

A Specific Gut Microbiota Dysbiosis of Type 2 Diabetic Mice Induces GLP-1 Resistance through an Enteric NO-Dependent and Gut-Brain Axis Mechanism

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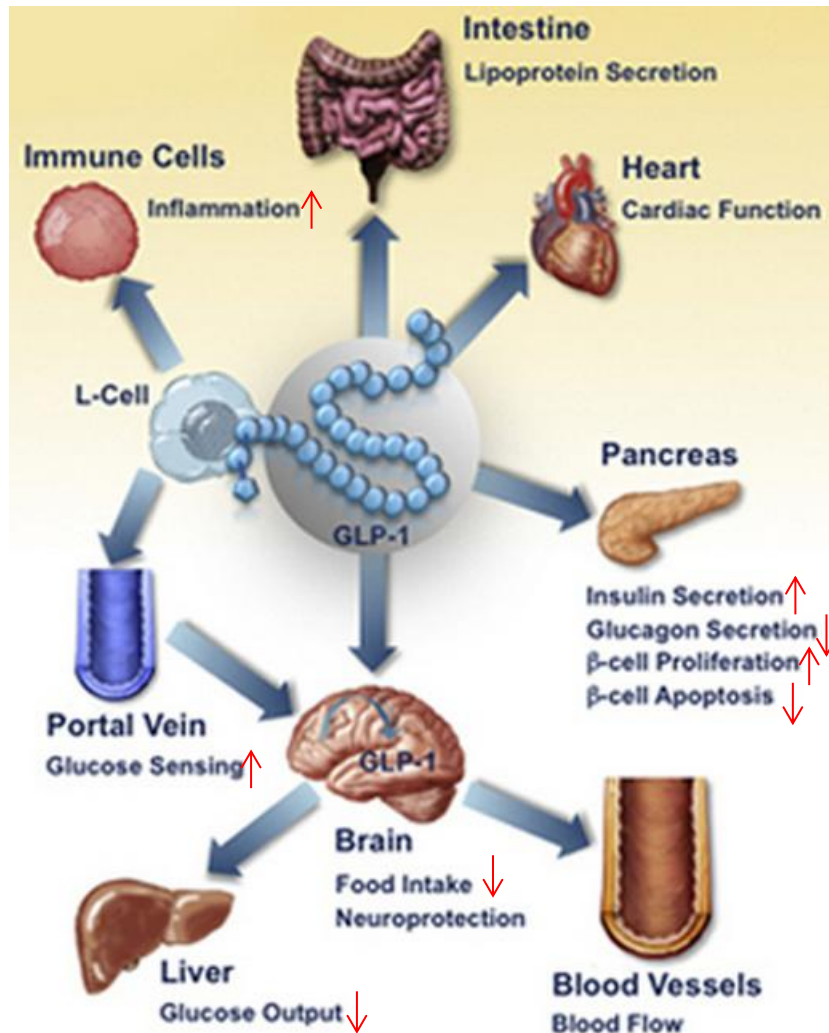
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1 Introduction



The function of GLP-1

GLP-1 regulates insulin and glucagon secretions, gastric emptying, food intake, and blood flow.

GLP-1-based therapies of T2D

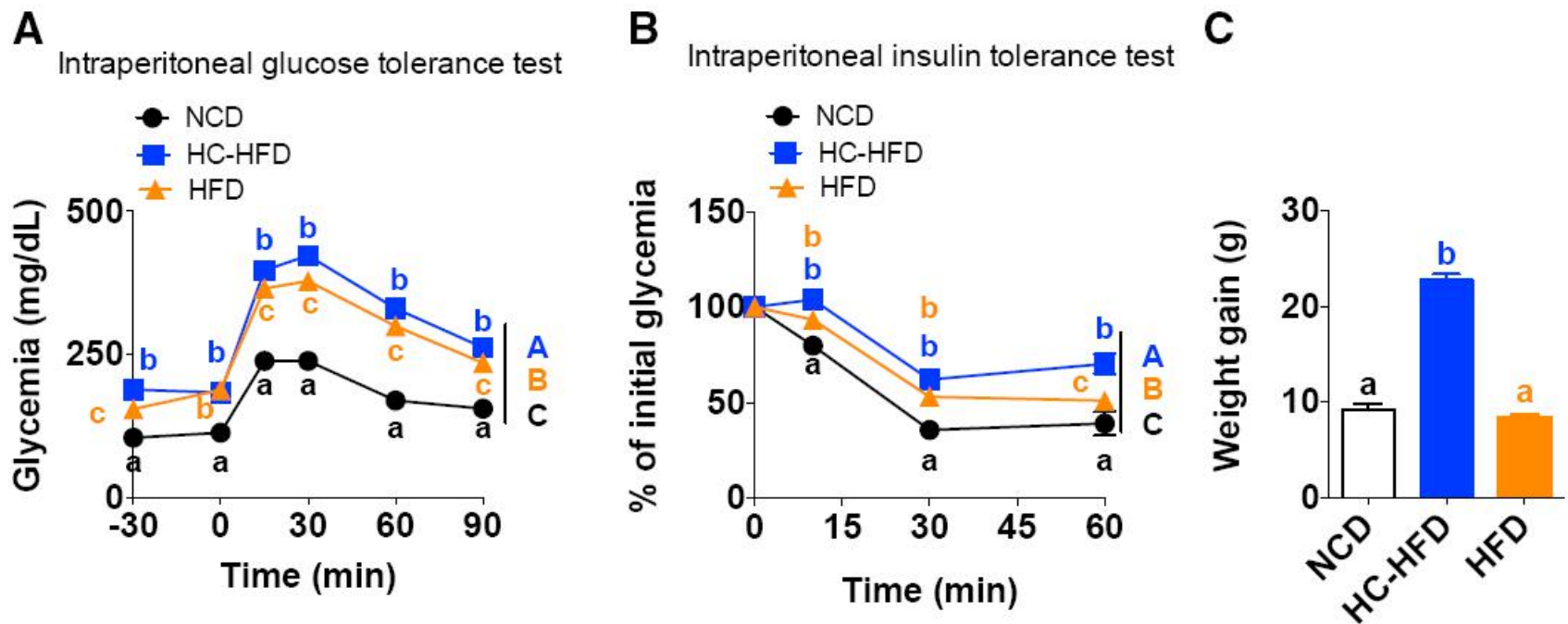
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GLP-1 resistance

The mechanisms responsible for GLP-1 unresponsiveness could be related to lipoglutotoxicity, autonomic neuropathy, and **gut microbiota dysbiosis**.

