

Supplementary Materials

Dual deletion of *Keap1* and *Rbpjk* genes in liver leads to hepatomegaly and hypercholesterolemia

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Table S1. Primers for mouse genotyping

<i>Genotyping for Rbpjk^{F/F} background mouse</i>	
Primers	Sequence (5' - 3')
Rbpjk-Int6.2	CCTTTCTTTGTGCGTGCCTCC
Rbpjk-Ex7.2	TGACAGTCTGCCCGTAATGG
Rbpjk-Int8.2	CCTAGAACAGGCTGCCTGATCACCTTCC

<i>Genotyping for Keap1^{F/F} background mouse</i> [66]	
5-cko 4int1	GCACATCCTTCATCTCTCCGCACTGGGGAG
3-Kp1-4Ex	CCTCCGTGTCAACATTGGCGCGACTAG
R260-EGFP	GACTTGAAGAAGTCGTGCTGCTTCATGTG

<i>Genotyping for Nrf2^{F/F} background mouse</i> [67]	
N3	TGAGAGCTTCCCAGACTCACTT
mNrf2Ex-V-32	CTGGGCTGGGAACAGCGGTAGTATCAGCCAGC

<i>Genotyping for Cre background mouse</i> [22]	
Cre1	ACGTTACCGGCATCAACGT
Cre2	CTGCATTACCGGTCGATGCA

Table S2. PCR programs for mouse genotyping

<i>Keap1^{F/F} background mouse</i> [66]			
Step #	Temp °C	Time	Note
1	95	1 min	-
2	95	30 sec	-
3	68.5	30 sec	-
4	72	30 sec	repeat steps 2-4 for 35 cycles
5	4	-	hold
Product; Flox : ~350 bp, Disrupted : ~550 bp, Wt : ~250 bp			

<i>Rbpj^{F/F} background mouse</i>			
Step #	Temp °C	Time	Note
1	95	1 min	-
2	95	30 sec	-
3	68.5	30 sec	-
4	72	30 sec	repeat steps 2-4 for 35 cycles
5	72	1 min	-
6	4	-	hold
Product; Flox : ~515 bp, Disrupted : ~300 bp, Wt : ~415 bp			

Table S3. Primers for deletion check genotyping of *Nrf2^{F/F}* mouse and its PCR program

<i>Genotyping for Nrf2^{F/F} background mouse</i> [63]	
N1	TCTTAGGCACCATTTGGGAGAG
N2	TACAGCAGGCATACCATTGTGG
N3	TGAGAGCTTCCCAGACTCACTT

<i>Nrf2^{F/F} background mouse</i>			
Step #	Temp °C	Time	Note
1	95	1 min	-
2	95	30 sec	-
3	68.7	30 sec	-
4	72	30 sec	repeat steps 2-4 for 35 cycles
5	4	-	hold
Product; Flox : ~750 bp, Disrupted : ~405 bp			

Table S4. Primers for the real-time PCR analyses.

Gene	Forward	Reverse
<i>Srebp1c</i>	GGAGCCATGGATTGCACATT	GGCCCGGGAAGTCACTGT
<i>Acc1</i>	ATGGGCGGAATGGTCTCTTTC	TGGGGACCTTGTCTTCATCAT
<i>Fasn</i>	GGAGGTGGTGATAGCCGGTAT	TGGGTAATCCATAGAGCCCAG
<i>Scd1</i>	TTCTTGCGATACTCTGGTGC	CGGGATTGAATGTTCTTGTCGT
<i>Srebp2</i>	CGAGCAACGGGACCATTCT	CCCCATGACTAAGTCCTTCAACT
<i>Hmgcs1</i>	GCAGTCTTCAATGCCGTGAA	GCAATGTCTCCTGCAACTACCA
<i>Hmgcr</i>	TTGGTCCTTGTTACGCTCAT	TTCGTCCAGACCCAAGGAAAC
<i>Mvd</i>	ATGGCCTCAGAAAAGCCTCAG	TGGTCGTTTTTAGCTGGTCCT
<i>Ldlr</i>	CCAATCGACTACGGGTTC	TCACACCAGTTCACCCCTCT
<i>Nr0b2</i>	CAGGTCGTCCGACTATTCTGT	AGGCTACTGTCTTGGCTAGGA
<i>Cyp7A1</i>	AGCAACTAAACAACCTGCCAGTACTA	GTCCGGATATTCAAGGATGCA
<i>Abcb11</i>	CAGGGAGGCCAAAGGTGAGC	ATGGTGGCAGGGAATGAAAAGTAG
<i>18S rRNA</i>	CTCAACACGGGAAACCTCAC	CGCTCCACCAACTAAGAACG

[67,68] and <https://pga.mgh.harvard.edu/primerbank/>

Table S5. Antibodies used in this research.

