

1 **Lasting effects of butyrate and low FM/FO diets on growth performance, blood**
2 **haematology/biochemistry and molecular growth-related markers in gilthead sea**
3 **bream (*Sparus aurata*)**

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25 **Abbreviations:** ALAT, alanine aminotransferase; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; ASAT,
26 aspartate aminotransferase; CAPN1, calpain 1; CAPN2, calpain 2; CAPN3, calpain 3;
27 CAST, calpastatin; CAV3, caveolin 3; CDH15, cadherin 15; COXI, cytochrome c
28 oxidase subunit I; CPT1A, carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1A; CS, citrate synthase;
29 CTSB, cathepsin B; CTSD, cathepsin D; CTSL, cathepsin L; CTSS, cathepsin S; CUL2,
30 cullin 2; CUL3, cullin 3; CUL5, cullin 5; DER-1, derlin-1; DES, desmin; DHA,
31 docosahexaenoic acid; EPA, eicosapentaenoic acid; FA, fatty acid; FAME, fatty acid
32 methyl ester; FE, feed efficiency; FM, fish meal; FO, fish oil; FST, follistatin; GHR-I,
33 growth hormone receptor I; GHR-II, growth hormone receptor II; GLDH, glutamate
34 dehydrogenase; GRP-94, glucose-regulated protein, 94 kDa; GRP-170, glucose-
35 regulated protein, 170 kDa; Hb, haemoglobin; Hc, haematocrit; HDL, high density
36 lipoprotein; HSI, hepatosomatic index; Hsp30, 30 kDa heat shock protein; Hsp90 α , 90
37 kDa heat shock protein alpha 1; Hsp90 β , 90 kDa heat shock protein beta; IGF-I, insulin-
38 like growth factor-I; IGF-II, insulin-like growth factor-II; IGFBP1, insulin-like growth
39 factor-binding protein complex acid labile subunit; IGFBP1, insulin-like growth factor
40 binding protein 1; IGFBP2, insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2; IGFBP4,
41 insulin-like growth factor binding protein 4; IGFBP7, insulin-like growth factor binding
42 protein 7; IGF1R, insulin-like growth factor receptor I; IGF2R, cation-independent
43 mannose-6-phosphate receptor; IL-1 β , interleukin-1 beta; IL-1R1, interleukin-1 beta
44 receptor 1; IL-1R2, interleukin-1 beta receptor 2; IL-6, interleukin-6; IL-6RA,
45 interleukin-6 receptor A; IL-6RB, interleukin-6 receptor B; IL-8, interleukin-8; IL-8RA,
46 interleukin-8 receptor A; IL-10, interleukin-10; IL-10RA, interleukin-10 receptor A; IL-
47 10RB, interleukin-10 receptor B; INSR, insulin receptor; IGF-I, insulin-like growth
48 factor-I; LC-PUFA, long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid; LDL, low density
49 lipoprotein; LXR α , liver X receptor α ; MEF2A, myocyte-specific enhancer factor 2A;
50 MEF2C, myocyte-specific enhancer factor 2C; MET, c-met/hepatocyte growth factor
51 receptor; MSI, mesenteric index; MSTN, myostatin; mtHsp10; 10 kDa heat shock
52 protein, mitochondrial; mtHsp60, 60 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial; mtHsp70,
53 70 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial; Myf5, myogenic factor 5; Myf6, myogenic
54 factor 6; MyoD1, myoblast determination protein 1; MyoD2, myoblast determination
55 protein 2; ND2, NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain 2; NDUFAF2, NADH
56 dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 alpha subcomplex, assembly factor 2; OXPHOS,
57 oxidative phosphorylation; PAX7, paired box 7; PCNA, proliferating cell nuclear
58 antigen; PGC1 α , proliferator-activated receptor gamma coactivator 1 alpha; PPAR α ,
59 peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor α ; PPAR γ , peroxisome proliferator-activated
60 receptor γ ; PSD12, 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 12; PSMA5,
61 proteasome subunit alpha type-5; PSMB1, proteasome subunit beta type-1; PSMD4,
62 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 4; RB, respiratory burst; RBC, red
63 blood cells; RIA, radioimmunoassay; SCO1, SCO1 protein homolog mitochondrial;
64 SGR, specific growth rate; SIRT1, sirtuin1; SIRT2, sirtuin2; SIRT3, sirtuin3; SIRT4,
65 sirtuin4; SIRT5, sirtuin5; SOX3, transcription factor SOX3; TG, triglycerides; TNF α ,
66 tumor necrosis factor-alpha; TRADD, tumor necrosis factor receptor type 1-associated
67 death domain protein; UBE2A, ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 A; UBE2D2,
68 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 D2; UBE2L3, ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 L3;

69 UBE2N, ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2N; UCHL3, ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal
70 hydrolase isozyme L3; UCP1, uncoupling protein 1; UCP2, uncoupling protein 2;
71 UCP3, uncoupling protein 3; VLDL, very low density lipoprotein; VO, vegetable oils;
72 VSI, viscerosomatic index.

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74 **Abstract**

75 Four isoproteic/isolipidic plant protein-based diets were formulated to assess the lasting
76 effects of feed additives and low fish meal (FM) and fish oil (FO) diet formulations on
77 gilthead sea bream growth performance. FM was included at 23% in the control diet
78 (D1) and at 3% in the other three diets (D2, D3, D4). Added oil was either FO (D1) or a
79 blend of vegetable oils replacing 58% (D2) and 84% (D3, D4 diets) of FO. A
80 commercial sodium butyrate preparation (NOREL, 70-BP) was added to the D4 diet at
81 0.4%. Each diet was allocated to triplicate groups of juvenile fish fed to satiety over an
82 8-month feeding trial (May-December). All fish grew efficiently from 15 g of initial
83 body weight to 296–320 g with an overall feed efficiency (FE) of 0.95-1.01, although
84 fish fed D3 and D4 diets showed transient growth impairments over the course of the
85 first four weeks of the trial. Data on biometric indexes, whole body composition,
86 haematology and blood biochemistry revealed a strong effect of sampling time in fish
87 sampled at mid-summer (August) and late autumn (December). In contrast, the diet
88 effect was mostly reduced to a few blood parameters. Low inclusion levels of FM
89 reduced plasma haemoglobin levels (D2, D3), but these effects were reversed by
90 butyrate supplementation (D4). The same phenomena occurred for total cholesterol with
91 the highest circulating concentration of choline and IGF-I in fish fed the D4 diet during
92 their summer growth spurt. At the transcriptional level, gene expression profiling of
93 liver and skeletal muscle with a PCR-array of 87 growth markers provided additional
94 evidence for an overall well-growth condition in all of the experimental groups. Up to
95 73 genes were found at detectable levels in the liver tissue, but only 13 were
96 differentially expressed. Likewise, 84 genes were actively transcribed in the skeletal
97 muscle, but only nine were differentially expressed in at least one experimental group.
98 Butyrate supplementation reversed the up-regulated expression of inflammatory
99 cytokines (TNF α) and muscle markers of cellular morphogenesis and protein
100 breakdown (CDH15, CAPN3, PSMA5, PSMB1, UBE2N) in the muscle of fish fed the
101 extreme D3 diet. These results support the use of low FM/FO diets alone or
102 supplemented with feed additives, which have the potential to improve or reverse
103 metabolic steady-states.

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105 **Keywords:** fish meal, fish oil, butyrate, growth, blood biochemistry, molecular
106 markers.

107 **Highlights:**

108 A very high replacement of fish meal and fish oil is highly feasible through the
109 production cycle of gilthead sea bream.

110 A short adaptive period with an intermediate diet is recommended when fish are fed
111 diets with extremely low FM and FO diets.

112 Data on haematology, blood biochemistry and growth rate regulated markers are
113 indicative of a health-promoting action of dietary butyrate.

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115 **1. Introduction**

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117 The availability of wild fishery-derived raw materials is finite and the rapid and
118 sustained growth rate of global aquaculture have forced the industry to explore
119 alternative and more sustainable feed ingredients (Nasopoulou and Zabetakis, 2012;
120 Tacon and Metian, 2008). Much attention has been focused on plant ingredients and
121 there is now accumulating evidence for a large and combined replacement of FM and
122 FO in a wide range of fish species of interest for European aquaculture. This includes
123 Atlantic salmon (Bell et al., 2004; Pratoomyot et al., 2010; Torstensen et al., 2008),
124 rainbow trout (Kaushik et al., 1995; Thanuthong et al., 2011), Atlantic cod (Jobling et
125 al., 2008; Karalazos et al., 2007), turbot (Regost et al., 1999; 2003), European sea bass
126 (Kaushik et al., 2004; Mourente and Bell, 2006) and gilthead sea bream (Benedito-Palos
127 et al., 2007; 2009; Gómez-Requeni et al., 2004; Izquierdo et al., 2005). However, the
128 long-term metabolic consequences of feeding very low FM and FO diets (with less than
129 10% inclusion levels of raw marine ingredients) on metabolic programming at different
130 developmental stages and on different fish species are still under debate.

131 The nutritional and quality characteristics of edible fish matter are important
132 aspects to consider (Nasopoulou and Zabetakis, 2012; Turchini et al., 2009). Certainly,
133 high levels of n-3 LC-PUFA are important quality factors in human foods, and farmers
134 are facing increasing pressures to include high levels of EPA (20:5n-3) and DHA
135 (22:6n-3) in the finishing diets of salmonids and freshwater fish, which do not have
136 specific requirements for n-3 LC-PUFA (Bell et al. 2004; Thanuthong et al. 2011). This
137 is more evident in marine fish due to their limited capacity to elongate and desaturate
138 C18 FAs into long chain C20 and C22 PUFAs. However, importantly, this metabolic
139 constraint facilitates the multi-species predictive modelling of fillet FA composition
140 year-round using a dummy regression approach with gilthead sea bream as the reference
141 subgroup category (Ballester-Lozano et al., 2014a; 2014b). This tool is public
142 accessible through an easy-to-use-web interface (www.nutrigroup-iats.org/aquafat) to
143 guarantee a relatively high content of n-3 LC-PUFAs in marine fish meat, ensuring that
144 the human health benefits of consuming farmed fish are retained (Larsen et al., 2011;
145 Lund, 2013).

146 Early growth studies have also proven that FO can be totally replaced by a blend
147 of VOs in practical gilthead sea bream diets with a 35% inclusion level of FM
148 (Bouraoui et al. 2011). Alternatively, up to 65–70% of FO can be replaced in diets with

149 a 15–20% inclusion level of FM without detrimental effects or changes in growth
150 performance (Benedito-Palos et al. 2007) or FA composition of phospholipids
151 (Benedito-Palos et al. 2011), which are highly regulated to preserve cell integrity and
152 function. However, to further proceed with low FM inclusion levels, fish feeds should
153 be adequately fortified or supplemented with essential nutrients, which has generated
154 increasing interest for natural feed additives and nutraceuticals in the industry. One
155 example of this is butyrate, a short-chain FA that has received attention for its positive
156 effect on gut health in several models of livestock animals (reviewed by Guilloteau et
157 al., 2010). For instance, oral supplementation of microencapsulated sodium butyrate
158 improves the immunological status and intestinal condition in common carp (Liu et al.,
159 2014). Similarly, a slight but significant growth improvement has been reported in
160 gilthead sea bream with dietary butyrate supplementation (Robles et al., 2013).

161 Recent progress has been achieved within the ARRAINA EU project to define
162 reliable reference values for a set of biometric indexes, and biochemical, haematological
163 and histochemical markers that have specificity, sensitivity and diagnostic value for the
164 most common nutrient deficiencies arising from the replacement of FM and FO by
165 alternative raw materials (Ballester-Lozano et al., 2015). At the molecular level,
166 important advances have also been made on pathway-focused gene expression analyses
167 using new genomic tools derived from the CSIC-nutrigroup transcriptomic database
168 (www.nutrigroup.iats.org/seabream). Thus, gilthead sea bream PCR arrays are now
169 available for wide transcriptional profiling of the intestine (Pérez-Sánchez et al., 2015)
170 and mitochondria (Bermejo-Nogales et al., 2014b; 2015). Likewise, a set of growth rate
171 regulated makers, including selected markers of the GH/IGF system (12), muscle
172 growth and cell differentiation and proliferation (15), protein breakdown (20), protein
173 folding and assembly (9), inflammatory and anti-inflammatory response (13), energy
174 sensing (5), OXPHOS and mitochondrial respiration uncoupling (10), and master
175 regulators of lipid metabolism (3), has recently been developed and validated for routine
176 and clinical assessment of molecular signatures for growth in growing fish. This new
177 tool together with more conventional biometric and biochemical markers of fish
178 performance were used herein as part of the experimental setup to fully validate the use
179 of extremely low FM and FO diets in gilthead sea bream. At the same time, the
180 potential benefits of dietary butyrate supplementation at the lowest FM/FO inclusion
181 level were explored, with attention focused on the metabolic and molecular profiling of

182 blood, and liver and skeletal muscle as key target tissues for growth regulation at the
183 systemic and peripheral level.

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185 **2. Materials and methods**

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187 *2.1. Diets*

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189 Four isoproteic and isolipidic plant protein-based diets (1.9, 3, 4.5 mm extruded
190 feeds), containing a blend of soya protein, corn gluten, wheat gluten, rapeseed cake, and
191 wheat, were formulated and delivered by BioMar (Denmark). FM was included at 23%
192 in the D1 (control) diet and at 3% in the other three experimental diets (D2, D3 and D4).
193 Fish hydrolysate (CPSP) was added at 2% in all diets. Added oil was either FO (D1
194 diet) or a blend of VOs (1:1 ratio of rapeseed oil: palm oil) replacing 58% (D2 diet) and
195 84% (D3 and D4 diets) FO. A commercial butyrate preparation (NOREL, 70-BP) was
196 added to the D4 diet at 0.4%. All diets contained histidine (0.14%), antioxidants
197 (0.045%) and a mineral-vitamin mix (0.5%). Lysine, methionine, choline, lecithin and
198 monocalcium phosphate were balanced in D2, D3 and D4 diets to the values of the
199 control diet. The FA composition of experimental diets varied with the progressive FO
200 replacement, decreasing on a dry matter basis the EPA (20:5n-3) plus DHA (22:6n-3)
201 content from 2.9% (D1) to 1.38% (D2) and 0.6–0.7% (D3, D4) (Table 1).

