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Abstract:	<p>Background: The golden apple snail (<i>Pomacea canaliculata</i>) is a fresh water snail listed among the top-100 worst invasive species, worldwide and a noted agricultural and quarantine pest that causes great economic losses. It is characterized by fast growth, strong stress tolerance, a high reproduction rate, and adaptation to a broad range of environments.</p> <p>Results: Here, we used long-read sequencing to produce a 440-Mb high-quality chromosome-level assembly for the <i>P. canaliculata</i> genome. In total, 50 Mb (11.4%) repeat sequences and 21,533 gene models were identified in the genome. The major findings of this study include the recent explosion of DNA/hAT-Charlie transposable elements (TEs), the expansion of the P450 gene family and the constitution of the cellular homeostasis system, which contributes to ecological plasticity in stress adaptation. In addition, the high transcriptional levels of perivitellin genes in the ovary and albumen gland promote the function of nutrient supply and defence ability in eggs. Furthermore, the gut metagenome also contains diverse genes for food digestion and xenobiotic degradation.</p> <p>Conclusions: These findings collectively provide novel insights into the molecular mechanisms of the ecological plasticity and high invasiveness.</p>	
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Response to Reviewers:	<p>Reviewer reports:</p> <p>Reviewer #1: Still there are some typos in the revised manuscript. For example, in line 181 "Pintada" must be "Pinctada". Please carefully check the manuscript again before submission.</p> <p>Reply: We have revised all the typos in the manuscript. We revised "Lottia gigantea" to "Lottia gigantea" in line 161, "Pintada fucata" to "Pinctada fucata" in line 162, "giganta" to "gigantea" in line 166, "orthfinder" to "orthoFinder" in line 169, "L. fortune" to "L. fortunei" in line 172, "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea" in line 259, "Lottia gigantea" to "Lottia gigantea" in line 462, "Pintada fucata" to "Pinctada fucata" in line 463, "giganta" to "gigantea" in line 476, "L. fortune" to "L. fortunei" in line 543, "L. gigantea, Lottia gigantea" to "L. gigantea, Lottia gigantea" in line 543, "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea" in Table 1, "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea" in the legend of Figure 4.</p> <p>Reviewer #3: Dear authors,</p> <p>Thank you for providing a revised version of the manuscript and for addressing my suggestions. I think this manuscript will be a great contribution for the genomic studies of mollusks and invasive species. I, however, still have a few comments.</p> <p>1-) The written English is much improved, but there are still a few persistent mistakes. Such as "L. gigantea" where it should be 'L. gigantea' and the same with "L. fortune" which is actually 'L. fortunei'.</p> <p>Reply: We have revised "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea", and "L. fortune" to "L. fortunei" in the manuscript. We revised "Lottia gigantea" to "Lottia gigantea" in line 161, "giganta" to "gigantea" in line 166, "L. fortune" to "L. fortunei" in line 172, "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea" in line 259, "Lottia gigantea" to "Lottia gigantea" in line 462, "giganta" to "gigantea" in line 476, "L. fortune" to "L. fortunei" in line 543, "L. gigantea, Lottia gigantea" to "L. gigantea, Lottia gigantea" in line 543, "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea" in Table 1, "L. gigantea" to "L. gigantea" in the legend of Figure 4.</p> <p>I've attached again a manuscript with some purple highlights of critical pieces of text that should be revised. For example, the sentence between lines 479-484 is too long and non-technical. The same for "With its easy acquisition" in line 377. The improvement of such sentences would greatly benefit the manuscript readers.</p> <p>Reply: (1) The long and non-technical sentence between lines 479-484 "Raw reads were cleaned to exclude adapter sequences, low-quality sequences, and contaminated DNA. The adapter sequence was identified and trimmed from the reads by an ungapped dynamic programming algorithm; the low-quality part (head or tail) of the reads was trimmed off to ensure that the average error rate of the remaining reads was lower than 0.001; the reads that were mapped to contaminated DNA by BWA-MEM were filtered out..." has been revised to short sentences, with the non-technical description removed and the applied in-house program cited: "The Illumina raw reads were filtered by trimming the adapter sequence and low-quality regions (https://github.com/fanagislab/common_use), resulting in high-quality reads with an average error rate < 0.001. Then, the reads mapped to the following genomes by BWA-MEM were filtered out (https://github.com/fanagislab/metagenome_analysis.git), to exclude the contaminated host, food, parasite, and human DNA sequences ..."</p> <p>(2) The "With its easy acquisition" in line 377 has been revised to "With wide distribution", and the whole sentence became: "With wide distribution, rapid growth and efficient reproduction, P. canaliculata possesses the potential to be a model organism</p>

of Mollusca.”

(3) The “orthologue groups” in line 170 has been revised to “orthologous groups”.

(4) The “maintains” in line 238 has been revised to “contributes to”, and the whole sentence became: “Apoptosis is a process of cell death when sensing stress, and the regulation of apoptosis contributes to the dynamic homeostasis of the internal environment.”

(5) The sentence between lines 319-322 “The gut microbiome is well known as the second genome of animals and plays important roles in food digestion, immune defence, and other processes that are essential to the animal host. To investigate whether the gut microbiome influences the invasive lifestyle” has been improved to: “The gut microbiome is regarded as the “second genome” of the host animal, due to the fact that the gut microbiota contributes to the food digestion, immune system development, and many other processes important to the host. To investigate the relationship between the gut microbiome and the invasive lifestyle of *P. canaliculata*.”

Also, the final subtopic should not be "Conclusion and Discussion", at that point, I would say, its time to just conclude.

Reply: We have deleted “and Discussion” in the subtopic.

In the results sections, however, many paragraphs start with a discussion of the literature instead of presenting the results: I would advice to revise those, present results first in the paragraphs and then discuss them. Again, coherence benefit readers a great deal.

Reply: Yes, we agree that results should be presented in front of discussion. To make it easier to understand for the readers, the sentences in the head of these paragraphs are brief background information, not discussion on the results. Real discussions are put after the results, in the end of the paragraphs.

2-) The amount of data generated is one of the strongest points of the work presented. And specially because of that, a great deal of analysis can be performed. For example, as you have 60x coverage of PacBio data for the snail, I would suggest running the Falcon and Falcon-Unzip pipeline to actually phase the genome: separate the haplotypes, instead of trying to merge or just through away the variation, as described in lines 424-432. The high heterozygosity described for the species actually helps in the phasing of haplotypes: there are several manuscripts describing methods to do so. I would run FALCON and FALCON-unzip, then I would polish with Illumina and try filling gaps with it in the different haplotypes and then would use the Hi-C data. I know its a great deal of analysis and highly experimental, so I'll leave it as a suggestion. But I would be interested in having a supplementary material with the imperfect alternate contigs generated by the phasing. This is the kind of information that were almost impossible to obtain with the generation of short reads, but now the long-reads technologies allow us to phase some long genome portions, and this is a very valuable information to some of us. With that, we can start understanding how much variation there are - and what are their evolutionary implications - in coding and non-coding regions within a genome.

Reply: Assembly the two haplotype chromosomes with long-reads is a very good suggestion, and we agree that the phased chromosomal sequences have greater value than the current mosaic reference genome sequence. In fact, we have run both SMARTdenovo and Falcon/Falcon-unzip, and polished by Pilon with illumina reads. The biggest difference of SMARTdenovo from Falcon is that SMRTdenovo does not need to correct sequencing errors in the first step, but instead perform an overlap-layout-consensus algorithm directly. With algorithms improved in many aspects, SMARTdenovo can achieve good assembly results with moderate sequencing coverage (50 X), in contrast, Falcon usually needs higher sequencing coverage (100 X) to get a good assembly. In this study, using the 60 X apple snail Pacbio data, SMARTdenovo generates contigs with N50 length over 1 megabases, which is 4 times of that of Falcon/Falcon-unzip (240 Kb).

