

A Genetic Program Mediates Cold-warming Response and Promotes Stress-induced Phenoptosis in *C. elegans*

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1 **Abstract**

2 **How multicellular organisms respond to and are impacted by severe hypothermic**
3 **stress is largely unknown. From *C. elegans* screens for mutants abnormally**
4 **responding to cold-warming stimuli, we identify a molecular genetic pathway**
5 **comprising ISY-1, a conserved uncharacterized protein, and ZIP-10, a bZIP-type**
6 **transcription factor. ISY-1 gatekeeps the ZIP-10 transcriptional program by**
7 **regulating the microRNA *mir-60*. Downstream of ISY-1 and *mir-60*, *zip-10* levels**
8 **rapidly and specifically increase upon transient cold-warming response.**
9 **Prolonged *zip-10* up-regulation induces several protease-encoding genes and**
10 **promotes stress-induced organismic death, or phenoptosis, of *C. elegans*. *zip-10***
11 **deficiency confers enhanced resistance to prolonged cold-warming stress, more**
12 **prominently in adults than larvae. We conclude that the ZIP-10 genetic program**
13 **mediates cold-warming response and may have evolved to promote wild-**
14 **population kin selection under resource-limiting and thermal stress conditions.**

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16 **Introduction**

17 Temperature shifts pervasively affect numerous biological processes in all
18 organisms. Heat shock stimuli activate expression of many heat-shock inducible genes
19 through the sigma-32 factor and the evolutionarily conserved transcription factor HSF
20 (Heat Shock Factor) in bacteria and eukaryotes, respectively (Gomez-Pastor et al.,
21 2017; Yura et al., 1993). Coordinated expression of heat shock-induced chaperone
22 proteins facilitates cellular proteostasis and adaptation to temperature upshift (Mahat et

23 al., 2016; Solís et al., 2016). In contrast to heat shock response, how organisms
24 respond to cold shock is still largely unknown (Al-Fageeh and Smales, 2006; Choi et al.,
25 2012; Yenari and Han, 2012; Zhu, 2016). Although extensive RNA expression profiling
26 studies have identified many protein-coding genes and non-coding RNAs that are
27 regulated by cold shock via both transcriptional and post-transcriptional mechanisms
28 (Al-Fageeh and Smales, 2006; Giuliadori et al., 2010; Kandror et al., 2004; Zhou et al.,
29 2017), master regulators of cold shock response and cold-regulated genes
30 (counterparts of HSF) have long been elusive and mechanisms of cold shock response
31 in multicellular organisms remain poorly characterized.

32 At the organismic level, warm-blooded mammals normally keep body
33 temperature at about 37°C and initiate multiple homeostatic mechanisms to maintain
34 body temperature upon exposure to hypothermia (Bautista, 2015; Morrison, 2016;
35 Tansey and Johnson, 2015; Vriens et al., 2014). In humans, therapeutic hypothermia
36 (32-34°C) has been widely used to treat ischemic disorders and proposed to activate
37 multifaceted cellular programs to protect against ischemic damages (Choi et al., 2012;
38 Polderman, 2009; Yenari and Han, 2012). By contrast, cold-blooded animals including
39 most invertebrates experience varying body temperature depending on the
40 environment, but can nonetheless elicit stereotypic behavioral, physiological and
41 transcriptional response to chronic hypothermia or transient cold shock (Al-Fageeh and
42 Smales, 2006; Garrity et al., 2010). Like many other types of stress, prolonged severe
43 hypothermia can lead to the death of organisms, in most cases likely because of failure
44 in adapting to the stress, or alternatively through stress-induced phenoptosis, namely
45 genetically programmed organismic death (Longo et al., 2005; Skulachev, 1999, 2002).

46 Although phenoptosis has been phenotypically documented in many cases, its
47 evolutionary significance and genetic mechanisms remain unclear and debated (Longo
48 et al., 2005; Sapolsky, 2004).

49 We previously discovered a *C. elegans* genetic pathway that maintains cell
50 membrane fluidity by regulating lipid desaturation in response to moderate hypothermia
51 (10-15°C) (Fan and Evans, 2015; Ma et al., 2015). Expression of the gene *fat-7*, which
52 encodes a lipid desaturase, is transcriptionally induced by 10-15°C but not by more
53 severe hypothermia (i.e. cold shock at 0-4°C), which impairs *C. elegans* reproduction
54 and growth, and elicits distinct physiological and behavioral responses (Garrity et al.,
55 2010; Lyons et al., 1975; Ma et al., 2015; Murray et al., 2007). However, as severe
56 hypothermia arrests most of cell biological processes, strong transcriptional responses
57 to cold shock e.g. 0-4°C likely only manifest during the organismic recovery to normal
58 ambient temperature. We thus hypothesize that a genetic pathway differing from that
59 operating under moderate hypothermia exposure controls the transcriptional response
60 to severe hypothermia/cold shock followed by warming in *C. elegans*.

61 In this work, we performed transcriptome profiling to first identify genes that are
62 regulated by exposure to cold shock followed by recovery at normal temperature. We
63 then used GFP-based transcriptional reporters in large-scale forward genetic screens to
64 identify a genetic pathway consisting of *isy-1* and *zip-10*, the latter of which responds to
65 cold-warming (CW) and mediates transcriptional responses to CW. Unexpectedly, we
66 found strong *zip-10* induction promotes organismal death while deficiency of *zip-10*
67 confers resistance to prolonged CW stress, more prominently in adults than young
68 larvae. We propose that CW activates a ZIP-10 dependent genetic program favoring *C.*

69 *C. elegans* phenoptosis and postulate that such programmed organismic death may have
70 evolved to promote wild-population kin selection under thermal stress conditions.

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72 **Results**

73 To identify new mechanisms of *C. elegans* response to severe hypothermia, we
74 performed RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) of wild-type *C. elegans* populations after 2-hr
75 exposure to 4°C cold shock followed by recovery at 20°C for 1 hr. We used such CW
76 conditions in an attempt to identify genes that specifically and rapidly respond to CW
77 rather than those that respond to general organismic deterioration after long cold
78 exposure. After differential expression analyses of triplicate samples, we identified 604
79 genes that are significantly up- or down-regulated by such CW conditions (Figure 1-
80 source data 1, Figure 1A and Figure 1-figure supplement 1A). Gene ontology analysis
81 indicated that the CW-regulated genes are involved in biological processes including
82 lipid metabolisms, autophagy, proteostasis and cell signaling (Figure 1-figure
83 supplement 1B). We generated transgenic *C. elegans* strains in which *GFP* is driven by
84 promoters of the top-ranked CW-inducible genes. In this work, we focus on *asp-17* as a
85 robust CW-inducible reporter gene owing to its low baseline expression level and high-
86 fold induction by CW, features that permitted facile isolation of full-penetrance mutants
87 after random mutagenesis (see below) with both abnormal *asp-17p::GFP* expression
88 and altered organismic tolerance to prolonged cold stress.

89 *C. elegans asp-17* encodes an aspartyl-like protease with unknown molecular
90 functions. Like other CW-inducible genes, *asp-17* up-regulation is more prominently

91 induced by severe than moderate hypothermia followed by recovery from cold shock
92 (Figures 1B and 1C). Among the aspartyl-like protease family members, we found that
93 only *asp-17* was robustly and specifically induced by CW (Figure 1D). The up-regulation
94 of endogenous *asp-17* by CW can be recapitulated by an integrated GFP reporter
95 driven by the endogenous *asp-17* promoter, indicating transcriptional regulation of *asp-*
96 *17* by CW (Figure 2-Figure supplement 1A). We varied CW treatment conditions and
97 found that the induction of *asp-17* strictly required the warming phase after cold shock
98 (Figure 1E). However, heat shock at 32°C did not increase *asp-17* expression (Figure
99 1E), consistent with previous large-scale transcriptome profiling studies in *C. elegans*
100 (Brunquell et al., 2016). Single-molecule fluorescent in-situ hybridization (smFISH)
101 identified the CW-induced *asp-17* predominantly in intestinal cells (Figure 1F). Since
102 CW activates numerous other genes in addition to *asp-17*, we sought to use *asp-*
103 *17p::GFP* as a robust readout reporter to identify the upstream genetic pathway and
104 transcriptional regulators that control *asp-17* induction by CW.

105 We performed a forward genetic screen using EMS-induced random
106 mutagenesis of a parental strain carrying a genome-integrated *asp-17p::GFP* reporter
107 and isolated over 30 mutants with constitutive *asp-17p::GFP* expression in the absence
108 of CW (Figure 2-figure supplement 1B and 1C). We molecularly cloned one mutant
109 *dma50* that exhibited fully penetrant and constitutively strong expression of *asp-*
110 *17p::GFP* (Figure 2A,B and Figure 2-figure supplement 1D-1F). Compared with wild
111 type, *dma50* strongly up-regulated *asp-17::GFP* in the intestine (Figure 2B). By single
112 nucleotide polymorphism-based linkage analysis of the intestinal *asp-17p::GFP*
113 phenotype, we mapped *dma50* to a genetic interval on Chromosome V and used whole-

114 genome sequencing to identify candidate causal gene mutations (Figure 2-figure
115 supplement 1D,E). Based on phenocopying by feeding RNAi and transformation rescue
116 of the *asp-17p::GFP* phenotype, *dma50* defines a previously uncharacterized *C.*
117 *elegans* gene *isy-1* (Figures 2A-2F and Figure 2-figure supplement 1F). *isy-1* (Interactor
118 of SYF1 in yeast) encodes a protein with strong sequence similarity to an evolutionarily
119 highly conserved family of RNA-binding proteins in eukaryotes (Figure 2A and Figure 2-
120 figure supplement 2A-2C) (Dix et al., 1999; Du et al., 2015).

121 *dma50* caused substitution of a negatively charged glutamate, which is
122 completely conserved in the ISY protein family, to a positively charged lysine in the
123 predicted coiled-coil region of *C. elegans* ISY-1 (Figure 2A). An *isy-1p::isy-1::GFP*
124 translational reporter indicated a rather ubiquitous distribution of ISY-1::GFP in many
125 tissues including intestinal nuclei (Figure 2C). The strong intestinal *asp-17p::GFP*
126 expression caused by *dma50* was fully rescued by transgenic expression of wild-type
127 *isy-1(+)*, single-copy integration of a *mCherry*-tagged *isy-1(+)* allele, or *isy-1(+)*
128 expression driven by the intestine-specific *ges-1* promoter (Figures 2E and 2F). In
129 addition, the *ges-1*-driven transgenic expression of sense plus antisense *isy-1* RNAi
130 fully recapitulated the *dma50* phenotype (Figure 2D). Endogenous expression of *asp-17*
131 was also drastically up-regulated in *isy-1* mutants (Figure 2-Figure supplement 2D).
132 Thus, these results identify *isy-1* as a causal cell-autonomous regulator of *asp-17*.

133 Human ISY1 is critical for certain microRNA processing while yeast ISY1 is a
134 likely component of the spliceosome (Dix et al., 1999; Du et al., 2015; Galej et al.,
135 2016). We found that CW-induced *asp-17* up-regulation was further enhanced in *isy-1*
136 mutants compared with wild type (Figure 3A), suggesting that ISY-1 normally restricts

137 transcriptional activity of *asp-17*. To determine the mechanism by which ISY-1 regulates
138 transcription of *asp-17*, we sought to identify transcription factors (TF) that meet two
139 criteria: a), its mRNA or protein products are altered in *isy-1* mutants, and b), it is
140 genetically epistatic to *isy-1*, i.e. its loss-of-function (LOF) can suppress *isy-1* LOF (thus
141 also likely required for *asp-17* induction by CW). We performed RNA-seq from triplicate
142 samples of wild-type hermaphrodites and *isy-1* mutants, from which we analyzed
143 differentially expressed TF-encoding genes in *isy-1* mutants and found that a bZIP-type
144 transcription factor-encoding gene *zip-10* met both criteria (Figure 3B, Figure 3-source
145 data 1). *zip-10* mRNA was drastically up-regulated in *isy-1* mutants, whereas levels of
146 closely related bZIP family genes, such as *zip-11*, were unaffected (Figure 3C).
147 Importantly, genetic deletion of *zip-10* completely abrogated the ability of *isy-1* RNAi to
148 activate *asp-17p::GFP* (Figure 3D). These results indicate that ISY-1 regulates *asp-17*
149 by controlling the level of *zip-10* mRNAs.

