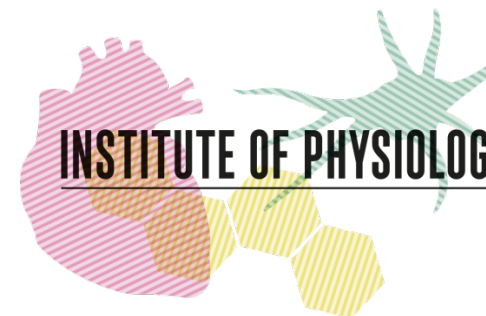


HIF-1 α and mitochondria in cardioprotection induced by adaptation to chronic hypoxia

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Chronic hypoxia (CH)



The extent of I/R injury depends on:

- intensity and duration of ischemic insult
- myocardial tolerance to oxygen deprivation

Disproportion between oxygen supply and demand at tissue level

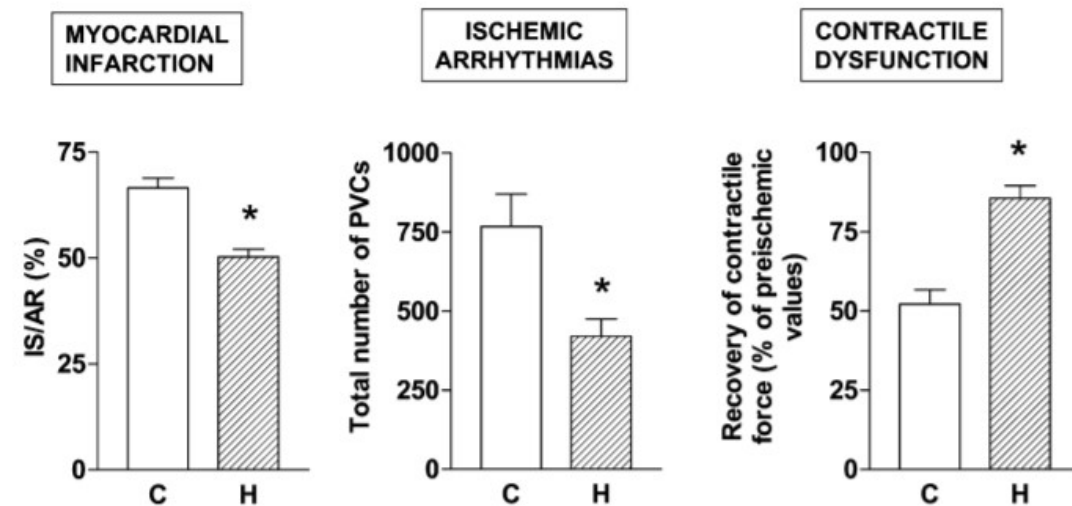
Adaptation to CH increases myocardial tolerance to acute I/R injury

Myocardial infarct size

Ischemic and reperfusion arrhythmias

Postischemic contractile dysfunction

Long-lasting protection



Ostadal and Kolar, Respir Physiol Neurobiol 2007

Hypoxia-inducible factor-1 (HIF-1)

Transcription factor regulating body's response to hypoxia

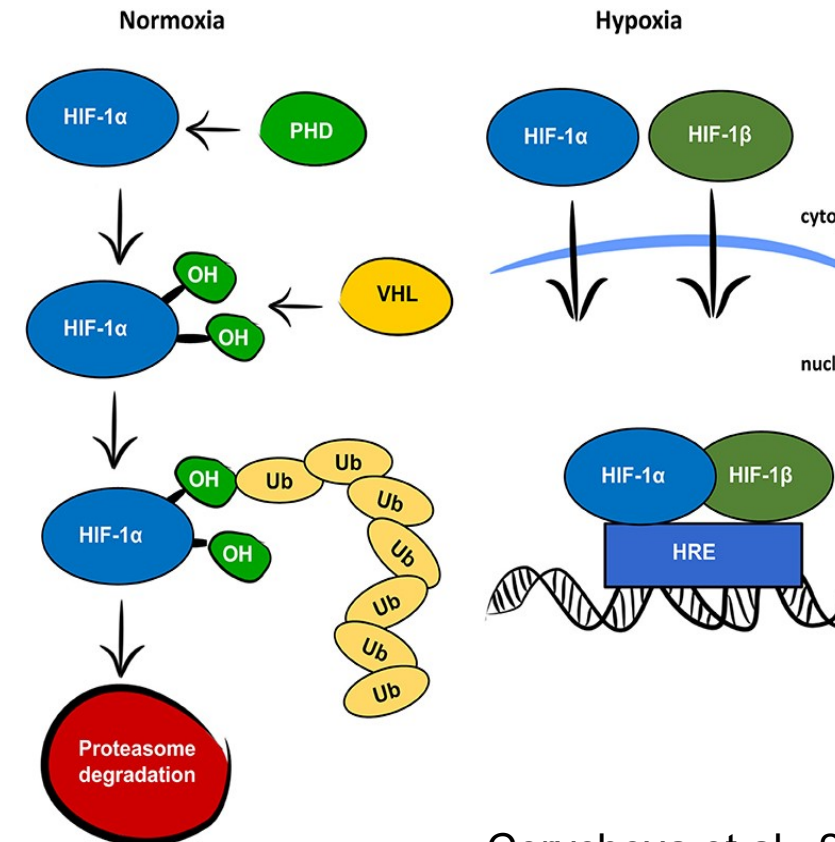
>1000 target genes associated with angiogenesis, erythropoiesis, metabolism, cell survival, ...

