



Supplementary Materials for

Lysosomal cystine mobilization shapes the response of TORC1 and tissue growth to fasting

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Supplementary Text 1: An amino acid supplementation screen reveals cysteine as a growth suppressor

To evaluate the effects of individual amino acids on growth, we developed an amino acid supplementation screen on developing *Drosophila* larvae and measured their development rate (Supplementary Materials). The screen identified cysteine as a strong growth suppressor (Fig. 2A), an effect that could be due to the cytotoxicity of cysteine previously reported in cell culture, yeast, and chicks (47-49). However, we found that the effect of cysteine supplementation was diet-dependent, with cysteine strongly suppressing growth upon starvation while having weaker effect in fed animals (Fig. S4A-D), mitigating toxicity as a unique explanation for this result. In addition, although the effect of cysteine on growth was dose-dependent (Fig. S4A), variation in cysteine intake between fed and starved conditions was not sufficient to explain the diet-dependent toxicity (Fig. S4D). Therefore, we conclude that the growth-suppressive effect of cysteine was multifactorial and decided to analyze the endogenous role of intracellular cysteine.

Supplementary Text 2: Developmental delay versus starvation sensitivity

Gain and loss of function of *dCTNS* have opposite effect on TORC1 but showed similar phenotype in term of larval development: an increase in the time to pupariation. To avoid confusion between opposite processes that lead to similar phenotypes in appearance, we adapted our nomenclature accordingly. Because the loss of *dCTNS* caused reduced cellular cysteine, upregulation of TORC1, inhibition of autophagy, and that cysteine and rapamycin treatments rescued/accelerated the time to pupariation (Fig. 3), we termed *dCTNS*^{-/-} developmental phenotypes “starvation sensitivity”. Accordingly, *dCTNS*^{-/-} or depletion of dCTNS in fat body did

not affect development of fed larvae. By contrast, *dCTNS* overexpression increased cellular cysteine, downregulated TORC1 and induced autophagy. In agreement with TORC1 loss of function delaying larval growth and development, we termed the developmental phenotype of *dCTNS* overexpression “developmental delay”. Consistently, *dCTNS* overexpression retarded development in both fed and starved conditions.

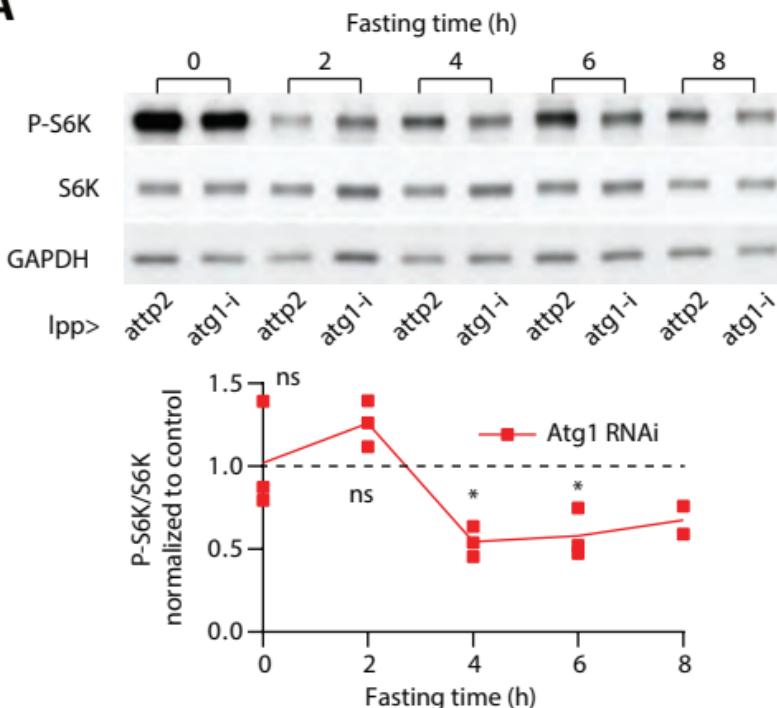
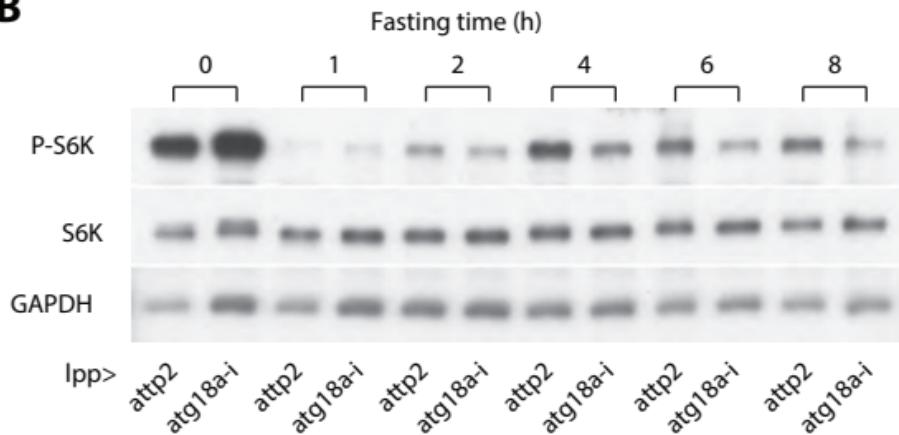
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Fig. S1

Fig. S1: TORC1 reactivation upon fasting requires autophagy. A and B) P-S6K levels in dissected fat body from larvae fasted for the indicated time, control or expressing *Atg1 RNAi* (A) or *Atg18a RNAi* (B) in the fat body.

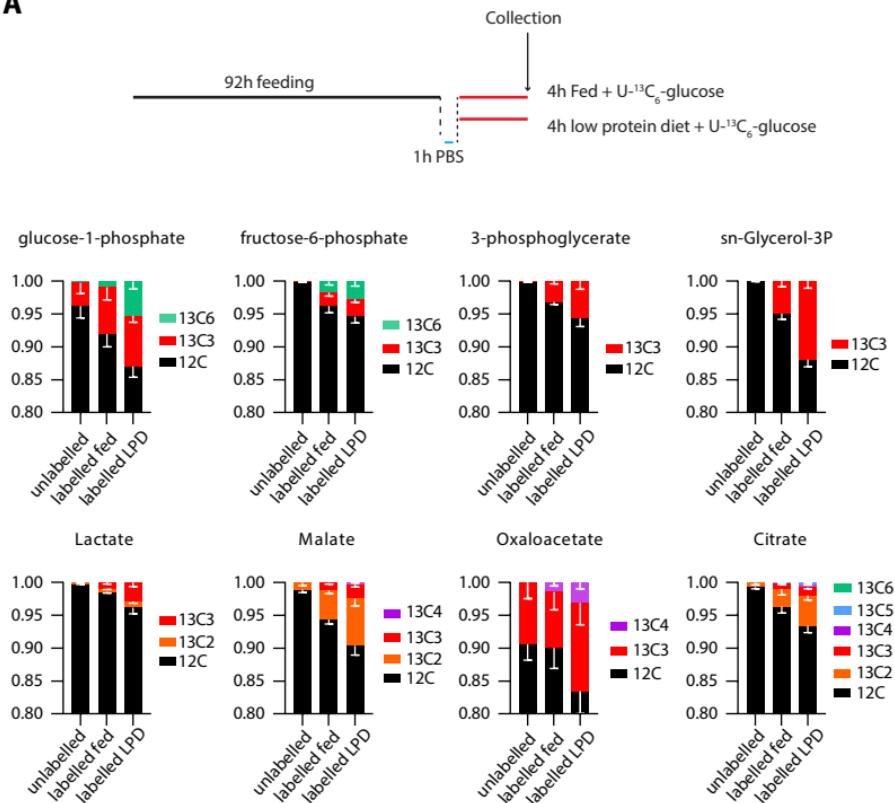
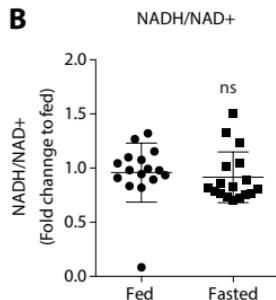
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Fig. S2: The TCA cycle is functional during fasting. A) ^{13}C fractional enrichment for metabolite isotopologues (different number of ^{13}C atoms) and isotopomers (^{13}C at different atomic position) measured in whole larvae. Animals placed on a low protein diet for 4 hours were supplemented with 25 mM U- $^{13}\text{C}_6$ -glucose. B) Relative NADH and NAD $^+$ ratios measured by LC-MS/MS in larvae fed and fasted during 6 hours.