Target Protein	Provider	Dilution
Nrf2	Invitrogen PA5-27882	2,000
Keap1	Original	3,000
Rbpjk	Santa Cruz Bio sc-28713	500
NR0B2	Invitrogen PA5-76632	500
LaminB1	Proteintech 12987-1-AP	5,000
Nqo1	Abcam ab2346	500
GstA1-5	Invitrogen PA5-79335	2,000
Mvd	Proteintech 15331-1-AP	1,000
SREBPF2	Proteintech 28212-1-AP	2,000
HMGCS1	Cell Signaling Tech Q01581	1,000
CYP7A1	Invitrogen PA5-100892	500
Rabbit anti-Goat IgG (H+L)-HRP	Invitrogen 31402	10,000
Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (H + L)-HRP	BIO RAD 1706515	3,000

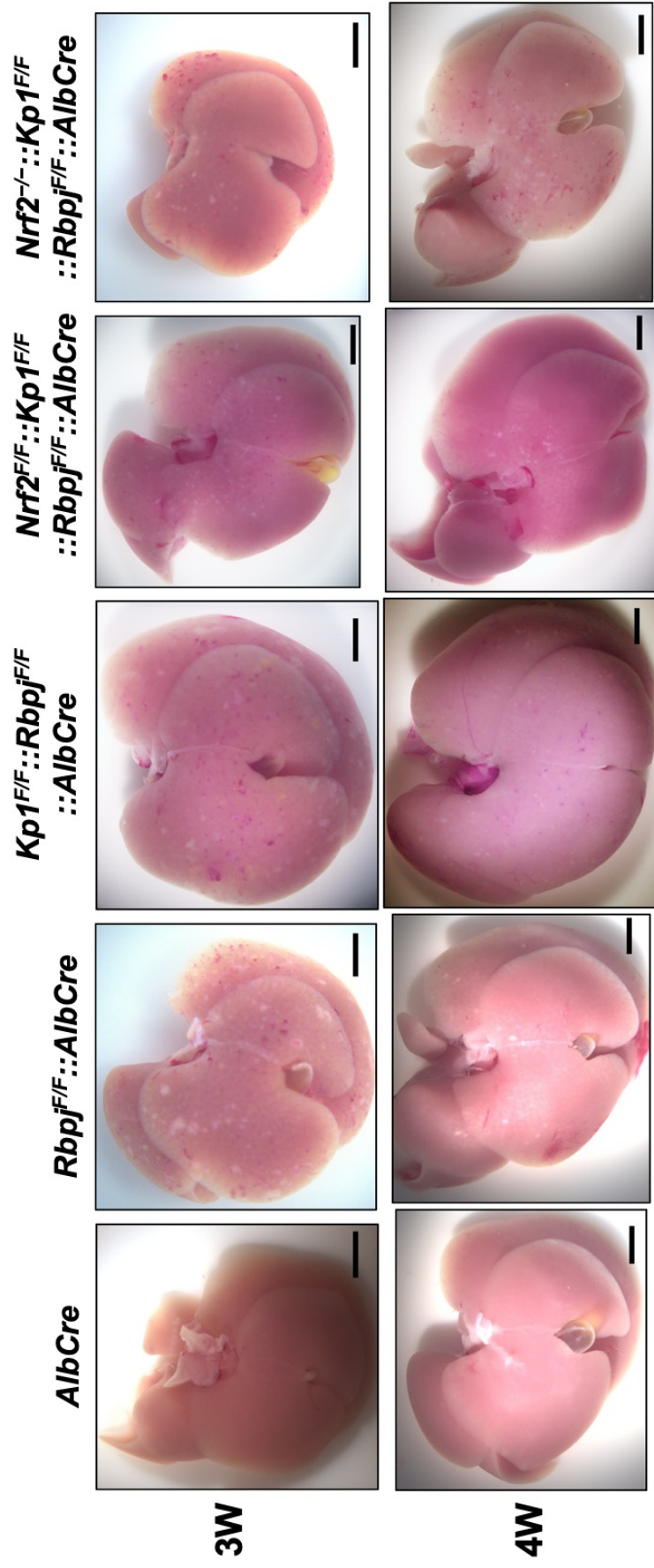


Figure S1. Changes in liver morphology among the genotypes. Representative livers from 3W and 4W old males. The scale bar = 5 mm.

