

# **Circadian Clocks, Metabolism and Disease**

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## Caffeine and increased caloric intake alters circadian clocks.

- Chronic caffeine consumption lengthens the period of circadian locomotor rhythms in mice and alters clock gene expression.

*Oike et al., Biochem Biophys Res Commun. 2011*

### America's top 7 favorite energy drinks

PRODUCT (8 fluid oz)	Calories	Sugars (g)	Caffeine (mg)
1. Red Bull Energy Drink	105	26	79
2. Monster Energy	100	27	92
3. Rockstar Energy Drink Double	140	31	80
4. NOS High Performance Energy Drink	110	26	112
5. Amp Energy	110	29	71
6. Full Throttle	220	58	210
7. Xylence Xenergy	0	0	94

- Diet-induced obesity is a key risk factor for a variety of chronic conditions, including diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, stroke, cardiovascular disease and cancer.

*Alberti et al., Circulation, 2009*

- Poor-quality sleep is associated with elevated BMI and development of metabolic disorders.

*Van Cauter et al., Eur J Endocrinol, 2008*

24/7 Wallst.com, Posted March 25, 2013

Consumer Reports magazine (December 2012)

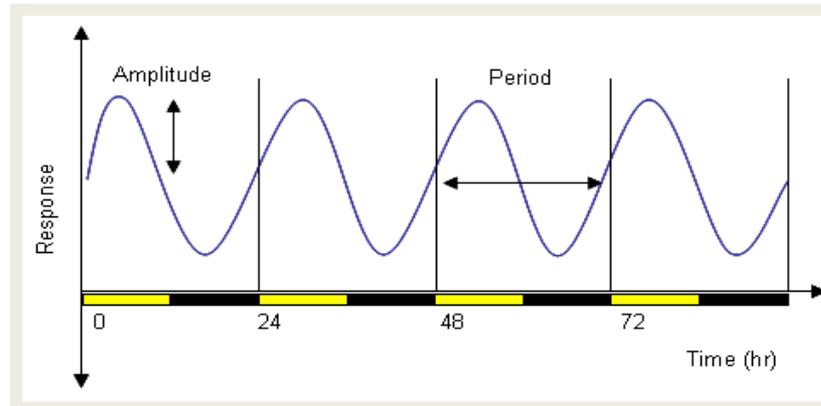
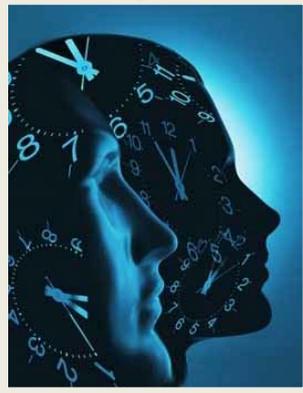
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# I. Circadian Rhythms

- Derived from Latin 'circa diem' (about a day)
- Defined as a biological rhythm that persists under constant conditions with a period length of ~24 hrs
- Mammalian circadian clock orchestrates the synchronization of the daily behavioral and physiological rhythms to better adapt the organism to the external environment

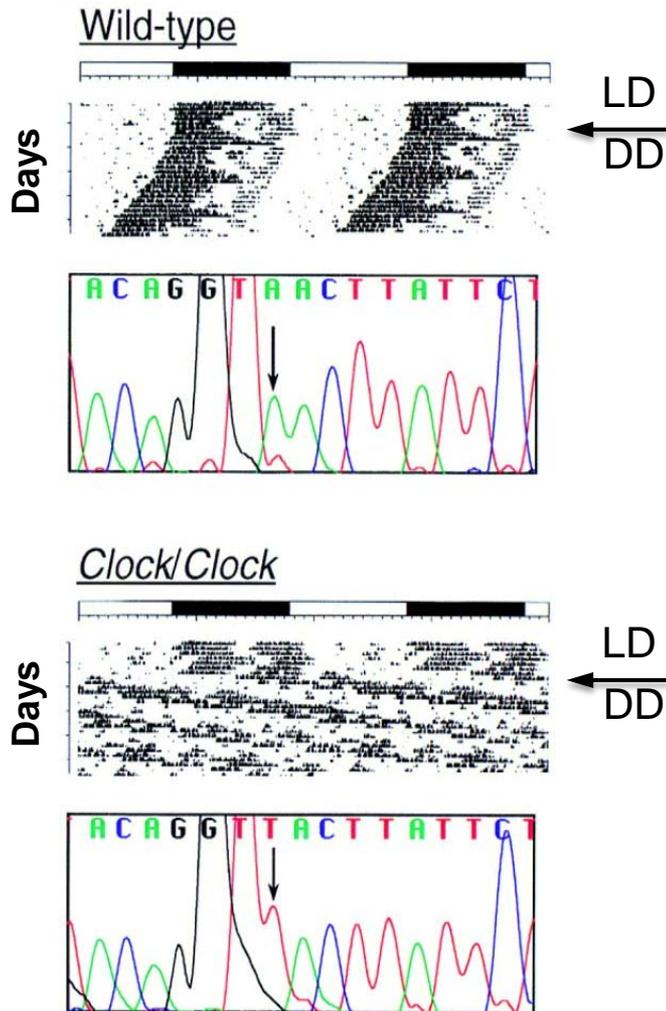
Sleep ↔ Wake



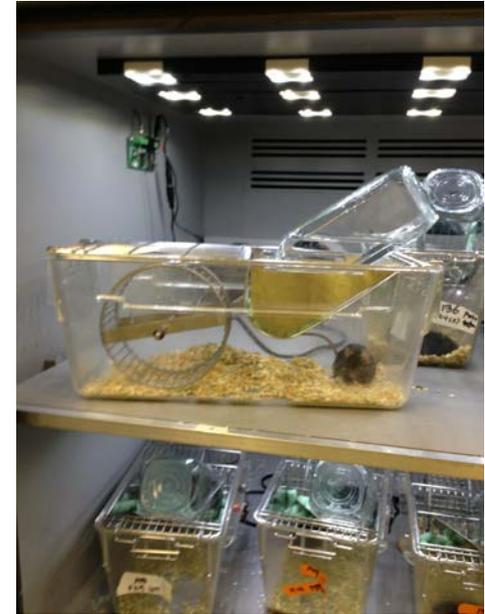
Feeding



# Genetic Basis of Timing



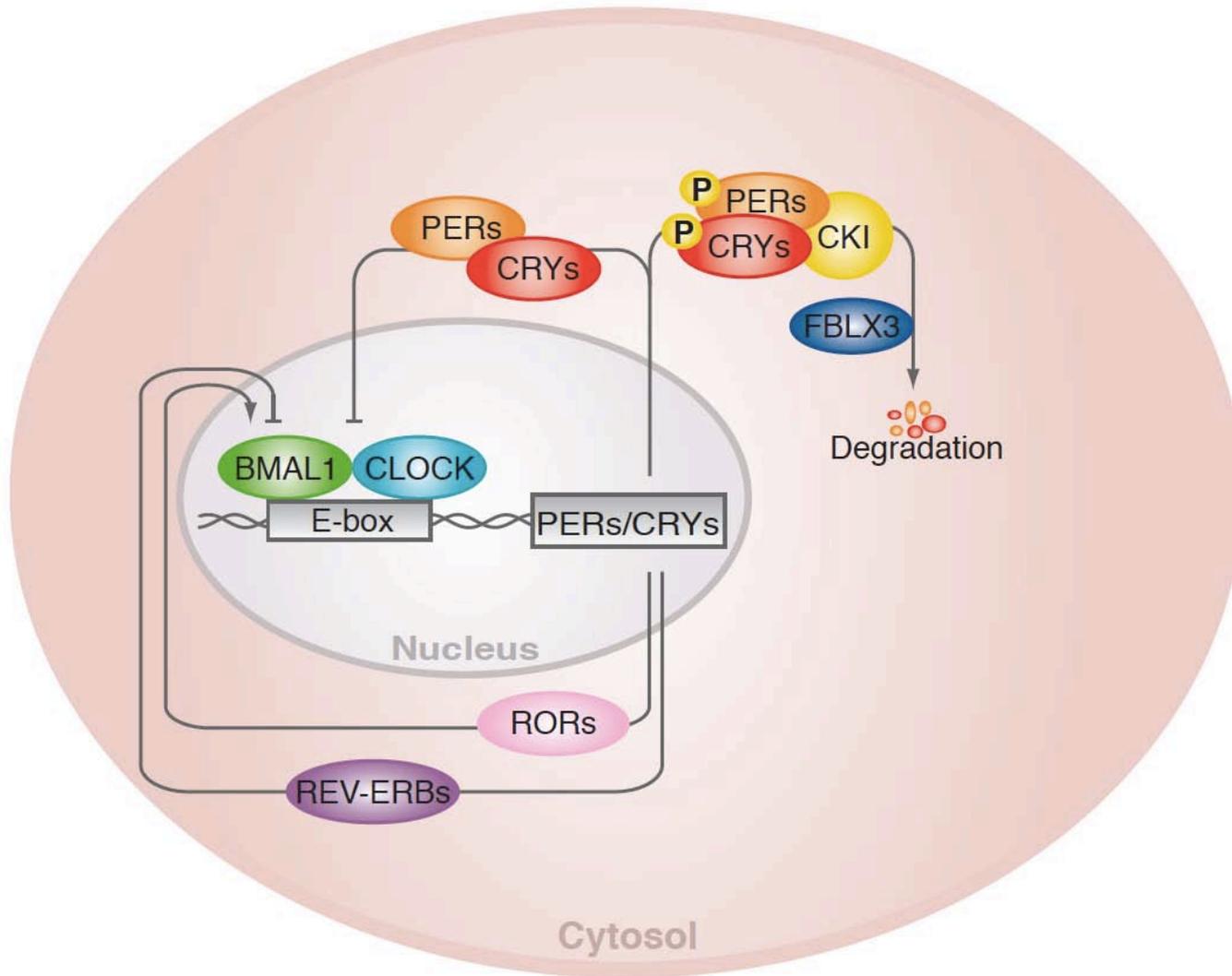
Vitaterna et al., *Science*, 1994  
King et al., *Cell*, 1997



