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Commensal Gut Bacteria Buffer the Impact of Host Genetic Variants on *Drosophila* Developmental Traits under Nutritional Stress

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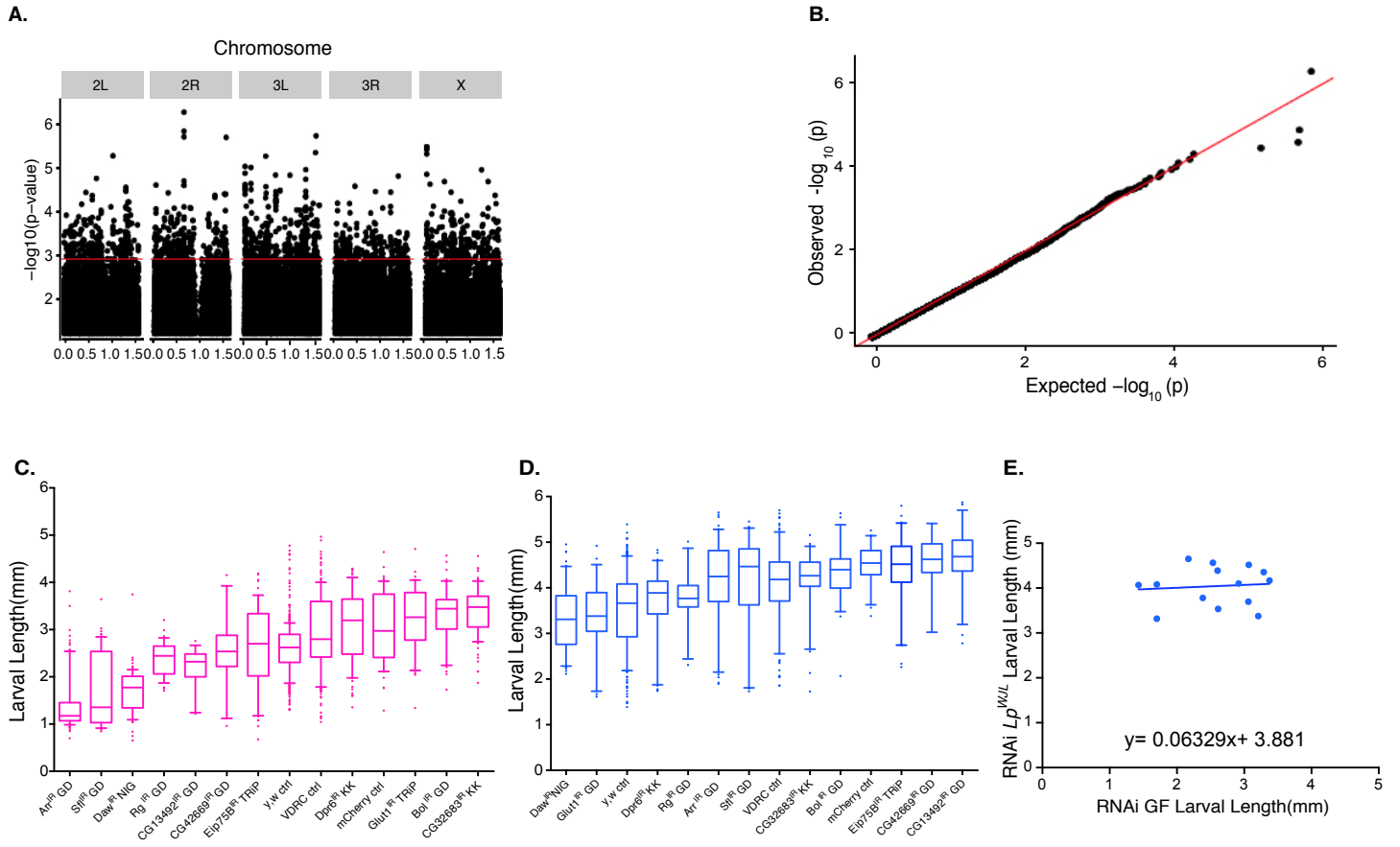


Figure S1

1 **Figure S1. GWAS discovery of the growth promotion effect by Lp^{WJL} unexpectedly unveils the**
2 **microbial buffering capacity in different host genetic backgrounds. Related to Figure 1**

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4 **A).** Manhattan plot of the GWAS performed on the average larval length fold change per DGRP
5 line. We used the DGRP2 website for the association analysis.
6 (<http://dgrp2.gnets.ncsu.edu/>)(Huang et al., 2014; Mackay et al., 2012).

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9 **B).** Quantile-Quantile plot of the GWAS results.

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11 **C). and D).** Box and whiskers plots illustrating the effect of RNAi knockdown on larval length on
12 day 7 AEL. Each bar represents the average length from pooled 3-5 biological replicates from
13 either condition, with 15-40 larvae in each replicate. **C:** GF. **D:** Lp^{WJL} . Three different control
14 knockdowns were used: one control fly strain recommended by VDRC for RNAi constructs
15 obtained from VDRC, one control strain (against mCherry) recommended by the Harvard TRiP
16 collection, and the *y,w* strain from Bloomington. All control and RNAi strains were crossed to
17 *y,w;; tubulin-GAL80^{ts}, daughterless-GAL4*. "GD" refers to the VDRC RNAi GD collection. "KK"
18 refers to the VDRC RNAi KK collection. For specific genotypes, refer to Material and Methods.

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20 **E).** Lp^{WJL} also buffers growth differences in the RNAi knock-down experiments for each of the
21 candidate genes. Each data point represents the intercept of the average GF length and its
22 corresponding mono-associated average larval length on Day 7 for each RNAi knockdown
23 experiment. (Null hypothesis: Slope =1. $P=0.0008$, the null hypothesis is therefore rejected).
24 These data points were fitted into an unconstrained model. For specific genotypes, we refer to
25 Table 2 and Methods. Data are represented as mean and 10-90 percentile in all panels.

