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3 Differential regulation of the proteome and phosphoproteome along the dorso-ventral axis
4 of the early *Drosophila* embryo

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49 Abstract

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51 The initially homogeneous epithelium of the early *Drosophila* embryo differentiates into
52 regional subpopulations with different behaviours and physical properties that are needed for
53 morphogenesis. The factors at top of the genetic hierarchy that control these behaviours are
54 known, but many of their targets are not. To understand how proteins work together to
55 mediate differential cellular activities, we studied in an unbiased manner the proteomes and
56 phosphoproteomes of the three main cell populations along the dorso-ventral axis during
57 gastrulation using mutant embryos that represent the different populations. We detected
58 6111 protein groups and 6259 phosphosites of which 3398 and 3433 respectively, were
59 differentially regulated. The changes in phosphosite abundance did not correlate with
60 changes in host protein abundance, showing phosphorylation to be a regulatory step during
61 gastrulation. Hierarchical clustering of protein groups and phosphosites identified clusters
62 that contain known fate determinants such as Doc1, Sog, Snail and Twist. The recovery of
63 the appropriate known marker proteins in each of the different mutants we used validated
64 the approach, but also revealed that two mutations that both interfere with the dorsal fate
65 pathway, *Toll*^{10B} and *serpin27a*^{ex} do this in very different manners. Diffused network
66 analyses within each cluster point to microtubule components as one of the main groups of
67 regulated proteins. Functional studies on the role of microtubules provide the proof of
68 principle that microtubules have different functions in different domains along the DV axis of
69 the embryo.

70 Keywords

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74 Introduction

75 Morphogenesis is the developmental process that creates the three-dimensional
76 morphology of tissues. The first morphogenetic event in metazoans is gastrulation, in which
77 an epithelium gives rise to the germ layers from which all adult tissues derive. *Drosophila*
78 gastrulation is probably one of the best studied embryo-scale morphogenetic processes: it is
79 initiated by the formation of a ventral furrow that leads to the internalization of the
80 mesoderm. The internalization of the mesoderm causes the ventral displacement of the
81 neuroectoderm, the ectodermal cell population on the lateral side of the embryo, in the

82 absence of particular cell shape behaviors. Finally, this ventral displacement of the
83 neuroectoderm is accommodated by the stretching of dorsal ectodermal cells [1, 2].
84 Therefore, the behavior of these cell populations can be used to study the connection
85 between cell fate and cell shape regulation.

86 The behavior of a cell is determined by the identity and the state of the proteins
87 within the cell, and by the networks through which these proteins interact. The first step to fill
88 the gap between cell fate and cell shape behavior is to understand how the embryonic cell
89 populations differ in their biochemical composition. Most of the cellular components pre-
90 exist in the egg, having been provided maternally during oogenesis either as RNA or as
91 protein. With the exception of the determinants for anterior-posterior (AP) and dorso-ventral
92 (DV) patterning most of these proteins are distributed throughout the early embryo. As
93 differentiation proceeds, they may be acted upon in a region-specific manner [3]. For
94 example, adherens junctions and the acto-myosin meshwork are dramatically remodeled in
95 ventral cells [2, 4].

96 The mechanism by which the differentiation of embryonic cell populations is
97 controlled is understood in great depth, largely through the study of mutants. Briefly, a
98 gradient of the transcription factor Dorsal with its high point in nuclei on the ventral side is
99 triggered by a graded extracellular signal that is transmitted through the transmembrane
100 receptor Toll [5, 6]. We use for our work here mutations in three genes that control dorso-
101 ventral fates, *Toll*, *serpin27A* and *gastrulation defective*. Female flies that are homozygous
102 for certain alleles of these mutations, or combinations of alleles, lay eggs that develop into
103 embryos in which all cells express genes characteristic for only one domain of the normal
104 embryo -either the ventral domain, or the lateral or the dorsal domain-, and to which we refer
105 here as ventralized, lateralized or dorsalized.

106 The transcription factors and signaling cascades set up by DV patterning and their
107 downstream target proteins then act upon some of the maternally provided proteins in a
108 region-specific manner. Among protein-level post-translational modifications,
109 phosphorylation is fast and reversible and plays key roles during early embryogenesis: from
110 regulating elements in the Toll and Dpp pathways, to the activation of the Rho Pathway
111 within the mesoderm [5, 7]. Therefore, phosphorylation is likely to be at least one way of also
112 regulating cell behaviors along the dorso-ventral axis in a cost-effective and timely manner.

113 Differences between embryonic cell populations along the DV axis have been studied
114 with transcriptomic and proteomic methods [8-11] but with limited depth and temporal
115 resolution. Studies looking at changes over time identified proteins that appear during the
116 maternal to zygotic transition [12, 13] and later in embryogenesis [14, 15], but had no spatial
117 or cell type specificity. None of these studies addressed the region-specific post-translational
118 regulation of proteins.

119 To identify missing links in the pathways from known cell fate determining factors and
120 region-specific cell behaviors, we analyzed the proteomes and the phosphoproteomes of
121 mutants representing different cell populations along the dorso-ventral axis of the embryo.
122 We find many proteins with differences in abundance across the populations that do not
123 show the same differences in RNA abundance. We also find region-specific phosphorylation
124 patterns in proteins that are ubiquitously expressed. Networks of phosphoproteins enriched
125 in specific populations included proteasome components, RNA stress granules/P-bodies,

126 adherens junctions associated proteins and microtubule components/associated proteins. A
127 proof of principle test of the role of microtubules in the gastrulating embryos and revealed
128 differential functions in the cell populations along the DV axis.

129 Results

130 1) Biological validation of dorso-ventral patterning mutants as representatives of 131 dorso-ventral cell populations in the wild type embryo

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133 To study the proteomes and the phosphoproteomes of cell populations in the early
134 embryo, we used mutants in which all cells in the embryo represent only one subset of the
135 cell types present in the wild type embryo. Because we were interested in cell behaviors that
136 affect the first step of gastrulation, which is driven by differences in cell behavior along the
137 DV axis, we used mutants for genes of the DV patterning pathway. The embryos were
138 derived from mothers mutant for the genes *gastrulation defective* (*gd*), *Toll* (*Tl*), or *Serpin27A*
139 (*spn27A*). We chose those alleles that cause the strongest dorsalization, lateralization and
140 ventralization of the dorso-ventral axis as judged by cuticle phenotypes and changes in gene
141 expression patterns. To generate dorsalized embryos we used the *gd⁹* allele, reported to
142 generate the strongest dorsalization without affecting the length of the embryo [16, 17].
143 Mothers transheterozygous for the hypomorphic mutations in *Tl^{rm9}* and *Tl^{rm10}* were used to
144 produce lateralized embryos, in which the entire dorso-ventral axis forms neuroectoderm
145 [11, 18, 19]. Ventralized embryos were generated in two different ways using mutations in *Tl*
146 and *spn27A*: one was to make mothers transheterozygous for the dominant *Tl* gain-of-
147 function allele *Tl^{10B}* [18, 20] and deficiency *Df(3R)ro80b*, which uncovers the *Tl* locus; the
148 other was to use mothers that were transheterozygous for *spn27A^{ex}*, an amorphic mutation
149 (complete excision) of *spn27A* [21], in combination with deficiency *Df(2L)BSC7*, which
150 uncovers the *spn27A* locus. To confirm that the embryos produced by these mothers
151 represented the dorsal, lateral and ventral cell populations, we analyzed the expression
152 patterns of D-V fate determining genes (Figure 1A, Figure 1-figure supplement 1B,
153 Supplementary File 1). 'Lateralized' and 'dorsalized' embryos from *Tl^{rm10}/Tl^{rm9}* and *gd⁹/gd⁹*
154 mothers expressed neither *twist* nor *snail*, whereas ventralized embryos from *Toll^{10B}/def* and
155 *spn27A^{ex}/def* mothers expressed *twist* and *snail* around their entire circumference in the
156 trunk region (Figure 1B, Supplementary File 1). In embryos from *Tl^{rm10}/Tl^{rm9}* mothers, *sog*
157 expression expanded dorsally and ventrally, whereas *dpp* expression expanded ventrally
158 (Figure 1B, Supplementary File 1). These expression patterns showed some variation and
159 were not entirely homogeneous: ventralized embryos often had a gap in *snail* expression in
160 a small dorsal-anterior domain around the procephalic furrow. In this region, we detected
161 *sog* expression instead, suggesting ventralized embryos retain some cells with a
162 neuroectodermal fate in a restricted area of the embryo (Figure 1B, *sog* probe).

163 Because we wanted to use these mutants to identify proteins that reflect or control
164 differential cell behavior it was important to ascertain that the cells in these mutants
165 recapitulate faithfully the biological qualities of the corresponding cell populations in the wild
166 type embryo [2, 4], specifically of the localisation of the adherens junctions and the cortical
167 actomyosin meshwork. We find that, as in the mesoderm of wildtype embryos, the adherens
168 junctions (as visualized by immunostaining for Armadillo/ β -Catenin; Figure 1C) relocalize
169 apically in the ventralized mutants, but remain apico-lateral in lateralized and shift slightly

170 more basally in dorsalized mutants, again mirroring the morphology of lateral and dorsal
171 regions of the wildtype embryo (Figure 1C, Figure 1-figure supplement 1A,). Similarly, the
172 apical actomyosin network, which we characterized in living embryos expressing a
173 fluorescently tagged myosin light chain (sqh-mCherry, Figure 1E,F) forms a pulsatile apical
174 network in ventralized embryos, whereas myosin accumulates at cell junctions in lateralized
175 embryos, and dorsalized embryos dissolve the loose apical actomyosin of the early
176 blastoderm (Figure 1E,F).

177 In summary, in terms of marker gene expression and cell behavior, the cells in these
178 mutants resemble the corresponding embryonic cell populations of a wild type embryo,
179 showing that these mutant cell populations are good sources of material to analyze the
180 proteomic and phosphoproteomic composition of the natural cell populations at the onset of
181 gastrulation.

182 2) The proteome and the phosphoproteome of four cell populations during
183 gastrulation.

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185 To study the proteins and the phosphosites that might be relevant for cell behavior
186 during gastrulation, we focused on a narrow developmental time window for sample
187 collection. We synchronized egg collections and manually collected embryos from wild type
188 and mutant mothers aged for 165-180 minutes after egg deposition at 25°C (Stage 6, see
189 Methods and Figure 1-figure supplement 1A,B). We analyzed their peptides and phospho-
190 peptides with unbiased label-free quantification (LFQ) and SILAC (Stable Isotope Labeling
191 with Amino acids in Culture [22-24], Figure 1-figure supplement 1C-E).

192 In the proteomic analyses, we identified 6111 protein groups (to which, for the sake
193 of simplicity, we will refer simply as proteins; Supplementary File 3) across all genotypes.
194 5883 of these were detected in wild type embryos (Figure 2A), exceeding previously
195 reported number identified by proteomic approaches in early *Drosophila* embryogenesis [15].
196 Most were detected in all genotypes (Figure 2B). The small number (519/6111) with
197 restricted detection included the DV fate determinants Doc1, Snail, Twist and dMyc (Figure
198 1A,B). The phosphoproteomic analysis identified 6259 phosphosites distributed over 1847
199 proteins (Figure 2C, Supplementary File 4). Only 73% of phosphosites were found across
200 all genotypes (Figure 2D). 28% of the proteins (1699/6111) and 9% of the phosphosites
201 (573/6259) differed significantly in an ANOVA test across all five populations (wild type and
202 four mutants) (permutation-based FDR < 0.1, s0=0.1).

203 We determined the degree of experimental variability by generating correlation
204 matrices both for the proteome and the phosphoproteome. For the proteome, the replicates
205 from the same genotypes clustered together (Figure 2E). For the phosphoproteome, the first
206 replicate of each genotype was separated from the other two replicates (Figure 2F). We
207 nevertheless kept all replicates for further analyses because it was impossible to determine
208 the experimental source for this variation.

209 The enrichment for proteins or phosphosites in the mutant genotypes over the wild-
210 type ranged from near-zero to 100 fold (Figure 2G,H) with about half changing by less than
211 1.5-fold. The fold-changes for the mesodermal fate determinants Snail (7.7 fold) and Twist
212 (14.6 fold) measured in *spn27A^{ex}/def* were the largest positive fold-changes among the DV
213 fate determinants (Figure 2G).

214 To test if the recovered protein populations represented the cell populations in the
215 embryo, we analyzed whether they contained known marker proteins. We first looked for the

216 protein product of the gene that was mutated in each group of embryos. We detected both
217 Toll and Spn27A, and each of them was reduced in abundance in the respective mutant
218 embryos. (Figure 2-figure supplement 2A).

219 Proteins that are known to be expressed differentially along the DV axis (Figure 1A)
220 were more abundant in the appropriate genotypes: Snail, Twist, Mdr49, Traf4 and CG4500 in
221 ventralized embryos; the pro-neuroectodermal (lateral) factor Sog in lateralized embryos;
222 pro-ectodermal (dorsal) factors Zen, Doc1, Dtg, Net and Egr in dorsalized embryos (Figure
223 1D, Figure 2-figure supplement 2C,D; p values for all comparisons in all figures are
224 summarized in Supplementary File 2). Known ventral-specific proteins (Snail, Twist, Mdr49
225 and CG4500) were more strongly upregulated in *serpin27A* embryos than in *Toll^{10B}*, and
226 most dorsal-specific proteins (e.g. Egr, Zen, Sdt, Net and Ptr) were more strongly
227 downregulated.

228 We also recovered known phosphosites in proteins acting in the early embryo. This
229 included the serine 871 phosphosite in Toll [25], and serines 463, 467 and 468 in Cactus
230 that have been shown to be phosphorylated by CKII [26] (Figure 2-figure supplement 2E,
231 Supplementary File 2). Toll, a known target of the Ser/Thr kinase Pelle [27], was
232 phosphorylated on serine-871, and this phosphosite was more abundant in ventralized
233 embryos (Figure 2-figure supplement 2B, Supplementary File 2). Phosphosites in proteins
234 associated with the Rho pathway will be discussed below. In summary, the proteomic and
235 phosphoproteomic screen correctly identified known and differentially expressed proteins
236 and phosphosites.

237 3) A linear model for quantitative interpretation of the proteomes

238 Our knowledge of the genetics of the dorso-ventral patterning system gives us a
239 biological criterion that we can use to analyze the data in a stringent manner. We know that
240 region-specific protein sets should change in concert in a well-controlled manner in all of the
241 mutants. Rather than simply looking for individual pair-wise changes, we can, and must,
242 therefore impose this as an additional criterion in determining any potential proteins of
243 interest: each protein must change in a manner that 'makes sense' genetically.

244 The assumption that each mutant represents a defined region of the embryo makes a
245 simple prediction for the expected outcome of the measurements: if one adds up the
246 quantities of protein found in the mutants representing the ventral, lateral and dorsal region
247 (normalized to the fraction of the embryo the corresponding region occupies), the sum
248 should equal the amount of protein in the wildtype. For example, the transcription factor
249 Snail is expressed only in the prospective mesoderm (ventral domain) in the wildtype
250 embryo, but practically in all cells of ventralized embryos, and nowhere in lateralized and
251 dorsalized embryos (Figure 3-figure supplement 3A). This is also reflected correctly in the
252 proteomes: Snail is absent in the dorsalized and lateralized proteomes, and its level is higher
253 in the proteomes from the ventralized embryos (Figure 1D, Supplementary File 2). Thus,
254 Snail shows an ideal behavior in each of the DV mutant genotypes because it recapitulates
255 the expression of Snail in the corresponding domains of a wild type embryo.

256 We developed a 'linear model' that is based on this additional genetic criterion, which
257 we then used to evaluate simultaneously all mutant proteomes. We calculated for each
258 protein the sum of its normalized quantities in the mutants and compared that sum to its
259 abundance in the wild type embryo. In the absence of experimental measurements for the
260 sizes of each of the areas in the embryo (except for the mesoderm), we determined in an
261 analytical manner (see Methods: Development of a linear model) the optimal values for the

262 proportions occupied by the dorsal and lateral populations in the wildtype embryo, and used
263 these to calculate the 'theoretical' wildtype value $t_{wt_{ProtX}}$ for each protein:

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$$265 \quad t_{wt_{ProtX}} = 0.4D + 0.4L + 0.2V$$

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267 where D, L and V are the measured abundance in the three mutant populations.

268 The deviation for each protein from the experimentally measured wildtype amount
269 m_{wt}^{ProtX} is the ratio $t_{wt_{ProtX}}/m_{wt_{ProtX}}$. When we apply this analysis to one of the marker
270 proteins, Snail, we arrive at a deviation value of 1.07 in the case where *Toll*^{10B} is used to
271 represent 'ventral'. This shows that for this protein, the mutants represent the regional
272 distribution in the wildtype very well. If we do the calculation with *spn27A* as the ventral
273 population the deviation value for Snail is 2.91, which indicates that this mutant genotype
274 may over-represent the ventral population.

275 For our further calculations, we use the log2 of this ratio, i.e. $Deviation_{ProtX} = \log_2$
276 $(t_{wt_{ProtX}}/m_{wt_{ProtX}})$. We found that the majority of the proteins had a deviation around zero, i.e.
277 the calculated value corresponds to the measured value in the wildtype (Figure 3A). This
278 would in fact be expected for any protein that is expressed ubiquitously in the wild type (such
279 as the non-regulated maternal proteins) and should therefore be present in equal amounts in
280 all genotypes. But even the proteins that show significant differences between at least two
281 mutant conditions, i.e. the ANOVA significant subset, also fall into the range between -0.5
282 and +0.5, i.e. less than 1.4 fold deviation (Figure 3A, Supplementary File 6). This shows that
283 the majority of proteins fit the linear model, which in turn indicates that the mutant values are
284 good representations of protein abundance in the corresponding domains of a wild type
285 embryo. The proteins with the most extreme deviations (more than two-fold) did not come
286 from any well-defined class of proteins, but represented a wide range of ontologies (Figure
287 3-figure supplement 3D, Supplementary File 13).

288 4) Hierarchical clustering strategy and emerging regulation categories

289 To find the proteins that function in a tissue-specific manner during gastrulation we
290 sorted the proteins into sets that change in concert in all of the mutants in the predicted,
291 'correct' manner, again using the assumptions that underlie this study, i.e. that the changes
292 in the different mutants would be expected to correlate with each other in logical ways, as
293 described above.

294 Rather than focusing only on the proteins that the ANOVA had shown as significantly
295 modulated, we included in this analysis all proteins that were detectable in the wildtype
296 (5883/6111), even if they were undetectable in one or more mutant populations. This allows
297 us to include the important group of proteins that show a 'perfect' behavior, like Twist, Snail
298 or Doc1, in that they are undetectable in the mutants that correspond to the regions in the
299 normal embryo where these genes are not expressed.

300 We used hierarchical clustering to identify the sets of proteins that change in the
301 mutants in the same manner. For this analysis, we ignored the quantitative extent of the
302 changes in the mutants versus the wildtype, and only focused on the direction of change if a
303 threshold of $|\log_2 \text{fold change}|$ is exceeded (see Methods). We clustered the set of
304 3398/6111 proteins which excluded those proteins for which the changes between the
305 mutants and the wildtype were either all in the same direction or below the threshold.

306 Based on known gene expression patterns along the DV axis in the wildtype one
307 would expect six clusters (Figure 3C): expression restricted to ventral (*snail*), lateral (*sog*), or

308 dorsal (*dpp*), or expression across two domains, i.e. dorsal and lateral (*grh* or *std*), dorsal
309 and ventral (*ama*) or lateral and ventral (*neur*). However, in addition to these clusters
310 (marked as 1/D, 2/L, 5/V, 6/DL, 9/DV and 12/LV in Figure 3B,C, Supplementary File 7) the
311 clustering yielded a further eight clusters (Figure 3B,C). This results from the surprising
312 difference between the two ventralising genotypes. A large number of proteins change in
313 abundance in one but not the other mutant.

314 Most of the marker proteins were found in their proper predicted classes (Figure 3D).
315 Among those allocated to clusters where the two ventral mutants differed in their behavior,
316 there was no general rule as to which of the two ventral mutants represented the correct
317 value. For example, both Heartless and Net are expressed in the mesoderm and also on the
318 dorsal side of the embryo, but Heartless was seen with increased abundance only in
319 *serpin27A* embryos, and Net only in *Toll^{10B}* embryos (Figure 3D). Similarly, for genes that
320 are excluded from the mesoderm, i.e. expressed in dorsal and lateral regions, some scored
321 as present in lower abundance in *serpin27A* (e.g. *crb*), whereas others were reduced in
322 *Toll^{10B}* (eg. *numb*). We will return to the difference between *Toll^{10B}* and *spn27A* below.

323 5) Comparison of RNA and protein expression patterns.

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325 Protein levels can be regulated post-translationally, and RNA and protein expression
326 levels do not necessarily correlate strongly during development [28]. However, the regional
327 distribution of proteins in the early *Drosophila* embryo is thought to be achieved mainly
328 through transcriptional regulation [29, 30]. We therefore investigated how well the proteomes
329 reflected known dorso-ventral modulation of gene expression.

330 We first looked for genes whose RNA expression patterns are reported in the BDGP
331 [31-33] *in situ* database (<https://insitu.fruitfly.org/cgi-bin/ex/insitu.pl>) to compare those with
332 ventral expression in this data set and ours. We extracted all those genes that carry the
333 labels 'mesoderm', 'trunk mesoderm', or 'head mesoderm' in BDGP (which are not mutually
334 exclusive). 107 of the resulting set of 109 genes had their proteins detected in our analyses,
335 and 71 had been allocated to one of the DV clusters. 60 were found in clusters that were
336 fully or partially consistent with the reported RNA pattern (Supplementary File 8). Of the 11
337 proteins among these 71 that show consistent mesodermal upregulation in both ventralizing
338 mutants (DV cluster 5), all are reported as ventrally expressed in BDGP.

339 There is also a database representing an atlas of differential gene expression at
340 single cell resolution for precisely the time window of early gastrulation [34] against which we
341 compared the proteomes to regional RNA expression. Filtering out ubiquitously expressed
342 genes left 8924 differentially expressed genes of which 3086 coded for 3120 proteins in our
343 clustered proteome dataset (Figure 4B).

344 We first sorted these 3086 genes according to their expression patterns into the
345 categories used above (D, V, L, DV, DL, LV) by virtue of similarity in their expression to six
346 reference genes (Figure 4A, Figure 4-figure supplement 4A-C). In a second step, we
347 excluded those that showed only spurious differences in expression along the DV axis,
348 ending up with 155 genes with clear DV differences forming six DV RNA reference sets
349 (Figure 4C, Figure 4-figure supplement 4B-D, Supplementary File 9).

350 We then compared the proteins in our 14 clusters against these six RNA reference
351 sets. We asked for each protein which RNA reference set contained its corresponding gene.
352 Theoretically, if both classifications, i.e. the RNA reference set and the proteomes, were
353 perfectly correct, then genes from a protein cluster should be included only in the

354 corresponding RNA reference set. We found that the majority of RNAs had proteins in
355 partially or fully matching clusters of the proteomes (Figure 4D, Figure 4-figure supplement
356 4E). For example, nine of the thirteen proteins in cluster 5 (ventral-consistent) found their
357 gene in the 'twist' similarity reference group (ventral; a perfect match: white in pie charts:
358 Figure 4D, Figure 4-figure supplement 4E). The next best matches (e.g. ventral plus lateral,
359 instead of only ventral; a partial match, gray) were often also highly represented: three of the
360 four remaining cluster 5 proteins found their gene in the 'neur' similarity reference group
361 (lateral+ventral).

362 Thus, the majority of proteins had perfect or partial matches with the RNA
363 expression, showing that two independent measurements of regional expression patterns
364 arrive at the same allocation. This confirms in an unbiased manner that the hierarchical
365 clustering successfully sorted the proteomes in the correct manner, further supporting the
366 initial assumption that the mutant populations were representative of specific regions in the
367 embryo.

368 6) Different effects of the *Toll*^{10B} and *spn27A* mutations on dorsal gene expression

369 The difference between the results for the *Toll*^{10B} and *spn27A* embryos was an
370 unexpected and potentially biologically interesting discovery. We investigated whether the
371 matching of the protein distributions to their RNA expression patterns could give us further
372 biological insights.

373 We find that for those clusters in which *Toll*^{10B} and *spn27A* agree, a larger proportion
374 of proteins is allocated to the correct RNA reference set than in the clusters in which *Toll*^{10B}
375 and *spn27A* differ (Figure 4D,E, Figure 4-figure supplement 4E). The ventral cluster 5, in
376 which *Toll*^{10B} and *spn27A* agreed, included Snail, Twist and other genes expressed in the
377 mesoderm (Figure 1D, Figure 2-figure supplement 2B), such as Mdr49 [11], CG4500 [8] and
378 Traf4 [35].

379 For the proteins from the 'ventral inconsistent' clusters we found that the *Toll*^{10B}
380 mutant differs from the *spn27A* mutant in a consistent manner. Proteins classified on the
381 basis of being upregulated in *Toll*^{10B} (clusters 3, 7, 10 and 13) are often mismatched to
382 genes with an ectodermal expression (dorsal and/or lateral RNA), whereas this does not
383 occur for those classified based on their upregulation in *spn27A* (clusters 4, 8, 11 and 14,
384 Figure 4-figure supplement 4E). This means that although *Toll*^{10B} mutants are strongly
385 ventralized in terms of morphology and upregulation of ventral genes, the ectopic Toll
386 signaling in the mutant fails to suppress all dorsal markers, which is consistent with our
387 observation that *spn27A* mutants show a stronger reduction in dorsal-specific proteins. This
388 confirms previous suggestions that *spn27A* mutants retain no or almost no DV polarity
389 whereas *Toll*^{10B} embryos retain residual polarity [6, 21]. Determining the developmental
390 source of these differences goes beyond the scope of this study, but will warrant further
391 investigation.

392 7) RNA-protein match versus degree of differential expression

393 We wondered whether there were consistent differences between those proteins that
394 matched their RNA and those that did not. For example, a protein with large fold-changes
395 may be more likely to match the correct RNA distribution. Because the clustering assigned
396 proteins only on direction and not on extent of change, clusters also contain proteins with
397 very small differences between the DV populations, even in cases where the RNA is known
398 to show a clear difference (eg. Traf4; Figure 2-figure supplement 2C).

399 To distinguish between strong and weak differential expression, we ranked proteins
400 by comparing them to the most extreme protein in each cluster, i.e. the one that showed the
401 greatest fold changes in the mutants over wildtype. We calculated the Euclidean distance
402 (ED) between each protein and the most extreme (see Methods, Supplementary File 11).
403 Thus, proteins with the lowest ED scores are those that are closest to the most extreme
404 protein. We then analyzed if this score correlated with the degree to which a protein matched
405 its RNA expression. We found that proteins from the 'matching' groups had ED-scores that
406 were skewed towards lower values (Figure 4F) indicating that proteins with more extreme
407 expression differences (low ED scores) are more likely to match the correct RNA expression
408 pattern.

409 In summary, these approaches stratify our results in a useful manner: first, the DV
410 clusters in which the two ventralized mutants behave consistently represent better the RNA
411 expression patterns; second, proteins with strong fold-changes are more likely to represent
412 the distribution of the corresponding RNA.

413 8) The phosphoproteome of embryonic cell populations during gastrulation

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415 Changes in the abundance of phosphosites may occur for two reasons: either the
416 protein itself varies in abundance, or the protein level is constant, but the protein is
417 differentially phosphorylated. Combinations of these cases are possible, and protein
418 abundance may be affected by phosphorylation itself. Since we know the changes in protein
419 abundance, we can distinguish these cases by comparing the full proteome against the
420 phospho-proteome (with the caveat that, for technical reasons, our measurements were
421 done on parallel experiments rather than on the identical samples). 1765 of the phospho-
422 proteins (96%) we identified were ones that we also found in the proteome, whereas 82 had
423 not been detected in the proteome (Figure 5A). We found that most of the changes in
424 phosphorylation were in proteins for which the level of the host protein was unchanged
425 (black and white boxes in Figure 5B; 67 to 82% of the protein-phosphosite pairs). Among
426 those for which the host protein showed differential abundance, 7 - 13% of their
427 phosphosites changed in the same direction (both protein abundance and phosphorylation
428 up, or both down), and 10 - 19% changed in the opposite direction.

429 We tested if the phospho-proteomes fitted the 'linear model' (i.e. whether the sum of
430 the weighted mutant values corresponded to the measured values in the wildtype) and found
431 that the majority of the phosphosites did (Figure 5C, Supplementary File 6). Among the
432 strongly deviating phosphoproteins, we find a number of kinases with known morphogenetic
433 functions, such as Par-1, SRC42A and nucleoside-diphosphate kinase (*awd*) (Figure 3-figure
434 supplement 3E, Supplementary File 13).

435 We clustered the phosphosites using the same procedure as for the proteome. After
436 excluding sites that were unchanged or up- or down-regulated in the same direction in all
437 mutants, clustering the remaining 3433 phosphosites again yielded 14 DV clusters (Figure
438 5D,H, Supplementary File 7). The two ventralising mutants now clustered together, and the
439 dorsalized mutant showed the most distinct behavior (Figure 5G).

440 9) Emergence of differentially regulated networks of proteins and 441 phosphoproteins along the DV cell populations

442 One aim of this study was to find cellular components that are differentially modified
443 along the DV axis and that are candidates for regulating cell shape. Most likely, these

444 cellular components are regulated by protein complexes or interacting protein networks, as
445 already known for the regulation of actomyosin by the Rho pathway and some components
446 of adherens junctions. Rho is activated and necessary for cell shape changes in the
447 mesoderm, but we do not know the full set of the components of the pathway that are
448 modulated in the mesoderm or elsewhere along the DV axis. We therefore looked at this
449 pathway. Of 24 proteins associated with Rho signaling, we detected 21 in the wild type and
450 at least one of the mutants (Figure 5E). Most, including the myosin light chain, occurred at
451 similar levels in all genotypes, except Cofilin/Twinstar, Moesin and Profilin/chickadee, which
452 were more abundant in the ectodermal cell populations (clusters D and DL).

453 14 of the 21 proteins were phosphorylated. These included the known phosphosites
454 in myosin light chain (MLC) and Cofilin/Twinstar (Figure 5F, no statistical differences across
455 genotypes for Sqh and Cofilin phosphosites, see Supplementary File 2), and the
456 phosphorylation of the Cofilin/Twinstar kinase LIMK1 and phosphatase Slingshot (ssh),
457 which were modulated in the D and DL clusters, as were RhoGEF2 and the MLC
458 phosphatase Mbs (Figure 5E). In summary, we detected most of the elements of a well
459 established pathway required for gastrulation and also identified new candidate regulation
460 nodes within the Rho pathway.

461 To systematically find such networks, we used a diffusion-based algorithm [36] on
462 each of the DV clusters. The starting weight of each protein was based on either on its
463 euclidean distance score ('ED', Supplementary File 11) or on the deviation from the linear
464 model ('Dev', Supplementary Files 6,10). Since these scores existed separately for the two
465 ventralizing mutants, we also had to conduct the analyses twice in each case, i.e once for
466 each dataset. We focused our analyses only on the six DV clusters in which the ventralized
467 mutants agree (D(1), L(2), V(5), DL(6), DV(9) and LV(12)). Overall, this resulted in 24 protein
468 networks (ED score for each of the ventralizing mutants and deviation score for each mutant,
469 each applied to the 6 clusters) for the proteome and 24 for the phospho-proteome. An ego
470 network analysis (see Methods) yielded a set of 83 ontology terms in the proteome and 87 in
471 the phospho-proteome that were significantly enriched in one or more networks. We
472 concentrated our further analyses only on those ontology terms that were enriched in at least
473 two of the 4 networks for each DV cluster and used a heatmap to represent them (Figure
474 6A,B, Figure 6-figure supplement 5A,B). The heat maps illustrate that both experiments were
475 highly enriched for cellular components associated with DNA and RNA metabolism or the
476 regulation of gene expression. This is not unexpected for this developmental period of
477 dynamic changes in gene expression. In agreement with this, the majority of the enriched
478 proteins and phosphoproteins were characterized as nuclear ontology classes. Because of
479 our interest in morphogenesis we focused on the cellular components that belong to
480 cytoskeletal, cell adhesion and vesicle trafficking categories. In the phosphoproteomes the
481 networks enriched for cytoskeletal components were much more prevalent in the
482 phosphoproteomes (14 of 62) than in the proteomes (3 of 63), with microtubules strongly
483 represented (12 of 14 cellular components), in particular the alpha and beta tubulins and
484 microtubule associated proteins (Supplementary File 12). Cytoskeletal proteins are often
485 localized in the cell cortex, and we indeed find this association reflected in the results of the
486 network analysis. The cell cortex is among the enriched components, and among the
487 proteins in this category, we find cytoskeletal elements. For example, networks that include
488 the actin-microtubule crosslinker Shot and the actin polymerase Profilin are enriched in the
489 dorsal cluster; networks that include the apical polarity determinant Stardust or the Hippo
490 pathway component Warts in the dorso-lateral cluster. A phosphoprotein network associated

491 with adherens junctions and zonula adherens, one of which contains the junction-actin
492 connectors Canoe and Girdin [37, 38] was enriched in the D cluster (Supplementary File 12).

493 In summary, we can highlight two outcomes of the network propagation analysis.
494 First, most networks, whether derived from the proteomes or the phosphoproteomes, are
495 enriched for cellular components associated with regulation of gene expression
496 (transcription, epigenetic regulation, translation, protein turnover). This is a useful validation
497 of the approach, in that it reflects the main biological process that occurs at this stage of
498 development: giving cells in the body different developmental fates, which is achieved
499 through setting up different gene expression programmes. Secondly, the cytoskeleton
500 emerges as a major target of regulation in the phosphoproteome, with the most prominent
501 component being the microtubules. This is an interesting target for further exploration in the
502 context of gastrulation and fits well with recent results that microtubules play a role in
503 epithelial morphogenesis [39-42].

504 10) Functional implications of networks enriched for microtubule components

505 We tested the biological relevance of the predicted phospho-regulation of
506 microtubule networks. Before gastrulation, all cells have two subpopulations of MTs, which
507 differ in their post-translational modifications: a disordered apical network of non-
508 centrosomal MTs with short, non-aligned filaments, and an 'inverted basket' of basal-lateral
509 MTs originating from the centrosomes and enclosing the nucleus [39, 43] (Figure 7A). The
510 apical population contains only dynamic MTs, marked by tyrosinated α -tubulin, whereas the
511 inverted basket also contains stable MTs, marked acetylated α -tubulin [39, 44] (Figure 7A,
512 Figure 7-figure supplement 6A). During gastrulation MT acetylation patterns change. In the
513 ectoderm, MTs become increasingly acetylated but retain their original organization whereas
514 in central mesodermal cells, the basal-lateral MTs become less acetylated (Figure 7B,
515 Figure 7-figure supplement 6A). Some MTs in non-constricting mesodermal cells align below
516 the apical surfaces of these cells as they extend towards the ventral midline (Figure 7-figure
517 supplement 6B, arrow). These MTs are non-acetylated, but partially tyrosinated (Figure 7-
518 figure supplement 6A, blue arrowhead).

519 We depolymerised microtubules with Colcemid and observed the ensuing cellular
520 dynamics. Less than 1 min after the injection, most apical filamentous structures, astral MTs
521 emanating from the centrosome, and the centrosomes themselves disappeared while the
522 stable MTs associated with the nuclear envelope were partially retained (Figure 7-figure
523 supplement 6C,D).

524 Colcemid treatment affected nuclear positioning and cell morphogenesis. Nuclei
525 normally move basally for 1~2 μ m in the last ~20 minutes of cellularization, and this failed in
526 Colcemid-treated embryos, where the nuclei moved slightly further towards the apical cell
527 surface (Figure 7C-K, Videos 1-3).

528 In normal embryos nuclei in the constricting ventral furrow cells move a long way
529 from the apical cell surface. In Colcemid-injected embryos, nuclear positioning was more
530 random (Figure 7C, t_0 ; 7L,7M). Ultimately, the ventral furrow failed to form (Figure 7C,
531 t_0+10' , Video 1).

532 Nuclei were also positioned apically in the neuroectoderm in Colcemid-injected
533 embryos. The formation of the cephalic furrow was delayed by 5 min, but its progress was
534 not affected by Colcemid-treatment (Figure 7F-H, Video 2).

535 Cells on the dorsal ectoderm form an apical dome with a characteristic, curved cell
536 apex (Figure 7I, t_0-5' , insets) which is abolished in Colcemid-injected embryos, supporting

537 the model that MT-dependent force is required for apical dome formation (Figure 7I, t_0-5' ,
538 insets). The dorsal epithelium forms folds which depend on the remodeling of apical MTs,
539 but not on myosin contractility [2, 39, 45] and involves the descent of the apical dome in
540 initiating cells (Figure 7I, t_0+5'). Dome descent does not occur in Colcemid-injected embryos,
541 and dorsal fold formation eventually fails (Figure 7I, t_0+5' , Video 3), supporting the current
542 model that microtubule forces also engage on cell shortening during Dorsal Fold Formation
543 [39, 45].

544 MT depolymerization also affected the apical plasma membrane dynamics. Blebs in
545 the apical membrane of constricting mesodermal cells [46] were strikingly enlarged after
546 Colcemid injection (Figure 7N). Lateral and dorsal cells lacked these constriction-dependent
547 blebs. Nevertheless, after Colcemid injection, they accumulate excessive, tortuous subapical
548 membrane (Figure 7O) [47, 48]. We also observed a distinct class of micron-scale
549 membrane blebs in all dorsal cells, not limited to the dorsal fold initiating cells and unrelated
550 to myosin-dependent apical constriction (Figure 7O). These blebs form during mid to late
551 cellularization, exclude MTs and are stable for minutes.

552 In sum, and consistent with a role for microtubules predicted by diffused network
553 analyses, MTs are required for correct nuclear positioning and cell shape homeostasis, and
554 have distinct functional requirements in all three types of epithelial folds during *Drosophila*
555 gastrulation. Distinct phenotypes of the apical membrane following Colcemid injection
556 suggest differential functionality in the maintenance of membrane-cortex attachment or the
557 dynamics of apical membrane retrieval for MT networks residing on different sides of the
558 embryo.

559 Discussion

560 We have presented a large-scale study of regional differences in the proteome of the
561 early *Drosophila* embryo. We looked at a stage soon after the maternal-to-zygotic transition
562 in gene expression, namely the onset of morphogenesis. We can compare our results to a
563 previous study [10] on regional differences in the proteome at this stage that used mutants,
564 as we did, to represent different regions of the embryo, and in that regard should be directly
565 comparable. This study was based on 2D gel electrophoresis combined with mass
566 spectrometry, which, while ground-breaking at the time, allowed only a small number (37) of
567 unique proteins to be identified. All of these were also detected in our proteomes.

568 Because the differential detection in this study was based on PAGE it was possible to
569 detect different protein isoforms and therefore differences that may be due to
570 phosphorylation. Of the proteins with variable isoforms, we found that 15 were
571 phosphorylated in our own study, of which seven show differences in the mutants, and all of
572 these are consistent with the changes seen in the 2D-PAGE experiment [10].

573 We also detected known phosphosites in proteins that act on the Rho-pathway, such
574 as Sqh-T21, Sqh-S22 and Cofilin-S3 and differentially regulated phosphosites in proteins
575 with key functions at the gastrulation stage, such as LIMK1 and RhoGEF2, and in setting up
576 the DV axis, namely Toll and Cactus.

577 While it is reassuring to find phosphosites in known players in the early embryo, it is
578 not clear whether those in Toll and Cactus, or their regional differences, allow us to infer
579 new biological insights on the Toll signaling pathway from our current results. It is not clear
580 what the spatial differences in the abundance of these phosphosites in Cactus and Toll
581 signify, because the peak activity of the pathway is an hour before the time point we assay
582 here. In the embryos we use, the transcriptional output, i.e high expression of *twist* and *snail*,

583 repression of zen etc., is fully established, and we may be seeing the effects of pathway
584 down-regulation or feedback loops rather than signs of primary activity.

585 Comparing protein abundance against RNA expression could, in principle, reveal
586 which proteins are post-transcriptionally regulated, but this can only be done if the
587 techniques and approaches are as near-identical as possible, and if the results are
588 technically perfect. Thus, even comparing differential RNA expression data obtained with
589 different methods yields only partially overlapping results. For example, an Affymetrix-based
590 study that again used mutants to represent regions along the DV axis of the embryo [11]
591 identified 23 genes for which the RNA levels were higher in ventralized than in lateralized or
592 dorsalized embryos. Comparing those to the expression patterns determined by single-cell
593 RNA sequencing [34] reveals that five appear to have little or no dorso-ventral modulation, a
594 result that is also confirmed in the BDGP in situ hybridisation database. Those genes
595 previously identified by genetic or functional studies, and known to be involved in mesoderm
596 development (including marker genes like *twist*, *snail*, *zfh1*, *htl* etc) show up in all studies.