150 Next, we examined how the ISY-1/ZIP-10/ASP-17 pathway is regulated by CW.
151 CW did not apparently alter levels of endogenous *isy-1* mRNAs or mCherry-tagged ISY-
152 1 proteins under the endogenous *isy-1* promoter (Figure 2-Figure supplement 2D and
153 2E). By contrast, we found that CW induced drastic up-regulation of ZIP-10 proteins
154 from a tagged *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* allele in an integrated transgenic strain
155 (Figure 3E). Although EGFP fluorescence was invisible in animals carrying such
156 transgenes (likely because it is sandwiched by *zip-10* and FLAG), the striking induction
157 of ZIP-10::EGFP::FLAG was completely blocked by RNAi against *zip-10* or *GFP*,
158 confirming the transgene specificity (Figure 3F). The baseline level of ZIP-
159 10::EGFP::FLAG was close to the detection limit of Western blot under normal

160 conditions, but nonetheless is strongly up-regulated upon RNAi against *isy-1* (Figure
161 3F). Similar to that of *asp-17*, the induction of *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* strictly
162 required the warming phase of CW and occurred rapidly but transiently after warming
163 during CW (Figure 3G). CW strongly up-regulated *asp-17* expression in both wild type
164 and *isy-1* mutants, which exhibited abnormally high *zip-10* mRNA levels (Figure 3H).
165 Furthermore, *zip-10* deletion completely abrogated the up-regulation of *asp-17* levels by
166 CW (Figure 3I). We also examined the ZIP-10 dependency of other CW-inducible genes
167 identified by RNA-seq and found that at least *cpr-3* also required ZIP-10, but other CW-
168 inducible genes including *srr-6* and *F53A9.1*, did not (Figure 3I). These results
169 demonstrate that ISY-1 suppresses *asp-17* by decreasing *zip-10* levels whereas CW
170 up-regulates ZIP-10 protein abundance to promote *asp-17* expression.

171 How is *zip-10* regulated by ISY-1 and CW? Loss of ISY-1 function affected
172 neither general intron splicing based on an intronic GFP reporter assay, nor specific
173 splicing of *zip-10*, although both CW and *isy-1* mutations strongly up-regulated *zip-10*
174 mRNA levels (Figure 3-Figure supplement 1A-1E). We constructed a GFP
175 transcriptional reporter driven by the endogenous *zip-10* promoter and found it was
176 markedly up-regulated by *isy-1* RNAi (Figure 3-Figure supplement 2A). While non-
177 thermal stresses such as hypoxia and starvation did not increase ZIP-10 levels, CW
178 drastically increased abundance of ZIP-10 in both cytosol and nucleus without affecting
179 abundance of other house-keeping proteins, including HSP90, tubulin and histone H3
180 (Figure 3-Figure supplement 2B and 2C). CW up-regulation of ZIP-10 required warming
181 and was enhanced by more prolonged cold shock (Figure 3-Figure supplement 2D).
182 Since CW can markedly increase *zip-10* mRNA levels but to a lesser extent than the

183 *isy-1* mutation (Figure 3-Figure supplement 1D and 1E), we tested whether ZIP-10
184 proteins might be regulated by CW through translational control and mRNA stability.
185 RNAi against genes encoding eIF5 and a component of the Ccr4-Not complex did not
186 apparently alter ZIP-10 levels (Figure 3-Figure supplement 2E). Together, these results
187 indicate that CW and ISY-1 regulate *zip-10* primarily at the transcriptional level.

188 Human ISY1 facilitates the processing of primary transcripts encoding certain
189 families of microRNAs (Du et al., 2015). Both *zip-10* and *asp-17* are up-regulated in a
190 mutant *C. elegans* strain deficient in the microRNA *mir-60* (Kato et al., 2016). We thus
191 tested whether *mir-60* mediates the regulation of *zip-10* by ISY-1. Immunoprecipitation
192 of mCherry-tagged ISY-1 followed by quantitative PCR (QPCR) revealed specific
193 binding of primary transcripts encoding *mir-60* as well as a protein-coding gene *cebp-1*
194 (Figure 4A-4C). Although neither *isy-1* nor *mir-60* levels were affected by CW, we found
195 CW slightly increased *mir-60* binding to ISY-1, perhaps as a feedback mechanism to
196 limit over-activation of *zip-10*-dependent genes after CW treatment (Figure 4B).
197 Importantly, mature *mir-60* levels were drastically decreased in *isy-1* mutants while loss
198 of *mir-60* led to up-regulation of *zip-10* and *zip-10*-dependent subset of CW-inducible
199 genes, including *asp-17* and *cpr-3*, but not many other CW-inducible genes (Figure 4D,
200 4E and Figure 4-figure supplement 1). The 3' untranslated region (Utr) of *zip-10*
201 appeared not to be regulated by CW or *isy-1* RNAi (Figure 4F). However, *isy-1* RNAi
202 caused an abnormally high baseline level of ZIP-10 in the absence of CW and enabled
203 further heightened ZIP-10 up-regulation in response to CW, followed by its down-
204 regulation over an extended period of warming (Figure 4G). These results indicate that
205 CW regulates transcription of *zip-10* (and thereby that of *asp-17*), while ISY-1 controls

206 expression of *zip-10* via *mir-60*, likely through microRNA processing and regulation of
207 additional upstream transcriptional *zip-10* regulators that respond to CW.

208 We compared the genes differentially regulated by CW and those by *isy-*
209 *1(dma50)* mutants and found 246 genes, including the two ZIP-10 dependent targets
210 *asp-17* and *cpr-3*, that are commonly regulated by both conditions (Figure 5A, Figure 5-
211 source data 1). Global transcriptome changes between these two conditions are also
212 significantly correlated (Figure 5B) (correlation coefficient R as 0.54, significance P
213 value as 0). We used the bioinformatics tool MEME (Bailey et al., 2009) to identify
214 motifs present in the promoters (~600 bp upstream of transcription start sites) of the
215 commonly regulated gene subset and identified a single enriched motif characterized by
216 AT-rich sequences (Figure 5C). The gene most enriched with this motif is *asp-17*, the
217 promoter of which contains 16 such motifs (Figure 5C). ZIP-10 is a bZIP-type
218 transcription factor predicted to contain N-terminal low sequence-complexity domains
219 and a C-terminal DNA-binding and glutamine-rich transactivation domain (Figure 3-
220 Figure supplement 2F-2H). To test whether the *asp-17* promoter with the identified AT-
221 rich motifs can be bound directly by ZIP-10, we performed chromatin
222 immunoprecipitation (ChIP) experiments and detected *asp-17* promoter sequences in
223 the FLAG-tagged ZIP-10 chromatin complex only under CW conditions (Figure 5D).
224 These results indicate that ZIP-10 directly binds to and activates the *asp-17* promoter in
225 the genetic program regulated by ISY-1 and CW.

226 The striking regulation of *zip-10* and *asp-17* by CW and ISY-1 prompted us to
227 examine the organismic phenotype of various mutants upon prolonged CW stress. A
228 majority of wild-type *C. elegans* adults died upon prolonged CW stress (e.g. 2-4°C for

229 over 24 hrs) (Ohta et al., 2014). We found that *asp-17* or *zip-10* loss-of-function mutants
230 exhibited markedly higher survival rates than wild type under the same prolonged CW
231 stress condition (Figure 5E). Consistent with a role of wild-type *zip-10* in promoting
232 organismic death, inducible *zip-10* over-expression by mild transient heat shock,
233 mediated by the *hsp-16* promoter, promoted animal death even in the absence of CW
234 (Figure 5F). By contrast, other ectopically induced *zip* genes including *zip-11* and *zip-2*
235 did not affect animal death, while a mutation specifically disrupting the glutamine-rich
236 transactivation domain of ZIP-10 abolished the death-promoting effect (Figures 5F and
237 Figure 3-Figure supplement 2H). Although *zip-10* is genetically epistatic to *isy-1* in the
238 regulation of *asp-17*, we found that *isy-1* mutants are also markedly resistant to
239 prolonged cold stress. This paradox was resolved after we observed that many
240 downstream target genes of the stress-coping transcription factors HIF-1, HSF-1 and
241 DAF-16 are up-regulated in *isy-1* mutants, and LOF of at least *daf-16* could partly
242 suppress cold tolerance by *isy-1* RNAi (Figures 5G and 5H). Since ISY-1 regulates *zip-*
243 *10* via *mir-60* (Figure 4) supporting a role of ISY-1 in specific microRNA processing (Du
244 et al., 2015), we performed small RNA library sequencing of wild type animals and *isy-1*
245 mutants and identified specific members of microRNAs that were differentially
246 regulated, including *mir-60* and additional microRNAs predicted to target stress-coping
247 TFs (Figure 5-Figure supplement 1A-1F). Thus, *isy-1* mutants likely exhibit pleiotropic
248 phenotypes caused by abnormal activation of multiple TFs in addition to ZIP-10. In
249 contrast to ZIP-10 dependent genes (*asp-17* and *cpr-3*), the HIF-1/HSF-1/DAF-16 target
250 genes were not apparently induced by CW (Figure 1-source data 1). Furthermore,
251 unlike HSF-1 or DAF-16 that are induced by other types of stress stimuli, ZIP-10 is more

252 strongly induced by CW in adults than in larvae (Figure 5-figure supplement 2C),
253 suggesting phenoptosis-promoting effects of *zip-10* for adults more specifically. Indeed,
254 the phenotypic difference in cold tolerance between wild type animals and *zip-10*
255 mutants manifested more prominently in developmentally more mature-stage and older
256 animals (Figure 5-figure supplement 2D). These results indicate that CW specifically
257 activates a ZIP-10-driven and developmental stage-modulated transcriptional genetic
258 program to promote the organismic death, or phenoptosis, of *C. elegans* (Figure 5I).

259

260 Discussion

261 From a genetic screen for *C. elegans* mutants with altered transcriptional
262 response to CW, we identified *isy-1* and subsequently discovered the CW and ISY-1-
263 regulated transcription factor ZIP-10 as a key mediator of the transcriptional response to
264 CW. A thermal stress-responding TF might be expected to promote adaptation of
265 animals towards the stressor, causing its LOF mutants to be sensitive to the stress.
266 Unexpectedly, we found *zip-10* mutants are markedly resistant to prolonged cold stress.
267 However, unlike other stress-responding TFs that activate genes largely beneficial for
268 physiological homeostasis and thus animal health under stress conditions (Baird et al.,
269 2014; Dempersmier et al., 2015; Hwang and Lee, 2011; Kandror et al., 2004; Kumsta et
270 al., 2017; Landis and Murphy, 2010), identified transcriptional targets of ZIP-10 include
271 at least two Cathepsin-type proteases, CPR-3 and ASP-17 (Figure 4E). In contrast to
272 aspartyl-type proteases which are largely unknown in cellular functions, caspase-type
273 proteases are well-known apoptotic cell death executioners while CPR-4, a Cathepsin

274 CPR-3 paralogue, has been shown to inhibit cell deaths in *C. elegans* (Metzstein et al.,
275 1998; Peng et al., 2017; Peter, 2011). Ectopic expression of *zip-10* and its targets
276 promotes organismic deaths, in contrast to the effect of *zip-10* or *asp-17* deficiency on
277 cold tolerance (Figure 5E and 5F). As duration of cold shock affects levels of ZIP-10
278 and transient CW does not trigger phenoptosis, the pro-death role of the *zip-10* genetic
279 program likely depends on multiple factors, including the duration and severity of cold
280 exposure. Notably, apoptotic cell death-promoting effects have also been described for
281 specific members of mammalian bZIP TFs (Chüeh et al., 2017; Hartman et al., 2004;
282 Ritchie et al., 2009). The specific and robust induction of ZIP-10 by CW, the opposing
283 cold-tolerance phenotypes caused by *zip-10* loss-of-function and gain-of-function
284 genetic manipulations, as well as the pro-death roles of ZIP-10 targets support the
285 notion that the *zip-10* pathway is activated by severe CW to promote phenoptosis.

286 How do ISY-1 and CW regulate the *zip-10* pathway? We found that the *zip-10*
287 promoter activity responds to the loss of ISY-1, which normally maintains *mir-60* levels
288 and thereby regulates *zip-10* transcription likely through the processing of small RNAs.
289 Severe cold stress also leads to accumulation of another class of small RNA risiRNA,
290 which is important for maintaining rRNA homeostasis (Zhou et al., 2017). Whether ISY-
291 1 might also affect risiRNA processing remains to be characterized. Constitutive up-
292 regulation of ZIP-10 targets in *isy-1* mutants and the lack of evidence for regulation of
293 ISY-1 by CW supports ISY-1 as a gate-keeper for the ZIP-10-driven transcriptional
294 response to CW (Figure 5I). Regulation of *zip-10* is primarily transcriptional based on
295 evidence we present in this study; further studies are required to discern to what extent
296 *mir-60* might directly act at the *zip-10* locus or more indirectly impact the transcription of

297 *zip-10*, e.g. by post-transcriptionally inhibiting translation of a transcriptional activator.
298 Up-regulation of the activity of the *zip-10* promoter by CW indicates that additional cold-
299 responding sensors and effectors upstream of ZIP-10 remain to be identified, by
300 signaling mechanisms perhaps similar to the well-characterized cold-responding
301 pathways found in other organisms (Dempersmier et al., 2015; Kandror et al., 2004;
302 Zhu, 2016). Precisely how *zip-10* is regulated by CW in coordination with ISY-1 to
303 promote *C. elegans* death under prolonged CW stress awaits further investigation.