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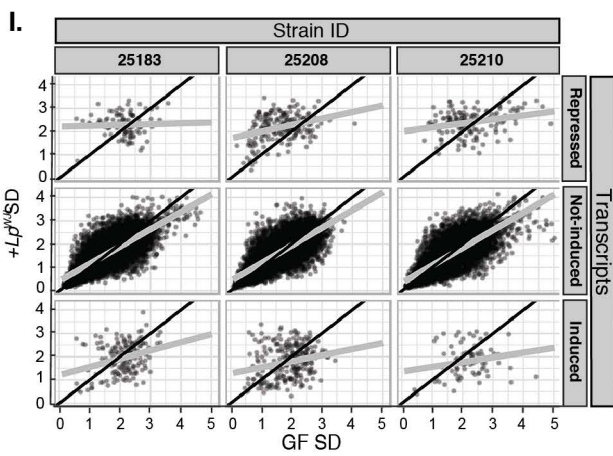
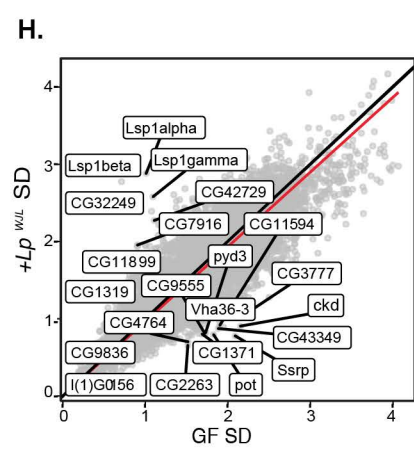
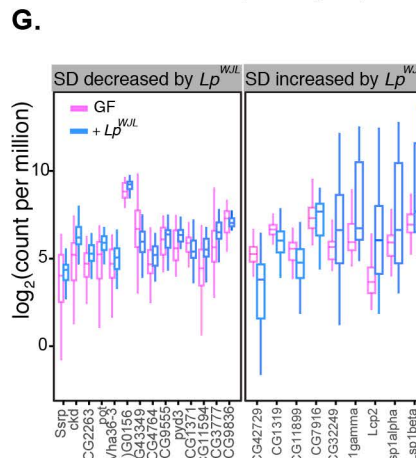
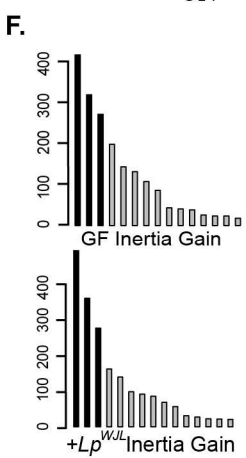
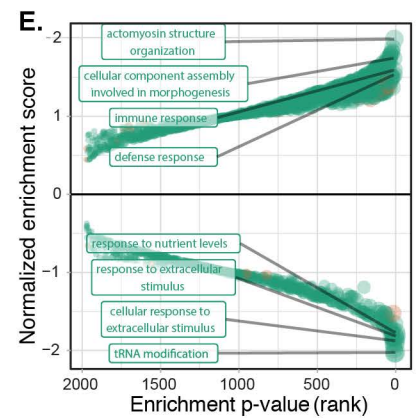
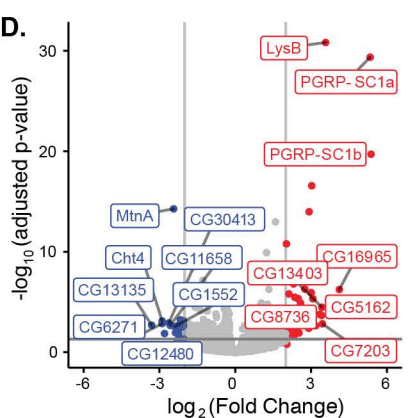
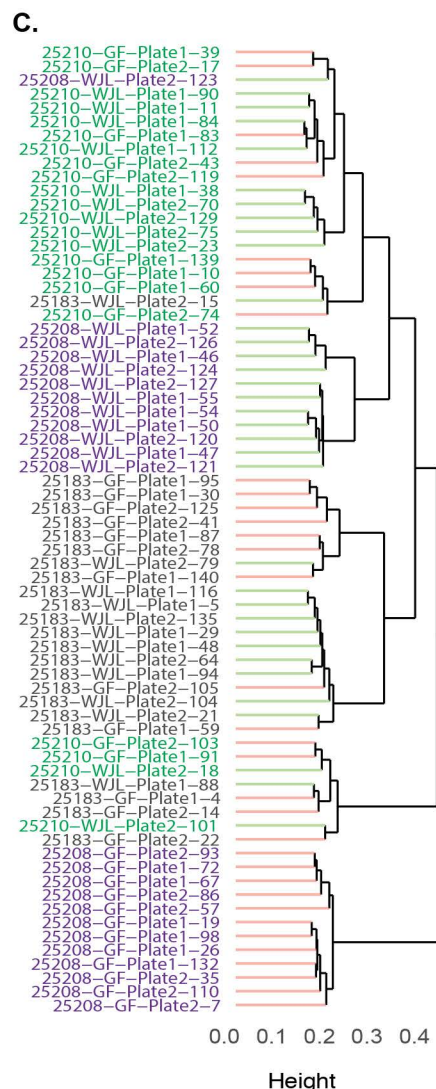
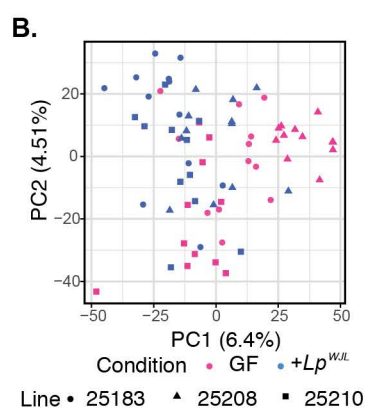
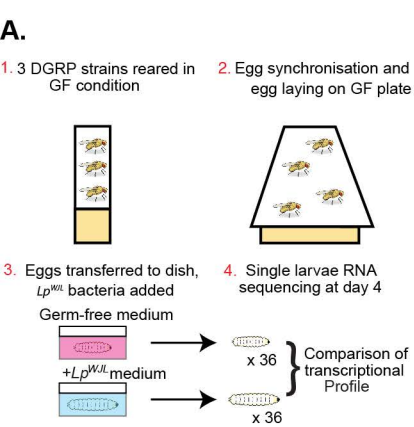