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203 *2.2. Feeding trial and sample collection*

204 Juvenile gilthead sea bream of Atlantic origin (Ferme Marine de Douhet,
205 France) were acclimatised for four weeks to the indoor experimental facilities of the
206 Institute of Aquaculture Torre de la Sal (IATS, Spain). During this initial period, fish
207 were fed with a standard diet (Efico YM 568 1.9 mm, BioMar). Then, fish of 13–16 g
208 initial mean body weight were distributed in 2500 L tanks in triplicate groups of 180
209 fish each. Oxygen content of outlet water remained higher than 75% saturation, and
210 day-length and water temperature followed the natural changes at IATS latitude (40°
211 5'N; 0° 10'E). Each experimental diet was offered to visual satiety 1–2 times per day
212 and 3–6 days per week from May 2013 to December 2013 (8-month feeding trial),
213 according to the changes in fish size and season. Feed intake was recorded weekly and

214 fish were counted and group-weighted every 4–6 weeks. No significant mortalities (less
215 than 0.5%) were registered regardless of dietary treatment.

216 At weeks 13 (August) and 31 (December), overnight fasted fish (4 fish per tank,
217 12 per experimental condition) were randomly sampled and anaesthetised with 3-
218 aminobenzoic acid ethyl ester (MS-222, 0.1 g/l) for blood and tissue collection. Blood
219 was quickly drawn from caudal vessels with heparinized syringes. One aliquot was used
220 for haematological measurements. The remaining blood was centrifuged at 3,000 g for
221 20 min at 4°C, and plasma samples were frozen and stored at -20°C until biochemical
222 assays. Prior to tissue collection, fish were killed by cervical section, and liver, viscera
223 and mesenteric fat were weighed. Liver and a dorsal muscle portions were rapidly
224 harvested, frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until RNA isolation. Additional
225 specimens of fish (a pool of 10 fish at the beginning and pools of 4 fish per tank at
226 weeks 13 and 31) were ground for whole body composition analyses.

227 All procedures were carried out according to the national (IATS-CSIC Review
228 Board) and present EU legislation on the handling of experimental animals.

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230 *2.3. Chemical analyses*

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232 The proximate composition of diets and whole fish were analysed by standard
233 procedures (AOAC, 2005). Moisture content was determined by drying in an oven at
234 105°C for 24 h. Diets and freeze-dried triturated fish were blended and used for protein
235 and lipid analyses. Lipid content (from 0.5 g samples) was determined gravimetrically
236 by the Soxhlet method using 50 ml diethyl ether at 120°C as the extracting solvent
237 (Soxhlet 4001046 Auto extraction apparatus; Selecta, Barcelona, Spain). Protein content
238 (N x 6.25) was determined using the automated Kjeldhal method (Kjeldhal Auto
239 4002430 Analyser, Selecta).

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242 2.4. Blood haematology and biochemistry

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244 Hb concentration was determined with a HemoCue B-Haemoglobin Analyser®
245 (AB, Leo Diagnostic, Sweden), which uses a modified azide methaemoglobin reaction
246 for Hb quantification. The Hc was measured after centrifugation of blood in heparinised
247 capillary tubes at 13,000 g for 10 min. Counts of RBC were made in a Neubauer
248 chamber, using an isotonic solution (1% NaCl).

249 Plasma glucose was measured by the glucose oxidase method according to
250 manufacturer's instructions (ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA).
251 Plasma TGs were determined using lipase/glycerol kinase/glycerol-3-phosphate oxidase
252 reagent. Total plasma cholesterol was determined using a cholesterol
253 esterase/cholesterol dehydrogenase reagent (ThermoFisher Scientific). HDL and
254 LDL/VLDL cholesterol were determined with the EHDL-100 kit from BioAssay
255 Systems (Hayward, California, USA), based on an improved polyethylene glycol
256 precipitation method in which HDL and LDL/VLDL are separated, and cholesterol
257 concentrations are determined using cholesterol esterase/cholesterol dehydrogenase
258 reagent. Total plasma proteins were measured with the Bio-Rad protein reagent
259 (Hercules, California, USA) with bovine serum albumin as standard.

260 Changes in plasma enzyme activities of ALAT (EC 2.6.1.2), ASAT (EC 2.6.1.1)
261 and GLDH (EC 1.4.1.2) were measured using colorimetric assay kits (EALT-100,
262 EASTR-100, DGLDH-100; BioAssays Systems). Plasma ALP (EC. 3.1.3.1) activity
263 was determined by a fluorimetric assay kit (QFAP-100, BioAssays Systems).

264 Plasma levels of creatinine (DICT-500), choline (ECHO-100), calcium (DICA-
265 500), chloride (DICL-250), magnesium (DMG-250) and phosphate (DIPI-500) were
266 measured by colorimetric assay kits (BioAssays Systems). Total antioxidant capacity
267 was measured as Trolox activity using a microplate assay kit (709001) (Cayman
268 Chemical, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA). Plasma lysozyme activity was measured by a
269 turbidimetric assay adapted to microplates (Sitjà-Bobadilla et al., 2005). Induction of
270 the RB activity in blood leukocytes was measured directly from heparinised blood,
271 following the method described by Nikoskelainen et al. (2005) with some modifications
272 (Saera-Vila et al., 2009a).

273 Plasma GH was determined by a homologous gilthead sea bream RIA as
274 reported elsewhere (Martínez-Barberá et al., 1995). The sensitivity and midrange
275 (ED50) of the assay were 0.15 and 1.8 ng/ml, respectively. Plasma IGFs were extracted

276 by acid-ethanol cryoprecipitation, and the concentration of IGF-I was measured by
277 means of a generic fish IGF-I RIA validated for Mediterranean perciform fish (Vega-
278 Rubín de Celis et al., 2004). The sensitivity and midrange of the assay were 0.05 and
279 0.7–0.8 ng/ml, respectively.

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281 *2.5. RNA extraction and reverse transcription*

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283 Total RNA from liver and skeletal muscle was extracted with a MagMAX-96
284 total RNA isolation kit (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA). RNA yield was 50–
285 100 µg with UV absorbance measures (A_{260/280}) of 1.9–2.1 and RIN (RNA integrity
286 number) values of 8–10, as measured on an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyser, which is
287 indicative of clean and intact RNA. Reverse transcription of 500 ng of total RNA was
288 performed with random decamers, using the High-Capacity cDNA Archive Kit
289 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's
290 instructions. Negative control reactions were run without reverse transcriptase.

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292 *2.6. Gene expression analyses*

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294 Real-time quantitative PCR was carried out with an Eppendorf Mastercycler Ep
295 Realplex real-time PCR system (Eppendorf, Wesseling-Berzdorf, Germany), using a
296 96-well PCR array layout designed for the simultaneously profiling of a panel of 87
297 growth rate regulated genes (Table S1), selected as markers of: i) GH/IGF system:
298 GHR-I, GHR-II, IGF-I, IGF-II, IGFBP1, IGFBP2, IGFBP4, IGFBP7, IGFALS, INSR,
299 IGFR1, and IGFR2; ii) muscle growth and cell differentiation and proliferation:
300 MyoD1, MyoD2, Myf5, Myf6, MSTN, MEF2A, MEF2C, FST, CAV3, DES, CDH15,
301 PCNA, PAX7, SOX3, and MET; iii) protein breakdown: CAPN1, CAPN2, CAPN3,
302 CAST, CTSB, CTSD, CTSL, CTSS, PSMD4, PSD12, PSMA5, PSMB1, UCHL3,
303 UBE2A, UBE2D2, UBE2L3, UBE2N, CUL2, CUL3, and CUL5; iv) protein folding
304 and assembly: mtHsp10, Hsp30, mtHsp60, mtHsp70, Hsp90α, Hsp90β, GRP-170, GRP-
305 94, and DER-1; v) inflammatory/anti-inflammatory response: IL-1β, IL-1R1, IL-1R2,
306 IL-6, IL-6RA, IL-6RB, IL-8, IL-8RA, IL-10, IL-10RA, IL-10RB, TNF-α, and TRADD;
307 vi) energy sensing: SIRT1, SIRT2, SIRT3, SIRT4, SIRT5; vii) OXPHOS: PGC1α,
308 CPT1A, CS, ND2, NDUFAF2, COXI, and SCO1; viii) mitochondrial respiration
309 uncoupling: UCP1, UCP2, and UCP3 and ix) lipolytic/lipogenic transcription factors:

310 LXR α , PPAR α , and PPAR γ . The array included 34 new sequences for gilthead sea
311 bream, already represented in the sea bream transcriptomic database (www.nutrigroup-
312 iats.org/seabreamdb) and uploaded to GenBank with the accession numbers
313 KM522771–KM522804. Among them, eighteen are full coding sequences varying in
314 length from 444 to 2235 nucleotides (Table S2).

315 Housekeeping genes and controls for general PCR performance were included
316 on each array, and all the pipetting operations were performed with the EpMotion 5070
317 Liquid Handling Robot (Eppendorf) as reported previously in the same fish species for
318 pathway-focused PCR arrays of intestine (Pérez-Sánchez et al., 2015), mitochondria
319 (Bermejo-Nogales et al., 2014b; 2015) and immune-relevant genes (Pérez-Cordón et al.,
320 2014). The specificity of reactions was verified by analysis of melting curves (ramping
321 rates of 0.5°C/10 s over a temperature range of 55–95°C) and linearity of serial dilutions
322 of RT reactions. Fluorescence data acquired during the PCR extension phase were
323 normalised using the delta-delta Ct method (Livak and Schmittgen, 2001). β -actin was
324 used as the housekeeping gene in the normalisation procedure. Technical replicates of
325 samples were run initially to test the reproducibility of the array, but the obtained data
326 had a very high reproducibility score and technical plate replicates were finally omitted.
327 For multi-gene analysis comparisons, relative gene expression was referenced on each
328 tissue to the expression level of IGFR2 of control fish (D1 diet) with an arbitrarily
329 assigned value of 1. Data of fold-change were relative to control fish (values > 1, up-
330 regulated genes in fish fed D2/D3/D4 diets; values < 1, down-regulated genes in fish fed
331 D2/D3/D4 diets).

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333 *2.7. Statistical analysis*

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335 Data on growth performance, organosomatic indexes, whole body composition,
336 blood biochemistry and gene expression were analysed by one- and two-way ANOVA
337 (with diet and sampling time as variable factors) at a significance level of 5%. All
338 analyses were made using the IBM SPSS Statistics package version 19 (Armonk, NY:
339 IBM Corp.).

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342 **3. Results**

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344 *3.1. Growth performance*

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346 All fish in the trial grew efficiently from an initial body weight of 15 g to 296–
347 320 g (Figure 1) with overall FE of 0.95–1.01 and SGR of 1.37–1.42% (Table 2). Fish
348 fed D1 and D2 diets were undistinguishable in terms of growth and feed efficiency for
349 almost all of the experimental period. However, fish fed with the lowest FO inclusion
350 level (D3 and D4 diets) showed an impaired FE in comparison to the control group
351 (0.96 vs. 0.60-0.62 for D1 and D3-D4, respectively) over the course of the first four
352 weeks of the trial. This detrimental effect was partially reversed thereafter and only a
353 slight (6–7%) reduction in body weight was found at the last recording sampling time
354 (December).

355 Biometric data in Table 3 indicates that VSI and MSI indexes (calculated as the
356 ratio of organ weight to fish weight) decreased with fish size when comparisons were
357 made between fish sampled in summer (August) and late autumn (December). In
358 contrast, HSI increased with the increase of fish size during the cold season. Dietary
359 treatment did not have significant effects on organosomatic indexes, although the
360 highest HSI was reported in D3 fish ($P = 0.051$) and a partial recovery was observed
361 with butyrate supplementation (D4 fish). Whole body composition remained almost
362 unaltered by dietary treatment, although a pronounced increase in either protein (from
363 16% to 18%) or lipid (from 9% to 12%) content was found from August to December,
364 regardless of fish feed.

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366 *3.2. Blood analyses*

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368 Two-way analysis of variance revealed a sampling-time effect (August 2013 vs.
369 December 2013) for most of the analysed parameters (Table 4). In contrast, a diet effect
370 ($P < 0.05$) was mostly reduced to Hb concentration, counts of RBC and plasma levels of
371 cholesterol, choline and IGF-I. Noticeably, significant Diet x Time interactions were
372 shown for most of these parameters indicating that the dietary effects were dependent
373 on the time of sampling. Overall, low FM inclusion levels reduced Hb concentration in
374 fish fed D2 and D3 diets, but butyrate feed supplementation reversed this effect in fish
375 fed the D4 diet in the second sampling. A similar trend was shown for total plasma

376 cholesterol levels. In summer, this metabolic feature was linked to the rise of HDL
377 cholesterol, whereas in December it was linked to the increase of plasma levels of
378 VLDL/LDL cholesterol. Fish fed the D4 diet showed the highest plasma concentration
379 of choline and IGF-I at the summer sampling time (fast growing period), but no
380 differences were shown in the winter sampling (Diet x Time interaction $P < 0.05$). Total
381 cholesterol, choline and IGF-I were strongly affected by sampling time showing 30-
382 75% increase in total cholesterol and 50% reduction in choline and IGF-I levels
383 between August and December irrespective of the dietary treatment.

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385 *3.3. Liver and muscle gene expression profiling*

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387 Results of gene expression profiling are summarized as Tables S4 and S5. In the
388 liver tissue, up to 73 genes included in the array were found at detectable levels (Table
389 S4). Among them, 13 were differentially expressed in response to dietary treatment.
390 Relative expression of IGF-I was significantly reduced in D3 fish in comparison to the
391 control group, but this effect was partially reversed by butyrate supplementation in D4
392 fish. Conversely, the expression of a proliferative cell marker (PCNA) was significantly
393 reduced in the D4 group, but not in the D2 and D3 groups. Overall, the expression of
394 molecular chaperones (mtHsp10, mtHsp60, mtHsp70, Hsp90 β) was significantly
395 reduced in D2, D3 and D4. The same trend was observed for receptors of inflammatory
396 (IL-6RB, TRADD) and anti-inflammatory (IL-10RB) cytokines, markers of oxidative
397 metabolism (CS, COXI) and transcription factors with a lipolytic (LXR α) or lipogenic
398 role (PPAR γ). For an easier interpretation of these results, data relative to fold-changes
399 of differentially expressed genes is shown in Figure 2A.

