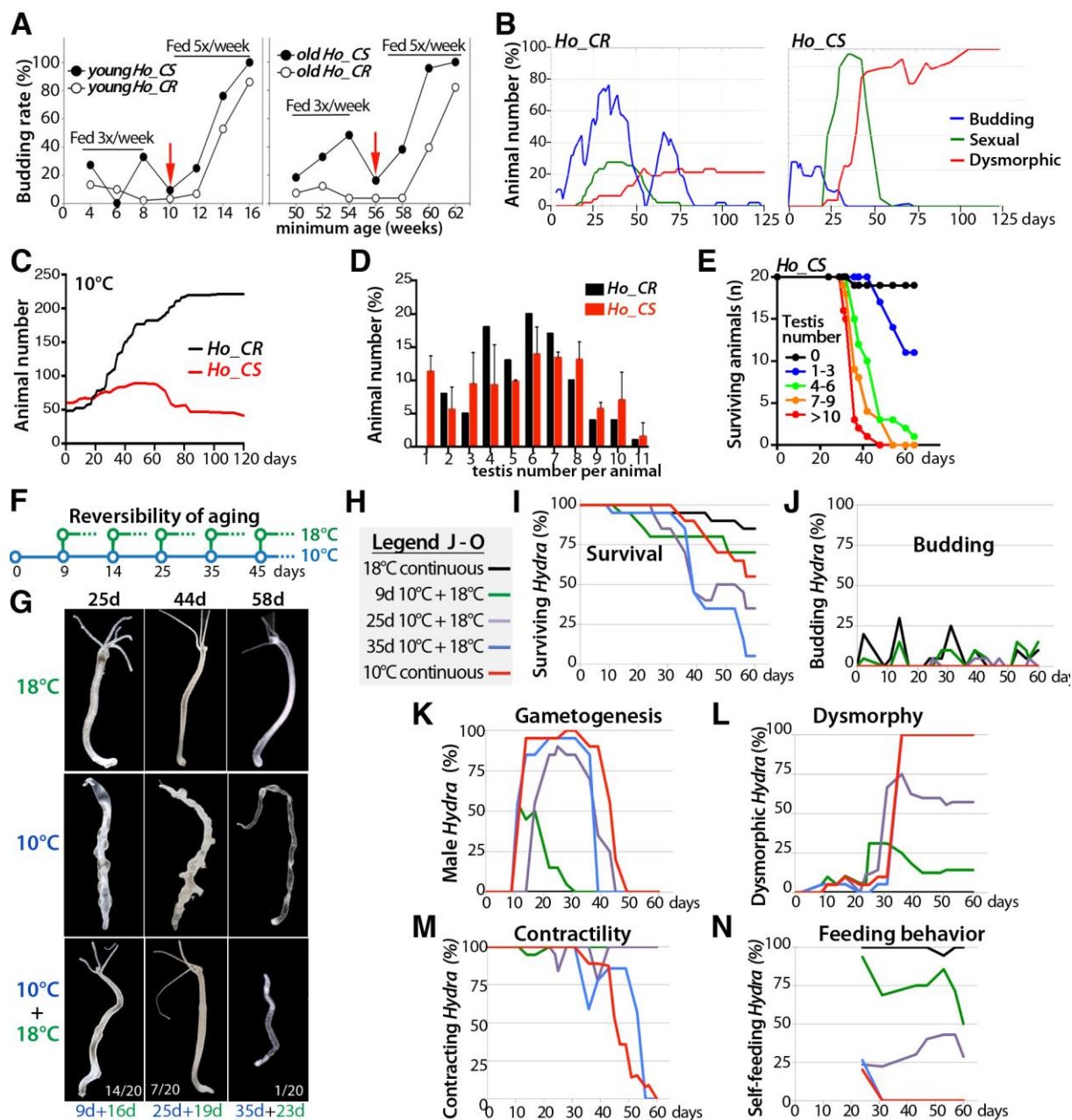


## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Figure S1: Features and reversibility of the cold-induced aging phenotype in *Ho\_CS* animals

**(A)** Budding rate of juvenile (4 to 16 weeks old, left graph) and older (50 to 62 weeks old, right graph) *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals kept at 18°C and submitted to two successive feeding regimes. Red arrows indicate the transition from 3x to 5x feedings a week. In both cohorts the budding rate is up-regulated by a heavy diet, however older *Ho\_CS* animals appear more prone to bud than *Ho\_CR*. **(B,C)** Comparative analysis of two cohorts of *Ho\_CR* (n=48) and *Ho\_CS* (n=60) animals transferred to 10°C on day-0, showing in **(B)** the rates of budding (blue), sexual differentiation (green) and dysmorphic traits (red), and in **(C)** the population size kinetics. Buds produced at 10°C do not undergo aging. In the experiment depicted in **(C)**, buds were not removed from the culture and thus included in the population size. The recorded dysmorphic features were duplicated head or foot regions, and arrested budding process in *Ho\_CR*, tentacle shrinking, head loss, body column stenosis in *Ho\_CS*. **(D)** Similar distribution of testis number in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* cohorts maintained at 10°C for 25 days. Animals that did not develop testes were not included. **(E)** Survival of *Ho\_CS* animals according to the number of testes they produce. **(F)** Scheme showing the procedure for testing the reversibility of aging. At day-0 seven *Ho\_CS* cohorts (for each cohort n=20)

were separated from the 18°C main culture, one was maintained at 18°C (top line) whereas the others were transferred to 10°C. At each indicated time-point, one cohort was moved back to 18°C, while one cohort remained at 10°C throughout the experiment (blue bottom line). Animals were fed twice a week all through the experiment.

**(G)** Representative phenotypes of animals maintained either at 18°C (upper row) or at 10°C (middle row) or moved from 10°C to 18°C at day-9, day-25 or day-35 (lower row). The fraction of animals appearing healthy when returned from 10°C to 18°C is 70% (14/20), 35% (7/20) after 5% (1/20) respectively. After 35 days at 10°C, animals no longer recover, the single animal still alive 23 days after the switch back to 18°C died in the following days. Approximately 50% animals returned to 18°C at day-9 had shown first signs of sexual traits. Upon return to 18°C, testes of these animals stopped develop and resorbed. **(H-N)** Observed percentages of surviving (I), budding (J), sexually differentiating (K), dysmorphic (L), or touch-responsive (M) animals when maintained at 10°C over 60 days. All parameters were recorded five times a week except the feeding behavior (N) recorded only twice. For measuring the survival rate, buds produced during that period were removed from the culture soon after detachment, thus not included in the total animal number (I). The observed peaks of budding are caused by the feeding rhythm (twice a week, J). Contractibility was measured by stimulating briefly the peduncle region with tweezers and the percentage of animals contracting upon stimuli was recorded (M). The efficiency of the feeding behavior was assessed one hour after feeding as the percentage of animals with preys inside the gastric cavity (N). Animals able to catch preys with tentacles but unable to transfer it to the gastric cavity were excluded.

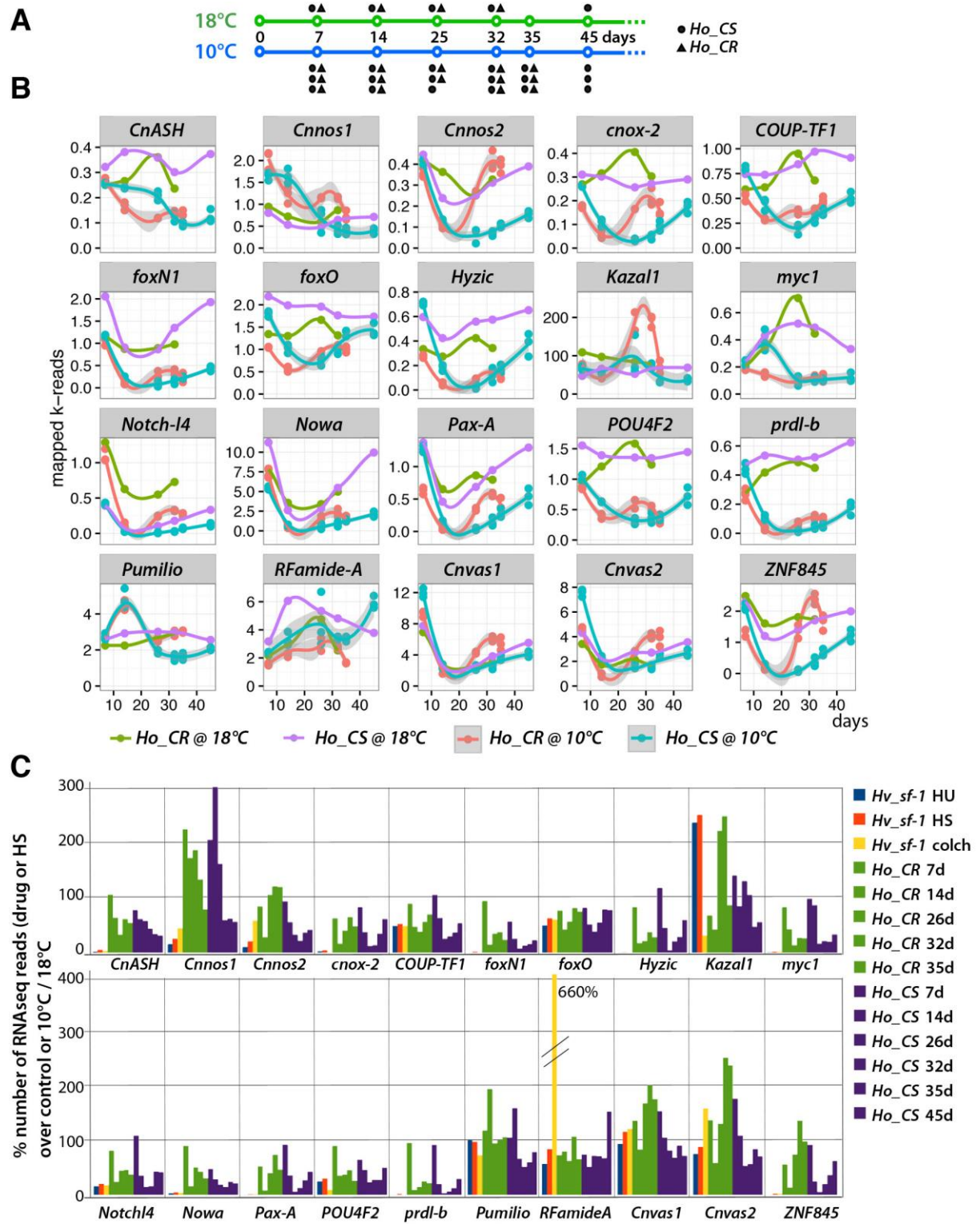


Figure S2: RNA-seq profiles of 20 genes expressed in interstitial cell lineages in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals maintained at 18°C or transferred to 10°C.

(A) Scheme describing the procedure used for quantitative RNA-seq analysis of aging. RNA samples were collected at indicated time points from *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals either maintained as a unique cohort at 18°C or as three distinct parallel cohorts at 10°C. (B) Individual RNA-seq profiles of 20 evolutionarily-conserved genes predominantly expressed in the interstitial cell lineage in *H. vulgaris* as described in ref. (Wenger et al., 2016). See the access of the corresponding sequences in **Table-S1**. Note the drastic but transient down-regulation of most genes in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* animals maintained at 10°C, highlighting the partial elimination followed by the recovery of the corresponding cell types. (C) Comparative RNA-seq analysis of i-cell gene expression in *Hv\_sf-1* animals 10 days after exposure to HU (blue), heatshock (HS, red), colchicine (yellow), or in *Ho\_CR* (green) and *Ho\_CS* (purple) at various time points after transfer to 10°C. Values were normalized on values measured in untreated *Hv\_sf-1* animals (blue, red, yellow and green values) or in *Ho* animals maintained at 18°C (purple). All data are available on HydrATLAS.unige.ch.

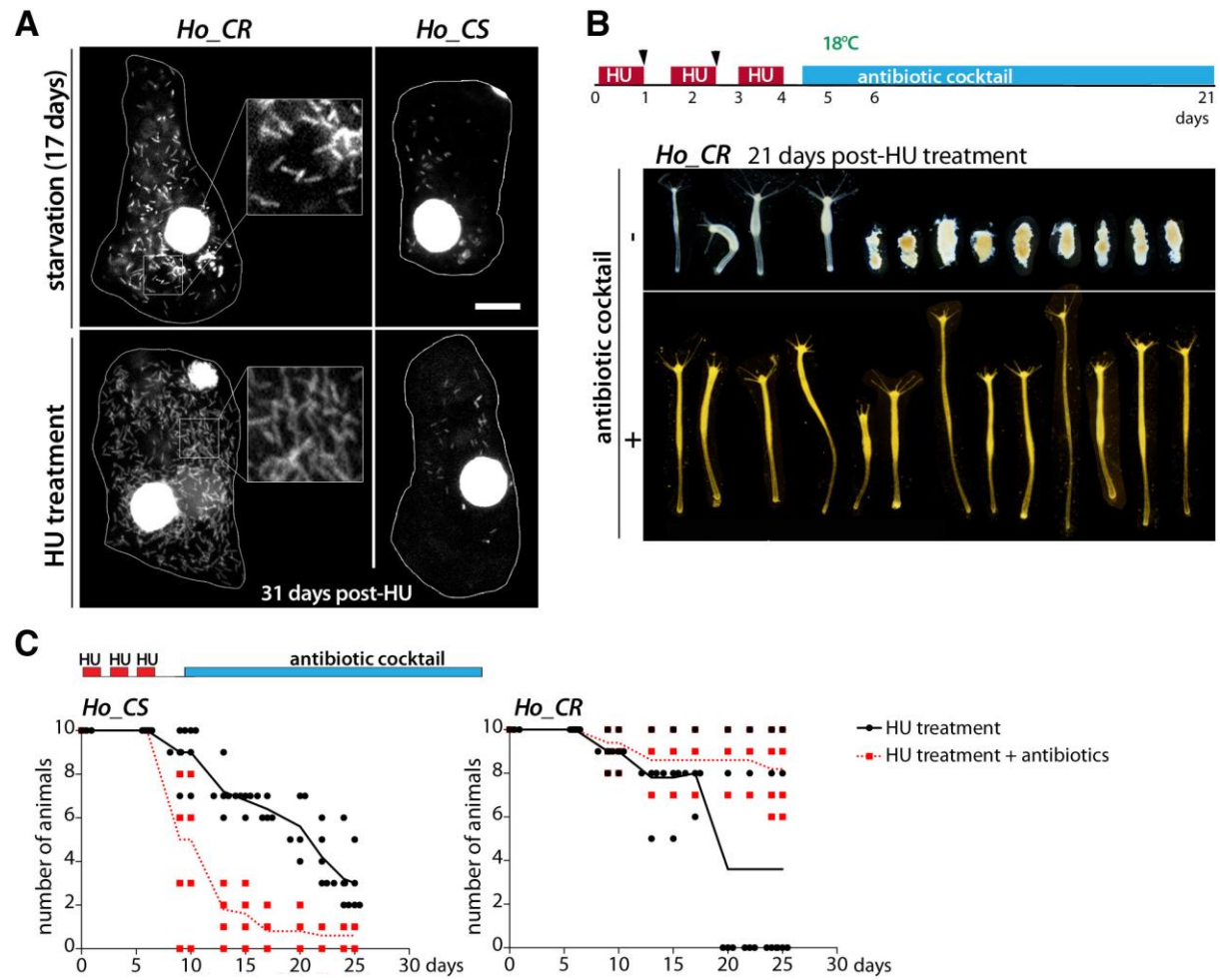


Figure S3: Distinct bacterial loads in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* epithelial cells

(A) Abundance of commensal intra-epithelial bacteria in epithelial cells of *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* either starved for 17 days (upper row) or treated with HU as indicated in B and pictured 31 days later (lower row). Bacteria are visualized by DAPI staining. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. (B) Animal morphologies of *Ho\_CR* cohorts treated with HU and subsequently exposed or not to a cocktail of antibiotics. (C) Survival rate of 5 cohorts of 10 HU-treated animals exposed or not to a cocktail of antibiotics. The antibiotic treatment is toxic for *Ho\_CS* animals while improving the survival rate of *Ho\_CR* ones.