Figure S2

28 **Figure S2. The single-larva BRB-seq indicates transcriptomic buffering in developmental genes**
29 **by Lp^{WJL} . Related to Figure 1**

30 **A).** Experimental setup to perform BRB-seq-based transcriptomics on individual larvae. Flies from
31 three DGRP strains were reared in GF conditions. Egg-laying was synchronized and embryos
32 were transferred to food caps: three left germ-free (1X PBS) and three inoculated with Lp^{WJL} (OD
33 0.5 in 1x PBS). At day 4, single larvae were collected from all plates, RNA extraction and RNA
34 sequencing were performed. 12 larvae were collected per line for each condition, totaling 72
35 single larval transcriptomes.

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37 **B).** Principal component plot of the corrected expression data after batch correction.

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39 **C).** Hierarchical clustering of the transcriptomic data using the Ward's method. A batch effect of
40 plate was corrected prior to clustering. The genotypes are color-coded (Green: 25210, violet:
41 25208, black: 25183). The red "branches" of the cluster represent GF samples, and green ones
42 represent mono-associated samples.

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44 **D).** The observed effect of Lp^{WJL} mono-association on gene expression is consistent with our
45 previous findings, thus validating our transcriptome approach on individual larvae. The horizontal
46 grey line represents the 0.05 FDR-corrected p-value threshold. The vertical lines are the -2 and 2
47 \log_2 (Fold Change) thresholds. Genes in red are significantly up-regulated, genes in blue are
48 significantly down-regulated. Several representative genes of the top differentially regulated
49 genes from each category are highlighted.

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51 **E).** Gene set enrichment analysis on biological process gene ontology (GO) terms based on the
52 effect of Lp^{WJL} mono-association. Gene sets in orange were derived from GLAD(Hu et al., 2015),
53 whereas green gene sets were extracted from GO2MSIG(Powell, 2014).

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55 **F).** Inertia gain of the HCPC analysis from Figure 1G and 1H. the black bars represent the "optimal"
56 level of division of the tree suggested by FactoMineR.

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58 **G).** Scatterplot of the standard deviation in expression level of each gene in the GF and Lp^{WJL}
59 mono-associated condition. The black line represents the theoretical slope of 1 and intercept 0.
60 The red line is a linear fit of the points. Labelled genes show the highest relative change in their
61 standard deviation, as determined by the absolute value of $\log_2(SD_{Lp^{WJL}}/SD_{GF})$.

62 **H).** Box and whiskers plots showing the expression levels of genes with high relative change in
63 standard deviation, regardless whether the genes themselves were up- or down-regulated.

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65 **I).** Scatterplots of standard deviations of each gene calculated by genotype. Genes were faceted
66 by how their differential expression alters within each strain in both GF and Lp^{WJL} mono-
67 associated conditions: repressed (top panel), non-induced (middle panel) and induced (bottom
68 panel). The black lines represent the theoretical slope of 1 and intercepts 0, the grey lines are
69 the linear fit to the data. Since transcripts specifically modulated by Lp^{WJL} tend to have
70 incomparable SD, we assessed GO enrichment only on non-differentially expressed genes (see
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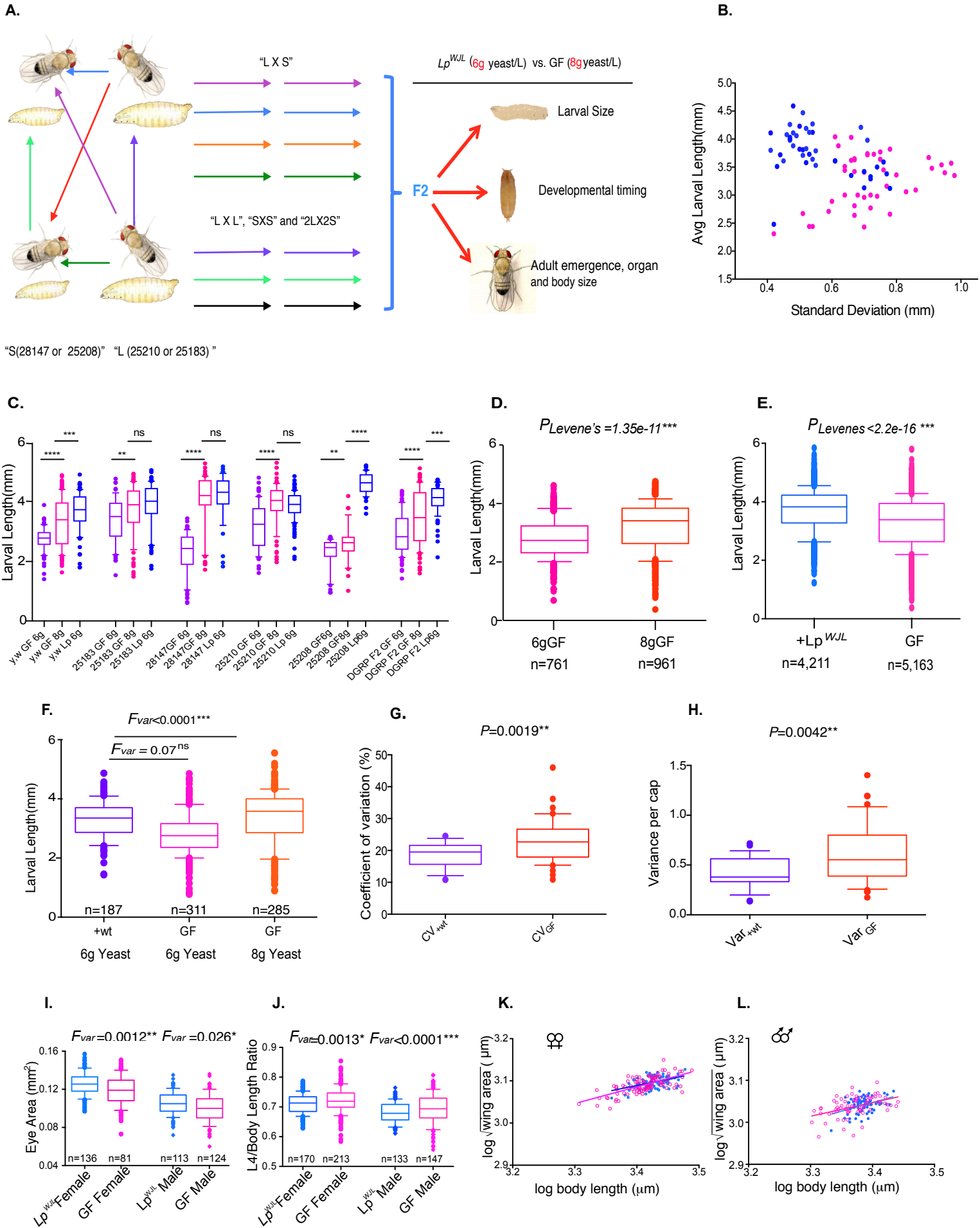


