

Supplementary Materials

Table S1: Raw lifespan data for adult oxidative stress assays

Age	Treatment	Genotype	Sex	Trial #	Date	n	me-dian	mean
young	Untreated	w1118	M	1	10/23/16	38	80	78.4
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	1	10/23/16	59	80	74.1
young	H2O2 5%	w1118	M	1	10/23/16	50	56	52.4
young	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	M	1	10/23/16	69	56	55.3
young	Untreated	w1118	F	1	10/23/16	38	80	76.2
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	10/23/16	57	80	82.9
young	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	1	10/23/16	50	56	57.2
young	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	10/23/16	70	56	61.8
young	Untreated	w1118	M	2	11/7/16	89	80	76.0
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	2	11/7/16	70	68	66.8
young	H2O2 5%	w1118	M	2	11/7/16	97	44	46.6
young	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	M	2	11/7/16	59	44	48.5
young	Untreated	w1118	F	2	11/7/16	98	80	82.2
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	11/7/16	70	80	76.5
young	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	2	11/7/16	96	56	49.9
young	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	11/7/16	60	56	56.6
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	3	5/15/17	99	80	72.5
young	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	M	3	5/15/17	106	56	49.8
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	3	5/15/17	130	80	76.0
young	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	3	5/15/17	130	56	51.8
young	Untreated	w1118	M	3	5/15/17	41	80	77.6
young	H2O2 5%	w1118	M	3	5/15/17	30	68	65.0
young	Untreated	w1118	F	3	5/15/17	51	92	90.3
young	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	3	5/15/17	50	68	58.4
2 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	12/2/16	89	56	58.6
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	12/2/16	86	44	43.3
2 weeks	Untreated	w1118	F	1	12/2/16	108	68	63.0
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	1	12/2/16	110	56	54.5
2 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	5/17/17	40	68	72.1
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	5/17/17	40	56	58.6
2 weeks	Untreated	w1118	F	2	5/17/17	20	80	75.5
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	2	5/17/17	30	68	65.0
2 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	3	12/11/16	80	50	49.6
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	3	12/11/16	79	44	45.1
2 weeks	Untreated	w1118	F	3	12/11/16	50	44	47.7
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	3	12/11/16	50	44	39.4

2 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	5/17/17	40	68	72.1
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	5/17/17	40	56	58.6
2 weeks	Untreated	w1118	F	2	5/17/17	20	80	75.5
2 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	2	5/17/17	30	68	65.0
4 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	1	12/6/16	110	50	50.0
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	M	1	12/6/16	109	32	28.3
4 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	12/6/16	117	56	57.8
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	12/6/16	118	44	44.4
4 weeks	Untreated	w1118	M	1	12/6/16	138	50	51.0
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	M	1	12/6/16	131	32	33.2
4 weeks	Untreated	w1118	F	1	12/6/16	119	56	58.5
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	1	12/6/16	117	44	40.3
4 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	2	12/11/16	50	44	41.8
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	M	2	12/11/16	50	26	24.1
4 weeks	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	12/11/16	40	44	43.4
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	12/11/16	50	32	36.2
4 weeks	Untreated	w1118	M	2	12/11/16	77	44	45.1
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	M	2	12/11/16	80	32	29.9
4 weeks	Untreated	w1118	F	2	12/11/16	40	44	45.1
4 weeks	H2O2 5%	w1118	F	2	12/11/16	30	44	36.8
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	1	11/7/16	70	68	66.8
young	20 mM PQ	WRNexo ^Δ	M	1	11/7/16	60	44	41.0
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	11/7/16	70	80	76.5
young	20 mM PQ	WRNexo ^Δ	F	1	11/7/16	70	44	42.5
young	Untreated	w1118	M	1	11/7/16	89	80	76.0
young	20 mM PQ	w1118	M	1	11/7/16	100	32	37.4
young	Untreated	w1118	F	1	11/7/16	98	80	82.2
young	20 mM PQ	w1118	F	1	11/7/16	100	44	41.4
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	M	2	11/1/16	60	80	83.4
young	20 mM PQ	WRNexo ^Δ	M	2	11/1/16	55	56	61.3
young	Untreated	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	11/1/16	58	96	90.6
young	20 mM PQ	WRNexo ^Δ	F	2	11/1/16	68	56	56.8
young	Untreated	w1118	M	2	11/1/16	60	96	95.6
young	20 mM PQ	w1118	M	2	11/1/16	59	56	59.1
young	Untreated	w1118	F	2	11/1/16	50	96	93.1
young	20 mM PQ	w1118	F	2	11/1/16	59	56	56.4