597 Thus, a comparison of our proteome data to reported RNA expression patterns has
598 to be seen with caution. Nevertheless, such comparisons showed good matches for the
599 abundant, well-studied genes and proteins: We detect the proteins for 13 of the 17 genes
600 that are seen as ventrally upregulated genes in both studies [11, 34]. Of those, we see all
601 but four as ventrally upregulated, again including known ventral marker genes.

602 These comparisons lead to the question of how to judge which of the differences in
603 protein abundance or regulation are biologically relevant and therefore interesting to follow
604 up with functional studies. Confining the selection to those that are consistent with other
605 studies would defeat the purpose of the experiment. Similarly, choosing the extent of change
606 as a threshold would also exclude proteins we know to play a role in morphogenesis at this
607 stage but which show only very small differences in expression. One example is *Traf4* [35],
608 which is active in the mesoderm, but expressed there at low levels, and becomes expressed
609 in the ectoderm as gastrulation begins. In our experiment, it was strongly downregulated in
610 the dorsalized embryo, but showed only sub-threshold upregulation in the ventralized
611 embryos.

612 To obtain a better picture of processes or cellular components involved in the
613 functional differentiation of the cell populations, rather than looking at individual genes, we
614 identified networks of functionally related proteins that were enriched among the differentially
615 regulated entities. We would like to highlight here the mechanisms of differential protein
616 degradation, mRNA regulation and microtubule modifications.

617 A role for protein degradation in creating differential functions along the DV axis has
618 previously been illustrated by the case of the E3-ubiquitin ligase Neuralized (*Neur*) which is
619 required and upregulated in the prospective mesoderm [49]. The network analysis identified
620 the cullin complex as differentially expressed and differentially regulated (Figure 6A). We
621 also find *Neur* in increased abundance ventrally. Known biological data thus validate the
622 relevance of this network, which may in turn help to identify the as yet unknown targets for
623 *Neur* in the mesoderm.

624 Another mechanism for post-transcriptional gene regulation is the differential
625 translation or degradation of mRNAs along the dorso-ventral axis, and we find an enrichment
626 of P-granule-related networks both in the proteome and the phosphoproteome. These
627 networks are enriched within DV clusters with complete or partial ectodermal fate, i.e. the
628 same clusters that show a strong uncoupling between mRNA and protein abundance (Figure
629 6B). Partial agreement between mRNA and protein spatial distribution is not an exclusive
630 feature of the gastrula: it has also been described for larval tissues derived from the

631 ectoderm and neuroectoderm, where nearly all studied genes show mRNA/protein
632 discordance) [50] (97.5%; N = 200 proteins). Therefore, the uncoupling between mRNA and
633 protein abundance seems to be the rule rather than exception in at least these tissues,
634 highlighting the importance of post-transcriptional regulation on gene expression regulation
635 during development.

636 The diffused networks also showed phosphorylation of microtubules as a
637 differentiating mechanism along the dorso-ventral axis during gastrulation, an interesting
638 finding, because in epithelial tissues microtubules are often required for cell shape
639 homeostasis [51, 52]. Morphogenetic cell shape changes in *Drosophila* for which
640 microtubules are essential include the squamous morphogenesis of the amnioserosa [42]
641 and the invagination of the mesoderm [40] and the salivary placode [41]. Here, we found that
642 dorsal fold formation also requires microtubules. Ventral furrow and dorsal fold formation
643 differ in their dependency on myosin [2, 7], but our results show that both require
644 microtubules for the basal relocation of nuclei. This requirement is functionally distinct
645 from the association of microtubules with actomyosin during myosin-dependent tissue
646 folding [40, 41, 53] and instead, may relate to the classic role of microtubules in vectorial
647 trafficking and organelle localisation [54, 55]. One reason why nuclei need to be actively
648 repositioned may be that in their apical location they constitute a physical barrier to the cell's
649 apical constriction.

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651 *The differential proteomes and phosphoproteomes of the Toll^{10B} and spn27A* 652 *ventralizing mutants*

653 Both *Toll^{10B}* and *spn27A* ventralising mutations produced embryos that recapitulated
654 known biological qualities of the mesoderm along the entire DV axis, such as the expression
655 of ventral fate determinants, or the apical localisation of the adherens junctions. However,
656 these similarities were not fully mirrored in their proteomes. Curiously, the *spn27A* proteome
657 seemed to be more similar to the dorsalized than to the *Toll^{10B}* proteome which would
658 indicate that *Toll^{10B}* embryos are 'more' ventral than *spn27A* embryos. However, most of the
659 mesodermal marker genes (*snail*, *twist*, *mdr49*, *wntD*, *neur*) make an exception are more
660 abundant in *spn27A* embryos. Similarly ectodermal fate markers are more strongly
661 downregulated in *spn27A* than in *Toll^{10B}* embryos. Specifically, *Toll^{10B}* mutants fail to
662 repress the expression of ectodermal genes such as *egr*, *zen* and *crb*.

663 How can ventralizing mutations that act on the same pathway yield different
664 proteomes? Spn27A is a serine protease inhibitor of the pathway that creates the active form
665 of Spätzle (Spz), the ligand for Toll. Both mutations lead to constitutive activity of Toll, *Toll^{10B}*
666 through a mutation in the receptor itself [20, 56], *spn27A* through enabling a homogeneously
667 high level of Spz along the DV axis [21] (rather than a peak on the ventral side). Because
668 Spz is highly abundant it should not be a limiting factor for the activation of Toll [57, 58]
669 (Figure 2-figure supplement 2A) and loss of Spn27A should enable the full activation of Toll
670 along the embryonic DV axis. Our results indicate that constitutively active Toll does not lead
671 to the same level of signaling as the binding of the ligand to the receptor, and that these
672 different levels lead to unexpected differences in the downstream targets of the signaling
673 pathway.

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675 *The biological significance of deviations from the linear model*

676 The 'linear model' we formulated is based on the assumption that each mutant
677 embryo faithfully represents one defined area of cells along the DV axis of the embryo, and

678 that the full set of cell types in the embryo can therefore be reconstituted as the sum of the
679 mutant cell types - weighted according to the area they occupy in the embryo -. This should
680 also be recapitulated for any individual protein expressed in the embryo. We found this to be
681 true not only for the trivial cases of those proteins that occur at equal level in all genotypes,
682 but also for most of the differentially modulated proteins. However, some proteins and
683 phosphosites did not fit the model but showed strong deviations. One explanation could be
684 that in the normal embryo the embryonic regions communicate with each other, and this
685 communication is necessary for the expression or modification of certain proteins. These
686 interactions cannot occur when the fates occur in isolation from each other in the mutants,
687 and therefore some proteins would not be regulated properly and would not fit the model.
688 Thus, wherever an interaction between the cell populations in the embryo is necessary for
689 generating the correct expression or phosphorylation level, the linear model we proposed no
690 longer applies; this means that strong deviations may indicate non-autonomous regulation.
691 We do know some genes whose expression along the DV axis is determined by input from
692 neighboring regions, such as Sog, Ind and single-minded. We indeed find that one of those
693 proteins, Ind, is an outlier (deviation = 2.6) with higher than predicted expression in the
694 dorsalized and ventralized mutants, consistent with repressive input from these regions in
695 the wildtype.

696 Another case of proteins not following the linear model are those that are found either
697 in decreased or increased abundance in all genotypes, a behavior we observed for a small
698 percentage of proteins and phosphosites, perhaps as part of a general stress response
699 related to the mutant situation. This is illustrated by the most extreme example, TM9SF4,
700 which encodes an immune-related transporter that is present in all mutants at nearly 100-
701 fold higher levels than in the wildtype. However, we did not find that this was a general rule
702 either in the proteomes or in the phosphoproteomes: stress-related categories such as those
703 from the 'chaperone' or 'immune response' ontology classes represented only a small
704 percentage of proteins and phosphoproteins with the highest deviations (Figure 3-figure
705 supplement 3D,E).

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712 Methods

713 *Drosophila* genetics and embryo collections

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715 *w*¹¹¹⁸ (wildtype/control genotype in our studies, Bloomington stock 3605), *gd*⁹/FM6a
716 [16] (provided by S. Roth), *Tl*^{rm9} and *Tl*^{rm10} [18] (provided by A. Stathopoulos), *Toll*^{10B} [20, 56],
717 *Df(3R)ro80b/TM3* (Bloomington stock 2198), *spn27A^{ex}/CyO* [21] (provided by S. Roth,
718 Bloomington stock 6374), *Df(2L)BSC7/CyO* [21] (provided by S. Roth). To visualize non-
719 muscle myosin *in vivo*, a *sqh-sqh::mCherry* transgene (Bloomington stock 59024) was used
720 to construct the following stocks *gd*⁹;*sqh-sqh::mCherry* / *CyO*, *sqh-sqh::mcherry* / *CyO*; *Tl*^{rm9}
721 and *sqh-sqh::mcherry* / *CyO*; *Df(3R)ro80b/TM3*.

722 Dorsalized embryos were derived from *gd⁹* homozygous female mothers, lateralized
723 embryos were derived from trans-heterozygous *T^{rm9}/T^{rm10}* mothers, ventralized embryos we
724 derived from *Toll^{10B}/Df(3R)ro80b* and *spn27A^{ex}/Df(2L)BSC7* mothers (see Supplementary
725 File 1). Female mutant mothers were crossed with *w¹¹¹⁸* males, and the F1 from each of
726 these crosses were collected and processed for mass-spectrometry analyses.

727 To visualize Myosin Light Chain, we generated the following mothers: Dorsalized:
728 *gd⁹;sqh-sqh::mCherry/+*, Lateralized: *sqh-sqh::mcherry/+;T^{rm9}/T^{rm10}*, Ventralized: *sqh-*
729 *sqh::mcherry/+;Toll^{10B}/Df(3R)ro80b*. Female mutant mothers were then crossed with *w¹¹¹⁸*
730 males, and from F1 of these crosses, embryos in stage 5a,b [59] were hand-selected under
731 a dissecting microscope and mounted for live imaging (see below).

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733 *Embryo collections*

734 Embryos collected half an hour after egg-laying were allowed to develop for 2hs 30'
735 at 25°C in a light and humidity-controlled incubator and then dechorionated in 50% bleach
736 for 1' 30", washed with H₂O and visually inspected under a dissecting microscope (Zeiss
737 binocular) for 15'-20' at RT. To ensure younger embryos from each synchronized collection
738 were in the target developmental stage (gastrulation stage, Stages 6a,b [59]), we individually
739 hand-selected the embryos on wet agar, which made the embryos semi-transparent,
740 allowing the assessment of a range of morphological features, of which at least some are
741 visible in each of the mutants:

- 742 • Yolk distance to embryonic surface: distinguishes between early (stage 5a [59]) and
743 late cellularization (stage 5b [59]).
- 744 • Yolk distribution within the embryo: identification of large embryonic movements of
745 the germ band (eg.: Initiation of germ band extension, marking the initiation of stage
746 7 [59]). In DV patterning mutants this is seen as twisting of the embryo.
- 747 • Change in the outline of the dorsal-posterior region: polar cell movement from the
748 posterior most region of the embryo (stage 5a/b [59]) to stage 6a/b.
- 749 • Formation of the cephalic and dorsal folds: identification of stage 6 [59] (initiation of
750 cephalic fold) and stage 7 [59] (dorsal folds).

751 The combined use of these morphological criteria, together with the synchronized
752 egg collections allowed the accurate staging of wild type and mutant embryos. Any embryos
753 that had developed beyond the initial stage of gastrulation (as judged by the
754 abovementioned morphological criteria, Stage 7 [59]) were discarded and the remaining
755 embryos were placed in 0.5 ml Eppendorf tubes and flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen. An 0.5ml
756 Eppendorf tube filled with embryos yields approximately 1 mg of protein.

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758 *Transgenic fly lines generated in this work*

759 Three transgenic lines were generated to visualize cell membranes and
760 microtubules. For cell membranes, a single copy of EGFP or three copies of mScarlet
761 interleaved with linkers (DELYKGGGGSGG) were trailed by a C-terminal CaaX sequence
762 from human KRas4B (KKKKKSKTKCVIM) for membrane targeting to yield EGFP-CaaX or
763 3xmScarlet-CaaX. For microtubules, EMTB-3xGFP from addgene #26741 was cloned into
764 pBabr, a ΨC31 site-directed transformation vector, between the maternal tubulin promoter
765 and the spaghetti-squash 3' UTR [39]. These constructs were then integrated into the fly
766 genome at attP2 or attP40 by Rainbow Transgenics Flies, USA, or WellGenetics, Taiwan.

767 *SILAC metabolic labeling*

768 SILAC metabolic labeling was performed using yeast transformed to produce heavy
769 lysine (SILAC yeast with LysC13/6, Silantes: <https://www.silantes.com/>). To standardize

770 each of the phosphoproteomic runs for each condition we labeled the proteome of w^{1118}
771 control flies (Figure 1-figure supplement 1D). Therefore, our analyses included a SILAC-
772 labeled and an unlabelled w^{1118} extract. To maximize the incorporation of LysC13/6 into the
773 *Drosophila* proteome, unlabelled w^{1118} adult flies were raised in bottles prepared with SILAC
774 yeast as the only source for amino acids (2% SILAC yeast). The fly media were prepared in
775 agreement with the recommendations of Silantes (www.silantes.com). All emerging larvae
776 were fed on SILAC fly medium from L1 until adult stage, in a temperature (25°C), light and
777 humidity-controlled incubator (Sanyo). The emerging labeled w^{1118} adults were then
778 transferred to cages for embryo collections, and fed with wet SILAC yeast until disposal of
779 flies (after 2-3 weeks). SILAC w^{1118} embryos were collected as described above.

780 Using this protocol, we labeled ~75% of the proteome of SILAC w^{1118} embryos.
781 SILAC labeling did not affect the phosphoproteome of wild type embryos, and had only a
782 minor effect on phosphosite intensity distribution, indicating standardization with Lys 13/6
783 was a valid approach (Figure 1-figure supplement 1E).

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785 Proteomic analyses

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787 *Protein digestion*

788 Embryos were lysed in 6M urea and 2M thio-urea (100mM HEPES pH=8.5). Lysates
789 were treated by ultrasonic (20 s, 1 s pulse, 100% power) on ice and cleared by centrifugation
790 (15 min, 22°C, 12.500 x g). Protein concentration was determined with a DC Protein Assay
791 (BioRad).

792 For each proteome analyzes, a 200 µg sample was utilized. We analyzed for each
793 genotype at least 3 technical replicates. *spn27a^{ex}/df* and *gd⁹* mutants were analyzed using
794 two biological replicates with three technical replicates each, making a total of six analyzed
795 replicates for these two genotypes. Proteins were reduced by Dithiothreitol (22°C, 40 min)
796 followed by protein alkylation using iodoacetamide (22°C, 40min in the dark). Lys-C
797 endopeptidase was added for 2h at 22°C. The samples were then diluted to 2M urea using
798 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate. Trypsin was added in a 1 to 100 enzyme:substrate ratio and
799 incubated overnight at 20°C. Digestion was stopped by acidification using TFA at a final
800 concentration of 0.5%. The resulting peptides were desalted using Waters SPE Columns
801 (C18 material, 50 mg). Peptides were eluted with 60% acetonitrile and 0.1% formic acid. The
802 eluate was dried using a SpeedVac concentrator (Eppendorf) to complete dryness. Peptides
803 were then separated by offline high-pH fractionation.

804 For phosphopeptide enrichment a SILAC-based quantification was applied. For each
805 sample, 500 ug of protein lysate was mixed with an equal amount of Lys-6 SILAC labeled
806 protein lysate and digested as described above except that Lys-C instead of trypsin was
807 used exclusively. We split the protein lysate from each population of embryos in three and
808 conducted three separate analyses (digest, PTM enrichment, LC-MS/MS). The peptide
809 solution was desalted using Waters SEP-PAK 50 mg C18 cartridges and then subjected for
810 phosphopeptide enrichment.

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812 *High-pH HPLC offline fractionation*

813 The instrumentation consisted of an Agilent Technologies 1260 Infinity II system
814 including pumps (G7112B), UV detector (G7114A), and a fraction collector (G1364F). A
815 binary buffer system consisting of buffer A, (10 mM ammonium hydroxide in 10% methanol

816 and buffer B (10 mM Ammonium hydroxide in 90% acetonitrile) was utilized. Peptides
817 (resuspended in buffer A) were separated on a KINETEX EVO C18 2x150mm column using
818 a flow rate of 250 μ L/min and a total gradient time of 65 min. The content of buffer B was
819 linearly raised from 2% to 25% within 55 min followed by a washing step at 85% buffer B for
820 5 min. Fractions were collected every 60s in a 96 well plate over 60 min gradient time
821 collecting a total number of 8 fractions per sample. Before each run, the system was
822 equilibrated to 100% buffer A. The fractions were then concentrated in a SpeedVac
823 concentrator (Eppendorf) and subjected to an additional desalting step using the StageTip
824 technique (SDB-RP, Affiniseq). Prior to LC-MS/MS measurement, peptides were solubilized
825 in 10 μ L of 2% formic acid and 2% acetonitrile. 3 μ L were injected per LC-MS/MS run.
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827 *Phosphopeptide Enrichment*

828 For phosphopeptide enrichment, the High-Select™ TiO₂ Phosphopeptide
829 Enrichment Kit (#A32993) was utilized following the manufacturer's instructions. In brief,
830 desalted peptides were dried to complete dryness and resuspended in Binding Buffer
831 (included in kit). The peptide solution was centrifuged (10 min, 12,500 x g, 22°C) and the
832 supernatant was transferred to TiO₂ tips. Phosphopeptides were enriched and eluted using
833 the provided elution buffer. The eluate was immediately dried in a SpeedVac concentrator
834 (Eppendorf) and stored at -20°C. Prior to LC-MS/MS measurement, peptides were
835 solubilized in 10 μ L of 2% formic acid and 2% acetonitrile. 3 μ L were injected per LC-MS/MS
836 run. The phosphopeptide enrichment was performed in technical duplicates.
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838 *Liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry*

839 The LC-MS/MS instrumentation consisted of a nano-LC 1000 coupled to a QExactive
840 Plus or of a nano-LC 1200 (Thermo Fisher) coupled to a QExactive HF-x instrument via
841 electrospray ionization. The buffer system consisted of 0.1% formic acid in water (buffer A)
842 and 0.1% formic acid in 80% acetonitrile. The column (75 μ m inner diameter, 360 μ m outer
843 diameter) was packed with PoroShell C18 2.7 μ m diameter beads. The column temperature
844 was controlled to 50°C using a custom-built oven. Throughout all measurements, MS1
845 spectra were acquired at a resolution of 60000 at 200 m/z and a maximum injection time of
846 20 ms was allowed. For whole proteome measurements, the mass spectrometer operated in
847 a data-dependent acquisition mode using the Top10 (QExactive Plus) or Top22 (QExactive
848 HF-x) most intense peaks. The MS/MS resolution was set to 17,500 (QE-Plus) or 15,000
849 (QE-HFx) and the maximum injection time was set to 60ms or 22ms respectively. Samples
850 of replicate one and three were measured on the QE-Plus system and replicate two was
851 measured on the QE-HF-x system.

852 For phosphoproteome analysis, the MS2 resolutions were set to 30,000 (QEx-Plus)
853 or 45,000 (QEx-HFx). Samples of all three replicates were measured on the QEx-HFx
854 system. We added trial samples measured on the QEx-Plus system to increase the
855 phosphosite coverage.
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857 *Proteomic and phosphoproteomic data analysis*

858 Raw files were processed using MaxQuant (v. 1.5.3.8) [60] and the implemented
859 Andromeda search engine [61]. The Uniprot reference proteome for *Drosophila*
860 *melanogaster* (downloaded: 07.2016, 44761 entries) was utilized. Phosphoproteome and
861 proteome data were analyzed separately and the match-between-runs algorithm was
862 enabled. For proteome analysis, the label-free quantification method (MaxLFQ) was enabled
863 using the default settings. Default settings for the mass tolerances for FTMS analyser were

864 used. The FDR was controlled using the implemented (Andromeda) reverse-decoy algorithm
865 at the protein, peptide-spectrum-match and PTM site levels to 0.01.

866 For SILAC-based phosphopeptide quantification, a minimum ratio count of 2 was
867 required; the minimum score for the modified peptide was set to 20. Technical duplicates
868 were aggregated by using the log₂ normalized SILAC ratio median.

869 The proteinGroups (proteome) and PhosphoSite(STY) tables were subjected to
870 downstream analysis. Gene Ontology annotations were derived from the Uniprot database
871 and annotated. The LFQ intensities were log₂ transformed. Pairwise comparisons were
872 performed using a two-sided unpaired t-test. One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was
873 performed on genotypes and a FDR was calculated using a permutation based approach
874 (s0=0.1, #permutations = 500) in the Perseus software [62].

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876 *Matching and correlation between proteome and phosphoproteome*

877 Protein log₂ fold change ratios were matched to the phospho-site table using the
878 Uniprot identifiers. If the phosphorylation site was part of multiple protein groups, the
879 average log₂ fold change was utilized. The analysis of the correlation between the fold
880 changes of phosphosites and their host proteins was performed as follows: for each
881 proteome-matched phosphosite, a protein-phosphosite pair was assembled, yielding 6297
882 pairs of phosphosites and their host proteins taking into account all genotypes. We tested for
883 each differentially phosphorylated site whether its respective protein was up- or down-
884 regulated and made this comparison for each mutant genotype versus the wildtype. To
885 consider a protein and a phosphosite regulated, we applied the same threshold as used
886 above for clustering (+/- 1.4 fold change), and for the phosphoproteome we used +/-1.3 fold
887 change (see below Hierarchical clustering analyses, Threshold determination). The protein-
888 phosphosite pairs were placed in a scatter plot with 4 quadrants that were connected to 3
889 possible behaviors: correlation (fold change of host protein and phosphosite are both
890 positive -green- or negative -blue-), anti-correlation (fold change of host protein and
891 phosphosite have different signs -red/magenta-) or no-correlation, (fold change of host
892 protein is within threshold range but phosphosite trespasses it -black/white-). Finally, we
893 counted the number of protein-phosphosite pairs that displayed each of these described
894 behaviors.

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896 *Proteomic and phosphoproteomic raw data availability*

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898 The raw files for the proteomics and phosphoproteomics experiments were deposited in
899 PRIDE under separate identifiers:

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901 Proteome: Identifier PXD046050 (Reviewer account details:
902 reviewer_pxd046050@ebi.ac.uk, pw: coJ9otiX).

903 Phosphoproteome: Identifier PXD046192 (Reviewer account details:
904 reviewer_pxd046192@ebi.ac.uk, pw: nvkbwClp).

905 Immunostainings and live imaging procedures

906 *Synchronized egg collections*

907 Eggs were collected for 1 h, allowed to develop for a further 2hs 30' in a temperature
908 (25°C), light and humidity-controlled incubator (Sanyo) and then dechorionated in sodium
909 hypochlorite (50% standard bleach in water) and washed thoroughly with water. Depending

910 on the type of staining and antigen, embryos were fixed using the appropriate standard
911 protocols.

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913 *In situ RNA hybridisation*

914 Antisense probes for Dpp, Sog and Snail were used on dechorionated embryos by
915 applying *Drosophila* standard protocols for *in situ* hybridisation with digoxigenin-labeled
916 RNA-probes [63].

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918 *Heat fixation for imaging of Armadillo/β-Catenin*

919 Dechorionated embryos were transferred to a beaker containing 10 ml of boiling
920 heat-fixation buffer (For 1L in water: 10X Triton-Salt Solution, 40g NaCl, 3ml Triton X-100
921 (T9284 Sigma)), and fixed for 10 sec. Fixation was stopped by placing the beaker containing
922 the embryos on ice. Vitelline membranes were removed by transferring the embryos to a
923 tube containing heptane:methanol (1:1), vortexed for 30 sec. and rehydrated.

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925 *Fixation for imaging of microtubules*

926 To visualize microtubules, a formaldehyde-methanol sequential fixation was
927 performed as previously described [52]. Dechorionated embryos were fixed in 10%
928 formaldehyde (methanol free, 18814 Polysciences Inc.) in PBS:Heptane (1:1) for 20 min at
929 room temperature (RT), and devitellinised for 45 sec in 1:1 ice-cold methanol:heptane.
930 Embryos were stored for 24 hs at -20°C and rehydrated before use.

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932 *Antibody staining procedures*

933 Rehydrated embryos were blocked for 2 hs in 2% BSA (B9000, NEB) in PBS with
934 0.3% Triton X-100 (T9284 Sigma). Primary antibody incubations were done overnight at 4°C.
935 Primary antibodies used were: mouse anti α-tubulin 1:1000 (T6199, clone 6-11B-1, Sigma),
936 mouse anti acetylated-α-tubulin FITC conjugated 1:250 (sc23950, Santa Cruz
937 Biotechnology), rat anti tyrosinated-α-tubulin 1:250 (MAB1864-I, clone YL1/2, EMD
938 Millipore/Merck), mouse anti-Armadillo/β-Catenin 1:50 (N27A1, Developmental Studies
939 Hybridoma Bank), rabbit anti Snail [62] 1:500. Incubations with secondary antibodies were
940 performed for 2 hours at RT. Alexa Fluor 488- and 594-coupled secondary antibodies were
941 used at 1:600 (488 and 594 Abcam).

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943 *Preparation of physical cross-sections*

944 Immunostained embryos embedded in Fluoromount G (SouthernBiotech 0100-01)
945 were visually inspected under a dissecting microscope (Zeiss binocular) to select the desired
946 developmental stages. The embryos were sectioned manually with a 27G injection needle at
947 approximately 50% embryo length and slices were mounted for microscopy.

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949 *Image acquisition*

950 Images in Figure 1C were acquired with a Zeiss LSM880 Airyscan microscope, using
951 a Plan-Apochromat 63x oil (NA 1.4 DIC M27) objective at 22°C, with a z-slice size = 0.3 μm.
952 Acquired volumes were max-projected (along z axis) for a range of 1.5 μm (5 slices). Images
953 in Figure 7A and Figure 7-figure supplement 6B were acquired using a super resolution
954 Deltavision OMX 3D-SIM (3D-SIM) V3 BLAZE from Applied Precision (a GE Healthcare
955 company). Deltavision OMX 3D-SIM System V3 BLAZE is equipped with 3 sCMOS
956 cameras, 405, 488 and 592.5 nm diode laser illumination, an Olympus Plan Apo 60X 1.42
957 numerical aperture (NA) oil objective, and standard excitation and emission filter sets.

958 Imaging of each channel was done sequentially using three angles and five phase shifts of
959 the illumination pattern. The refractive index of the immersion oil (Cargille) was 1.516 .
960 Acquired volumes were max-projected (along the z axis) for a range of 3 μm (10 slices).
961 Images in Figure 7B and Figure 7-figure supplement 6A were acquired with a Leica SP8
962 microscope equipped with white laser. Gated detection on HyD detectors was used for each
963 shown channel using a Plan-Apochromat 63x oil (NA 1.4) objective at 22°C, with a z-slice
964 size = 0.3 μm . Acquired volumes were max-projected (along z axis) for a range of 1.5 μm (5
965 slices).

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967 *Live imaging of myosin light chain*

968 Dechorionated embryos expressing maternally provided sqh::mCherry were mounted
969 in 35mm glass-bottom petri dishes in two different ways with either the embryonic dorsal,
970 lateral or ventral surface facing the glass bottom or vertically glued (heptane glue) on their
971 posterior end to the glass-bottom and embedded in 0.8% low melting point agarose in PBS
972 that was previously cooled to 30°C. For the superficial imaging of the sub-apical domain of
973 embryos along their dorsal, lateral and ventral sides, we acquired volumes of 20 μm (z-slice
974 size of 0.8 μm) using a PerkinElmer Ultraview ERS (microscope stand Zeiss Axiovert 200)
975 with a Yokogawa CSU X1 spinning disk with a Plan-Apochromate 63x (NA 1.4, oil) objective
976 at 22°C. The vertical mounting enabled the imaging of myosin light chain along the dorso-
977 ventral cross-section of living embryos [64] in the x-y plane. We acquired 1-3 slices (z-slice
978 size = 1,1 μm) at 130-150 μm from the posterior end of the embryo using a Zeiss LSM780
979 NLO 2-photon microscope with a Plan-Apochromat 63x objective (NA 1.4, oil, DIC M27) at
980 22°C.

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982 Calculation of correlation matrices

983 Correlation matrices were calculated using Matlab R2019b on the proteins and
984 phosphosites that were detected in all genotypes and all the replicates. For this, we used the
985 'corr' function to calculate the Pearson correlation between log2 intensities of proteins or
986 phosphosites in the replicates of all genotypes. The resulting correlation matrix was plotted
987 using the 'clustergram' function by applying the following settings: linkage: average;
988 RowPDist & ColumnPDist: correlation.

989 Development of a linear model for protein and phosphosite abundances

990 We defined a 'linear model' that is based on the assumption that the three types of
991 mutant embryos (dorsalized, lateralized and ventralized) each represent one region along
992 the DV axis of the embryo, and that protein abundance in the three regions should add up to
993 the total protein abundance in the entire embryo, and therefore, the abundance in the three
994 mutants should add up to the same value, if each is weighted by the region occupied in the
995 wildtype embryo.

996 This linear model can be expressed for each protein ProtX as a sum, t_{wtProtX} , where
997 D, L and V are the abundance of a protein 'ProtX' in the proteomes of the three mutant
998 genotypes (means of the log2 intensity values of the replicates, transformed to its linear
999 value), and a, b and c represent the proportion of each region along the dorsoventral axis:.

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$$1001 \quad t_{\text{wtProtX}} = a * D + b * L + c * V$$

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1003 This model requires values a, b, and c for the three regions along the DV axis. For
1004 the mesoderm, this has been reported as 0.2 from measurements on cross-sections [65], but
1005 we wanted to determine the theoretical optimum for each of the values without any prior
1006 assumption about their real proportions in the embryo. The theoretical optimum would be
1007 one for which the proportions for the three regions when used in the sum yield a theoretical
1008 ('t') value ${}^t\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}}$ that is the closest to the experimentally measured ('m') value ${}^m\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}}$ for
1009 that protein in the wildtype embryo.

1010 To systematically explore the proportions for each region, we tested all possible
1011 combinations for a, b and c at 0.05 steps in the range from 0 to 1 (i.e.: 0, 0.05, (...), 0.95, 1).
1012 For each calculated ${}^t\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}}$, we calculated the deviation from the measured abundance by
1013 subtracting the mean linear intensity measured for the same protein in a wild type embryo
1014 (${}^m\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}}$), and transforming this difference between the theoretical and measured wild type to
1015 log2 scale as follows:

$$\text{Deviation}_{\text{ProtX}} = \log_2 ({}^t\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}} / {}^m\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}})$$

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1019 A log2 value of 0 for the deviation therefore indicates a perfect match between the
1020 theoretical calculation and the actual measurement. For each possible combination of a, b,
1021 and c we obtained distributions of $\text{Deviation}_{\text{ProtX}}$ values, for which we calculated the
1022 Interquartile Range (IQR) using the IQR function from Matlab 2019b. Based on the
1023 assumption that the best matching proportions should lead to the narrowest dispersion of the
1024 distribution of $\text{Deviation}_{\text{ProtX}}$, we sorted (smaller to largest) the combinations of proportion
1025 constants based on their calculated IQRs. This parameter screen yielded good fits for a
1026 range of combinations. Previous work indicated the mesoderm represents 20% of the
1027 circumference of the embryo [65], however, for the two best, the area of the ventral region
1028 was slightly larger than the observed 20% of the circumference of the embryo *in vivo* (Figure
1029 3-figure supplement 3B,C, Supplementary File 5). The third best was one for which the
1030 ventral domain corresponded to the experimentally measured value of 0.2 (20%, Figure 3-
1031 figure supplement 3B,C, Supplementary File 5), and for the lateral and dorsal domains the
1032 value was 0.4, which matched estimations based on the expression domains of lateral and
1033 dorsal genes [11, 66]. We therefore chose this set:

$${}^t\text{wt}_{\text{ProtX}} = 0.4 * D + 0.4 * L + 0.2 * V$$

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1037 Because we used two different ventralising genotypes (*Toll*^{10B} and *spn27A*^{ex}), the t
1038 wt_{ProtX} was calculated twice for each protein, one for for each mutant genotype combination
1039 (i.e.: D-L-V_{*Toll*10B} and D-L-V_{*spn27A*}).

1040 Hierarchical clustering analyses

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1042 *Data generation and hierarchical clustering*

1043 We included in this analysis all proteins that were detectable in the wildtype
1044 (5883/6111), even if they were undetectable in one or more mutant populations. To obtain
1045 clusters that represented the behaviors of proteins and phosphosites with respect to the wild
1046 type genotype, we took for each protein and phosphosite the mean log2 fold change. For
1047 this, we first calculated the mean log2 intensity values per protein and genotype, and next,
1048 calculated the log2 fold changes (FCs) for each protein and phosphosite between each DV

1049 mutant genotype and the wild type. Because we wanted to cluster exclusively by the
 1050 direction but not the extent of changes between the DV mutant genotypes and the wild type,
 1051 we assigned to each FC a value (1, -1 or 0) based on exceeding a FC threshold (see below
 1052 '*Threshold determination*'). For proteins, the threshold was +/- 1.4 (0.5 in log2) FC, for
 1053 phosphosites was +/- 1.27 (0.35 in log2) FC. When proteins and phosphosites exceeded the
 1054 FC threshold, we assigned a +1 or -1 for positive and negative FCs respectively. When
 1055 proteins and phosphosites remained within the threshold range (i.e.: for proteins: -1.4 (0.5) <
 1056 FC < 1.4 (0.5); for phosphosites: -1.27 (0.35) < FC < 1.27 (0.35)), we assigned a 0. For
 1057 proteins and phosphosites that were undetected in a particular DV patterning mutant, we
 1058 assumed -based on the detection of Twist and Snail across mutant genotypes-, these were
 1059 in decreased abundance vs. the wild type, and we assigned to these -1.

1060 Next, we filtered the set of proteins and phosphosites that we used as a source for
 1061 the hierarchical clustering. Proteins and phosphosites with a 0 assigned in all FC
 1062 comparisons (i.e. D vs. WT = 0; L vs. WT = 0, Vtl vs WT = 0, Vsp vs WT = 0) were
 1063 considered unchanged in our study and therefore were filtered out (number proteins =
 1064 2156/6111 ; number phosphosites = 1234/6259). Proteins and phosphosites with a +1 or a -
 1065 1 assigned to all FC comparisons (i.e.: D vs. WT =1 (-1) ; L vs. WT = 1 (-1), Vtl vs WT = 1 (-
 1066 1), Vsp vs WT = 1 (-1)) were also filtered out (number proteins = 329/6111; number of
 1067 phosphosites = 615/6259). We proceeded with the clustering of the rest of the proteins
 1068 (3398/6111) and phosphosites (3433/6259).

1069 The thresholded FCs of the filtered set of proteins and phosphosites were
 1070 transformed in row z-scores (i.e.: calculated per protein and per phosphosite). The reason
 1071 for this is that this method takes into account that value sets that represent similar relative
 1072 differences between the mutants (for example, 0 -1 -1 vs. 1 -1 -1 or 1 0 0) are biologically
 1073 more similar to each other than the raw values indicate. The z-scores for all of these cases
 1074 would be 1.1547 -0.5774 -0.5774. The hierarchical clustering was conducted both on rows
 1075 (proteins or phosphosites) and columns (FC of each mutant genotype vs. the wildtype) using
 1076 the 'clustergram' function (Matlab R2019b) setting the linkage parameter in 'average' and the
 1077 row probability distance parameter in 'Euclidean'. The output of the clustering in the figures
 1078 was set to be displayed using the mean log2 FCs of proteins and phosphosites between the
 1079 DV mutant genotypes and the wild type.

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 1081 *Threshold determination*

1082 We determined the threshold to be applied to the FCs between the DV mutant
 1083 genotypes and the wild type of each proteomic experiment by analyzing the variability of the
 1084 FCs within each biological replicate. We first took the mean log2 intensity per protein for the
 1085 wildtype ^{WT}Mean_{ProtX}, and next, calculated the log2 FC between the log2 intensity of each
 1086 technical replicate with measurable intensity for each biological replicate and the ^{WT}Mean_{ProtX}
 1087 as follows:

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$${}^{\text{BP-G}}\text{FC}_{\text{ProtX}_{\text{TR-N}}} = {}^{\text{BP-G}}\log_2\text{Intensity}_{\text{ProtX}_{\text{TR-N}}} - {}^{\text{WT}}\text{Mean}_{\text{ProtX}}$$

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 1091 where BP-G is the biological replicate of a particular genotype and TR-N a technical
 1092 replicate (1 < N < 3) for a biological replicate BP-G. Therefore, we obtained a set of ^{BP-G}
 1093 ^GFC_{ProtX_{TR-N}} values per protein, and the number of ^{BP-G}FC_{ProtX_{TR-N}} values per protein
 1094 equals the number of technical replicates with measurable intensity for a particular biological
 1095 replicate.

1096 Next, we calculated $^{BP-G}stdev_ProtX$, which is the standard deviation of the set of $^{BP-G}FC_ProtX_{TR-N}$ values per protein and for each biological replicate. In this way, we obtained a
 1097 distribution of the standard deviation of FCs per biological replicate. For each biological
 1098 replicate distribution of FCs standard deviations we calculated the IQR (Prism Graphpad V8)
 1099 and extracted the 3rd quartile value ($^{BR-G}Q3$) to capture up to 75% of the variability of each
 1100 distribution:
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Biological Replicate Proteome	3rd Quartile Value (Q3)
Dorsalized (replicates 1-3)	0.543
Dorsalized (replicates 4-6)	0.492
Lateralized	0.471
Ventralized <i>spn27A</i> (replicates 1-3)	0.463
Ventralized <i>spn27A</i> (replicates 1-6)	0.481
Ventralized <i>Toll</i> ^{10B}	0.565

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Biological Phosphoproteome	Replicate	3rd Quartile Value (Q3)
Dorsalized		0.405
Lateralized		0.366
Ventralized <i>spn27A</i>		0.377
Ventralized <i>Toll</i> ^{10B}		0.259

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 1107 Finally, we defined the FC threshold as the mean of the Q3 value across the
 1108 biological replicates of each experiment (number of: biological replicates proteome = 6 ;
 1109 biological replicates phosphoproteome = 4) as follows:

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 1111 $^{Proteome}FC_Threshold = \text{sum}(^{BR-G}Q3) / 6 = 0.503$

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 1113 $^{Phosphoproteome}FC_Threshold = \text{sum}(^{BR-G}Q3) / 4 = 0.352$

1114 RNA-proteome comparison along DV cell populations

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 1116 *Data generation: NovoSpark analyses of single-cell RNAseq data*

1117 The single-cell RNAseq data derived from stage 6 *Drosophila* embryos [34], were
 1118 spatially reconstructed with novoSpaRc [67]. As prior spatial information 84 known gene
 1119 expression patterns were used from the BDTNP atlas (downloaded from: <https://shiny.mdc-berlin.de/DVEX/>). NovoSpaRc embeds each cell probabilistically over 3039 locations using a
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1121 generalized optimal-transport approach. This results in a 'RNA Atlas', which includes a
1122 predicted spatial gene expression pattern for every detected gene.

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1124 *RNA clustering*

1125 We excluded all genes that were scored as ubiquitously expressed in THE RNA
1126 ATLAS [34]. Of the remaining 8924 genes, we selected those that were also listed in our
1127 clustered proteomic dataset (3346 genes coding for 3383 proteins), yielding a list of 3086
1128 non-ubiquitous genes that were present both in the RNA atlas and the clustered proteome.
1129 These are sorted into classes by comparing the expression pattern of each to that of six
1130 reference genes with restricted dorso-ventral expression that represent the six regulation
1131 categories D, L, V, DL, DV and VL. We used as reference genes *dpp* for dorsal, the average
1132 between *sog* and *soxN* for lateral, *twist* for ventral, *crb* for dorsal+lateral, *net* for
1133 dorsal+ventral and *neur* for lateral+ventral. To compare similarity for each of the 3086
1134 genes we calculated their spatial Pearson correlation to each of the reference genes. Each
1135 gene was then classified as belonging to the category of the reference gene for which the
1136 Pearson correlation was the highest. We therefore obtained 6 clusters of genes, which we
1137 termed 'DV RNA clusters' each of them with their corresponding maximum Pearson spatial
1138 correlation value. To filter out false positives, we selected those genes with the largest
1139 similarity to the reference genes, for which we expected strong differential expression along
1140 the dorso-ventral axis. We did this by determining the Pearson spatial correlation value
1141 corresponding to the 95th Percentile of each dorso-ventral RNA cluster, using the 'prtile'
1142 function (Matlab R2019b). Finally, we used the 95th percentile value as a threshold to filter
1143 the 5th percentile of genes from each DV RNA cluster. We obtained a list of 155 genes that
1144 we used to compare against the proteome clusters (Supplementary File 9), which we termed
1145 'DV RNA Reference Sets'.