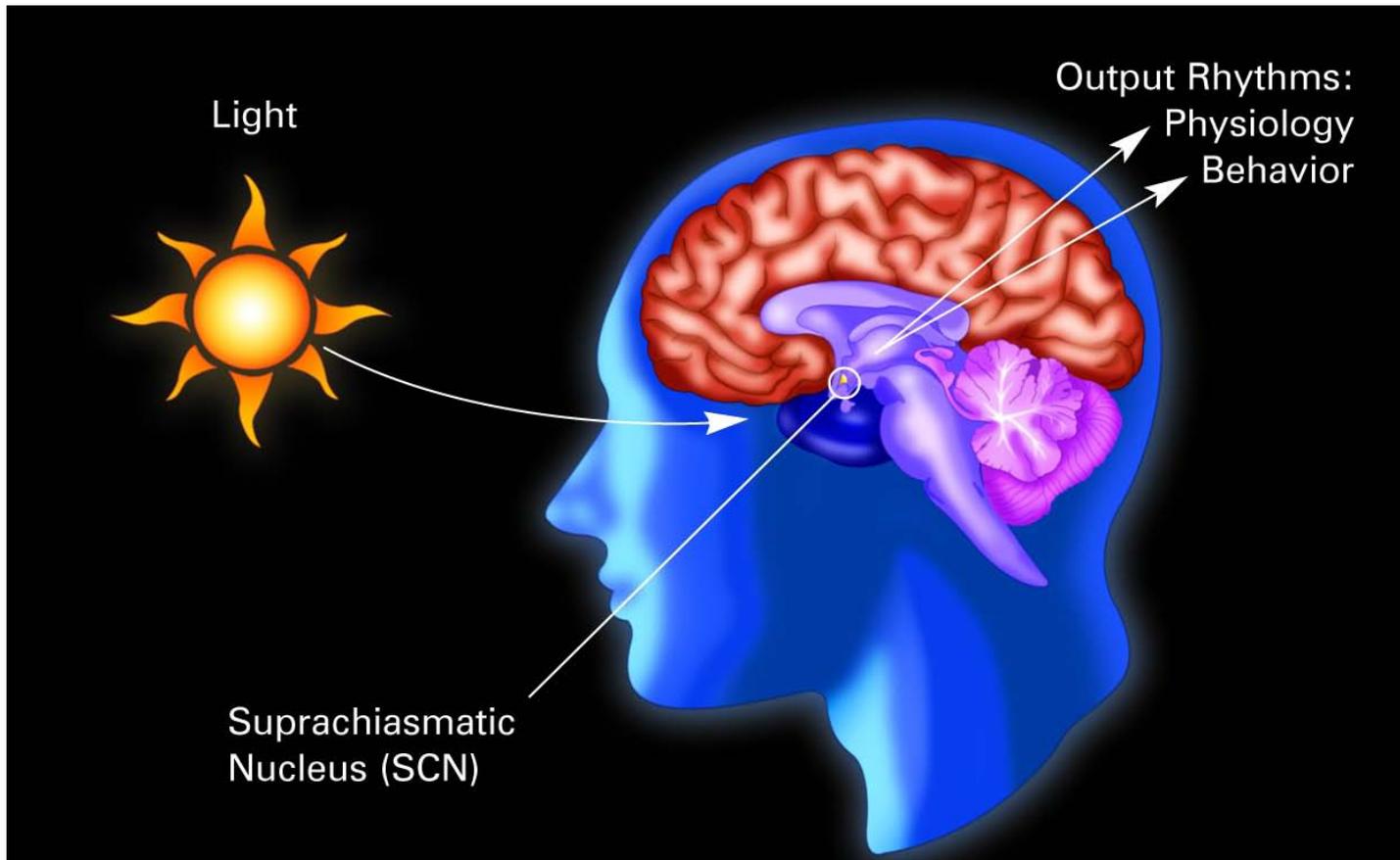
## Clock Mutation Results in Loss of Behavioral Rhythms

- *Clock* mouse was identified in an ENU mutagenesis screen
- Light/Dark cues are sufficient to maintain activity rhythms in *Clock* mice
- Free running behavior rhythms are lost

# Mammalian circadian clock is composed of a cell autonomous transcriptional-translational feedback network

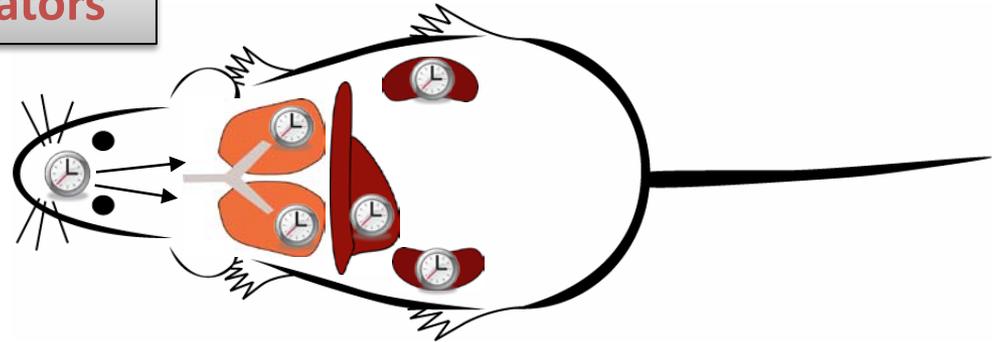
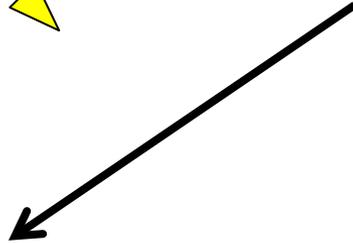
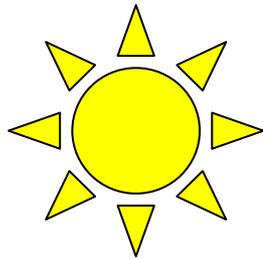


## Mammalian Circadian Pacemaker



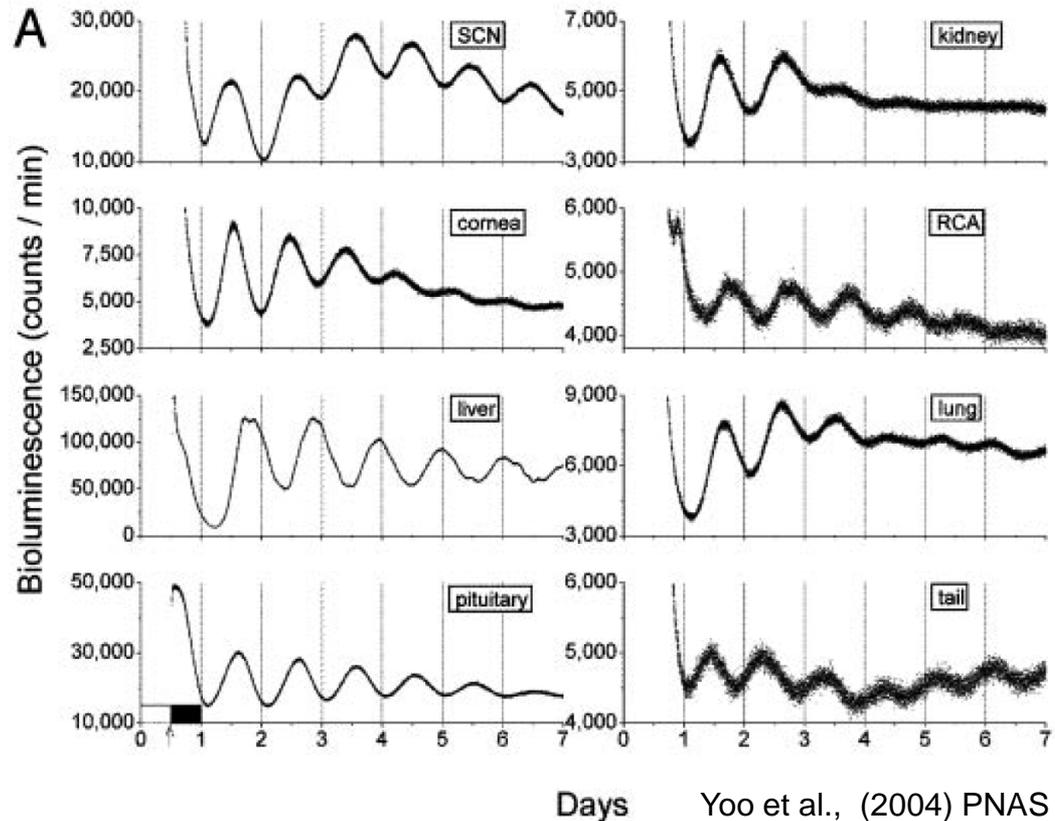
*National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

## Central vs. Peripheral (local) Oscillators



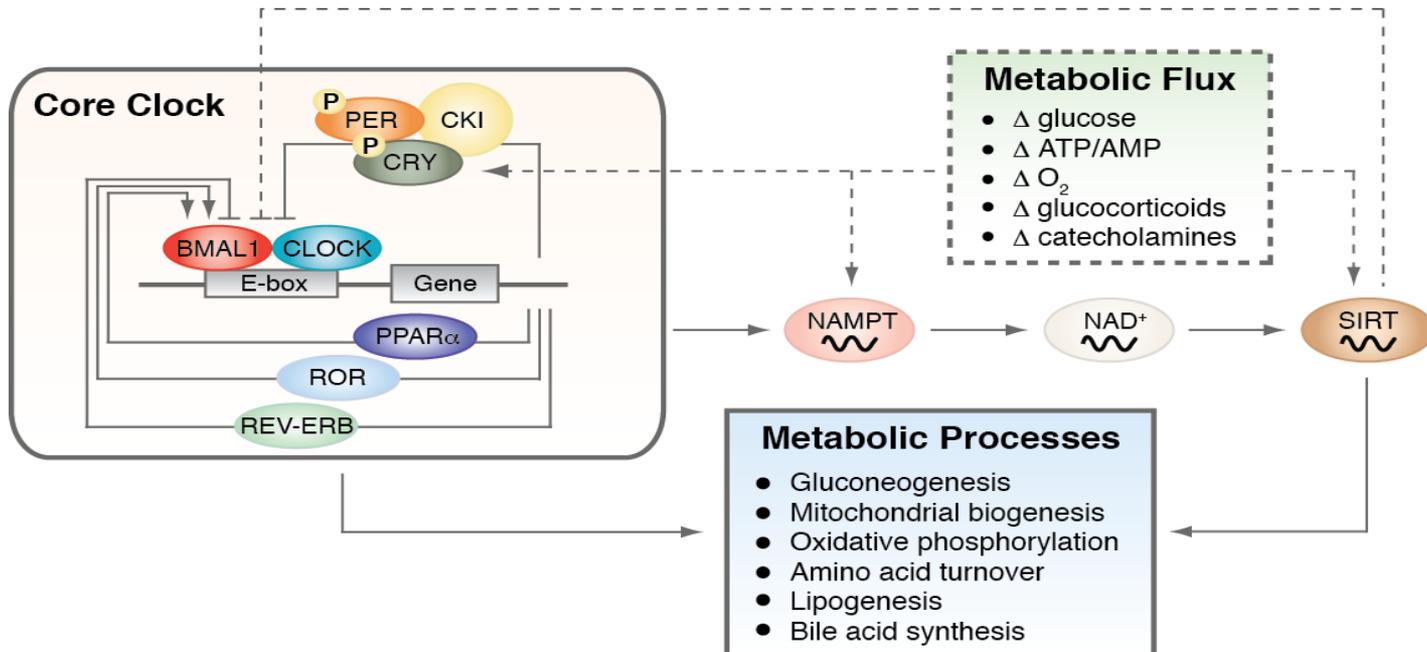
Per2::Luciferase Rhythm

- Sleep/Activity
- Thermoregulation
- Food consumption
- Blood pressure
- Hormonal release
- Metabolism

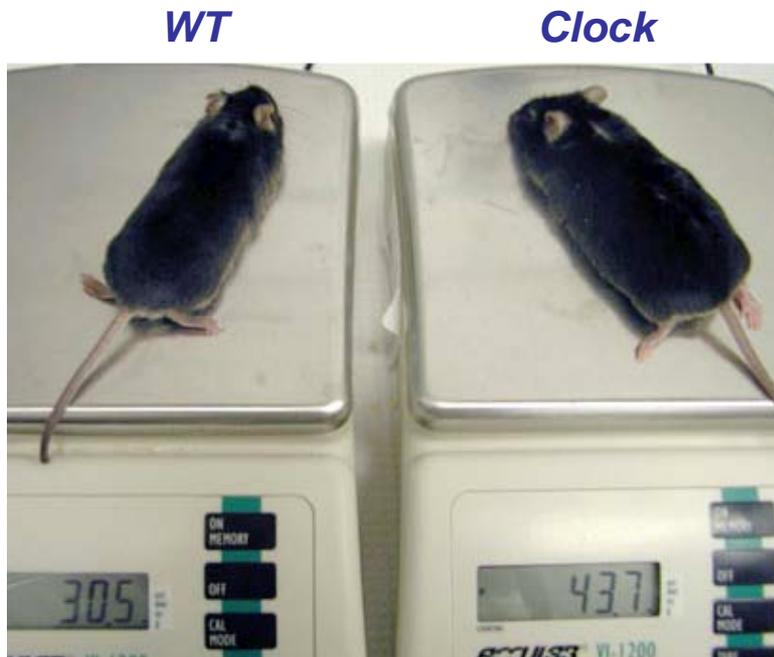


# Circadian Rhythms and Glucose Metabolism in Humans

- Blood glucose levels peak at the onset of the active period  
*Arslanian et al, Horm Res, 1990; Bolli et al, Diabetes, 1984*
- Glucose tolerance is impaired in evening compared to morning hours  
*Gagliardino et al, Chronobiologia, 1984*
- Decreased insulin secretion and altered insulin sensitivity in the evening  
*Boden et al, Am J Physiol, 1996*
- Daily cycles of insulin secretion and sensitivity are lost in diabetic patients  
*Boden et al, Diabetes, 1999*