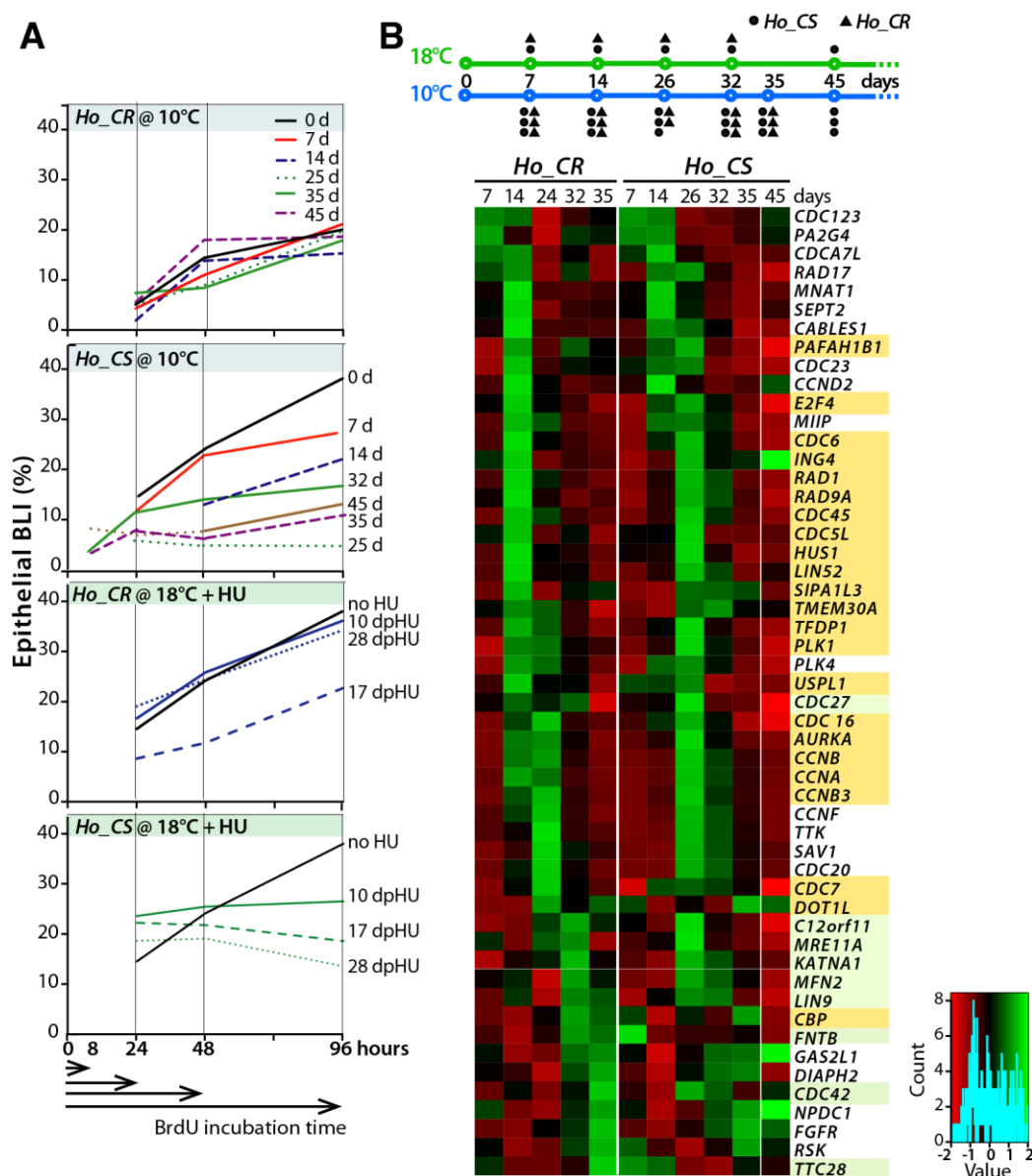


Figure S4: Comparative analysis of epithelial proliferation in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals.

(A) Cycling activity of ESC in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals transferred to 10°C (two upper graphs) or maintained at 18°C after HU treatment (two lower graphs). The BrdU-labeling index (BLI) was measured 7, 14, 25, 32, 45, 35 days (d) after transfer to 10°C, or 10, 17 or 28 days post-HU release (dpHU). For each time point, animals were exposed to BrdU for 24, 48 or 96 hours, then macerated for immunodetection. The fraction of BrdU-positive ESCs was counted to measure the linear progression of the cumulative eBLIs. The *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* cultures tested at 10°C were not fed at the same rhythm in the weeks preceding the transfer to 10°C, four times a week for *Ho\_CS*, twice a week for *Ho\_CR*, explaining the different eBLI values at day-0. This experiment was performed independently of the experiment shown in Figure 3D.

(B) Quantitative RNA-seq analysis of 52 *Hydra* genes orthologous to human genes annotated as involved in “cell cycle” or “cell proliferation” ([www.uniprot.org](http://www.uniprot.org), Table-S2). The experimental RNA-seq procedure is that described in Figure S2A. The heatmap shows relative fold changes defined as the ratio between the values measured at 10°C at a given time point over the value measured at 18°C at same or similar time point in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* animals. Yellow and green backgrounds highlight genes whose modulations are delayed or advanced in *Ho\_CS* compared to *Ho\_CR* respectively. See the individual profile of each gene in Figure S5 and access to the corresponding sequences in Table S2.

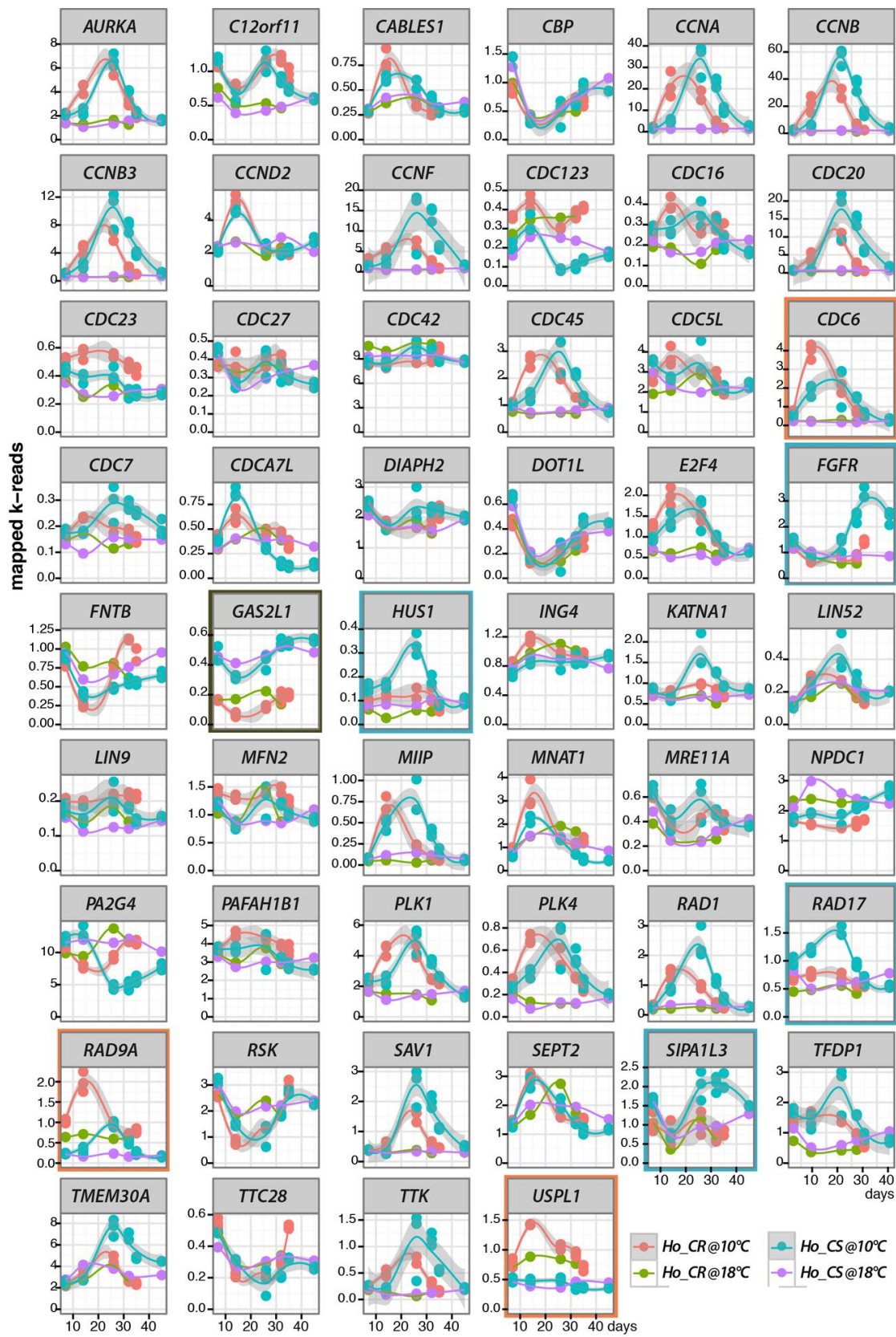
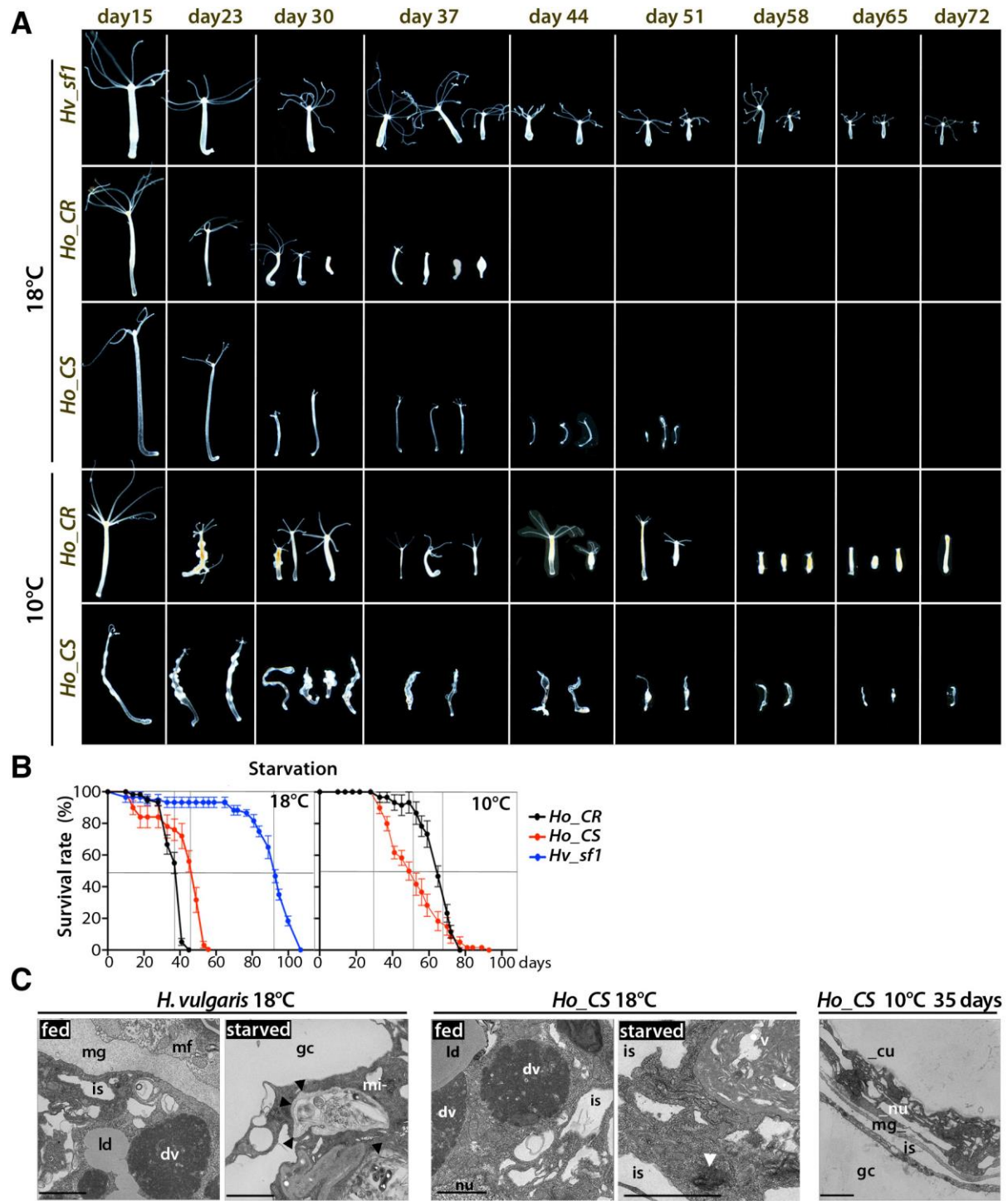


Figure S5: RNA-seq profiles of 52 *Hydra* orthologs to mammalian genes involved in cell cycle and/or cell proliferation

RNA-seq expression profiles of 52 cell cycle / cell proliferation genes tested in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* animals maintained at 18°C or at 10°C as depicted in **Fig. S2A, S4B**. Note the delayed up-regulation of *CCNA*, *CCNB*, *CDC16*, *CDC45*, *MIIP*, *PLK1*, *PLK4*, *RAD1*, in *Ho\_CS* when compared to *Ho\_CR*. Orange frames indicate genes up-regulated in *Ho\_CR* at 10°C at much higher level than in *Ho\_CS* (*CDC6*, *MNAT1*, *RAD9A*, *USPL1*), blue frames indicate genes up-regulated in *Ho\_CS* at 10°C at much higher level than in *Ho\_CR* (*CCNF*, *CDC20*, *FGFR*, *HUS1*, *KATNA1*, *LIN52*, *RAD17*, *SAV1*, *SIPA1L3*, *TFDPI*, *TTK*), black frames indicate genes that exhibit a constitutively sustained up-regulation in *Ho\_CS* when compared to *Ho\_CR* (*GAS2L1*). Values on x axis = days, on y axis = mapped k-reads. For access to the corresponding sequences, see **Table S2**.





