Table 1: Life-cycle parameters of C. elegans strains MY6 and N2

	N2	MY6	p-level
T _{hatch} [h]	7.3 ± 1.6	9.9 ± 1.5	< 0.001
lifespan [d]	16.7 ± 5.8	14.7 ± 4.9	0.11
T _{min} [h]	73.0 ± 4.4	67.3 ± 3.1	< 0.001
T _{rate} [h]	108.2 ± 9.0	105.5 ± 9.2	0.08
rate [N d-1]	141 ± 19	144 ± 22	0.42
$T_0/T_1/T$ [h]	115/99/90	106/93/84	-
$r_{\rm m}$ d ⁻¹	1.375	1.460	-
PDT [h]	12.1	11.4	-

Values represent arithmetic means \pm s.d. All time intervals were measured from the moment of egg deposition.

 $T_{\rm hatch}$ = time from egg deposition to hatching; $T_{\rm min}$ = age at first egg deposition; $T_{\rm rate}$ = age at maximum rate of egg-laying; ${\bf rate}$ = maximum rate of egg-laying; ${\bf total}$ = total number of eggs produced by individual worms; T_0 , T_1 , T = alternative measures of generation time; $r_{\rm m}$ = intrinsic rate of natural increase; ${\bf PDT}$ = population doubling time