	<p>The comparison between SMARTdenovo and Falcon/Falcon-unzip assemblies showed that contigs assembled by SMARTdenovo had the assembly size of 473.04 Mb, N50 size of 1010.40 Kb and N90 size of 172.34 Kb; primary contigs assembled by Falcon had the assembly size of 475.28 Mb, N50 size of 241.14 Kb and N90 size of 54.29 Kb; alternate contigs assembled by Falcon had the assembly size of 54.10 Mb, N50 size of 43.88 Kb and N90 size of 22.68 Kb; primary contigs assembled by Falcon-unzip had the assembly size of 474.23 Mb, N50 size of 246.62 Kb and N90 size of 58.36 Kb; haplotigs assembled by Falcon-unzip had the assembly size of 173.15 Mb, N50 size of 48.98 Kb and N90 size of 17.44 Kb.</p> <p>Considering that Hi-C contains extremely long-range linkage information, the larger contig length is an import factor for the success application of Hi-C data for scaffolding. Therefore, we adopted the SMARTdenovo contigs and then applied Hi-C to get a chromosomal-scale scaffold sequence.</p> <p>To make the phasing information available to the public, we also uploaded the SMARTdenovo alternate sequences excluded from the reference haploid genome sequence, as well as the Falcon-unzip assembly of the apple snail, to the GigaDB and our institution's ftp-site, respectively.</p> <p>3-) About the expansions found between the snail and <i>L. fortunei</i>, could you please describe the methodology used to consider genes expanded in these two groups? Was this done in a comparative manner with other species? Which ones? What was the criteria to consider gene families expanded?</p> <p>Reply: we added the sentence at method part "To identify the common expanded gene families, we compared the <i>P. canaliculata</i> and <i>L. fortunei</i> with other seven species. The gene number of orthologous group in <i>P. canaliculata</i> and <i>L. fortunei</i> were two or more times than that in all of other species, respectively. Additionally, these gene families with P-value less than 0.01 were considered as expansion by z-test."</p> <p>3a-) Have you identified CPYs expanded in both invasive species? I would suggest that <i>L. fortunei</i> should be included in figure 4.</p> <p>Reply: We have identified the CYP genes in the <i>L. fortunei</i> in the revised manuscript, which were included in Figure 4a. There were 115 CYP genes found in <i>L. fortunei</i>, with no obvious expansion.</p>
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18 **Abstract**

19 **Background:** The golden apple snail (*Pomacea canaliculata*) is a fresh water snail
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54 41 spread to non-indigenous regions, such as Southeast and East Asia [3], Africa [4],
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1 44 voracious appetite [9], broad environmental adaptability [10] and rapid growth and
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9 47 severe economic losses each year as a result of yield loss, replanting cost and
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12 48 expenditures on control (<https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/68490>). More seriously, *P.*
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14 49 *canaliculata* has been involved in the transmission of a fatal human disease,
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17 50 eosinophilic meningitis, which first appeared in East Asia where people frequently
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20 51 consume these snails [13]. During this pathophoresis, *P. canaliculata* acts as an
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23 52 important intermediate host of the pathogenic parasite *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*,
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46 60 many advantages, including low-temperature resistance [19] and drought tolerance
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52 62 *canaliculata* has been reported to establish populations at temperatures ranging from
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55 63 10 °C to 35 °C [19, 21]. Additionally, *P. canaliculata* tolerates heavy metal
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6 68 defending the embryos against potential predators [23]. Moreover, an
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26 75 with those of other close phyla, such as Arthropoda and Nematoda, and few molluscs
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29 76 can be employed as model organisms. *P. canaliculata*, however, possesses the
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32 77 potential to be a model organism among molluscs because of several inherent
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35 78 characteristics. For example, *P. canaliculata* is easy to acquire because it has a broad
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41 80 Moreover, its high adaptability, rapid growth and efficient reproduction facilitate the
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44 81 cultivation of *P. canaliculata* in the laboratory.

45 82 In recent years, the genomic features of *P. canaliculata* have been increasingly studied.
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48 83 After the discovery of 14 pachytene bivalents in the karyotype [26], molecular
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51 84 markers were identified to investigate the genetic diversity of the *P. canaliculata*
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3 89 *canaliculata*. For instance, Sun et al. reported 128,436 unigenes based on a de novo
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6 90 assembly of Illumina reads [30]; transcriptome changes in response to heat stress and
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9 91 starving incubation were used to characterize its invasive and adaptive abilities [31,
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12 92 32]; a transcriptome analysis comparing invasive *P. canaliculata* and indigenous
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17 94 immune-related differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in response to
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23 96 against pathogens [33]. Furthermore, proteomics tools such as isobaric tags for
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29 98 spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) were also applied in the study of protein expression
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34 100 the functional analysis of *P. canaliculata*.
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37 101 However, research at the whole-genome level in *P. canaliculata* still lags far behind
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43 103 Multiple draft genomes of molluscs have been published, including the genomes of
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46 104 the California sea hare [36], Pacific oyster [37], pearl oyster [38,39], owl limpet [40],
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49 105 California two-spot octopus [41], golden mussel [42], and *Biomphalaria* snails [43],
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52 106 greatly promoting research on mollusc genomics. In this study, we present a
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55 107 chromosome-level genome assembly of *P. canaliculata* with high-quality gene
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58 108 annotation, transcriptome data from several tissues and under various conditions, and
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61 109 metagenomic data from the intestinal tracts, all of which were then applied to study

1 110 the species-specific environmental adaptation characteristics, such as the cellular
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3 111 homeostasis system underlying strong stress and the colour and nutrient contents of
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6 112 the eggs. Our data will not only strengthen the understanding of the evolutionary
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9 113 mechanisms of molluscs and the molecular basis of biological invasion but also foster
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12 114 the development of approaches to control the invasion of *P. canaliculata* and provide
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15 115 a basis for interrupting the transmission of pathogenetic nematode parasites.

19 116 **RESULTS**

23 117 **Complete genome assembly at the chromosome level**

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35 121 *canaliculata* (Table S1). The 24.4 Gb (55.4 X) of clean PacBio SMRT reads that
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41 123 (<https://github.com/ruanjue/smartdenovo>), resulting in an assembly of 1,234 raw
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50 126 440.1 Mb and an N50 length of 1.1 Mb were taken as the final contigs. Previous
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52 127 karyotype research has shown that the haploid *P. canaliculata* genome consists of 14
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60 130 chromosome (Figure 1a and Figure 1b), with the longest 45.4 Mb and the shortest

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3 132 genomes published thus far (Table 1). In addition to the length and continuity of the
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13 136 (Figure S1), ~98.6 % of the *P. canaliculata* genome has been assembled. To further
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37 144 reference genome provides a good foundation for gene annotation.
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45 147 total, 21,533 gene models were predicted as the reference gene set, with coding
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57 151 transcriptome data, and 98.0% of eukaryote core genes from OrthoDB
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60 152 (<http://www.orthodb.org/>) were identified in the reference gene set by BUSCO. These

1 153 results were comparable to those in other published molluscan genomes (Table 1). In
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6 155 least one functional database. Specifically, 15,662 (72.7%), 13,769 (63.4%), 17,081
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9 156 (79.3%), 18,847 (87.5%) and 17,003 (79.9%) reference genes were annotated with the
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15 158 **Signs of adaptive evolution in *P. canaliculata* genome**

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27 162 *glabrata*, *Crassostrea gigas*, *Octopus bimaculoides*, *Pinctada fucata*, *Lingula anatina*
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30 163 and *Limnoperna fortunei*) by PhyML [45] and the divergence time was estimated
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33 164 using MCMCTree [46]. The results show that *P. canaliculata* diverged from the
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36 165 ancestor of *B. glabrata* and *A. californica* 372 million years ago (Mya) and from *L.*
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38 166 *gigantea* 491 Mya (Figure 2a).
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41 167 Then, the molluscan orthologous genes were investigated for adaptive evolution.
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47 169 by orthoFinder [47]. A total of 239,541 reference genes from the nine species were
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50 170 clustered into 69,582 orthologous groups, among which 14,766 orthologous groups
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53 171 contained at least two genes each. We identified 66 orthologous groups that
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56 172 underwent common expansion in both *P. canaliculata* and *L. fortunei* but not the other
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58 173 seven species. The functions of these orthologous groups are mainly related to signal
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1 174 transduction; replication and repair; translation, glycan biosynthesis and metabolism;
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3 175 lipid metabolism; and the endocrine, immune and nervous systems (Figure S4). These
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6 176 relations suggest that the gene families that underwent expansion may play important
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9 177 roles in adaptation to the environment as invasive species.
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11 178 The high-coverage genome assembly enables a comprehensive analysis of the
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13 179 transposable elements (TEs), which play multiple roles in driving genome evolution
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16 180 in eukaryotes [48]. In total, we identified 49.6 Mb TE sequences in the assembled *P.*
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19 181 *canaliculata* genome (Table 1), including 3.4 Mb long terminal repeats (LTRs), 27.2
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22 182 Mb long interspersed elements (LINEs), 17.5 Mb DNA transposons and 1.5 Mb short
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25 183 interspersed elements (SINEs). Next, we analysed the divergence rate of each class of
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28 184 TEs among the available sequenced mollusc genomes. Notably, the TE class of DNA
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31 185 transposons showed a specific peak at a divergence rate of ~4% divergence rate for *P.*
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34 186 *canaliculata* and *C. gigas* (Figure 2b), indicating a recent explosion of DNA
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37 187 transposons in these two species. We analysed the expression of 709 genes, including
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39 188 DNA elements restricted to the 4% peak inside the gene region, compared with that of
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42 189 the other genes outside the 4% peak (Figure S5). DEGs were defined here by P-values
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45 190 smaller than 0.05 for comparison of the treatment (heat, cold, heavy metal and air
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48 191 exposure) and control data. The percentages of DEGs in the 4% peak were higher than
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51 192 those of genes outside the peak (10.2% higher for heat, 8.6% higher for cold, 8.6%
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53 193 higher for heavy metal, and 7.3% higher for air exposure). Among the DEGs in the 4%
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56 194 peak, approximately half were up-regulated, and the other half were down-regulated.
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59 195 Moreover, the DEGs in the 4% peak were mainly enriched in cellular metabolic