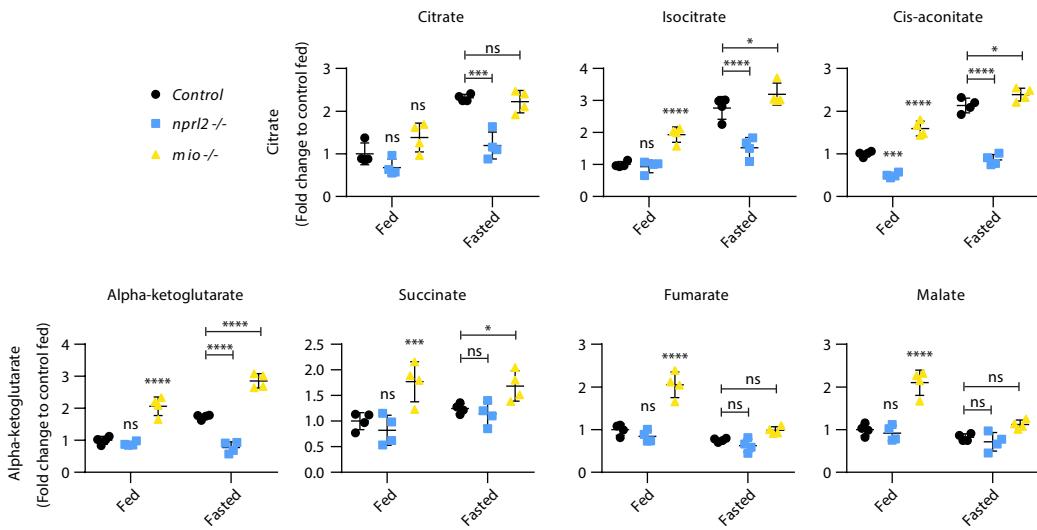
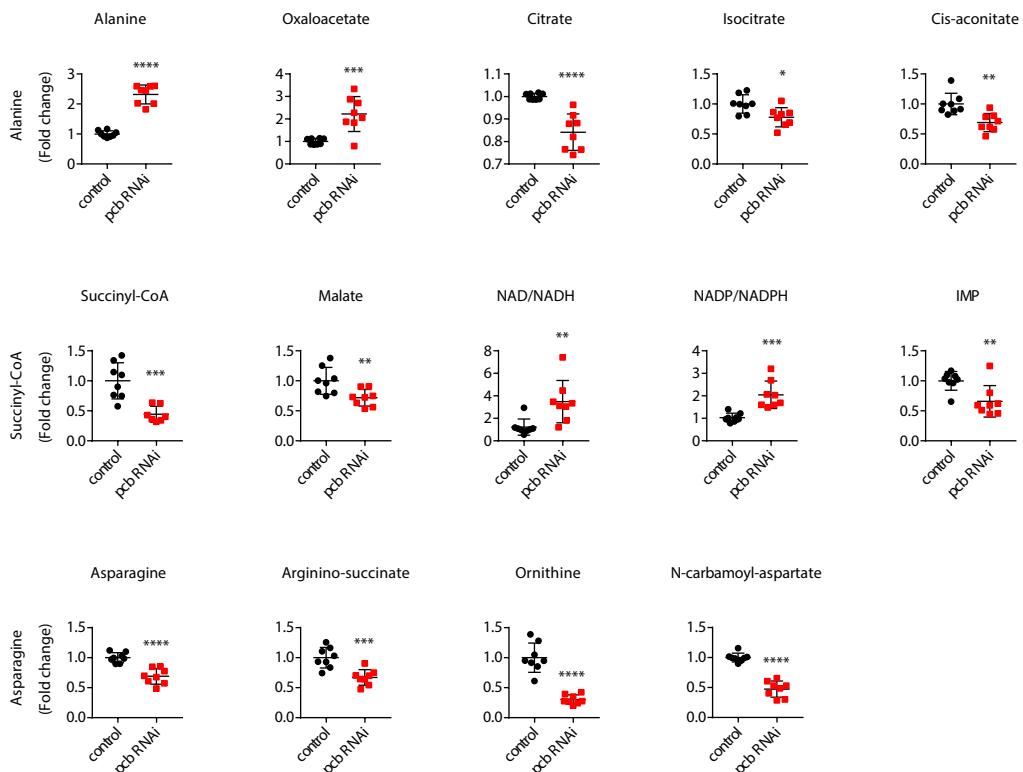
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Fig. S3

Fig. S3: mTOR and Pyruvate Carboxylase affect the concentration of the TCA cycle intermediates. A) Relative metabolites levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole larvae control (w^{1118}), Gator1 mutant (*nprl2*) and Gator2 mutant (*mio*) fed and fasted during 6 hours. B) Relative metabolites levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in fat bodies following depletion of pcb/PC in the fat body. Control is *attp40*. ns, $P \geq 0.05$; **, $P \leq 0.01$, ***, $P \leq 0.005$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$ (for further details about statistics see Methods).