304 The roles of ZIP-10 and a dedicated genetic program in promoting organismic
305 death are surprising but would make sense in light of the evolutionary kin selection
306 theory. Kin selection refers to the evolutionary process promoting the reproductive
307 success of an organism's kin despite a cost to the organism's own reproduction
308 (Hamilton, 1963; Smith, 1964). Dedicated genetic programs may have evolved to
309 promote kin selection at the population level. Although the concept and potential
310 mechanisms of programmed organismic death, or phenoptosis, are debated, examples of
311 kin selection and stress-induced organismic deterioration have been widely documented
312 in many organisms (Longo et al., 2005; Sapolsky, 2004; Skulachev, 1999, 2002).

313 Laboratory conditions for hermaphroditic *C. elegans* clearly no longer exert
314 selection pressure for genetic programs underlying phenoptosis or kin selection.
315 However, our mathematic modeling of an exemplar situation of population growth for
316 wild-type and *zip-10* deficient animals under food-limiting and CW stress conditions
317 supports the phenoptosis or kin selection hypothesis for the *zip-10* pathway (Figure 5-
318 Figure supplement 2A and 2B). Experimentally, we found that both the CW-induced *zip*-
319 *10* expression and the death-promoting effect of ZIP-10 occurred more prominently in

320 older adults than in larvae (Figure 5-Figure supplement 2C and 2D). Extending from the
321 kin selection theory, we postulate that the evolutionary advantage of programmed
322 organismic death might manifest in the wild, where resources for growth and
323 reproduction are limited and environments can change drastically. As such, the
324 selective death of adult animals would benefit young and reproductively more privileged
325 populations to facilitate the spreading of genes by young populations under resource-
326 limiting and high-stress conditions. Our work provides an unprecedented example of
327 stress-induced phenoptosis in *C. elegans* and identify a specific transcription factor in a
328 genetic program that likely evolved to promote kin selection during animal evolution.
329 These findings therefore bear broad implications for understanding thermal stress
330 response, programmed organismic death (phenoptosis) and evolutionary biology.

331

332 **Materials and Methods**

333 *C. elegans* strains and genetic manipulations

334 *C. elegans* strains were maintained with standard procedures unless otherwise
335 specified. The N2 Bristol strain was used as the reference wild type, and the
336 polymorphic Hawaiian strain CB4856 was used for genetic linkage mapping and SNP
337 analysis (Brenner, 1974; Davis et al., 2005). Forward genetic screen for constitutive
338 *asp-17p::GFP* reporter-activating mutants after ethyl methanesulfonate (EMS)-induced
339 random mutagenesis was performed as described previously (Ma et al., 2012, 2015).
340 Single-copy integration of *isy-1p::isy-1::mCherry* transgene was generated using the
341 MosSCI method (Frøkjær-Jensen et al., 2008). To generate *asp-17* null alleles in *C.*

342 *elegans*, we used CRISPR-Cas9 to induce double stranded breaks and subsequent
343 non-homologous end joining caused a deletion of *asp-17*. Feeding RNAi was performed
344 as previously described (Kamath and Ahringer, 2003). Transgenic strains were
345 generated by germline transformation as described (Mello et al., 1991). Transgenic
346 constructs were co-injected (at 10 - 50 ng/μl) with dominant *unc-54p::mCherry* or *rol-6*
347 markers, and stable extrachromosomal lines of mCherry+ or roller animals were
348 established. Genotypes of strains used are as follows: *daf-16(mu86) I*, *mir-60(n4947) II*;
349 *isy-1(dma50) V*, *zip-10(ok3462) V*, *asp-17(dma99) V*, *dmals10[asp-17p::GFP; unc-*
350 *54p::mCherry] X*, *dmals21[zip-10p::GFP; unc-54p::mCherry]*; *wgls634[zip-10p::zip-*
351 *10::EGFP::FLAG + unc-119(+)]*, *oxTi302 [eft-3p::mCherry::tbb-2 3'UTR + Cbr-unc-*
352 *119(+)]*, *dmaSi1[isy-1p::isy-1::mCherry, unc-119(+)]*, *dmaEx95[ges-1p::isy-1(+); rol-*
353 *6(+)]*, *dmaEx99[isy-1 genomic DNA (2ng/ul); rol-6(+)]*, *nEx102[ges-1p::isy-1(+); rol-*
354 *6(+)]*, *nEx103[ges-1p::isy-1(+); rol-6(+)]*, *dmaEx104[ges-1p::mCherry::3utr(zip-10), rol-*
355 *6(+)]*, *dmaEx123[hsp-16p::zip-10; rol-6(+)]*, *dmaEx124[hsp-16p::zip-10; rol-6(+)]*,
356 *dmaEx131[zip-10p::GFP; unc-54p::mCherry]*.

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358 Sample and library preparation for RNA sequencing

359 Control N2 animals and the *isy-1* mutants were maintained at 20°C. For cold stress, N2
360 animals were exposed to 4°C for 2 hrs followed by 1 hr recovery at 20°C. Upon sample
361 collection, the animals were washed down from NGM plates using M9 solution and
362 subjected to RNA extraction using the RNeasy Mini Kit from Qiagen. 1 μg total RNA from
363 each sample was used for sequencing library construction. Each treatment included 3

364 biological replicates. The NEBNext® rRNA Depletion Kit was used for rRNA depletion.
365 After rRNA depletion, the Agencourt RNAClean XP Beads from Beckman Coulter were
366 used for RNA purification. Then, the NEBNext® Ultra™ Directional RNA Library Prep Kit
367 for Illumina® was used for RNA fragmentation, first strand and second strand cDNA
368 synthesis and double-stranded cDNA end repair. Double strand cDNAs were purified
369 using the Agencourt AMPure XP from Beckman Coulter and ligated to adaptors of the
370 NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina. Finally, the Q5 Hot Start HiFi PCR Master Mix was
371 used for PCR enrichment of the adaptor-ligated DNA. The concentration and quality of
372 the constructed sequencing libraries were measured by using the Agilent High Sensitivity
373 DNA Kit and a Bioanalyzer 2100 from Agilent Technologies. The libraries were submitted
374 to 100 bp paired-end high throughput sequencing using Hiseq-3000 by the Center for
375 Advanced Technology (CAT) of the University of California, San Francisco.

376 RNA-seq data analysis was performed using a super computer system equipped
377 with multiple processors. The raw reads were trimmed and filtered by the prinseq-lite
378 software (0.20.4) (Schmieder and Edwards, 2011). Reads longer than 30 bp and with a
379 minimum quality score higher than 15 were kept and used for subsequent analyses. The
380 filtered left and right read sets were compared by the Pairfq script to separate paired and
381 single reads. The clean reads were mapped to the *C. elegans* genome sequence using
382 Hisat2 (2.0.5)(Kim et al., 2015) with default parameters. The number of mapped reads
383 were counted by featureCounts from the Subread package (1.5.0) (Liao et al., 2014).
384 Differential gene expression analysis was performed using the DESeq2 package (Love
385 et al., 2014). Adjusted P-value ≤ 0.05 was used as the threshold to identify the
386 differentially expressed genes. Gene ontology and KEGG pathway enrichment analyses

387 for the differentially expressed genes were conducted using the Cytoscape plugins
388 BiNGO (Maere et al., 2005) and ClueGO (Bindea et al., 2009), respectively. Plots for the
389 mapped reads were generated by IGVtools (Thorvaldsdóttir et al., 2013).

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391 Quantitative RT-PCR

392 50 µl pellet animals were resuspended in 250 µl lysis buffer of Quick-RNA
393 MiniPrep kit (Zymo Research, R1055) then lysed by TissueRuptor (Motor unit “8” for 1
394 min). Total RNA was extracted following the instruction (Zymo Research, R1055). 2 µg
395 RNA/sample was reverse transcribed into cDNA (BioTools, B24408). Real-time PCR
396 was performed by using Roche LightCycler®96 (Roche, 05815916001) system and
397 SYBR Green (Thermo Fisher Scientific, FERK1081) as a dsDNA-specific binding dye.
398 qRT-PCR condition was set to 95°C for denaturation, followed by 45 cycles of 10s at
399 95°C, 10s at 60°C, and 20s at 72°C. Melting curve analysis was performed after the
400 final cycle to examine the specificity of primers in each reaction. Relative mRNA was
401 calculated by $\Delta\Delta CT$ method and normalized to actin. Primers for qRT-PCR: *asp-17*
402 (Forward, ATGTTCCGCTGACTGCGAAG; Reverse, TTTCATTCATTTATCCCAC),
403 *F53A9.1*, Forward, ACTACGGAAACGGAGGATAC; Reverse,
404 TGGCCGTGATGATGATGATG), *srr-6* (Forward, CTCCAAGTCCTGAAGTCGTG;
405 Reverse, GTAGGGATGGATTGAACTCG), *isy-1* (Forward,
406 AGATGCTGAGCGATTCAGAC; Reverse, CTTTCGATAGTCCGTACCAC), *zip-10*
407 (Forward, TCGAGATGCTCTTCAACTG; Reverse, CTAAGTCTTGCCGGAG), *cpr-3*
408 (Forward, GTAGTGGAGCAGTAACAGGTG; Reverse,

409 CAGTTTGAATTTCCGGTGACGG), *act-3* (Forward, TCCATCATGAAGTGCGACAT;
410 Reverse, TAGATCCTCCGATCCAGACG).

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412 Sample preparation and Western blot of proteins

413 Transgenic (*isy-1p::isy-1::mCherry* and *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG*) animals
414 were cold shocked (4°C) for 0, 1, 2 or 4 hrs, followed by recovery at 25°C for 1 h. Animals
415 were harvested and washed 3 times with M9 and 20 µl pellet animals were lysed directly
416 in Laemmli Sample Buffer and used for Western blot analysis. Proteins were resolved by
417 15% SDS-PAGE (Bio-Rad, 4561084) and transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane (Bio-
418 Rad, 1620167). Proteins were detected using antibodies against Flag (Sigma, F3165),
419 mCherry (M11217, Life Technologies), Tubulin (Sigma, T5168), H3 (Abcam, ab1791) or
420 HSP90 (Proteintech, 13171-1-AP).

421 For subcellular fractionation, 50 µl pellet animals were resuspended in 150 µl 1 X
422 cell lysis buffer (Cell Signaling Technology, 9803S) with protease inhibitor cocktail
423 (BioTools, B14002) and 10 µM PMSF, and incubated for 10 min on ice. Animals were
424 lysed by TissueRuptor (Qiagen, 9001271) with Motor unit “6” for 30 sec on ice. After
425 incubation on ice for 5 minutes and centrifugation at 5,000 rpm at 4°C for 2 min, the
426 supernatant was collected as the cytoplasmic part. The nuclear pellet was washed three
427 times with lysis buffer and resuspended in 150 µl RIPA buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
428 P89900) for 30 min on ice, spun at 12,000 rpm for 15 min, and the supernatant was
429 collected as nuclear extract. Tubulin and H3 were separately used as cytoplasm and
430 nuclear loading control. For RNAi experiments, *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* animals

431 were bleached and the eggs were laid onto RNAi plates. Animals were harvested as
432 L4/young adults and subject to Western blot analysis as described above.

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434 Chromatin and RNA immunoprecipitation (ChIP-QPCR and RIP-QPCR)

435 ChIP-QPCR assay was carried out as before with modifications. Briefly, CW-
436 treated animals (4°C for 4 hrs, recovered at 25°C for 1 hr) and control (25°C) animals
437 were harvested and washed by 1 X PBS. The pellet animals were resuspended in cross-
438 linking buffer (1% formaldehyde in 1 X PBS) followed by homogenization using
439 TissueRuptor with Motor unit “4” for 1 min at room temperature. The process was then
440 stopped by addition of glycine (125 mM final concentration). After washing and discarding
441 the supernatant, the pellet was resuspended in lysis buffer and lysed by TissueRuptor
442 with Motor unit “6” for 1 min on ice, with lysate kept on ice for additional 3 min, and then
443 repeated 3 times. The lysate was centrifuged to collect the supernatant and one percent
444 of the aliquot was used as “Input”. Lysate was precleared by adding salmon sperm
445 DNA/protein-A agarose beads (Bioworld, 20182011-1), rotating at 4°C for 1 hour. After
446 centrifugation, supernatant was divided equally and added with 50 µg Flag antibody
447 (Sigma, F3165) and mouse IgG (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-2025) respectively. The
448 samples were incubated and rotated overnight at 4°C. Next, salmon sperm DNA/protein-
449 A agarose beads were added for 2 hrs at 4°C. The beads-antibody-TF-DNA complex was
450 washed extensively and the complex and input were diluted with proteinase K buffer. The
451 samples were then incubated at 55°C for 4 hrs and then at 65°C overnight to reverse
452 crosslink. DNA was extracted by phenol-chloroform-isoamylalcohol (Sigma-Aldrich,

453 77617). *asp-17* promoter was measured by QPCR and calculated by the percent input
454 method. Primers for ChIP-QPCR: *asp-17* promoter (Forward,
455 TTCGCTGCACCTATATGTTG; Reverse, CCGCTAATACCCTTATCAC).

