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# The Homeostatic Intracellular Repair Response (HIR<sup>2</sup>) And Heart Surgery

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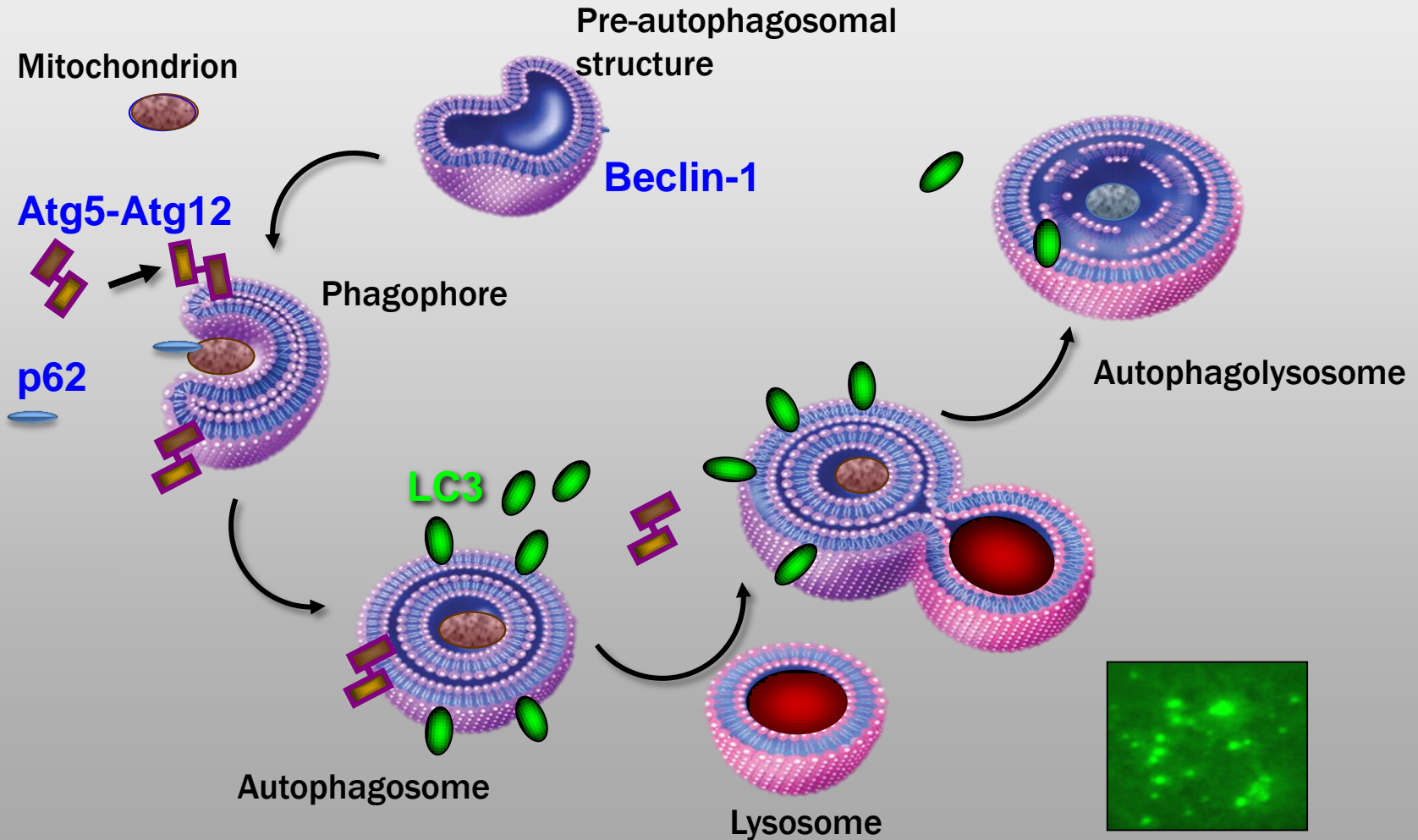


# The Homeostatic Intracellular Repair Response (HIR<sup>2</sup>)

- HIR<sup>2</sup> is a lysosomal adaptive response to stress
- Preclinical evidence indicates it is manifest in multiple organs
- In the heart it is a protective response to ischemia-reperfusion



# Autophagy: A Survival Pathway



Modified from T. Shintani et al., Science 306, 990 -995 (2004)



# Central Hypothesis

Autophagy is impaired in the setting of MetS and results in the loss of endogenous protection conferred by ischemic preconditioning (IPC)





# Metabolic Syndrome (MetS)

- Characterized by obesity, HC, dyslipidemia, and insulin resistance
- Increased risk of death from myocardial infarction and stroke
- Prevalence in the USA estimated at >30% of the population; >20% Japan (and rapidly increasing)



# Methods

- Utilized 3 translational models of MetS
  - LC3-mCherry transgenic mice fed a high fat diet (HFD)
  - Genetic Zucker obese (ZO) rats
  - Yucatan pigs fed a high fat/high fructose diet (HF/HF)
- Assessed autophagy (puncta, Western blot)
- Measured infarct size (TTC) and response to ischemic preconditioning (IPC)

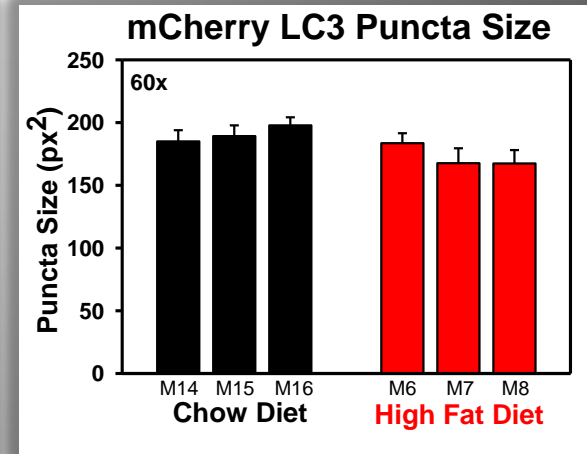
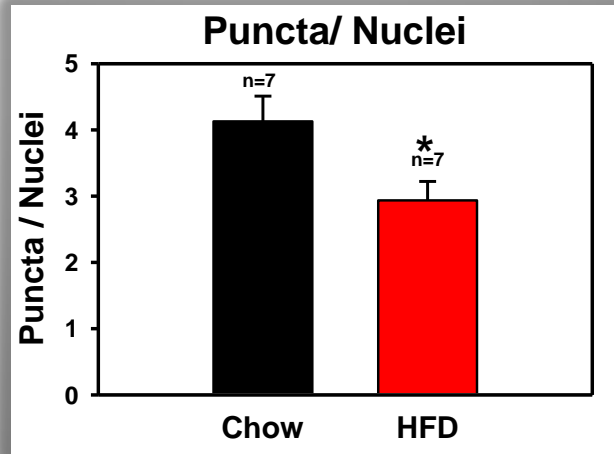
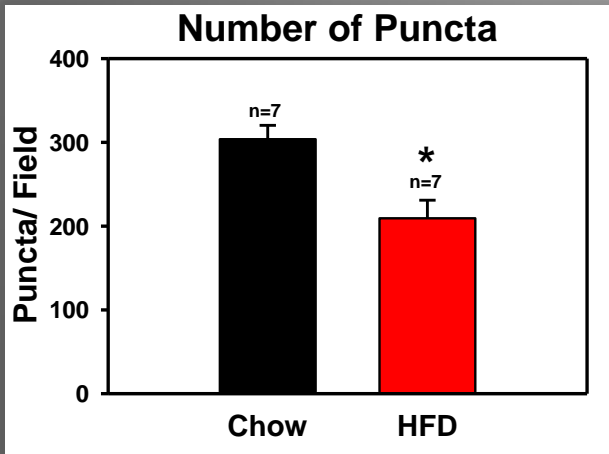
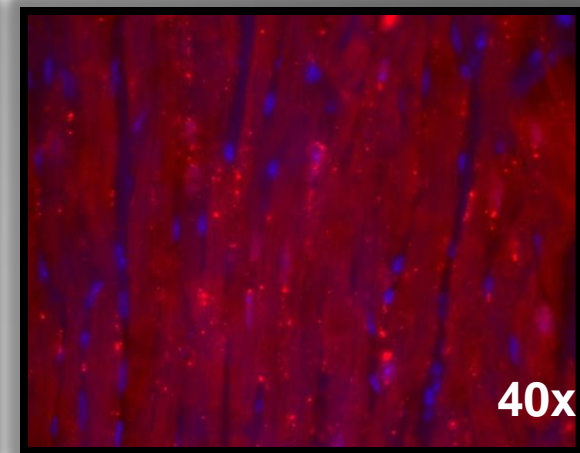
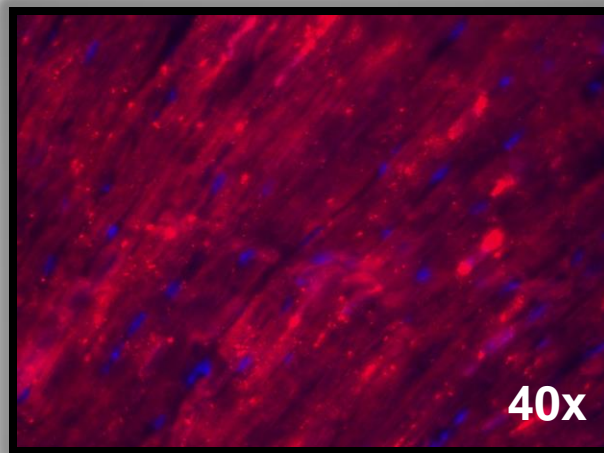
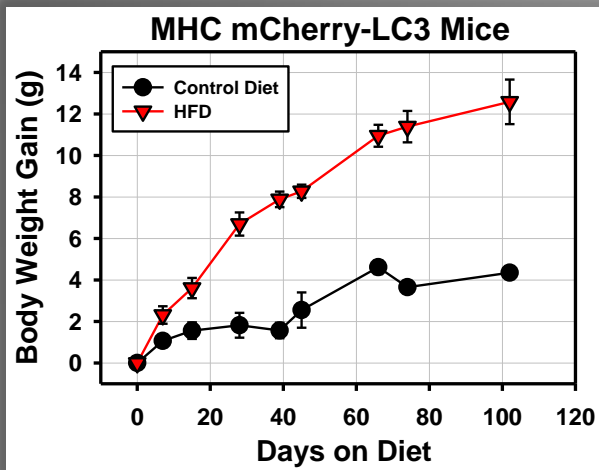


