

Supplementary Information for

***Rhizobium* induces DNA damage in *Caenorhabditis elegans* intestinal cells.**

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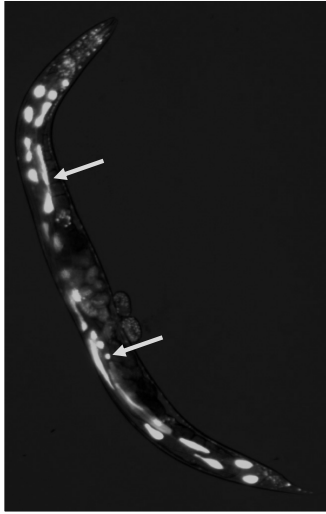
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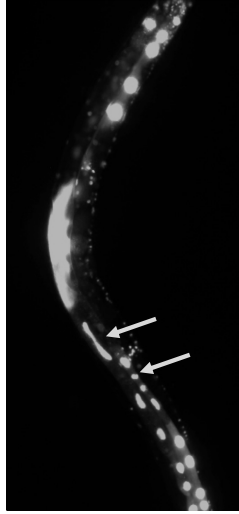
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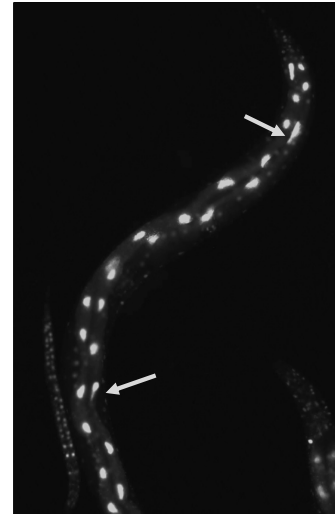
sur-5::GFP adults



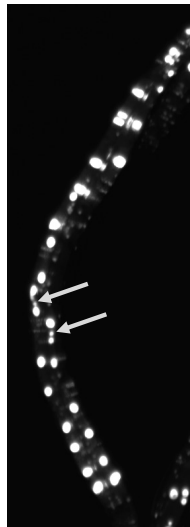
Spingobacterium sp.
(JU56 aka H7)



Pseudomonas sp.
(JU42 aka B6)



Providencia sp.
(JU39 aka G5)



Rhizobium huautlense
(ATCC®BAA-115)



Rhizobium galegae
(ATCC®43677)

Fig. S1. Wild bacterial isolates from the JUb library (5, 7) and *Rhizobium* species from ATCC collection alter karyokinesis in the *C. elegans* intestinal cells. Fluorescence images of *sur-5::GFP* *C. elegans* fed on the indicated bacteria. Arrows point to abnormally shaped nuclei which are elongated or fragmented.