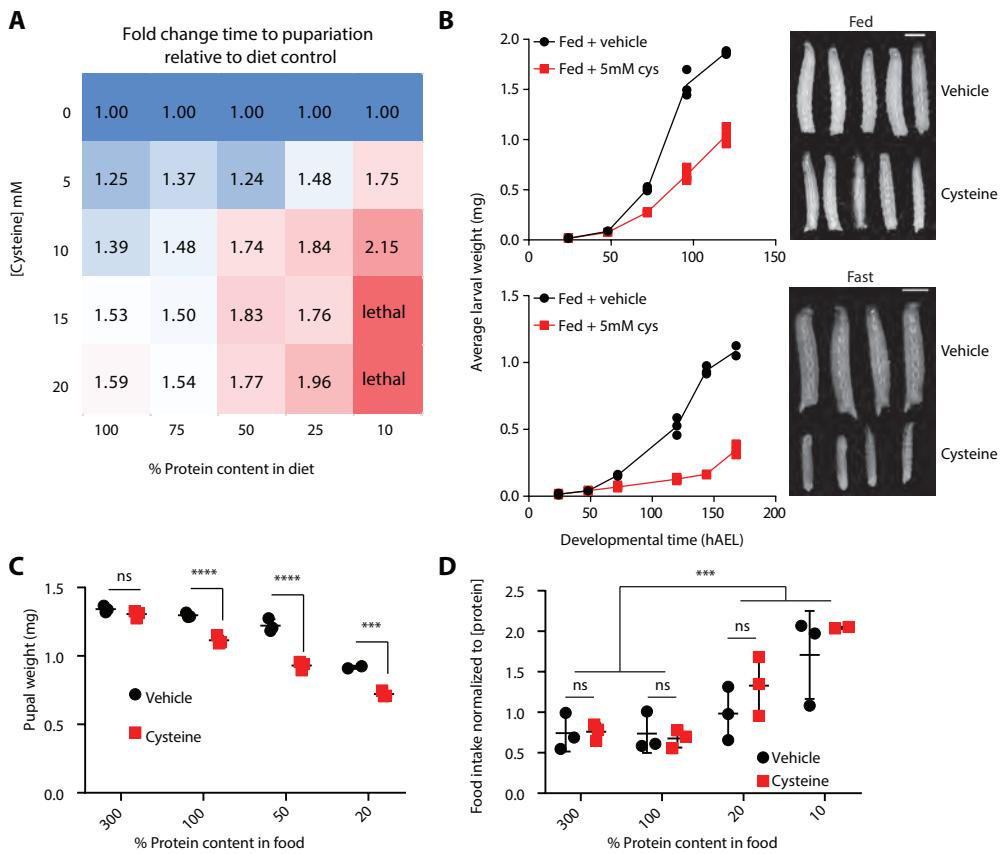


Fig. S4

Fig. S4: Cysteine suppresses growth in a diet-dependent manner. A) Cysteine suppresses growth in a dose and diet dependent manner. Mean fold change time to pupariation (w^{1118} larvae) as a function of total protein content and cysteine concentration supplemented in the food. Data are normalized to control for each diet. B) Cysteine supplementation affects larval growth all along development. Growth curves (mean larval weight (mg) as a function of time (hours AEL)) for w^{1118} larvae fed *ad libitum* a 100% [AA] (top) or 10% [AA] (bottom) diet with 5 mM cysteine or vehicle. N=3. Pictures show age-matched larvae at 96 and 144 hours AEL in fed and fast conditions, respectively. Scale bar 1 mm. C) Animals fed cysteine are reduced in adult size and this process is diet dependent. Pupal weight +/- SEM (mg) of w^{1118} larvae fed *ad libitum* 300, 100, 50 and 20% total protein (supplied as yeast extract) diet with 10 mM cysteine or vehicle. 300% protein indicates three times the amount of yeast that we use in our fed control. D) Diet affects food intake whereas cysteine supplementation does not. Food intake normalized +/- SD to protein content of larvae raised on the indicated diet with 5 mM cysteine or vehicle. ns, $P \geq 0.05$; ***, $P \leq 0.005$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$ (for further details about statistics see Methods)

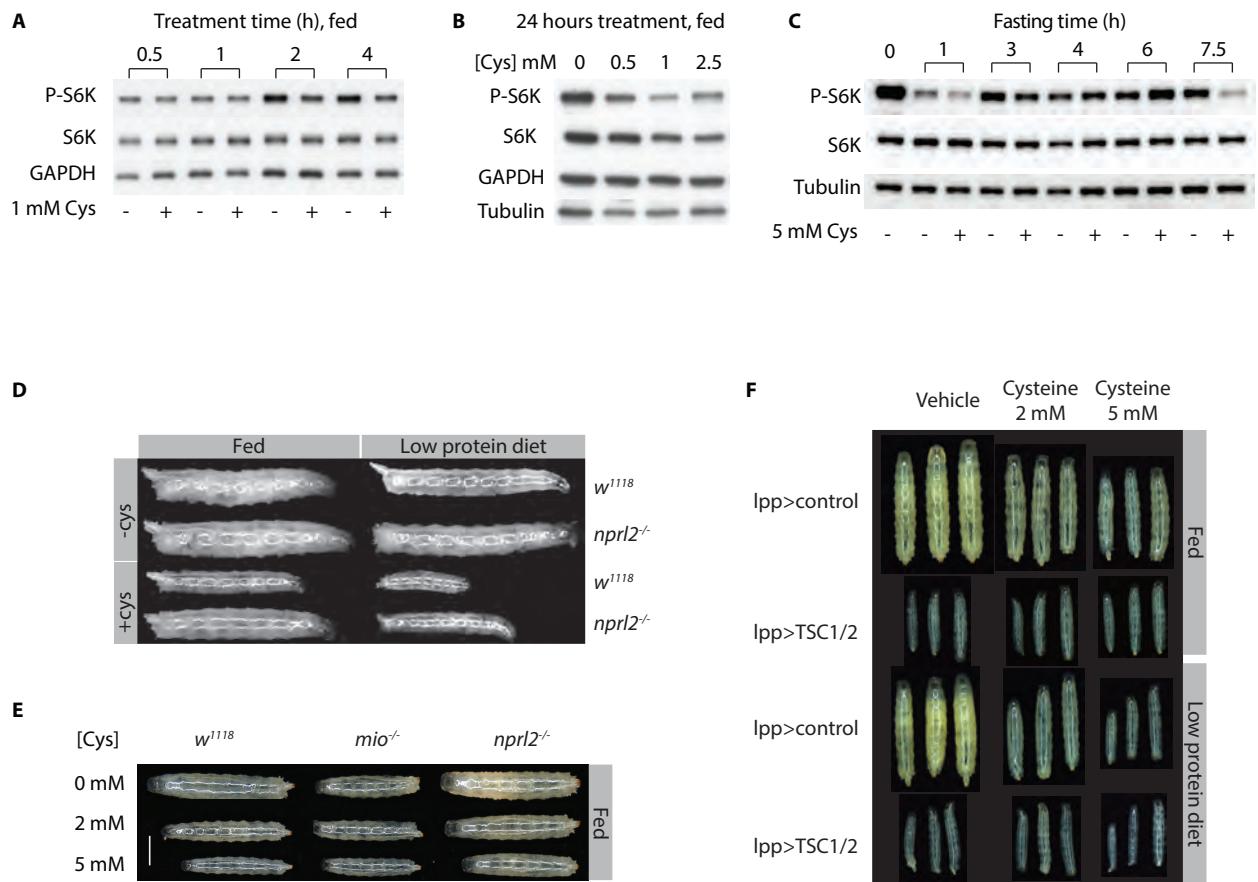


Fig. S5

Fig. S5: Suppression of growth by dietary cysteine involves downregulation of TORC1 in the fat body. A and B) P-S6K levels in dissected fat body from larvae fed a full diet with the indicated concentrations of cysteine or vehicle for the indicated time. C) Prolonged cysteine treatment during fasting causes downregulation of S6K levels. D) Fed and fasted, control and GATOR1 mutant (*nprl2*^{-/-}) larvae supplemented with 5 mM cysteine or vehicle all along development. E) Fed, control, GATOR1 mutant (*nprl2*^{-/-}) and GATOR2 mutant (*mio*^{-/-}) larvae supplemented with 2 and 5 mM cysteine or vehicle all along development. F) Control larvae or larvae overexpressing TSC1 and TSC2 in the fat body raised with 2 and 5 mM cysteine or vehicle all along development in a control or low protein diet.

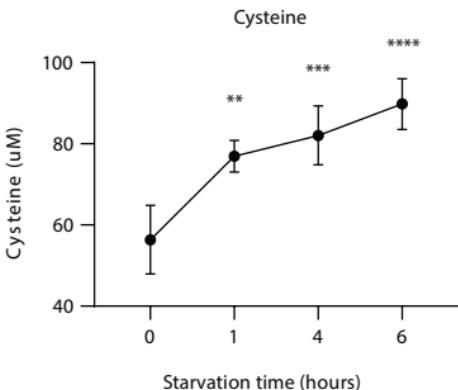
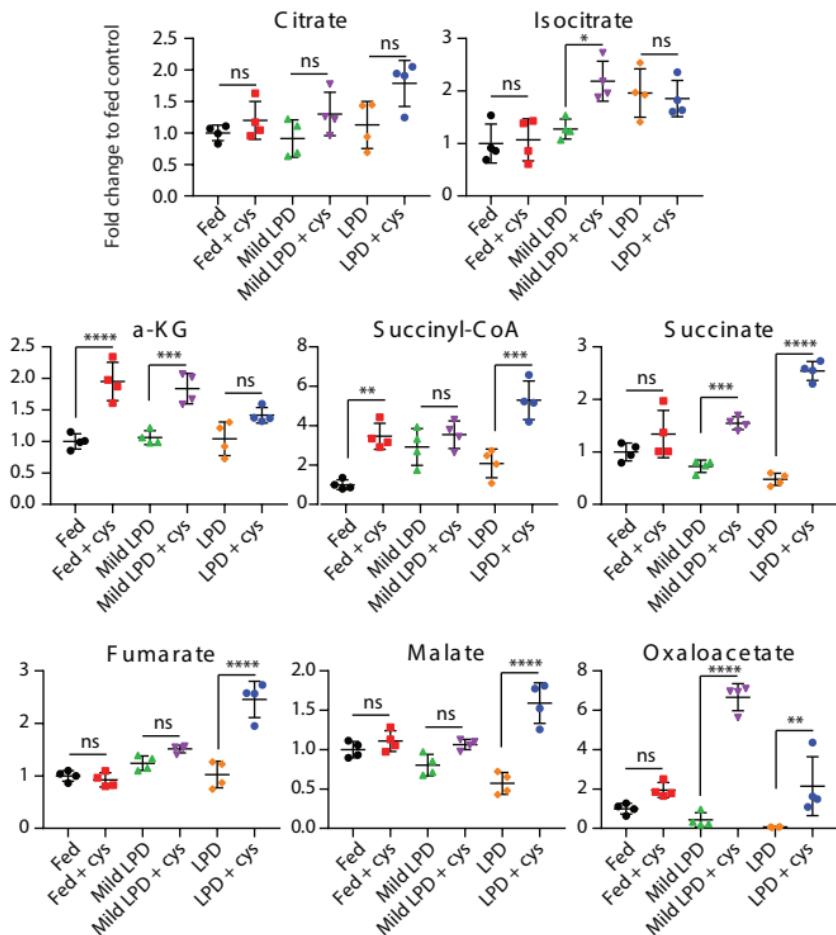
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Fig. S6

