FIGURE LEGENDS

Supplementary figure 1. Cryptic splice variant of *lin9* transcript evoked by MO-E1. (A) Schematic represantation of the cryptic splice product (red). Artificial acceptor and donor sites of Intron 1 (green) are indicated. (B) Sequence of *lin9* pre-mRNA Intron 1. Uppercase letters indicate the information that is retained in the cryptic variant.
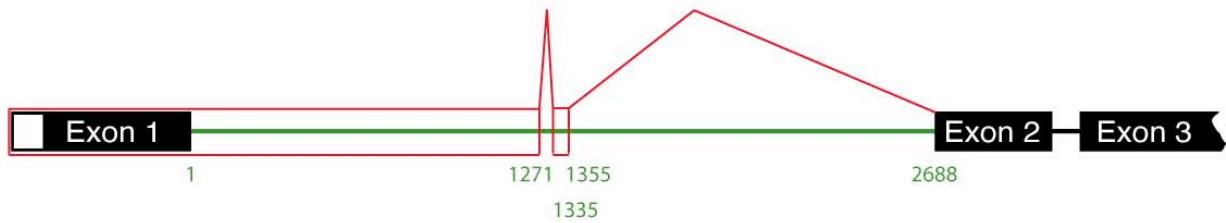
Supplementary figure 2. Increase of apoptotic and mitotic cell numbers in the optic tectum of LIN9 morphant embryos. Confocal images were taken of Hoechst stained embryos 30 hpf as indicated (dorsal view).

Supplementary figure 3. Summary of genes that were deregulted ≥ 1.6 fold in E1 compared to E1mis (control) morphants. (A) Downregulated genes. (B) Upregulated genes.

Supplementary figure 4. Expression analysis of the apoptosis-related genes *tnfb* and *bax* in *lin9* morphants. RT-qPCR analysis 24 hpf revealed that transcript levels of the p53 target gene *bax* are unaltered, whereas *tnfb* is upregulated upon loss of lin9.
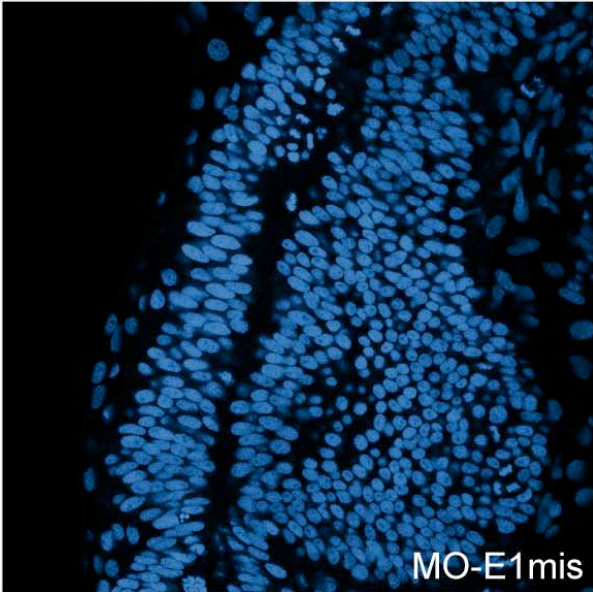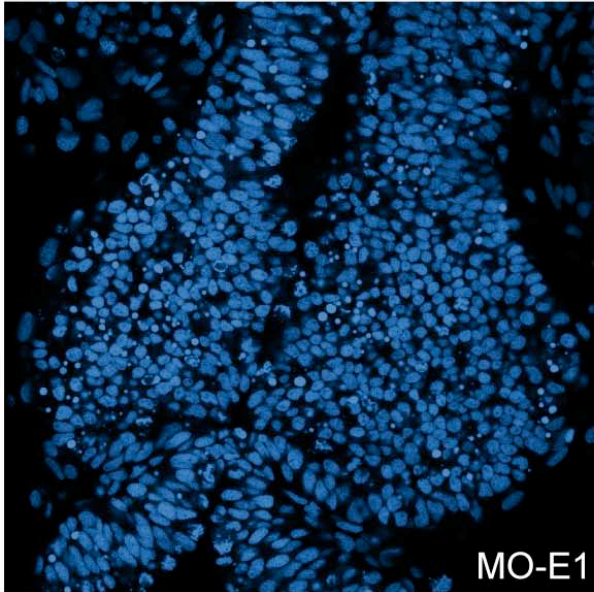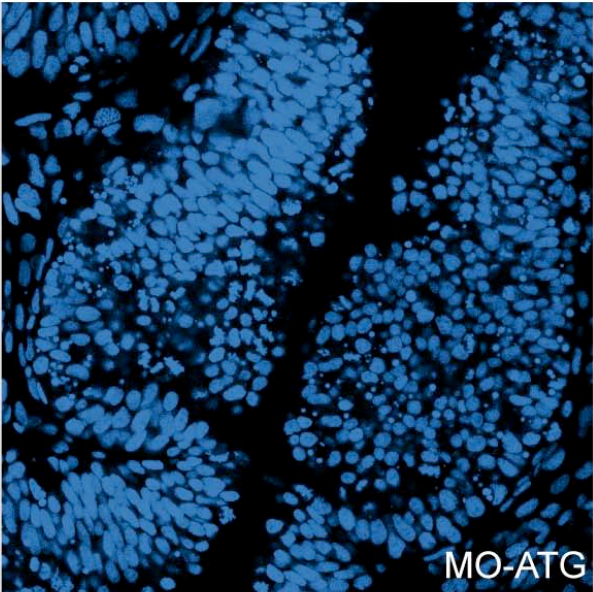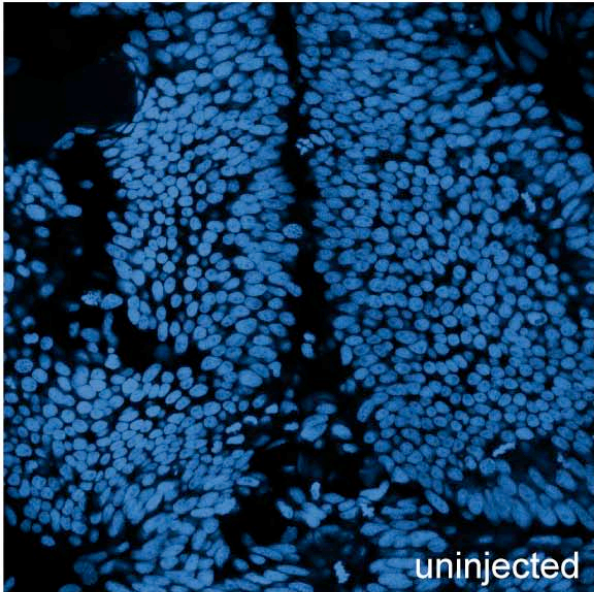
Supplementary figure 1

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Supplementary figure 2

Supplementary figure 3

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Supplementary figure 4