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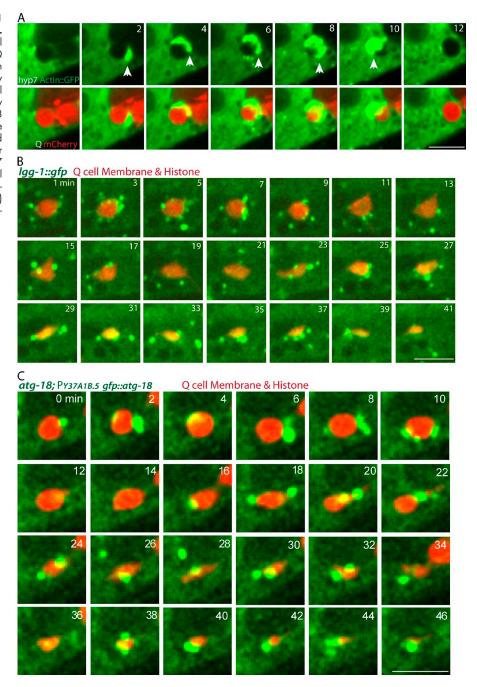
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Figure S1. Actin halo formation and LGG-1 and ATG-18 recruitment of the Q cell corpse. (A) Still images of actin::GFP in an epithelial cell, hyp7, show actin halo on an apoptotic Q cell (labeled by cytosolic mCherry). Time on the right top is in minutes. The arrows show the formation of actin halo on the Q cell corpse. (B and C) Still images of autophagy markers LGG-1/LC3 (green in B) or ATG-18 (green in C) recruitment onto the outer surface of the Q cell corpse. GFP-tagged LGG-1 and ATG-18 proteins were expressed under either the endogenous promoter for *lgg-1* or hyp7 cell–specific promoter for *atg-18*. The Q cell plasma membrane (mCherry with a myristoylation signal) and histone (his-24::mCherry) were specifically labeled by the *egl-17* promoter. Bars, 5 µm.



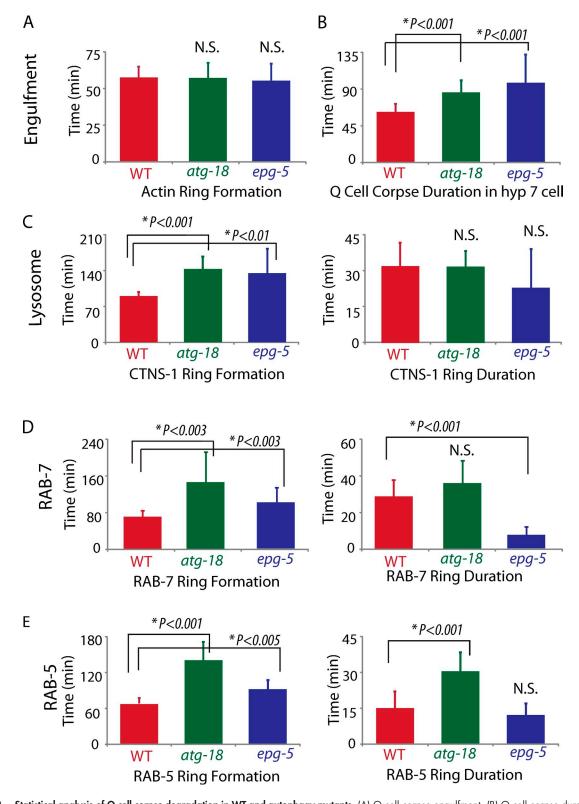


Figure S2. Statistical analysis of Q cell corpse degradation in WT and autophagy mutants. (A) Q cell corpse engulfment. (B) Q cell corpse duration in the hyp7 cell. (C) Lysosome/CTNS-1::GFP recruitment and duration. (D) GFP::RAB-7 recruitment and duration. (E) GFP::RAB-5 recruitment and duration. Data in A and B and C–E are the same as data in Fig. 2 C and Fig. 3 (A–C), respectively. Data shown are the means \pm SD; n = 10-29 per group in a single experiment.