Heterodimer:

- HIF-1 α
- HIF-1 β

Both subunits are continuously expressed

α -subunit is fastly degraded
in an oxygen-dependent manner

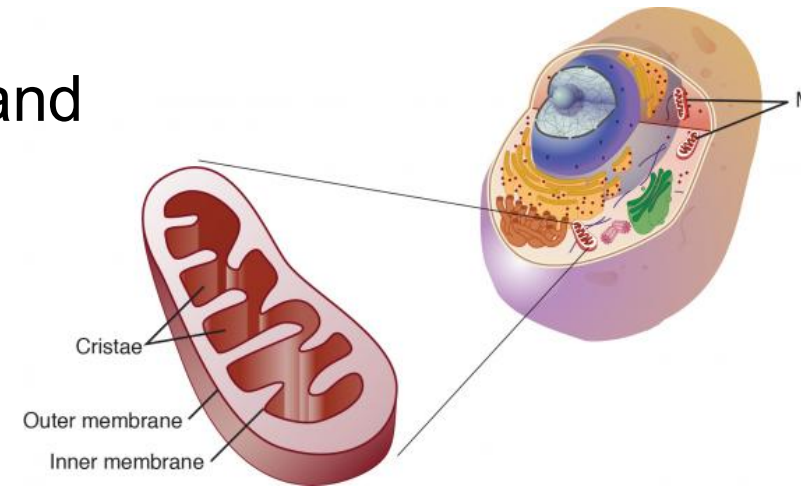


Cerychova et al., 2002

Mitochondria in the heart

Heart is enriched in mt due to its high energy demand

- ATP production
- Calcium and oxygen handling
- Cell signaling
- ROS production



Mitochondrial quality control is crucial for cardiomyocyte homeostasis and survival

CH alters mt components

- \uparrow ROS production
- mK_{ATP} channels
- BK_{Ca} channels
- Mitochondrial dynamics and degradation

