



## Supplemental Figure 1: ETC stress does not increase HSF-1 activity through known stress response pathways (related to Figure 1)

A – Relative expression of HSF-1 target genes following heat shock ( $33^{\circ}$ C, 30 min) compared to control treated animals ( $20^{\circ}$ C) on day 3 of adulthood. Values plotted are the mean of 4 biological replicates.

**B** – Relative expression of HSF-1 target genes on day 3 of adulthood in wild type animals exposed to control conditions (20°C), 25°C for 1 hour or 28°C for 1 hour. Expression was calculated relative to the HK genes *cdc-42*, *rpb-2* and *pmp-3*. Values plotted are the mean of 4 biological replicates.

C – Representative images and fluorescence quantification of *hsp-6*p::gfp and *hsp-16.2*p::mcherry reporters on day 3 of adulthood following treatment with DMSO, antimycin A, rotenone or paraquat. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence of at least 15 worms per treatment group.

**D** & **E** – Representative images and fluorescence quantification of day 3 adult wild type and (**D**) *clk-1(qm30)* or (**E**) glp-1(e2144ts) worms expressing *hsp-16.2*p::mcherry following exposure to empty vector (EV) control (L4440) or cox-6c(RNAi). Experiments involving glp-1 and clk-1 mutants were performed at 25°C and 20°C respectively. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence of at least 15 worms per treatment group.

**F-H** – Representative images of (**F**) *daf-16*::*daf-16*::GFP, (**G**) *hsp-6*p::gfp and (**H**) *cyp14A*p::*gfp* worms following growth on empty vector (EV) control, cox-6c(RNAi) or EV/cox-6c(RNAi) combined with (**F**), *daf-16(RNAi)*, (**G**) *atfs-1(RNAi)* or (**H**) *nhr-45(RNAi)*.

**I** - Fluorescence quantification of day 3 adult *daf-16*p::*daf-16*::GFP, *hsp-6*p::gfp and *cyp14A*p::*gfp* worms. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence of at least 15 worms per treatment group.

All scale bars = 250  $\mu$ M. Statistical significance was calculated by: (B and C) one-way ANOVA with Tukey postanalysis comparison of groups and (D and E) two-way ANOVA with post analysis pairwise comparison of groups. All error bars represent SEM. \* p < 0.05, \*\* p < 0.01, \*\*\* p < 0.001.





## Supplemental Figure 2: Inducible HSP70 and BAG family chaperones are not required for mitochondria to suppress protein aggregation and toxicity (related to main figure 2)

**A-G** - Quantification of intestinal polyglutamine (Q44)::YFP aggregation with age in worms grown on EV control or *cox-6c(RNAi)* combined with RNAi against *hsf-1*, *hsp-16.11*, *hsp-16.2*, *hsp-16.48*, *hsp-70*, *hsp-70b*, or *unc-23*. All experiments were performed in parallel with the same EV and *cox-6c(RNAi)* groups (included on each graph).

**H** - Quantification of body wall muscle polyglutamine (Q35)::YFP aggregation with age in worms grown on EV control or *cox-6c(RNAi)* combined with RNAi against *hsp-70, hsp-70b,* or *unc-23*.

**I** - Age-related paralysis of worms expressing polyglutamine (Q35)::YFP in body wall muscle cells and grown on EV control or *cox-6c(RNAi)* combined with RNAi against *hsp-70, hsp-70b,* or *unc-23*.

**J** - Age-related paralysis of worms expressing metastable paramyosin (*unc-15ts*) and grown on EV control or *cox-6c(RNAi)* combined with RNAi against *hsp-70, hsp-70b*, or *unc-23*.

**K** - Survival curves for worms following 4 hour heat shock at  $35^{\circ}$ C on day 3 of adulthood following growth on EV control or *cox-6c(RNAi)* combined with RNAi against *hsp-70, hsp-70b,* or *unc-23*. See supplemental table 1 for survival statistics.

(A-J) All values plotted are the mean of 4 biological replicates and error bars represent SEM.



#### **Supplemental Figure 3 (related to main figure 3)**

## Supplemental Figure 3: *let-92* is necessary for activation of the UPR<sup>mt</sup> in response to antimycin treatment (related to main figure 3)

**A** - Quantification of fluorescence intensity in *hsp-16.2*p::mcherry (blue bars), *hsp-6*p::gfp (red bars) and *hsp-4*p::gfp (green bars) reporter worms on day 3 of adulthood following growth on empty vector (EV) control (L4440), *cox-6c(RNAi)* or *hsp-3(RNAi)* combined with RNAi against *let-92*. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence intensity of at least 15 worms per treatment group. Error bars represent SEM.

**B** – Representative images and quantification of GFP fluorescence intensity of day 3 adult *hsp-6*p::gfp worms exposed to antimycin in the presence or absence of *let-92(RNAi)*. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence intensity of at least 15 worms per treatment group. Scale bar =  $250 \,\mu\text{M}$ 

C – Representative images of *hsp-16.2*p::mcherry worms 24 hours after heat shock (35°C, 1h) on day 3 of adulthood following growth on empty vector control (EV) or *let-92(RNAi)*. Scale bar =  $250 \mu$ M

**D** – Representative images of *hsp-16.2*p::mcherry worms on day 3 of adulthood following growth on empty vector control (EV) or *let-92(RNAi)* in the presence or absence of *tomm-22(RNAi)* or *hsp-6(RNAi)*.

