

Early Life Polychlorinated Biphenyl 126 Exposure Disrupts Gut Microbiota and Metabolic Homeostasis in Mice Fed with High-Fat Diet in Adulthood

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Table S1. Composition of control diet (CTRL) F4031 and high fat diet (HFD) F3282.

Component (%) ¹	CTRL	HFD
Protein	20.5	20.5
Fat	7.2	36
Fiber	0	0
Ash	3.5	3.5
Moisture	<10	<10
Carbohydrate	61.6	35.7

¹These components are reported on a % dry matter basis.

Table S2. mRNA gene-targeted primers used in this study

Gene	Abbreviation	Sequence (5'-3')
Cytochrome P450, family 1, member A1	Cyp1a1	CTCTTCCCTGGATGCCTTGAA GGATGTGGCCCTTCTCAAATG
Cytochrome P450, family 1, member A2	Cyp1a2	GCCCCTGCCCTCAGTGGTACAG AGGAGTGGAGCCGATGCGGA
Cytochrome P450, family 1, member B1	Cyp1b1	GTCTGTGAATCATGACCCAGC ACAGTTCCCTCACCGATGCAC
NAD(P)H Quinone Dehydrogenase 1	Nqo1	TTCTGTGGCTTCCAGGTCTT AGGCTGCTTGGAGCAAAATA
Tumor necrosis factor alpha	Tnf	GATCTCAAAGACAACCAACATGTG CTCCAGCTGGAAGACTCCTCCCAG
Interleukin 1 β	Il1 β	CCTTCCAGGATGAGGACATGA TGAGTCACAGAGGATGGCTC
Interleukin 6	Il6	GAGGATACCACTCCAACAGACC AAGTGCATCATCGTTGTTCATACA
Monocyte chemoattractant protein-1	Mcp1	TGATCCAATGAGTAGGCTGGAG ATGTCGGACCCATTCCCTCTTG
Regulated on activation, normal T expressed and secreted	Rantes	CCAATCTTGCAGTCGTGTTGT CATCTCAAATAGTTGATGTATTCTTG AAC
Prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 2	Ptgs2	GCTTCAAACAGTTCTCTACAACAA CATTCTTCCCCCAGCAAC
Stearoyl-CoA desaturase-1	Scd1	TTCTTGCACACTCTGGTGC CGGGATTGAATGTTCTTGTGCGT
Cluster of differentiation 36	Cd36	TGGCCTACTGGGATTGG CCAGTGTATATGTAGGCTCATCCA
Acetyl-CoA carboxylase alpha	Acaca	TAACAGAACATCGACACTGGCTGGCT ATGCTGTTCTCAGGCTCACATCT
Carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1A	Cpt1a	CGTGACGTTGGAATC TCTGCGTTATGCCTATC
Diacylglycerol O-Acyltransferase 2	Dgat2	CGCAGCGAAAACAAGAATAA GAAGATGTCTTGGAGGGCTG
Fatty acid synthase	Fasn	GGTGTGGTGGGTTGGTGAATTGT TCACGAGGTATGCTTACGACCT
Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase	Pepck	GGCCACAGCTGCTGCAG GGTCGCATGGCAAAGGG

Glucose-6-phosphatase	G6pase	CTGTGAGACCGGACCAGGA GACCATAACATAGTATAACACCTGCTG C
Glucokinase	Gck	CAACTGGACCAAGGGCTCAA TGTGGCCACCGTGTCAATT
Pyruvate carboxylase	Pcx	GGACTCCTTGGACACAGAG AATCTCATTCTCATACACGTCGG
Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase 1	Pck1	CCATCCCAACTCGAGATTCTG CTGAGGGCTTCATAGACAAGG
Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase 1	Fbp1	CTGATATTACCGCACTCTGG CGGCCTTCTCCATGACATAAG
Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase	Gapdh	CCTCGTCCCGTAGACAAAATG TGAAGGGTCGTTGATGGC

Table S3. Serum cytokine (32-Plex) assay results.