2 Results

2.1 Animal Models of High-Fat Diet-Induced GLP-1 Resistance

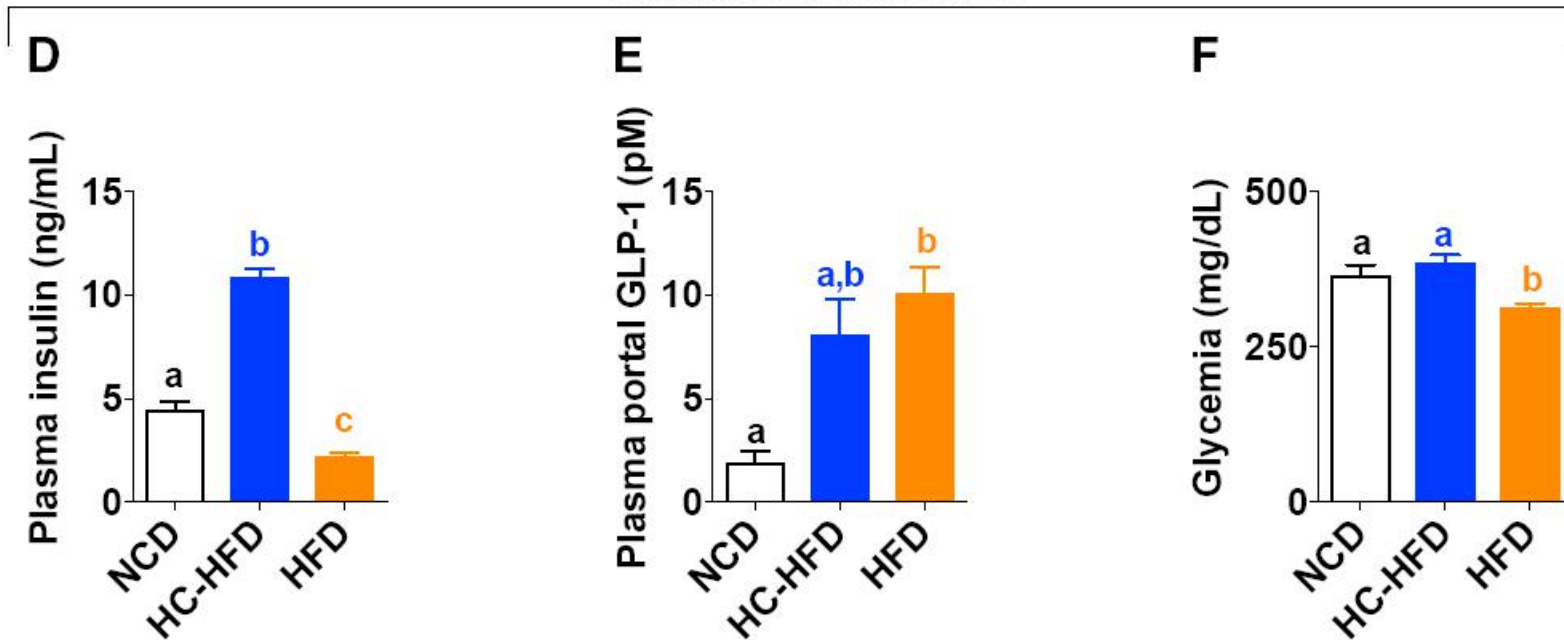


Animal Models of High-Fat-Diet-Induced GLP-1 Resistance

Mice were fed for 3 months with NCD, HC-HFD, or HFD.

The impact of GLP-1 on insulin secretion

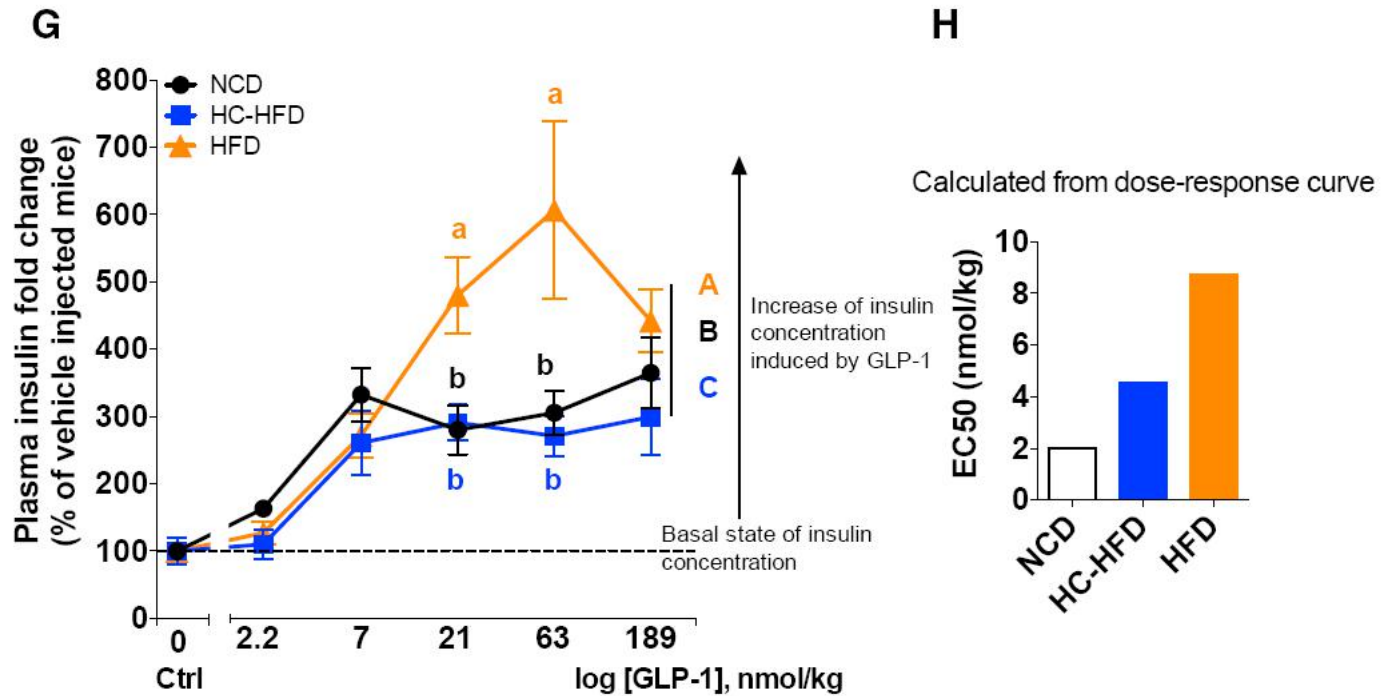
Glucose oral stimulation



At the 15 min time point after an oral glucose challenge, plasma insulin concentration was twice as high in HC-HFD-fed obese diabetic mice, while it was lower in HFD-fed lean diabetic mice when compared with NCD-fed mice (Figure 1D). Importantly, at the same time point portal vein plasma GLP-1 concentration was three to four times higher in both diabetic models when compared to NCD-fed mice (Figure 1E), while the glycemia were almost similar (Figures 1F)