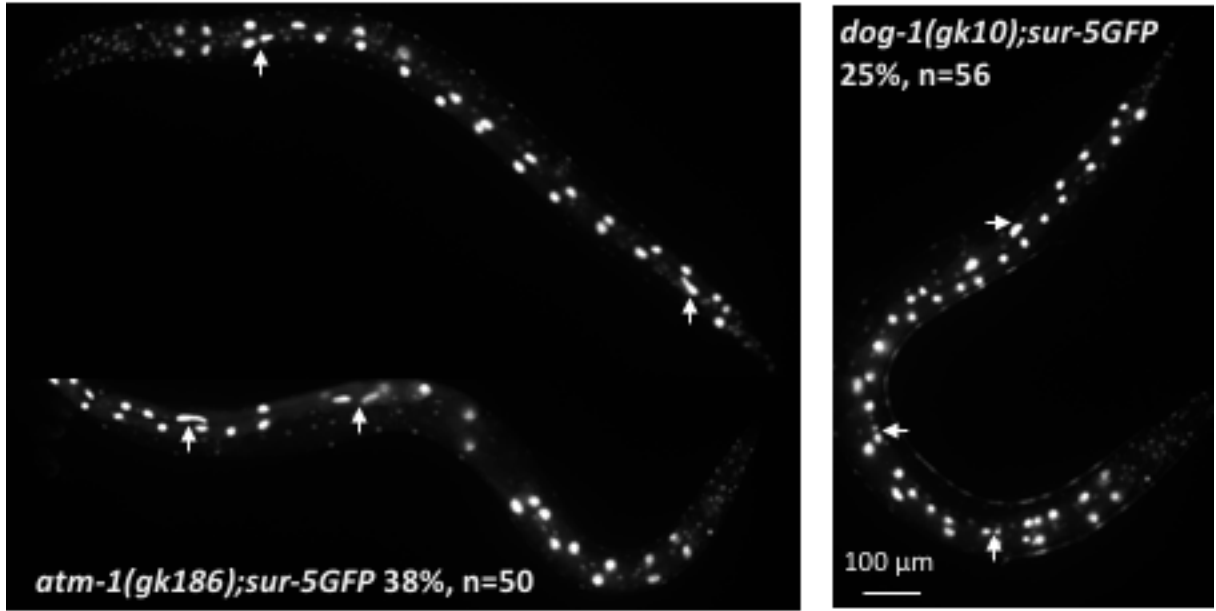


Fig. S2. *C. elegans* mutants from Caenorhabditis Genetic Center (CGC), *atm-1* and *dog-1*, crossed with *sur-5::GFP* reporter strain show abnormal karyokinesis in the gut. Bright light and fluorescence images of the standard mutant alleles for these genes obtained from the *Caenorhabditis* Genetics Center (CGC). Arrows point to the elongated and double nuclei.

RNAi target gene	cosmid name	% affected worms	n, scored
control L4440 empty vector			8 80
Double strand break repair			
<i>mus-101</i>	F37D6.1	36	105
<i>rad-51</i>	Y43C5A.6	28	83
Chromatid cohesion/Chromatin factors			
<i>lin-40 (former erg-1)</i>	T27C4.4	72	91
<i>pgn-85</i>	Y43H11AL.3	6	80
Mitosis/Meiosis			
<i>ani-2</i>	K10B2.5	10	80
Protein degradation			
<i>wwp-1</i>	Y65b4br.4	30	44
RNA processing and trafficking			
<i>npp-15</i>	C29E4.4	6.25	
<i>nola-3 (RNP complex)</i>	C25A1.6	89	18
other			
GMP reductase	F32D1.5	7	27
<i>sex-1</i>	F44A6.2	44	78