Unit: pg/mL	CTRL			HFD		
	Vehicle	PCB 126	P value	Vehicle	PCB 126	P value
Eotaxin	1889.0 ± 354.9 ¹	1710.5 ± 660.5	0.57 ²	1484.8 ± 271.9	1422.3 ± 704.0	0.85
G-CSF ³	689.6 ± 234.6	842.8 ± 477.3	0.50	587.4 ± 276.0	803.2 ± 366.5	0.28
GM-CSF	38.5 ± 22.5	36.8 ± 16.1	0.93	37.2 ± 40.6	29.9 ± 6.3	0.75
IFNγ	3.85 ± 1.88	4.70 ± 2.94	0.60	8.35 ± 8.45	3.40 ± 1.56	0.21
IL-1α	1087.1 ± 666.0	1342.3 ± 1088.2	0.64	428.1 ± 160.3	468.8 ± 704.1	0.90
IL-1β	14.8 ± 6.2	31.7 ± 24.5	0.20	23.8 ± 10.5	24.6 ± 22.7	0.94
IL-2	20.0 ± 10.2	17.6 ± 7.2	0.66	26.8 ± 18.7	12.5 ± 6.4	0.12
IL-3	3.09 ± 1.75	3.40 ± 0.67	0.75	1.93 ± 0.89	1.43 ± 0.98	0.60
IL-4	1.27 ± 0.67	1.25 ± 0.52	0.96	1.30 ± 0.84	2.33 ± 1.95	0.32
IL-5	18.0 ± 4.6	16.4 ± 3.2	0.49	24.1 ± 10.2	26.2 ± 8.2	0.69
IL-6	8.25 ± 3.47	7.24 ± 3.10	0.61	15.7 ± 5.1	16.0 ± 9.1	0.94
IL-7	16.7 ± 6.7	13.5 ± 4.3	0.38	22.7 ± 14.1	11.6 ± 5.1	0.12
IL-9	53.5 ± 13.6	45.4 ± 10.1	0.29	46.6 ± 8.2	60.7 ± 23.1	0.21
IL-10	22.0 ± 11.3	18.2 ± 14.1	0.67	21.1 ± 10.4	22.6 ± 12.8	0.83
IL-12p40	58.6 ± 19.2	52.3 ± 17.7	0.57	55.8 ± 23.7	42.3 ± 17.2	0.32
IL-12p70	52.5 ± 26.6	50.7 ± 32.1	0.93	47.9 ± 27.7	69.7 ± 40.3	0.37
IL-13	95.5 ± 16.1	88.0 ± 28.9	0.62	90.8 ± 23.4	79.4 ± 13.1	0.33
IL-15	158.5 ± 71.8	190.1 ± 106.5	0.57	209.4 ± 117.5	169.1 ± 111.4	0.56
IL-17	34.9 ± 12.1	28.4 ± 8.7	0.31	35.9 ± 18.7	34.0 ± 14.3	0.85

IP-10	236.3 ± 29.2	226.4 ± 29.0	0.57	321.7 ± 90.0	248.8 ± 68.4	0.15
KC	198.3 ± 47.6	183.1 ± 103.0	0.77	268.2 ± 188.6	184.3 ± 90.5	0.36
LIF	2.23 ± 1.81	3.87 ± 4.68	0.45	1.94 ± 0.86	0.94 ± 0.48	0.04
LIX	3478 ± 895	4129 ± 1736	0.44	4909 ± 2654	12440 ± 4517	0.01
MCP-1	106.9 ± 30.5	96.8 ± 19.2	0.52	140.6 ± 29.1	115.0 ± 22.0	0.12
M-CSF	31.6 ± 10.6	29.9 ± 16.0	0.84	28.8 ± 18.2	22.1 ± 11.0	0.47
MIG	950.6 ± 324.2	855.9 ± 355.1	0.64	1346.1 ± 704.3	933.8 ± 693.5	0.33
MIP-1α	148.7 ± 25.6	150.0 ± 55.5	0.96	161.5 ± 51.7	140.9 ± 46.0	0.50
MIP-1B	203.4 ± 65.3	118.9 ± 71.9	0.08	155.1 ± 65.5	79.1 ± 79.3	0.10
MIP-2	377.7 ± 92.5	425.4 ± 285.6	0.71	283.5 ± 118.9	181.1 ± 103.1	0.19
RANTES	74.1 ± 37.8	94.7 ± 30.4	0.34	59.6 ± 18.5	84.6 ± 22.1	0.06
TNFα	21.3 ± 5.9	22.0 ± 7.2	0.85	24.4 ± 5.9	22.1 ± 7.9	0.59
VEGF	1.97 ± 0.50	2.01 ± 0.49	0.88	2.06 ± 0.86	1.62 ± 0.88	0.41

¹Values are means ± S.D. (n = 6 per group).