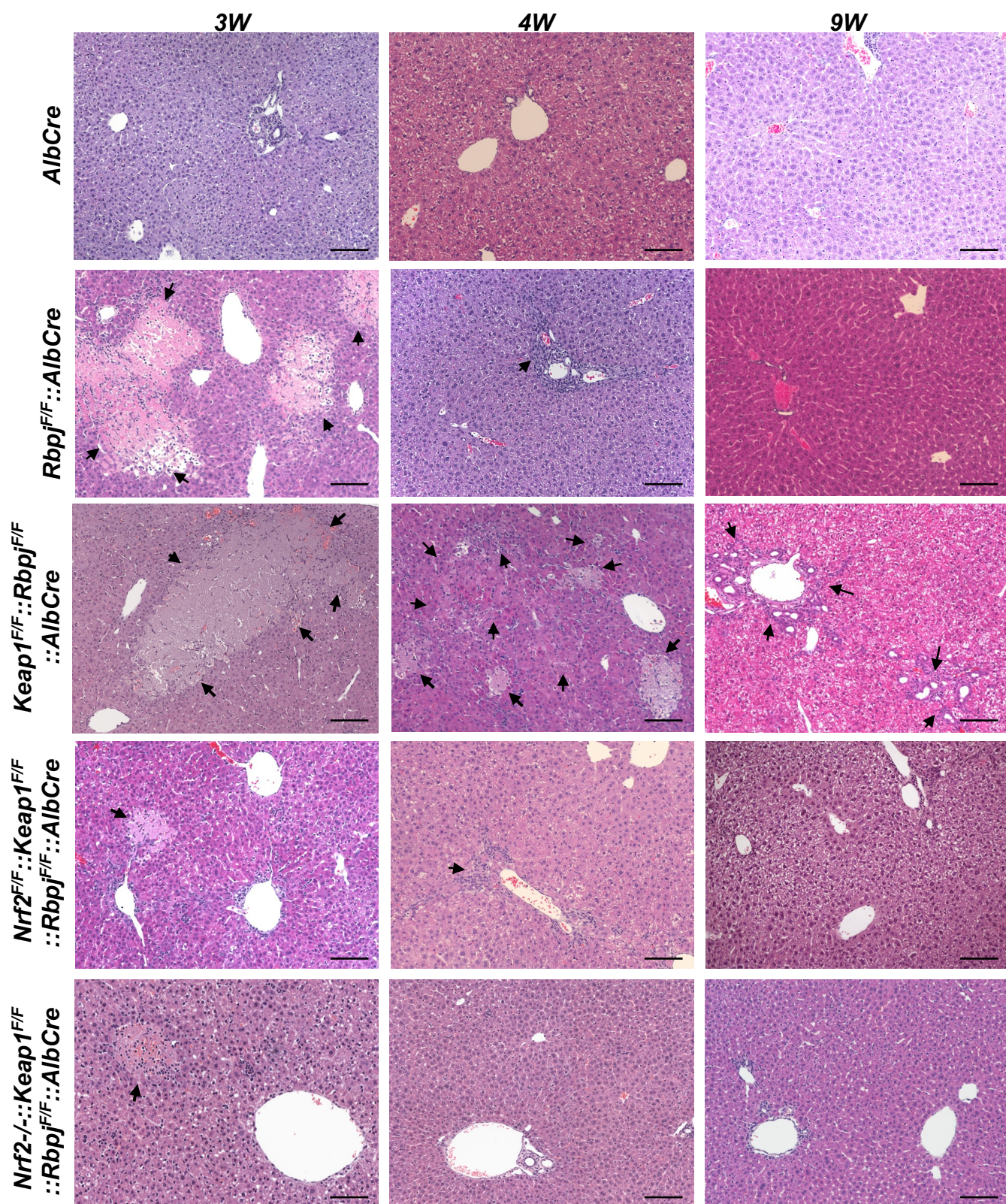


Figure S2. Changes in liver morphology among the genotypes. H&E stained sections from the central lobe of each genotype mouse at 3W, 4W and 9W of age. Arrows indicate the degeneration and damage produced by cholestasis. The scale bar = 100 μ m.