1 196 process, response to stimulus, localization and signaling according to GO annotation.
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3 197 These results indicated that genes in the 4% peak were likely to be more active in the
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6 198 response to stimulus, promoting potential plasticity in stress adaptation. TEs are
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9 199 powerful facilitators of evolution that generate “evolutionary potential” to introduce
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12 200 small adaptive changes within a lineage, and the importance of TEs in stress
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15 201 responses and adaptation has been reported in numerous studies [49,50]. The recent
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18 202 explosion of DNA TEs in *P. canaliculata* could also play an important role in
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21 203 promoting the potential plasticity in stress adaptation.
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23 204 **Investigation of cellular homeostasis system underlying strong stress adaptation**

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27 205 The homeostasis system plays a crucial role in stress adaptability, providing the
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30 206 molecular basis for re-establishing dynamic equilibrium after challenges by various
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33 207 environmental stressors, including temperature, air exposure, anthropogenic pollution
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36 208 and pathogens [51]. In this study, we addressed three constituent parts of the cellular
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39 209 homeostasis system, which contributes to the successful ecological plasticity of *P.*
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42 210 *canaliculata* (Figure 3). The transcriptomes of the hemocytes after different stimuli
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45 211 (cold, heat, heavy metal and air exposure) were also sequenced and analysed to
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48 212 address the potential roles of these genes in the cellular homeostasis system.

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51 213 The unfolded protein response (UPR) system is the central component of protein
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54 214 homeostasis [52]. Heat shock proteins (HSPs) act as molecular chaperones to
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57 215 maintain correct folding, and heat shock transcription factor 1 (HSF1) is responsible
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60 216 for the transcriptional induction of HSPs [53]. In the *P. canaliculata* genome, 13

1 217 HSP70s, 6 HSP90s, 7 HSP40s and 11 HSFs were identified (Table S3), and the
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3 218 expression of HSP90s and HSFs was highly induced in response to heat, cold, heavy
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6 219 metal and air exposure (Table S4 and Figure S6). Inositol-requiring protein 1 (IRE1),
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9 220 protein kinase RNA-like ER kinase (PERK), and activating transcription factor 6
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11 221 (ATF6) are three mediators recruited by the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) to regulate
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13 222 the UPR [54]. We found putative coding genes of the three core mediators, their
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15 223 respective downstream transcription factors, and the corresponding recognition
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17 224 chaperones in the *P. canaliculata* genome (Table S3).

22 225 The xenobiotic biotransformation system helps the molluscs adapt to toxicants,
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24 226 especially pesticides in aquatic environments [55]. Manual annotation of this genome
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26 227 identified 157 cytochrome P450s (CYP450s), 15 flavin-containing monooxygenases
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28 228 (FMOs), 53 glutathione S-transferases (GSTs) and 105 ATP binding cassette (ABC)
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30 229 transporters, most of which showed up-regulated expression under stress (Table S3
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32 230 and Table S4). These proteins have been shown to function in contaminant detection,
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34 231 conjugative modification and expulsion for xenobiotic detoxification [56-58].

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36 232 The massive production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and reactive oxygen
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38 233 intermediates (ROIs) induced by stress leads to many pathological conditions, and
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40 234 antioxidant systems protect the organism from superoxide [59]. Four main antioxidant
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42 235 enzyme classes, namely, superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT), peroxidase
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44 236 (Prx), and glutathione peroxidase (GPX), were found in *P. canaliculata* and showed
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46 237 elevated global expression in response to stress (Table S3 and Table S4).

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48 238 Apoptosis is a process of cell death when sensing stress and the regulation of
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1 239 apoptosis contributes to the dynamic homeostasis of the internal environment. In *P.*
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3 240 *canaliculata*, we propose the existence of both intrinsic and extrinsic apoptotic
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6 241 signaling pathways, evidenced by the presence of homologous genes involved in both
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9 242 pathways. These two pathways could be activated by cytochrome C and tumour
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12 243 necrosis factor receptor (TNFR), respectively (Table S3). Inhibitors of apoptosis, such
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15 244 as XIAP, Bcl2 and Bak, are also detected and show increased expression in response
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18 245 to stress (Table S4), which is expected to delay the process of apoptosis and cell death
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21 246 in the stress response.

22 23 24 247 **The expansion of the P450 gene family contribute to stress tolerance**

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27 248 Cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes are a monooxygenase family with highly diverse
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30 249 structures and functions that have been widely identified in all kingdoms of life [60].
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33 250 P450s catalyse the reductive scission of molecular oxygen and are responsible for the
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36 251 synthesis and metabolism of various molecules, including drugs, hormones,
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39 252 antibiotics, pesticides, carcinogens and toxins [61]. The hormones they synthesize,
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42 253 such as glucocorticoids, mineralocorticoids, progestins, and sex hormones, are critical
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45 254 to stress response, growth and reproduction, and the endogenous and exogenous
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48 255 chemical metabolism participate in combatting toxic compounds [62].

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50 256 We found that the *P. canaliculata* CYP gene family had undergone an expansion
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53 257 compared to that in the other molluscs. We identified 157 genes in the genome of *P.*
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56 258 *canaliculata* and 128, 102, 135, 115, 78, 52 and 94 genes in *A. californica*, *B.*
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59 259 *glabrata*, *C. gigas*, *L. fortunei*, *L. gigantea*, *O. bimaculoides* and *P. fucata* respectively,

1 260 using the same standard (Figure 4a). An expansive trend was also observed in
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4 261 comparison with other model species, such as *Homo sapiens* (57), *Mus musculus*
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6 262 (102), *Danio rerio* (94) and *Drosophila melanogaster* (94) [63]. Gene expansion was
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9 263 mainly found in the CYP2U and CYP3A sub-families, whereas fewer genes were
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12 264 expanded in CYP4F. In mammals, CYP2U participates in the metabolism of fatty
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14 265 acids to generate bioactive eicosanoid derivatives, potentially regulating the
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17 266 development of immune function [64]. In *P. canaliculata*, 40 genes formed the
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20 267 CYP2U clade, mainly expressed in the hepatopancreas (Figure 4b and Table S5_a,
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23 268 Table S5_b). CYP3A is a versatile enzyme that metabolizes a wide range of
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26 269 xenobiotics, and its production promotes the growth of various cell types [65]. The 56
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29 270 CYP3A genes are comprehensively expressed in the hepatopancreas, gill and kidney
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32 271 (Figure 4b and Table S5_a, Table S5_b). CYP4F possesses epoxygenase activity,
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35 272 metabolizing fatty acids to epoxides to suppress hypertension, pain perception and
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38 273 inflammation [66]. Twenty genes were identified in CYP4F, and Pc06G011748,
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41 274 Pc06G011460, Pc06G011458, Pc06G011459, Pc04G006708, Pc04G006710 and
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44 275 Pc04G006707 exhibited highly induced expression levels under cold, heat, heavy
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47 276 metal and air exposure stress, indicating their critical roles in the stress tolerance
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50 277 (Figure 4b, Table S5_a and Table S5_b).

51 278 **The identification of perivitellin genes and their high transcriptional levels in the**
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54 279 **ovary and albumen gland**

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57 280 *P. canaliculata* has eggs characterized by abundant nutrients, reddish or pinkish
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60 281 colour, aerial oviposition and neurotoxicity [23, 67] due to the perivitelline Fluid

1 282 (PVF), which fills the space between the eggshell and the embryo and consists of
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3 283 carbohydrates, lipids and proteins (Figure 5a). The PVF proteins in *P. canaliculata*,
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6 284 include three major components, PcOvo, PcPV2, and PcPV3 [68], collectively named
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9 285 perivitellins, which make up 90% of the total proteins, whereas most of the other
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12 286 dozens of low-abundance components each account for less than 1% of the total
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15 287 proteins [35]. The perivitellins are not only responsible for the major supply of
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18 288 materials and energy during embryogenesis but also provide warning pigments and
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21 289 deadly toxicants against predators [23, 69, 70].

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23 290 We identified 28 candidate PVF genes in *P. canaliculata* by mapping each of the 59
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26 291 fragmental PVF protein sequences derived from a previous proteomics study by Sun
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29 292 [35] to its best hit in the reference gene set of *P. canaliculata*, using BLASTP with
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32 293 requirements of over 85% identity and at least 50% alignment length (Table S6). Then,
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35 294 the functional annotation of those fragmental proteins was also transferred to our
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38 295 identified PVF genes. The transcriptome data show that 22 (79%) of the 28 candidate
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41 296 PVF genes exhibit their highest expression in the ovary and albumen gland (PVF
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44 297 protein synthesis factory) among all 7 tissues (Figure 5b and Table S7), confirming
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47 298 that most of them are genuine functional PVF genes. Six of these 28 candidate PVF
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50 300 Pc09G015548 (PcOvo3); two PcPV2 genes, Pc07G012572 (PcPV2-31) and
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53 301 Pc07G012571 (PcPV2-67); and two possible PcPV3 genes, Pc09G015546 and
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56 302 Pc09G015547. The expression levels of these 6 genes in the ovary and albumen gland
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59 303 are much higher than those of the other 22 candidate PVF genes.

