

**Deep sequencing analysis of the circadian transcriptome of the jewel wasp
*Nasonia vitripennis***

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2 **Abstract**

3 The study of the circadian clock has benefited greatly from using *Drosophila* as a
4 model system. Yet, accumulating evidence suggests that the fly might not be the
5 canonical insect model. Here, we have analysed the circadian transcriptome of
6 the Jewel wasp *Nasonia vitripennis* by using RNA-seq in both constant darkness
7 (DD) and constant light (LL, the wasps are rhythmic in LL with period
8 shortening). At a relatively stringent FDR ($q < 0.1$), we identified 1,057 cycling
9 transcripts in DD and 929 in LL (fraction of 6.7% and 5.9% of all transcripts
10 analysed in DD and LL respectively). Although there was little similarity between
11 cycling genes in *Drosophila* and *Nasonia*, the functions fulfilled by cycling
12 transcripts were similar in both species. Of the known *Drosophila* core clock
13 genes, only *pdp1e*, *shaggy* and *Clok* showed a significant cycling in *Nasonia*,
14 underscoring the importance of studying the clock in non-model organisms.
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16 **Introduction**

17 The circadian clock regulates fundamental biological processes such as sleep
18 (Huang, *et al.* 2011), metabolism (Huang, *et al.* 2011), and the immune system
19 (Scheiermann, *et al.* 2013), and has implications for a wide range of human
20 diseases. Notable examples of diseases linked to the circadian clock include
21 cancer (Kelleher, *et al.* 2014), Alzheimer's disease (Musiek, *et al.* 2015),
22 cardiovascular disease (Takeda and Maemura, 2011), obesity (Maury, *et al.*
23 2010), diabetes (Maury, *et al.* 2010), and depression (Quera Salva, *et al.* 2011). A
24 primary output of the clock is circadian regulation of transcription, a trait which
25 has been demonstrated in mammals (Hughes, *et al.* 2009), insects (McDonald

26 and Rosbash, 2001a), plants (Schaffer, *et al.* 2001), and even bacteria (Woelfle
27 and Johnson, 2006). Therefore, analysing transcriptional oscillations in clock-
28 controlled genes (CCGs) is a key step in understanding how the daily rhythms
29 produced by the clock are ultimately linked to behavioural phenotypes.

30 The genetic mechanisms underlying the animal circadian clock were first
31 elucidated through studies of model animals; primarily the fruit fly *Drosophila*.
32 The first clock gene to be identified, *period (per)*, was discovered through
33 mapping the genetic basis of *Drosophila* mutants with aberrant locomotor and
34 eclosion rhythms (Konopka and Benzer, 1971). The discovery of *period* was
35 followed by the discovery of its heterodimeric partner *timeless (tim)* (Sehgal, *et*
36 *al.* 1994). These two genes are joined by a roster of other genes working together
37 to produce robust internal rhythms.

38 The discoveries made in *Drosophila* have been instrumental for
39 understanding the mechanisms of the circadian clock in mammals (Yu and
40 Hardin, 2006). As the principal insect model, *Drosophila* has been used to great
41 effect to model circadian phenomena in humans (Rosato, *et al.* 2006). However,
42 as circadian research into non-drosophilid insects has advanced, several
43 alternative clock models have been proposed (Yuan, *et al.* 2007), some of which
44 may better model aspects of the mammalian clock than *Drosophila*.

45 For example, a major difference between the various clock models in
46 insects concerns the light input pathway. The main light input to the clock in
47 *Drosophila* is mediated through *cryptochrome (cry1)* which is activated in
48 response to light (Ceriani, *et al.* 1999), binds to and promotes the degradation of
49 *tim* (Busza, *et al.* 2004), ultimately resulting in the degradation of *per* (Ko, *et al.*
50 2002, Grima, *et al.* 2002). In contrast, mammalian-like *cryptochrome (cry2)* is not

51 light-sensitive (Yuan, *et al.* 2007), but is a part of the core transcriptional
52 feedback loop suppressing its own transcription (and that of *per*) by interfering
53 with the actions of the CLK-BMAL1 heterodimer (Kume, *et al.* 1999, Jin, *et al.*
54 1999). Mammals also lack a homolog for *timeless*, possessing only a homolog of
55 the *Drosophila* gene *timeout* (Benna, *et al.* 2000), a gene whose potential role in
56 the clock is less clear and less crucial than that of *timeless* (Gustafson and Partch,
57 2015, Benna, *et al.* 2010).

58 The Lepidoptera harbour both types of *cryptochrome* (*Drosophila*-like
59 *cry1* and mammal-like *cry2*) (Tomioka and Matsumoto, 2010), as well as
60 homologs of *timeless* and *timeout* (Tomioka and Matsumoto, 2015). The two
61 cryptochromes have been shown to act in a similar way to their *Drosophila* and
62 mammal counterparts; *cry1* functions as a light receptor and *cry2* serves as a
63 transcriptional repressor (Zhu, *et al.* 2008).

64 Of the major insect orders, the Hymenoptera arguably possess the most
65 mammalian-like core clock architecture, possessing *cry2* and *timeout* but neither
66 *cry1* nor *timeless* (Tomioka and Matsumoto, 2015, Yuan, *et al.* 2007). In addition
67 to these molecular similarities, there is evidence that the transcriptional profiles
68 of these genes match more closely the mammalian model than the *Drosophila*
69 model (Rubin, *et al.* 2006). Light-entrained circadian rhythms have been
70 demonstrated in the Hymenoptera, but the question of light detection in the
71 Hymenopteran clock remains an open one.

72 *Nasonia vitripennis* is a parasitoid wasp, which as a research model offers
73 advantages over other hymenopterans, including a fully sequenced genome
74 (Werren, *et al.* 2010), systemic RNAi (Lynch and Desplan, 2006), a robust and
75 well-characterised circadian response (Bertossa, *et al.* 2013), a fully functional

76 DNA methylation kit (Park, *et al.* 2011), and a history as a model for
77 photoperiodism (Saunders, 1969).

78 In this study, we advance *Nasonia* as an alternative circadian model by
79 using RNA-seq to profile whole-transcriptome gene expression in the *Nasonia*
80 head. As the *Nasonia* clock free-runs in both constant darkness and constant light
81 (Figure 1), we profiled both of these conditions to examine how the two
82 circadian transcriptomes differ. To our knowledge, this is the first circadian
83 RNA-seq study performed in an insect other than *Drosophila*, and the first study
84 to profile the circadian transcriptome oscillating under constant light.

