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Mitochondrial succinate dehydrogenase function is essential for sperm motility and male fertility

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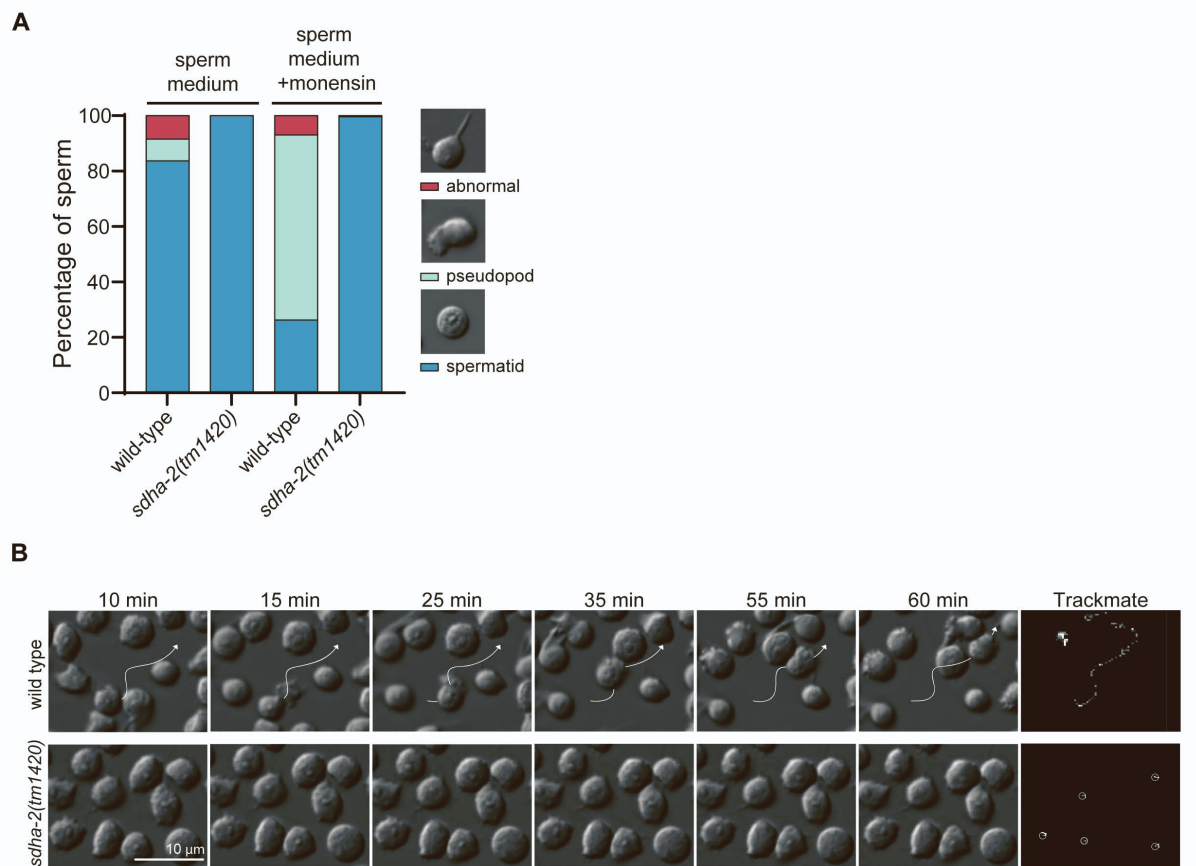


Figure S1: *In vitro* sperm activation with monensin, related to Figure 4. (A) Virgin adult males were dissected in sperm medium with or without monensin, as indicated. $n \geq 180$ sperm from ≥ 5 males. (B) Representative images of wild-type and *sdha-2* mutant sperm in $0.1 \mu\text{M}$ monensin. Scale bar = $10 \mu\text{m}$.