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1147 *RNA-proteome comparison*

1148 The filtered set of 155 genes codes for 157 proteins. We grouped the 157 proteins
1149 based on their DV cluster assignment and for each DV cluster, we classified its proteins
1150 based on the RNA reference set to which their genes had been allocated. Theoretically, if
1151 both classifications, i.e. the RNA reference set and the proteomes, were perfectly correct,
1152 then genes from a protein cluster should be included only in the corresponding RNA
1153 reference set. For DV clusters 1-12, we classified the results of this comparison as 'perfect
1154 match if the RNA expression pattern and the DV cluster belong to the same regulation
1155 category, as 'partial match if the RNA expression pattern and the DV cluster coincided only
1156 in one DV domain, or as mismatch if the RNA expression pattern and the DV cluster belong
1157 to mutually exclusive regulation categories.

1158 Calculation of euclidean distance score

1159 We developed a score based on a calculated Euclidean distance to measure the
1160 proximity of each protein in a particular DV cluster to the most extreme fold changes
1161 measured in DV mutant vs. wild type comparisons. We used the same approach for the
1162 phosphosites.

1163 We first calculated the mean log₂ fold change (FC) between the DV mutants and the
1164 wild type (which meant we could not assess proteins nor phosphosites that were not
1165 detected in the wild type). Next, we rescaled each of the FC distributions [dorsalized (D) vs.
1166 WT, lateralized (L) vs. WT, ventralized *Toll*^{10B}/def (Vtl) vs. WT and ventralized *spn27A*^{ex}/def

1167 (Vsp) vs. WT] to transform the $\log_2 FC = 0$ in the original distributions as $\log_2 FC = 0.5$ in the
 1168 new, rescaled distribution. We first identified the upper and lower limits of each FC
 1169 distribution, and next, transformed each pair (upper and lower) of limits to their absolute
 1170 values. This enabled the identification of the largest absolute limit for each FC distribution,
 1171 and depending whether the upper or the lower limit was the absolute largest, we used one of
 1172 the following equations to rescale:

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 1174 If the upper limit of a particular FC distribution is the absolute largest:
 1175 i. $\log_2 FC_{\text{rescaled}_i} = (\log_2 FC_{\text{original}_i} + |\max_{\log_2 FC_{\text{original}}|) / (2 * |\max_{\log_2 FC_{\text{original}}|)$
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 1178 If the lower limit of a particular FC distribution is the absolute largest:
 1179 ii. $\log_2 FC_{\text{rescaled}_i} = (\log_2 FC_{\text{original}_i} + |\min_{\log_2 FC_{\text{original}}|) / (2 * |\min_{\log_2 FC_{\text{original}}|)$
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 1182 Where 'i' is a particular protein, and $\max_{\log_2 FC_{\text{original}}$ and $\min_{\log_2 FC_{\text{original}}$
 1183 are the upper and lower limit values for a particular FC distribution. Using this rescaling
 1184 approach, we obtained a new set of rescaled FCs for each distribution (D vs. WT, L vs. WT,
 1185 Vtl vs. WT and Vsp vs. WT). We considered those proteins that were undetected in a
 1186 mutant genotype as being in decreased abundance in that genotype, and imputed the lower
 1187 limit value of the rescaled FC distribution for that genotype.

1188 For each protein, we assigned two vectors with their corresponding rescaled FCs
 1189 (shown here for one ventralized genotype, but also calculate separately for the other):

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 1191 $(D_{\text{rescaledFC}_i}, L_{\text{rescaledFC}_i}, Vtl_{\text{rescaledFC}_i})$
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1193 Next, we assembled reference vectors representing the most extreme behaviors for
 1194 each regulation category (Figure 3D, upper panel), using the rescaled FCs:

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Regulation category	DV cluster	Reference vector components	Reference vector values with Vtl*	Reference vector values with Vsp*
Dorsal	1	$(\max^{rFC}, \min^{rFC}, \min^{rFC})$	(1, 0, 0.0047)	(1, 0, 0.0485)
Lateral	2	$(\min^{rFC}, \max^{rFC}, \min^{rFC})$	(0.1127, 0.9865, 0.0047)	(0.1127, 0.9865, 0.0485)
Ventral	3, 4, 5	$(\min^{rFC}, \min^{rFC}, \max^{rFC})$	(0.1127, 0, 1)	(0.1127, 0, 1)
Dorsal+Lateral	6	$(\max^{rFC}, \max^{rFC}, \min^{rFC})$	(1, 0.9865, 0.0047)	(1, 0.9865, 0.0485)
Dorsal+Ventral	7, 8, 9	$(\max^{rFC}, \min^{rFC}, \max^{rFC})$	(1, 0, 1)	(1, 0, 1)
Lateral+Ventral	10, 11, 12	$(\min^{rFC}, \max^{rFC}, \max^{rFC})$	(0.1127, 0.9865, 1)	(0.1127, 0.9865, 1)

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 1197 Where \max^{rFC} and \min^{rFC} are the maximum and minimum rescaled FCs for the
 1198 corresponding distributions (D vs. WT, L vs. WT, Vtl/Vsp vs. WT). Finally, we calculated the
 1199 Euclidean distance score (ED Score) between each protein in clusters 1 to 12, and the
 1200 reference vectors that correspond to each DV class:

1201
 1202 $EDScore = \sqrt{(D_{\text{rescaledFC}_i} - D_{\text{ref}})^2 + (L_{\text{rescaledFC}_i} - L_{\text{ref}})^2 + (V_{\text{rescaledFC}_i} - VL_{\text{ref}})^2}$
 1203

1204
1205 Where D_ref, L_ref and V_ref are the reference vector values* for the corresponding
1206 regulation category.

1207 Ontology analyses using diffused networks

1208 *Data generation*

1209 The method employed here is similar to the one developed in Giudice et al [36].
1210 Briefly, we retrieved the *Drosophila* protein-protein interaction network from IntAct (last
1211 update June 2020). We modeled the edge weights [68] using the Resnik semantic similarity,
1212 which was calculated using the Semantic Measures Library [69]. We also generated 1000
1213 random networks, where the node degrees are conserved, employing the vl method from the
1214 igraph library [67]. The edge weights of the random network are updated accordingly. To
1215 correct for the hub bias we applied the Laplacian normalization to all networks using:

$$1216 \quad w_{ij} = \frac{w_{ij}}{\sqrt{d_i d_j}} \quad (1)$$

1217 Where w_{ij} indicates the edge weight and d_i and d_j represent the weighted degree of node i
1218 and node j respectively. We extracted from the Pfam [70] database (last update June 2021),
1219 all the kinases detected in *Drosophila* by selecting the CL0016 clan. Next, we employed the
1220 UniprotKB database to distinguish the tyrosine kinases (family: PF07714) from other
1221 kinases. In total 56 tyrosine kinases and 251 other kinases are present in the network. We
1222 also precalculated the mean and the standard deviation of the Resnik semantic similarity of
1223 each regulated node in the network against each other.

1224 *Seed selection and network diffusion*

1225 We applied the random-walk-with-restart-based algorithm [36] for the following DV
1226 clusters: D (1), L (2), V (5), DL (6), DV (9) and LV (12), once each for the ED score and once
1227 for the deviation values, and each for the protein and phosphoproteomic datasets. In the
1228 case of the deviation values, we used only those proteins or phosphosites within the
1229 interquartile range. We assigned as seed value the reciprocal of the absolute value from
1230 both the ED Score or the log2 Fold Change Deviations. Note that if multiple phosphosites
1231 are assigned to the same protein we selected the median of the ED scores or log2
1232 Deviations. We then partition the seed set in tyrosine kinases, remaining kinases and other
1233 proteins and perform the random walk with restart (RWR) from each of the three partitions
1234 separately. We also repeated the same procedure with the same set of initial nodes against
1235 1000 random networks. We estimated the empirical p-value for each node of the network as
1236 the percent of its random scores that exceed the real score and selected only the nodes with
1237 a p-value<0.05 in at least one of the three partitions. The resulting subnetworks are further
1238 filtered using the ego decomposition [36]. Briefly, for each seed node we extracted ego
1239 networks with a maximum distance of 2 steps from the ego. We then filtered the ego
1240 networks by selecting only the most similar functional nodes to the ego using this formula:

$$1241 \quad z - score = \frac{Resnik(ego,j) - mean_{Resnik\ ego}}{std_{Resnik\ ego}} \quad (2)$$

1242 Where $Resnik(ego,j)$ is the semantic similarity between the ego and a node j in the ego
1243 network, $mean_{Resnik\ ego}$ and $std_{Resnik\ ego}$ are the mean and the standard deviation of the ego
1244 against all the other nodes in the initial network. Nodes with a z-score>1.28 (equivalent to a

1245 p value<0.1) are retained. After this filtering, the resulting ego networks with less than 5
 1246 nodes are discarded. Additionally, the weight of the ego networks are changed according to
 1247 (3) to reflect the functional impact of the dysregulation of the ego on the neighboring nodes.

$$w(i, j) = \begin{cases} Resnik(ego, j) & \text{if } i=ego \text{ and } j=\Gamma_{ego} \text{ or } i=\Gamma_{ego} \text{ and } j=\Gamma_{\Gamma_{ego}} & 1248 \\ \frac{Resnik(ego, i) + Resnik(ego, j)}{2} & \text{if } i=\Gamma_{ego} \text{ and } j=\Gamma_{ego} \text{ or } i=\Gamma_{\Gamma_{ego}} \text{ and } j=\Gamma_{\Gamma_{ego}} & 1249 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

1250

1251 where $\Gamma(ego)$ represents the nodes at distance 1 from the ego and $\Gamma_{\Gamma(ego)}$ represents the
 1252 nodes at distance 2 from the ego. The ego networks obtained are normalized again to
 1253 correct for hubs using the Laplacian normalization using (1). For each ego network, we then
 1254 calculate the topological distance vector and the functional distance vector as in Giudice et
 1255 al. The topological distance vector is calculated using the following formula (4):

1256 $topological\ distance = 1000 \cdot \log_2(1 - jsd(RWR_{node}, RWR_{ego}))$ (4)

1257 Where *jsd* refers to the Jensen-Shannon distance, representing the similarity between two
 1258 probability distributions. The RWR_{node} refers to the RWR probability vector when one of the
 1259 nodes of the ego network is selected as seed, and the RWR_{ego} refers to the RWR probability
 1260 vector when the ego is the seed node. The functional vector is defined as the logarithm of
 1261 the semantic similarity between the ego and any other nodes in the network (5).

1262 $functional\ distance = 1000 \cdot \log_2(Resnik(ego, node))$ (5)

1263 Where $Resnik(ego, node)$ represents the semantic similarity measure between the ego and
 1264 the node under consideration. To assess the most similar nodes to the ego, the Kernel
 1265 Density Estimation (KDE) measure (with Gaussian kernel and bandwidth estimated using
 1266 the Silvermann formula) to assess the most similar nodes to the ego, is employed. KDE
 1267 estimates the probability density function (PDF) of the topological and semantic similarity
 1268 vectors obtained at the previous step. For each ego network we selected only those nodes
 1269 within a $0.7 \leq PDF \leq 1.0$ of both topological and functional similarity. All the nodes overcoming
 1270 this threshold are selected for the enrichment analysis against the cellular component
 1271 domain of GO.

1272 Ontology analyses of extreme deviating proteins and phosphoproteins using
 1273 PANTHER protein class

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1275 We filtered the proteins and phosphosites with an absolute log2 deviation value
 1276 larger than the 95th percentile (prctile Matlab function) of the distribution of absolute log2
 1277 deviation values. Because deviation values were calculated separately for each ventralized
 1278 genotype (*Toll*^{10B}/def or *spn27A*^{ex}/def), we obtained two independent lists of proteins and
 1279 phosphosites with deviation values exceeding the 95th percentile. From these lists, we
 1280 selected the proteins and phosphosites whose log2 deviations exceeded the 95th percentile
 1281 threshold with both ventralized genotypes. For phosphosites, we used the host
 1282 phosphoprotein for the ontology analyses. When two or more phosphosites with large
 1283 deviations were hosted by the same phosphoprotein, we counted the phosphoprotein only
 1284 once. We therefore obtained 206 proteins and 154 phosphoproteins (191 phosphosites) that
 1285 were used in the ontology analyses.

1286 The ontology analyses were performed using the PANTHER platform
1287 (<http://www.pantherdb.org/>, release PANTHER 17.0 dated February 23rd 2022). We queried
1288 the 'Functional classification gene list', based on '*Drosophila melanogaster*' organism data.
1289 We used the FBgn (Flybase Gene Number) of the proteins and phosphoproteins to produce
1290 the query in Panther, and focused on the 'Protein Class' classification. The protein class
1291 query allocated 125/206 proteins and 110/154 phosphoproteins to protein class terms.
1292 Using gene ontologies from Flybase we manually allocated 48/206 proteins and 35/154
1293 phosphoproteins to one or more of the 24 parental protein class categories. 33/206 proteins
1294 and 9/154 phosphoproteins could not be allocated to any parental class category, remained
1295 unassigned and were therefore excluded from the reported analyses. In summary, the
1296 reported protein class ontology analyses of extremely deviating proteins and
1297 phosphoproteins is based on 173/206 proteins and 145/154 phosphoproteins.

1298 Functional perturbations on microtubules

1299 *Depolymerisation of microtubules and imaging*

1300 Embryos laid by flies heterozygous for EMTB-3xGFP and 3xmScarlet-CaaX
1301 transgenes or EGFP-CaaX and H2Av-mRFP1 [71] transgenes were submerged under
1302 Halocarbon oil 27 (Sigma-Aldrich) for staging. Early cellularizing embryos were selected,
1303 dechorionated with 50% bleach after removal of Halocarbon oil, washed with H₂O, mounted
1304 with heptane glue on a coverslip, desiccated with silica gel or Drierite for 10'-15', and
1305 subsequently covered with a 3:1 mixture of Halocarbon 700 and 27 oils. For Colcemid
1306 injection, 4 mg/ml Demecolcine (Sigma-Aldrich) in H₂O was injected with a custom-made
1307 injection needle that was prepared from a borosilicate glass micropipette (Drummond) with a
1308 Sutter Instrument pipette puller (P-97/IVF) and a Narishige grinder (EG-44). The stage of
1309 injection was controlled based on the transmission brightfield image. A volume of ~65 pL,
1310 measured with a 20X dry lens via an objective micrometre, was injected into the middle
1311 section of embryos. Injection was performed with a Narishige IM400 setup mounted on a
1312 Nikon Ti2/Eclipse inverted microscope equipped and under a 60x/NA1.42 oil immersion
1313 objective. Imaging was performed on a Yokogawa CSU-W1/SORA imaging system mounted
1314 on the same scope. Two laser lines (488 and 561 nm) were used to excite the sample, while
1315 a tandem of sCMOS cameras (Prime BSI, Teledyne Photometrics) were used to acquire the
1316 image with 2x2 binning. A single z-stack volume was acquired prior to injection, followed by
1317 a post-injection z-stack time series. The gap between pre-injection and post-injection
1318 imaging was typically 2'~3'. CSU-SORA 4x zoom was used for imaging EMTB-3xGFP and
1319 3xmScarlet-CaaX with a z-step size of 0.3 μ m and a total z-depth of 6.3 μ m at a rate of 30s
1320 per volume, while CSU-W1 was used for EGFP-CaaX and H2Av-mRFP1 with a z-step size
1321 of 1 μ m and a total z-depth of 40 μ m at a rate of 1' per volume.

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1323 *Image processing and quantitation*

1324 For quantitation of nuclear position, single z-slice H2Av-mRFP1 images were converted into
1325 tiff format, blurred with a Gaussian filter ($\sigma=2$), and segmented with CellPose (v2.2) in 2D
1326 using a custom-pretrained nuclear model tailored for each side of the embryo based on
1327 manual correction on segmentation generated by a default nuclei model with nuclear
1328 diameter set as 20 pixels. The stitch mode was used with a stitch threshold of 0.4 to
1329 generate 3D nuclear segments. Nuclear segments were filtered by size (1000-5000 pixels)
1330 and height (>10 μ m), while those located at the edge of the imaging area were excluded for
1331 data processing. The regionprops function implemented in the Skimage Python library was

1332 used to define the bounding box of each nuclear segment, from which the middle Z
1333 coordinate of the bounding box was designated as the nuclear position. For time alignment,
1334 t_0 (the onset of gastrulation) was defined as the time point, at which apical constriction in
1335 ventral furrow produces a 2.5 μm gap between the cell apex and vitelline membrane for the
1336 datasets acquired on the ventral side. Using this t_0 designation (from water-injected embryos
1337 imaged on the ventral side), the pre-injection cellularization depths were fitted to a linear
1338 function based on the assumption that cellularization depth is linear with time during mid-
1339 cellularization. For datasets acquired on the lateral and dorsal sides, the pre-injection timing
1340 relative to the onset of gastrulation was derived by plugging in the pre-injection
1341 cellularization depth, from which the t_0 frame of the dataset was derived. Data processing
1342 and plotting were performed with custom-made Python codes using Numpy, Pandas,
1343 Matplotlib, and Seaborn libraries.

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1345 For *en face* membrane visualization, 3xmScarlet-CaaX images were deconvolved using the
1346 Huygens Software (Scientific Volume Imaging) with the deconvolution algorithm Classic MLE
1347 using custom parameter sets.

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1349 Materials availability statement

1350 All materials used for the generation of this manuscript, including: fly lines, raw proteomic
1351 and phosphoproteomic datasets, Matlab scripts and antibodies are available either from
1352 public repositories (applicable to proteomic and phosphoproteomic raw datasets) or upon
1353 request.

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1357 Legends

1358 Figure Legends

1359 **Figure 1. Validation of mutants as representatives of embryonic cell populations.**

1360 **A)** Top: color-coded schematic of the cell populations along the dorso-ventral axis of a
1361 *Drosophila* embryo during gastrulation: blue, 'dorsal': ectoderm and amnioserosa; magenta,
1362 'lateral': neuroectoderm ; green, mesectoderm ; yellow 'ventral': mesoderm. Middle:
1363 examples of dorso-ventral fate determinants of the domains shown in the top panel. Bottom:
1364 dorso-ventral and anterior-posterior axes for reference in panel B.

1365 **B)** RNA *in situ* hybridisations using probes for genes expressed in dorsal (*dpp*), lateral (*sog*)
1366 and ventral (*snail*) cell populations in wild type (*w¹¹¹⁸*) and embryos derived from mothers
1367 mutant for dorso-ventral patterning genes (*gd⁹*, dorsalized, *Tl^{rm9}/Tl^{rm10}* lateralized, *Toll^{10B}/def*
1368 and *spn27A^{ex}/def* both ventralized). Notice the expansion of *dpp*, *sog* and *snail* expression in
1369 dorsalized, lateralized and ventralized embryos respectively. Arrow indicates remaining
1370 neuroectodermal polarity in ventralized embryos.

1371 **C)** Images (confocal, max-projected) of physical cross-sections from heat-fixed embryos
1372 stained using antibodies against β -Catenin/Armadillo (green) and Snail (magenta). D is
1373 dorsal domain; L is lateral domain ; V is ventral domain). Scale bar is 50 μ m.

1374 **D)** log₂ intensity (top) and log₂ fold change (FC, bottom) of proteins in wild type, dorsalized
1375 (blue), lateralized (magenta) and ventralized (yellow) embryos. Bars depict mean and
1376 standard error of the mean across replicates. Absence of a dot indicates the protein was not
1377 detected or log₂FC calculation not feasible; absence of error bars in log₂ intensity indicates
1378 protein was detected only in a single biological replicate. Dotted line indicates log₂FC = 0.
1379 Mean log₂ intensity values were compared using one-way ANOVA, followed by pairwise
1380 unpaired t-test comparisons (FDR corrected). Significance: * is $p < 0.05$, ** is $p < 0.01$, *** is
1381 $p < 0.001$. See Supplementary File 2 for ANOVA and pairwise comparison p-values.

1382 **E)** Cross-section images (two-photon, single sections) showing Myosin Light Chain (sqh-
1383 mCherry) distribution in living wild type, dorsalized, lateralized and ventralized embryos.
1384 Insets show magnified ectopic sqh-mCherry signal distribution in wild type vs. ventralized
1385 embryos. Scale bar is 50 μ m for full view and 25 μ m for insets.

1386 **F)** Images (spinning disk, max-projected) showing myosin distribution in the sub-apical
1387 domain of living wild type, dorsalized, lateralized and ventralized embryos along their dorso-
1388 ventral axis. Scale bar is 25 μ m.

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1390 **Figure 2. Proteomes and phosphoproteomes of wildtype and mutant embryos.**

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1392 **A and C)** Number of protein groups (A) or phosphosites (C) detected in wildtype, dorsalized
1393 (*gd⁹*), lateralized (*Tl^{rm9}/Tl^{rm10}*), and ventralized embryos (*Toll10B/def* and *spn27A^{ex}/def*).

1394 **B and D)** Intersection analysis of detected protein groups (B) or phosphosites (D). Black:
1395 detected in at least 1 replicate in all genotypes; green: detected in at least 1 replicate in all
1396 genotypes except 1 ventralized condition; white: detected in at least 1 replicate in any other
1397 combination.

1398 **E and F)** Correlation matrix between the replicates of the proteomic (E) and
1399 phosphoproteomic (F) experiments using the Pearson correlation coefficient. Protein groups
1400 and phosphosites detected in all of the replicates in all of the genotypes were used to
1401 construct the correlation matrices. Proteomic (LFQ) analyses were performed using three

1402 technical replicates, with the exception of *spn27a^{ex}/def* and *gd⁹* genotypes in which we used
1403 two biological replicates with three technical replicates each, making a total of six replicates
1404 for these two genotypes. For SILAC phosphoproteomic analyzes the protein lysate from
1405 embryos of each genotype was split in three and conducted three separate analyses.
1406 **G and H)** Distribution of the number of protein groups (G) or phosphosites (H) exceeding an
1407 absolute fold change (vs. wild type, in log2 scale). Dotted line depicts the absolute fold
1408 change corresponding to 50% of the analyzed protein groups (G) or phosphosites (H).

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1410 **Figure 3. Analysis of the proteomes.**

1411 **A)** Two different representations, a histogram and a swarm plot, of the deviation parameter
1412 (in log2 scale) calculated for each of the two ventralized genotypes (D: dorsalized, L:
1413 lateralized, Vtl: *Toll^{10B}/def*, Vsp: *spn27A^{ex}/def*). This was done once for all proteins present in
1414 all genotypes, and once only for those that were ANOVA positive. In the swarm plot, each
1415 dot represents a protein. The y-axis for the histograms is shown on the left, for swarm plots
1416 on the right. Blue bars show the median with interquartile range (IQR). The median is close
1417 to zero and the IQRs range from -0.18 to 0.3. The dotted line indicates the 0.5 and -0.5
1418 deviation in swarm plots. Histograms and swarm plots were assembled with proteins
1419 detected in all genotypes.

1420 **B)** Clustergram of the hierarchical clustering (dendrograms not shown) of 3398 filtered
1421 proteins. Z-scores were calculated using the thresholded fold changes between DV mutants
1422 and wild type. Numbers identify the different clusters for reference across panels and
1423 figures. Coloured boxes indicate the DV clusters that show consistent behavior for the two
1424 ventralising genotypes (for color-coding see panel C).

1425 **C)** Top: Regulation categories emerging from hierarchical clustering: D (blue), increased
1426 abundance in dorsal domain; L (magenta), increased abundance in lateral domain; V
1427 (yellow), increased abundance in ventral domain; DL (cyan) increased abundance in dorsal
1428 and lateral domains; DV (green), increased abundance in dorsal and ventral domains; LV
1429 (pink) increased abundance in lateral and ventral domains. Bottom: Pie chart showing the
1430 number of protein groups (in brackets) allocated to each cluster in (B), grouped by their
1431 regulation category.

1432 **D)** Genes with restricted dorso-ventral expression with their reported RNA expression
1433 pattern, their allocation to proteome clusters (numbers refer to clusters in panel B and C),
1434 and their regulation category along the dorso-ventral axis.

1435 **E)** Correlation matrices using Pearson correlation coefficient between the fold changes of
1436 each DV mutant vs. wild type in the proteome experiment.

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1438 **Figure 4. Comparison of RNA and protein expression patterns.**

1439 **A)** Expression patterns of the reference genes used for assembling the RNA reference sets.
1440 Scale bar indicates RNA expression strength. Yellow depicts high RNA expression.

1441 **B)** Venn diagram showing the intersection between the genes of the RNA atlas with non-
1442 ubiquitous expression (8924) and the genes that encode the proteins assigned to DV
1443 clusters (3383/3393 proteins were successfully matched to a FBgn gene identifier).

1444 **C)** Number of non-ubiquitous genes allocated to each DV RNA reference set that trespassed
1445 the corresponding filter/threshold values (155/8924 genes, see Methods and Supp. Figure
1446 4B-D).

1447 **D)** Matching of genes in the RNA reference sets with the proteome DV clusters in which the
1448 ventralized mutants display a consistent behavior against the wild type (DV clusters 1, 2, 5,
1449 6, 9 and 12, see Figure 3B,C). Coloured pie charts represent the allocation of genes within

1450 each DV cluster to the RNA reference sets (color code as in Figure 3). Grayscale pie charts
1451 represent the same sets of proteins, but marked by the outcome of the comparison between
1452 RNA and protein expression inferred from clusters: white: perfect match; gray: partial, if the
1453 RNA reference included the correct match but also another region; black: mismatch, where
1454 the protein expression did not overlap with the RNA reference. Values in the center of pie
1455 charts indicate the number of genes compared. Numbers in grayscale pie charts indicate the
1456 number of proteins with a perfect (white), partial (gray) or mismatch (black).

1457 **E)** Number of proteins in each outcome of the RNA-proteome comparison (perfect, partial,
1458 mismatch) in ventralized-consistent clusters (dark green) and ventralized non-consistent
1459 clusters (dark magenta) that belong to the same regulation categories: ventral (3,4,5),
1460 dorsal+ventral (7,8,9) and lateral+ventral (10,11,12).

1461 **F)** Two different representations, histogram and a swarm plot of the distributions of the
1462 Euclidean distance score for proteins that had a perfect, partial or mismatching overlay with
1463 the DV RNA reference sets. The histogram and the scatter plots are shown separately for
1464 calculations using each ventralized genotype: *Vtl* = *Toll*^{10B}/*def*, *Vsp* = *spn27A*^{ex}/*def*. In the
1465 swarm plots, each dot is a protein.

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1467 **Figure 5. The phosphoproteomes of the mutant embryos.**

1468 **A)** Match between detected protein groups in the proteomic and phosphoproteomic
1469 experiments. Left: blue: protein groups detected in proteomes (LFQ); light green: protein
1470 groups detected both in proteomic and phosphoproteomic experiments; yellow: protein
1471 groups not detected in proteomes but detected in phosphoproteomes. Right: pink:
1472 phosphosites hosted by a protein group detected in the proteomic analyses; magenta,
1473 phosphosites that could not be matched to a protein group detected in the proteomes.

1474 **B)** Correlation between the fold changes (FCs) of phosphosites and their host proteins in DV
1475 mutants vs. wild type. Correlations: FC of protein and phosphosite are both positive (green)
1476 or negative (blue). Anti-correlation: FC of protein and phosphosite have different signs (red
1477 and magenta). No correlation: protein levels are unchanged but phosphosite FC is positive
1478 (white) or negative (black). Bars represent the number of phosphosite-host protein pairs
1479 falling in each correlation category within each DV mutant vs. wild type comparison.

1480 **C)** Two different representations, a histogram and a swarm plot, of the deviation parameter
1481 (in log₂ scale) calculated for each of the two ventralized genotypes (D: dorsalized, L:
1482 lateralized, *Vtl*: *Toll*^{10B}/*def*, *Vsp*: *spn27A*^{ex}/*def*). This was done once for all phosphosites
1483 present in all genotypes, and once only for those that were ANOVA positive. In the swarm
1484 plot, each dot represents a phosphosite. The y-axis for the histograms is shown on the left,
1485 for swarm plots on the right. Blue bars show the median with interquartile range (IQR). The
1486 median is close to zero and the IQRs range from -0.2387 to 0.3197. The dotted line indicates
1487 the 0.35 and -0.35 deviation in swarm plots. Histograms and swarm plots were assembled
1488 with phosphosites detected in all genotypes.

1489 **D)** Clustergram of the hierarchical clustering of 3433 phosphosites. Z-scores were calculated
1490 using the thresholded fold changes between mutants and wild type. Coloured boxes indicate
1491 the clusters with consistent behavior for the two ventralising genotypes (for color-coding see
1492 Figure 3D). Numbers identify the different clusters for reference across panels, and are
1493 equivalent to the proteome (Figure 3B,C).

1494 **E)** Detection and predicted regulation (DV clusters) of Rho pathway proteins and
1495 phosphoproteins (left panel) and the corresponding phosphosites (right panel). Colors mark
1496 proteins, phosphoproteins or phosphosites in DV clusters with ventralized consistent
1497 behavior(DV clusters 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 12). Gray boxes represent the detection of a particular

1498 protein or phosphoprotein in the wild type genotype. White boxes represent an increased or
1499 decreased abundance in all DV mutants vs. wild type.

1500 **F)** log₂ fold changes (FC) of known phosphosites in sqh: T21 (top) and S22 (center) and
1501 tsr/cofilin S3 (bottom). Dotted lines indicate log₂ FC = 0, 0.35 and -0.35.

1502 Colors depict DV mutant genotypes and their corresponding comparisons against wild type:
1503 blue: dorsalized, magenta: lateralized, yellow: ventralized (*Toll^{10B}/def* and *spn27A^{ex}/def*). Bars
1504 depict mean and standard error of the mean across replicates. Absence of a dot indicates
1505 the protein was not detected in a particular condition or log₂ FC calculation not feasible,
1506 absence of error bars in log₂ intensity indicate protein was detected in a single replicate.
1507 Dotted line indicates log₂ FC = 0, log₂ FC = 0.5 (for proteins) or log₂ FC = 0.35 (for
1508 phosphosites).

1509 **G)** Correlation matrices using Pearson correlation coefficient between the fold changes of
1510 each mutant vs. wild type comparison in the phosphoproteome experiment.

1511 **H)** Pie chart showing the number of phosphosites allocated to each DV class in (C).

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1513 **Figure 6. Diffused network analyses of DV proteomes and phosphoproteomes.**

1514 Heatmap representations of cellular component ontology terms that were significantly
1515 enriched in at least two networks across all DV clusters and showed a consistent behavior in
1516 the ventralized genotypes (DV clusters 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 12). Ontology terms were grouped
1517 based on spatial and functional association.

1518 **A)** Cellular components enriched in networks emerging from the proteome.

1519 **B)** Cellular components enriched in networks emerging from the phosphoproteome.

1520 Calibration bar indicates the -log₁₀(p-value) for a measure of statistical significance across
1521 ontology terms and DV clusters. For each DV class, four diffused networks were generated
1522 using the deviation ('Dev'), or the euclidean distances ('ED') to score the nodes of emerging
1523 networks. Calculations were performed independently for each score and each ventralized
1524 genotype, Vtl (*Toll^{10B}/def*) and Vsp (*spn27A^{ex}/def*).

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1526 **Figure 7. Microtubule organization and *in vivo* functions.**

1527 **A)** Images (OMX super-resolution microscope, max-projected) of mesoderm cells (ventral
1528 domain) using physical cross-sections from fixed embryos stained with antibodies against α -
1529 Tubulin. Left panel: onset of gastrulation, right panel: contractile mesoderm during ventral
1530 furrow formation. Scale bar is 10 μ m.

1531 **B)** Images (confocal, max-projected) of physical cross-sections from fixed embryos stained
1532 with an antibody against acetylated α -Tubulin at the onset (left panel) and during ventral
1533 furrow formation (center panel: initiation of gastrulation, apical constriction; right panel:
1534 mesoderm folding). Arrow indicates detection of acetylated α -Tubulin specifically in basal-
1535 lateral microtubules (inverted basket). Dotted blue line encloses mesodermal cells, in which
1536 a progressive reduction of acetylated α -tubulin is detected during ventral furrow formation.
1537 Scale bar is 50 μ m.

1538 **(C, D, E)** Phenotypic effect of colcemid injection on the ventral side of the embryo during
1539 cellularization and early gastrulation. **C)** Time-lapse series of Z re-slice (and a surface
1540 projection for the t_0 time point) showing cellular and tissue architecture with membrane
1541 (EGFP-CaaX) and nucleus (H2Av-RFP) labels. **D)** A schematic drawing of tissue
1542 architecture during ventral furrow formation with a dotted rectangular box depicting the ROI
1543 of the re-slice view in panel C. **E)** Nuclear position, i.e. distance from the embryo surface, as
1544 a function of time during cellularization.

1545 **(F, G, H)** Same as above for the lateral side of the embryo with **(F)** time-lapse series of Z re-
1546 slice, **(G)** a schematic drawing during cephalic furrow formation and a dotted rectangular box
1547 for the ROI in panel F, and **(H)** nuclear position as a function of time.
1548 **(I, J, K)** Same as above for the dorsal side of the embryo with **(I)** time-lapse series of Z re-
1549 slice, **(J)** a schematic drawing during dorsal fold formation and a dotted rectangular box for
1550 the ROI in panel E, and **(K)** nuclear position as a function of time. Insets, enlarged view
1551 showing the shape of the apical dome.
1552 **(L, M)** Colcemid treatment leads to a wider distribution of nuclear positions in apically
1553 constricting VF cells during the early phase of apical constriction, shown in a violin plot for
1554 nuclear centroid position **(L)** and a box plot for its coefficient of variation **(M)**.
1555 For all of the above, t_0 represents the onset of gastrulation, as defined in M&M. Yellow
1556 arrowheads: surface clefts resulting from cephalic furrow **(F)** and dorsal fold **(I)** initiation.
1557 **(N)** Apical surface projection (top row) of membrane (3xmScarlet-CaaX) and Z re-slice
1558 (bottom row; taken from the yellow dotted lines in the top row) showing enlarged membrane
1559 blebs (yellow arrows) after colcemid injection during ventral furrow apical constriction.
1560 **(O)** Apical membrane phenotypes in the lateral and dorsal cells observed at different Z
1561 positions, each with a 1.2 μm projection, visualized with membrane (3xmScarlet-CaaX) and
1562 microtubule (EMTB-3xEGFP) labels. White arrows: abnormal membrane blebs that are
1563 devoid of microtubules and observed exclusively on the dorsal side.
1564 Scale bars: 10 μm .

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1566 Figure Supplements

1567 **Figure 1-figure supplement 1. Proteomic and Phosphoproteomic strategy in** 1568 ***Drosophila* embryos at the point of gastrulation.**

1569 **(A)** Images (confocal, max-projected) of physical cross-sections of heat-fixed embryos
1570 showing the transition from stage 5 (late cellularization) to stage 6, and the progression of
1571 gastrulation during stage 6 (ventral furrow formation), stained using antibodies against β -
1572 Catenin/Armadillo (green in top panel; greyscale in bottom panel) and Snail (magenta in top
1573 panel).

1574 **(B)** Scheme explaining the strategy for proteomic and phosphoproteomic experiments.
1575 Synchronized collections of embryos from wild type or mutant mothers, representing the
1576 dorsal ectodermal (dorsalized: gd^{Δ}), neuroectodermal (lateralized: Tl^{m9}/Tl^{m10}) and
1577 mesodermal (ventralized: $Toll^{10B}/def$ & $spn27A^{ex}/def$) cell populations were allowed to
1578 develop for 2hs 30' at 25°C, manually selected under visual inspection for 15' to secure the
1579 collection of stage 6 embryos and immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen. For the
1580 phosphoproteomic experiments, we used SILAC metabolic labeling to optimize the
1581 quantification strategy.

1582 **(C)** Workflow for quantitative label free proteomics using high-pH offline peptide fractionation
1583 followed by LC-MS/MS of individual fractions.

1584 **(D)** Workflow for quantitative SILAC-phosphoproteomic analyses. Phosphopeptide
1585 enrichment was performed using TiO₂ beads, and LC-MS/MS based identification and
1586 quantification. For the mass-spectrometry analysis of each replicate, we combined equal
1587 amounts of protein from wild type embryos labeled with SILAC-Lys 13/6, and embryos of the
1588 target genotype (500 μg target genotype : 500 μg SILAC wild type).

1589 **E)** Histogram showing the distribution of the number of protein groups with respect to the
1590 log₂ fold change between the intensity values measured for a given protein group in SILAC
1591 wild type vs. non-SILAC wild type embryos. H stands for heavy (or SILAC) and L stands for
1592 light (or non-SILAC) in pilot runs.

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1594 **Figure 2-figure supplement 1. Proteomic validation of dorso-ventral embryonic cell**
1595 **populations**

1596 **A)** log₂ intensity (top) and log₂ fold change (FC, bottom) of Toll and Spn27A proteins.

1597 **B)** log₂ intensity (top) and log₂ fold change (bottom) of Toll phosphosite S871.

1598 **C)** log₂ intensity (top) and log₂ fold change (bottom) of additional mesodermal proteins.

1599 **D)** log₂ intensity (top) and log₂ fold change (bottom) of additional ectodermal fate
1600 determinants.

1601 **E)** log₂ intensity (top) and log₂ fold change (bottom) of Cactus protein (left panels) and
1602 Cactus phosphosites (right panels): S463 (yellow dots), S467 (green dots) and S468
1603 (magenta dots).

1604 Colors depict mutant genotypes and their comparisons against wild type: blue: dorsalized,
1605 magenta: lateralized, yellow: ventralized (*Tl^{10B}/def* and *spn27A^{ex}/def*). Bars depict mean and
1606 standard error of the mean across replicates. Absence of a dot indicates that the protein was
1607 not detected in a particular condition or that the log₂ FC calculation was not feasible;
1608 absence of error bars in log₂ intensity indicates that the protein was detected only in a single
1609 replicate. Dotted line indicates log₂ FC = 0, log₂ FC = 0.5 (for proteins) or log₂ FC = 0.35
1610 (for phosphosites). For all mean log₂ intensity comparisons, we conducted a one-way
1611 ANOVA, followed by pairwise unpaired t-test comparisons (FDR corrected). Significance: * is
1612 $p < 0.05$, ** is $p < 0.01$, *** is $p < 0.001$ and **** is $p < 0.0001$. See Supplementary File 2 for
1613 ANOVA and pairwise comparison p-values.

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1615 **Figure 3-figure supplement 1. Proteomic validation of dorso-ventral embryonic cell**
1616 **populations**

1617 **A).** The protein-level expression of the transcription factor Snail in DV mutants phenocopies
1618 the expression pattern across DV cell populations in wild type embryos. Images (confocal,
1619 max-projected) of physical cross-sections from heat-fixed embryos showing Snail
1620 (grayscale) antibody signal in wild type, dorsalized (D), lateralized (L) and ventralized
1621 embryos (Vtl: *Tl^{10B}/def* and *Vsp: spn27A^{ex}/def*). **B and C)** Outcome of the systematic
1622 exploration for the optimal combination of cross-sectional proportions for dorsal (D), lateral
1623 (L) and ventral (V) cell populations, with each population being varied in steps of 0.05. On
1624 the x axis, the 233 possible combinations are plotted in the order of the proportions assigned
1625 to the D population, and the remaining proportion distributed between L and V. Only the
1626 values for D are indicated on the axis, see Suppl. File 6 for the L and V values. The y axis
1627 shows the Interquartile Range (IQR) of the distribution of the log₂ Deviations obtained with
1628 each possible combination of D, L and V proportions. Calculations were performed
1629 independently for the *Toll^{10B}/def* (B) or *spn27A^{ex}/def* (C) data. Light blue dots indicate the
1630 best combinations with a ventral domain proportion (V = 0.2) that matches the
1631 experimentally determined region occupied by the mesoderm. **D)** Pie charts showing the
1632 protein class ontology (<http://www.pantherdb.org/>) of proteins with the highest absolute
1633 deviations (95th percentile). Inset pie chart shows the children ontology terms for the
1634 'Metabolite interconversion enzyme' class. **E)** Pie charts showing the protein class (Panther)
1635 ontology of the host proteins for phosphosites with the 5% most extreme absolute deviations

1636 (> 95th percentile). The left pie chart shows the children ontology terms for the 'Metabolite
1637 interconversion enzyme' class.

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1639 **Figure 4-figure supplement 1. Methodology and supporting data for the comparison**
1640 **between RNA and protein abundance.**

1641 **A)** Methodology for clustering non-ubiquitous genes according to their dorso-ventral RNA
1642 expression.

1643 **B)** Swarm plot showing the distribution of the maximum Pearson spatial correlation values,
1644 used for the assignment of non-ubiquitous genes to a particular DV RNA set. Each dot is a
1645 gene. DV RNA sets are mutually exclusive. Bars indicate median and the interquartile range
1646 (IQR).

1647 **C)** Number of non-ubiquitous genes allocated to each DV RNA reference set using the
1648 Pearson spatial correlation to reference genes (panel B and Figure 4A).

