

Figure S1. Generation of *Actin-Cre^{ERT2}(Cre^{+/-})*, *Mkk4^{flox/flox}*, *Mkk7^{flox/flox}* mice. Crossbreeding employed to get mice with the genotype handled in this investigation. Hemizygous *Actin-Cre^{ERT2}(Cre^{+/-})*, *Mkk4^{flox/flox}*, *Mkk7^{flox/flox}* mice (1) was used to induce dual deletion of *Mkk4* and *Mkk7* genes after tamoxifen administration *Actin-Cre^{ERT2}(Cre^{-/-})*, *Mkk4^{flox/flox}*, *Mkk7^{flox/flox}* (2) and wild-type C57BL/6 (3) mice were used in control groups.

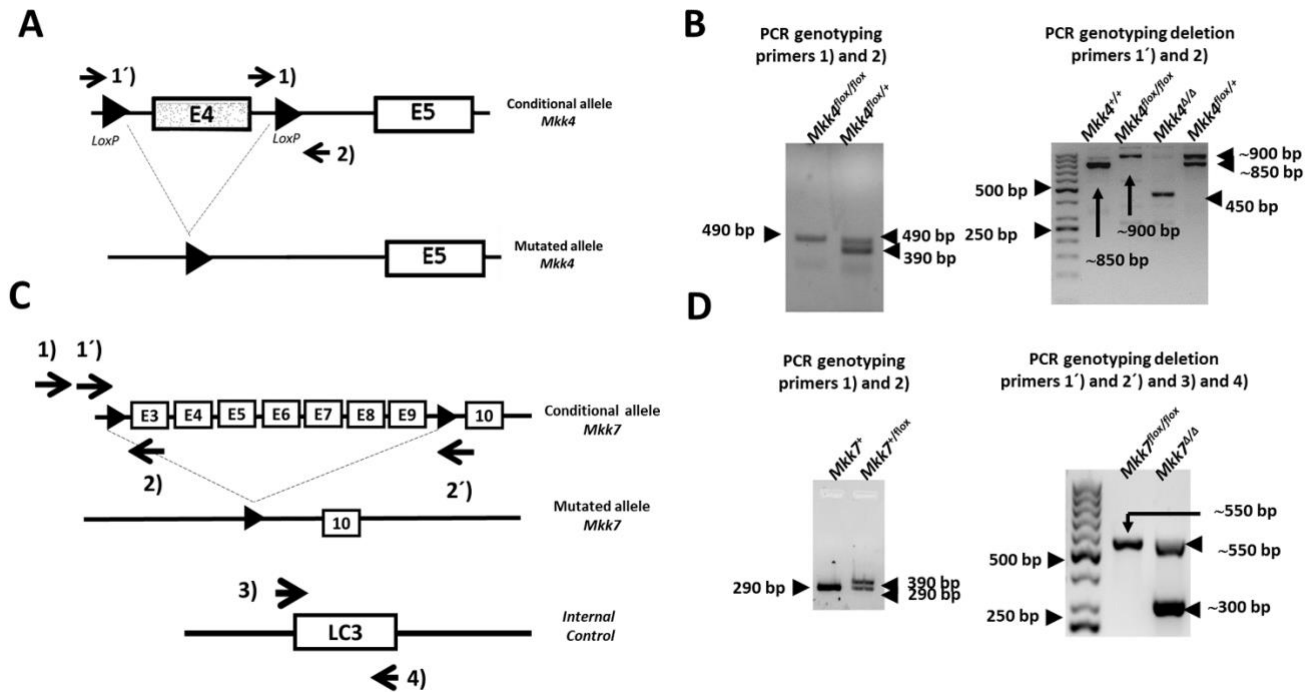


Figure S2. Strategy to genotype and to detect the deletion of *Mkk4* and *Mkk7* genes. **A.** Genomic region of conditional allele *Mkk4*, LoxP sequences flanked exon 4. Primers used for genotyping are 1) and 2). Primers employed for detecting deletion are 1') and 2'). **B.** In the left side, representative image of agarose gel for PCR genotyping test shows the band for *Mkk4*⁺ (390 bp) and *Mkk4*^{lox} (490 bp). On the right side, an image of agarose gel for PCR deletion test shows a band for *Mkk4*⁺ (850 bp), *Mkk4*^{lox} (900 bp) and *Mkk4*^Δ (450 bp). **C.** Genomic region of conditional allele *Mkk7*, LoxP sequences flanked exon 3 to exon 9. Primers used for genotyping are 1) and 2). Primers used for deletion are 1') and 2') plus a pair of primers 3) and 4) that amplifies a LC3 region, used as an internal control. **D.** Left, representative image of agarose gel for PCR genotyping test showing the band for *Mkk4*⁺ (290 bp) and *Mkk4*^{lox} (390 bp). The right agarose gel shows bands obtained for PCR deletion, *Mkk7*^{Δ/Δ} genotype shows a band of 300 bp (*Mkk7*^Δ) for deletion and 550 bp for Internal Control, *Mkk7*^{lox/lox} genotype shows only a band of 550 bp (Internal Control).