Fig. S6: Cysteine increases the level of TCA cycle intermediates during fasting. A) Cysteine concentration in whole control larvae (w^{1118}). N=4. B) Cysteine increases the level of TCA cycle intermediates. Relative metabolites levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole mid-second instar w^{1118} larvae fed the indicated diet all along development (LPD, low protein diet), with 10 mM cysteine or vehicle. ns, $P \geq 0.05$; **, $P \leq 0.01$, ***, $P \leq 0.005$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$ (see Methods for further details).

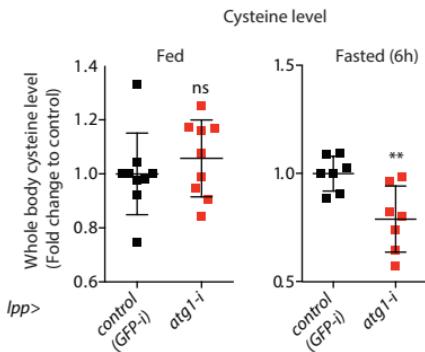
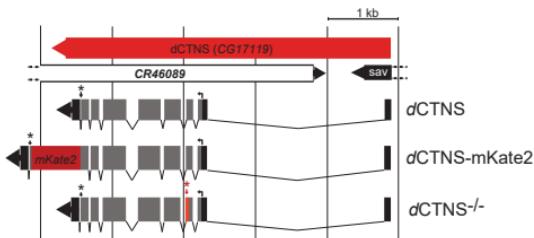
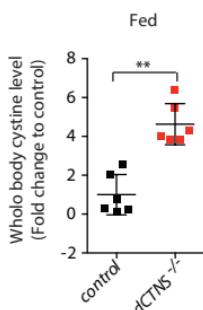
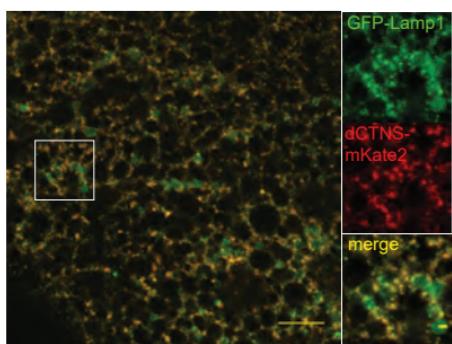
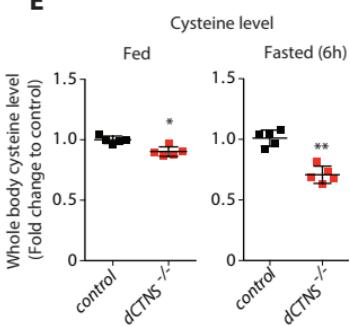
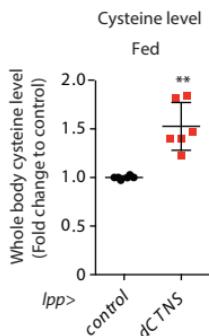
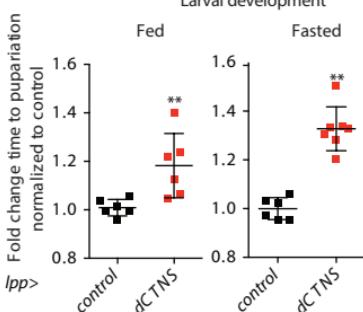
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Fig. S7

Fig. S7: Lysosomal cystine efflux through *dCTNS* regulates cysteine concentration during fasting. A) Autophagy controls cysteine levels upon fasting. Relative cysteine levels measured from whole larvae. GFP-i, control background. B) Schematic of the *dCTNS* locus and alleles generated by CRISPR/Cas9. *dCTNS-mKate2*, C-terminal *mKate2* insertion at the endogenous locus; *dCTNS^{-/-}*, frameshift mutant causing a premature stop codon. C) *dCTNS* is targeted to the lysosomal membrane. Co-localization of *dCTNS-mKate2* with lysosomal Lamp1-GFP in the fat body. Scale bar, 20 μ m and 2 μ m. D) *dCTNS^{-/-}* larvae accumulate cystine. Relative cystine levels in whole third instar larvae fed a standard diet. E) *dCTNS* controls cysteine levels upon fasting. Relative cysteine levels in whole larvae. Controls are heterozygote animals (*dCTNS^{+/-}*). F) *dCTNS* overexpression in larval fat body (*lpp>dCTNS*) increases cysteine levels. Whole body cysteine levels from fed larvae. Control is GFP-i. G) *dCTNS* overexpression in larval fat body causes a developmental delay. Fold change time to pupariation (hAEL).

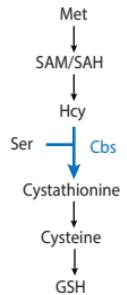
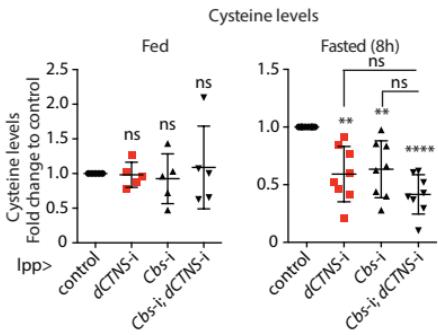
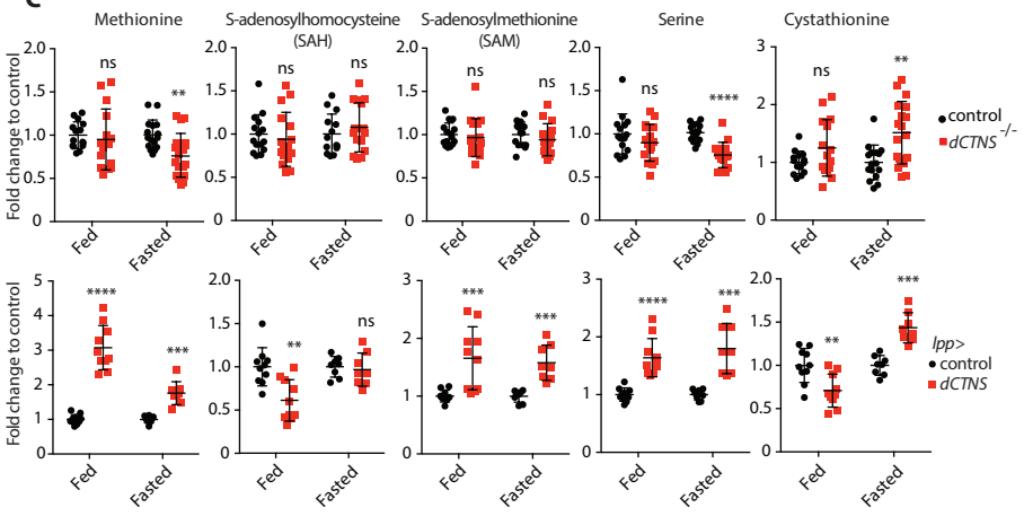
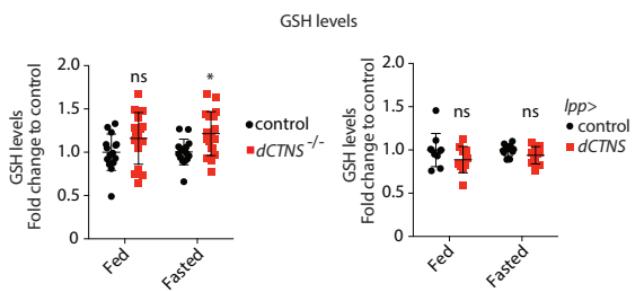
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Fig. S8