suggesting different GLP-1 responsiveness

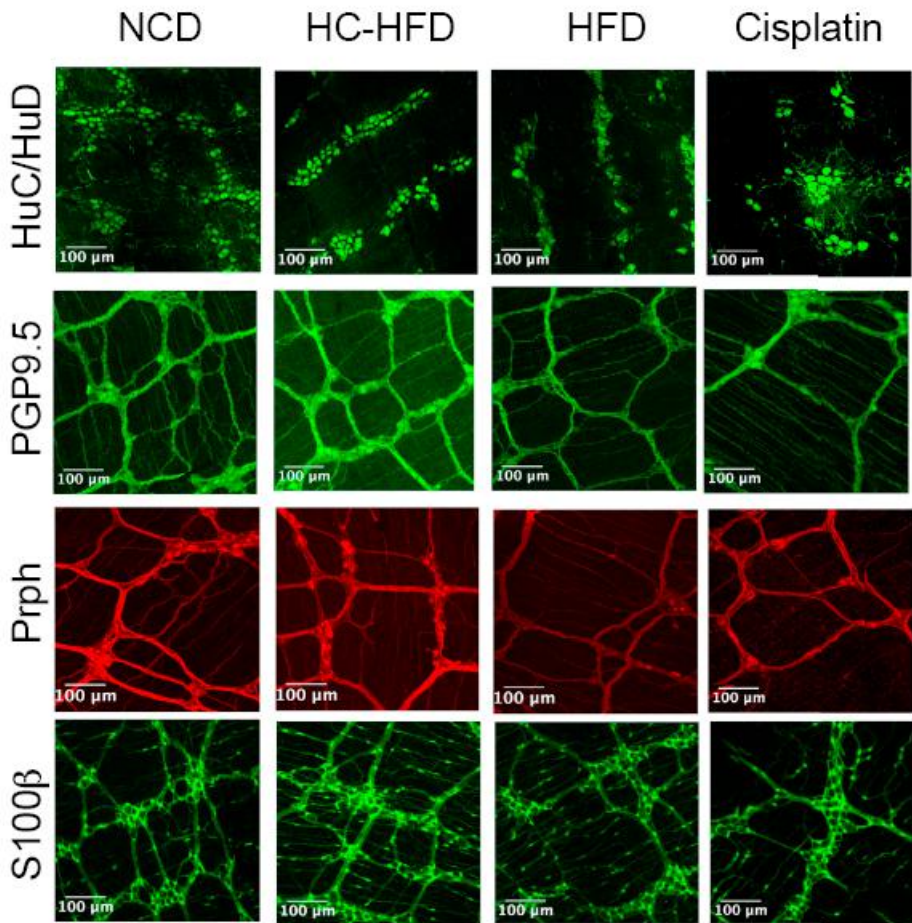
The impact on glucose induced insulin secretion using increasing doses of GLP-1



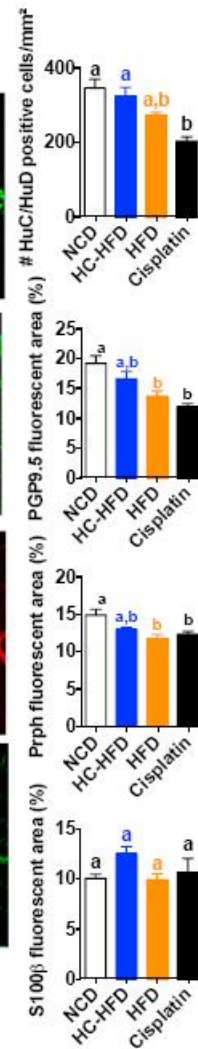
G: the maximal fold change of insulin secretion in NCD and HC-HFD-fed mice was obtained at the dose of 7 nmol/kg of GLP-1, while doses above 21 nmol/kg were required for the HFD-fed mice; H: The calculated EC50 was two and four times higher for the HC-HFD- and the HFD-fed mice, respectively, than for the NCD-fed mice.

This pharmacological analysis further confirmed a state of resistance to GLP-1 in both diabetic models, although to a different extent.

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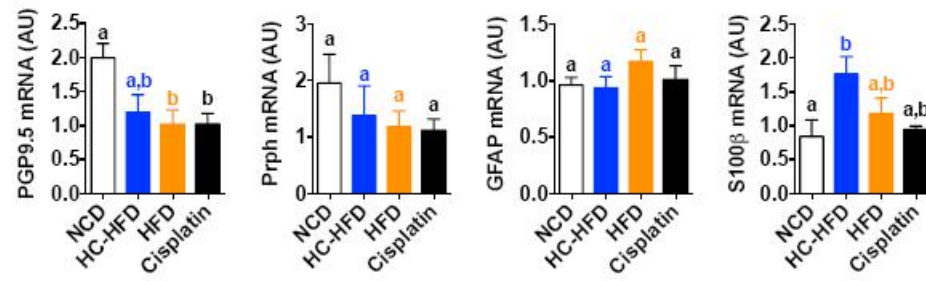
2.2 High-Fat Diet Alters the Enteric Nervous System to Brain Axis and Induces GLP-1 Resistance

A1: myenteric plexus (LMMP) immunohistochemistry;

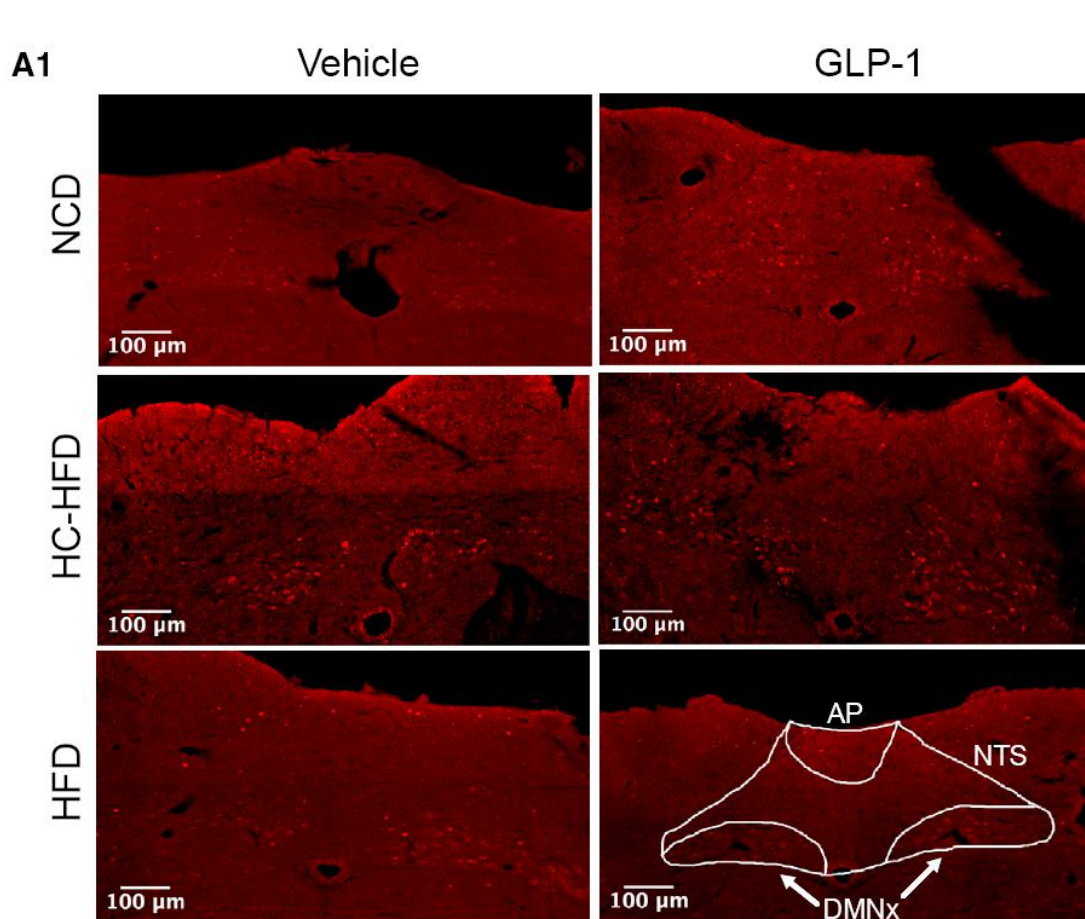
A2: quantification of the number of HuC/HuD-positive cells, percentage of PGP9.5 and Prph fluorescent area (as neuronal marker) and percentage of S100β fluorescent area (as glial marker);

B: ileum mRNA concentrations of neuronal markers (PGP9.5 and peripherin-prph) and glial markers (GFAP, S100b)

