

## Supplementary Information

The autophagy gene ATG8 affects morphogenesis and oxidative stress tolerance in

*Sporisorium scitamineum*

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Figure and Legend

**Figure S1 Generation and verification of *ssatg8*Δ mutants.** (A) Schematic

representation of two partial-overlapped fragments with *HPT* resistant marker flanked with 5' - and 3' - region (dashed line) of *SsATG8* ORF (open reading frame; arrowed box) drawn to scale. Homologous recombination between these two fragments and *S. scitamineum* genome results in replacement of *HPT* gene with *SsATG8* ORF. PCR amplified flanking DNA fragment denoted by the 1 kb scale bar, were used as the probe for DNA gel blot analysis shown in (C). (B) PCR verification of deletion of *SsATG8* gene in the transformants. Left: PCR amplification of *SsATG8* coding region with primers as listed in Table 1; Right: PCR amplification with the primers located outside the homologous region of 5' - *SsATG8* and inside the *HPT* gene, as listed in Table 1. (C) Southern blot analysis for confirmation the deletion mutants. Genomic DNA from the wild-type *MAT-1* and *MAT-2*, as well as the indicated transformants in these two mating type background, was digested with the restriction enzyme *Pst*I and *Eco*RI, followed by probing with the denoted probe as in (A). The wild-type 3.1 kb *SsATG8* locus was lost while a 4.4 kb band detected in the transformants, which is diagnostic of correct gene replacement event. (D) *SsATG8* gene transcription was undetected in the transformants 1716 and 1825, confirming the deletion of *SsATG8* gene. Relative gene expression level was calculated with  $-\Delta\Delta C_t$  method (Livak and Schmittgen, 2001) with *ACTIN* as internal control.

**Reference**

Livak, K. J., Schmittgen, T. D., 2001. Analysis of relative gene expression data using real-time quantitative PCR and the  $2(-\Delta\Delta C(T))$  Method. *Methods*. 25, 402-

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