1649 **D)** Maximum Pearson correlation values for increasing percentiles within the distributions of
1650 each RNA reference set. To assemble the DV RNA reference sets (Figure 4C), we filtered
1651 the genes that at the RNA level displayed the largest variation along the dorso-ventral axis.
1652 For this, we selected genes with a maximum Pearson correlation value larger than the 95%
1653 percentile (arrow) of the corresponding DV RNA set distribution.

1654 **E)** Matching of genes in the RNA reference sets with the proteome DV clusters in which the
1655 ventralized mutants display a non-consistent behavior against the wild type (DV clusters 3,
1656 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11, see Figure 3B,C). Coloured pie charts represent the allocation of genes
1657 within each DV cluster to the RNA reference sets (color code as in Figure 3C). Grayscale pie
1658 charts represent the outcome of the comparison for filtered genes: white: perfect for an exact
1659 match, gray: partial, if the RNA reference included the correct match but also another region,
1660 black: mismatch, where the protein expression did not overlap with the RNA reference.
1661 Values in the center of pie charts indicate the number of genes compared.

1662 **F)** Comparison between the identity of genes in the RNA reference sets with DV clusters 13
1663 and 14, (Figure 3B,C), with proteins that displayed increased abundance in all DV mutants
1664 (vs. wild type) with the exception of either of the ventralized genotypes (DLVtl or DLVsp).
1665 Coloured pie charts represent the allocation of genes within these DV clusters to the DV
1666 RNA reference sets (Blue: dorsal, magenta: lateral, yellow: ventral, cyan: dorsal+lateral,
1667 green: dorsal+ventral, pink: lateral+ventral).

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1669 **Figure 6-figure supplement 1. Cellular component terms significantly enriched in**
1670 **diffused networks.** Heatmap representation of the significantly enriched cellular component
1671 terms significantly enriched in a single network across all DV clusters. In A) filtered out
1672 proteome ontology terms; in B) filtered out phosphoproteome ontology terms.

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1674 **Figure 7-figure supplement 1. Microtubule analyses during gastrulation and**
1675 **calibration of colcemid injections.**

1676 **A)** Image (confocal, max-projected) of a physical cross-section from fixed embryos stained
1677 with antibodies against tyrosinated (magenta) and acetylated (green) α -tubulin during ventral
1678 furrow formation. Arrow: detection of acetylated α -tubulin specifically in basal-lateral
1679 microtubules (inverted basket); blue arrowhead: tyrosinated α -tubulin in sub-apical
1680 microtubules; red arrowhead: tyrosinated α -tubulin in basal-lateral microtubules. Insets show
1681 acetylated and tyrosinated α -tubulin in stretching and constricting mesodermal cells;

1682 arrowheads/arrow in insets show differential acetylation and tyrosination of microtubules in a
1683 mesodermal cell undergoing stretching. Scale bar is 50 μm .

1684 **B)** Images (OMX super-resolution microscope, max-projected) of stretching mesoderm cells
1685 (ventral domain) from fixed embryos stained using antibodies against E-cadherin (magenta
1686 in top panels; grayscale in middle panels) and α -Tubulin (green in top panels; grayscale in
1687 bottom panels). A stretching mesodermal cell (yellow-coloured) was cropped and shown with
1688 superficial (left panel) and resliced (to show 'y-z' planes) views. The ventral furrow is located
1689 to the right of the field of view. Arrow indicates a microtubule in the sub-apical domain that is
1690 bent towards the direction of cell stretching (furrow). Scale bar is 10 μm .

1691 **(C, D)** Time lapse series of microtubules labeled with EMTB-3xEGFP at the levels of the
1692 apical cell surface, centrosomes and nuclei (inverted basket) prior to and following water **C)**
1693 or colcemid **D)** injection. The time gap between pre-injection recording and post-injection $t =$
1694 0 is $\sim 2'$.

1695 Videos

1696 Video 1

1697 Live imaging of ventral furrow formation in a representative *Drosophila* embryo (gastrulation
1698 stage 6), after water (control, left panel) or Colcemid injection (right panel). Membranes are
1699 labeled in green (EGFP-CaaX) and nuclei are labeled in magenta (H2Av-mRFP1). Scale bar
1700 is 10 μm .

1701 Video 2

1702 Live imaging of cephalic furrow formation along the lateral side of a representative
1703 *Drosophila* embryo (gastrulation stage 6), after water (control, left panel) or Colcemid
1704 injection (right panel). Membranes are labeled in green (EGFP-CaaX) and nuclei are labeled
1705 in magenta (H2Av-mRFP1 [71]). Scale bar is 10 μm .

1706 Video 3

1707 Live imaging of dorsal fold formation (mid-sagittal view) of a representative *Drosophila*
1708 embryo (gastrulation stage 6), after water (control, left panel) or Colcemid injection (right
1709 panel). Membranes are labeled in green (EGFP-CaaX) and nuclei are labeled in magenta
1710 (H2Av-mRFP1 [71]). Scale bar is μm .

1711 Supplementary Files

1712 Supplementary File 1

1713 Summary of the expression pattern of DV fate markers (dpp, sog, snail) in the wild type and
1714 DV patterning mutants.

1715 Supplementary File 2

1716 Summary the statistical analyses (ANOVA and t-tests) of protein groups and phosphosites
1717 that are shown in figures. p values are presented as $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$.

1718 Supplementary File 3

1719 Proteome (LFQ) data. p values are presented as $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$. Empty cell in gene and
1720 protein name indicate the detected protein had not been given a gene and/or a protein name
1721 in the Uniprot database version used in this study. NaN indicates a protein that was not
1722 detected in a particular replicate.

1723 Supplementary File 4

1724 SILAC-Phosphoproteomics data. p values are presented as $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$. Empty cell in
1725 gene and protein name indicate the detected phosphosite is hosted by a protein that had not
1726 been given a gene and/or a protein name in the Uniprot database version used in this study.
1727 NaN indicates a phosphosite that was not detected in a particular replicate.

1728 Supplementary File 5

1729 Linear model implementation: IQR values of the deviation distributions obtained with the
1730 systematic exploration of dorsal, lateral and ventral domain proportions.

1731 Supplementary File 6

1732 \log_2 deviation values of proteins and phosphosites detected in all genotypes using the
1733 dorso-ventral domain proportions: D: 0.4 L: 0.4 V: 0.2 . For each experiment
1734 (LFQ/Proteomics, SILAC-phosphoproteomics), there is a list of the deviation values of the
1735 complete (ANOVA positive and negative) and regulated (ANOVA positive) proteins or
1736 phosphosites.

1737 Supplementary File 7

1738 List of proteins and phosphosites within all DV clusters (1-14). Empty cell in gene and
1739 protein name indicate the detected protein (or protein that hosts a phosphosite) had not
1740 been given a gene and/or a protein name in the Uniprot database version used in this study.

1741 Supplementary File 8

1742 RNA-Proteome comparison: outcome of the RNA-proteome comparison for the list of genes
1743 with a mesoderm label in BDGP (<https://insitu.fruitfly.org/cgi-bin/ex/insitu.pl>), that are also
1744 present in the DV clusters.

1745 Supplementary File 9

1746 RNA-Proteome comparison: list of filtered genes from the RNA atlas (155/8924), with their
1747 corresponding: DV RNA reference set, proteome DV cluster, Pearson correlation value that
1748 allocated each gene to its DV RNA reference set, and the outcome of the RNA-Proteome
1749 comparison. The outcome of the RNA-Proteome comparison (perfect, partial or mismatch) is
1750 indicated in two different ways: 1 = 'yes' and 0 = 'no' for each type of outcome, and by
1751 coloring the rows (each compared gene-protein distribution); white is perfect overlap, gray is
1752 partial overlap and black is a mismatch. Red rows indicate proteins were not assigned to any
1753 outcome in the RNA-proteome comparison (Clusters 13 -DLV_{tr}- and 14 -DLV_{sp-}).

1754 **Supplementary File 10**

1755 Deviation values of proteins and phosphosites in DV clusters 1-12. Empty cell in gene and
1756 protein name indicate the detected protein (or protein that hosts a phosphosite) had not
1757 been given a gene and/or a protein name in the Uniprot database version used in this study.
1758 NaN indicates it was not possible to calculate the deviation using a particular ventralized
1759 mutant.
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1761 **Supplementary File 11**

1762 Euclidean distance scores of proteins and phosphosites in DV clusters 1-12. Empty cell in
1763 gene and protein name indicate the detected protein (or protein that hosts a phosphosite)
1764 had not been given a gene and/or a protein name in the Uniprot database version used in
1765 this study. NaN indicates it was not possible or did not correspond to calculate the Euclidean
1766 distance using a particular ventralized mutant.
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1768 **Supplementary File 12**

1769 Proteins and phosphoproteins associated with morphogenesis-related cellular components
1770 that are significantly-enriched in diffused networks.

