Supplementary Figure 1. Normal structure of A-cKO heart at baseline.

(A) Ultrastructure of myocardium by TEM. Scale bars indicate 1 μm. (B) Hematoxylin & Eosin (H&E) staining of heart tissue. (C) Trichrome staining for fibrosis. (D) Endothelial marker CD31 staining for myocardial capillary density. (E) EF5 staining for hypoxia stress. (F) Expression of hypoxia-inducible genes by qPCR. (G,H) ECG recording by telemetry.



Supplementary Figure 1

Supplementary Figure 2. TAC-induced severe mitochondrial damage in A-cKO heart.

(A) Mitochondrial disarray. (B) Mitochondrial degeneration. (C,D) Altered size and shape of mitochondria. Black arrowheads: fragmented mitochondria. White arrowheads: giant mitochondria. Scale bars indicate 1 μm.



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Mitochondrial fragmentation and formation of giant mitochondria



Supplementary Figure 2

Supplementary Figure 3. Myocardial glycogen content before and after 3-day of TAC.

Glycogen deposition was assessed by PAS staining. n=3 in each group. Liver sections from normally fed (Fed) and 24-hour fasted (Fasted) mice were included as controls. Glycogen deposits stained in red.

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Supplementary Figure 3

Supplementary Figure 4. Mitochondrial dysfunction in aged KLF4-deficient hearts.

Mice were 9-month old. Scale bars indicate 0.5 μ m. Representative images from 3 animals in each group were shown.



Supplementary Figure 5. Normal vascular development and gross structure of E-cKO heart.

(A) Capillary density revealed by CD34 staining. (B) Trichrome staining to reveal fibrosis.
Representative images from 3 pairs of animals were shown. (C) Expression of hypoxia-inducible glycolysis genes. (D) Expression of metabolic and mitochondrial genes. Genes expression was determined in the heart at 2-week of age. n=10 in each group. *p<0.05.







Supplementary Figure 6. Mitochondrial abnormality in E-cKO hearts at 2-week after birth.

(A) Normal ultrastructure of E-Cre hearts. (B) Abnormality of myocardial ultrastructure in EcKO hearts showing mitochondrial disarray, degeneration, and altered size and shape of mitochondria. Red arrowheads: degenerated mitochondria. Black arrowheads: fragmented mitochondria. White arrowheads: giant mitochondria. Scale bars indicate 500 nm.



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Supplementary Figure 7. Myocardial glycogen content in 3-week-old mice.

Glycogen deposition was assessed by PAS staining. n=3 in each group. Glycogen deposits stained in red.



Supplementary Figure 7

Supplementary Figure 8. Interaction and cooperativity between KLF4 and the ERR/PGC-1 module.

(A, D) Recruitment of KLF4 onto endogenous *Ppara* (A) and *Pdk4* (D) promoters and activation of the promoter reporter. Solid bars indicate KRE and open bar indicates NRRE. Arrow heads indicate PCR regions in ChIP assays. (B, E) Synergistic cooperativity between KLF4 and the ERR/PGC-1 complex on target promoters. (C, F) Promoter truncation analysis. n=3. *p<0.05.



Supplementary Figure 9. KLF4 positively regulates and is requisite for PPARa signaling.

(A, B) Adenoviral overexpression of KLF4 in NRVM induced PPAR α target genes (A) and enhanced FAO (B). (C, D) Adenoviral knockdown of KLF4 in NRVM impaired PPAR α ligand WY14643-induced target genes expression and induction of FAO. NRVM were infected with adenovirus for 48 h before treatment with WY14643 for 16 h. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.





Supplementary Figure 9

Supplementary Figure 10. Effects of KLF4 on cardiac glucose metabolism.