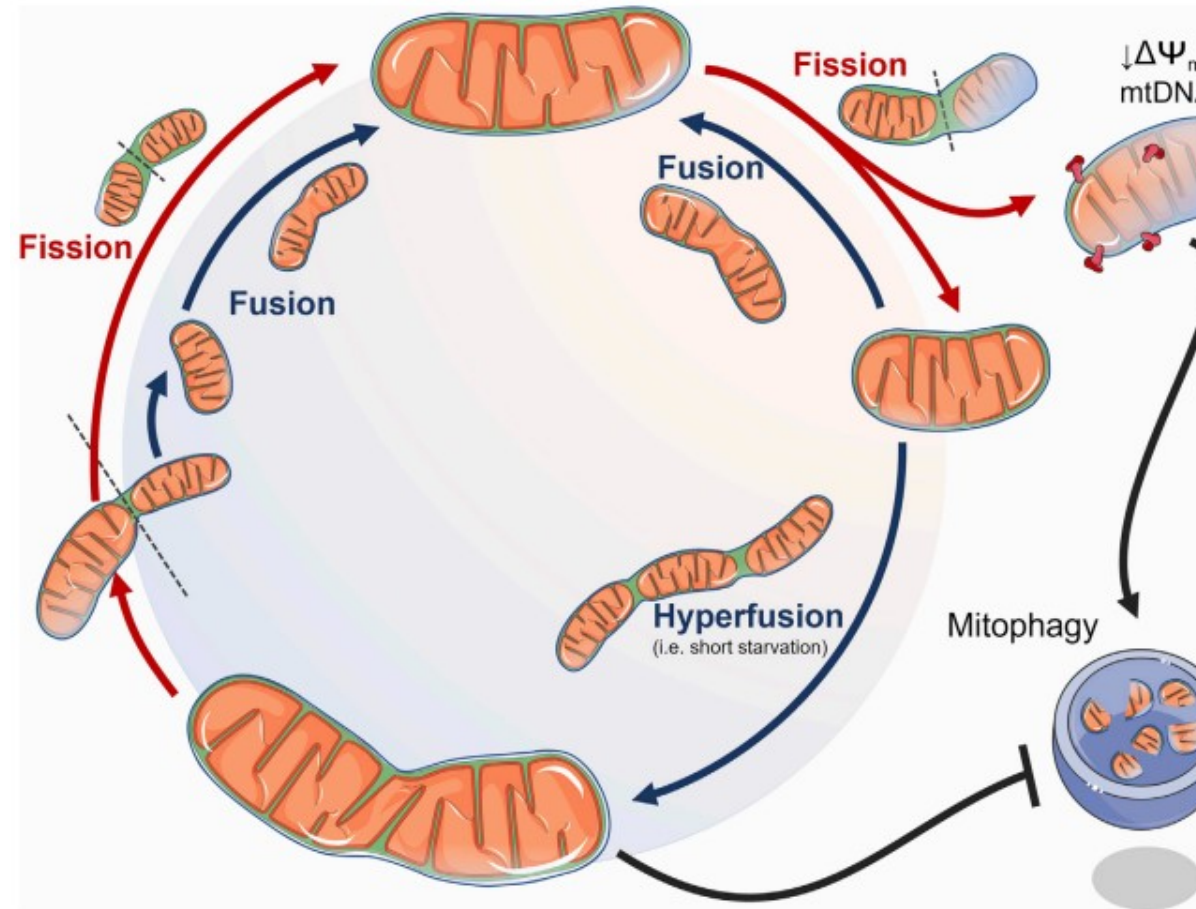
Mitochondrial dynamics

Dynamic networks

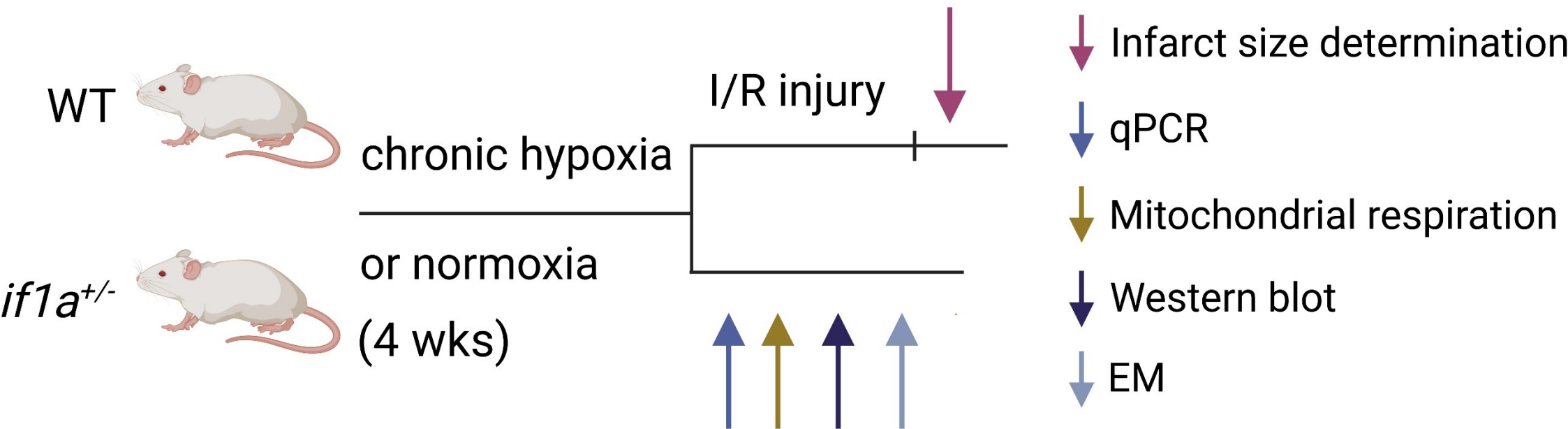
Fusion and fission
mitochondria-shaping proteins
