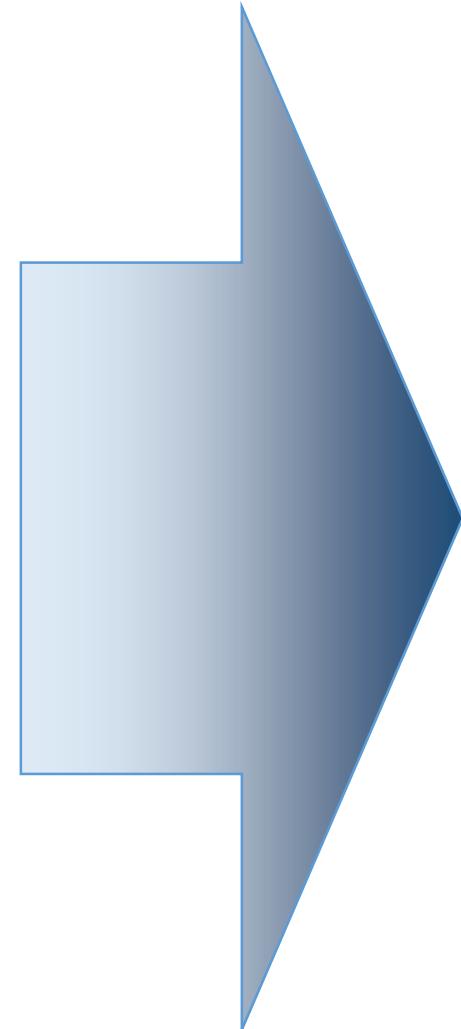
Glucagon, etc.

Pharmacological agents

Rapamycin, Torin1, etc.

Various disease

Cancer, etc.



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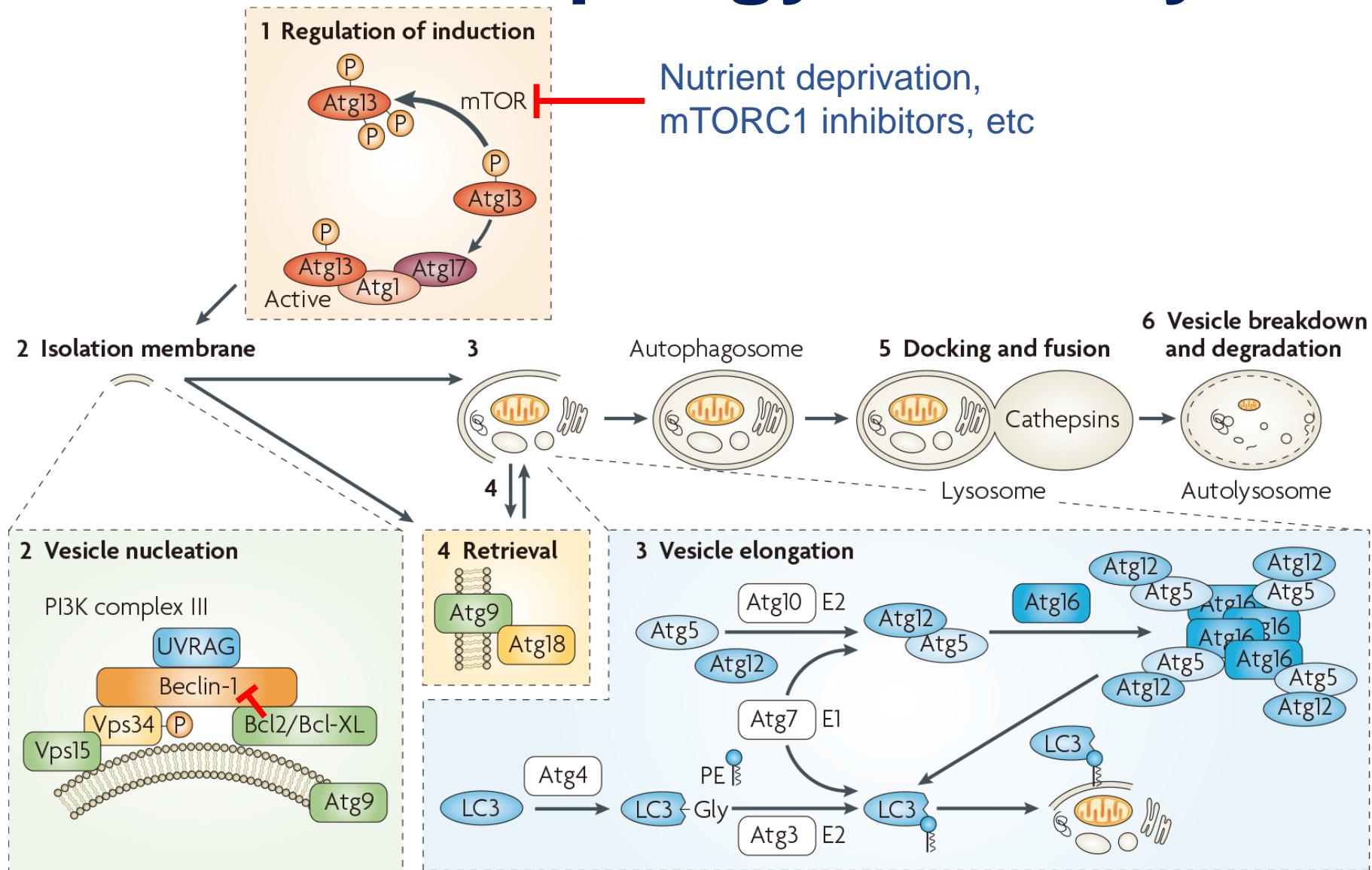
# The Macroautophagy Pathway

