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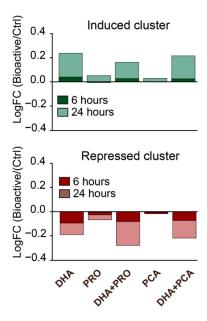


Figure S1. Gene expression change after 6 h and 24 h supplementation. Aggregate bar plots illustrating log₂ fold change (FC) in the expression of genes assigned to the induced (green) and repressed (red) clusters with 6 (saturated color) and 24 hours (pale color) bioactive supplementation.

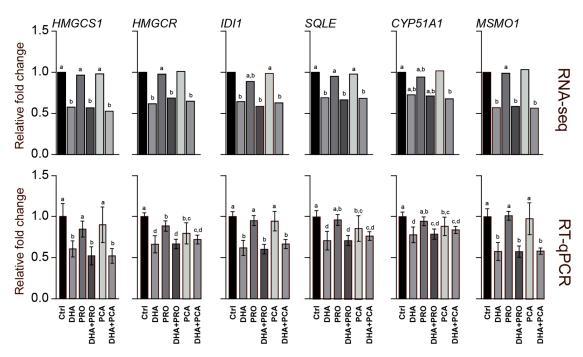


Figure S2. Comparison of transcriptional effects of 6 h exposure to DHA, PRO and PCA on genes involved in steroid biosynthesis (3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA synthase 1, HMGCS1; 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA reductase, HMGCR; isopentenyl-diphosphate Δ isomerase 1, IDI1; squalene epoxidase, SQLE; cytochrome P450 family 51 subfamily A polypeptide 1, CYP51A1; methylsterol monooxygenase 1, MSMO1) mapped by RNA-seq and RT-qPCR. Data are represented as the mean fold change of relative expression compared to Ctrl cells. Statistical analysis was carried out using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test. Different letters indicate statistical significance (p<0.05).

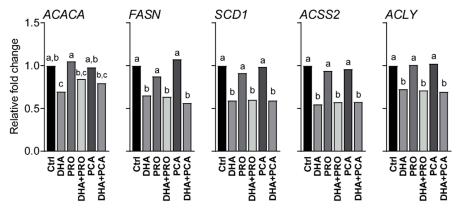


Figure S3. Comparison of transcriptional effects on genes involved in fatty acid biosynthesis (acetyl-CoA carboxylase 1, *ACACA*; fatty acid synthase, *FASN*; stearoyl-CoA desaturase 1, *SCD1*; acyl-coenzyme A synthetase short-chain family member 2, *ACSS2*; ATP citrate lyase, *ACLY*) of bioactives on HepG2 cells mapped by RNA-seq. Bar plots representing gene expression in Ctrl and supplemented cells after 24 h of supplementation. Data are represented as the mean fold change of relative expression compared to Ctrl cells. Statistical analysis was carried out using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test. Different letters indicate statistical significance (p<0.05).

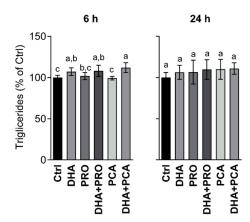


Figure S4. Intracellular triglyceride content in control (Ctrl) and supplemented cells after 6 h and 24 h supplementation. Data are expressed as the percentage of the value obtained in control cells (assigned as 100%). Statistical analysis was carried out using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test. Different letters indicate statistical significance (p<0.05).

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table S1. Primers used for RT-qPCR.

Gene name	GenBank accession number	Primer sequence			
Reference genes					
ACTB	N.C. 007002.1	F: ATGTGGCCGAGGACTTTGATT			
β-actin	NG_007992.1	R: AGTGGGGTGGCTTTTAGGATG			
GAPDH	NIC 007072.2	F: AAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTCAA			
glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	NG_007073.2	R: AATGAAGGGGTCATTGATGG			
HMBS	NIC 000002 1	F: ACCAAGGAGCTTGAACATGC			
hydroxymethylbilane synthase	NG_008093.1	R: GAAAGACAACAGCATCATGAG			
SDHA		F: TGGGAACAAGAGGGCATCTG			
subunit A of succinate dehydrogenase	NG_012339.1	R: CCACCACTGCATCAAATTCATG			
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Target genes					
CYP51A1		F: CCTTTGCCTAGTTTCAGACGC			
cytochrome P450 family 51 subfamily A	NG_007968.1	R: GACTGTCTGCGTTTCTGGATTG			
member 1					
HMGCR	NG_011449.1	F: TGTCAGGGGTACGTCAGCTT			
3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA reductase	110_011447.1	R: AGGACACACAAGCTGGGAAG			
HMGCS1	N.C. 00000E 10	F: CCAGTGGCAGAAAGAGGGAA			
3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA synthase 1	NC_000005.10	R: GTCATTCAGCAACATCCGAGC			
IDI1	N.C. 000010.11	F: ACTAACCACCTCGACAAGCAA			
isopentenyl-diphosphate Δ isomerase 1	NC_000010.11	R: TCCTTTCTCAATGTTCTCGTTCA			
MSMO1	NIC 042200 1	F: TCCAGCTGCCTTTGATTTGTG			
methylsterol monooxygenase 1	NG_042288.1	R: CAATGACTGCACAACCAAAGC			
SQLE	NC 000000 11	F: AGGCGCAGAAAAGGAACCAA			
squalene epoxidase	NC_000008.11	R: GCCAGCTCCCACGATGATAA			

Table S2. Fatty acid (FA) composition of HepG2 cells (a) after 6 h and (b) after 24 h supplementation.