Fig. S8: The transsulfuration pathway and dCTNS show compensatory effects for the regulation of cysteine concentration during fasting. A) Schematic of the transsulfuration pathway. B) dCTNS and Cbs mutually compensate cysteine levels during fasting. Relative cysteine levels in whole larvae with fat body-specific (*lpp*) knockdown of *dCTNS* (*dCTNS-i*) and *Cbs* (*Cbs-i*), and *GFP* (*GFP-i*, control). C) Relative metabolites levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole larvae fed or fasted for 8 hours. D) Relative glutathione (GSH) levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole larvae fed or fasted for 8h. ns, P \geq 0.05; *, P \leq 0.05; **, P \leq 0.01, ***, P \leq 0.005; ****p \leq 0.0001 (for further details see Methods).

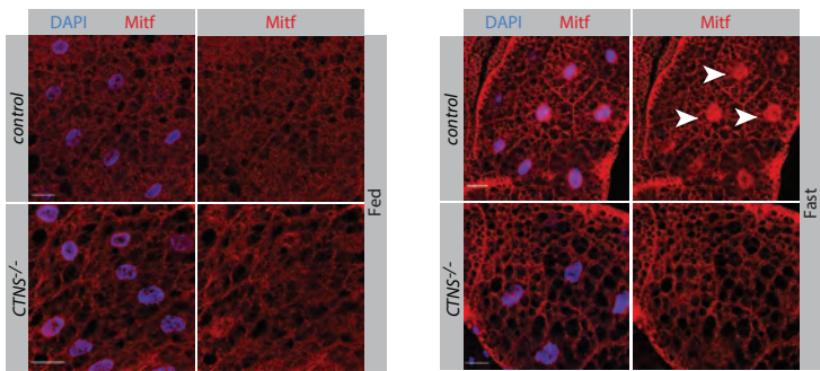
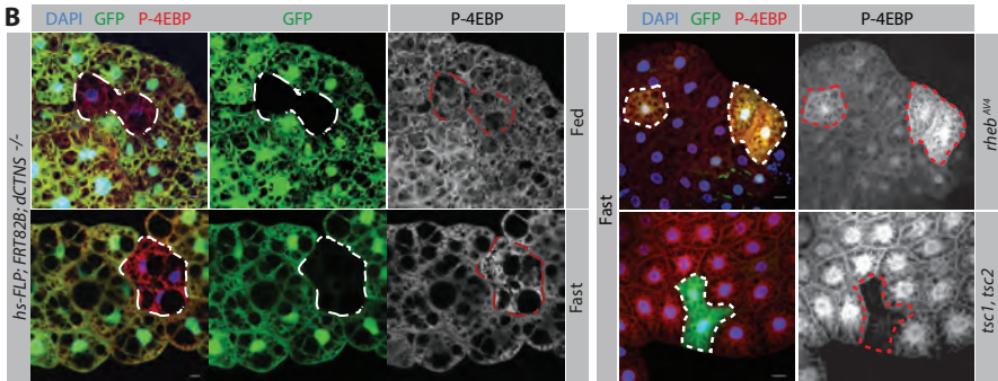
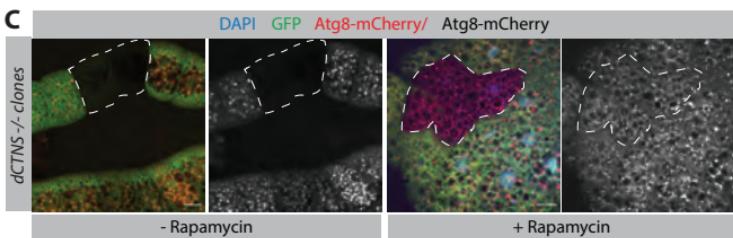
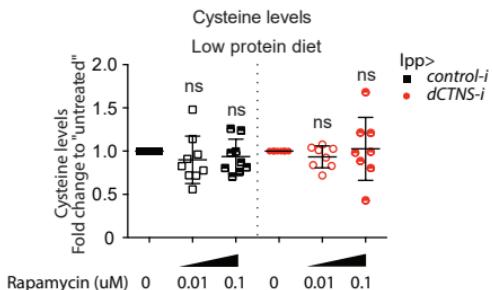
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Fig. S9

Fig. S9: dCTNS regulates TORC1 reactivation and autophagy during fasting. A) Fasted *dCTNS*^{-/-} fat body cells suppress Mitf translocation to the nucleus. Fat body of 80 hAEL old larvae control and *dCTNS*^{-/-} fasted overnight, and stained for the TORC1 substrate Mitf/TFEB. B) *dCTNS* limits TORC1 reactivation upon fasting. *dCTNS*^{-/-} fat body clones (non-GFP, outlined) and Rheb and TSC1, TCS2 overexpression clones (GFP, outlined) in 80h AEL animals starved for 24h and stained for P-4EBP. DAPI, blue; GFP, green; P-4EBP, red or white. Scale bar 10 μ m. C) The TORC1 inhibitor rapamycin restores autophagy in fasted *dCTNS*^{-/-} cells. Fat body *dCTNS*^{-/-} clones (non-GFP, outlined) in 80h AEL larvae with fat body-specific expression of mCherry-Atg8a starved for 8h. DAPI, blue; GFP, green; mCherry-Atg8a, red or white. Scale bar 10 μ m. D) Rapamycin treatment does not affect cysteine concentration. Relative levels of cysteine in whole larvae with fat body-specific (*lpp*>) knockdown of *dCTNS* (*dCTNS*-i) and *GFP* (*GFP*-i, control). 72 hAEL old larvae were fed a low protein diet overnight supplemented with two concentrations of rapamycin (0.01 and 0.1 μ M) or vehicle. ns, $P \geq 0.05$ (see Methods for further details).