²Two-tailed unpaired t test analyses were performed.

³G-CSF: granulocyte colony stimulating factor; GM-CSF: Granulocyte/macrophage colony stimulating factor; IFN γ : interferon gamma; IL: interleukin; IP-10: interferon gamma inducible protein 10; KC: keratinocyte chemoattractant; LIF: leukaemia inhibitory factor; LIX: lipopolysaccharide-induced CXC chemokine; MCP-1: monocyte chemoattractant protein-1; M-CSF: macrophage colony-stimulating factor; MIG: monokine induced by IFN- γ ; MIP: macrophage inflammatory protein; RANTES:

regulated upon activation, normal T cell expressed and presumably secreted; TNF α : tumor necrosis factor alpha; VEGF: vascular endothelial growth factor.

Table S4. Relative abundances of significantly changed genus in mice fed with CTRL.

Genus	Phylum	Vehicle	PCB 126	P value
<i>Lacrimispora</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.48 ± 0.06 ¹	0.36 ± 0.03	0.002 ²
<i>Anaerocolumna</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.34 ± 0.04	0.25 ± 0.03	0.003
<i>Anaerobutyricum</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.23 ± 0.03	0.17 ± 0.02	0.004
<i>Anaerostipes</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.46 ± 0.05	0.37 ± 0.03	0.007
<i>Mediterraneibacter</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.39 ± 0.06	0.30 ± 0.03	0.008
<i>Blautia</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	2.89 ± 0.35	2.31 ± 0.26	0.01
<i>Butyrivibrio</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.41 ± 0.05	0.33 ± 0.04	0.01
<i>Bacillus</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.38 ± 0.04	0.32 ± 0.04	0.02
<i>Clostridioides</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.78 ± 0.10	0.61 ± 0.10	0.02
<i>Hungatella</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.41 ± 0.04	0.35 ± 0.04	0.03
<i>Eubacterium</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.46 ± 0.05	0.39 ± 0.06	0.04
<i>Lachnoclostridium</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	7.54 ± 1.11	6.16 ± 0.82	0.04
<i>Ruthenibacterium</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.35 ± 0.04	0.28 ± 0.06	0.04
<i>Roseburia</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	1.20 ± 0.17	1.00 ± 0.11	0.04
<i>Streptococcus</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.41 ± 0.06	0.34 ± 0.04	0.04
<i>Caproiciproducens</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.20 ± 0.02	0.17 ± 0.02	0.04
<i>Akkermansia</i>	<i>Verrucomicrobia</i>	11.18 ± 4.92	21.79 ± 5.37	0.004

¹These are percent relative abundances. Values are means ± S.D. (n = 6 per group).

²Two-tailed Unpaired t test analyses were performed.

Table S5. Relative abundances of significantly changed genus in mice fed with HFD.

Genus	Phylum	Vehicle	PCB 126	P value
<i>Muribaculum</i>	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	0.025 ± 0.007 ¹	0.016 ± 0.005	0.02 ²
<i>Duncaniella</i>	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	0.018 ± 0.005	0.011 ± 0.003	0.02
<i>Romboutsia</i>	<i>Firmicutes</i>	0.012 ± 0.004	0.018 ± 0.004	0.04
<i>Bacteroides</i>	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	0.011 ± 0.002	0.007 ± 0.002	0.02
<i>Adlercreutzia</i>	<i>Actinobacteria</i>	0.002 ± 0.001	0.004 ± 0.002	0.04
<i>Prevotella</i>	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	0.003 ± 0.001	0.002 ± 0.001	0.03
<i>Parabacteroides</i>	<i>Bacteroidetes</i>	0.002 ± 0.000	0.001 ± 0.0000	0.02

¹These are percent relative abundances. Values are means ± S.D. (n = 6 per group).