(Mfn1, Mfn2, Opa1, Drp1)

fusion: exchange of genetic material

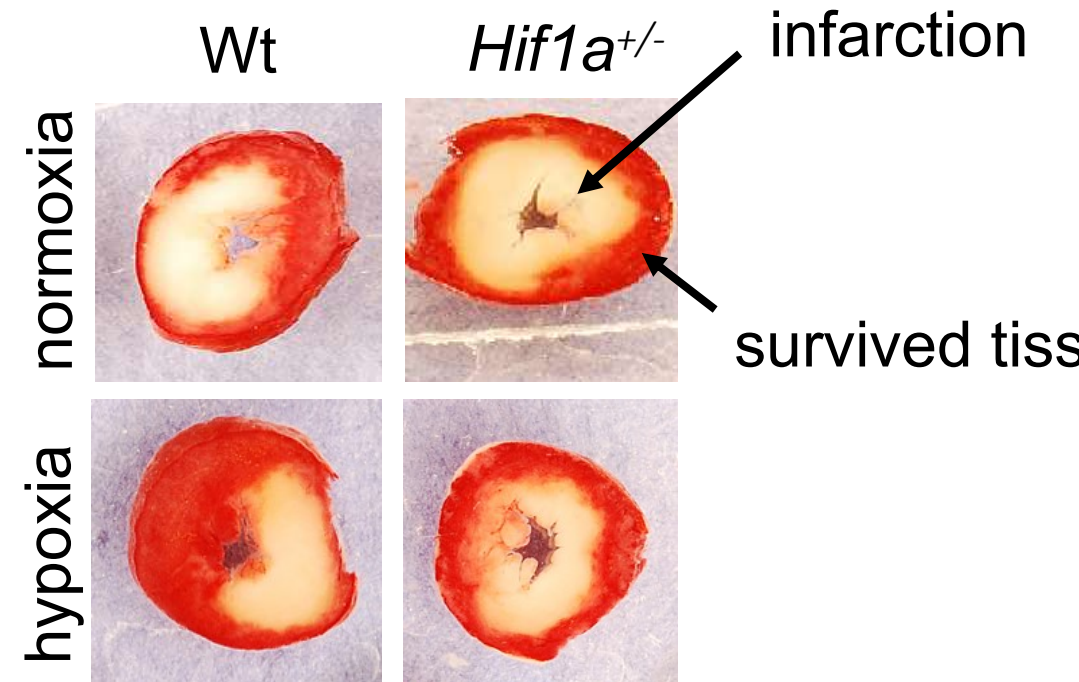
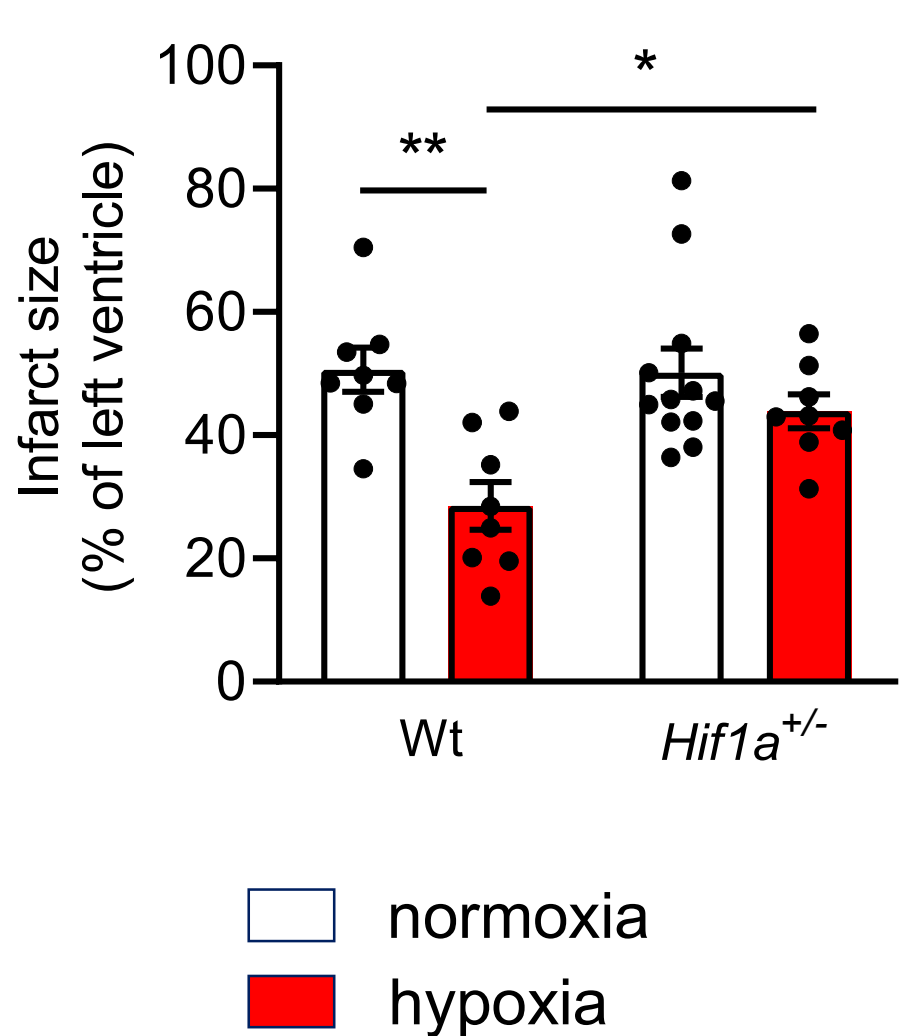
fission: division, mitophagy