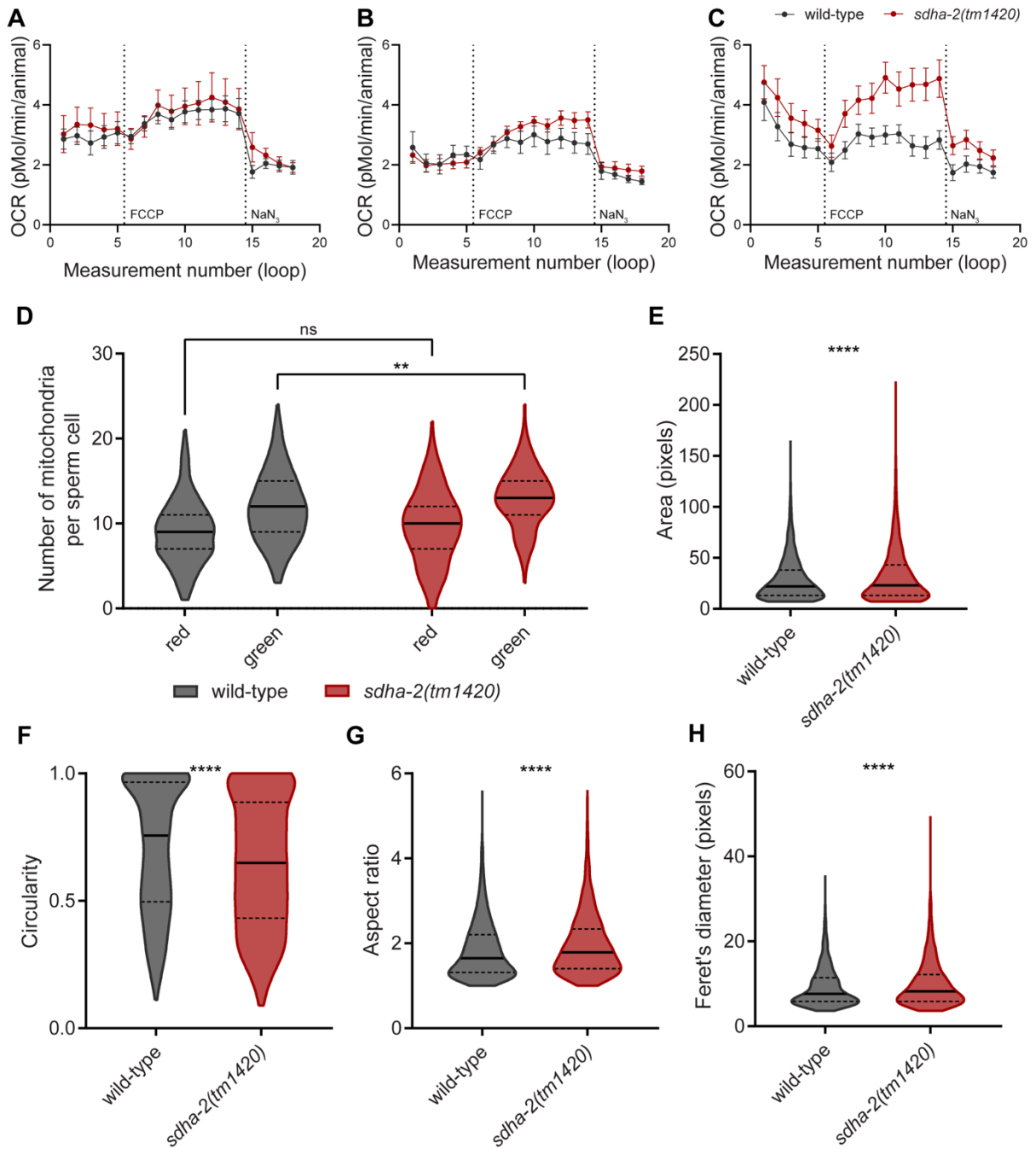


Figure S2: *sdha-2* mutant sperm display aberrant mitochondrial morphology and number in JC-1 green channel, related to Figure 6. (A-C) Three independent experiments assessing oxygen consumption rate (OCR) in live day 1 adult hermaphrodites using a Seahorse Analyzer. OCR was measured in M9 under basal conditions (basal respiration), in response to the mitochondrial uncoupler carbonylcyanide-4-(trifluoromethoxy)-phenylhydrazone (FCCP) (maximal respiration), and the complex IV and V inhibitor sodium azide (NaN₃) (non-mitochondrial OCR). Compound additions

