

**SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S2.** Upregulation of cell death is not detected in the CHT of  $Ddx46^{hi2137/hi2137}$  mutants. (**A, B**) Confocal microscopic images of dead cells (*green*) detected by acridine orange staining at 3 dpf. All are lateral views, anterior to the *left*. The *white, boxed regions* show an area of the CHT. (**C**) The number of dead cells in  $Ddx46^{hi2137/hi2137}$  larvae (n = 6/6) was not higher than in  $Ddx46^{hi2137/+}$  larvae (n = 5/5). Error bars represent the standard error. The scale bar represents 75 µm. CHT, caudal hematopoietic tissue; dpf, days postfertilization.