Figure S3

78 **Figure S3 In the genetically diverse DGRP F₂ population, *Lp^{WJL}* reduces variation in different**
79 **physical fitness traits. Related to Figure 2**

80 **A).** A diagram illustrating DGRP crosses to generate the F₂ generation for studying variation in
81 larval size, pupariation and adult emergence. 25210 (RAL-859), 25183(RAL-335) are the lines with
82 the "large" ("L") larvae as germ-free, and 25208(RAL-820) and 28147(RAL-158) are the lines with
83 the "small" larvae as germ-free ("S"). Seven possible crosses are set up: 25210X25183 ("LXL"),
84 25208X28147("SXS"), 25210X25208, 25183X25208, 25210X28147, 25183X28147 are the four
85 "LXS" crosses, and 25183 and 25210 X 25208 and 28147 is the "2L X 2S" cross.

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87 **B).** A scatter plot showing how standard deviation (SD) changes as a function of larval length,
88 and how such change differs in the DGRP F₂ GF (pink) and *Lp^{WJL}* mono-associated (blue)
89 populations (see also Figure 2a and Methods for detailed schemes). Each data point represents
90 the intercept of an SD value and its corresponding average larval length in a particular cross.
91 Each SD and average length was derived from larvae measurements gathered from at least 3
92 biological replicates from either GF or *Lp^{WJL}* mono-associated conditions. Each replicate contains
93 10-40 larvae.

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95 **C).** Larval lengths of axenic flies grown on media containing 6g (purple), 8g (pink) or 6g yeast
96 with *Lp^{WJL}* inoculation (dark blue) on day 7 after egg-lay. Note that 2g extra yeast invariably
97 boosts germ-free growth in different strains and genetic background. The asterisks indicate
98 statistics differences when comparing average larval lengths between conditions.

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100 **D).** Larval growth and variability comparison in DGRP F₂ axenic larvae pooled from the parental
101 strains (Figure S3C). For GF larvae raised on 6g/L yeast, average larval length =2.76mm,
102 SD=0.66mm, CV=24.1%; for GF larvae raised on 8g/L yeast, average larval length =3.34mm,
103 SD=0.85mm, CV=25.2%.

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106 **E).** Box and Whisker graph illustrating the average length and standard deviation from pooled
107 GF (pink) and *Lp^{WJL}* mono-associated DGRP (blue) F₂ larvae, pooled from all the crosses in all
108 three different repeats (Average GF larval length: 3.29mm; average *Lp* mono-associated larval
109 length: 3.71mm; CV_{GF}=24.9%, CV_{Lp}=19.5%).

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111 **F).** One representative experiment showing that re-associating the field-collected flies tends to
112 buffer the variability in body length in size-matched larvae. The purple box represents body
113 length from wild larvae grown on media contaminated with their untreated parents' fecal matter.
114 Average GF larval length grown on 6g/L yeast media: 2.81mm; average GF larval length grown
115 on 8g/L yeast media: 3.36mm: average re-associated larval length ("+wt"): 3.07 mm; P= 0.338.
116 CV_{GF} (6g/L, pink) = 24.9%, CV_{GF} (8g/L, orange)= 27.0%, CV_{wt} (purple)= 18.9%.

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118 **G). and H).** The compiled CV values (**e.**) and variances (**f.**) derived from each low-yeast cap
119 containing 40~50 field-collected larvae. The average CV and variance are lower in the
120 population re-associated with its own microbes (purple) than in the GF population (orange)

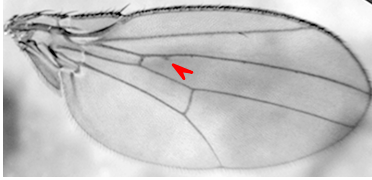
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122 **I).** In both male (lozenge) and female (circle) adults, the variances in eye size are greater in GF F₂
123 progeny. The difference in mean eye area, for females P<0.0001***; for males, P=0.0013**.

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125 **J).** The length of the L4 vein in the wing is used as a proxy of the wing length. In the
126 accumulated ratios of wing length over body length, the variances are greater in the GF flies
127 (The difference in average L4/ body length, for females P<0.0028**; for males, P=0.02*).