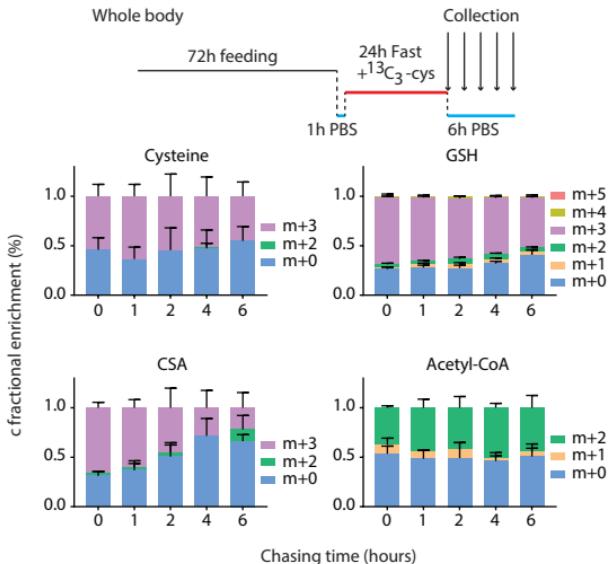
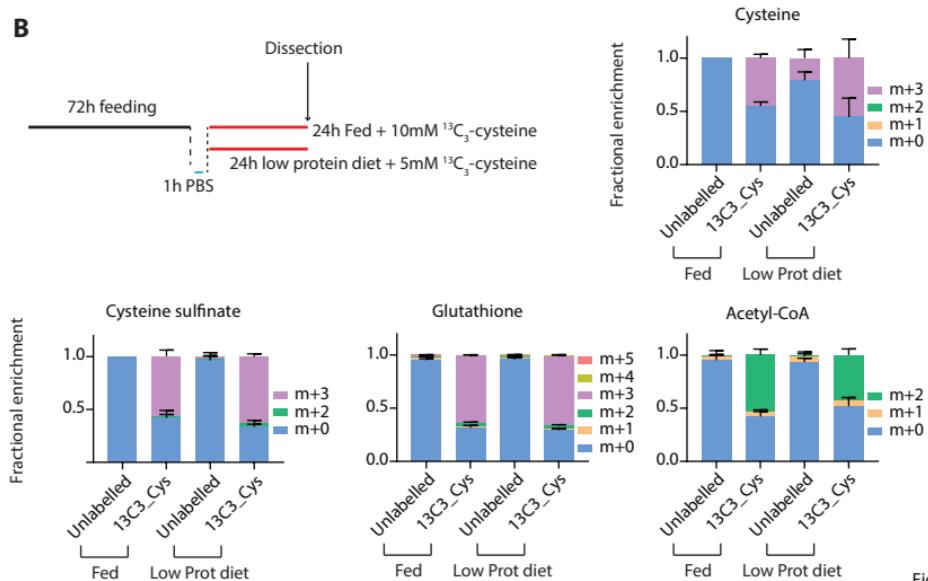
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Fig. S10: Cysteine metabolism fuels acetyl-CoA synthesis. Mean +/- SD ^{13}C -fractional enrichment for metabolite isotopologues and isotopomers measured in whole larvae (A) or dissected fat bodies (B). Fed and fasted animals were supplemented for the indicated time with 10 mM and 5 mM $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -cysteine, respectively.

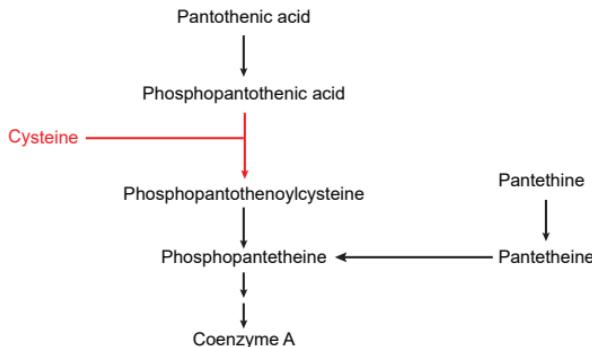
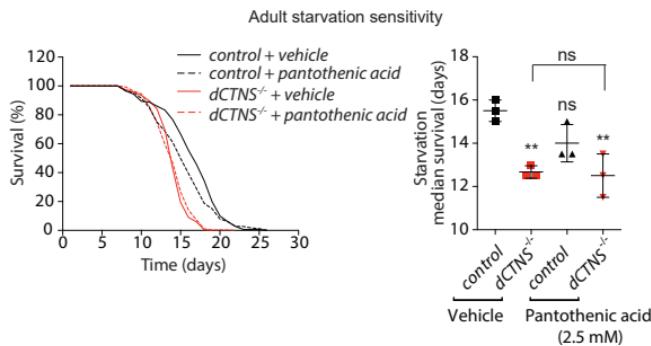
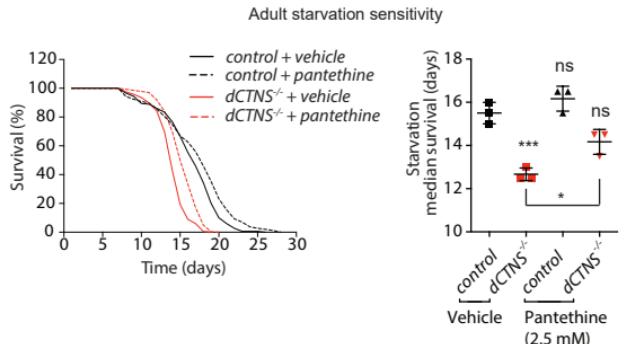
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Fig. S11

Fig. S11: Pantethine suppresses starvation sensitivity of *dCTNS*^{-/-} animals. A) Schematic of CoA biosynthesis. B-C) Pantethine (C) but not pantothenic acid (vitamin B5) (B) treatment partially restores starvation resistance of *dCTNS*^{-/-} animals. Survival of control (*w¹¹¹⁸*) and *dCTNS*^{-/-} animals fed a chemically defined starved diet. Mean +/- SEM; ^{ns}, P≥0.05; *, P≤0.05; **, P≤0.01; ***, P≤0.005 (see statistic details in Methods).

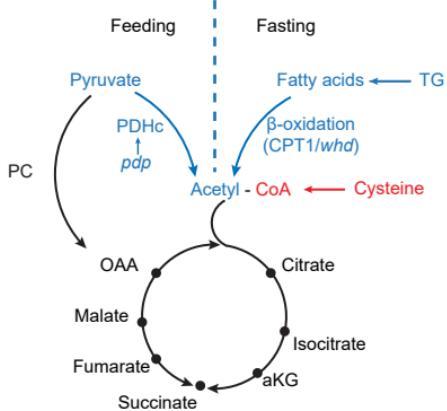
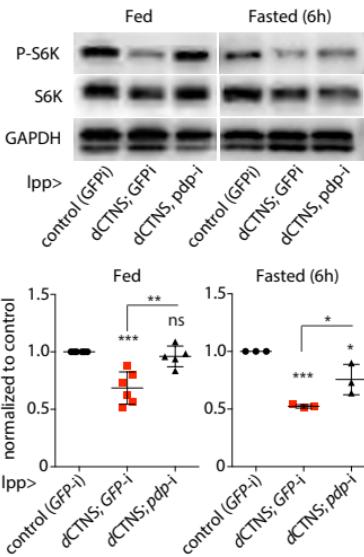
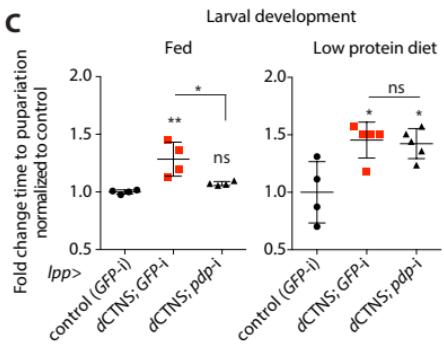
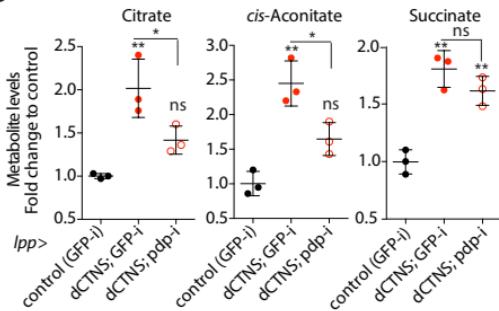
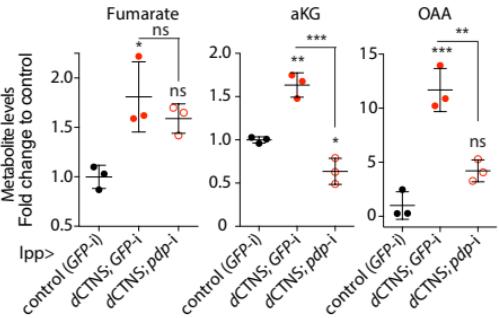
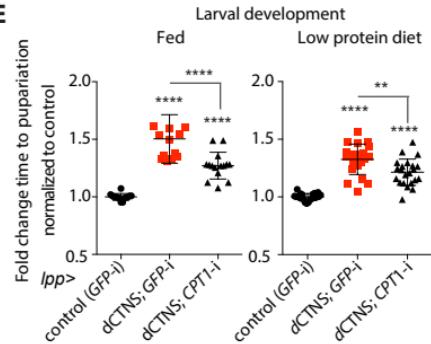
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Fig. S12: Cysteine suppresses growth through acetyl-CoA metabolism. A) Schematic of acetyl-CoA synthesis in fed and fast conditions. B) P-S6K levels in fat body from fed and fasted (6h on PBS) larvae of indicated genotypes. C, E, F) Fold change time to pupariation (hours AEL) normalized to control for larvae of indicated genotypes fed a control or low protein diet. D) Relative metabolites levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole fed larvae of indicated genotypes. ns, $P \geq 0.05$; *, $P \leq 0.05$; **, $P \leq 0.01$, ***, $P \leq 0.005$; **** $p \leq 0.0001$ (for further details see Methods).

