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## ***Sordaria macrospora* sterile mutant pro34 is impaired in respiratory complex I assembly**

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**Table S1:** Strains used in this study.

Strain name	Strain number	Relevant genotype and phenotype	Reference / source <sup>a</sup>
Wild type (wt)	S133134	Wild type (wt), fertile	AMB
pro1	S95333	pro1, sterile	[1]
pro5	S35253	pro5, sterile	AMB
pro9	S112113	pro9, sterile	AMB
pro11	S63625	pro11, sterile	[2]
pro18	S28256	pro18, sterile	AMB
pro21	S99063	pro21, sterile	AMB
pro22	S91606	pro22, sterile	[3]
pro23	S93343	pro23, sterile	[4]
pro24	S112266	pro24, sterile	AMB
pro30	S94233	pro30, sterile	[5]
pro32	S94453	pro32, sterile	[6]
pro34	S112435, S116034	pro34, sterile	AMB
pro40	S95265	pro40, sterile	[5]
pro41	S46357	pro41, sterile	[7]
pro42	S112477	pro42, sterile	AMB
pro43	S99108	pro43, sterile	AMB
pro44	S94061	pro44, sterile	[8]
Δmak1	R8501	Δmak1::hph <sup>r</sup> , sterile	[5]
Δmek1	S101796	Δmek1::hph <sup>r</sup> , sterile	[5]
Δnor1	DD574	Δnor1::hph <sup>r</sup> , sterile	[6]
Δnox1	DD27	Δnox1::hph <sup>r</sup> , sterile	[6]
Δpho1	ESP1	Δpho1::hph <sup>r</sup> , sterile	[9]
Δpro45	N161	Δpro45::hph <sup>r</sup> , sterile	[10]
PRO34-NE1	R17456	pro34, pro34(p)::pro34::trpC(t);	This study
PRO34-NE2	R17474	trpC(p)::nat1	
PRO34-CE1	R17644	pro34, gpd(p)::pro34::trpC(t);	This study
PRO34-CE2	R17682	trpC(p)::nat1	
PRO34-GFP-CE1	R15734	pro34,	This study
PRO34-GFP-CE2	R15786	gpd(p)::pro34::egfp::trpC(t); trpC(p)::nat1	
PRO34-GFP-NE1	R17492	pro34,	This study
PRO34-GFP-NE2	R17506	pro34(p)::pro34::egfp::trpC(t); trpC(p)::nat1	
GFP-PRO34-CE1	R15821	pro34, gpd(p)::egfp::pro34:: trpC(t); trpC(p)::nat1	This study

<sup>a</sup> AMB, strain collection of General and Molecular Botany, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

**Table S2:** Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pDS23	yeast recombination vector <i>gpd(p)::egfp::trpC(t), amp, ura3, trpC(p)::nat1</i>	[11]
pGFP-PRO34-CE	<i>gpd(p)::egfp::pro34::trpC(t), amp, ura3,</i> <i>trpC(p)::nat1</i>	this study
PPRO34-CE	<i>gpd(p)::pro34::trpC(t), amp, ura3, trpC(p)::nat1</i>	this study
PPRO34-GFP-CE	<i>gpd(p)::pro34::egfp::trpC(t), amp, ura3,</i> <i>trpC(p)::nat1</i>	this study
PPRO34-GFP-NE	<i>pro34(p)::pro34::egfp::trpC(t), amp, ura3,</i> <i>trpC(p)::nat1</i>	this study
PPRO34-NE	<i>pro34(p)::pro34::trpC(t), amp, ura3, trpC(p)::nat1</i>	this study

