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A Premeiotic Function for boule in the Planarian Schmidtea mediterranea

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Detailed Supplementary Methods

In situ hybridization

For colorimetric in situ hybridization (ISH) and fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH), animals were killed with 10% N-acetyl cysteine (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO), for 7.5 minutes, and then fixed in 4% formaldehyde in PBSTx (1X PBS+0.3% Triton X-100) for 20 minutes at room temperature. Animals were dehydrated in 50% followed by 100% Methanol and stored in -20 °C until use. Animals were rehydrated in increasing concentrations of PBSTx, and bleached in freshly prepared Formamide bleaching solution (5% non-ionized Formamide, 0.5X SSC, and 1.2% H₂O₂) for 3 hours. After bleaching, animals were treated with Proteinase K solution (100 µl of 10% SDS and 5 µl of 20 mg/ml Proteinase K (Invitrogen) in 9.9 ml of PBSTx) and post-fixed in 4% Formaldehyde. Following washes to remove the fixative, hybridization was carried out at 56°C for 16 hours at a riboprobe concentration of 0.1-0.5 ng/ul. After post-hybridization washes, samples were blocked in Blocking solution (5% horse serum and 0.5% Roche Western Blocking Reagent in MABT). Samples were incubated in primary antibody (anti-digoxigenin alkaline phosphatase (Roche) 1:1000, or anti-digoxigenin peroxidase (Roche) 1:1000) overnight at 12°C. For FISH, DAPI was added to the primary antibody solution (1:10,000 of 10 mg/ml stock). Samples were washed in MABT (100 mM Maleic acid, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% Tween-20, pH 7.5). Colorimetric development was carried out in AP buffer (100 mM Tris, pH 9.5; 100 mM NaCl; 50 mM MgCl₂, 0.1% Tween-20 brought up to volume with 10% polyvinylalcohol (Sigma)) containing 4.5 μl/ml NBT and 3.5 μl/ml BCIP (Roche). For FISH, development was done in freshly made Tyramide solution (Fluor-tyramide (1:250-1:500), 4-IPBA (1:1000), and H₂O₂ (0.003%) in TSA buffer (2 M NaCl, 0.1 M Boric acid, pH 8.5). 4-IPBA is 20 mg/ml of 4-iodophenylboronic acid in

dimethylformamide (DMF) stored at -20 °C. Samples were washed 6-8 times (\sim 20 minutes each wash) in TNTx.

TUNEL on sections

After two dsRNA feedings planarians were starved for a week and treated with 10% N-acetyl-L-cysteine for 7.5 minutes and fixed in 4% formaldedyde in PBSTx (0.3% Triton X-100) for 20 minutes at room temperature. Cryosectioning was done to generate 15-20 μm sections. Sections were rehydrated and treated with pre-chilled ethanol:acetic acid (2:1) at –20 °C for 5 minutes. The slides were rinsed twice in DI water and equilibrated in equilibration buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5 + 1 mg/ml IgG-free BSA). Slides were covered with TdT solution (0.5 μl NEB TdT (Cat. No. M0252L), 2 μl NEB buffer 4, 2 μl 2.5 mM CoCl₂, 0.8 μl 1:50 DIG-dUTP in dATP, 14.7 μl water) and incubated at 37 °C in a dark humidified chamber for 1 hour. After rinsing 3X with PBSTx, the sections were blocked with 5% Horse Serum (Sigma H1138) in PBSTx for 2 hours. Block was replaced with 1:1000 anti-DIG-POD (Roche 11207733910) diluted in block solution. DAPI (1 μg/ml) was added at this step. Sections were covered with coverslips and incubated for overnight at 4 °C. Slides were rinsed in PBSTx and signal was revealed using TAMRA-tyramide. Slides were rinsed in PBSTx and mounted in Vectashield.

Imaging

Colorimetric in situ samples were were mounted in 80% glycerol and images were captured with a Leica DFC420 camera mounted on a Leica M205A stereomicroscope (Leica, Wetzlar, Germany). Wholemount FISH samples were mounted in Vectashield (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, CA) and imaged on a Zeiss Stereo Lumar V12 (Carl Zeiss, Germany). For confocal imaging, FISH samples were mounted in Vectashield and images were obtained on a Zeiss LSM 710 confocal microscope (Carl

Zeiss). Images were processed (cropping, brightness and contrast adjustments to entire image) using Adobe Photoshop CS4/CS5 and/or Zen 2008/9/11.

Quantitative real-time PCR

Total RNA was extracted using TRIzol (Invitrogen) according to manufacturer's instructions, DNase (Fisher Scientific) treated and cleaned using an RNA clean up kit (Zymo) before reverse transcription (iScript, Bio-Rad). Prior to RNA extraction, animals were starved for 7 days after the last RNAi feeding to ensure that any remnant dsRNA was cleared from the system. qRT-PCR was performed using GoTaq qPCR master mix (Promega) using Applied Biosystems StepOne Plus RT-PCR system. All experiments were done in biological and technical triplicates. Transcript levels were normalized to β -tubulin. Relative mRNA levels were calculated using $\Delta\Delta$ CT. All primers are listed in SI Appendix, Table S4.