456 RNA immunoprecipitation (RIP)-QPCR assay was carried out as before with
457 modifications to accommodate our reagents (Kershner and Kimble, 2010). Briefly,
458 synchronous day-1 *isy-1p::isy-1::mcherry* animals were divided into two groups. One
459 group is control (25°C) and the other is cold-warming (4°C for 4 hours, recovered at 25°C
460 for 1 hour). Animals were harvested and washed by M9 buffer until the supernatant was
461 clear, and then washed once in buffer A and twice in lysis buffer. About 250 µl worm
462 pellets were frozen in liquid nitrogen twice and homogenized using TissueRuptor with
463 Motor unit “4” for 1 min on ice. The lysate was kept on ice for 15 min and centrifuged to
464 collect the supernatant and 1% of the aliquot was kept as “Input”. Equal amount of
465 supernatant was added with RFP-Trap®_MA (Chromotek) and rotated for 4 hrs at 4°C.
466 IP magnetic agarose beads were washed and 10% of IP beads were boiled for 6 min in
467 2X Laemmli Sample Buffer. RNA was eluted from remaining beads using 200 µl lysis
468 buffer of Quick-RNA MiniPrepkit (Zymo Research, R1055) and extracted following the
469 instruction. RNA was quantified with a Nanodrop device. 500 ng RNA was reverse
470 transcribed into cDNA and Qpcr was performed as before. Relative mRNA was calculated
471 by THE percent input method. Primers for RIP-qPCR: Primary *mir-60* Forward
472 TCGAAAACCGCTTGTCTTG, Reverse CGATTTCTCAAGTCTTGAAGTAG; *cebp-1*
473 Forward GATCCTTCGCAAGACAAGAC, Reverse CACATTGTCGGTAGGAACGTC.

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475 Cold tolerance assay

476 Animals were cultured under non-starved conditions for at least 4 generations at
477 25°C before cold tolerance assay. For cold tolerance assay of L1-stage animals, bleach-
478 synchronized populations were kept at 4°C for 96 hrs and then recovered for 4 hrs at
479 25°C. For cold tolerance assay of adults, animals were raised at 25°C from hatching with
480 excessive bacteria food on agar plates. Well-fed L4 stage animals were transferred to
481 new plates and kept at 25°C overnight to reach day-1 adulthood. To cold shock the
482 animals, agar plates were spread with equal distance on a thin plastic board and
483 transferred to a constant 4°C cold room for the indicated duration. After cold shock,
484 animals were then moved to 25°C for recovery for 4 hrs before scoring survival rates.
485 Animals were scored as dead if they showed no movement upon light touch.

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487 Imaging and fluorescence quantification

488 smFISH of *C. elegans* and imaging were performed as previously described (Ji
489 and Oudenaarden, 2005). For Nomarski and fluorescence imaging, spinning-disc
490 confocal and digital automated epifluorescence microscopes (EVOS, Life Technologies)
491 were used to capture images of animals after RNAi or CW treatments. Synchronous
492 population of worms were randomly picked and treated with 1 mM levamisole water
493 solution to paralyze the animals. The animals were mounted on an agar pad on a slide
494 and aligned for imaging. Identical conditions and settings were used for both control and
495 test groups. For quantification of fluorescence images, the animals in the images were
496 outlined and signals were quantified by ImageJ software. The intensity of an individual

497 animal was obtained by dividing the total signal by the area of that animal. The average
498 intensity of the control group was set to be 1.0, to which all other intensities were
499 normalized. Graphpad Prism software was used to plot the data.

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501 Small RNA-seq and bioinformatics

502 For small RNA sequencing, total RNA was isolated by the Quick-RNA MiniPrep kit
503 (Zymo Research, R1055) that yields total RNA including small RNAs ranging 17-200 nt.
504 RNA samples extracted from triplicate N2 animals and *isy-1* mutants were submitted to
505 Beijing Genomics Institute for small RNA library construction and sequencing. The low-
506 quality reads were filtered and clean reads were mapped to the *C. elegans* genome using
507 Bowtie2 program (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). MiRDeep2 (Friedländer et al., 2012)
508 was used to characterize known and predict novel miRNAs. The small RNA expression
509 level was calculated as TPM (transcript per million). Differentially expressed small RNAs
510 were detected by DESeq2 (Love et al., 2014). The threshold for differentially expressed
511 sRNAs was adjusted P-value ≤ 0.05 and the absolute value of Log₂ratio ≥ 1 . Targets of
512 miRNAs were predicted by TargetScan (Jan et al., 2011), RNAhybrid (Krüger and
513 Rehmsmeier, 2006) and miRanda (John et al., 2004) using default parameters.

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515 Statistical analysis

516 Data were analyzed using GraphPad Prism Software (Graphpad, San Diego, CA) and
517 presented as means \pm S.D. unless otherwise specified with p values calculated by

518 unpaired Student's t-tests, one-way or two-way ANOVA (comparisons across more than
519 two groups) and adjusted with Bonferroni's corrections.

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682 **Figure legends**

683 **Figure 1: *asp-17* is robustly and specifically induced by cold-warming. A**, Volcano
684 plot of RNA-seq showing differentially regulated genes (up-regulated genes in red;
685 down-regulated genes in green; *asp-17* was indicated by purple dot) by cold-warming in

686 wild type *C. elegans*. **B**, RNA-seq reads at the *asp-17* locus showing consistent up-
687 regulation of *asp-17* transcript levels in triplicate samples after cold-warming. **C**, QPCR
688 measurements of gene expression levels showing up-regulation of three representative
689 CW inducible genes, including *asp-17*, after shifting from 25°C to different degrees of
690 hypothermia (4, 10, 15 and 22°C) lasting 2 hrs followed by recovery at 25°C for 0.5 hr.
691 **D**, Quantification of RNA-seq reads indicating specific up-regulation of *asp-17* but not
692 other members of the *asp* family genes (only expressed *asp* genes are shown). **E**,
693 QPCR measurements of *asp-17* levels under conditions of indicated durations of cold
694 and warming (with or without 25°C recovery for “yes/no”). **F**, smFISH images showing
695 *asp-17* up-regulation (signals indicated by yellow) by CW predominantly in the intestine
696 of wild type but not *asp-17* null animals. $n \geq 20$ total animals for each group with $N \geq 3$
697 independent biological replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$. Scale bar: 50 μm .

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699 **Figure 2: A forward genetic screen identifies *C. elegans isy-1* as a causal**
700 **regulator of *asp-17::GFP* expression. A**, Schematic of the *C. elegans* ISY-1 protein
701 showing the domain structure predicted by SMART (top) ([http://smart.embl-](http://smart.embl-heidelberg.de)
702 [heidelberg.de](http://smart.embl-heidelberg.de)) and a multiple sequence alignment of ISY-1 homologues from major
703 metazoans showing the conservation of the glutamate residue substituted to lysine by
704 the *dma50* mutation isolated from EMS screens. **B**, Nomarski and fluorescence images
705 showing the phenotype of intestinal *asp-17p::GFP* in wild type and *dma50* mutants. **C**,
706 Fluorescence images showing the distribution of ISY-1::GFP driven by the endogenous
707 *isy-1* promoter. Arrows indicate neuronal, hypodermal and intestinal nuclei. **D**, Nomarski
708 and fluorescence images showing intestinal *asp-17p::GFP* in a transgenic strain

709 expressing RNAi against *isy-1* specifically in intestine. **E**, Schematic of the *C. elegans*
710 *isy-1* gene with mCherry tagged at the C-terminus (top); Nomarski and fluorescence
711 images showing rescue of *dma50* by various transgenes (below). **F**, Quantification of
712 fluorescence intensities showing rescue of *dma50* in *asp-17p::GFP* activation. $N \geq 3$
713 independent biological replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$. Scale bar: 20 μm .

714

715 **Figure 3: ZIP-10 acts downstream of ISY-1 and mediates transcriptional response**
716 **to CW. A**, QPCR measurements of *asp-17* levels induced by CW in wild type and *isy-*
717 *1(dma50)* mutants. **B**, Volcano plot of RNA-seq showing differentially regulated genes
718 (up-regulated genes in red; down-regulated genes in green) in *isy-1* mutants compared
719 with wild type. **C**, RNA-seq measurements of expression levels for indicated genes in
720 wild type and *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **D**, Nomarski and fluorescence images showing
721 *asp-17p::GFP* induction by *isy-1* RNAi was blocked in *zip-10* mutants. **E**, Western blots
722 of the integrated *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* strain showing time-dependent protein
723 induction by CW. **F**, Western blots of the integrated *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* strain
724 showing its up-regulation by *isy-1* RNAi and down-regulation by *GFP* or *zip-10* RNAi.
725 Both short- and long-exposure blots are shown. **G**, Western blots of the integrated *zip-*
726 *10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* strain showing its up-regulation strictly required warming after
727 cold shock. **H**, Western blots of the integrated *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* strain
728 showing its up-regulation by CW was further enhanced by *isy-1* RNAi. **I**, QPCR
729 measurements of gene expression levels showing ZIP-10 dependent up-regulation of
730 *asp-17* and *cpr-3* but not *srr-6* or *F53B9.1* after cold for indicated durations and 1-hr

731 warming. $n \geq 20$ total animals for each group with $N \geq 3$ independent biological
732 replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$. Scale bar: 20 μm .

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734 **Figure 4: ISY-1 regulates *zip-10* via *mir-60*.** **A**, Western blot of mCherry/RFP-trapped
735 RNA immunoprecipitates in animals treated with or without cold-warming. **B**, QPCR
736 measurements of the percent input for primary *mir-60* transcripts from mCherry/RFP-
737 trapped RNA immunoprecipitates in animals treated with or without cold-warming. **C**,
738 QPCR measurements of the percent input for *cbp-1* transcripts from mCherry/RFP-
739 trapped RNA immunoprecipitates in animals treated with or without cold-warming. **D**,
740 QPCR measurements of the mature *mir-60* transcript levels from wild type, *isy-*
741 *1(dma50)* and *mir-60(n4947)* deletion mutants. **E**, QPCR measurements of the levels of
742 CW-inducible gene transcripts in animals with indicated genotypes and conditions. **F**,
743 Western blot of lysates from animals carrying the array *ges-1p::mCherry::3'utr(zip-10)*
744 reporters with CW or *isy-1* RNAi. No change of reporter activity was observed. **G**,
745 Western blot of lysates from animals carrying *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* reporters
746 with various indicated CW and RNAi conditions. $n \geq 20$ total animals for each group with
747 $N \geq 3$ independent biological replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$; ** indicates $P < 0.01$.

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749 **Figure 5: ISY-1 and ZIP-10 regulate a genetic program to promote organismic**
750 **death.** **A**, Venn diagram indicating numbers of genes commonly regulated by CW and
751 *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **B**, Scatter plot depicting the correlation between the
752 transcriptome response to cold (y-axis) and the transcriptome response to *isy-1*

753 mutation (x-axis). Shown are the log₂ fold changes compared with corresponding
754 controls. Pearson correlation coefficient and the associated P-value were calculated
755 using R functions. **C**, AT-rich motif identified by MEME enriched among the CW and *isy-*
756 *1(dma50)* regulated genes, with a table listing numbers of the motif present in top-
757 ranked 4 genes. **D**, ChIP-QPCR measurements of ZIP-10::FLAG binding to the *asp-17*
758 promoter. **E**, Survival rates of indicated genotypes after prolonged CW (4°C for 48 hrs
759 followed by 4 hrs of warming). **F**, Organismic death rates of indicated genotypes after
760 heat shock (32°C) induction of *zip-10* wild type, mutant with defective transactivation C-
761 terminus, *zip-2* and *zip-11* (left), without CW. Nomarski image (right) indicate
762 morphologies of normal and dead animals with induction of *zip-10*. **G**, RNA-seq
763 measurements of gene targets of indicated TFs. **H**, Table showing the *asp-17p::GFP*
764 and cold tolerance phenotypes of animals with indicated genotypes. **I**, Model for the role
765 and regulation of the ZIP-10 pathway. n ≥ 20 total animals for each group with N ≥ 3
766 independent biological replicates; *** indicates P < 0.001.