A

P<0.00001

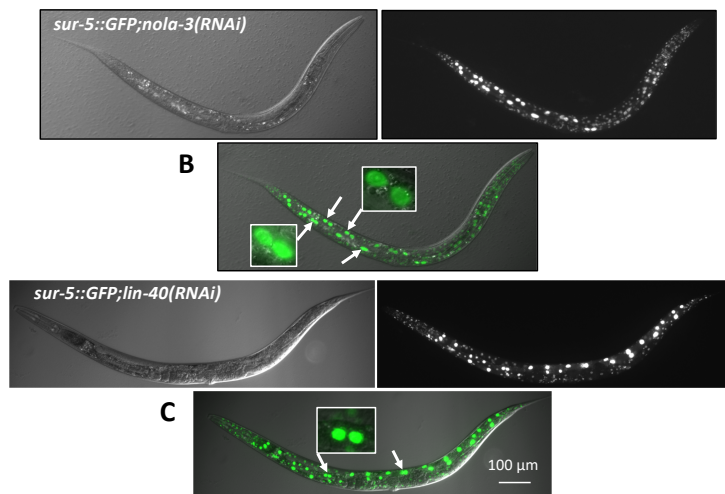
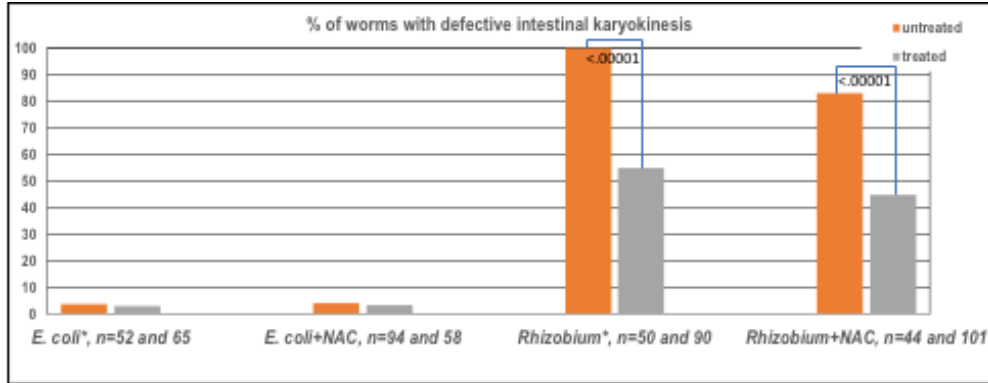
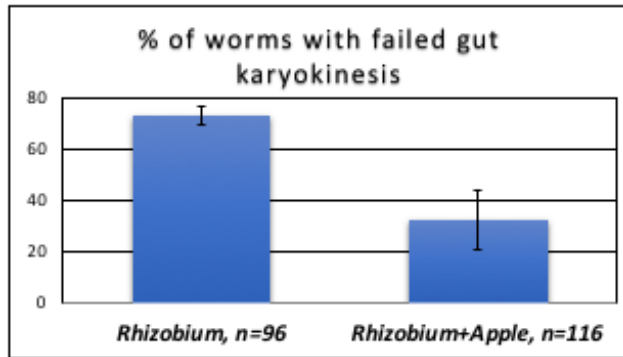


Fig. S3 Inhibition of DDR genes representing several pathways by RNAi results in abnormal karyokinesis in gut.

(A) Table showing tested RNAi target genes from the list of genes required for the normal DNA damage response (from van Haafden et al, 2006) and percent of *C. elegans* with affected karyokinesis in gut. The inhibition of genes in blue rows resulted in statistically significant ($P<0.00001$) increase in a number of *C. elegans* with abnormal karyokinesis. (B and C) Bright light, fluorescence and merged images illustrating failed karyokinesis in the gut of *nola-3(RNAi)* and *lin-40(RNAi)*. Arrows and inserts show elongated and double nuclei indicative of abnormal karyokinesis.



A



B

Fig. S4. Suppression of *Rhizobium* gut karyokinesis defect by free radical scavengers

(A) Graph shows % of *C. elegans* with defective intestinal karyokinesis. Eggs (untreated control) or L1 hatched in 5 mM NAC (treated sample) were placed on *E. coli* or *Rhizobium* with and without NAC supplement. P values for untreated vs. treated *C. elegans* on *Rhizobium* without and with NAC supplement were $4.1E-05$ and $1E-05$. *- 1 ml of water, a solvent for 1 ml NAC, was added to *E. coli* and *Rhizobium* lawns as a control. (B) Graph shows % of *C. elegans* with altered gut nuclei phenotype, which developed either on *Rhizobium* lawn or *Rhizobium* lawn supplemented with a fresh apple slice.