Supplementary Figure Legends

Figure S1. Planarian *boule* **homologs are expressed in the ovaries.** Colorimetric in situ hybridization for *boule1* and *boule2* showing expression in the female reproductive system. *boule1* expression was seen in the ovaries of some animals (n=3/8) and possible *boule2* expression was detected in the ventral portion of the animals (n=7/7), where the ovaries are located. Scale bars, 100 μm.

Figure S2. *boule1* and *boule2* are expressed in spermatogonial stem cells (SSCs) and spermatogonia in the male germline. Double fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) showing (A) *boule1* and (B) *boule2* coexpressed with *nanos*, which labels SSCs. Scale bars, 50 μm. Magnified sections showing colocalization of (A') *boule1* and (B') *boule2* with *nanos* (arrows). *nanos*⁺ cells show lower intensity of *boule1* signal than the surrounding spermatogonia. Scale bars, 10 μm. (C) *boule1* and (D) *boule2* are coexpressed with *germinal histone H4 (gH4)* transcript in the male gonads. *gH4* labels SSCs and spermatogonia in the male germline. Scale bars, 50 μm.

Figure S3. Effect of *boule1* or *boule2* RNAi on SSCs and spermatids (A) Distinct stages of planarian spermatogenesis and labels for individual testis cell types. *nanos* and *germinal histone H4* (in magenta) label SSCs and spermatogonia, respectively. *tektin-1* and *protein kinase A* (in cyan) label spermatocytes and spermatids respectively. (B) Following 2 feedings of *boule1* and *boule2* dsRNA (intermediate knockdown), *boule1(RNAi)* animals have SSCs (labeled by *nanos*) similar to controls (n=6/6). Half (n=3/6) the *boule2(RNAi)* animals show *nanos* expression and the remaining 3 animals have no *nanos*⁺ SSCs. The spermatid population, labeled with *pka*, is slightly reduced in *boule1(RNAi)* animals, and the $gH4^+$ spermatogonial population is expanded (n=5/5). *boule2(RNAi)* animals show *pka* labeling

comparable to controls (n=6/6). **(C)** At later stages, following 4 feedings of dsRNA *boule1(RNAi)* animals have testes with clusters of SSCs and spermatogonia, and animals lack meiotic and postmeiotic cells (n=5/5). *boule2(RNAi)* animals show a complete loss of all male germ cells (n=6/6). Scale bars, 50 µm.

Figure S4. Demonstration of *boule1* or *boule2* RNAi specificity. (A) Alignment of *boule1* and *boule2* nucleotide sequences showing no significant similarity between the sequences. (B) and (C) show qRT-PCR validation of *boule1* or *boule2* knockdown following a single dsRNA feeding. (B) Following *boule1(RNAi)* there is an increase in *boule2* transcript, most likely due to accumulation of spermatogonia, in which *boule2* is expressed. (C) The levels of *boule1* transcript are similar to controls in *boule2(RNAi)* animals. Two-tailed unpaired t-test with Welch's correction was performed for all samples, P<0.05. (D) FISH for *boule1* or *boule2* was performed following 2 dsRNA feedings of either gene. Our experiments show that the knockdown of either *boule1* or *boule2* does not affect the expression of the other paralog. Scale bars, 50 µm.

Figure S5. *boule2(RNAi)* animals show increased apoptosis. TUNEL was performed on cryosections following 2 feedings of *boule1* or *boule2* dsRNA. (A) *boule2(RNAi)* animals show a greater number of TUNEL⁺ cells in the testes compared to control and *boule1* knockdown animals. Scatter plot shows mean with standard deviation. One-way ANOVA was performed using Dunnett's multiple comparisons test to determine significance at 95% confidence interval. (B) Representative images showing TUNEL⁺ cells (arrows) in *boule2(RNAi)* animals. Scale bars, 20 μm.

Figure S6. Validation of *boule1* and *boule2* gene knockdowns in regenerates and hatchlings (A) *dmd1(RNAi)* head fragments do not respecify their SSCs 14 days post amputation (n=4/4). Scale bars, 100 μm. (B) qRT-PCR for samples corresponding to Figures 2A and B. Relative mRNA levels of *boule1* and *boule2* are low after 14 days of regeneration. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals calculated based on standard error of the mean. Two-tailed unpaired t-test with Welch's correction was performed for all samples, P<0.05. (C,D) Knockdown phenotype of *boule1* or *boule2* in sexual hatchlings (<48 hours old) is similar to the RNAi phenotype in adults. (C) Following two feedings of *boule1* dsRNA, *nanos* and *gH4* expression appears comparable to control animals (n=6/6). Some *boule2(RNAi)* animals (n=2/6) show absence of male germ cells, and the remaining animals (n=4/6) show very small testis lobes with both *nanos*⁺ and *gH4*⁺ germ cells. (D) After 4 feedings of *boule1* dsRNA, animals show accumulation of spermatogonia compared to controls, and *boule2(RNAi)* animals lack all male germ cells. Scale bars, 50 μm.

Figure S7. Assay for determining the role of *boule1* and *boule2* in male germline regeneration and differentiation. (A) Experimental schematic. When planarians are amputated posterior to their ovaries, the resulting tail fragments regress their testes approximately 7 days post-amputation, and contain clusters of early, undifferentiated male germ cells. Tail regenerates were fed *boule1* or *boule2* dsRNA (4 feedings, 4-5 days apart) after amputation and testes regression. (B) Testes were restored in control regenerates (n=6/6). *boule1(RNAi)* regenerates had small testis lobes containing only SSCs and spermatogonia (n=5/6). By contrast, in *boule2(RNAi)* regenerates, all the male germ cells were absent (n=6/6). (C) qRT-PCR validation. Amputated animals at the beginning of RNAi show low levels of *tkn-1* (spermatocytes) and *pka* (spermatids). Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals calculated based

on standard error of the mean. Two-tailed unpaired t-test with Welch's correction was performed for all samples, P<0.05.