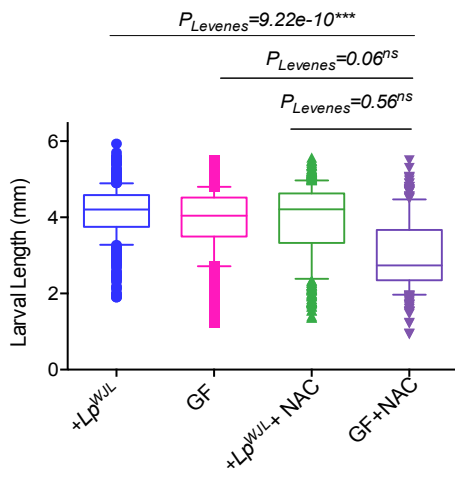
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129 **K). and L).** Scatter plots illustrating the allometric relationship between wing area and body size
130 in female (i) and male (j) DGRP F₂ adults. Pink open circles: GF, blue filled circles: Lp^{WJL} . Each line
131 represents the allometric slope of the data points shown by the same color. Either in males or
132 females, there is no difference in allometric slope between the GF and mono-associated
133 population. For GF females, $Y_{GF} = 0.3963 * X + 1.738$, 95%C.I.= 0.3117 to 0.4810; for Lp^{WJL} females,
134 $Y_{Lp} = 0.2978 * X + 2.076$, 95%C.I.= 0,1785 to 0,4172, P=0.203, n.s ; for GF males, $Y_{GF} = 0.3261 * X$
135 $+ 1.939$, 95%C.I.= 0.1725 to 0.4796 ; for Lp^{WJL} males, $Y_{Lp} = 0.4141 * X + 1.639$, 95% C.I. =0.1842 to
136 0.6439, P=0.55, ns. Data are represented as Mean and 10-90 percentile in all panels.
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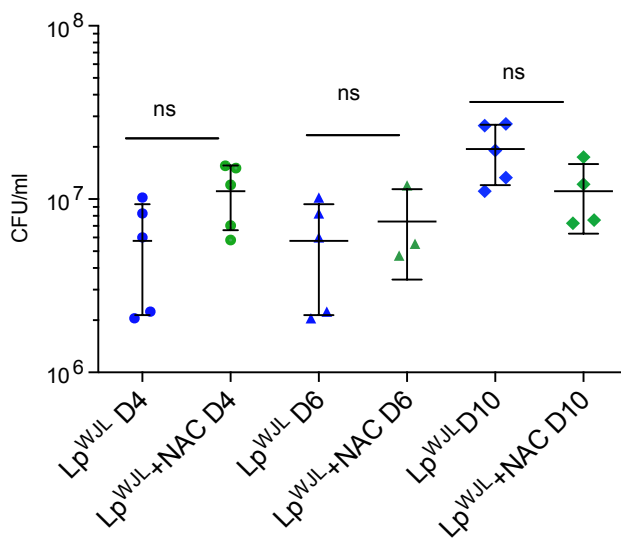


Figure S4

139 **Figure S4 The LpWJL buffering in developmental trait and organ patterning robustness involves**
140 **ROS signaling. Related to Figure 3 and 4.**

141 **A.)** An image of a wing of an *Lp^{WJL}* adult is shown, as a representation of the most visible
142 "defect" ever observed in mono-associated adults. Red arrow points to the subtle vein tissue
143 thickening. We included these as "defects" in the *Lp^{WJL}* F₂ population in the analyses presented
144 in Figure 3A, 3B, and 4F.

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146 **B.)** Germ-free larvae (light violet) that ingested NAC show comparable size variation to *Lp^{WJL}*
147 larvae fed on NAC (McFall-Ngai et al.) or germ-free larvae who have not been exposed to NAC
148 (pink).

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150 **C.)** Bacterial niche load (NL) evolution ("Niche" is defined as the substrate with both larvae and
151 bacteria present) during the course of larval development with *Lp^{WJL}* with or without NAC
152 treatment (Day 4, Day 6 and Day 10). Data are represented as mean ± SD.

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TableS1. Average D7 larvae length for individual DGRP lines. Related to Figure 1

DGRP Lines	GF* Length(mm)	GF SD*(mm)	Lp^{WJL} * Length(mm)	Lp^{WJL} SD(mm)	Lp^{WJL}/GF Ratio
25174	2.193	0.584	3.637	0.895	1.658
25175	2.693	0.687	4.496	0.659	1.670
25176	1.443	0.536	3.903	0.648	2.704
25180	2.151	0.454	3.795	0.635	1.764
25181	2.374	0.824	4.224	0.946	1.779
25182	2.108	0.451	3.293	0.859	1.562
25183	2.961	0.657	4.066	0.548	1.373
25184	1.957	0.53	4.323	0.587	2.209
25185	2.459	0.681	3.93	0.722	1.598
25186	2.278	0.667	4.289	0.803	1.883
25187	2.109	0.479	3.798	0.744	1.801
25188	2.253	0.421	4.202	0.786	1.865
25189	2.586	0.393	3.448	0.876	1.333
25190	2.292	0.512	3.976	0.941	1.735
25191	2.348	0.428	3.953	0.797	1.684
25192	2.194	0.401	4.145	0.731	1.889
25193	2.414	0.582	4.05	0.782	1.678
25194	2.506	0.558	4.195	0.508	1.674
25195	2.07	0.402	3.635	0.867	1.756
25197	1.944	0.397	3.73	0.734	1.919
25198	2.051	0.394	3.936	0.673	1.919
25199	1.514	0.524	3.78	0.753	2.497
25200	2.869	0.752	4.227	0.605	1.473
25201	2.182	0.347	4.186	0.601	1.918
25202	2.273	0.639	3.85	0.792	1.694
25203	1.541	0.513	4.158	0.755	2.698
25204	1.686	0.678	4.088	0.774	2.425
25205	2.351	0.567	3.77	0.606	1.604
25206	2.5	0.643	4.173	0.619	1.669
25207	2.028	0.481	3.896	0.811	1.921
25208	1.649	0.443	4.103	0.947	2.488
25209	2.187	0.67	4.232	0.819	1.935
25210	2.772	0.633	4.03	0.466	1.454
25445	2.01	0.468	3.956	0.668	1.968
25744	2.097	0.34	4.235	0.666	2.020
25745	2.501	0.612	4.051	0.599	1.620
28132	2.828	0.684	4.485	0.534	1.586
28134	1.854	0.383	4.144	0.479	2.235
28136	1.707	0.415	4.204	0.548	2.463
28138	1.38	0.487	4.318	0.693	3.129
28142	2.938	0.836	4.487	0.489	1.527
28146	2.077	0.36	4.564	0.915	2.197
28147	1.575	0.552	4.061	0.728	2.578
28153	2.298	0.329	3.97	0.541	1.728
28154	2.256	0.339	4.365	0.482	1.935
28160	2.51	0.662	4.118	0.714	1.640
28164	2.394	0.448	4.207	0.584	1.757
28166	2.163	0.402	4.489	0.642	2.075
28173	2.039	0.309	4.122	0.697	2.022
28192	2.141	0.506	4.286	0.659	2.002
28194	2.269	0.565	4.424	0.72	1.950
28197	2.89	0.742	4.547	0.519	1.573
28208	2.339	0.438	4.14	0.705	1.767

*GF: germ-free

* Lp^{WJL} : Lactobacillus plantarum, stain name: WJL

*SD: standard deviation

Table S2 . Variants associated with the growth benefits conferred by *Lactobacillus plantarum* (*Lp^{WJL}*). Related to Figure 1.