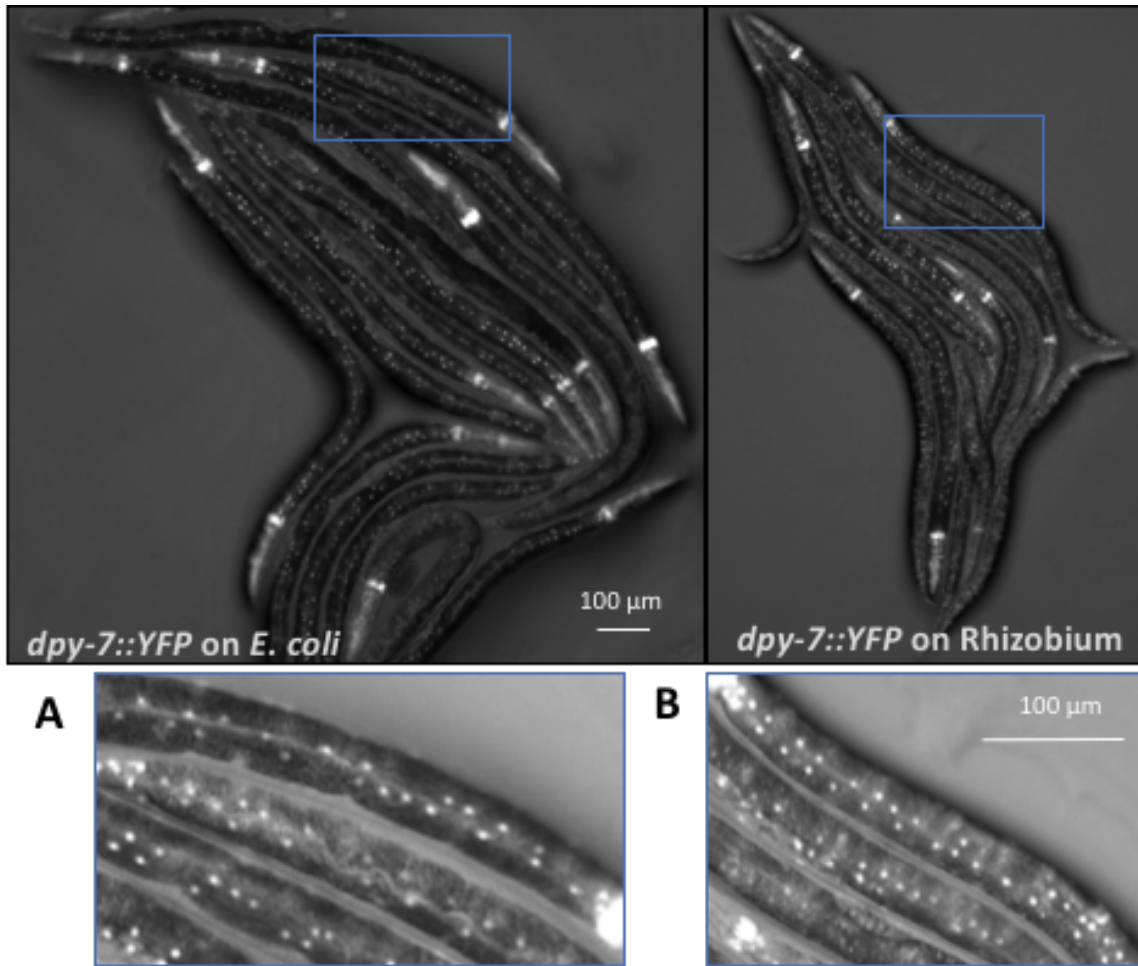


Fig. S5. **Karyokinesis of *C. elegans* hypodermal nuclei is not affected by feeding on *Rhizobium*.**

(A and B) Fluorescence images of *C. elegans* expressing *dpy-7p::2Xnls::YFP* reporter in hypodermal cells grown on *E. coli* and *Rhizobium*. Inserts illustrate similar shapes and distribution patterns of hypodermal nuclei in *C. elegans* fed with either bacteria.