Figure S8. Additional experiments with putative planarian DAZ family-associated proteins. (A) Control (RNAi) animals show the expression of all four germ cell markers. (B) DAZAP2 is not required for the maintenance of the male germ cells in homeostasis (n=6/6). (C) DAZAP1(RNAi) and (D) iguana(RNAi) in homeostasis results in no change in SSC $(nanos^+)$ population and an accumulation of rounded spermatids (pka^+) population (n=6/6 for both). (E-F) DAZAP1(RNAi) in sexually immature regenerates corroborates the gene's homeostasis phenotype, with animals showing no mature sperm (n=4/6). iguana(RNAi) animals undergo lysis upon amputation (n=6/6, Table S1). Scale bars, 50 μ m.

Figure S9. Additional experiments on putative planarian DAZ family targets. (A) Planarian homologs of DAZ/DAZL targets are expressed in the male germline. Scale bars, 1mm. (B-D) *SDAD1(RNAi)*, *CDC25-1(RNAi)* and *CDC25-2(RNAi)* have SSCs (*nanos*) and spermatids (*pka*) (n=6/6 for all except *SDAD1*) at early stages of knockdown. Half (n=3/6) of *SDAD1(RNAi)* animals show no *nanos* labeling. *CDC25-1* knockdown results in enlarged SSCs possibly due to defects in cytokinesis (see insets in B and D). Sexually immature regenerates fed (E) control dsRNA regenerate their testes, whereas (F) in the absence of *CDC25-2*, regenerates cannot maintain the early male germ cells, similar to *boule2(RNAi)* animals (n=6/6). *SDAD1(RNAi)* and *CDC25-1(RNAi)* animals undergo lysis upon amputation (n=6/6 for both, Table S2). Scale bars, 50 μm; inset scale bars, 10 μm.

Figure S10. Phylogenetic analyses of the DAZ family (A) Alignment of Boule, DAZL, and DAZ RRMs. **(B)** Branch length ratios of pre-meiotic (Smed-Boule2 or Dazl) to meiotic (Smed-Boule1 or

vertebrate Boule) terminal edge lengths in planarians and vertebrates. Note the markedly similar distribution of paralog branch length ratios in species with neofunctionalized Boule derivatives.

Table S1. Experimental details for planarian homologs of DAZ-associated proteins

Table S2. Experimental details for planarian homologs of DAZ family targets

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Figure S1

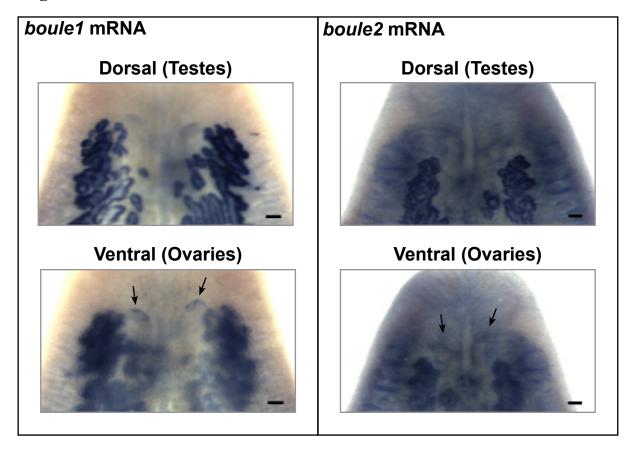


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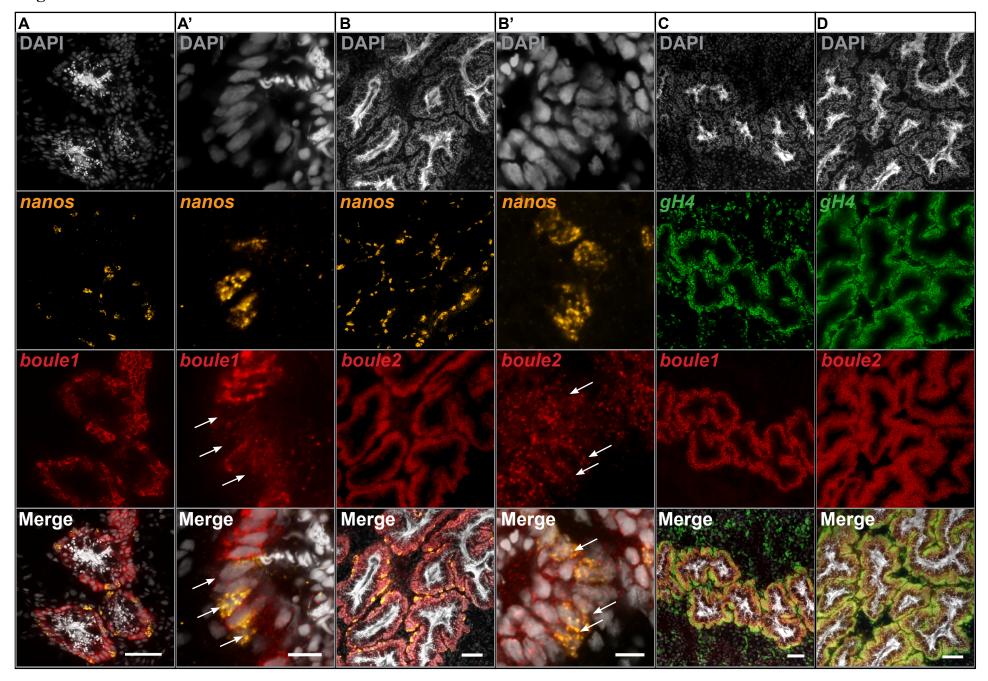