are marked by dotted lines. Raw OCR readings were divided by the number of animals per well to give corrected OCR in pMol/min/animal. Data are mean \pm SEM; n=6-10 in each experiment. (D) The number of JC-1-stained mitochondria in a single focal plane per sperm cell in the red or green channel. n = 352 wild-type sperm and 144 *sdha-2(tm1420)* sperm. Comparisons were performed using two-way ANOVA with Sidak's post hoc test $**p \leq 0.01$. Violin plots display the median (solid line) and quartiles (dashed lines). (E-H) Sperm were stained with JC-1 dye, and mitochondrial morphology parameters in the green channel were calculated using ImageJ, including (E) area, (F) circularity (where 1 is a perfect circle), (G) aspect ratio (major axis/minor axis) and (H) Feret's diameter (the longest distance between any two points in an object). n = 4197 mitochondria for wild-type and 1966 for *sdha-2(tm1420)*. Comparisons were performed using unpaired t-tests. $****p \leq 0.0001$. Note that strains carried the *him-8(e1489)* mutation, which increases the prevalence of males in the population for ease of male isolation without altering the quality of sperm.

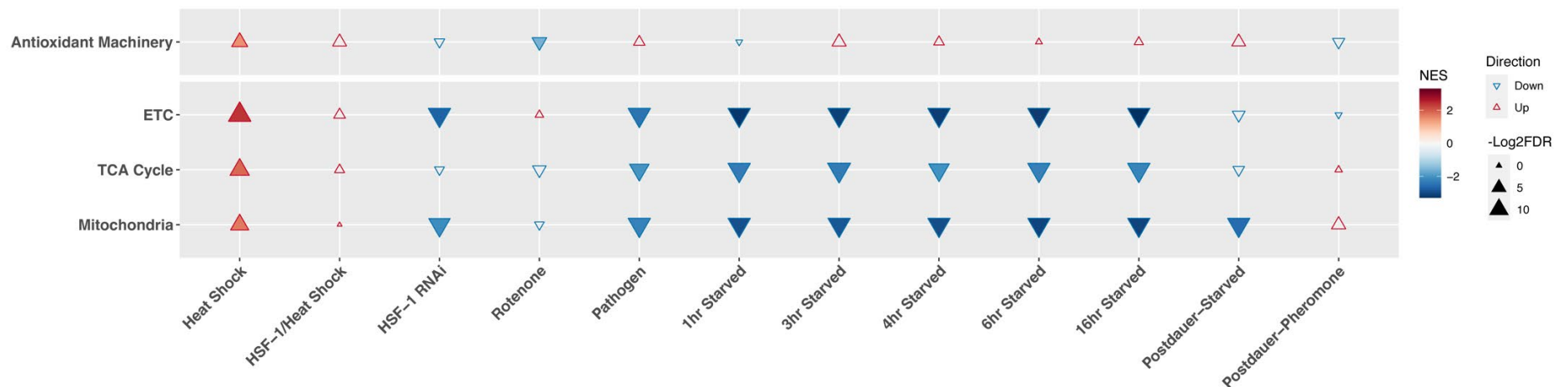


Figure S3: GSEA results of all 12 datasets tested, related to Figure 8. Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of mRNA transcripts after each stress exposure. A positive normalised enrichment score (NES) indicates that the gene set was upregulated after stress exposure. Hollow triangles indicate a lack of statistical significance ($FDR > 0.05$, $-\log_2(FDR) < 4.3$). Gene sets were based on GO term categories and manually curated for greater accuracy, see STAR Methods for details.

