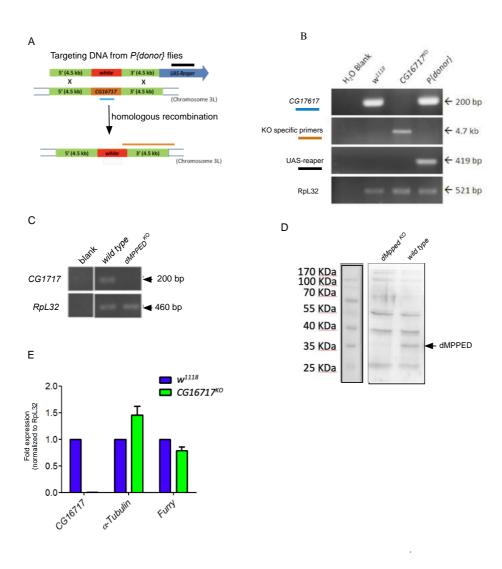
## Generation and Confirmation of dMPPED<sup>KO</sup> flies



(A) Schematic of homologous recombination at the dMpped (CG16717) locus highlighting the positive selection marker white<sup>+</sup> and negative selection marker UAS-reaper. Various primers used in subsequent PCRs are depicted as blue, orange or black lines. (B) Genomic PCR of  $dMpped^{KO}$  flies using various primers whose amplicons are color coded with the schematic in (A). Wild type ( $w^{1118}$ ) and P[1] flies were used as controls for the PCR. (C) RT-PCR performed on  $dMpped^{KO}$  flies using dMpped specific primers. RP49 is used as a loading control. (D) Western blot analysis was performed on protein prepared from brains of flies using dMpped-specific antibody. The entire protein obtained from 10 brains of indicated genotypes was loaded in each lane. The blot was stripped and re-probed using the anti-tubulin primary antibody as a loading control. (E) Expression levels of  $\alpha$ -Tubulin 67C and Furry in 4 day-old wild type and  $dMpped^{KO}$  flies. Transcript levels have been normalized to RP49 and further normalized to the wild type flies. Data shown represents mean  $\pm$  S.D. from 2 independent experiments performed using 10 flies each.