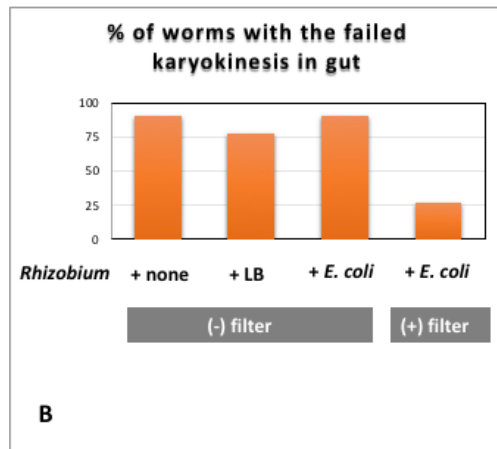
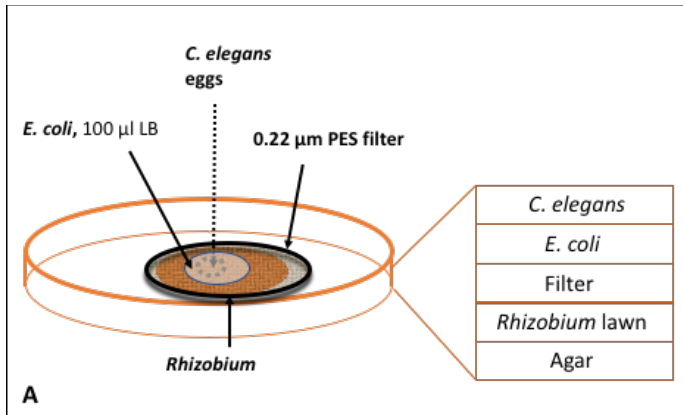
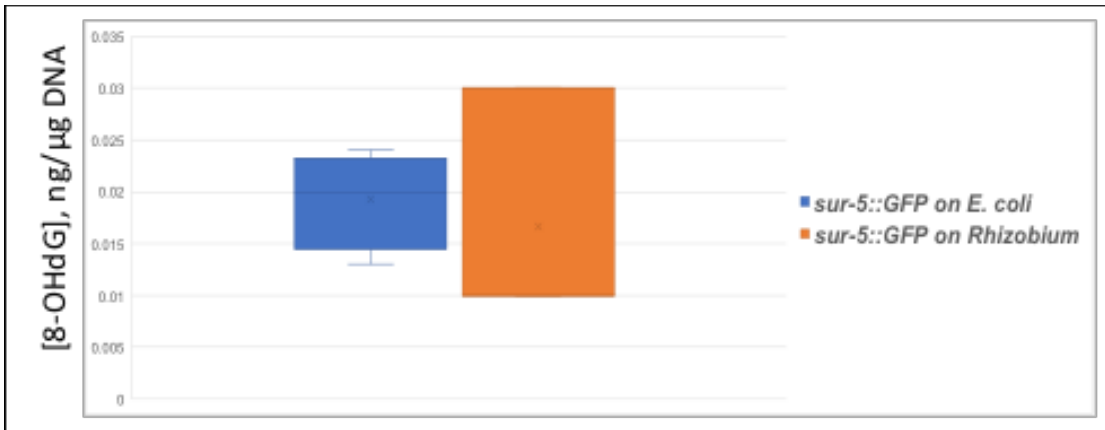


Fig S6. A close contact between *Rhizobium* cells and *C. elegans* is required for intestinal karyokinesis defects.

(A) An experimental setup to separate *Rhizobium* cells and *C. elegans* on NGM agar plates covered the *Rhizobium* lawn with a 0.22 μm pore-size filter. An aliquot of *E. coli* suspension is added on the top of the filter to initiate postembryonic growth of *C. elegans*. (B) Graph shows percentage of *C. elegans* with defective karyokinesis under the indicated conditions. The *C. elegans* were maintained from the time of hatching on an untreated *Rhizobium* lawn, or the lawn treated with 100 μl liquid LB media or 100 μl suspension of *E. coli*, or 100 μl of suspension of *E. coli* on top of a filter over the *Rhizobium* lawn, $n > 50$. The insert shows a vertical arrangement of layers on a plate.