### Figure S6: Starvation-induced phenotypes in *Ho\_CR*, *Ho\_CS* and *H. vulgaris* animals

(A, B) Morphological alterations (A) and survival rates (B) recorded in starved *Hv\_sf1*, *Ho\_CR*, *Ho\_CS* animals maintained at 18°C or 10°C (for each condition n = 6x 10 animals). At 18°C *Ho\_CR* animals die by day-40 without showing morphological alterations typical of aging, while *Ho\_CS* animals commonly die later, by day-58, but exhibit aging-like morphological alterations from day-30. Note that *Hv\_sf1* animals resist about 50 days longer to starvation than *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals. At 10°C, starved *Ho\_CR* animals undergo spermatogenesis and maintain their physiological fitness up to day-51, while starved *Ho\_CS* animals exhibit aging signs from day-15, similar to those observed in animals fed twice a week (see **Figure 1D**). The two *Ho* strains exhibit a similar resistance to starvation, enhanced in case of *Ho\_CR* animals maintained at 10°C when compared to 18°C. (C) TEM views of body column sections from *Hv* (Basel strain) and *Ho\_CS* animals either maintained at 18°C regularly fed or starved for 11 days, or maintained at 10°C for 35 days. Black arrowheads: autophagosome, white arrowhead: aggregate. Note the dramatically reduced gastrodermis after 35 days at 10°C in *Ho\_CS* animals. Abbreviations: cu: cuticle, dv: digestive vacuole, gc: gastric cavity, is: intracellular space, ld: lipid droplets, mf: myofibril, mg: mesoglea, mi: mitochondria, nu: nucleus. Scale bars = 2 µm.

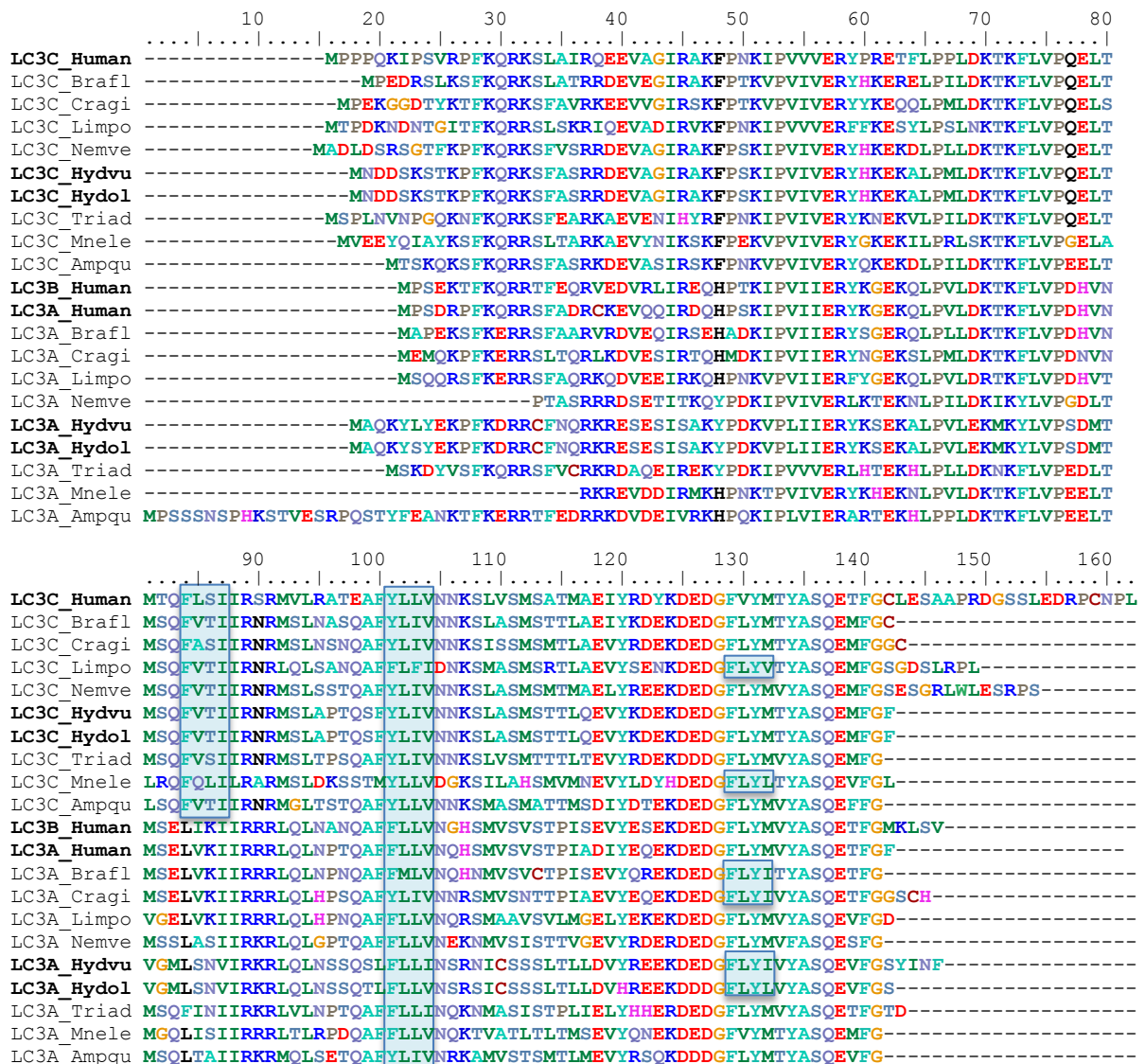


Figure S7: Alignment of the metazoan LC3/ATG8 protein sequences

The blue boxes indicate the LIR motifs with the core consensus sequence: [W/F/Y]xx[L/I/V] (Birgisdottir et al., 2013). Species abbreviations and accession numbers: **Ampqu**: *Amphimedon queenslandica* (demosponge, Porifera), LC3A: XM\_003385475.2, LC3C: XM\_003385524.2 (NCBI); **Brafl**: *Branchiostoma floridae* (amphioxus, Cephalochordata), LC3A: XM\_002612378.1, LC3C: XM\_002596383.1 (NCBI); **Cragi**: *Crassostrea gigas* (oyster, Mollusca), LC3A: XM\_011449392.1, LC3C: XM\_011417532.1 (NCBI); **Human**: LC3A: Q9H492, LC3B: Q9GZQ8, LC3C: Q9BXW4 (Uniprot); **Hydol**: *Hydra oligactis* (Cnidaria), LC3A: S043022c1g3\_i01, R033468c0g1\_i01, LC3C: S040689c0g1\_i01, R036327c0g1\_i01; **Hydву**: *Hydra vulgaris* (Cnidaria), LC3A: seq54452, LC3C: c26188\_g3\_i03, T2M644 (Uniprot); **Limpo**: *Limulus polyphemus* (horseshoe crab, Arthropoda), LC3A: XM\_013930807.1, LC3C: XM\_013919901.1 (NCBI); **Mnele**: *Mnemiopsis leidyi* (combjelly, Ctenophora), LC3A: ML1904, LC3C: ML0233 (found in genome from compagen); **Triad**: *Trichoplax adhaerens* (Placozoa), LC3A: XM\_002108002.1, LC3C: XM\_002113115.1 (NCBI). See accession numbers of *Hydra* sequences in **Table S3** and sequences on HydrATLAS.

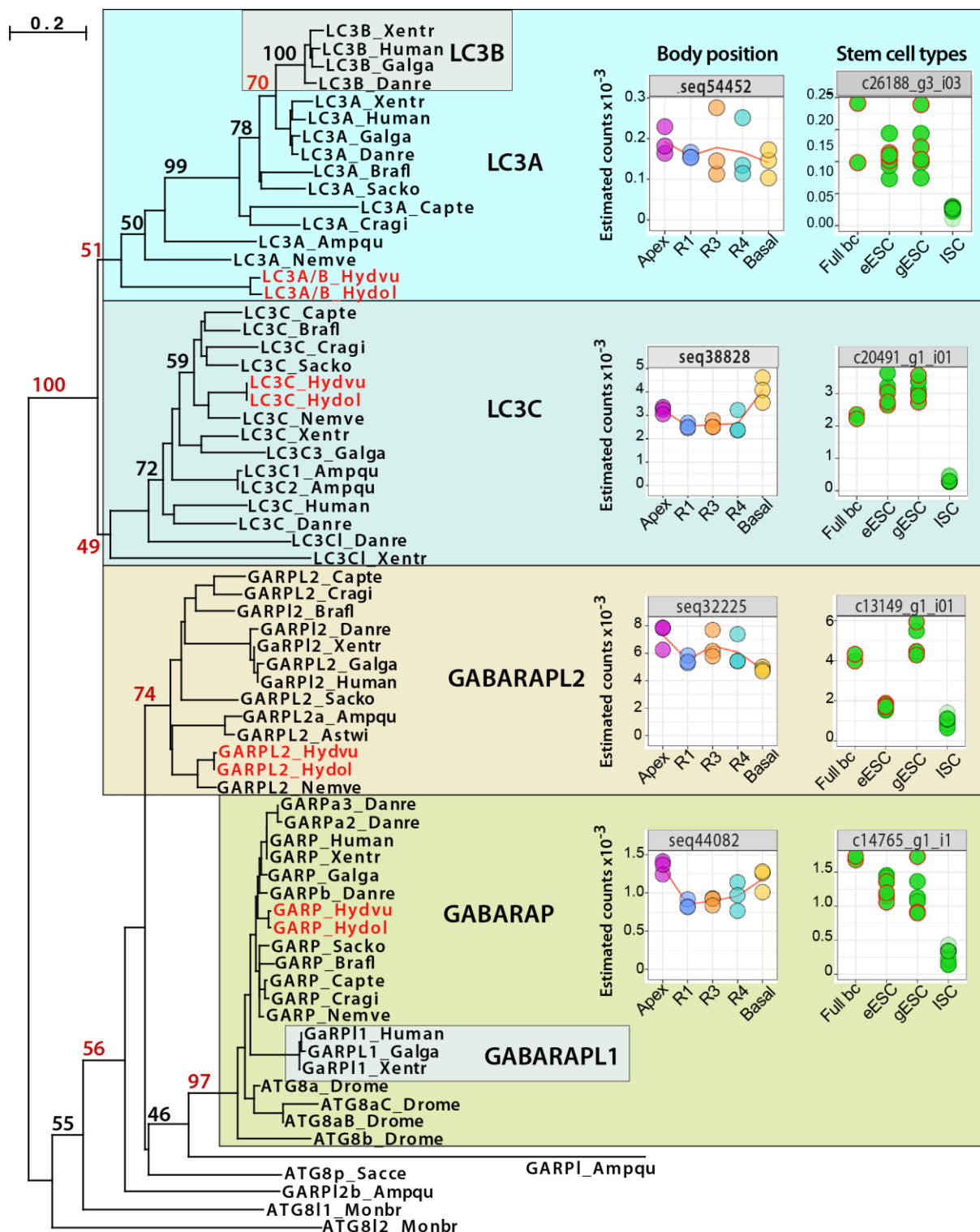


Figure S8: Phylogenetic analysis of the metazoan LC3/ATG8 gene families and RNA-seq profiles of the four *H. vulgaris* LC3-related genes

Phylogenetic tree of the LC3/ATG8 protein sequences aligned with MUSCLE and built with PhyML 3.0, tested with 100 bootstraps. *Hydra* sequences are written red. Species code is as follows: *Ampqu*: *Amphimedon queenslandica* (demo-sponge); *Capte*: *Capitella teleta* (polychaete worm); *Cragi*: *Crassostrea gigas* (oyster); *Danre*: *Danio rerio* (zebrafish); *Drome*: *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruitfly); *Galga*: *Gallus gallus* (chick); *Hydvu*: *Hydra vulgaris*; *Hydol*: *Hydra oligactis*; *Monbr*: *Monosiga brevicollis* (choanoflagellate); *Nemve*: *Nematostella vectensis* (sea anemone); *Sacce*: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (yeast); *Sacko*: *Saccoglossus kowalevskii* (acorn worm); *Xentr*: *Xenopus tropicalis* (Western clawed frog). The four main families MAP1LC3A (LC3A), MAP1LC3C (LC3C), GABARAPL2 (GARPL2) and GABARAP (GARP) include sequences from deuterostomes,

protostomes, cnidarians and poriferans. The GARPI\_Ampqu sequence appears related to GABARAP although highly derived, while the two families LC3B and GABARAPL1 are vertebrate-specific duplications of LC3A and GABARAP respectively. Note the *Drosophila* sequences that all cluster in the GABARAP family. By contrast the non-metazoan sequences from yeast or choanoflagellates do not cluster in any of these four metazoan families. The graphs on the right show the RNA-seq profiles of the four LC3/ATG8 family members expressed in homeostatic *H. vulgaris*, along the body column (bc, left) and in each stem cell populations (right) as reported in ref. (Wenger et al., 2016; Wenger et al., 2019). Abbreviations: R1: upper body column, R3: upper mid-gastric region, R4: lower mid-gastric region, Foot: peduncle and basal disk; eESC: epidermal epithelial stem cells; gESC: gastrodermal epithelial stem cells; ISC: interstitial stem cells.