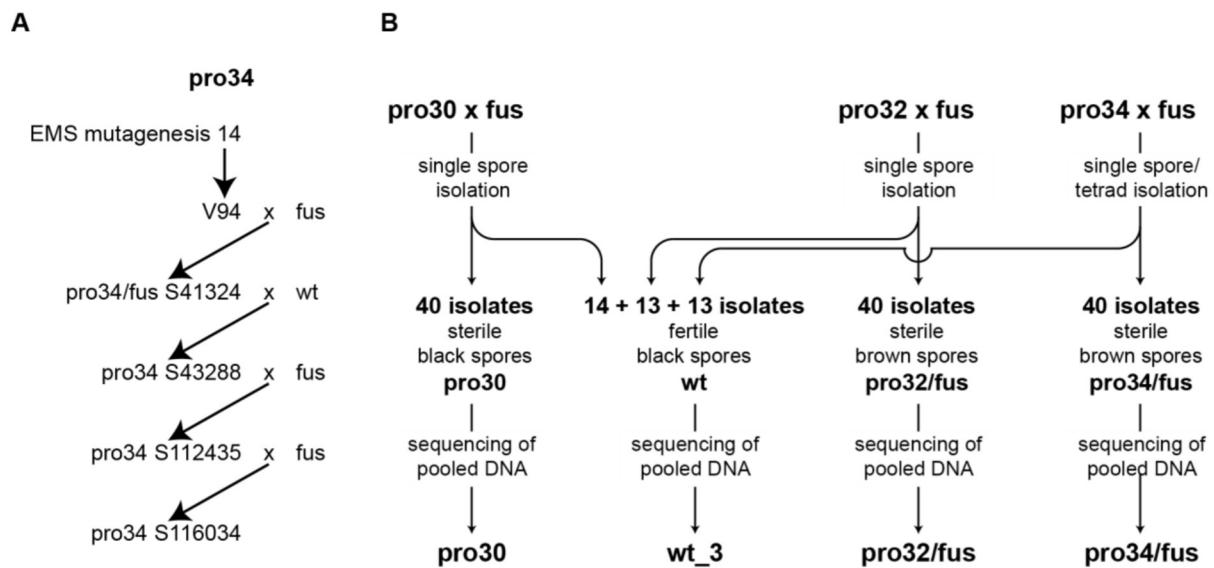
**Table S3:** Oligonucleotides used in this study.

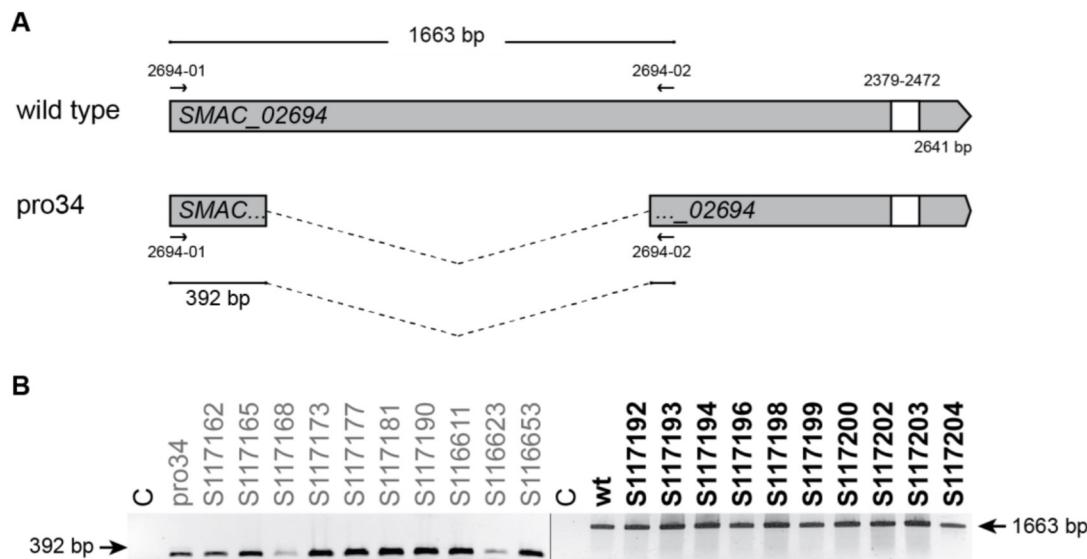
Oligonucleotide	sequence (5'- 3')
2694-01	ATGCGGTCGCATCATCTGGC
2694-01_2	TTCATCGCAGCTTGAACAGCTACATGCGGTGCATCATCTGG
2694-02	TGATGGAGACGGAGTGAAGG
2694-03	ACTCTCGGCATGGACGAGCTGTACAAGATGCGGTGCATCATCTGG
2694-04	TGATGATTCACTAACGTTAAGTGATCAAGCCTAAACACCCCTG
2694-05	TGAACAGCTCCTGCCCTTGCTCACCATAGCCTAAACACCCCTGG
2694-07	ACATCCAGCGTATCCTCACC
2694-08	TGTCGTCGTCTCGT
2694-09	AACGCCAGGGTTTCCCAGTCACGACGACTCGTAACCAAGCTTGTGC

**Table S4:** Overview of sexual crosses set up for the identification of allelic mutations. Each cross was set up in triplicate. Numbers of perithecia in the contact region are indicated as follows: +, few perithecia; ++, several perithecia; +++, massive perithecia production. For strain references, see Table S1.