767

768 **Figure 1-figure supplement 1: RNA-seq identified genes up-regulated by cold-**
769 **warming. A**, Hierarchical clustering analysis of genes up- and down-regulated genes by
770 CW. **B**, Gene ontology analysis of genes up- and down-regulated genes by CW.

771

772 **Figure 2-figure supplement 1: EMS screens identified *isy-1* as a regulator of *asp-***
773 **17. A**, Fluorescence images showing up-regulation of *asp-17p::GFP* but not the co-
774 injection marker *unc-54p::mCherry* by CW. **B**, Schematic illustrating the workflow of

775 EMS mutagenesis to isolate mutants with abnormal *asp-17p::GFP* expression. **C**, Table
776 showing the mutants isolated from the screen, including *dma50* that defines the gene
777 *F53B7.3*, named as *isy-1*. **D**, Chromosome genetic maps showing Dral SNP sites and
778 the mapped interval for *dma50*. **E**, Table listing candidate genes with mutations
779 identified by WGS, with two genes highlighted in yellow within the mapped interval. **F**,
780 fluorescence images showing that RNAi of *isy-1* phenocopies *dma50*. $N \geq 3$
781 independent biological replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$. Scale bar: 20 μm .

782

783 **Figure 2-figure supplement 2: ISY-1 is a *C. elegans* member of evolutionarily**
784 **conserved protein family and its level is not regulated by cold-warming. **A**,**
785 Multiple sequence alignment (Cluster Omega, visualized by Jalview) of ISY-1 family
786 members in major metazoan species. **B**, Cladogram of ISY family proteins. **C**, Sanger
787 sequencing confirmation of *isy-1(dma50)*. **D**, RNA-seq measurements of *isy-1* and *asp-*
788 *17* levels under CW conditions and in *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **E**, Western blot of *isy-*
789 *1p::ISY-1::mCherry* showing no regulation by CW. $N \geq 3$ independent biological
790 replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$.

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792 **Figure 3-figure supplement 1: ISY-1 does not affect general splicing of a GFP**
793 **reporter nor specific splicing of *zip-10*. **A**,** Nomarski and fluorescence images
794 showing that animals with *isy-1* RNAi are not defective in general intron splicing of an
795 *eft-3p::GFP* (intron-containing) reporter. **B**, Read plot from RNA-seq of wild type at the
796 *zip-10* locus. **C**, Read plot from RNA-seq of *isy-1(dma50)* mutants at the *zip-10* locus

797 indicating the intact splicing of the *zip-10* intron despite increased mRNA levels. **D**,
798 Normalized QPCR measurements of mRNA expression levels of *isy-1* and *zip-10* from
799 wild type and *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **E**, Normalized QPCR measurements of mRNA
800 expression levels of *isy-1* and *zip-10* from wild type and CW-treated animals.

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802 **Figure 3-figure supplement 2: Mechanisms of regulation and function of *zip-10*. A**,
803 Nomarski and fluorescence images showing the *zip-10p::GFP* reporter activated by *isy-*
804 *1* RNAi. **B**, Western blot of lysates from *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG* transgenic
805 animals showing its increased abundance after CW but not by hypoxia (0.5% O₂) or
806 starvation for 24 hrs. **C**, Western blot of fractionated lysates from *zip-10p::zip-*
807 *10::EGFP::FLAG* transgenic animals after CW showing its increased abundance in
808 cytosol and nucleus. **D**, Western blot of lysates from *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG*
809 transgenic animals showing its increased abundance after CW when warming was
810 permitted and cold exposure was prolonged. **E**, Western blot of lysates from *zip-*
811 *10p::zip-10::FLAG* transgenic and various RNAi treated animals showing its increased
812 abundance after CW in *isy-1* RNAi treated animals but was unaffected by RNAi against
813 *C37C3.2*, encoding the *C. elegans* orthologue of translation initiation factor 5 (eIF5), or
814 *T26A8.4*, encoding the *C. elegans* orthologue of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Caf120, a
815 component of the Ccr4-Not deadenylase RNA-degrading complex. **F**, ZIP-10 domain
816 organization based on analysis by SMART (smart.embl-heidelberg.de) and modeled
817 structure of ZIP-10's bZIP domain (swissmodel.expasy.org). **G**, Sequence alignment of
818 ZIP-10's bZIP domain and the Maf transcription factor as a template of the modelled
819 ZIP-10 structure. **H**, Schematic of the *zip-10* locus showing the wild type, EGFP::FLAG

820 tagged allele, and the wild-type and C-terminal transactivation mutant ZIP-10 protein
821 sequences. The mutated residues (from Q and N to V and A, respectively) at the ZIP-10
822 C-terminus are completely conserved in nematodes.

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824 **Figure 4-figure supplement 1: A specific subset of CW-inducible genes is**
825 **dependent on ZIP-10.** Shown is a table of fold induction for gene expression levels
826 determined by QPCR measurements of top-ranked randomly selected CW-inducible
827 genes in wild type and *zip-10* mutant animals.

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829 **Figure 5-figure supplement 1: Identification of differentially regulated microRNAs**
830 **in wild type and *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. A,** Summary table showing the read statistics
831 for the small RNA-seq experiments using three biologically triplicate samples in wild
832 type and *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **B,** Small RNA length distribution plots for wild type and
833 *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **C,** Distribution graphs for various types of small RNAs identified
834 by small RNA sequencing for wild type and *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **D,** Volcano plot
835 showing the differentially regulated microRNAs, including *mir-60*, in the *isy-1(dma50)*
836 mutants (three replicates each). **E,** Schematic of two examples illustrating the TF-
837 encoding genes, *skn-1* and *daf-16* at 3' UTRs, targeted by two microRNAs, *mir-51* and
838 *mir-359*, respectively, which are down-regulated in *isy-1(dma50)* mutants. **F,**
839 Hierarchical clustering analysis of microRNAs up- or down-regulated in *isy-1(dma50)*
840 mutants. *mir-51* and *mir-359* down-regulation were indicated by arrows.

841

842 **Figure 5-figure supplement 2: ZIP-10 constitutes a genetic program promoting kin**
843 **selection of *C. elegans* under resource-limiting and stress conditions. A,**
844 Mathematical model illustrating the advantage of wild-type (red line) versus *zip-10* KO
845 animals (blue line) at the population level under growth resource-limiting and thermal
846 stress conditions. Individual fitness distribution (x-axis) after cold-warming thermal
847 stress is set to be exponential (thin red line) and linear (thin blue line) to fit the
848 phenotypic differences in death rates of wild type and *zip-10* KO animals and to simplify
849 comparison and calculation. Given the same period of time and the same amount of
850 growth resources (integral differences between thin and thick lines), wild-type
851 population yields more thermal stress-adapted reproducing animals than *zip-10*
852 deficient animals. The parameters for integrals were adjusted so that the “growth
853 resources” are the same despite that the population growth modes are different for wild
854 type and *zip-10* KO. **B,** Schematic illustrating an exemplar situation of the mathematical
855 model in which 5 post-reproduction adults and 5 larvae are living in a food-limiting
856 condition. After cold-warming thermal stress, wild-type adults die out, leaving food for
857 young larvae to grow into reproductive adults whereas *zip-10* KO post-reproduction
858 adults do not die, consuming the limited food and competing out the young larvae so
859 that fewer reproductively active *zip-10* KO animals emerge from such conditions. **C,**
860 Experimental evidence indicating the specific induction of *zip-10p::zip-10::EGFP::FLAG*
861 by CW as measured by Western blot in adults but not in larvae. **D,** Survival rates of wild
862 type and *zip-10* KO (*ok3462*) animals at different stages after prolonged CW thermal
863 stresses (96-hr cold shock for L1 while 48-hr for others) showing that ZIP-10’s pro-death

864 effects are more prominent in old animals. $n \geq 20$ total animals for each group with $N \geq$
865 3 independent biological replicates; *** indicates $P < 0.001$, ** indicates $P < 0.01$.

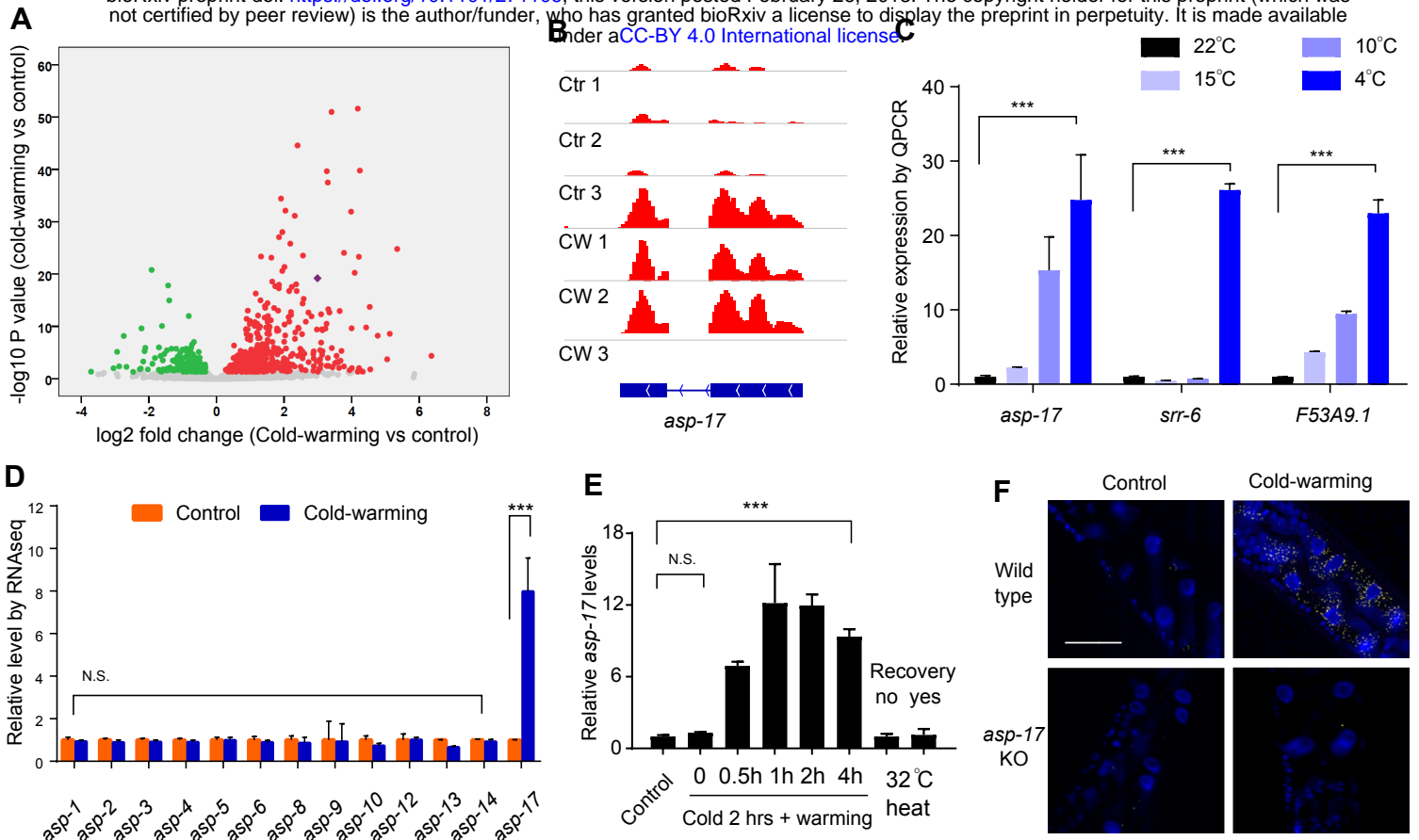
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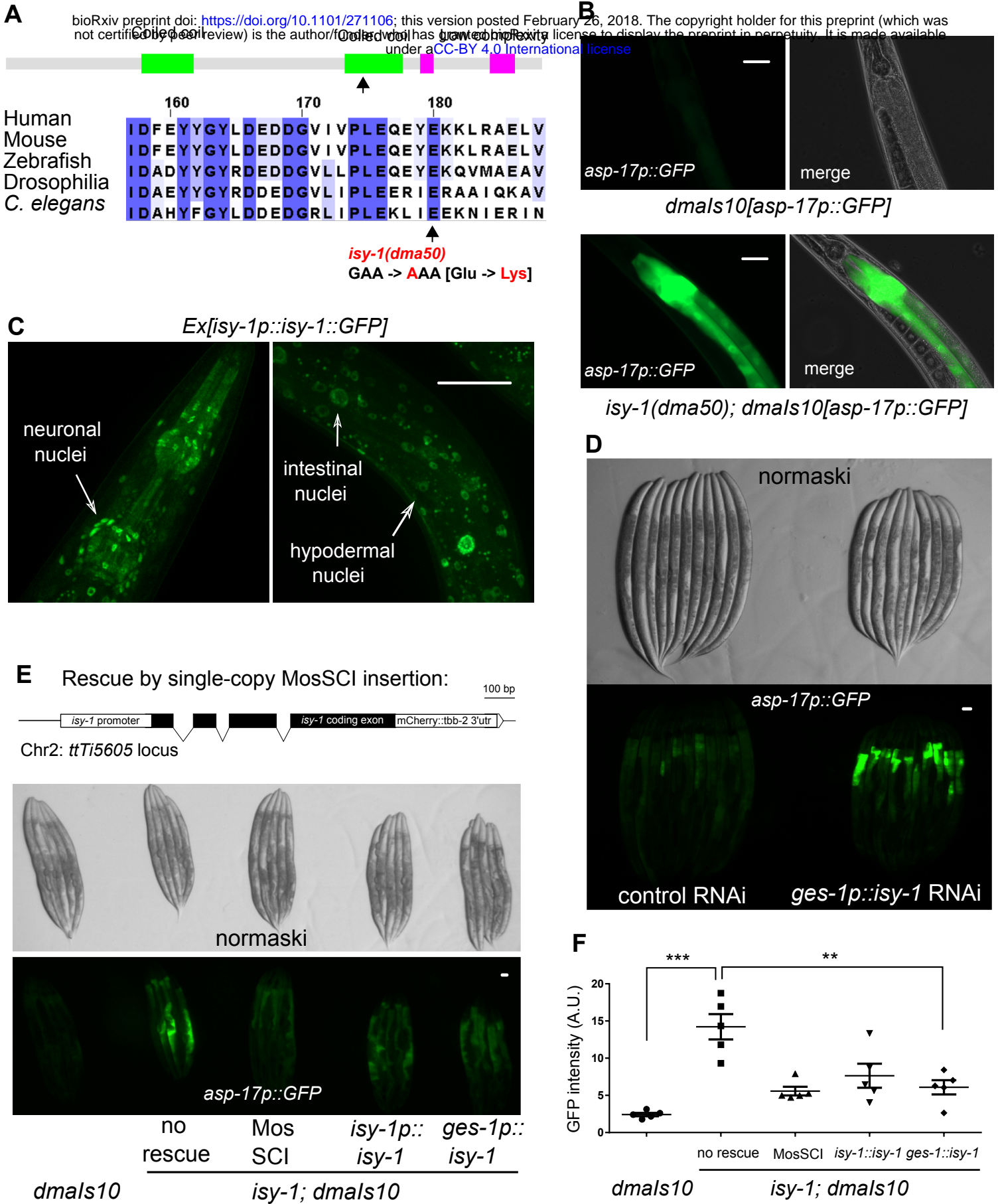
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868 < 0.05 and log2FoldChange from biological triplicate samples of wild-type *C. elegans*.