(A, B) Glycolysis assays using the Seahorse glycolysis stress test in NRVM with acute overexpression (A) or knockdown (B) of KLF4. (C, D) Glycolysis rate shown as extracellular acidification rate (ECAR). Basal glycolysis rate was calculated as Δ (ECAR_{glucose}-ECAR_{basal}). Glycolysis capacity was calculated as Δ (ECAR_{Oligomycin}-ECAR_{basal}). (E, F) Maximal glucose oxidation rate was calculated from FCCP-induced oxygen consumption rate (OCR) with glucose (25 mmol/L) as the sole substrate using the Seahorse cell mito stress test. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.





Supplementary Figure 11. Impaired mitophagy was associated with inflammation.

(A) IL6 mRNA expression in KLF4-deficient myocardium. (B) IL6 mRNA expression in KLF4deficient cardiomyocytes. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.



Supplementary Figure 12. KLF4 does not affect AMPK-mediated phosphorylation of ACC in NRVM.

Western blot for total protein of Acetyl-CoA Carboxylase (ACC) and its Ser79-phosphorylated form in NRVM. ACC is a confirmed direct target of AMPK.



Supplementary Figure 13. KLF4 directly activates ULK1 promoter.

(A) KLF4 activated ULK1 promoter in NRVM. (B) The KLF4-mediated activation of ULK1 promoter requires the DNA binding domain (ZnF) and it is specific to KLF4. Luciferase reporter activity was assayed 24h post transfection. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.



Supplementary Figure 14. KLF4-induced LC3 activation is dependent on ULK1 and ULK2.

(A) KLF4 regulates transcription of ULK1 and ULK2. (B) KLF4 binds to ULK2 proximal promoter. (C) Adenoviral knockdown of ULK1 and ULK2 in NRVM. (D) Deficiency of ULK1 or ULK2 attenuated KLF4-mediated LC3 activation. NRVMs were infected with scramble shRNA (Sh-EV) or Sh-ULK1, Sh-ULK2 adenovirus for 48 h before secondary infection with adenoviral KLF4. Cells were cultured for another 24 h before harvested for Western blot analysis. *p<0.05, n=6 in each group.



Supplementary Figure 15. KLF4 regulates autophagy signaling in cardiomyocytes.

(A) Venn diagram showing genes that were significantly induced by KLF4 overexpression or reduced by KLF4 knockdown (difference over ± 1.5 fold and p<0.05). NRVMs were infected with adenovirus expressing KLF4 mRNA or KLF4-targeting shRNA for 72 h. Corresponding empty viruses (Ad-EV, Sh-EV) were used as control. (B) Venn diagram showing genes that were significantly reduced in KLF4-silencing NRVM *in vitro* and in KLF4 deficient heart *in vivo* (difference over -1.5 fold and p<0.05). *Asterisks indicate genes that are recapitulated *in vivo*. Total RNA was extracted, purified, reverse transcribed into cDNA and subjected to qPCR analysis with the RT² Profiler PCR Array targeting autophagy pathway (Qiagen, PAMM-084Z, PARN-084Z).



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Supplementary Table I. Substrates used for mitochondrial respiration assays.

Substrate	Check point(s)
Palmitoyl-CoA	Palmitoyl-CoA (+carnitine+Malate): requires all steps of mitochondrial fatty acid transport and oxidation (FAO), TCA and ETC.
Palmitoyl-carnitine	Palmitoyl-carnitine (+Malate): bypasses mitochondrial carnitine palmitoyl transferase 1 (CPT1) as the limiting step of fatty acid mitochondrial transport, uses long-chain acyl dehydrogenase (LCAD), and requires TCA, ETC.
Octanoyl-carnitine	Octanoylcarnitine (+Malate): bypasses CPT1, uses medium-chain acyl dehydrogenase (MCAD), and requires TCA, ETC.
Acetyl-carnitine	Acetylcarnitine (+Malate): bypasses FAO, CPT1, uses carnitine acylcarnitine translocase (CACT) and requires TCA, ETC.
Pyruvate	Pyruvate (+Malate): uses pyruvate transporter and dehydrogenase, produces NADH from TCA, and NADH is oxidized through ETC.