## II. *Clock* Mutants Provide Genetic Evidence Linking Circadian Rhythmicity and Metabolism



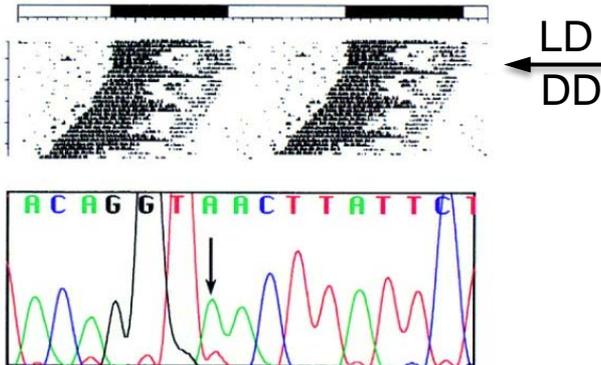
- Hyperdipidemia
- Susceptible to diet-induced obesity
- Age-dependent hyperglycemia
- Hypoinsulinemia at young age

### III. Circadian Mutations and Metabolic Disease (mouse studies)

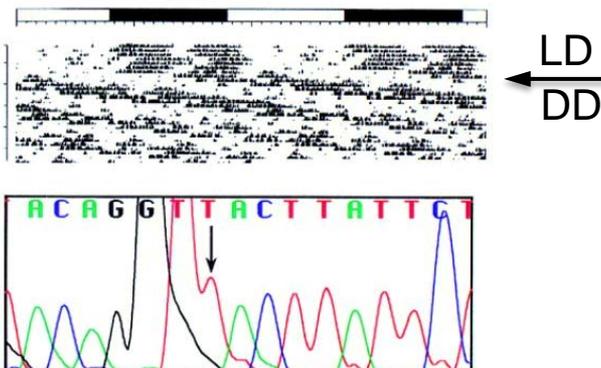
Whole Body Mutation	Circadian Phenotype	Cardiometabolic Phenotype	Reference
<i>Clock</i> <sup>Δ19/Δ19</sup>	Arrhythmic	Age-dependent hyperphagia, obesity, hyperlipidemia, hyperglycemia, hypoinsulinemia, reduced muscle strength, endothelial dysfunction	PMID 11163178, 8171325, 20956306, 20562852, 15845877, 19273720
<i>Bmal1</i> <sup>-/-</sup>	Arrhythmic	Loss of glucose and triglyceride oscillations, increased insulin sensitivity, hypoinsulinemia, increased vascular stiffness, thrombosis, endothelial dysfunction, age-associated dilated cardiomyopathy, reduced muscle strength	PMID 22707558, 20829506, 20956306, 20562852, 15523558, 19273720
<i>Per1</i> <sup>-/-</sup>	Arrhythmic	Impaired glucocorticoid rhythm	PMID 11389837, 16505983
<i>Per2</i> <sup>-/-</sup>	Arrhythmic	Aortic endothelial dysfunction	PMID 11389837, 17404161
<i>Per1/Per2/Per3</i> <sup>-/-</sup>		Increased vascular stiffness	PMID 20829506
<i>Cry1/Cry2</i> <sup>-/-</sup>	Arrhythmic	Salt-sensitive hypertension	PMID 10217146, 20023637
<i>Per2/Cry1</i> <sup>-/-</sup>		Loss of ACTH and glucocorticoid rhythm	PMID 16890544
<i>Rev-erbα</i> <sup>-/-</sup>		Impaired bile acid synthesis, hepatic steatosis	PMID 19721697, 21393543
<i>Rev-erbα/Rev-erbβ</i> <sup>-/-</sup>	Arrhythmic	Increased glucose and triglycerides, reduced circulating fatty acids, reduced respiratory exchange ratio	PMID 22460952

# Genetic Basis of Timing

Wild-type

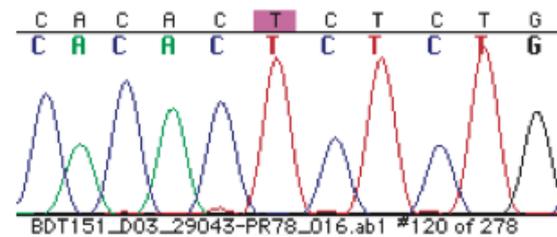


Clock/Clock

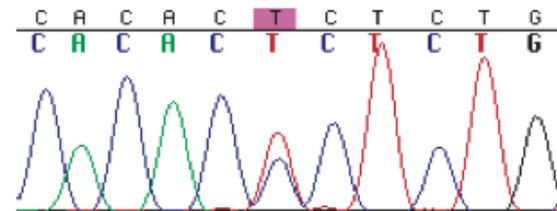


- Mouse Clock Mutant  
*King et al., Cell, 1997*

Control



FASPS individuals



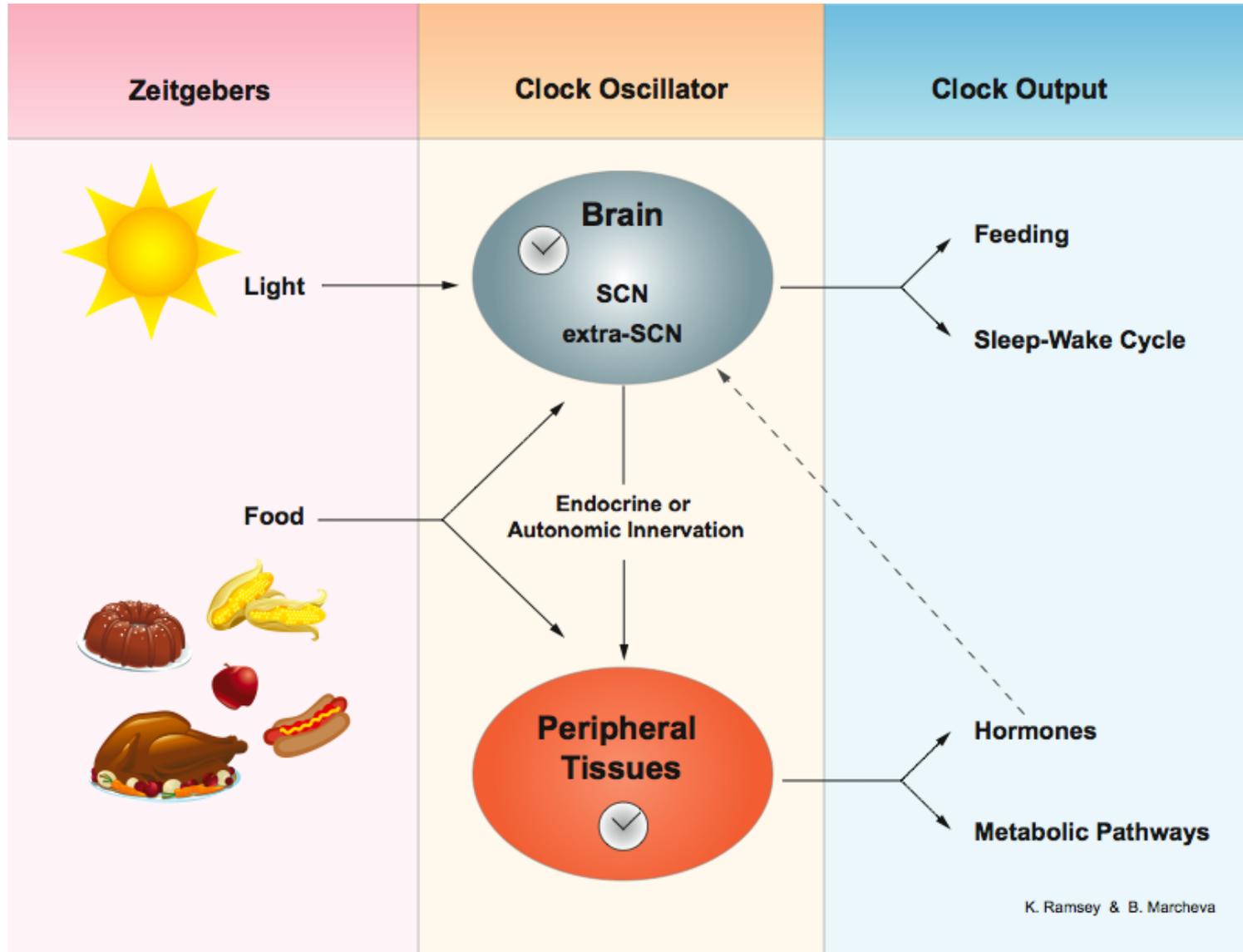
Mutant	EPVVG	GGT	LSP	LALANKA	ESV	VSVTS	QCSFS	STIVH	GD	KPK
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mPER1	EPVVG	GGT	LSP	LALANKA	ESV	VSVTS	QCSFS	STIVH	GD	KPK
hPER2	RTGVG	THLTS	LALPG	KAESV	ASLTS	QCSYS	STIVH	VD	DK	KPK
mPER2	HTEVSA	HLSS	LTLPG	KAESV	VSLTS	QCSYS	STIVH	VD	DK	KPK
hPER3	RSIDT	GGGAP	QILST	AML	SL	GSGIS	QC	GYS	STIVH	VPP
mPER3	PSTDIE	GGAA	RTLST	AAL	SV	ASGIS	QC	SCS	STSGH	APPL

- Human *Per2* was discovered in people with Familial Advance Sleep Phase Syndrome  
*Toh et al., Science, 2001*

## Circadian Gene Polymorphisms and Metabolic Phenotypes (Human Genome-Wide Association Studies)

Polymorphisms	Metabolic Association	Reference
<i>CLOCK</i>	Hypertension, obesity, metabolic syndrome, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, high plasma ghrelin, short sleep duration, altered eating behaviors, higher total energy intake, decreased compliance with prescribed diet plans, resistance to weight loss	PMID: 17696255, 18541547, 20653450, 20497782, 9846548, 19888304
<i>BMAL1</i>	Hypertension and type 2 diabetes	PMID: 17728404
<i>CRY2</i>	Altered fasting glucose concentrations	PMID: 20081858
<i>PER2</i>	Hyperglycemia, abdominal obesity, unhealthy feeding behavior, waist circumference and cholesterol levels	PMID: 19470168, 20205566, 20497782, 17653067
<i>NAMPT1</i>	Protection from obesity	PMID: 19300429
<i>PER2/PER3/CLOCK/BMAL1</i>	Morning or evening activity preference	PMID: 21637568
<i>MTNR1A or MTNR1B</i>	High fasting glucose levels, impaired insulin secretion, increased risk of type 2 diabetes, insulin resistance and susceptibility to polycystic ovarian syndrome	PMID: 12957828, 21474908, 1470412, 21112029, 19241057, 19937311, 20628598, 21658282, 22233651, 21474908, 19060908, 19088850