² Two-tailed unpaired t test analyses were performed.

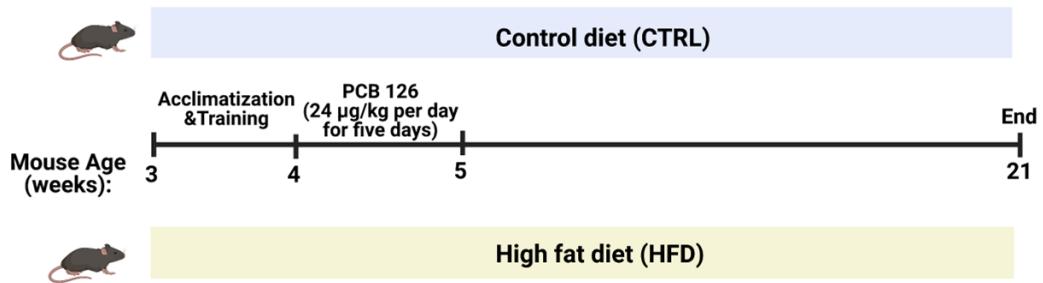


Figure S1. Experimental schedule of the present study.

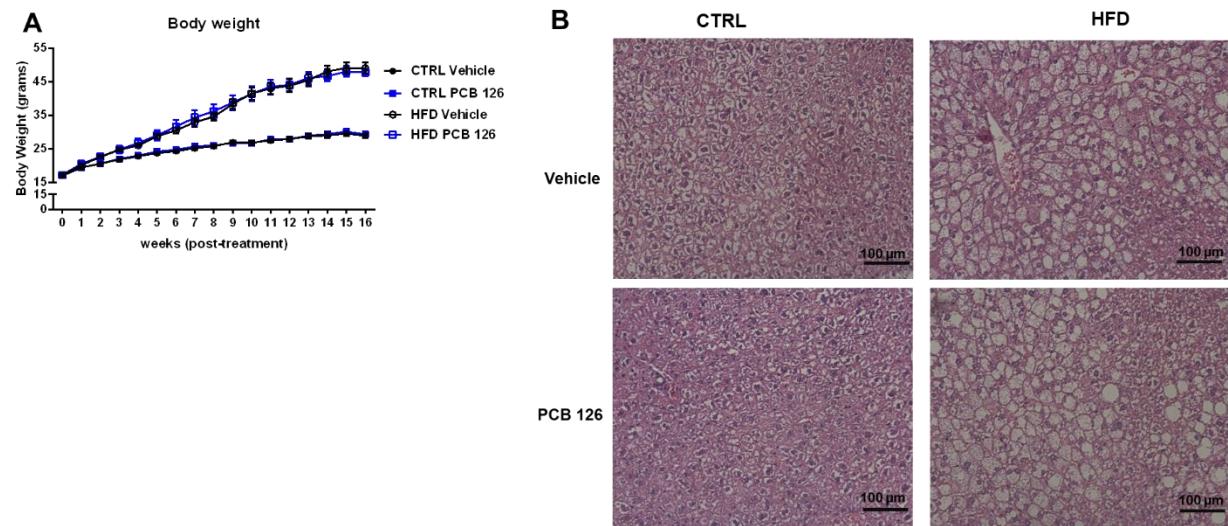


Figure S2. (A) Body weight of mice recorded every week from CTRL or HFD-fed mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. (B) Light microscopic examination of H&E-stained liver sections from CTRL or HFD-fed mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. Values are means \pm S.D. ($n = 6$ per group).

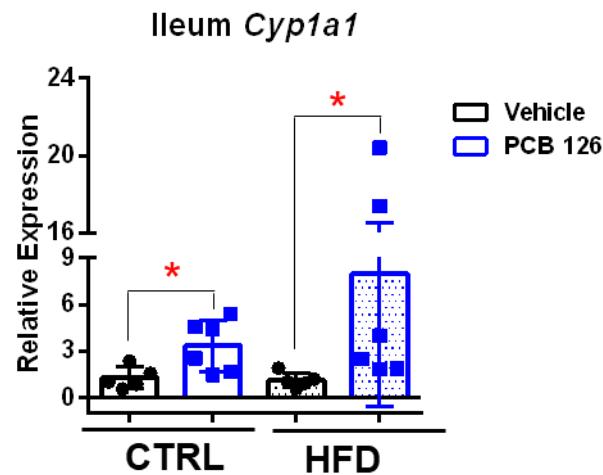


Figure S3. qPCR analysis of mRNA levels of AHR targeted gene in the ileum from CTRL or HFD-fed mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. Values are means \pm S.D. ($n = 6$ per group). * $p < 0.05$ compared to vehicle