1 304 By analysing the orthoFinder gene families that include orthologous and paralogous
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3 305 genes from *P. canaliculata* and 8 other sequenced mollusc species, we found that
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6 306 these 28 candidate PVF genes were classified into 20 multiple-gene families (≥ 2
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9 307 genes) and 7 single-gene families (only one gene) (Table S8). Notably, 5 of the 6
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11 308 perivitellin genes were classified into single-gene families, except for Pc07G012571
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13 309 (PcPV2-67), which not only has homologous genes in other mollusc species but also
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15 310 has three paralogous genes in *P. canaliculata* itself. However, none of these three
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17 311 PcPV2-67 paralogous genes in *P. canaliculata* showed higher expression in the ovary
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19 312 and albumen gland than in other tissues, indicating that they are likely not
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21 313 PVF-related genes, i.e., only Pc07G012571 plays a role in PVF. The nearly unique
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23 314 and single-copy nature of the 6 perivitellin genes in *P. canaliculata*, may be explained
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25 315 by the long evolutionary distance, over 200 Mya for *P. canaliculata* and its most
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27 316 closely related species, *A. californica*, as well as numerous differences in their living
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29 317 characteristics and egg structures. Another possible explanation is that these 6 major
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31 318 PVF genes may have experienced rapid evolution in their history to adapt to the
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33 319 changing environment.

320 **The gut microbiome plays important roles in stress resistance and food digestion**

321 The gut microbiome is regarded as the “second genome” of the host animal, due to the
322 fact that gut microbiota contributes to the food digestion, immune system
323 development, and many other processes important to the host. To investigate the
324 relationship between the gut microbiome and the invasive lifestyle of *P. canaliculata*,

1 325 we collected gut digesta samples from 70 *P. canaliculata* snails and generated 31 Gb
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3 326 of high-quality metagenomic data on the Illumina HiseqX10 platform. To our
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6 327 knowledge, this study is the first in-depth sequencing of the snail gut microbiome. A
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9 328 total of 1,142,095 non-redundant genes were obtained with an average open reading
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12 329 frame (ORF) length of 604 bp (Table S9). The taxonomic composition analysis
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15 330 showed that, at the phylum level, Proteobacteria was predominant, followed by
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18 331 Verrucomicrobia, Bacteroidetes, Firmicutes, Spirochaetes, Actinobacteria, etc. (Table
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21 332 S10_a). At the genus level, the most abundant genera included *Aeromonas*,
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23 333 *Enterobacter*, *Desulfovibrio*, *Citrobacter*, *Comamonas*, *Klebsiella* and *Pseudomonas*
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25 334 (Table S10_b), most of which were also present in *Achatina fulica* [71,72].
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28 335 Interestingly, some of the most abundant genera, such as *Desulfovibrio*, *Citrobacter*
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31 336 and *Pseudomonas*, were reported as having strong abilities to remove heavy metals by
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34 337 bioprecipitation and bioabsorption [73-75]. For example, the sulfur-reducing bacteria
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37 338 *Desulfovibrio* produce H₂S, which precipitates metals and therefore reduces the toxic
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40 339 effects of dissolved metals [73]. Based on the KEGG pathway database, the complete
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43 340 sulfate reduction metabolism pathway was identified in the *P. canaliculata* gut
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46 341 microbiome. We suggested that these gut microbes might help *P. canaliculata* survive
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49 342 the environmental stress of heavy metals in harsh conditions. In addition, a large
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52 343 number of genes in xenobiotic biodegradation and metabolism pathways were
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55 344 annotated, corresponding to 288 KEGG orthologous groups (KOs) and 21 pathways
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58 345 (Table S11). As many of the pathways, such as benzoate degradation, toluene
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61 346 degradation, xylene degradation and steroid degradation, could not be identified in the

1 347 host genome through KO analysis, we suggested that microbial detoxification abilities
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3 348 may contribute to the ability *P. canaliculata* to resist stresses caused by xenobiotics
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9 350 In digestion, the gut microbes are directly involved in the breakdown of the cellulose
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11 351 portion of the diet, and previous studies have isolated cellulolytic bacteria and
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14 352 evaluated the cellulolytic enzyme activities [76]. Our work found a broader range of
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17 353 carbohydrate active enzymes (CAZymes). Of the 208 annotated CAZyme families, 99
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20 354 were glycoside hydrolase (GH) families (Table S12). Enzymes that could be classified
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23 355 as cellulases, endohemicelluloses, debranching enzymes, and
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26 356 oligosaccharide-degrading enzymes were all identified. These findings indicate that
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29 357 the gut microbiome provides assistance in digesting a broad range of food sources,
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31 358 enabling *P. canaliculata* to grow rapidly and adapt to an invasive lifestyle.
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35 **Conclusion**

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40 360 Given its environmental invasiveness, broad stress adaptability and rapid reproduction,
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43 361 the golden apple snail *P. canaliculata* has received a vast amount of attention
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46 362 worldwide. However, the underlying genetic mechanisms of these properties have not
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49 363 been comprehensively uncovered. The chromosome-level genome of *P. canaliculata*
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52 364 presented in this study sheds the first light on into the genomic basis of its ecological
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55 365 plasticity in response to various stressors. The major findings of this study include the
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58 366 recent explosion of DNA/hAT-Charlie TEs, the expansion of the P450 gene family
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61 367 and the constitution of the cellular homeostasis system, all of which contribute to the
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1 368 plasticity of the organism in stress adaptation. Although the function of the recently
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3 369 originated TEs could not be confirmed, TEs are considered powerful facilitators in
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6 370 adaptive evolution, suggesting that their increased number plays an important role in
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9 371 the stress resistance of *P. canaliculata*. The UPR system, xenobiotic biotransformation
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12 372 system and ROS system are all major components of the cellular homeostasis system,
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14 373 and the P450s in particular underwent expansion with specific functions. In addition,
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17 374 exclusive perivitellin genes were identified in the *P. canaliculata* genome, and they
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20 375 are believed to contribute to the high reproductive rate and the expansion of habitats.
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23 376 Furthermore, the gut metagenome contains diverse genes for food digestion and
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26 377 xenobiotic degradation. These findings collectively provide novel insight into the
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29 378 molecular mechanisms of ecological plasticity and high invasiveness.
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31 379 In this study, we report a fine reference genome of *P. canaliculata*, first
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37 381 growth and efficient reproduction, *P. canaliculata* possesses the potential to be a
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40 382 model organism of Mollusca. As its cellular complexity and conservation of pathways
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43 383 also make *P. canaliculata* a useful representative of Mollusca, the genome described
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46 384 in this study can be used to advance our understanding of the molecular mechanisms
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49 385 involved in various scientific questions regarding Mollusca.
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52 386 **Methods**

53 54 55 56 387 **Samples collection and sequencing**

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60 388 Adults of *P. canaliculata* were collected from a local paddy field in Shenzhen,
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1 389 Guangdong province, China, and maintained in aerated freshwater at 15 ± 2 °C for a
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4 390 week before processing. Genomic DNA was extracted from the foot muscles of a
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6 391 single *P. canaliculata* for constructing PCR free Illumina 350-bp insert libraries and
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9 392 PacBio 20-kb insert library, and sequenced on Illumina HiSeq 2500 and PacBio
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11 393 SMRT platforms, respectively. The Hi-C library was prepared using the muscle tissue
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14 394 of another single *P. canaliculata* by following methods: Nuclear DNA was
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17 395 cross-linked in situ, extracted, and then digested with a restriction enzyme. The sticky
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20 396 ends of the digested fragments were biotinylated, diluted, and then ligated to each
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23 397 other randomly. Biotinylated DNA fragments were enriched and sheared again for
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26 398 preparing the sequencing library, which was then sequenced on a HiSeq X Ten
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28 399 platform (Illumina).