## **Atg1: yeast homolog of mammalian ULK1**

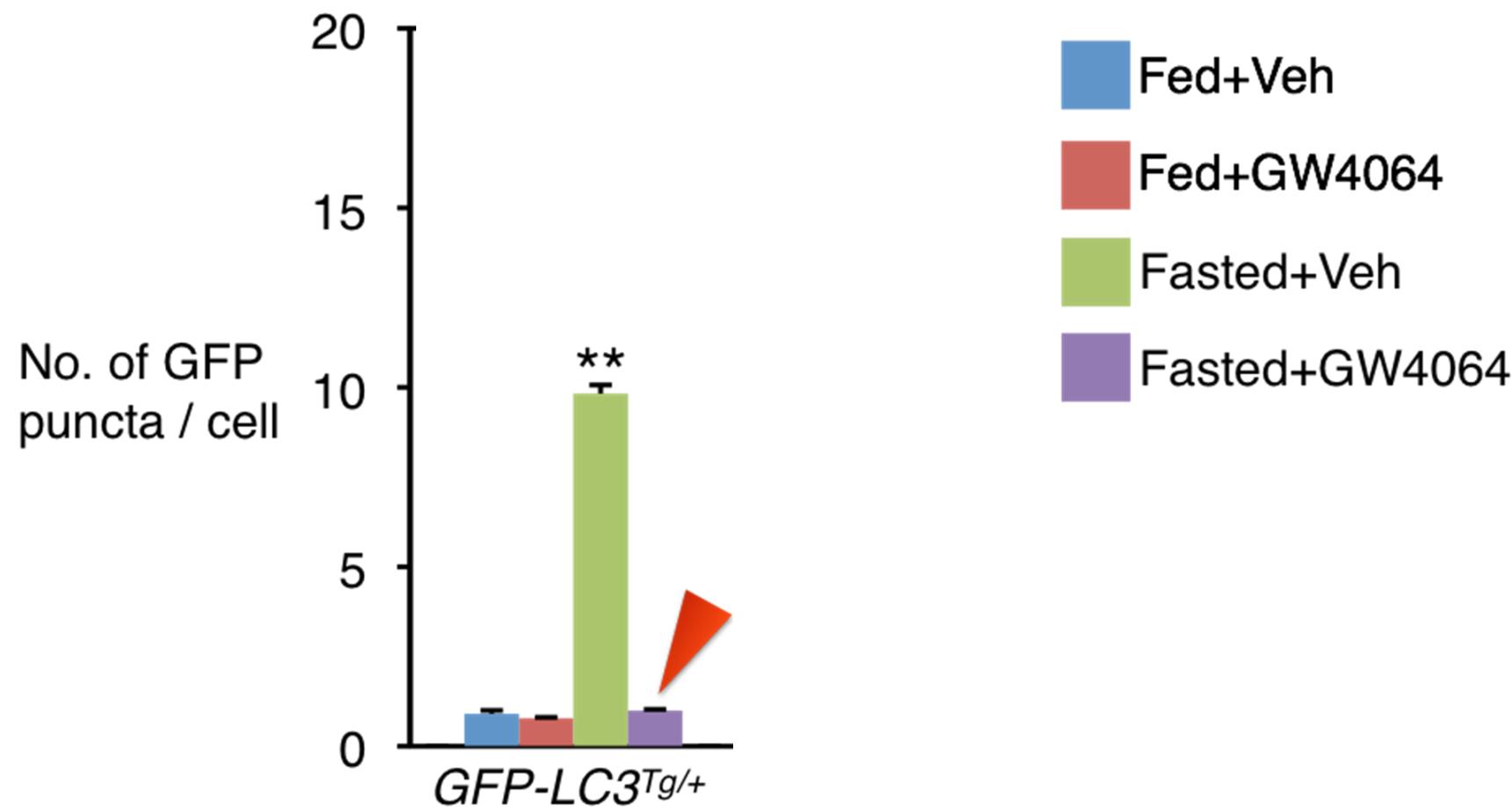
**LC3** : mammalian homolog of yeast Atg8

## **Beclin-1** : mammalian homolog of yeast Atg6

## **Vps34**: yeast homolog of mammalian Class III PI3K



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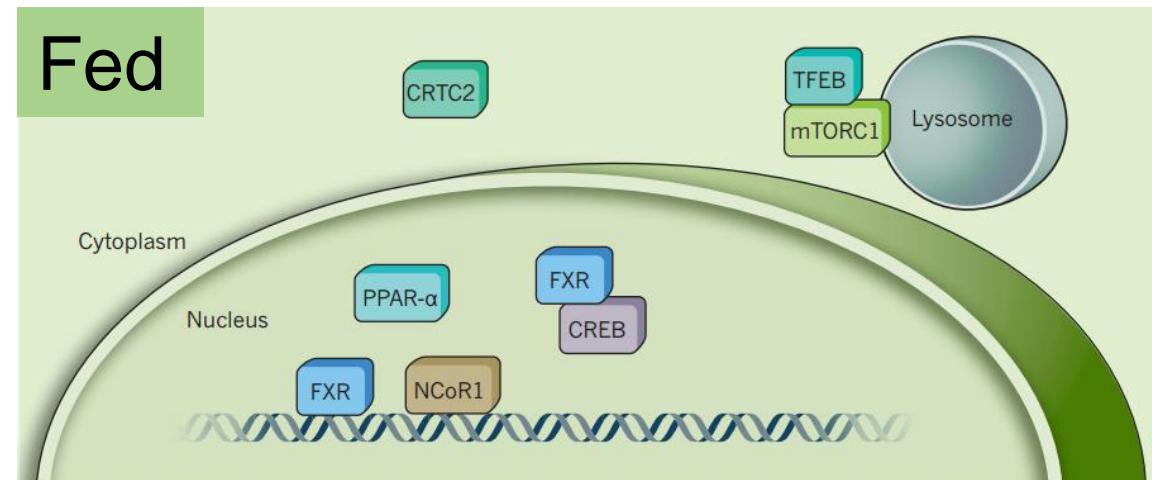