1771 **Supplementary File 13**

1772 List of proteins and phosphosites with extreme deviations from the linear model.
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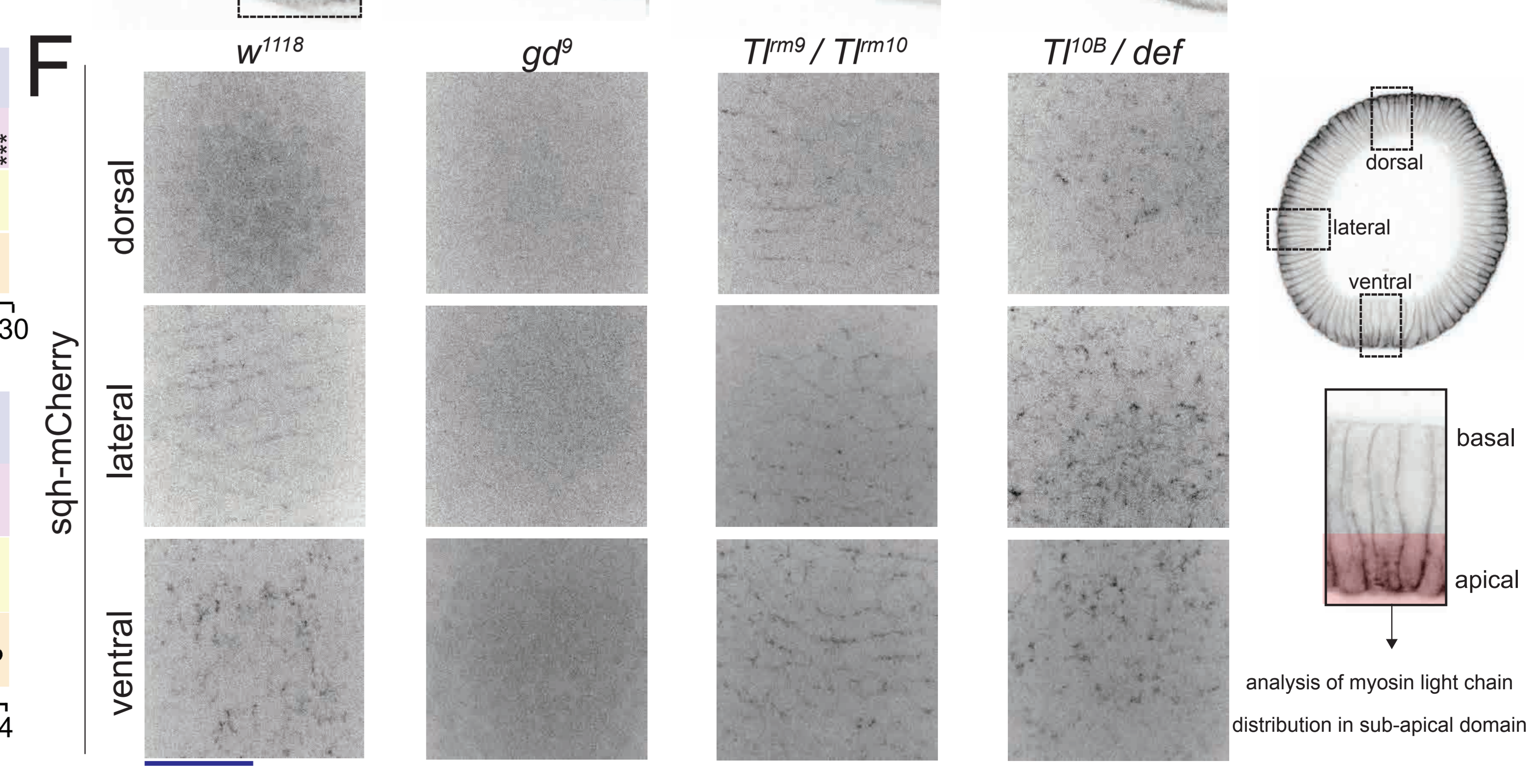
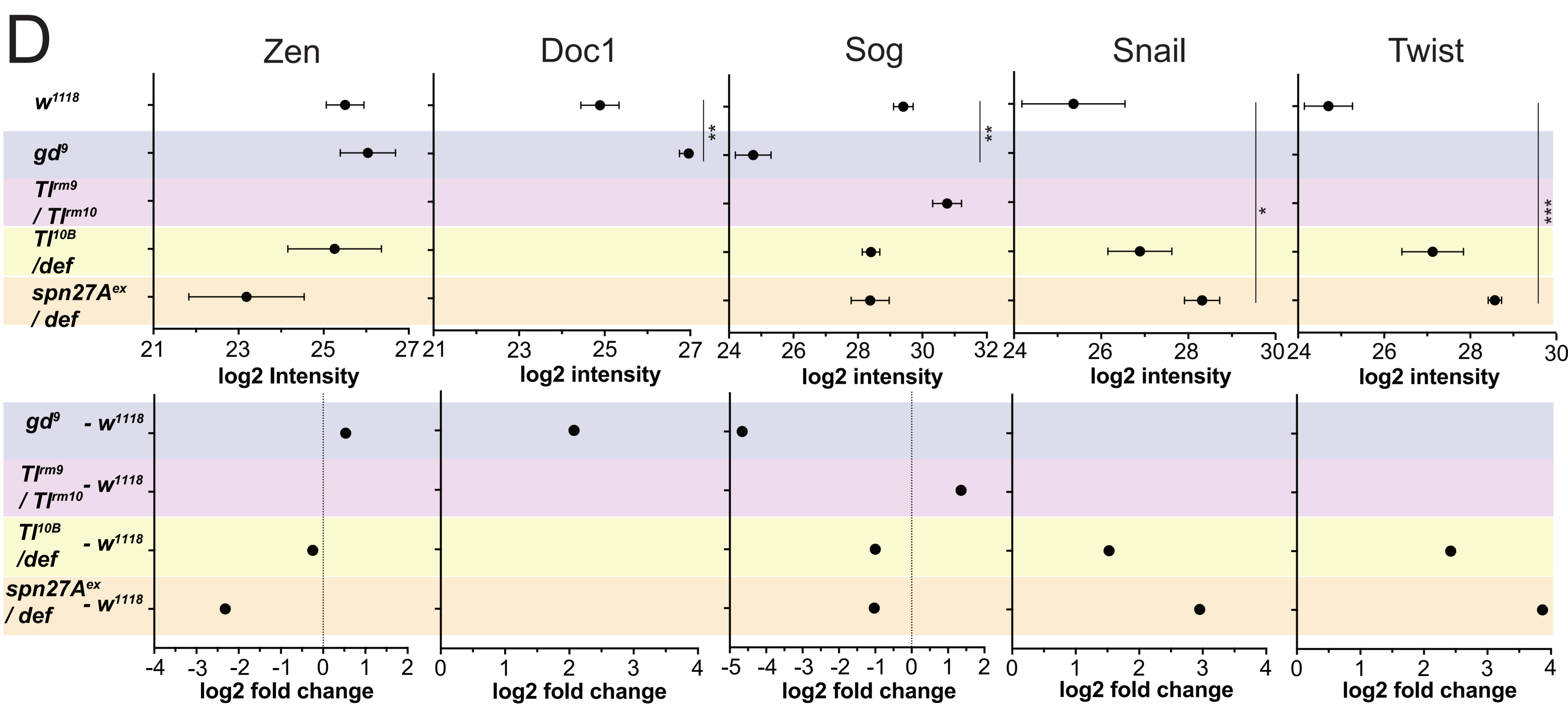
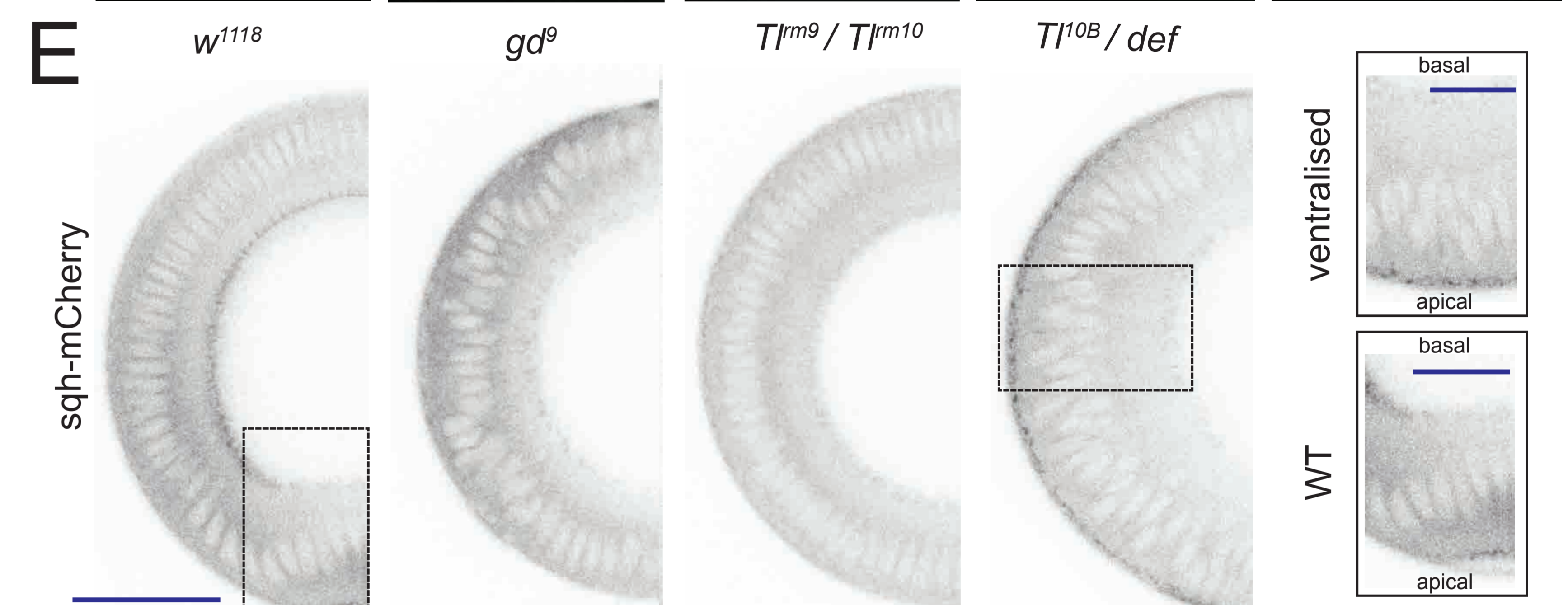
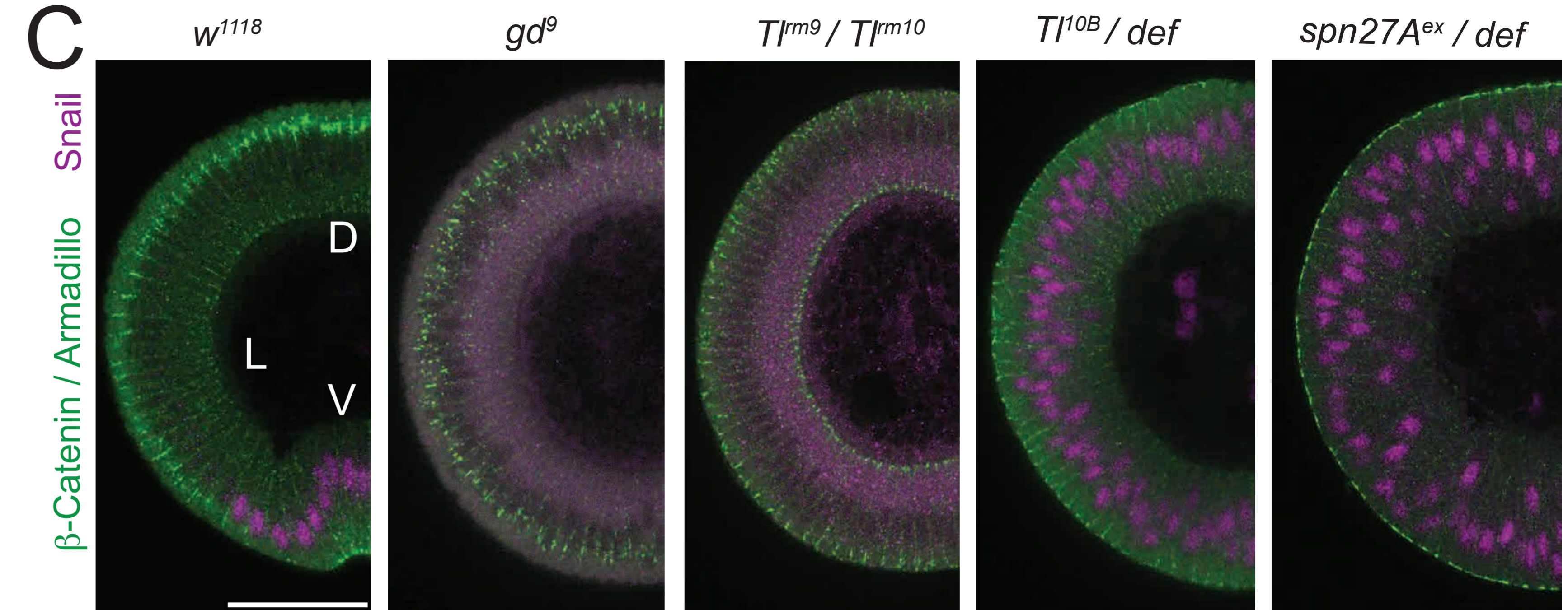
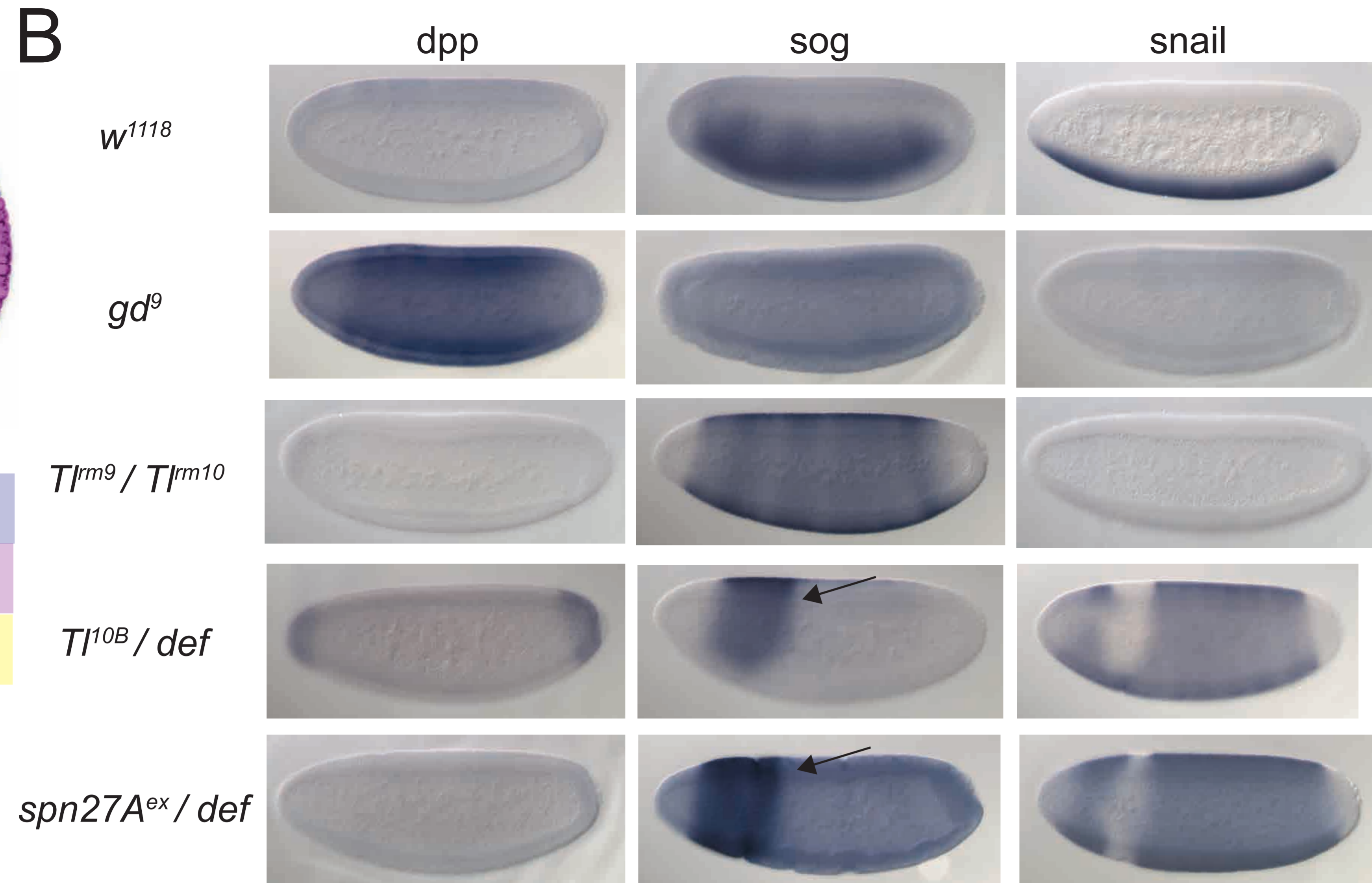
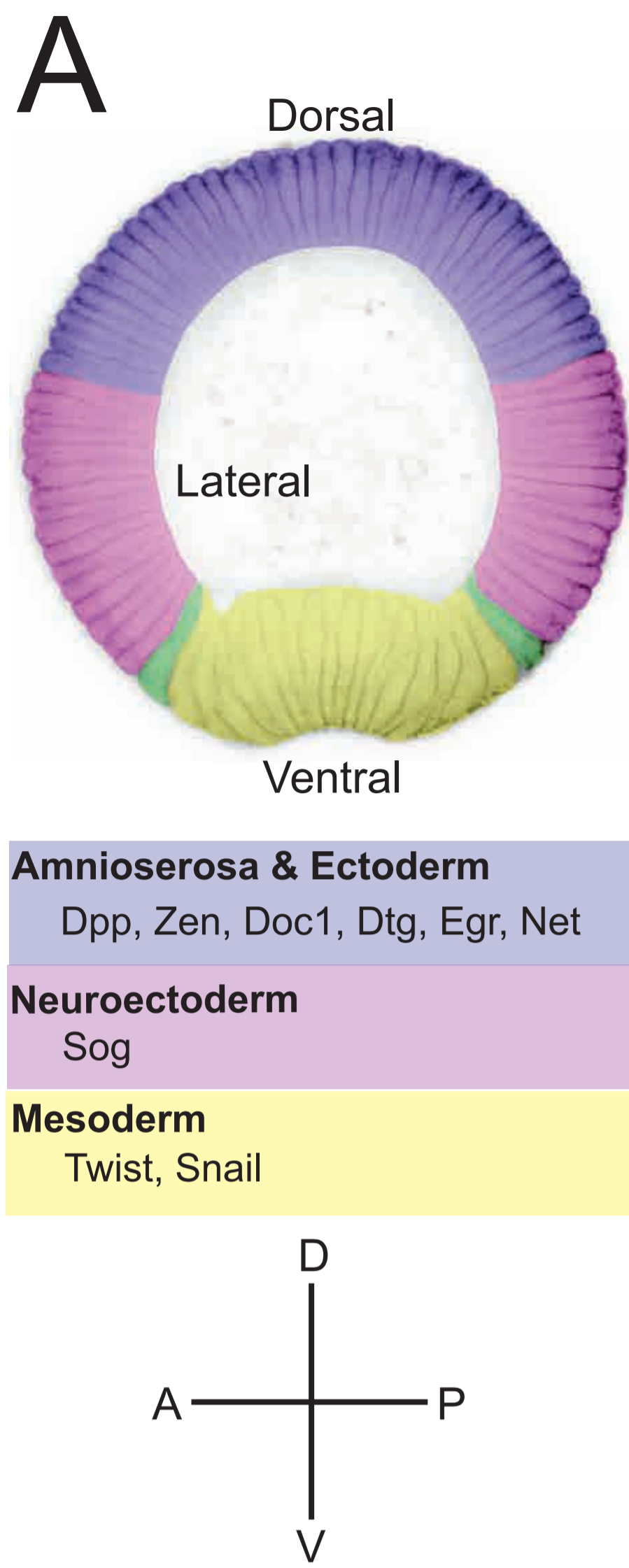
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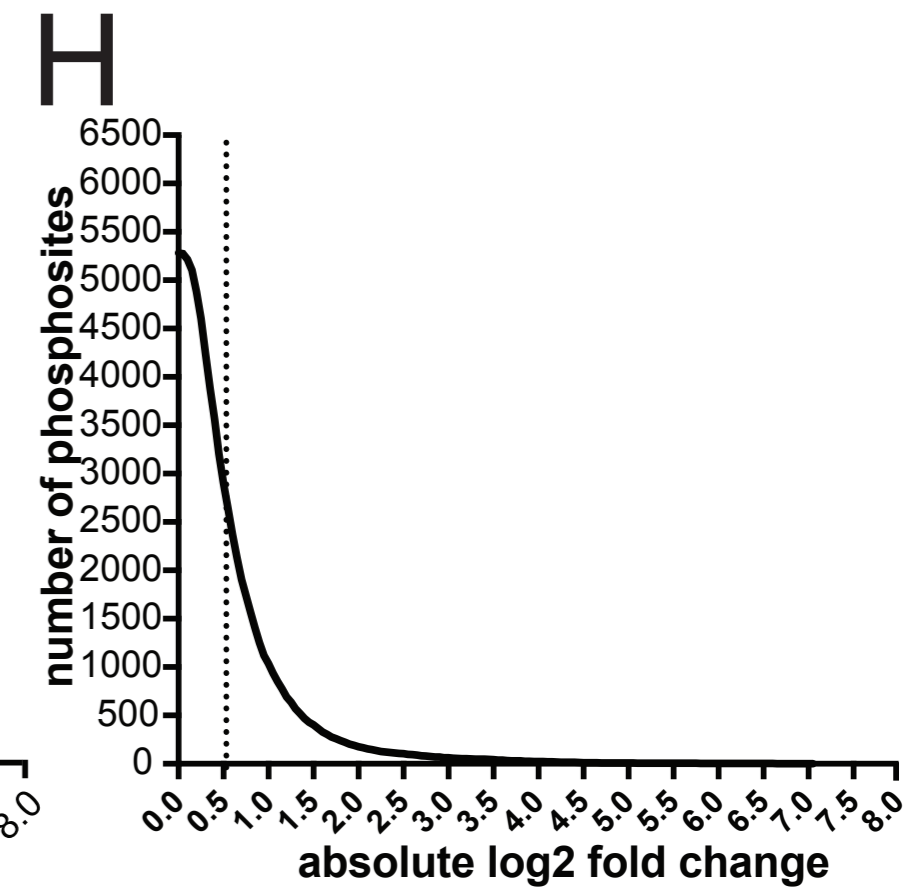
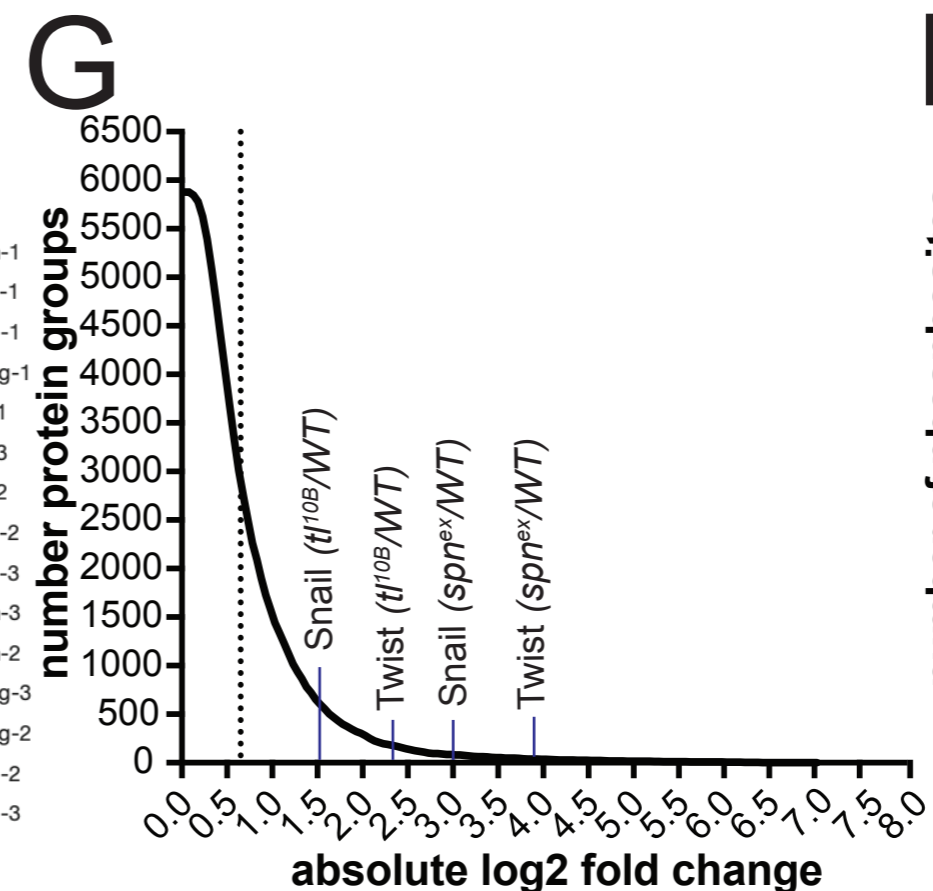
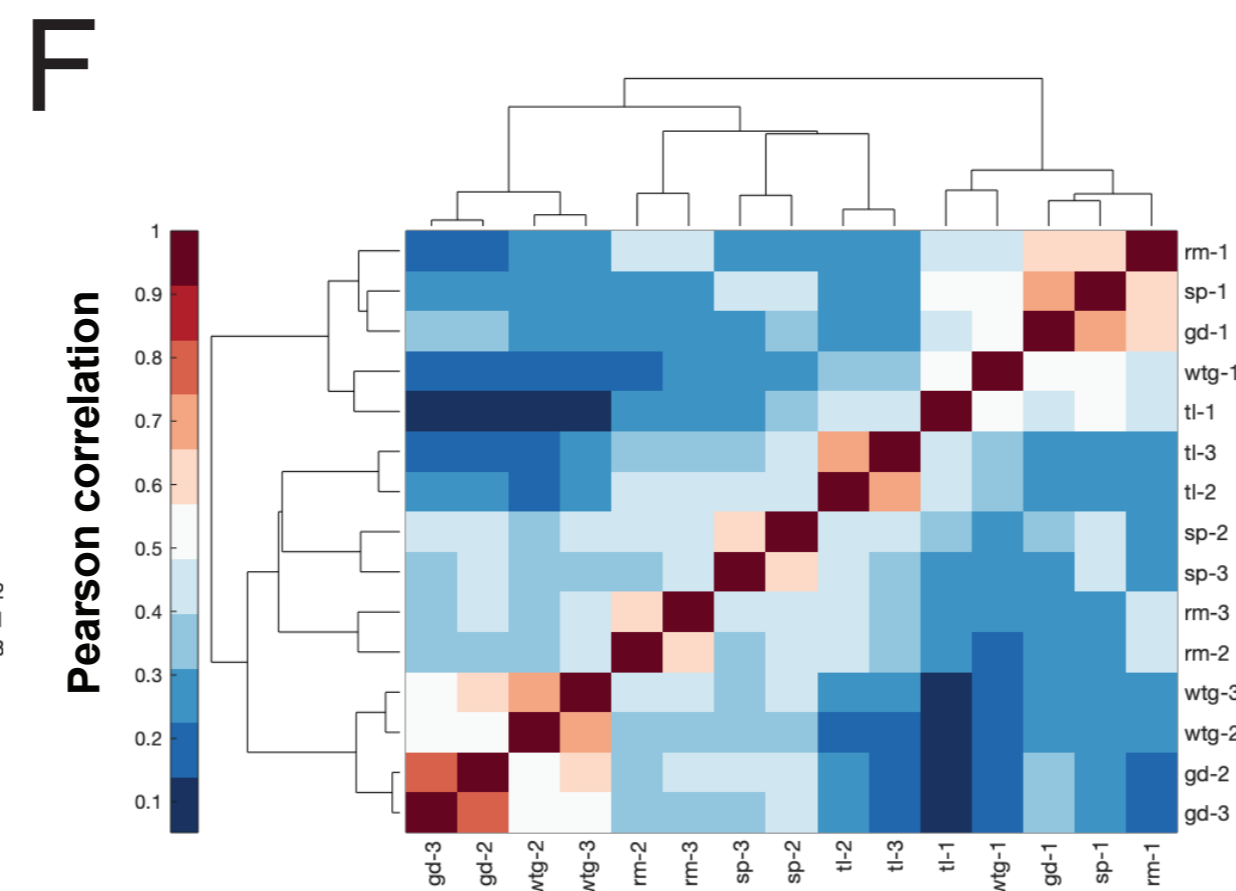
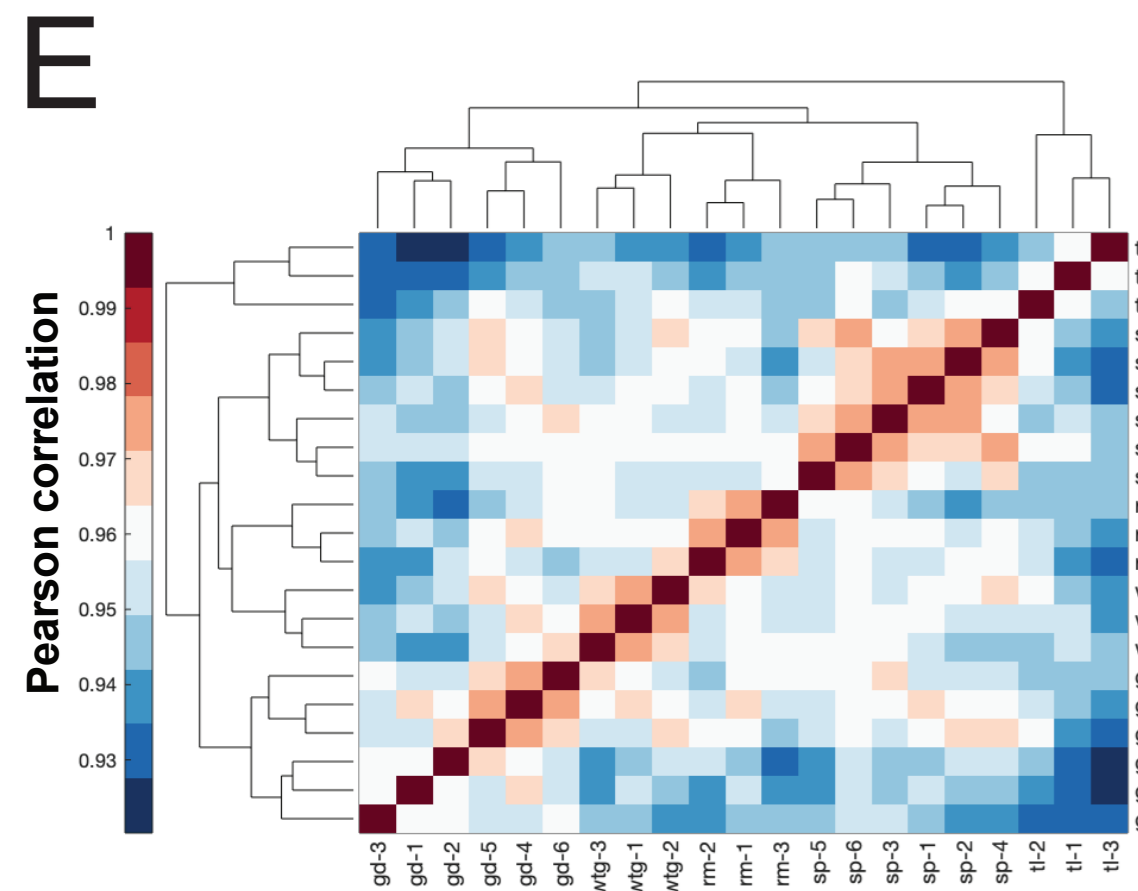
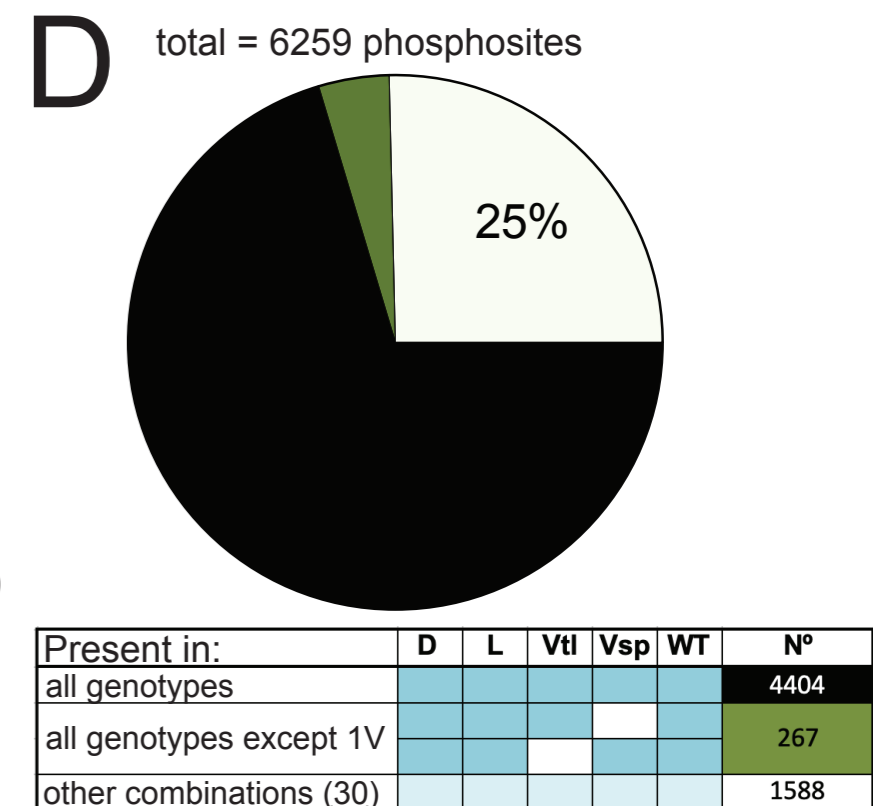
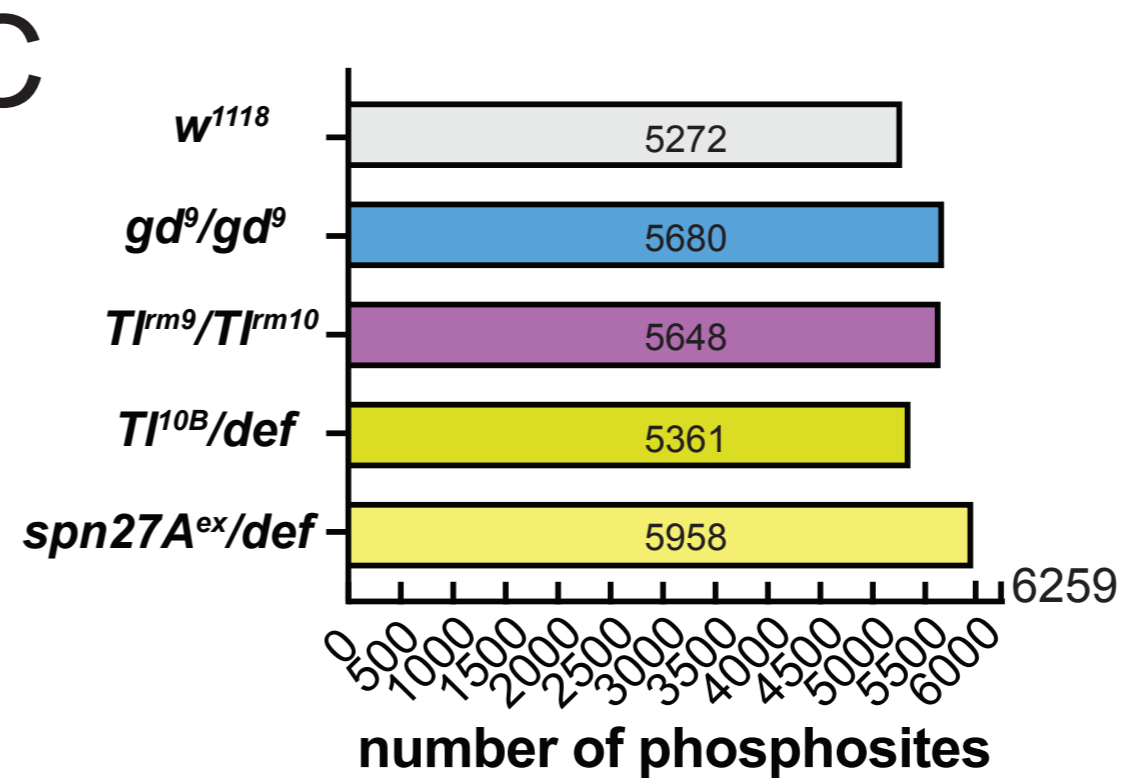
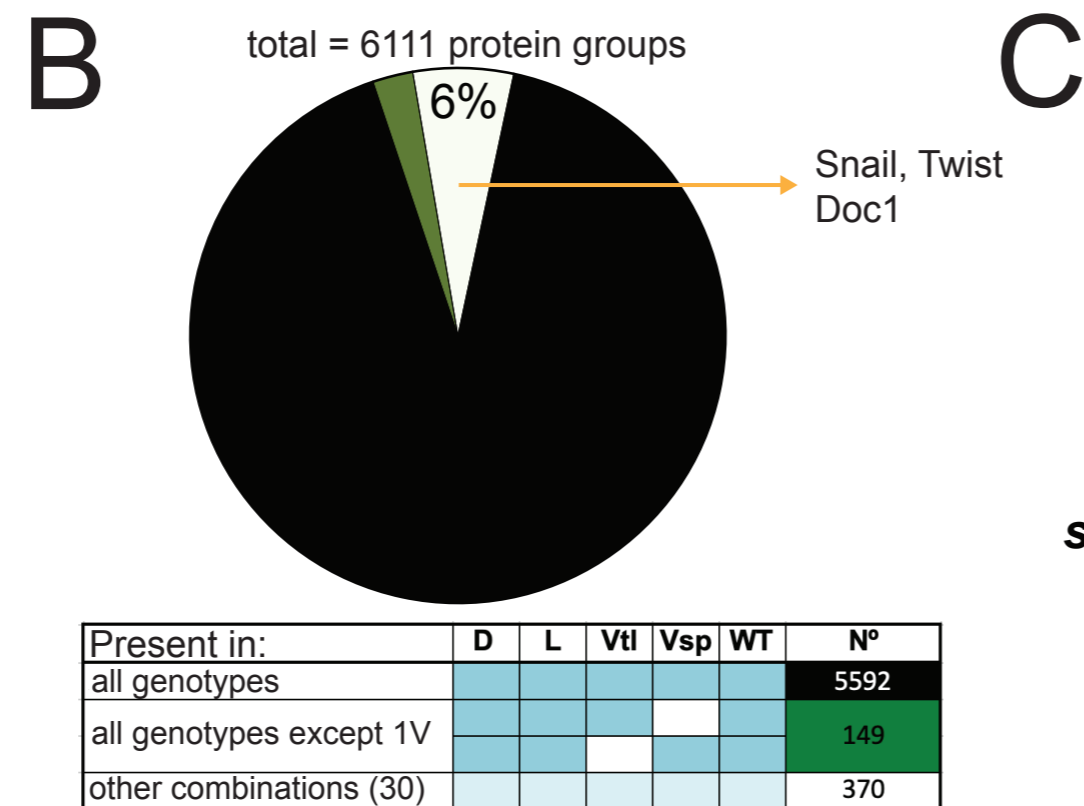
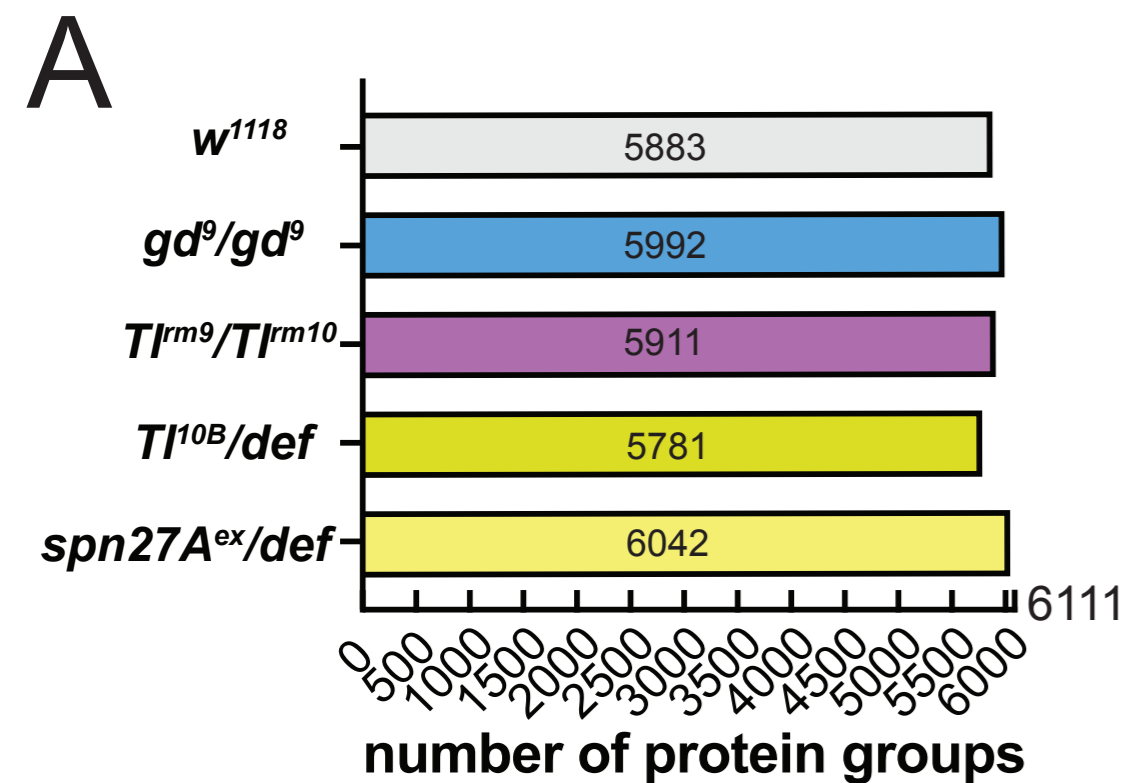
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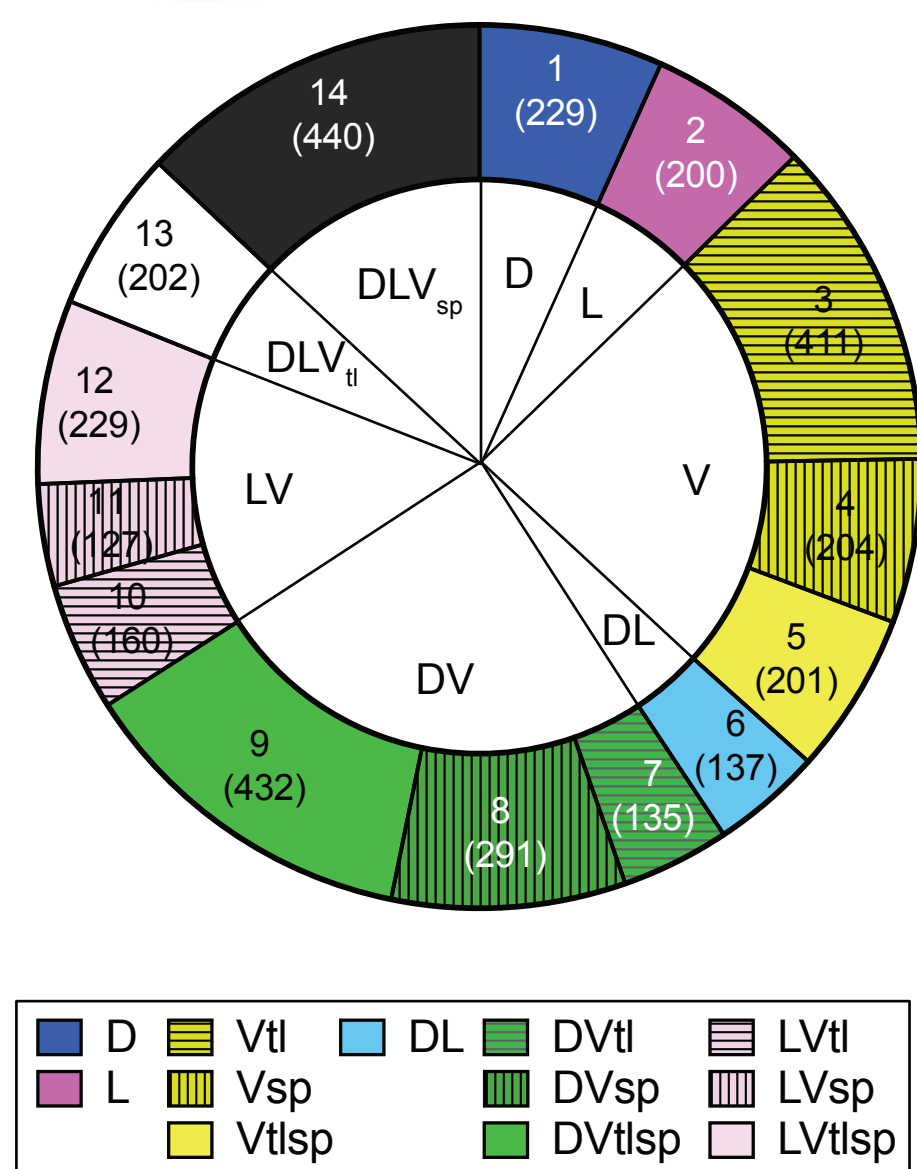
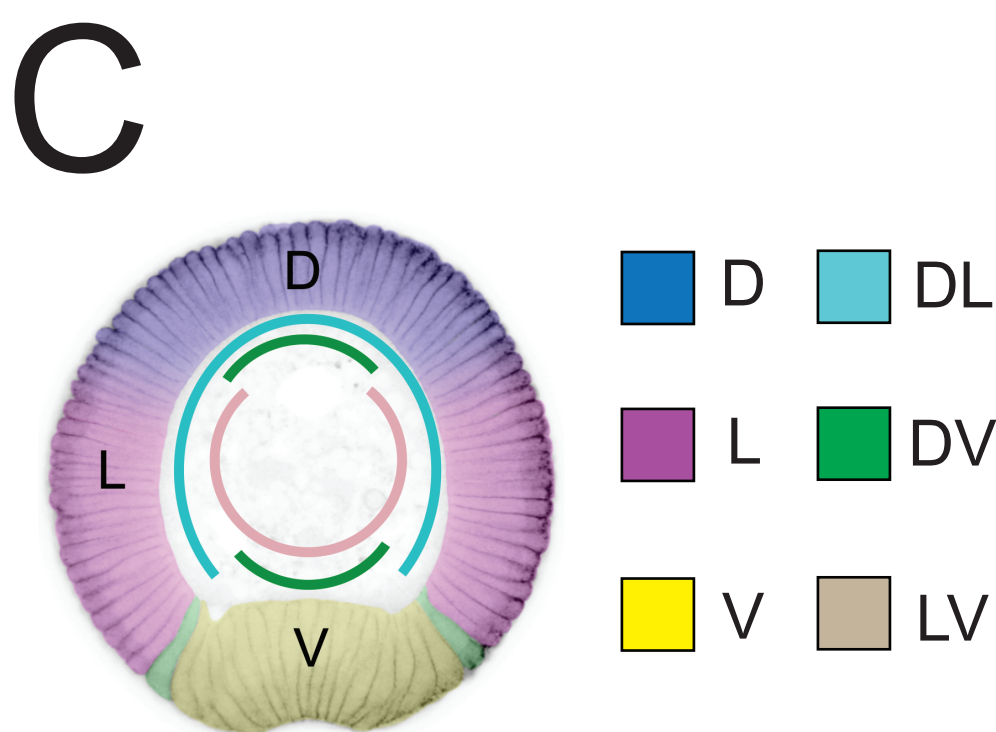
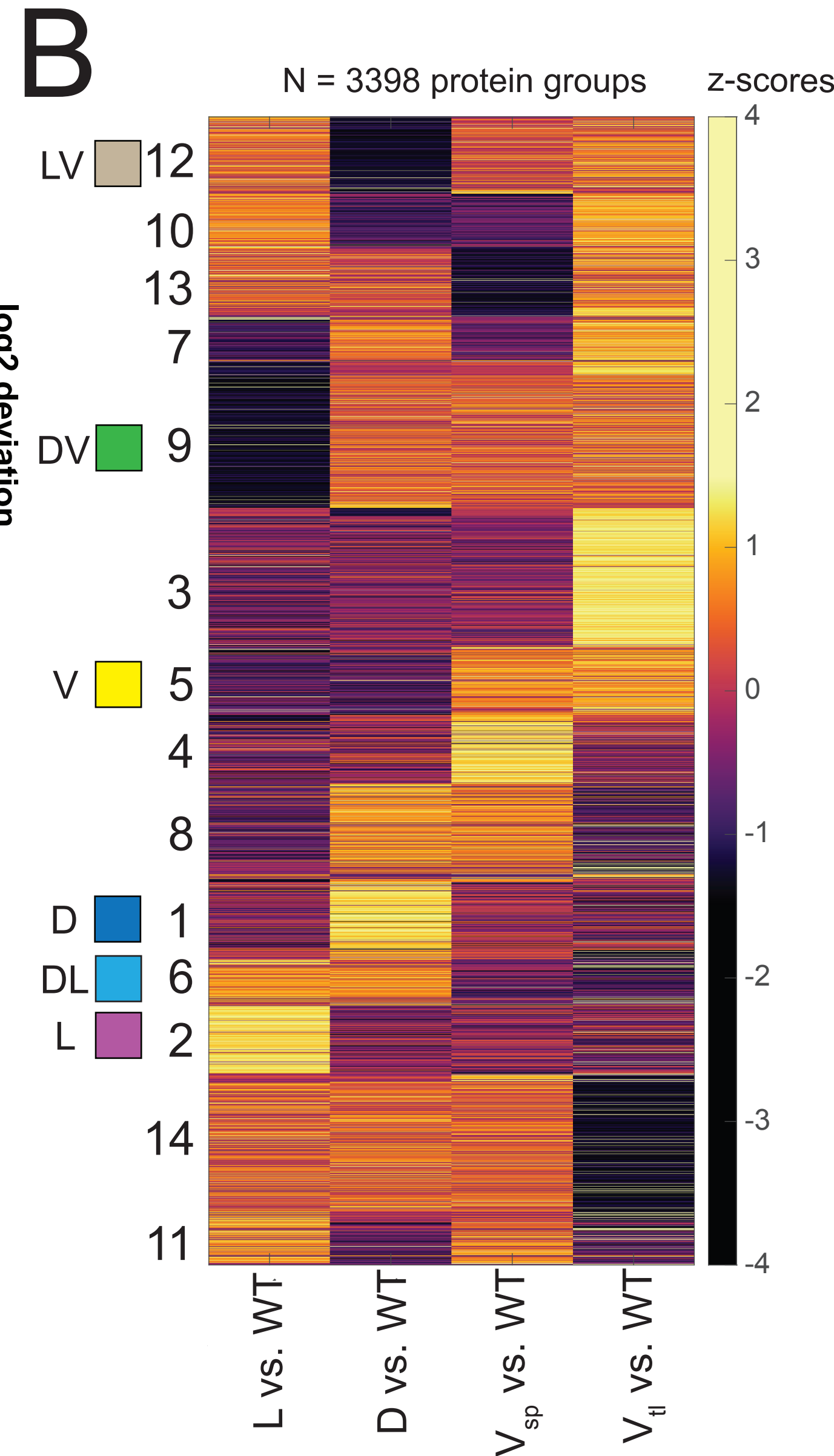
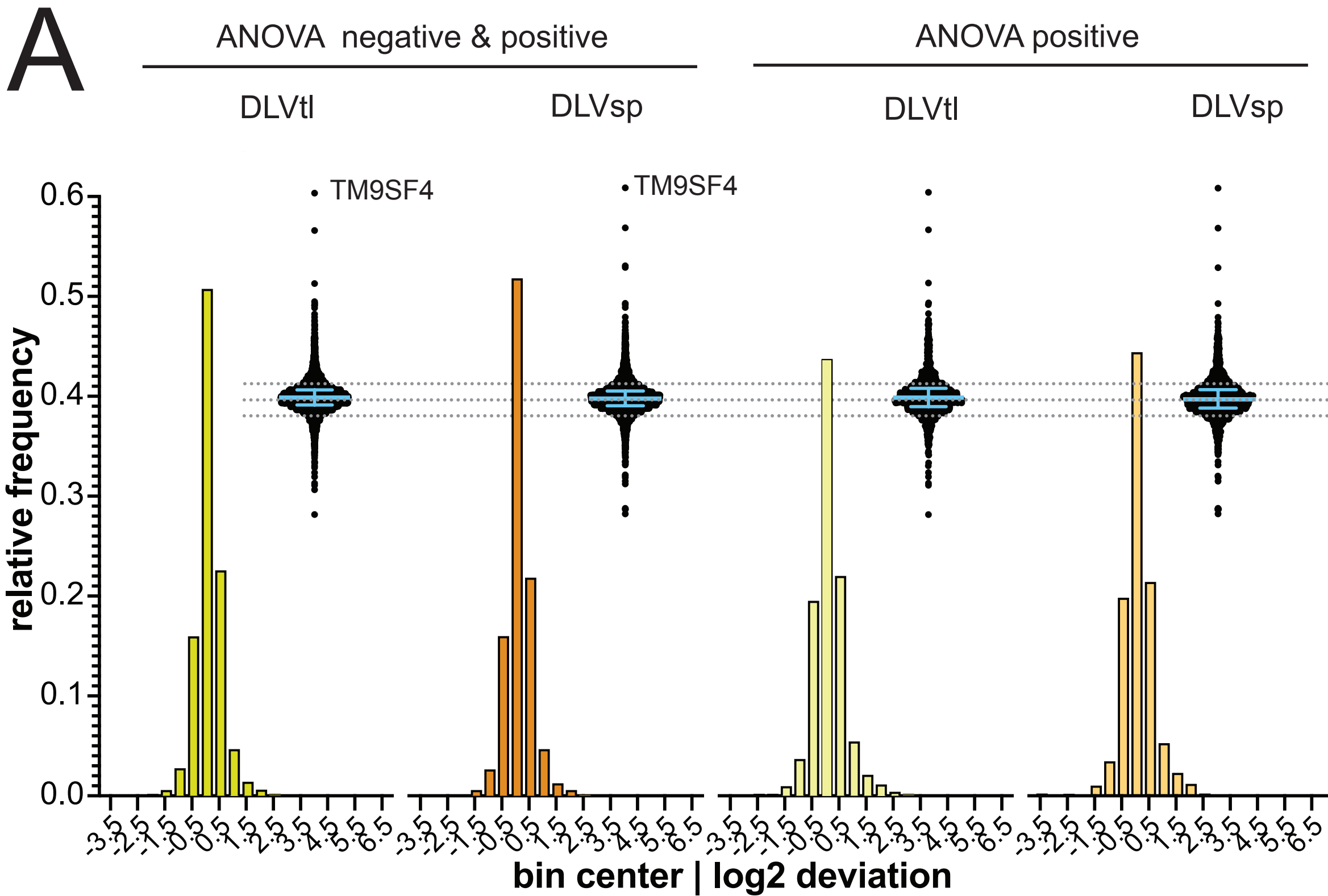
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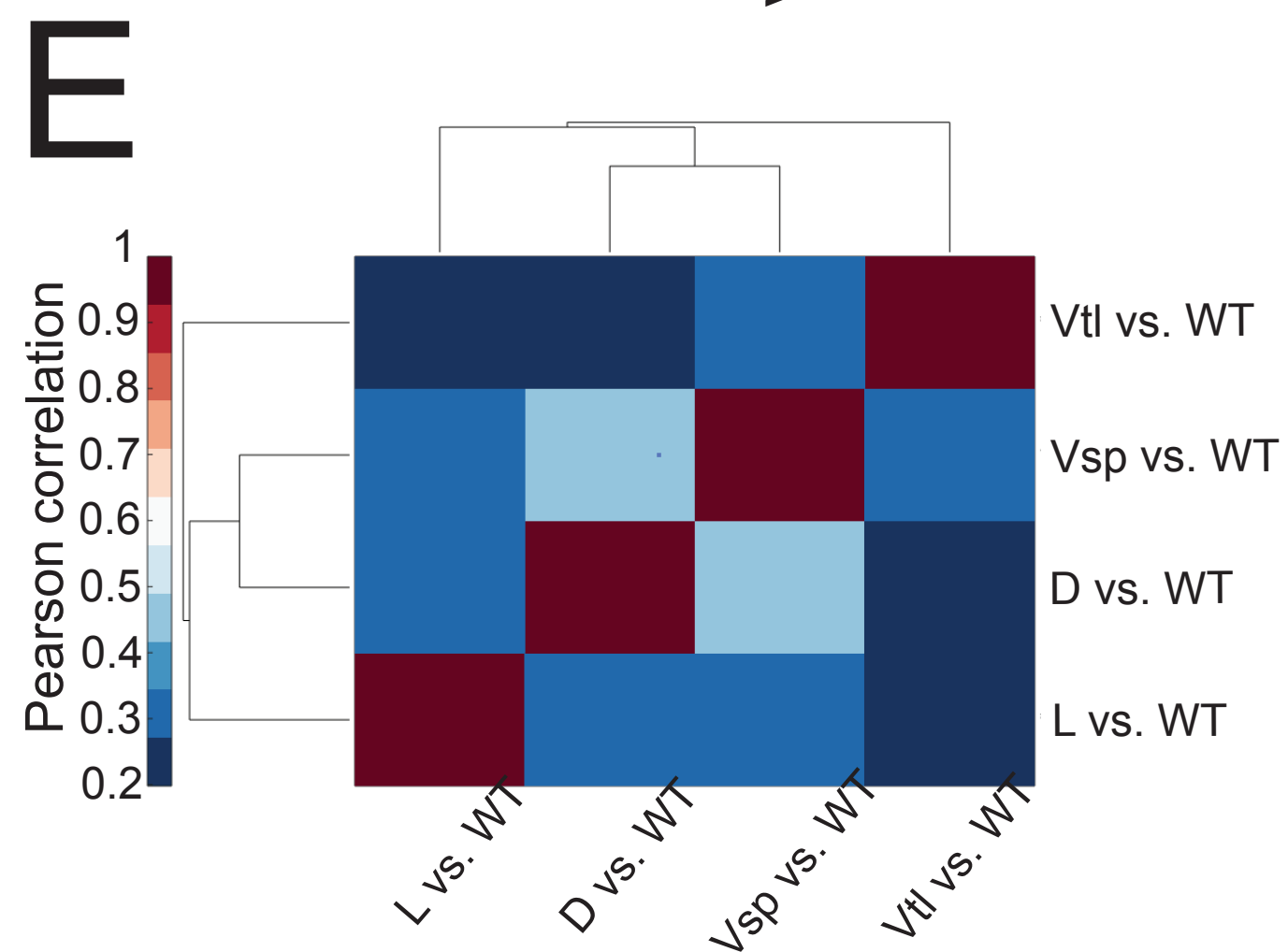
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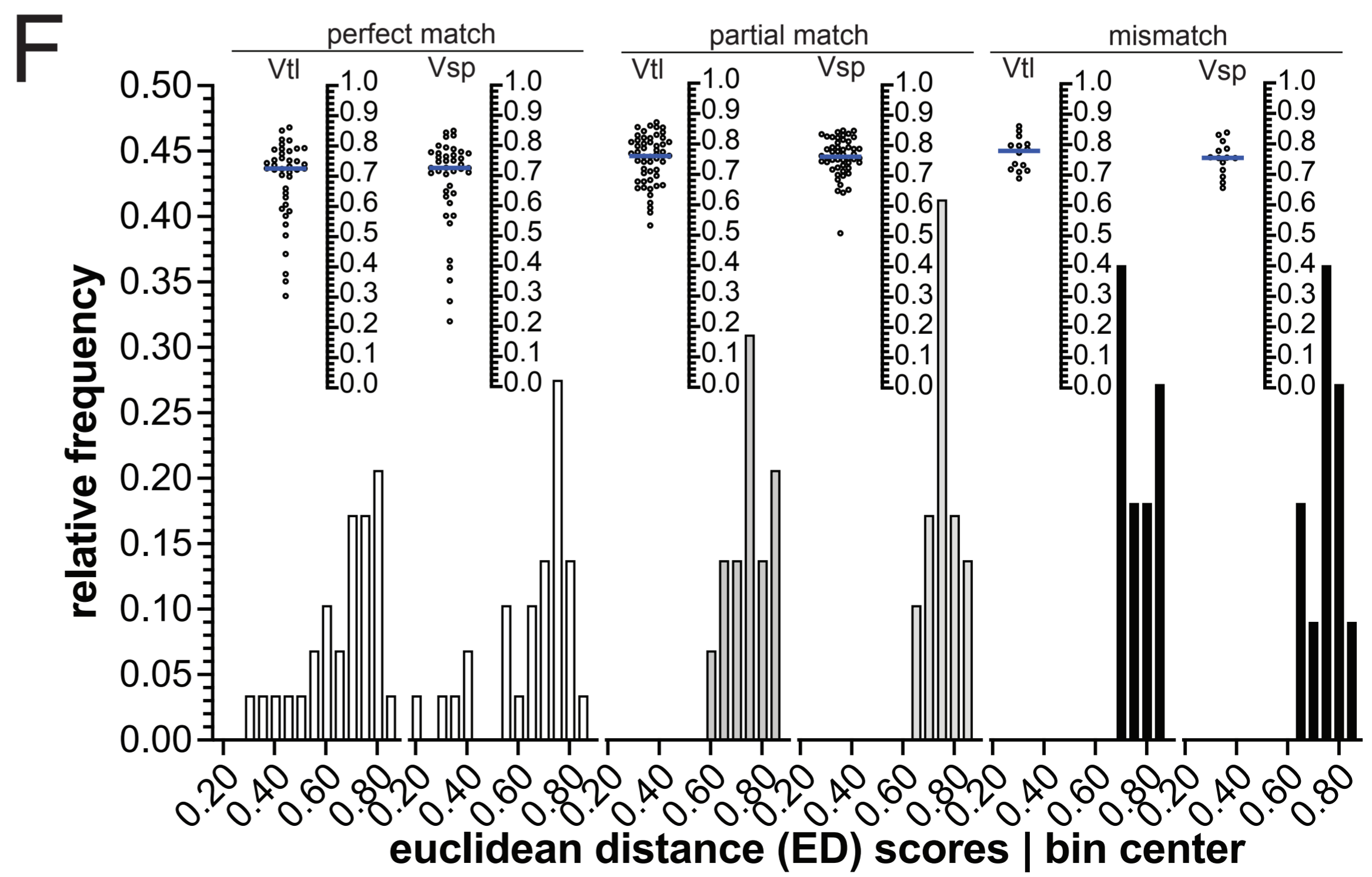
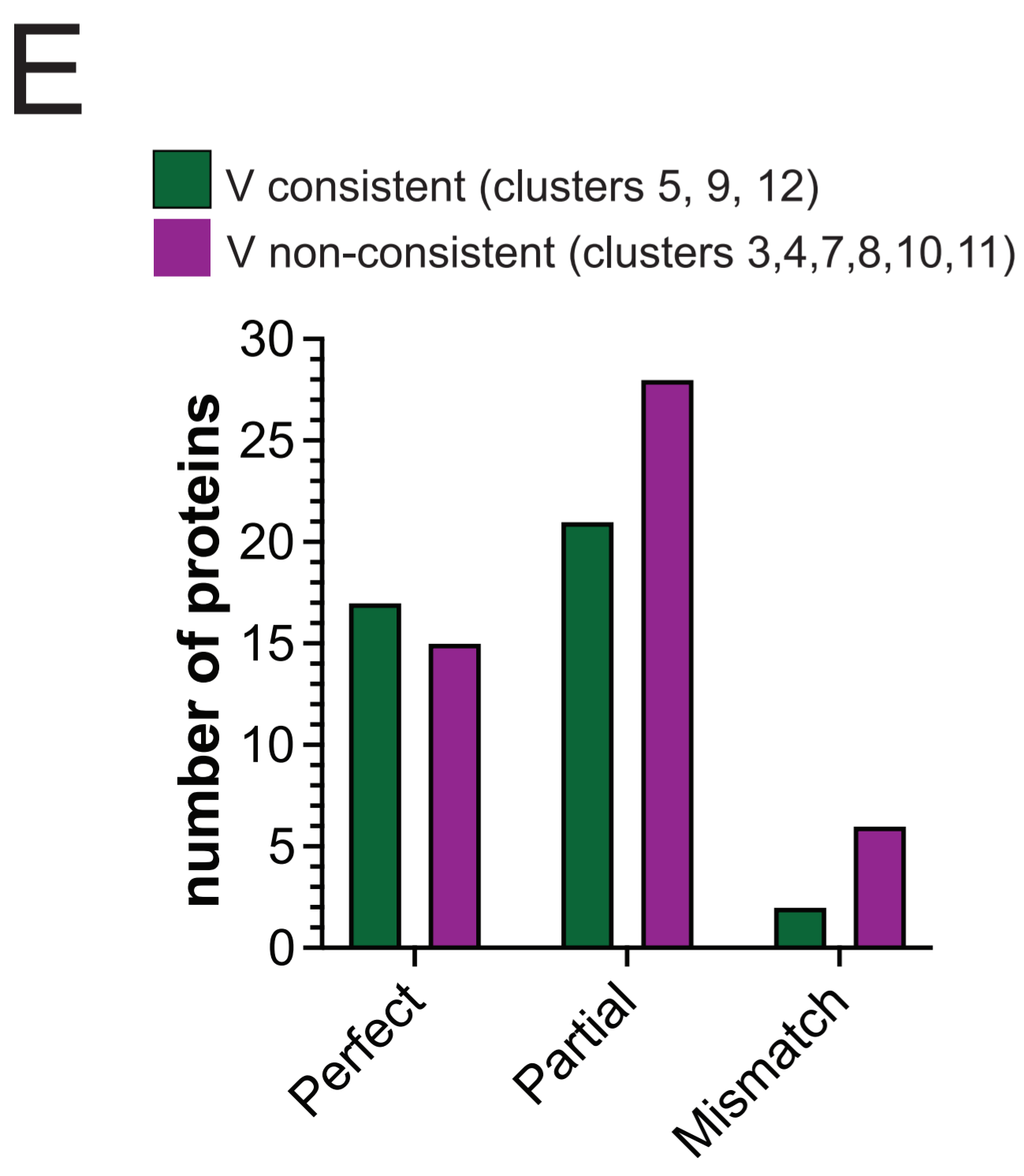
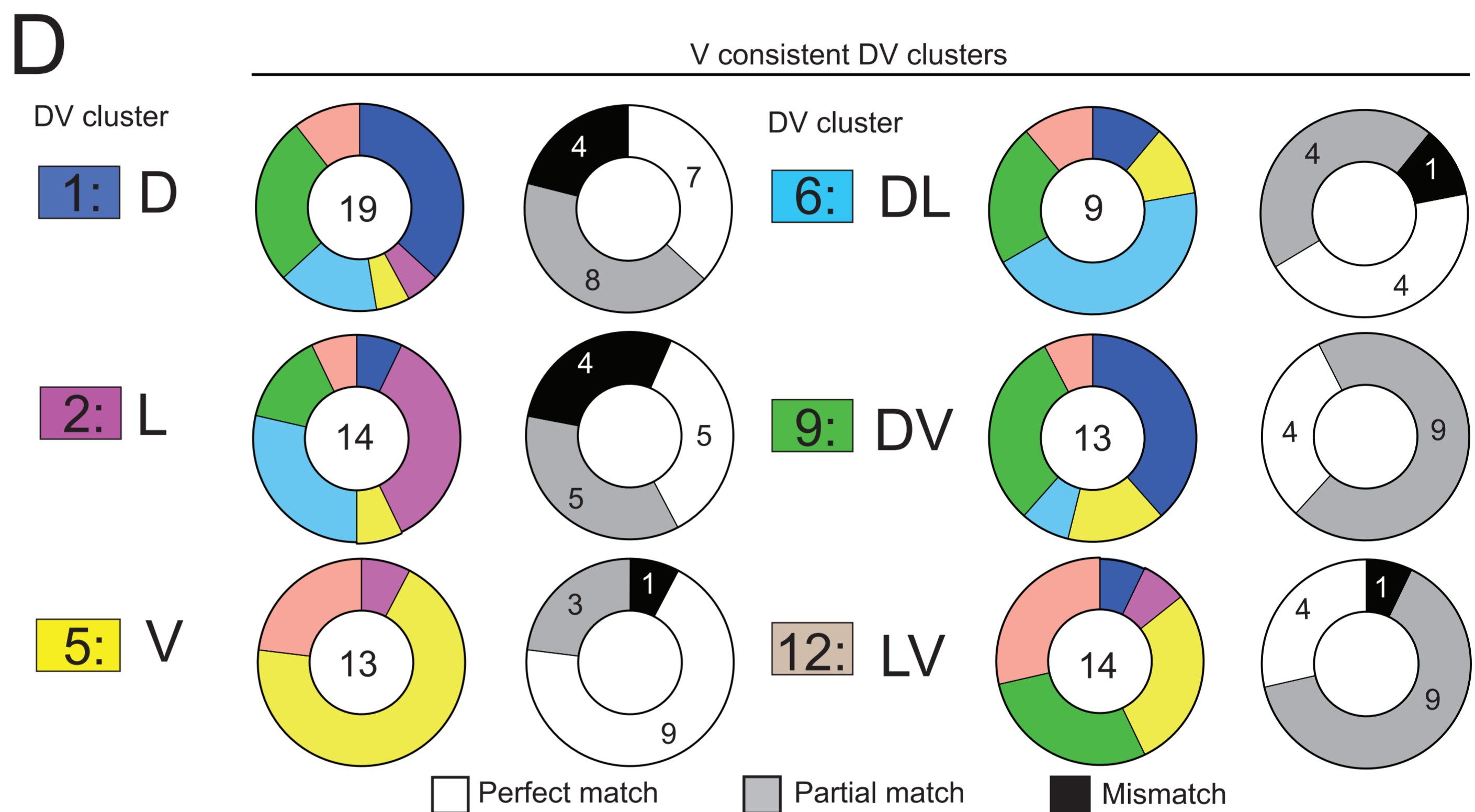
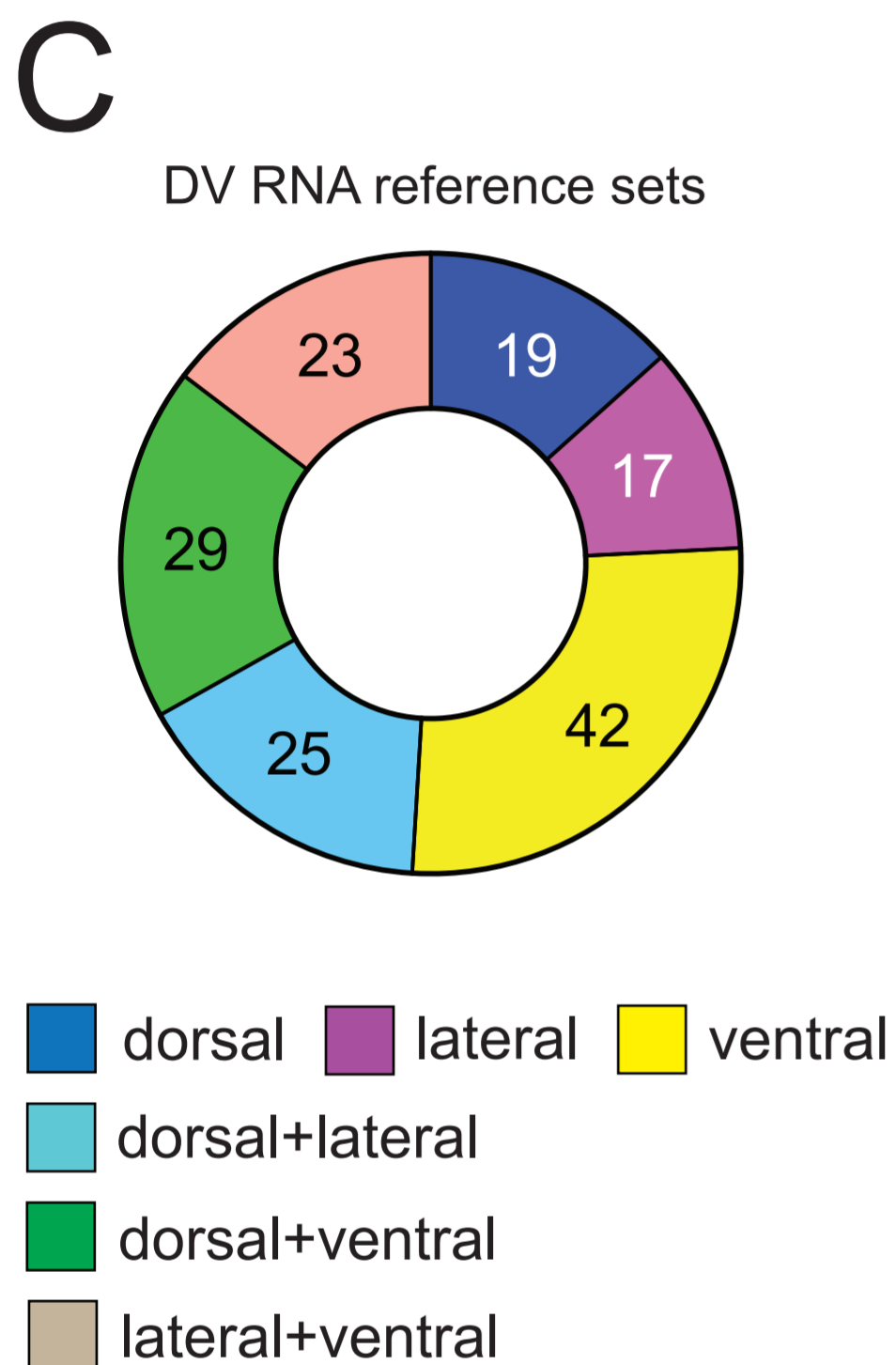
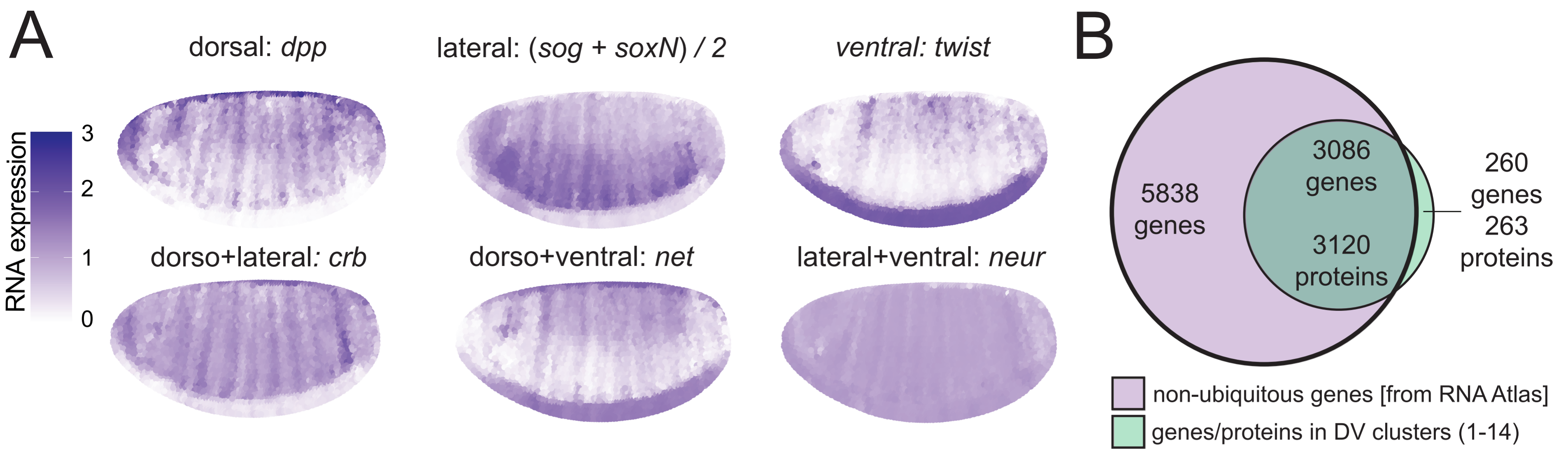