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30 400 Seven tissues including embryos (2 days post fertilization), gill, hemocytes,
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33 401 hepatopancreas, kidney, ovary and albumen gland and testis from six animals were
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36 402 collected as parallel samples. Next, animals were cultivated in 37 °C and 10 °C for 24
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39 403 hours heat and cold tolerance, in Cr^{3+} (2mg L⁻¹), Cu^{2+} (0.2mg L⁻¹) and Pb^{2+} (1mg L⁻¹)
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42 404 for 24 hours heavy metal tolerance, and in waterless tank for 7 days air exposure.
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45 405 Then the hemocytes were harvested and stored, with three replicates for each group.
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48 406 In final, total RNAs were extracted from the stored tissues of *P. canaliculata*
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51 407 materials, and then mRNAs were pulled out by beads with poly-T for constructing
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53 408 cDNA libraries (insert 350-bp), and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 sequencer.
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56 409 The intestinal digesta from 70 adult snails of *P. canaliculata* were collected, pooled
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59 410 into 6 samples and stored at -20 °C until microbial DNA was extracted. A

1 411 combination of cell lysis treatments was applied, including five freeze-thaw cycles
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3 412 (alternating between 65 °C and liquid nitrogen for 5 min), repeated beads-beating in
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6 413 ASL buffer (cat. no. 19082; Qiagen Inc.), and incubated at 95 °C for 15 min. DNA
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9 414 was isolated following the protocol reported protocol [77]. Paired-end libraries of
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12 415 metagenomic DNA were prepared with an insert size of 350 base pairs (bp) following
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15 416 the manufacture's protocol (cat. no. E7645L; New England Biolabs). Sequencing was
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17 417 performed on Illumina HiSeq X10.
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21 418 **Genome assembly and annotation**

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27 420 low-quality regions (https://github.com/fanagislab/common_use), resulting in clean
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30 421 and high-quality reads with an average error rate < 0.001. For the PacBio raw data,
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33 422 the short subreads (< 2 kb) and low-quality (error rate > 0.2) subreads were filtered
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36 423 out, and only one representative subread was retained for each PacBio read. The clean
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39 424 PacBio reads were assembled by the software smartdenovo
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41 425 (<https://github.com/ruanjue/smartdenovo>), after which Illumina reads were aligned to
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44 426 the contigs by BWA-MEM (BWA, RRID:SCR_010910), and single base errors in the
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47 427 contigs were corrected by Pilon v1.16 (Pilon, RRID:SCR_014731) with the
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49 428 parameters “-fix bases, -nonpf, -minqual 20”. The *P. canaliculata* genome is highly
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52 429 heterozygous, as illustrated by the double peaks on the distribution curve of k-mer
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1 432 contigs, we employed a whole-genome alignment (WGA) strategy with MUMmer
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3 433 v3.23 to recognize and selectively remove alternative heterozygous contigs, which
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6 434 were characterized by shorter length (less than 200 kb) and the ability of most regions
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9 435 (more than 50%) to be aligned to another larger contig with confident identity (higher
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12 436 than 80%). Next, Hi-C sequencing data were aligned to the haploid reference contigs
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15 437 by BWA-MEM, and then these contigs were clustered into chromosomes with
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17 438 LACH-ESIS (<http://shendurelab.github.io/LACHESIS/>).

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20 439 A de novo repeat library for *P. canaliculata* was constructed by RepeatModeler v.
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22 440 1.0.4 (RepeatModeler, RRID:SCR_015027;
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25 441 <http://www.repeatmasker.org/RepeatModeler.html>). TEs in the *P. canaliculata*
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28 442 genome were also identified by RepeatMasker v4.0.6 (RepeatMasker,
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31 443 RRID:SCR_012954; <http://www.repeatmasker.org/>) using both the Repbase library
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34 444 and the de novo library. Tandem repeats in the *P. canaliculata* genome were predicted
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37 445 using Tandem Repeats Finder v4.07b [78]. The divergence rates of TEs were
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40 446 calculated between the identified TE elements in the genome and their consensus
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43 447 sequence at the TE family level.

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45 448 The gene models in the *P. canaliculata* genome were predicted by EVidence Modeler
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48 449 v1.1.1 [79], integrating evidence from ab initio predictions, homology-based searches
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51 450 and RNA-seq alignments. Then, these gene models were annotated by RNA-seq data,
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54 451 UniProt database and InterProScan software (InterProScan, RRID:SCR_005829) [80].
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57 452 Finally, the gene models were retained if they had at least one piece of supporting
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60 453 evidence from the UniProt database, InterProScan domain and RNA-seq data. Gene

1 454 functional annotation was performed by aligning the protein sequences to the NCBI
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3 455 NR, UniProt, COG and KEGG databases with BLASTP v2.3.0+ under an E-value
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6 456 cutoff of 10^{-5} and choosing the best hit. Pathway analysis and functional classification
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9 457 were conducted based on the KEGG database [81]. InterProScan was used to assign
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12 458 preliminary GO terms, Pfam domains and IPR domains to the gene models.

15 459 **Evolutionary analysis**

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19 460 Orthologous and paralogous groups were assigned from seven species (*P.*
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24 462 *Crassostrea gigas*, *Octopus bimaculoides*, *Pinctada fucata*, *Limnoperna fortunei* and
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27 463 *Lingula anatina*) by OrthoFinder [47] with default parameters. Orthologous groups
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30 464 that contained only one gene for each species were selected to construct the
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33 465 phylogenetic tree. The protein sequences of each gene family were independently
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39 467 phylogenetic tree was constructed by maximum likelihood (ML) using PhyML v3.0
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41 468 (PhyML, RRID:SCR_014629) [45] with the
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44 469 best-fit model (LG+I+G) estimated by ProtTest3 [83]. The Bayesian relaxed
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47 470 molecular clock (BRMC) approach was adopted to estimate the neutral evolutionary
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50 471 rate and species divergence time using the program MCMCTree, implemented in the
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53 472 PAML v4.9 package (PAML, RRID:SCR_014932) [46]. The tree was calibrated with
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56 473 the following time frames to constrain the age of the nodes between the species:
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58 474 minimum = 260 Ma and maximum = 290 Ma for *P. fucata* and *C. gigas* [84];
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1 475 minimum = 450 Ma and maximum = 480 Ma for *A. californica* (or *B. glabrata*) and *L.*
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3 476 *gigantea* [85]. The calibration time (fossil record time) interval (550-610 Mya) of *O.*
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6 477 *bimaculoides* was adopted from previous results [86]. To identify the common
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9 478 expanded gene families, we compared the *P. canaliculata* and *L. fortunei* with other
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12 479 seven species. The gene number of orthologous group in *P. canaliculata* and *L.*
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14 480 *fortunei* were two or more times than that in all of other species, respectively.
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17 481 Additionally, these gene families with P-value less than 0.01 were considered as
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20 482 expansion by z-test.
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22 23 483 **Transcriptome data analysis**

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27 484 Transcriptome reads were trimmed with the same method for genomic reads
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30 485 (https://github.com/fanagislab/common_use), and then mapped to the reference
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33 486 genome of *P. canaliculata* using TopHat v. 2.1.0 (TopHat, RRID:SCR_013035) with
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36 487 default settings. The expression level of each reference gene in terms of FPKM was
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39 488 computed by cufflinks v2.2.1 (cufflinks, RRID:SCR_014597). A gene was considered
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42 489 to be expressed if its FPKM > 0. Differential gene expression analysis was conducted
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51 492 The Illumina raw reads were filtered by trimming the adapter sequence and
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54 493 low-quality regions (https://github.com/fanagislab/common_use), resulting in
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57 494 high-quality reads with an average error rate < 0.001. Then, the reads mapped to the
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60 495 following genomes by BWA-MEM were filtered out
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1 496 (https://github.com/fanagislab/metagenome_analysis.git)[87], to exclude the
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4 497 contaminated host, food, parasite, and human DNA sequences. The genomes include:
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6 498 the *P. canaliculata* genome, the *Brassica rapa* genome, the *Oryza sativa* genome, 2
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9 499 *Angiostrongylus cantonensis* genomes, the *Caenorhabditis elegans* genome, the
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11 500 *Schistosoma mansoni* genome, the *Clonorchis sinensis* genome, the *Fasciola hepatica*
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14 501 genome, the *Danio rerio* genome, and the *human hg38* genome. Finally, short reads
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17 502 (length < 75 bp) and unpaired reads were excluded to form a set of clean reads.
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20 503 The clean reads were assembled by metaSPAdes (v3.11.1) [88] in paired-end mode
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22 504 for each sample. Then, gene prediction was performed on contigs longer than 500 bp
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25 505 by Prodigal v2.6.3 (Prodigal, RRID:SCR_011936) [89] with the parameter “-p meta”,
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28 506 and gene models with cds length less than 102 bp were filtered out. A non-redundant
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31 507 (NR) gene set (539,344 genes) was constructed using the gene models predicted from
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34 508 each sample by cd-hit-est (v4.6.6) [90] with the parameter “-c 0.95 -n 10 -G 0 -a S
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37 509 0.9”, which adopts a greedy incremental clustering algorithm and the criteria of
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40 510 identity > 95% and overlap > 90% of the shorter genes. Then, the clean reads were
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43 511 mapped onto this NR gene set by BWA-MEM with the criteria of alignment length
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48 513 together, and the genes were predicted again. The newly predicted genes were
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51 514 combined with the previous gene set by cd-hit-est to obtain a new NR gene set
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56 516 genes classified as Eukaryota but not fungi were removed, and the final NR gene set
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3 519 DIAMOND (DIAMOND, RRID:SCR_016071) [91] protein alignment against the
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17 524 RRID:SCR_005305) [95] by taking the best hit with an E-value < 1e-18 and
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35 36 37 38 531 **Abbreviations**

