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The number of animals required for the lifespan study was initially calculated to be 20-30 per group based on the 30% reduction in male L-RKO lifespan we previously observed (Lamming *et. al*, 2014, *Aging Cell*), and then allowing for the possibility that castration or ovariectomy would only partially rescue the animals, leading to the need to detect an approximately 15% change in lifespan. We selected a target range as mouse breeding of genetically engineered mice is never precisely mendelian, and we then needed to perform surgery. This number of animals would provide 84-95% power to detect a 15% change in lifespan (Liang *et al.*, 2003, Experimental Gerontology). We achieved the target group size for all groups. Group sizes for *in vivo* metabolic assays were chosen as described (Bellantuono *et al*. 2020, *Nature Protocols*)

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