# Fewer Cardiac Autophagosomes in DIO Mice

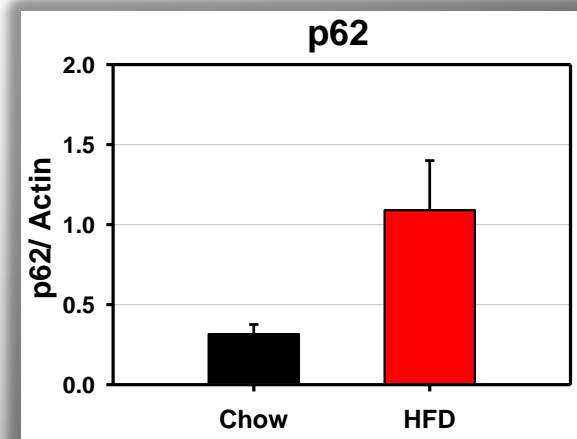
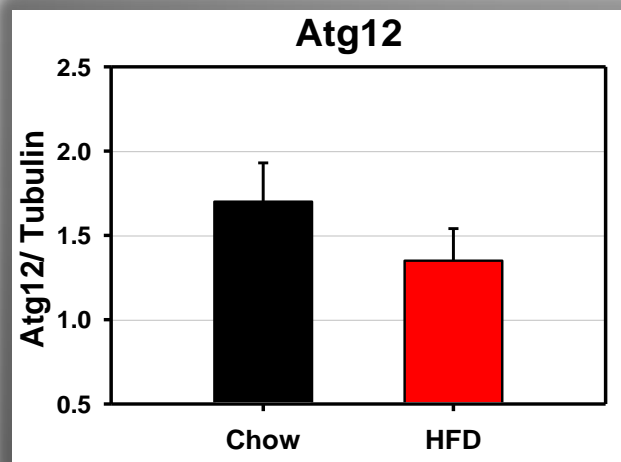
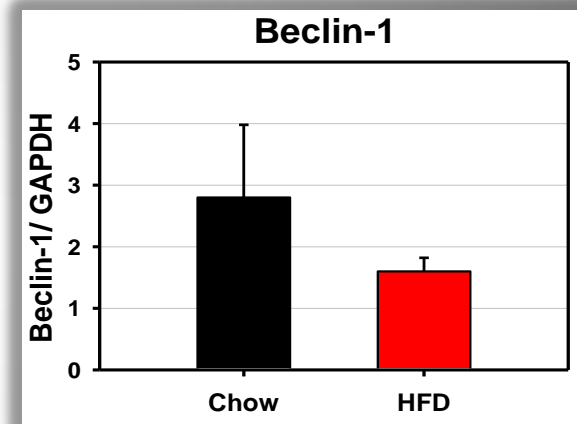
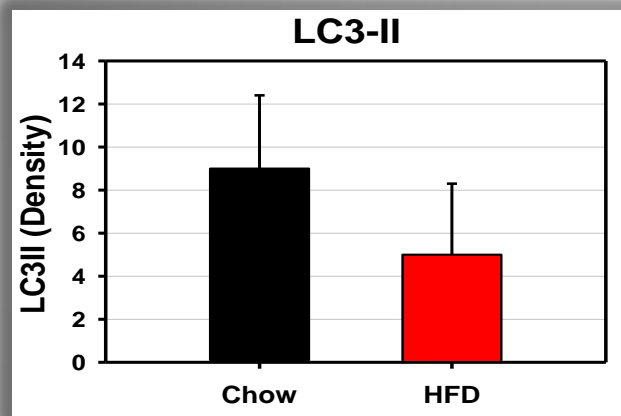
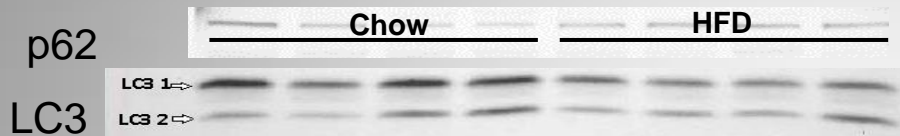


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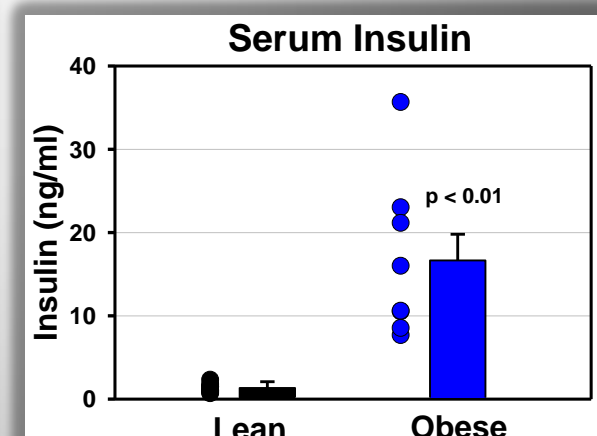
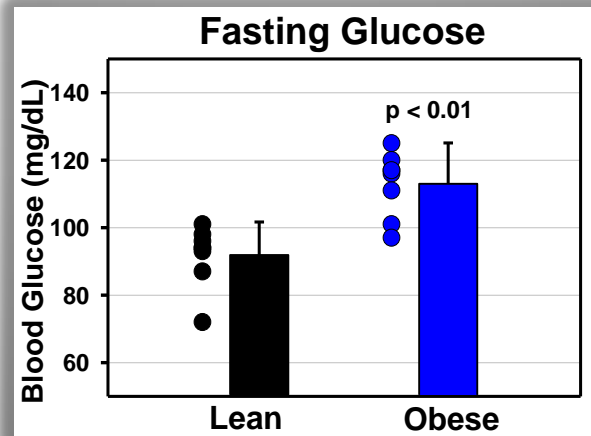
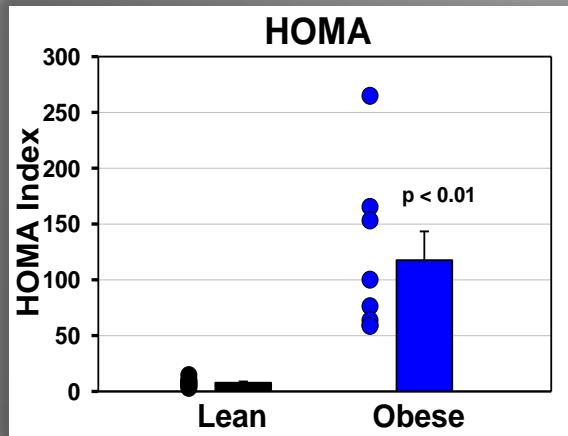
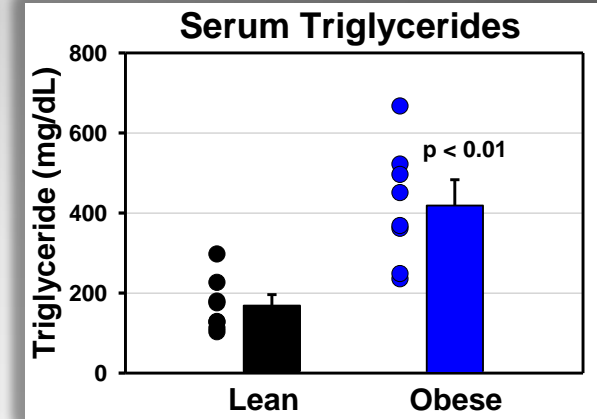
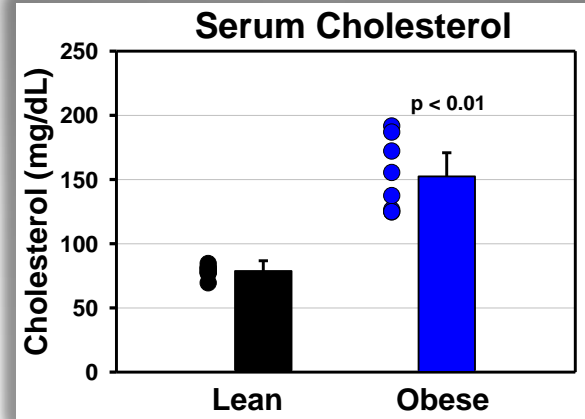
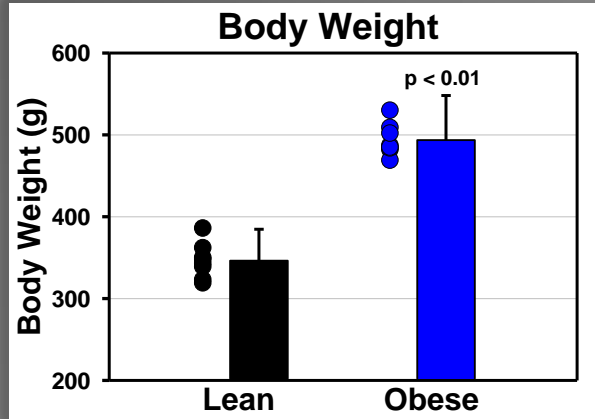
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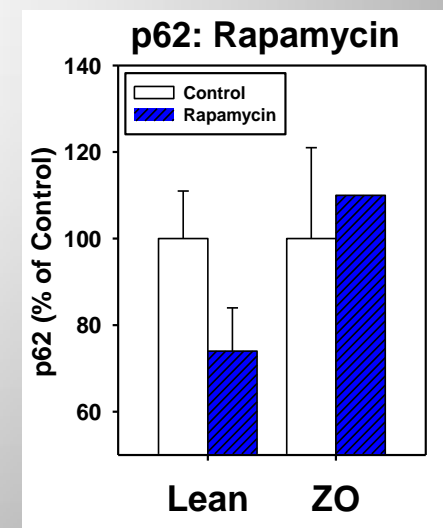
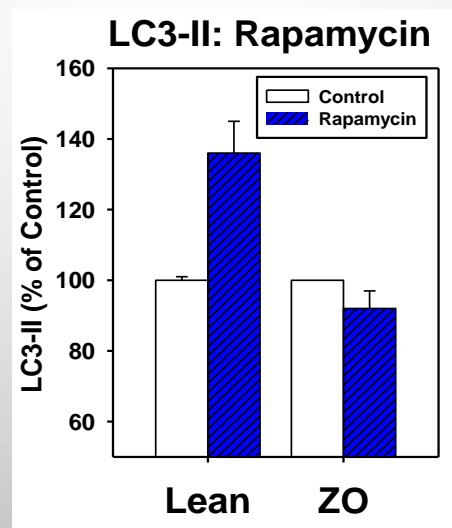
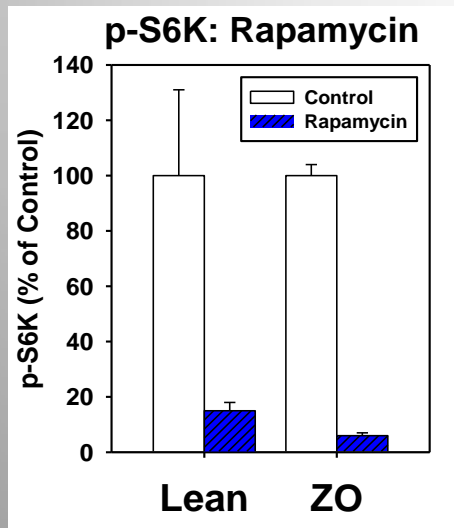
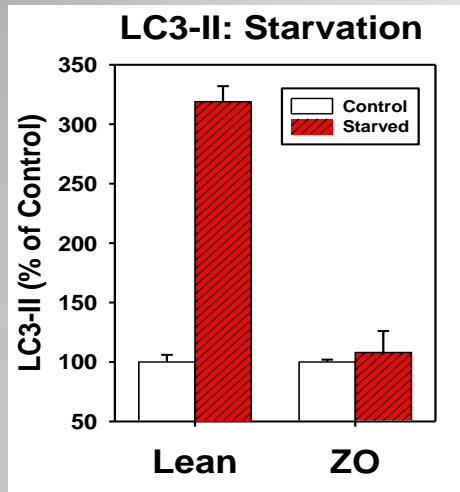
# Autophagy is Decreased in DIO Mice