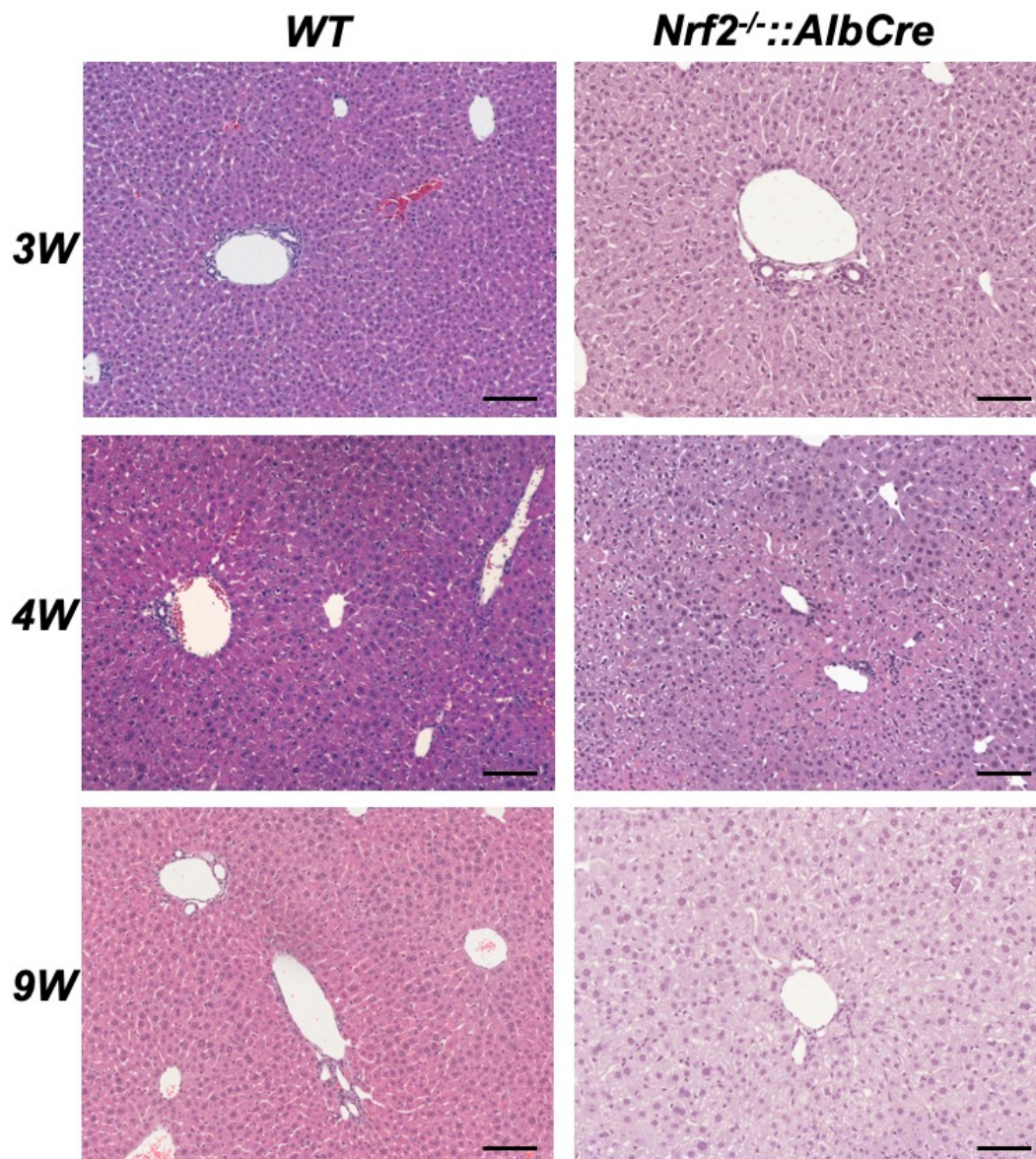


Figure S3. H&E stained sections from the central lobe of control genotype mice at 3W, 4W and 9W of age. The scale bar = 100 μ m.