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42 532 *A. californica*, *Aplysia californica*; *B. glabrata*, *Biomphalaria glabrata*; *C. gigas*,
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45 533 *Crassostrea gigas*; *O. bimaculoides*, *Octopus bimaculoides*; *L. anatina*, *Lingula*
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48 534 *anatina*; *L. fortunei*, *Limnoperna fortunei*; *L. gigantea*, *Lottia gigantea*; *P.*
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51 535 *canaliculata*, *Pomacea canaliculata*; *P. fucata*, *Pinctada fucata*; Hem, hemocytes; Te,
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54 536 testis; Ov, ovary and albumen gland; Kn, kidney; GI, gill; Hp, hepatopancreas, Em,
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57 537 embryo; SSR, simple sequence repeats; mya, million years ago; *BLAST*, *basic local*
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60 538 *alignment search tool*; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; PVF, Pervitelline Fluid;

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3 540 expressed genes; LPyS, Lipopolysaccharide; iTRAQ, Isobaric Tags For Relative,
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6 541 Absolute Quantitation; LC-MS/MS, Liquid Chromatography-tandem Mass
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9 542 Spectrometry; TEs, transposable elements; LTR, long terminal repeats; LINE, long
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12 543 interspersed elements; SINE, short interspersed elements; UPR, Unfolded protein
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15 544 response; HSPs, heat shock proteins; HSF1, heat shock transcription factor 1; PERK,
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18 545 protein kinase RNA-like ER kinase; ATF6,activating transcription factor 6; ER,
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21 546 endoplasmic reticulum; CYP450s, cytochrome P450s; FMOs, flavin-containing
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24 547 monooxygenases; GSTs, glutathione S-transferases; ABC, ATP binding cassette; ROS,
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27 548 reactive oxygen species; ROI, reactive oxygen intermediates; SOD, superoxide
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30 549 dismutase; CAT, catalase; Prx, peroxidase; GPX, glutathione peroxidase; TNFR,
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33 550 tumor necrosis factor receptor; NR, non-redundant genes; ORF, open reading frame;
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36 551 Kos, orthologous groups; CAZymes, carbohydrate active enzymes; GH, Glycoside
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41 553 **Availability of data and materials**

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 11 **581 Legends of tables and figures**
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15 **582 Tables**
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17 **583 Table 1. Summary of assembly and annotation of mollusc genomes**
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Genome feature	<i>P. canaliculata</i>	<i>L. gigantea</i>	<i>A. californica</i>	<i>B. glabrata</i>	<i>C. gigas</i>	<i>O. bimaculoides</i>
Assembled sequences (bp)	440,071,717	359,505,668	927,310,431	916,377,450	557,735,934	23,381,887,882
Contig N50 size (bp)	1,072,857	94,165	9,817	18,978	37,218	5,982
Contig N90 size (bp)	303,904	10,180	1,626	5,132	11,109	1,606
Scaffold N50 size (bp)	31,531,291	1,870,055	917,541	48,059	401,685	475,182
Scaffold N90 size (bp)	23,662,357	74,480	207,390	817	68,181	79,088
GC content (%)	40.3	33.3	40.3	36.0	33.4	36
No. of gene models	21,533	23,824	19,909	14,224	28,402	15,814
Avg. CDS length (bp)	1,497	1,136	1,568	1,066	1,472	1,535
BUSCO (%)	98.9	98.4	98.7	72.8	99.4	98.7
Transposable elements (bp)	49,579,006	37,369,817	202,174,499	189,550,886	103,381,274	737,398,096
Tandem repeat (bp)	873,801	257,674	8,263,822	2,145,821	590,907	62,633,792

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 39 **584 Figures**
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41 **585 Figure 1. The genome characteristics of *P. canaliculata*.** (a) Circos plot showing the
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 44 586 genomic features. Track 1: 14 linkage groups of the genome; Track 2: distribution of
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 47 587 transposon elements in chromosomes; Track 3: protein-coding genes located on
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 50 588 chromosomes; Track 4: distribution of GC contents. (b) A genome-wide contact
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 53 589 matrix from Hi-C data between each pair of the 14 chromosomes using a 100 kb
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 56 590 window size. The colour value indicates the base 2 logarithm of the number of valid
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 59 591 reads ($\log_2(\text{valid reads})$). (c) Distribution of CDS length in six closely related species.
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1 592 **Figure 2. Evolutionary genomic analysis of *P. canaliculata*.** (a) Phylogenetic
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3 593 placement of *P. canaliculata* within the dated tree of molluscs. The estimated
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6 594 divergence time is shown at each branching point, and *P. canaliculata* is shown in red.
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9 595 (b) Distribution of divergence rate for the class of DNA transposons in molluscs
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13 597 identified in the genome to the corresponding consensus sequence in each TE
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15 598 subfamily. The red arrow indicates that *P. canaliculata* and *C. gigas* had a recent
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22 600 **Figure 3. The cellular homeostasis system in *P. canaliculata*.** The unfolded protein
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24 601 response (UPR) system includes HSPs and HSF in the heat shock response and CNX,
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26 602 NEF, GRP94, BIP, HSP40, ATF6, IRE1, PERK, COP2, XBP, ATF4, TRAM and
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28 603 Derlin in the endoplasmic reticulum unfolded protein response (UPR-ERAD).
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30 604 Apoptotic pathways include XIAPs, Bcl2, caspases, TNFR, and FADD. The
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32 605 antioxidant systems include PRX, SOD, CAT and GPX. The xenobiotic
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34 606 biotransformation system includes EPHX3, P450, FMO and ABC transporter. The
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36 607 colours of the boxes for gene families represent the degree of upregulation
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52 611 **Figure 4. The expansion of the P450 gene family in *P. canaliculata*.** (a)
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54 612 Phylogenetic tree demonstrating orthologous and paralogous relationships of all P450
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56 613 genes from eight species including *P. canaliculata*, *A. californica*, *B. glabrata*, *C.*
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1 614 *gigas*, *L. fortunei*, *L. gigantea*, *O. bimaculoides* and *P. fucata*. P450 genes from eight
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6 616 Clades are labeled by P450 subfamily names. The tree was constructed using the
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15 620 their heat map of expression (FPKM) in seven tissues (Hem, hemocytes; Te, testis; Ov,
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19 622 heat map of induced expression (FPKM-stimulus/FPKM-control) under stress (Con:
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21 623 control; heat; cold; Hm: heavy metal; Exp: air exposure).