85 **Results**

86 **Identifying rhythmic transcription**

87 We first performed an unbiased clustering analysis to ascertain the kinds of
88 expression patterns present in the data. To this end, Mfuzz (Kumar and E
89 Futschik, 2007) was used to carry soft c-means clustering, a method which is less
90 sensitive to biological noise than traditional clustering (Futschik and Carlisle,
91 2005). After filtering (see Methods), thirty clusters were generated for each
92 condition (Supplementary figures S1 and S2), revealing a variety of potentially
93 rhythmic and non-rhythmic expression trends. Potential asymmetric wave forms
94 were detected in LL (e.g. Supplementary figure S2, clusters 22 and 26).

95 To identify rhythmic transcripts, we used the RAIN algorithm (Thaben
96 and Westermark, 2014). At false discovery rate (FDR) threshold of 0.1 we
97 identified 1,057 rhythmic transcripts in DD and 929 in LL (Table S1, S2).

98 Rhythmic transcripts ($q < 0.1$) were sorted by phase, peak shape, and
99 significance, and plotted (Figure 2A). Examining the phase distribution (Figure

100 2B), it is apparent that the majority of transcripts show peak expression early in
101 the subjective morning/afternoon or in the subjective night, with fewer
102 transcripts peaking at intermediate times. This disparity in phase is greater in
103 the transcripts which show rhythmic expression in both DD and LL; less than
104 12% of transcripts in DD and less than 5% in LL show peak expression at
105 intermediate times (Figure 2B). The majority of these transcripts (~87%) exhibit
106 a similar (+-4 hrs) phase in LL to their phase in DD.

107 Similarly to *Drosophila* (Hughes, *et al.* 2012) and mammals (Hughes, *et al.*
108 2009), the majority of transcripts show only small cyclic changes in expression
109 amplitude over the day; over 80% of reliably quantified (see Methods)
110 transcripts in both conditions have amplitudes (peak expression divided by
111 trough expression) of 2 or less. In both DD and LL, transcripts with exceptionally
112 high amplitudes (> 4) are transcripts with unusually low or high measurements
113 at isolated time-points with no obvious specific shared function. This is in
114 contrast with results in *Drosophila* and mammals, where some core clock genes
115 exhibit very high amplitude oscillations (Hughes, *et al.* 2009, Hughes, *et al.*
116 2012, Li, *et al.* 2015).

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118 **Canonical clock genes and comparison with *Drosophila***

119 The canonical clock genes were examined for rhythmicity both at the transcript
120 level and via an additional RAIN analysis at the gene level. The q-values (FDR
121 adjusted p-values) for the canonical clock genes are shown in supplementary
122 table S3. We found a rather limited evidence for rhythmicity in these genes
123 which included *pdp1e* (q ~ 0.1, LL and DD), *shaggy* (q < 0.1, DD), and *Clk* (q ~ 0.1,

124 LL). At a less stringent FDR ($1 < 0.2$), *per*, *cyc*, *Dbt* and *cwo* were rhythmic in DD,
125 while *cry* and *cyc*, were oscillating in LL.

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127 The most strongly associated cluster for the primary transcript (most highly
128 expressed) of each gene is also shown in supplementary table S3, providing
129 evidence that some clock genes are associated with clusters with rhythmic
130 trends. For comparison between splice variants and conditions, median
131 expression levels of the canonical clock genes and their transcripts for both DD
132 and LL are shown in supplementary table S4.

133 We compared the transcripts identified as cycling in *Nasonia* heads with
134 the transcripts identified as cycling in *Drosophila* heads. For these purposes, we
135 used a list of genes identified in a meta-analysis study of *Drosophila* circadian
136 microarray data as being rhythmically expressed in either LD or DD (Keegan, *et*
137 *al.* 2007). Of 173 genes identified as rhythmic in *Drosophila*, 33 genes
138 (Supplementary table S5) were found to also be rhythmic in *Nasonia* (either in
139 LL or DD, $q < 0.1$), no more than would be expected by chance ($p = 0.11$,
140 hypergeometric test).

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142 **Functions of rhythmic genes**

143 To capture the general functions that rhythmic genes may fulfil in *Nasonia*, we
144 tested a broader set of rhythmic genes (< 0.2 FDR in RAIN) for GO term
145 overrepresentation (Davies and Tauber, 2015a), revealing 94 GO terms
146 overrepresented for genes rhythmic in DD (including 'response to light stimulus',
147 'proteasome complex', and 'generation of neurons', Supplementary table S6) and
148 123 terms for genes rhythmic in LL (including 'locomotion', 'proteasome

149 complex', and 'response to external stimulus', Supplementary table S7), 25 of
150 which were shared between both conditions (Figure 3). Shared terms include
151 terms related to neurons, signal transmission, and responses to stimuli. Notably,
152 all four *Nasonia* opsins were found to exhibit similar transcriptional profiles in
153 LL and DD, with low expression in the morning and high expression in the
154 evening.

155 It has previously been demonstrated that the timing of different (or indeed
156 opposing) biological processes can be controlled through the circadian
157 regulation of groups of genes (Sancar, *et al.* 2015,Zhang, *et al.* 2014).

158 Unsupervised clustering methods have previously been established as a useful
159 method for functional characterisation of circadian genes (Nguyen, *et al.* 2014).

160 To establish whether temporal separation of functions occurs in *Nasonia*, we
161 therefore returned to the expression clustering analysis. Firstly, we employed
162 hypergeometric tests to identify clusters with an overrepresentation of rhythmic
163 genes (Figure 4, Supplementary table S8 and S9). Clusters which were found to
164 have a significant rhythmic component ($q < 0.05$, supplementary tables S8 and
165 S9) were analysed for overrepresented GO terms. Examples of clusters with
166 enriched functions include clusters DD7 and LL20 which are significantly
167 enriched for catalytic activity GO terms, especially genes involved in the
168 proteasome, and clusters DD24 and LL6 which are both involved in circadian
169 and neural processes. Other clusters (DD1 and DD2) did not turn up any
170 overrepresented GO terms and are thus likely comprised of genes with a wide
171 range of functions.

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173 **Transcriptional differences between constant darkness and constant light**

174 To examine whether differences in circadian period seen in locomotor activity
175 between DD and LL could also be detected in transcriptional rhythms, we fitted
176 parametric models with a range of periods to transcripts rhythmic in both
177 conditions ($q < 0.1$). For those transcripts with statistically significant fits to the
178 model in both conditions ($q < 0.1$, see Methods), we took the period with the best
179 fit and compared these periods between conditions. Overall, transcripts in LL
180 showed a significantly ($p < 3.9e-09$, Wilcoxon rank sum test) shorter (median
181 24) period than those in DD (median 25.4), mirroring the behavioural
182 differences in period.