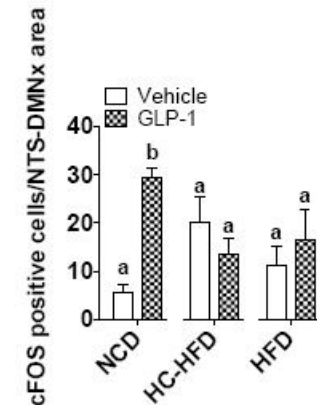
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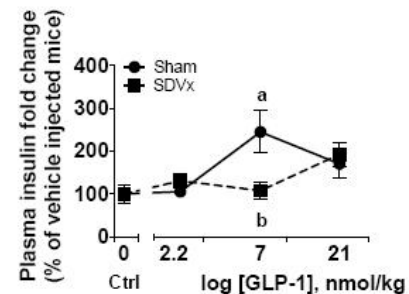
High-Fat Diet Alters the Enteric Nervous System



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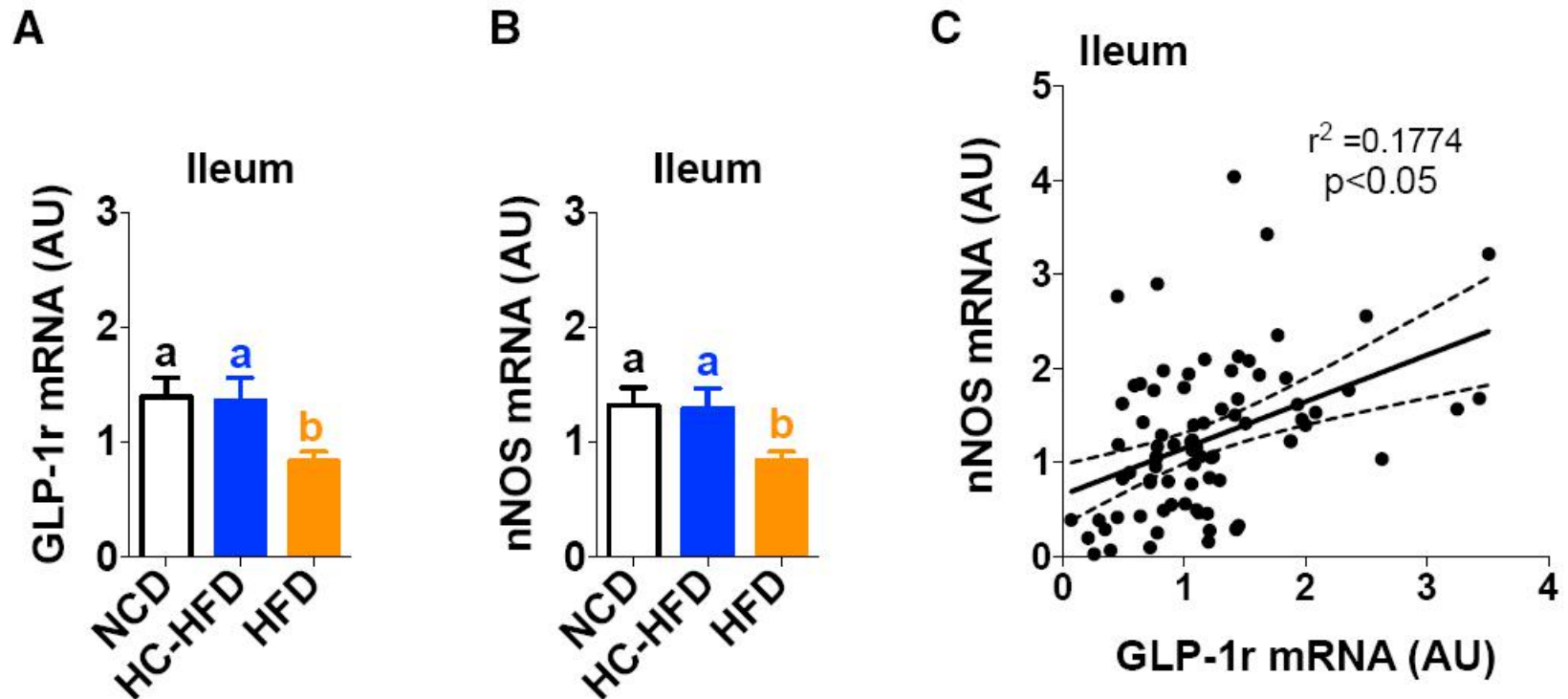


A: the number of cFos-positive neurons increases in response to GLP-1 in NCD mice, but not in HC-HFD and HFD-fed mice

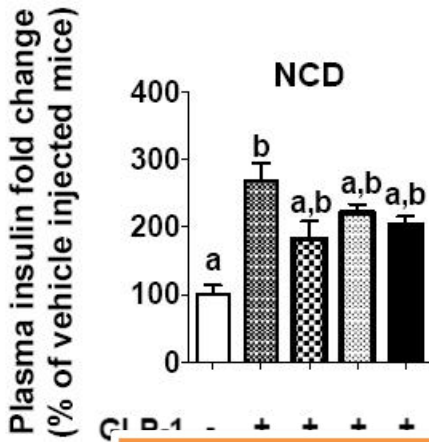
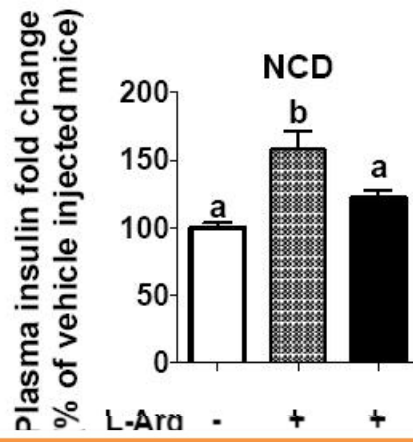
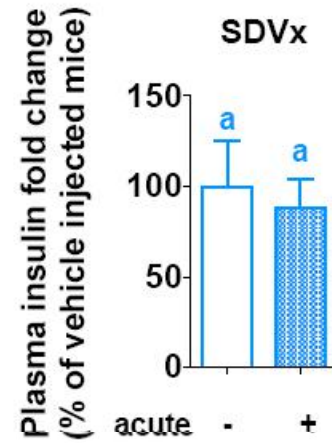
B: GLP-1-induced insulin secretion was reduced by the **vagotomy procedure**

demonstrating the importance of a functional gut-brain axis as the mode of action of GLP-1

