

Figure S1. Macroscopic images of lower limb. Note the presence of a high amount of fat mass (asterisks) in ob/ob mice. Note that the color of skeletal muscle shifted from dark red in wild-type to pale red in ob/ob (arrows) which could be due to an increase in fat infiltration.

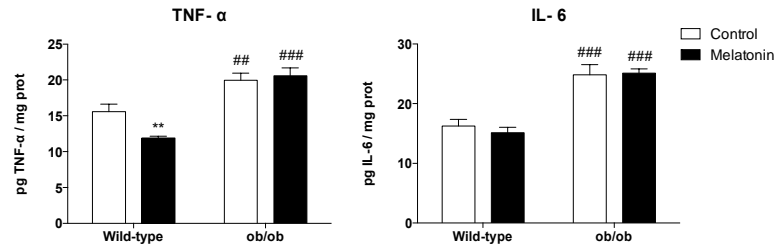


Figure S2. Leptin deficiency triggers an inflammatory response. Inflammation levels through the determination of TNF- α and IL-6 markers. Data are means \pm SD. Statistical comparisons: # wild-type vs. ob/ob; * control vs. melatonin. The main effects of leptin deficiency and melatonin treatment were detected using a two-way ANOVA ($n = 8$). The number of symbols marks the level of statistical significance: one for $P < 0.05$, two for $P < 0.01$, and three for $P < 0.001$.

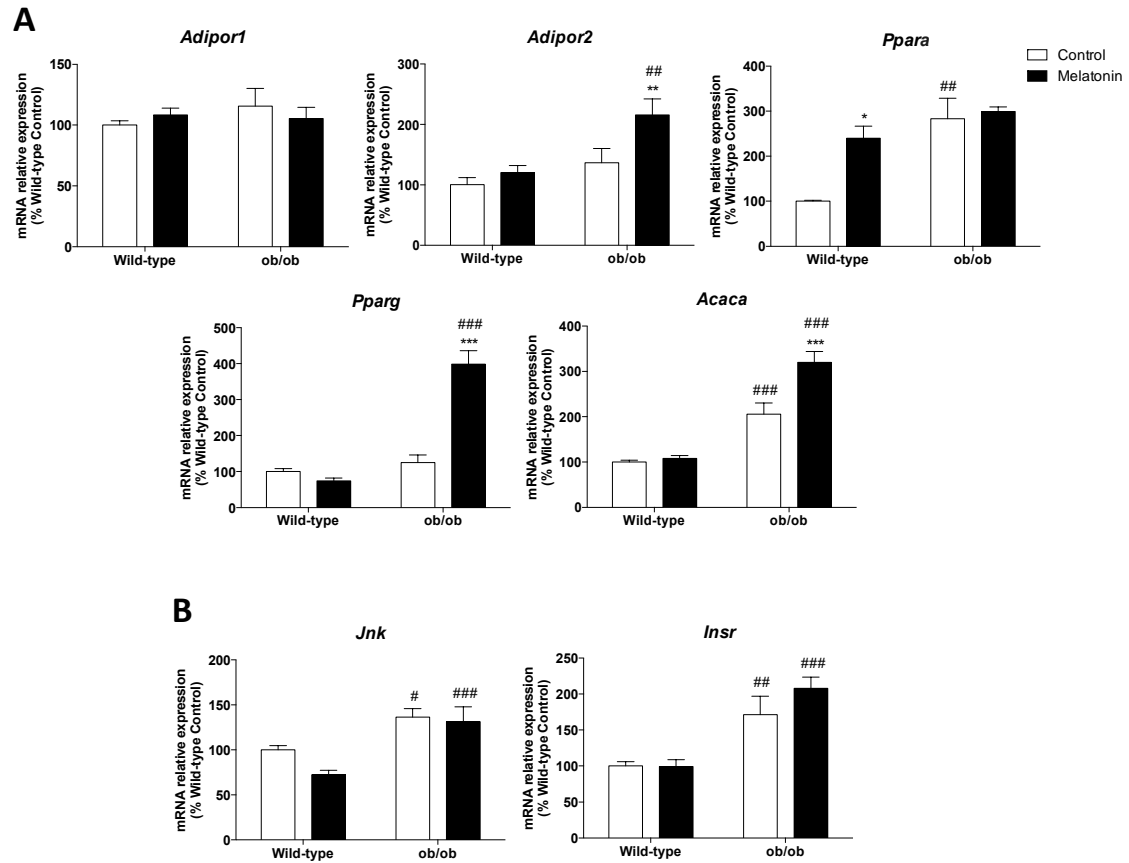


Figure S3. Melatonin remodels fatty acid metabolism in skeletal muscle from ob/ob mice. A, Relative mRNA expression of genes involved in β -oxidation (*Adipor1*, *Adipor2*, and *Ppara*) and in fatty acid synthesis (*Pparg* and *Acaca*) pathways. Data are means \pm SD expressed as a percentage of wild-type control mice. B, Relative mRNA expression of genes implicated in insulin signaling (*Jnk* and *Insr*). Data are mean \pm SD expressed as a percentage of wild-type control mice. Statistical comparisons: # wild-type vs. ob/ob; *Control vs. melatonin. The main effects of leptin deficiency and melatonin treatment were detected by two-way ANOVA (n = 8). The number of symbols marks the level of statistical significance: one for $P < 0.05$, two for $P < 0.01$ and three for $P < 0.001$.

Table S1. Anthropometric indicators of leptin-deficiency-induced obesity.

	Wild-type		ob/ob			
	Control	Melatonin	Control		Melatonin	
N	8	8	8		8	
Food intake (g/day)	3.27 ± 0.07	3.02 ± 0.22	4.82 ± 0.17	###	5.17 ± 0.47	###
Body weight at baseline (g)	17.69 ± 1.37	17.69 ± 1.68	34.95 ± 2.93	###	32.74 ± 2.67	###
Body weight at sacrifice (g)	25.57 ± 0.94	23.98 ± 1.16	50.08 ± 3.82	###	49.58 ± 2.59	###
Body weight changes (g)	6.80 ± 1.54	6.30 ± 0.57	15.13 ± 1.85	###	16.84 ± 2.01	###
Muscle weight at sacrifice (g)	3.61 ± 0.36	3.66 ± 0.14	2.64 ± 0.07	###	2.60 ± 0.19	###
Peripheral Fat weight at sacrifice (g)	0.37 ± 0.06	0.38 ± 0.03	7.36 ± 0.54	###	8.34 ± 1.10	###
Lower limb perimeter (cm)	2.53 ± 0.24	2.68 ± 0.24	6.98 ± 0.67	###	7.00 ± 0.66	###
Body Mass Index (BMI) (kg/m²)	3.53 ± 0.13	3.32 ± 0.16	6.18 ± 0.47	###	6.21 ± 0.07	###
Skeletal Muscle Index (SMI) (%)	13.08 ± 2.02	14.69 ± 1.46	4.98 ± 0.67	###	5.11 ± 0.40	###
Fat Mass Index (FMI) (g/m²)	51.87 ± 8.66	53.15 ± 3.62	948.15 ± 105.54	###	1195.17 ± 231.32	###
Limb-Appendicular Skeletal Muscle Mass Index (L-ASMI) (g/m²)	461.82 ± 74.36	487.20 ± 49.06	308.64 ± 50.98	##	320.10 ± 28.34	###

Note: Data are means ± SD. Statistical comparisons: # wild-type vs. ob/ob; ##*P* < 0.01, ###*P* < 0.001.