# MetS in Zucker Obese Rats



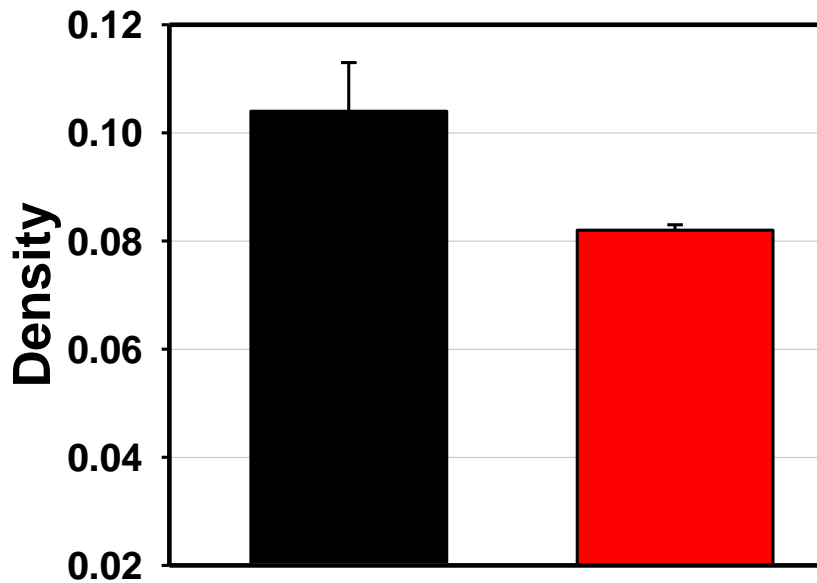
# Impaired Autophagy in Adult Myocytes from ZO Rats with MetS



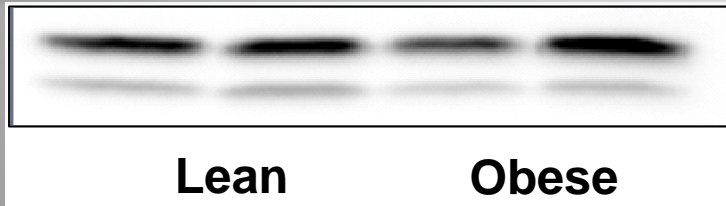
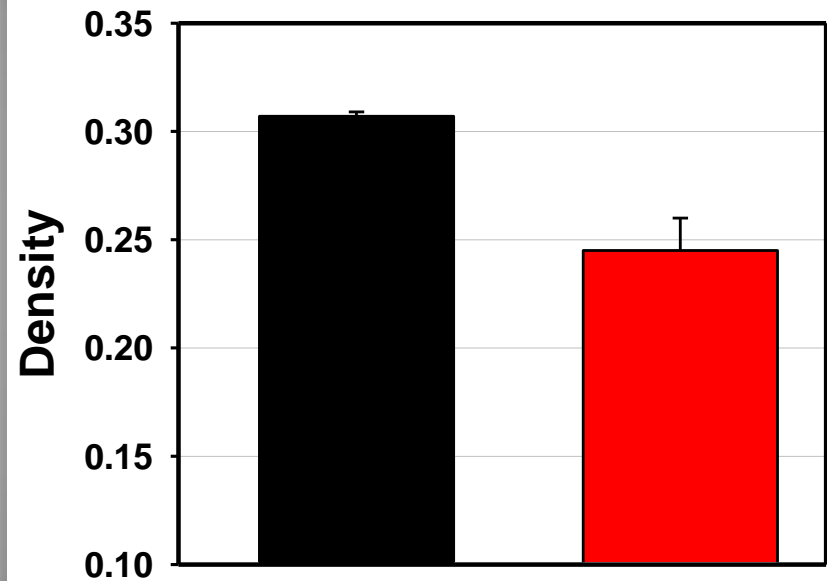
# Autophagy is Reduced in in Z0 Rats with MetS