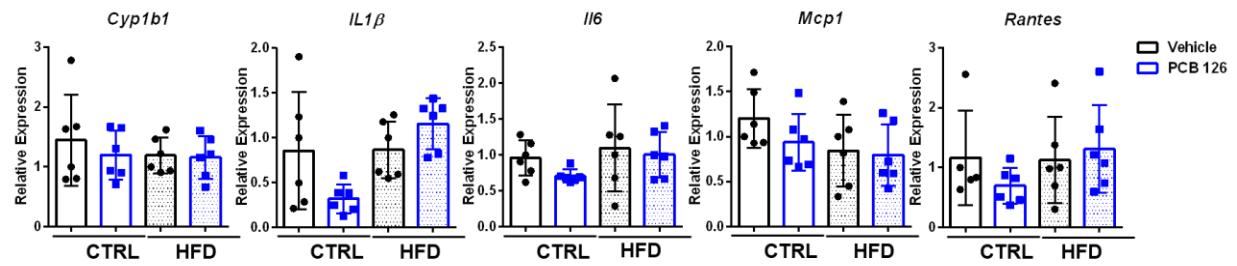


Figure S4. qPCR analysis of mRNA levels of inflammatory cytokines in the adipose from CTRL or HFD-fed mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. Values are means \pm S.D. ($n = 6$ per group).

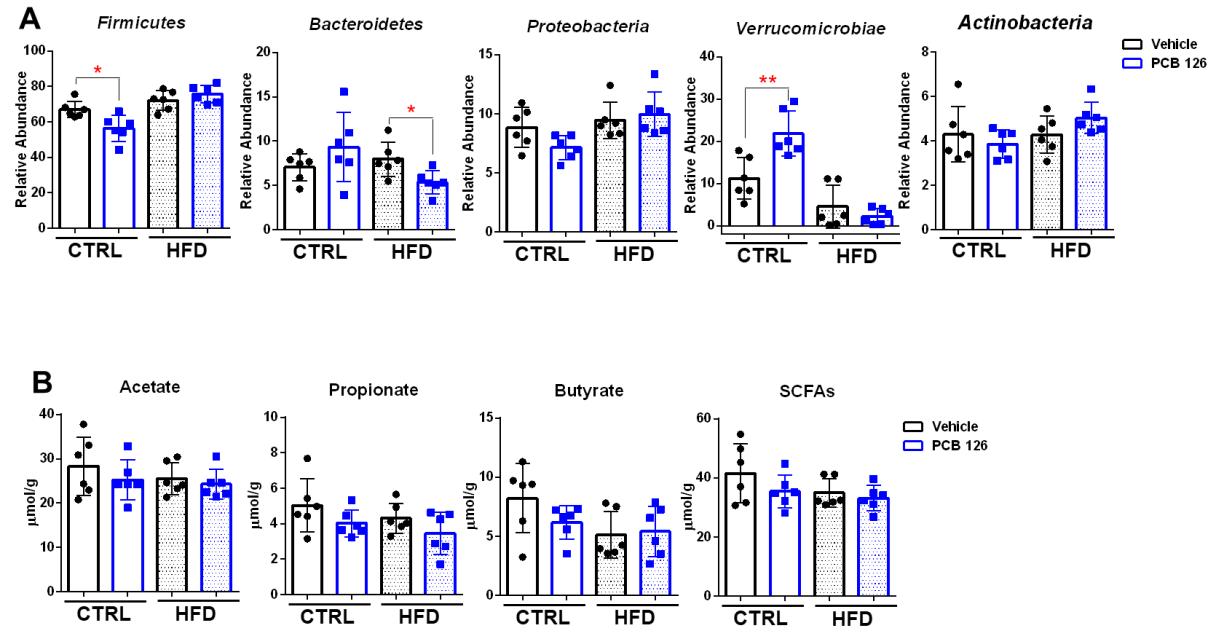


Figure S5. (A) Relative abundance of cecal bacteria from phylum in cecal content from CTRL or HFD-fed mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. (B) NMR analysis of cecal short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) from CTRL or HFD-fed mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. Values are means \pm S.D. ($n = 6$ per group). * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$ compared to vehicle