Variants	R ²	P-value	Minor allele	Major allele	Ref* allele	MAF*	Variant Class	Molecular and cellular functions
CG13492	46.46%	1.23E-06	C	T	C	0.245	intron	Unknown
	45.81%	4.526E-07	T	A	T	0.244		
	45.56%	1.65E-06	G	A	G	0.25		
CG32683	39.04%	2.76E-06	A	T	T	0.2453	Intron/ downstream	Unknown, arrestin-like
	39.04%	2.76E-06	A	C	C	0.2453		
	29.32%	4.03E-06	T	A	A	0.22		
	29.07%	3.19E-06	T	G	G	0.2245		
	29.80%	1.17E-05	CTGTTG	C	C	0.283		
CG33269	35.58%	8.21e-06	G	A	A	0.14	Intergenic	Unknown
dpr6	33.06%	2.94E-05	A	T	T	0.1224	Intron	Immunoglobulin-like domain; sensory perception of chemical stimulus
	21.34%	7.77E-06	A	G	G	0.08		
Eip75B	32.65%	1.22E-05	C	T	C	0.1176	Intron	Nuclear hormone receptor, ecdysone response, antimicrobial humoral response
rg	32.14%	9.25E-06	G	A	G	0.4	Intron	PKA-binding, cone cell differentiation, mushroom body development, olfactory learning
sfl	27.37%	9.18E-06	G	T	T	0.4706	Intron	heparan sulfate proteoglycans (HSPGs) biosynthesis/wg morphogen diffusion
CG42669	26.66%	1.23E-05	A	G	G	0.1373	Intron	Supervillin, actin-binding
bol	25.07%	3.76E-06	C	T	T	0.2	3'UTR	RNA binding protein. Role in meiotic entry and germline differentiation
CR43427, lncRNA566	23.7%	4,53E-06	G	T	T	0.3269	intergenic	Unknown, lncRNA
daw	15.1%	4.45E-06	T	C	C	0.1837	Synonymous substitution	TGF-β ligand: growth; regulation of insulin secretion
arr	14.68%	1.69E-06	G	C	C	0.1875	intron	wnt protein binding/canonical wnt pathway
glut1	11.14%	1.56E-06	G	T	T	0.2245	intron	General glucose/sugar transporter

*MAF: minor allele frequency in the 53 DGRP lines

*Ref allele: allele info derived from BDGP (Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project)

R² reflects effect size

Table S3. Individual larval transcriptome sample list. Related to Figure 1

SampleID	Genotype	Treatment	Plate	Individual	Well_Row	Well_Column	TotalReads	Timepoint
GF-d4-Plate1-25183-4	25183	GF	Plate1	4D		1	3374679	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25183-5	25183	WJL	Plate1	5E		2	4323699	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25208-7	25208	GF	Plate2	7E		9	1537636	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25210-10	25210	GF	Plate1	10D		5	3969828	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25210-11	25210	WJL	Plate1	11E		6	5131500	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25183-14	25183	GF	Plate2	14E		1	3307084	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25183-15	25183	WJL	Plate2	15D		2	2816461	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25210-17	25210	GF	Plate2	17E		5	5063082	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25210-18	25210	WJL	Plate2	18D		6	4162852	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25208-19	25208	GF	Plate1	19D		9	2459570	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25183-21	25183	WJL	Plate2	21E		2	2399808	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25183-22	25183	GF	Plate2	22D		1	4448517	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25210-23	25210	WJL	Plate2	23E		6	4508569	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25208-26	25208	GF	Plate1	26E		9	2085683	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25183-29	25183	WJL	Plate1	29D		2	1843092	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25183-30	25183	GF	Plate1	30E		1	3678838	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25208-35	25208	GF	Plate2	35D		9	3470625	d4
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WJL-d4-Plate1-25208-54	25208	WJL	Plate1	54D		10	2980174	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25208-55	25208	WJL	Plate1	55F		10	2648893	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25208-57	25208	GF	Plate2	57F		9	1789505	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25183-59	25183	GF	Plate1	59F		1	3461758	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25210-60	25210	GF	Plate1	60F		5	3205718	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25183-64	25183	WJL	Plate2	64F		2	3165014	d4
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WJL-d4-Plate2-25210-70	25210	WJL	Plate2	70F		6	8073425	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25208-72	25208	GF	Plate1	72C		9	2668655	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25210-74	25210	GF	Plate2	74B		5	947737	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25210-75	25210	WJL	Plate2	75C		6	4812520	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25183-78	25183	GF	Plate2	78B		1	2869820	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25183-79	25183	WJL	Plate2	79C		2	4934533	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25210-83	25210	GF	Plate1	83C		5	4113175	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25210-84	25210	WJL	Plate1	84B		6	4684552	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25208-86	25208	GF	Plate2	86B		9	3324070	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25183-87	25183	GF	Plate1	87C		1	3728767	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25183-88	25183	WJL	Plate1	88B		2	4564509	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25210-90	25210	WJL	Plate1	90C		6	3714293	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25210-91	25210	GF	Plate1	91B		5	4179985	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25208-93	25208	GF	Plate2	93C		9	3569201	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25183-94	25183	WJL	Plate1	94C		2	4200621	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25183-95	25183	GF	Plate1	95B		1	4373035	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25208-98	25208	GF	Plate1	98B		9	3652231	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25210-101	25210	WJL	Plate2	101B		6	4457721	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25210-103	25210	GF	Plate2	103C		5	3903565	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25183-104	25183	WJL	Plate2	104B		2	982388	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25183-105	25183	GF	Plate2	105C		1	3094592	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25208-110	25208	GF	Plate2	110A		9	1967561	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25210-112	25210	WJL	Plate1	112A		6	3472086	d4
WJL-d4-Plate1-25183-116	25183	WJL	Plate1	116A		2	4865847	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25210-119	25210	GF	Plate2	119A		5	3773438	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25208-120	25208	WJL	Plate2	120F		10	2018688	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25208-121	25208	WJL	Plate2	121D		10	2595705	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25208-123	25208	WJL	Plate2	123E		10	1841390	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25208-124	25208	WJL	Plate2	124A		10	3326544	d4
GF-d4-Plate2-25183-125	25183	GF	Plate2	125A		1	1822797	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25208-126	25208	WJL	Plate2	126B		10	3831425	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25208-127	25208	WJL	Plate2	127C		10	3109485	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25210-129	25210	WJL	Plate2	129A		6	1737064	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25208-132	25208	GF	Plate1	132A		9	3284211	d4
WJL-d4-Plate2-25183-135	25183	WJL	Plate2	135A		2	4603643	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25210-139	25210	GF	Plate1	139A		5	2749602	d4
GF-d4-Plate1-25183-140	25183	GF	Plate1	140A		1	2722703	d4