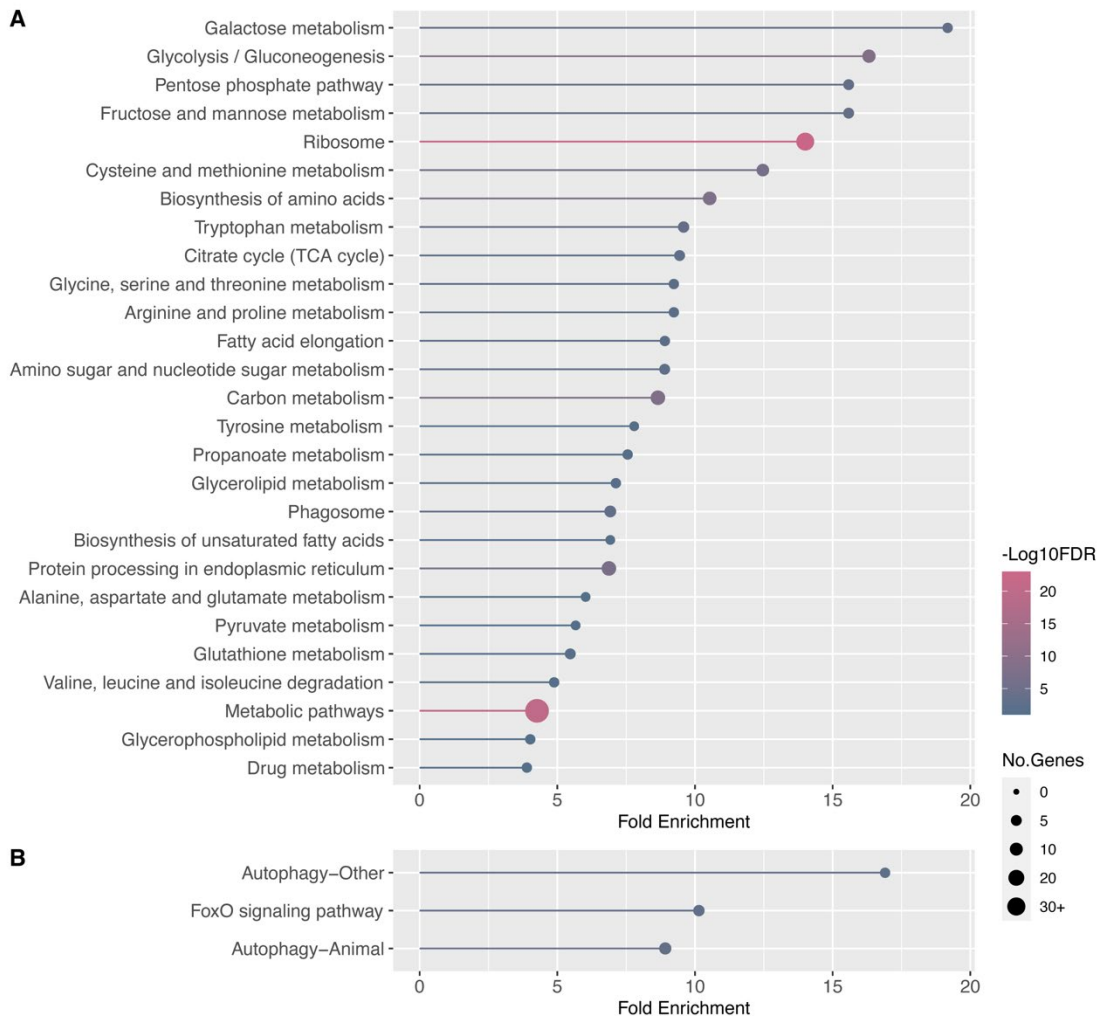


Figure S4: KEGG pathway analysis, related to Figure 8. Significantly enriched KEGG pathways from (A) Class I genes and (B) Class II genes. Gene sets were extracted from the hierarchical clustering in Figure 8D and analysed using ShinyGO, outputs were plotted with ggplot2.