# IV. Circadian Regulation of Metabolism



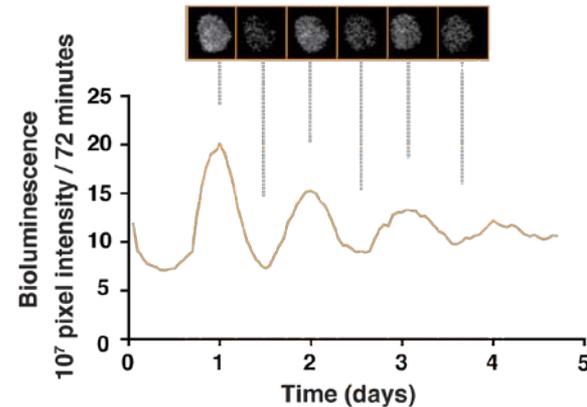
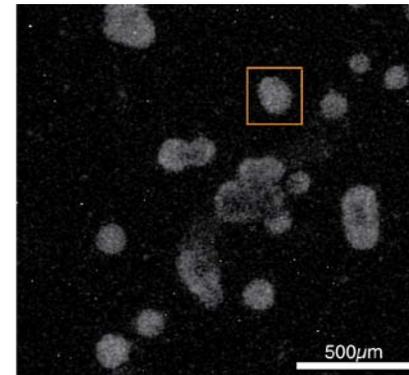
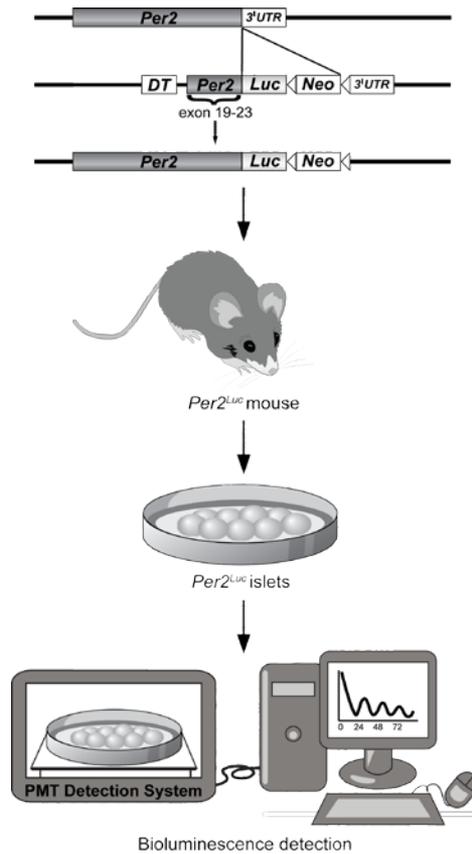
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## IV a. Glucose metabolism and insulin secretion: Identification of Circadian Gene Oscillation in Pancreatic Islets

Marcheva et al., *Nature*, 2010

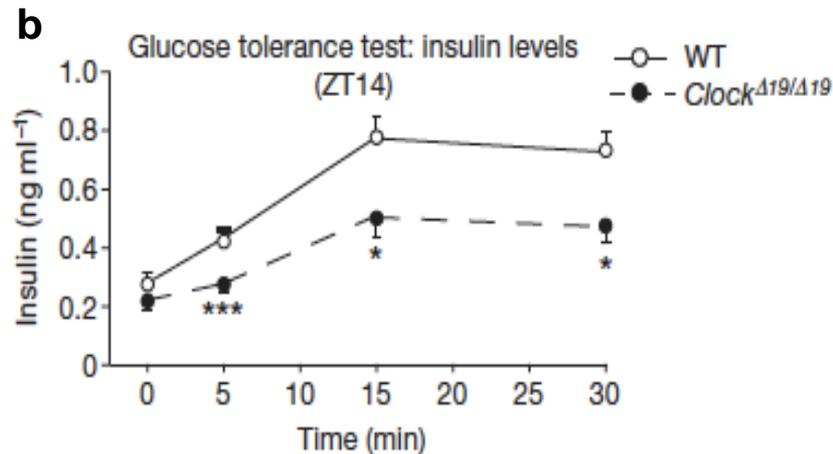
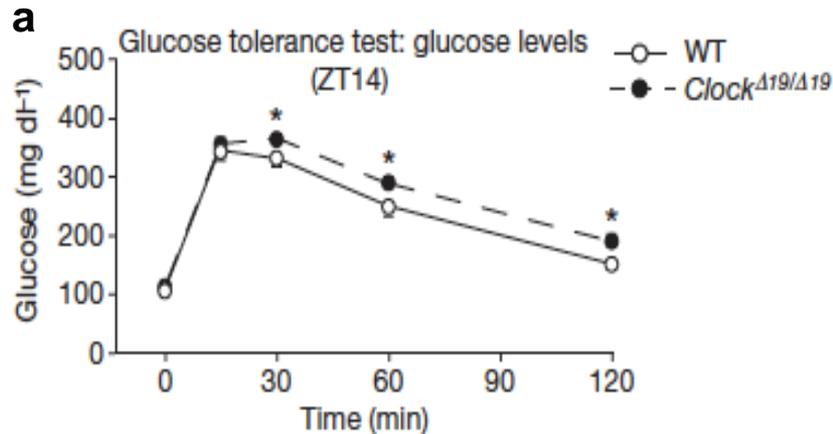


- Circadian clock is expressed autonomously within the pancreatic islet

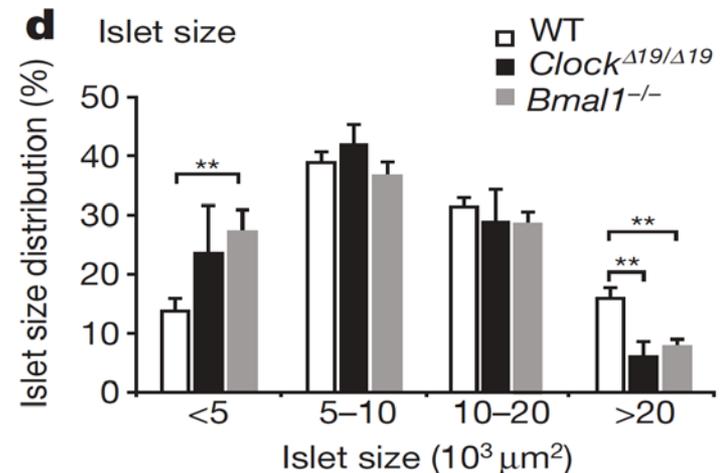
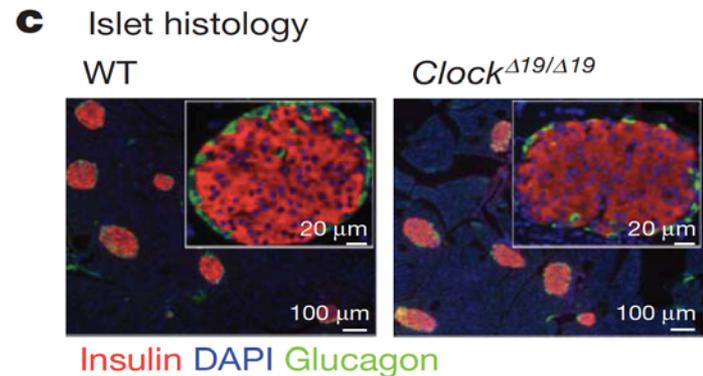
# Development of Age-Dependent Diabetes in *Clock* Mutant Mice

Marcheva et al., *Nature*, 2010

- Impaired glucose tolerance



- Reduced islet size, proliferation, and insulin release

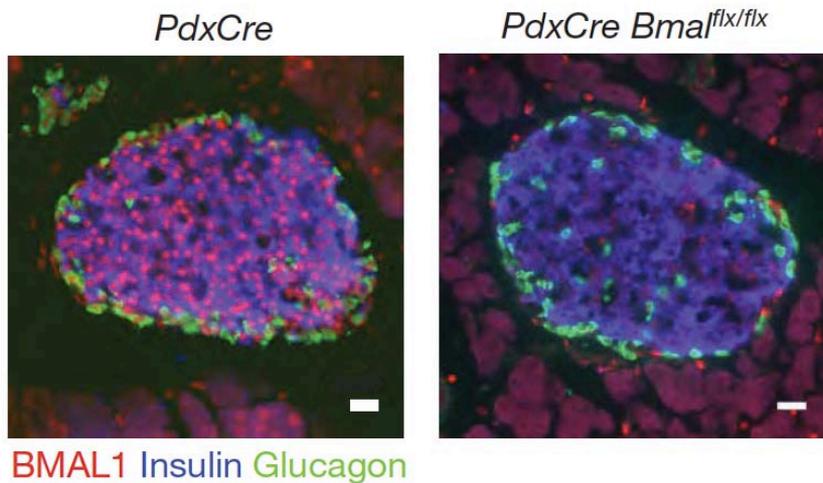


# Multiple circadian genes impact the capacity of the pancreatic islets to respond to glucose

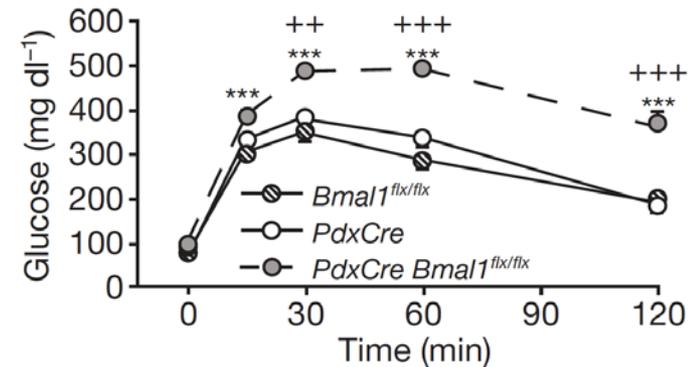
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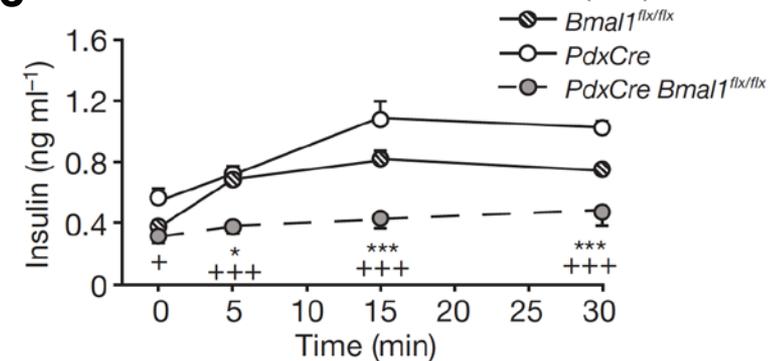
**a** Pancreas-specific *Bmal1* knockout: islet staining



