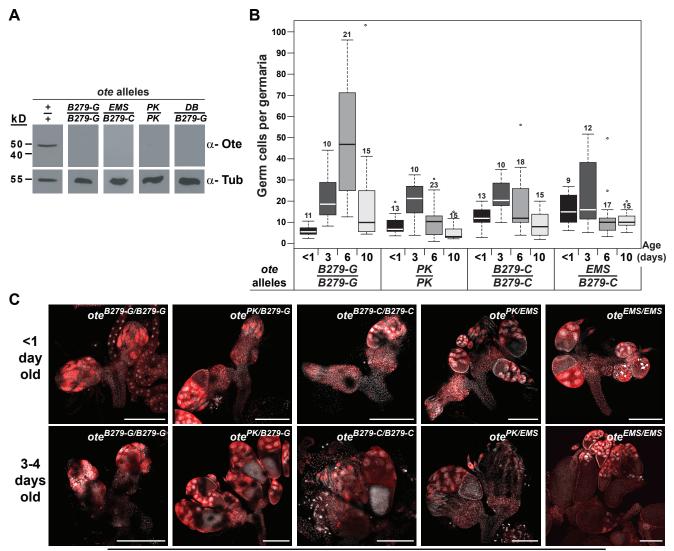
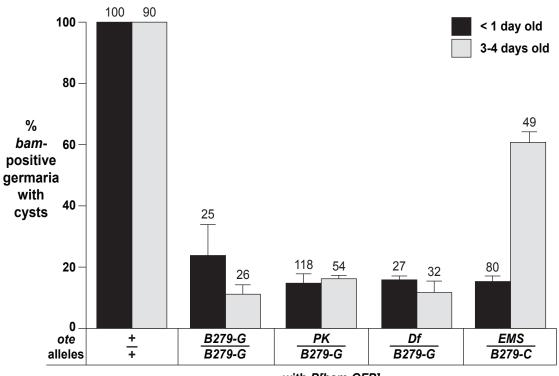
Figure S1.



Vasa DAPI

Figure S2.



with P[bam-GFP]

## **Supplemental Information**

Figure S1. Germline phenotypes in *ote<sup>-/-</sup>* females change with age, related to Figure **1. A.** Shown is a western analysis of  $ote^{+/+}$  and  $ote^{-/-}$  ovary lysates using an antibody raised against the N-terminal third of Otefin (Ote) and  $\alpha$ -Tubulin (Tub) as a loading control. Two  $ote^{+/+}$  ovary pairs and twenty to fifty  $ote^{-/-}$  ovary pairs were loaded per lane. Molecular weights are shown to the left. **B.** Shown is a box plot of data obtained from quantification of the number of spectrosome containing germ cells in  $ote^{-t}$  germaria over ten days of adult development. The age and genotype of females are listed below each box plot. The shaded box represents the 25<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> quartiles. The top whisker represents the 5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> percentile and the bottom whisker represents the 75<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile. Numbers above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile and below the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile are shown as dots. The horizontal bar indicates the median number of germ cells with spectrosomes. The number of germaria analyzed is indicated above the top of each box plot whisker. C. Shown are images of whole *ote<sup>-/-</sup>* ovaries obtained from less than one day old (top panels) and three day old (bottom panels) females. Ovaries were stained for Vasa (red) and DAPI (grey). Ovaries are oriented with anterior towards the top of the image. Genotypes are listed in the top right corner of each image. Scale bars represent 250 µm.

## Figure S2. The majority of *bam*-positive *ote<sup>-/-</sup>* germaria exhibit blocked

**differentiation, related to Figure 3.** Shown is the percentage of GFP (*bam*)-positive germaria that contained fusomes from germaria studied in Figure 3, which indicates cyst formation and differentiation. The total number of GFP-positive germaria analyzed is

shown above the bar. Error bars represent the standard deviation of data obtained from two independent experiments.