

**Table S1:** Key candidate genes involved with osmoregulation in prawns and other aquatic crustacean species.

Gene Name	Functions and Mechanisms	Species Studied
Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> - ATPase (NKA)	The most important (master) gene for osmoregulation, exchange ions depending on external medium, establish electromechanical gradients across gill membranes	Crayfish (Ali et al., 2015), <i>M. amazonicum</i> (Faleiros et al., 2010), <i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al., 2016)
V type (H <sup>+</sup> ) ATPase (VAT)	Drives osmoregulation in dilute/extreme freshwater medium, pump protons for overall ion exchange	<i>M. amazonicum</i> (Faleiros et al., 2010), <i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al. 2016)
Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> /2Cl <sup>-</sup> cotransporter (NKCC)	Ion transportation into gill cells either from the blood or environment depending on salinity of external medium	<i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al., 2016), Crayfish (Ali et al., 2015)
Carbonic Anhydrase (CA)	Produce H <sup>+</sup> & HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> to drive Na <sup>+</sup> & Cl <sup>-</sup> exchange	<i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al. 2016)
Alkaline Phosphatase	Ion precipitation, support Ca <sup>+2</sup> - ATPase for calcification	Mud crab (Tongsaijing et al., 2013)
Arginine Kinase	Support ion transport and partial role in salinity regulation	<i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al. 2016)
Calreticulin	Signal transduction, Ca <sup>+2</sup> homeostasis, salinity stress biomarker, oxidative stress response and molecular chaperon	<i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012), crayfish (Ali et al., 2015)
CFT Regulator	Cl <sup>-</sup> channel regulator for euryhaline animals	Crayfish (Havird et al., 2013)
ABC (ATP-binding cassette) C12 protein	Participate in ion channel regulation and osmoregulatory pathway, significant role in salinity adaptation in gill	<i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012)
Ca <sup>+2</sup> - ATPase	Ca <sup>+2</sup> transport & exchange, calcification, Ca <sup>+2</sup> homeostasis	Crayfish (Gao and Wheatley, 2004)
Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> exchanger	Exchange of Na <sup>+</sup> for H <sup>+</sup> or vice versa, cell volume regulation	<i>M. amazonicum</i> (Faleiros et al., 2010)
Na <sup>+</sup> /HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> cotransporter	Transport HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> and exchange HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> for Na <sup>+</sup>	Green crab (Havird et al., 2013)
H <sup>+</sup> /Cl <sup>-</sup> exchanger	Exchange of H <sup>+</sup> for Cl <sup>-</sup> or vice versa depending on salinity	Crab (Genovese et al., 2013)
Na <sup>+</sup> /Ca <sup>+2</sup> exchanger	Remove Ca <sup>+2</sup> from cell and uptake Na <sup>+</sup> from environment	Crayfish (Gao and Wheatley, 2004)
Ca <sup>+2</sup> activated K <sup>+</sup> channel	Signal transduction for Ca <sup>+2</sup> transport and other cations	Lobster (Berkefeld et al., 2010)
Ca <sup>+2</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup> channel regulator	Exchange of 1 Ca <sup>+2</sup> for 2 Cl <sup>-</sup> for ion regulation	Crayfish (Havird et al., 2013)
Cl <sup>-</sup> transporter	Transportation of Cl <sup>-</sup>	Crayfish (Havird et al., 2013)
Cl <sup>-</sup> /HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> exchanger	Catalyze HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> from inside the cell for Cl <sup>-</sup> outside the cell	<i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al. 2016)
Mg <sup>+2</sup> transporter	Mg <sup>+2</sup> transport across cell membrane & signal transduction	Crab (Leite and Zanotto, 2013)
K <sup>+</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup> symporter	Transport K <sup>+</sup> & Cl <sup>-</sup> ions, maintain electrochemical balance	<i>P. monodon</i> (Pongsomboon et al., 2009)
Integrin	Supporting role to control homeostasis for salinity stress	<i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012)
Claudin 3	Maintain epithelial permeability, sensing osmotic stress	Freshwater crab (Furriel et al., 2010)
Aquaporin 3	Regulate cell volume caused by osmotic stress	<i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al. 2016)
P38 MAP kinase	Signal transduction for stress response to osmotic balance	<i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012)
Osmotic Stress transcription 1	Signal transduction during osmotic stress	<i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012)
Mitochondrial carrier protein	Osmoregulatory signal transduction	Crab (Genovese et al., 2005)
Selenophosphate 1 (SPS1)	Tolerance of oxidative and salinity fluctuation stresses	<i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012)
ILF2 (interleukin enhancer binding factor 2)	A transcriptional regulator involved in the physiological process of euryhalinity	<i>M. australiense</i> (Moshtaghi et al. 2016) <i>M. rosenbergii</i> (Barman et al., 2012)