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Supplemental Information

henn-1/HEN1 Promotes Germline

Immortality in Caenorhabditis elegans

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Figure S1. *Related to Figure 1. henn-1* transgenerational fertility assays. (A) Brood sizes of wild type, *henn-1(pk2295)*, and *prg-1(n4357)* at ~5, ~10, ~15, and ~28 generations. Bonferroni adjusted p values were calculated using Wilcoxon rank-sum tests. Each data point represents the number of progeny produced by one animal. Results summarized in Figure 1A. (B) Brood sizes of wild type, *henn-1(pk2295)*, and *henn-1(ram13)* at ~5 and ~20 generations. Bonferroni adjusted p values calculated using Wilcoxon rank-sum tests. Results summarized in Figure 1B. (C-D) Percentages of 10 independent lines of wild type, *henn-1(pk2295)*, *prg-1(n4357)*, and *ergo-1(tm1860)* that remained fertile at each generation at 25°C (C) and 20°C (D). Animals that produced any progeny were considered fertile. (E) Brood sizes of wild type and *henn-1(pk2452)* (catalytic domain mutant) at 1 generation (wild type, n = 15; *henn-1*, n = 13) and 10 generations (wild type, n = 13; *henn-1*, n = 14) at 25°C. The numbers of sterile animals at 10 generations are shown. Bonferroni adjusted p values were calculated using Wilcoxon rank-sum tests.



Figure S2. *Related to Figure 2*. Most *henn-1*-dependent 22G-RNAs are derived from piRNA targets. The Venn diagram displays overlap in WAGO-class 22G-RNAs that are depleted >50% in *henn-1(pk2295)* and *prg-1(n4357)* adult whole animals relative to wild type.



Figure S3. *Related to Figure 3.* Small RNA and mRNA misregulation in *henn-1* mutants. (A) mRNA and small RNA read distribution across a histone cluster in wild type and *henn-1(pk2295).* (B) mRNA and small RNA read distribution across *sid-1* in wild type and *henn-1(pk2295).* (C) mRNA and small RNA read distribution across *rde-11* in wild type and *henn-1(pk2295).* (D) mRNA and small RNA read distribution across *wago-4* in wild type and *henn-1(pk2295).* Plots were generated in IGV.

siRNA enrichment following oxidation



Figure S4. *Related to Figure 4. henn-1* is required for primary siRNA methylation. Bar plots display the ratio of normalized reads mapping to *pos-1* in sodium periodate treated (oxidation +) and control treated (oxidation -) wild type and *henn-1(pk2295)* small RNA libraries. The left plot includes only sense-mapping reads to *pos-1*, which are presumably primary siRNAs. The right plot includes only antisense siRNAs, which are predominantly secondary siRNAs (22G-RNAs).



Figure S5. *Related to Figure 5.* F43E2.6 is a *mut-16*-independent siRNA locus. (A) Normalized read distribution across the F43E2.6 siRNA-generating locus in wild type (upper panel) and *mut-16(pk710)* (lower panel). Sense siRNA reads are in blue and antisense are in magenta. (B) Normalized read distribution (reads per million total, RPM) across the F43E2.6 siRNA-generating locus from *HA::alg-1* cell lysate (upper panel) and HA::ALG-1 co-IP (lower panel). Fold enrichment in HA::ALG-1 co-IP relative to cell lysate is shown.