Drosophila as a model for nutritional physiology



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Drosophila has organs



- organ-specific gene silencing
- organ explant co-culture
- identification of neural circuitries

from Droujinine and Perrimon, Ann. Rev.Genet. 2016

nutritional control of growth





homeostasis and inter-organ communications



the larval fat body controls systemic growth





nutrition controls insulin secretion via the fat body





Géminard et al. Cell Metab. 2009

remote control of insulin secretion



Géminard et al. Cell Metab. 2009



a new pair of IPC-Contacting Neurons activated by starvation



fru-Gal4, UAS-mLexA-VP16-NFAT, LexAop-CD2-GFP



hemolymph GBP1 inhibits ICN activity



GBPs control insulin secretion through EGFR activation in ICNs



Meschi et al. DevCell 2018

orchestration of the nutrient response through IPC function



Rajan & Perrimon, Cell 2012 Rodenfels et al. G&D 2014 Sano et al. PLOS Genet. 2015 Hentze et al. Sci.Rep. 2015 Koyama & Mirth, PLOS Biol. 2016 Manières et al. Cell Report 2016 Agrawal et al. Cell Metab 2016 Delanoue et al. Science 2016 Meschi et al. DevCell 2018

high sugar-induced insulin resistance



Fat body



Sch Ins Low a.a.

■ Ctrl ■ HSD

Pasco & Léopold, PLoSOne 2012

the fly lipocalin NLaz is required for high sugar-induced insulin resistance



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HSD

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>NLaz

RNAi

amino acid sensing in the brain



aversion towards a deficiency for essential amino acids



Peng et al. 1975

GCN2 controls food intake in the brain (mouse)



GCN2 controls food intake in the brain (Drosophila)





imbalanced a.a. diet activates DA neurons in vitro











imbalanced a.a. diet activates 3 DA neurons controlling diet aversion







Bjordal et al., Cell 2014

hormonal control of developmental transitions





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an evolutionary conserved mechanism timing juvenile-to-adult transition



control of developmental transitions





organ growth controls the timing of maturation



A. Shearn, 1974

P. Bryant, 1980

screening for the control of maturation timing





Colombani et al. Science 2012 Colombani et al. Current Biol. 2015 Boone et al. Nat. Commun. 2016

coordination of organ growth

pdm2>GFP



wing disc

eye disc







autonomous



non-autonomous



pdm2>

pdm2>Rpl7-i



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pdm2>Rpl7-i



Boulan et al. Dev. Cell. 2019

dilp8/lgr3 controls developmental stability







Fluctuating Asymmetry index: $\Sigma(Ai)^2/n$

Garelli et al., Science 2012 Boone et al. Curr. Biol. 2015 Garelli et al. Nat. Comm. 2015 Vallejo et al. Science 2015



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