400 In the skeletal muscle, 83 out of 87 genes present in the array were actively
401 transcribed (Table S5, but only 9 genes were differentially expressed in at least one
402 experimental group (fold-changes of differentially expressed genes are shown in Figure
403 2B). Most of the changes in gene transcription were related to intercellular adhesion
404 glycoproteins (CDH15) and protein-breakdown markers of the calpain/calpastatin
405 system (CAPN3) and ubiquitin-proteasome pathway (PSMA5, PSMB1, UCHL3,
406 UBE2N) with the highest expression in fish fed the D3 diet and a recovery of control
407 values with butyrate supplementation in fish fed the D4 diet. At the same time, the
408 expression of the catabolic/lipolytic cytokine TNF α was significantly reduced in D4 fish
409 in comparison to fish fed the D3 diet with intermediate values in control and D2 fish.

410 The trend for PPAR α and PPAR γ was a progressive down-regulated expression with the
411 FM/FO replacement, which was exacerbated with butyrate supplementation, since
412 significant differences were only found between D1 and D4 groups.

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414 **4. Discussion**

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416 In the present study, the long term effects of concurrent and high substitution of
417 FM and FO in gilthead sea bream diets were evaluated. In particular, gilthead sea bream
418 growing from 15 g to approximately 300 g showed very good overall growth
419 performance and feed utilization even when fed diets containing as little as 3% total FM
420 and 2.5% FO. Feeding trials conducted within the AQUAMAX EU Project (2006-2010)
421 indicated that a combined and partial replacement of FM and FO is highly feasible in
422 gilthead sea bream when the theoretical requirements of essential nutrients are met by
423 diet. In these studies, the threshold level for marine feedstuffs was fixed at 25% (with
424 FM level at 20%) on the basis of growth criteria and histopathological scoring of liver
425 and intestine tissue samples (Benedito-Palos et al., 2007; 2008; 2009). Current studies
426 within the ARRANA EU Project (2012-2016) indicate that histopathological signs of
427 liver and intestine damage were not found in any experimental group when
428 experimental diets were adequately balanced to the control diet in terms of macro and
429 micro-nutrients (Estensoro et al., 2014). Nevertheless, when comparisons are made
430 among groups, the results presented herein highlighted a slight impairment of growth
431 performance and feed utilization (reduced weight, SGR and FE) at the beginning of the
432 experiment with the decrease of marine ingredients in the diets. This adverse effect was
433 almost completely reversed through the first year of the production cycle (8-month
434 feeding trial) in terms of SGR and FE although, the lower performance in the first
435 period reflected in fish weight throughout the trial. These findings highly support a
436 trend of good growth in all experimental groups, although a short adaptive feeding
437 period with intermediate diets, like D2, should be given prior the use of extremely low
438 FM/FO diets (less than 10% marine ingredients) on intensive marine fish farming.

439 The GH/IGF system is one of the most important endocrine determinants of
440 growth in a vast array of stress and nutritional disorders arising in gilthead sea bream
441 from crowding and handling stress (Rotllant et al., 2001; Saera-Vila et al., 2009b) or
442 changes in ration size and diet composition (Pérez-Sánchez et al., 1995; Gómez-
443 Requeni et al., 2004; Benedito-Palos et al., 2007). It is noteworthy that gene expression

444 profiling of liver and skeletal muscle with selected markers of growth, including GH
445 receptors, IGFs, IGF binding proteins, insulin receptors, and IGF receptors, highlighted
446 almost the same molecular signatures for all the groups in the trial when fish were
447 sampled during the fast growing period for this species at our latitude. The unique
448 exception is the hepatic IGF-I, which was significantly down-regulated in D3 fish in
449 comparison to control fish. This observation was correlated, at the protein level, with
450 low circulating levels of IGF-I, with a summer rebound effect brought about by butyrate
451 supplementation in fish fed the D4 diet. Despite this, overall growth performance was
452 almost the same in all experimental groups, which is perhaps indicative of
453 overlapping/compensatory effects of growth factors at the hepatic, systemic or
454 peripheral level. In previous feeding trials, we also failed to have a significant
455 improvement of weight gain or FE when butyrate (BP-70) was added at a broad range
456 (0.2–0.9%) in gilthead sea bream feeds with 20% FM and 10% FO (Pérez-Sánchez et
457 al., 2013). However, a 5% increase in weight gain was reported by Robles et al. (2013)
458 in an 8-week feeding trial with the addition of 0.3% butyrate in 15% FM and 7.2% FO
459 diets. Likewise, controversial and sometimes negative results have been reported in
460 other fish species, such as carp (Liu et al., 2014), trout (Gao et al., 2011) and salmon
461 (Bjerkeng et al., 1999). However, as reported below, butyrate had some direct or
462 indirect effects on a series of metabolic traits, which might be indicative of changes on
463 nutrient requirements for an adequate overall fish performance.

464 The hypocholesterolemic effect of plant proteins has been observed in a wide
465 range of fish species, including gilthead sea bream (Gómez-Requeni et al., 2004),
466 European sea bass (Messina et al., 2013), trout (Romarheim et al., 2008), salmon
467 (Hartviksen et al., 2014), and tiger puffer (Lim et al., 2011). Likewise, feeding trials
468 conducted by us with semi-synthetic diets highlighted that FO replacement with VOs
469 acts to lower TG and cholesterol factors in gilthead sea bream (Ballester-Lozano et al.,
470 2015). In the same study, diets formulated for deficiencies in phospholipids and
471 vitamins also showed a hypocholesterolemic effect, whereas phosphorus deficient diets
472 had a hypercholesterolemic effect in gilthead sea bream. A hypocholesterolemic effect
473 of VOs has also been reported for FM-based diets in Atlantic salmon (Jordal et al.,
474 2007) and black sea bream (Peng et al., 2008). No effects on plasma cholesterol levels
475 were found in European sea bass and trout using soybean oil diets (Figueiredo-Silva et
476 al., 2005), but a hypocholesterolemic effect was reported by other authors with the use
477 of a blend of VOs containing linseed oil, palm oil and rapeseed oil (Richard et al.

478 2006a; 2006b). Additionally, experimental evidence in trout (Norambuena et al., 2013)
479 and salmon (Kortner et al., 2014) indicates that fish actively produce cholesterol as an
480 structural component of cell membranes and as a precursor of bile acids and steroid
481 hormones, adjusting their cholesterol production to dietary cholesterol loads. In the
482 present study, all diets were supplemented with a fixed amount of cholesterol (0.113%),
483 but we observed a cholesterol lowering effect that was especially evident with the
484 maximum replacement of FM and FO in fish fed the D3 diet in winter. However, this
485 apparently negative effect was completely reversed by butyrate feed supplementation in
486 fish fed the D4 diet. There is no literature directly related to this, but it is interesting to
487 note that butyrate is able to regulate lipoprotein metabolism, which is closely related to
488 cholesterol metabolism (Marcil et al., 2002; Nazih et al., 2001).

489 From our results, we can conclude that low FM inclusion levels in diets D2 and
490 D3 were related to a statistically significant reduction in circulating Hb concentration,
491 but, importantly, this effect was reversed by dietary butyrate supplementation. In
492 humans, butyrate was able to induce fetal Hb production in patients with Hb disorders
493 (Atweh et al., 1999; Fathallah et al., 2007). *In vitro* studies also showed a positive
494 modulation of Hb-A synthesis by butyrate in congenital haemolytic anaemia (Reinhardt
495 et al., 2001). Moreover, short chain FAs promoted absorption of minerals (calcium,
496 magnesium and iron) clinically relevant for the treatment and prevention of certain
497 diseases such as anaemia and osteoporosis in humans (Teitelbaum and Walker, 2002).
498 However, the effects of butyrate supplementation on the circulating Hb concentration
499 have not been yet investigated in fish. Therefore, the results presented here support new
500 potential benefits of fish feed additives in order to improve the overall health and
501 welfare condition of livestock fish, which might be related to iron metabolism.

502 Another effect of dietary butyrate supplementation was the increase of
503 circulating choline levels in fish sampled during the summer growth spurt. Choline is a
504 water-soluble vitamin compound needed for the structural integrity and signalling roles
505 of cell membranes and cholinergic neurotransmission (acetylcholine synthesis). Choline
506 also acts as a major source of methyl groups via its metabolite trimethylglycine
507 (betaine), which participates in the S-adenosyl methionine synthesis pathway (Glier et
508 al., 2014; Miller, 2002). Therefore, choline is considered an essential nutrient for fish
509 (NRC, 1993) that improves growth, digestive and absorptive capacities, and antioxidant
510 defences, enhancing disease resistance and immune function (Mai et al., 2009; Wu and
511 Davis, 2005; Wu et al., 2011; 2013; 2014). All diets were balanced in choline content

512 but, interestingly, the highest plasma concentration in the summer sampling point was
513 achieved with dietary butyrate supplementation while no differences were shown
514 between the control diet (D1) and D2 or D3 as well as between all treatments in winter.
515 Whether the increase in the summer is indicative of a better metabolic condition as a
516 result of changes in endogenous choline synthesis, nutrient absorption, or consumption
517 rates remains unclear from a functional and mechanistic point of view.

518 At the molecular level, it is worth noting that the expression of mitochondrial
519 and cytoplasmic chaperones (mtHsp10, mtHsp60, mtHsp70, Hsp90 β) were down-
520 regulated in the liver tissue of D2, D3, and D4 fish groups. It is possible that these
521 changes might elicit an improved protein-folding capacity in control fish, which might
522 be indicative of a healthy metabolic condition. Experimental evidence in gilthead sea
523 bream indicates that mitochondrial activity and biogenesis are highly regulated by
524 nutritional and environmental stressors (Calduch-Giner et al., 2014; Bermejo-Nogales et
525 al., 2015; 2014a; 2014b; 2008), and either mtHsp60, mtHsp70 or Hsp90 are considered
526 highly valuable health markers in a vast array of metabolic disorders. Strong support for
527 this notion comes from inbreeding selection of rat strains with “lower power” vs. “high
528 power” mitochondria, which demonstrates that most stress and risk factors segregate
529 with low expression levels of genes required for mitochondria biogenesis and oxidative
530 phosphorylation (Wisløff et al., 2005). Alternatively, this might also represent a risk
531 factor contributing to hepatic steatosis development. Indeed, the decrease in
532 mitochondrial oxidative capacity might be the result of an imbalance between fat
533 oxidation and lipogenesis, leading to hepatic fat accumulation in the human syndrome
534 of non-alcoholic fat liver diseases (Byrne, 2010). In our model, this metabolic risk
535 factor is further supported by the down-regulated expression of some mitochondrial
536 catabolic genes (CS, COXI) in combination with the depressed expression of
537 transcriptional master regulators of lipolysis (LXR α) and lipogenesis (PPAR γ), which
538 would suggest different allostatic steady-states in fish fed the control diet and fish fed
539 the other three experimental diets. In any case, as reported above, no signs of
540 histopathological damage have been reported in any experimental group, although there
541 was a tendency for higher HSI in fish fed the D3 diet, with a recovery of control values
542 in fish given the butyrate supplement.

543 Other transcriptionally-mediated effects were related to the up-regulated
544 expression of CDH15 in the muscle tissue of fish fed with the extremely low FM/FO
545 diet (D3). This muscle cadherin is essential for the control of morphogenetic processes,

546 specifically myogenesis, and provides a trigger for terminal muscle cell differentiation
547 with an up-regulated expression in myotube-forming cells, which have been recognized
548 as part of the mechanisms related to the increase of muscle protein mass as a whole
549 (Donalies et al. 1991). In our case, this occurred in conjunction with the up-regulation
550 of calpain 3 and protein markers of the Ub-proteasome pathway (PSMA5, PSMB1,
551 UBE2N), which is prone to increased proteolysis and, thereby, protein turnover. This
552 provides an essential quality control mechanism that selectively eliminates abnormally
553 folded or damaged proteins that have arisen due to biosynthetic errors, damage by
554 oxygen radicals, or by denaturation (especially at high temperatures). Protein turnover is
555 specifically augmented with the net increase of protein accretion rates in humans,
556 rodents and livestock fish, including gilthead sea bream (Houlihan et al., 1993). This
557 offers the possibility of a stricter quality control system with the rise of growth rates,
558 theoretically increasing the immediate disposal of essential amino acids for protein
559 synthesis. In sepsis, certain types of cancer, and burn injuries, the enhancement of the
560 Ub-proteasome pathway appears to be signalled by cytokines (IL-1, TNF α) released
561 from activated macrophages (Holecek, 2012; Merritt et al., 2012). In our case, the
562 relative muscle gene expression of several ILs and IL-receptors was not altered by the
563 dietary intervention, but the up-regulated expression of TNF- α in D3 fish might elicit
564 the activation of muscle protein catabolism in these fish. These transcriptional changes
565 of muscle protein metabolism were not found with the butyrate diet and the muscle gene
566 expression pattern of D4 fish, at least for myogenic and muscle protein breakdown
567 markers, was related to the control group rather than D3 fish. This provides further
568 evidence for a vast array of metabolic effects that short FAs might have on the
569 regulation of fish metabolism, but the ultimate consequences on sensorial flesh quality
570 remain to be discovered.

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572 **5. Conclusions**

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574 Data on growth performance, and blood haematology and biochemistry clearly
575 indicate that a very high level of FM and FO replacement is feasible when the
576 theoretical requirements for essential nutrients are met by the diet. However, with the
577 most extreme diet composition (D3, 3% FM & 2.5% FO), an adaptive period may be
578 necessary to avoid initial and transient detrimental effects on growth performance.
579 Apparently, butyrate supplementation did not alter this time course, although it was able

580 to restore blood levels of Hb and cholesterol. Other butyrate-mediated effects included
581 an increased circulating concentration of choline and IGF-I over the course of the
582 summer growth spurt. Molecular signatures of growth rate-regulated genes remained
583 almost unaltered with the FM/FO replacement, providing further evidence of suitable
584 growth conditions in all experimental groups. However, it is noteworthy that butyrate
585 supplementation was able to reverse the increased expression of inflammatory cytokines
586 and muscle markers of cellular morphogenesis and protein breakdown in fish fed the
587 extreme FM/FO diet. In contrast, at the hepatic level, the transcription-mediated
588 changes in molecular chaperones, oxidative enzymes, immune-relevant genes, and
589 master regulators of lipid metabolism were not returned to control values by dietary
590 butyrate supplementation. Taken together, our results support the use of low FM/FO
591 fish feeds alone or supplemented with feed additives, although a different steady-state
592 level was observed for some of the analysed parameters.