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28 624 **Figure 5. The composition and expression of the *P. canaliculata* perivitellins in**
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30 625 **different tissues.** (a) Perivitelline fluid (PVF) lies under the eggshell and surrounds
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32 626 the embryo. It contains carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins. The proteins are also
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34 627 known as perivitellins and are classified into three categories, PcOvo, PcPV2, and
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36 628 PcPV3. (b) The displayed expression value of PVF proteins is the base 10 logarithm
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38 629 of FPKM (\log_{10} FPKM). The genes marked in red encode perivitellins. The 7 tissues
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40 630 examined are abbreviated as follows: Hem, hemocytes; Te, testis; Ov, ovary and
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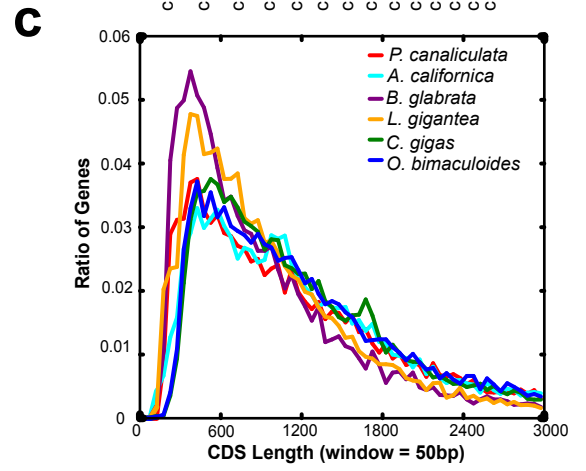
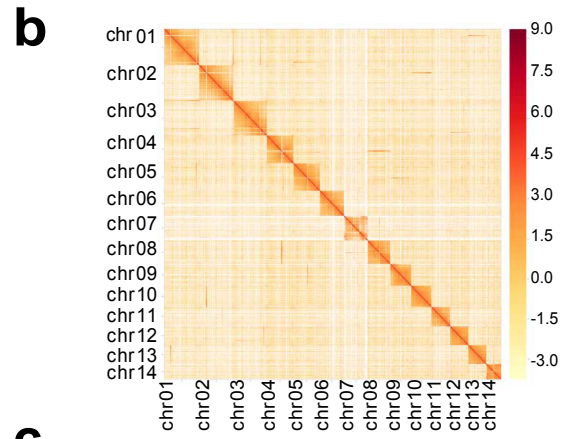
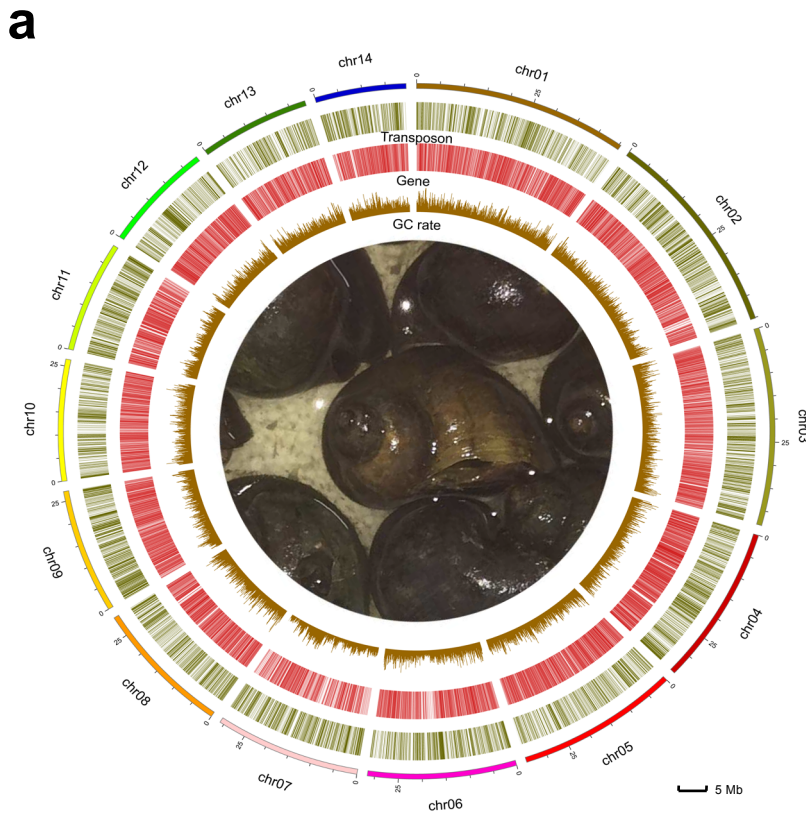
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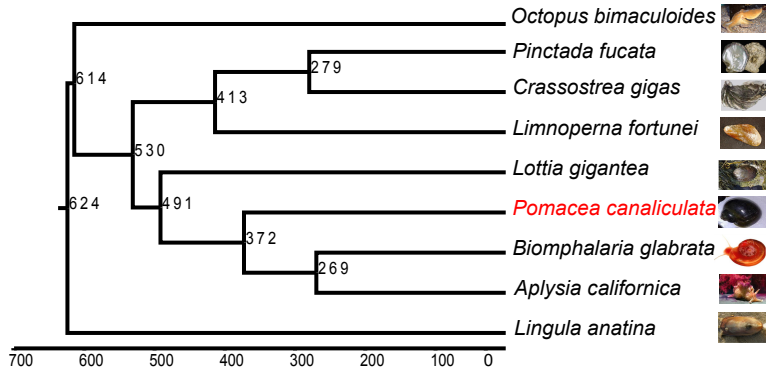
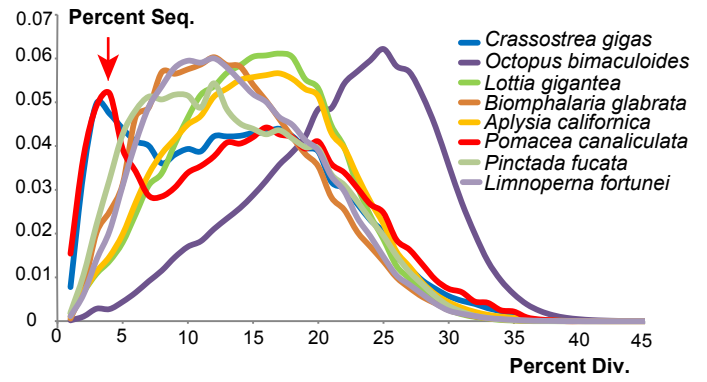
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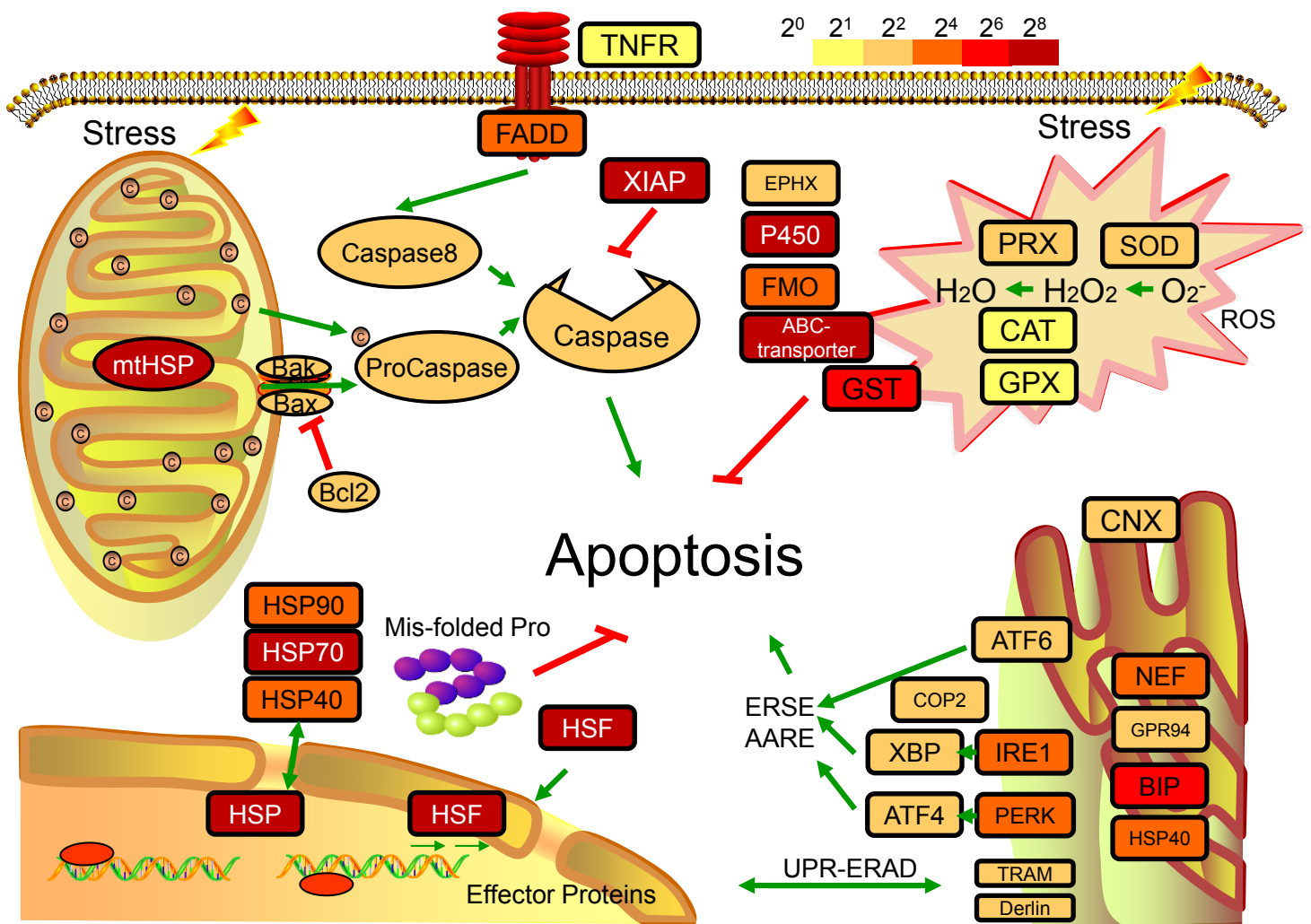
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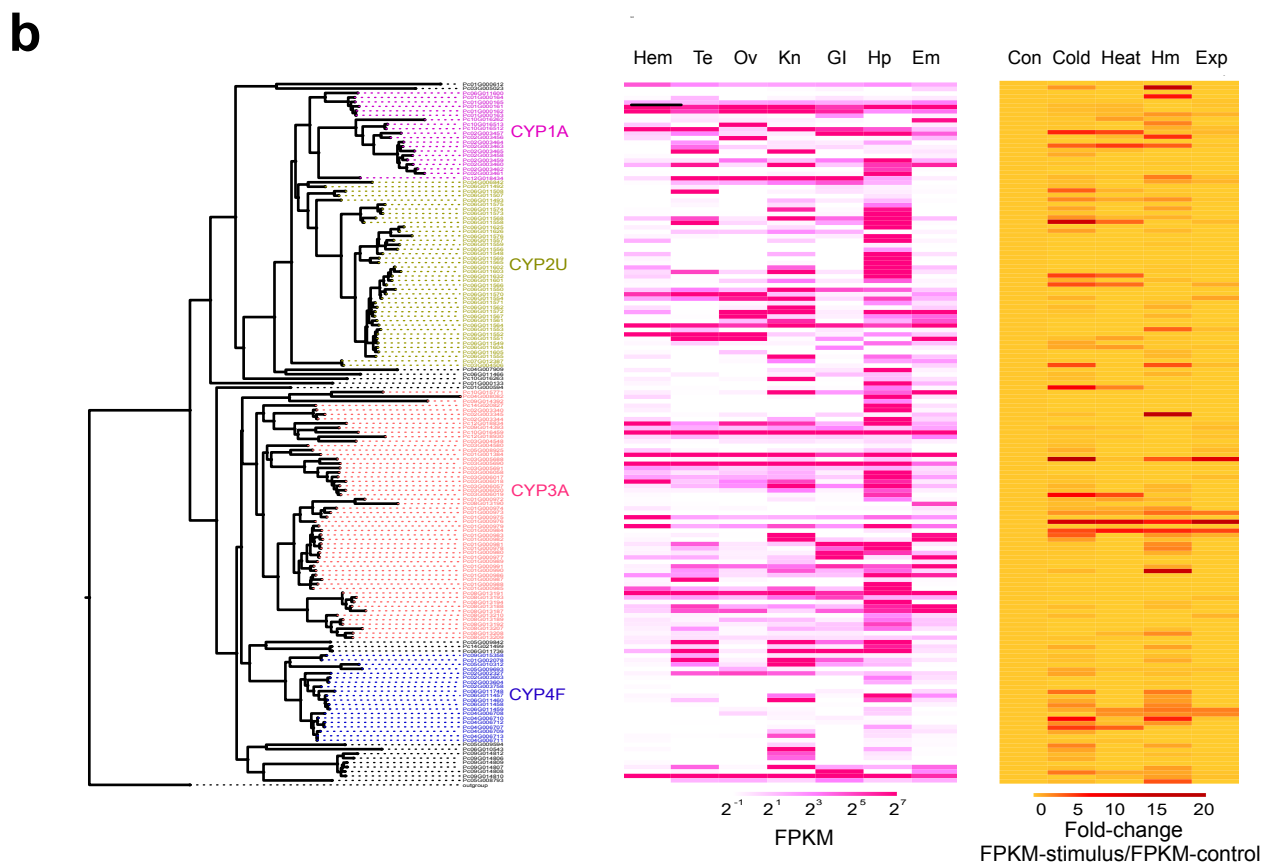
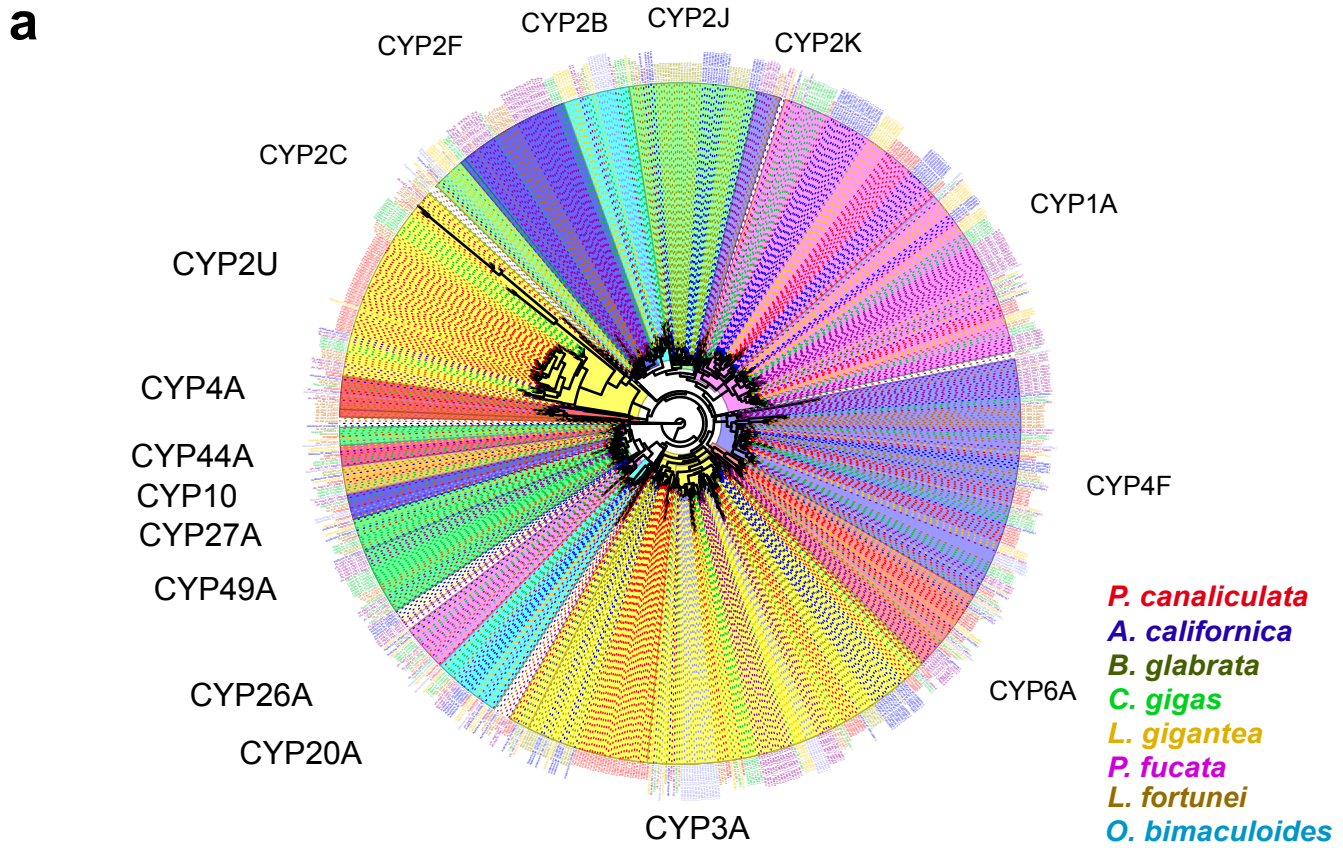
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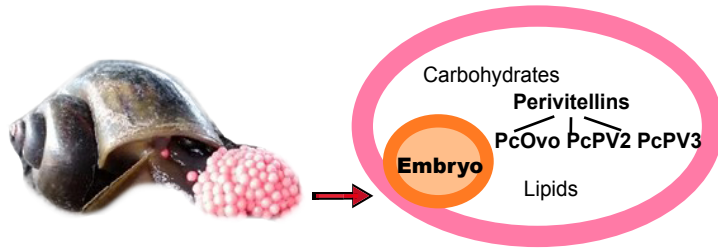
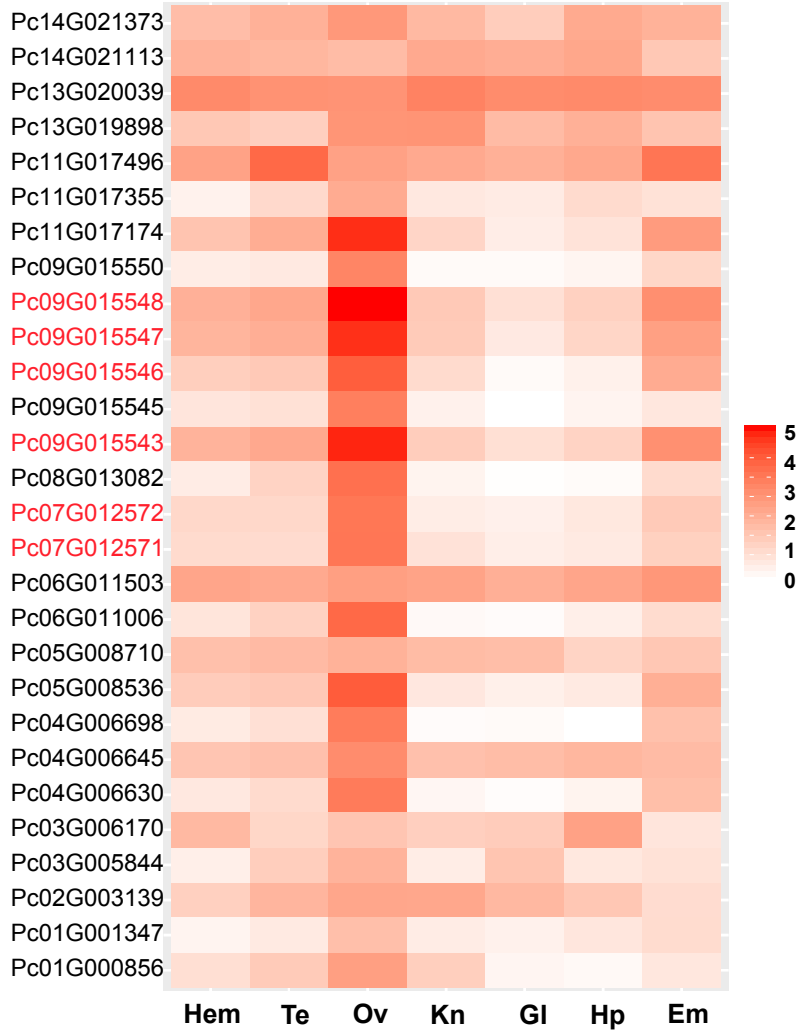
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