Supplementary Material

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Fig. S1. Upregulation of glyoxalase genes upon desiccation of *C. elegans* **dauer.** The differential expression of *djr-1.1*, *djr-1.2* and *glod-4* was tested by RT-PCR in four replicates. See Fig. 1A for the procedure. *tsp-21* was a control whose expression did not change by desiccation stress.



Fig. S2. DJ-1 downregulation by esiRNA. Expression of DJ-1 protein in esiRNA-transfected HeLa cells. DJ-1 and tubulin proteins in the whole lysate were detected by immunoblotting. By a densitometric analysis, RNAi of DJ-1 downregulated its expression by 75% in HeLa cells.



Fig. S3. Glycolate and D-lactate rescue mitochondria structure of paraquat-treated DJ-1 RNAi HeLa cells. (A–D) Mitochondria stained with MitoTracker (green) and DNA (blue) of cells treated with control Luciferase RNAi (A), DJ-1 RNAi (B), control RNAi and paraquat (PQ^{2+}) (C), and DJ-1 RNAi and PQ^{2+} (D). Scale bars: 10 µm. (E) Quantification of the mitochondrial network structure. Circularity of mitochondria in cell periphery was calculated ($n \ge 280$ for each box). On the right, the relation between the mitochondrial shape and circularity is drawn. Circularity in each condition was compared to its own control by one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test. *p<0.05; **p<0.001; ***p<0.001.



Fig. S4. Effects of paraquat on worm larvae. (A) Length of the worms treated with paraquat (PQ^{2^+}). Bars and error bars show the mean and SD, respectively. Sensitivity to PQ^{2^+} was comparable between strains (F=2.334, df=2, p=0.1) but overall increased by concentration (F=81.159, df=5, p<0.001). Every strain was compared to its control at different PQ^{2^+} concentrations by two-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's honestly significant differences (HSD) test. (B) Worm larvae treated with PQ^{2^+} or control. Scale bar: 250 µm. (C) Survival of the worm larvae treated with 200 µM paraquat and 1 mM of the indicated supplements. Bars and error bars show the mean and SD, respectively. Every strain was affected differently upon each treatment (strain level F=10.748, df=2, p<0.001; treatment level F=24.467, df=5, p<0.001). PQ^{2^+} decreased viability of Δdjr mutant, which was restored by glycolate (GA), but not by D-lactate (DL), L-lactate (LL). Viability of *glod-4* was not affected by PQ^{2^+} significantly; however, the lethality was rescued in a similar way as $\Delta \Delta djr$. Every strain was compared to its own control by two-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's HSD test. Data were normalized by Freeman–Tukey's double arcsine transformation prior to ANOVA. *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001.



Fig. S5. PINK1 downregulation by esiRNA. Expression of PINK1 protein in esiRNA-transfected HeLa cells. Before harvest, cells were incubated with 10 μ M FCCP (Carbonyl cyanide 4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenylhydrazone) for 1 hour. Loading of same amounts of total proteins was confirmed by Ponceau S staining (not shown). A 54 kDa band near to the expected molecular weight (63 kDa) was diminished in the PINK1 RNAi sample.



Fig. S6. Detection of *α*-hydroxy acids and trehalose in worms before and after preconditioning. Selected ion monitoring (SIM) chromatograms for molecules of interest are overlaid. (A) Separation of lactic acid stereoisoforms. L-lactate decreases 3-fold upon preconditioning whereas D-lactate is in trace amount in worms and its abundance is not affected by desiccation stress. (B) No glycolate is detected in worms both before and after preconditioning. (C) Trehalose level is increased more than 2-fold upon preconditioning.



Fig. S7. Glycolate and D-lactate support *in vitro* survival of the dopaminergic neuron. (A) Survival of the primary dopaminergic neurons in the presence of the different concentrations of D-lactate (DL) and glycolate (GA). The primary neurons from wild-type mouse embryos were cultured with the indicated substances for 6 days, fixed, and stained for tyrosine hydroxylase (TH), a dopaminergic neuron-specific marker. The relative number of the TH⁺ cells to none-treated control was plotted, with mean (blue) and SD. Each dot indicates an independent experiment. *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.01. (B) Immunoblot of DJ-1 in wild-type and DJ-1 mutant mouse brains. Total brains isolated from wild-type and DJ-1 mutant adults and embryos were lysed, and tested for DJ-1 expression. Tubulin is the loading control.

Table S1. Sequ	ences of the	primers	used in	genotyping	and RT-PCR
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Gene/allele	Primer name	Primer sequence		
Genotyping				
djr-1.1(tm918)	tm918_ext_fwd	CGACGAGTTGCGTATGAGAA		
	tm918_ext_rev	CACAAGTTTTTCGGGGAGAA		
	tm918_int_fwd	TATGCCGGATTAGATGGAGC		
djr-1.2(tm951)	tm951_ext_fwd	GATTTCTTCGGCGTCTTCTG		
	tm951_ext_rev	CACATCTCGGGCCACTATTT		
	tm951_int_fwd	AAAATGCAACGACCGACTTC		
glod-4(tm1266)	tm1266_ext_fwd	TCCTCCGCTCGCTTTTTCTC		
	tm1266_ext_rev	TTGCAAGTTGCTTCGCATCC		
	tm1266_int_fwd	TCGAAGCTTTGGTCGTTTCG		
RT-PCR				
djr-1.1	djr-1.1_fwd	GCCGAAGGAGCTGAGGAAATG		
	djr-1.1_rev	AGCACATTTTACCGGTTCGGC		
djr-1.2	djr-1.2_fwd	TGAACCTGTCAAATGTGCCAAAGG		
	djr-1.2 rev	GGCACTCTGCCAGTTTGCTAC		
glod-4	glod-4_fwd	CCTGAAGATAAGCTCGAATCTCTCC		
	glod-4_rev	ATGCTCATCTGGATCGGCAAG		
tsp-21	tsp-21_fwd	ACAGAGAGAGCTCCAATGCTGC		
	tsp-21_rev	TTTCCCACAGTTTTCTGTGCCG		