183 We have also tested for differential expression between DD and LL. In the
184 absence of biological replicates, we analysed differential expression using a fold-
185 change approach. We used 1.5 fold change as a cut-off for differential expression
186 (Dalman, *et al.* 2012), yielding 1,488 genes expressed higher in DD than LL and
187 971 genes expressed higher in LL than DD (Figure 5). Genes more highly
188 expressed in DD were significantly enriched ($q < 0.01$) for genes involved in
189 various forms of catalytic activity (Supplementary table S10), including the vast
190 majority of proteasome genes (>75%). Genes more highly expressed in LL were
191 enriched for a small number of terms including 'plasmalemma' and 'sequence-
192 specific DNA binding' (Supplementary table S11).

193 **Discussion**

194 This study provides the first insights into global transcriptional oscillation in
195 *Nasonia*. With RNA-seq, we profiled the circadian transcription of >26,000
196 transcripts in *Nasonia* in either DD or LL. At a relatively stringent FDR ($q < 0.1$),

197 we identified 1,057 cycling transcripts in DD and 929 cycling transcripts in LL.
198 These transcripts correspond to a cycling fraction of 6.7% and 5.9% of all
199 transcripts analysed in DD and LL respectively. These figures are comparable to
200 cycling fractions reported in various organisms and tissues, generally between
201 2% and 10% of the transcriptome (Michael and McClung, 2003).

202 In both conditions, cycling transcripts were found to cycle at low
203 amplitudes (mostly < 2 fold) and with a limited, bimodal, range of phases. This is
204 in contrast to microarray/RNA-seq studies in *Drosophila*, where transcripts were
205 found to cycle with a broader range of phases (Rodriguez, *et al.* 2013) and
206 studies in both mammals and *Drosophila*, which have identified a group of high-
207 amplitude (> 4-fold) cycling genes among the low-amplitude majority (Akhtar, *et*
208 *al.* 2002). High amplitude cyclers typically include clock genes (Akhtar, *et al.*
209 2002, Hughes, *et al.* 2012). The low oscillations of the *Nasonia* head
210 transcriptome render the expression profiles of the canonical clock genes
211 difficult to resolve (Covington, *et al.* 2008). This issue may also contribute to the
212 discordance between the various circadian microarray studies in *Drosophila*
213 (Keegan, *et al.* 2007).

214 An emerging property of the circadian transcriptome in *Nasonia* is the
215 temporal separation of function by phase (Fig 2). Notably, genes involved in
216 catalytic activity were strongly overrepresented in morning-peaking transcripts.
217 This is in line with other studies which show catalytic activity confined to the
218 morning in fungi (Sancar, *et al.* 2015), in agreement with a general observation
219 that an important (or even primary) function of circadian clocks (Hurley, *et al.*
220 2015) is to temporally separate catabolism and anabolism. Although we did not
221 detect an overrepresentation of anabolic genes within the cyclic transcripts,

222 expression clusters DD10 and LL24 (Supplementary figures S1 and S2) did show
223 strong overrepresentation (Supplementary tables S12 and S13) for genes
224 involved in cytosolic ribosomal genes ($q < 3.e-56$) and cellular anabolism ($q < 2e-$
225 06). These clusters exhibit an antagonistic expression pattern to the expression
226 clusters containing the catabolic genes, suggesting that catabolism and
227 anabolism are indeed separated by the circadian clock in *Nasonia*.

228 The comparison of expression between LL and DD reveals that a majority
229 of genes involved in the proteasome and a broader set of genes involved in
230 catabolism, are more highly expressed in DD than LL. As turnover rates of clock
231 proteins have shown to be coupled with changes in the circadian period (Syed, *et*
232 *al.* 2011, He and Liu, 2005), up-regulation of the proteasome may provide an
233 explanation for differences in period observed between DD and LL.

234 Although the similarity of genes which cycle in *Drosophila* and *Nasonia* is
235 rather low, the functions fulfilled by CCGs in *Nasonia* are similar to the functions
236 filled by CCGs in *Drosophila*. Examples of functions shared by CCGs in the
237 *Drosophila* and *Nasonia* heads are: various aspects of metabolism (Rodriguez, *et*
238 *al.* 2013, Ueda, *et al.* 2002, Ceriani, *et al.* 2002, Claridge-Chang, *et al.* 2001),
239 phototransduction (Ueda, *et al.* 2002, Rodriguez, *et al.* 2013), synaptic/nervous
240 functions (McDonald and Rosbash, 2001b, Ceriani, *et al.* 2002, Claridge-Chang, *et*
241 *al.* 2001), oxidoreductase activity (Claridge-Chang, *et al.* 2001), mating behaviour
242 (Rodriguez, *et al.* 2013), and immunity (McDonald and Rosbash, 2001b, Ceriani,
243 *et al.* 2002).

244 We identified cycling of genes involved in response to light, particularly
245 all four *Nasonia* opsins. These opsins, along with associated gPCRs, cycle with a
246 similar phase and are all more highly expressed in LL than in DD (Supplementary

247 figure S6). Daily and circadian changes in opsin expression have been
248 demonstrated in other organisms (e.g. mice (Bowes, *et al.* 1988) , zebrafish (Li, *et*
249 *al.* 2005), honeybee (Sasagawa, *et al.* 2003)), and opsin expression is generally
250 found to be up-regulated in response to light (Yan, *et al.* 2014). Characterising
251 the opsins in *Nasonia* is likely to provide insights into the light input pathway
252 into the clock, particularly as *Nasonia* does not possess other obvious light input
253 candidate genes such as *Drosophila*-like *CRY1* (Bertossa, *et al.* 2014) or *Pteropsin*
254 (Velarde, *et al.* 2005) (Supplementary figure S6).

255 **Data availability**

256 We have made the expression profile for each transcript in both conditions
257 available on WaspAtlas (Davies and Tauber, 2015b). Data have been archived in
258 the NCBI short read archive (SRA), with accession number(s) [].

259 **Methods**

260 **Maintenance and sample collection**

261 Stocks of *Nasonia vitripennis* (strain AsymCX) were maintained at 25°C on
262 blowfly pupal hosts in 12:12 light:dark cycles. To obtain male wasps for
263 experiments, groups of eight females were isolated at the yellow pupal stage and
264 transferred onto fresh hosts upon eclosion. The resulting male progeny were
265 collected upon eclosion and moved onto vials with a 30% sucrose agar medium,
266 in groups of 20. During entrainment (four full days in an LD 12:12 cycle) and
267 collection, wasps were kept in four light boxes in the same incubator at 19°C.
268 Starting at CT1, wasps were collected every four hours and snap-frozen in liquid
269 nitrogen and immediately transferred to -80°C. Wasps were collected
270 sequentially from light box to light box every four hours to minimise disturbance

271 of wasps, and so that wasps were collected from each light box once every 16
272 hours, thereby minimising the effect of variations within light boxes.
273 Temperature and light recordings were taken during the experiment, and can be
274 viewed in Supplementary file S2. To verify that wasps entrained correctly to the
275 experimental conditions and that free-running behaviour was as expected,
276 individual male wasps were isolated and locomotor activity was monitored.
277 Behavioural recordings of individual male wasps in experimental conditions can
278 be seen in Supplementary figure S7, ruling out behavioural differences caused by
279 inter light box variations in light intensity in LL, though not transcriptional
280 differences.