**Table S5:** Summary of sequence reads and small variants from genome sequencing of mutant pro34 (sample pro34/fus) and wild type (sample wt\_3). For each sample, 40 ascospore isolates were collected. For sample pro34/fus, only brown-spored isolates with the fus background were used.

Sample	pro34/fus	wt_3
Genotype	pro34	wild type
Total number of reads	104,291,308	108,513,967
Total Mb	5319	5534
No. of reads mapped to reference genome	100,132,095	105,047,645
% of reads mapped to reference genome	96.0	96.8
Coverage	128x	134x
Number of small variants with coverage > 40 %	130	146
Number of these with 100 % penetrance	-	-

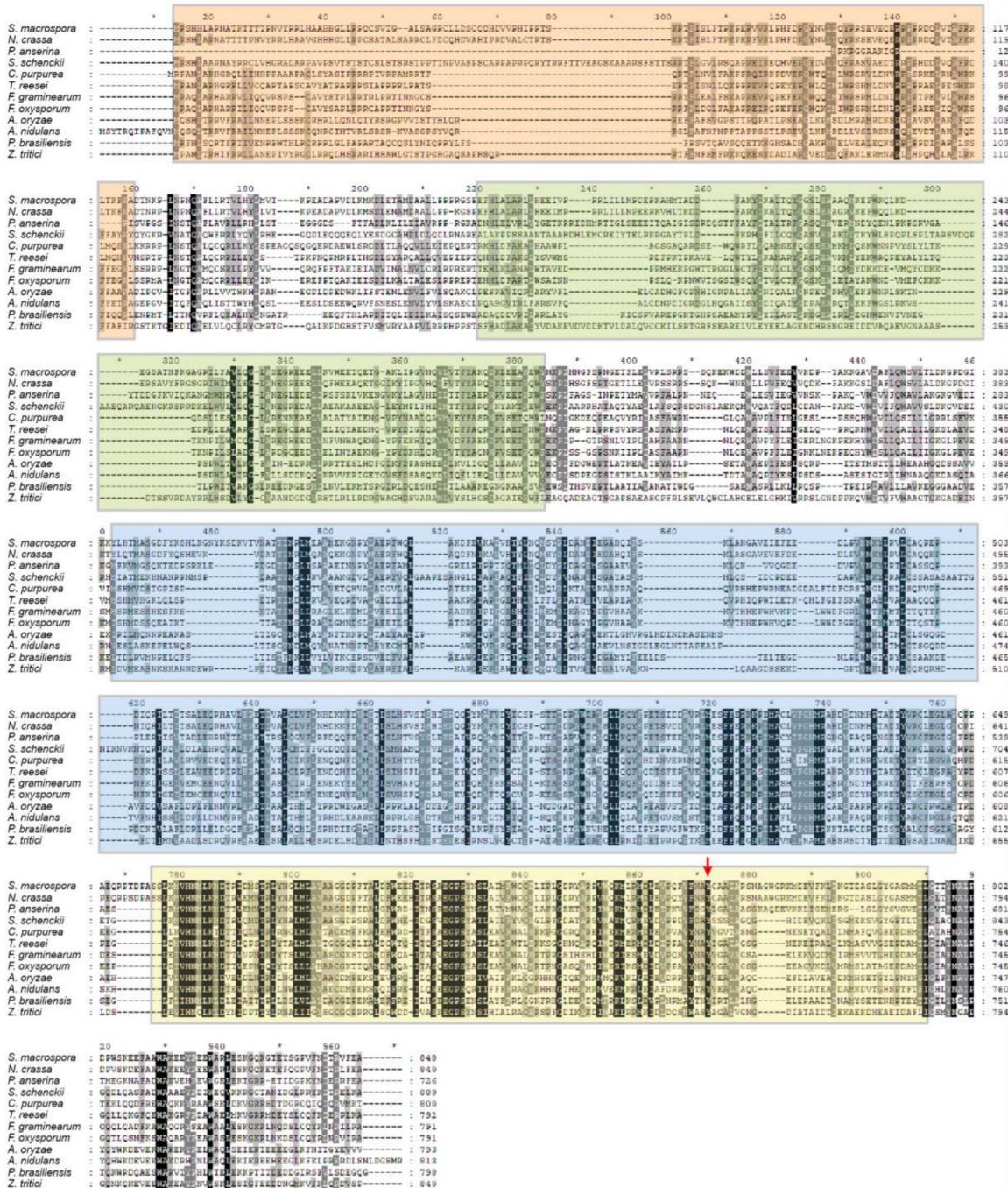




