Circatidal control of gene expression in the deep-sea hot vent shrimp

Rimicaris leurokolos

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Abstract

Biological clocks are a ubiquitous feature of all life, enabling the use of natural environmental cycles to track time. Although studies on circadian rhythms have contributed greatly to the knowledge of chronobiology, biological rhythms in dark biospheres such as the deep sea remain poorly understood. Lacking day-night cycles, the deep sea allows organisms to adapt to other temporal effects such as geophysical cycles, which remain unknown. Here, based on a laboratory free-running experiment, we reveal potentially endogenous rhythms in gene expression of the deep-sea hydrothermal vent shrimp *Rimicaris leurokolos*. Oscillations with ~12-hour periods, likely reflecting tidal influence, greatly prevail over others in the temporal transcriptome. The tidal transcripts exhibit an antiphased expression pattern divided into two internally synchronized clusters, correlated with wide-ranging biological processes that occur in the nucleus and cytoplasm, respectively. Exhibiting robust tidal transcriptional expression but relatively weak rhythmicity in circadian clock genes, *R. leurokolos* likely depends on a circatidal clock consisting of at least some components independent of the circadian clocks. In addition, comparing the tidal transcripts with the ~12-hour ultradian rhythms genes in fruit fly and mouse shows large similarity, indicating the likely scenario of broad impact of tide on the ~12-hour oscillations across the metazoan. These findings not only provide new insights into the temporal adaptations in deep-sea organisms but also highlight deep-sea hydrothermal vent organisms as intriguing models for chronobiological, particularly 12-hour ultradian rhythms, studies.

Introduction

As an adaptation to natural periodic environmental changes, biological clocks have been evolving in all kingdoms of life to keep track of time[1-3]. Numerous organisms anticipate daily changes including light, temperature, and food availability, resulting in persistent rhythms dominated by circadian periodicity of ~24 hours at behavioral, physiological, and molecular levels[4-6]. To achieve this, animals rely on their internal circadian clock systems like transcription-translation feedback loops (TTFLs) that can be entrained to match the environmental cycles[7]. In dark biospheres such as the underground and deep-sea habitats, however, the absence of sunlight veils organisms there from the direct effects of everlasting day-night transitions. How organisms living in the dark schedule their activities through time, as an adaptation to darkness, remains obscure[8, 9].

The deep ocean, the largest but the least studied habitat on Earth[10], is of great interest for chronobiology research due to its distinct ecological environment[11]. With increasing depth the intensity, spectral composition, and degree of polarization of sunlight decrease dramatically, and are eventually absorbed and scattered completely at approximately 1000 m[12]. From the ecological perspective, it is more appropriate for deep-sea organisms to synchronize their biological rhythms with other zeitgebers (e.g., geophysical cycles) instead of the light cycle[11, 13]. Indeed, various environmental fluctuations related to tidal cycles have been observed in the deep, especially in hydrothermal vent ecosystems[14-17]. Vent faunas rely strongly on their local environment, and survive on organic compounds produced by chemosynthetic microbes through chemosynthesis utilizing dissolved chemicals in the vent fluids[18]. Therefore, vent animals are likely to be affected by spatial and temporal variations in environmental factors modulated by tides. Several previous studies have reported potential tide-related rhythms of behavior and community dynamics in deep-sea organisms from chemosynthetic ecosystems[13, 19-21], and a recent study revealed tidal cycles dominated the gene expression of the deep-sea vent mussel *Bathymodiolus azoricus* through periodic *in situ* sampling across 24.8 hours[22]. Although these evidences suggest that vent organisms exhibit biological rhythms in the wild, whether they need endogenous rhythms or clocks to accommodate and anticipate local environmental changes to maximize their fitness is still poorly understood.

In the Iheya North hydrothermal vent field of the Okinawa Trough (126°53.80'E, 27°47.45'N; 982m depth), the alvinocaridid shrimp *Rimicaris leurokolos* (formerly *Shinkaicaris leurokolos*[23]) lives in close proximity to the vigorously venting orifice

(0.2–0.8 m and occasionally less than 0.2 m from the vent[24]) where the hot plume and
cold surrounding seawater mix spontaneously and dramatically[25] (Fig. 1a, b). This
differs from bathymodioline mussels that inhabit more peripheral areas of vent fields
(0.8–2.5 m and mostly greater than 2.5 m from the vent orifice[24]). In the central areas
where *R. leurokolos* occurs, however, environmental factors fluctuate frequently at the
seconds-minutes scale due to the vigorous mixing between hot vent fluid and cold
surrounding seawater, possibly masking any detectable tidal effects in terms of
temperature and chemistry. Considering the trade-off between tolerance and escape
response[26-28], perhaps an internal clock could help *R. leurokolos* respond to occasional
events[29] (e.g., temperature anomalies). Therefore, we hypothesised that *R. leurokolos*
could schedule its activities either by direct response to environmental changes or by an
endogenous clock.
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The 24-hour circadian rhythms are important for the temporal adaptations to the
day-night cycles in terrestrial and shallow-water animals. Although circadian patterns
are dominant in terrestrial animals, recent studies revealed robust ultradian rhythms
such as ~12-hour cycling gene expression[30-33]. These rhythms were found cell
autonomous, driven by a 12-hour pacemaker independent from the circadian clock. As
many homologous genes were found rhythmic with a period of ~12 hours both in
terrestrial and marine animals, a hypothesis was then proposed that the circatidal
rhythms in marine animals and ~12-hour rhythms in terrestrial animals are
evolutionarily conserved. However, for the shallow-water or terrestrial species, the
~12-hour rhythms are likely becoming indistinguishable under the mixture of the
~24-hour circadian rhythms[34]. It is better to examine the ~12-hour rhythms in a system
that is lacking of day-night cycles.
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Here, through a laboratory free-running experiment across 72 hours, we addressed the
biological rhythms of gene expression in the vent shrimp *R. leurokolos* and tested if it
can maintain rhythmicity under constant conditions. Our work reveals free-running
rhythms dominated by 12-hour tidal patterns in the transcriptome of *R. leurokolos*,
which are likely driven by an unidentified endogenous clock including but not limited to
circatidal components. The possible zeitgebers are constrained, excluding light,
temperature, and fluid chemistry. By comparing the tidal rhythms, we found that the
tidal rhythmicity is seemingly stronger in *R. leurokolos* than in *B. azoricus*, a mussel
living relatively distant from the vent. In addition, *R. leurokolos* shares many common
genes and biological processes in the tidal rhythms with the ~12-hour rhythms in sea

anemones, fruit flies, and mammals, suggesting the evolutionary conservation of
~12-hour gene expression across a broad range of phyla.
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Results and discussion