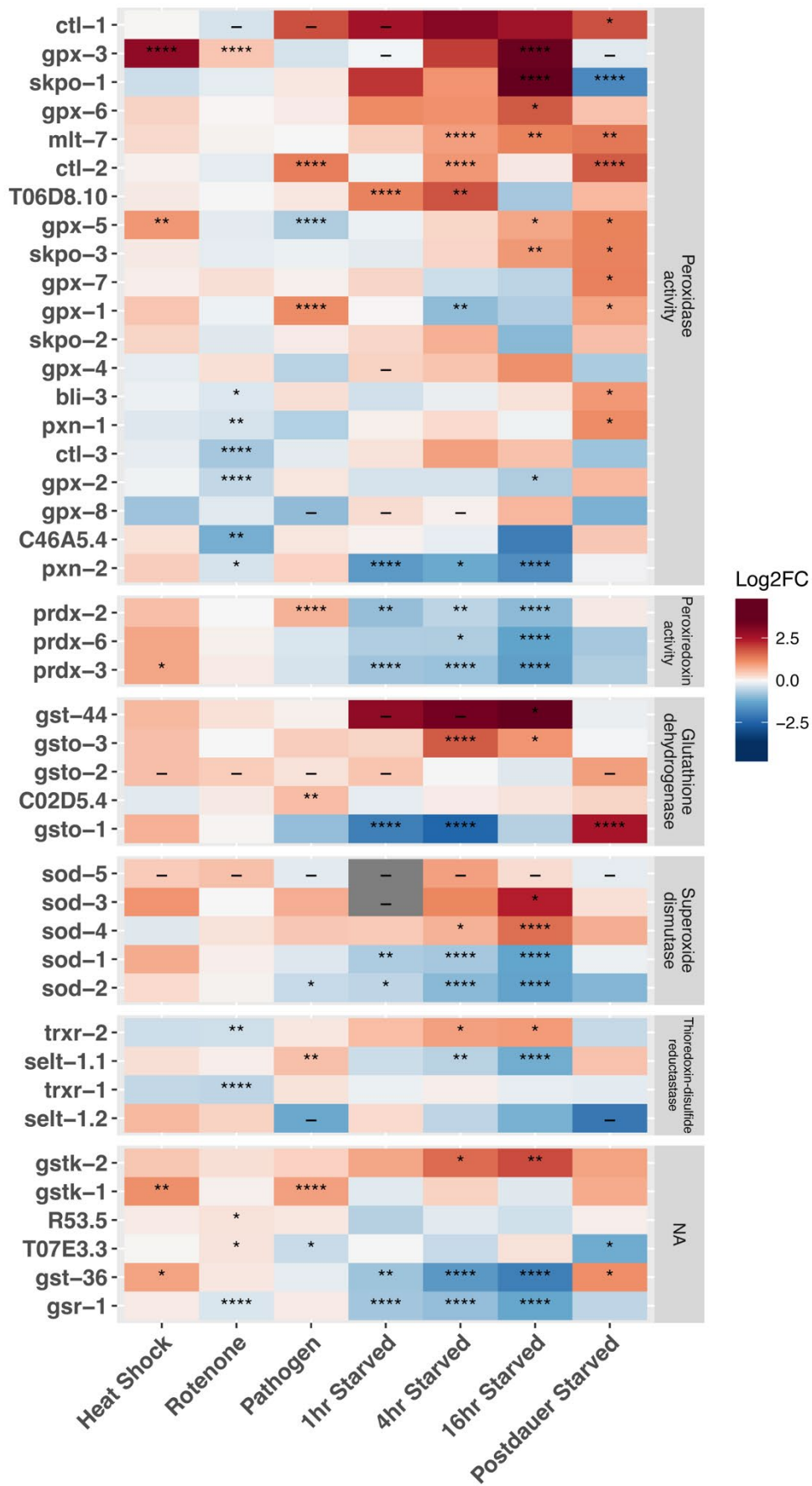


Figure S5: Heatmap of antioxidant activity (GO:0016209) genes, related to Figure 8.