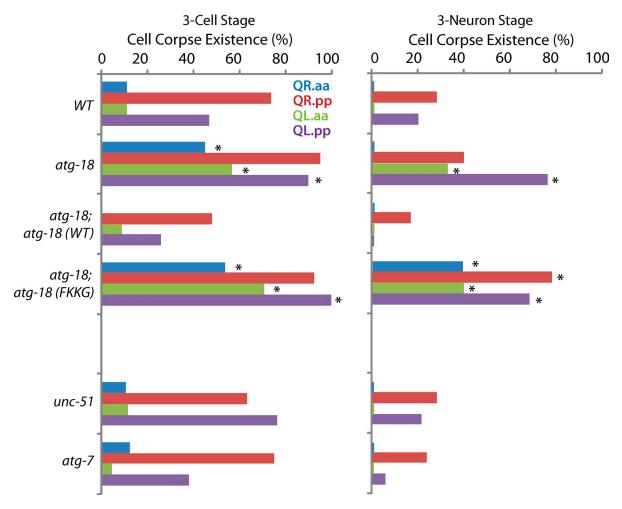
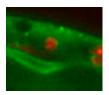
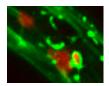


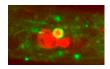
Figure S3. Quantifications of Q cell corpse degradation in WT and autophagy mutants at three-cell and three-neuron developmental stages. *, P < 0.01, $\chi 2$ test (mutant paired with WT). For each data point, n = 15-22 from a single experiment.



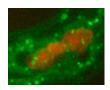
Video 1. **The birth, engulfment, and degradation of Q cell corpse.** Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (XW6462) expressing GFP-tagged actin cytoskeleton (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 124 min. The display rate is 15 frames per second.



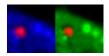
Video 2. **The recruitment of CTNS-1 (lysosome) onto Q cell corpse.** Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (XW7289) expressing GFP-tagged CTNS-1 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 116 min. The display rate is 15 frames per second.



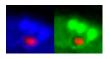
Video 3. **The recruitment of RAB-7 onto Q cell corpse.** Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (XW6195) expressing GFP-tagged RAB-7 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 137 min. The display rate is 15 frames per second.



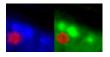
Video 4. The recruitment of RAB-5 onto Q cell corpse. Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (XW6193) expressing GFP-tagged RAB-5 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 141 min. The display rate is 15 frames per second.



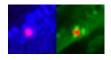
Video 5. The recruitment of RAB-5 and ATG-18 onto Q cell corpse. Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (Ex525) expressing BFP-tagged RAB-5 (blue) and GFP-tagged ATG-18 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 16 min. The display rate is seven frames per second.



Video 6. The recruitment of actin and EPG-5 onto Q cell corpse. Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (Ex489) expressing BFP-tagged actin (blue) and GFP-tagged EPG-5 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 43 min. The display rate is seven frames per second.



Video 7. The recruitment of RAB-7 and LGG-1 onto Q cell corpse. Transgenic C. elegans strain (Ex507) expressing BFP-tagged RAB-7 (blue) and GFP-tagged LGG-1 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 28 min. The display rate is seven frames per second.



Video 8. **The recruitment of CTNS-1 and LGG-1 onto Q cell corpse.** Transgenic *C. elegans* strain (Ex522) expressing BFP-tagged CTNS-1 (blue) and GFP-tagged LGG-1 (green) in the hyp7 cell and mCherry in Q cells (red). Images were taken by a time-lapse fluorescence microscope (Axio Observer.Z1) attached to a spinning-disk confocal scan head (CSU-X1 Spinning Disk Unit). Frames were taken every minute for 31 min. The display rate is seven frames per second.

