

Table S2 –Summary of the effects of Met depletion at phenotypic level in the experiments treating with dsMet-a or dsMet-b and at the stages N4, N5 or N6. In all cases the corresponding dsRNA was administered in two 3µg-doses, one on day 0 and the other on day 3 of the given instar. Controls were equivalently treated with dsMock. Methodological details are described in the main text.

	Instar of treatment	N	Died before N6	Died during the ecdysis to N6	Nymphoid with adult features in N6	Precocious adult in N6	Died in ecdysis from N6 to adult	Adult with wrinkled wings after N6	Normal adult after N6
dsMet-a	N4	54	9	8	7	11	10	4	5
dsMet-b	N4	10	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
dsMock	N4	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
dsMet-a	N5	35	0	0	5	1	5	12	12
dsMet-b	N5	25	0	0	5	0	1	12	7
dsMock	N5	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
dsMet-a	N6	28	-	-	-	-	5	10	13
dsMock	N6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14