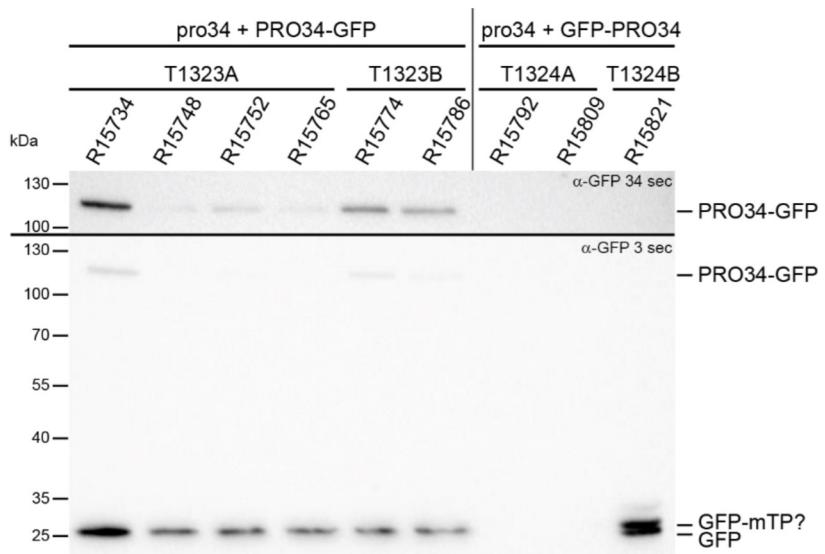
**Figure S2:** Mutant pro34 harbors a deletion in gene *SMAC\_02694*. (A) Schematic representation of the *pro34* ORF (*SMAC\_02694*) in wild type and mutant pro34. ORFs and introns are depicted by gray arrows and white boxes, respectively. Black arrows and lines denote primers and PCR fragments. Dashed lines indicate sequences deleted in the mutant. (B) The sterile phenotype co-segregates with the deletion in *pro34* in progeny of a *pro34* to *fus* cross. PCR was performed with primers given in (A). Grey and bold letters indicate sterile and fertile strains, respectively. C, water control; wt, wild type.