Table S1. C. elegans strains used in this study

Strain name	Genetic background	Description	Method	Resource
GOU344	N2	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{lag-1} gg-1::gfp	Cross with rdvls1; adls2122	CGC and this study
XW6462	N2	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} act-5::gfp	Cross with rdvls1; qxls289	This study
XW7289	N2	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} ctns-1::gfp	Cross with rdvls1; qxls281	This study
XW6195	N2	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-7	Cross with rdvls1; qxls317	This study
XW6193	N2	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-5	Cross with rdvls1; qxls318	This study
Ex473	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} epg-5::gfp	Microinjection	This study
Ex489	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} epg-5::gfp; P _{hyp7} bfp::act-1	Microinjection	This study
Ex507	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} gfp::lgg-1; P _{hyp7} bfp::rab-7	Microinjection	This study
Ex510	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} epg-5::gfp; P _{hyp7} bfp-TEV-S::rab-5	Microinjection	This study
Ex522	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} gfp::lgg-1; P _{hyp7} ctns-1::bfp::unc-54 3'	Microinjection	This study
Ex525	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-18; P _{hyp7} bfp:rab-5	Microinjection	This study
Ex568	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-5b	Microinjection	This study
Ex570	unc-76	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-7	Microinjection	This study
Ex513	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-18	Microinjection	CGC and this study
Ex505	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} act-5::gfp	Microinjection	CGC and this study
XW8030	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24	Cross with rdvls1	CGC and this study
XW8031	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} act-5::gfp	Cross with rdvls1; qxls289	CGC and this study
Ex527	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} ctns-1::gfp	Microinjection	CGC and this study
Ex538	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} gfp::rab-7	Microinjection	CGC and this study
Ex504	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-5	Microinjection	CGC and this study
Ex545	atg-18 (gk378)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp:: atg-18 (FRRG → FKKG)	Microinjection	CGC and this study
GOU345	epg-5 (tm3425)	Pegl-17::myri-mCherry; Pegl-17::mCherry::his-24	Cross with rdvls1	S. Mitani's ^a laboratory and this study
Ex488	epg-5 (tm3425)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} epg-5::gfp	Microinjection	S. Mitani's laboratory and this study
XW7535	epg-5 (tm3425)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} act-5::gfp	Cross with rdvls1; qxls289	S. Mitani's laboratory and this study
XW8821	epg-5 (tm3425)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{ced-1} ctns-1::gfp	Cross with rdvls1; qxls281	S. Mitani's laboratory and this study
XW7534	epg-5 (tm3425)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-7	Cross with rdvls1; qxls317	S. Mitani's laboratory and this study
XW7538	epg-5 (tm3425)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-5	Cross with rdvls1; qxls318	S. Mitani's laboratory and this study
XW7538	epg-5 (tm3425)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24; P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-5	Cross with rdvls1; qxls318	S. Mitani's laboratory and this study
GOU104	unc-51 (e1189)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24	Cross with rdvls1	CGC and this study
XW8524	atg-7 (bp422)	P _{egl-17} myri-mCherry; P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24	Cross with rdvls1	H. Zhang's ^b laboratory and this study

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Table S2. PCR products for C. elegans transgenesis

PCR product	Primer 5'	Primer 3'	Template
egl-17 promoter	CAGATGGATGTTTACTGCCAACTGG	AGCTCACATTTCGGGCACCTGAA	N2 genomic DNA
myr-mCherry	CAGGTGCCCGAAATGTGAGCTATGGGTTCC TGTATTGGAAAAGTCTC	CTAAAGGGAACAAAAGCTGGAGC	pJWZ50.3
P _{egl-17} myr-mCherry	CTTCCGTTCTATGGAACACTC	GAATCATCGTTCACTTTTCACGG	<i>egl-17</i> promoter + Myristoylation-mCherry
P _{egl-17} mCherry::his-24	CTTCCGTTCTATGGAACACTC	GAAGACGTTGAACGTCAAATTATC	egl-17 promoter + mCherry + his-24
hyp7 promoter	GCGGATCCAAACTTTATTAGACGTCGCAATTT	TTTGGTTTTTGGGATTTTTGATC	N2 genomic DNA
gfp::rab-5	GATCAAAAATCCCAAAAACCAAAATGAGTA AAGGAGAAGAAC	GAAACGCGCGAGACGAAAGGGCCCGT	Plasmid pPD49.26-P _{ced-1} gfp::rab-5
P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-5	TTTATTAGACGTCGCAATTTAAT	AAGGCCCGTACGGCCGACTAGTAGG	hyp7 promoter + gfp::rab-5
gfp::rab-7	GATCAAAAATCCCAAAAACCAAAATGAGTA AAGGAGAAGAAC	GAAACGCGCGAGACGAAAGGGCCCGT	Plasmid pPD49.26-P _{ced-1} gfp::rab-7
P _{hyp7} gfp::rab-7	TTTATTAGACGTCGCAATTTAAT	AAGGCCCGTACGGCCGACTAGTAGG	hyp7 promoter + gfp::rab-7
bfp-tev-s	AGACCCAAGCTTGGTACCATGATGTCAGAG CTTATTAAGGAG	AGTACCTCCACCTCCGCTGTCCATGT	Plasmid pDONR P4-P1R- <i>bfp-tev-s</i>
act-1::unc-54 3' utr	ACATGGACAGCGGAGGTGGAGGTACTATG TGTGACGACGAGGTTGC	AAGGCCCGTACGGCCGACTAGTAGG	Plasmid pPD49.26- act-1::unc-54 3'utr
P _{hyp7} bfp-tev-s:: act-1::unc-54 3' utr	GACGTCGCAATTTAATTTATACAATGACAC	GGAAACAGTTATGTTTGGTATATTGGG	P _{hyp7} + bfp-tev-s+act-1 unc-54 3' utr