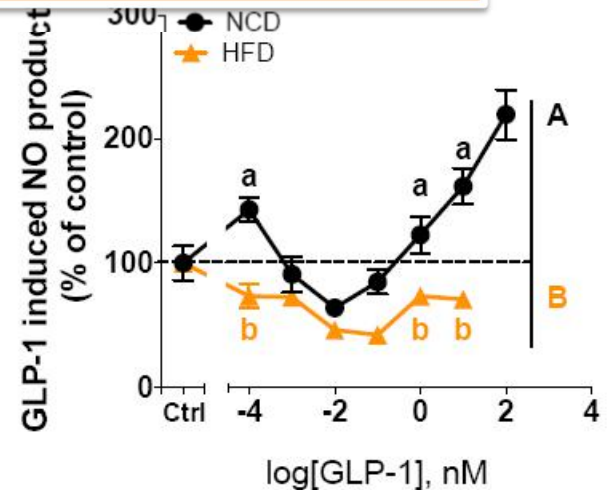
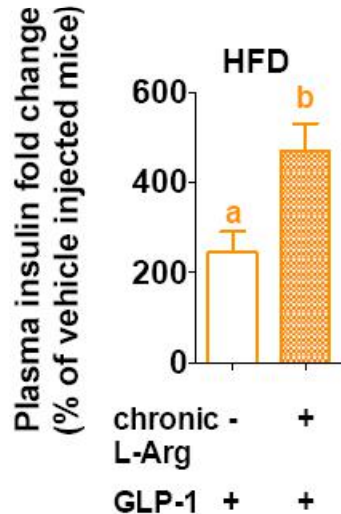
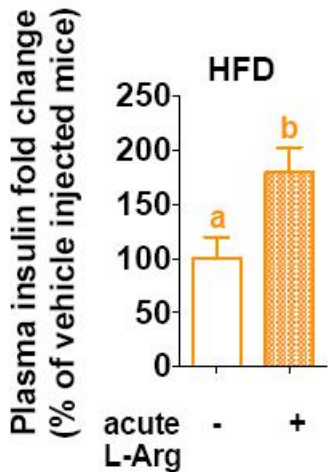
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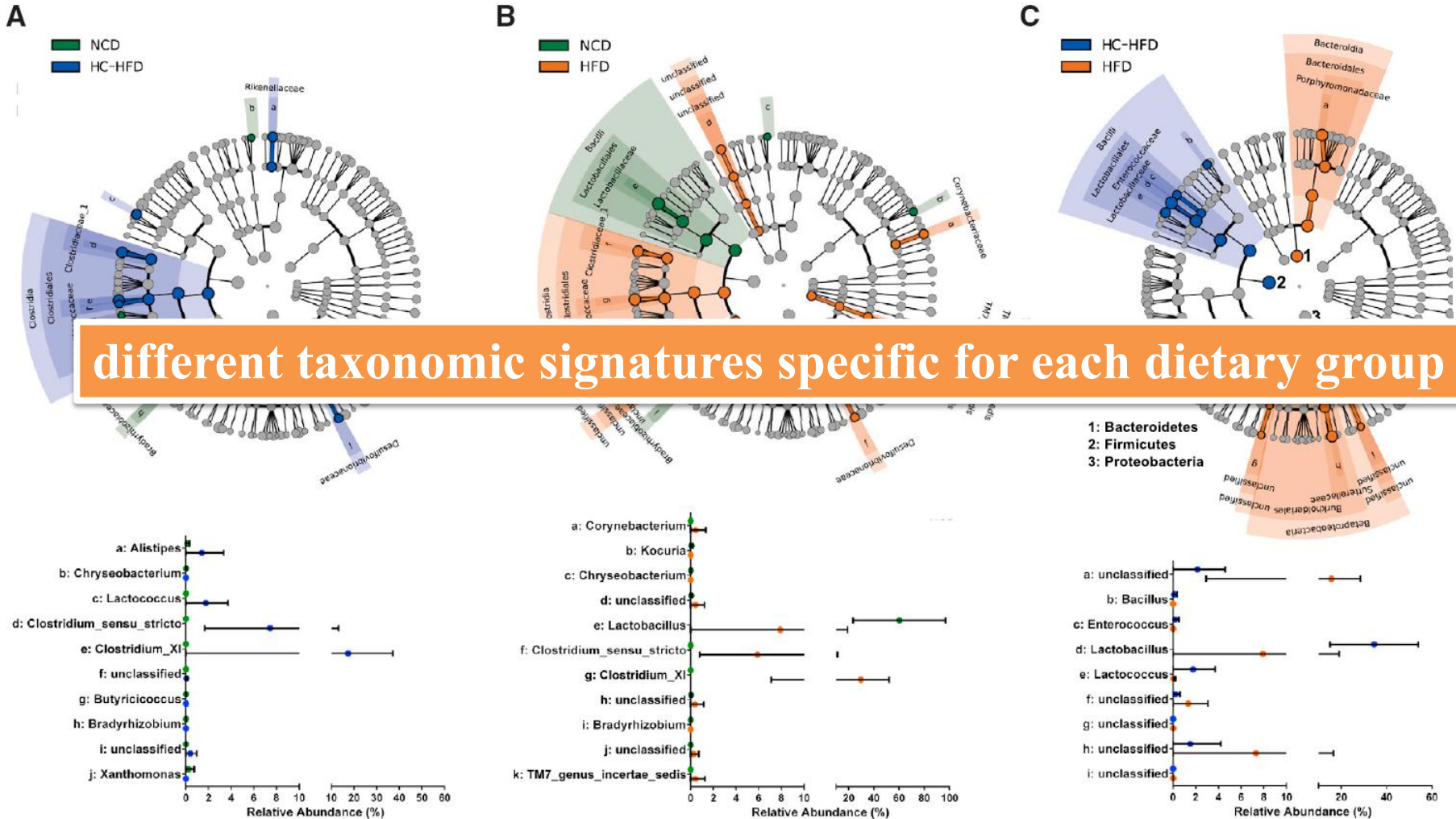
The mRNA concentration analyses suggested that HFD-induced GLP-1 resistance might be linked to an impaired GLP-1r expression and the corresponding induction of NO production through nNOS signaling.

D**E****F****G**

Enteric NO production is a signaling molecule triggered by GLP-1 on enteric neurons to control metabolic features impaired in HFD-fed mice.

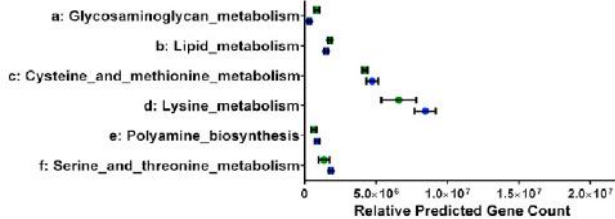
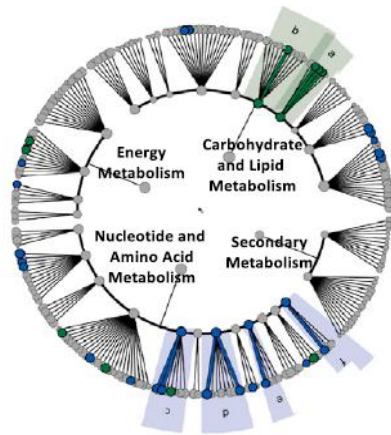


2.4 Gut Microbiota Dysbiosis Is Responsible for the GLP-1 Resistance



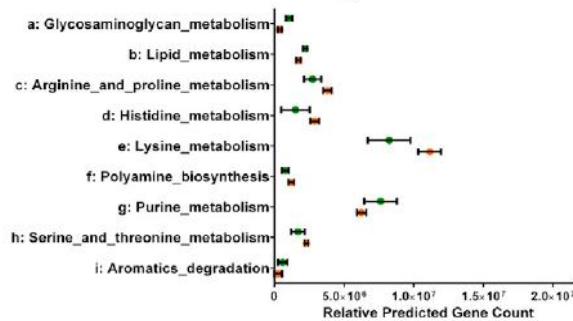
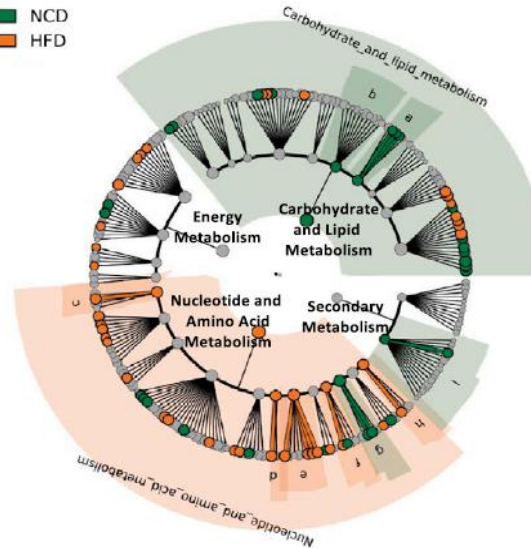
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■ HC-HFD