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596 The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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918 **Figure legends**

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920 **Figure 1.** (A) Seasonal changes of temperature (solid line) and day length (dash line).

921 (B) Body weight over the course of the trial of fish fed experimental diets; arrows

922 indicate tissue sampling times. Values are the mean of triplicate tanks.

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924 **Figure 2.** (A) Fold-changes (experimental/ control group) of differentially expressed

925 genes ($P < 0.05$) in the liver tissue. (B) Fold-changes (experimental/control group) of

926 differentially expressed genes ($P < 0.05$) in skeletal muscle. Values > 1 indicate up-

927 regulated genes in fish fed the experimental diets (D2, D3, D4); values < 1 indicate

928 down-regulated genes in fish fed the experimental diets (D2, D3, D4).

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Table 1. Ingredients and chemical composition of experimental diets.

Ingredient (%)	Diet			
	D1	D2	D3	D4
Fish meal	23.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Fish hydrolysate (CPSP)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Soya protein	16.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Corn gluten	15.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Wheat gluten	4.00	7.30	7.30	7.30
Rapeseed cake	12.00	9.70	9.90	9.90
Wheat	11.08	6.80	6.64	6.24
Fish oil	15.60	6.56	2.50	2.50
Rapeseed oil	0	4.40	6.50	6.50
Palm olein	0	4.40	6.50	6.50
Monocalcium phosphate	0.303	2.097	2.097	2.097
Histidine	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136
Mineral-vitamin mix ¹	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Cholesterol	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.113
Amino-acid and micronutrient mix ²	0.20	2.92	2.74	2.74
Antioxidants	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045
Yttrium	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
BP-70	0	0	0	0.40
<i>Proximate composition</i>				
Dry matter (DM, %)	91.65	91.79	91.80	92.34
Crude protein (% DM)	45.48	46.73	46.12	46.03
Crude fat (% DM)	19.80	19.56	20.13	19.40
EPA+DHA (% DM)	2.90	1.38	0.67	0.63

¹Supplied the following (g/kg mix, except as noted): calcium 689, sodium 108, iron 3, manganese 1, zinc 1, cobalt 2 mg, iodine 2 mg, selenium 20 mg, molybdenum 32 mg, retinyl acetate 1, DL-cholecalciferol 2.6, DL- α tocopheryl acetate 28, menadione sodium bisulphite. Ascorbic acid 16, thiamin 0.6, riboflavin 1.7, pyridoxine 1.2, vitamin B12 50 mg, nicotinic acid 5, pantothenic acid 3.6, folic acid 0.6, biotin 50 mg.

²Contains methionine, lysine, choline, lecithin

Table 2. Growth performance of juvenile gilthead sea bream fed the experimental diets from May to December (31 weeks).

Diet	Mean body weight		Weight gain (%)	SGR (%) ¹	Feed intake (g dry/fish)	FE ²
	Initial	Final				
<i>Week 4 (May-June)</i>						
D1(FM23/FO15)	15.0±0.04	23.7±0.12 ^a	58.2±1.1 ^a	1.70±0.01 ^a	9.03±0.25	0.96±0.06 ^a
D2(FM3/FO6)	15.3±0.05	22.9±0.20 ^a	49.9±0.2 ^b	1.50±0.02 ^b	9.05±0.15	0.84±0.03 ^b
D3(FM3/FO2.5)	15.2±0.03	20.5±0.13 ^b	34.3±0.45 ^c	1.09±0.01 ^c	8.77±0.18	0.60±0.04 ^c
D4(FM3/FO2.5/BUT)	15.4±0.04	20.9±0.21 ^b	36.1±0.5 ^c	1.14±0.03 ^d	9.01±0.34	0.62±0.02 ^c
<i>Week 13 (June-August)</i>						
D1(FM23/FO15)	23.7±0.12 ^a	87.6±0.87 ^a	272.1±3.71	2.08±0.01	54.8±1.16	1.15±0.09
D2(FM3/FO6)	22.9±0.20 ^a	82.7±0.04 ^{ab}	256.7±0.24	2.01±0.01	53.4±0.49	1.1±0.01
D3(FM3/FO2.5)	20.5±0.13 ^b	76.0±0.30 ^c	271.3±1.54	2.08±0.01	51.6±0.89	1.07±0.02
D4(FM3/FO2.5/BUT)	20.9±0.21 ^b	77.2±1.72 ^{bc}	269.3±8.35	2.07±0.03	56.8±4.42	1.01±0.05
<i>Week 31 (August-December)</i>						
D1(FM23/FO15)	87.6±0.87 ^a	318.3±0.16 ^a	263.2±4.71 ^a	1.02±0.01	213.1±6.96	1.08±0.03
D2(FM3/FO6)	82.7±0.04 ^{ab}	321.6±1.17 ^a	298.2±3.98 ^b	1.10±0.07	225.9±0.3	1.06±0.01
D3(FM3/FO2.5)	76.0±0.30 ^c	298.1±4.64 ^b	302.7±2.22 ^b	1.10±0.01	213.1±2.87	1.05±0.01
D4(FM3/FO2.5/BUT)	77.2±1.72 ^{bc}	296.7±4.62 ^b	291.7±1.97 ^b	1.08±0.01	215.1±0.80	1.03±0.01
<i>Overall (May-December)</i>						
D1(FM23/FO15)	15.0±0.04	318.3±0.16 ^a	2027±1.08 ^a	1.42±0.01	298.2±8.46	1.01±0.03
D2(FM3/FO6)	15.3±0.05	321.6±1.17 ^a	2004±7.6 ^a	1.41±0.01	307.7±0.47	0.99±0.01
D3(FM3/FO2.5)	15.2±0.03	298.1±4.64 ^b	1856±30.5 ^b	1.37±0.01	292.7±2.60	0.96±0.01
D4(FM3/FO2.5/BUT)	15.4±0.04	296.7±4.62 ^b	1828±30.1 ^b	1.37±0.01	296.1±1.2	0.95±0.01

Values are the mean ± SEM of dietary triplicates. Different column superscript letters indicate significant differences within each experimental period (Holm-Sidak test, P<0.05).

¹Specific growth rate = 100 x (ln final weight – ln initial weight)/days

²Feed efficiency = weight gain/feed intake

Table 3. Organosomatic indexes and whole body composition of juvenile gilthead sea bream sampled in August (week 13) and December (week 31).

	August 2013				December 2013				Two-way ANOVA (P-values)		
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D1	D2	D3	D4	Diet	Time	Diet x Time Interaction
Viscera (g)	8.52±0.19	7.26±0.24	7.80±0.28	7.46±0.29	22.6±0.85	21.63±0.88	21.41±1.01	20.8±0.65	0.064	<0.001	0.785
Mesenteric fat (g)	1.64±0.14	1.40±0.13	1.35±0.09	1.47±0.17	4.54±0.51	4.28±0.52	3.44±0.44	3.64±0.37	0.113	<0.001	0.371
Liver (g)	1.49±0.04	1.25±0.04	1.35±0.04	1.30±0.04	6.42±0.90	7.07±0.26	7.24±0.47	6.68±0.33	0.414	<0.001	0.148
Intestine length (cm)	11.7±0.60	11.4±0.60	11.8±0.70	11.2±0.70	13.3±0.51	13.33±0.60	14.20±0.71	13.04±0.46	0.545	<0.001	0.950
VSI (%) ¹	9.04±0.15	8.40±0.20	9.40±0.26	8.81±0.22	6.67±0.37	6.38±0.19	6.47±0.18	6.26±0.18	0.099	<0.001	0.318
MSI (%) ²	1.79±0.13	1.61±0.13	1.67±0.11	1.72±0.19	1.34±0.15	1.35±0.13	1.03±0.12	0.99±0.15	0.526	<0.001	0.505
HSI (%) ³	1.56±0.07	1.47±0.07	1.63±0.07	1.51±0.07	1.87±0.27	2.09±0.07	2.29±0.07	2.07±0.09	0.051	<0.001	0.069
<i>Whole body composition</i>											
<i>(% wet weight)</i>											
Moisture	66.7±0.27	66.8±0.72	67.8±0.02	66.3±0.26	64.08±0.34	62.80±0.58	62.85±0.72	64.13±0.34	0.342	<0.001	0.133
Crude protein	16.1±0.49	16.2±0.39	15.9±0.17	16.3±0.03	18.06±0.05	18.58±0.82	18.01±0.55	17.72±1.56	0.928	<0.001	0.738
Crude lipid	8.98±0.09	9.09±0.40	8.96±0.34	9.38±0.13	12.60±0.73	12.65±1.31	12.07±0.02	11.63±0.01	0.932	0.004	0.917

Biometric data are the mean ± SEM of 12 fish (4 per each dietary triplicate). Data on whole body composition are the mean of 4 pooled fish per each dietary triplicate.

¹Viscerosomatix index = (100 x viscera weight)/fish weight

²Mesenteric index = (100 x mesenteric fat weight)/fish weight

³Hepatosomatic index = (100 x liver weight)/fish weight

Table 4. Haematology and blood biochemistry of juvenile gilthead sea bream sampled in August (week 13) and December (week 31).

	August 2013				December 2013				Two-way ANOVA (P-values)		
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D1	D2	D3	D4	Diet	Time	Diet x Time interaction
Haemoglobin (g/dl)	6.45±0.25 ^a	5.09±0.21 ^b	5.55±0.28 ^b	6.37±0.33 ^a	7.74±0.22 ^a	6.11±0.23 ^b	6.15±0.18 ^b	6.93±0.27 ^{ab}	<0.001	<0.001	0.159
Haematocrit (%)	34.5±1.95	36.7±1.42	35.5±2.12	34.3±1.78	33.4±1.03	33.5±1.49	30.0±2.19	35.7±2.32	0.602	0.061	0.259
RBC x 10 ⁻⁶ /ml	2.39±0.12	2.47±0.09	2.39±0.11	2.28±0.09	3.31±0.10 ^a	2.66±0.07 ^b	2.59±0.09 ^b	2.92±0.11 ^b	0.007	<0.001	<0.001
Glucose (mg/dl)	46.8±1.61	53.5±5.12	53.7±2.28	48.9±2.12	46.1±1.95	48.9±2.2	49.1±1.73	47.4±3.41	0.294	0.080	0.621
Triglycerides (mM)	0.56±0.03	0.47±0.04	0.65±0.07	0.63±0.05	4.97±2.80	0.891±0.09	0.951±0.09	3.58±0.94	0.309	0.033	0.323
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	138.8±11.5 ^{ab}	141.8±5.99 ^{ab}	113.5±4.66 ^a	148.9±9.29 ^b	243.5±14.7 ^a	187.8±10.6 ^b	186.4±9.6 ^b	248.2±18.2 ^a	<0.001	<0.001	0.040
HDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	92.4±10.8 ^{ab}	102.9±5.07 ^b	68.2±2.72 ^a	103.3±7.72 ^b	157.6±7.8 ^{ab}	164.4±5.5 ^a	139.1±5.4 ^b	107.9±5.8 ^c	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
VLDL/LDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	21.4±2.55	22.2±2.39	25.1±2.71	26.6±2.24	69.2±13.9 ^a	55.04±9.4 ^a	53.9±3.7 ^a	109.4±7.4 ^b	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total proteins (g/l)	40.9±1.39	41.5±1.67	40.8±1.89	42.2±1.36	49.2±1.26	50.78±1.49	47.18±0.88	50.7±0.96	0.306	<0.001	0.782
ALAT (U/l)	1.34±0.14	1.18±0.27	1.30±0.19	1.28±0.21	1.68±0.20	1.68±0.42	1.48±0.21	1.29±0.20	0.777	0.101	0.886
ASAT (U/l)	16.1±3.62	18.7±3.68	19.7±4.19	17.9±3.7	13.5±2.15	16.9±3.13	11.02±0.99	10.4±2.18	0.661	0.025	0.217
GLDH (U/l)	0.68±0.24	0.94±0.20	0.49±0.08	0.57±0.15	0.74±0.20	0.53±0.12	0.85±0.32	0.72±0.10	0.505	0.734	0.932
ALP (U/l)	96.5±3.61	101.9±5.41	97.7±7.01	99.0±4.85	81.9±4.34	89.8±7.01	78.4±5.34	92.6±7.45	0.316	0.008	0.213
Creatinine (mg/dl)	0.11±0.02	0.1276±0.01	0.125±0.02	0.120±0.03	0.223±0.02	0.189±0.03	0.173±0.02	0.161±0.02	0.865	0.008	0.077
Choline (µM)	15.5±0.97 ^a	16.1±1.07 ^a	16.2±1.24 ^a	20.8±1.27 ^b	7.05±0.62	7.75±0.54	7.12±0.39	6.77±0.69	0.050	<0.001	0.012
Calcium (mg/dl)	13.5±0.37	13.9±0.54	12.3±0.21	13.4±0.06	10.9±0.69 ^a	12.7±0.45 ^{ab}	13.4±0.46 ^b	14.7±1.02 ^b	0.010	0.383	<0.001
Chloride (mg/dl)	461.3±13.6	468.3±6.7	473.8±9.3	442.8±7.2	429.9±10.8	448.8±10.7	459.4±11.3	429.7±15.3	0.065	0.050	0.915
Magnesium (mg/ml)	1.92±0.07	2.07±0.08	1.89±0.08	1.98±0.07	1.76±0.05	1.83±0.03	1.72±0.04	1.96±0.008	0.197	0.004	0.016
Phosphate (mg/dl)	11.3±1.27	11.9±1.55	12.1±1.60	12.1±1.59	11.2±0.25	10.1±0.31	10.40±0.31	10.98±0.12	0.997	0.517	0.966
Antioxidant capacity (Trolox mM)	0.92±0.03	0.91±0.03	0.84±0.03	0.72±0.08	1.12±0.04	1.14±0.03	1.104±0.02	1.14±0.04	0.153	<0.001	0.097
Lysozyme (U/l)	190.5±32.9	208.8±117.4	118.8±30.1	125.7±46.6	56.5±12.7	85.7±28.9	51.8±18.1	32.5±19.1	0.622	<0.001	0.361
Respiratory burst (IRLU)	388.1±40.8	539.9±51.4	758.6±247.1	485.1±52.2	3093.6±743.9	4882.9±671.7	5170.4±1235.5	2926.8±672.3	0.131	<0.001	0.336
GH (ng/ml)	6.37±0.93	6.74±1.50	8.00±1.39	8.71±0.92	2.19±0.68	2.09±0.71	2.78±0.71	2.65±0.85	0.091	<0.001	0.483
IGF-I (ng/ml)	94.0±4.61 ^{ab}	97.2±4.65 ^a	87.4±4.54 ^a	116.4±4.48 ^b	50.7±4.38	48.4±4.60	43.8±2.61	47.7±5.51	0.050	<0.001	0.016

Data are the mean ± SEM of 10-12 fish. Different superscript letters indicate significant differences within a sampling time (SNK test, P<0.05).