Supplementary Table II. Primer sequences for quantitative real-time PCR. <u>qPCR primers for mouse genes</u>

Gene	Official	Forward primer 5'-3'	Reverse primer 5'-3'	Official Full Name	
MCAD	symbol	<u> </u>	r		
MCAD	Acadm			acyl-Coenzyme A denydrogenase, medium chain	
VLCAD	Acadvi	ggtggtttgggcctctcta	gggtaacgctaacaccaagg	acyl-CoA dehydrogenase, very long chain	
ACSLI	Acsil	aaagatggctggttacacacg	cgataatettcaaggtgccatt	acyl-CoA synthetase long-chain family member 1	
sk-actin	Actal	aatgagegttteegttge	ateccegeagactecatae	actin, alpha 1, skeletal muscle	
CKM12	Ckmt2	gcaggatctggatacgacaga	ggccatecttettettggtt	creatine kinase, mitochondrial 2	
CPTIb	Cpt1b	tgeetttaeategteteeaa	ggctccagggttcagaaagt	carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1b, muscle	
CP12	Cpt2	ccaaagaagcagcgatgg	tagagetcaggeagggtga	carnitine palmitoyltransferase 2	
CS	Cs	ggaaggctaagaacccttgg	tcatctccgtcatgccatagt	citrate synthase	
CYCS	Cycs	gctgctgtatttatggcattga	gatteteagaaggeaagtgetta	cytochrome c, somatic	
DRP1	Dnm1	tgcagctagtccacgtttca	cccattettetgetteaactet	dynamin 1-like	
ERRalpha	Esrra	ccttccctgctggacctc	cgacaccagagcgttcact	estrogen related receptor, alpha	
FIS1	Fis1	tggtgtctgtggaggatctg	attgcgtgctcttggacac	fission 1 (mitochondrial outer membrane) homolog (S. cerevisiae)	
GATA4	Gata4	ggaagacaccccaatctcg	catggccccacaattgac	GATA binding protein 4	
HADHB	Hadhb	tgaaaacaagcaatgtggcta	tgaagagatacaagccatgotg	hydroxyacyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-Coenzyme A thiolase/enoyl-Coenzyme A	
	Tidullo		iguagagatacaagecatggig	hydratase (trifunctional protein), beta subunit	
KLF4	Klf4	cgggaagggagaagacact	gagtteeteacgeeaacg	Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)	
LPL	Lpl	gctggtgggaaatgatgtg	tggacgttgtctagggggta	ipoprotein lipase	
MFN1	Mfn1	aagcataaagctcaggggatg	tgcttgaaatccttctgcaa	mitofusin 1	
MFN2	Mfn2	cacagtgggtcacgtgaaaa	cccccagaaagaacacaaca	mitofusin 2	
ATP6	mt-Atp6	ccataaatctaagtatagccattccac	agctttttagtttgtgtcggaag	ATP synthase 6, mitochondrial	
CO1	mt-Co1	cagacegeaacetaaacaca	ttctgggtgcccaaagaat	cytochrome c oxidase I, mitochondrial	
CO2	mt-Co2	gccgactaaatcaagcaaca	caatgggcataaagctatgg	cytochrome c oxidase II, mitochondrial	
CYTB	mt-Cytb	gaggttggttcggttttgg	gttttgaaagggtgggtgac	cytochrome b, mitochondrial	
ND1	mt-Nd1	acacttattacaacccaagaacacat	tcatattatggctatgggtcagg	NADH dehydrogenase 1, mitochondrial	