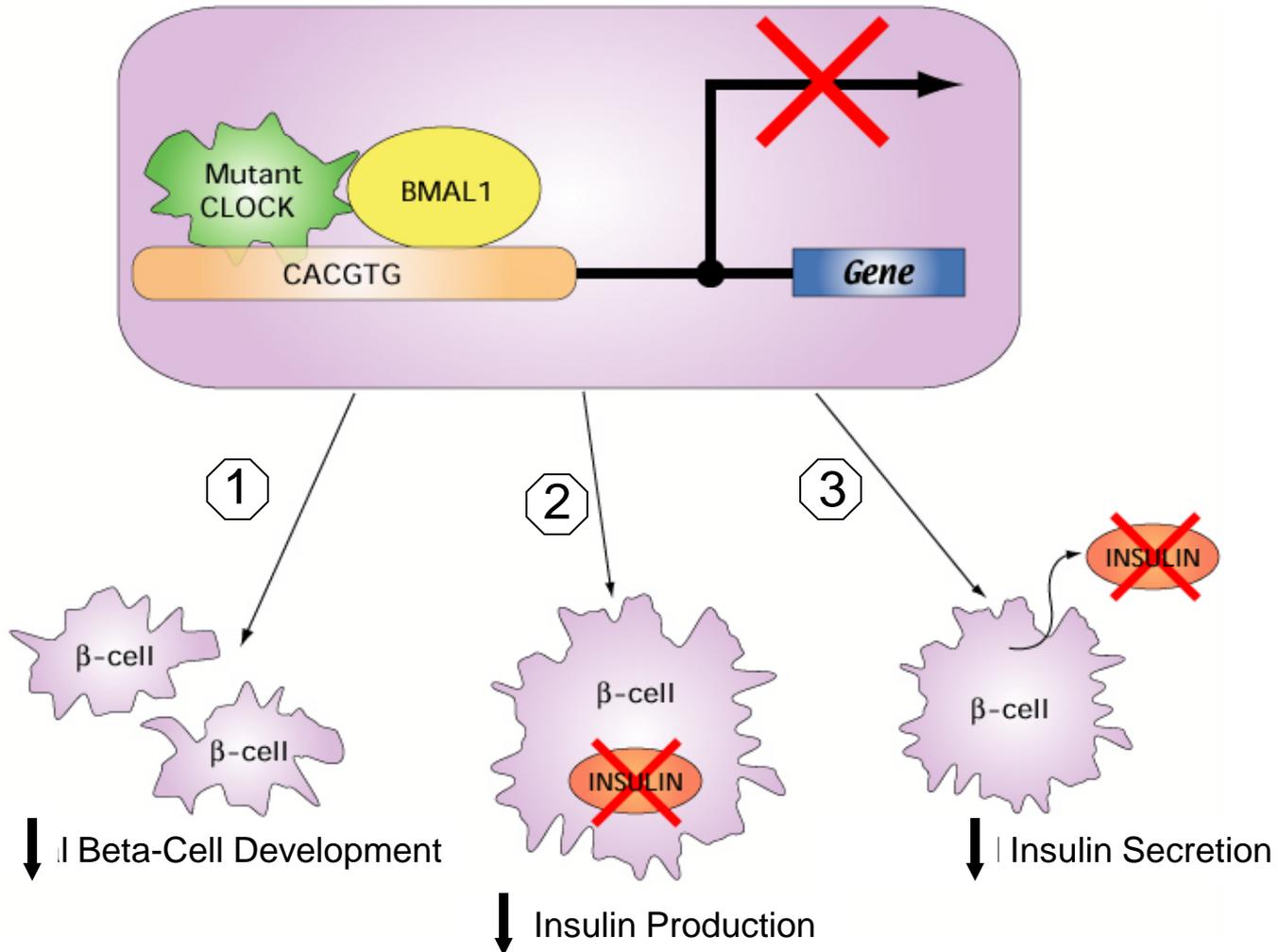
**b** Glucose tolerance test: glucose levels (ZT2)



**c** Glucose tolerance test: insulin levels (ZT2)

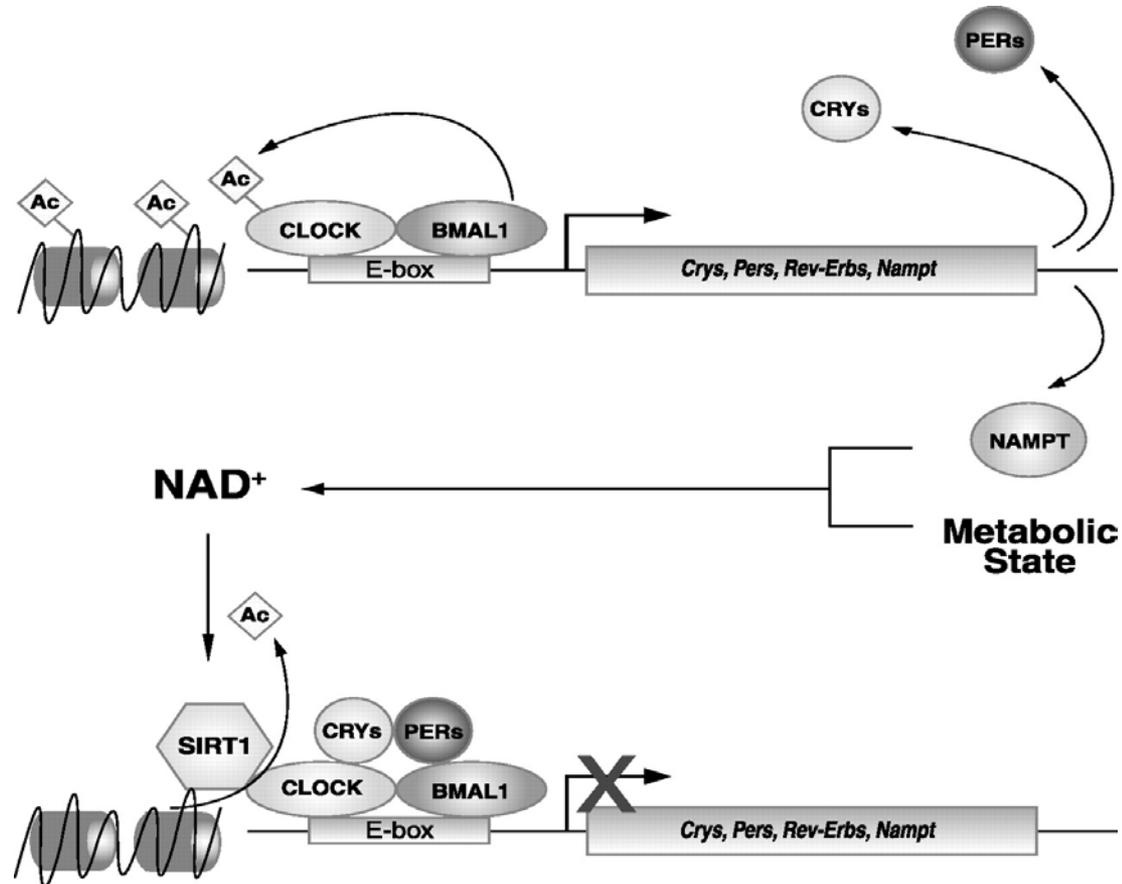


# Potential Sites for Clock Gene Action in Glucose Stimulated Insulin Secretion



# IV b. Molecular Clock Control of SIRT1 and NAD

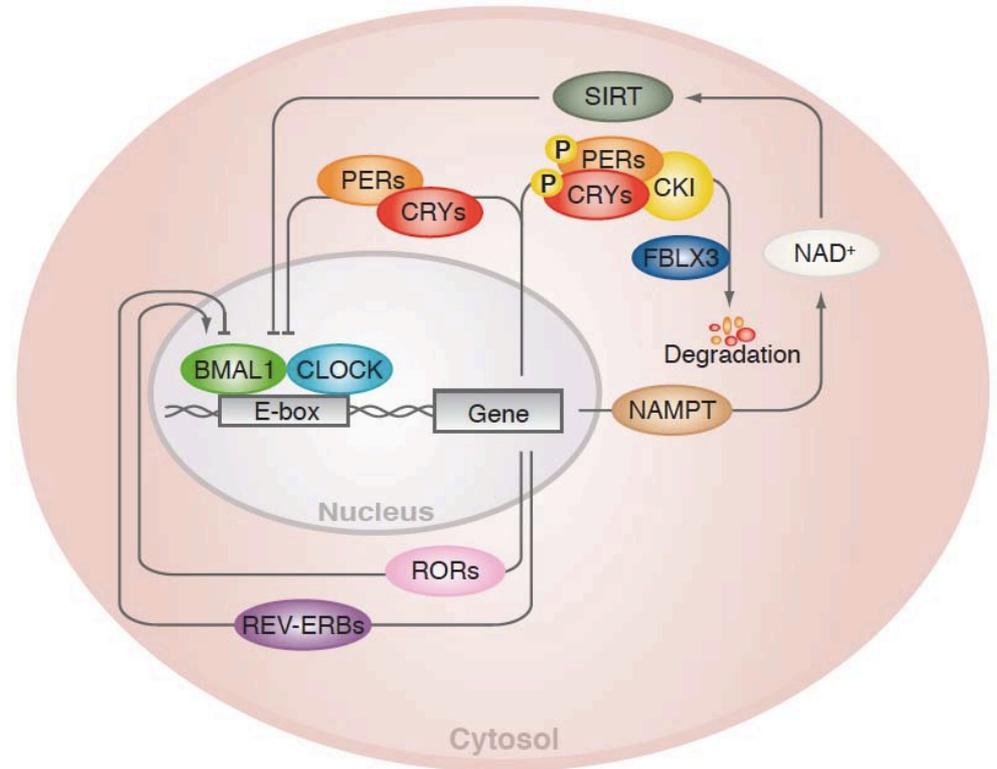
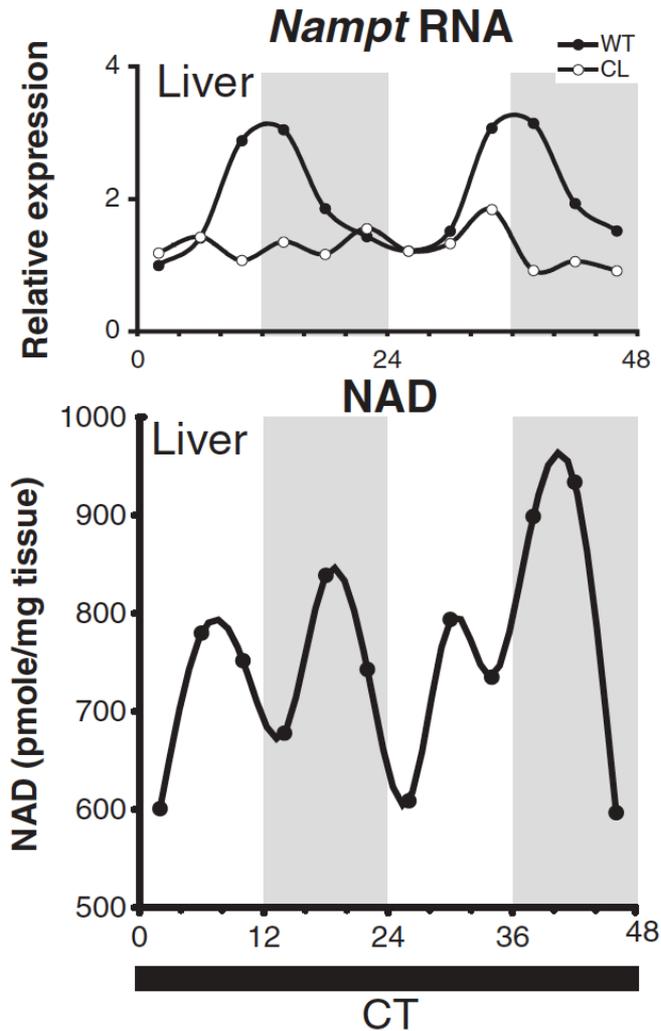
Ramsy et al., *Science*, 2009