Figure 1

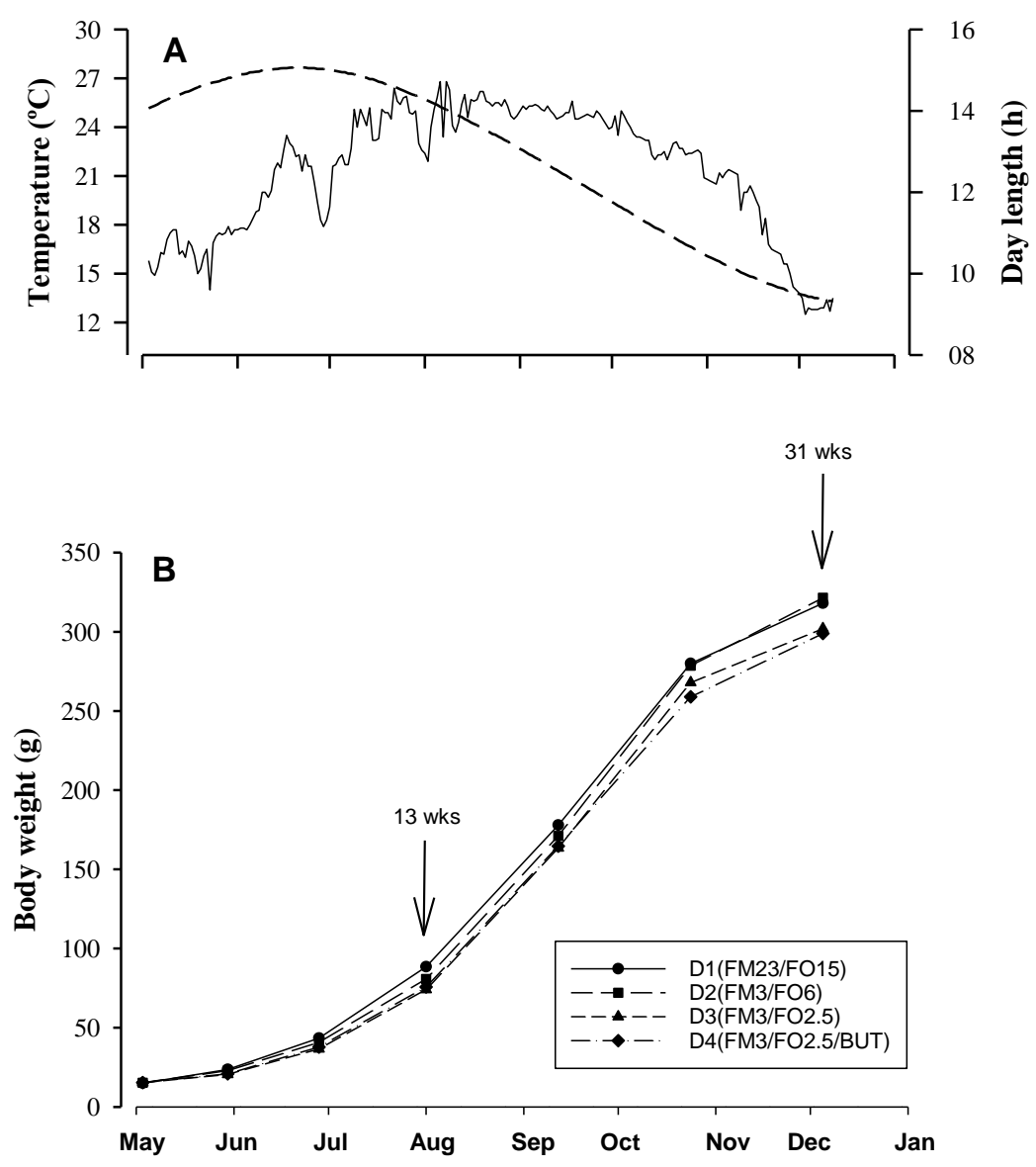
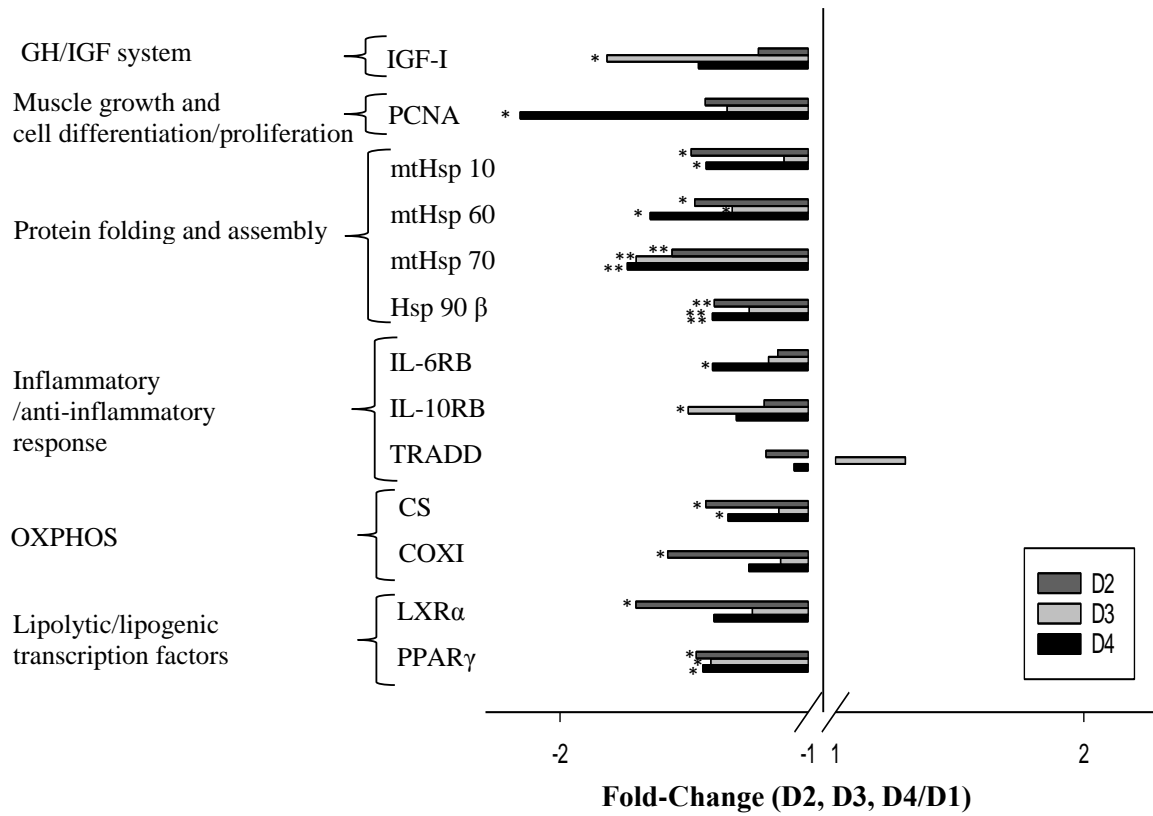


Figure 2

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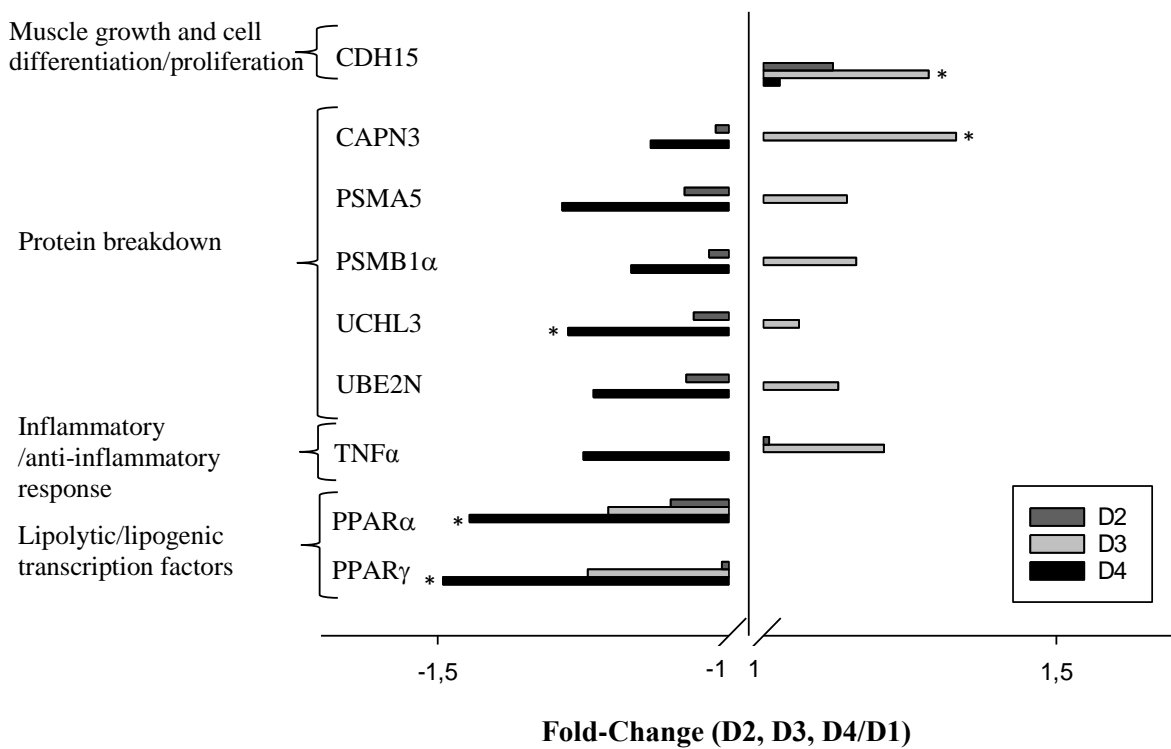


Table S1. PCR-array layout of 87 genes with extra-wells for housekeeping genes and general controls of PCR performance.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	GHR-I	IGFALS	MSTN	PAX7	CTSD	UBE2A	Hsp30	IL-1 β	IL-10	SIRT4	SCO1	PPC1
B	GHR-II	INSR	MEF2A	SOX3	CTSL	UBE2D2	mtHsp60	IL-1R1	IL-10RA	SIRT5	UCP1	PPC2
C	IGF-I	IGFR1	MEF2C	MET	CTSS	UBE2L3	mtHsp70	IL-1R2	IL-10RB	PGC1 α	UCP2	PPC3
D	IGF-II	IGFR2	FST	CAPN1	PSMD4	UBE2N	Hsp90 α	IL-6	TNF- α	CPT1A	UCP3	PPC4
E	IGFBP1	MyoD1	CAV3	CAPN2	PSD12	CUL2	Hsp90 β	IL-6RA	TRADD	CS	LXR α	NPC
F	IGFBP2	MyoD2	DES	CAPN3	PSMA5	CUL3	GRP-170	IL-6RB	SIRT1	ND2	PPAR α	NPC
G	IGFBP4	Myf5	CDH15	CAST	PSMB1	CUL5	GRP-94	IL-8	SIRT2	NDUFAF2	PPAR γ	ACTB
H	IGFBP7	Myf6	PCNA	CTSB	UCLH3	mtHsp10	DER-1	IL-8RA	SIRT3	COXI		ACTB

Position	Symbol	Description	Accession No.
A1	GHR-I	Growth hormone receptor I	AF438176
B1	GHR-II	Growth hormone receptor II	AY573601
C1	IGF-I	Insulin-like growth factor-I	EF563837
D1	IGF-II	Insulin-like growth factor-II	EF563836
E1	IGFBP1	Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 1	KM522771
F1	IGFBP2	Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2	AF377998
G1	IGFBP4	Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 4	KM658998
H1	IGFBP7	Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 7	KM522772
A2	IGFALS	Insulin-like growth factor-binding protein complex acid labile subunit	KM522773
B2	INSR	Insulin receptor	KM522774
C2	IGFR1	Insulin-like growth factor receptor I	KM522775
D2	IGFR2	Cation-independent mannose-6-phosphate receptor	KM522776
E2	MyoD1	Myoblast determination protein 1	AF478568
F2	MyoD2	Myoblast determination protein 2	AF478569
G2	Myf5	Myogenic factor 5	JN034420
H2	Myf6	Myogenic factor 6	JN034421
A3	MSTN	Growth/ differentiation factor 8 (Myostatin)	AF258448
B3	MEF2A	Myocyte-specific enhancer factor 2A	KM522777
C3	MEF2C	Myocyte-specific enhancer factor 2C	KM522778
D3	FST	Follistatin	AY544167
E3	CAV3	Caveolin 3	KM522779
F3	DES	Desmin	KM522780
G3	CDH15	Cadherin 15	KM522781
H3	PCNA	Proliferating cell nuclear antigen	KF857335
A4	PAX7	Paired box 7	KM522782
B4	SOX3	Transcription factor SOX3	KM522783
C4	MET	c-met/hepatocyte growth factor receptor	KM522784
D4	CAPN1	Calpain 1	KF444899
E4	CAPN2	Calpain 2	KF444900
F4	CAPN3	Calpain 3	KM522785
G4	CAST	Calpastatin	KM522786
H4	CTSB	Cathepsin B	KJ524457

Table S1. Continued.