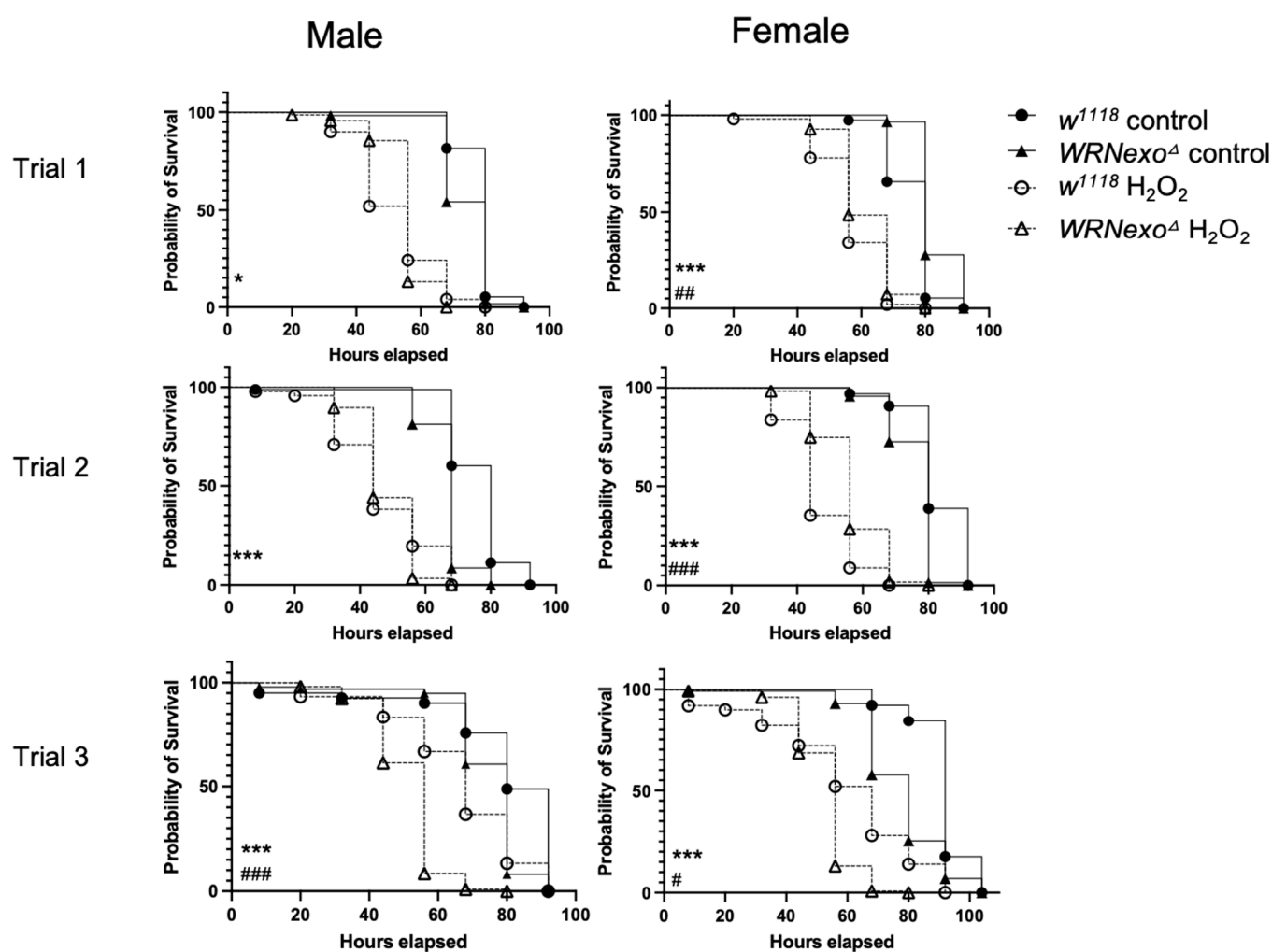


Figure S1: Kaplan-Meier survival curves for 2 day-old adult hydrogen peroxide sensitivity experiments including $WRNexo^{\Delta}$ and w^{1118} flies. Mortality was recorded every 6–12 hours. Trial 1: $n = 38$ –70 females and 38–69 males, Trial 2: $n = 60$ –98 females and 59–97 males, Trial 3: $n = 50$ –130 females and 30–100 males (Mantel-Cox log-rank between w^{1118} and $WRNexo^{\Delta}$ controls: * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$; Mantel-Cox log-rank between H_2O_2 -treated w^{1118} and $WRNexo^{\Delta}$: # $p < 0.05$, ## $p < 0.01$, ### $p < 0.001$).