### Cardiac LC3-II

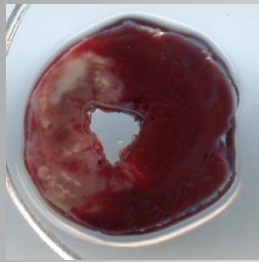


### Cardiac Atg 5



# Impaired Pre-conditioning in Zucker Obese Rats with MetS

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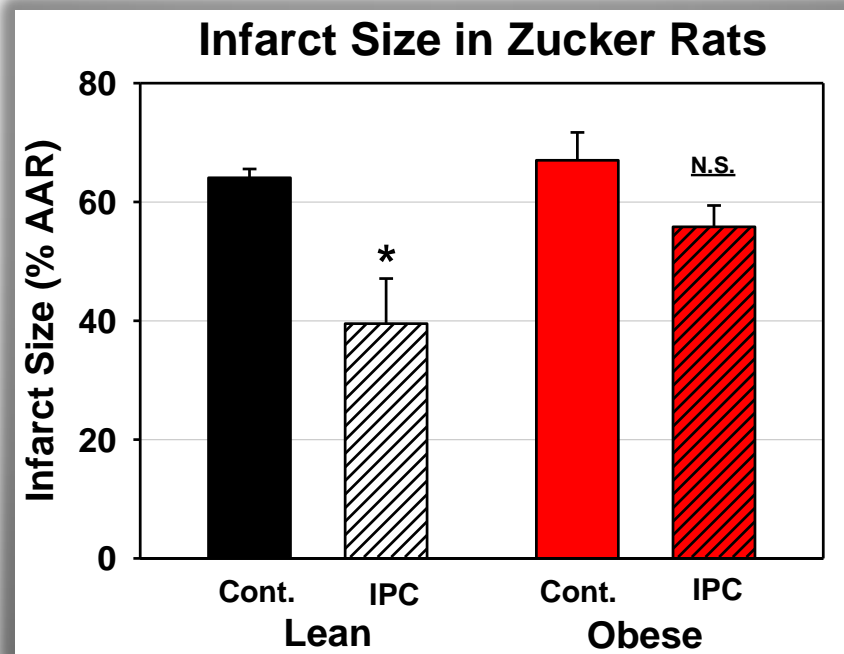
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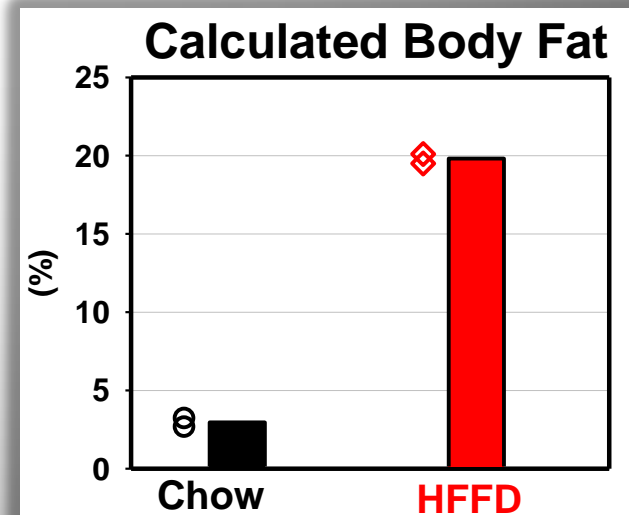
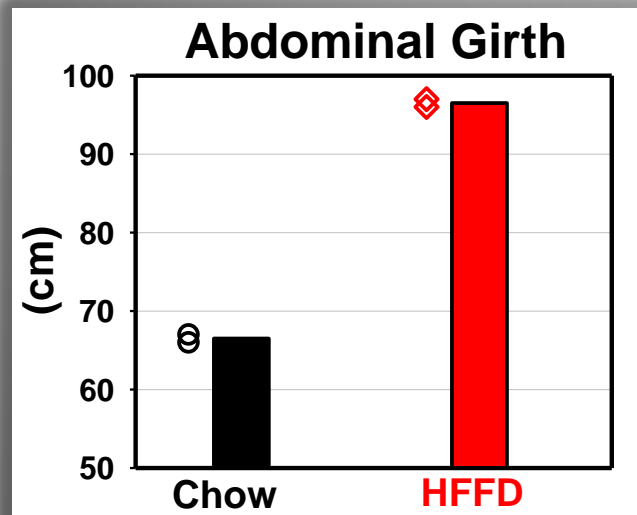
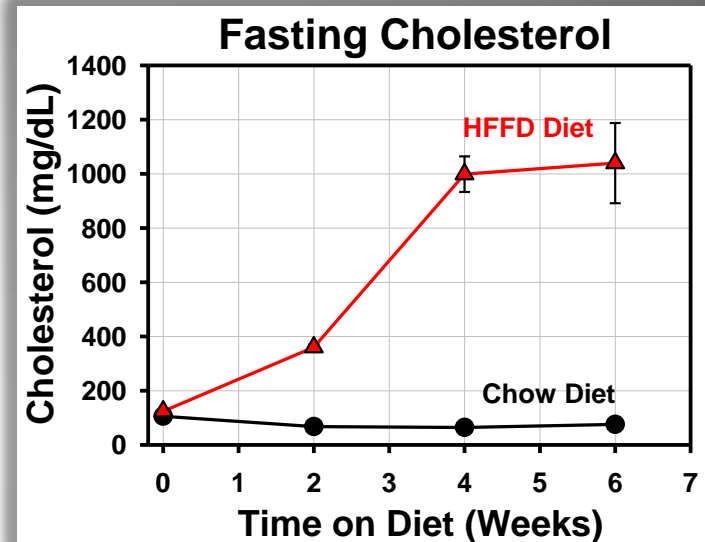
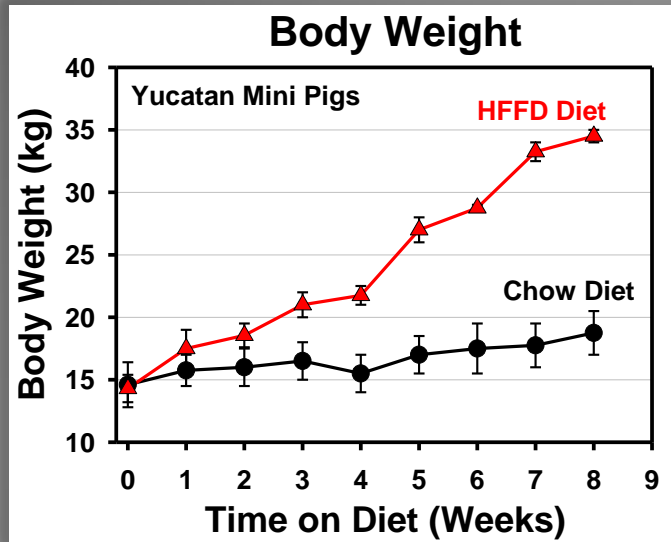
Obese Cont.



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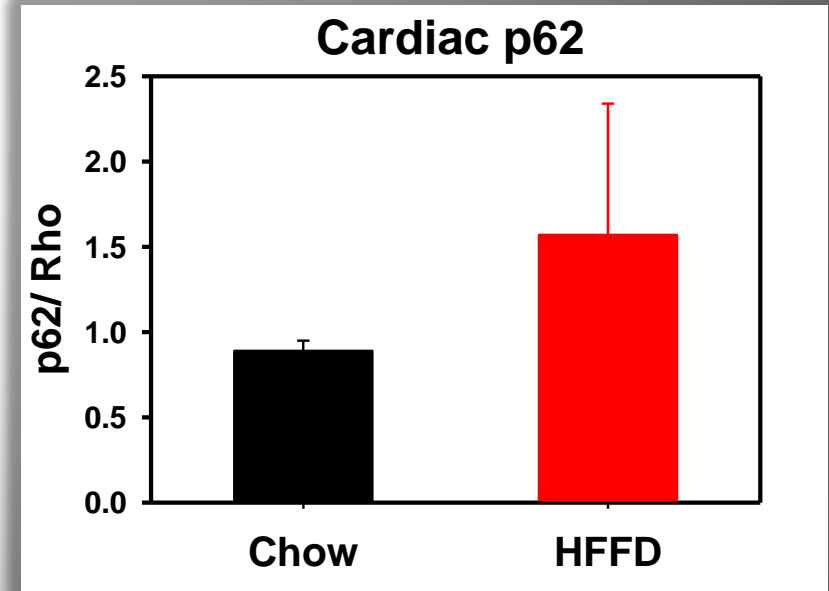
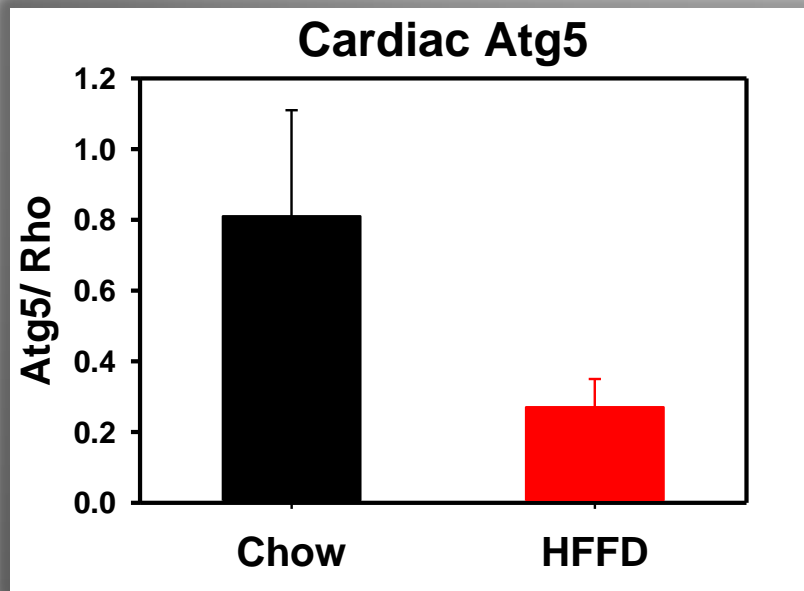
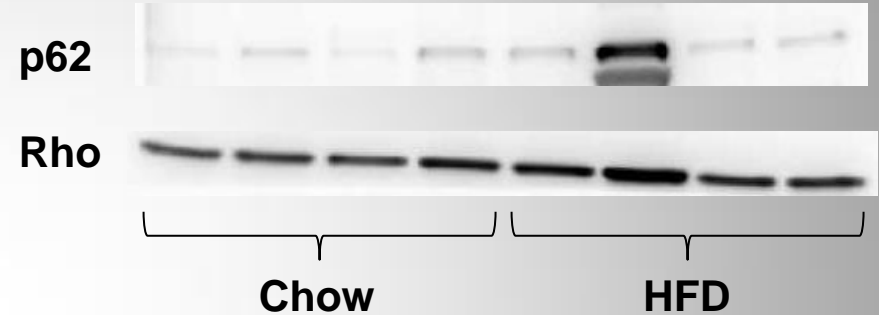
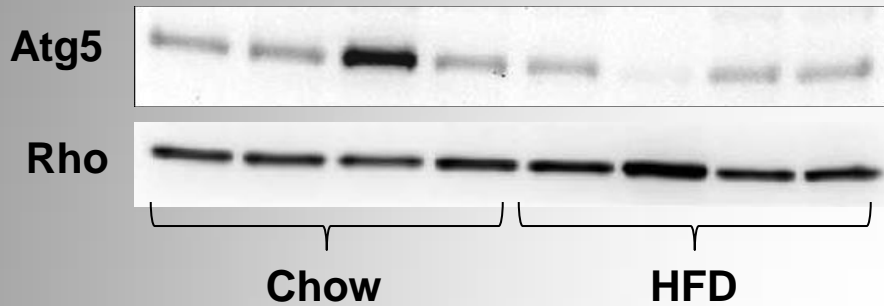