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CELL METABOLISM

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# Autophagy transcribed



**Fed *Ppara*<sup>-/-</sup> + GW7647**

**0.5 μm**

**Mouse liver**

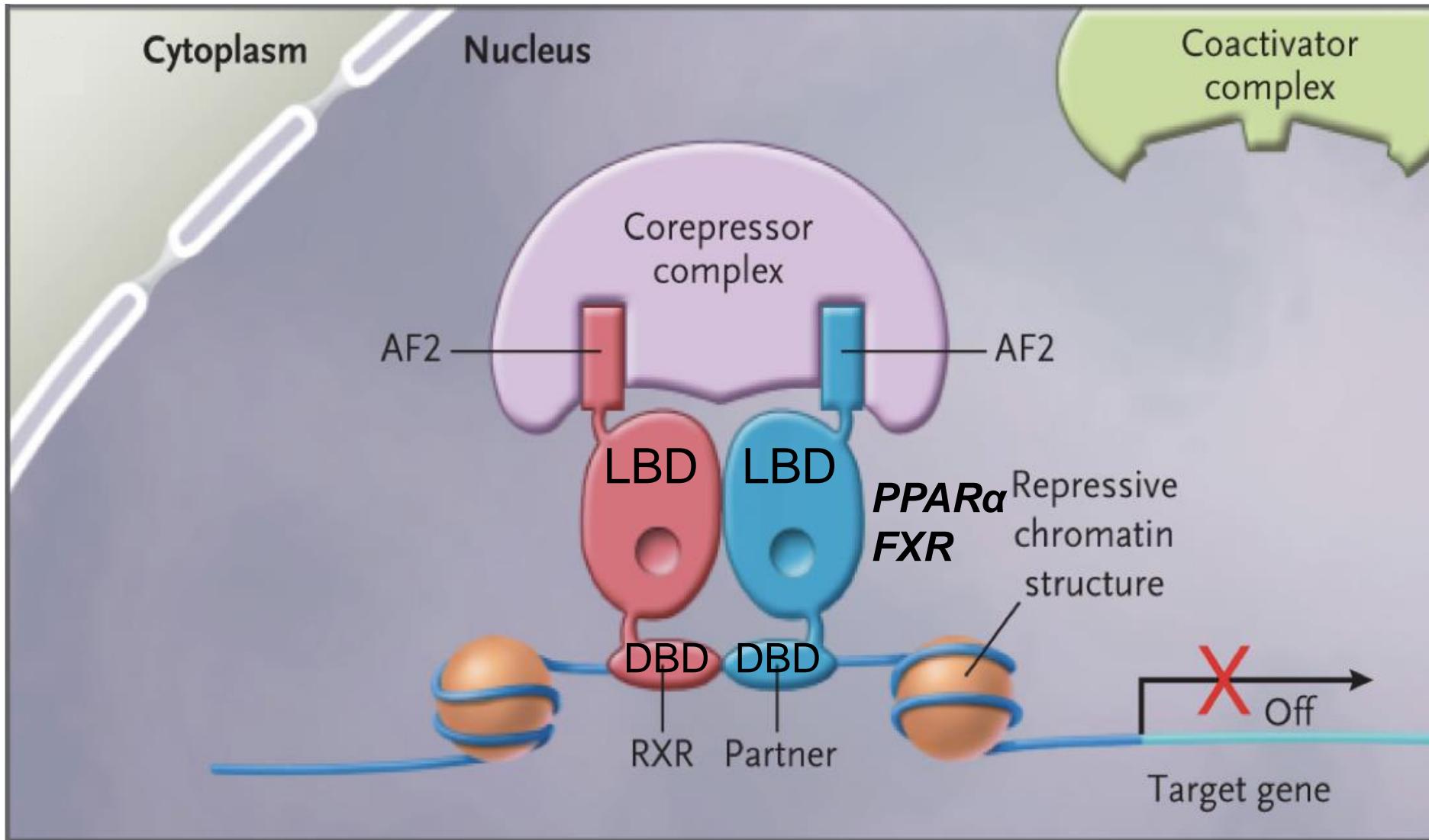
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AG

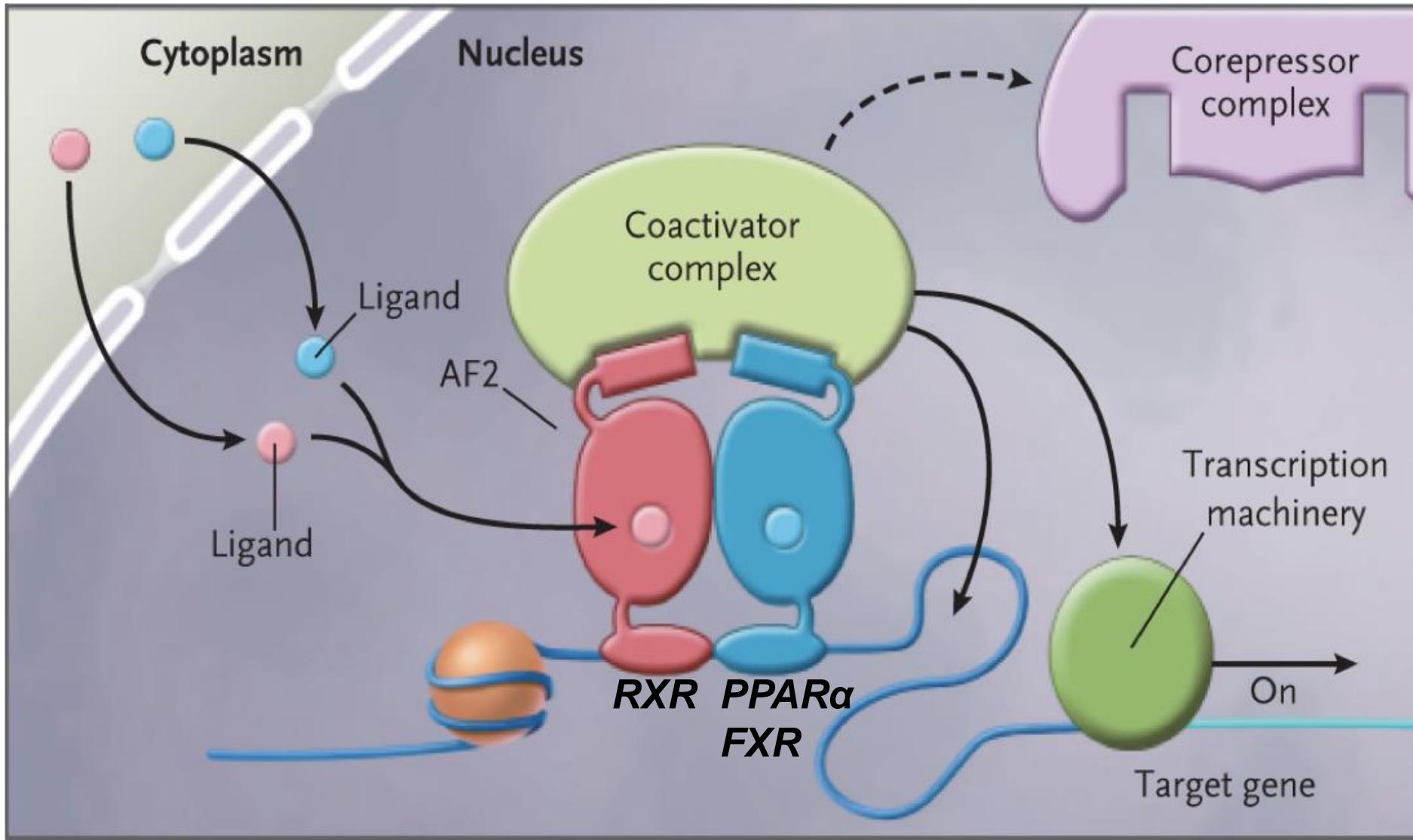
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Mouse liver