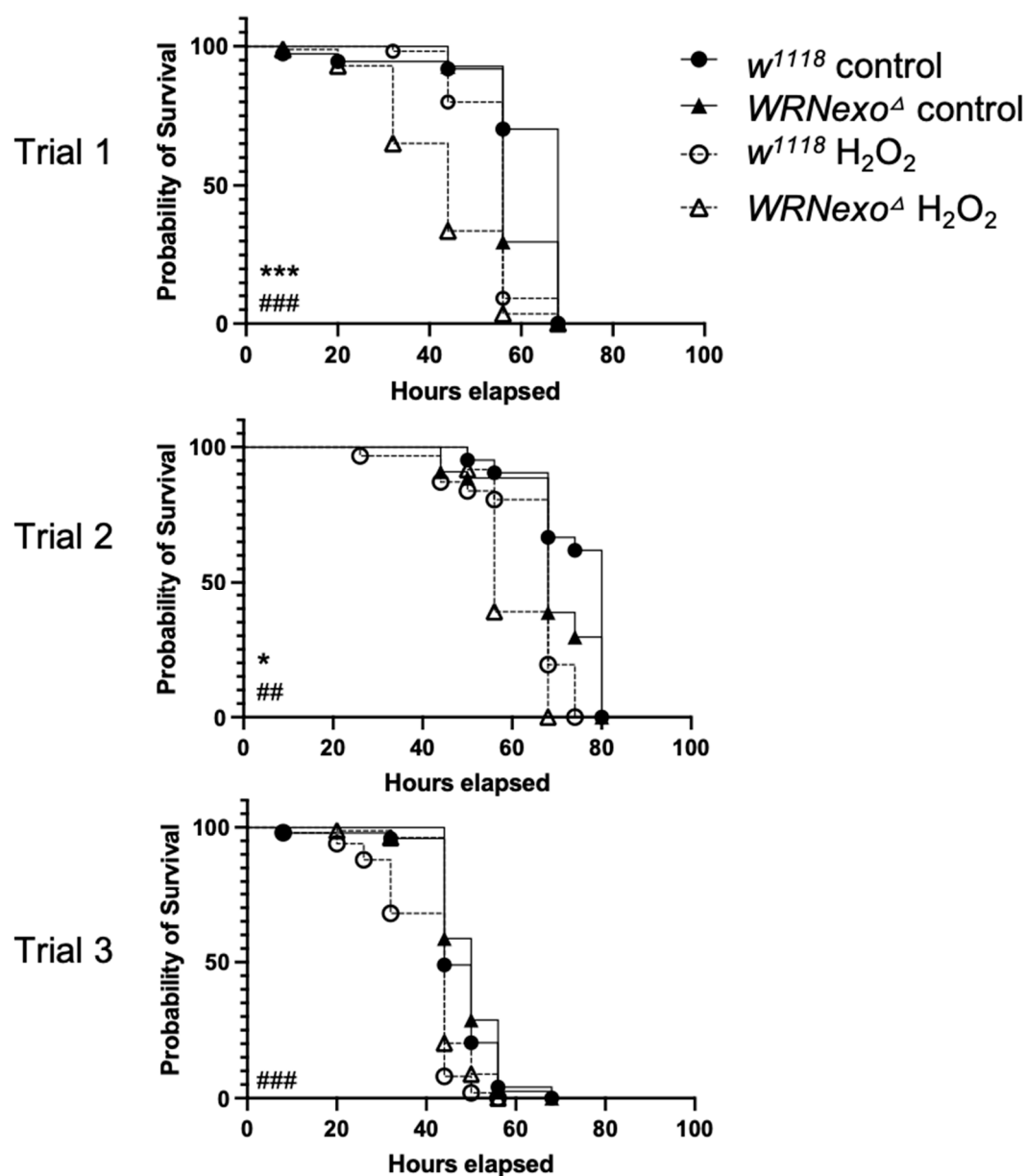


Figure S2: Kaplan-Meier survival curves for 14-day old adult female hydrogen peroxide sensitivity experiments including $WRNexo^{\Delta}$ and w^{1118} flies. Mortality was recorded every 6-12 hours Trial 1: $n = 84$ -111, Trial 2: $n = 21$ -44, Trial 3: $n = 30$ -50 (Mantel-Cox log-rank between w^{1118} and $WRNexo^{\Delta}$ controls: * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$; Mantel-Cox log-rank between H_2O_2 -treated w^{1118} and $WRNexo^{\Delta}$: ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$). Male sensitivity to H_2O_2 was not measured.