Transcriptome analysis of deep-sea vent shrimp *R. leurokolos*

We reanalysed a published long-term temperature measurement (Mean ± SD = 4.4 ±
0.1□) recorded at the periphery of the Iheya North vent field where bathymodioline
mussels typically occur[35], and found a steady semidiurnal tidal cycle with a periodicity of
12.4 hours (Fig. 1c). Despite that, the periodic cues might be weakened or disrupted near
the vent chimney where *R. leurokolos* shrimps inhabit. In fact, the temperature measured
in the *R. leurokolos* colony rapidly fluctuated between 7.63 to 17.74°C in approximately
2.5 minutes (Mean ± SD = 10.16 ± 1.71°C), and other environmental factors co-vary in
the same period[36] (Fig. 1d, Supplementary Data 1). The seconds-minutes scale
fluctuations likely mask any detectable periodic signals such as tidal cycles, making it
hard for *R. leurokolos* to predict the local environmental changes. Nevertheless,
reproduction in *Rimicaris* shrimps showed periodic patterns and was found unlinked to
seasonal variations in surface production[37], suggesting the presence of potential
temporal adaptations in the deep-sea organisms such as an endogenous biological clock.
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To study the potential endogenous rhythms in *R. leurokolos*, we carried out a
free-running experiment under constant conditions (totally darkness and 4□) across 72
hours and assembled a *de novo* transcriptome using a total of 57 shrimps sampled at
4-hour intervals. We worked on the whole cephalothorax due to the uncertainty of
localization of the central clock in crustaceans[38]. Although temporal gene expression
could vary in different tissues, the cephalothorax transcriptome supported us in
detecting rhythmicity within the overall gene expression. The reference *de novo*
transcriptome comprised 313,108 contigs with an N50 of 720 bases and contained
90,755 predicted open reading frames (ORFs), which showed 92% completeness
(S:83.8%, D:8.2%) with the BUSCO score. Candidate protein-coding transcripts with
low expression were filtered out, leaving 23,905 transcripts with a 60.4% annotation
rate for rhythmic analyses. A principal components analysis (PCA) of normalized gene
expression showed a rough trend from the start of sampling (0 hours) to the end (72 hours,
Supplementary Fig. 1a). Performing the Mann-Kendall trend test on the raw dataset, we
found that 10,273 transcripts (i.e., 42.97% of the transcriptome) had a significant
monotonic trend (*P*-value < 0.05). The trend was then removed using CEEMDAN[39] to
produce a steady baseline and enhance the strength of rhythm detection methods[40]

(Supplementary Fig. 1b). In the PCA results plotted using detrended gene expression, the
trend disappeared and sample points from different sampling times clustered together
(Fig. 1e), indicating a minimal external effect on the experiment as the shrimps were
seemingly experiencing the same conditions.

General biological rhythms in the temporal transcriptome of *R. leurokolos*
We first used the eigenvalue/pencil[30] and ECHO[41] algorithms to carry out unbiased
identification of any potential periodic oscillations in the gene expression of *R.*
leurokolos. The results uncovered similar rhythmicity that most cycling transcripts were
identified as ultradian rhythms, which oscillated in the tidal range of 10-14 hours, while
much fewer cycling transcripts oscillated in the daily range of 22-26 hours (Fig. 2a).
The eigenvalue/pencil algorithm was able to identify superimposed oscillations from
one cycling transcript. For cycling transcripts with multiple components composed of
tidal and daily oscillations, the amplitude of the tidal component is significantly larger
(Fig. 2b), suggesting a stronger rhythmicity. Despite the high sensitivity of detecting
weak ultradian rhythms, the eigenvalue/pencil method could have high positive false
rates[31]. To validate the results, we then detected cycling transcripts with two robust
nonparametric algorithms, RAIN[42] and empirical JTK_CYCLE[43] (eJTK). Searching for
cycling transcripts (FDR < 0.05) with periods in the range of 8-28 hours at regular
intervals of 4 hours, we found the number of rhythmic transcripts identified by RAIN
and eJTK both reached a peak at the 12-hour period that corresponded to a tidal cycle
(Supplementary Fig. 2a). Interestingly, ECHO shared many common cycling transcripts
with RAIN (60.8% of transcripts) and eJTK (65.8% of transcripts) but detected
numerous extra tidal transcripts, likely due to the inclusiveness of identifying different
harmonics of oscillating elements[44]. Combining the results of these three methods, we
identified a total of 8,122 rhythmic transcripts (33.98% of the transcriptome) in the tidal
range (Fig. 2c), versus 1,230 rhythmic transcripts (5.15% of the transcriptome) in the
daily range (Fig. 2d). The list of rhythmic transcripts is provided in Supplementary Data
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Notably, there was an overlap of 600 rhythmic transcripts between the tidal oscillated
group and the daily oscillated group (Supplementary Fig. 2b). Ostensibly, 24-hour daily
patterns could not only reflect circadian effects but also generate in parallel with mixed
semidiurnal tidal cycles (see Supplementary Fig. 2c), diurnal tidal cycles, and inertial
oscillations (about 26.4-hour period at the sampling latitude). Here, influences of the
latter two can be excluded according to the Lomb-Scargle periodogram analysis

performed before (Fig. 1c). Nearly 60% of the overlapped transcripts obtained lower
adjusted *P*-values when identified as tidal oscillations rather than daily oscillations,
reflecting higher statistical significance in the tidal component (Supplementary Fig. 2d).
Furthermore, we calculated the root mean square (RMS) amplitude of tidal and daily
components and the result showed that most transcripts had larger amplitude in tidal
oscillations, indicating the tidal cycles contribute more biologically relevant effects to
the overlapping rhythmic transcripts (Supplementary Fig. 2e). This was in line with the
comparison of RMS amplitude between rhythmic transcripts in the tidal and daily range
(Fig. 2e). Therefore, in the temporal transcriptome of *R. leurokolos*, the proportion of
rhythmic transcripts dominated by approximately 24-hour daily cycles is considerably
less than the value obtained statistically, and the former is likely close to the proportion
(2.6% of the transcriptome) reported in the previous study on deep-sea vent mussels[22].
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203 These results demonstrate sustainable endogenous rhythmic gene expression in *R.*
204 *leurokolos* under constant conditions. The temporal transcriptome is dominated by the
205 approximately 12-hour tidal rhythms, which greatly prevail over other oscillations with
206 different periods, especially the 24-hour daily transcripts that are likely unrelated to the
207 circadian rhythms.
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Patterns of tidal gene expression in *R. leurokolos*
To uncover the biological rhythms ticking in the deep, we then focused on the dominant
tidal rhythms in the temporal transcriptome of *R. leurokolos*. Our 72-hour duration of
sampling covered approximately six tidal cycles, allowing us to test the stability and
robustness of rhythmicity in the tidal gene expression[45]. To capture the amplitude
changes over time, we fitted the gene expression to an extended fixed-amplitude model
using ECHO[41] and categorized the results into different oscillation types based on the
value of the amplitude change coefficient (see Materials and methods for details). For
convenience of analysis, we concentrated on the tidal transcripts identified by the ECHO
algorithm (Benjamini-Hochberg corrected *P*-values < 0.05). The analysis revealed five
types of oscillation groups, of which two (overexpressed type and repressed type) were
considered arrhythmic due to the sharp increase or decrease in amplitude, respectively.
For the rest of the tidal rhythmic transcripts, the harmonic group with stable amplitudes
comprised 23.57% (n = 1,499 of 6,361) of transcripts and the forced group with
amplified amplitudes comprised 24.65% (n = 1,568 of 6,361) of transcripts, whereas
51.78% (n = 3,294 of 6,361) of transcripts with reduced amplitudes were included in the
damped group (Fig. 3a).