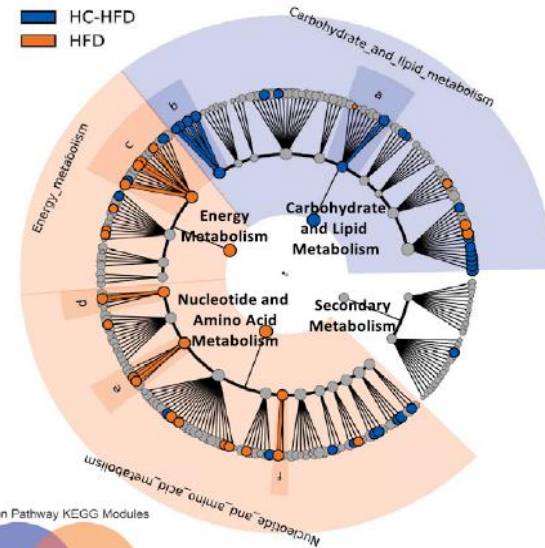
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■ NCD
■ HFD

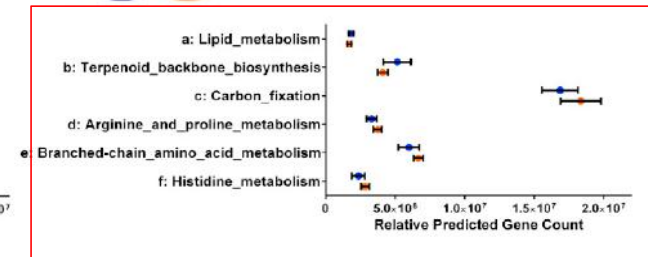
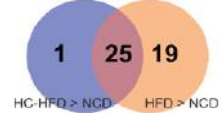


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■ HC-HFD
■ HFD

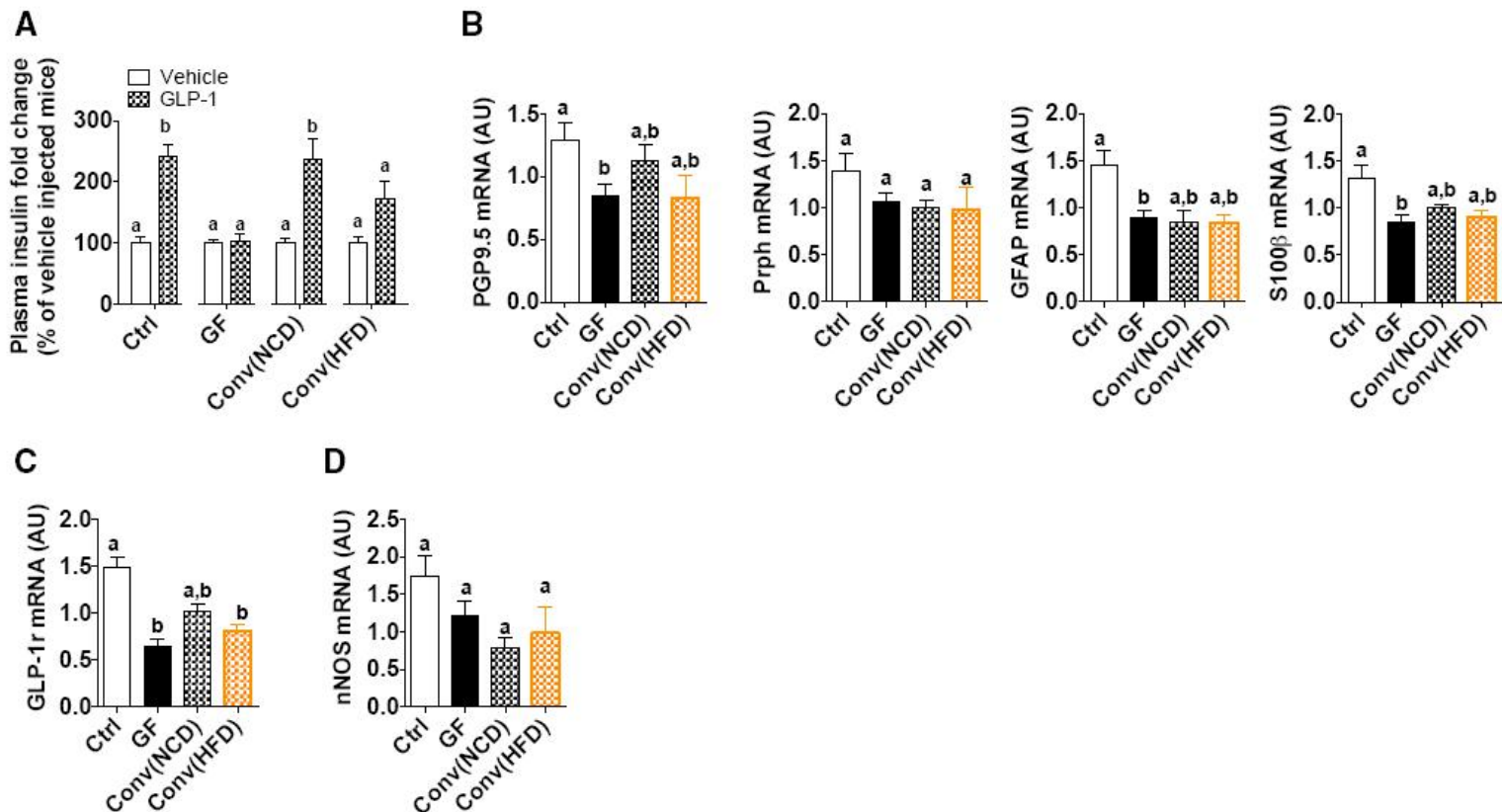


Common Pathway KEGG Modules



the frequency of the bacterial genes involved in the metabolism of nucleotides and amino acids was increased in the diabetic mice

germ-free(GF) mice and ileum microbiota transplant mice



A, the absence of microbiota prevented GLP-1-induced insulin secretion; the GLP-1 sensitivity to glucose-induced insulin secretion was **completely reversed** in the NCD-conventionalized mice **but conv(HFD) mice**

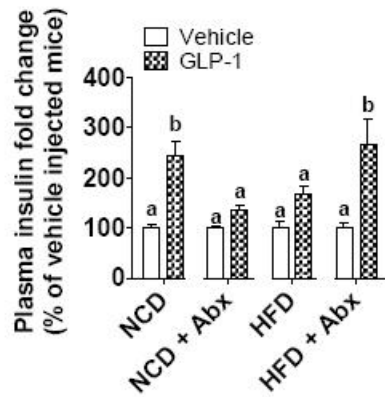
B, The GLP-1-resistant state in GF mice can be linked to a decreased of enteric neuron (PGP9.5, prph) and glial cell (S100b) mRNA in the ileum