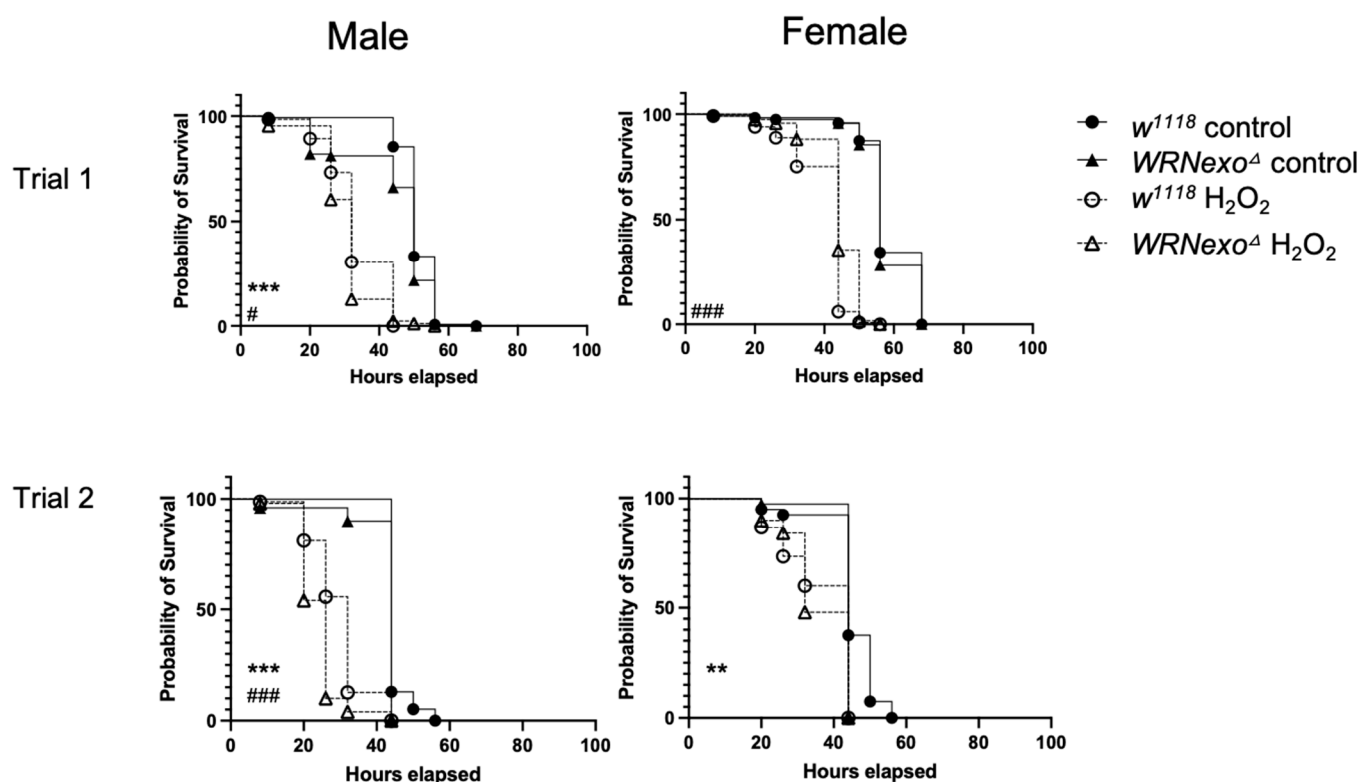


Figure S3: Kaplan-Meier survival curves for 28 day-old hydrogen peroxide sensitivity experiments including $WRNexo^{\Delta}$ and w^{1118} flies. Mortality was recorded every 6–12 hours. Trial 1: $n = 111$ – 119 females and 86 – 138 males, Trial 2: $n = 30$ – 50 females and 50 – 79 males (Mantel-Cox log-rank between w^{1118} and $WRNexo^{\Delta}$ controls: $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$; Mantel-Cox log-rank between H_2O_2 -treated w^{1118} and $WRNexo^{\Delta}$: $\#p < 0.05$, $###p < 0.001$).