Although there was a significantly amplified or reduced amplitude in at least 75% of
tidal rhythmic transcripts, the period and phase of most tidal cycles were seemingly
fixed. Interestingly, the whole tidal transcriptome exhibited an antiphased expression
pattern with many transcripts reaching the peak at the same time. We then divided the
tidal transcriptome into two clusters by gene expression using K-Means clustering
(Supplementary Fig. 3a, b). Clusters 1 and 2 showed a generally antithetical gene
expression pattern over time, and the phases were almost complementary in the tidal
cycle (Fig. 3b, c). This bimodal expression pattern is widely observed in the circadian
rhythms of terrestrial organisms that experience transcriptional 'rush hours' preceding
dawn and dusk, which is considered to assist in making preparations for the impending
change in lighting[5, 6, 46]. Likewise, *R. leurokolos* could schedule its peak of tidal gene
expression around high tide and low tide to provide intrinsic fitness, as observed in
other marine organisms[47-49].

The rhythmicity of 3,837 transcripts in cluster 1 was relatively stable with almost
equivalent amounts of modest forced, harmonic, and damped oscillations, whereas the
2,524 transcripts in cluster 2 were nearly occupied by damped oscillations that
decreased obviously in amplitude, particularly during the second half of experiment
(Fig. 3c). Indeed, there was seemingly a strong correlation between trend directions and
oscillation types (Supplementary Fig. 3c). In other words, a tidal transcript with a
decreasing expression trend was more likely to have a reduced amplitude, and vice
versa. This likelihood was extremely high in cluster 2 where over 94% of tidal
transcripts with a downward trend were also damped. Since we isolated *R. leurokolos*
shrimps from the hydrothermal vent and cultivated them in the lab under constant
conditions for 72 hours, there were unsurprisingly considerable changes in the gene
expression over time corresponding to transcriptional responses to potential stresses
such as decompression. Therefore, the amplitude likely decreases as a byproduct of
declining gene expression levels, especially for most transcripts in cluster 2. Although
desynchronization between different tissues of *R. leurokolos* could lead to arrhythmic
gene expression in our free-running study, we still detected a considerable number of
rhythmic transcripts with highly synchronized expression, suggesting the effect of
desynchronization was likely not significant.

Wide range of biological processes related to tidal cycles in *R. leurokolos*
The tidal rhythmic transcripts could be categorized by gene expression, oscillation types,

and original trends, all of which included several subgroups that likely reflected similar
or different biological relevance. To search for potential biological functions modulated
by tidal rhythms, we performed functional enrichment analyses over the tidal
transcriptome based on these three classification schemes using clusterProfiler[50]. Gene
ontology (GO) and KEGG pathway analyses revealed that tidal rhythms generally
affected various biological processes such as DNA repair, regulation of transcription,
translation, transport, organelle organization, and citrate cycle (Fig 3d, Supplementary
Fig. 4). There was an expected high correlation between the biological functions of
classified subgroups. For example, terms enriched in cluster 2 were more or less the
same as those in the damped or downward subgroup. Notably, rhythmic processes
related to the nucleus such as chromatin organization, DNA biosynthetic process, and
transcription were uniquely enriched in cluster 1; whereas rhythmic processes supported
by the cytoplasm such as translation, protein folding, vesicle-mediated transport, and
oxidative phosphorylation were highly enriched in cluster 2. Thus, it is likely that *R.*
leurokolos shrimps can organize various rhythmic biological processes in terms of
spatial and temporal expression patterns to coordinate their internal physiology,
regardless of the presence of clear zeitgebers.
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In hydrothermal vents, particularly near the fluid orifice where *R. leurokolos* inhabits,
hot, anoxic fluids with abundant potentially toxic chemical substances (e.g., hydrogen
sulfide) mix dramatically with the cold surrounding seawater, resulting in an extreme
and variable environment. Vent organisms have evolved various adaptive strategies at
morphological, physiological, and biochemical levels[18]. We hypothesized that intrinsic
rhythms could help vent animals schedule their activities to cope with the harsh
environment, and as expected, we found many transcripts related to various cellular
stress response processes were tidally oscillated. These tidal oscillations include
sulfide:quinone oxidoreductase (SQR), 3-mercaptopyruvate sulfurtransferase (3-MST)
and sulfotransferases (SULTs) genes that play a key role in sulfur metabolism[51] (Fig.
4a), together with catalase (CAT), superoxide dismutase (SOD), glutathione
S-transferase (GST), glutathione peroxidase (GPx), and several enzymes from the
Cytochrome P450 family, which are involved in the reactive oxygen species (ROS)
homeostasis and cellular detoxification[52, 53] (Fig. 4b). In addition, tidal genes influence
other cellular processes such as heat and hypoxia response (Fig. 4c), including heat
shock proteins (HSPs), hypoxia up-regulated protein 1 (HYOU1), hypoxia-inducible
factor 1-alpha inhibitor (FIH-1), egl nine homolog 1 (EGLN1). Most of these transcripts
showed damped rhythmic expression over time under constant conditions, suggesting

that *in situ* environmental cues were necessary for the maintenance and synchronization of rhythmic processes related to stress responses. In contrast, most tidal genes involved in the innate immune response of decapods, such as cathepsin L, relish, akirin 2, prophenoloxidase-activating factor (PPAFs), and a homolog of *Rimicaris exculata* C-type lectin 1, showed steady or amplified expression over time[54, 55] (Fig. 4d). The results reveal broad tidal regulation of gene expression in the cellular response to various environmental stresses, suggesting an adaptive advantage for *R. leurokolos* living in harsh, fluctuating environments.