(a)

FA	Ctrl	50 μM DHA	70 μM PRO	50 μM DHA +70 μM PRO	20 μM PCA	50 μM DHA +20 μM PCA
3:0	0.10±0.13a	0.10±0.11ª	0.19±0.14ª	0.03±0.07ª	0.05±0.05a	0.04±0.05a
14:0	1.94±0.58a	2.33±0.72a	1.53±0.77a	1.96±0.26a	1.70±0.77a	2.14±0.17 ^a
16:0	33.54±2.71a	31.99±0.84a	32.29±0.59a	31.51±0.93a	32.32±1.13a	31.33±0.16 ^a
16:1n-7	2.55±0.57 ^a	2.70±0.56 ^a	2.71±0.75a	2.59±0.27 ^a	2.97±0.43a	2.93±0.17 ^a
18:0	29.45±4.32a	25.66±2.54 ^a	28.23±2.16a	25.93±1.42a	27.19±1.17a	25.38±2.39a
18:1n-9	9.49±3.33ª	10.13±1.76a	10.72±1.72a	8.74±0.90a	10.27±1.67a	9.03±1.34a
18:1n-7	10.55±1.11a,b,c	8.32±0.83°	11.18±0.96a,b	8.91±0.97 ^{b,c}	11.52±1.17a	9.07±1.12 ^{b,c}
18:2n-6	0.40±0.13a	0.43±0.22a	0.42 ± 0.17^{a}	0.39 ± 0.05^{a}	0.41±0.07 ^a	0.37 ± 0.07^{a}
18:3n-3	0.55±0.12a	0.67 ± 0.15^{a}	0.52±0.26ª	0.51±0.04 ^a	0.48±0.21a	0.49 ± 0.05^{a}
20:4n-6	9.72±2.43a	9.02±1.43a	10.97±0.99a	10.66±1.41ª	11.65±1.54a	10.48±1.36a
20:5n-3	0.38±0.03a	0.40 ± 0.08^{a}	0.37 ± 0.05^{a}	0.66±0.72a	0.42±0.27a	0.32±0.03a
22:6n-3	1.34±0.45 ^b	8.25±1.17ª	0.86±0.39 ^b	8.11±1.39ª	1.02±0.28 ^b	8.41±0.03 ^a

(b)

FA	Ctrl	50 μM DHA	70 μM PRO	50 μM DHA +70 μM PRO	20 μM PCA	50 μM DHA +20 μM PCA
3:0	0.68±0.30a	1.12±1.15ª	0.66±0.19ª	1.18±1.48a	1.17±1.24 ^a	0.71±0.48 ^a
14:0	3.11±0.15 ^a	3.37±0.82a	3.54±0.98ª	3.85±0.36ª	3.76±0.66a	3.68 ± 0.40^{a}
16:0	29.85±1.18 ^a	28.45±2.13a	29.06±1.89a	28.09±1.02a	29.62±0.99a	28.34±0.52 ^a
16:1n-7	4.62±0.83a,b,c	3.89±0.43°	5.70±1.050a	4.24±0.21a,b,c	5.62±1.01a,b	4.05±0.32 ^{b,c}
18:0	27.10±5.36a	21.60±3.97a,b	18.15±3.63 ^b	17.65±2.40b	17.48±1.72 ^b	17.40±3.49 ^b
18:1n-9	17.16±2.47 ^b	14.48±1.25 ^b	21.41±0.80a	15.53±0.80 ^b	21.08±0.83a	15.45±1.04 ^b
18:1n-7	10.88±1.63 ^b	7.78±0.94°	13.63±0.24a	8.42±0.47°	13.68±0.43a	8.20±0.60 ^c
18:2n-6	0.82 ± 0.18^a	0.41 ± 0.05^{b}	0.96 ± 0.08^a	0.44 ± 0.02^{b}	0.94±0.13a	0.41 ± 0.02^{b}
18:3n-3	$0.86 \pm 0.16^{a,b}$	0.66 ± 0.06^{b}	1.05±0.09a	0.68 ± 0.05^{b}	1.06±0.11a	0.70 ± 0.06^{b}
20:4n-6	1.60±0.26a	1.39±0.39a	2.15±0.79a	1.87±0.36a	2.12±0.11 ^a	1.98±0.46a
20:5n-3	0.69±0.60a	0.38±0.44a	0.71 ± 0.84^{a}	0.25±0.42a	0.64 ± 0.82^{a}	0.63 ± 0.48^a
22:6n-3	2.62±0.81 ^b	16.48±3.01a	2.99±0.96 ^b	17.81±1.11 ^a	2.83±0.75 ^b	18.44±0.82ª

Data are expressed as mol % and are means \pm SD of four samples in each group derived from two independent experiments. Statistical analysis was by the one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test. Different letters in the same row indicate statistical significance (p<0.05).

Table S3. Total FA, PUFA, and DHA content in control (Ctrl) and supplemented cells after 24 h supplementation.

FA content (μg/10 ⁶ cells)	Ctrl	50 μM DHA	50 μM DHA +70 μM PRO	50 μM DHA +20 μM PCA
Total FAs other than DHA	51.47±7.28 ^a	42.81±7.25 ^a	41.32±6.56ª	46.44±10.36 ^a
Total PUFAs other than DHA	2.07±0.26a	1.43±0.09 ^b	1.61±0.16 ^{a,b}	2.10±0.41 ^a

Data are means ± SD of four samples in each group derived from two independent experiments and are calculated from previously published values [20]. Statistical analysis was carried out using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test.

Different letters in the same row indicate statistical significance (p<0.05).

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