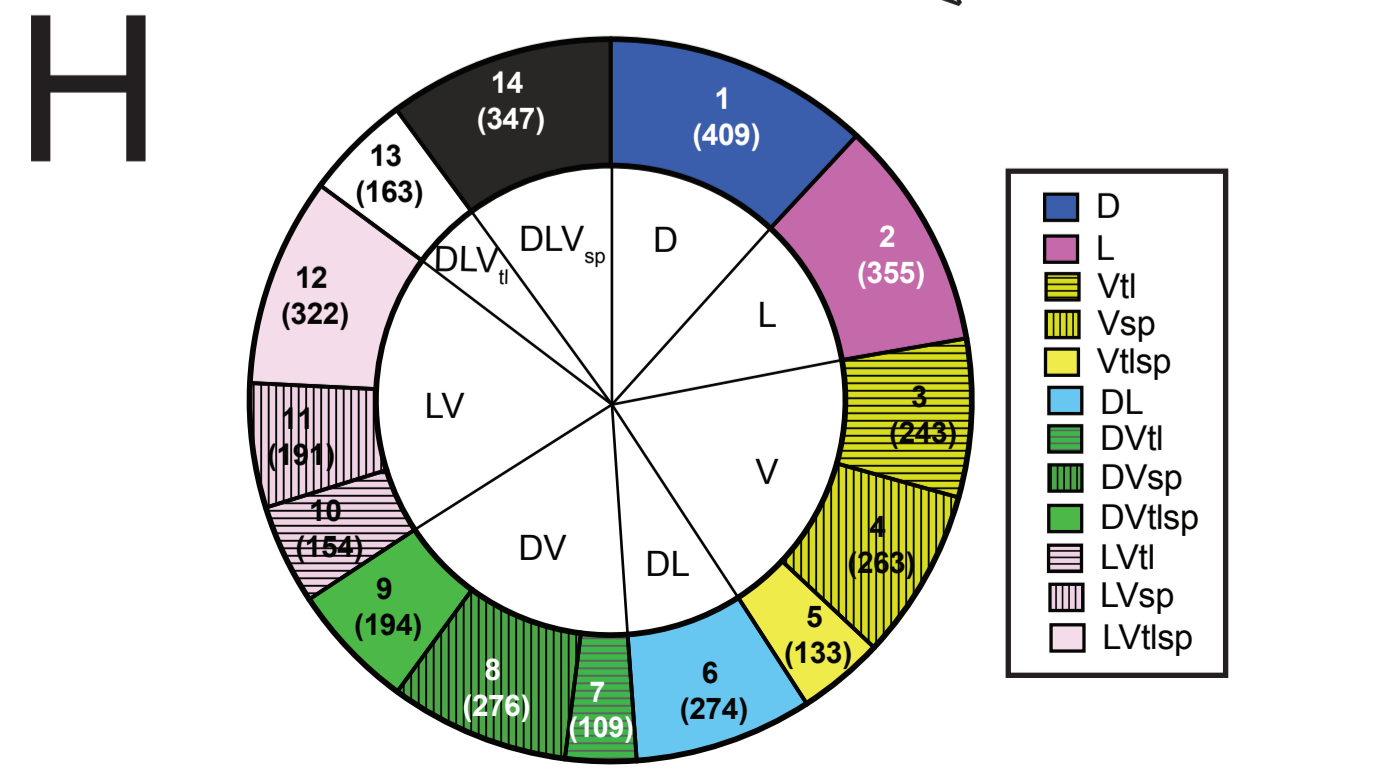
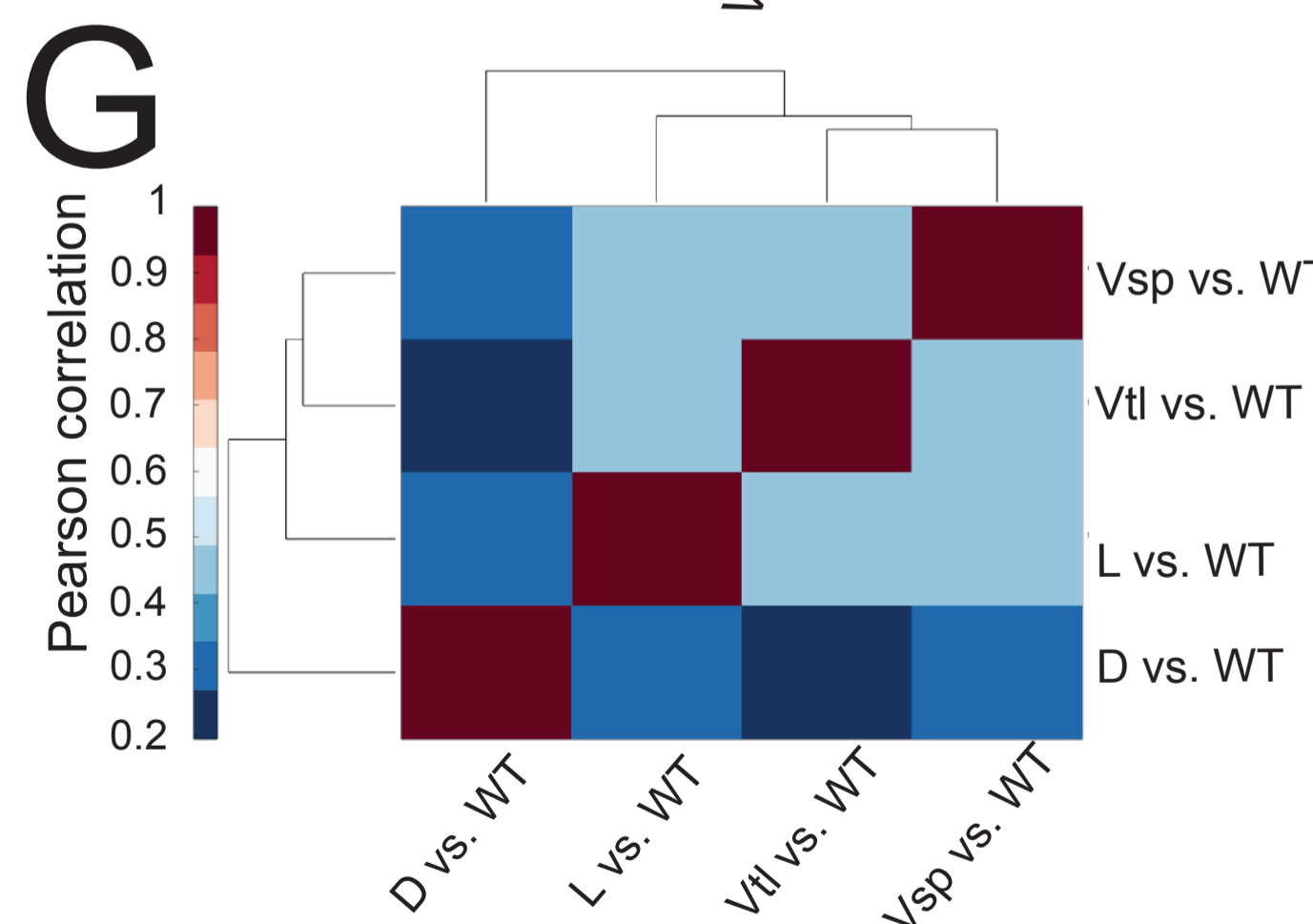
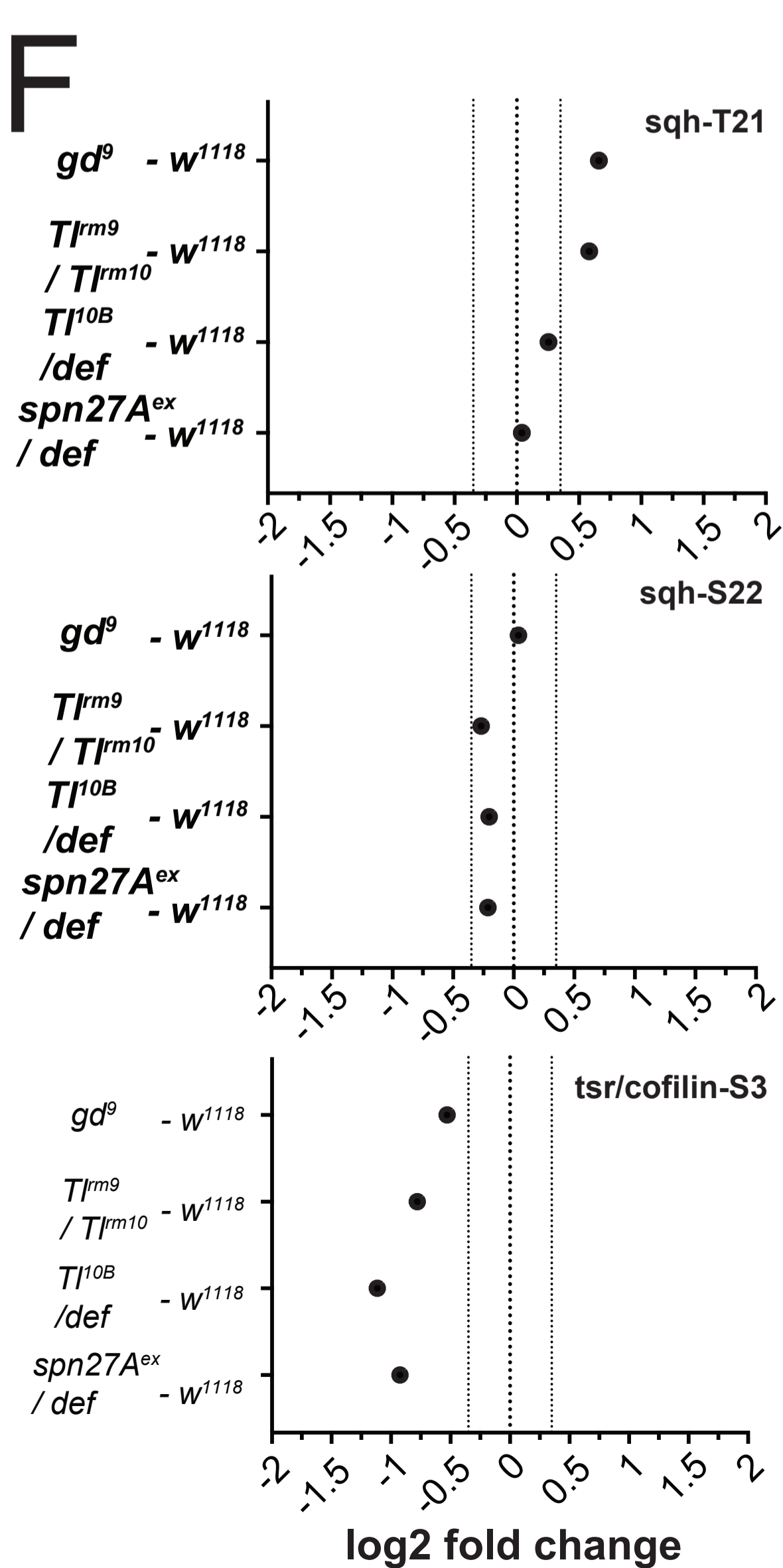
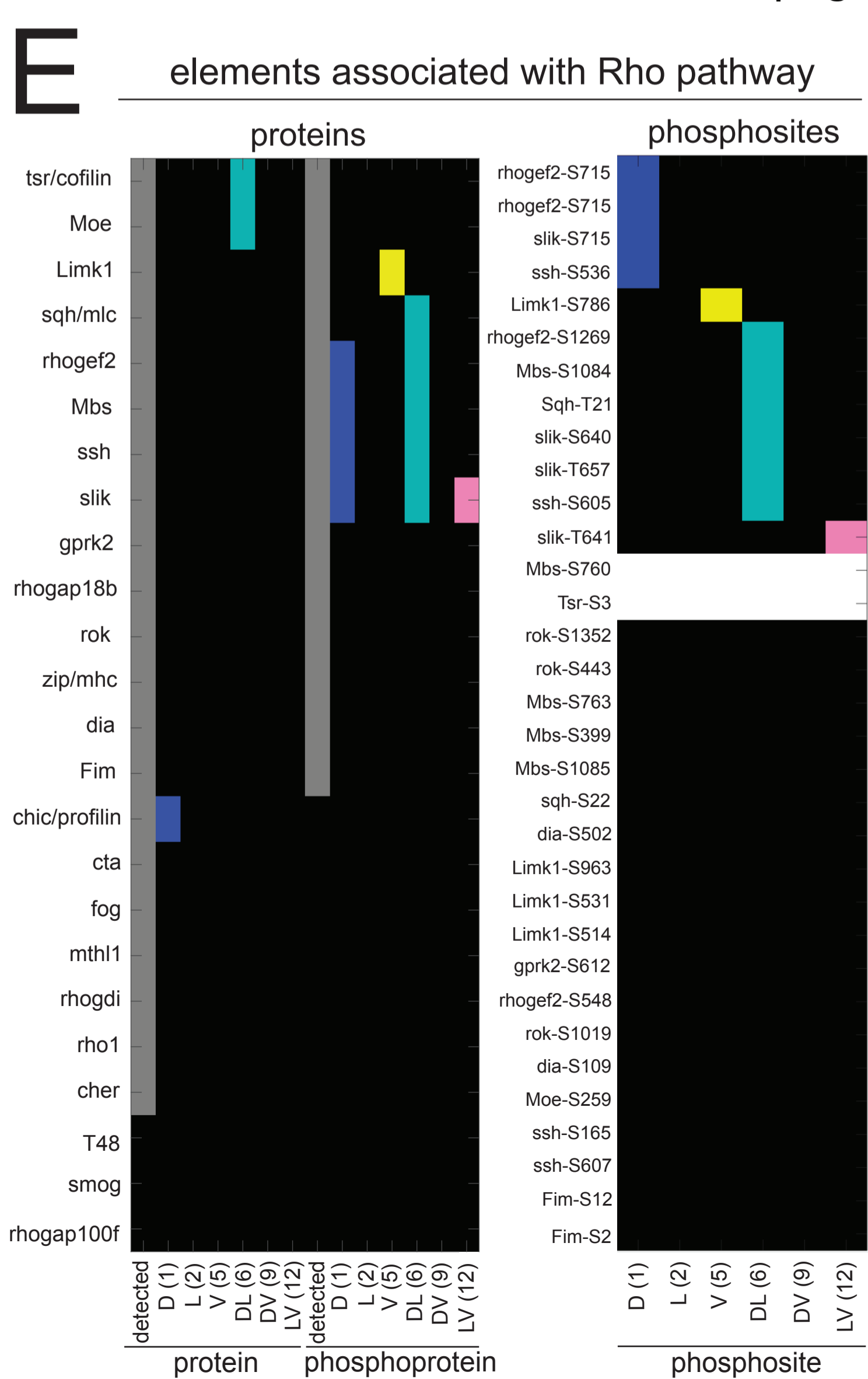
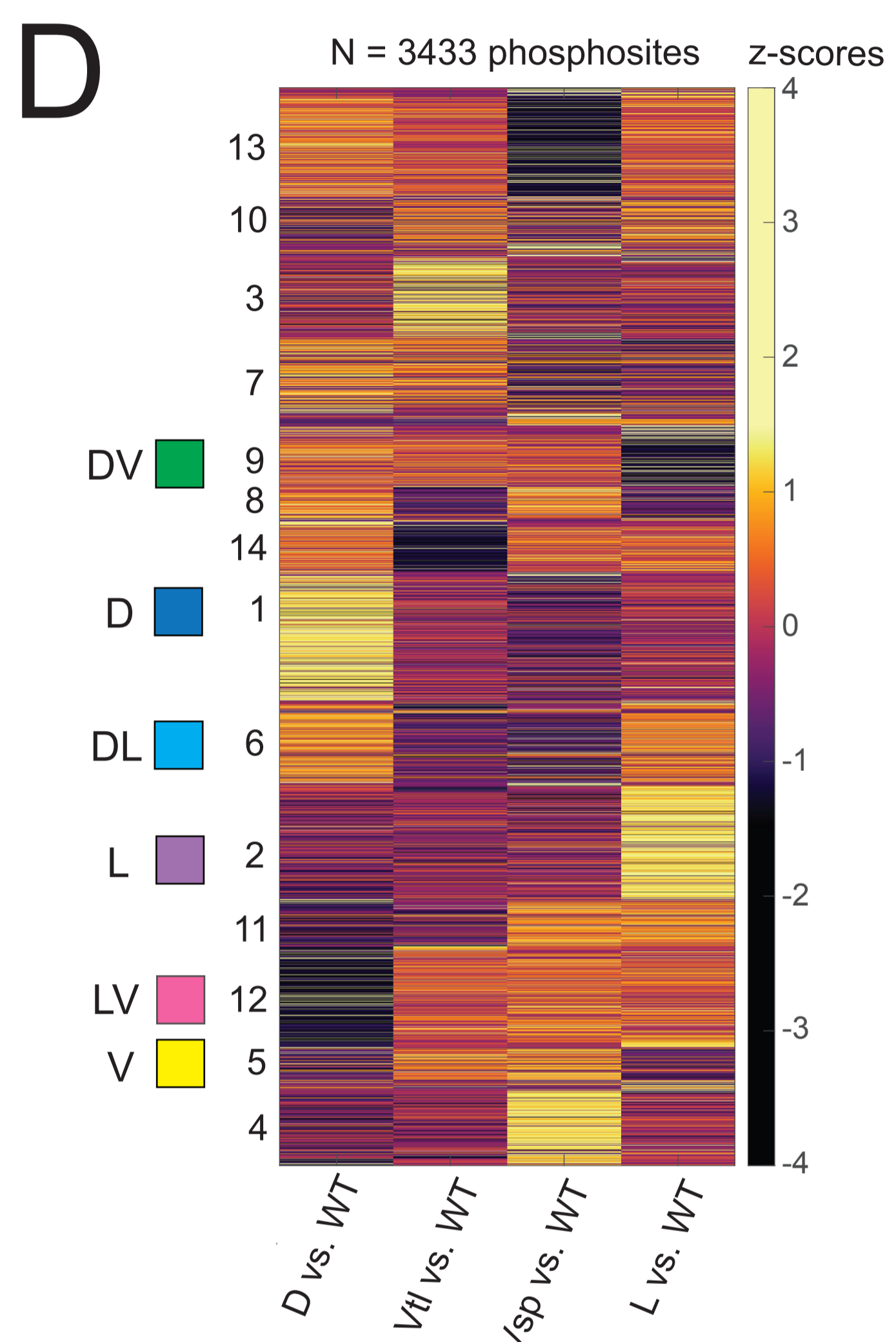
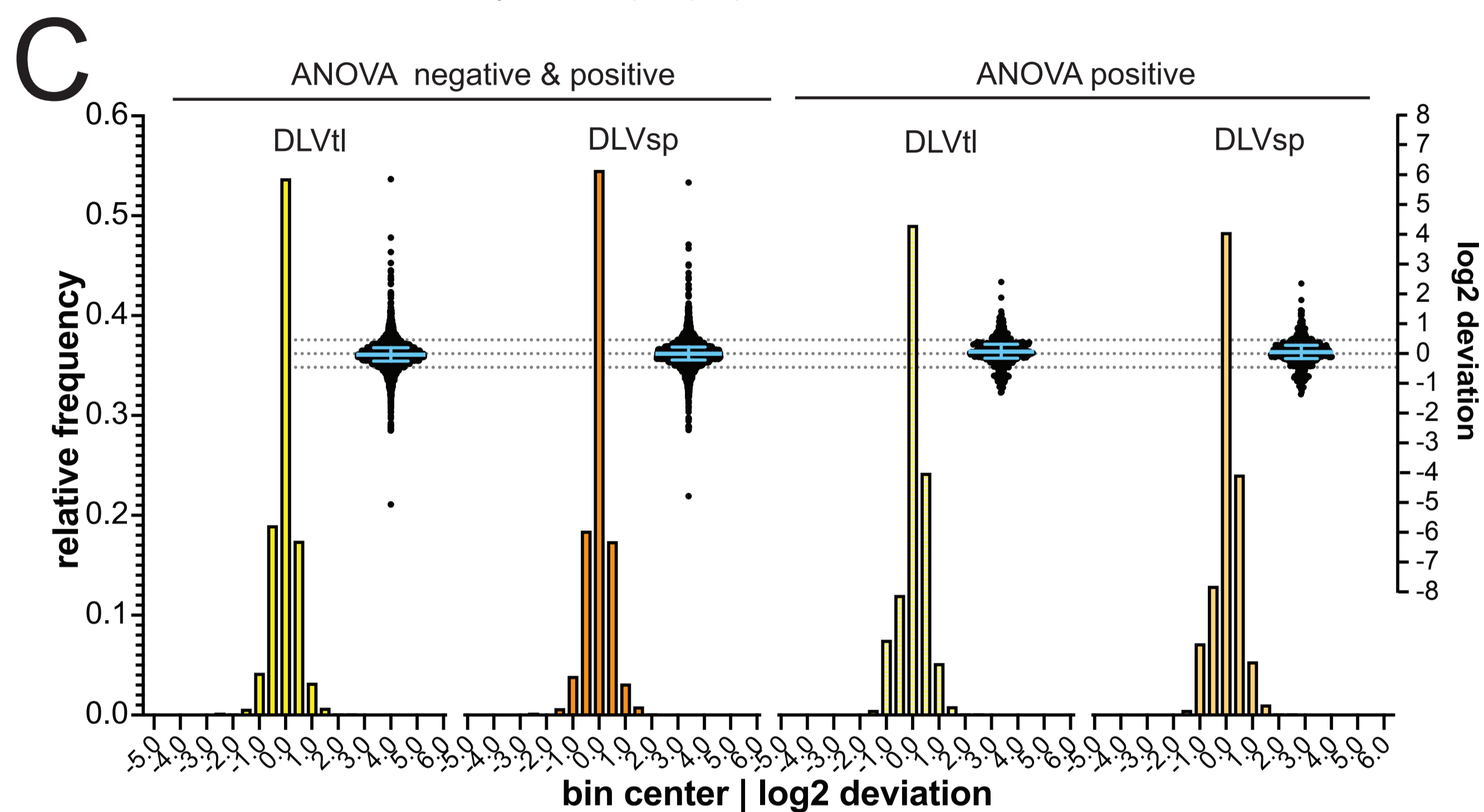
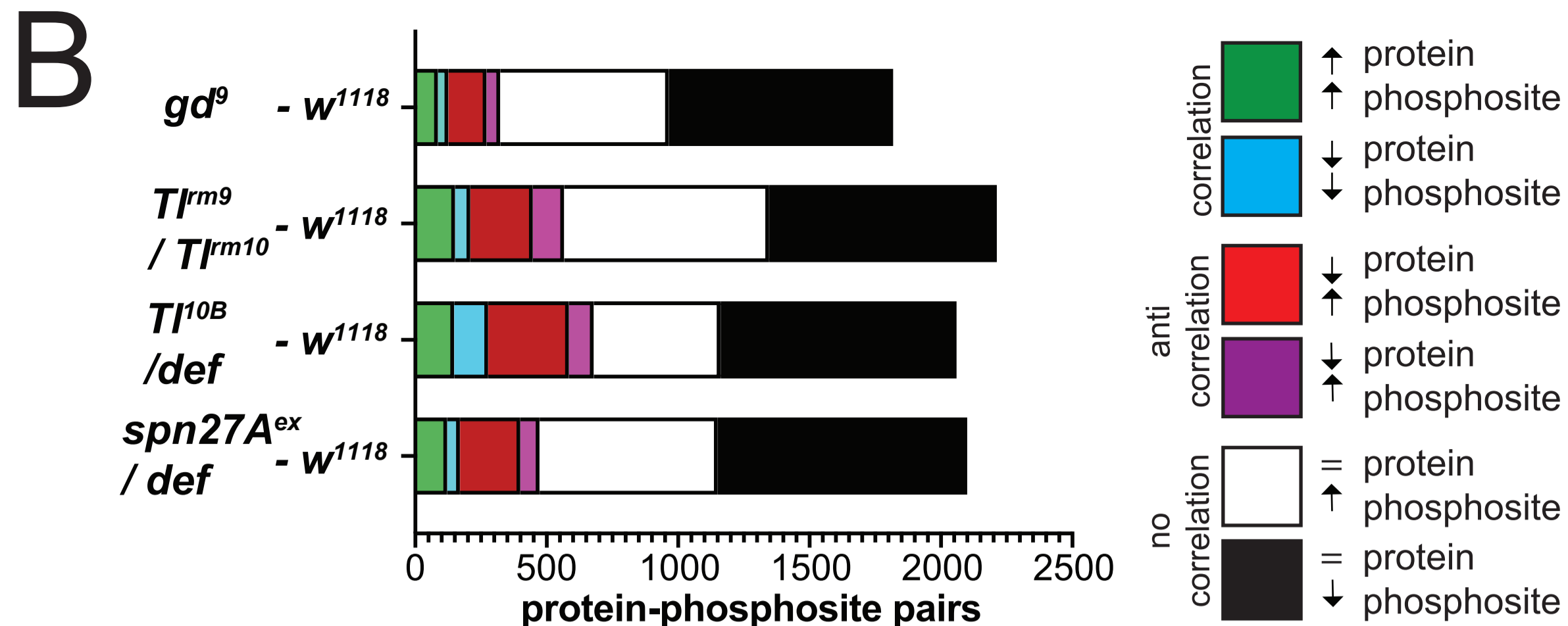
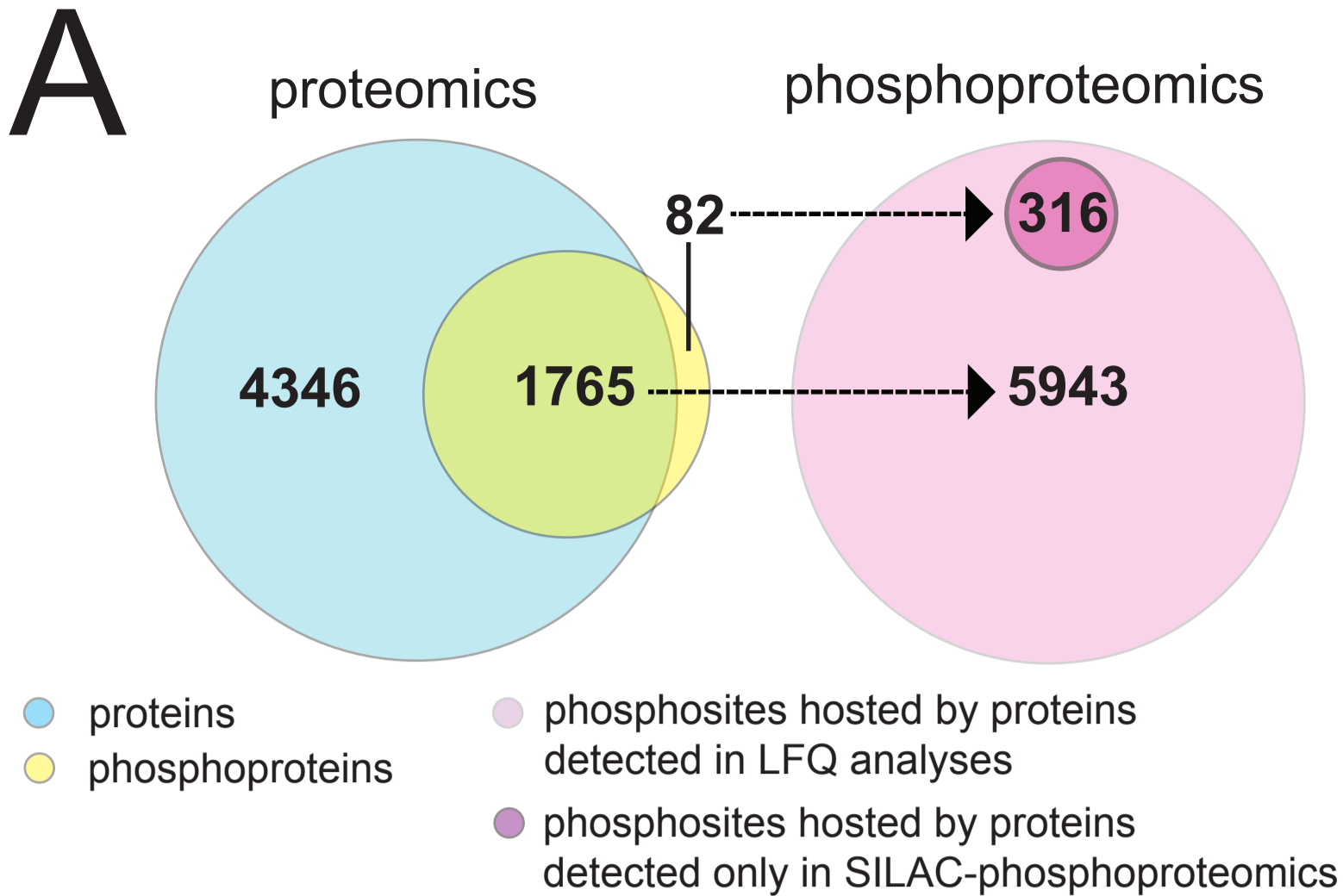