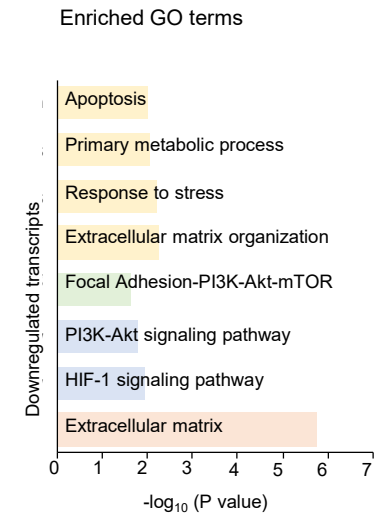
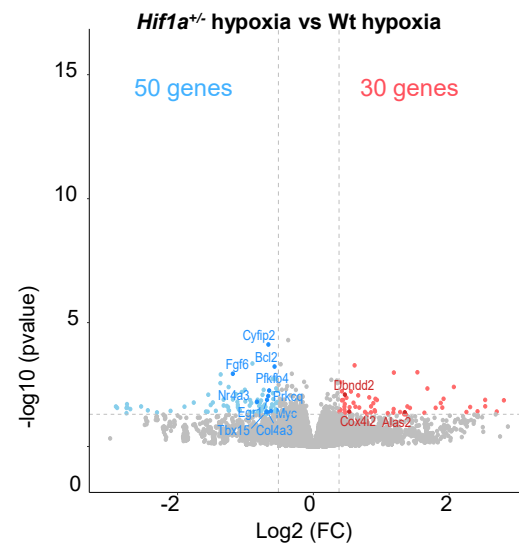
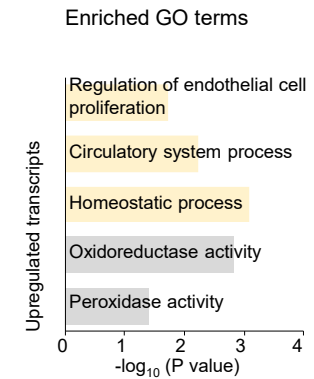
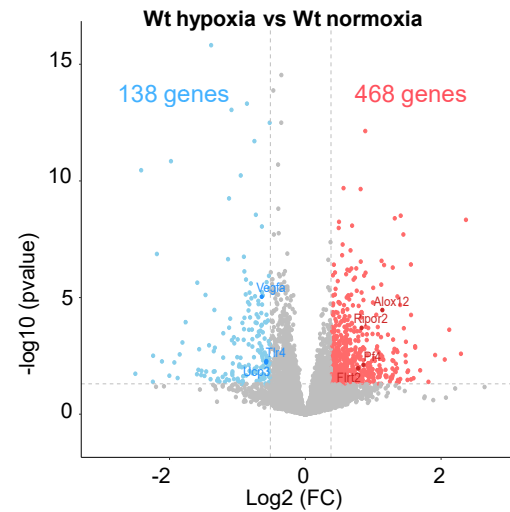
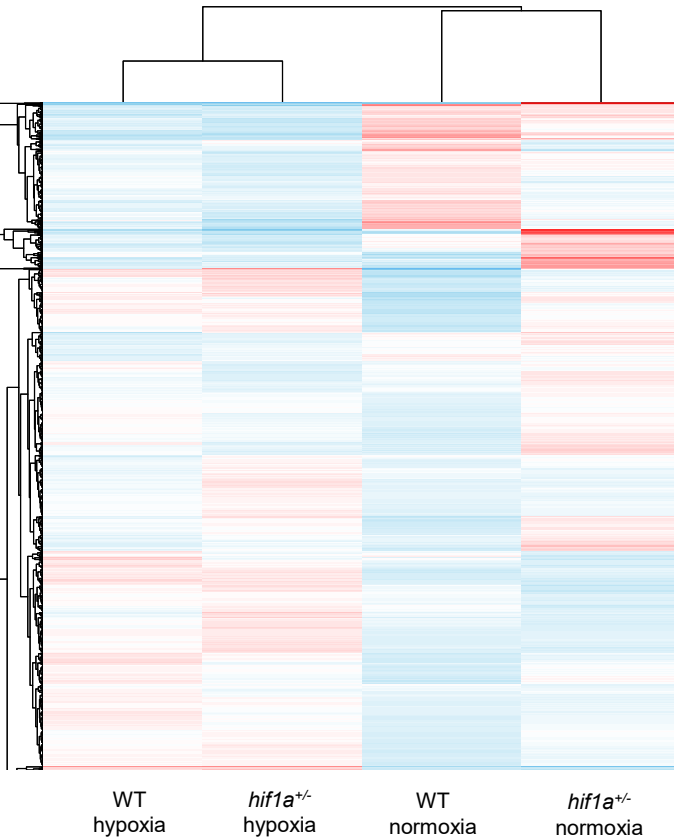
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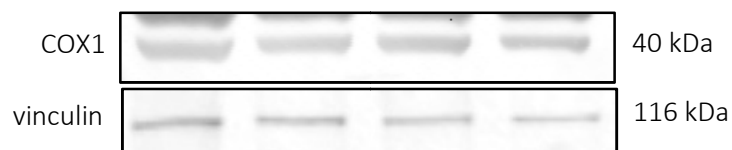
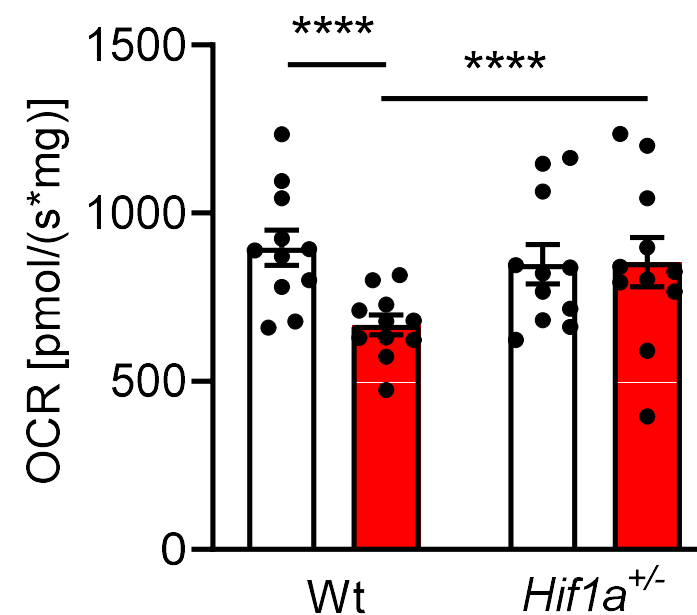
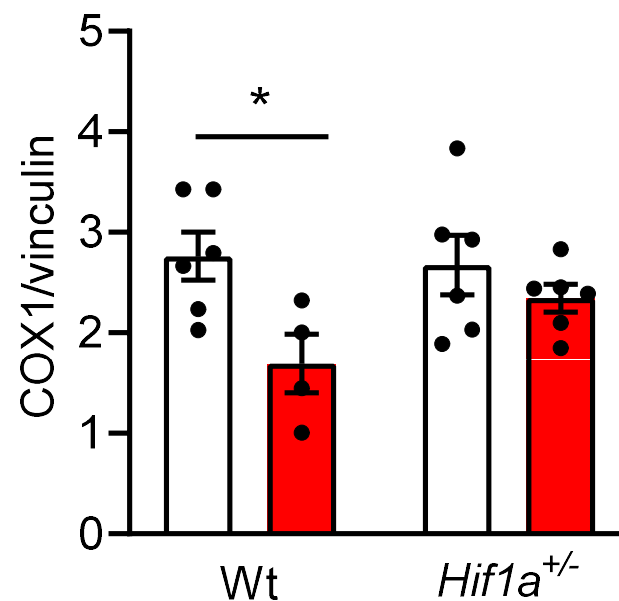
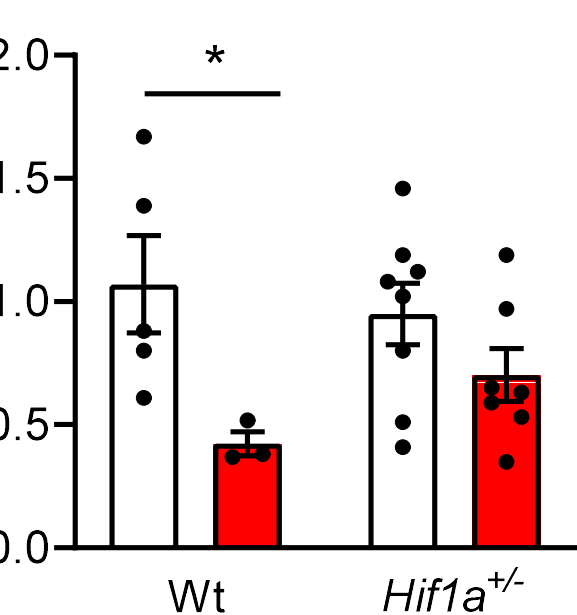
Partial *Hif1a* deficiency inhibited CH-induced cardioprotection