# Obesity and Hypercholesterolemia in High Fat/ Fructose Fed Yucatan Pigs

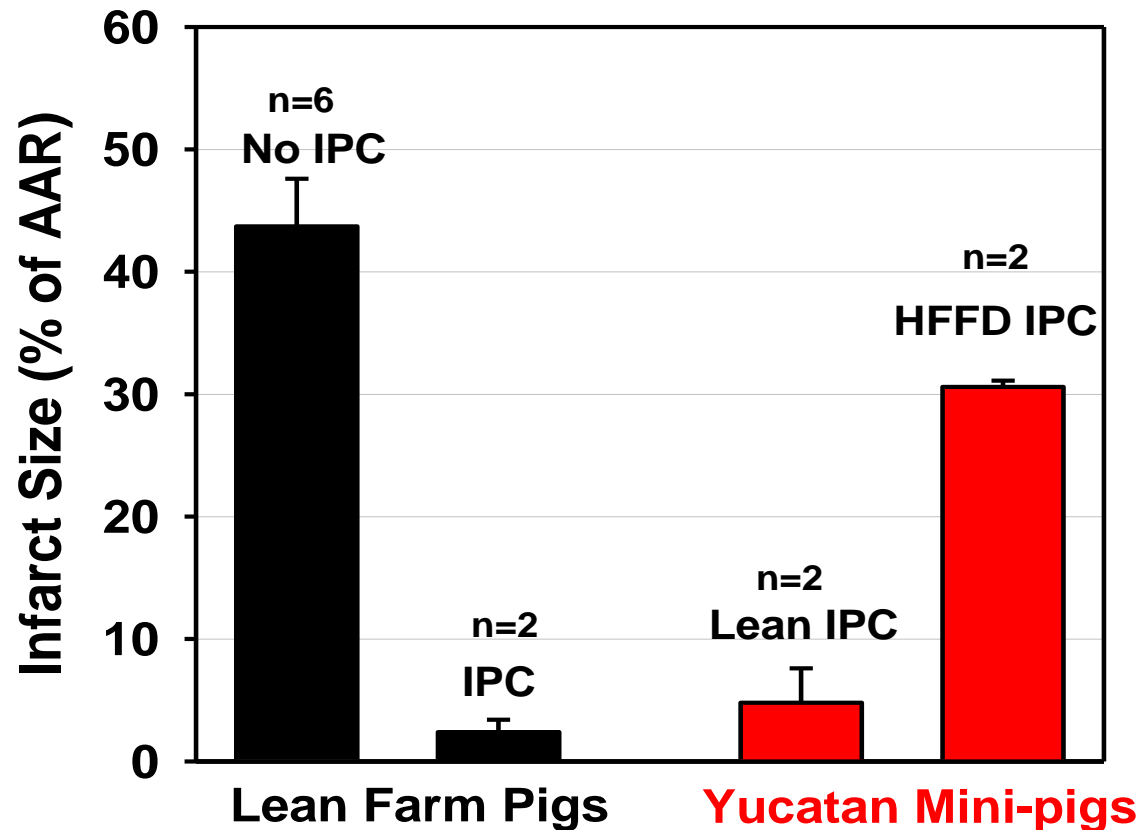




# Depressed Autophagy in Obese Yucatan Pigs



# Impaired Preconditioning in Obese Swine with MetS





# Summary

**Animal models of metabolic syndrome show impaired autophagy and loss of cardioprotection**

**But do we know about autophagy and cardioprotection in the human heart?**

# Autophagy in the Human Heart



- Upregulated autophagy in failing heart decreased after mechanical unloading
  - Kassiotis et al. *Circulation* 2009
- Impaired autophagy associated with postoperative atrial fibrillation
  - Garcia et al. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2011



# Methods (1)

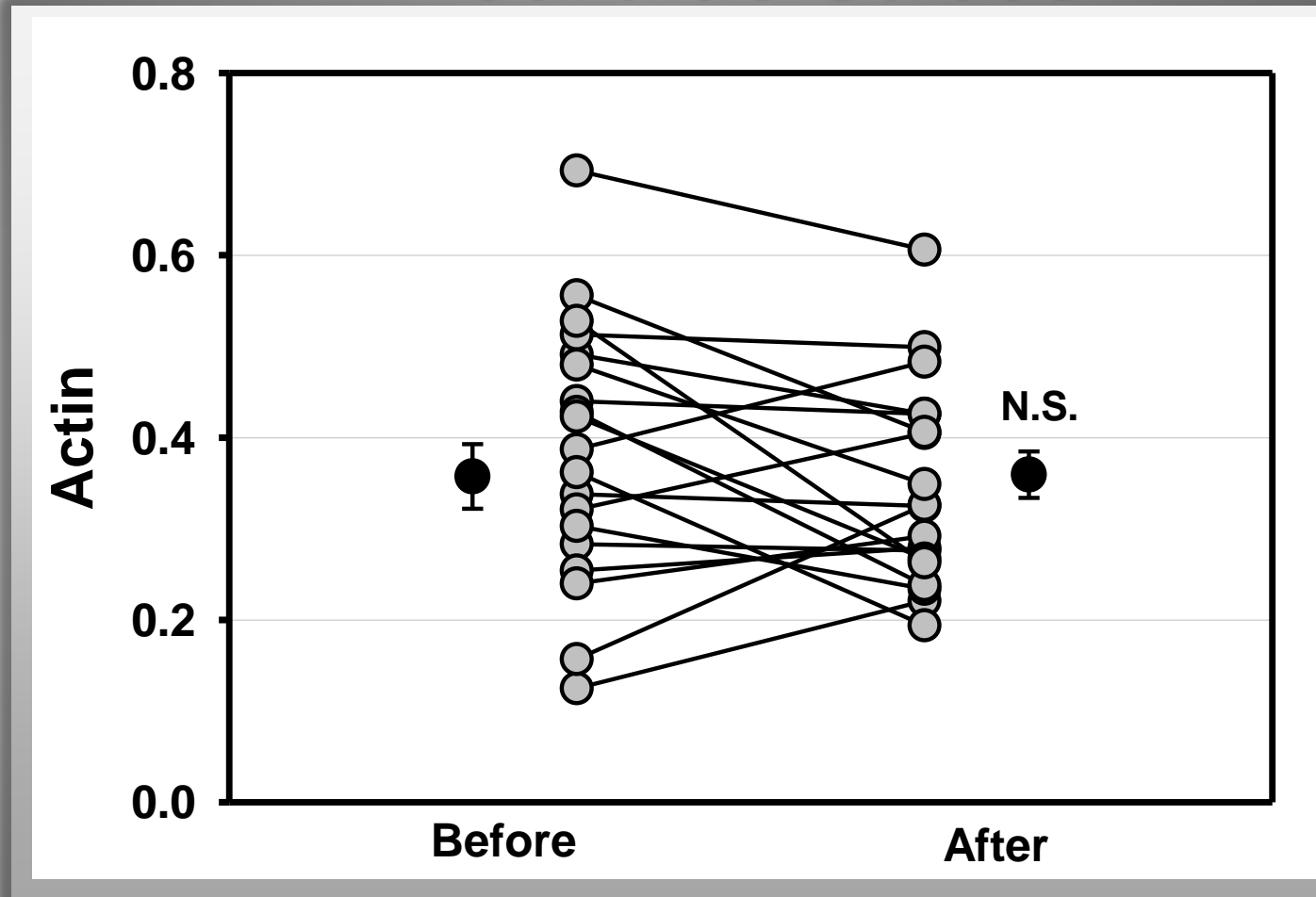
- 19 patients (38 samples) undergoing cardiac surgery
- Right atrial tissue (200-400 mg) obtained before cross-clamping the aorta and after its removal
- Western blotting used to measure autophagy proteins (Beclin-1, Atg5-12, SQSTM1/p62)



# Methods (2)

- The perioperative autophagic response was correlated with the morbidity and mortality risk calculated from STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database