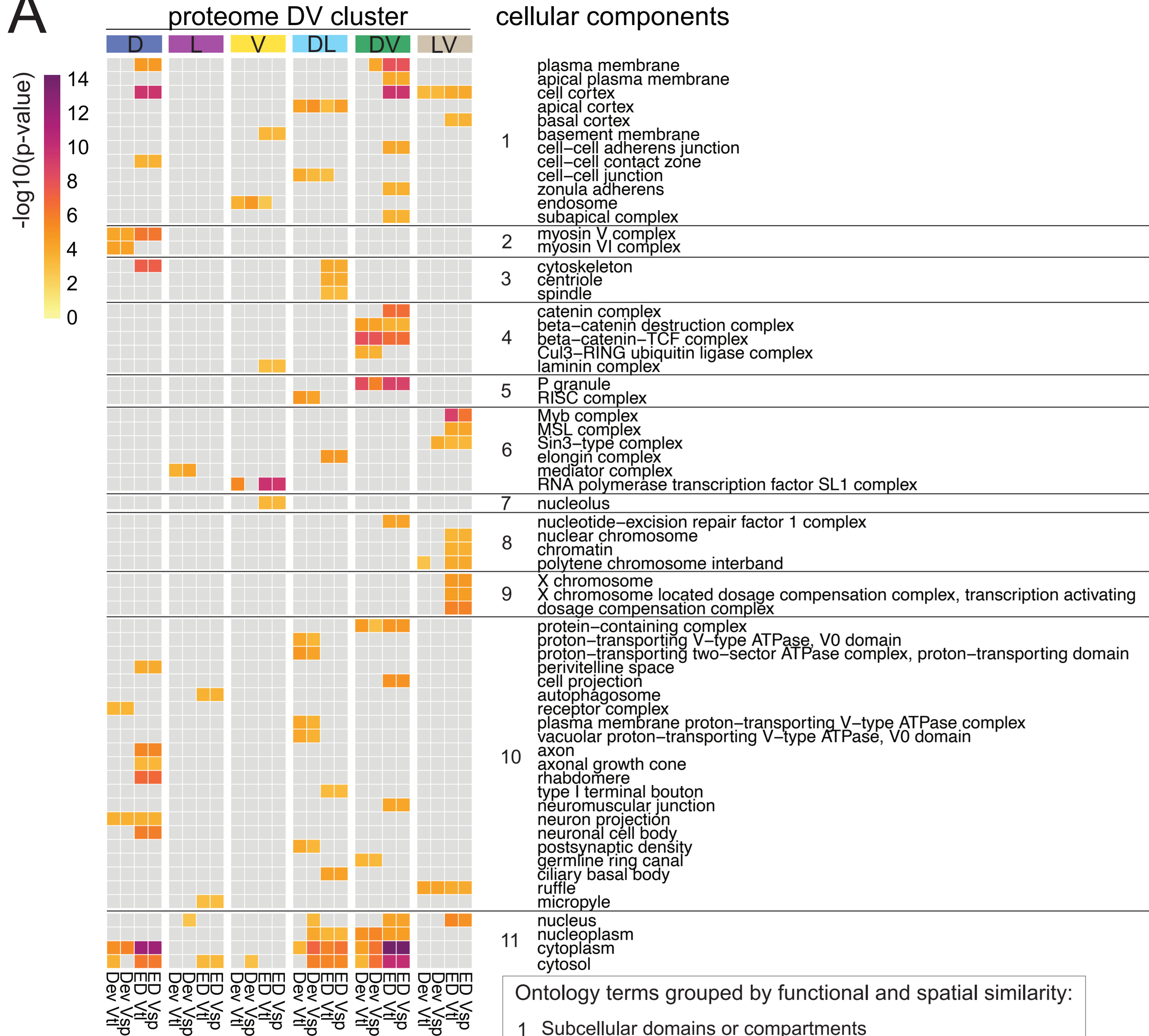
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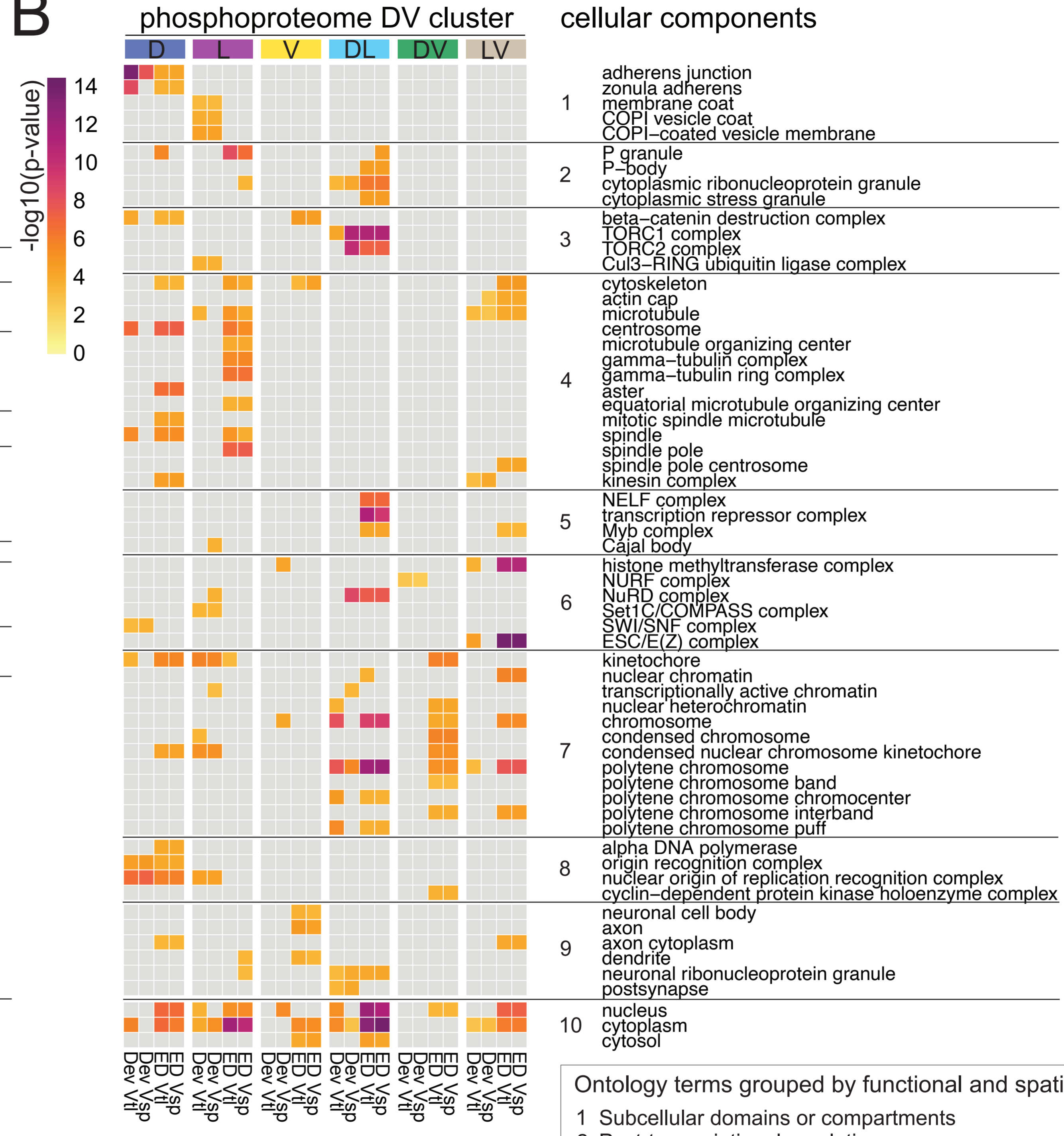
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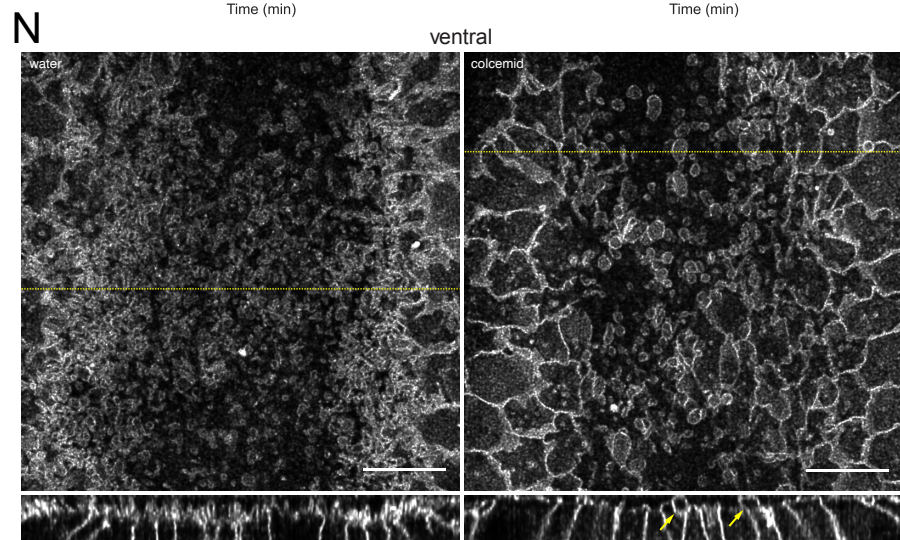
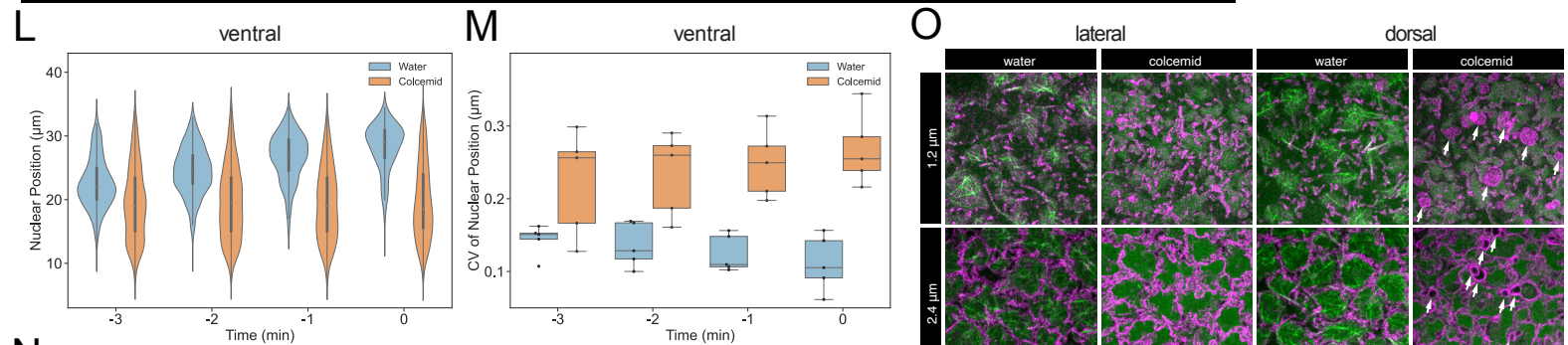
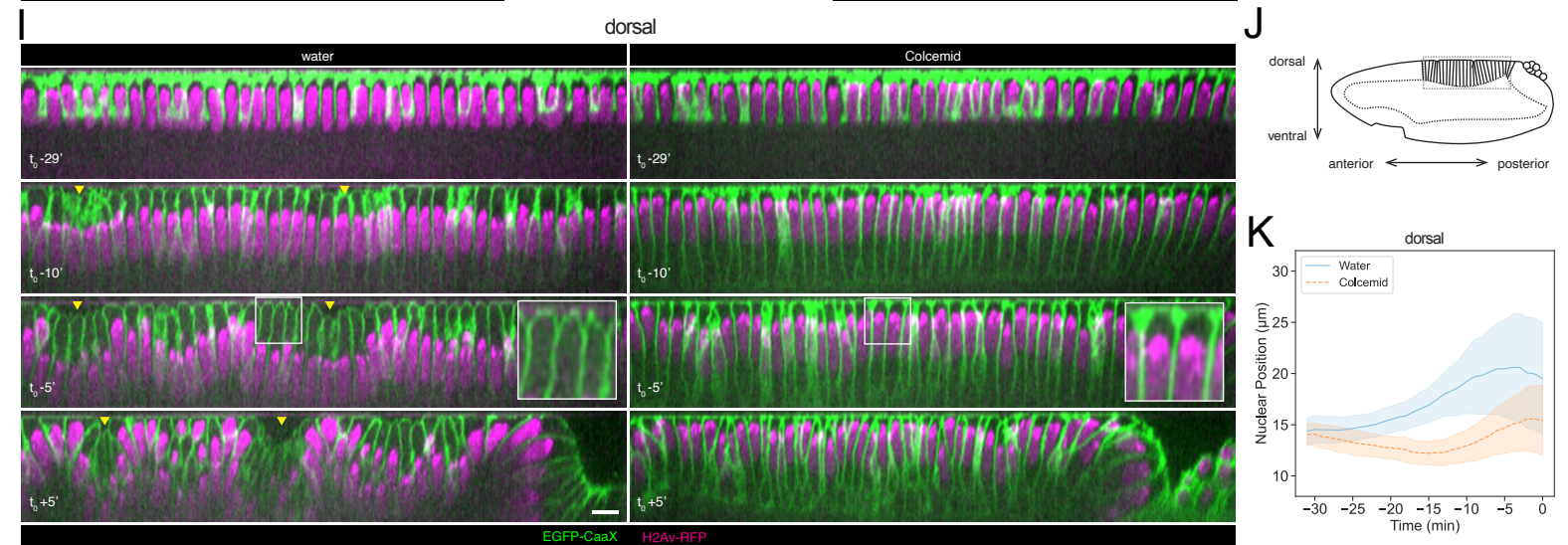
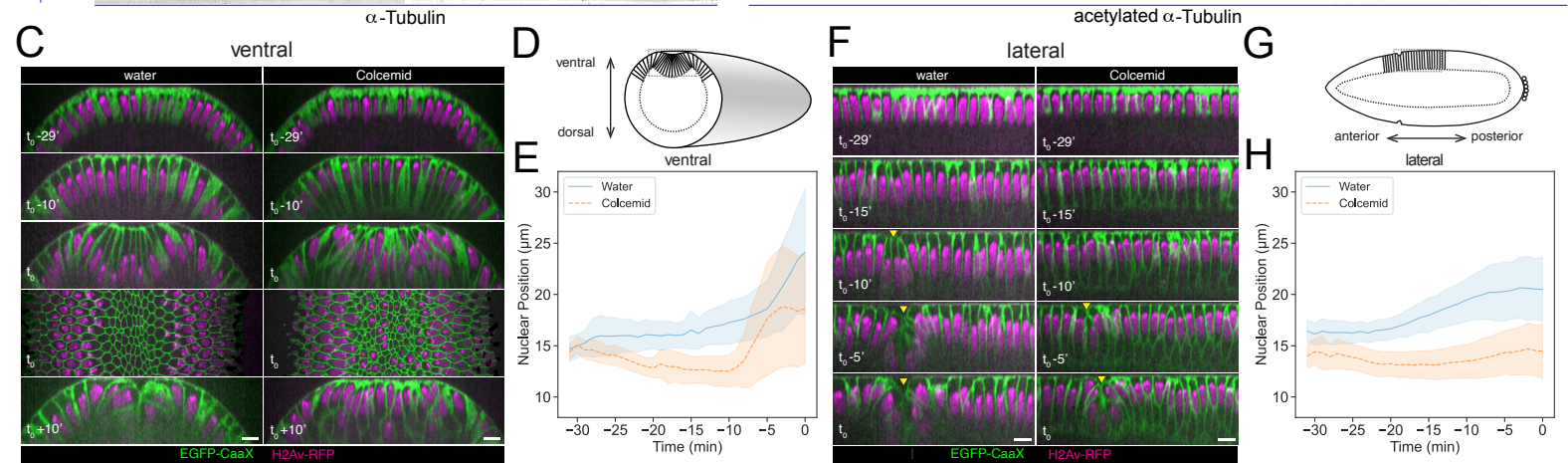
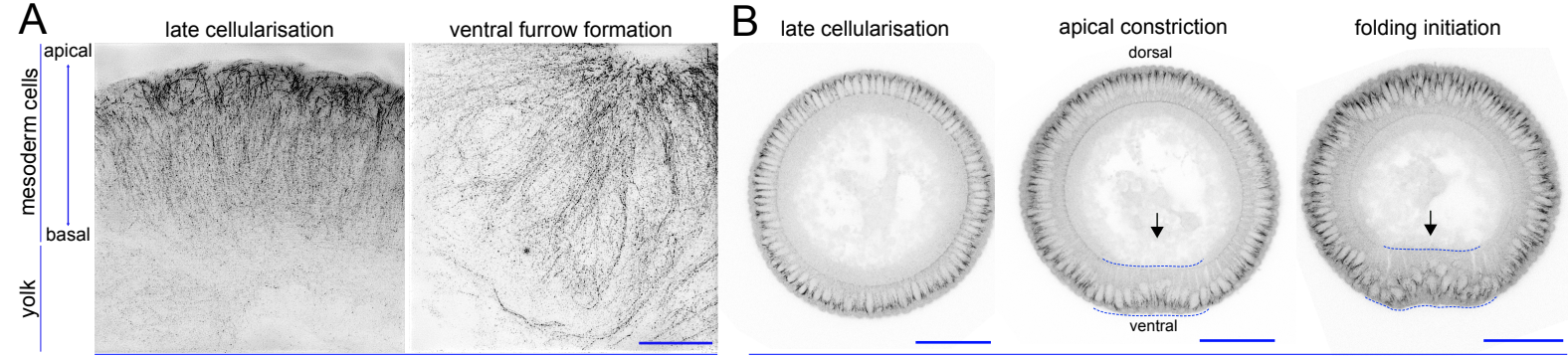
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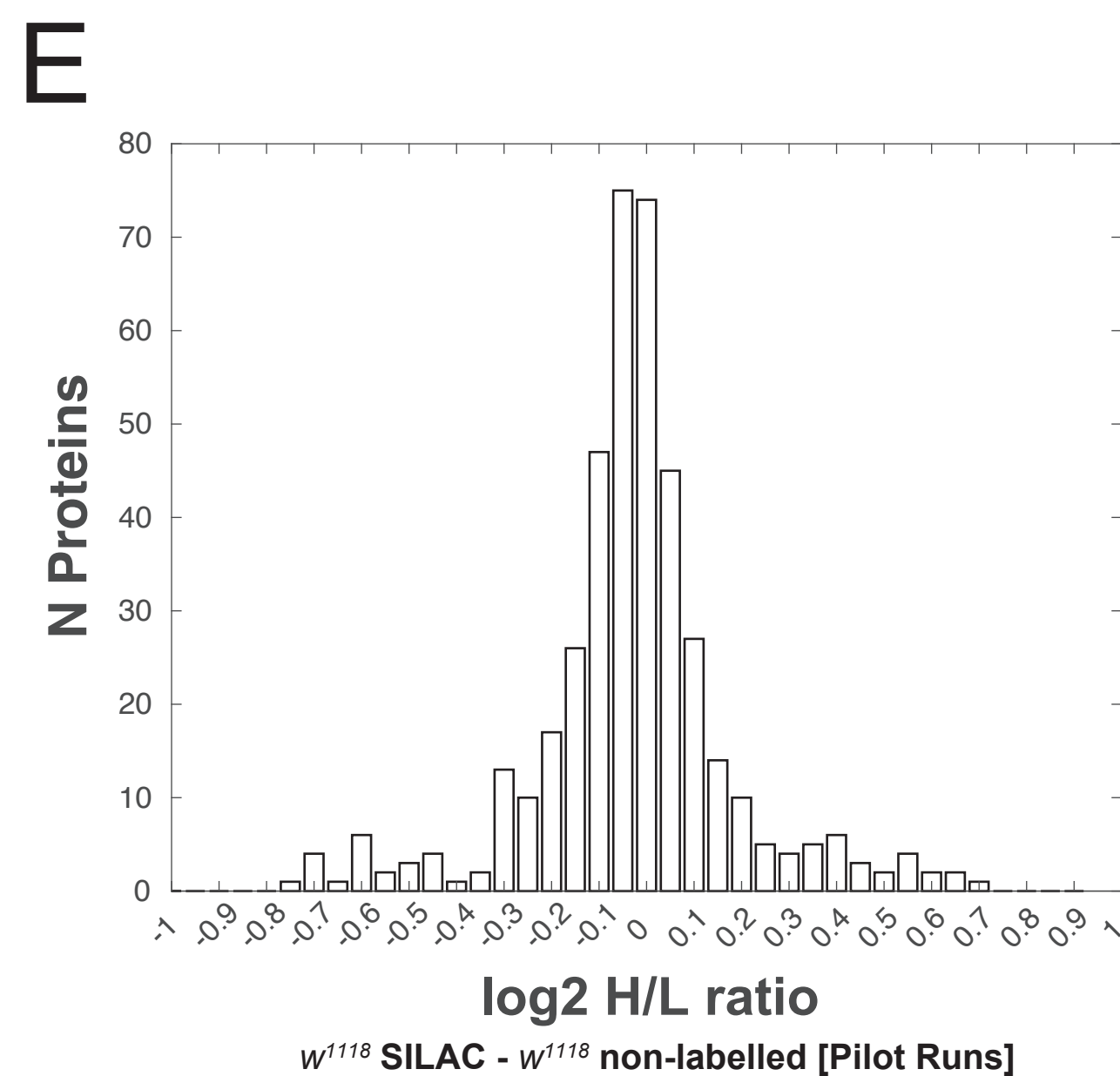
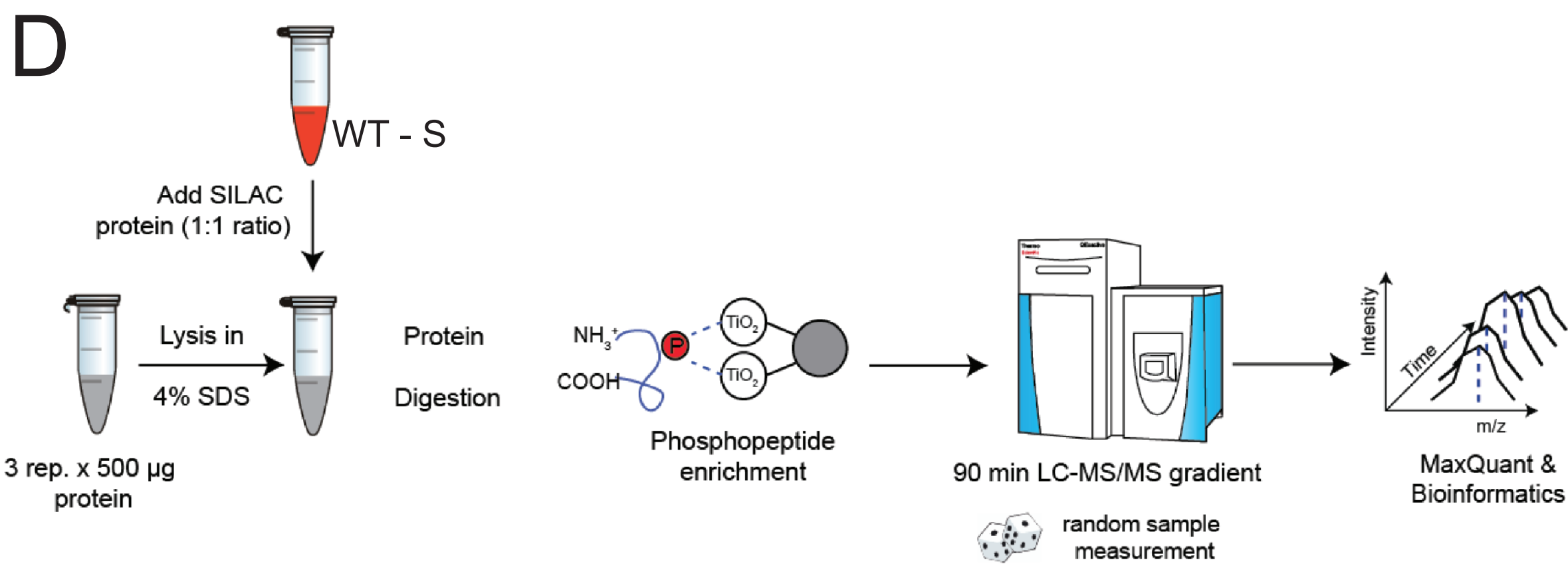
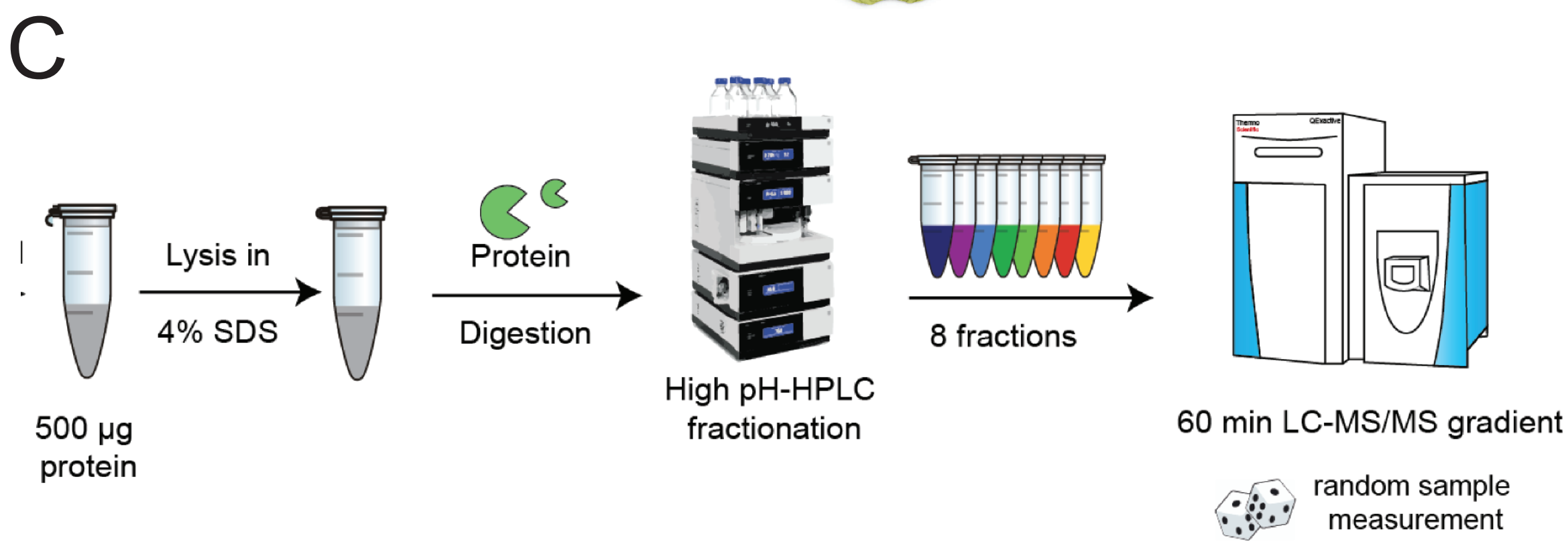
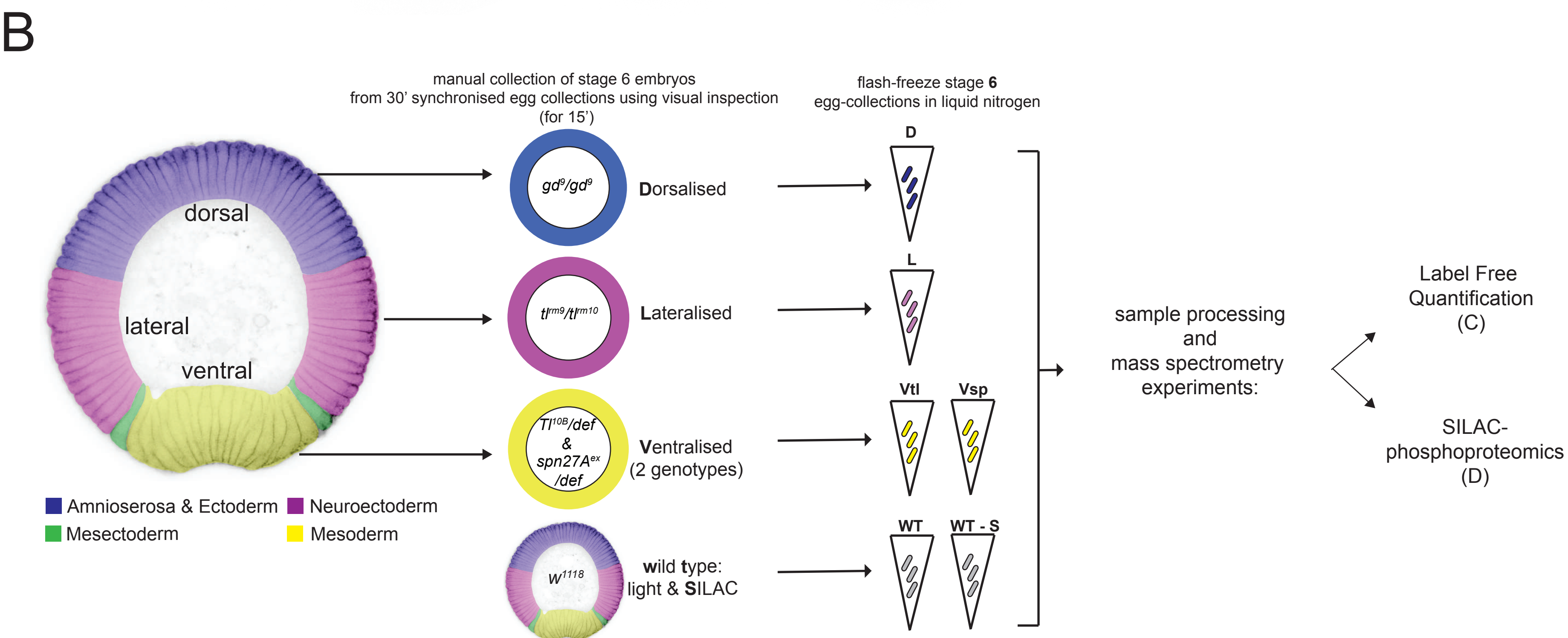
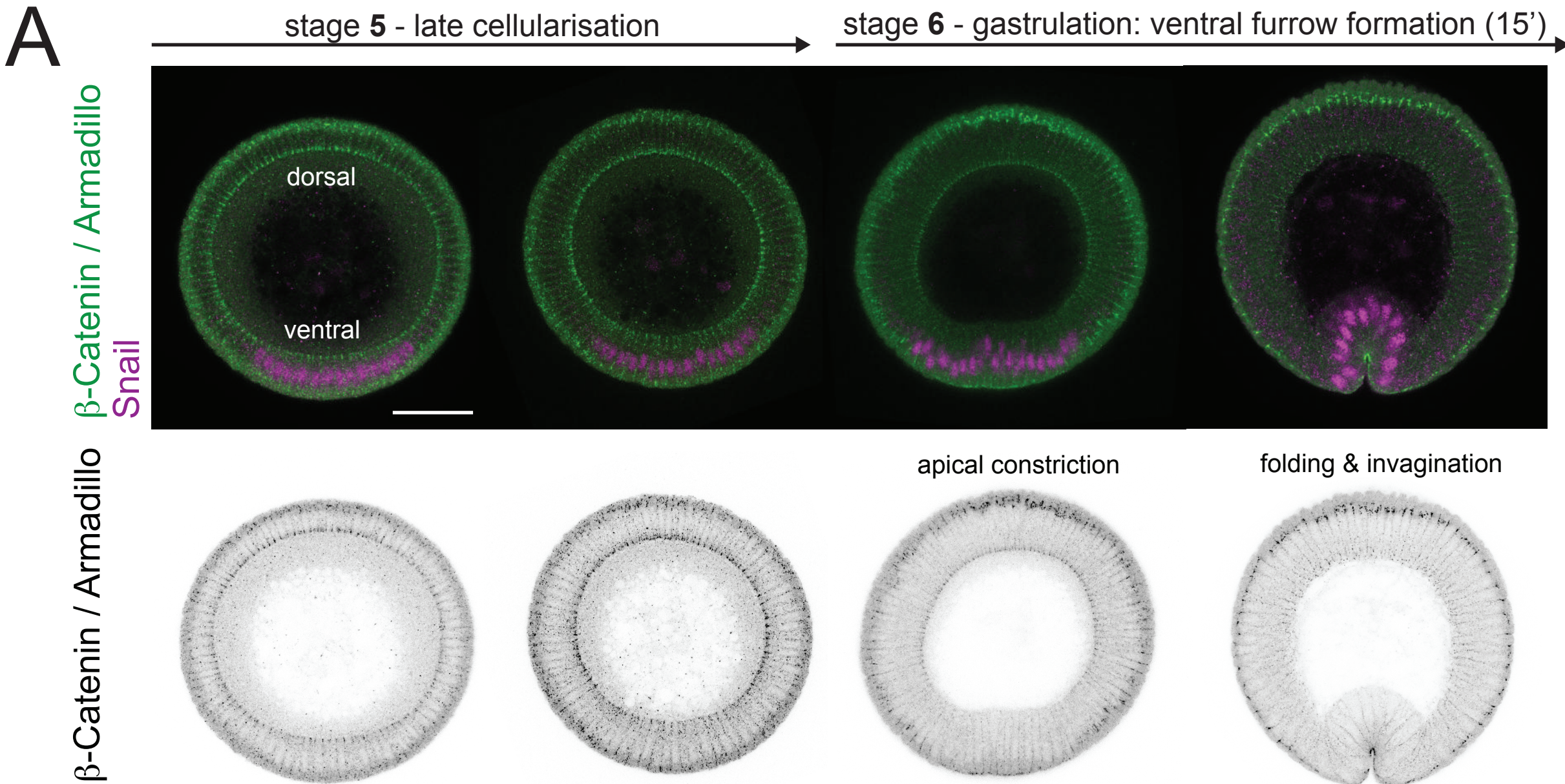
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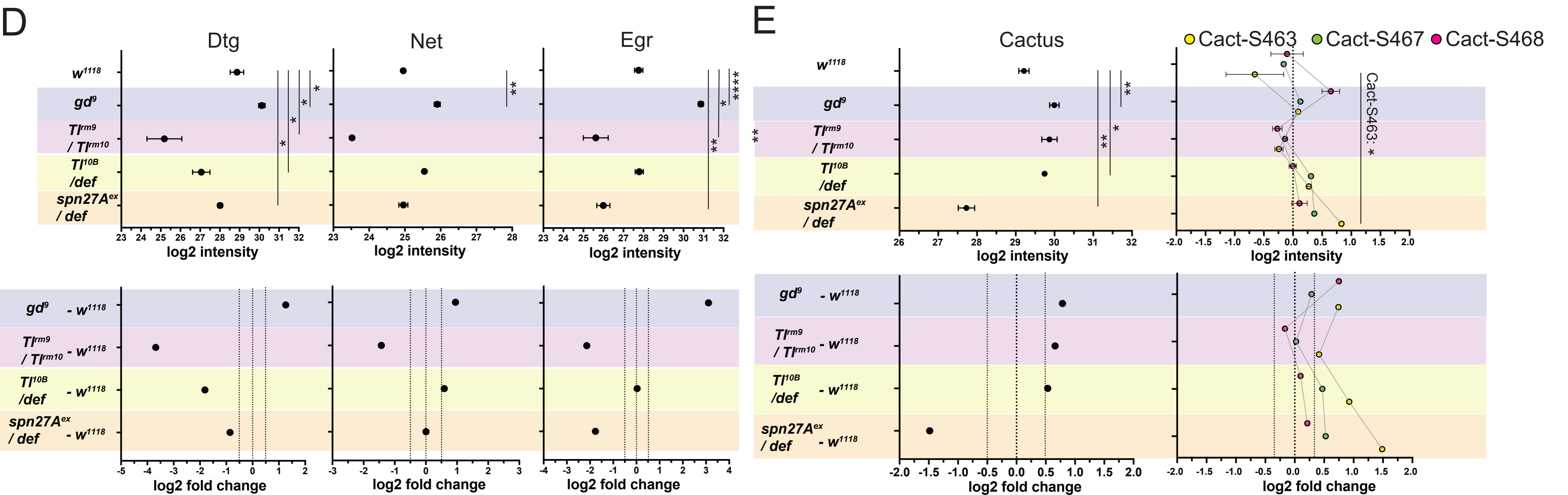
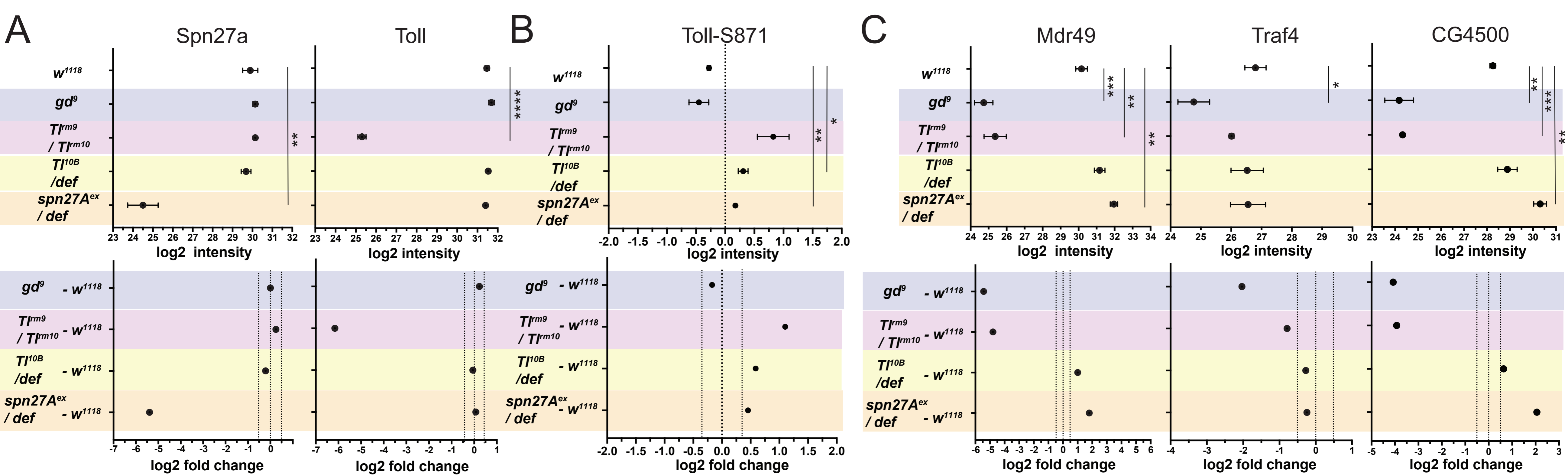