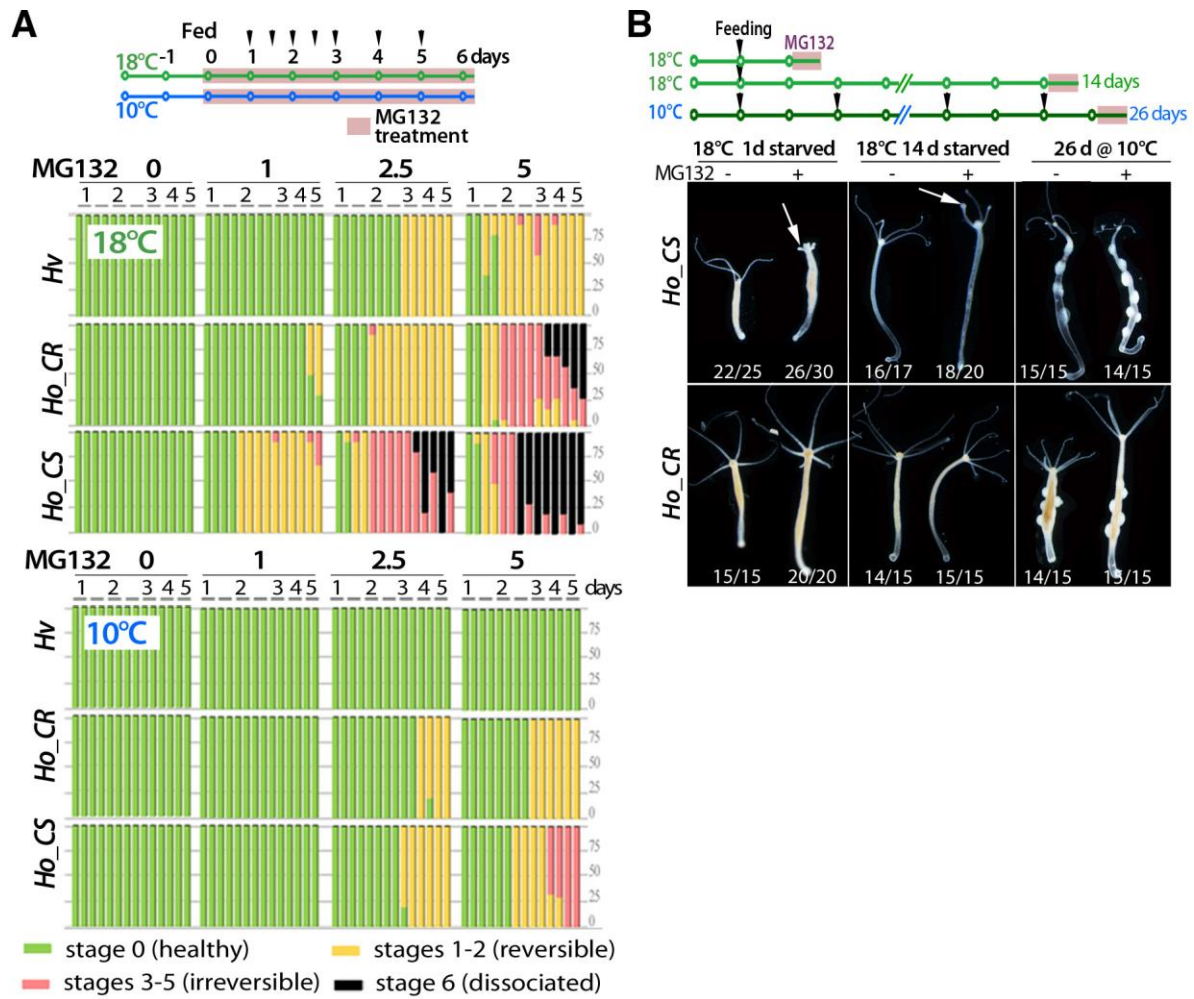
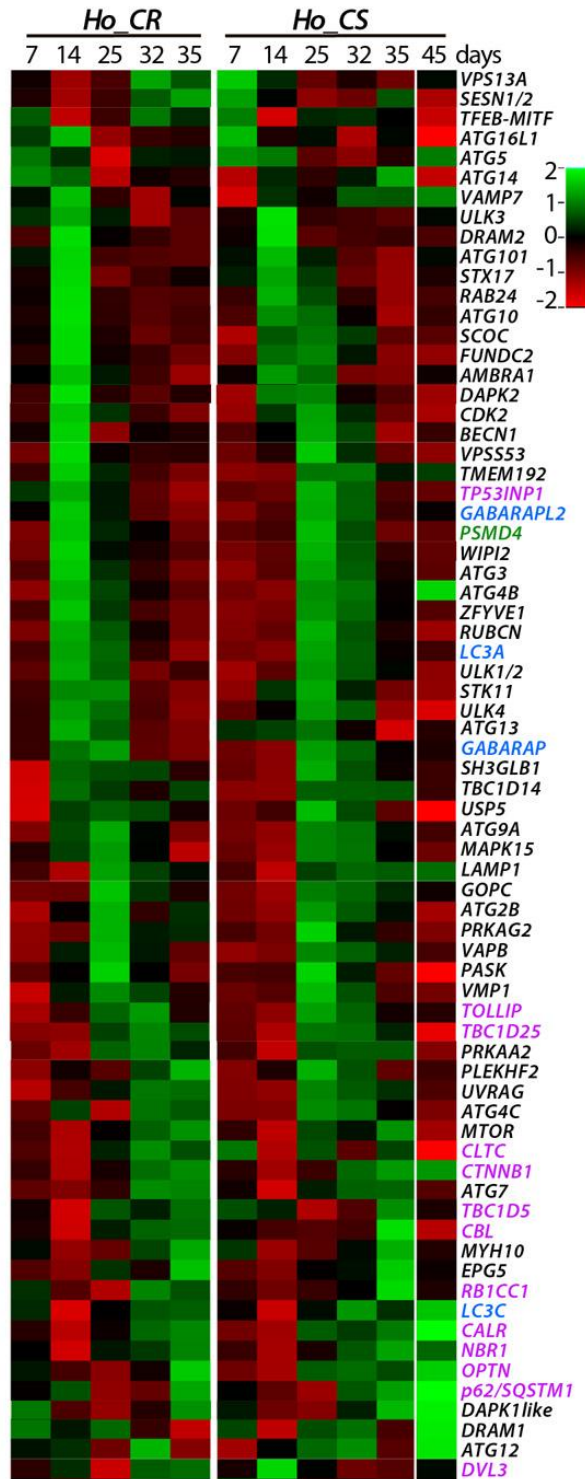


Figure S9: Different sensitivity to MG132 in *Ho\_CS*, *Ho\_CR* and *Hv*.

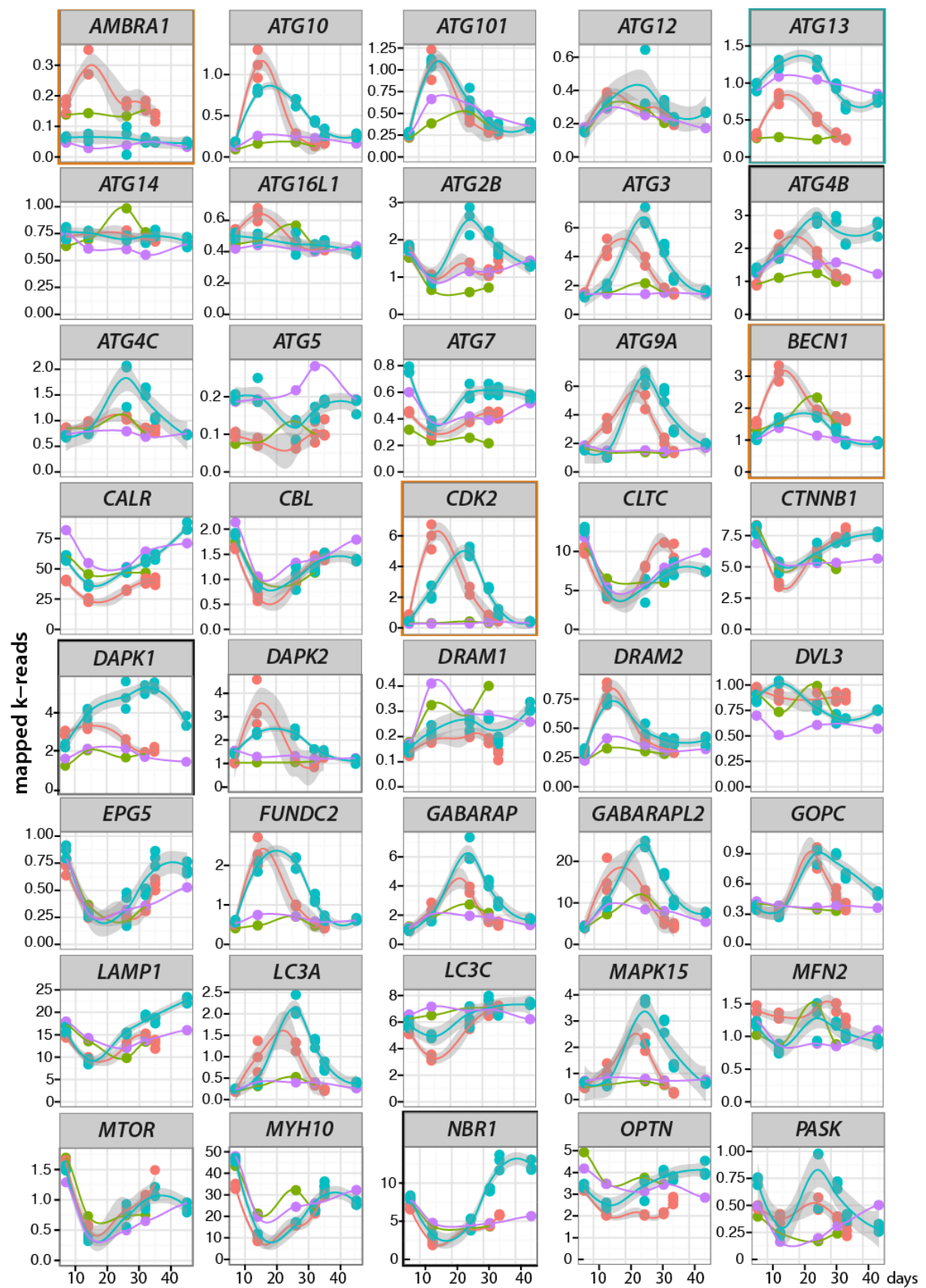
(A) Toxicity recorded in animals ( $n = 2 \times 10$  /strain) maintained at 18°C (top) or 10°C (bottom) and continuously exposed to the proteasome inhibitor MG132 at indicated concentrations (0, 1, 2.5 or 5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. (B) Resistance to proteasome inhibition tested in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals exposed to MG132 (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for 16 hours and then pictured live. When maintained at 18°C, animals were either fed 4x a week or starved for 14 days, at 10°C animals were fed twice a week. Note the higher sensitivity of *Ho\_CS* animals that rapidly exhibit shortened, “ball-shaped” tentacles (arrows) as signs of stress.

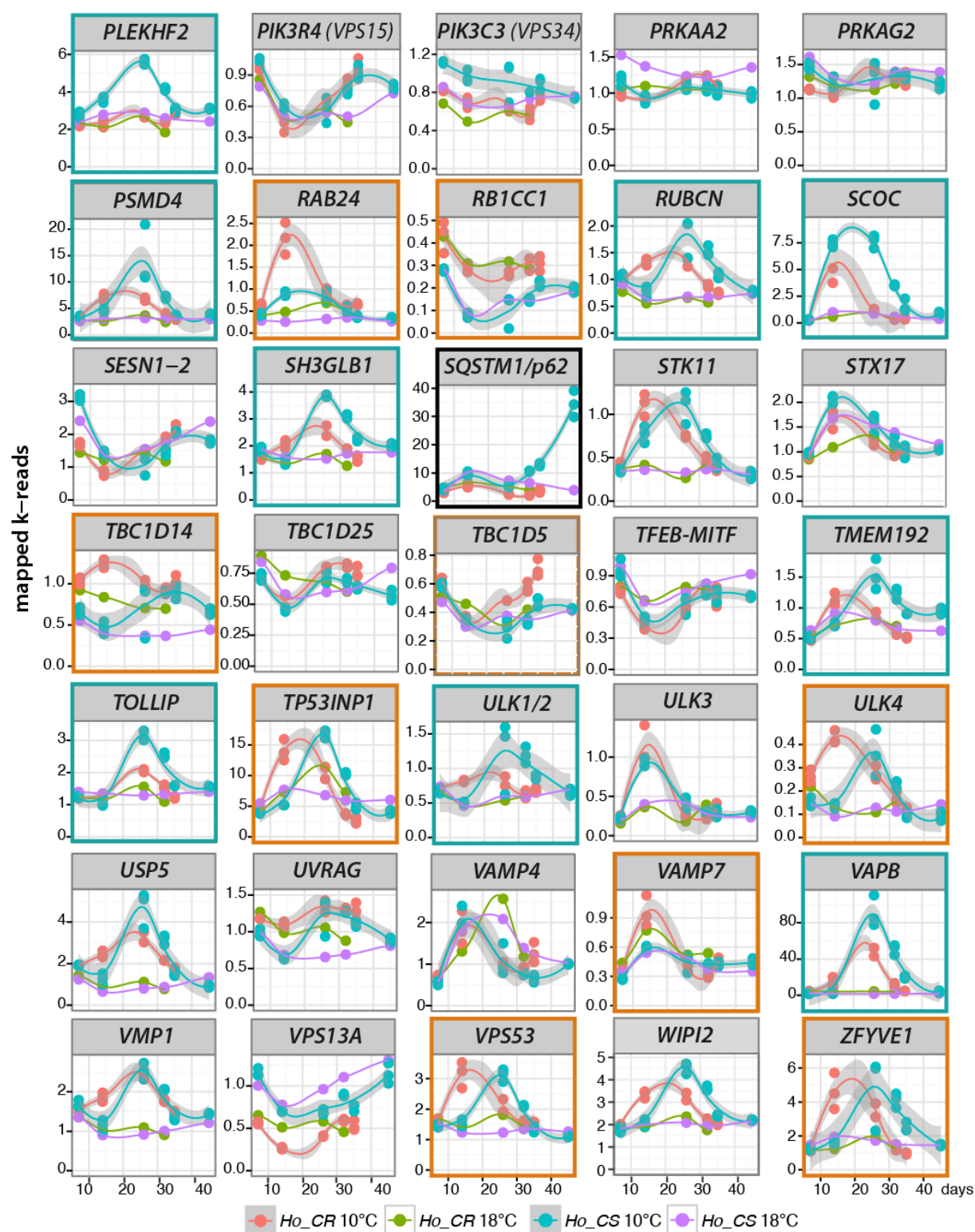


### Figure S10: Comparative transcriptomic analysis of 75 *Hydra* orthologs to mammalian autophagy genes in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR*

Upper scheme: Experimental design of the quantitative RNA-seq analysis. RNAs from *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* animals were prepared at indicated time points with biological triplicates for animals maintained at 10°C. Lower panel: Heatmap showing the log<sub>2</sub> fold changes of RNA-seq levels of 75 *Hydra* genes orthologous to human genes involved in autophagy. Fold changes are defined as ratio between the values measured at 10°C at a given time point over the value measured at 18°C at same or similar time point in a given strain. For technical details, see the Methods section. Gene names written **black** encode regulators of autophagy initiation and progression, **purple**: autophagy receptors or adaptors interacting with LC3/ATG8, **blue**: members of the LC3-GABARAP family, **green**: proteasome components. See the corresponding individual expression profiles in **Figure S11** and access to corresponding sequences in **Table-S3**. Note in *Ho\_CS* the delayed activation of most autophagy genes and the late up-regulation of *NBR1* and *p62/SQSTM1*.