190 Transparent Methods

191 •Fly stocks and genetic crosses

192 Drosophila were kept at 25°C in a Panasonic Mir425 incubator with 12/12 hrs dark/light cycles.
193 Routine stocks were kept on standard laboratory diet (see below “media preparation and NAC
194 treatment”) The 53 DGRP lines were obtained from Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center.

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196 Field-collected flies were trapped with rotten tomatoes in a garden in Solaize (France) and
197 reared on a medium without chemical preservatives to minimize the modification to their gut
198 microbiota(Tefit et al., 2017). One liter of media contains 15g inactivated yeast, 25g sucrose
199 (Sigma Aldrich, ref. #84100), 80g cornmeal and 10g agar.

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201 To generate DGRP F₂s, four DGRP lines were selected for setting up seven different crosses:
202 25210 (RAL-859), 25183(RAL-335) are the lines with “large” larvae as germ-free, and 25208(RAL-
203 820) and 28147(RAL-158) are the line with “small” larvae as germ-free (see figure legend Figure
204 S3a).

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206 All RNAi lines were crossed to the driver line *y,w;; tubulin-GAL80^{ts}, daughterless-GAL4*. To
207 minimize lethality, we dampend the GAL4 strength by leaving the genetic crosses at 25°C. The
208 following fly strains were used: *y,w, UAS-dpr-6-IR*(P{KK112634}VIE-260B), *UAS-CG13492-IR*,
209 (*w¹¹¹⁸;P{GD14825}v29390*), *UAS-daw-IR*(NIG #16987R-1), *UAS-sfl-IR* (*w¹¹¹⁸; P{GD2336}v5070*),
210 *UAS-arr-IR* (*w¹¹¹⁸; P{GD2617}v4818*), *UAS-rg-IR*(*w¹¹¹⁸; P{GD8235}v17407*), *UAS-bol-IR*(*w¹¹¹⁸;*
211 *{GD10525}v21536*), *UAS-glut1-IR*(*y¹ v¹; P{TRiP.JF03060}attP2*, Bloomington 28645), *UAS-*
212 *CG32683-IR* (P{KK112515}VIE-260B), *UAS-CG42669-IR*(*w¹¹¹⁸;P{GD7292}v18081*), *UAS-Eip75B-IR*
213 (*w¹¹¹⁸; P{GD1434}v44851*), *UAS-mCherry-IR* (*y¹ v¹; P{CaryP}attP2*), VDRC GD control (VDRC
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216 •GWAS and data computing of heritability indice

217 To calculate heritability, we estimated variance components using a random effects model using
218 the lme4 R package(Bates, 2015). To infer the differences in heritability between GF and *Lp^{WJL}*-
219 monoassociated conditions, we chose to use a bootstrap approach as in
220 (<https://github.com/famuvie/breedR/wiki/Heritability>). Strains and experiment dates were treated
221 as random effects, and the heritability was calculated as $VA/(VA+VD+VR)$, where VA is the
222 additive genetic variance, and is equal to twice the Strain variance, VD is the experiment date
223 variance, and VR is the residual variance. For the estimation of the empirical distribution of
224 heritability indices, a bootstrap method within the R breedR package was used for 1000
225 simulations per condition. We used the online tool specifically designed for the DGRPs
226 (<http://dgrp2.gnets.ncsu.edu/>)(Huang et al., 2014; Mackay et al., 2012) for GWAS. The
227 Manhattan and QQ-plots were generated using R. Raw GWAS data can be accessed at
228 <https://data.mendeley.com/datasets/5m9ghb7vbs/4>

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230 •Single larva transcriptome analysis

231 *RNA extraction from single larvae:* Larvae were handpicked under the microscope using forceps
232 and transferred to Eppendorf tubes filled with 100uL of beads and 350 uL of Trizol. The samples
233 were then homogenized using a Precellys 24 Tissue Homogenizer at 6000 rpm for 30 seconds.
234 After homogenization, the samples were transferred to liquid nitrogen for flash freezing and stored
235 at -80°C. For RNA extraction, samples were thawed on ice, 350 uL of 100% Ethanol was then
236 added to each sample before homogenizing again with the same parameters. Direct-zol™ RNA
237 Miniprep R2056 Kit was used to extract RNA with these modifications: DNase I treatment was
238 skipped; after the RNA Wash step, an extra 2 min centrifugation step was added to remove
239 residual wash buffer. Lastly, the sample was eluted in 10 uL of water, incubated at room

240 temperature for 2 min and then spun for 2 min to collect RNA. RNA was transferred to a low-
241 binding 96 well plate and stored at -70°C.