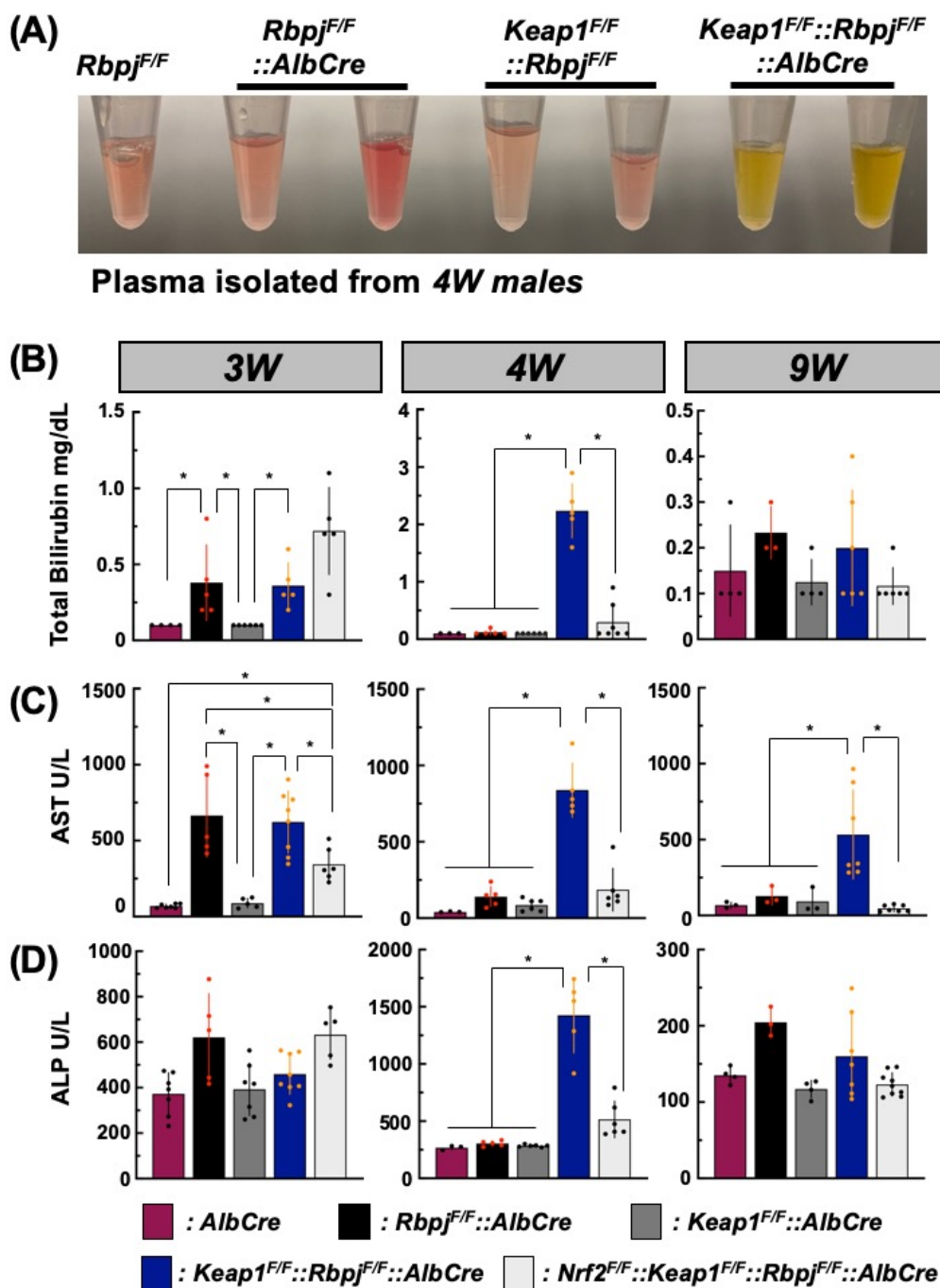


Figure S4. Features of plasma color (4W) and plasma biochemical analyses (3W, 4W and 9W of age) in the relevant mouse genotypes. N=3-9 * $p < 0.05$, by Tukey's.

Oil Red O staining

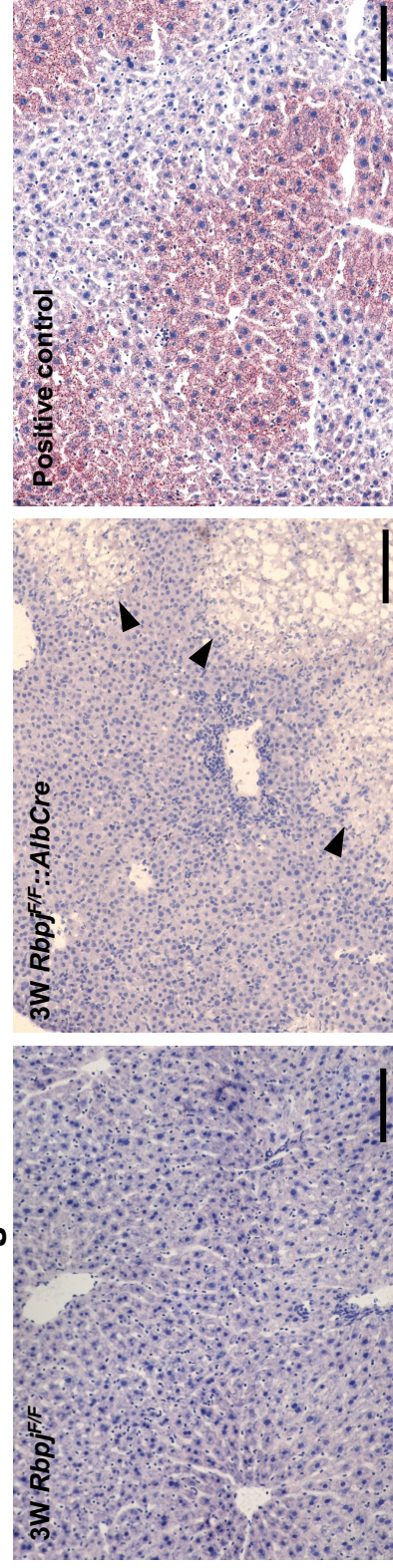


Figure S5. The degenerated foci observed in *Rbpj^{F/F}::AlbCre* liver were confirmed by oil red O staining. Arrow heads indicate degenerated regions in the liver. The scale bar = 100 μ m.