Table S3. Plasmids constructed for *C. elegans* transgenesis

Plasmid name	Primer 5'	Primer 3'	Notes
pCFJ151-MCS- FLAG-6×HIS- UNC-54 3'UTR	GCACTAGTGCTAGCTCGCGA- ACGCGTGACTACAAGGATGA- CGATGACAAGCACCACCACC- ACCACCACTAACGCATCGGC- CGCTGTCATCAGATC	CGACTAGTAGGAAACAGT- TATGTTTGG	MCS (Nhel-Nrul-Mlul)-FLAG- 6×HIS-UNC-54 3'UTR was amplified by PCR and then digested by Spel. It was inserted into pCFJ151 via its Spel site.
pCFJ151-P _{hyp} ,~ MCS-FLAG- 6×HIS-UNC-54 3'UTR	GCGGATCCAAACTTTATTAGAC- GTCGCAATTT	GCGGATCCTTTGGTTTTTGG- GATTTTTGATC	P _{hyp7} was amplified by PCR. N2 genomic DNA was used as tem- plate. Then, it was digested by BamHI and inserted into vector via the BgIII site.
pCFJ151-P _{hyp7} act-5::gfp-FLAG- 6×HIS-UNC-54 3'UTR	CGACGCGTATGGAAGAAGAA- ATCGCCGCCCTC	GCACGCGTCTATTTGTATAGT- TCATCCATGCC	act-5::GFP was amplified by PCR from plasmid 95.77-P _{ced.} 1::act-5::gfp. Then, it was digested by Mlul and inserted into vector via the Mlul site.
pPD49.26-gfp	GCGCTAGCATGAGTAAAGG- AGAAGAAC	GCGAGCTCTATTTGTATAGTTC- ATCCATGCC	gfp was amplified by PCR and then digested with Nhel and Sacl. It was inserted into vector via Nhel–Sacl sites.
pPD49.26- epg-5::gfp	GCCCCGGGATGGCGGAATT- GGTTCGTCC	GCGCTAGCTTGCTTACCTAAC- AATTGCAA	epg-5 was amplified by PCR from N2 genomic DNA and digested by Smal and Nhel. Then, it was inserted into vector via Smal–Nhel sites.
pPD49.26-P _{ced-1} :: epg-5::gfp	na	na	ced-1 promoter (5 kb) was di- gested by BamHI from plasmid and inserted into vector via the BamHI site.
pPD49.26-gfp	GCGCTAGCATGAGTAAAGGA- GAAGAAC	GCGGTACCTTTGTATAGTTCAT- CCATGCC	gfp was amplified by PCR and then digested with Nhel and Kpnl. It was inserted into vector via Nhel-Kpnl sites.
pPD49.26-P _{ced-1} gfp	na	na	ced-1 promoter (5 kb) was di- gested by BamHI from plasmid and inserted into vector via BamHI site.
pPD49.26-P _{ced-1} gfp::lgg-1	GCGGTACCATGAAGTGGGC- TTACAAGGAGGAG	CGGGTACCTTATTCCTTCTTTTC- GACCTC	Igg-1 was amplified by PCR from N2 genomic DNA and digested by Kpnl. Then, it was inserted into vector via Kpnl site.
pPD49.26-P _{hyp7}	GCGGATCCAAACTTTATTAGA- CGTCGCAATTT	GCGGATCCTTTGGTTTTTGGGA- TTTTTGATC	P _{hyp7} was amplified by PCR. N2 genomic DNA was used as tem- plate. Then, it was digested by BamHI and inserted into vector via the BamHI site.
pPD49.26-P _{hyp7} bfp	GCGCTAGCATGTCAGAGCTT- ATTAAGGAG	GCGGTACCATTAAGCTTGTGAC- CCAGTTTG	bfp was amplified by PCR and digested by Nhel and Kpnl. Then it was inserted into vector via Nhel-Kpnl sites.
pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7}	AGTGACCTGTTCGTTGTTGC- AGAAAAATATTTCACTGTTTCAC	CATTTCGGGCACCTGGGGATTT- TTGATCTGCAAATAITGAC	P _{hyp7} was amplified from N2 genomic DNA and inserted into pDONRP4-P1 R via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit (Takara Bio Inc.).
pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} bfp-tev-s	CCCGAAATGTGAGCTATGT- CAGAGCTTATTAAGGAG	AGGTCACTAATACCAAGTACCTC- CACCTCCGCTGTCCATGT	bfp-tev-s sequence was amplified from plasmid and inserted into the pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} gfp-tev-s	CCCGAAATGTGAGCTATG- AGTAAAGGAGAAGAACTTTTCAC	AGGTCACTAATACCAAGTACCTC- CACCTCCGCTGTCCATGT	gfp-tev-s sequence was amplified from plasmid and inserted into the pDONRP4-P1 R Phyp7 plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.