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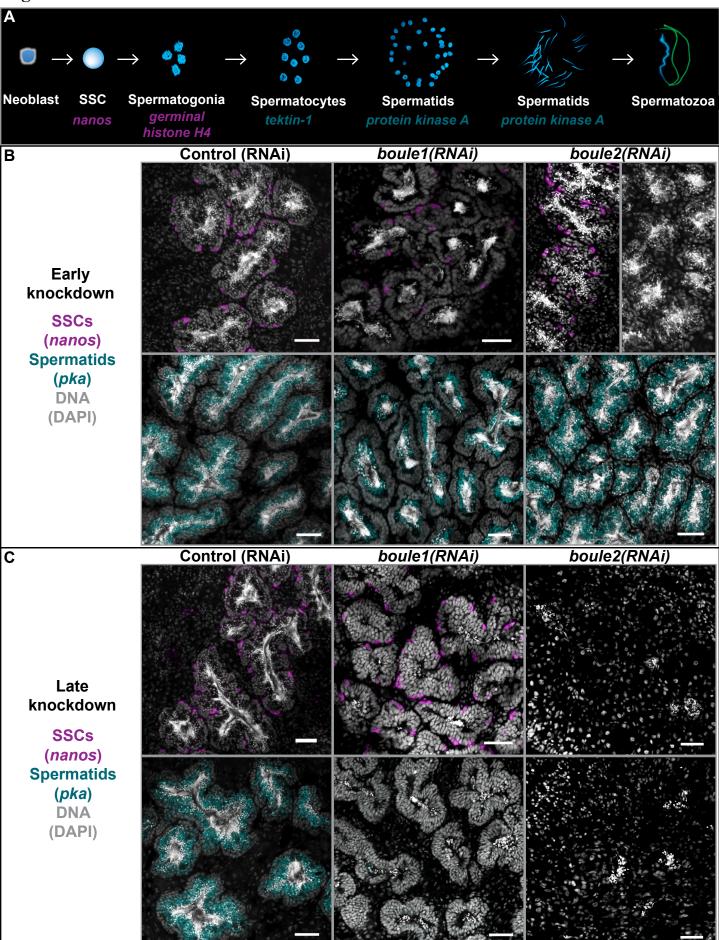


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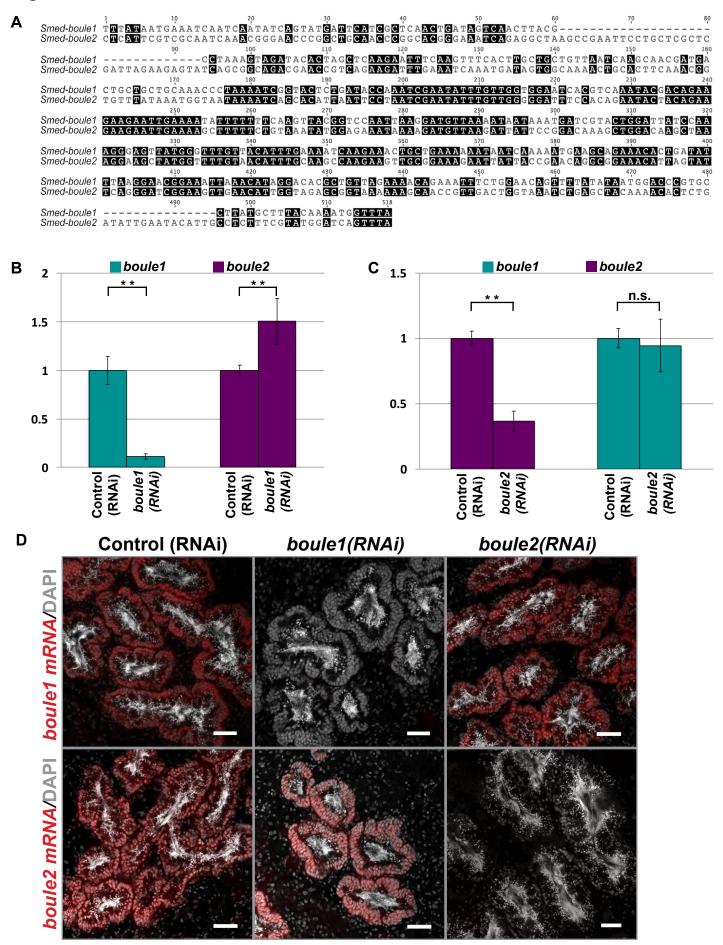
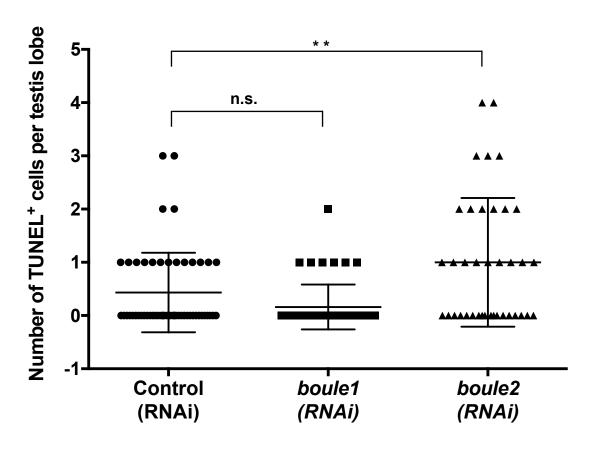