H induced changes in the transcriptome of cardiomyocytes



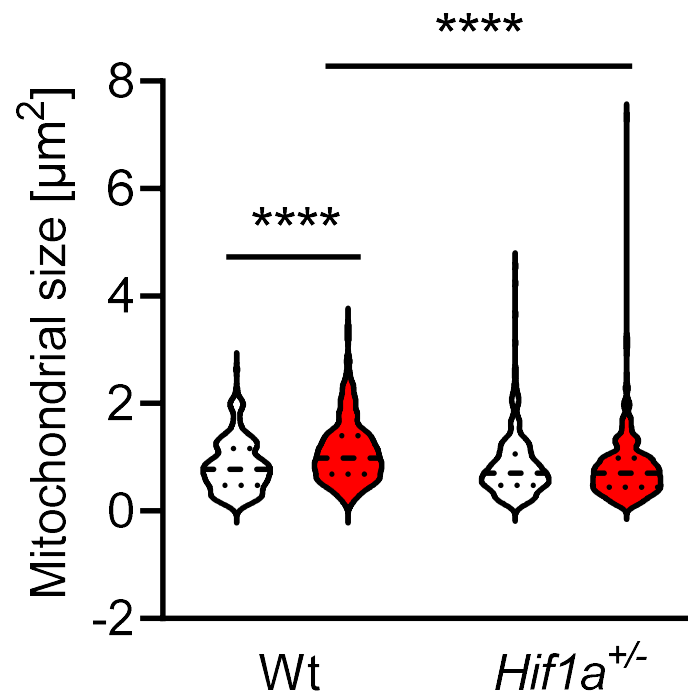
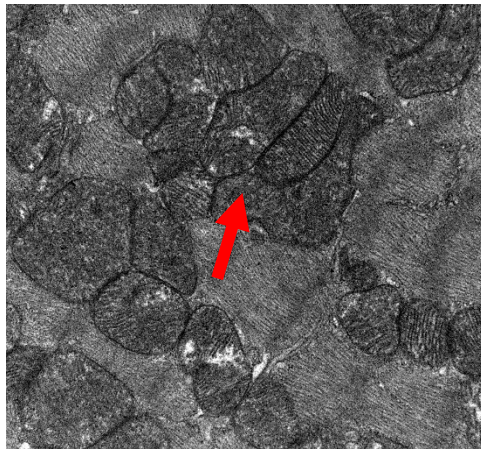
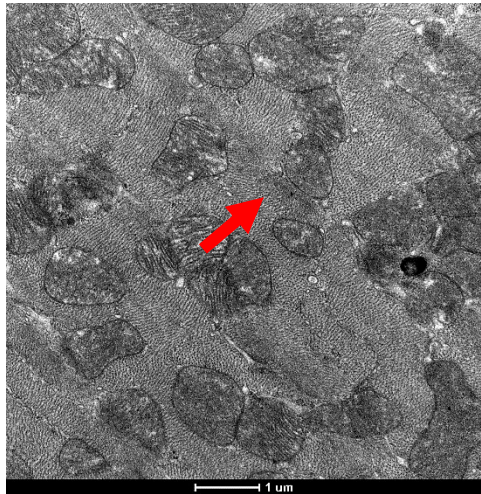
H reduced mitochondrial content and altered its function