Position	Symbol	Description	Accession No.
A5	CTSD	Cathepsin D	AF036319
B5	CTSL	Cathepsin L	KM522787
C5	CTSS	Cathepsin S	KM522788
D5	PSMD4	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 4	KM522789
E5	PSD12	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 12	KM522790
F5	PSMA5	Proteasome subunit alpha type-5	KM522791
G5	PSMB1	Proteasome subunit beta type-1	KM522792
H5	UCHL3	Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase isozyme L3	KM522793
A6	UBE2A	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 A	KM522794
B6	UBE2D2	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 D2	KM522795
C6	UBE2L3	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 L3	KM522796
D6	UBE2N	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2N	KM522797
E6	CUL2	Cullin 2	KM522798
F6	CUL3	Cullin 3	KM522799
G6	CUL5	Cullin 5	KM522800
H6	mtHsp10	10 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	JX975224
A7	Hsp30	30 kDa heat shock protein	KM522801
B7	mtHsp60	60 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	JX975227
C7	mtHsp70	70 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	DQ524993
D7	Hsp90 α	90 kDa heat shock protein alpha 1	KM522802
E7	Hsp90 β	90 kDa heat shock protein beta	KM522803
F7	GRP-170	Glucose-regulated protein, 170 kDa	JQ308821
G7	GRP-94	Glucose-regulated protein, 94 kDa	JQ308820
H7	DER-1	Derlin-1	JQ308825
A8	IL-1 β	Interleukin-1 beta	AJ419178
B8	IL-1R1	Interleukin-1 beta receptor 1	JX976615
C8	IL-1R2	Interleukin-1 beta receptor 2	AM296027
D8	IL-6	Interleukin-6	EU244588
E8	IL-6RA	Interleukin-6 receptor A	JX976616
F8	IL-6RB	Interleukin-6 receptor B	JX976617
G8	IL-8	Interleukin-8	JX976619
H8	IL-8RA	Interleukin-8 receptor A	JX976620
A9	IL-10	Interleukin-10	JX976621
B9	IL-10RA	Interleukin-10 receptor A	JX976622
C9	IL-10RB	Interleukin-10 receptor B	JX976623
D9	TNF- α	Tumor necrosis factor-alpha	AJ413189
E9	TRADD	Tumor necrosis factor receptor type 1-associated DEATH domain protein	KM522804
F9	SIRT1	Sirtuin 1	KF018666
G9	SIRT2	Sirtuin 2	KF018667
H9	SIRT3	Sirtuin 3	KF018668
A10	SIRT4	Sirtuin 4	KF018669
B10	SIRT5	Sirtuin 5	KF018670
C10	PGC1 α	Proliferator-activated receptor gamma coactivator 1 alpha	JX975264

Table S1. Continued.

Position	Symbol	Description	Accession No.
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E10	CS	Citrate synthase	JX975229
F10	ND2	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain 2	KC217559
G10	NDUFAF2	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 alpha subcomplex, assembly factor 2	KC217598
H10	COXI	Cytochrome c oxidase subunit I	KC217652
A11	SCO1	SCO1 protein homolog, mitochondrial	KC217649
B11	UCP1	Uncoupling protein 1	FJ710211
C11	UCP2	Uncoupling protein 2	JQ859959
D11	UCP3	Uncoupling protein 3	EU555336
E11	LXR α	Liver X receptor α	FJ502320
F11	PPAR α	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor α	AY590299
G11	PPAR γ	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ	AY590304
A12-D2	PPC	Positive PCR control (serial dilutions of standard gene)	AY590304
E12-F12	NPC	Negative PCR control	
G12-H12	ACTB	β -actin	X89920

GH/IGF system: GHR-I, GHR-II, IGF-I, IGF-II, IGFBP1, IGFBP2, IGFBP4, IGFBP7, IGFALS, INSR, IGFR1, IGFR2

Muscle growth and differentiation: MyoD1, MyoD2, Myf5, Myf6, MSTN, MEF2A, MEF2C, FST, CAV3, DES, CDH15, PCNA, PAX7, SOX3, MET

Protein breakdown: CAPN1, CAPN2, CAPN3, CAST, CTSB, CTSD, CTSL, CTSS, PSMD4, PSD12, PSMA5, PSMB1, UCHL3, UBE2A, UBE2D2, UBE2L3, UBE2N, CUL2, CUL3, CUL5

Protein folding and assembly: mtHsp10, Hsp30, mtHsp60, mtHsp70, Hsp90 α , Hsp90 β , GRP-170, GRP-94, DER-1

Inflammatory/anti-inflammatory response : IL-1 β , IL-1R1, IL-1R2, IL-6, IL-6RA,IL-6RB, IL-8, IL-8RA, IL-10, IL-10RA, IL-10RB, TNF- α , TRADD

Energy sensing: SIRT1, SIRT2, SIRT3, SIRT4, SIRT5

Oxidative phosphorylation: PGC1 α , CPT1A, CS, ND2, NDUFAF2, COXI, SCO1

Mitochondrial respiration uncoupling: UCP1, UCP2, UCP3

Transcription-related factors of lipid metabolism: LXR α , PPAR α , PPAR γ

Table S2. Characteristics of new assembled sequences according to BLAST searches.

Contigs	Size (nt)	Annotation ^a	Best match ^b	E ^c	CDS ^d
C2_29775	1283	IGFBP1	AEI25510	6e-38	<1-221
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C2_8119	2720	IGFALS	XP_008295360	0.0	55-1788
C2_27455	1259	INSR	CAA12279	0.0	<2->1259
C2_94457	462	IGFR1	XP_008281734	9e-8	<1->462
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C2_29713	1018	MEF2A	XP_006628936	4e-54	362->634
C2_20859	861	MEF2C	XP_008283713	1e-173	<3->861
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C2_2905	1863	CAPN3	ACY78226	0.0	244->1863
C2_12340	258	CAST	XP_008318906	8e-30	<1->258
C2_302	1560	CTSL	ADJ21807	0.0	76-1086
C2_386	1227	CTSS	BAK55650	0.0	51-1064
C2_3430	1469	PSMD4	XP_005472747	0.0	40-1167
C2_1392	2208	PSMD12	XP_008274826	0.0	117-1487
C2_89	1171	PSMA5	ACQ58745	3e-175	126-851
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C2_660	1389	UCHL3	XP_003451662	4e-141	120-818
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C2_4132	2694	Hsp90 α	XP_008297037	0.0	160-2337
C2_42	2781	Hsp90 β	AAQ95586	0.0	135-2324
C2_2326	1432	TRADD	XP_008302445	3e-174	65-946

^aGene identity determined through BLAST searches: IGFBP1, Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 1; IGFBP7, Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 7; IGFALS, Insulin-like growth factor-binding protein complex acid labile subunit; INSR, Insulin receptor; IGF1R, Insulin-like growth factor receptor I; IGF2R, Insulin-like growth factor receptor II; MEF2A, Myocyte-specific enhancer factor 2A; MEF2C, Myocyte-specific enhancer 2C; CAV3, Caveolin 3; DES, Desmin; CDH15, Cadherin-15; PAX7, Paired box protein 7; SOX3, Transcription factor SOX3; MET, c-met/hepatocyte growth factor receptor; CAPN3, Calpain 3; CAST, Calpastatin; CTSL, Cathepsin L; CTSS, Cathepsin S; PSMD4, 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 4; PSMD12, 26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 12; PSMA5, Proteasome subunit alpha type-5; PSMB1A, Proteasome subunit beta type 1-A; UCHL3, Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase isozyme L3; UBE2A, Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 A; UBE2D2, Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 D2; UBE2L3, Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 L3; UBE2N, Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 N; CUL2, Cullin 2; CUL3, Cullin 3; Hsp30, 30kDa heat shock protein; Hsp90 α , 90kDa heat shock protein alpha 1; Hsp90 β , 90kDa heat shock protein beta; TRADD, Tumor necrosis factor receptor type 1-associated DEATH domain protein.

^bBest BLAST-X protein sequence match (lowest E value).

^cExpectation value.

^dCodifying sequence.

Table S3. Forward and reverse primers for real-time PCR.

Gene name	Symbol		Primer sequence
Growth hormone receptor I	GHR-I	F	ACC TGT CAG CCA CCA CAT GA
		R	TCG TGC AGA TCT GGG TCG TA
Growth hormone receptor II	GHR-II	F	GAG TGA ACC CGG CCT GAC AG
		R	GCG GTG GTA TCT GAT TCA TGG T
Insulin-like growth factor-I	IGF-I	F	TGT CTA GCG CTC TTT CCT TTC A
		R	AGA GGG TG TGG CTA CAG GAG ATA C
Insulin-like growth factor-II	IGF-II	F	TGG GAT CGT AGA GGA GTG TTG T
		R	CTG TAG AGA GGT GGC CGA CA
Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 1	IGFBP1	F	ACA AAC CAA AAC AGT GCG AGT CCT C
		R	CCG TTC CAA GAG TTC ACA CAC CAG
Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2	IGFBP2	F	AGC GAT GTG TCC TGA GAT AGT GAG
		R	GCA CCG TGG CGT GTA GAC C
Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 4	IGFBP4	F	GGC ATC AAA CAC CCG CAC AC
		R	ATC CAC GCA CCA GCA CTT CC
Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 7	IGFBP7	F	GCC ACA GCT CCG ATC ATC GTC ACT
		R	AGC CAC TCA CAT TGT AGA CCT CAC CTG
Insulin-like growth factor binding protein complex acid labile subunit	IGFALS	F	GCT CGG AAC TTC ACT CAA GTC CCA TC
		R	AGT TGC CAT CCA GCC AGA TAG AAT GA
Insulin receptor	INSR	F	ACG GAC AGC AAG AAG GCA GAG AAT C
		R	GGC TTC AAC GGT CGG ATC AGG T
Insulin-like growth factor receptor I	IGFR1	F	TCA ACG ACA AGT ACG ACT ACC GCT GCT
		R	CAC ACT TTC TGG CAC TGG TTG GAG GTC
Cation-independent mannose-6-phosphate receptor	IGFR2	F	ACA TTC GGG CAG CAC TCC TAA GAT
		R	CCA GTT CAC CTC GTA GCG ACA GTT
Myoblast determination protein 1	MyoD1	F	ATG GAG CTG TCG GAT ATC TCT TTC
		R	GAA GCA GGG GTC ATC GTA GAA ATC
Myoblast determination protein 2	MyoD2	F	CCA ACT GCT CTG ATG GCA TGA TGG ATT TC
		R	GAC CGT TTG CTT CTC CTG GAC TCG TAT G
Myogenic factor 5	Myf5	F	GCA TGG TTG ACA GCA ACA GTC CAG TGT
		R	TGT CTT ATC GCC CAA AGT GTC GTT CTT CAT
Myogenic factor 6	Myf6/MRF4/herculin	F	GCA GCA ATG ACA AAC CAG AGA GAC GGA ACA
		R	GAG GCT GGA GGA CGC CGA AGA TTC A
Growth/ differentiation	MSTN/GD	F	AAG AGC AGA TCA TCT ACG GCA AGA TCC
		R	TCA AGA GCA TCC ACA ACG GTC TAC CA

factor 8		F-8		
Myocyte-specific factor 2A	enhancer	MEF2A	F R	ATG GAC GAG AGG AAC AGG CAG GTT A GGC TAT CTC ACA GTC ACA TAG TAC GCT CAG
Myocyte-specific factor 2C	enhancer	MEF2C	F R	TAG CAA CTC CCA CTC TAC CAG GAC AAG GGA ATA CTC GGC ACC ATA AGA AGT CG
Follistatin		FST	F R	GGA CCA GAC AAA CAA CGC ATA TTG CAT AGA TGA TCC CGT CGT TTC CAC
Caveolin 3		CAV3	F R	CAC CAC CTT CAC TGT GTC CAA CGA CGG GGA TGC CAA AGA C
Desmin		DES	F R	ATT CAC CAG AAG GAG GAG GCT GAG AAC AAC GAG TGG CAT TGT CAA CAT CGG CTC TGA
Cadherin-15		CDH15	F R	AAC GCT TAT CTG AGC TAC TCT ATC ATT GG CTG GTT GTT GAT ACC GAA CAT TGT
Proliferating cell nuclear antigen		PCNA	F R	CGT ATC TGC CGT GAC CTG T AGA ACT TGA CTC CGT CCT TGG
Paired box protein 7		PAX7	F R	GAA CGT GAG CTT GTC CAC CCA GAG G GCC GAG TGG TCT CCC AGT TTC ATC C
Transcription factor SOX3		SOX3	F R	ACA TGA AGG AGC ACC CGG ATT ATA AAT ACC GGG CAA AGA ATA CTT GTC TTT CTT GAG CAA
Hepatocyte growth factor receptor		MET	F R	GCC ACA GGA AAC AAG ATT ACT AAA GTC CCT AGC AAA CAG GAA GTA CAG GTG GTA AGC
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Calpain 3		CAPN3	F R	TAC GAA GAG GAT GAC GAC CCA GAG GCA TCA GAG CCA CAA CGA GAG T
Calpastatin		CAST	F R	CCC AAA CCC GAG CCC ACC AT GAC AAG AAG TCC AGA GCG TCT CCA GTA
Cathepsin B		CTSB	F R	TGA TTC CCA TGT CGG TTG TC GGG TCT ACT GCC ATT CAC AT
Cathepsin D		CTSD	F R	CAC ACT GGG AGA CCT GCA CTA TGT CAA TG ATT GCC AAC TTG AAG TCC GTC CAT ACC
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Cathepsin S	CTSS	F R	CCA CAT GGG AGA CCT GAC ACC AGA GGA GAT TCA GTG GGA GGA ATG AAT GTG GCG AAA GAC
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26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 12	PSMD12	F R	CCT GCC ACA GAT GTC TTC TCT TAT TCA GCC ATT ATT CTG ATG TTA TGC TCC ACC A
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Proteasome subunit beta type-1	PSMB1	F R	TGG ATG AAG AGG GCA AAG GAG CAG TGT A TTG TAT GTG TCT CTC TGG TAG GAG CCC ACT
Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase isozyme L3	UCHL3	F R	CAG TGA CAG AGA AGT ATG AGA CAT TCA A CGT TTC CAA TAG TTT GCT TAA TGA AGT AGA
Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 A	UBE2A	F R	CAT CAT GGT GTG GAA TGC AGT CAT ATT TGG GGG TTT GTT GGG GTA TTC TTC TGT GAA CT
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Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 L3	UBE2L3	F R	CCT CAT TGC ATT GGT GAA CG TTG AGT ATT CTT CTG CTA GGT CAG
Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2 N	UBE2N	F R	TTG CCT CGT AGG ATT ATT AAG GAG AC CCT GAA ATG ACC ACA TGG AAG TAA CG
Cullin 2	CUL2	F R	GGC ATC CGA GGC ACC AGT AAC C TGA ACC TCC AGC ACT GAC TCC ACA A
Cullin 3	CUL3	F R	AAA GGA GGA TGG TTC AGA AGT TGG CAG TAT GTG CTT ACG GGT GTT AGA G
Cullin 5	CUL 5	F R	CAA ACT CAA GAG GCA GGT GTT GTC GTA GTA GAA TAG TGT TCC CTC TGC GAA GTC T
10 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondria	mtHsp10	F R	CAT GCT GCC AGA GAA GTC TCA AGG AGG TCC CAC TGC CAC TAC TGT
30kDa heat shock protein	Hsp30	F R	ATC TCT CAA CAA GAC CAC ACA ACA CT TAC AGG CCA GTA CAA GTC CAT GAA TG
60 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	mtHsp60	F R	TGT GGC TGA GGA TGT GGA TGG AGA G GCC TGT TGA GAA CCA AGG TGC TGA G
70 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	mtHsp70/ GRP-75	F R	TCC GGT GTG GAT CTG ACC AAA GAC TGT TTA GGC CCA GAA GCA TCC ATG