<b>21/51 genes transiently up-regulated in both strains but delayed by 10 days in <i>Ho_CS</i></b> (10/20 exhibit higher levels in <i>Ho_CS</i> – underlined -)	<i>ATG3</i> , <i>ATG9A</i> , <i>ATG13</i> , <i>CDK2</i> , <i>DAPK2</i> , <i>GABARAP</i> , <i>GABARAPL2</i> , <i>LC3A</i> , <i>PSMD4</i> , <i>RUBCN</i> , <i>SCOC</i> , <i>SH3GLB1</i> , <i>STK11</i> , <i>TBC1D14</i> , <i>TMEM192</i> , <i>TP53INP1</i> , <i>ULK1/2</i> , <i>ULK4</i> , <i>VPS53</i> , <i>WIPI2</i> , <i>ZFYVE1</i>
<b>14/51 genes similarly transiently up-regulated in <i>Ho_CS</i> and <i>Ho_CR</i></b> , peaking at day14 or day25, (underlined: exhibit higher levels in <i>Ho_CS</i> )	<i>ATG10</i> , <i>ATG101</i> , <i>ATG12</i> , <i>ATG9A</i> , <i>DRAM2</i> , <i>FUNDC2</i> , <i>GOPC</i> , <i>MAPK15</i> , <i>STX17</i> , <i>TOLLIP</i> , <i>ULK3</i> , <i>USP5</i> , <i>VAMP4</i> , <i>VAPB</i>
<b>5/51 up-regulated in <i>Ho_CR</i></b> but poorly in <i>Ho_CS</i>	<i>AMBRA1</i> , <i>ATG16L1</i> , <i>BECN1</i> , <i>RAB24</i> , <i>VAMP7</i>
<b>4/51 up-regulated in <i>Ho_CS</i></b> , not or poorly in <i>Ho_CR</i>	<i>ATG2B</i> , <i>ATG4C</i> , <i>PLEKHF2</i> , <i>TOLLIP</i>
<b>7/51 genes sustainably up-regulated in <i>Ho_CS</i></b> , i.e. showing a temporal accumulation	<i>ATG4B</i> , <i>ATG7</i> , <i>CALRC</i> , <i>DAPK1</i> , <i>LAMP1</i> , <i>NBR1</i> , <i>p62/SQSTM1</i>

### Figure S11: RNA-seq profiles of 75 *Hydra* orthologs to mammalian autophagy genes

RNA-seq expression profiles of 75 autophagy genes tested in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* animals maintained at 18°C or at 10°C as depicted in **Figure S10**. Orange frames indicate genes up-regulated in *Ho\_CR* at 10°C but not at all or less in *Ho\_CS*, blue frames indicate genes up-regulated in *Ho\_CS* at 10°C but not at all or less in *Ho\_CR*, black frames indicate genes that exhibit a sustained up-regulation at late time-points in *Ho\_CS* but not in *Ho\_CR*. Values on x axis = days, on y axis = mapped k-reads. For the corresponding sequences, see **Table S3**.



### Figure S12: Alignment of vertebrate and non-vertebrate p62/SQSTM1 protein sequences

The alignment was obtained on MUSCLE ([www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/)) and manually corrected to align the functional domains as listed in refs (Seibenhener et al., 2004, Birgisdottir et al., 2013, Bitto et al., 2014): **PB1**, Phox and Bem1 domains (blue) involved in protein kinase binding; **ZZ**, ZZ-type zinc finger domain (green); **NLS1** and **NLS2**, nuclear localization signals 1 and 2 (turquoise); **NES**, nuclear export signal (grey); **LIR**, LC3- interacting region (green-yellow); **KIR**, KEAP-interacting region (beige); **UBA**, ubiquitin-associated domain (purple). In non-vertebrate sequences, the putative LIR, NLS and NES motifs were manually identified following the consensus sequence reported in refs (Pankiv et al., 2007) and (Birgisdottir et al., 2013): LIR = x<sub>5</sub>(s) x<sub>4</sub>(dt) x<sub>3</sub>(desg) x<sub>2</sub>(ds) [WFY] x<sub>1</sub>(evtd) x<sub>2</sub>(implt) [LIV] x<sub>4</sub>(pdsr) x<sub>5</sub>; NLS = [R] [K] x<sub>1</sub>(vs) [K] or [K] [R] x<sub>1</sub>(vs) [R]; NES = [L] x<sub>1</sub> x<sub>2</sub> x<sub>3</sub> (2, 3) [LIVFM] x<sub>5</sub> x<sub>6</sub> (2 or 3) [LI] x<sub>7</sub> [LI]. The UBA sequence used for raising the anti-*Hydra* p62/SQSTM1 antibody is underlined (KESKLER ....ALSPAK). Species code and accession numbers are given in **Figure S13A** and **Table S3**.

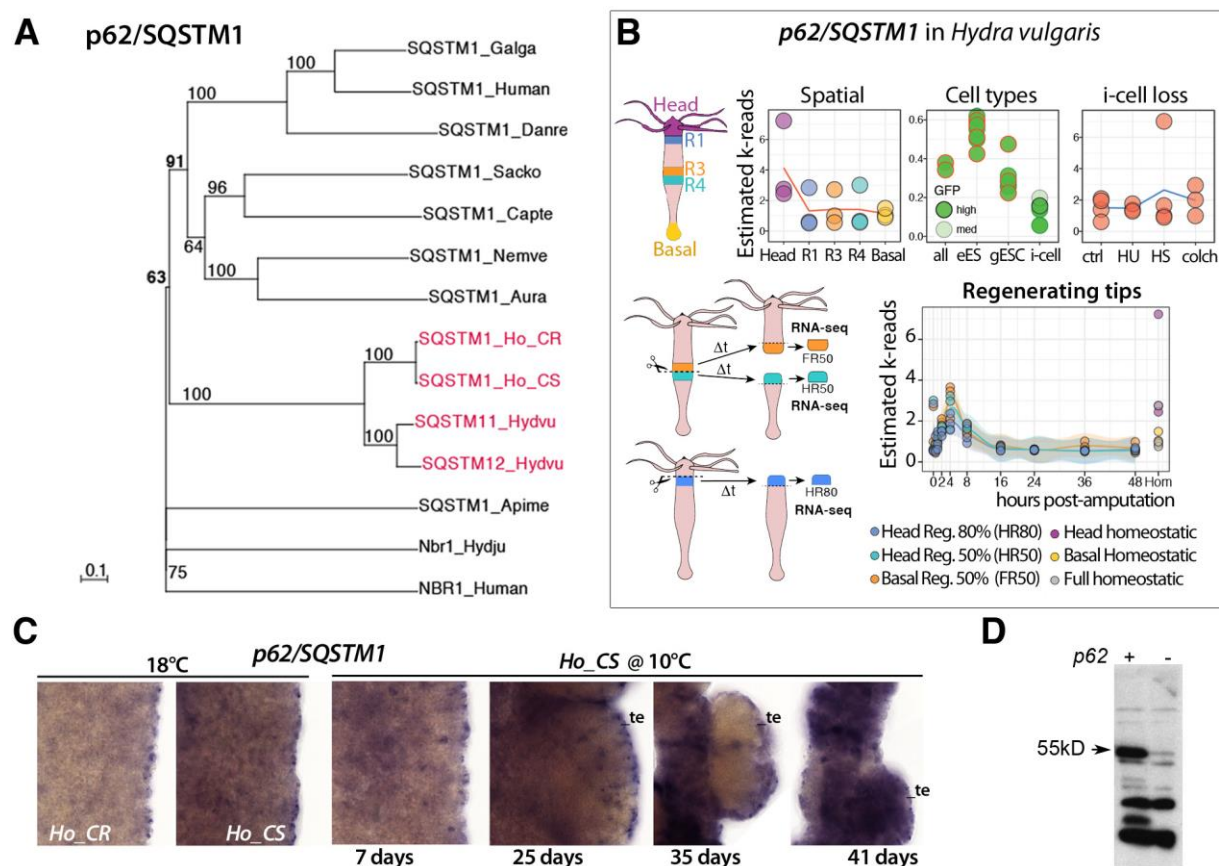


Figure S13: Phylogenetic tree and expression analysis of *p62/SQSTM1* in *Hydra*

(A) Phylogenetic tree of p62/SQSTM1 protein sequences aligned with MUSCLE and built with PhyML 3.0, tested with 500 bootstraps. NBR1 sequences were used as outgroup. Species code and sequence accession numbers are for *Apime*: *Apis mellifera* (XP\_392222.3); *Aurau*: *Aurelia aurita* (Q5EN85); *Capte*: *Capitella teleta* (gb|ELT88176.1); *Danre*: *Danio rerio* (Q6NWE4); *Galga*: *Gallus gallus* (F1NA86); *Human*: Q13501; *Ho\_CS*, *Ho\_CR*: *Hydra oligactis* (see **Table-S3**); *Hydvu*: *Hydra vulgaris* (XP\_004206050.1; T2MDZ6); *Nemve*: *Nematostella vectensis* (A7RN64); *Sacko*: *Saccoglossus kowalevskii* (XP\_002737931.1). (B) RNA-seq profiles of *H. vulgaris* p62/SQSTM1 as reported in (Wenger et al., 2014, Wenger et al., 2016, Wenger et al., 2019). **Body position**: expression measured at 5 distinct levels along the body axis of *H. vulgaris* Jussy strain; **Stem cell types**: expression measured in the three stem cell populations of *H. vulgaris* AEP (after FACS sorting cells of transgenic strains that constitutively GFP in one or the other cell type); **i-cell loss**: expression measured 10 days after the heat-shock or drug-induced elimination of cycling interstitial cells; **Regeneration**: expression measured in regenerating tips at 9 time points of three distinct regenerative processes in *H. vulgaris* Jussy strain (HR50, FR50: head or foot regeneration after mid-gastric bisection; HR80: head regeneration after decapitation). (C) Whole-mount *in situ* hybridization showing an ubiquitous expression of p62/SQSTM1 in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS* at 18°C, progressively enhanced in epithelial cells of *Ho\_CS* animals undergoing aging. (D) Testing of the anti-*Hydra* p62/SQSTM1 antisera (batch 507) against the *Hydra* p62/SQSTM1 protein expressed in TNT-coupled reticulocyte lysate (Promega) (lane +); the empty vector was used as negative control (lane -). The expected weight of *Ho\_CS* p62/SQSTM1 is 54.53 kD.