C, the concentration of GLP-1r was dramatically reduced in GF mice

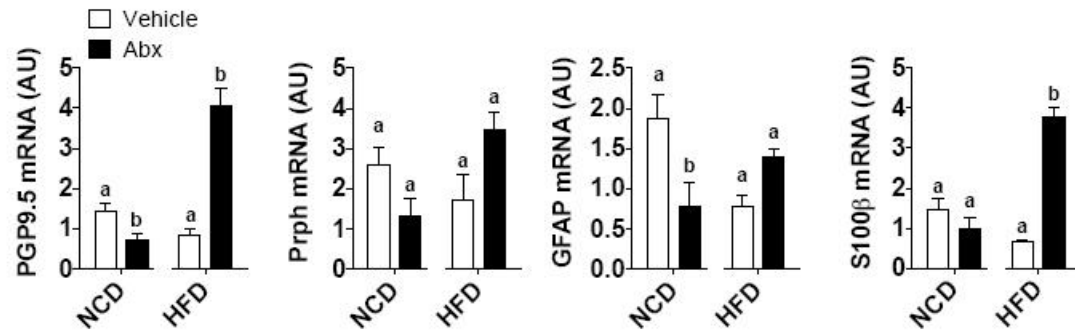
D, the concentration of nNOS mRNA reduced

antibiotics (Abx) treated

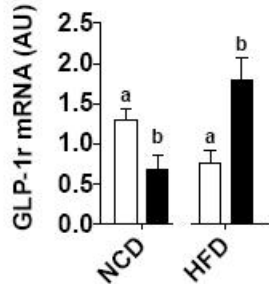
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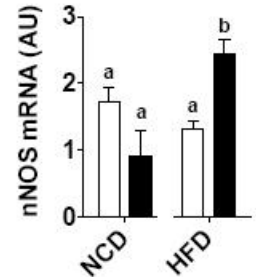
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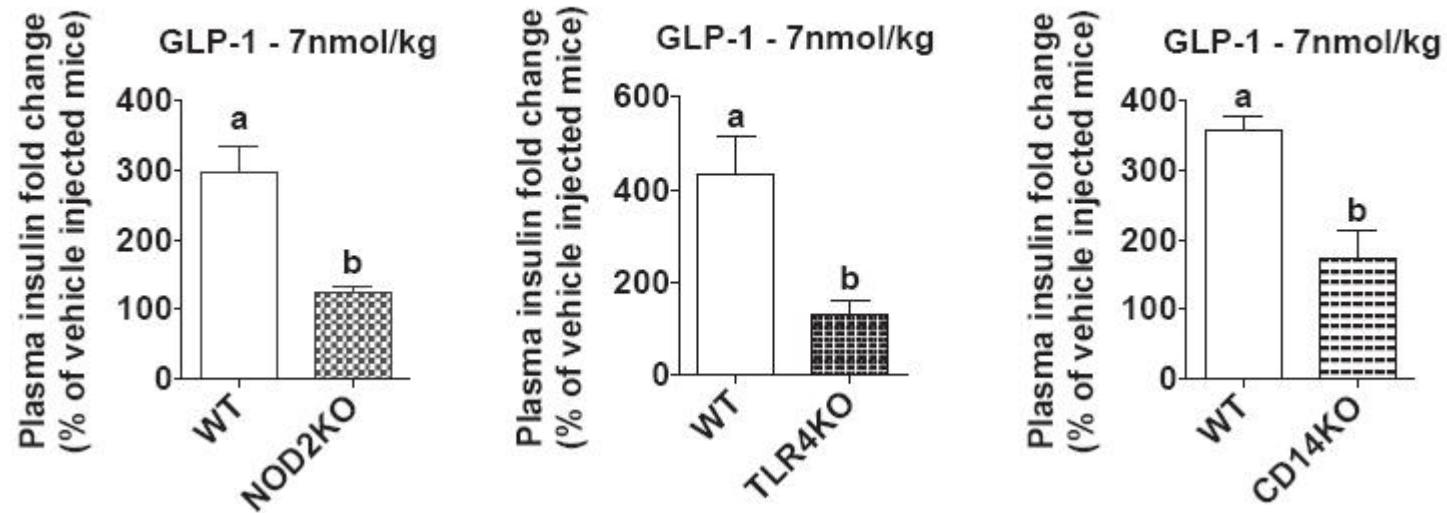


E, GLP-1 Induced insulin secretion is blocked by Abx; Conversely, **HFD-fed mice** was **reversed** when the dysbiotic microbiota were eliminated by the antibiotic treatment

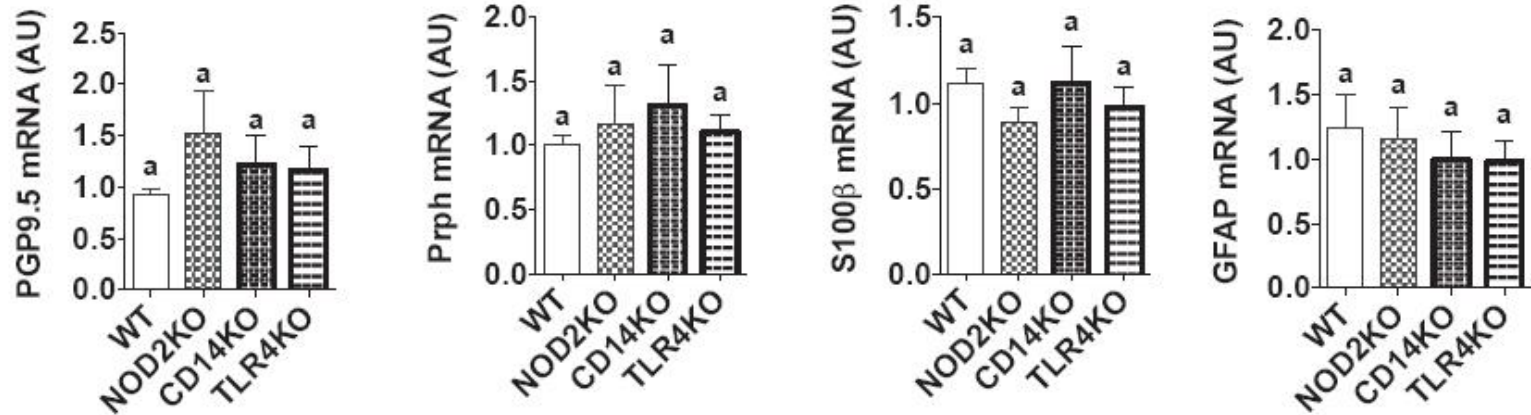
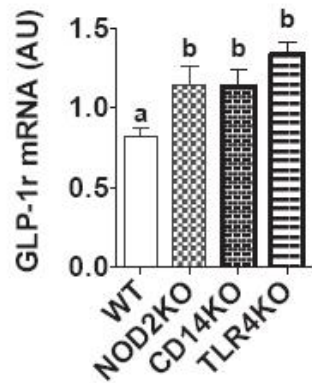
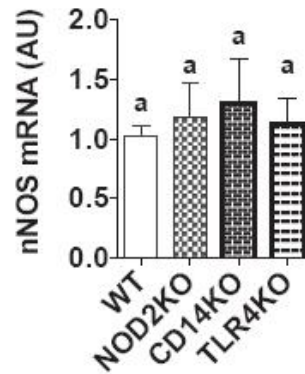
This last set of data strongly supports the notion that a eubiotic gut microbiota enhances GLP-1 sensitivity while a dysbiotic microbiota reduces it.