Table S3. Plasmids constructed for C. elegans transgenesis (Continued)

Plasmid name	Primer 5'	Primer 3'	Notes
pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} bfp::rab-5	GGAGGTGGAGGTACTATG- GCCGCCCGAAACGCAGGA	AGGTCACTAATACCAGAG- TTTCATCTGATGGTATTGC	rab-5 was amplified from N2 genomic DNA and inserted into pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} ::BFP-TEV-S plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-7	GGAGGTGGAGGTACTATG- GCCACGTTTGTTCCCTTTGTT	AGGTCACTAATACCAGTAC- ATGAATAATTTCTGACATTAAG	atg-7 was amplified from N2 and inserted into the pDONRP4- P1 R P _{hyp7} ::BFP-TEV-S plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-18	GGAGGTGGAGGTACTATG- TCGGCTACAACATCAGAA	AGGTCACTAATACCATTTACT- CGAATGAGAATGCCA	atg-18 was amplified from N2 genomic DNA and inserted into pDONRP4-P1 R Phyp7::GFP- TEV-S::atg-18 3'UTR plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pDONRP4-P1 R P_{hyp^7} gfp::atg-18 (FRRG \rightarrow FKKG)	CCAAATGGACATCGGCTC- TTTGAATTCAAAAAGGGCGT- AACTCGCTGTGTCAATATC	GATATTGACACAGCGAGTTA- CGCCCTTTTTGAATTCAAAGA- GCCGATGTCCATTTGG	atg-18 FKKG was amplified from the pDONRP4-P1 R P _{hyp7} gfp::atg-18 plasmid and then inserted into the P _{hyp7} ::gfp-tev-s plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pPD95.77-bfp	GTACCGGTAGAAAAAATGT- CAGAGCTTATTAAGGAGAATATG	ATTCTACGAATGCTAATTAAGC- TTGTGACCCAGTTTGCTCGG	The gfp sequence of pPD95.77 was replaced with bfp by In- Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pPD95.77-P _{hyp7} bfp	GTACCGGTAGAAAAAGTT- GCAGAAAAATATTTCACTGTTTCAC	ACCAAGCTTGGGTCTGGGATT- TTTGATCTGCAAATATTGAC	P _{hyp7} was amplified from N2 genomic DNA and inserted into pPD95.77-bfp::unc-54 3'utr plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR Cloning kit.
pPD95.77-P _{hyp7} ctns- 1:: bfp	CAGATCAAAAATCCCATG- AGTTTCCCGGTGGCATTTTTG	GGTACCAAGCTTGGGTCTGTCA- TGTACAATAATAGGTTCCG	ctns-1 was amplified from N2 genomic DNA and inserted into the pPD95.77-P _{hyp7} ::bfp plasmid via In-Fusion Advantage PCR cloning kit.
pPD49.26-P _{hyp7} bfp:: rab-7	na	na	rab-7 genomic DNA was digested from pPD49.26-P _{ced-1} ::gfp::rab-7 with Kpnl. Then, it was inserted into vector via the Kpnl site.

MCS, multiple cloning site; na, not available.