Table S4. The PI3K pathway and PLC genes are not involved in embryonic PCD.

## A. Mutants defective in the PI3K pathway have normal numbers of cell corpses.

| _   | Number of cell corpses <sup>a</sup> |                |            |               |               |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| Genotype  | Comma                               | 1.5-fold       | 2-fold     | 3-fold        | 4-fold        |  |  |
| Wild type (at 20°C)                                 | $10.0 \pm 1.6$                      | 11.4 ± 1.5     | 10.0 ± 1.9 | 2.1 ± 1.7     | $0.5 \pm 0.7$ |  |  |
| Wild type (at 25°C)                                 | 10.1 ± 2.5                          | 11.1 ± 2.1     | 10.0 ± 1.9 | $2.2 \pm 1.9$ | $0.5 \pm 0.7$ |  |  |
| aap-1(ok282)  | $10.3 \pm 1.4$                      | $11.8 \pm 2.0$ | 10.6 ± 1.6 | $2.3 \pm 1.2$ | $0.6 \pm 0.7$ |  |  |
| aap-1(m889)   | 10.3 ± 1.8                          | 11.4 ± 1.9     | 10.5 ± 1.9 | $2.5 \pm 1.3$ | $0.7 \pm 0.6$ |  |  |
| age-2(yw23); age-1(hx546)<br>(at 25°C) <sup>b</sup> | 10.4 ± 1.9                          | 11.2 ± 1.0     | 10.5 ± 1.6 | 2.9 ± 1.1     | $0.5 \pm 0.6$ |  |  |
| daf-16(m26); age-1(m333)                            | 10.1 ± 2.2                          | 11.1 ± 1.6     | 10.0 ± 1.7 | 2.1 ± 1.0     | $0.5 \pm 0.6$ |  |  |

## B. Mutants defective in PLC genes have normal numbers of cell corpses.

|                            |                | Number of cell corpses <sup>a</sup> |                |               |               |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Genotype                   | Comma          | 1.5-fold                            | 2-fold         | 3-fold        | 4-fold        |  |  |  |
| plc-1(rx1) <sup>c</sup>    | 10.5 ± 1.3     | 11.0 ± 2.3                          | 10.5 ± 2.3     | $2.5 \pm 2.0$ | $0.7 \pm 0.8$ |  |  |  |
| plc-2(ok1761)              | $10.0 \pm 2.4$ | 10.8 ± 1.9                          | $10.5 \pm 2.8$ | $2.0 \pm 1.1$ | $0.6 \pm 0.7$ |  |  |  |
| plc-3(tm1340) <sup>d</sup> | $10.4 \pm 2.0$ | 11.7 ± 1.9                          | 10.9 ± 1.9     | $2.7 \pm 1.6$ | $0.5 \pm 0.6$ |  |  |  |
| plc-4(ok1215)              | 10.6 ± 1.8     | 11.9 ± 2.6                          | 10.5 ± 1.6     | 2.3 ± 1.6     | $0.7 \pm 0.7$ |  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Cell corpses scored at the indicated developmental stages are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SD (n≥30). <sup>b</sup>The *age-2(yw23); age-1(hx546)* strain is temperature-sensitive and its cell corpse profile was scored at 25°C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>GFP-negative progeny of *plc-1(rx1); kfEx2[plc-1(+); sur-5::gfp]* adult worms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup>GFP-negative progeny of *plc-3(tm1340)/mln1[mls14 dpy-10(e128)]* adult worms.