ND2	mt-Nd2	ccatcaactcaatctcacttctatg	gaatcctgttagtggtggaagg	NADH dehydrogenase 2, mitochondrial	
ND5	mt-Nd5	gccaacaacatatttcaacttttc	accatcatccaattagtagaaagga	NADH dehydrogenase 5, mitochondrial	
NDUFB3	Ndufb3	cgggaggtcagattgctg	tttccactgtctgtaatctggaag	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 beta subcomplex 3	
NDUFB5	Ndufb5	cctggctatcctccagattg	cgcatcagcettegaact	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 beta subcomplex 5	
NDUFB7	Ndufb7	cccgagaagatacccagctt	ggcatccatcatctcttgttg	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 beta subcomplex 7	
ANP	Nppa	cacagatctgatggatttcaaga	cctcatcttctaccggcatc	natriuretic peptide A	
BNP	Nppb	gtcagtcgtttgggctgtaac	agacccaggcagagtcagaa	natriuretic peptide B	
OPA1	Opa1	accaggagaagtagactgtgtcaa	tetteaaataaacgeagaggtg	optic atrophy 1	
POLRM	Polrmt	ccatgctgaactgctgga	ctcaggtgtgccctctgc	polymerase (RNA) mitochondrial (DNA directed)	
PPARalpha	Ppara	ctgagaccctcggggaac	aaacgtcagttcacagggaag	peroxisome proliferator activated receptor alpha	
PPARdelta	Ppard	gtatgcgcatgggactcac	gtctgagcgcagatggact	peroxisome proliferator activator receptor delta	
PGC1alpha	Ppargc1a	gaaagggccaaacagagaga	gtaaatcacacggcgctctt	peroxisome proliferative activated receptor, gamma, coactivator 1 alpha	
PGC1beta	Ppargc1b	gacgtggacgagctttcact	ctgctgttccgtcaactcaa	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma, coactivator 1 beta	
CACT	Slc25a20	atccgcggcttctacaaag	tacatcccactggcaggaac	solute carrier family 25 (mitochondrial carnitine/acylcarnitine translocase), member 20	
FATP1	Slc27a1	gacaagctggatcaggcaag	gaggccacagaggctgttc	solute carrier family 27 (fatty acid transporter), member 1	
TFAM	Tfam	caaaggatgattcggctcag	aagetgaatatatgeetgetttte	transcription factor A. mitochondrial	
TFB2M	Tfb2m	aaacccatcccgtcaaatta	taatgccccagtcaggattc	transcription factor B2 mitochondrial	
ULK1	Ulk1	ggatccatggtgtcactgc	caagggcagctgattgtacc	unc-51 like kinase 1	
GLUT1	Slc2a1	atggatcccagcagcagg	ccagtgttatagccgaactgc	solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose transporter) member 1	
LDHA	Ldha	ggcactgacgcagacaag	teatcacctcetagecacte	lactate dehydrogenase A	
ENO1	Enol	gaggcgcttagtgctgct	agaatagacatggcgaatttctg	enolase 1 alpha non-neuron	
PKM2	Pkm	aagggggactaccctctgg	cctcgaatagctgcaagtgg	nyruvate kinase muscle	
Gandh	Gandh	toocaaaotooaoattottocc	aagatootgatgogotteeeg	alveeraldehyde-3-nhosnhate dehydrogenase	
Chr6	Supun	atogaagectoccatcato	teettotteageateae	mouse chromosome 6	