90kDa heat shock protein alpha 1	Hsp90a	F R	CTC ACA GTT CAT CGG CTA CCC TAT CA AAC TTC CTC TTC CTT CTC TCC CTC ATC AAG
90kDa heat shock protein beta	Hsp90b	F R	AGA ATA ACA TCA AGC TGT ACG TCA GGA GAG CAC CAC ACC ACG GAC AAA GTT CAG ATA CTC
Glucose-regulated protein, 170 kDa	GRP-170	F R	CAG AGG AGG CAG ACA GCA AGA C TTC TCA GAC TCA GCA TTT CCA GAT TTC
Glucose-regulated protein, 94 kDa	GRP-94	F R	AAG GCA CAG GCT TAC CAG ACA G CTT CAG CAT CAT CGC CGA CTT TC
Derlin-1	DER-1	F R	ACT GCC TCG GTT GCC TTT CC TGG CTG TCA CAA GTC TCC AGA TAT G
Interleukin-1 beta	IL-1 β	F R	GCG ACC TAC CTG CCA CCT ACA CC TCG TCC ACC GCC TCC AGA TGC
Interleukin-1 beta receptor 1	IL-1R1	F R	GAA GCT GTA CGA CGC CTA C CTC CAC TGC CTT ACT GTA TCC
Interleukin-1 beta receptor 2	IL-1R2	F R	CCT GAC CTC TCC GTG ACC TCT AA TGG CTG CTG CTG CTG ATG A
Interleukin-6	IL-6	F R	TCT TGA AGG TGG TGC TGG AAG TG TCT TGA AGG TGG TGC TGG AAG TG
Interleukin-6 receptor A	IL-6RA	F R	GCA GTG CTC GTA CTC TTC CTC CGC TCT TCC TCA TTG
Interleukin-6 receptor B	IL-6RB	F R	CAG TGT CGG AGT ATG TGG TTG AGT CCC TCT GCC AGT CTG TCC AA
Interleukin-8	IL-8	F R	CAG CAG AGT CTT CAT CGT CAC TAT TG AGG CTC GCT TCA CTG ATG G
Interleukin-8 receptor A	IL-8RA	F R	CTT GTT TCA TCT GAC GAT AG AAG AGG ATG CTT GTG TAG
Interleukin-10	IL-10	F R	AAC ATC CTG GGC TTC TAT CTG GTG TCC TCC GTC TCA TCT G
Interleukin-10 receptor A	IL-10RA	F R	GAG GAC AAT GAA GAG GAA GAC AGG AG TGT TCG TAG CGG AGT TGG ACT
Interleukin-10 receptor B	IL-10RB	F R	AGA CCC ACA GGC TTC AGA T GCA GCG TCA CCA GGT TAG
Tumor necrosis factor - alpha	TNF- α	F R	CAG GCG TCG TTC AGA GTC TC CTG TGG CTG AGA GCT GTG AG
Tumor necrosis factor	TRADD	F	GAG GGA AAG TTC ATC GTG TTC AAA GTC ATC

receptor type 1-associated DEATH domain protein		R	AAC GGA TCA GCA TCA TGG ACC TTA AGT A
Sirtuin1	SIRT1	F	GGT TCC TAC AGT TTC ATC CAG CAG CAC ATC
		R	CCT CAG AAT GGT CCT CGG ATC GGT CTC
Sirtuin2	SIRT2	F	GAA CAA TCC GAC GAC AGC AGT GAA G
		R	AGG TTA CGC AGG AAG TCC ATC TCT
Sirtuin3	SIRT3	F	CTG CCA AGT CCT CAT CCC
		R	CTT CAC CAG ACG AGC CAC
Sirtuin4	SIRT4	F	GGC TGG CGG AGT CGG ATG
		R	TCC TGA ATA CAC CTG TGA CGA AGA C
Sirtuin5	SIRT5	F	CAG ACA TCC TAA CCC GAG CAG AG
		R	CCA CGA GGC AGA GGT CAC A
Proliferator-activated receptor gamma coactivator 1 alpha	PGC1 α	F	CGT GGG ACA GGT GTA ACC AGG ACT C
		R	ACC AAC CAA GGC AGC ACA CTC TAA TTC T
Carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1A	CPT1A	F	GTG CCT TCG TTC GTT CCA TGA TC
		R	TGA TGC TTA TCT GCT GCC TGT TTG
Cytrate synthase	CS	F	TCC AGG AGG TGA CGA GCC
		R	GTG ACC AGC AGC CAG AAG AG
NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase chain 2	ND2	F	TAG GTT GAA TGA CCA TCG TA
		R	GGC TAA GGA GTT GAG GTT
NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 alpha subcomplex, assembly factor 2	NDUFAF2	F	AGG CAG CAT ACC GAT AGA G
		R	ACT CAT TCT TCA GCA ACT CCT
Cytochrome c oxidase subunit I	COXI	F	GTC CTA CTT CTT CTG TCC CTT CCT GTT CT
		R	AGG TTT CGG TCT GTA AGG AGC ATT GTA ATC
SCO1 protein homolog, mitochondrial	SCO1	F	ACA ACA ACA AGC CCA CCA AGA
		R	GAC AGT GAG TGA ACC CGA AGT AGA T
Uncoupling protein 1	UCP1	F	GCA CAC TAC CCA ACA TCA CAA G
		R	CGC CGA ACG CAG AAA CAA AG
Uncoupling protein 2	UCP2	F	CGG CGG CGT CCT CAG TTG
		R	AAG CAA GTG GTC CCT CTT TGG TCA T
Uncoupling protein 3	UCP3	F	AGG TGC GAC TGG CTG ACG
		R	TTC GGC ATA CAA CCT CTC CAA AG
Liver X receptor α	LXR α	F	GCA CTT CGC CTC CAG GAC AAG
		R	CAG TCT TCA CAC AGC CAC ATC AGG
Peroxisome proliferator-	PPAR α	F	TCT CTT CAG CCC ACC ATC CC

activated receptor α

R ATC CCA GCG TGT CGT CTC C

Peroxisomeproliferator-
activated receptor γ

PPAR γ

F CGC CGT GGA CCT GTC AGA GC

R GGA ATG GAT GGA GGA GGA GGA GAT GG

Table S4. Relative gene expression of growth-related genes in the liver of gilthead sea bream sampled in August 2013 (week 13). Data are the mean \pm SEM of 6-7 fish. All data are referenced to the expression level of IGFR2 of control fish (D1 diet) with an arbitrarily assigned value of 1. Different superscript letters in each row indicate significant differences among dietary treatments (SNK test, $P < 0.05$).

	D1	D2	D3	D4	P-value
GHR-I	19.41 \pm 0.99	18.53 \pm 2.07	19.63 \pm 2.12	20.12 \pm 3.42	0.898
GHR-II	13.88 \pm 2.54	13.06 \pm 2.10	11.29 \pm 0.97	14.85 \pm 1.92	0.601
IGF-I	68.1 \pm 8.65 ^a	56.71 \pm 8.96 ^{ab}	37.6 \pm 4.30 ^b	47.21 \pm 4.07 ^{ab}	0.018
IGF-II	28.09 \pm 5.30	30.36 \pm 2.76	20.83 \pm 4.96	23.21 \pm 2.85	0.335
IGFBP1	0.11 \pm 0.03	0.11 \pm 0.01	0.14 \pm 0.01	0.10 \pm 0.01	0.212
IGFBP2	17.13 \pm 2.19	14.59 \pm 1.41	13.55 \pm 1.18	13.96 \pm 1.49	0.452
IGFBP4	6.19 \pm 1.06	4.18 \pm 0.58	4.60 \pm 0.28	4.45 \pm 0.63	0.204
IGFBP7	6.44 \pm 0.71	5.15 \pm 0.48	4.57 \pm 0.73	4.31 \pm 0.53	0.069
IGFALS	176.7 \pm 42.1	129.1 \pm 10.2	101.8 \pm 12.1	126.7 \pm 14.3	0.214
INSR	3.05 \pm 0.11	2.25 \pm 0.26	2.68 \pm 0.25	2.56 \pm 0.14	0.101
IGFR1	0.25 \pm 0.02	0.19 \pm 0.01	0.24 \pm 0.01	0.21 \pm 0.01	0.057
IGFR2	1.04 \pm 0.06	0.90 \pm 0.06	0.95 \pm 0.05	0.96 \pm 0.07	0.469
MEF2A	2.94 \pm 0.26	2.32 \pm 0.12	2.50 \pm 0.25	2.23 \pm 0.15	0.083
MEF2C	0.28 \pm 0.02	0.25 \pm 0.02	0.35 \pm 0.05	0.25 \pm 0.02	0.136
PCNA	8.73 \pm 1.13 ^a	6.17 \pm 1.25 ^{ab}	6.58 \pm 0.83 ^{ab}	4.04 \pm 0.53 ^b	0.017
MET	4.11 \pm 0.59	3.81 \pm 0.21	3.82 \pm 0.59	3.47 \pm 0.31	0.785
CAPN1	2.94 \pm 0.26	2.27 \pm 0.25	3.16 \pm 0.33	2.24 \pm 0.23	0.051
CAPN2	1.24 \pm 0.17	1.04 \pm 0.04	1.37 \pm 0.10	1.18 \pm 0.08	0.212
CAPN3	0.09 \pm 0.02	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.13 \pm 0.03	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.292
CAST	4.19 \pm 0.53	3.93 \pm 0.41	5.01 \pm 0.35	4.25 \pm 0.44	0.374
CTSB	30.61 \pm 2.51	33.9 \pm 3.15	37.67 \pm 3.65	33.74 \pm 4.19	0.593
CTSD	4.67 \pm 1.50	4.14 \pm 1.02	2.69 \pm 0.54	3.16 \pm 0.23	0.461
CTSL	86.43 \pm 10.19	77.26 \pm 10.64	77.91 \pm 9.76	74.30 \pm 12.19	0.875
CTSS	2.12 \pm 0.12	2.38 \pm 0.35	2.65 \pm 0.32	2.44 \pm 0.28	0.635
PSMD4	2.53 \pm 0.26	2.06 \pm 0.22	2.64 \pm 0.12	2.03 \pm 0.24	0.142
PSD12	3.59 \pm 0.30	3.70 \pm 0.34	4.20 \pm 0.33	3.10 \pm 0.39	0.184
PSMA5	3.31 \pm 0.34	2.47 \pm 0.50	3.91 \pm 0.37	2.68 \pm 0.60	0.174
PSMB1A	7.31 \pm 0.48	6.55 \pm 0.52	8.78 \pm 0.34	6.39 \pm 1.06	0.059
UCHL3	2.07 \pm 0.14	1.50 \pm 0.17	2.29 \pm 0.19	1.82 \pm 0.30	0.107
UBE2A	2.15 \pm 0.26	1.73 \pm 0.11	1.98 \pm 0.13	2.10 \pm 0.18	0.407
UBE2D2	6.00 \pm 0.37	4.92 \pm 0.32	4.76 \pm 0.22	5.04 \pm 0.48	0.118
UBE2L3	12.31 \pm 0.86	10.04 \pm 0.63	12.95 \pm 0.64	10.28 \pm 1.07	0.059
UBE2N	3.83 \pm 0.15	3.23 \pm 0.26	3.86 \pm 0.07	3.56 \pm 0.42	0.373
CUL2	1.06 \pm 0.09	0.91 \pm 0.06	1.06 \pm 0.06	0.94 \pm 0.07	0.331
CUL3	0.99 \pm 0.08	0.86 \pm 0.07	0.98 \pm 0.06	0.81 \pm 0.05	0.140
CUL5	0.43 \pm 0.03	0.42 \pm 0.04	0.44 \pm 0.03	0.38 \pm 0.03	0.564
mtHsp10	7.30 \pm 0.61 ^a	4.96 \pm 0.54 ^b	6.65 \pm 0.54 ^{ab}	5.17 \pm 0.53 ^b	0.019
Hsp30	0.04 \pm 0.01	0.05 \pm 0.01	0.07 \pm 0.02	0.05 \pm 0.01	0.417
mtHsp60	2.39 \pm 0.31 ^a	1.64 \pm 0.17 ^b	1.83 \pm 0.08 ^b	1.46 \pm 0.11 ^b	0.011
mtHsp70	4.91 \pm 0.44 ^a	3.17 \pm 0.24 ^b	2.90 \pm 0.22 ^b	2.84 \pm 0.22 ^b	<0.001