Genes were separated into the descendant GO term categories: antioxidant activity (GO:0016209), glutathione dehydrogenase (ascorbate) activity (GO:0045174), glutathione-disulfide reductase (NADPH) activity (GO:0004362), peroxidase activity (GO:0004601), peroxiredoxin activity (GO:0051920), superoxide dismutase activity (GO:0004784) and thioredoxin-disulfide reductase activity (GO:0004791). Dashes indicate an NA value.

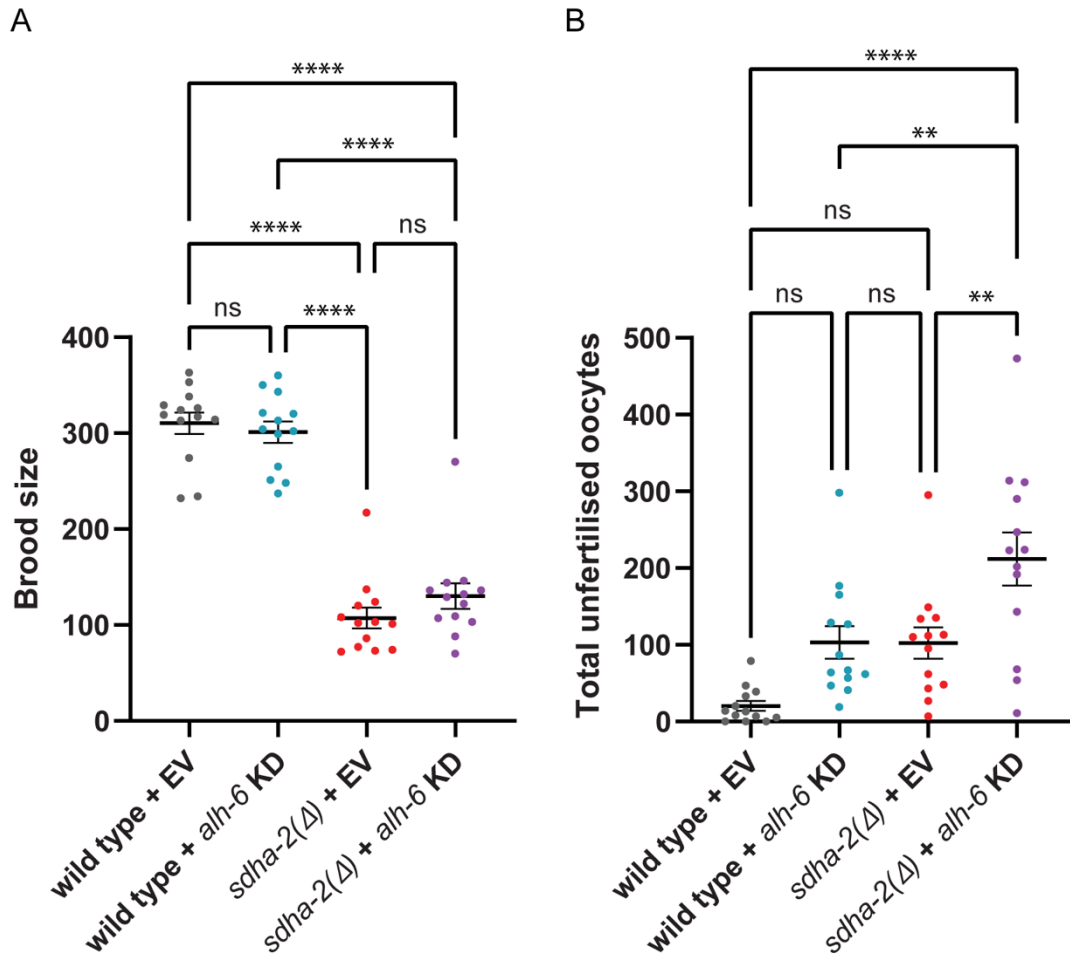


Figure S6: Broodsize assay of *alh-6* knockdown fertility, related to Figure 8. The total number of (A) live progeny and (B) unfertilised oocytes per animal. The experiment was repeated on 3 different occasions with $n=4-5$ animals per assay. Data are mean \pm SEM; $n = 13$. Comparisons were performed using one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test $**p \leq 0.01$, $****p \leq 0.0001$.