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Acox1	Acox1	cacettegagggagagaaca	cgcacctggtcgtagatttt	acyl-CoA oxidase 1, palmitoyl	
ACSL1	Acsl1	ttacacacgggggacattg	tcctgtcgataatcttcaaggtg	acyl-CoA synthetase long-chain family member 1	
ATP6	mt-Atp6	taagcatagccatcccccta	ttagtttgtgtcggaagcctaga	ATP synthase 6, mitochondrial	
CO3	mt-Co3	taaacccaagcccatgacc	agccggatgtaagtagaagagc	cytochrome c oxidase III, mitochondrial	
COX5b	Cox5b	gaatagtgggctgcatctgtg	gggcaccaacttgtaatgtgt	cytochrome c oxidase subunit Vb	
CPT1b	Cpt1b	gtgactggtgggaagagtacg	ctgcttgttggctcgtgtt	carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1b, muscle	
CPT2	Cpt2	agcetetettggatgacage	cttcccaacgccagtctc	carnitine palmitoyltransferase 2	
CS	Cs	cgtttgtacettaceatecaea	tgctgcaaaggacaggtaag	citrate synthase	
CYCS	Cycs	gatgccaacaagaacaaaggt	tgggattttccaaatactccat	cytochrome c, somatic	
CYTB	mt-Cytb	ccctagtactattcttcccagacct	agggggttagcgggtgtat	cytochrome b, mitochondrial	
ERRalpha	Esrra	cttccctgctggtcctctg	caccagggcgttaactgg	estrogen related receptor, alpha	
FATP1	Slc27a1	gggtttgcaagccagaga	caaagcagccccaatgag	solute carrier family 27 (fatty acid transporter), member 1	
	Hadha			hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase/enoyl-CoA hydratase (trifunctional	
HaunA	Tiauna	ggeagieleagiegeliele	aaagetgtggeadatgeag	protein), alpha subunit	
HadhB	Hadhh	ctttagtggctgcctgtgc	ttgggtaggettecacaate	hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase/enoyl-CoA hydratase (trifunctional	
Trading	Hadilo			protein), beta subunit	
KLF4	Klf4	ccgtccttctccacgttc	gagttcctctcgccaacg	Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)	
LCAD	Acadl	gcagttacttgggaagagcaa	ggcatgacaatatctgaatgga	acyl-CoA dehydrogenase, long chain	
MCAD	Acadm	gggactagggtttagcttcgag	ccgagcaattgtttgaaactc	acyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, medium chain	
MFN1	Mfn1	caaactgcagccaccaagt	gttggcacagtcgagcaa	mitofusin 1	
ND1	mt-Nd1	cctcaacctaggcataccattt	aggeteateeegateataga	NADH dehydrogenase 1, mitochondrial	
ND2	mt-Nd2	ccattetegeaattteatea	tttcgtgtttgggtctggtt	NADH dehydrogenase 2, mitochondrial	
ND4	mt-Nd4	catcagtaagccatatagccctagtc	aagcttcatggtgtctggattat	NADH dehydrogenase 4, mitochondrial	
OPA1	Opa1	accaggagaagtagacggtgtc	ttetteaaatgtatgeagaggtg	optic atrophy 1	
PGC1alpha	Ppargc1a	aaagggccaagcagagaga	gtaaatcacacggcgctctt	peroxisome proliferative activated receptor, gamma, coactivator 1 alpha	
PGC1beta	Ppargc1b	cttcgaggtgtttggtgagat	cgtgcttctggcctctct	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma, coactivator 1 beta	
POLRM	Polrmt	cgtgctgctcaaggacttct	gcagctgctggtagaaaagg	polymerase (RNA) mitochondrial (DNA directed)	
PPARalpha	Ppara	tgcggactaccagtacttaggg	gctggagagagggtgtctgt	peroxisome proliferator activated receptor alpha	
TFB2M	Tfb2m	caaaacccatcccatcaact	aatgccccagtcaggattc	transcription factor B2, mitochondrial	
UCP3	Ucp3	cccctacactgtatgctgagg	agaaaggagggcatgaatcc	ncoupling protein 3 (mitochondrial, proton carrier)	
ULK1	Ulk1	ccagtgtctgacagggaagg	cataaaacaggcgcaaatcc	unc-51 like kinase 1	
ULK2	Ulk2	cacagaacgaccaatggatg	ggcaatgccaacaaca	unc-51 like kinase 2	
GAPDH	Gapdh	gctggcattgctctcaatgaca	tccaccacctgttgctgta	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	
Chr4		ctgcagcaagatgtacaccaa	tcatctgagcgtgaaaacctc	rat chromosome 4	

qPCR primers for ChIP

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proximal	Cycs	cggcggtcttagcactacc	ggtaacaccggctcttaggac
proximal	Ulk1	agccacatcgtctgttaggac	gtcggaactcactccgactc
Distal	Ulk1	catagctagagatagttcagaccttgg	gccttatagtgggcggaact
proximal	Ulk2	cgacggctgcttaggaac	gagggtggcttcaggtcag
Distal	Ulk2	cagaggacttgggtttgatttc	gtcgatctcctgagactggaat
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