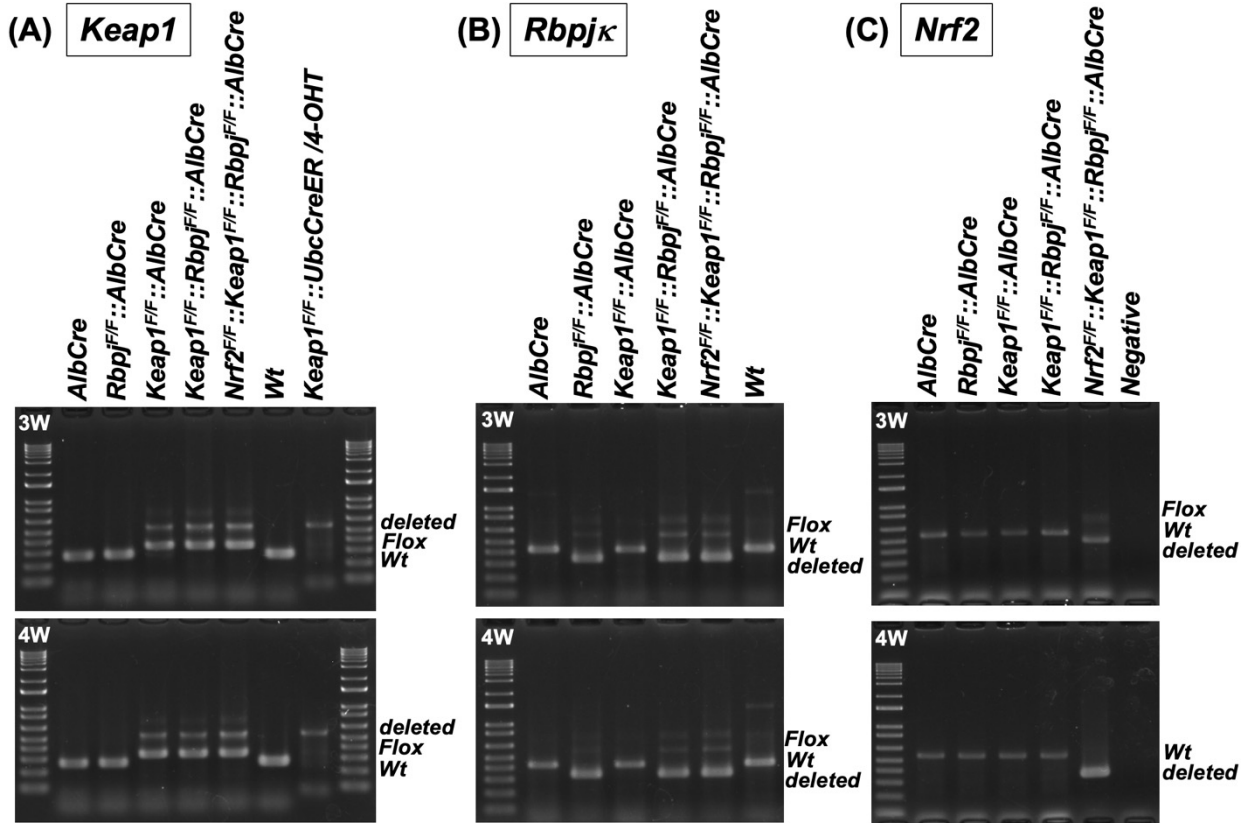


Figure S6. Representative profiles of gene allelic conversions by *AlbCre* expression. *Keap1*, *Rbpj κ* and *Nrf2* allelic change are depicted in (A), (B) and (C), respectively. The top and bottom panels show PCR results from 3W and 4W mouse liver genomic DNA as template, respectively. The PCR conditions for detection of *Keap1* and *Nrf2* conversion have been described previously[63], [66]. For *Rbpj κ* , PCR conditions and its primers are shown in Table S1, S2 and Figure S4.