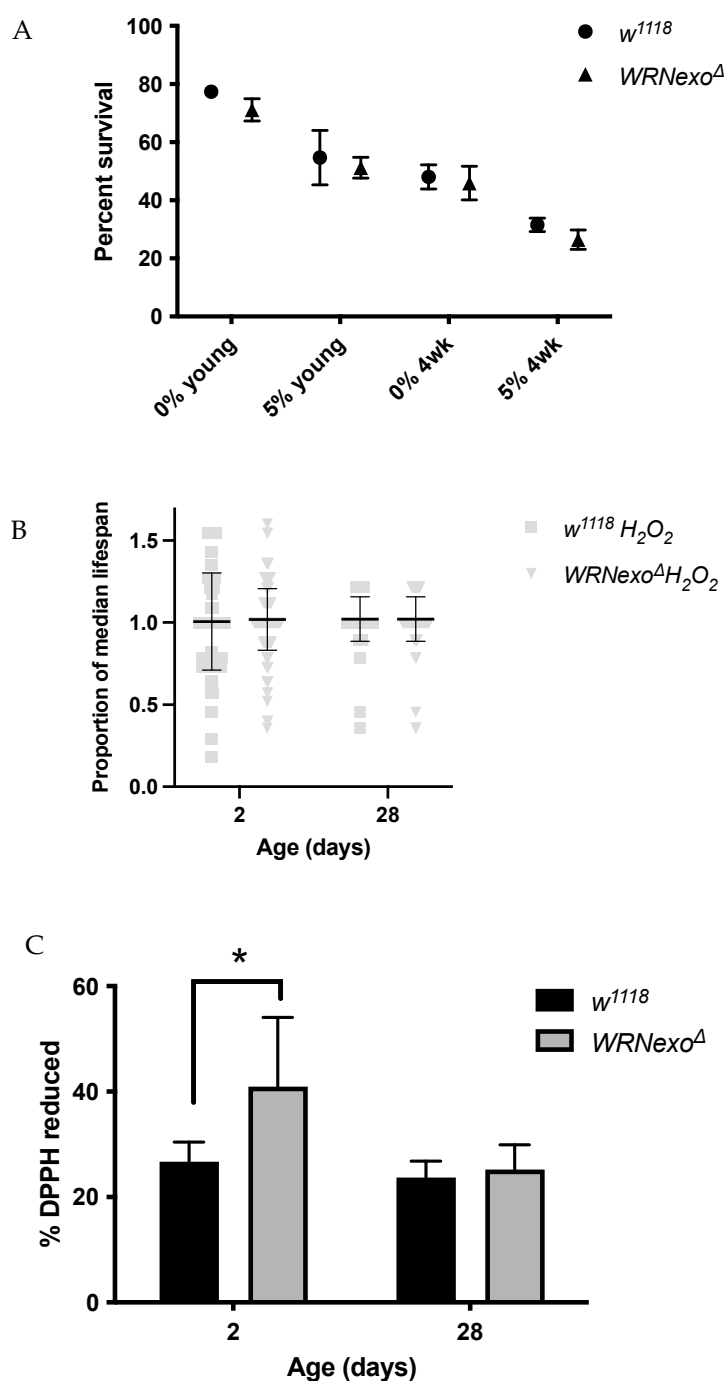


Figure S4: Adult male *WRNexo^A* are not sensitive to hydrogen peroxide at 2 and 28 days, but do show high antioxidant activity in young flies. A) Summary data depicting mean lifespan of males exposed to hydrogen peroxide. (2-way ANOVA, $p < 0.05$, \pm SEM, $n = 2$ -3 independent experimental replicates/conditions). B) Normalized lifespans following 5% hydrogen peroxide showed resistance in *WRNexo^A* males to hydrogen peroxide was similar to females (2-way ANOVA, $*p > 0.05$, \pm SD, $n = 157$ -235 males from 2-3 biological replicates). C) Crude protein extracts from young *WRNexo^A* adults had the greatest neutralization effect on the stable free radical DPPH demonstrating higher antioxidant activity ($*p < 0.05$ by paired t-test)