Mounting evidence suggests the presence of cross-talking between circadian clocks and the cell cycle[56, 57]. Here, we found the annotation of many tidal transcripts was related to the cell cycle. The transition between G1 and S is controlled and regulated by key genes involved in the checkpoint pathways, of which several were tidally oscillating in the transcriptome, including cyclin D2, tumor suppressor protein p53, c-Myc binding protein 2 (MYCBP2), retinoblastoma-like protein 1 (RBL1), transcription factor E2F2 and E2F5, TIMELESS-interaction protein (TIPIN), and E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase MDM2[56-59] (Supplementary Fig. 5a). In addition, major components of the RAD9-RAD1-HUS1 clamp complex that play pivotal roles in DNA repair oscillate in the tidal range[60] (Supplementary Fig. 5b). As crucial elements of the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC), genes such as mitotic arrest deficient 2 (MAD2), serine/threonine-protein kinase BUB1 and BUB3 that regulate chromosome separation were also found to be tidally cycling[61] (Supplementary Fig. 5c). Taken together, tidal rhythms appear to generally regulate the progression of the cell cycle in *R. leurokolos* to cope with DNA damage derived from periodic intrinsic and environmental stresses.

Possible molecular basis and zeitgebers of biological rhythms in *R. leurokolos*
We reveal broad rhythmic gene expression of *R. leurokolos* under constant conditions, and many of the oscillations show a high stability of rhythmicity over several cycles, indicating the possible presence of endogenous oscillators that govern the dominant tidal rhythms in *R. leurokolos*. Based on circatidal locomotor and gene expression rhythms observed in various coastal and marine animals, two much-debated major hypotheses have been proposed to explain the molecular mechanisms underlying circatidal rhythms[62]. Generally, the circatidal rhythms could rely on either (a) an independent circatidal oscillator (a unimodal 12.4-hour clock[63] or two coupled unimodal antiphase 24.8-hour clocks[64]) that are not associated with the circadian clock or (b) a single bimodal clock that could transform rhythms between circatidal and circadian

patterns depending on the dominant zeitgeber[65].

We searched for and identified *R. leurokolos* homologs of the canonical circadian clock
genes that form the molecular oscillator in the fruitfly *Drosophila melanogaster*,
including Clock, Period (PER), Timeless (TIM), Cryptochrome (CRY), Clockwork
orange (CWO), Double-time (DBT, also known as casein kinase 1ε), Vrille (VRI), and
PDP1ε[7] (Supplementary Fig. 6a-d, Supplementary Data 3). These well-conserved core
clock components form a negative feedback loop containing transcriptional repressors
Period and Timeless and transcriptional activators Clock and Bmal/Cycle. However, no
Bmal/Cycle transcript was identified in *R. leurokolos* and the Clock transcript exhibited
extremely low expression that rendered it unfeasible for rhythm analysis. Indeed, all *R.*
leurokolos clock gene homologs lacked obvious 24-hour rhythmicity (Fig. 5a-g).
Although there was a possibility that some clock genes oscillated in certain tissues, and
were detected as disorganized because of the desynchronization of expression from
multiple tissues, we found a relatively low number of 24-hour oscillated transcripts in
the temporal transcriptome of *R. leurokolos*. This may provide intrinsic fitness for these
hydrothermal vent shrimps that are likely completely isolated from the surface as
adults[37]. Moreover, most clock genes showed a lack of rhythmicity in the tidal range as
well. Although the transcriptional repressor Period and Double-time, a kinase that
phosphorylates the period protein[66], were statistically oscillated in the tidal range, the
Period transcript showed an opposite expression with the Timeless transcript in the
second half of the free-running experiment (Fig. 5a, b), which was abnormal for the
circadian clock regulated by the TTFL mechanism. Since a robust endogenous clock is
required to be free-running with a self-sustained period for maintaining the rhythmicity
of tidal oscillations in *R. leurokolos*, we hypothesize that there is a circatidal clock with
at least part of independent molecular components from the circadian clocks. Separate
circadian and circatidal clocks were also reported in the intertidal isopod *Eurydice*
pulchra[67] and mangrove cricket *Apteronemobius asahinai*[68]. Nevertheless, the core
clock genes still encode functional proteins with conserved domains (Supplementary
Fig. 6e), and we cannot exclude the possibility that some core circadian clock genes are
necessary for tidal rhythms[69, 70], even though they lose free-running transcription
rhythmicity. These circadian clock genes may also be useful during the larval dispersal
stage of the shrimp, which may take place in the photic zone[71].

Although *R. leurokolos* shrimps likely generate tidal rhythms using an endogenous
circatidal clock, it is still difficult to understand and test how they synchronized their

intrinsic rhythms given the highly variable environmental factors in their habitat.
Temperature is likely not an appropriate zeitgeber due to the dramatic fluctuation with
frequency at the seconds-minutes scale, which tends to disturb the entrainment cycles.
Moreover, the molecular heat stress response was observed to be rarely mobilized in the
natural populations of alvinocaridid shrimps[28]. They choose to live in the thermal
preferendum (10 to 25°C) most of the time and at the molecular level, are likely not
sensitive to natural temperature changes[26]. As a phenotypic adaptation to the dark deep
ocean, *Rimicaris* shrimps evolved a 'dorsal eye' instead of the externally differentiated
eye[72]. Despite the lack of image-forming optics, this specialized organ is thought to be
capable of detecting extremely dim light from the vent[73]. We then searched for
phototransduction genes in *R. leurokolos*, including two main protein families, opsins
and cryptochromes. We found a lack of light receptive-type cryptochrome transcript in
R. leurokolos, but one transcript of transcriptional repressor-type cryptochrome
involved in the regulation of the circadian clock showed a disordered expression (Fig.
5c). For opsins, three transcripts were identified, including two middle
wavelength-sensitive (MWS) opsins and one long wavelength-sensitive (LWS) opsin
(Supplementary Fig. 7). All three opsin transcripts were statistically arrhythmic, and
quantitative PCR (qPCR) was performed to validate the results (Fig. 5h-k). Therefore,
potential light sources at vents, including thermal radiation from the chimney and
possible non-thermal emission mechanisms[74], are more likely to serve as a constant
direction indicator to locate chimneys and therefore vent fluid, rather than acting as a
principal zeitgeber for *R. leurokolos*. Given temperature and chemistry fluctuate
dynamically, we suggest that food source[75, 76], pressure[77, 78], or even soundscape cues
from the surface[79, 80] could be potentially useful zeitgebers for the deep-sea
hydrothermal vent shrimp *R. leurokolos*.
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Rhythmicity comparison of two vent species living in different microenvironments
A previous study on the Atlantic deep-sea hydrothermal vent mussel *Bathymodiolus*
azoricus revealed *in situ* biological rhythms predominated by tidal gene expression[22],
and here we report dominant free-running tidal rhythms in another vent species, *R.*
leurokolos. Despite the different geographic localities of the two species, they both
show similar biological rhythm patterns and exhibit robust rhythms related to the
responses to environmental stresses such as DNA damage, and thermal, immune, and
oxidative stress, suggesting a generally temporal adaptation to the harsh deep-sea
hydrothermal environments. From an ecological perspective, the plasticity of biological
systems permits organisms to adjust their rhythms to cope with different environmental