***Rbpjk* gene Locus**

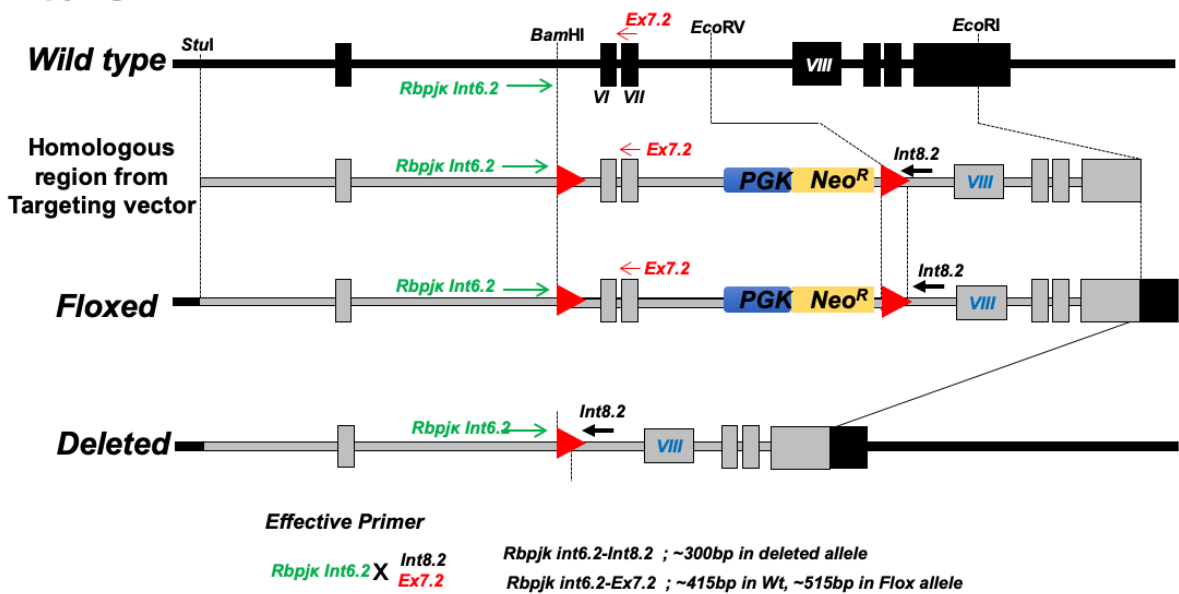


Figure S7. Mouse *Rbpjk* and its flox mutant gene structure and primer positions for genotyping. Positions for each primer for *Int6.2*, *Int8.2* and *Ex 7.2* are indicated by green, black and red arrows, respectively. Red triangles indicate *LoxP* elements. The structures provided arise from the original paper[65].

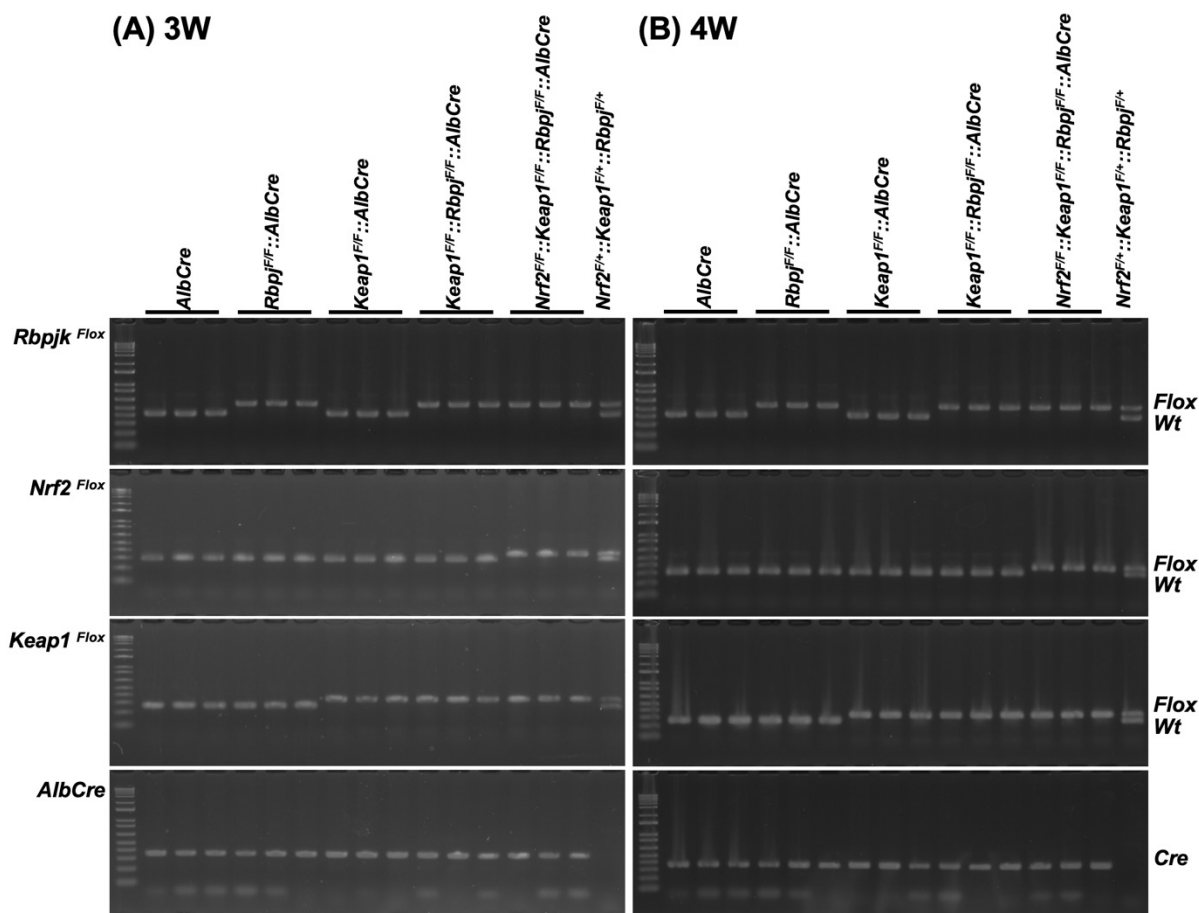


Figure S8. Representative results of confirmatory genotyping. DNA isolated from tail snips of each heterozygote of *Nrf2^{F/+}::Keap1^{F/+}::Rbpjk^{F/+}* and *Rbpjk^{Flox}* (top), *Nrf2^{Flox}* (second), *Keap1^{Flox}* (third), and *Albumin Cre* (bottom) was used for genotyping. Analyses from 3W and 4W old mice are presented in panels (A) and (B), respectively.