# Nuclear Receptors as Ligand-Dependent TFs



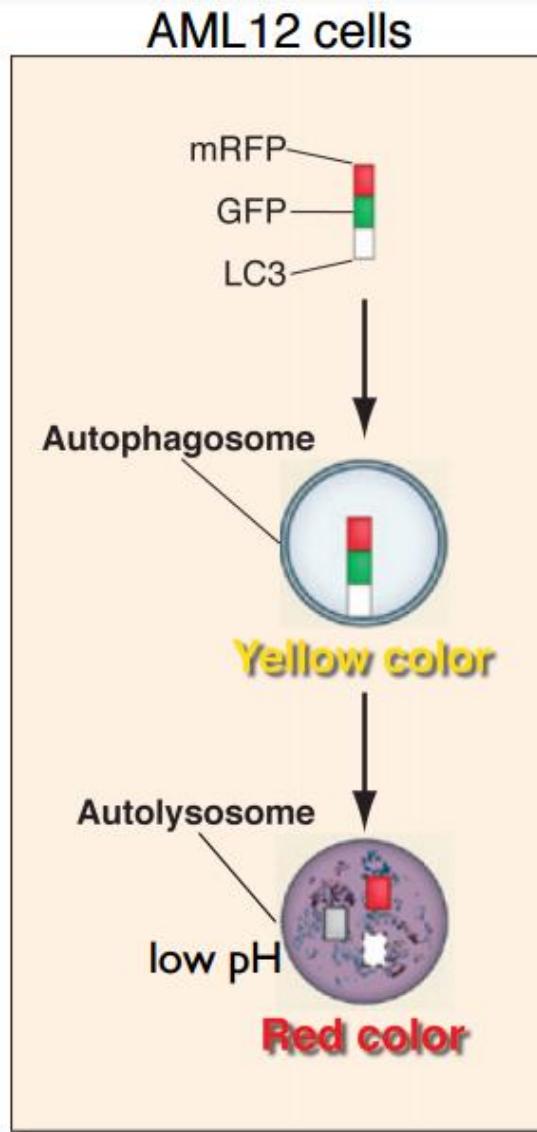
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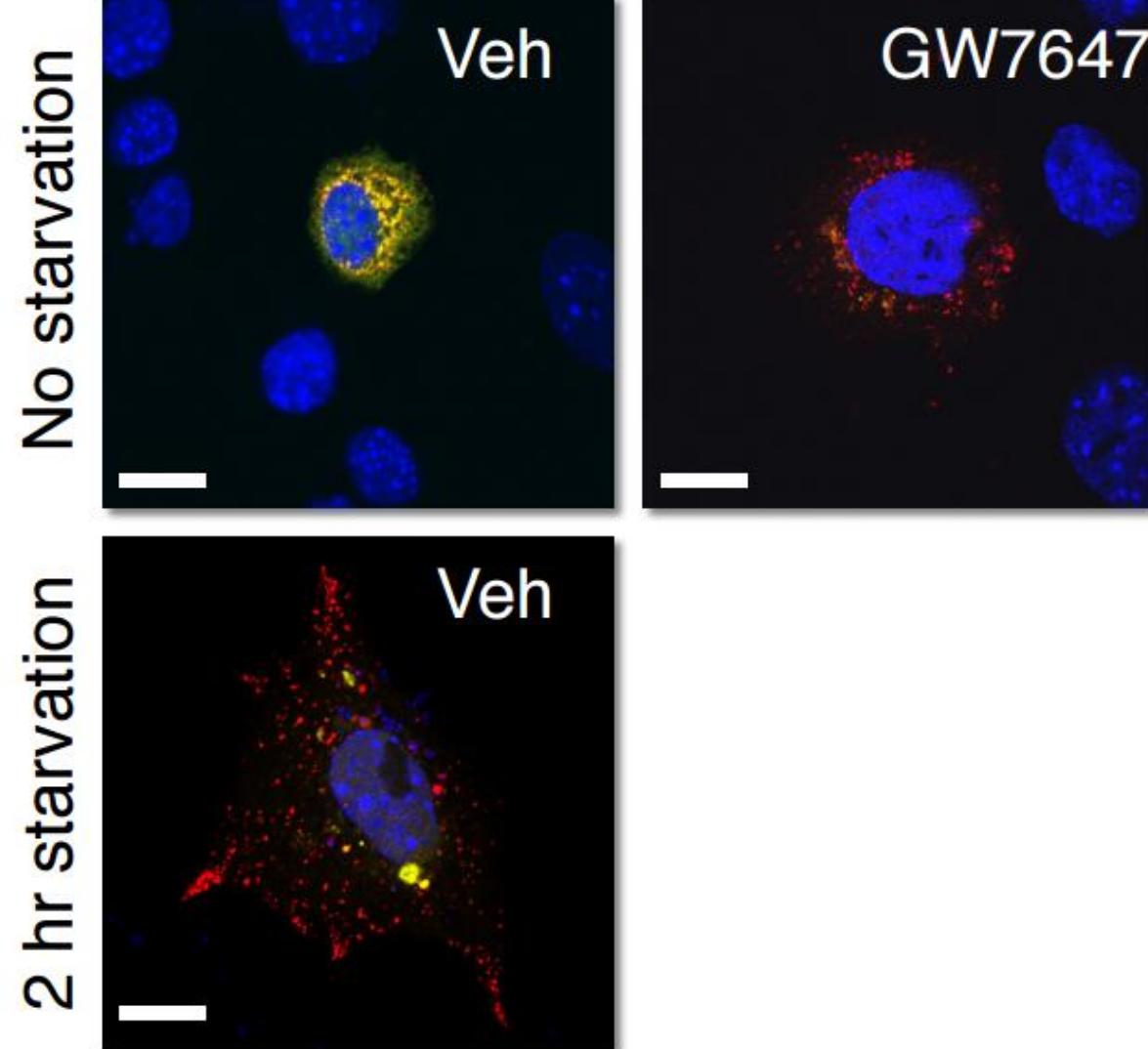
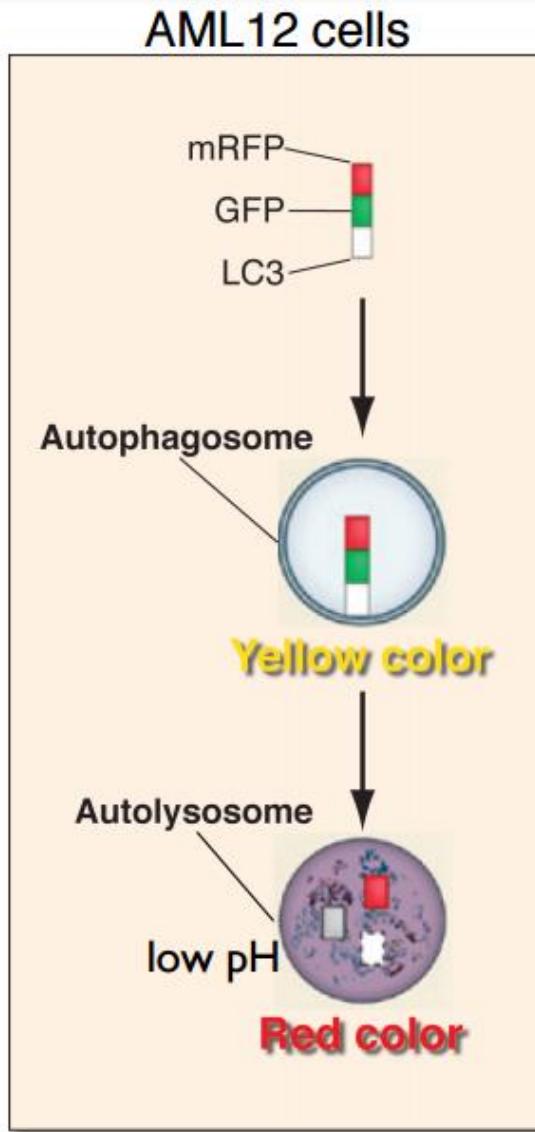
# Summary: Autophagic Assays in Cell Culture