stresses[81]. For example, in the intertidal zone, high-shore animals exhibited more
pronounced behavioral and transcriptional oscillations than the low-shore ones[47, 82]. In
hydrothermal vents, local geochemical environments are important factors determining
the micro-distribution of faunal assemblages, promoting vent organisms to evolve
different adaptation strategies[83]. A long-term *in situ* monitoring revealed high stability
in a *B. azoricus* mussel assemblage, and the temperature fluctuated mildly in both larger
mussels (Mean ± SD = 6.2 ± 1.5□) and smaller mussels[83] (5.0 ± 0.1□). However, *R.*
leurokolos lives near the vent chimney, where the hot plume and cold surrounding
seawater mix spontaneously, and the temperature fluctuates more dynamically at the
seconds-minutes scale (Mean ± SD = 10.16 ± 1.71°C). Therefore, these two vent
organisms likely evolved different strategies in biological rhythms to cope with their
microenvironment variations.

To minimize the influence of rhythm analysis, we applied our transcriptome analysis
and rhythm detection pipeline to the published *in situ* gene expression dataset of vent
mussel *B. azoricus*[22]. Our analysis generated a total of 31,813 transcripts for rhythm
detection analysis, which was near the number of contigs assembled in the published
study (n = 34,196). As expected, rhythmic oscillations in the tidal range predominated
the *in situ* temporal transcriptome of *B. azoricus*. Compared to *R. leurokolos*, however,
the proportion of tidal transcripts in the transcriptome was lower in *B. azoricus*
regardless of the detection algorithm used (Supplementary Fig. 8a, b). Indeed,
considering that rhythmic gene expression was organ-specific[5], the result was disputable
as we detected overall rhythmicity within mixed tissues of *R. leurokolos*, whereas the
study on *B. azoricus* only worked on gills. We further examined and compared the
strength of tidal rhythms in the two species by calculating the rhythmicity index (RI)
using the autocorrelation analysis, and the results suggested the general rhythmicity of
tidal gene expression was greater in *R. leurokolos* (Supplementary Fig. 8c). This is
unexpected since it should be easier for *B. azoricus*, living in a relatively distant area
from the vent orifice with stable diffuse flow, to detect environmental factors influenced
by tidal cycles. A possible explanation is that *R. leurokolos* needs to depend on a strong
pacemaker to predict environmental fluctuations and prepare for transcriptional
regulation, whereas *B. azoricus* could schedule the transcription by either relying on an
endogenous clock or responding directly to the tidal-modulated environmental cues[22].

To our best knowledge, organisms living in unpredictable and changeable environments
tend to evolve weak rhythmicity for intrinsic fitness. For example, the plateau pika

Ochotona curzoniae inhabiting the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, an extreme area with drastic

daily weather changes, shows extremely weak behavioral and psychological rhythms as

the result of disrupted endogenous circadian clocks[84]. Why *R. leurokolos* inhabiting a

more dynamic environment shows more robust rhythmicity compared to *B. azoricus* is

an intriguing topic warranting future studies, although this could also be related to

intrinsic differences between mussels and shrimps, as well as the influence of

chemosymbiosis on the host[85].

The potential evolutionary conservation between marine tidal rhythms and

terrestrial 12-hour rhythms

We show that the deep-sea vent shrimp *R. leurokolos* exhibits robust endogenous

rhythms related to tidal effects instead of daily cycles, making it a useful model for

testing the hypothesis that marine tidal rhythms and 12-hour rhythms of terrestrial

animals share conserved features. To investigate this, we compared the tidal gene

expression of *R. leurokolos* with published ~12-hour rhythms in the BMAL1 knockout

mouse liver[30] and *Drosophila* S2 cells[32], two systems without canonical circadian clock

gene expressions.   A total of 406 single-copy orthologous genes were identified as

showing ~12-hour rhythms in these three species. The vent shrimp *Rimicaris* shared

more genes with the fruit fly *Drosophila* compared with the mouse *Mus* (54 genes vs 36

genes), suggesting a phylogenetic relationship. We also found 21 genes with a period of

~12-hour rhythms in all three species (Fig. 6a). These genes were enriched in the

processes of DNA replication, regulation of transcription, ribosome biogenesis, protein

folding, and trans-Golgi network, which are also highly enriched in the ~12-hour

rhythms of human beings[33] (Fig. 6b). The heat shock protein 70 cochaperone DNAJA1,

which were also reported in 12-hour rhythms of mammals[33] and tidal rhythms of the sea

anemone *Aiptasia diaphana*[85], also showed a robust free-running tidal rhythm in *R.*

leurokolos (Fig. 4b). These results support the evolutionary conservation of ~12-hour

gene expression related to the processes of central dogma information flow in both

terrestrial and marine animals across a broad range of phyla, indicating the ~12-hour

rhythms in animals overall likely initially evolved for adjusting to the tidal cycle.

Conclusion

In this study, our analyses provide evidence for endogenous biological rhythms in the

deep-sea hydrothermal vent shrimps *Rimicaris leurokolos* through a 72-hour

free-running experiment and constrain the possible zeitgeber for biological clocks

ticking in the deep, shedding light on biological rhythms in the light-absent biosphere

(Fig. 7). We propose that rhythms with a period of 24 hours driven by the conventional
circadian clock largely decrease or even disappear in adult deep-sea hydrothermal vent
fauna. Instead, rhythmic gene expression coordinated with approximately 12-hour tidal
cycles, which are likely controlled by an independent circatidal clock, evolved as a
temporal adaptation to the environmental fluctuations in hydrothermal ecosystems.
Independent of solar energy but being influenced by tidal cycles, organisms in the deep
sea may be powerful models for chronobiologists to decipher the evolution and
molecular mechanisms of circatidal clocks and ~12-hour rhythms, important across a
wide range of living organisms.