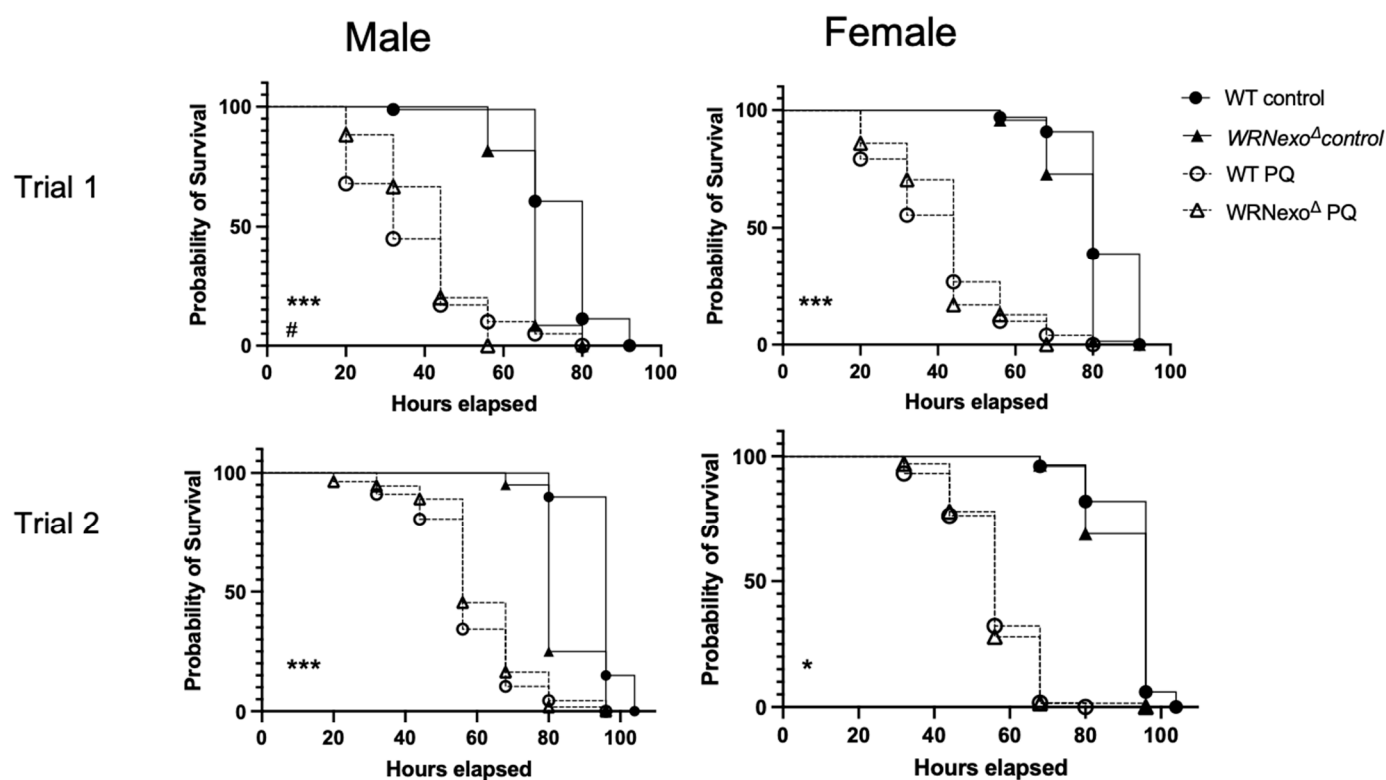


Figure S5: Kaplan-Meier survival curves for young adult *WRNexo Δ* in response to paraquat. Normalized lifespans following 20 mM paraquat (PQ) showed sensitivity in *WRNexo Δ* males, but no sensitivity in *WRNexo Δ* females ($n = 2$ biological replicates containing 50–96 flies, \pm SD, Mantel-Cox log-rank between *w¹¹¹⁸* and *WRNexo Δ* controls: $*p < 0.05$, $***p < 0.001$; Mantel-Cox log-rank between H_2O_2 -treated *w¹¹¹⁸* and *WRNexo Δ* : $\#p < 0.05$). 2-way ANOVA, $*p < 0.05$, $***p < 0.001$, $****p < 0.0001$).

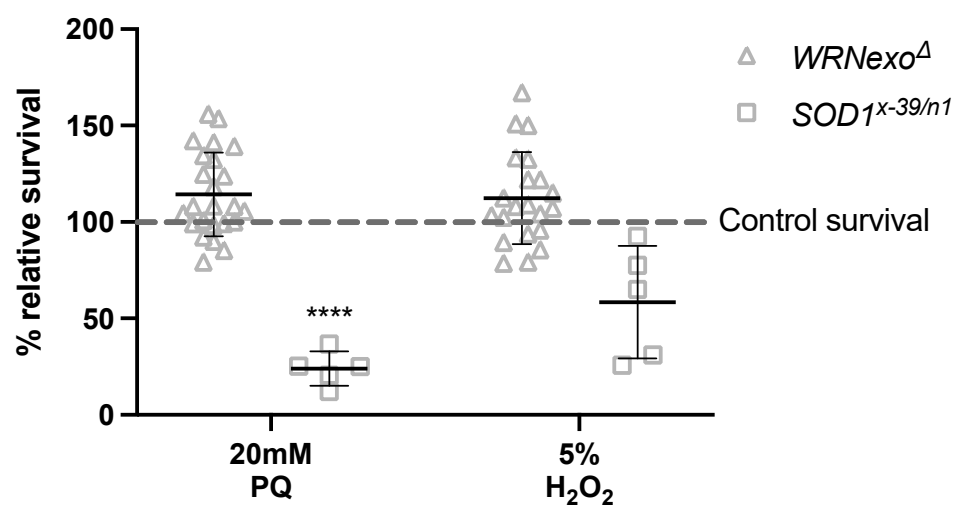


Figure S6: Oxidative stress does not impact survival of *WRNexo*^Δ larvae. *WRNexo*^Δ larvae were treated with oxidative stressors 5% hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) or 20 mM paraquat (PQ). Superoxide mutant flies (*SOD1*^{X-39/n1}) were used as a positive control for PQ sensitivity. Adult survival was determined by dividing the percentage of treated homozygous adults by the percentage of control homozygous adults in each vial (n= 5-24 vials each containing > 20 flies). Neither of these stressors tested caused *WRNexo*^Δ survival to decrease significantly from 100% survival (Student's t-test, *****p*<0.001, ± SD).