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282 **RNA extraction, sequencing, and read mapping**

283 RNA was extracted from pooled groups of 50 heads for each sample, using Trizol
284 RNA extraction protocol, and followed by clean-up using the RNAeasy spin
285 column kit (Qiagen). Samples were polyA selected and sequenced at Glasgow
286 Polyomics (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom) on the Illumina NextSeq500
287 platform, resulting in approximately 20 million 75bp paired-end reads per
288 sample.

289 Read mapping was achieved with Tophat2 (v2.1.0) (Trapnell, *et al.* 2012)
290 against the *Nasonia* Nvit_2.1 NCBI annotation. As the purpose of this study was
291 not to identify novel splice variants or improve on existing annotation, novel
292 junction detection was disabled for accurate quantification of known transcripts.
293 Mean mapping efficiency was above 90% for both conditions (Supplementary
294 table S14). Read quantification was performing using the DEseq normalisation

295 method (Anders and Huber, 2010). All 24 samples from both conditions were
296 grouped together to allow comparison between as well as within conditions.

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298 **Expression profile clustering**

299 Isoform expression profiles were first filtered to include only those isoforms
300 with no missing values at any time-point in either condition. Expression values
301 were standardised using the 'Standardise' function in Mfuzz (Kumar and E
302 Futschik, 2007). The 'cselection' function in Mfuzz was used to select an
303 appropriate c-value for the c-means clustering (default parameters; $m=1.25$).
304 Based on this analysis, thirty fuzzy clusters were generated for each condition
305 using the fuzzification parameter $m=1.25$.

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307 **Rhythmic expression analysis**

308 RAIN (Thaben and Westermarck, 2014) was used on all filtered isoforms (i.e.
309 those with no missing values at any timepoint) in either condition to detect
310 rhythmic isoforms at a period of 24 hours. As a non-parametric method, RAIN
311 only facilitates detection of rhythmic isoforms with periods which are a multiple
312 of the sample resolution (in this case 4 hr). The p-values produced by RAIN were
313 corrected to q-values using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and
314 Hochberg, 1995). This method was repeated using expression values for genes
315 rather than transcripts for the clock gene analysis (i.e. the summed expression
316 values for all known transcripts of a particular gene).

317 Maximum fold changes in expression were calculated by normalising per-
318 condition expression values by the median value and calculating the ratio from
319 the lowest expression over 48 hours to the highest. Reliably quantified

320 transcripts are defined as those those transcripts where the absolute FPKM
321 value is 5 or above at all timepoints, the threshold for this set at a similar level to
322 other analyses (Hughes, *et al.* 2012).

323 To analyse the period of rhythmic transcripts, we fitted parametric
324 waveforms with a variety of periods (20 to 28 hrs in steps of 0.2 hrs) to all
325 transcripts identified as rhythmic ($q < 0.1$) in both conditions. This FDR
326 threshold is in line with, or more strict, than thresholds chosen in other similar
327 studies (Hughes, *et al.* 2012, Huang, *et al.* 2013, Keegan, *et al.* 2007). Those
328 transcripts (85 in total) which showed a significant ($q < 0.1$) fit to the model in
329 both conditions were analysed in terms of their best fitting period.

330 GO term overrepresentation was performed in WaspAtlas (Davies and
331 Tauber, 2015b) using the Nvit_2.1 NCBI annotation dataset. All hypergeometric
332 tests were performed within R using the 'phyper' function. Clusters with
333 rhythmic components were identified by collapsing the fuzzy clusters into hard
334 clusters using the 'cluster' property of the Mfuzz object, performing
335 hypergeometric tests to identify clusters with enrichment for rhythmic
336 transcripts. Thirty tests were performed for each condition (i.e. for all clusters),
337 and were corrected per-condition using the Benjamini-Hochberg method in R (R
338 Development Core Team, 2008).

339 For comparison to microarray studies, orthologs for *Drosophila*
340 *melanogaster* were obtained from a meta-study of circadian microarray data
341 (Keegan, *et al.* 2007). The 214 obtained FlyBase identifiers were converted to the
342 latest identifiers using the validation tool, resulting in 218 unique identifiers (the
343 increase in identifiers can be attributed to previous identifiers referring to
344 multiple genes in the current annotation). Orthologs for these *Drosophila* genes

345 were obtained through WaspAtlas, retrieving orthologs for 135 genes which
346 mapped to 173 unique *Nasonia* genes due to gene duplications, etc. This set of
347 173 genes was compared with the number of genes with rhythmic transcripts
348 that would be expected by chance using a hypergeometric test.

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350 **Phylogenetic analysis of opsin genes**

351 Opsin genes were searched for using NCBI BLASTP using six species; *Apis*
352 *mellifera*, *Bombyx mori*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Mus musculus*, *Nasonia*
353 *vitripennis*, and *Homo sapiens*, using the *Nasonia Lop1* protein sequence as a
354 query. BLAST results were inspected and $7e-19$ was chosen as an appropriate
355 cut-off to include all opsin sequences. Sequences were aligned by ClustalW in
356 MEGA (Tamura, *et al.* 2007) and a maximum likelihood tree generated using
357 default parameters. Duplicated sequences were manually removed, and
358 sequences renamed for display on the tree. Full protein name to shortened
359 display name translations can be found in supplementary table S15.

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Figure legend

Figure 1. Free-run behavioural rhythm in *Nasonia*. Representative actograms of individual *Nasonia* males in DD (left) and LL (right). Activity counts were sorted into 30 minute bins and plotted in blue. Yellow and grey backgrounds indicate lights on and lights off respectively. Gray and black bars below the actogram indicate the 12 hr subjective day and night.

Figure 2. Circadian transcriptional rhythms. **(A)** Heatmap of median-normalised expression of rhythmic ($q < 0.1$) transcripts in both constant darkness and constant light. **(B)** Histograms and heatmap of phases of rhythmic transcripts ($q < 0.1$ in both conditions), showing bimodal phase distribution and overlap between the two conditions.