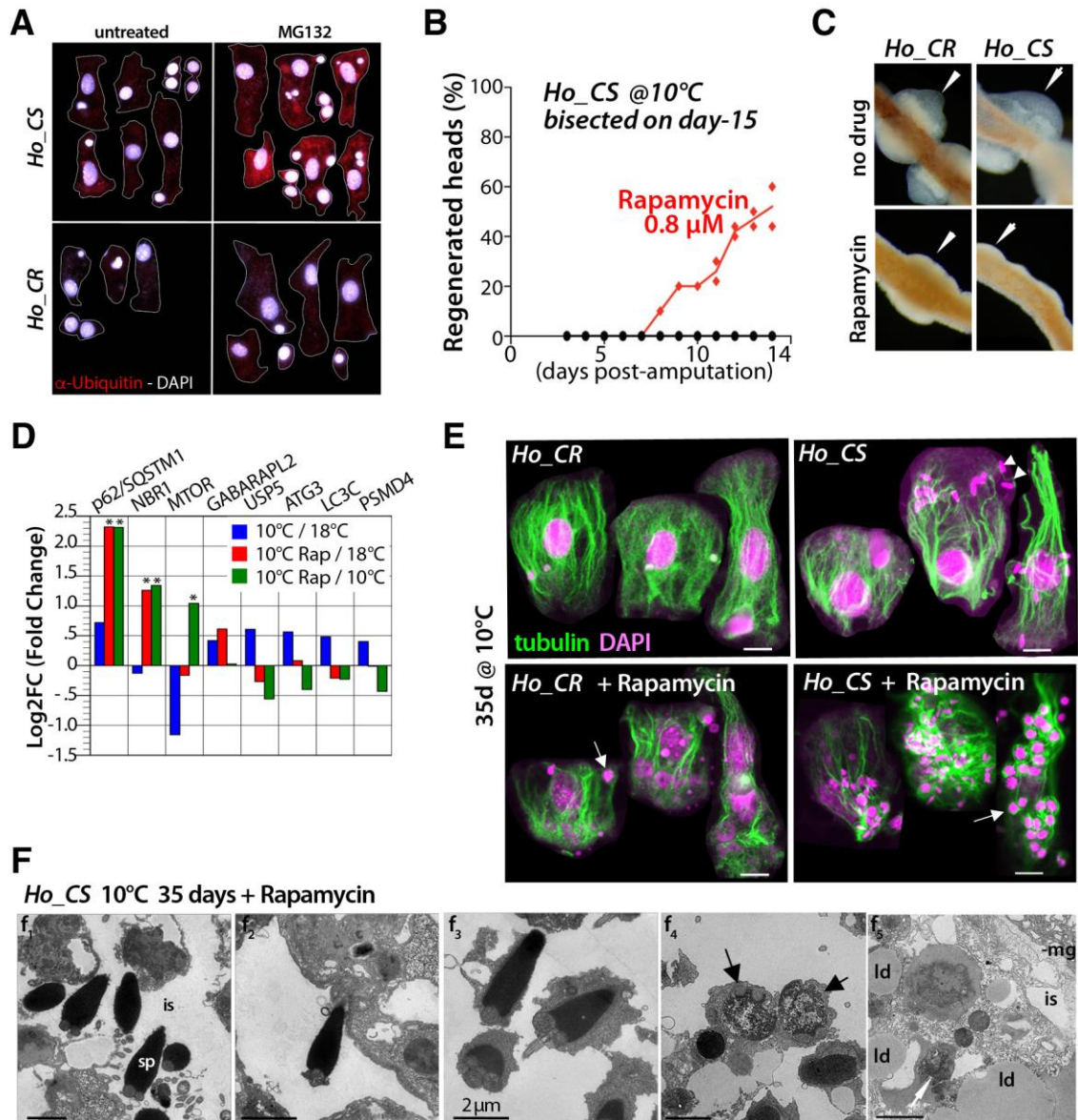


Figure S14: Anti-aging role of rapamycin in *Ho\_CS Hydra*

(A) Immunodetection of ubiquitin in cells from *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals maintained at 18°C and exposed or not to MG132 for 16 hours. (B) A continuous exposure to rapamycin from day-2 after transfer to 10°C efficiency rescues head regeneration in *Ho\_CS* bisected on day-15. (C) Testes (arrowheads) exhibit a reduced size in animals continuously exposed to rapamycin. (D) Proteomic analysis performed on *Ho\_CS* animals maintained for 35 days either at 18°C or at 10°C where they were exposed or not to rapamycin for 32 days, \*: 0.05, \*\*: 0.001 significance. (E) Engulfed cells detected with an anti α-tubulin antibody (green) and DAPI staining (pink) in epithelial cells from *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR* animals fixed after 36 days at 10°C. Arrows: nuclei from immature germ cells; arrowheads: sperm cell nuclei. (F) Sperm cells (sp) engulfed in epithelial cells of rapamycin-treated *Ho\_CS* animals taken at 35 dpt. Sperm cells can be detected in the intracellular space (is, f<sub>1</sub>, f<sub>2</sub>), surrounded by cytoplasm (f<sub>3</sub>) and digested (f<sub>4</sub>, f<sub>5</sub>). Black arrows: mitochondria at the base of sperm cells. Abbreviations: is: intracellular space, ld: lipid droplet, mg: mesoglea. Scale bars = 2 μm.

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WD40 repeat 2      WD40 repeat 3      ATG16 binding

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WIPI2_Sacko DKLEAIYEHNETEDICIVERLFSSSLVAIVSLSSPRRKLKVCHFKKGTEICNYSYPNTILAVRLNRLRIVALEESLYIHNIRD
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WD40 repeat 4      WD40 repeat 5

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P13P binding      WD40 repeat 6

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WIPI2_Capte RVFSIPDGQKMFFRRGVKRCVTISYSLAFSPDSLFCSSNTETVHIFKLETVKDP---KVFEEPQWMGYFGQALKTSANYLP
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WIPI2_Danre RVFSIPEGQKLFFRRGVKRCVSICSLAFSMEGLFSASSNTETVHIFKLETQRE---KPQEEPTTWTGYFGKVLMASTTYLP
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WD40 repeat 7

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WIPI2_Hydvu SQMTEVFSQRAFAIAKLPNAGQRNICALAVINKLPRILVASADGYLYIYNLDPTDGQECPILRQFSLIPSEGDVMNVPEGEH
WIPI2_Nemve SQVTEVFNQRAFAIVHLPVAGLRNVCAVATIGKLPRLLVSADGYLYIYNLDPEDGCDCTLLKQHR-----
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WIPI2_Capte SQVTEMFNQRDFAIARLPFSGLRNVCTLNIQKLPRLLVASQNGYLYMYNLDPMEGGECTLLKQHRLDGQLDALTAEVSPPA
WIPI2_Apime SQVTEVFNQRAFAIVHLPFQGLNVCAITVVHKVLRLLVASAEGYLYVYNLDSTEGGCDCTLLKQHRLDGKRDEVDCASVSTA
WIPI2_Danre AHVTEMFTQRAFAIVRLPFSGHKNICALAIIQKIPRLLVAAADGYLYLYNLDPEGGDCTLLKQHRLDGSAEPANEILEQTA
WIPI2_Human SQVTEMFNQRAFAIVRLPFSGHKNICSLATIQKIPRLLVGAADGYLYMYNLDPEGGDCALMKQHRLDGSLETTNEILDSAS

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WD40 repeat 8

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WIPI2_HoCS YQAG---LAVSPSRHASS-----SA-----LSTSNEVE-----QNVKLSDD
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WIPI2_Hydvu YQAG---LAVSSSRHASC-----SA-----LSTSNEIE-----QNVKISDD
WIPI2_Nemve -----
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WIPI2_Danre HDRP---LVAQTYSAAVA-----KG-----YS-----EDQCAVGGAGVEDDM-----NTLHLDEE
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WD40 repeat 9

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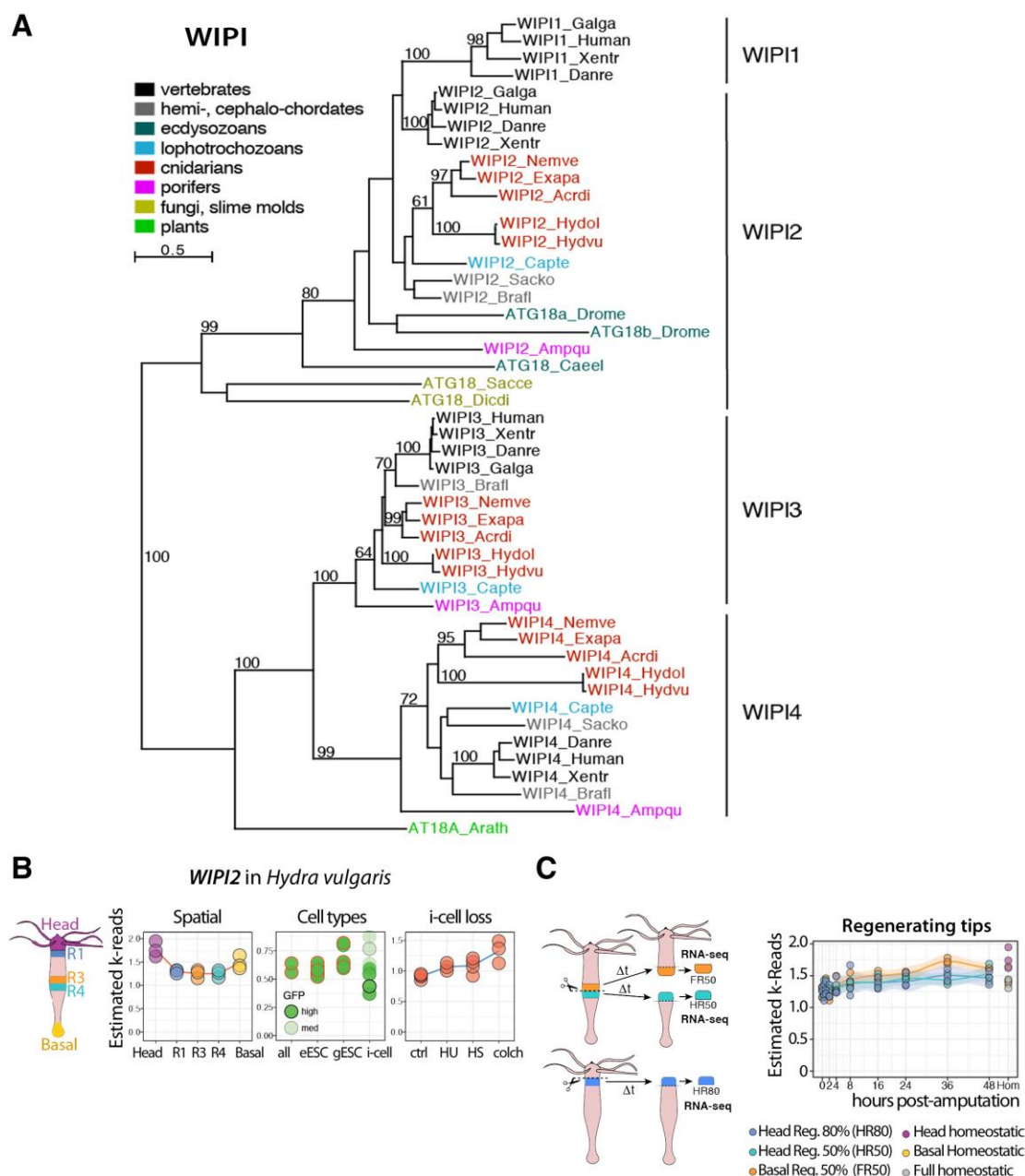
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WIPI2_Danre NEQPPLILETD
WIPI2_Human SEHPPMILRTD

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Figure S15: Alignment of vertebrate and non-vertebrate WIPI2 protein sequences

The alignment was obtained on MUSCLE ([www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/)) and manually corrected to align the functional domains and the WD repeats. Accession numbers of the *Hydra* WIPI2 sequences are given in **Figure S16A**.



Figure S16: Phylogenetic and expression analysis of *WIPI2* in *Hydra*

(A) Phylogenetic tree of WIPI protein sequences aligned with MUSCLE and built with PhyML 3.0, tested with 100 bootstraps. Species code and sequence accession numbers: *Acrdi*: *Acropora digitifera* (coral, XP\_015776989.1, XP\_015752246.1, XP\_015760656.1); *Ampqu*: *Amphimedon queenslandica* (XP\_019853755.1, XP\_003388703.1, XP\_019850615.1); *Arath*: *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Q93VB2); *Brafl*: *Branchiostoma floridae* (XP\_002599262.1, XP\_002595393.1); *Capte*: *Capitella teleta* (ELT96465.1, ELU11552.1, ELT94793.1); *Danre*: *Danio rerio* (NP\_956685.1, XP\_005164182.1, Q7ZUW6, Q7ZUX3); *Dicdi*: *Dictyostelium discoideum* (Q54NA2); *Exapa*: *Exaiptasia pallida* (XP\_020916524.1, XP\_020900004.1, XP\_020906575.1); *Galga*: *Gallus gallus* (XP\_015135440.1, NP\_001006162.1, Q5ZL16); *Human* (Q5MNZ9, Q9Y4P8, Q5MNZ6, Q9Y484); *Hydvu*: *Hydra vulgaris* (T2M354, T2M370, XP\_012563670.1, XP\_002163439.1); *Hydol* (*Ho\_CS*: S022900c0g1, S037678c0g1, S028416c0g1; *Ho\_CR*: R024157c0g1); *Nemve*: *Nematostella vectensis* (XP\_001630626.1, XP\_001626838.1, XP\_001635768.1); *Sacce*: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (P43601); *Sacko*: *Saccoglossus kowalevskii* (XP\_002739331.1, XP\_006822202.1); *Xenla*: *Xenopus laevis* (Q6DCV0); *Xentr*: *Xenopus tropicalis* (NP\_989387.1, XP\_002941343.2, Q640T2). (B, C) RNA-seq profiles of *H. vulgaris* *WIPI2* as reported in (Wenger et al., 2014, Wenger et al., 2016, Wenger et al., 2019). **Body position**: expression measured at 5 distinct levels along the body axis of *H. vulgaris* Jussy strain; **Stem cell types**: expression measured in the three stem cell populations of *H. vulgaris* AEP (after FACS sorting cells of transgenic strains that constitutively GFP in one or the other cell type); **i-cell loss**: expression measured 10 days after the heat-shock or drug-induced elimination of cycling interstitial cells; **regeneration**: expression measured in regenerating tips at 9 time points of three distinct regenerative processes in *H. vulgaris* Jussy strain (HR50, FR50: head or foot regeneration after mid-gastric bisection; HR80: head regeneration after decapitation).

## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Interstitial lineage genes	Full protein name	UniProt AC / RefSeq <i>Hv</i>	<i>Ho_CR</i> transcript id	<i>Ho_CS</i> transcript id
<i>CnASH</i>	Cnidarian achaete-scute homolog	<a href="#">Q25179</a>	R025980c0g2_i01	S016491c0g1_i01
<i>Cnnos1</i>	Cnidarian nanos-homolog 1	<a href="#">Q9NDP0</a>	R036747c0g1_i01	S031114c0g1_i01
<i>Cnnos2</i>	Cnidarian nanos-homolog 2	<a href="#">Q9NDN9</a>	R033870c0g1_i01	S025194c0g1_i01
<i>cnox-2</i>	Cnox-2 homeoprotein	<a href="#">Q9NFM1</a>	R023828c0g2_i01	S016662c0g1_i01
<i>COUP-TF1</i>	COUP-TF1 nuclear orphan receptor	<a href="#">Q66M18</a>	R038175c0g3_i01	S036363c0g2_i02
<i>foxN1</i>	Forkhead box protein N1	<a href="#">T2MID9</a>	R036487c0g1_i02	S040839c0g1_i02
<i>foxO</i>	FoxO transcription factor	<a href="#">J7HWF0</a>	R038309c1g1_i02	S042977c0g1_i07
<i>Hyzic</i>	Zn-finger transcription factor 1	<a href="#">Q6T520</a>	R067356c0g1_i01	S015485c0g1_i01
<i>Kazal-1</i>	Kazal-type serine protease inhibitor 1	<a href="#">Q1XEF1</a>	R040495c0g3_i05	S040076c1g2_i07
<i>myc1</i>	C-Myc-binding protein 1	<a href="#">D0EM49</a>	R028868c0g1_i01	S034530c0g2_i01
<i>Notch4</i>	neurogenic locus notch homolog protein like 4	<a href="#">XP_012557050.1</a>	R036182c1g1_i01	S041501c1g1_i01
<i>NOWA</i>	Nematocyst outer wall antigen	<a href="#">Q8TF70</a>	R038006c0g1_i01	S038314c1g1_i01
<i>Pax-A</i>	Paired-box homeoprotein A	<a href="#">Q02015</a>	R031053c1g1_i01	S036858c0g5_i01
<i>POU4F2</i>	POU domain protein	<a href="#">T2MDR7</a>	R026985c0g2_i02	S024242c0g1_i01
<i>prdl-b</i>	Paired-like homeoprotein b	<a href="#">O62546</a>	R031740c0g1_i01	S030596c0g1_i01
<i>Pumilio</i>	Pumilio domain-containing protein KIAA0020	<a href="#">T2MDF1</a>	R039094c0g1_i02	S040698c0g1_i01
<i>RFamide-A</i>	Neuropeptide RFamide A	<a href="#">O76948</a>	R035154c0g1_i01	S036815c0g1_i01
<i>CnVas1</i>	Vasa-related protein CnVAS1	<a href="#">Q9GV13</a>	R025460c0g1_i01	S033134c0g2_i01
<i>CnVas2</i>	Vasa-related protein CnVAS2	<a href="#">Q9GV12</a>	R033160c0g1_i01	S042823c1g1_i02
<i>ZNF845</i>	Transcription factor ZNF845	<a href="#">I3V7W9</a>	R003173c0g2_i01	S037612c0g1_i01

Table S1: Sequence Accession Numbers of 20 *H. vulgaris* (*Hv*) and *H. oligactis* (*Ho\_CS*, *Ho\_CR*) genes involved in proliferation and/or differentiation of interstitial cell (i-cell) lineages.

For the cold-induced RNA-seq profiles in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR*, see **supplemental Figure-S2**. For the spatial, cell-type, i-cell loss and regeneration RNA-seq profiles of the corresponding transcripts in *H. vulgaris*, see on HydrATLAS: <https://HydrATLAS.unige.ch> (Wenger et al., 2019).

Cell cycle orthologs	Full protein name	UniProt AC / RefSeq <i>Hv</i>	<i>Ho_CR</i> transcript id	<i>Ho_CS</i> transcript id
<i>AURKA</i>	Aurora kinase A	<a href="#">T2MJ8</a>	R027511c0g1_i04	S041489c3g2_i03
<i>C12orf11</i>	Cell cycle regulator Mat89Bb homolog	<a href="#">T2M413</a>	R038671c0g1_i02	S041657c1g1_i02
<i>CABLES1</i>	CDK5 and ABL1 enzyme substrate 1	<a href="#">T2M990</a>	R029958c0g1_i01	S029735c0g1_i01
<i>CBP</i>	CREB-binding protein	<a href="#">E9AI12</a>	R039021c0g1_i04	S039796c0g2_i01
<i>CCNA</i>	mitotic-specific cyclin-A	<a href="#">P51986</a>	R038551c0g1_i03	S039058c0g3_i03
<i>CCNB</i>	mitotic-specific cyclin-B	<a href="#">P51987</a>	R038974c1g1_i01	S042648c3g5_i03
<i>CCNB3</i>	mitotic-specific cyclin-B3	<a href="#">T2M7Z1</a>	R024808c0g2_i01	S036219c0g1_i01
<i>CCND2</i>	G1/S-specific cyclin-D2	<a href="#">T2MGB1</a>	R031658c0g1_i05	S035897c0g1_i01
<i>CCNF</i>	Cyclin-F	<a href="#">T2M6V5</a>	R033334c0g1_i01	S033757c0g1_i01
<i>CDC123</i>	Cell division cycle protein 123 homolog	<a href="#">T2MHK2</a>	R038855c0g1_i05	S043547c1g1_i01
<i>CDC16</i>	Cell division cycle protein 16 homolog	<a href="#">T2MDN5</a>	R021851c0g1_i01	S021110c0g1_i01
<i>CDC20</i>	Cell division cycle protein 20 homolog	<a href="#">T2MEB9</a>	R032120c0g1_i02	S036535c0g1_i02
<i>CDC23</i>	Cell division cycle protein 23 homolog	<a href="#">T2M3J4</a>	R036686c0g1_i04	S036439c0g1_i02
<i>CDC27</i>	Cell division cycle protein 27 homolog	<a href="#">T2MGT8</a>	R035608c0g1_i01	S036141c0g1_i01
<i>CDC42</i>	Cell division control protein 42 homolog	<a href="#">T2MEG1</a>	R038235c0g1_i01	S033376c0g1_i01
<i>CDC45</i>	Cell division control protein 45 homolog	<a href="#">T2MHN2</a>	R039382c0g1_i02	S039367c0g6_i01
<i>CDC5L</i>	Cell division cycle 5-like protein	<a href="#">T2M796</a>	R026217c0g1_i03	S038652c0g1_i03
<i>CDC6</i>	Cell division control protein 6 homolog	<a href="#">T2M680</a>	R037857c0g1_i01	S030092c0g1_i01
<i>CDC7</i>	Cell division cycle 7-related protein kinase	<a href="#">T2MIW7</a>	R027651c0g1_i02	S035902c0g1_i01
<i>CDCA7L</i>	Cell division cycle-associated 7-like protein	<a href="#">T2M7K7</a>	R030222c0g1_i01	S033291c0g1_i01
<i>DIAPH2</i>	Protein diaphanous homolog 2	<a href="#">T2MIT5</a>	R037202c0g1_i01	S041348c0g1_i01
<i>DOT1L</i>	Histone-lysine N-methyltransferase, H3 lysine-79 specific	<a href="#">T2M8S1</a>	R033812c0g1_i01	S037123c0g1_i01
<i>E2F4</i>	Transcription factor E2F4	<a href="#">T2MCU6</a>	R029967c0g1_i01	S008670c0g2_i01
<i>FGFR</i>	Fibroblast growth factor receptor	<a href="#">Q86PM4</a>	R033445c0g1_i01	S034028c0g1_i01
<i>FNTB</i>	Protein farnesyltransferase subunit beta	<a href="#">T2MFI9</a>	R007519c0g1_i01	S003373c0g1_i01
<i>GAS2L1</i>	GAS2-like protein 1	<a href="#">T2M790</a>	R033006c0g2_i01	S034987c0g1_i01
<i>HUS1</i>	Checkpoint protein HUS1	<a href="#">T2MIV2</a>	R011216c0g1_i01	S029062c1g1_i04
<i>ING4</i>	Inhibitor of growth protein	<a href="#">T2M3P3</a>	R035845c0g1_i01	S001006c0g1_i01
<i>KATNA1</i>	Katanin p60 ATPase-containing subunit A1	<a href="#">T2MHM7</a>	R033726c0g1_i01	S035284c0g1_i02
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<i>LIN9</i>	Protein lin-9 homolog	<a href="#">T2MBY8</a>	R032851c0g1_i01	S027133c0g1_i01
<i>MFN2</i>	Mitofusin-2	<a href="#">T2MHD7</a>	R038385c0g1_i01	S030617c0g1_i01
<i>MII1</i>	Migration and invasion-inhibitory protein	<a href="#">T2MC10</a>	R033074c0g2_i01	S037583c1g1_i01
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<i>PAFAH1B1</i>	Lissencephaly-1 homolog	<a href="#">T2MFT1</a>	R036160c0g1_i01	S039362c0g1_i02
<i>PLK1</i>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase PLK1	<a href="#">T2MFR1</a>	R038084c0g2_i01	S038822c0g1_i01
<i>PLK4</i>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase PLK4	<a href="#">T2MJ85</a>	R031836c0g1_i01	S034548c0g2_i02
<i>RAD1</i>	Cell cycle checkpoint protein RAD1	<a href="#">T2MID6</a>	R031826c0g1_i01	S036513c0g3_i02
<i>RAD17</i>	Cell cycle checkpoint protein RAD17	<a href="#">T2MIH3</a>	R040845c0g1_i01	S041741c2g1_i01
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<i>SEPT2</i>	Septin-2	<a href="#">T2MD65</a>	R035337c0g1_i01	S039793c0g2_i01
<i>SIPAIL3</i>	Signal-induced proliferation-associated 1-like protein 3	<a href="#">T2MIG6</a>	R036824c0g2_i01	S042925c0g3_i05
<i>TFDP1</i>	Transcription factor Dp-1	<a href="#">T2MDH4</a>	R001653c0g1_i01	S030116c0g1_i02
<i>TMEM30A</i>	Cell cycle control protein 50A	<a href="#">T2M525</a>	R031410c0g1_i01	S038468c1g1_i01
<i>TTC28</i>	Tetratricopeptide repeat protein 28	<a href="#">T2M8B7</a>	R038479c0g1_i04	S041972c0g1_i02
<i>TTK</i>	Dual specificity protein kinase TTK	<a href="#">T2MG79</a>	R008001c0g1_i01	S028488c0g1_i01
<i>USPL1</i>	Ubiquitin-specific peptidase-like protein 1	<a href="#">T2MBR4</a>	R036743c0g1_i02	S040029c0g1_i06

Table S2: Sequence Accession Numbers of 52 *H. vulgaris* (*Hv*) and *H. oligactis* (*Ho\_CS*, *Ho\_CR*) orthologs to mammalian genes involved in cell cycle and cell proliferation.

For the comparative analysis of the expression of these genes after transfer to cold in *Ho\_CS* and *Ho\_CR*, see **Figure S3** and **Figure S4**. For the spatial, cell-type, i-cell loss and regeneration RNA-seq profiles of the corresponding transcripts in *H. vulgaris*, see on HydrATLAS: <https://HydrATLAS.unige.ch> (Wenger et al., 2019).