# Actin Levels Are Unaffected By Cardiac Stress



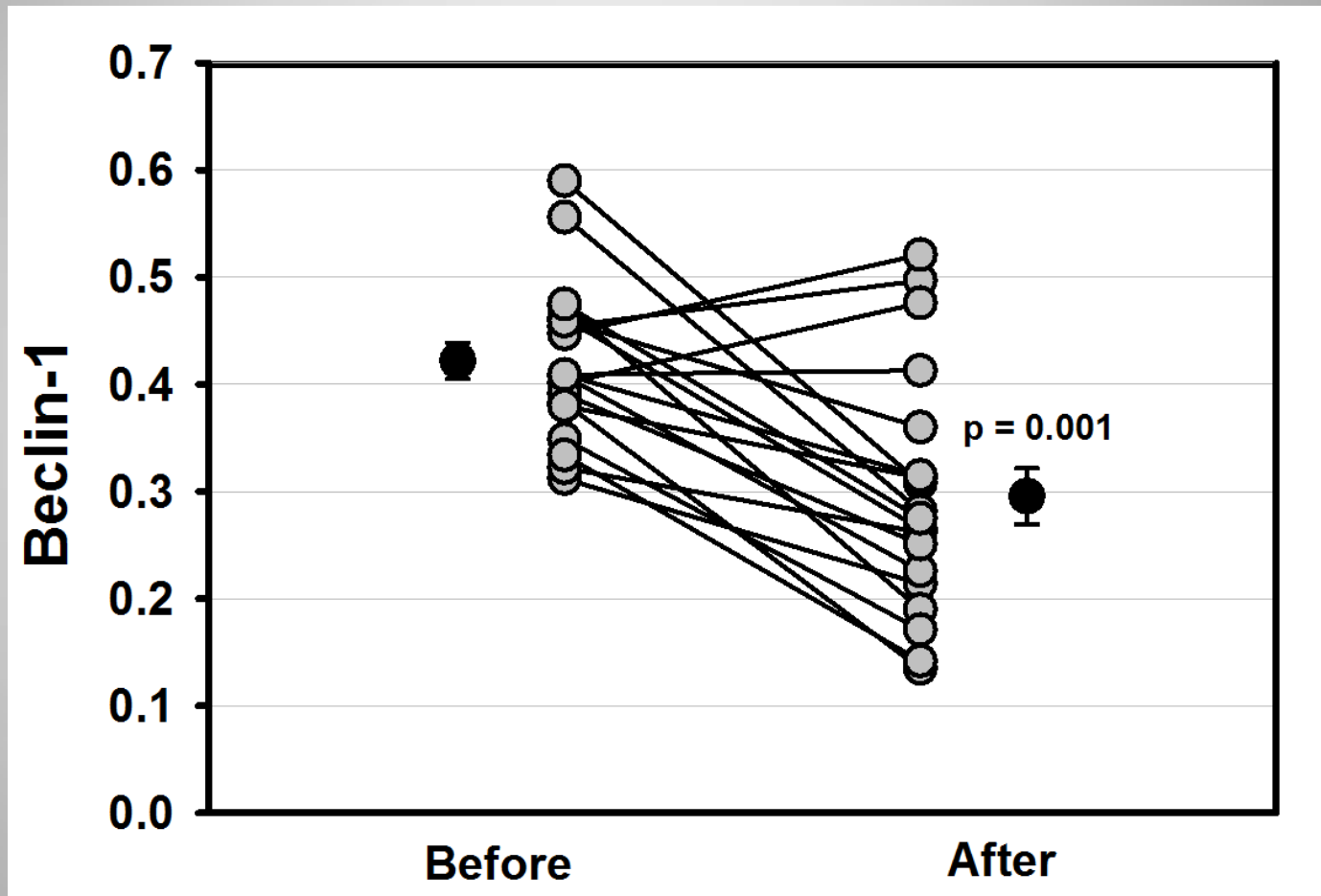
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Actin





# Cardiac Stress Is Associated with Decreased Levels of Beclin -1

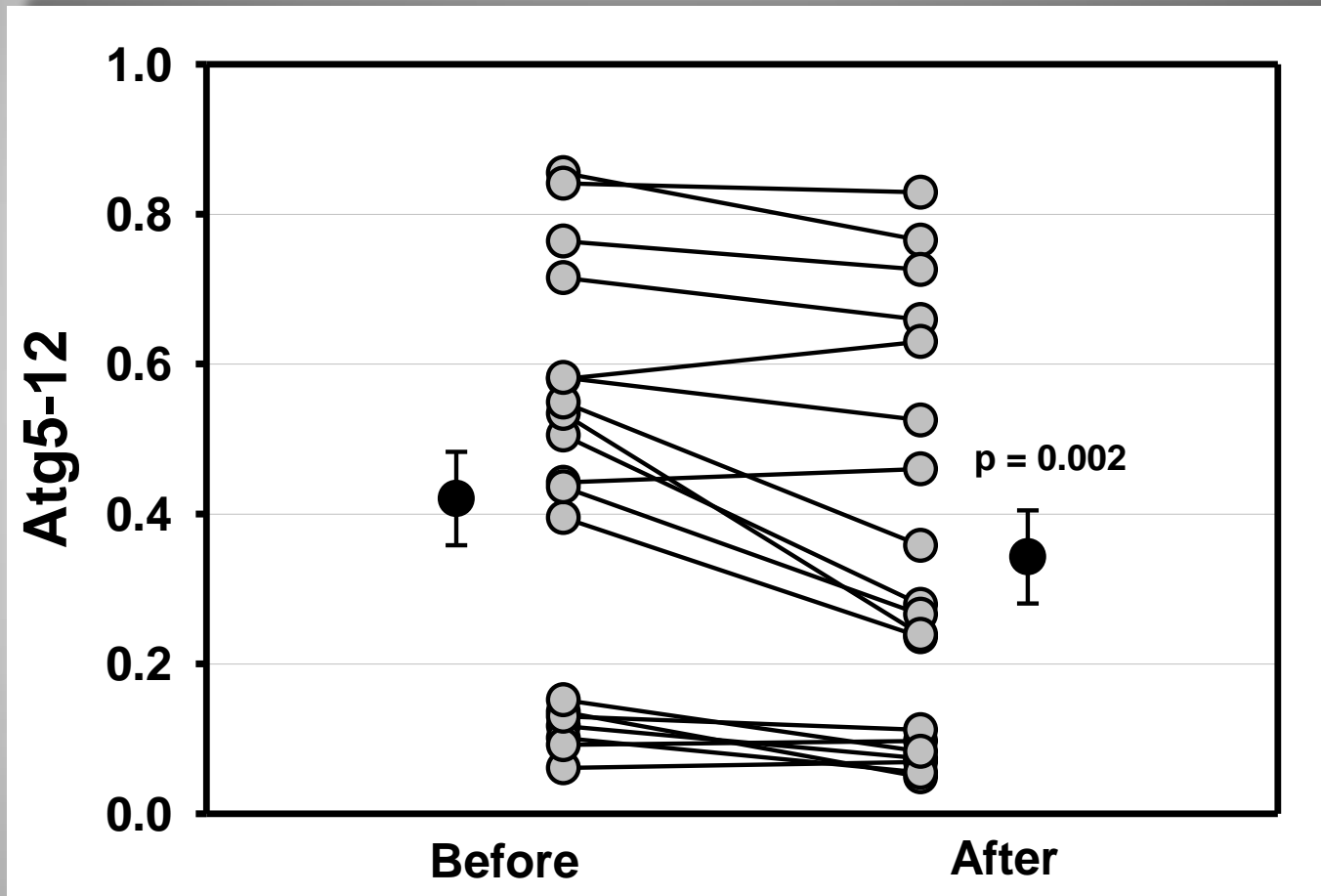


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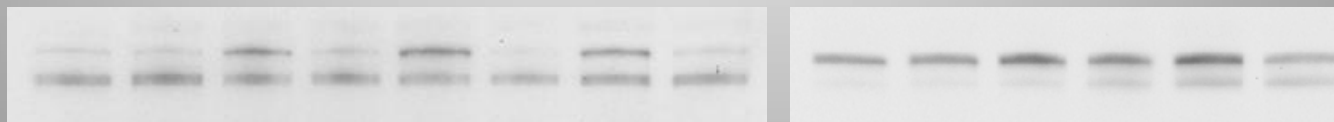


# Cardiac Stress Is Associated with Decreased Levels of Atg5-12

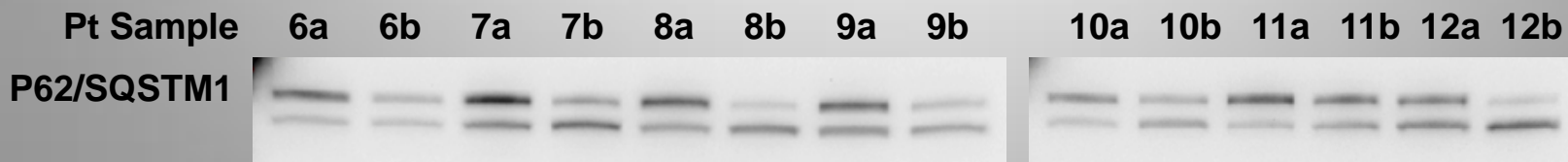
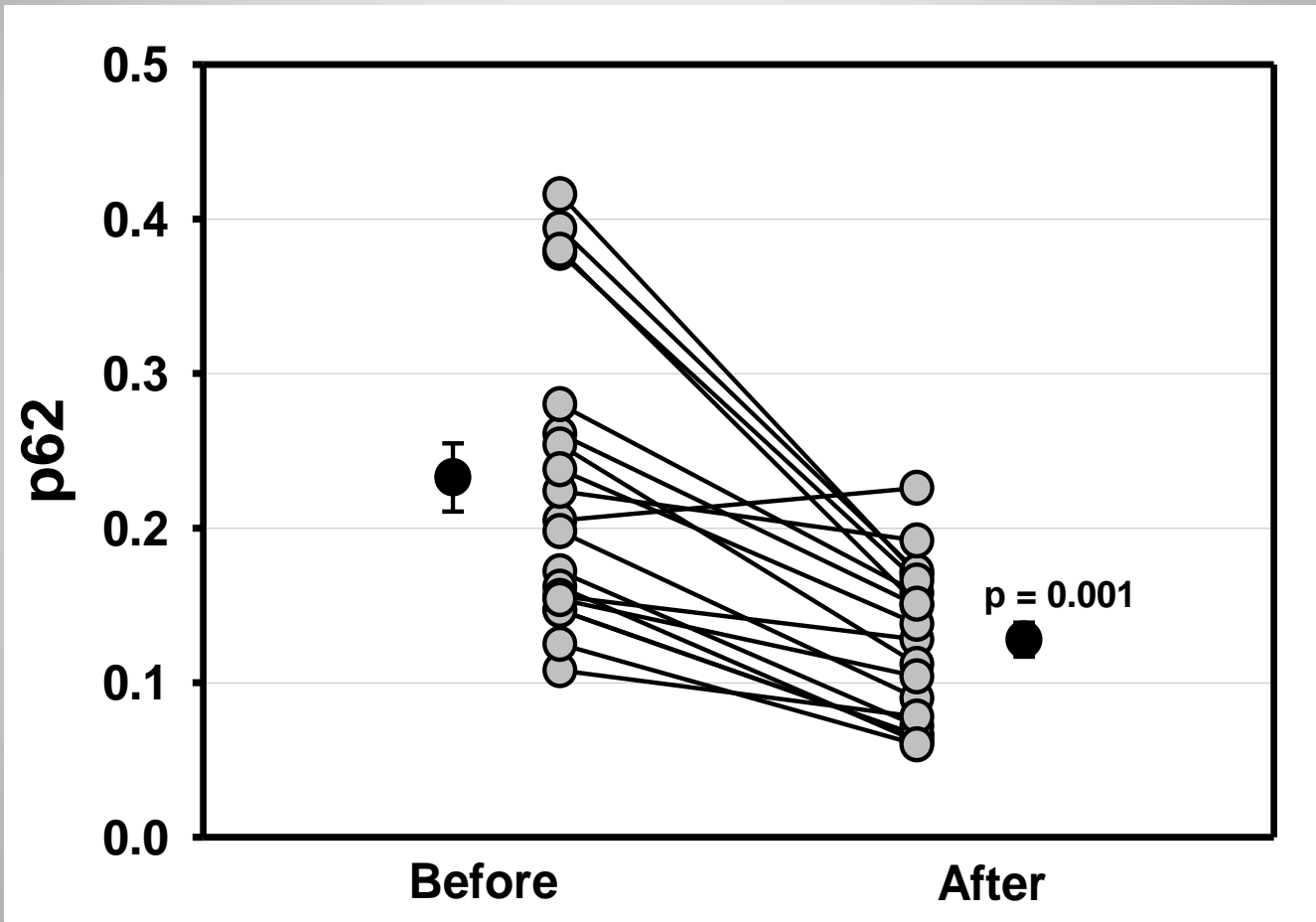