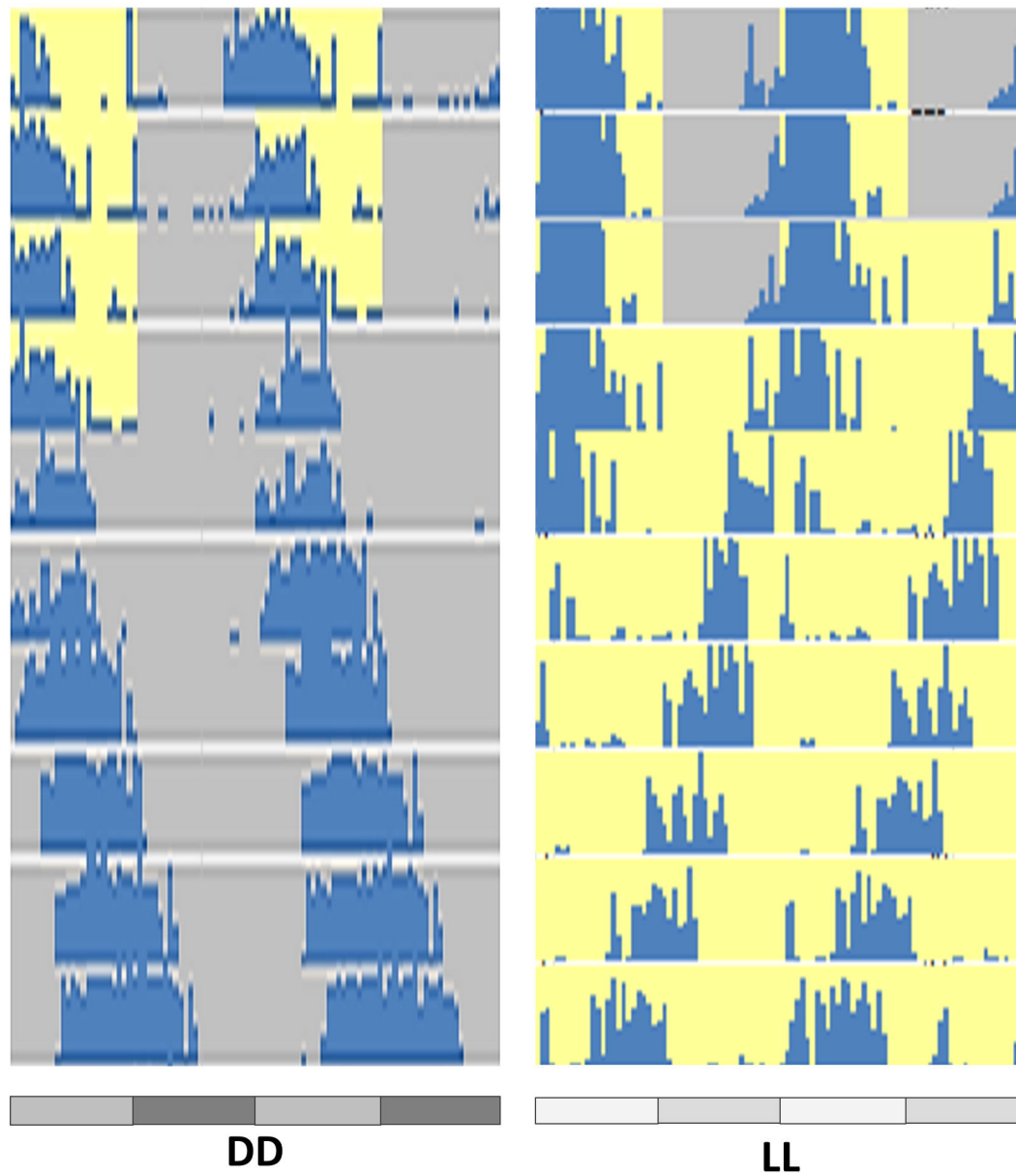
Figure 3. Enrichment of GO terms among cycling transcripts. **(A)** Bar plot of 10 top overrepresented GO terms (by gene proportion) for both DD and LL rhythmic genes. **(B)** Euler diagram showing the overlap of overrepresented terms in DD (blue) and LL (red).

Figure 4. Normalised expression of clusters with significant ($q < 0.01$) overrepresentations of rhythmic genes. Each transcript profile in each cluster is coloured by that gene's membership of the cluster.

Figure 5. Comparison of the DD and LL transcriptomes. **(A)** FPKM (\log_2) expression of transcripts in DD (x axis) and LL (y axis), showing genes classified

(> 1.5 median fold change) as differentially expressed up in DD (blue) and up in LL (red). **(B)** Selected overrepresented ($q < 0.01$) GO terms for genes more highly expressed in DD. **(C)** Heatmap showing median-normalised expression for differentially expressed transcripts, in DD (left) and in LL (right), sorted by fold change.