Concentration of [8-OHdG], ng/μg DNA

Replicates	<i>sur-5::GFP</i> on <i>E. coli</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i> on <i>Rhizobium</i>
#1	0.013	0.03
#2	0.019	0.01
#3	0.021	0.01
#4	0.024	n/a

Fig. S7. **No significant changes in 8-OHdG levels were detected in the chromosomal DNA isolated from *C. elegans* grown on *E. coli* and *Rhizobium*.**

Graph shows concentration of 8-OHdG per 1 μg of DNA. The data was obtained with OxiSelect Oxidative DNA damage ELISA Kit. The data shown on the graph are detailed on a list below.

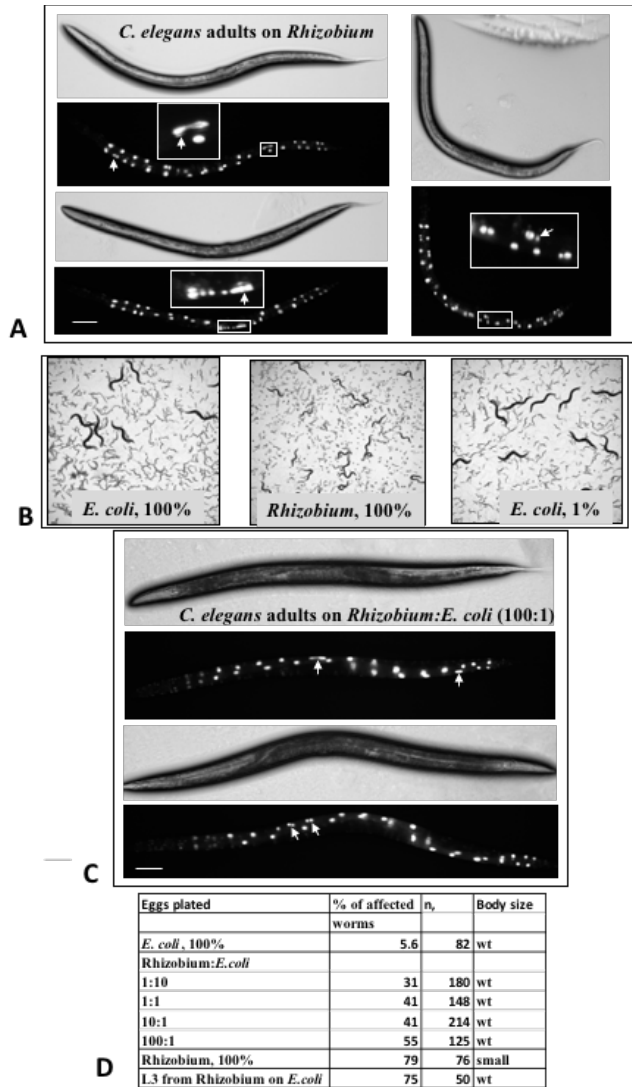
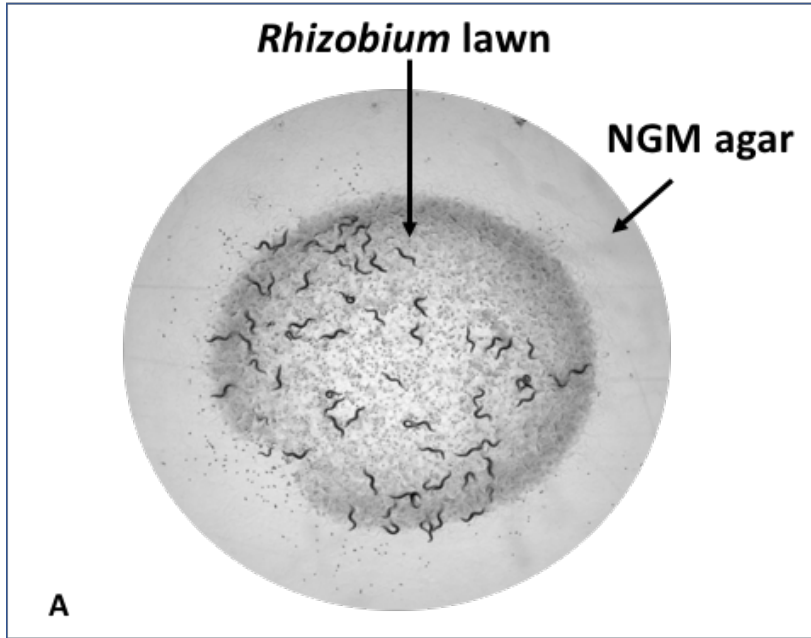