- WB against LC3 & p62
- Autophagic flux assay with lysosomal inhibitors
- GFP-LC3 cleavage assay, etc
- PPAR $\alpha$  activation increases AGs & induces autophagic flux
- FXR activation decreases AGs & suppresses autophagic flux
- mTORC1-independent mechanisms based on WB against pS6/S6 ratio

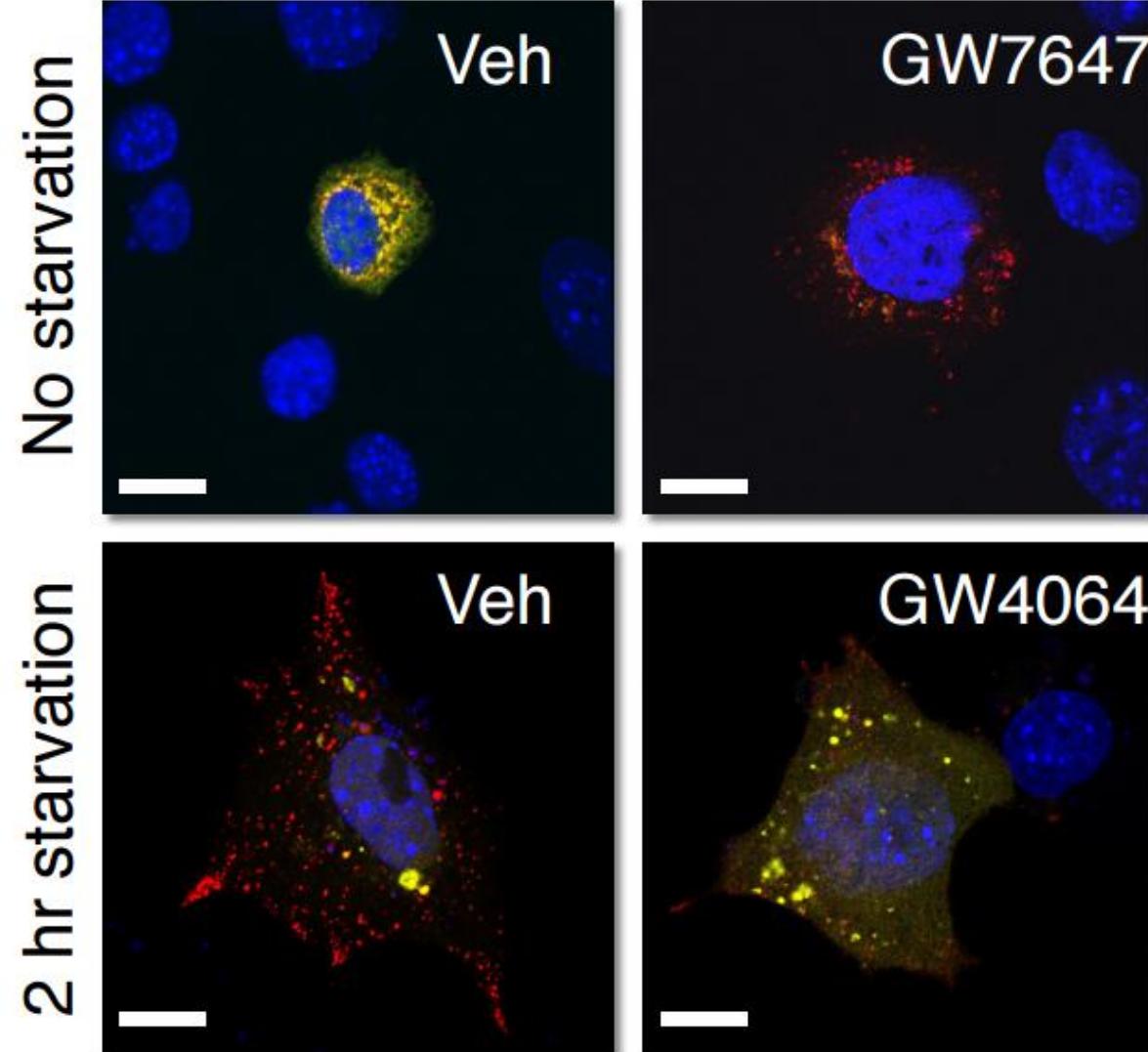
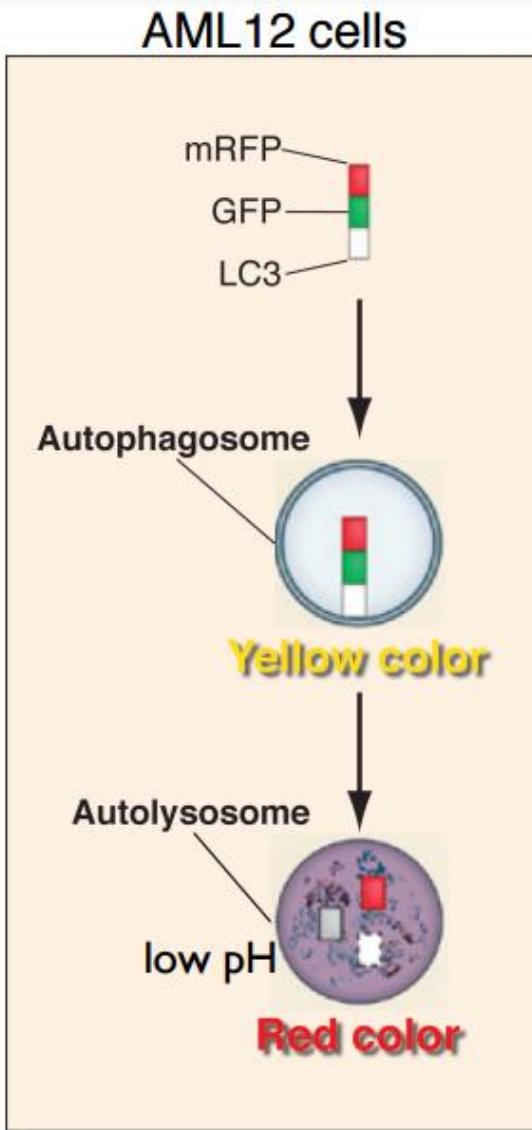
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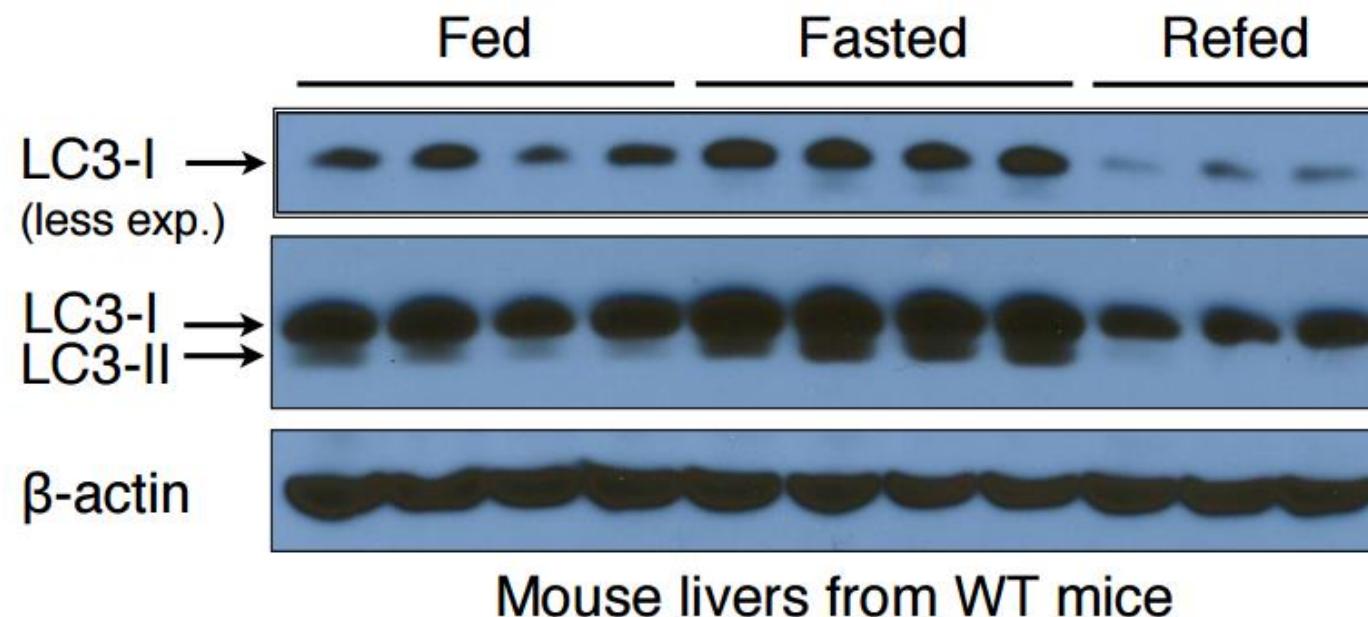
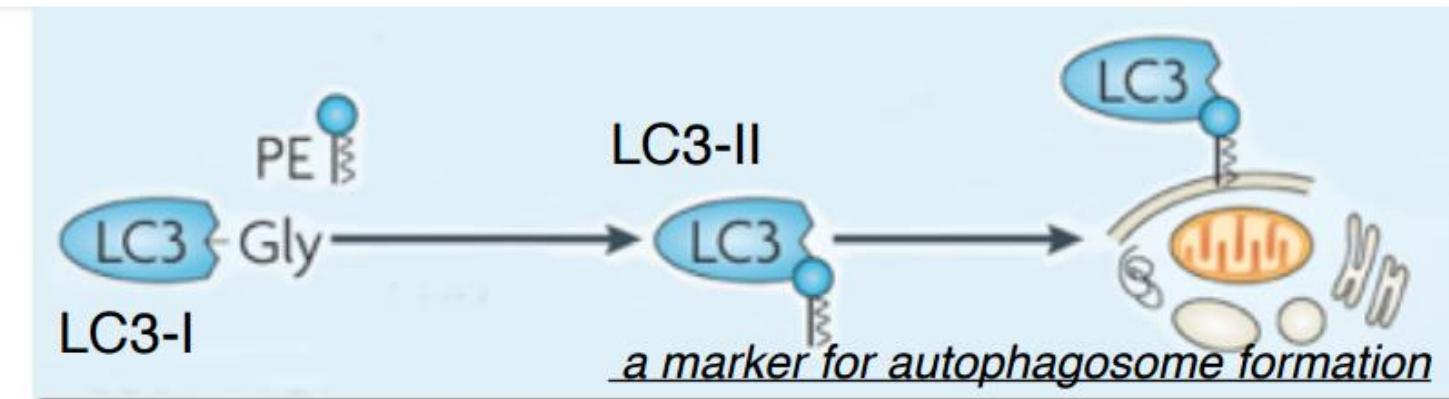