	D1	D2	D3	D4	P-value
Hsp90β	185.3±3.99 ^a	134.4±7.32 ^b	149.7±7.70 ^b	133.67±4.38 ^b	<0.001
GRP-170	6.10±0.62	5.80±0.76	6.36±0.42	4.85±0.44	0.268
GRP-94	15.10±2.50	13.20±1.81	11.78±1.51	9.33±0.72	0.118
DER-1	11.09±0.70	10.09±0.91	10.38±0.62	8.72±0.79	0.185
IL-1β	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.03±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.325
IL-1R1	2.36±0.26	2.46±0.28	3.50±0.80	3.63±0.94	0.206
IL-1R2	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.04±0.02	0.01±0.01	0.053
IL-6RA	8.42±1.03	6.65±0.51	8.48±1.44	8.50±0.80	0.495
IL-6RB	7.40±0.42 ^a	6.59±0.55 ^{ab}	6.38±0.52 ^{ab}	5.34±0.21 ^b	0.020
IL-8	0.03±0.01	0.03±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.03±0.01	0.463
IL-8RA	0.15±0.03	0.14±0.04	0.22±0.07	0.15±0.04	0.576
IL-10	0.05±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.03±0.01	0.613
IL-10RA	0.20±0.05	0.16±0.02	0.19±0.05	0.14±0.01	0.518
IL-10RB	5.83±0.42 ^a	4.95±0.57 ^{ab}	3.93±0.27 ^b	4.52±0.54 ^{ab}	0.048
TNF-α	0.13±0.01	0.11±0.01	0.11±0.01	0.11±0.01	0.555
TRADD	1.10±0.05 ^a	0.94±0.06 ^a	1.41±0.14 ^b	1.04±0.08 ^a	0.010
SIRT1	0.51±0.03	0.53±0.04	0.57±0.06	0.55±0.04	0.764
SIRT2	2.01±0.13	1.80±0.15	1.81±0.06	1.77±0.16	0.598
SIRT3	0.34±0.03	0.30±0.04	0.35±0.03	0.23±0.01	0.300
SIRT4	0.14±0.01	0.13±0.01	0.13±0.01	0.13±0.01	0.738
SIRT5	2.14±0.16	1.86±0.17	1.73±0.13	1.72±0.15	0.217
PGC1α	0.18±0.03	0.19±0.03	0.17±0.03	0.22±0.04	0.812
CPT1A	2.81±0.36	1.72±0.23	2.16±0.30	2.34±0.20	0.082
CS	6.50±0.48 ^a	4.60±0.32 ^b	5.81±0.34 ^{ab}	4.91±0.35 ^b	0.008
ND2	184.9±9.65	182.6±18.13	235.7±17.7	204.4±20.76	0.161
NDUFAF2	2.42±0.15	2.39±0.11	2.32±0.15	2.31±0.13	0.922
COXI	406.8±22.1 ^a	259.7±47.5 ^b	366.0±31.3 ^{ab}	328.1±22.7 ^{ab}	0.028
SCO1	0.49±0.06	0.43±0.05	0.44±0.02	0.35±0.03	0.136
UCP1	108.0±11.71	92.37±20.75	109.8±14.42	112.3±13.36	0.795
UCP2	0.02±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.300
LXRα	5.66±0.78 ^a	3.34±0.33 ^b	4.62±0.41 ^{ab}	4.10±0.36 ^{ab}	0.038
PPARα	16.77±1.13	14.43±2.06	19.06±1.70	16.42±1.36	0.276
PPARγ	5.50±0.57 ^a	3.79±0.55 ^b	3.95±0.17 ^b	3.86±0.37 ^b	0.037

Table S5. Relative gene expression of growth-related genes in the skeletal muscle of gilthead sea bream sampled in August 2013 (week 13). Data are the mean \pm SEM of 6-7 fish. All data are referenced to the expression level of IGFR2 of control fish (D1 diet) with an arbitrarily assigned value of 1. Different superscript letters in each row indicate significant differences among dietary treatments (SNK test, $P < 0.05$).

	D1	D2	D3	D4	P-value
GHR-I	8.22 \pm 0.46	7.12 \pm 0.96	6.81 \pm 0.58	7.52 \pm 0.55	0.480
GHR-II	3.63 \pm 0.37	2.60 \pm 0.37	2.96 \pm 0.76	2.55 \pm 0.50	0.501
IGF-I	0.59 \pm 0.06	0.65 \pm 0.13	0.69 \pm 0.09	0.61 \pm 0.04	0.789
IGF-II	3.2 \pm 0.32	3.21 \pm 0.28	3.11 \pm 0.26	2.76 \pm 0.36	0.705
IGFBP1	0.31 \pm 0.05	0.40 \pm 0.05	0.45 \pm 0.05	0.31 \pm 0.05	0.062
IGFBP4	0.49 \pm 0.07	0.67 \pm 0.15	0.45 \pm 0.05	0.70 \pm 0.17	0.419
IGFBP7	4.61 \pm 0.53	4.31 \pm 0.47	3.97 \pm 0.29	3.61 \pm 0.67	0.540
INSR	1.44 \pm 0.09	1.21 \pm 0.07	1.42 \pm 0.09	1.31 \pm 0.16	0.451
IGFR1	1.41 \pm 0.12	1.17 \pm 0.12	1.27 \pm 0.07	1.17 \pm 0.13	0.384
IGFR2	0.83 \pm 0.13	0.65 \pm 0.03	0.60 \pm 0.02	0.61 \pm 0.08	0.189
MyoD1	15.23 \pm 1.23	12.22 \pm 0.72	16.74 \pm 1.16	15.07 \pm 1.70	0.059
MyoD2	8.04 \pm 1.16	7.02 \pm 1.01	8.75 \pm 1.18	6.83 \pm 0.78	0.517
Myf5	1.05 \pm 0.09	1.07 \pm 0.06	1.12 \pm 0.05	0.97 \pm 0.08	0.544
Myf6	1.03 \pm 0.09	0.96 \pm 0.07	1.23 \pm 0.04	1.08 \pm 0.22	0.530
MSTN	5.21 \pm 1.35	4.51 \pm 0.45	6.17 \pm 1.82	5.70 \pm 0.96	0.493
MEF2A	36.17 \pm 2.2	34.08 \pm 1.95	39.18 \pm 2.17	37.30 \pm 3.13	0.543
MEF2C	8.77 \pm 0.44	7.80 \pm 0.42	8.55 \pm 0.51	8.09 \pm 0.57	0.523
FST	0.84 \pm 0.15	0.88 \pm 0.22	0.88 \pm 0.03	0.89 \pm 0.20	0.995
CAV3	73.81 \pm 4.50	71.88 \pm 2.71	87.10 \pm 6.41	77.70 \pm 3.76	0.128
DES	194.1 \pm 15.23	202.2 \pm 8.80	204.1 \pm 12.37	198.8 \pm 22.59	0.972
CDH15	1.62 \pm 0.10 ^a	1.80 \pm 0.11 ^{ab}	2.07 \pm 0.09 ^b	1.65 \pm 0.12 ^a	0.020
PCNA	2.73 \pm 0.29	2.57 \pm 0.20	3.00 \pm 0.20	2.26 \pm 0.26	0.204
PAX7	0.12 \pm 0.01	0.15 \pm 0.02	0.14 \pm 0.02	0.15 \pm 0.01	0.383
SOX3	0.06 \pm 0.03	0.02 \pm 0.01	0.04 \pm 0.01	0.03 \pm 0.01	0.690
MET	0.37 \pm 0.04	0.34 \pm 0.04	0.33 \pm 0.03	0.26 \pm 0.02	0.145
CAPN1	3.92 \pm 0.22	3.91 \pm 0.34	4.21 \pm 0.30	3.85 \pm 0.29	0.808
CAPN2	5.16 \pm 0.35	5.56 \pm 0.71	5.32 \pm 0.33	4.96 \pm 0.54	0.850
CAPN3	13.76 \pm 0.77 ^a	13.45 \pm 0.86 ^a	18.24 \pm 0.94 ^b	12.13 \pm 1.51 ^a	0.003
CAST	13.91 \pm 1.15	11.21 \pm 0.50	14.24 \pm 1.83	12.36 \pm 0.87	0.312
CTSB	7.12 \pm 0.58	7.19 \pm 0.45	5.98 \pm 0.37	6.10 \pm 0.69	0.262
CTSD	0.91 \pm 0.07	0.96 \pm 0.06	0.86 \pm 0.05	0.73 \pm 0.09	0.151
CTSL	11.36 \pm 0.90	11.32 \pm 1.19	10.78 \pm 0.65	10.22 \pm 0.79	0.776
CTSS	2.04 \pm 0.27	2.32 \pm 0.24	1.74 \pm 0.30	1.57 \pm 0.23	0.224
PSMD4	1.97 \pm 0.10	1.92 \pm 0.05	2.11 \pm 0.08	1.75 \pm 0.17	0.179
PSD12	5.95 \pm 0.40	5.85 \pm 0.50	6.71 \pm 0.30	5.12 \pm 0.53	0.105
PSMA5	3.10 \pm 0.23 ^{ab}	2.88 \pm 0.19 ^{ab}	3.52 \pm 0.20 ^b	2.41 \pm 0.31 ^a	0.023
PSMB1A	7.85 \pm 0.57 ^{ab}	7.59 \pm 0.20 ^{ab}	9.04 \pm 0.36 ^b	6.72 \pm 0.69 ^a	0.028
UCHL3	4.02 \pm 0.19 ^a	3.79 \pm 0.07 ^{ab}	4.23 \pm 0.30 ^a	3.15 \pm 0.26 ^b	0.013
UBE2A	4.29 \pm 0.86	3.46 \pm 0.14	3.69 \pm 0.35	3.06 \pm 0.27	0.389
UBE2D2	1.98 \pm 0.19	1.92 \pm 0.07	2.16 \pm 0.17	1.61 \pm 0.12	0.091

	D1	D2	D3	D4	P-value
UBE2L3	17.42±1.00	15.68±1.02	18.37±1.15	15.48±0.82	0.153
UBE2N	13.03±0.88 ^{ab}	12.14±0.30 ^{ab}	14.60±1.05 ^b	10.57±1.07 ^a	0.025
CUL2	2.05±0.16	1.84±0.04	2.15±0.08	1.75±0.11	0.051
CUL3	3.02±0.15	2.65±0.14	3.27±0.12	2.72±0.25	0.076
CUL5	0.68±0.07	0.67±0.04	0.81±0.11	0.60±0.06	0.228
mtHsp10	5.39±0.79	5.60±0.63	6.83±0.84	4.86±0.67	0.300
Hsp30	0.08±0.06	0.08±0.02	0.11±0.07	0.08±0.04	0.966
mtHsp60	2.10±0.19	2.17±0.19	2.58±0.22	1.85±0.20	0.110
mtHsp70	4.44±0.38	4.21±0.30	5.40±0.49	4.48±0.38	0.197
Hsp90α	60.02±8.51	69.10±8.46	73.07±8.37	57.80±3.82	0.434
Hsp90β	29.87±2.55	31.26±2.86	31.34±2.05	27.65±2.45	0.690
GRP-170	1.83±0.15	1.81±0.13	1.98±0.09	1.60±0.16	0.282
GRP-94	3.23±0.29	3.04±0.16	2.96±0.26	2.41±0.14	0.085
DER-1	9.18±0.55	9.48±0.37	10.84±0.67	8.76±0.60	0.079
IL-1β	0.05±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.05±0.01	0.05±0.01	0.659
IL-1R1	0.61±0.04	0.62±0.09	0.55±0.06	0.47±0.07	0.367
IL-1R2	0.02±0.01	0.02±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.086
IL-6	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.01±0.01	0.456
IL-6RA	0.44±0.03	0.44±0.07	0.47±0.02	0.38±0.06	0.596
IL-6RB	2.91±0.16	2.87±0.12	3.01±0.21	2.40±0.22	0.122
IL-8	0.04±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.787
IL-10	0.05±0.01	0.06±0.01	0.05±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.356
IL-10RA	0.06±0.01	0.06±0.01	0.05±0.01	0.04±0.01	0.438
IL-10RB	0.73±0.05	0.91±0.05	0.76±0.04	0.73±0.08	0.125
TNFα	0.10±0.01 ^{ab}	0.10±0.01 ^{ab}	0.12±0.01 ^b	0.08±0.01 ^a	0.025
TRADD	0.29±0.02	0.32±0.03	0.34±0.02	0.27±0.03	0.251
SIRT1	0.61±0.04	0.61±0.02	0.61±0.02	0.55±0.06	0.672
SIRT2	1.27±0.11	1.19±0.04	1.26±0.07	1.06±0.11	0.314
SIRT3	0.17±0.01	0.17±0.02	0.19±0.02	0.15±0.01	0.310
SIRT4	0.14±0.01	0.12±0.01	0.14±0.01	0.12±0.01	0.254
SIRT5	1.89±0.15	1.74±0.13	1.95±0.08	1.64±0.12	0.282
PGC1α	0.32±0.09	0.24±0.08	0.28±0.06	0.32±0.10	0.896
CPT1A	5.66±0.59	5.16±0.66	4.50±0.36	6.52±0.99	0.226
CS	42.9±3.49	38.41±2.72	40.39±2.24	39.05±3.97	0.769
ND2	182.3±24.2	224.6±11.9	231.1±26.5	205.0±14.1	0.354
NDUFAF2	2.09±0.15	2.00±0.11	2.04±0.14	1.80±0.15	0.462
COXI	553.6±72.1	503.9±22.8	551.4±24.6	503.8±11.4	0.711
SCO1	0.32±0.03	0.29±0.02	0.31±0.03	0.33±0.04	0.812
UCP2	0.64±0.10	0.61±0.09	0.91±0.18	0.72±0.16	0.365
UCP3	14.36±2.62	13.30±3.07	20.36±2.42	16.72±3.42	0.363
LXRα	0.72±0.05	0.70±0.02	0.65±0.04	0.60±0.04	0.137
PPARα	1.98±0.10 ^a	1.80±0.12 ^{ab}	1.64±0.11 ^{ab}	1.37±0.16 ^b	0.013
PPARγ	1.64±0.14 ^a	1.62±0.48 ^{ab}	1.32±0.24 ^{ab}	1.10±0.10 ^b	0.015