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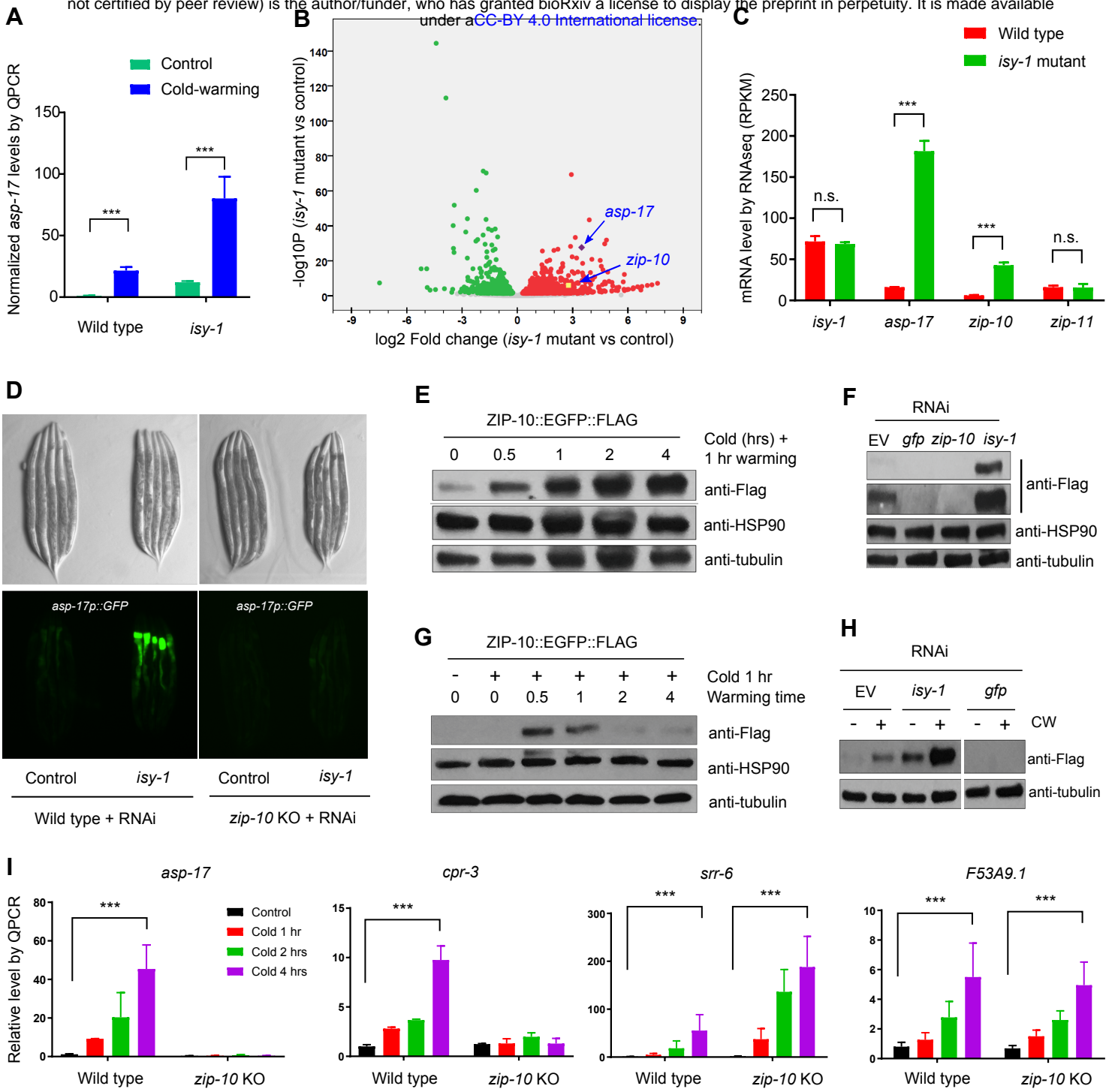
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873 *1(dma50)* mutation with adjusted $P < 0.05$ and log2FoldChange from biological triplicate
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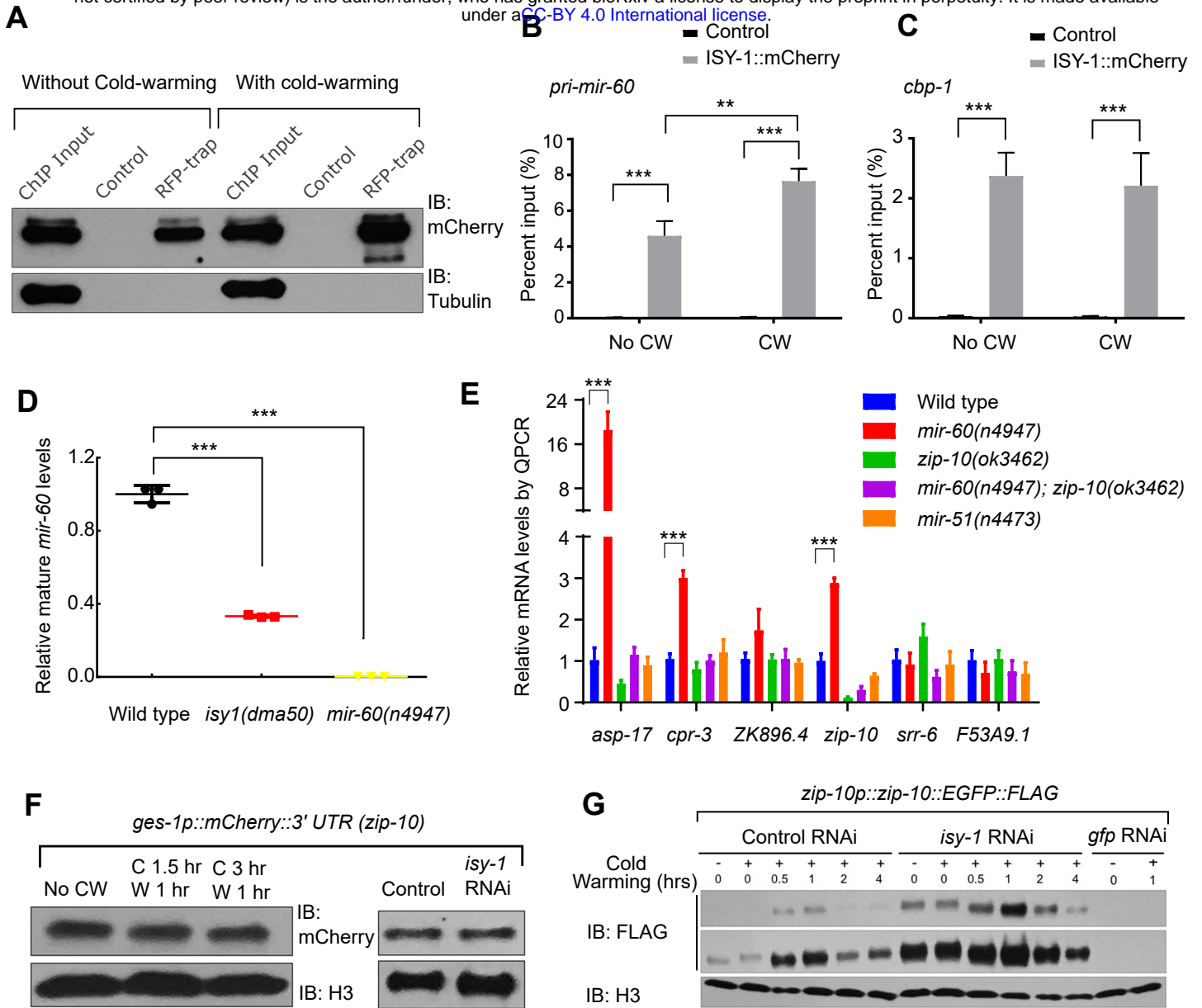
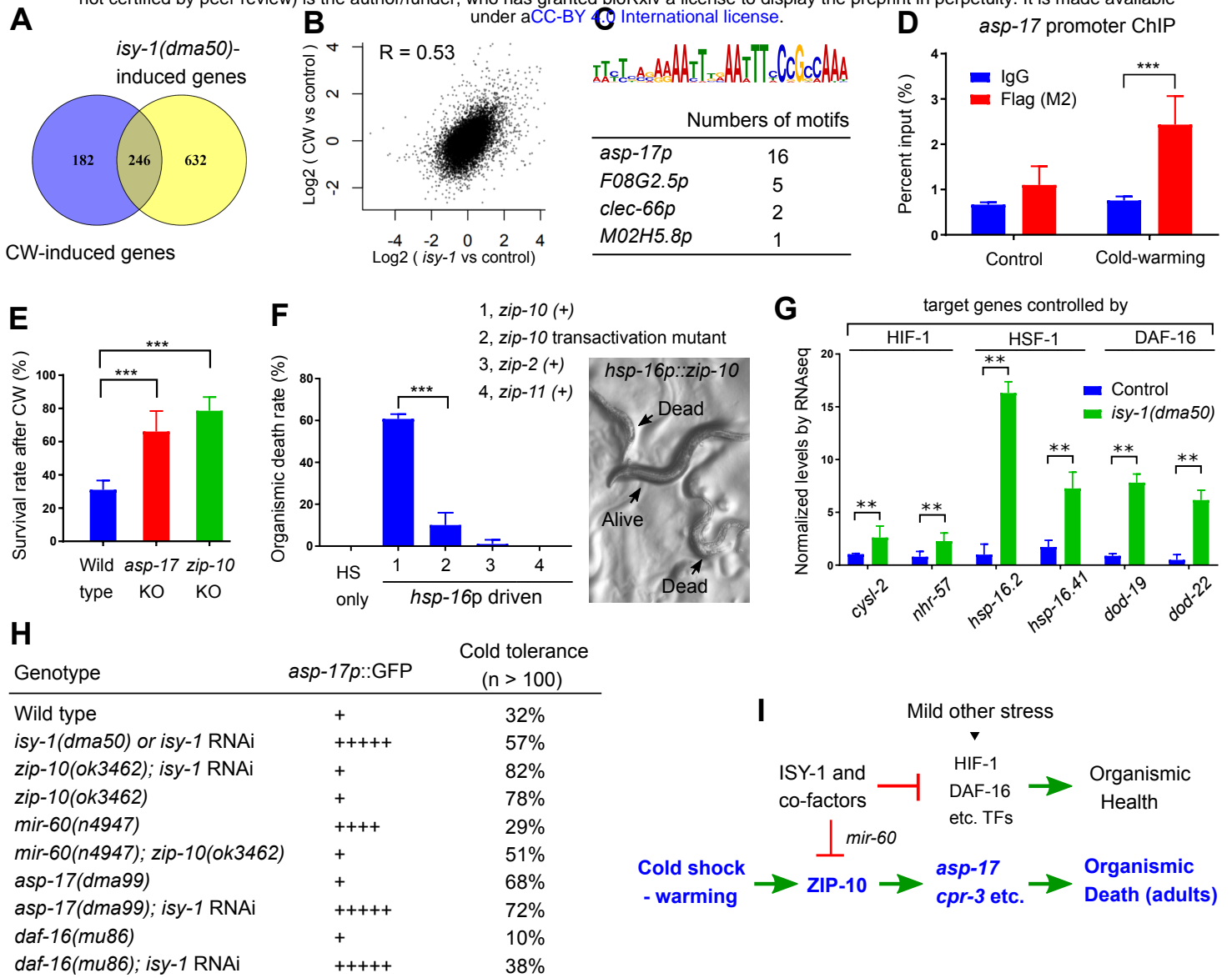
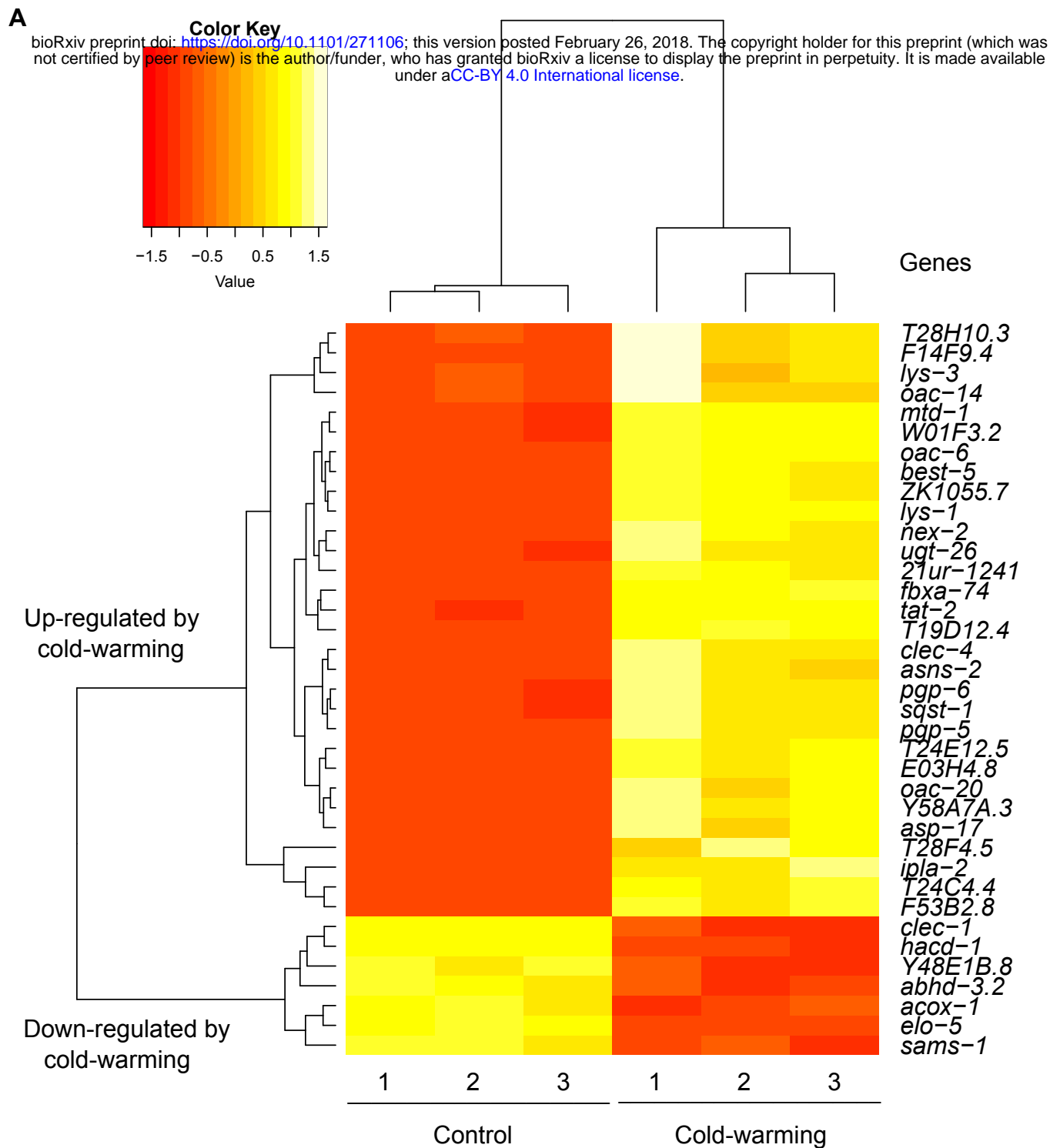