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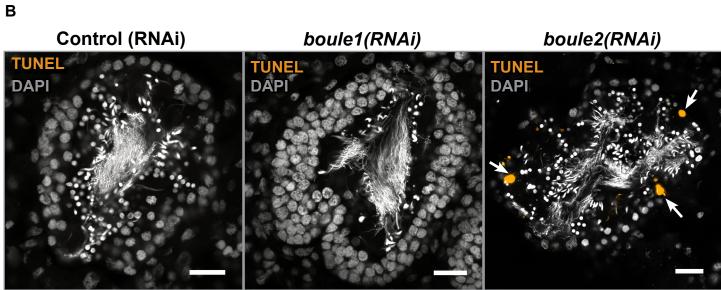
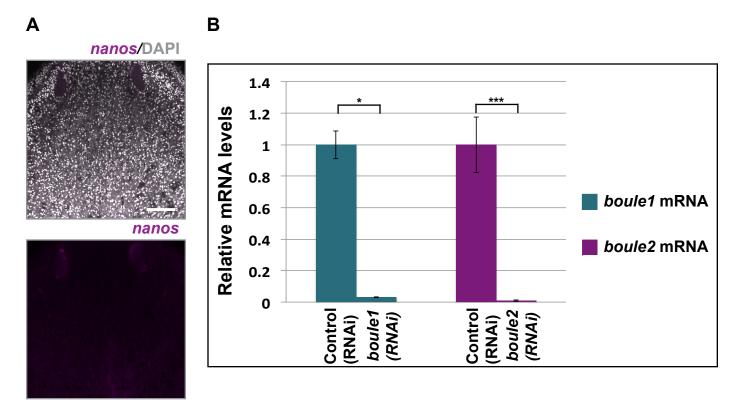


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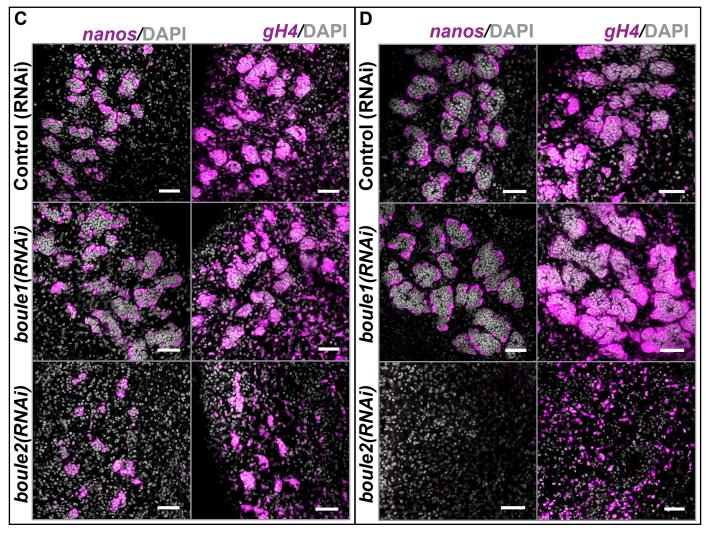
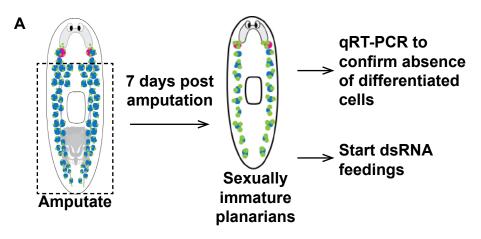
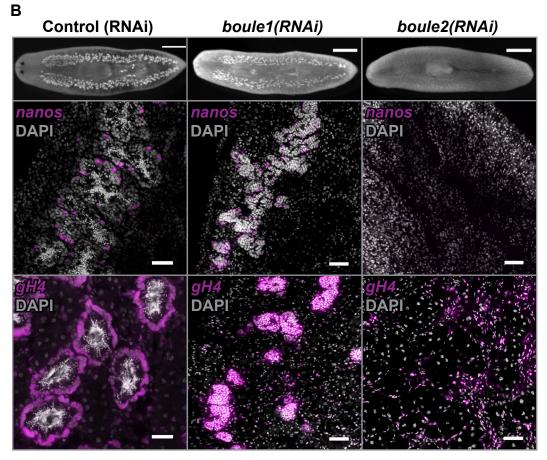


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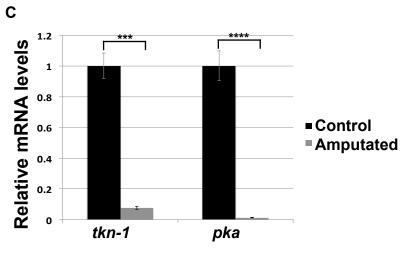