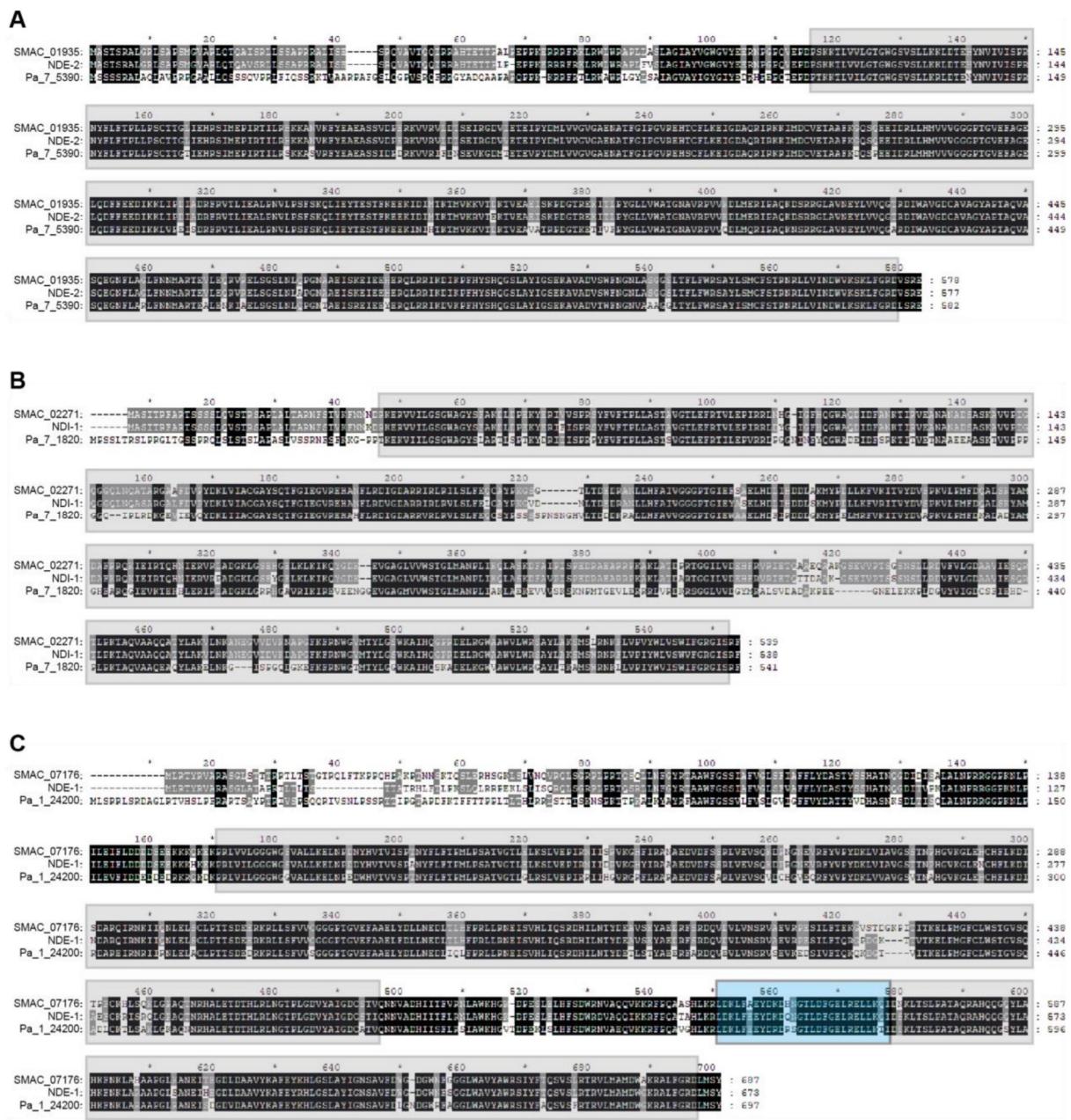
**Figure S3:** Mutant *pro34* is able to undergo hyphal fusion. Wild type and *pro34* were analyzed for hyphal fusion after two days of growth. Hyphal fusion bridges are indicated by arrows. Scale bar, 20  $\mu$ m.