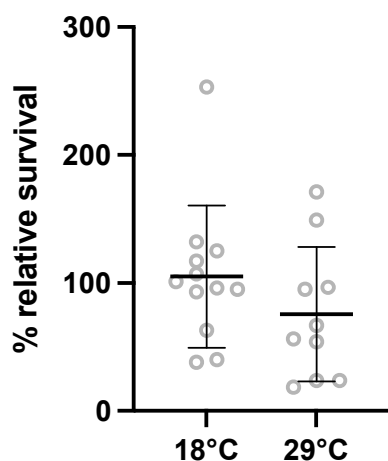


Figure S7: Non-optimal ambient temperature does not impact survival of *WRNexo^Δ* larvae. *WRNexo^Δ* larvae were treated low (18°C) and elevated (29°C) ambient temperature to induce stress. Adult survival was determined by dividing the percentage of treated adults by the percentage of control adults in each vial (n= 10-12 vials each containing > 20 flies). Non-optimal ambient temperature did not cause *WRNexo^Δ* survival to decrease significantly from 100% survival (Student's t-test, $p > 0.05$, \pm SD).

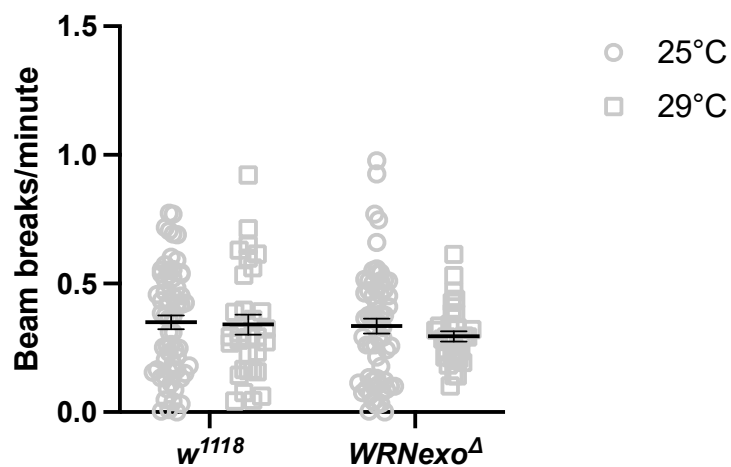


Figure S8: Elevated ambient temperature does not impact overall activity of *WRNexo^Δ* males. Drosophila activity monitor data were collected for young (1–4 day old) *w¹¹¹⁸* and *WRNexo^Δ* males over a 6-day period. Flies were maintained at elevated ambient temperature (29°C) to induce stress. Overall *WRNexo^Δ* male activity was not impacted by thermal stress (Kruskal-Wallis test, $p > 0.05$).

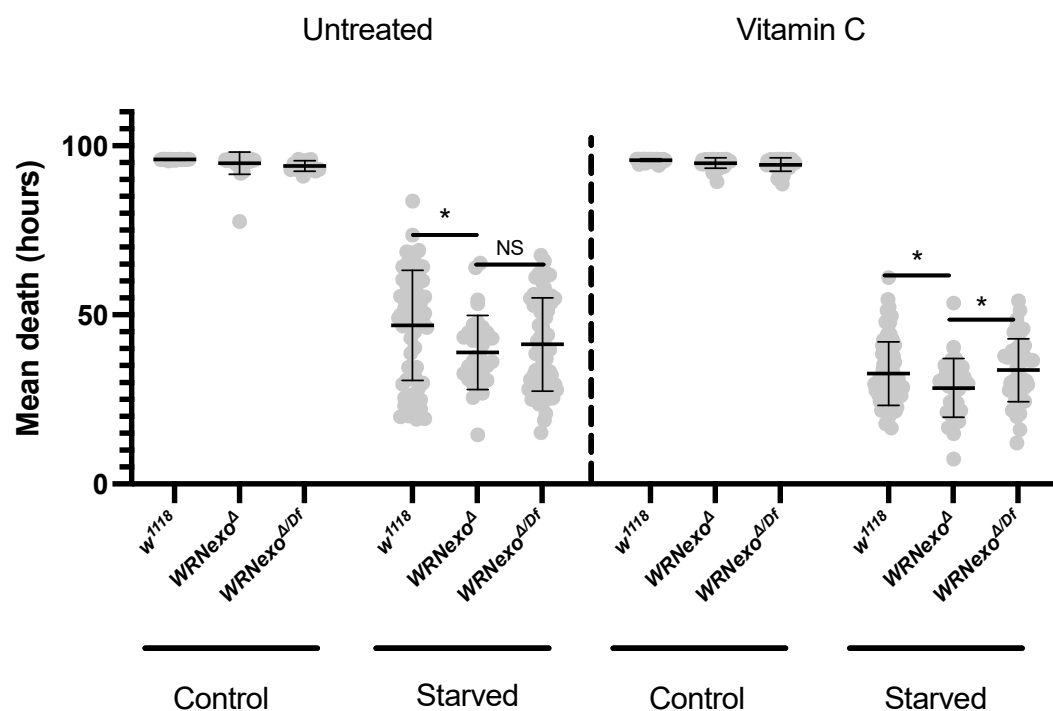


Figure S9: *WRNexo⁴* males show similar starvation sensitivity as *WRNexo⁴* females that is not impacted by vitamin C treatment. *WRNexo* males have shorter mean lifespans under starvation regardless of vitamin C treatment (2-way ANOVA and Tukey's multiple comparisons post-hoc test, * $p < 0.05$, \pm SD, $n = 16-80$ flies/genotype). Df = deficiency strain: *WRNexo^{Δ/Df509}* for untreated experiments and *WRNexo^{Δ/Df6178}* for experiments with vitamin C treatment.