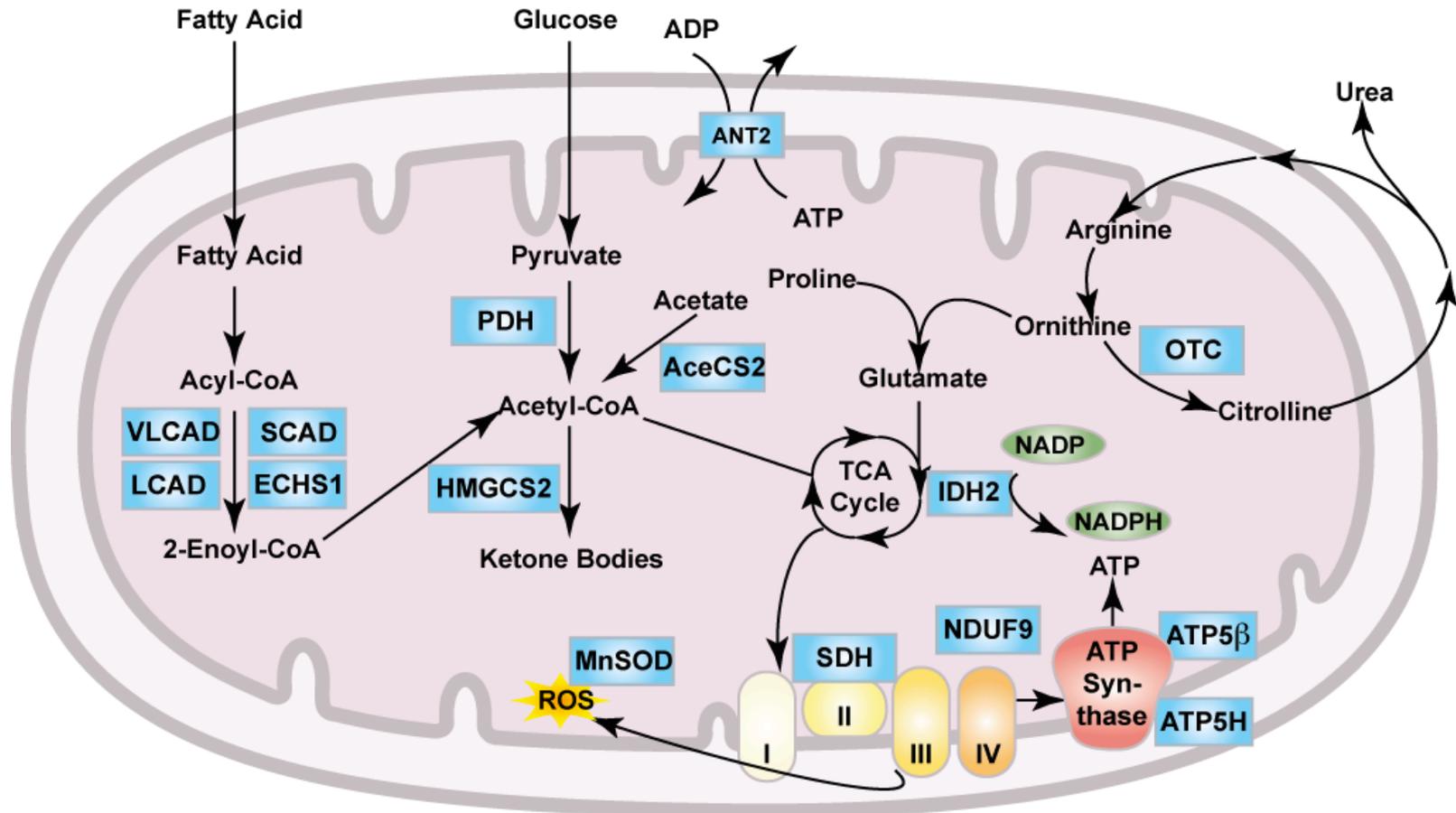
Marcheva B et al. *J Appl Physiol* 2009;107:1638-1646

# Circadian Oscillation of Nampt & NAD in Constant Darkness in WT and Clock mutant Mice

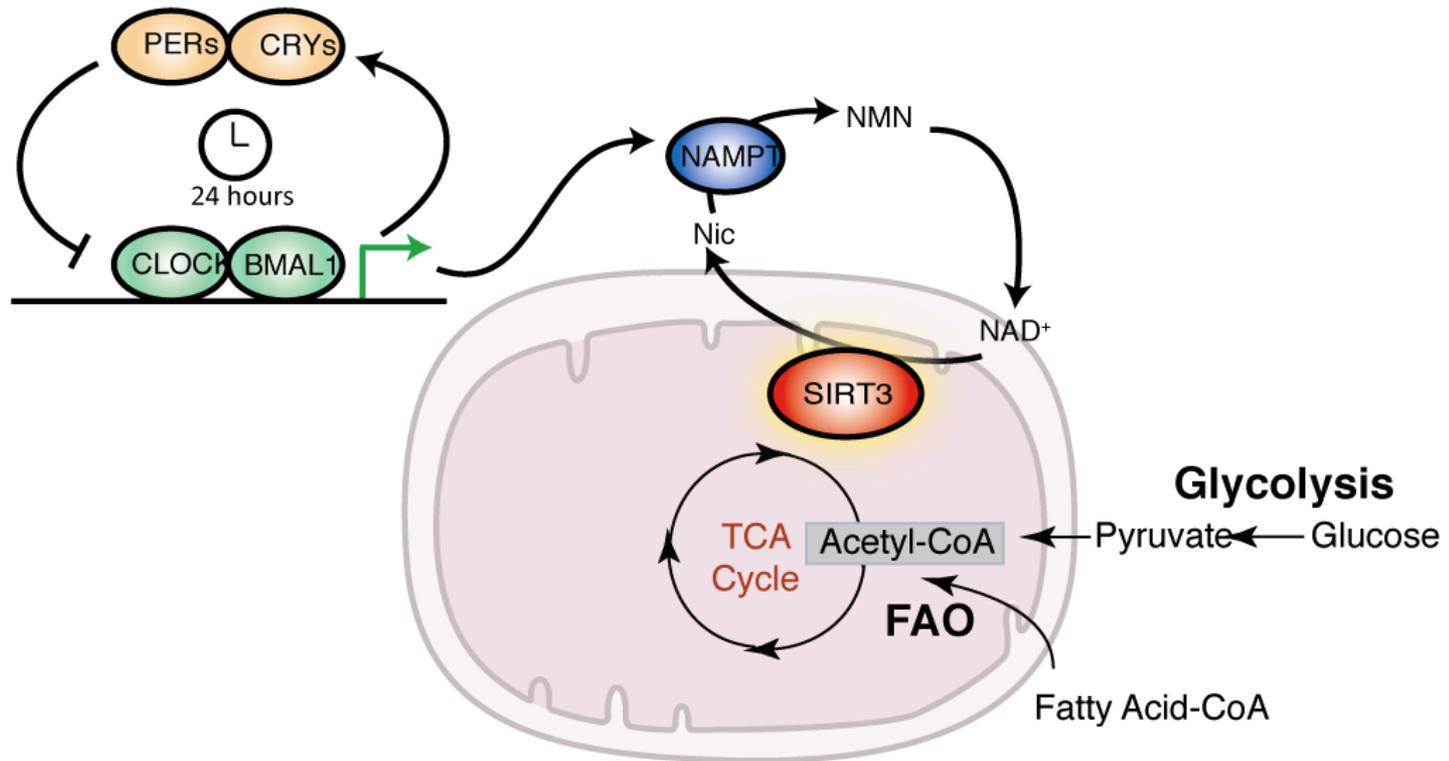
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# SIRT3 regulates mitochondrial oxidative function



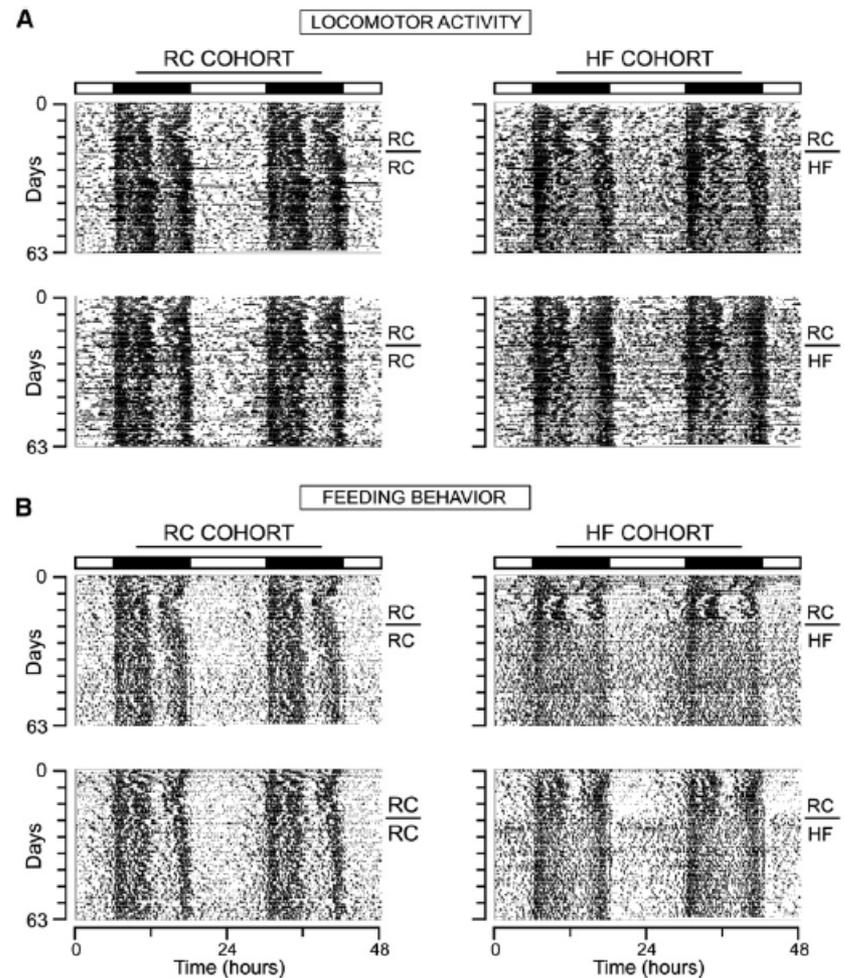
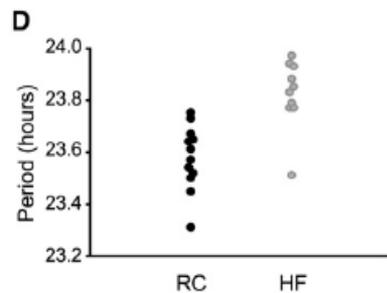
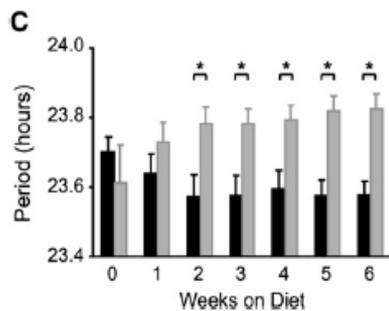
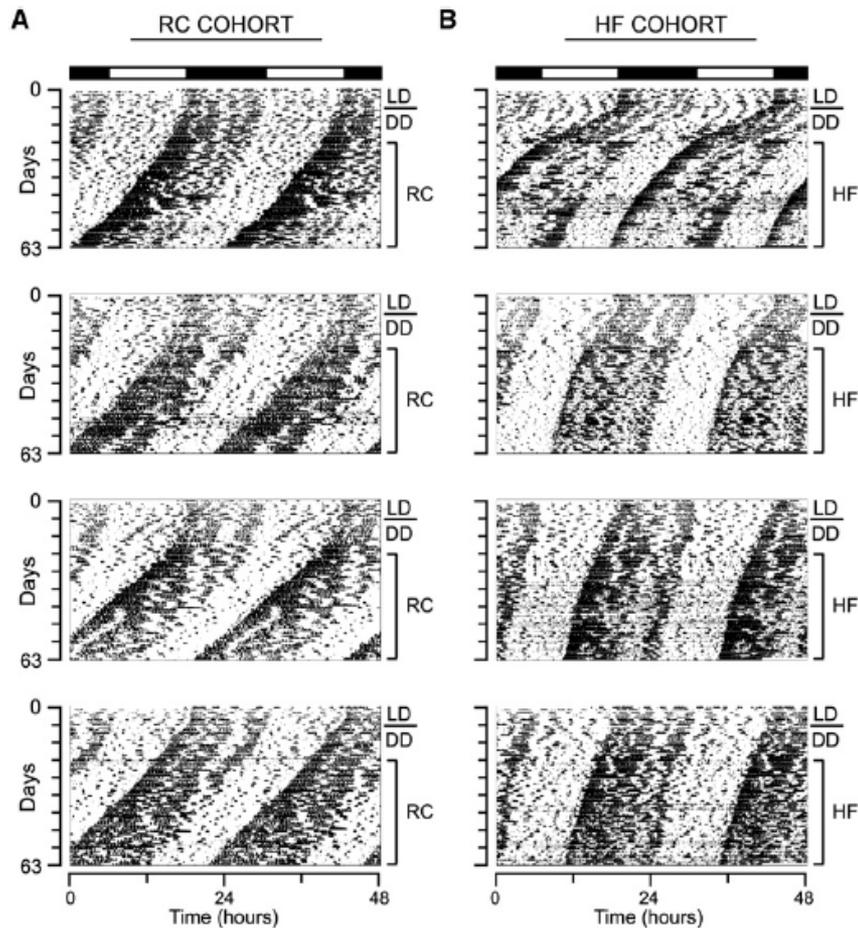
# Does the circadian clock regulate mitochondrial oxidative metabolism through rhythms of NAD<sup>+</sup>-driven SIRT3 activity?