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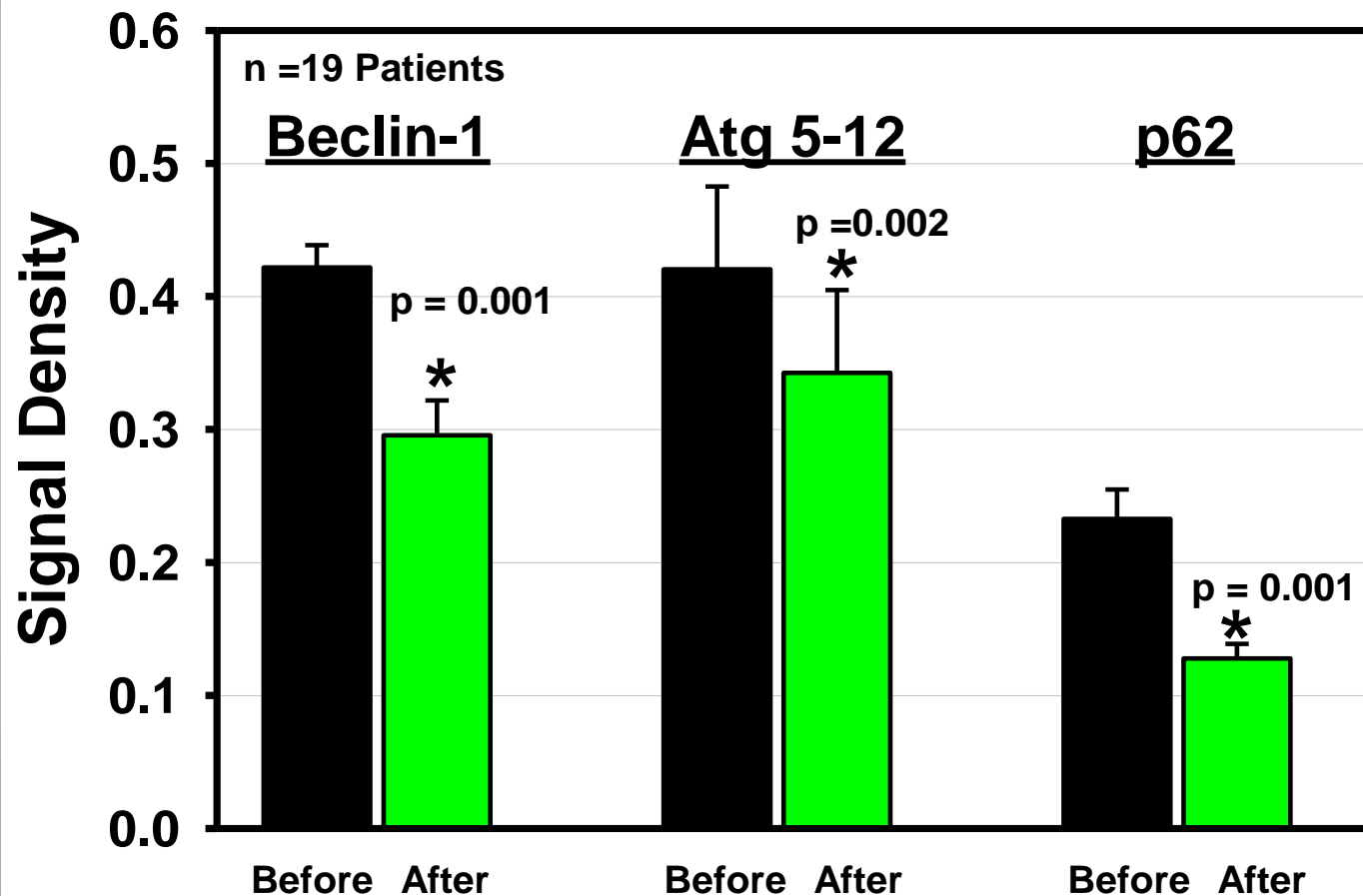
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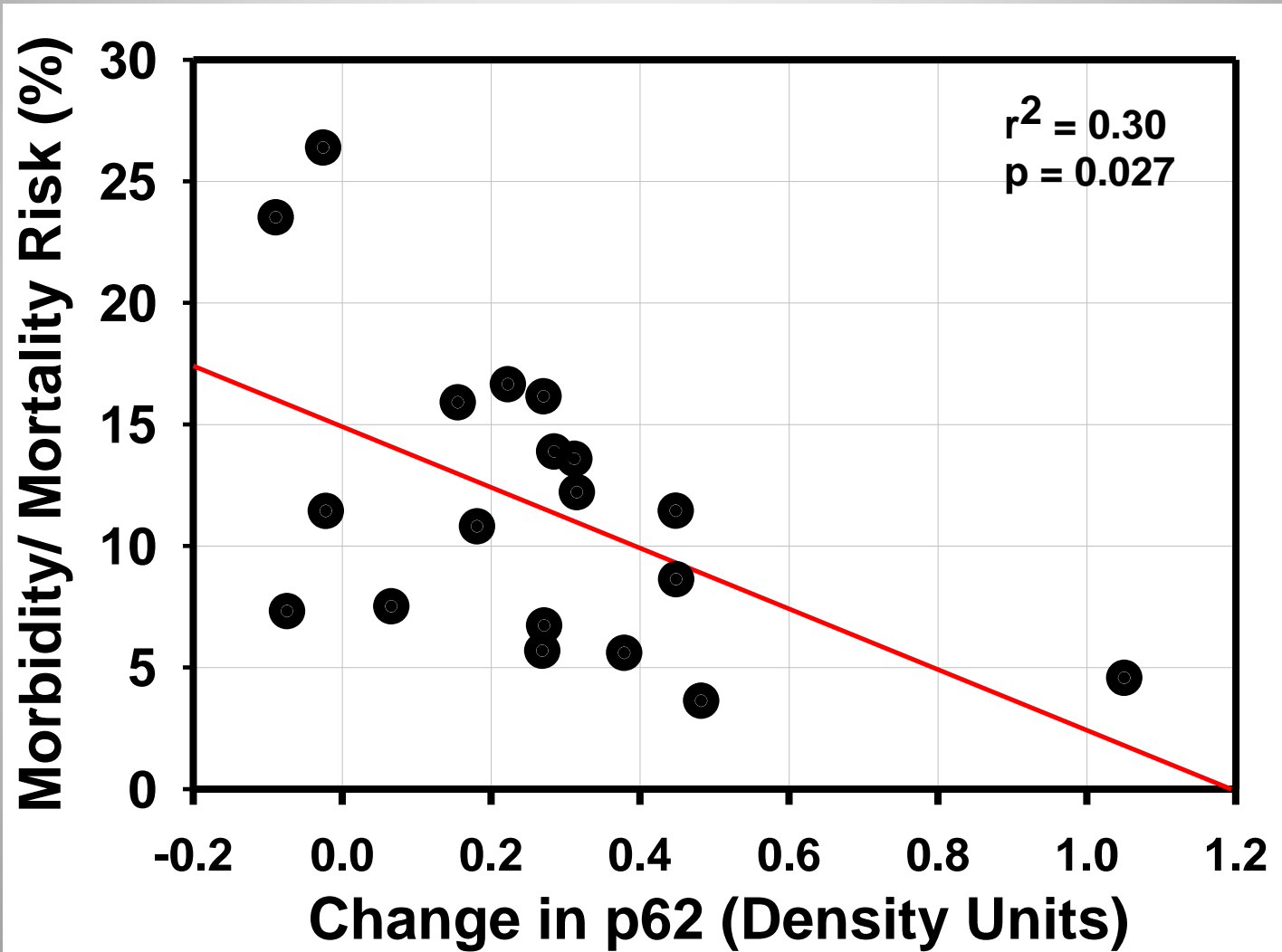
# Cardiac Stress Is Associated with Decreased Levels of p62