Materials and methods

Environmental temperature monitoring

The local fluctuations in the temperature of a *Rimicaris leurokolos* colony on the NBC
chimney (126°53.80'E, 27°47.45'N; 982 m deep) of the Original Site, Iheya North vent
field were measured using a RINKO dissolved oxygen and temperature sensor (JFE
Advantech Co., Ltd.) during dive #1610 of the remotely operated vehicle (ROV)
Hyper-Dolphin on-board R/V *KAIYO* cruise KY14-01 for 162 seconds, and data were
recorded every second. Published temperature data in a peripheral area of the original site,
Iheya North vent field far away from active chimneys, which were recorded continuously
every 10 min from the 4th of September 2010 to the 20th of August 2011, were
re-analyzed[35]. We used the Lomb-Scargle periodogram to detect periodicity in the
temperature time series. The raw data of environmental records are provided as
Supplementary Data 1.

Sampling procedure and experiment design

A total of 184 adult individuals of *Rimicaris leurokolos* were collected by a suction
sampler from the top of the NBC chimney at the Original Site, Iheya North hydrothermal
field (126°53.80'E, 27°47.45'N; 982 m depth) during dive #1613 of ROV *Hyper-Dolphin*
on-board R/V *KAIYO* in the cruise KY14-01. Once on-board the ship, 154 live shrimps
were immediately transferred into a lightproof seawater container in a dark cold room
set to 4°C for the subsequent free-running experiment. After 2.5 hours, five *R.*
leurokolos individuals were collected by a meshed scoop, dissected, and fixed every 4
hours for a total duration of 72 hours. The cephalothorax and abdominal segments of each
individual were preserved in RNAlater (Invitrogen), kept at 4°C overnight, and then
stored at -80°C until RNA extraction. During the sampling, we did not provide any food
source as the previous laboratory study on behaviors of vent shrimps revealed that the
introduction of food largely increased the activities of these shrimps[76]. As a possible

zeitgeber[86], an external food source gives an opportunity for shrimps to synchronize
their activities and even gene expression at a certain time, which should be avoided in
the free-running experiment. Despite that, *R. leurokolos* may feed on bacteria attached
to other individuals. We did not find any dead shrimp during the free-running
experiment, which might reflect the health conditions of *R. leurokolos*.

RNA extraction and sequencing
Total RNA was extracted using TRIzol reagent (ThermoFisher) following the
manufacturer's protocol. The quality of RNA was examined by 1% agarose gel
electrophoresis. The mRNA from each shrimp cephalothorax was enriched by Oligo-dT
probes and further reverse transcribed to first-strand cDNA for library construction. All
cDNA libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform with 150 bp
paired-end mode.

De novo **transcriptome assembly**
A total of 57 RNA-Seq samples were generated from *R. leurokolos* during 72 hours of
sampling at 4-hour intervals with three replicates per time point. Raw reads were firstly
trimmed using Trimmomatic version 0.39[87] (set parameters: LEADING:10
TRAILING:10 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:15 MINLEN:50) in the paired-end mode, and
then potentially associated bacteria contamination reads were removed with Kraken2
version 2.0.8-beta[88]. In the absence of an available genome reference of *R. leurokolos*, *de*
novo assembly was performed with Trinity version 2.11.0[89] (set jaccard clip option). The
transcripts with the highest expressed isoforms were kept. Salmon version 1.4.0[90] was
used to quantify the expression of each assembled transcript. Benchmarking Universal
Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) version 5.0.0[91] was employed to evaluate the
transcriptome completeness against the "metazoa_odb10" ortholog database.

Gene quantification and annotation
The Trimmed Means of M values (TMM) cross-sample normalization method[92] was
applied to remove the sequencing variations and potential "batch effects" among samples
using the abundance_estimates_to_matrix.pl script in the Trinity toolkit. The coding
sequences were translated into proteins using TransDecoder version 5.5.0
(https://github.com/TransDecoder/TransDecoder) and only the single best open reading
frame (ORF) was retained for each transcript. In addition, lowly expressed transcripts
with 0 counts in at least 38 samples (i.e. two-thirds of all 57 samples) were filtered out,
leaving 23,905 transcripts for subsequent analyses. The predicted proteins were

annotated by searching the candidate protein sequences against the NCBI non-redundant
(NR) database using BLASTP with DIAMOND version 2.0.13[93] with ultra-sensitive
mode and E-value threshold of 1×10^{-5}, the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
(KEGG) database via KEGG Automatic Annotation Server (KAAS), and the Gene
Ontology (GO) via BLAST2GO version 6.0[94]. The gene enrichment analyses were
performed with ClusterProfiler version 4.2.2[50].

Gene expression analyses
The principle components analysis (PCA) was performed using the plotPCA function in
R package DESeq2 version 1.34.0[95]. Permutational multivariate analysis of variance
(PERMANOVA) and analysis of similarities (ANOSIM) were applied to test the
statistical significance of the PCA results. The potential monotonic trends in the raw gene
expression of all transcripts were determined with the Mann-Kendall trend test, and we
pinpointed two overall clusters of transcripts that had either an upward trend (S score > 0
and P-value < 0.05) or a downward trend (S score < 0 and P-value < 0.05). To remove the
trend and produce a steady baseline for subsequent rhythm analyses, we used
CEEMDAN[39], an adaptive decomposition method designed for non-stationary and
non-linear time series signals. The ceemdan detrend was performed with the R package
Rlibeemd[96] (set parameters: num_imfs = 0; noise_strength = 0.4; S_number = 0;
num_siftings = 50; ensemble_size = 250).

Rhythm detection analyses
Without benchmarking approaches for genome-scale analyses of biological rhythms[97, 98],
we implemented the rhythmic analyses exploratorily under the considerations as follows:
(a) choose the appropriate rhythm detection algorithms; (b) generate an overview of
rhythmicity in our gene expression dataset using unbiased methods that can detect a wide
range of periods; (c) detect the rhythmicity for each transcript using specialized methods
with certain periods.