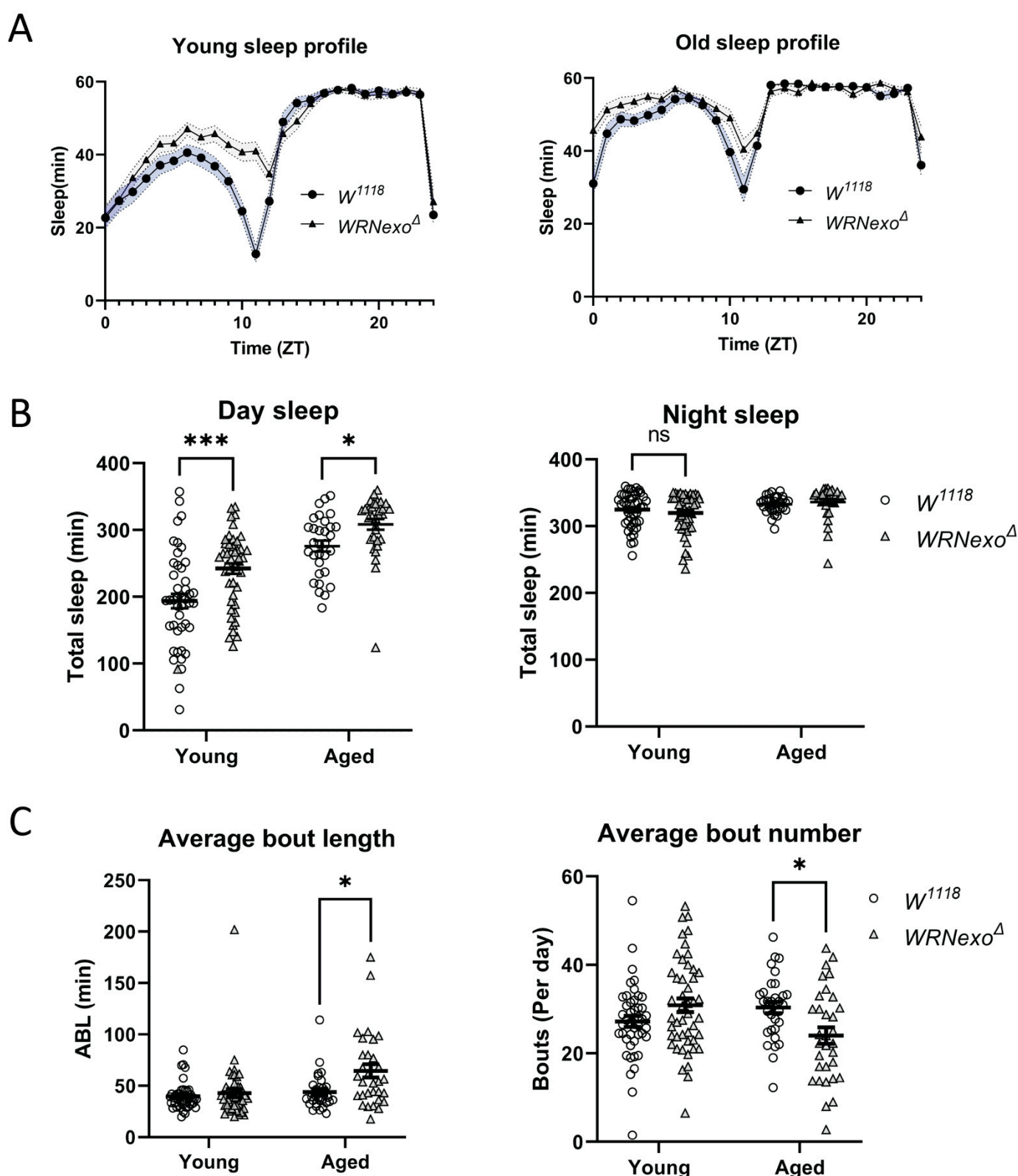


Figure S10: Sleep profile in *WRNexo^Δ* males. A) *w¹¹¹⁸* and *WRNexo^Δ* males exhibit similar levels of sleep throughout the day regardless of age. B) *WRNexo^Δ* males exhibit increased sleep during the day, but no difference in sleep at night compared to *w¹¹¹⁸*. C) Aged *WRNexo^Δ* males show fewer sleep bouts with greater length. (2-way ANOVA, * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$, \pm SEM).