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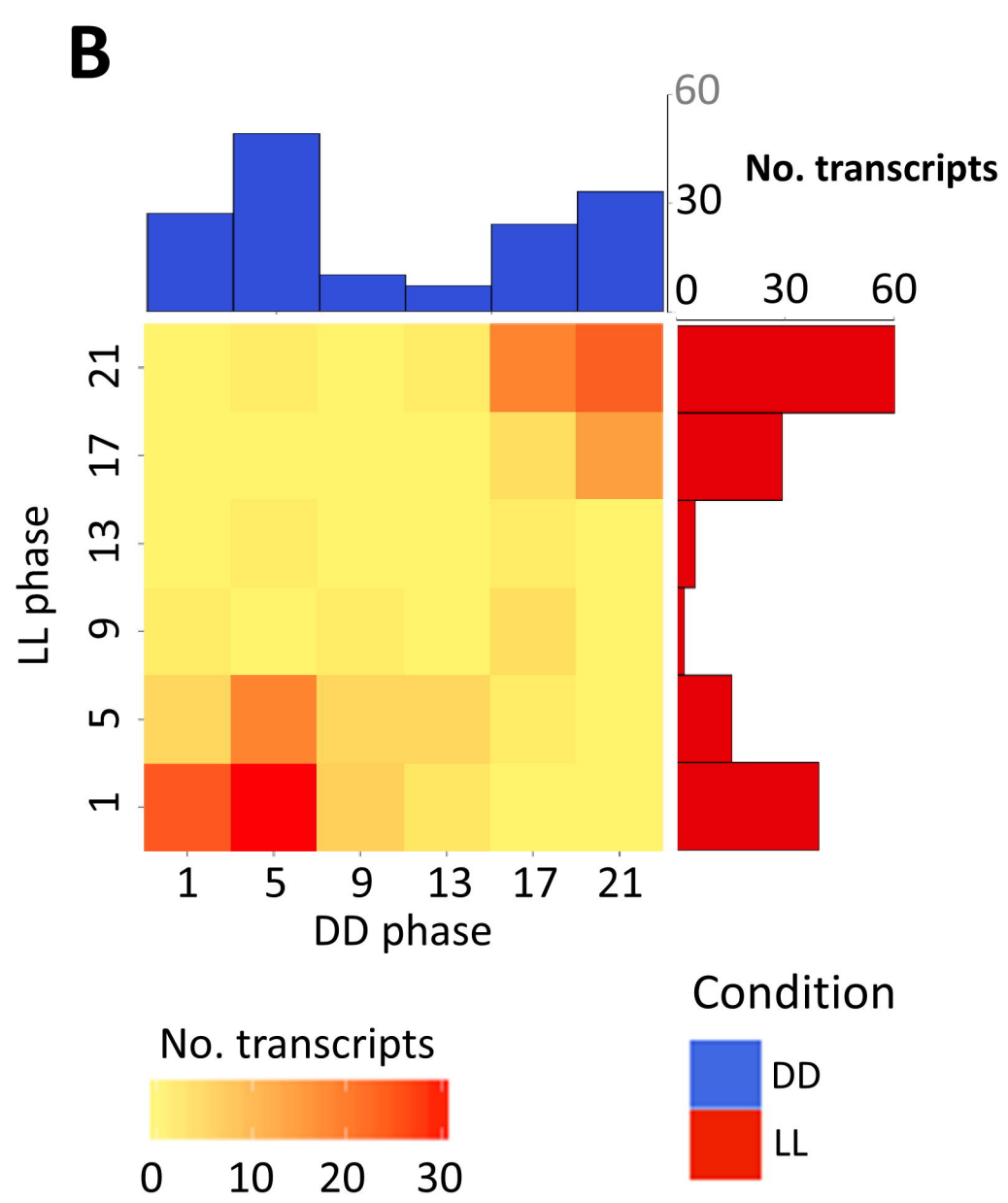
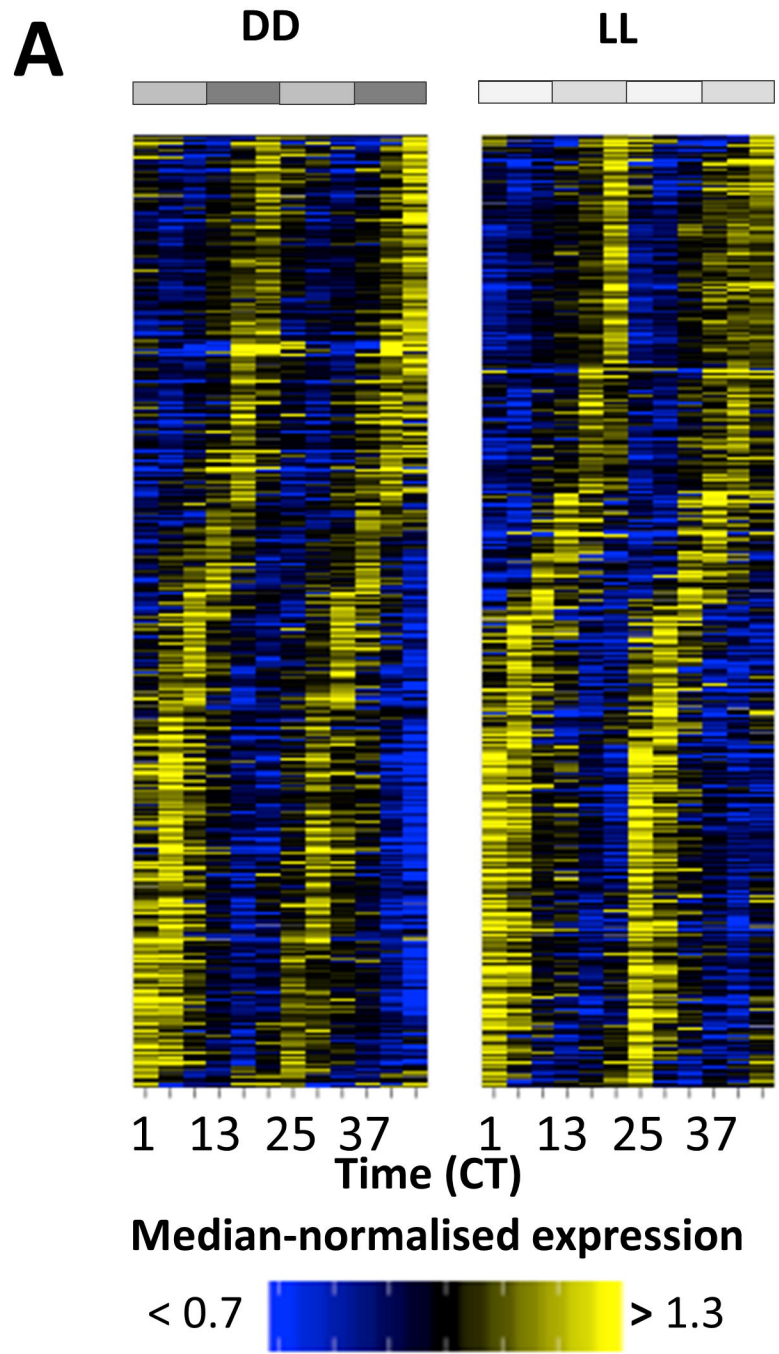