For *R. leurokolos*, we knew nothing about its biological rhythm, and no golden-standard
circadian or non-circadian genes were available for evaluating the detection power (such
as AUC values and ROC curves) of different algorithms[99, 100]. Thus, we assessed various
rhythm detection methods based on our experiment design (for details see Supplementary
Table 1). Overall, we chose four rhythm detection algorithms in this study, the
mathematic method eigenvalue/pencil[30] (carried out with customized scripts), the
Extended Circadian Harmonic Oscillator application[41] (ECHO), and two non-parametric

statistical methods RAIN[42] and empirical JTK_CYCLE[43] (eJTK), which were designed
to detect asymmetric waveforms. For eigenvalue/pencil and ECHO, rhythmic transcripts
with the periodicity of 10-14 hours and 22-26 hours were considered as tidal and daily
oscillated[48]. Oscillations with the largest amplitude in one transcript for eigenvalue/pencil
were considered the dominant oscillation[31]. For RAIN and eJTK, rhythmic transcripts
with a period of 12 hours and 24 hours were considered tidal and daily cycling.
Multiple-testing was carried out to adjust *P*-values using the Benjamini-Hochberg
method for RAIN and ECHO, and an empirical method based on the gamma distribution
for combining dependent *P*-values for eJTK. Transcripts with an FDR ≤ 0.05 were
considered statistically rhythmic. The root mean square (RMS) amplitude and
Rhythmicity Index (RI) of rhythmic transcripts were calculated by LimoRhyde2[101] and
autocorrelation analysis, respectively. Significance of amplitude and detected *P*-values
between tidal and daily oscillations was examined with the unpaired Student's *t*-test,
while the paired Student's *t*-test was conducted on the tidal and daily components of
rhythmic transcripts. We also used ECHO to fit data with an extended fixed amplitude
model and categorize the oscillation type using amplitude change coefficient (γ) as forced
($-0.15 < \gamma < -0.03$; amplified amplitude), harmonic ($-0.03 \leq \gamma \leq 0.03$; steady amplitude),
damped ($0.03 < \gamma < 0.15$; reduced amplitude), overexpressed ($\gamma \leq -0.15$), and repressed ($\gamma >$
0.15), of which the latter two are considered arrhythmic[41]. The significance of overlaps
between rhythmic transcripts with different original trends and oscillation types was
examined using Fisher's exact test (Supplementary Table 2). The results of rhythm
detection analyses are listed in Supplementary Data 2.
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For the clustering of tidal transcripts presented in Fig. 3, we assessed four different
clustering methods with different numbers of clusters by validation measures using the R
package clVaild version 0.7[102] and found the kmeans method with two clusters was
estimated to be the most optimal one. Heatmaps were drawn with ComplexHeatmap
version 2.10.0[103] on Z-score normalized expression. All analyses and plots were
performed in R version 4.1.1, except for eJTK which was performed with Python version
2.7.
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Identification of putative circadian clock genes
We searched for putative circadian clock genes in our *de novo* assembled transcriptome
using the proteic Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLASTP) carried out by
DIAMOND with a series of known core clock and clock-associated genes as queries
(Supplementary Data 3). For candidate circadian clock transcripts, sequences were

scanned against the coding regions and conserved functional domains using the
InterProScan tools[104]. To determine the sequence homology of candidate transcripts, we
further conducted the phylogenetic analysis. The amino acid sequences were first
aligned using MAFFT version 7.490[105] and then trimmed using trimAl version 1.4.1
with the '-automated1' option[106]. The maximum-likelihood trees were then constructed
using the IQ-Tree version 2.1.3[107] with the ultrafast bootstrap approximation (UFBoot)
and ModelFinder for examining the best-fit model. Overall, we reconstructed four
phylogenetic trees by using the Q.insect+Γ4 model for the Clock and Bmal/Cycle tree,
the Q.insect+I+Γ4 model for the Period tree and the Timeless/Timeout tree, and the
LG+R4 model for the Photolyase/Cryptochrome tree. In the identified circadian clock
genes, the Clock transcript exhibited extremely low expression and was thus excluded
from the rhythm detection. Visualization of all phylogenetic trees was performed with
ggtree version 3.8.2[108].

Quantitative PCR (qPCR) and phylogenetic analysis of opsin genes
To validate the gene expression levels deduced in the sequencing-based transcriptome
analysis, we also performed qPCR analysis on one target gene (*opsin*) and one gene
(*tubulin*) that serves as the internal standard in qPCR. In brief, the extracted RNA was
treated with DNAse I (Invitrogen), and sequentially reverse-transcribed into
single-strand cDNA by using the high-capacity cDNA reverse transcription kit (Applied
Biosystems). QPCR was performed on A LightCycler 480 instrument II (Roche), and
the relative gene expression level was analyzed based on the $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ method.

The primer sequences for qPCR analysis are listed below:
>Tubulin_F
AACACGGCATTGAACCAACC
>Tubulin_R
CTATCCATTGTCCCCGGCTC
>Opsin_F
GCATCCTCGACTCCTGTAGC
>Opsin_R
CACGCATGGCTTTTTCGTGA

As it was unclear about the maximum absorption of identified opsin genes, a
phylogenetic analysis was used to show the genealogy of the opsins of *R. leurokolos*
together with other arthropod opsins. We collected a total of 94 opsin sequences from

arthropods (including crustaceans, chelicerates, and insects), together with 5 vertebrate
opsin clade sequences as an outgroup (Supplementary Data 4). The phylogenetic
analysis was performed with the same procedure in the identification of candidate
circadian clock genes. The maximum-likelihood phylogeny was finally built using
IQ-Tree with 1000 replicates of the ultrafast bootstrap and LG+F+Γ5 model as the
suggested best-fit model[107].

Conserved rhythmic orthologs analysis
The 12-hour rhythmic gene expression data of mouse liver and *Drosophila* S2 cell used
in this study were published previously[30, 32]. Together with the *de novo* transcriptome of
R. leurokolos assembled in this study, the protein sequences from mouse genome
assembly GCF_000001635 and fruit fly genome assembly GCF_000001215 were used
to construct orthogroups using Orthofinder version 2.5.4[109] with default settings. The
conserved rhythmic analysis was performed with the single-copy orthologous genes
(Supplementary Data 5). Gene enrichment analysis and pathway network enrichment
analysis of conserved single-copy orthologous genes are performed with clusterProfiler
version 4.2.2 and aPEAR version 1.0.0[110], respectively.