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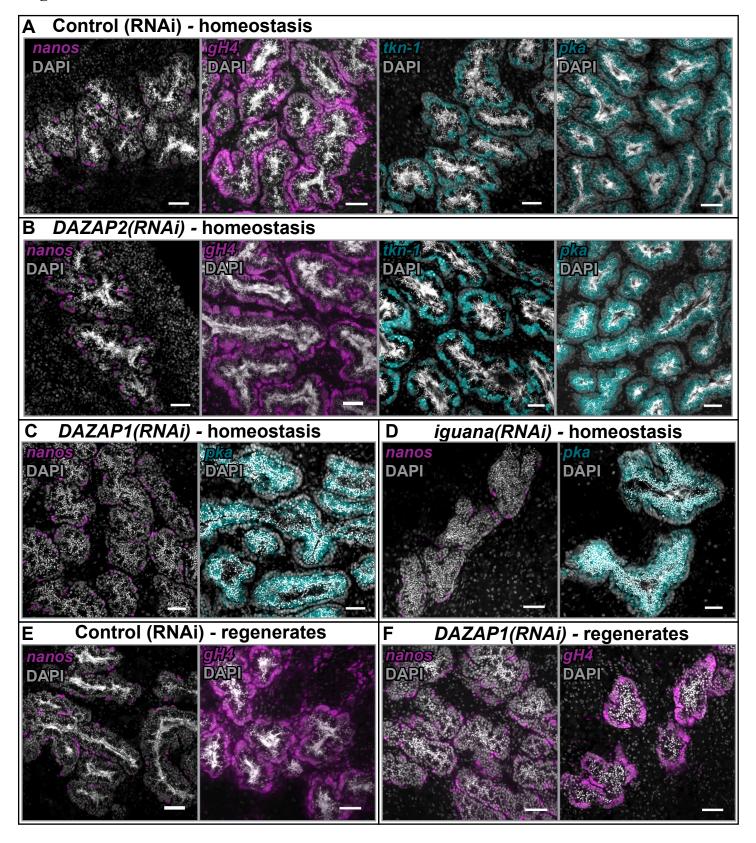
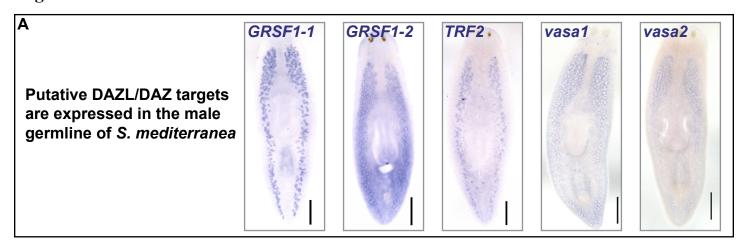
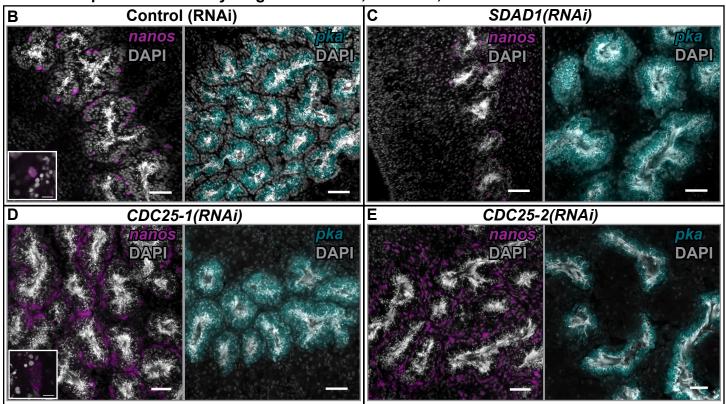


Figure S9



SSCs and spermatids in early stages of SDAD1, CDC25-1, and CDC25-2 knockdown



CDC25-2(RNAi) and boule2(RNAi) in sexually immature regenerates phenocopy each other

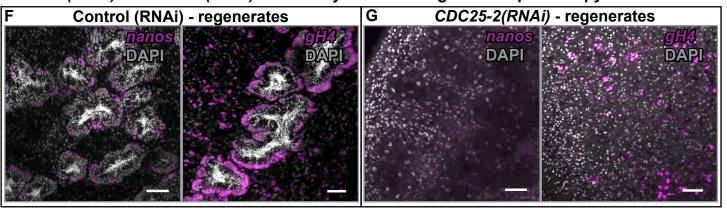
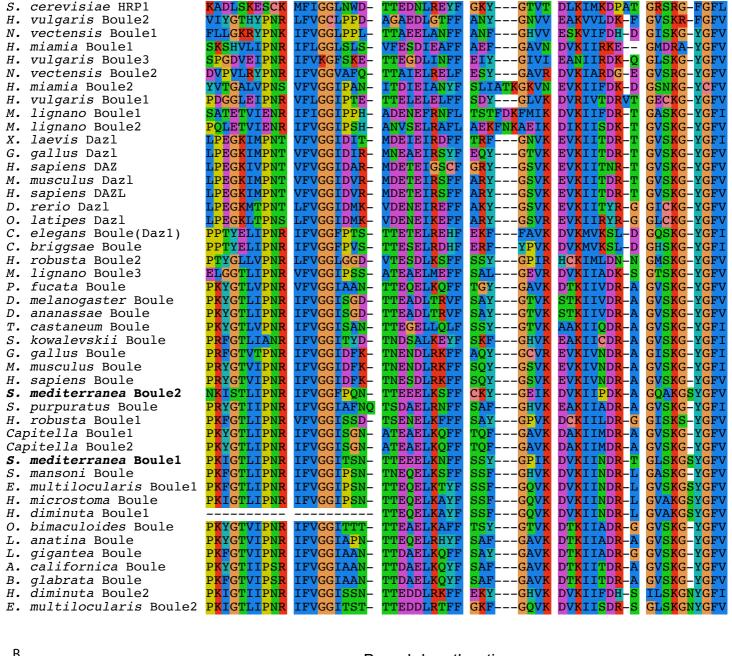