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243 *RNA-sequencing:* We prepared the libraries using the BRB-seq protocol and sequenced them
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254 files. This generated the count matrix that was used for further analyses. Genes were retained in
255 the analysis if they had more than 10 reads in more than 50 samples. The data was subsequently
256 transformed using the voom method. Differential expression was performed using the R Limma
257 package(Law et al., 2014; Ritchie et al., 2015). Genes with a log₂ fold change greater than 2 and a
258 Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted P-value less than 0.05 were considered differentially expressed.
259 Since the library preparation was performed in two plates, hence introducing a batch effect, we
260 used the duplicateCorrelation function and included the batch as a blocking variable. Prior to PCA
261 analysis and standard deviation calculations, we removed the batch effect using the
262 removeBatchEffects function and then used the princomp function. We used the cluster profiler
263 package to perform GSEA analyses. The gmt file containing the gene ontology annotations was
264 obtained from GO2MSIG data. Specifically, we used the highquality GO annotations for
265 *Drosophila melanogaster*. For each GSEA analysis, we used 100,000 permutations to obtain
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287 •The making and maintenance of germ-free flies

288 Axenic flies were generated by dechorionating embryos with 50% household bleach for five
289 minutes; eggs were then washed in successive 70% ethanol and sterile distilled water for three
290 minutes each. After washing, eggs were transferred to tubes containing standard diet and a

291 cocktail of antibiotics containing 50µg/mL ampicillin, 50µg/mL kanamycin, 15µg/mL
292 erythromycin, 50µg/mL tetracyclin for stock maintenance. Axeny was routinely verified by
293 plating larvae and adult lysates on LB and MRS plates. For experiments food without antibiotics
294 was used.

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296 •Media preparation and NAC treatment

297 Standard laboratory fly food consists of 50g/L inactivated yeast (Springaline™), 80g/L cornmeal,
298 7.14g/L agar, 5.12g/L Moldex (Sigma M-50109) and 0.4% propionic acid. Where applicable,
299 experiments comparing variations in larval size, developmental timing, adult emergence were
300 performed on diet with 6g or 8g inactivated yeast per liter of media while keeping the same
301 concentrations for the other ingredients. Where appropriate, 1.7g/L of N-Acetylcystein
302 (SigmaA7250-25g) was added to the low-protein diet.

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304 •Larval Length Measurement

305 All live *Drosophila* larvae were collected from each nutritive cap containing low yeast diet by
306 temporary immersion in sterile PBS, transferred on a microscopy slide, killed with a short pulse of
307 heat (5 sec at 90°C), mounted with 80% glycerol/PBS. The images were taken with the Leica
308 stereomicroscope M205FA and the lengths of individual larvae were measured using ImageJ
309 software(Schneider et al., 2012). For each DGRP strain and each cross and/or condition, at least
310 three biological replicates were generated.

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312 •Developmental timing and Adult emergence

313 Developmental timing and adult emergence of the flies were quantified by counting the number
314 of individuals appearing every 24 hours until the last pupa/adult emerges. Each animal is
315 assigned to the number that corresponds to the day it appeared, and the population mean and
316 variance were calculated based on the cumulative numbers.

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318 •Adult trait measurements

319 2-3 days old adult flies were anesthetized with CO₂ and immersed in 70% ethanol, and individual
320 body and its corresponding organ (wing and eye) were imaged under a Leica M205
321 stereomicroscope. Specifically, the adult body length was measured from the top of the head to
322 the tip of the abdomen. The eye area was measured by manually tracing the circumference of
323 both eyes. The wings were gently nipped at the base of the hinge and imaged, and the area was
324 measured by tracing the edge of the wing. All images were taken measured using ImageJ
325 software

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327 •Bacteria culture and mono-association

328 For each mono-association experiment, *Lp^{WJL}* (Ryu et al., 2008) was grown in Man, Rogosa and
329 Sharpe (MRS) medium (Difco, ref. #288110) over-night at 37°C, and diluted to O.D.=0.5 the next
330 morning to inoculate 40 freshly laid eggs on a 55mm petri dish or standard 28mm tubes
331 containing fly food of low yeast content. The inoculum corresponds to about 5x10⁷ CFUs. Equal
332 volume of sterile PBS was spread on control axenic eggs.

333 To contaminate the garden-collected flies with their own microbiota, eggs were dechorionated
334 and directly seeded onto appropriate food caps. Sterile PBS was used to wash the side of the
335 bottles where the adult wild flies were raised to recover more fecal content, and 300 ul of the
336 wash was inoculated to the dechorionated eggs. For GF control, 300 ul of sterile PBS was used
337 to inoculate the dechorionated eggs. The microbial composition of this community can be
338 founded here(Tefit et al., 2017).

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340 •Bacteria niche load

341 Five to six 24 hour old germ-free larvae were collected from the low-protein diet food cap and
342 transferred to a microtube containing 400ul of low-protein diet, and inoculated with 50ul of *Lp^{WJL}*
343 of 0.5 O.D.. On the day of harvest, ~0.75-1mm glass micro-beads and 900ul PBS were added to
344 each microtube and the entire content of the tube was homogenized with the Precellys-24 tissue
345 homogenizer (Bertin Technologies). Lysate dilutions (in PBS) are plated on MRS agar with
346 Easyspiral automatic plater (Intersciences). The MRS agar plates were incubated for 24h at 37°C.
347 The CFU/ml count was calculated based on the readings by the automatic colony counter
348 Scan1200 (Intersciences)
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350 **•Statistical Analysis and data representation**

351 GraphPad Prism software version 6.0f for Macintosh (GraphPad Software, La Jolla California USA,
352 www.graphpad.com) was used to compare GF and *Lp^{WJL}*-associated conditions for larval length,
353 developmental timing, adult emergence, allometry and linear regression analysis for the
354 buffering effect. For small samples with less than 10 data points, nonparametric analysis was
355 conducted. For all each sample set, we first conducted D'agostino-Pearson normality test. If the
356 samples assume normal distribution, the F test of equality of variances were conducted to
357 compare variability among the datasets. For samples assuming non-normal distribution, Levene's
358 test is conducted based on the deviation from the median of each dataset.
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