

Time-restricted feeding during the inactive phase abolishes the daily rhythm in mitochondrial respiration in rat skeletal muscle

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OXPHOS capacity, uncoupled respiration and succinate/rotenone-linked respiration lower in the soleus muscle from rats that were time-restricted fed (TRF) during the light (inactive) phase, compared to rats with a normal *ad libitum* diet

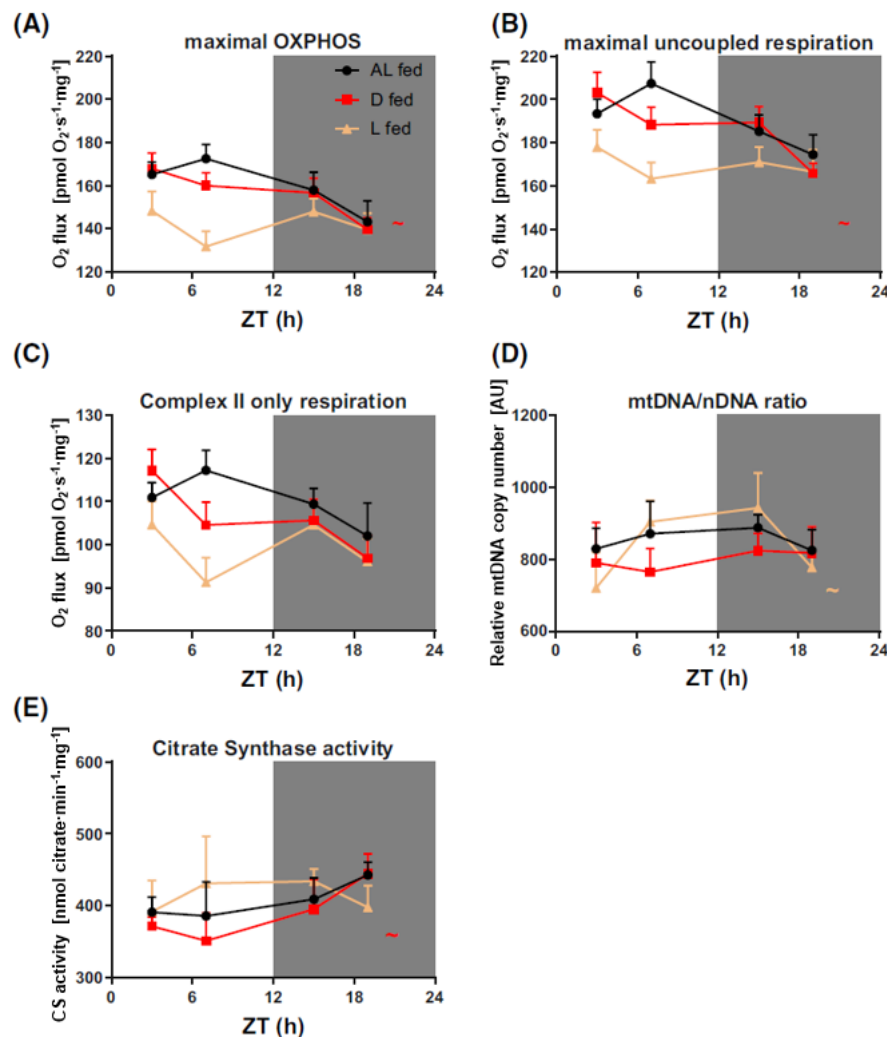


Figure 1. Daily profiles of the different mitochondrial respiration states and the mitochondrial abundance (mtDNA/nDNA ratio). (A) Maximal oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS; with pyruvate, glutamate, malate, and succinate). (B) Maximal uncoupled respiration (with FCCP). (C) Complex II only respiration (with succinate/rotenone). (D) Mitochondrial abundance (mtDNA/nDNA ratio). (E) Citrate synthase activity; Three technical replicates were measured for each biological replicate. $N = 6 - 8$ per experimental group per time point. Table 1 summarizes the main statistical findings for the mitochondrial respiration states and mtDNA/nDNA ratio. Color-coded “~” indicates that the (metabolic) parameter is significantly rhythmic for that TRF group as determined by JTK_Cycle ($p < .05$) ZT: Zeitgeber time points, AL fed: *ad libitum*, D fed: dark fed, L fed: Light fed.

Table 1. Summary of the two- way ANOVA of oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) capacity, maximal uncoupled respiration, succinate/rotenone- linked respiration, mtDNA/nDNA ratio, and CS activity.

Step	Two-way ANOVA <i>p</i> values			Post-hoc differences for effect of time		
	ZT	TRF	TRF post-hoc test	TRF group	One-way ANOVA (ZT)	JTK_Cycle
OXPHOS capacity (Figure 2A)	0.011	0.002	L < AL & D	AL	0.084	0.192
				D	0.026	0.091
				L	0.367	0.999
Uncoupled respiration (Figure 2B)	0.008	0.001	L < AL & D	AL	0.072	0.120
				D	0.019	0.091
				L	0.604	0.999
Succinate/rotenone (Figure 2C)	0.030	0.015	L < AL	AL	0.241	0.368
				D	0.072	0.322
				L	0.247	0.999
mtDNA/nDNA ratio (Figure 2D)	0.594	0.128	–	AL	0.885	0.999
				D	0.942	0.999
				L	0.172	0.020
Citrate synthase activity (Figure 2E)	0.680	0.626		AL	0.643	0.102
				D	0.185	0.041
				L	0.123	0.444

Note: Post hoc differences between groups are displayed. For the effect of time both one-way ANOVAs and cosinor analyses using JTK_Cycle were used as post-hoc test. No significant interactions ($ZT \times TRF$) were found. Bold values correspond to *p*-values <.05.

Mistimed eating in relation to circadian rhythms, as often found during shift-work, disrupts mitochondrial function and reduces respiratory rates and metabolic flexibility, which could contribute to type-2 diabetes mellitus.

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