# Cardiac Stress Depletes Key Autophagy Proteins



# Operative Risk Correlates with Changes in Autophagy





# Summary

- Preclinical studies support concept that autophagy is cardioprotective and is impaired in MetS
- Cardiac surgery and its attendant ischemia is accompanied by accelerated autophagic flux
- The magnitude of flux increase is inversely correlated with risk



# Conclusion

- Studies evaluating the role of autophagy in setting of I/R are feasible in humans
- Enhancement of autophagy represents a new clinical approach to myocardial protection during heart surgery



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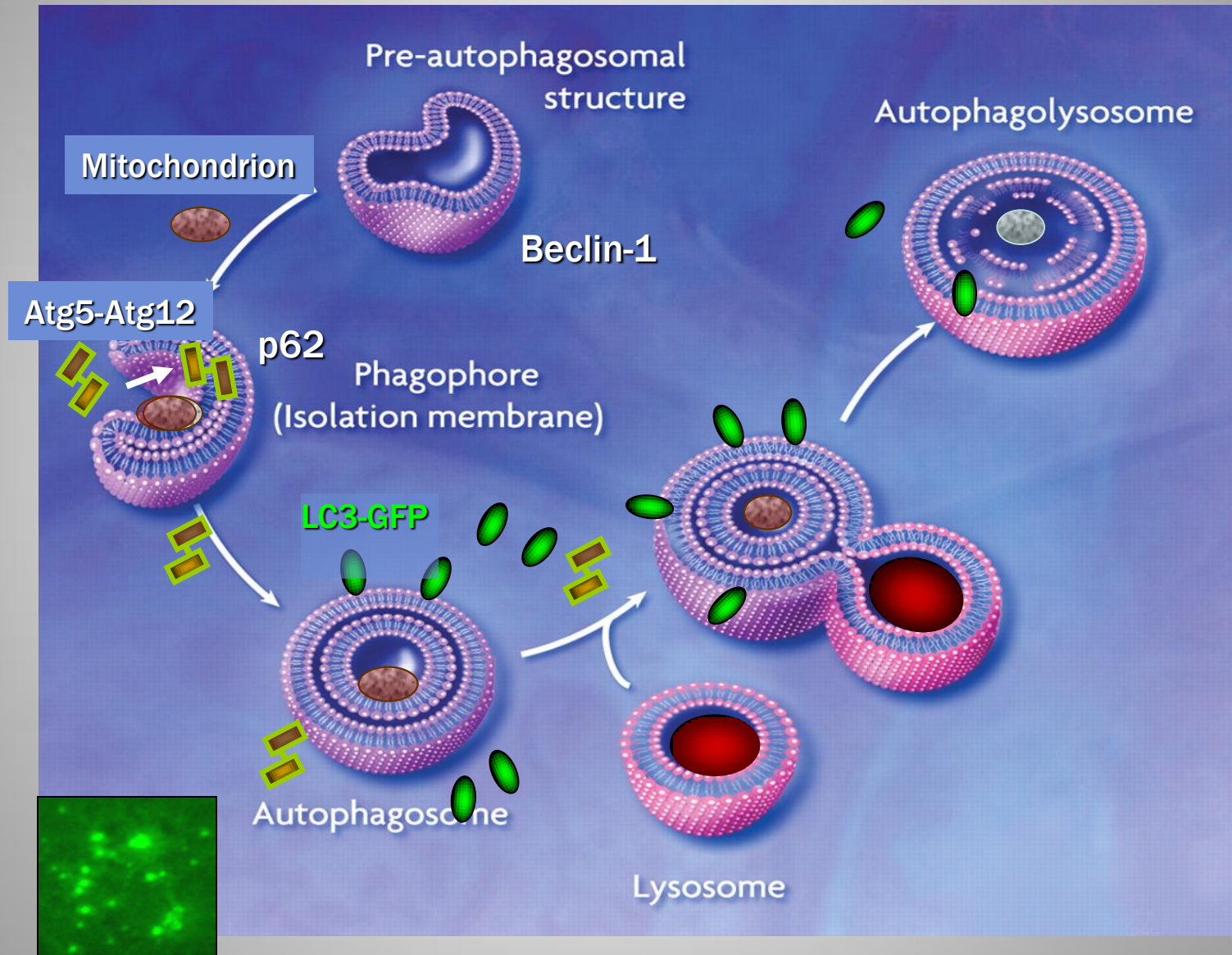
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# Mechanism is Adaptive Autophagy





# Conclusion

- The findings suggest that the future of better cardioprotection lies with our ability to enhance this important adaptive response to ischemic stress

# The Homeostatic Intracellular Repair Response (HIR<sup>2</sup>)

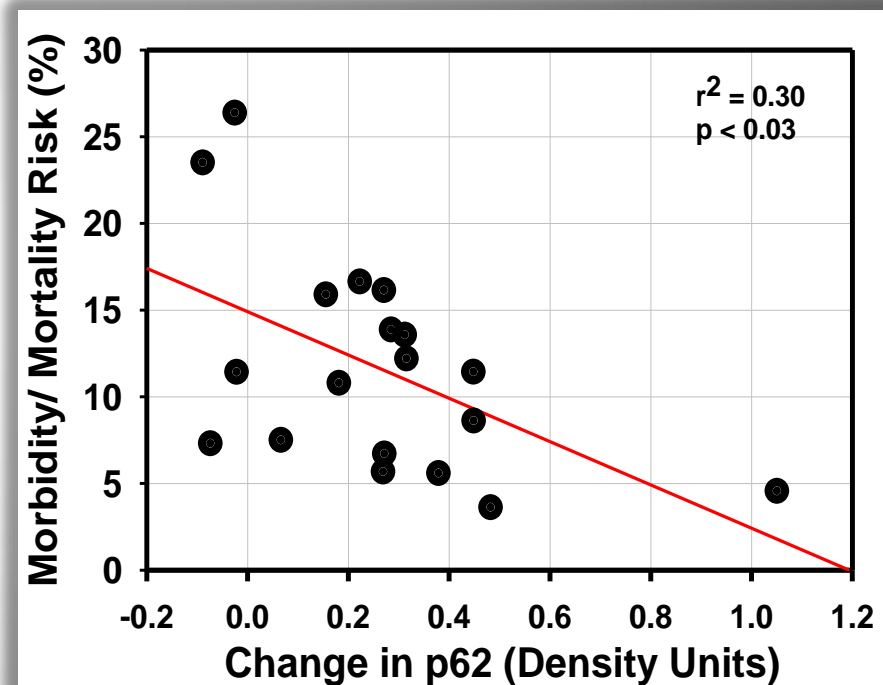
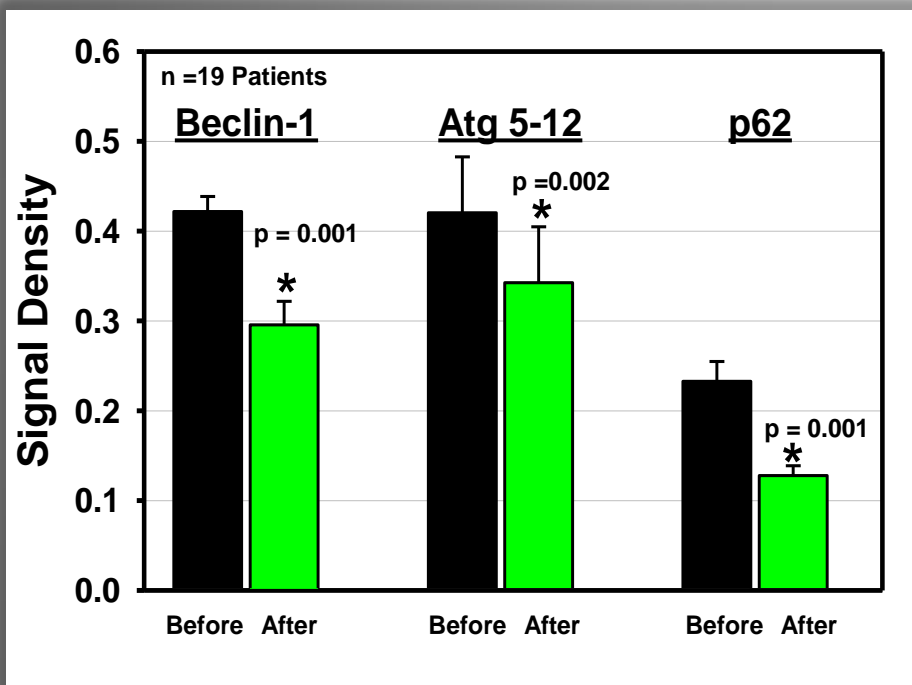


- HIR<sup>2</sup> is a lysosomal adaptive response to stress
- Represents a new approach to myocardial protection
- Preclinical evidence indicates it is manifest in multiple organs and is cardioprotective

# Increased Autophagic Flux is Associated with Reduced M/M Risk

## Autophagy Proteins

## Calculated M/M Risk vs. p62







# Summary

- Autophagy flux is inversely correlated with operative risk
- Autophagy in humans is an endogenous self protective response

**Thanks' for your kind attention!!!!!!**





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