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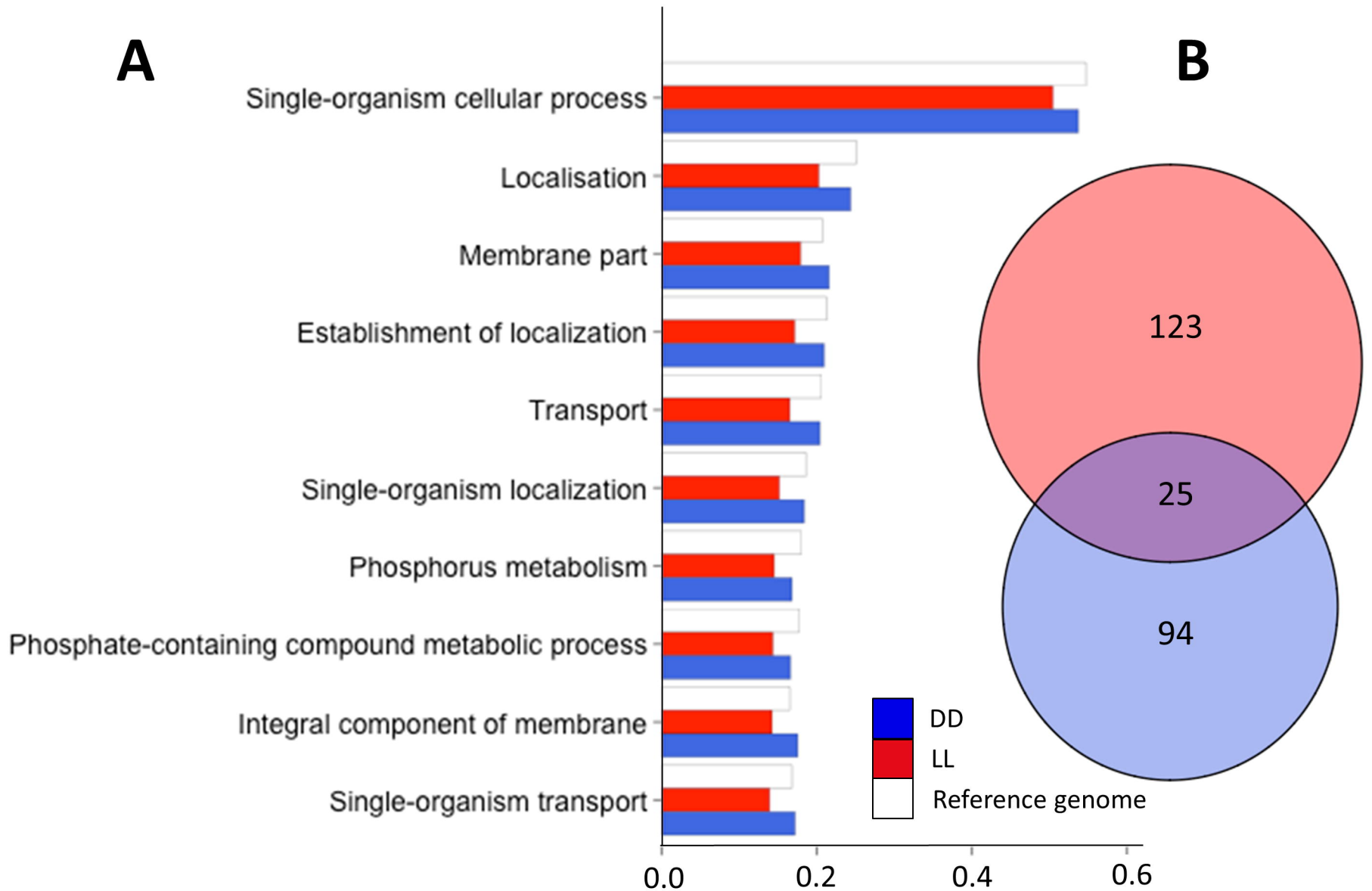
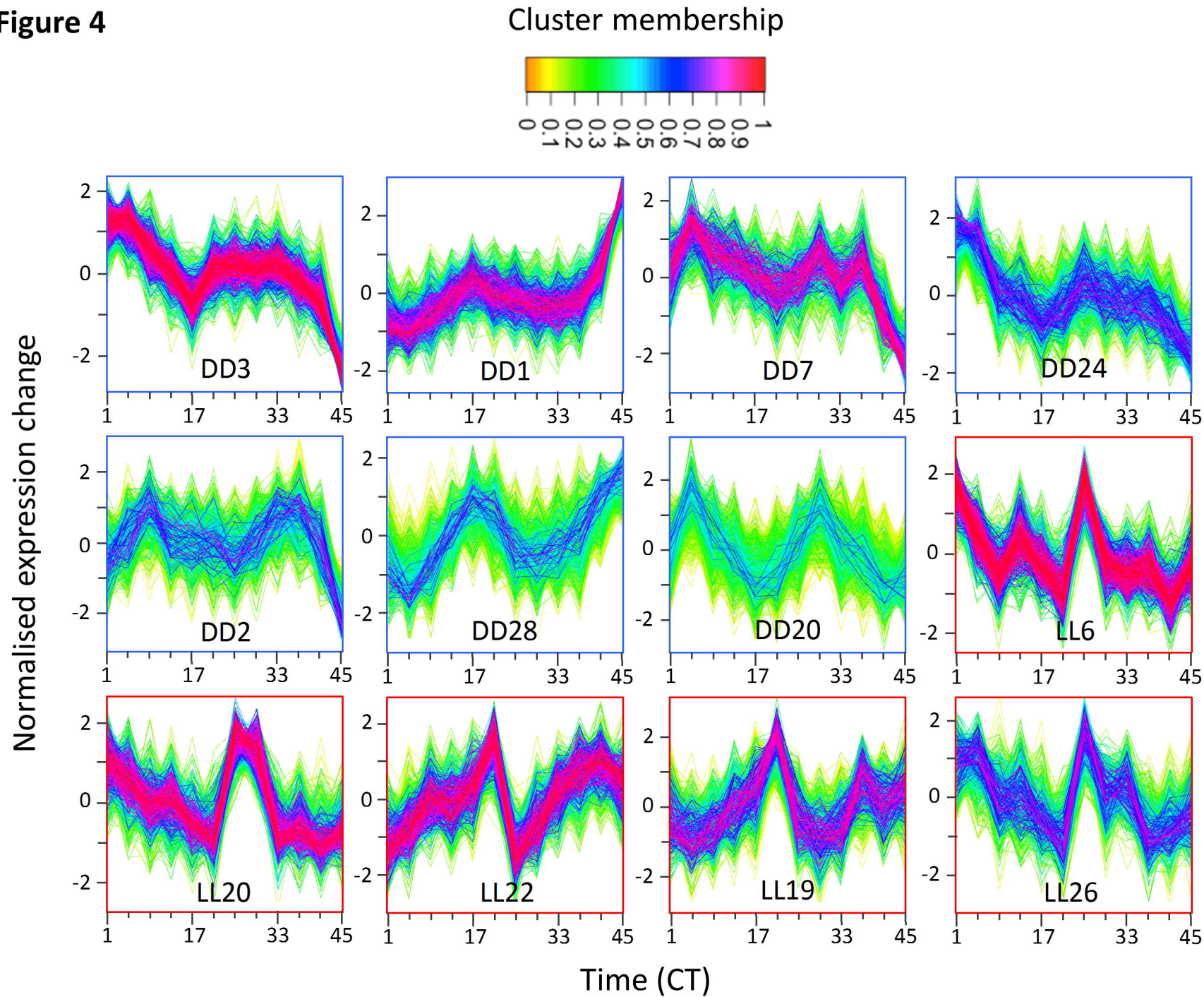