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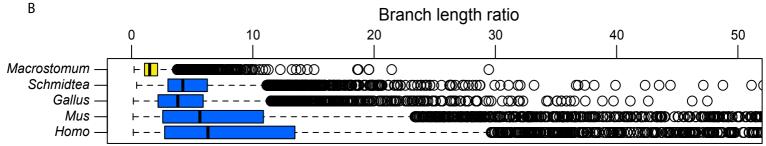


Table S1. Experimental details for planarian homologs of DAZ-associated proteins

Associated protein name	Required for regeneration	Expressed in male germ cells?	Germ cell RNAi phenotype in adult sexually mature worms	Germ cell RNAi phenotype in hatchlings	Required for <i>de novo</i> specification of germ cells?	RNAi phenotype in sexually immature regenerates
DAZAP1	No	Yes	No mature sperm	No mature sperm	No	No mature sperm
DAZAP2	No	Yes	No phenotype	No phenotype	No	Small testes with only SSCs and spermatogonia
DAZAP1+2	No	-	No mature sperm	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
DZIP/Smed -iguana	Yes (bloating observed in homeostasis)	Yes	No mature sperm	Not tested	Lysis	Lysis, no testes in remaining fragments
pumilio	Yes	Yes	Small testes, no loss of specific cell type marker	Not tested	Lysis	Lysis, no testes in remaining fragments

Table S2. Experimental details for planarian homologs of DAZ family targets

Target name	Required for regeneration (neoblast maintenance)?	Expressed in the male germ cells?	Germ cell RNAi phenotype in adult sexually mature worms	Germ cell RNAi phenotype in hatchlings	Required for <i>de novo</i> germ cell specification?	RNAi phenotype in sexually immature regenerates
CDC25-1	Yes	Yes	Loss of early germ cells followed by more differentiated cells	No male germ cells	Lysis	Lysis, no testes in remaining fragments
CDC25-2	No	Yes	Loss of early germ cells followed by more differentiated cells	No male germ cells	No	No testes
SDAD1	Yes	Yes	Loss of early germ cells followed by more differentiated cells	Not tested	Lysis	Lysis
CDC25-3	No	Not tested	No	Not tested	No	No
vasa1	Yes	Yes	Small testes, no loss of specific cell type marker	Not tested	Lysis	Lysis
vasa2	No	Yes	No	Not tested	No	Small testes with only SSCs and spermatogonia
Ringo/SPY	No	Yes	No mature sperm	Not tested	No	Small testes with only SSCs and spermatogonia
TPX-1	No	No	No	Not tested	No	No
TRF2-1	No	Yes	No	Not tested	No	No
TRF2-2	No	No	No	Not tested	No	No
TRF2-3	No	No	No	Not tested	No	No
GRSF1-1	Yes	Yes	Early lysis	Not tested	Lysis	Lysis
GRSF1-2	No	Yes	No	Not tested	No	No
PAM	No	Not tested	No	Not tested	No	No
TSSK	No	Not tested	No	Not tested	No	No

Table S3. Accession numbers of sequences used for phylogenetic analyses

Organism	Common name/taxon	Gene name	NCBI Accession number/source
Aplysia californica	Mollusc	Boule	XP_005103136
Caenorhabditis elegans	Nematode	Boule	NM_062635.4
Caenorhabitis briggsae	Nematode	Boule	XP_002630720
Drosophila ananassae	Arthropod (Diptera)	Boule	XP_001958310
Drosophila melanogaster	Arthropod (Diptera)	Boule	Q24207
Gallus gallus	Aves	Boule	XP_421917
Hofstenia miamia	Acoelomorpha	Boule1	Not available
Hofstenia miamia	Acoelomorpha	Boule2	Not available
Homo sapiens		Boule	NP_001271291.1
Hydra vulgaris	Cnidaria	Boule1	JN379588
Hydra vulgaris	Cnidaria	Boule2	JN379589
Hydra vulgaris	Cnidaria	Boule3	JN379590
Macrostomum lignano	Flatworm (Turbuleria)	Boule1	HM222645
Macrostomum lignano	Flatworm (Turbuleria)	Boule2	JF911416
Macrostomum lignano	Flatworm (Turbuleria)	Boule3	JF911417
Mus musculus	Mouse	Boule	NM_029267.3
Nematostella vectensis	Cnidaria	Boule1	XM_001635170
Nematostella vectensis	Cnidaria	Boule2	XM_001637198
Saccoglossus kowalevskii	Hemichordate	Boule	XM_011683988.1
Schistosoma mansoni	Flatworm (Trematode)	Boule	XM_002575473
Schmidtea mediterranea	Flatworm (Turbuleria)	Boule1	KU519616
Schmidtea mediterranea	Flatworm (Turbuleria)	Boule2	KU519617
Strongylocentrotus purpuratus	Echinoderm	Boule	XM_011683988.1