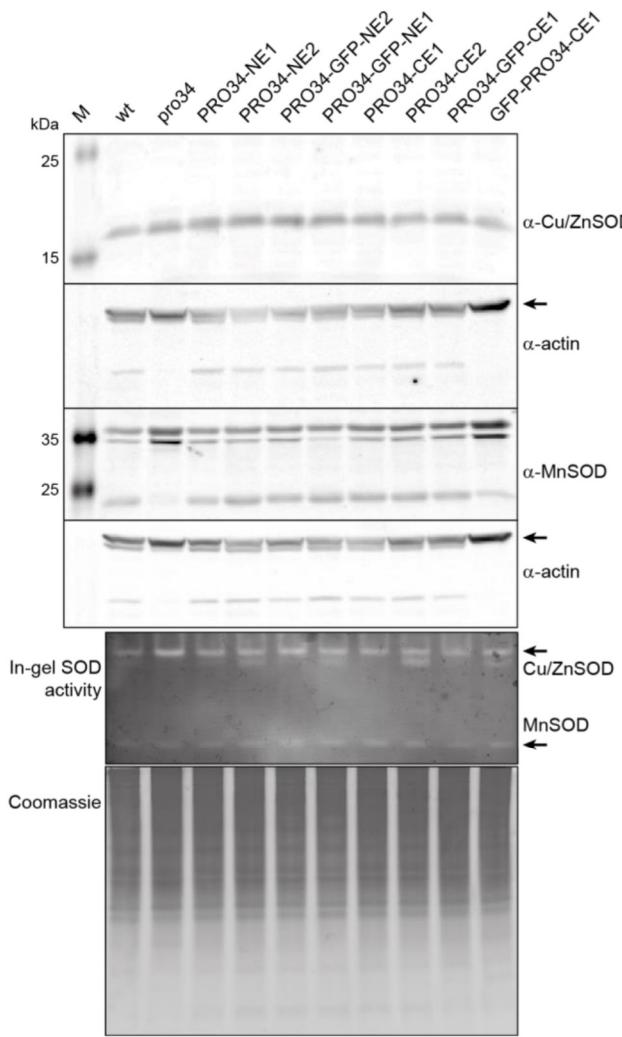
**Figure S4:** Amino acid alignment of PRO34 and CIA84 homologs. Protein sequences were searched for at fungidb.org [12] and can be found in the NCBI database for *Aspergillus nidulans* (CBF79406.1), *A. oryzae* (XP\_001819210.1), *Claviceps purpurea* (CCE32056.1), *Fusarium graminearum* (CEF75585.1), *F. oxysporum* (EWZ36992.1), *Neurospora crassa* (CEF75585.1), *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis* (EEH47744.2), *Podospora anserina* (CDP25152.1), *Sordaria macrospora* (CCC10115.1), *Sporothrix schenckii* (KJR86726.1) and *Trichoderma reesei* (EGR45590.1), and from UniParc for *Zymoseptoria tritici* (UPI0013090055). Shaded boxes indicate four globular domains predicted for *S. macrospora* PRO34 by the eukaryotic linear motif (ELM) resource [13]. The red arrow indicates the tyrosine in the PRO34 sequence that is exchanged to cytosine by translation of edited transcripts.



**Figure S5:** Western blot analysis of pro34 transformants carrying C- or N-terminally GFP-tagged PRO34. Full-length PRO34-GFP was only detectable in strains carrying C-terminally tagged PRO34. Only free GFP and a possible GFP-mTP fusion protein were detected in strain R15821, carrying N-terminally tagged PRO34. Molecular weight in kDa is given at the left. “R” designates ascospore isolates generated from the indicated primary transformants (T). Strains R15734 (PRO34-GFP-CE1), R15786 (PRO34-GFP-CE2) and R15821 (GFP-PRO34-CE1) were chosen for further analysis. mTP, mitochondrial targeting peptide.



**Figure S6:** Alternative NADH dehydrogenases from *Sordaria macrospora*. The *S. macrospora* genome encodes three putative alternative NADH dehydrogenases (aNADH-DHs). Amino acid alignments are shown of SMAC\_01935, SMAC\_02271 and SMAC\_07176 to their *N. crassa* and *P. anserina* orthologs [14-17]. Sequences were obtained from fungidb.org [12] for *N. crassa* and *S. macrospora*. *P. anserina* sequences can be found in the NCBI database for NDE-1 and NDE-2 orthologs. The sequence for SMAC\_02271 was re-annotated according to transcriptome data. (A) Alignment of SMAC\_01935 to *N. crassa* NDE-2 (NCU08980) and *P. anserina* Pa\_7\_5390. (B) Alignment of SMAC\_02271 to *N. crassa* NDI-1 (NCU00153) and *P. anserina* NDI1 (Pa\_7\_1820). (C) Alignment of SMAC\_07176 to *N. crassa* NDE-1 (NCU05225) and *P. anserina* Pa\_1\_24200. Grey boxes indicate NADH dehydrogenase domains, the blue box indicates an EF-hand domain. Domains were annotated for *S. macrospora* protein sequences according to the NCBI BLAST conserved domain search [18].



**Figure S7:** Superoxide dismutase (SOD) levels and SOD activity. For western blot analysis, 100 µg of total protein from the indicated strains was subjected to 12 % SDS-PAGE. Antibodies raised against Cu/ZnSOD and PaSOD2 (MnSOD) were used to detect *S. macrospora* SODs. An α-actin antibody served as control. Actin is indicated by arrows. For in-gel SOD activity staining, 100 µg total protein were subjected to 10 % native PAGE. The different SODs are indicated by arrows. Coomassie staining is shown as control.

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