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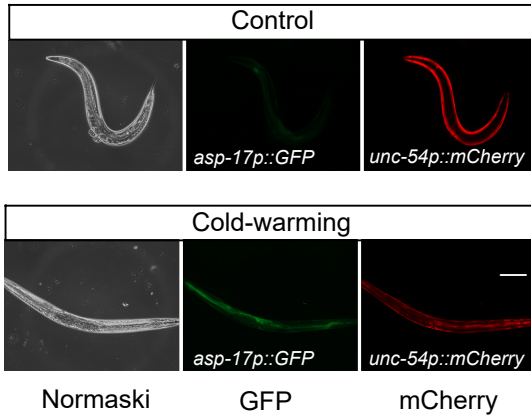




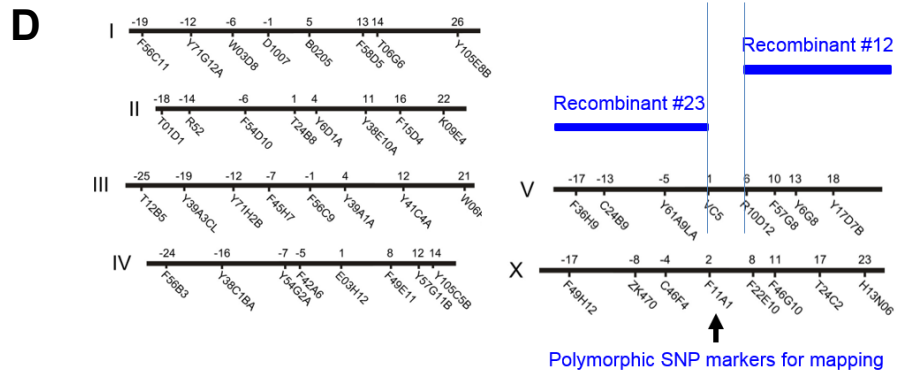
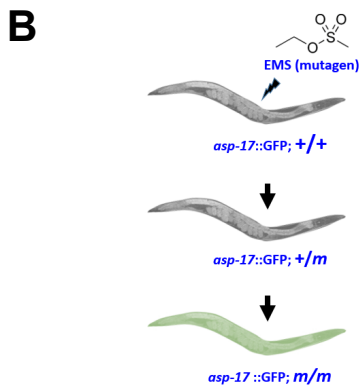
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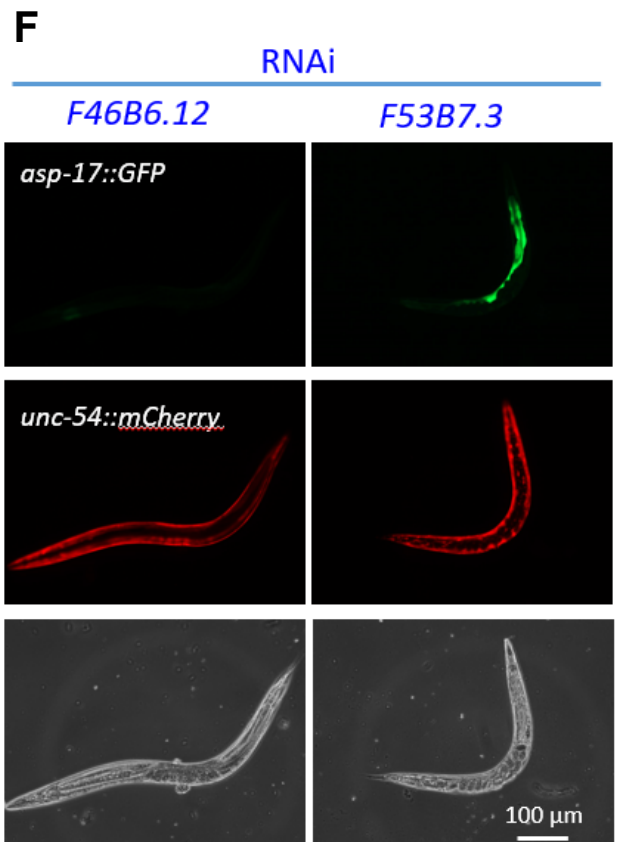
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Genotype	Chr.	<i>asp-17::GFP</i>	Mutation	HomoloGene
Wild type		+		
<i>dma37, dma38, dma70, dma72</i>	I	++++		
<i>dma60, dma62</i>	IV	+++		
<i>dma50</i>	V	+++++	<i>F53B7.3</i>	<i>ISY1</i>
<i>dma65, dma68, dma69, dma66</i>	V	+++++		
<i>dma76</i>	X	+++		