Tribolium castaneum	Arthropod (Coleoptera)	Boule	EFA05679
Lingula anatina	Brachiopod	Boule	http://marinegenomics.oist.jp/
Pinctada fucata	Pearl Oyster	Boule	http://marinegenomics.oist.jp/
Biomphalaria glabrata	Snail	Boule	XR_001216766.1
Lottia gigantea	Sea snail	Boule	http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/
Capitella sp. I ESC-2004	Polychaete	Boule1	http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/
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Octopus bimaculoides		Boule	XM_014929311.1
Helobdella robusta	Leech	Boule1	http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/
Helobdella robusta	Leech	Boule2	http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/
Echinococcus multilocularis	Flatworm (Cestode)	Boule1	parasite.wormbase.org
Echinococcus multilocularis	Flatworm (Cestode)	Boule2	parasite.wormbase.org
Hymenolepis diminuta	Flatworm (Cestode)	Boule1	parasite.wormbase.org
Hymenolepis diminuta	Flatworm (Cestode)	Boule2	parasite.wormbase.org
Hymenolepis microstoma	Flatworm (Cestode)	Boule	parasite.wormbase.org
Taenia asiatica	Flatworm (Cestode)	Boule	parasite.wormbase.org
Danio rerio	Zebrafish	Dazl	AB018191.1
Gallus gallus	Aves	Dazl	NM_204218.1
Mus musculus	Mouse	Dazl	NM_010021.5
Homo sapiens		DAZL	NM_001190811.1
Oryzias latipes	Japenese killfish	Dazl	NP_001098269.1
Xenopus laevis	Frog	Dazl	AF017778.1
Homo sapiens		DAZ	U21663.1

Table S4. Cloning and qRT-PCR primer sequences

Cloning primers

Gene name	Forward cloning primer	Reverse cloning primer	Genbank accession number
boule1	TGCAAACAAAATGTCAACTGAT	CATAAGGCACGGGTCCAT	KU519616
boule2	TATTTGTTGGGGGATTTCCA	CTTTGAGGTGTTGCCATTGA	KU519617
CDC25-1	TCACAACACTCCTGAAACACCA	TTCTGGTCCACGAACCGATG	KU852687
CDC25-2	ATGCAATATTTCTGTCAGTC	AAGACGCTTAATATCACATC	KU852688
CDC25-3	TGGCCACCTGTTTATTCCTC	CGACTTGACAATTCCCATCA	KU852689
DAZAP1	GATGGTAACGAGATTGGAAA	TATGACGTTGTTTGGTTTGA	KU852669
DAZAP2	TGACGGTGTCATAAAAGTCA	AGCTCCTTGATCCCATAAAT	KU852670
DZIP/iguana	ATCACCGTTGTCCATATTGT	GTCATCCTCCAAATTTTTCA	KU852671
GRSF1-1	TACAGGGGAGGCATTTGTTC	TCCGTCTGGGCCTATTTGTA	KU852676
GRSF1-2	GAGAAAGGCCACGAAGAGAA	AAAACATCATCTGGGCGTGT	KU852677
PAM	ACCGTCAGACCAAAACGAAC	TGCTTGAGCCACATCTGAAC	KU852680
pumilio	GGCAGGATTGTCGAACTCAG	CCAAGATCCTGATTGTTTTCA	KU852681
Ringo/SPY	GCTCACGATGTCGAAGAAGA	ATCTGACTCGTCGCTGTCAT	KU852682
SDAD1	TGGAGTTGCTGTCGAGATTG	CTTTCGGTTTTTGCTTGCTC	KU852686
TPX1	TTCTAACCGCCCATAACACC	CAGAGTCCGTCATTGCATGT	KU852672
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TRF2-2	TTGTGATGCCTACACCTCAGTT	TTTTCCCGAAACGAAAATCA	KU852674
TRF2-3	TATCGCCTGCTTTTTCGACT	TCTTTTCCTCCGGTCAAAAT	KU852675
TSSK	TTGCTGGAAATCGAGAACAG	ACTCGTCAGACTCGTTGCAC	KU852683
vasa1	TTGACCCCAGTGCAAAAATA	GCCAACAACTCCAACAGCTA	KU852684
vasa2	TTCCAACGCGTGAATTATGT	GTCGCCATGGATTGTAGTTG	KU852685

qRT-PCR primers

Gene name	Forward qRT-PCR primer	Reverse qRT-PCR primer
boule1	TCAAGCAACGATGACTGCTG	TTTGACGTGATTCCACCAAC
boule2	CCACTATCAATGGCAACACC	TCAACGGTTCTACTGGCATC
nanos	CAAGGACAAATGTTGCCTGTA	CAACCCATCGATCCAACTCT
pka	CATAGTCCAAGGCGATGATG	GGCGTTGTACATCAGTGCTAGT
tkn-1	CTGACATGCTTGGCACTTCT	GCGGTCTTCCCTATTCACTT
β-tubulin	TGGCTGCTTGTGATCCAAGA	AAATTGCCGCAACAGTCAAATA