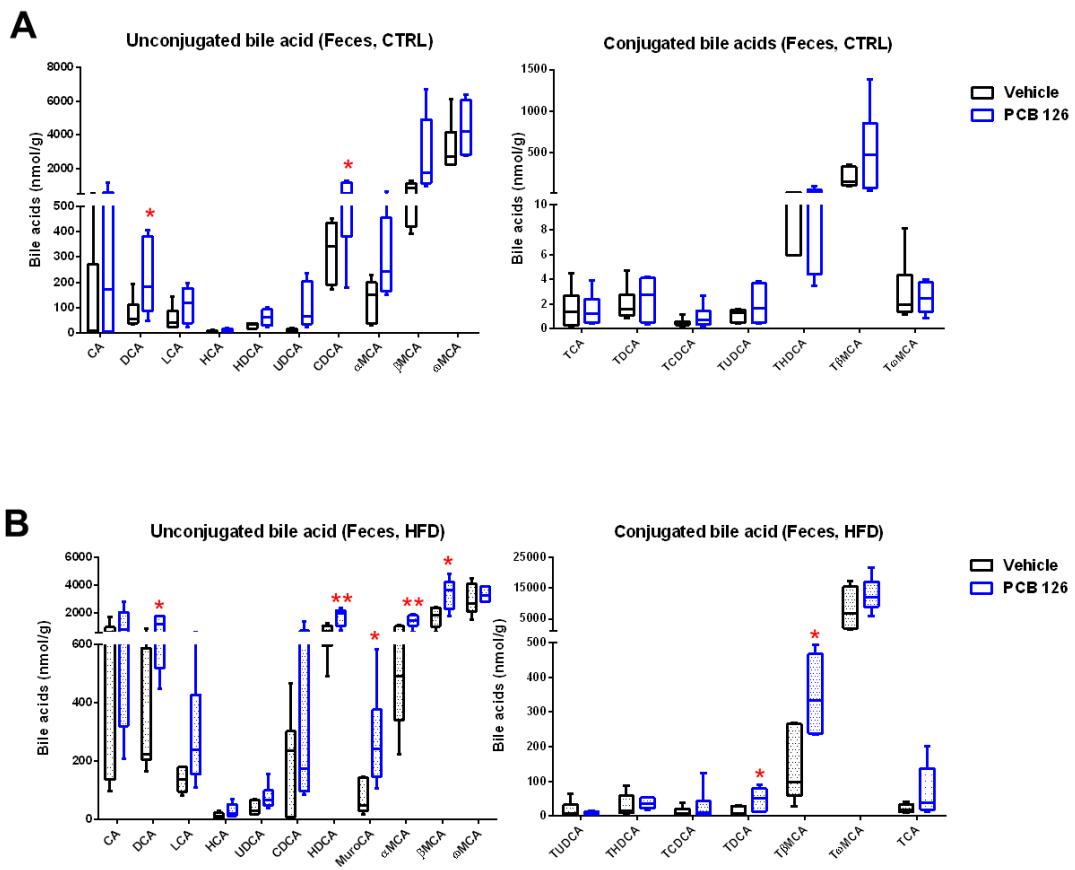


Figure S6. (A-B) Quantitative UPLC-MS analysis of bile acids in the feces from CTRL (A) or HFD-fed (B) mice with vehicle or PCB 126 exposure. Values are median and interquartile range ($n = 6$ per group). * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$ compared to vehicle. CA, cholic acid; DCA, deoxycholic acid; LCA, lithocholic acid; UDCA, ursodeoxycholic acid; CDCA, chenodeoxycholic acid; HDCA, hydeoxycholic acid; MuroCA, murocholic acid; MCA, muricholic acid; T, taurine-conjugated species.