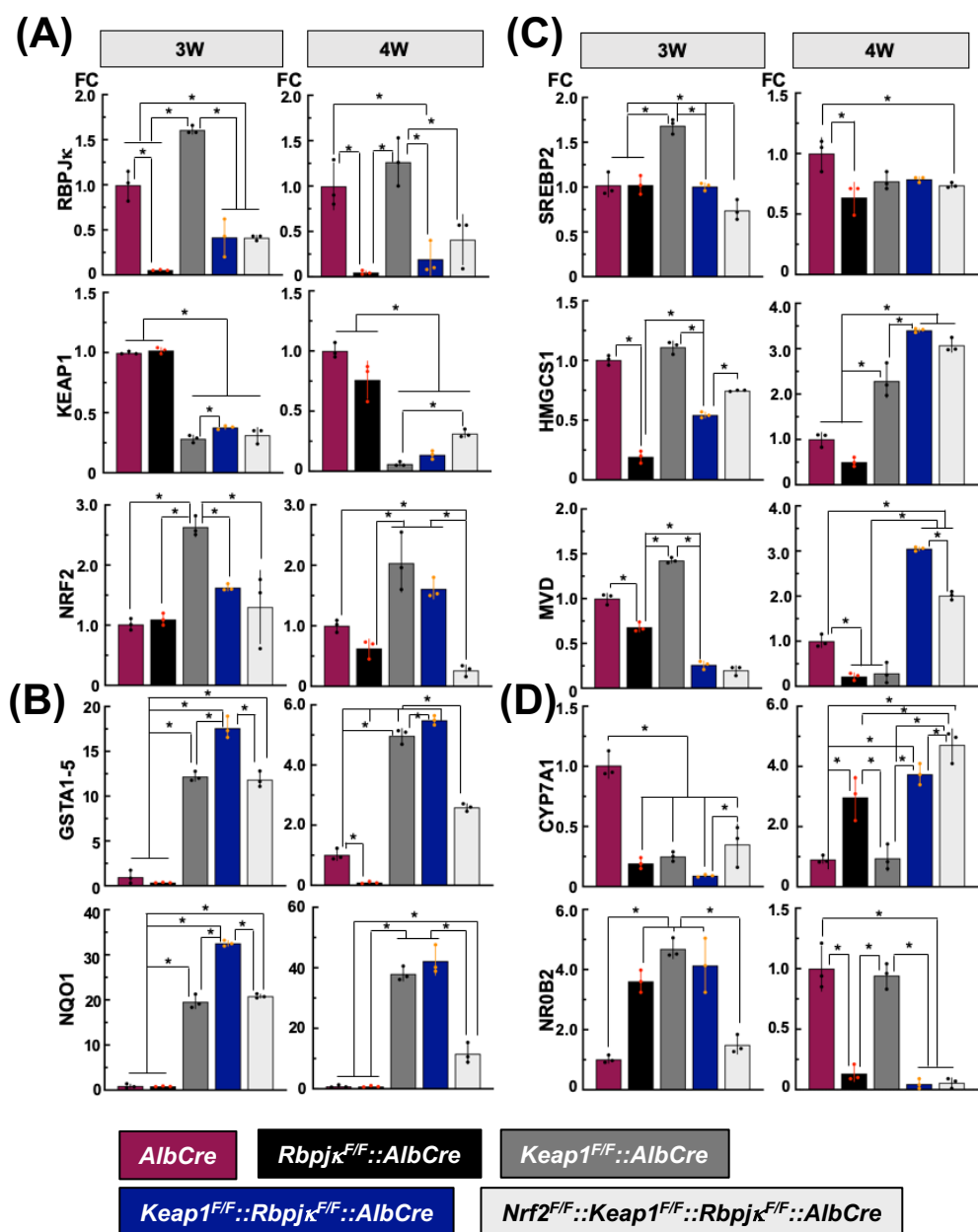


Figure S9. Immunoblotting analyses of putative ARE-regulated (NRF2) gene products in metabolic pathways affecting cholesterol-bile acid flux in 3W and 4W old mice. Liver extracts from 3 individual mice for each genotype were examined; quantification was performed by normalizing with LMNB1 expression. Deletion target gene products (A), representative NRF2 target genes (B), cholesterol synthesis related gene products (C) and bile acid pathway related gene products (D) are presented. The Y axis indicates the level of fold change (FC) where gene expression in *AlbCre* mice was set as 1. N=3. * $p < 0.05$ by Tukey's.