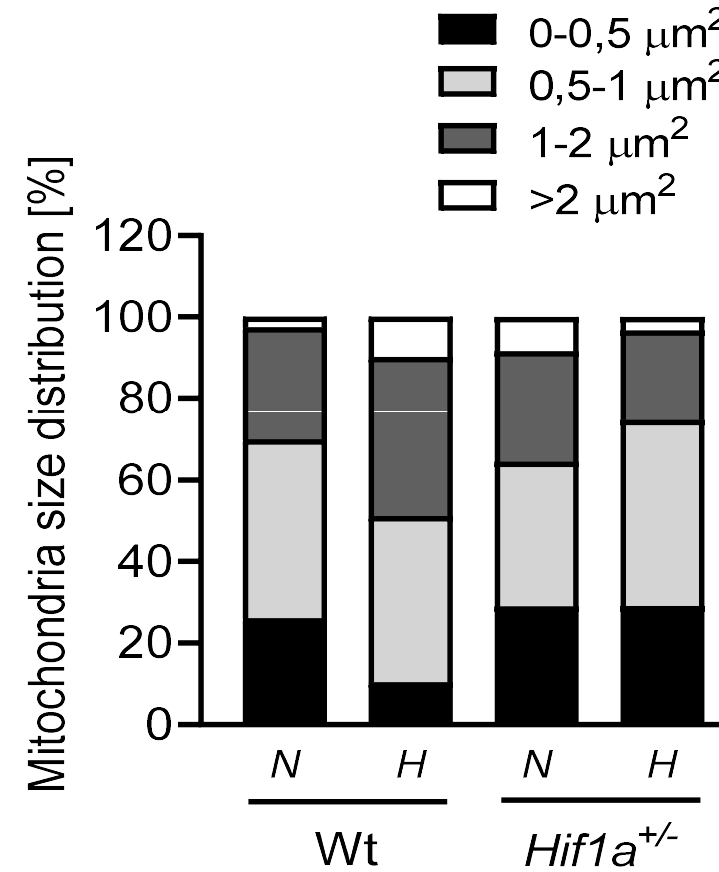
normoxia
hypoxia

H altered mitochondrial ultrastructure

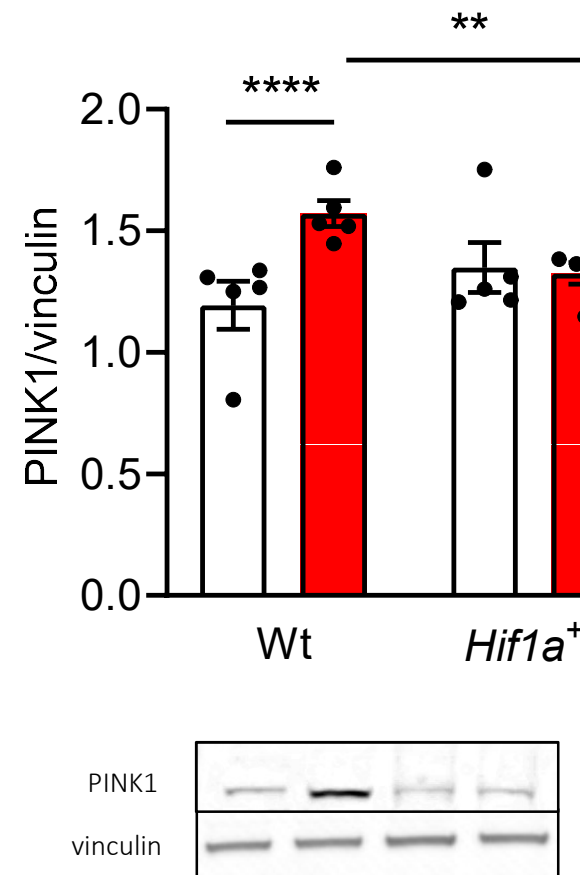
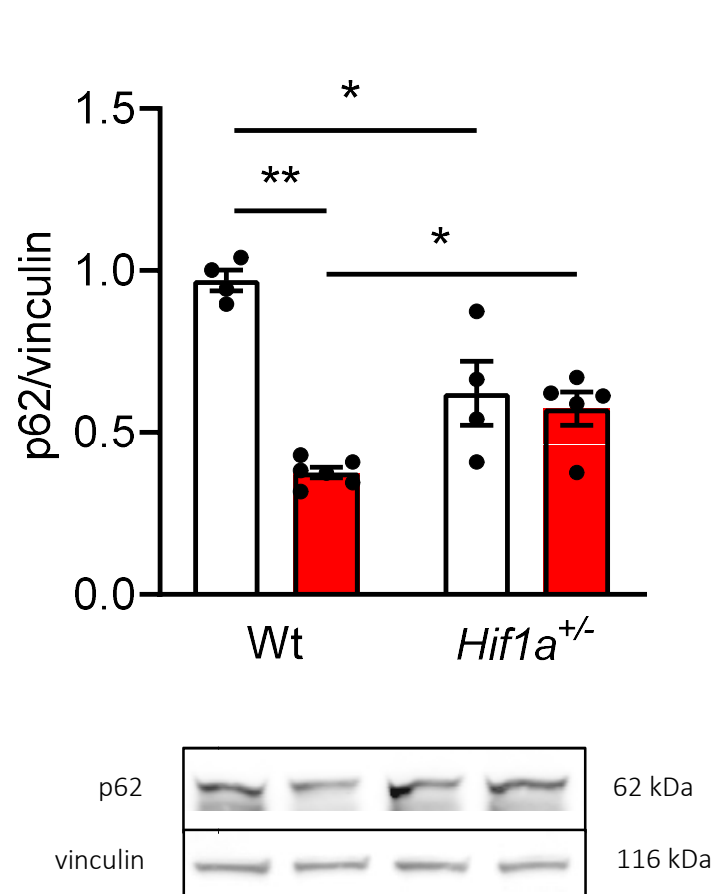
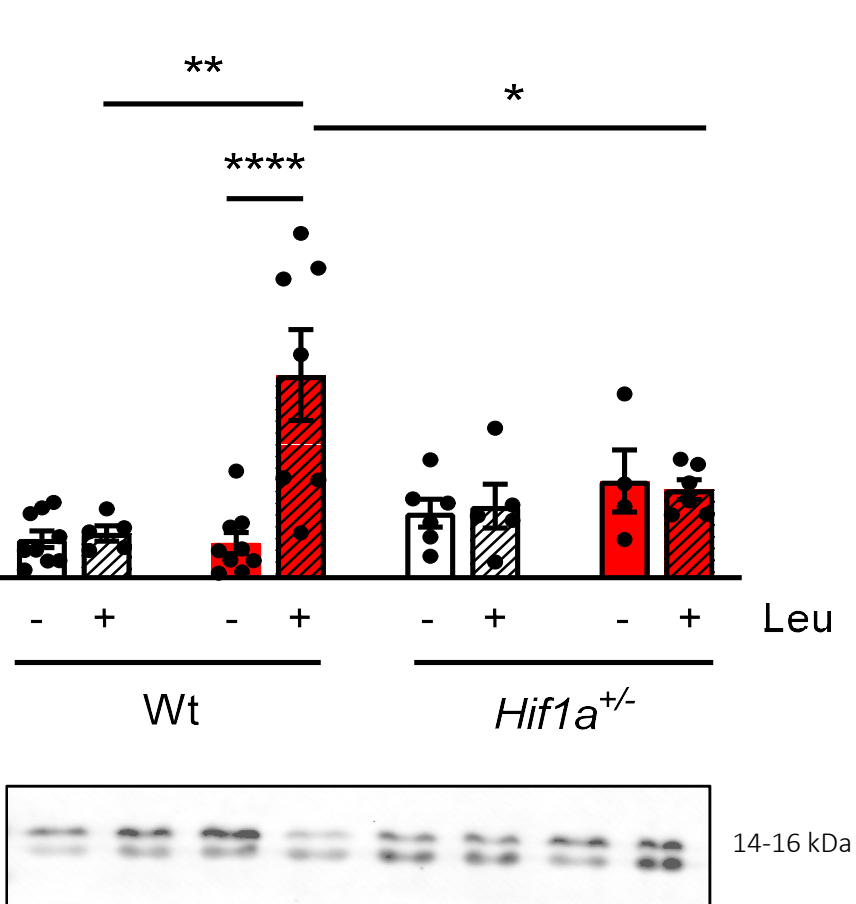
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□ normoxia
■ hypoxia