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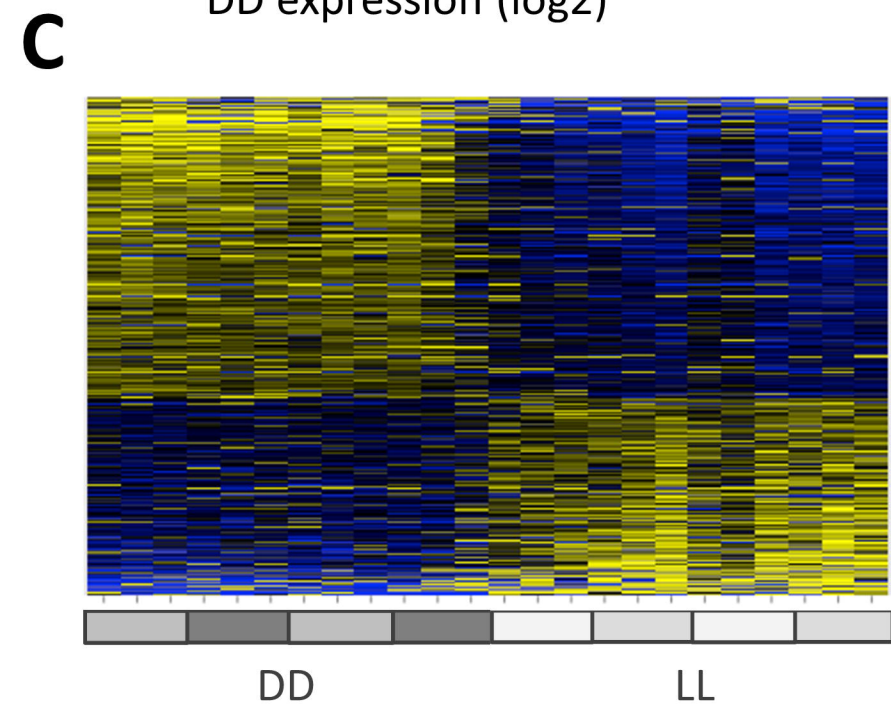
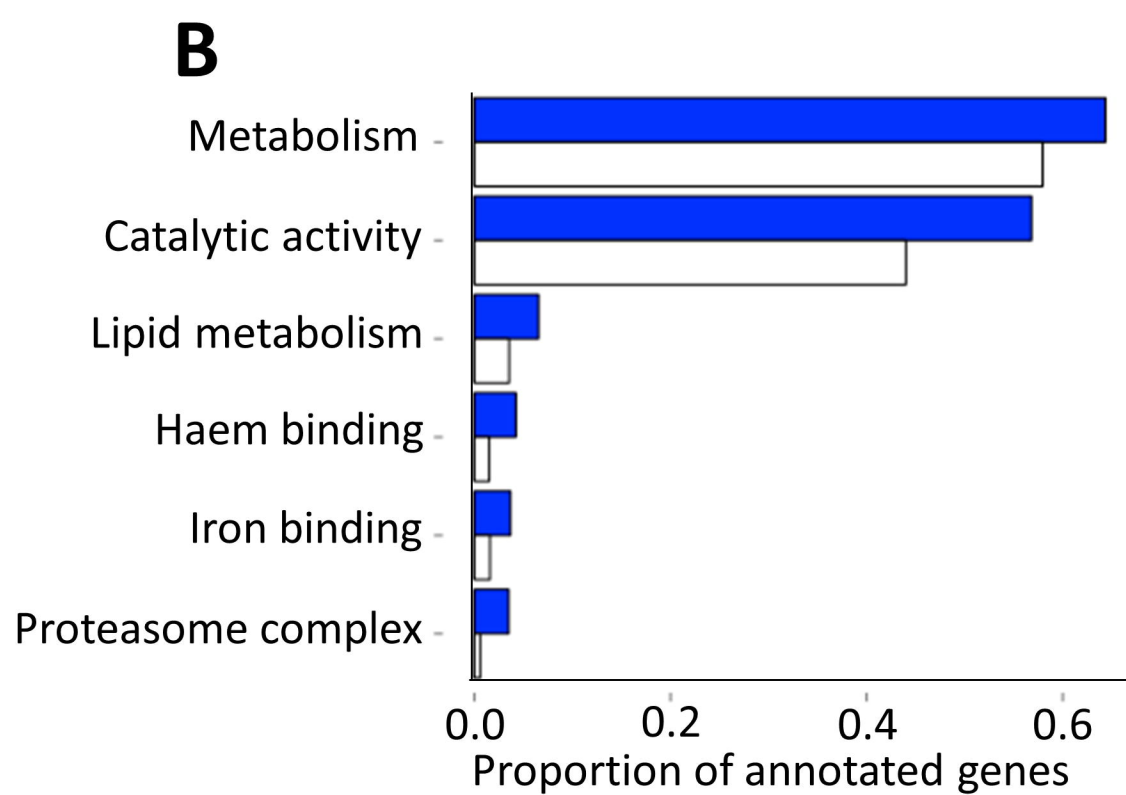
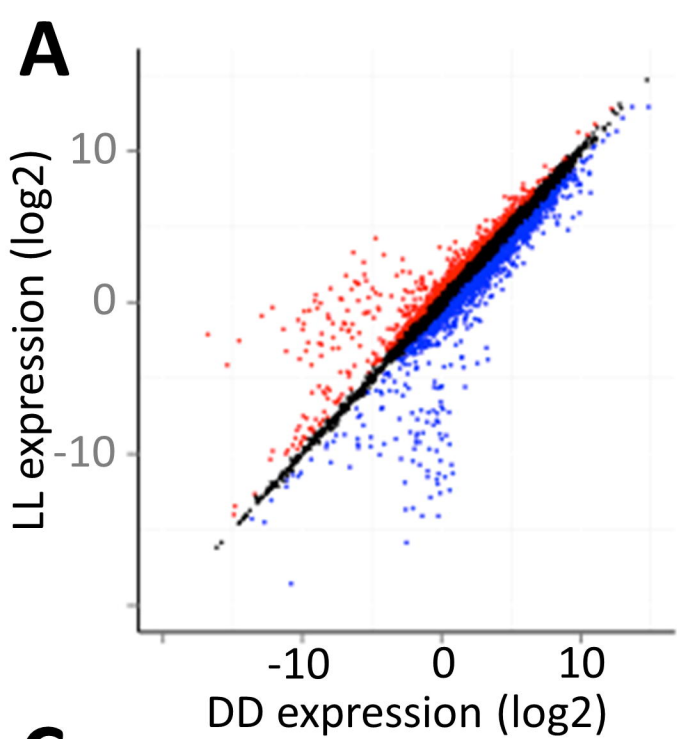


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