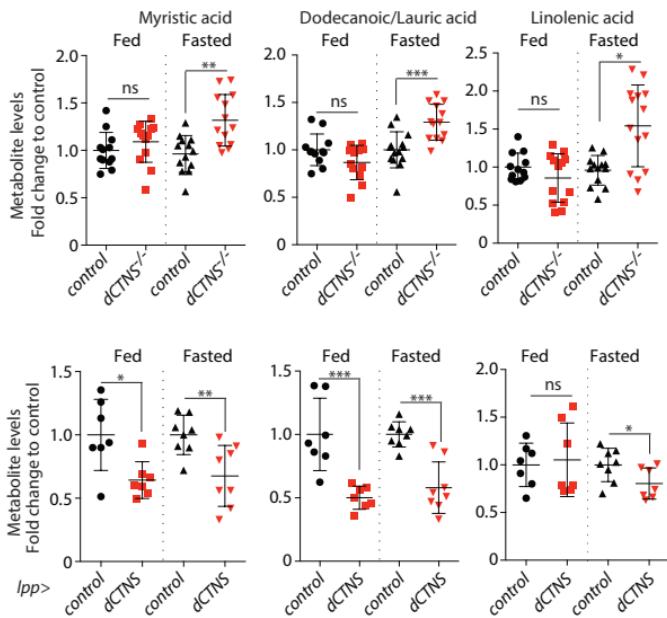
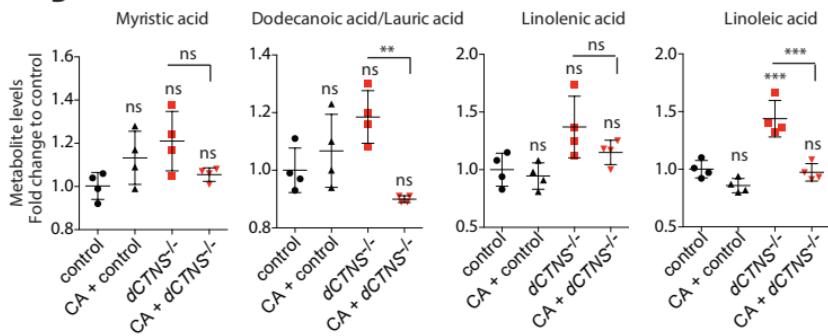
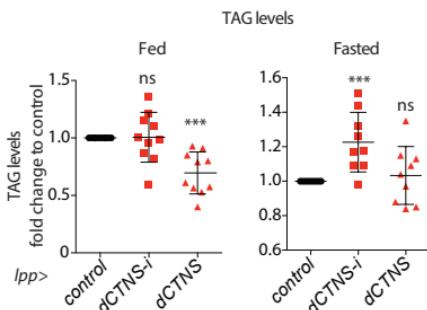
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Fig. S13: dCTNS affects the levels of fatty acids. A) Relative fatty acid levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in control (w^{1118} or $lpp>GFP\ RNAi$), $dCTNS^{-/-}$ and $lpp>UAS-dCTNS$ whole 3rd instar animals fed or fasted for 8 h. B) Relative fatty acid levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole 3rd instar control and $dCTNS^{-/-}$ animals after 8 h on low protein diet supplemented with cysteamine (CA, 1 mM) or vehicle. C) Whole body triacylglycerol (TAG) levels in 3rd instar larvae fed or fasted for 8 h following $dCTNS$ knockdown ($dCTNS-i$) or overexpression ($dCTNS$) in the fat body ($lpp>$). Control is $GFP\ RNAi$. ns, $P \geq 0.05$; *, $P \leq 0.05$; **, $P \leq 0.01$, ***, $P \leq 0.005$; ****, $P \leq 0.0001$ (See details in Methods).

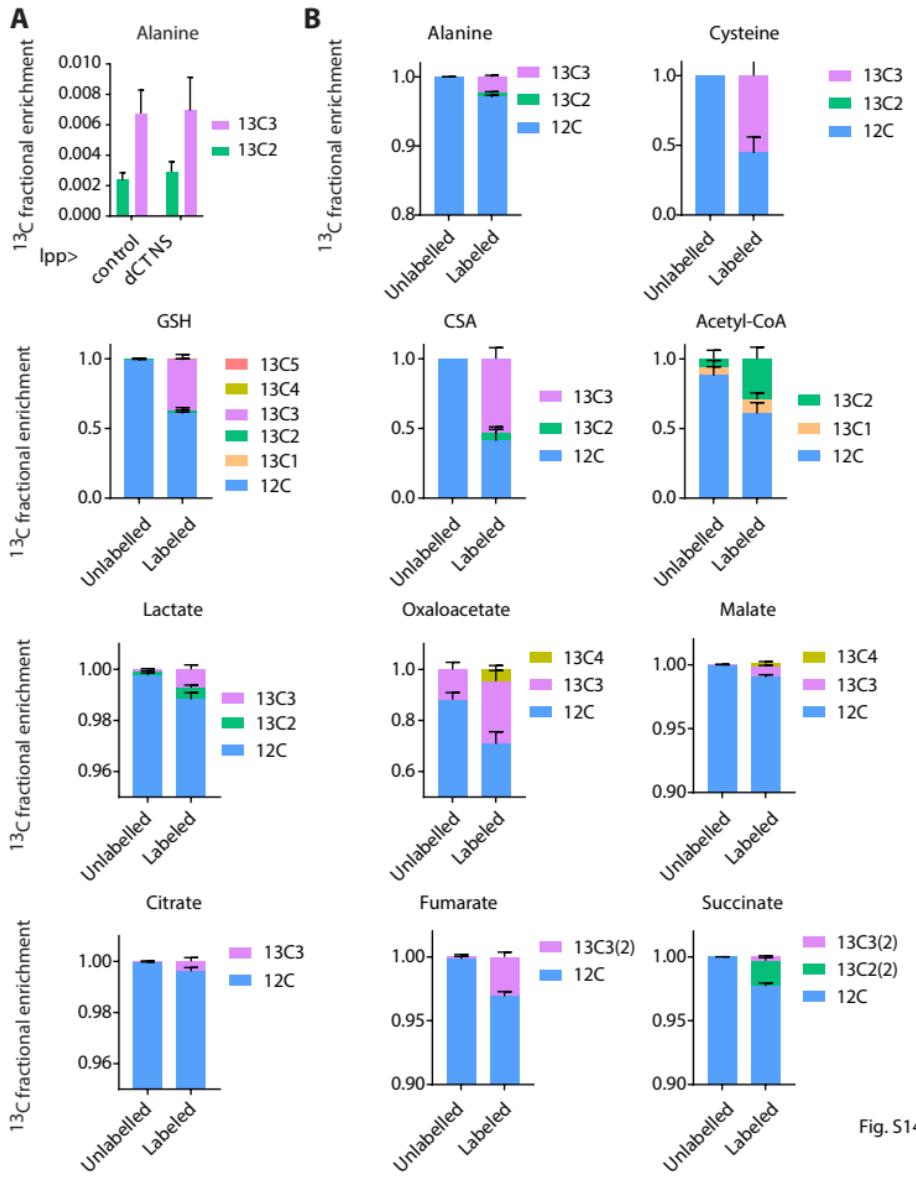


Fig. S14

Fig. S14: Alanine does not impair cysteine metabolism to acetyl-CoA. A) Mean +/- SD ^{13}C -fractional enrichment in alanine for larvae fed 25 mM [$\text{U-}^{13}\text{C}$]alanine for 6 hours on a low protein diet. B) Mean +/- SD ^{13}C -fractional enrichment for metabolite isotopologues and isotopomers measured in whole larvae supplemented for 6 hours with 5 mM [$\text{U-}^{13}\text{C}$]cysteine and 25 mM [$\text{U-}^{13}\text{C}$]alanine simultaneously.