# High-Fat Diet Disrupts Behavioral and Molecular Circadian Rhythms in Mice

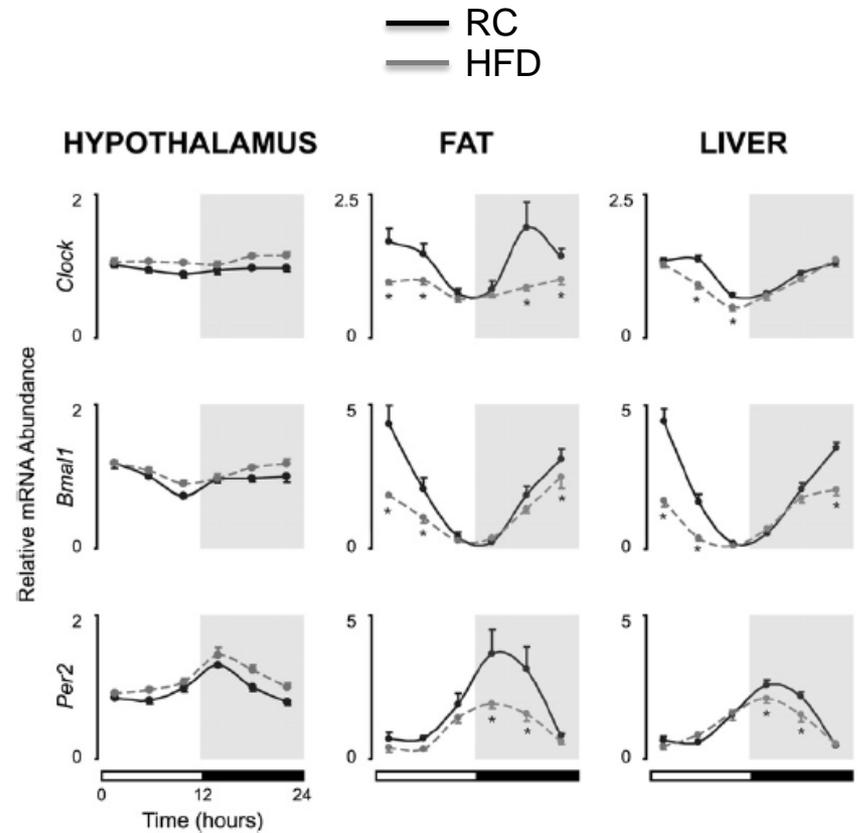
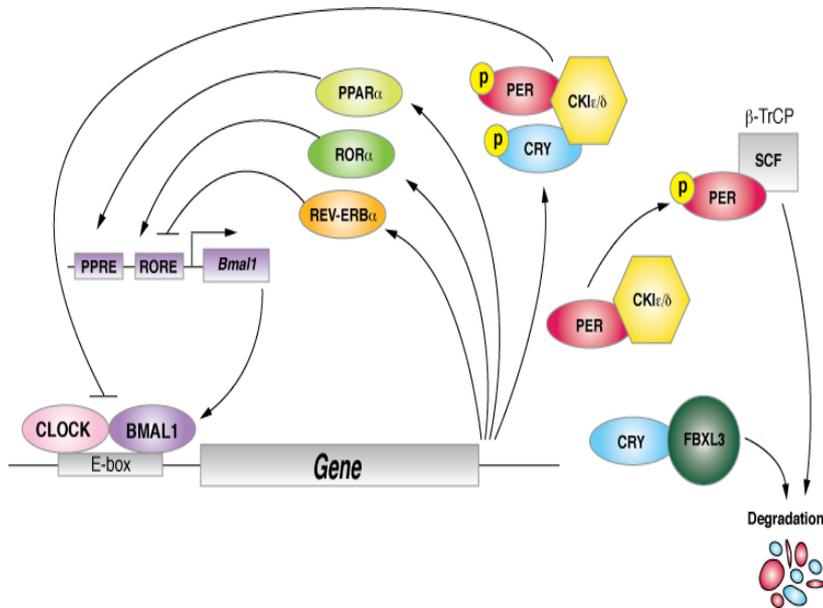
Cell Metabolism  
(2007)

Akira Kohsaka,<sup>1,4</sup> Aaron D. Laposky,<sup>1,2</sup> Kathryn Moynihan Ramsey,<sup>1,3,4</sup> Carmela Estrada,<sup>1</sup> Corinne Joshi,<sup>1</sup> Yumiko Kobayashi,<sup>4</sup> Fred W. Turek,<sup>1,2</sup> and Joseph Bass<sup>1,2,3,4,\*</sup>



# IV c. High-fat diet affects behavioral rhythms and attenuates clock gene expressions in metabolic tissues

## Mammalian circadian clock



Adapted from Marcheva et al, J Appl Phys, 2009

Kohsaka et al. (2007)

**Question:**  
**Are these disruptions of behavior due to the fat content of the diet?**

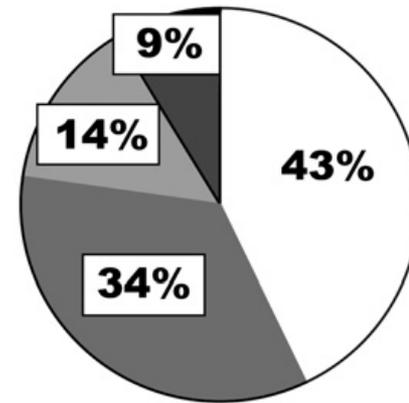
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## Correspondence

### Comparisons of Diets Used in Animal Models of High-Fat Feeding

Craig H. Warden, and Janis S. Fisler  
Cell Metabolism (2008)

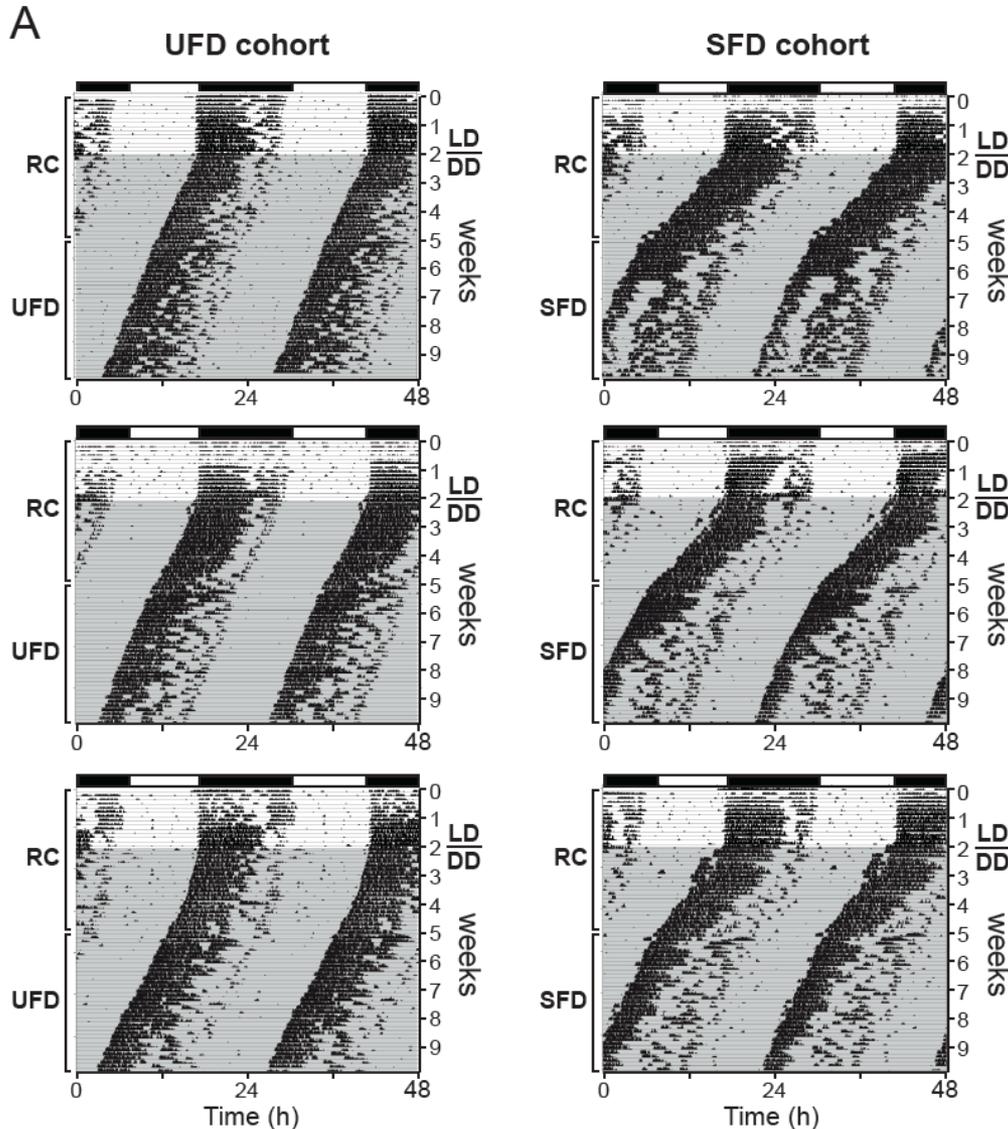
“Many papers using animal models draw conclusions about dietary effects from comparison of natural-ingredient chow with defined diets, despite marked difference in micro and macronutrient content.”