**E** & **F** – Quantification of fluorescence intensity in *hsp-16.2*p::mcherry reporter worms on day 3 of adulthood following (**E**) heat shock or (**F**) exposure to *tomm-22* or *hsp-6* RNAi. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence intensity of at least15 worms per treatment group. Error bars represent SEM.

**G** – Relative *cox-6c* and *let-92* mRNA levels on day 3 of adulthood following growth on empty vector (EV) control (L4440) (blue bars) or *cox-6c(RNAi)* (red bars) combined with *let-92(RNAi)* (green and purple bars). Values plotted are the mean of 4 biological replicates and error bars represent SEM.

**H** - Relative mRNA levels of PP2A subunits *pptr-1* (blue bars), *pptr-2* (red bars), *F43B10.1* (green bars) or *T22D1.5* (purple bars) on day 3 of adulthood following exposure to EV control, cox-6c(RNAi), or cox-6c(RNAi) combined with RNAi against *pptr-1*, *pptr-2*, *F43B10.1* or *T22D1.5*. Values plotted are the mean of 4 biological replicates and error bars represent SEM. Expression was normalized to the geometric mean of the housekeeping genes *rpb-2*, *cdc-42*, and *pmp-3*. Statistical significance was calculated by one-way ANOVA. \* = p < 0.001

**I** – Relative mRNA levels of PP2A subunits on day 3 of adulthood following exposure to EV control (blue bars) or cox-6c(RNAi) (red bars) conditions. Values plotted are the mean of 4 biological replicates and error bars represent SEM. Expression was normalized to the geometric mean of the housekeeping genes *rpb-2*, *cdc-42*, and *pmp-3*.

**J & K** – Representative images of (**I**) *hsp-6p::gfp* and (**J**) *hsp-4p::gfp* reporter worms on day 3 of adulthood following growth on empty vector (EV) control (L4440), cox-6c(RNAi), or hsp-3(RNAi) combined with RNAi against the PP2A subunits, *let-92, paa-1, sur-6,* and *rsa-1*. Scale bar = 250 µM

**L & M** – Fluorescence quantification of (**K**) *hsp-6*p::gfp and (**L**) *hsp-4*p::gfp reporter worms on day 3 of adulthood following growth on empty vector (EV) control (L4440), cox-6c(RNAi), or hsp-3(RNAi) combined with RNAi against the PP2A subunits, *let-92, paa-1, sur-6,* and *rsa-1*. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence intensity of at least 15 worms per group. Error bars represent SEM.

**N** – Representative images of day 3 adult *hsp-16.2p::mcherry* worms after exposure to EV control or *cox-6c(RNAi)* in combination with RNAi against the PP2A regulators *kin-1*, *pink-1*, *lcmt-1*, and *B0464.9/PPME1*.

### Supplemental Figure 4 (related to main figure 4)



# Supplemental Figure 4 (related to main figure 4): *let-92* knockdown does not affect intestinal or muscle polyglutamine expression

**A** – Representative images and quantification of intestinal polyglutamine(Q44)::YFP fluorescence in empty vector (EV) control (L4440), *cox-6c(RNAi)*, *let-92(RNAi);EV* and *let-92(RNAi);cox-6c(RNAi)* worms at day 2 of adulthood. Scale bar =  $250 \mu$ M

**B** - Representative images and quantification of body wall muscle polyglutamine(Q35)::YFP fluorescence in empty vector (EV) control (L4440), *cox-6c(RNAi)*, *let-92(RNAi);EV* and *let-92(RNAi);cox-6c(RNAi)* worms at day 1 of adulthood. Scale bar =  $250 \mu$ M

### Supplemental Figure 5 (related to main figure 5)



### Supplemental Figure 5: Knockdown of *let-92* does not alter *hsf-1* mRNA levels (related to main figure 5)

**A** – Relative *hsf-1* mRNA levels on day 3 of adulthood following treatment with empty vector (EV) control, *cox*-6c(RNAi), *let-92(RNAi);EV* or *let-92(RNAi);cox-6c(RNAi)*. Values are the mean of 4 biological replicates and error bars represent SEM.

 $\mathbf{B}$  – Location of primer pairs used for ChIP-QPCR relative to position of transcription start site and heat shock elements (consensus DNA binding motif for HSF-1)

C – Relative expression of Y94H6A.10 and Y55F3AR.2 at day 3 of adulthood in worms exposed to empty vector control, heat shock ( $35^{\circ}$ C, 1h) or *cox-6c(RNAi)*. Values are the mean of 4 biological replicates and error bars represent SEM.

**D** – Representative images and fluorescence quantification of unc-119::mCherry co-expression marker in day 3 adult HSEp::gfp worms. Unc-119::mcherry was expressed from the same construct as HSE::gfp. Scale bars = 250  $\mu$ M. Values plotted are the mean fluorescence intensity of at least 15 worms per group. Error bars represent SEM.

### Supplemental Figure 6 (related to main figure 6)



## Supplemental figure 6: Overexpression of *let-92* increases bagging but does not alter polyglutamine expression or stress resistance (related to main figure 6)

A – Representative images of day 2 adult wild type or *let-92 OE* worms expressing intestinal polyglutamine (Q44) fused to YFP. Scale bar =  $250 \,\mu\text{M}$ 

B – Survival of wild type or let-92 OE worms following heat shock (35°C, 4 hours) on day 3 of adulthood

C – Incidence of bagging in wild type or let-92 OE worms during the first 10 days of adulthood.

**D-F** – Quantification of intestinal polyglutamine (Q44)::YFP aggregation with age in wild type and *let-92* OE worms grown on EV control or RNAi against *hsp-16.11*, *hsp-16.2*, or *hsp-16.48*.