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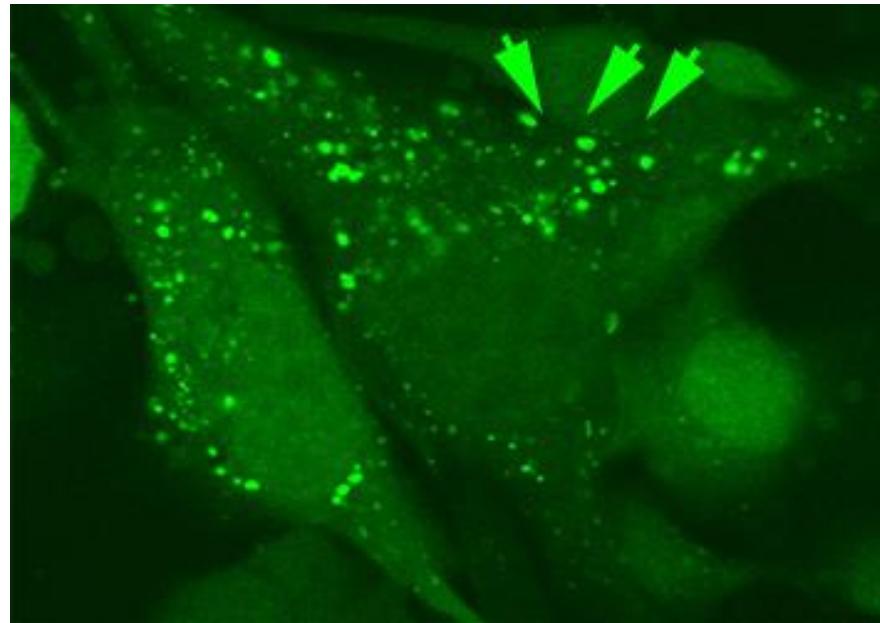
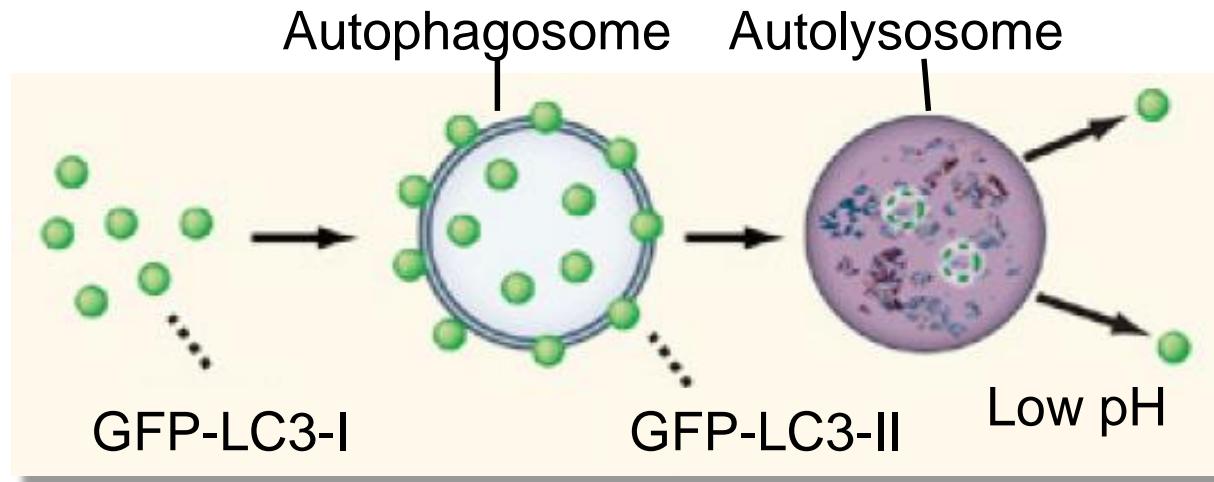
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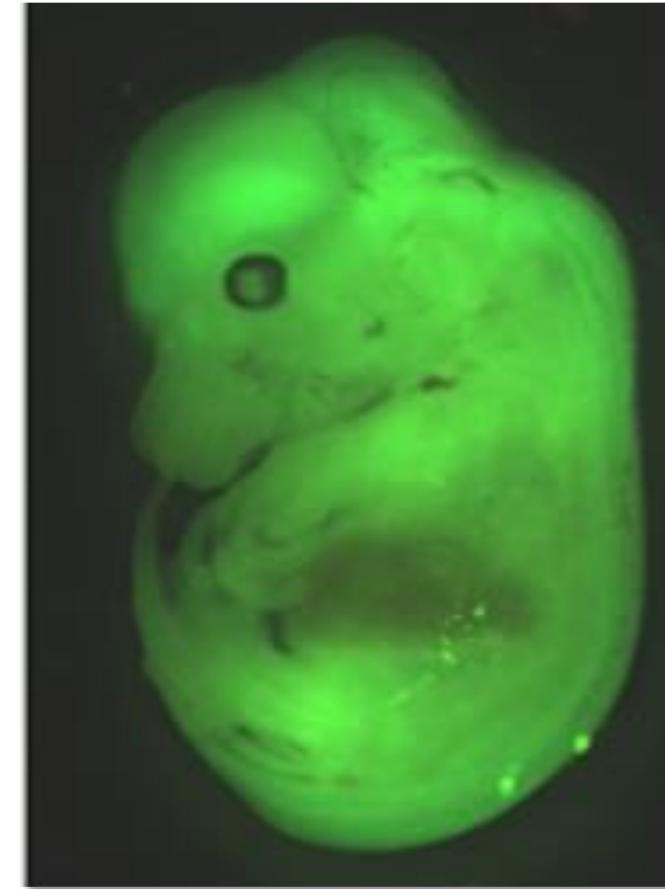
# Nutrient Status Regulates Autophagy in WT Mouse Liver