2.5 The Microbial-Associated Molecular Pattern Receptors NOD2, CD14, and TLR4 Control GLP-1 Sensitivity

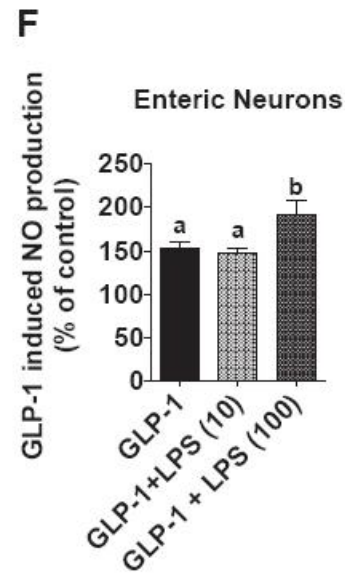
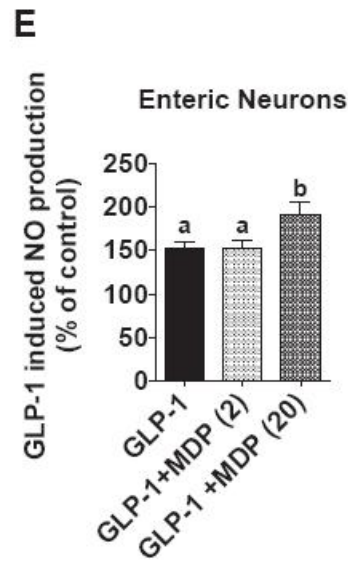
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GLP-1-induced insulin secretion was dramatically reduced in NOD2, TLR4, or CD14 KO when compared to WT mice

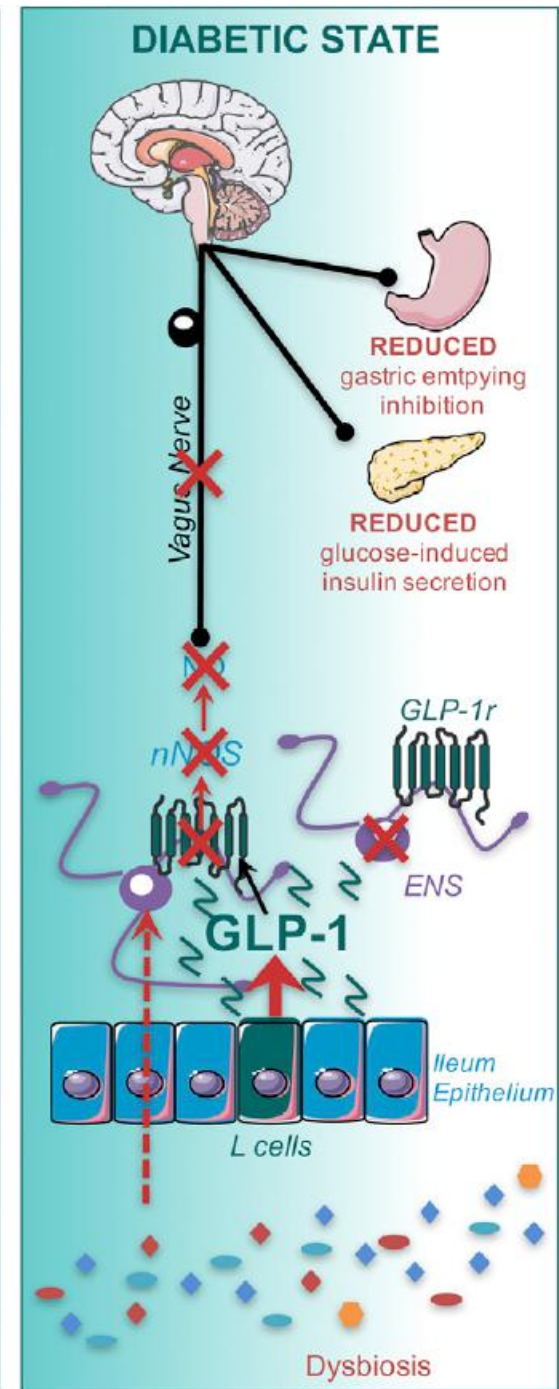
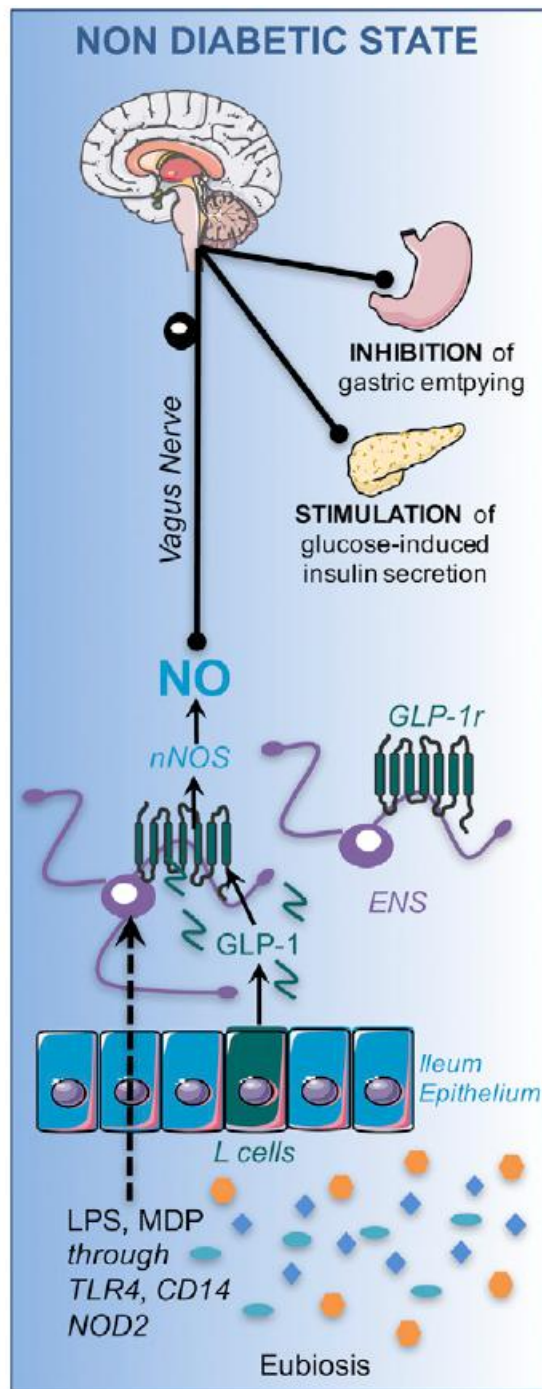
B**C****D**

in the KO mice the mRNA of the GLP-1r was increased (C), while the mRNA encoding for nNOS remained unchanged (D). PGP9.5, prph, GFAP, and S100b in the ileum remained similar to WT mice (B), suggesting that **the impaired bacterial signaling is upstream to the ENS.**



To functionally address the role of bacterial determinant on the control of GLP-1 sensitivity, we studied the impact of MDP (NOD2 agonist) and LPS (CD14/TLR4 agonist) on NO production by enteric neurons. The data show that GLP-1-induced NO production was enhanced by high doses of both microbial-associated molecular patterns .

Conclusion



Thanks for your attention!