Table S1: Non-synonymous mutations in strain AKA36, related to Figure 1.

| Gene name | Genomic region of mutation | Type | Reference genome* | Allele in AKA36* | Amino acid change in longest transcript | Gene on plus or minus strand |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <i>col-60</i> | 7105935 | SNV | G | C | Gly191Arg | + |
| <i>marc-3</i> | 9418848 | SNV | C | T | Gly9Asp | - |
| <i>F30A10.15</i> | 9482785..9482789 | 5 bp deletion | ATGTC | - | Removes start codon | + |
| <i>set-32</i> | 9519410 | SNV | C | T | Pro36Ser | + |
| <i>set-32*</i> | 9519451..9519964 | 514 bp deletion | 514 nucleotides | - | In-frame deletion of Ala50 – Ala205 | + |
| <i>nra-2</i> | 9622176 | SNV | G | A | Val555Ile | + |
| <i>tba-1</i> | 9785983 | SNV | C | T | Gly439Arg | - |
| <i>mgl-2</i> | 10387704 | SNV | G | A | Gln538Stop | - |
| <i>sdha-2</i> | 10684606 | SNV | C | T | Gly278Glu | - |
| <i>vab-10</i> | 11747915 | SNV | C | T | Arg5041Lys | - |

SNV = single nucleotide variation

*Reported on the plus strand of the *C. elegans* reference genome Wormbase Genome Browser version WS275

*Previously reported *set-32(ok1457)* allele

Table S2: Sequences of CRISPR guides and repair templates used in this study, related to STAR Methods.

| Target | Allele created | Strain created | Guide sequence (PAM in brackets) (5'-3') | Repair sequence (5'-3' on protospacer strand) |
|------------------|---|----------------|--|--|
| <i>dpy-10</i> | <i>cn64</i> (Arribere et al., 2014) | n/a | GCTACCATAGGCACCA CGAG(CG) | CACTTGAACCTCAATACGGCAAGATGAGAATGACTGGAAACCGTACCGCAT GCGGTGCCTATGGTAGCGGAGCTTCACATGGCTTCAGACCAACAGCCTAT |
| <i>marc-3</i> | <i>smb53</i> | AKA157 | CAACGCATCGCTGGGT CCAG(CG) | GGTCGAGGCAATGGAAGACTTCAACGCATCGCTGGATCCAGCTGTGTGTC GGATATGTATGTGTGGCGAGACTTCAATT |
| <i>F30A10.15</i> | <i>smb55</i> | AKA156 | CATTTTGAATGGAATGA ATG(CG) | TTATAGAAAATGCTAGTAATAGGTGAGTTGGTTTTGAATGGAATGAATTCA GGAATCAATACATTTGAACCAACGTGCAATGAGGAGAGAAGGTGATGACAA |
| <i>sdha-2</i> | Repairing <i>smb65</i> to wildtype sequence | AKA145 | GAAGGATCACGAGGAG AGGG(TGG) | TTCTGATATGGAGTTTGTTC AATTCCATCCA ACTGGAATCTACGGAGTTGGA TGTTTGATCACCGAAGGATCCCGTGGCGAAGGTGGATATTTGGTCAATTCCG CAAGGAGAACGATTTATGGAAAGATATGCACCGA |
| <i>sdha-2</i> | <i>smb65</i> | AKA199 | GAAGGATCACGAGGAG AGGG(TGG) | TTCTGATATGGAGTTTGTTC AATTCCATCCA ACTGGAATCTACGGAGTTGAA TGTTTGATCACCGAAGGATCCCGTGGCGAAGGTGGATATTTGGTCAATTCCG CAAGGAGAACGATTTATGGAAAGATATGCACCGA |