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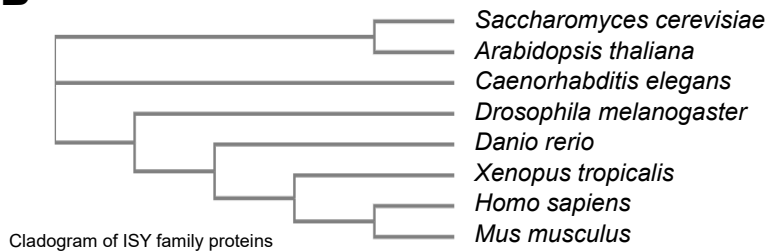
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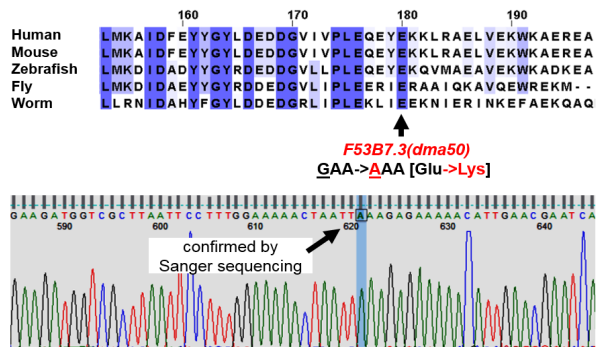
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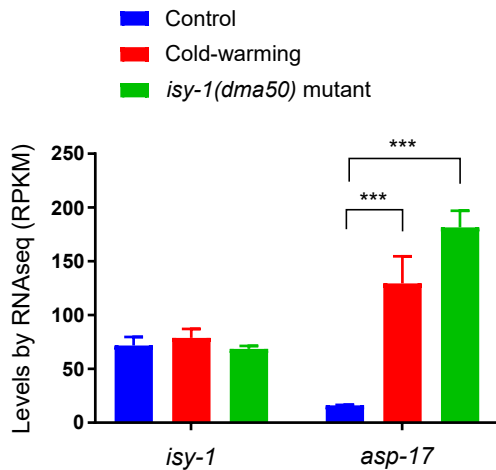
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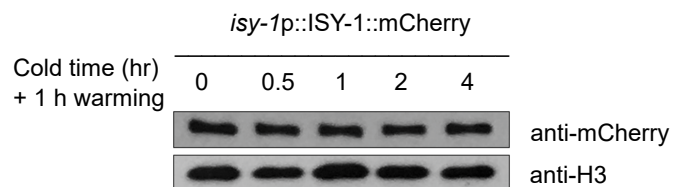
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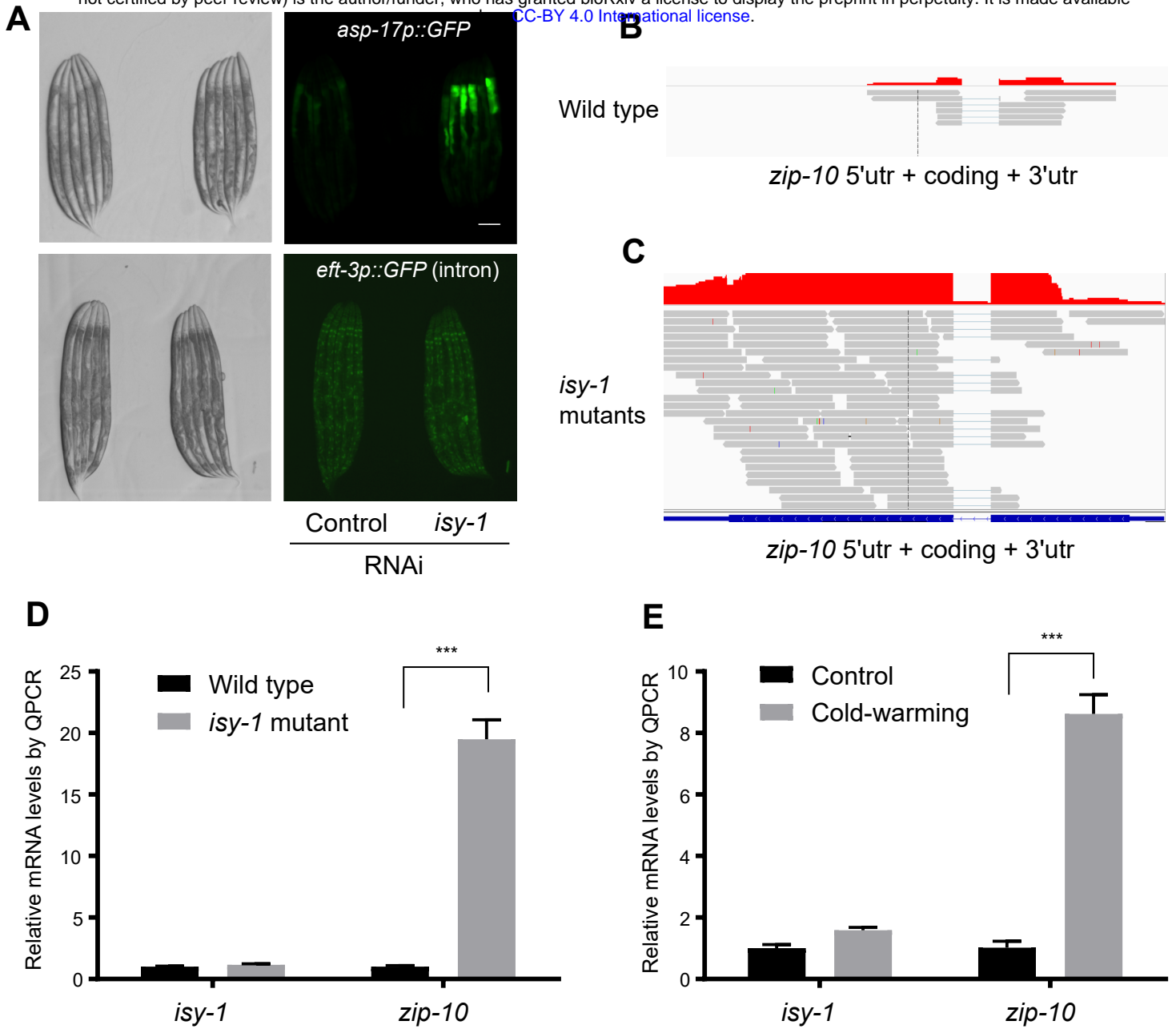


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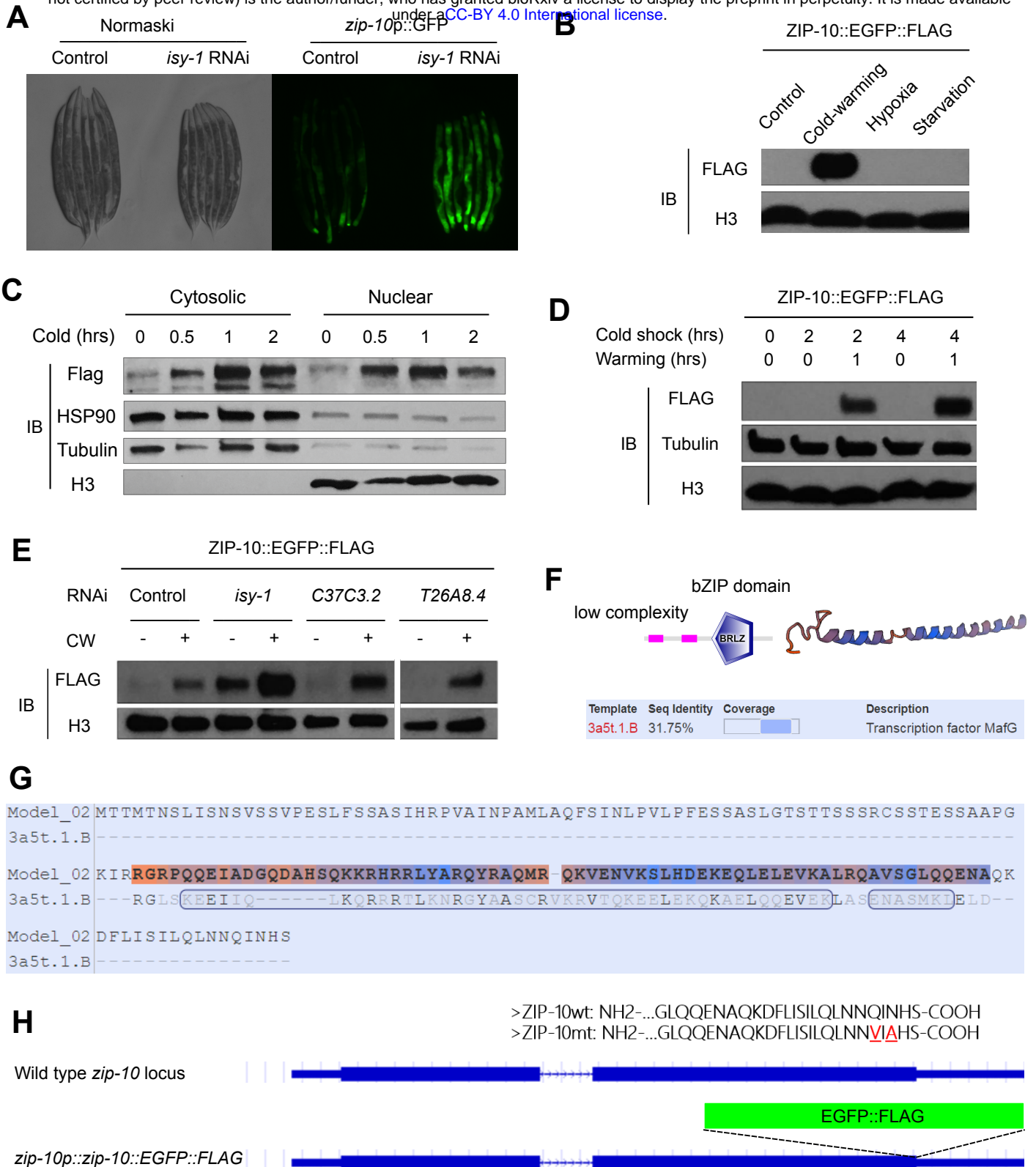


Figure 4-Figure Supplement 1: Relative mRNA levels of CW-inducible genes in wild-type and *zip-10* mutants.

Gene		1	2	3	4	P value
<i>asp-17</i>	WT	1.20±0.22	9.20±0.07	20.38±12.77	45.45±12.47	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	0.37±0.04	0.46±0.12	0.71±0.29	0.43±0.10	0.025
<i>cpr-3</i>	WT	1.01±0.18	2.80±0.16	3.67±0.10	9.75±1.43	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.24±0.05	1.31±0.48	1.99±0.40	1.30±0.52	0.005
<i>ZK896.4</i>	WT	1.01±0.20	3.56±1.27	6.31±1.13	12.22±2.00	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.19±0.07	0.76±0.07	1.14±0.07	1.03±0.21	0.009
<i>F53A9.1</i>	WT	0.80±0.29	1.27±0.48	2.78±1.07	5.51±2.29	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	0.69±0.19	1.50±0.42	2.60±0.62	4.95±1.56	0.748
<i>srr-6</i>	WT	1.09±0.29	4.68±2.84	18.31±15.68	55.37±33.32	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.74±0.53	37.31±22.32	136.49±46.46	188.14±64.10	0.050
<i>ceh-37</i>	WT	1.04±0.35	1.75±0.15	2.36±0.56	5.52±1.12	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	0.76±0.40	1.76±0.65	2.58±0.57	3.53±0.59	0.072
<i>fis-2</i>	WT	1.09±0.57	0.94±0.36	2.92±0.09	8.57±2.12	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	2.19±0.47	3.55±0.44	4.57±0.24	11.93±1.98	0.115
<i>CYP14A5</i>	WT	0.98±0.14	2.53±0.46	7.54±2.90	26.04±5.55	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	3.99±1.29	6.77±0.77	10.12±0.78	28.57±5.66	0.610
<i>sqst-1</i>	WT	0.98±0.29	2.59±1.15	4.95±1.08	13.59±4.28	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	2.68±0.54	5.81±0.25	8.13±0.59	12.85±2.95	0.820
<i>best-5</i>	WT	0.97±0.31	1.79±0.40	5.34±3.24	18.21±6.83	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.37±0.97	2.94±0.26	6.06±2.23	13.35±4.41	0.368
<i>tsp-1</i>	WT	1.05±0.41	6.78±2.86	18.03±6.33	72.47±13.72	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	3.04±2.34	12.53±4.52	23.45±2.73	50.02±9.17	0.108
<i>dod-3</i>	WT	1.08±0.54	9.42±4.50	18.04±2.08	33.69±6.53	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	2.64±1.17	8.11±2.47	13.19±3.75	28.77±6.74	0.415
<i>oac-20</i>	WT	1.00±0.09	4.19±0.56	7.92±0.49	19.54±3.53	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.38±0.08	2.90±1.17	5.05±1.01	16.20±4.87	0.396
<i>F37C4.5</i>	WT	1.01±0.17	2.10±0.38	2.79±1.84	8.94±2.34	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.43±0.18	1.49±0.27	2.19±0.33	5.28±1.69	0.100
<i>dod-19</i>	WT	1.08±0.45	0.95±0.01	0.67±0.02	1.41±0.37	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.33±0.07	0.85±0.09	0.97±0.18	1.75±0.23	0.262
<i>dod-22</i>	WT	1.15±0.74	1.52±0.1	1.27±0.22	2.76±0.50	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.41±0.25	1.29±0.34	2.55±0.24	3.41±0.59	0.226

<i>oac-6</i>	WT	1.01±0.12	3.07±0.77	5.36±1.28	10.94±3.72	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.79±0.25	2.34±1.30	4.80±0.98	8.22±1.61	0.336
<i>K09D9.1</i>	WT	1.05±0.38	1.05±0.58	4.01±2.82	24.56±3.64	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	3.31±1.14	7.38±1.61	11.55±3.07	27.66±8.46	0.605
<i>clec-41</i>	WT	1.08±0.49	0.83±0.38	1.37±0.17	2.31±0.54	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	1.63±0.27	0.35±0.21	0.68±0.26	1.26±0.19	0.065
<i>F48E3.8</i>	WT	1.17±0.72	0.87±0.42	2.07±0.97	5.30±1.14	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	0.99±0.27	0.60±0.49	1.22±0.08	5.66±0.66	0.666
<i>cebp-1</i>	WT	1.04±0.34	1.44±0.22	2.84±0.34	6.80±3.05	
	<i>zip-10</i> m	2.21±0.69	2.07±0.37	3.01±0.14	4.58±0.90	0.335

WT: wild type;

zip-10 m: *zip-10* mutant (*ok3462*);

1. 25°C;

2. 4°C-1h, 25°C-1h;

3. 4°C-2h, 25°C-1h;

4. 4°C-4h, 25°C-1h.

n=3 biological replicates.