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Figure Legends

Fig 1. Deep-sea chronobiology study on the hydrothermal vent shrimp *Rimicaris leurokolos*. a *R. leurokolos* shrimps (in the green circle) live in the central zone where hydrothermal fluids mix with cold surrounding seawater spontaneously. **b** This work was performed with the *R. leurokolos* colony from the top of the active NBC mound at the Iheya North vent field, Okinawa Trough (126°53.80'E, 27°47.45'N; 982 m depth). **c** Time series of published temperature data covering 351 days recorded at the peripheral area of our sampling site. Lomb-Scargle (LS) periodogram analysis reveals a strong semidiurnal tidal cycle dominated by the M2 tidal constituent, the possible 26.4-hour inertial oscillation is extremely weak. **d** Time series of *in situ* temperature and dissolved oxygen records during 162 seconds when the sensor was placed in the *R. leurokolos* colony showing frequent environmental fluctuations with high variability. **e** Principal components analysis (PCA) plot showing the detrended transcriptomic data from the free-running experiment samples (n = 57). Significance of inter-group differences was examined by the PERMANOVA (*P*-value = 0.376) and ANOSIM (*P*-value = 0.958) analysis both on Bray-Curtis dissimilarities.

Fig 2. The *R. leurokolos* temporal transcriptome was dominated by tidal oscillations under constant conditions. a Distribution of the periods of oscillations identified by the eigenvalue/pencil method and the ECHO application. Oscillations with a period range of 10-14 hours and 22-26 hours are regarded as tidal and daily cycling, respectively. **b** Paired *t*-test plot of amplitude for the rhythmic transcripts with both tidal and daily components. **c, d** Venn diagrams detailing the number of rhythmic transcripts (FDR < 0.05) identified by ECHO, RAIN, and eJTK in the tidal range (**c**) and daily range (**d**). **e** Raincloud plot of the root mean square (RMS) amplitude for 12-hour tidal transcripts and 24-hour daily transcripts. The stars indicated the level of significance: **** *P*-value < 0.0001.

Fig 3. Free-running tidal transcriptomic patterns of *R. leurokolos*. a Density distribution based on amplitude change coefficient (γ) of tidal transcripts detected by ECHO. Oscillation types are categorized as forced (-0.15 < γ < -0.03; amplified amplitude), harmonic (-0.03 ≤ γ ≤ 0.03; steady amplitude), damped (0.03 < γ < 0.15; reduced amplitude), overexpressed (γ ≤ -0.15), and repressed (γ > 0.15), and the latter two are considered arrhythmic. **b** Rose chart showing phase distribution comparison of tidal transcripts in cluster 1 and cluster 2. For each oscillation, the phase is divided by period length and then times 360 (degrees) to normalize phases of transcripts with

different period lengths. **c** Heatmap showing highly synchronized gene expression of
tidal transcripts (ECHO FDR < 0.05). Each row represents a transcript with three
individuals per time point. Transcripts are clustered and ordered by phases, oscillation
type, and monotonic trend. Expression of each gene is Z-score normalized. **d** Bubble
diagram showing significantly enriched gene ontology (GO) terms related to biological
processes of tidal subgroups categorized by three classification schemes (from left to
right: cluster, oscillation type, trend). Cross symbols represent a lack of enriched terms
in the corresponding subgroup.
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Fig 4. Expression profiles of examples of tidal transcripts of interest. The listed tidal
genes are potentially involved in various cellular stress response processes, including **a**
sulfur metabolism, **b** response to heat or hypoxia, **c** antioxidation and detoxification,
and **d** innate immune response. Data points are displayed as mean values ± SEM (n = 3
biological replicates per time point). Normalized expression curves are fitted via the
generalized additive model (GAM). Minimum *P*-values of each tidal transcript
identified by RAIN, eJTK, and ECHO are presented in the plot.
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Fig 5. Expression profiles of core circadian clock genes and opsin genes. a-g
Temporal expression of *R. leurokolos* homologs of candidate circadian clock genes for
(**a**) PER, (**b**) TIM, (**c**) CRY2, (**d**) CWO, (**e**) DBT, (**f**) VRI, (**g**) PDP1ε. **h-j** Temporal
expression of three identified opsin genes, including (H) one long-wavelength-sensitive
(LWS) opsin and (**i, j**) two middle-wavelength-sensitive (MWS) opsins. (**k**) Opsin
expression profile validated by quantitative PCR (qPCR). For RNA-Seq data, data
points are displayed as mean values ± SEM (n = 3 biological replicates per time point).
For qPCR data, normalized expression curves are fitted via the generalized additive
model (GAM). Minimum *P*-values of results from tidal or daily detection of each
transcript are presented in the plot. Significant levels of oscillations are indicated with
stars: * FDR < 0.05.
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1056 **Fig 6. Homologous genes with a period of 12-hour rhythms between *R. leurokolos*,**
1057 ***Mus musculus*, and *Drosophila melanogaster*. a** Venn diagram showing the
1058 comparison of ~12-hour rhythms of single-copy orthologous genes between three
1059 species. **b** Pathway enrichment network showing biological functions of 21 conserved
1060 ~12-hour genes in three species.
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Fig 7. A new perspective of biological rhythms in the dark biosphere. Terrestrial

and shallow-water organisms largely rely on circadian clocks for anticipating periodic
environmental changes such as the day-night transition. Terrestrial organisms such as
human beings exhibit robust ~24-hour rhythms driven by the circadian clock. The
intertidal mussel *Mytilus californianus* shows both circatidal and circadian rhythms,
while the latter is the dominant one. The copepod *Calanus finmarchicus* also shows
behavioral rhythms in diel vertical migration (DVM). However, a different scenario can
be found in the dark biosphere. Living away from direct sunlight, subterranean mole
rats scarcely depend on circadian rhythms for survival, and the endogenous circadian
system is understood to be in the process of regression, even though still present. In this
work, we found that in addition to the vent mussel *B. azoricus*, the vent shrimp *R.*
leurokolos shows endogenous 12-hour rhythms in gene expression, as well as relatively
weak 24-hour rhythms that are likely unrelated to the circadian clock, likely reflecting
important effects of tidal cycles on deep-sea vent organisms.

a Sulfur metabolism

3-MST — ECHO P = 0.048
SQR — ECHO P = 0.045
SULT1B1 — ECHO P = 0.034

b Response to heat or hypoxia

DNAJA1 — ECHO P = 0.038
EGLN1 — ECHO P = 0.029
HSP90 — ECHO P = 0.03

c Antioxidation and detoxification

CAT — ECHO P = 0.038
CYP2L1 — eJTK P = 0.022
GPX — ECHO P = 0.028
GSTM2 — RAIN P = 0.04
GSTZ1 — ECHO P = 0.01
SOD — ECHO P = 0.011

d Innate immune response

Akirin 2 — RAIN P = 0.015
ANKRD17 — ECHO P = 0.029
C-type lectin 1 — ECHO P = 0.008
Cathepsin L — ECHO P = 0.014
Crustin 1 — eJTK P = 0.021
PPAF — RAIN P = 0.011

Normalized Expression vs Time (hours)

Oscillation Type — Forced · Harmonic · Damped