Autophagy orthologs	Full protein name	Hv UniProt / RefSeq	Ho_CR transcript id	Ho_CS transcript id
<b>AMBRA1</b>	Activating molecule in BECN1-regulated autophagy protein 1	<a href="#">T2M6D7</a>	R033532c0g1_i01	S034160c0g2_i01
<b>ATG10</b>	Ubiquitin-like-conjugating enzyme ATG10	<a href="#">T2M5V2</a>	R030322c0g1_i01	S032762c0g1_i01
<b>ATG101</b>	Autophagy-related protein 101	<a href="#">T2M6Y4</a>	R055757c0g1_i01	S071050c0g1_i01
<b>ATG12</b>	Ubiquitin-like protein ATG12	<a href="#">T2MIE8</a>	R029364c0g1_i01	S036036c1g1_i01
<b>ATG13</b>	Autophagy-related protein 13	<a href="#">T2MI85</a>	R029409c0g1_i01	S043484c2g1_i01
<b>ATG14</b>	Beclin 1-associated autophagy-related key regulator	<a href="#">T2MBM0</a>	R036673c0g1_i04	S028223c0g2_i02
<b>ATG16L1</b>	Autophagy-related protein 16-1	<a href="#">T2MC97</a>	R036776c1g1_i01	S036117c0g1_i02
<b>ATG2B</b>	Autophagy-related protein 2 homolog	<a href="#">T2M8E3</a>	R026665c0g1_i01	S042169c0g1_i01
<b>ATG3</b>	Autophagy-related protein 3	<a href="#">T2M4W2</a>	R035592c1g1_i05	S040217c0g1_i08
<b>ATG4B</b>	Cysteine protease ATG4B	<a href="#">T2M2V7</a>	R038184c0g1_i02	S037421c1g1_i01
<b>ATG4C</b>	Cysteine protease ATG4C	<a href="#">T2M7B1</a>	R037362c0g1_i03	S043278c1g1_i01
<b>ATG5</b>	Autophagy protein 5	<a href="#">T2M5L4</a>	R021841c0g2_i01	S030832c0g1_i01
<b>ATG7</b>	Ubiquitin-like modifier-activating enzyme ATG7	<a href="#">T2MHR4</a>	R036000c4g1_i02	S040163c0g1_i04
<b>ATG9A</b>	Autophagy-related protein 9A	<a href="#">T2MBB7</a>	R032526c0g4_i04	S041696c3g4_i01
<b>BECN1</b>	Beclin1	<a href="#">T2MDF4</a>	R040450c1g2_i06	S043504c0g1_i03
<b>CALR</b>	Calreticulin	<a href="#">T2MFF9</a>	R015676c0g2_i01	S028677c1g1_i01
<b>CBL</b>	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase CBL	<a href="#">T2MG42</a>	R038366c0g1_i02	S034365c0g1_i01
<b>CDK2</b>	Cyclin-dependent kinase 2	<a href="#">T2MG16</a>	R026975c0g1_i01	S026262c0g1_i01
<b>CLTC</b>	Clathrin heavy chain	<a href="#">T2MENS5</a>	R038444c0g1_i01	S039376c0g1_i02
<b>CTNNB1</b>	b-catenin	<a href="#">T2MGP6</a>	R031422c0g1_i01	S035025c0g1_i01
<b>DAPK1/MYLK1</b>	Myosin light chain kinase	<a href="#">XP_012566973.1</a>	R040005c0g1_i01	S042661c1g1_i01
<b>DAPK2</b>	Death-associated protein kinase 2	<a href="#">T2M3L1</a>	R037170c1g1_i01	S035730c0g1_i04
<b>DRAM1</b>	DNA damage-regulated autophagy modulator protein 1	<a href="#">T2M9Y1</a>	R010350c0g1_i01	S017218c0g1_i01
<b>DRAM2</b>	DNA damage-regulated autophagy modulator protein 2	<a href="#">T2MB87</a>	R029953c0g1_i01	S037063c0g1_i02
<b>DVL3</b>	Dishevelled-like	<a href="#">Q9GTJ8</a>	R035715c0g1_i01	S028887c0g3_i01
<b>EPG5</b>	Ectopic P granules protein 5 homolog	<a href="#">T2M4L4</a>	R033380c0g1_i03	S041881c0g1_i01
<b>FUNDC2</b>	FUN14 domain-containing protein 2	<a href="#">T2M6E3</a>	R034657c0g1_i01	S040426c0g1_i01
<b>GABARAP</b>	Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor-associated protein	<a href="#">T2MID2</a>	R034299c0g1_i01	S041977c0g1_i01
<b>GABARAPL2</b>	Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor-associated protein like 2	<a href="#">T2MFA6</a>	R040572c3g1_i01	S042989c1g3_i05
<b>GOPC</b>	Golgi-associated PDZ and coiled-coil motif-containing protein	<a href="#">T2M5L1</a>	R025782c0g1_i01	S021196c0g1_i01
<b>LAMP1</b>	Lysosome-associated membrane glycoprotein 1	<a href="#">T2MGK4</a>	R034674c0g2_i01	S037683c2g1_i01
<b>LC3A/B</b>	Microtubule-associated proteins 1A/1B light chain 3A	<a href="#">XP_012555909.1</a>	R033468c0g1_i01	S043022c1g3_i01
<b>LC3C</b>	Microtubule-associated proteins 1A/1B light chain 3C	<a href="#">T2M644</a>	R036327c0g1_i01	S040689c0g1_i01
<b>MAPK15</b>	Mitogen-activated protein kinase	<a href="#">T2M8C8</a>	R032105c0g1_i01	S035992c0g1_i02
<b>MFN2</b>	Mitofusin	<a href="#">T2MHD7</a>	R038385c0g1_i01	S030617c0g1_i01
<b>mTOR</b>	S/T protein kinase Target of Rapamycin	<a href="#">T2MFU7</a>	R038760c0g1_i01	S039716c0g1_i01
<b>MYH10</b>	Myosin-10	<a href="#">T2MG36</a>	R041168c0g3_i01	S043809c0g1_i03
<b>NBR1</b>	Next to BRCA1 gene 1 protein	<a href="#">XP_002169141.3</a>	R036941c0g1_i01	S037290c0g1_i02
<b>OPTN</b>	Optineurin	<a href="#">T2M7C5</a>	R030608c0g1_i01	S040493c0g1_i01
<b>P62/SQSTM1</b>	Sequestosome-1	<a href="#">T2MDZ6</a>	R040075c0g1_i01	S041284c0g1_i03
<b>PASK</b>	PAS domain-containing serine/threonine-protein kinase	<a href="#">T2M7I6</a>	R035698c0g1_i02	S035923c0g3_i01
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<b>PRKAA2</b>	5'-AMP-activated protein kinase catalytic subunit alpha-2	<a href="#">T2MFI8</a>	R036403c0g1_i02	S039556c0g1_i01
<b>PRKG2</b>	5'-AMP-activated protein kinase subunit gamma-2	<a href="#">T2M3A1</a>	R037932c0g1_i02	S042780c0g5_i04
<b>PSMD4</b>	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 4	<a href="#">T2MFE9</a>	R032102c0g1_i01	S038651c0g3_i01
<b>RAB24</b>	Ras-related protein Rab-24	<a href="#">T2M8J9</a>	R033692c0g2_i01	S043114c1g3_i01
<b>RB1CC1</b>	RB1-inducible coiled-coil protein 1	<a href="#">T2M8Y6</a>	R040512c0g1_i04	S040101c0g1_i01
<b>RUBCN</b>	Run domain Beclin-1-interacting Cys-rich domain-cont. protein	<a href="#">T2M8H1</a>	R033800c0g1_i02	S036891c0g1_i01
<b>SCOC</b>	Short coiled-coil protein	<a href="#">T2M358</a>	R027960c0g1_i01	S031987c0g1_i01
<b>SESN1-2</b>	Sestrin-1	<a href="#">T2M1Y1</a>	R034652c0g1_i01	S030353c0g1_i01
<b>SH3GLB1</b>	Endophilin-B1	<a href="#">T2M3B1</a>	R022339c0g1_i02	S031988c0g1_i03
<b>STK11</b>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase 11	<a href="#">T2MDA0</a>	R028673c0g1_i01	S030765c0g1_i01
<b>STX17</b>	Syntaxin-17	<a href="#">T2MEJ3</a>	R038040c0g1_i05	S040560c0g1_i01
<b>TBC1D14</b>	TBC1 domain family member 14	<a href="#">T2M3G3</a>	R035499c0g1_i01	S042386c0g3_i01
<b>TBC1D25</b>	TBC1 domain family member 25	<a href="#">T2MCX7</a>	R024677c0g1_i03	S037186c0g1_i04
<b>TBC1D5</b>	TBC1 domain family member 5	<a href="#">T2M8P8</a>	R001078c0g2_i01	S027212c0g1_i01
<b>TFEB (MITF)</b>	Transcription factor EB	<a href="#">T2MHT1</a>	R032064c0g1_i03	S029890c0g1_i01
<b>TMEM192</b>	Transmembrane protein 192	<a href="#">T2MAC7</a>	R025234c0g1_i04	S029317c0g1_i01
<b>TOLLIP</b>	Toll-interacting protein	<a href="#">T2M581</a>	R032916c0g1_i01	S064218c0g1_i01
<b>TP53INP1</b>	Tumor protein p53-inducible nuclear protein 1	<a href="#">XP_012566192.1</a>	R036441c0g1_i01	S042256c0g3_i01
<b>ULK1/2</b>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase ULK1/2	<a href="#">XP_002167716.3</a>	R034566c0g1_i03	S032016c0g3_i01
<b>ULK3</b>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase ULK3	<a href="#">T2MBQ7</a>	R023417c0g1_i01	S030594c0g1_i01
<b>ULK4</b>	Serine/threonine-protein kinase ULK4	<a href="#">T2M8D5</a>	R038809c0g1_i01	S035052c0g2_i01
<b>USP5</b>	Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase 5	<a href="#">T2MFO7</a>	R035151c0g1_i02	S036059c0g1_i03
<b>UVRAG</b>	UV radiation resistance-associated gene protein	<a href="#">T2M3F0</a>	R011659c0g1_i01	S031929c0g1_i02
<b>VAMP3</b>	Vesicle-associated membrane protein 3	<a href="#">T2MCV8</a>	not found	not found
<b>VAMP4</b>	Vesicle-associated membrane protein 4	<a href="#">T2MI55</a>	R007986c0g1_i01	S030362c0g1_i01
<b>VAMP7</b>	Vesicle-associated membrane protein 7	<a href="#">T2MF92</a>	R033884c0g3_i01	S021726c0g1_i01
<b>VAPB</b>	Vesicle-associated membrane protein-associated protein B/C	<a href="#">T2MI95</a>	R039749c0g1_i02	S037148c1g2_i01
<b>VMP1</b>	Vacuole membrane protein 1	<a href="#">T2M837</a>	R031782c0g1_i01	S033370c0g1_i04
<b>VPS13A</b>	Vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 13A	<a href="#">T2M7E9</a>	R036423c0g1_i01	S039033c0g1_i01
<b>VPS53</b>	Vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 53	<a href="#">T2MBJ0</a>	R032923c0g1_i05	S035892c0g2_i03
<b>WIP1</b>	WD repeat domain phosphoinositide-interacting protein 2	<a href="#">T2M354</a>	R024157c0g1_i01	S022900c0g1_i02
<b>ZFYVE1</b>	Zinc finger FYVE domain-containing protein 1	<a href="#">T2M5M0</a>	R008385c0g2_i01	S030332c0g1_i01

Table S3: Sequence Accession Numbers of 75 *H. vulgaris* (*Hv*) and *H. oligactis* (*Ho\_CS*, *Ho\_CR*) orthologs to the mammalian autophagy genes.

For the comparative analysis of the cold-induced gene modulations in *Ho\_CR* and *Ho\_CS*, see the **Figure S10** and **Figure S11**. For the spatial, cell-type, i-cell loss and regeneration RNA-seq profiles of corresponding transcripts in *H. vulgaris*, see on HydrATLAS: <https://HydrATLAS.unige.ch> (Wenger et al., 2019).

Gene names	Primer names	Primer sequences
<b>mCherry</b>	mCherry-for1	CAGGGGCCCTGGGATCCCCATGGCCGATGATGAAGTTGC
	mCherry-rev1	AGTTCTTCTCCTTTACTCATTTTATATAATTCATCCATTCCACCTG
<b>eGFP</b>	eGFP-for1	TGGAATGGATGAATTATATAAAAATGAGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTC
	eGFP-rev1	TACTTCTGAGCCATGCATGCTTTGTATAGTTCATCCATGCCA
<b>hyLC3A/B</b>	LC3A-for1	GCTGGATGAAGTATACAAAGCATGCATGGCTCAGAAGTA
	LC3A-rev1	CGCGCAGGCAGATCGTCAGGAATTCTTAAAAATTAATGTAAGAACCAA

Table S4: Sequences of the primers used to build the mCherry-GFP-LC3A autophagy sensor

Gene names	siRNA names	siRNA sequences
<b>p62/SQSTM1</b> <i>H. oligactis</i>	Ho-p62-siRNA1	CAAAGCUUCUGAAGUUUCA
	Ho-p62-siRNA2	CUCAAAUGGCUGCUAAUUA
	Ho-p62-siRNA3	AGAACAUGUUGGAGUUACU
<b>p62/SQSTM1</b> <i>H. vulgaris</i>	Hv-p62-siRNA1	CAACGUUUCUGAAGUUUAUA
	Hv-p62-siRNA2	UGCAAAGCAAUAAUGAAGAA
	Hv-p62-siRNA3	AGCCAGCUCAAUCAAAUUA
<b>WIPI2</b> <i>H. vulgaris</i>	WIPI2_siRNA1	GCAAUUGGAGCCGAUCCUU
	WIPI2_siRNA2	GCAACUUAUAGCUAUCCUAA
	WIPI2_siRNA3	GGAAGAACCAAGUAGCCAA
<b>scrambled</b>	scramble-siRNA	AGGUAGUGUAAUCGCCUUG

Table S5: Sequences of the siRNA primers used to silence *p62/SQSTM1* and *WIPI2*

Targeted protein	Type	Raised in	Supplier	Ref. number	Dilution /IF	Dilution/ WB
<b>Ubiquitin</b>	monoclonal	mouse	Enzo Life Sciences	BML-PW0755-0025	1:200	NA
<b>Ubiquitin</b>	monoclonal	rabbit	Abcam	ab137025	NA	1:2000
<b>Human LC3B</b>	polyclonal	rabbit	Novus Biologicals	nb100-2220	1:300	1:1000
<b>Hydra p62/SQSTM1</b>	polyclonal	mouse	Delphi Genetics	custom made	1:200	1:1000
<b>Sea urchin <math>\alpha</math>-tubulin</b>	monoclonal	mouse	Sigma-Aldrich	T5168	1:300	NA
<b>Sea urchin <math>\beta</math>-tubulin</b>	monoclonal	mouse	Sigma-Aldrich	T5293	NA	1:2000

Table S6: List of the antibodies used in this study.

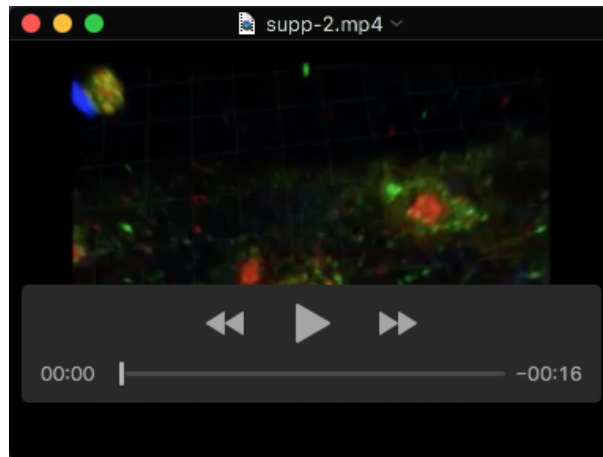
Day post-HU	Ho_CS						Ho_CR						Hv					
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6
0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
3	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
7	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11	10	9	7	9	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
15	10	9	7	9	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
21	10	9	7	9	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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42	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	10	10	9
46	0	0	0	0	0	0							9	9	9	10	10	9
49													9	9	9	10	8	9
52													9	9	8	10	8	9
58													8	7	7	10	8	6
63													6	6	6	8	7	4
65													5	5	5	8	6	4
70													3	4	4	8	5	4
74													3	4	4	6	5	4
77													3	4	4	6	4	4
81													3	4	4	6	3	4
85													2	2	0	4	3	3
88													1	1	0	4	3	2
93													1	1	0	2	3	1
100													0	0	0	0	0	0

Table-S7: Number of animals at different days after HU release (Figure 2I raw data). C: cohort.

Day at 10°C	Ho_CS						Ho_CS +0.8 μM Rapamycin					
	Cohort1	Cohort2	Cohort3	Cohort4	Cohort5	Cohort6	Cohort1	Cohort2	Cohort3	Cohort4	Cohort5	Cohort6
0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
14	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
18	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10
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33	9	9	9	10	8	9	10	10	9	10	10	10
37	6	9	9	8	7	9	10	10	9	10	10	10
41	2	8	6	6	5	7	10	10	9	10	10	9
45	1	7	5	5	5	6	10	10	9	10	10	9
49	1	4	5	3	5	6	10	8	9	9	10	7
53	1	4	2	2	5	3	8	7	8	8	10	7
56	1	4	1	1	2	3	7	6	8	7	10	6
59	0	4	0	1	1	2	7	4	8	7	10	4
65	0	2	0	1	1	1	7	1	7	5	7	3
70	0	2	0	1	0	1	4	0	6	5	4	2
72	0	2	0	1	0	1	4	0	6	5	4	2
77	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	6	5	2	1
81	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	6	3	2	1
84	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	6	3	1	1
89	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	6	3	1	1
93	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	1	1
95							1	0	4	2	1	1
100							1	0	3	1	1	0
107							1	0	3	1	0	0
113							1	0	2	0	0	0

Table-S8: Number of animals at different days after transfer to 10°C release, continuously exposed or not to rapamycin (0.8 μM) (Figure 6B raw data).

## SUPPLEMENTARY MOVIES



Movie 1: 3D-reconstruction of LC3 decorated p62/SQSTM1 bodies

LC3 decorated p62/SQSTM1 bodies identified in epithelial cells of *Ho\_CS* polyps macerated after 35 days at 10°C. Image acquired on a Leica SP8 confocal microscope, 3D reconstruction performed with Bitplane Imaris.



Movie 2: 3D-reconstruction of an epithelial cell having engulfed germ cells identified in 35 days old *Ho\_CS* polyps treated with Rapamycin

3D reconstruction with Bitplane Imaris of the confocal image of engulfed germ cells decorated with p62/SQSTM1 or p62/SQSTM1-LC3 in e-cells of *Ho\_CS* polyp maintained at 10°C for 35 days and continuously treated with Rapamycin.



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