Fig. S8. Small body size of *C. elegans* fed on *Rhizobium* is not correlated with the karyokinesis defect.

(A-C) Fluorescence, DIC, and dissecting scope images of adult *C. elegans* grown on *E. coli* and *Rhizobium*. (A) Upper DIC images show scrawny phenotype of *C. elegans* fed on *Rhizobium*. The inserts on fluorescence images show elongated, double and fragmented nuclei of the gut in *C. elegans* grown on *Rhizobium* (arrows). The scrawny phenotype, but not abnormal gut nuclei morphology can be rescued with *E. coli* mixed with the *Rhizobium* (B-D).



	# with abnormal gut nuclei	number on lawn	n,
<i>E. coli</i>	2	35	52
<i>Rhizobium</i>	69	95	100

B

Fig. S9. *C. elegans* do not avoid *Rhizobium* lawn.

(A) Image of an NGM plate with *C. elegans* grown on 10x concentrated *Rhizobium* lawn from eggs. (B) Quantification of the phenotype on the *E. coli* and *Rhizobium* lawn.

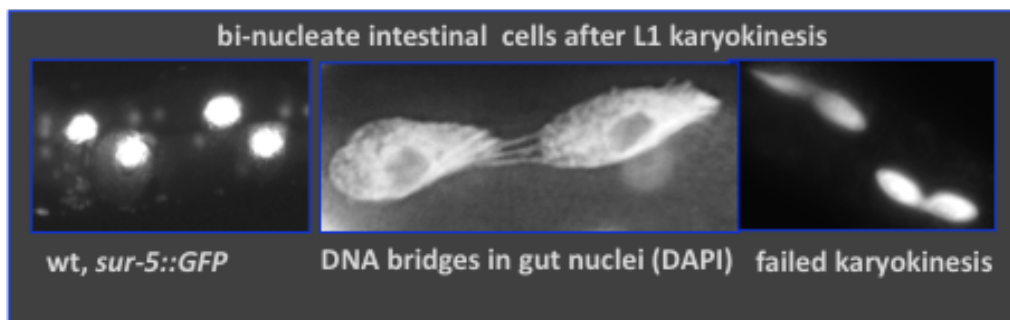
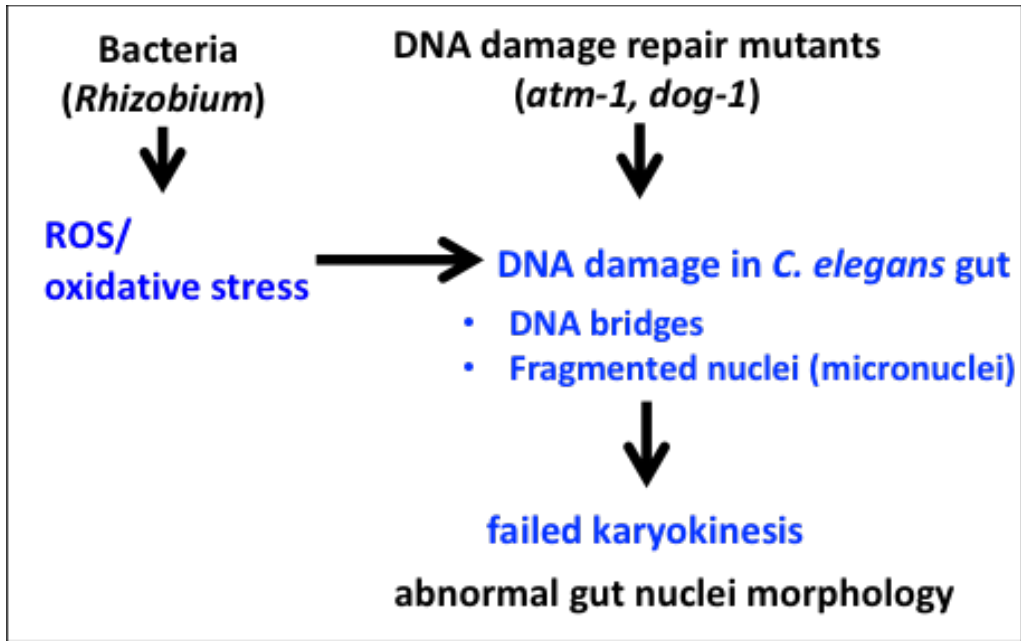


