Figure 1



Control

KO

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Control









Figure 2

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Figure 4:



Chronic Glucocorticoid treatment induces hepatic lipid accumulation and hyperinsulinaemia in part through actions on AgRP Neurons

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Supplemental Figure S1: Peripheral glucocorticoid target tissues are not affected by knockdown of GR on AgRP neurons in female mice. (a) adrenal, (b) spleen, and (c) skeletal muscle wet weight. (d) liver and (e) subcutaneous adipose tissue *Tsc22d3* (GILZ) mRNA expression, (f) circulating corticosterone in control and AgRP-GR KO mice treated with vehicle or 75µg/ml corticosterone (Cort) in drinking water for 3 weeks. n=7-10, (a)-(c) and (f) Two-way ANOVA with Tukey Multiple Comparison test. (d) and (e) Mann-Whitney non-parametric t-tests. ***P*<0.01 ****P*<0.001 control vehicle vs. Cort, ^*P*<0.05, $^{\sim}P$ <0.001 KO vehicle vs. Cort, $^{<}P$ <0.01 control vehicle vs. KO vehicle.

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Supplemental Figure S2: Neuropeptide expression in 2 day Cort treated female control and AgRP-GR KO mice. mRNA expression of (a) *Agrp*, (b) *Npy* and (c) *Pomc* in control and AgRP-GR KO mice treated with vehicle or 75µg/ml corticosterone (Cort) in drinking water for 2 days. (d) Feed efficiency in control and AgRP-GR KO mice treated with vehicle or 75µg/ml corticosterone (Cort) in drinking water for 3 weeks. (a) – (c) n=8-10, Mann-Whitney non-parametric t-tests. (d) n=8-10, Two-way ANOVA with Tukey Multiple Comparison test. ****P*<0.001 control vehicle vs. Cort, ^*P*<0.05 KO vehicle vs. Cort, >*P*<0.05, >>>*P*>0.001 control Cort vs. KO Cort, <*P*<0.05 control vehicle vs. KO vehicle.

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Supplemental Figure S3: Male AgRP-GR KO mice have similar increases in relative adiposity and BAT tissue weight, but not liver weight with corticosterone (Cort) treatment. (a) Epididymal, mesenteric and subcutaneous adipose tissue weights, (b) brown adipose tissue (BAT) weight and (c) liver weight in male control and AgRP-GR KO mice treated with Cort in drinking water for 3 weeks. (a) – (c) n=7-10, Two-ANOVA with Tukey Multiple Comparison test. **P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01 control vehicle vs. Cort, AP <0.01, AAP <0.001 KO vehicle vs Cort, P <0.05 Control Cort vs. KO Cort. Data expressed as % body weight.

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Supplemental Figure S4: Knockout of GR on AgRP neurons does not affect corticosterone (Cort)induced changes in brown adipose tissue (BAT) of female mice. (a) brown adipose tissue wet weight (b) mRNA expression of genes associated with thermogenesis in BAT in female control and AgRP-GR KO mice treated with Cort in drinking water for 3 weeks. n=7-10, (a) Two-way ANOVA with Tukey Multiple Comparison test. (b) Mann-Whitney non-parametric t-tests. **P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01, control vehicle vs. Cort, P <0.05, $^{\wedge P}$ <0.01, KO vehicle vs. Cort.

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Gene Name	Taqman Probe	
Agrp	Mm00475829_g1	
Cidea	Mm00432554_m1	
Hprt	Mm03024075_m1	

Supplemental Table 1: Taqman probe catalogue numbers used in the real-time quantitative PCR experiments.

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Gene Name	Forward 5' - 3'	Reverse 5' - 3'	Genbank Accession Number
Acc1	CCTCCGTCAGCTCAGATACA	TTTACTAGGTGCAAGCCAGACA	NM_133360.2
Atgl	AAAGACCCTGGCTGCTGATT	TGCAGACATTGGCCTGGATG	NM_01163689.1
Cd36	CAAAACGACTGCAGGTCAACA	CACCAATGGTCCCAGTCTCAT	XM_006535625.2
Fasn	GCTGCTGTTGGAAGTCAGC	AGTGTTCGTTCCTCGGAGTG	NM_007988.3
G6pc	GTGAGACCGGACCAGGAAGTC	ATCCCAACCACAAGATGACGTT	NM_008061.4
Gck	AAGCTGCACCCGAGCTTCAA	GCTGCCCTCCTCTGATTCAA	NM_010292.5
Hsl	ACTGTGACCTGCTTGGTTCAA	TGTCCCCTGCAAGGCATATC	NM_001039507.2
lrs1	CAAGACGCTCCAGTGAGGATT	TTTAGGTCTTCATTCTGCTGTGA	NM_010570.4
Lpl	GCTGGTGGGAAATGATGTG	TGGACGTTGTCTAGGGGGTA	NM_008509.2
Npy	ATGCTAGGTAACAAGCGAATGG	TGTCGCAGAGCGGAGTAGTAT	NM_023456.3
Nr3c1	AGCTCCCCCTGGTAGAGAC	GGTGAAGACGCAGAAACCTTG	NM_008173.4
Pik3cb	GCGCGGGGCAGTTCATCTTCTAA	GAGGCATGATAGGGCGGAAGCA	NM_029094.3
Pik3r1	GCCAAGGAAACTGTCGCACACA	GGGGCAGTGCTGGTGGATCCAT	NM_001024955.2
Ротс	ATGCCGAGATTCTGCTACAGT	TCCAGCGAGAGGTCGAGTTT	NM_001278581.1
Ppargc1a	AGCCGTGACCACTGACAACGAG	GCTGCATGGTTCTGAGTGCTAAG	NM_008904.2
Prdm16	GACATTCCAATCCCACCAGA	CACCTCTGTATCCGTCAGCA	NM_001177995.1
Pygl	CCACTCGGACATCGTGAAGA	CCAATTTTCTCCGCTATCAAGTC	NM_133198.2
Scd1	CTGTACGGGATCATACTGGTTC	GCCGTCCCTTGTAAGTTCTG	NM_009127.4
Slc2a2	GATCGCTCCAACCACACTCA	CTGAGGCCAGCAATCTGACTA	NM_031197.2
Srebp1c	GGAGCCATGCATTGCACATT	GGCCCGGGAAGTCACTGTACATT	NM_001358314.1
Tbp	GGGAGAATCATGGACCAGAA	GATGGGAATTCCAGGAGTCA	NM_013684.3
Tsc22d3	GCAGGCCATGGACCTCGTGAAG	TCAGGAGGGTGTTCTCGCGCT	NM_001077364.1
Ucp1	ACTGCCACACCTCCAGTCATT	CTTTGCCTCACTCAGGATTGG	NM_009463.3

Supplemental Table 1: Primer sequences and GenBank accession numbers used in the real-time quantitative PCR experiments.

Unedited blot in Figure 1a: GR-AgRP KO



Unedited blot in Figure 1a: Control







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