

## Supplemental Fig 1. Dexamethasone treatment suppresses the expression of inflammatory genes following photoreceptor injury.

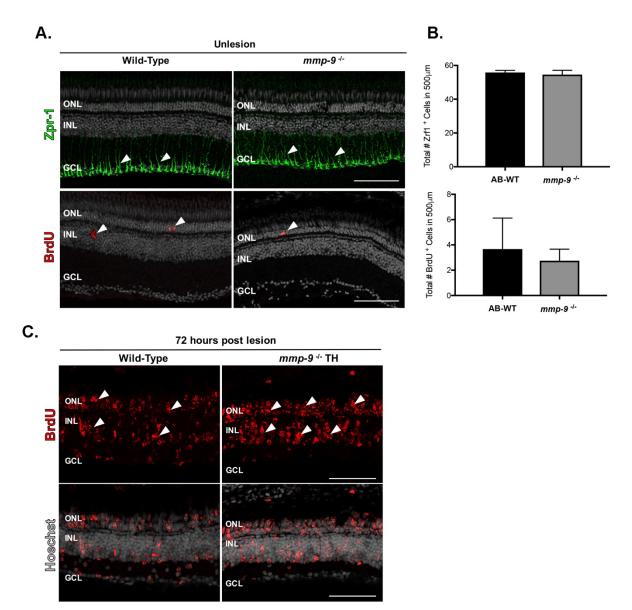
(A) qRT-PCR for the inflammatory genes *mmp-9, tnf-a, nfkb1, il-8,* and *il-6* from control and Dex-treated retinas at 72 hpl. \*p≤0.05.

## Α.

Wild-Type: FULL Mmp9 protein

5'3' Frame 1
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8 bp Insertion
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FILY
23 bp Deletion
5'3' Frame 1
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**Supplemental Fig 2**. *mmp-9* **INDELS result in predicted premature stop codons**. **(A)** The predicted amino acid sequence for wild-type and the 8bp insertion and 23bp deletion mutants. The black box denotes the gRNA target.



## Supplemental Fig 3. The number of Müller glia and dividing cells in unlesioned retinas is not altered between wild-type and mutants; photoreceptor death in transheterozygotes results in hyperproliferation.

(A) Processes of Müller glia (green) stained with the zrf-1 antibody (top). BrdU-labeled cells (arrowheads) in wild-type and mutant retinas. (B) Number of Müller glia (top) and dividing cells (bottom) in wild-type and mutant retinas. (C) BrdU-labeled cells (red) in wild-type (left) and transheterozygote retinas (right), illustrating the replication of the overproduction of injury-induced progenitors in transheterozygotes. Scale bars equal  $25\mu$ m.