Fig. S10. Proposed mechanism of *Rhizobium*-induced DNA damage, failed karyokinesis resulting in abnormal gut nuclei patterning.

The scheme (A) explains how the abnormal *sur-5::GFP*-highlighted gut nuclei phenotype (B) can serve as a readout in screens for genes involved in oxidative stress and DNA damage response and repair.

Table S1. Evaluation of aberrant karyokinesis phenotype in *C. elegans* wild type and mutants fed on various bacteria under indicated conditions.

Feeding Bacterial Strains	Worm strains	Treatment*	Average % affected worms	Number of scored worms	Number of affected gut nuclei per worm	
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	4	>1,000**	1-2	
		Hydrogen peroxide	63	50	>10***	
		1% oxygen	4	150	1-2	
		21%, air	4	150	1-2	
		100% oxygen	76	150	>2	
		L1 in water o/n****	4	52	1-2	
		L1 in NAC o/n	3	65	1-2	
		<i>atm-1(mg665);sur-5::GFP^A</i>	none	100	>1,000	>10
		<i>dog-1(mg667);sur-5::GFP^A</i>	none	100	>1,000	>10
	<i>atm-1(gk186);sur-5::GFP^^</i>	none	38	50	>2	
		<i>dog-1(gk10);sur-5::GFP^^</i>	none	25	56	>2
<i>R. huaulense, JUb 45</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	78	>1,000	>2	
		1% oxygen	30	150	>2	
		21%, air	67	150	>2	
		50% oxygen	70	150	>2	
		100% oxygen	100	150	>10	
		L1 in water o/n	100	50	>2	
		L1 in NAC o/n	55	90	>2	
		Apple	30	116	>2	
<i>R. huaulense, ATCC BAA-115</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	46	50	>2	
<i>R. galegae, ATCC 43677</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	58	50	>2	
<i>Sphingobacteriu sp. JUb56</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	>25*****	50	>2	
<i>Pseudomonas sp. JUb42</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	>25	50	>2	
<i>Providencia sp. JUb39</i>	<i>sur-5::GFP</i>	none	>25	50	>2	

*- treatments are described in Material and Methods

** - number of scored worms throughout the study

*** - stopped count at the given number of affected nuclei

**** - o/n, overnight

***** - stopped count after 10 affected worms out of 50 on a plate observed

^-EMS mutants from this study

^^ - CGC mutants

Movie S1. L1 larvae in a drop of S-basal buffer on NGM agar plate are treated with 3% hydrogen peroxide.

Movie S2. L1 larvae in a drop of S-basal buffer on *E. coli* lawn are treated with 3% hydrogen peroxide.

Movie S3. L1 larvae in a drop of S-basal buffer on *Rhizobium* lawn are treated with 3% hydrogen peroxide.