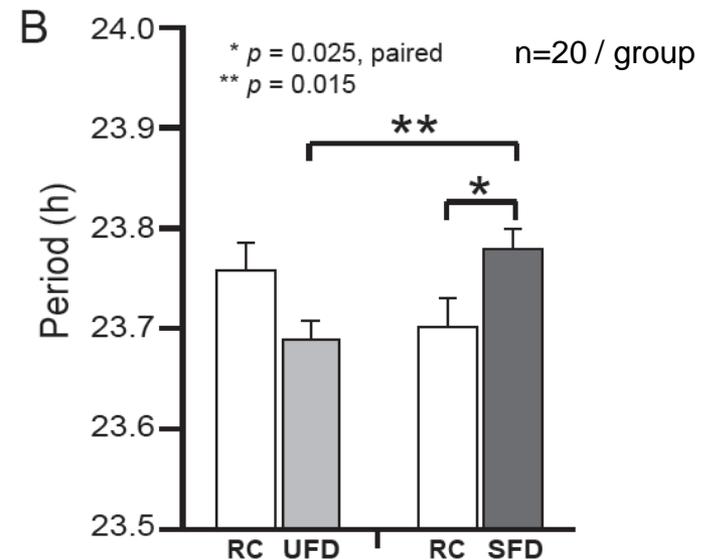
□ Chow vs. Defined    ■ Insufficient Data  
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**Diet Comparison in the Recent Research Paper**

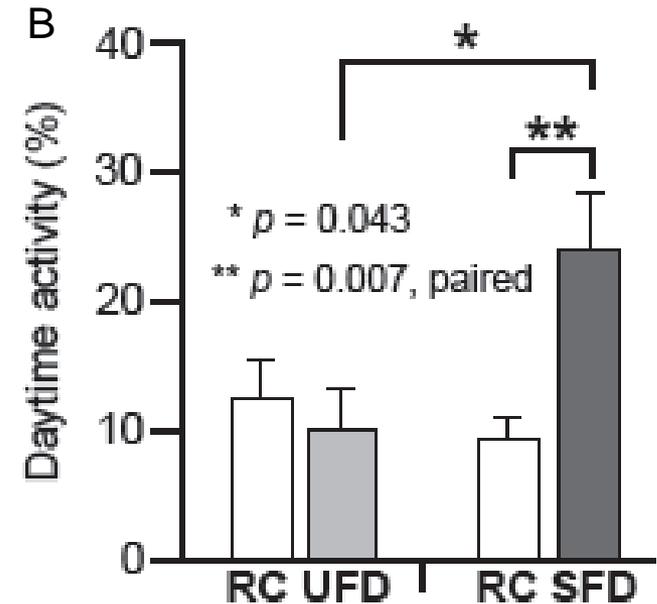
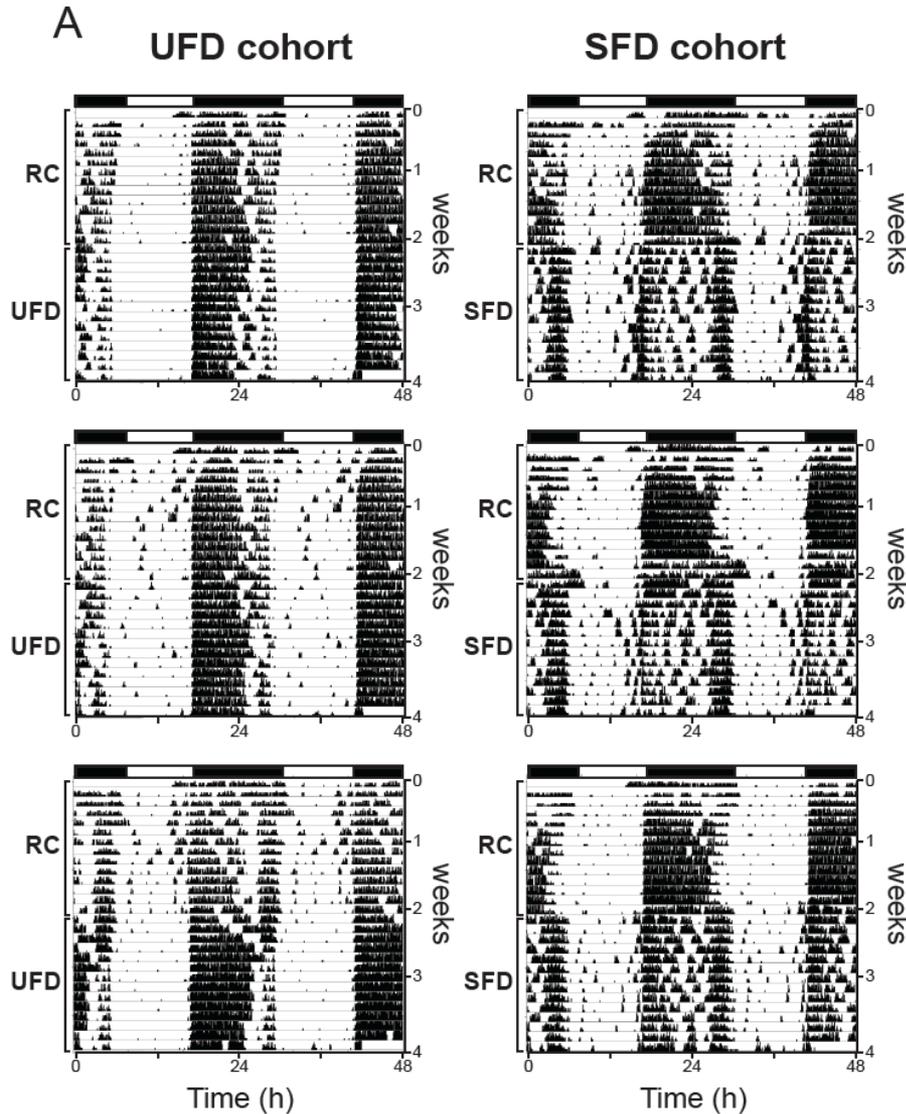
# Does fatty acid composition of diet have differential effects on circadian period? UFD vs. SFD



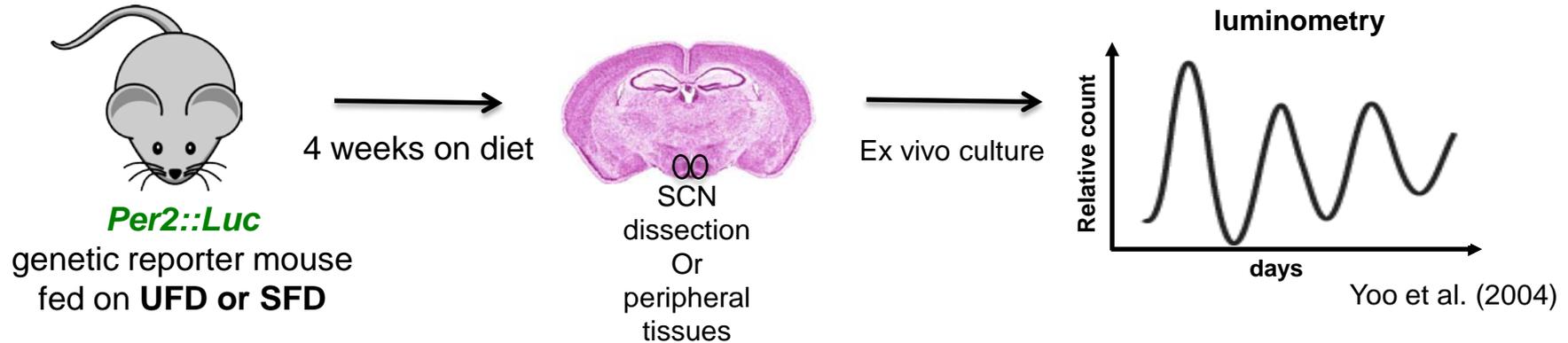
Kcal (%)	RC	UFD	SFD
Protein	27	20	20
Carbohydrate	57	35	35
Fat	16	45	45
Saturated fatty acids (C4:0, C6:0, C8:0, C10:0, C12:0, C14:0; C16:0; C18:0, C20)		6.4	26.3
Monounsaturated fatty acids (C14:1, C16:1, C18:1, C20:1)		29.8	13.5
Polyunsaturated fatty acids (C18:2, C18:3)		8.8	5.2



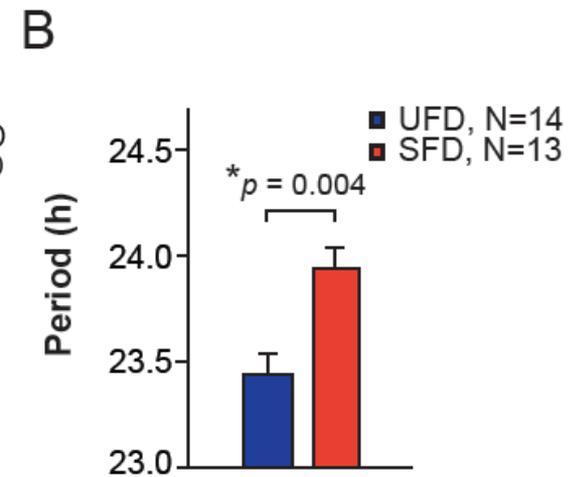
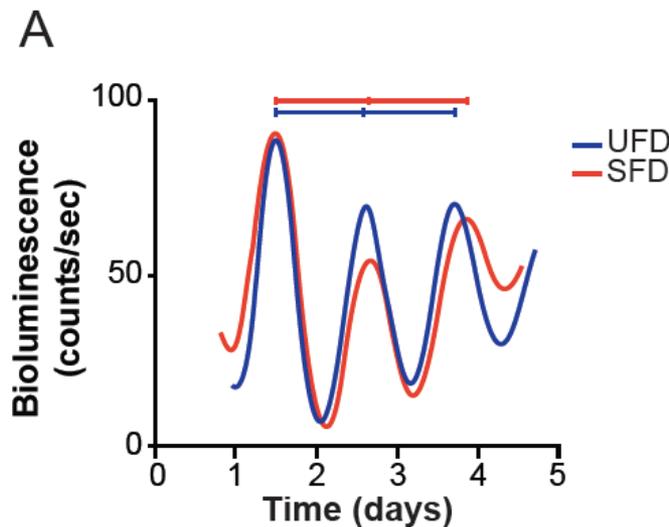
# Differential effects of UFD and SFD on daytime activity



# Fatty acid composition in diet affects properties of cell autonomous circadian oscillator

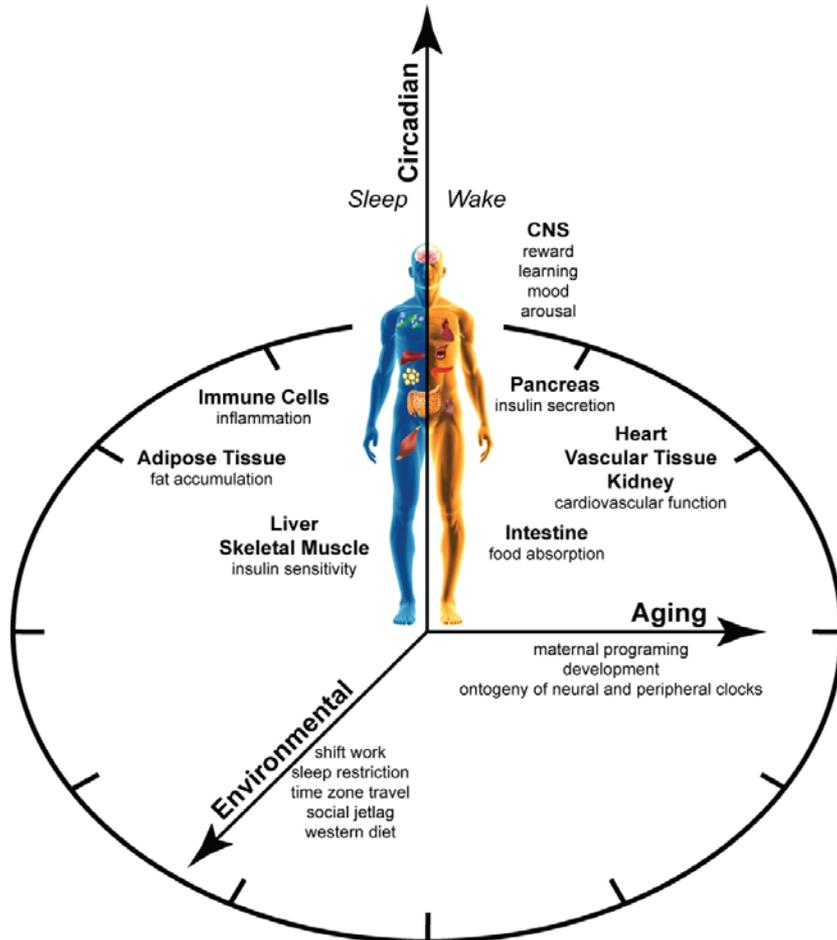


Diets enriched in saturated fatty acids *lengthens* behavioral rhythm and molecular clock in SCN.



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Environment factors contributing to circadian misalignment



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