# GFP-LC3 Puncta Formation Assay

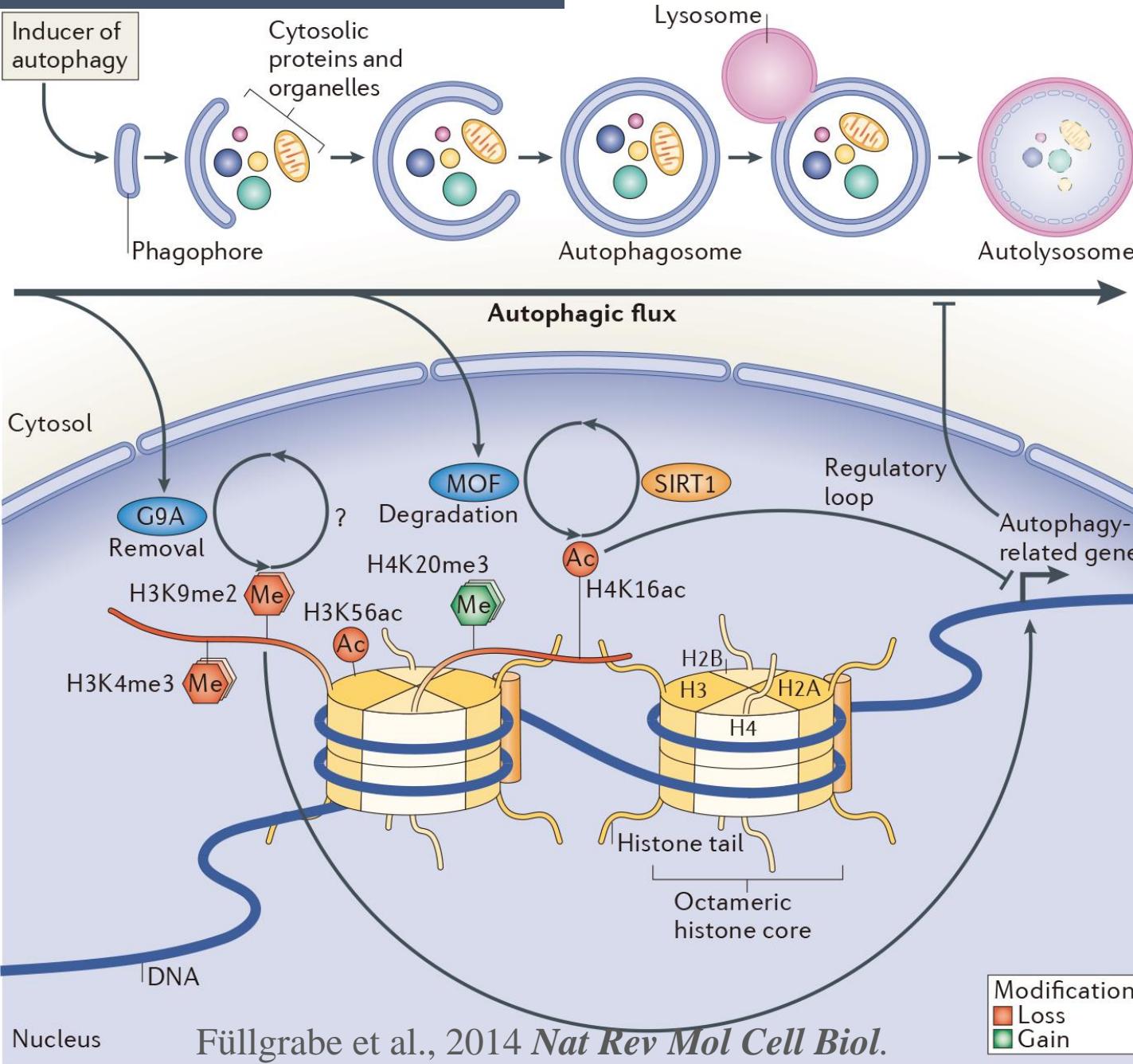


*GFP-LC3 Tg mouse*



Muzushima et al., 2004 *Mol Biol Cell*

## Working Model



# Transcriptional & Epigenetic Control of Autophagy

Table 1 | Transcriptional control of autophagy\*

Transcription factor	Core autophagy genes regulated at the transcriptional level	Effect on autophagy	Refs
ATF4	ATG5, BH3-only LC3 and ULK1	Enhanced autophagy	99–102
ATF5	mTOR	Suppressed autophagy	103
β-catenin	SQSTM1 <sup>‡</sup>	Suppressed autophagy	104
C/EBPβ	BNIP3, LC3 and ULK1	Enhanced autophagy	105
CHOP	ATG5 and LC3	Enhanced autophagy	99
E2F1	ATG5, BNIP3, LC3 and ULK1	Enhanced autophagy	29,34,106
FOXO1	ATG5, ATG12, ATG14, BECN1, BNIP3, LC3, and VPS34	Enhanced autophagy	18,23,107, 108
FOXO3	ATG4, ATG12, BECN1, BNIP3, LC3, ULK1, ULK2 and VPS34	Enhanced autophagy or suppressed autophagy	17,20,107, 109,110
GATA1	LC3	Enhanced autophagy	111
HIF1	BNIP3	Enhanced autophagy	112,113
JUN	BECN1 and LC3	Enhanced autophagy	114–116
NF-κB	BCL2, BECN1, BNIP3 <sup>‡</sup> and SQSTM1	Enhanced autophagy or suppressed autophagy	34,117–119
p53	ATG2, ATG4, ATG7, ATG10, BCL2 <sup>‡</sup> , BH3-only, ULK1 and UVAG	In the cytosol: suppressed autophagy In the nucleus: enhanced autophagy	42,120
p63	ATG3, ATG4, ATG5, ATG7, ATG9, ATG10, BECN1, LC3 and ULK1	Enhanced autophagy	42,44
p73	ATG5, ATG7 and UVAG	Enhanced autophagy	42,43
SOX2	ATG10	Enhanced autophagy	121
SREBP2	LC3, ATG4B and ATG4D	Enhanced autophagy	122
STAT1	ATG12 <sup>‡</sup> and BECN1 <sup>‡</sup>	Suppressed autophagy	123
STAT3	ATG3, BCL2 and BNIP3	Suppressed autophagy	124,125
TFEB	ATG4, ATG9, BCL2, LC3, SQSTM1, UVAG and WIPI	Enhanced autophagy	49
ZKSCAN3	LC3 <sup>‡</sup> , ULK1 <sup>‡</sup> and WIPI <sup>‡</sup>	Suppressed autophagy	52