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Drome-CWO      RQDPLSHRIIEKRRRDRMNSCLADLSRLIPPQYQRKGRGRIEKTEIEMAIRHLKHLQSE
Tal-CWO        ---PMSHRIIEKRRRDRMNNCLADLSRLIPAIYLKKGRGRIEKTEIEMAIKHLKHLQAH
Metoc          KRDPMSHRIIEKRRRDRMNNCLADLSRLIPAIYLKKGRGRVEKTEIEMAIKHLKHLQSH
Ixosc          ARDPMSHRIIEKRRRDRMNNCLADLSRLIPAVYLKKGRGRVEKTEIEMAIKHLRHLQAH
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Drome-CWO      CQQKE SDYRSGYDCMKEAAKFLYDVHMQDFCHRLLGRLQEHIDEMFTDCYKSTRSCHM
Tal-CWO        SCKDPATCEVAHR--IETDHRHQYRLGFHECMS-ECVRFLVEIEGMYAGDDLICIRLMNHL
Metoc          ACNDPATCEVAQR--IDTDHRHQYRLGFQECMS-ECVRFLVDIEGRYANDEFICIRLMTHL
Ixosc          SCKDPTTCEVAQR--VDSDHRLQYRLGFQECLS-ETARFLVDLDGSC TADDTCFRLVAHL
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Drome-CWO      PDNVSASSGSPHQAYHPLCHLRDMLATSASDVEHSQDHDNDVKDLSFRNHLNQLQRSQQA
Tal-CWO        QKHFDKVGHGFCYQIPG--GSGPTQ-----NNSSSPNP-----I
Metoc          KKHLDKIQGHNICYQVPGAVGSGPGQSTRTSPVASSSTASNGNSSSSSSGATTPATQIIQ
Ixosc          QKHFDKVS GAGSCYPAGLVLSDEEAT-----M
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Drome-CWO      AAAAAVAAA VAVANGSSPASNAGVDSKVPLTNGGGTGGAPPAADNVPSNSTGSGSAAAC
Tal-CWO        QVNTQSASISIQIRLPFKGM-----
Metoc          QTPQQVPAIPIQIHPSSGVVNVMGSPAATTRLSSDDVRSLESEPSFAFTRRAGGT FAP
Ixosc          EPPERQPKQEPTAALPDGSCS-----SSSSCS-----

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**Figure S7. Putative *Talitrus saltator* CLOCKWORK ORANGE (CWO) protein**

Alignment of *Drosophila melanogaster* CWO (Drome-CWO; Accession no. AAF54527) with the *T. saltator* CWO (Tal-CWO) deduced from the Trinity *de novo* transcriptome assembly, together with the top two tblastn species homologue sequences *Metaseiulus occidentalis* uncharacterized (Metoc; Accession No. XM\_003744642) and *Ixodes scapularis* conserved hypothetical protein (Ixosc; Accession No. XM\_002400882). 5' and 3' sequence removed from all sequences except Tal-CWO. '\*' indicates identical amino acid residues in the two proteins, '.' and ':' indicate similar amino acid residues between the two proteins. In this figure SMART identified domains of bHLH domain and Orange of the Hairy/E(SPL) family domain are highlighted in yellow and green respectively.