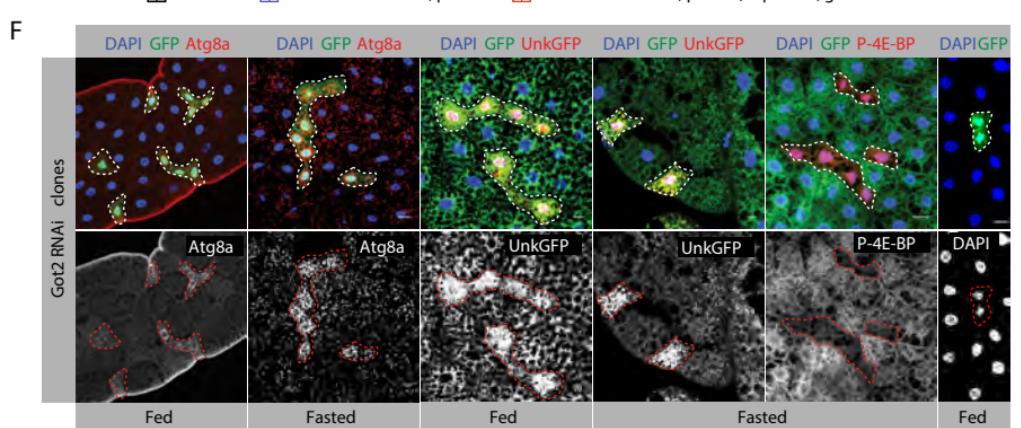
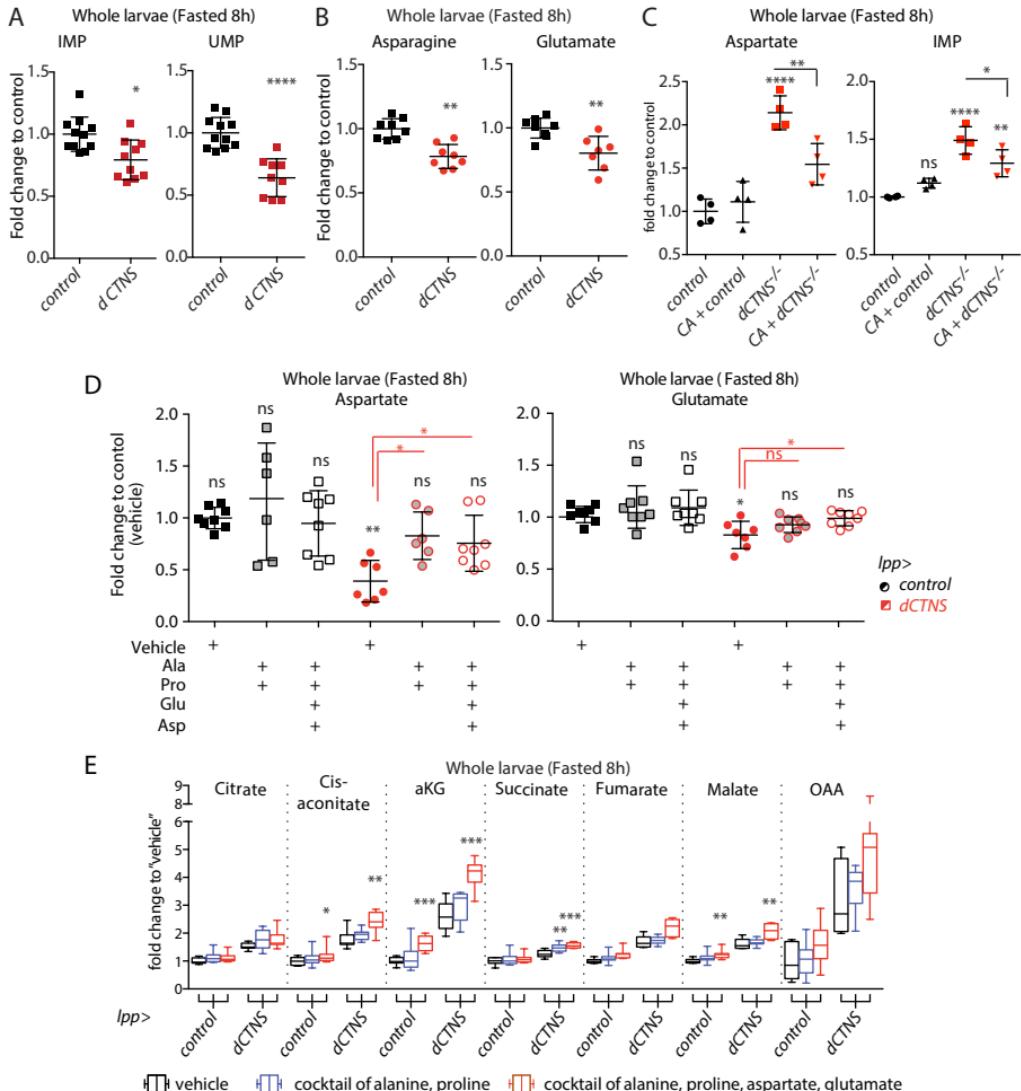


Fig. S15

Fig. S15: Cysteine metabolism regulates growth through aspartate levels during fasting. A, B) Whole body metabolite levels (inosine monophosphate, IMP; uridine monophosphate, UMP) in 3rd instar animals following *dCTNS* overexpression in the fat body. C) Relative aspartate and IMP levels +/- SD measured by LC-MS/MS in whole 3rd instar control (*w¹¹¹⁸*) and *dCTNS*^{-/-} animals after 8 h on low protein diet supplemented with cysteamine (CA, 1 mM) or vehicle. D) Relative levels of aspartate and glutamate in 85 hAEL larvae fed a minimal diet all along development, with or without supplementation with the indicates amino acid cocktails for 8h before collection (Ala, Pro: 20 mM, Asp, Glu: 10 mM). Controls are GFP RNAi (GFP-i). D) Relative levels of TCA cycle intermediates in 85 hAEL larvae fed a minimal diet with or without supplementation with amino acid cocktails for 8 h (amino acid concentrations: Ala, Pro: 20 mM, Asp, Glu: 10 mM). Controls are GFP-i. E) Fat body flip-out clones of *Got2-RNAi* (GFP or RFP, outlined) in larvae fed or fasted for 6 hours stained with GFP or P-4E-BP (independent experiments and confocal settings). Atg8a, mCherryATG8a. Unk-GFP is a reporter induced by TORC1 inhibition (50). Scale bar 20 μ m. A-D) Mean +/- SD; ns, $P \geq 0.05$; *, $P \leq 0.05$; **, $P \leq 0.01$; ***, $P \leq 0.005$; ****, $P \leq 0.0001$ (Details in Methods).

	50x MEM [AA]mM	AA Screen [AA]mM
Glycine	5	10
L-Arginine hydrochloride	30	30
L-Aspartic acid	5	5
L-Cysteine hydrochloride		5
L-Cystine dihydrochloride	5	
L-Glutamic acid	5	5
L-Glutamine	5	5
L-Histidine hydrochloride monohydrate	10	10
L-Isoleucine	20	20
L-Leucine	20	20
L-Lysine hydrochloride	20	20
L-Methionine	5	5
L-Phenylalanine	10	10
L-Proline	5	5
L-Serine	5	5
L-Threonine	20	5
L-Tryptophan	2.5	2.5
L-Tyrosine disodium salt	10	10
L-Valine	20	20
Alanine	5	5
Asparagine	5	5

Table S1: Amino acid concentrations used in the screen. Comparative table of concentration of each amino acid (mM) used in Minimum Essential Media (MEM) amino acid supplementation for cell culture, and in our amino acid add-back screen (Fig.2A).

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