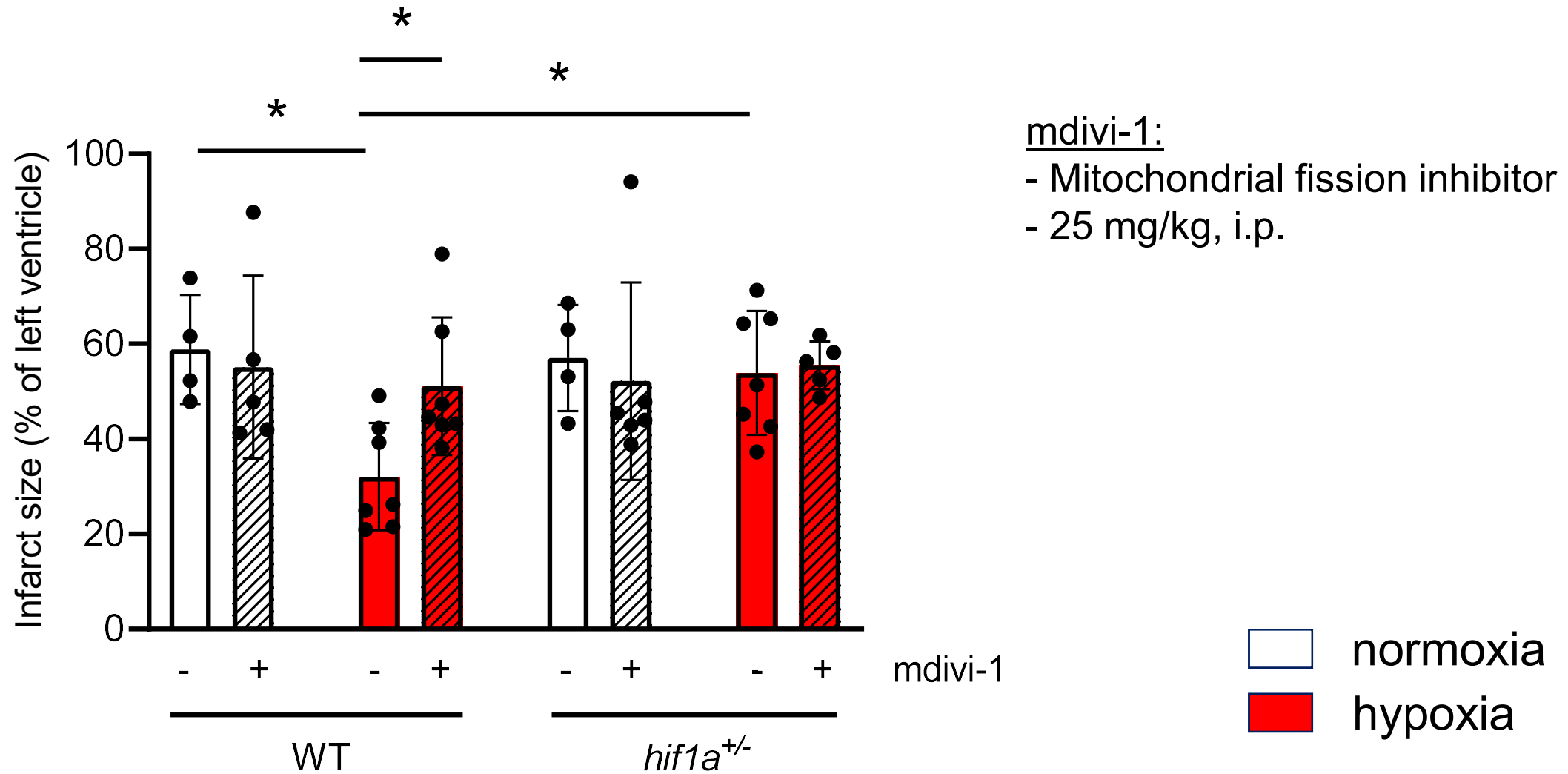


H induced autophagic flux

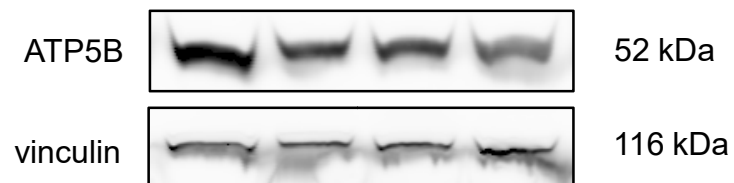
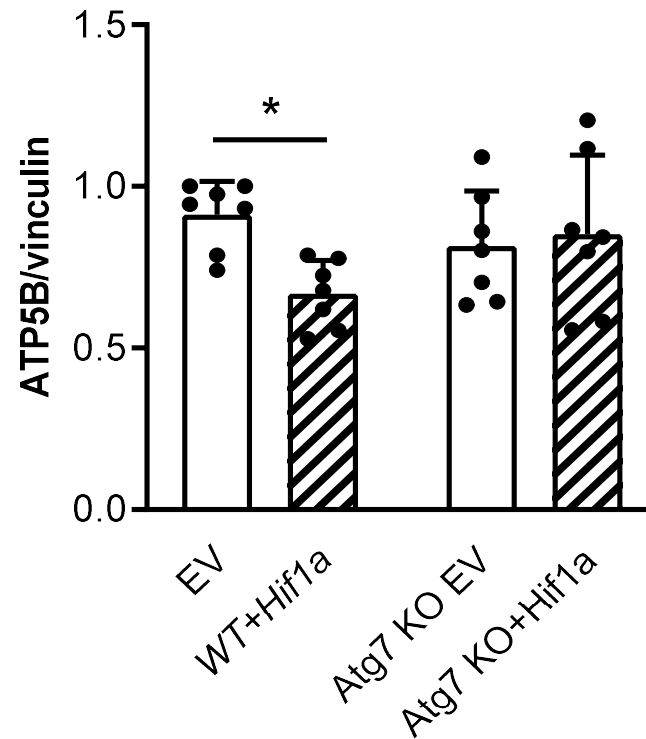
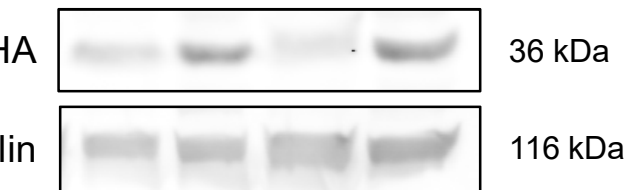
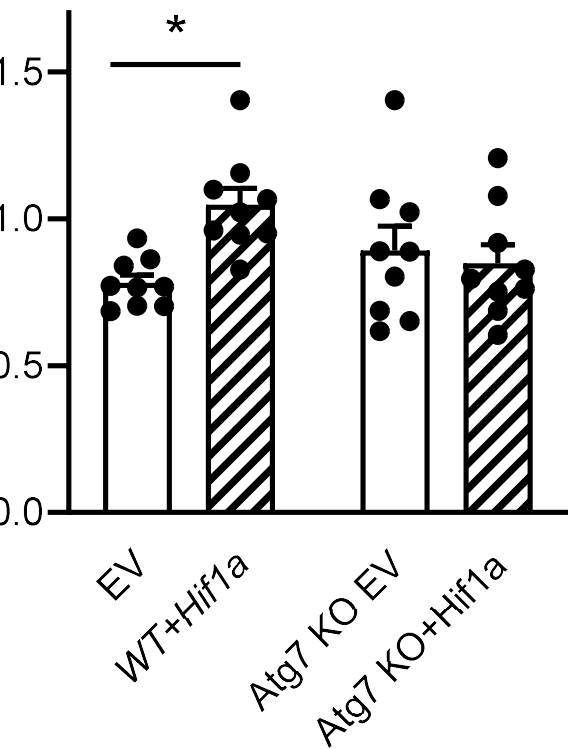


□ normoxic
■ hypoxic

F-1 α -activated mitophagy was necessary for CH-induced cardioprotection



mechanism verified *in vitro*



- AC16 cell line
- CRISPR-Cas9 → *Atg7* knock (KO)
- ATG7 - key autophagy protein
- Transfection
 - empty vector (EV)
 - *Hif1a* plasmid (resistant to prolyl-hydroxylases degradation)

Conclusion

HIF-1 α enhances degradation of possibly harmful mitochondria by activating mitophagy and thus, boosts the development of the cardioprotective phenotype

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