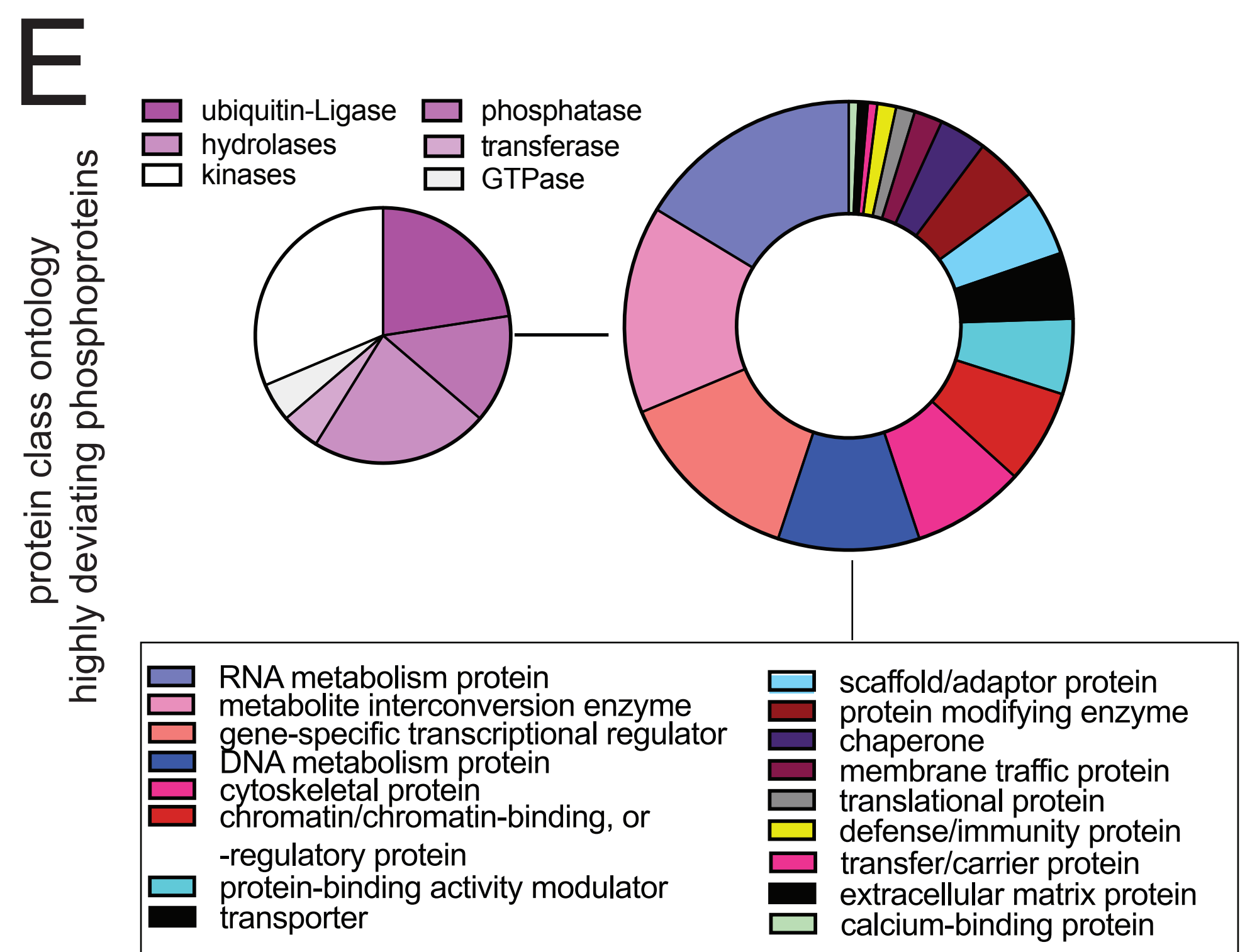
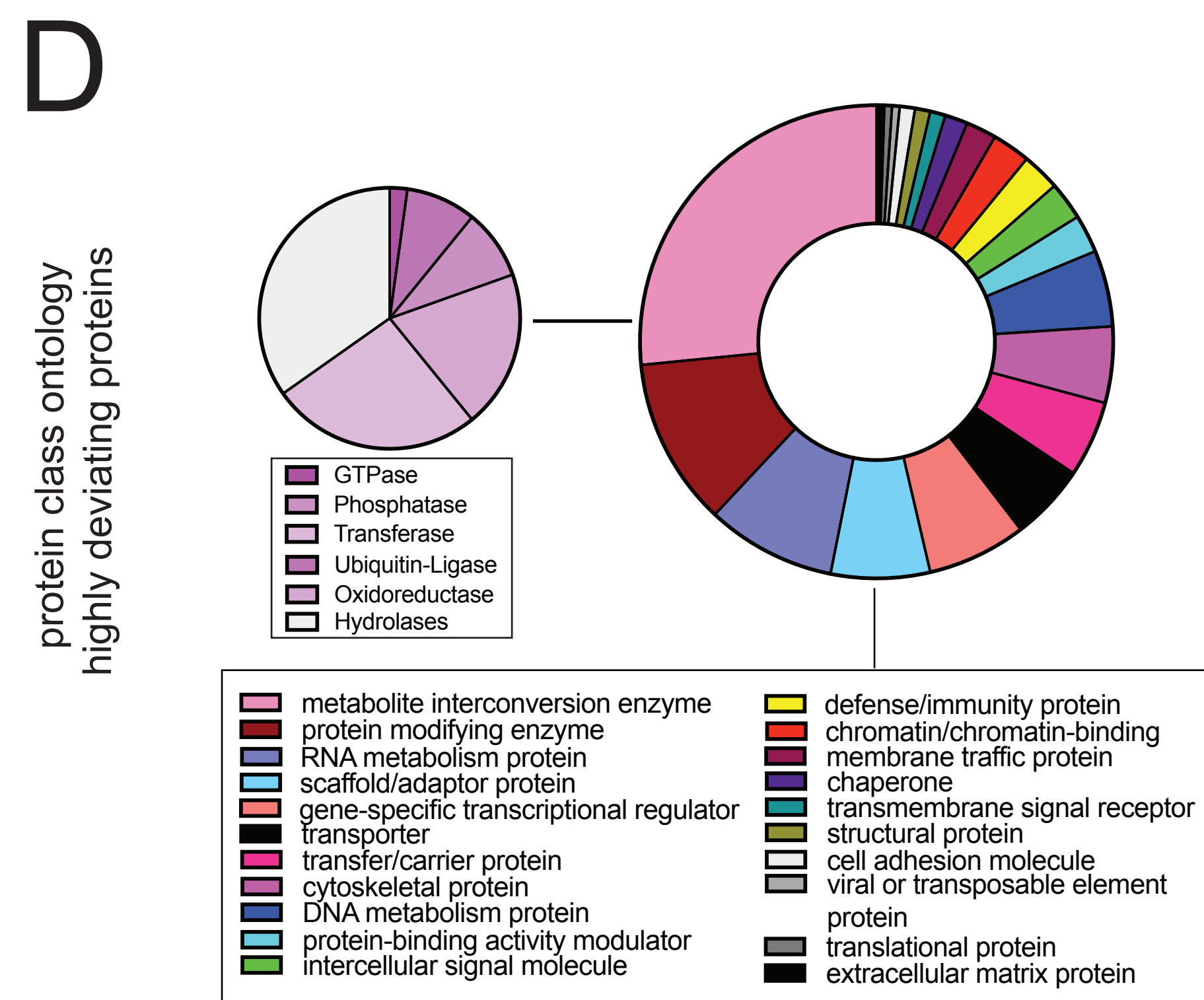
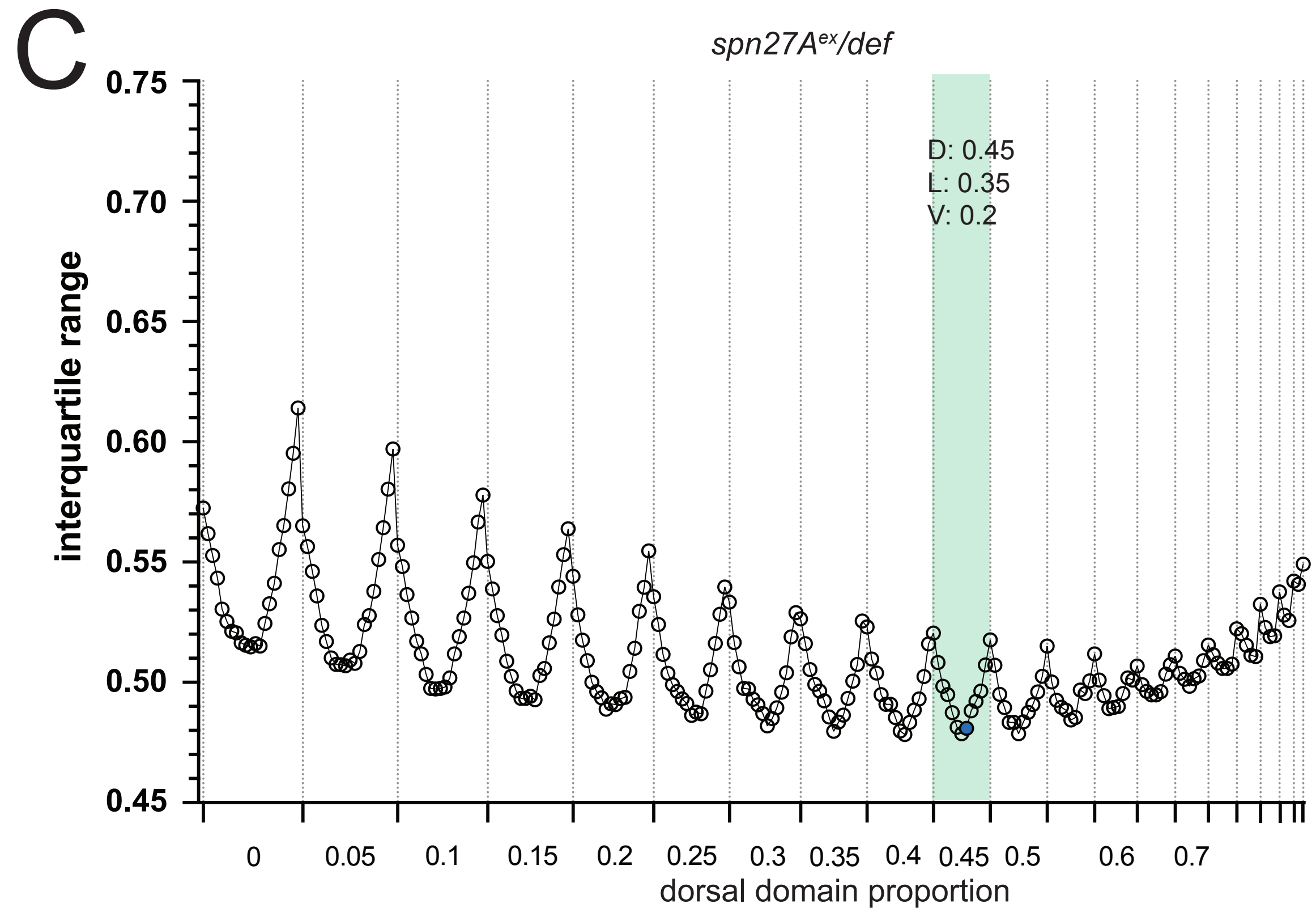
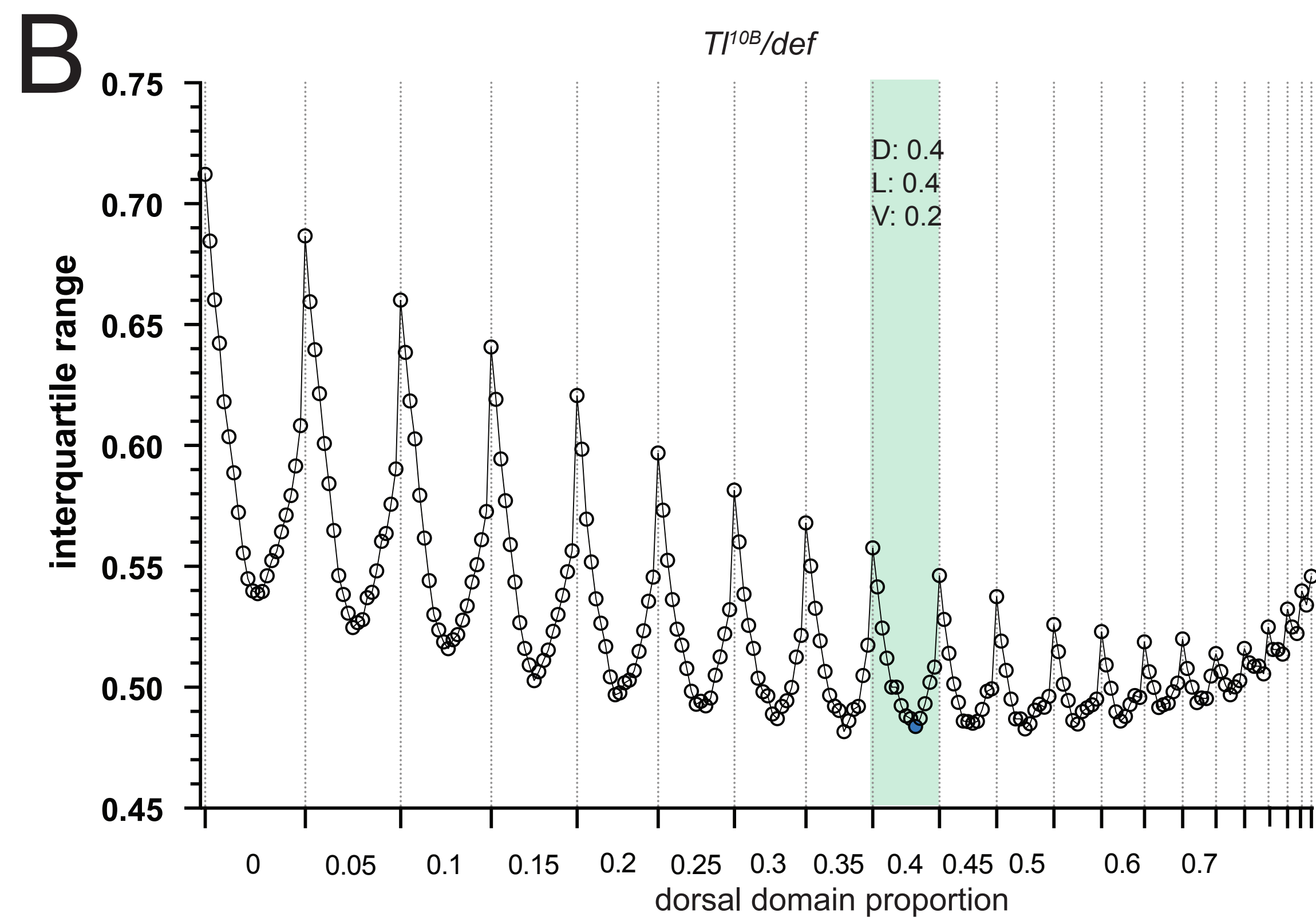
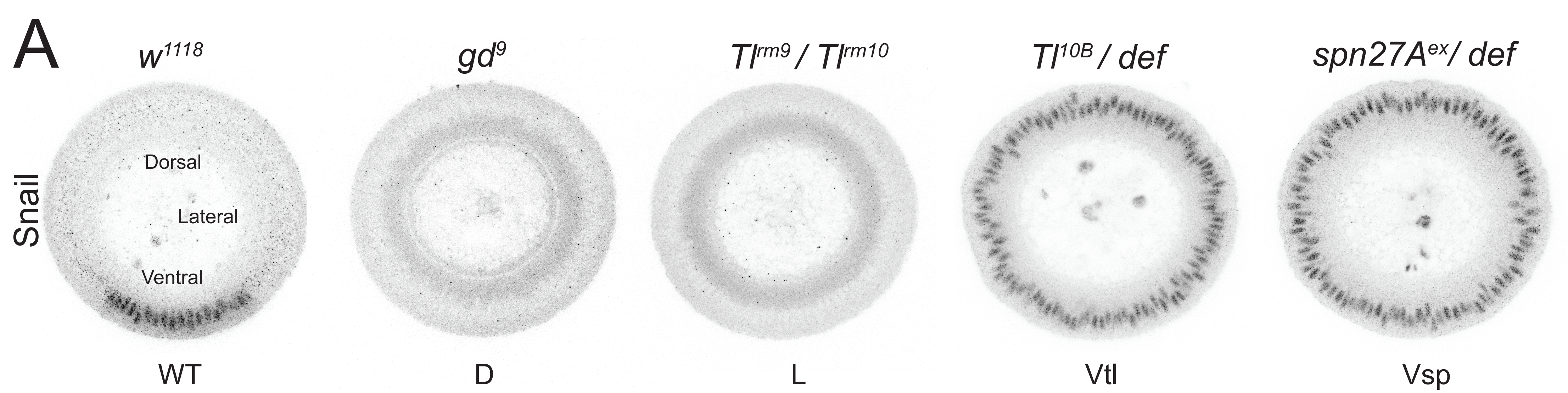
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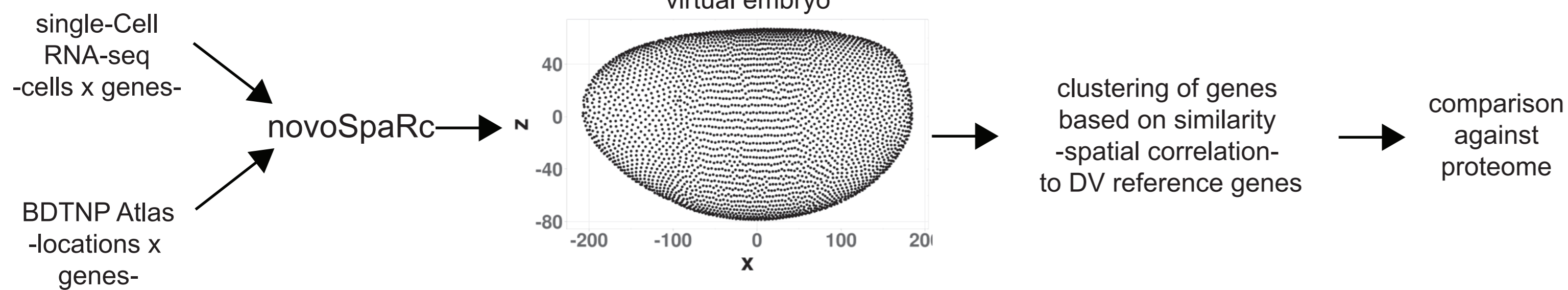
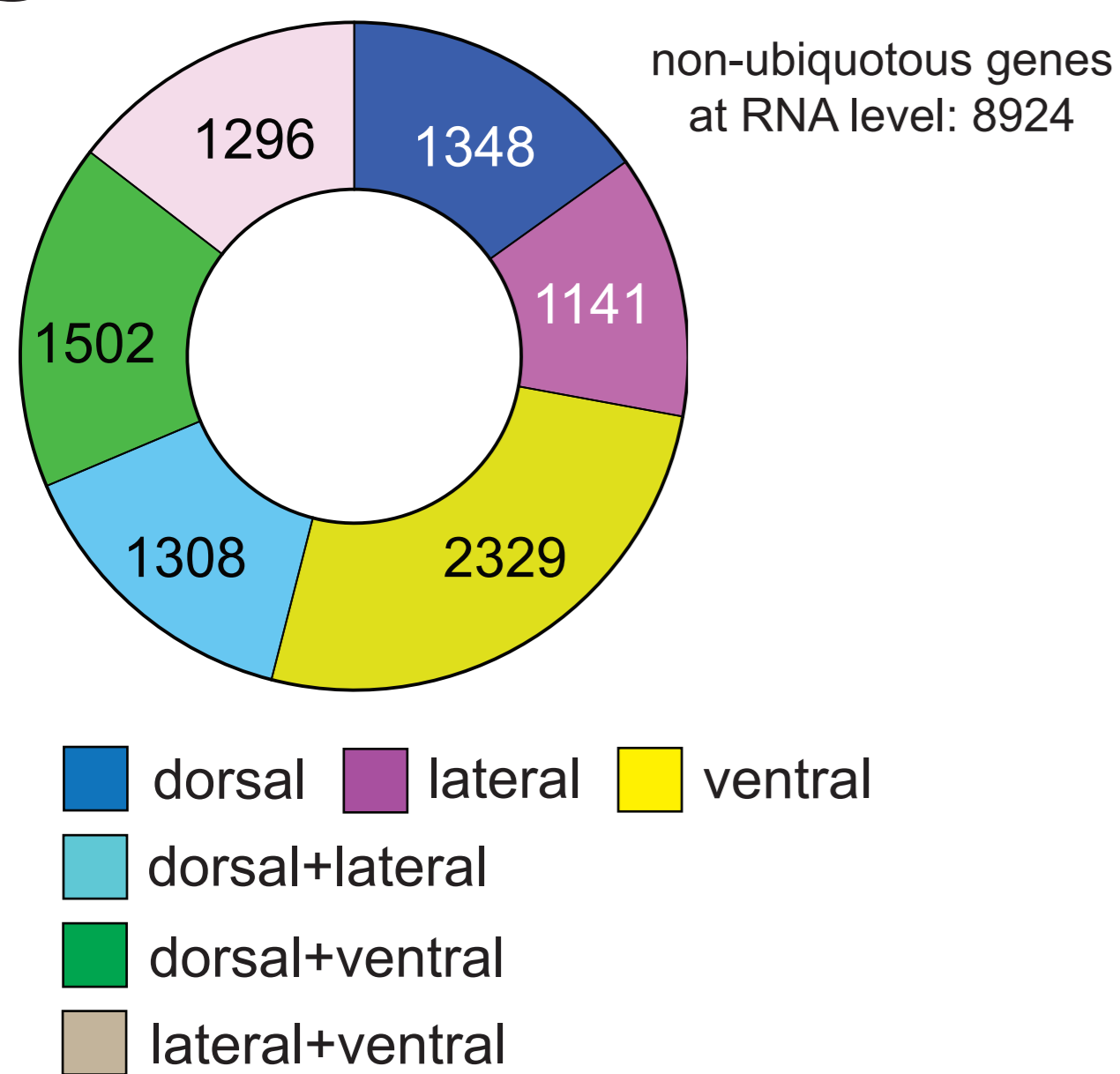
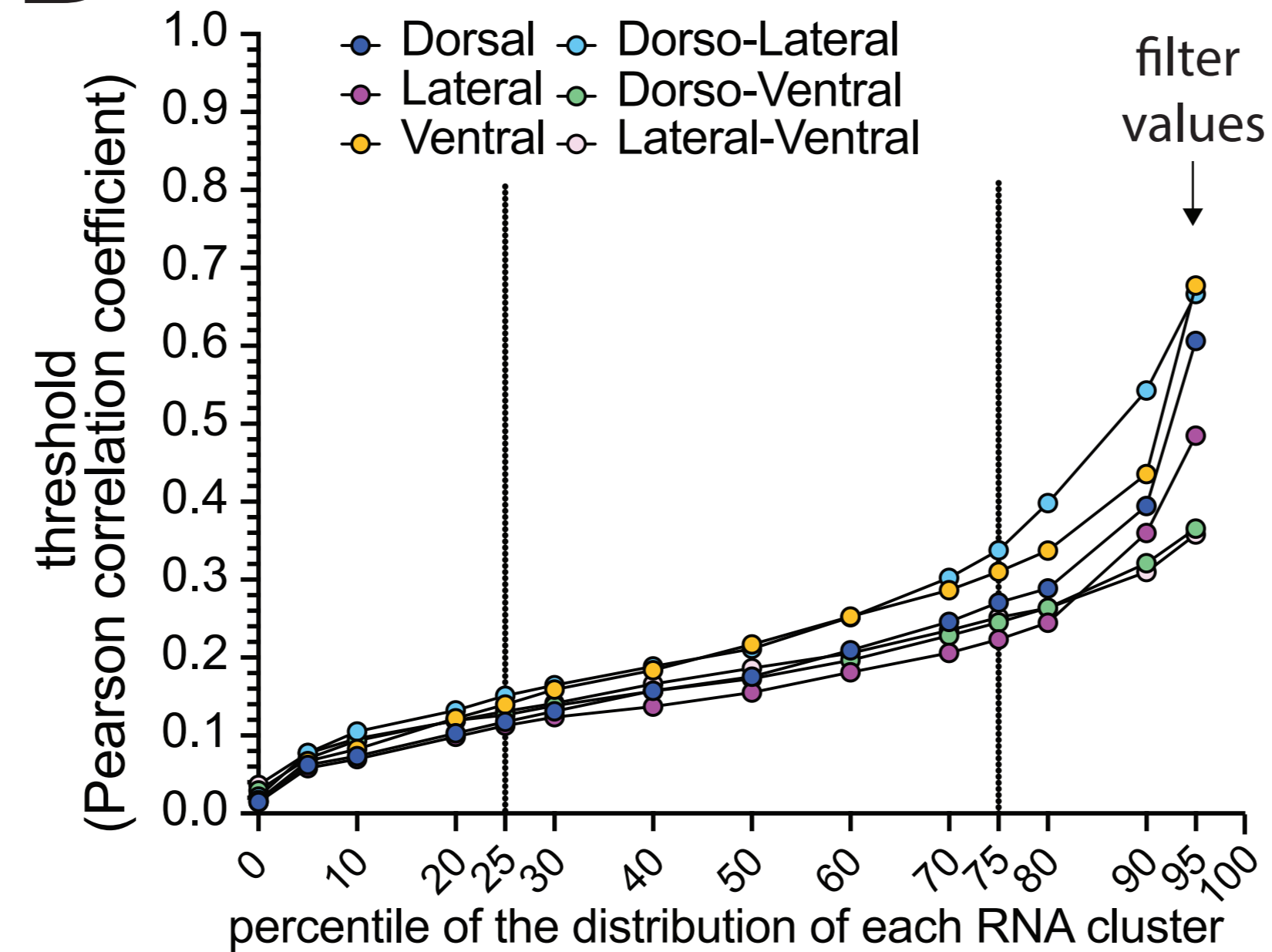
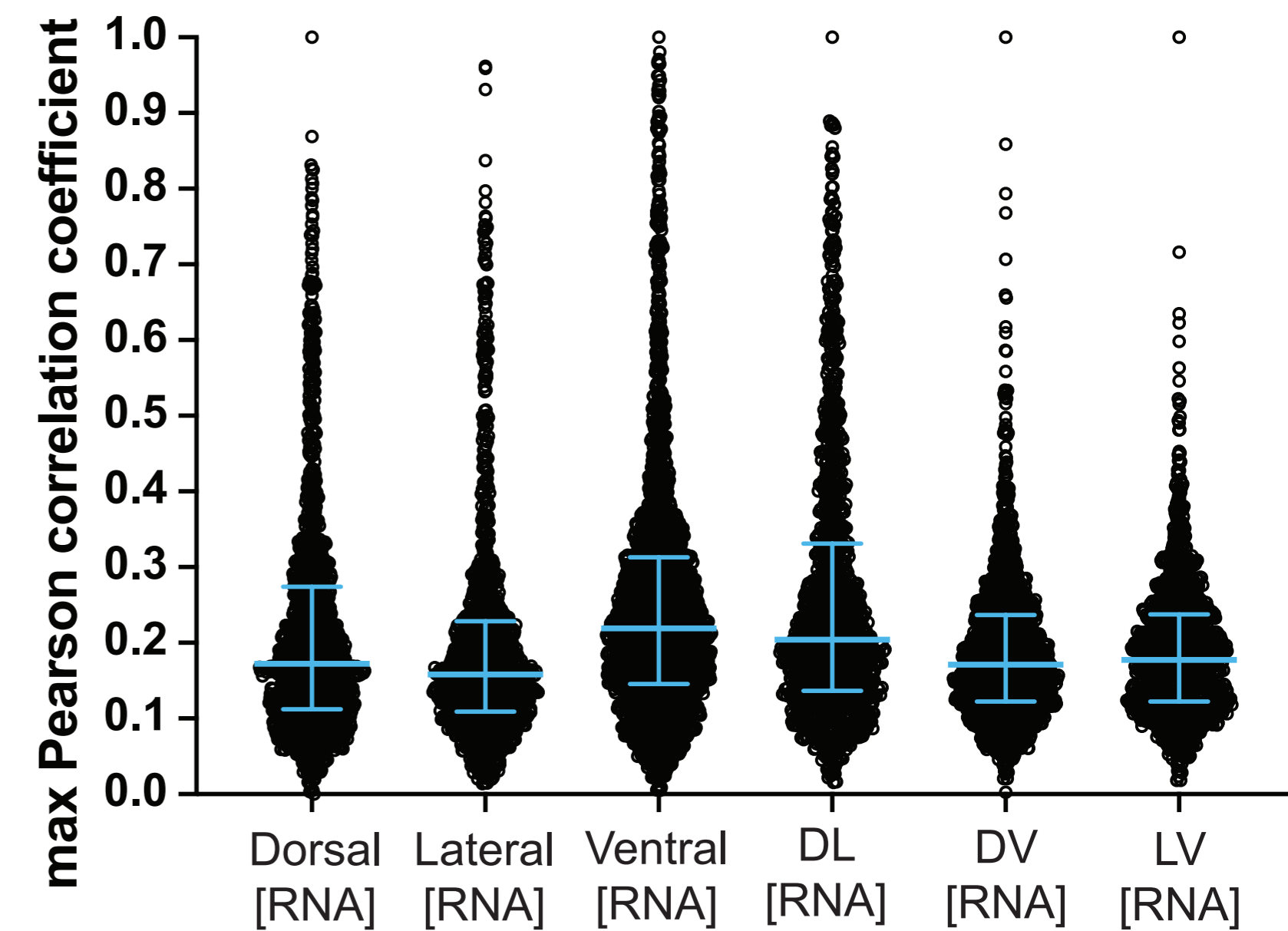
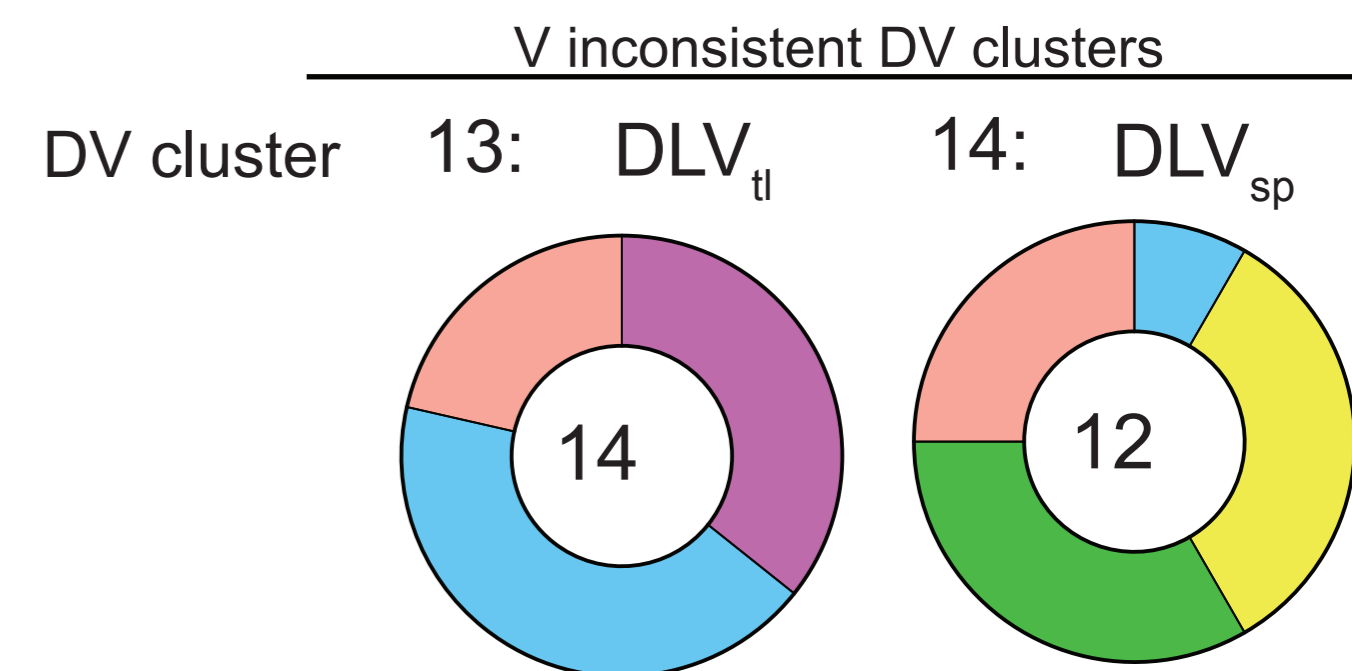
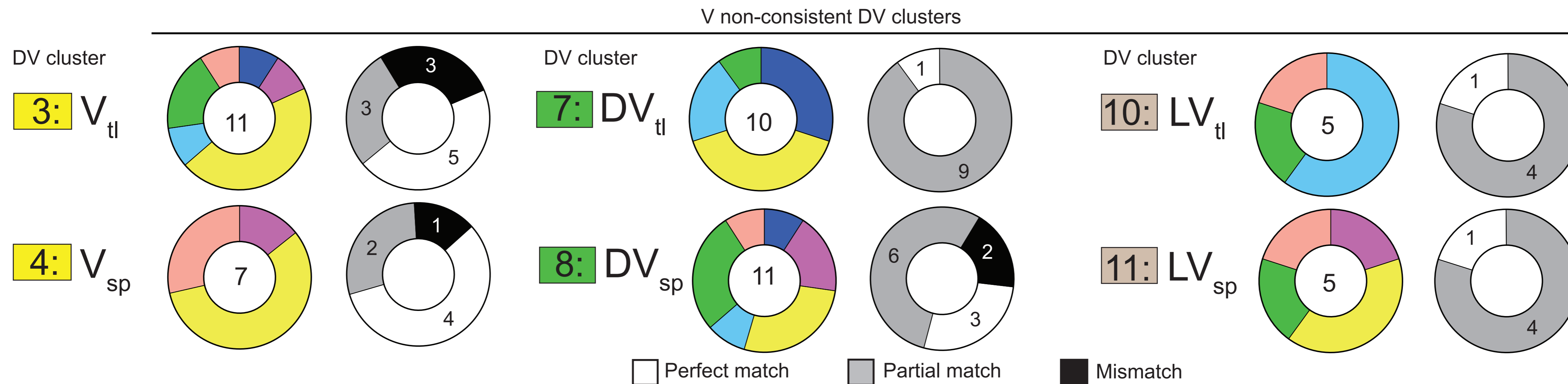
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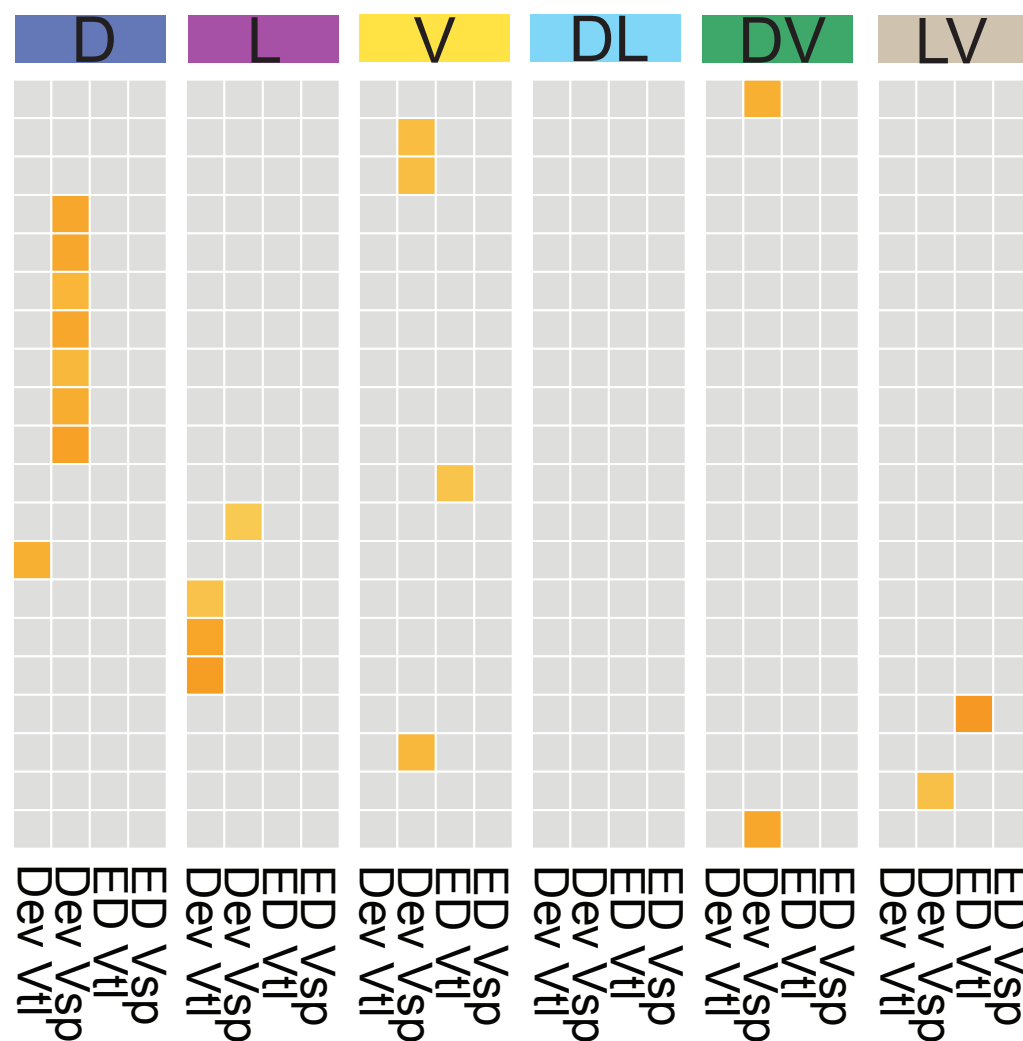




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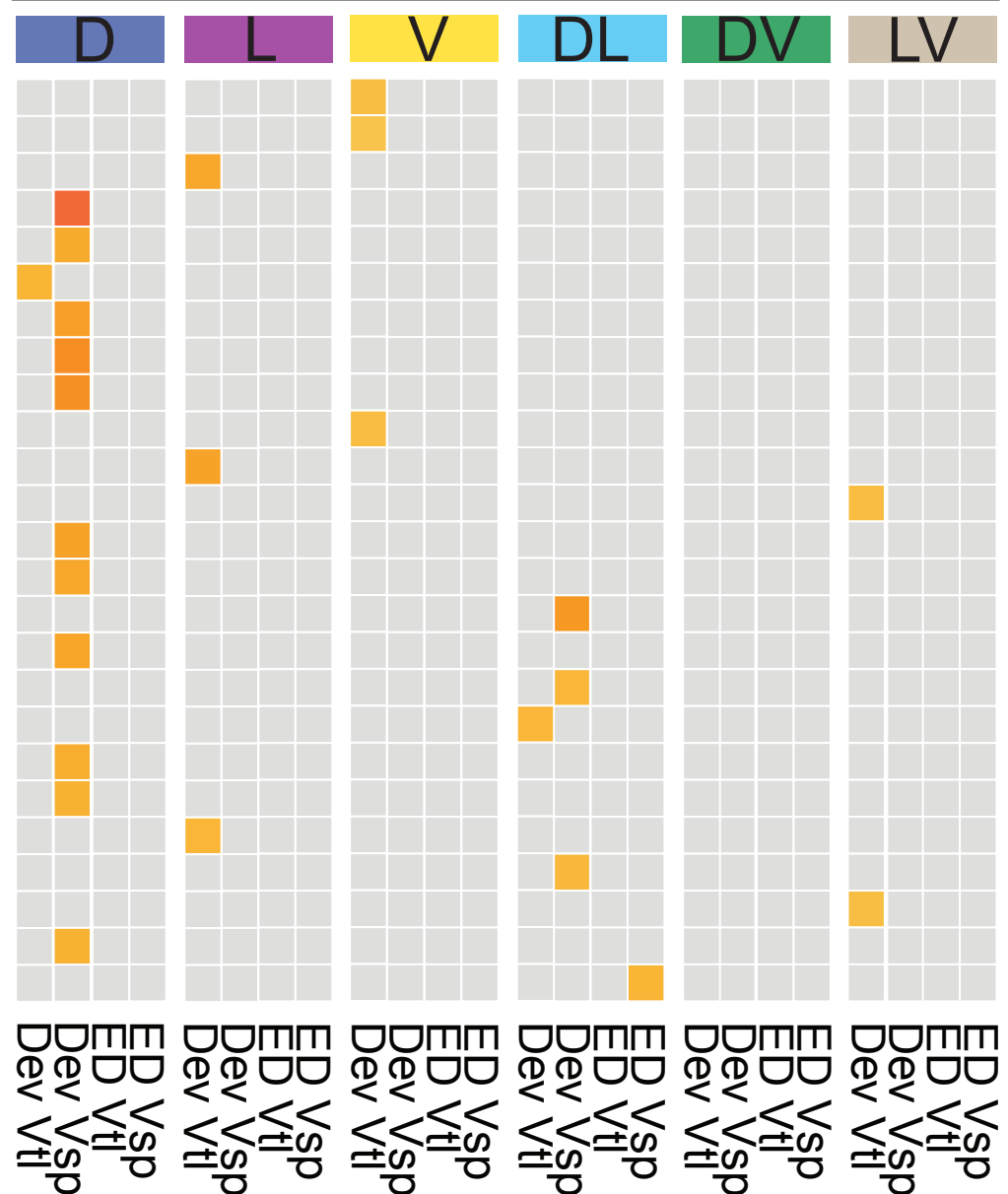
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 kinetochore microtubule
 equatorial microtubule organizing center
 spindle pole
 RNA polymerase I core factor complex
 core mediator complex
 transcription factor TFIID complex
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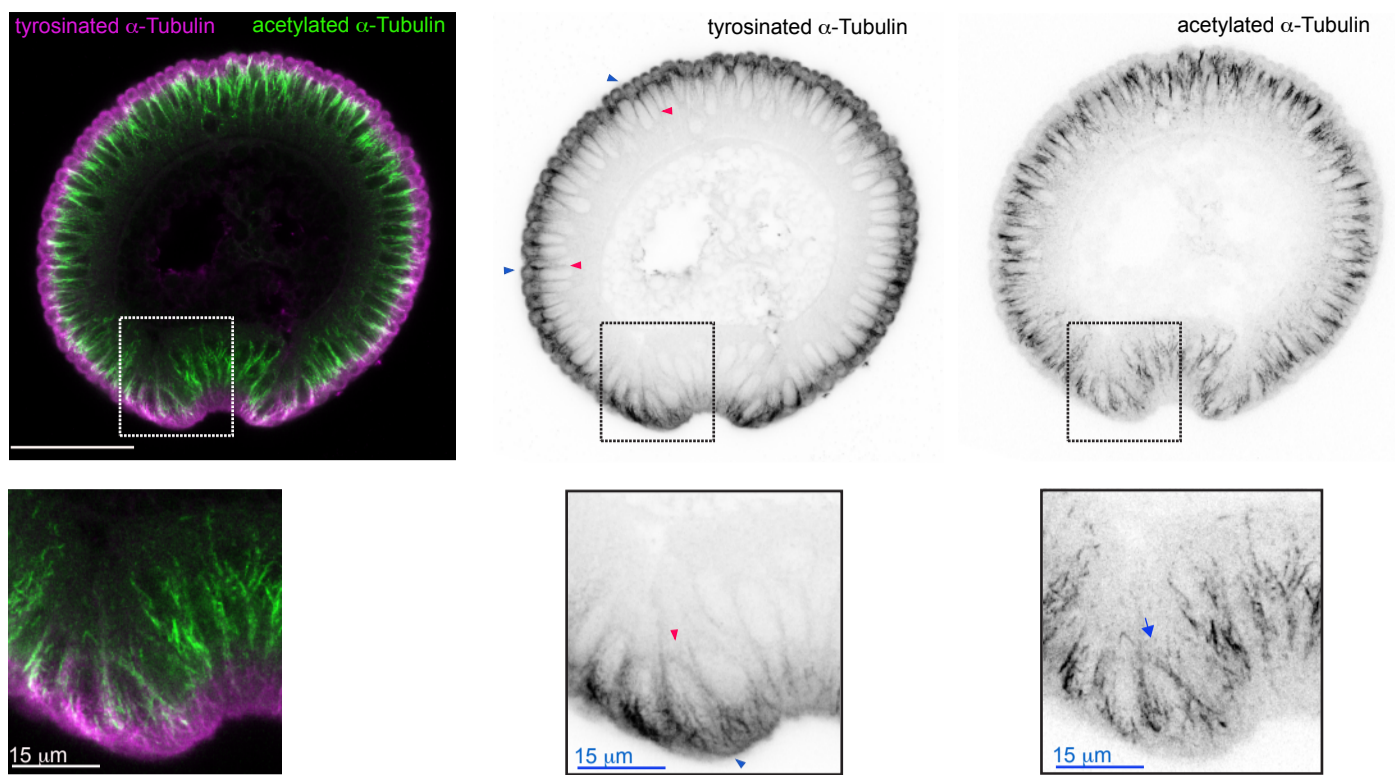
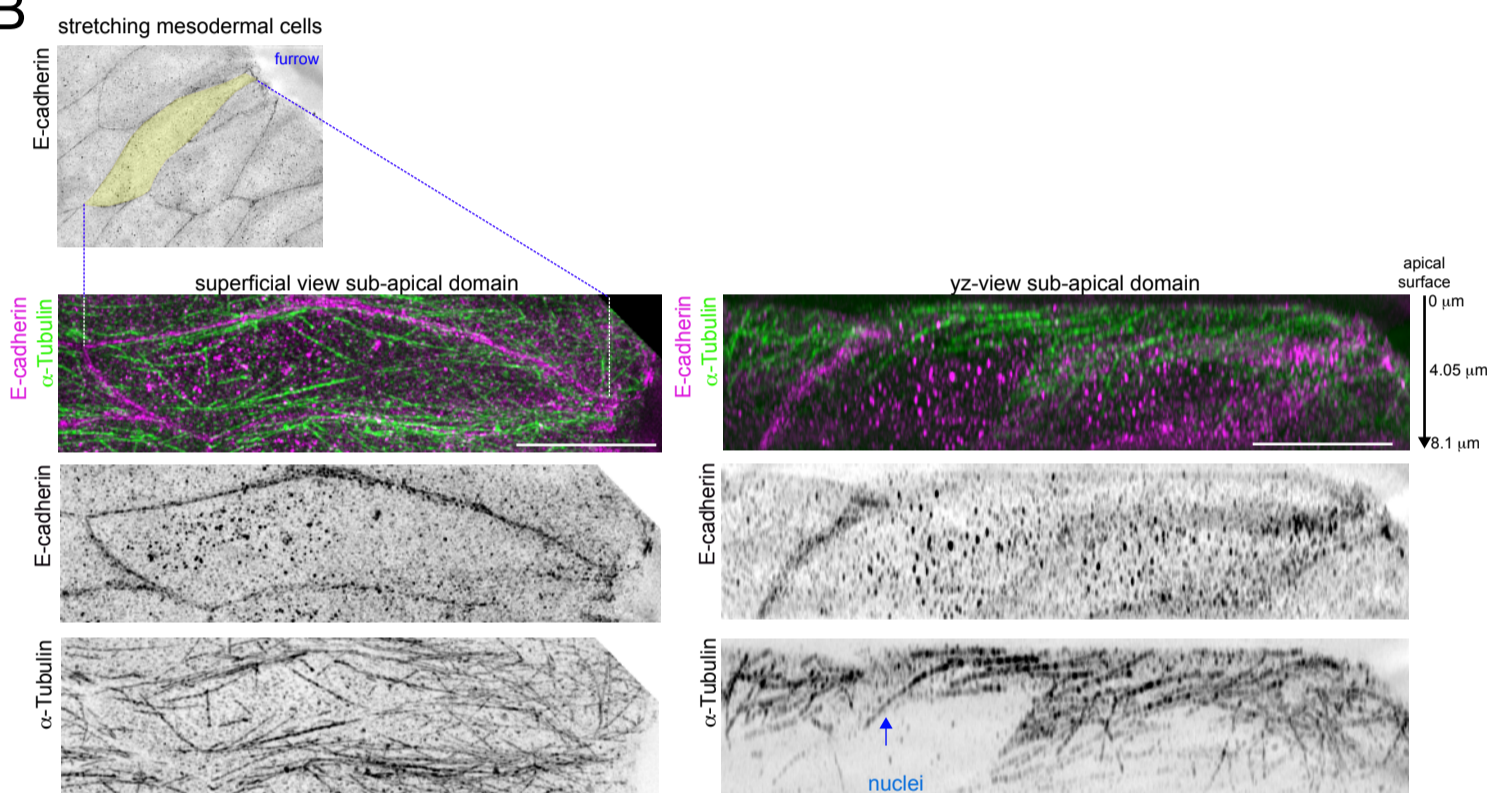
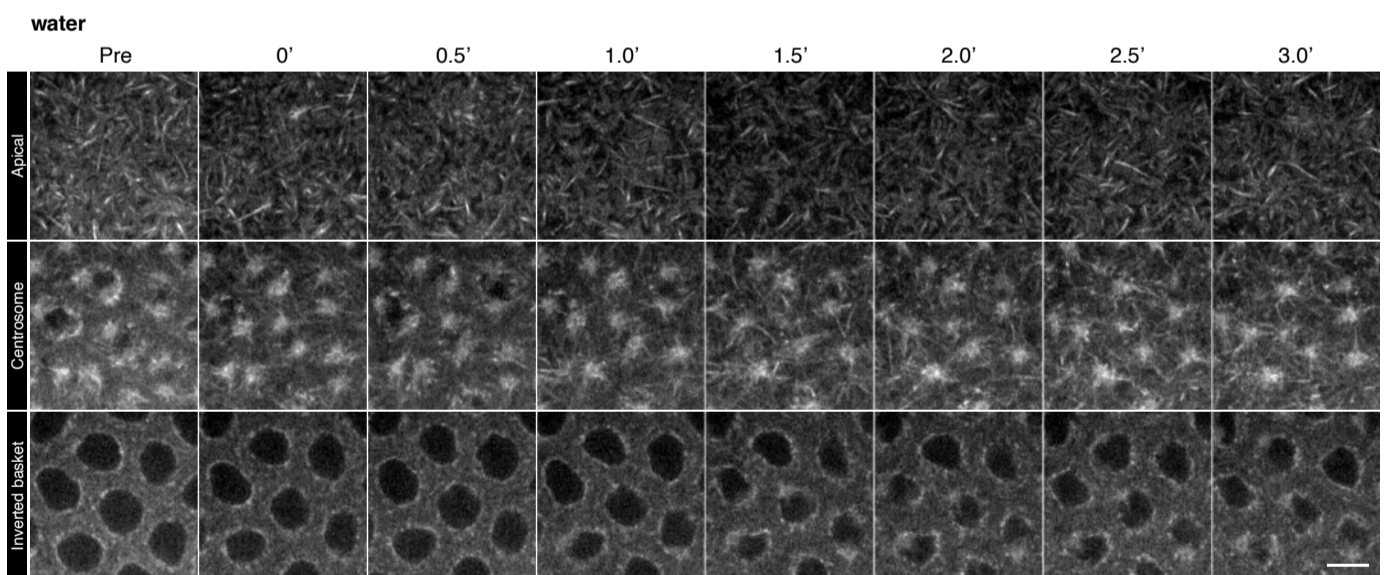
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 chromatin
 cytoplasmic U snRNP body
 dendrite cytoplasm
 filopodium
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