### **Supplementary Figure Legends**

**Figure S1.** *Rad51* mutant fish are all infertile males. (A) H&E stained histological sections of 4 mpf wild type and mutant kidneys using a 20X objective. The arrow points out the area where mature spermatozoa reside. Scale bar=100  $\mu$ m. (B) Capillaries used to obtain sperm from wild type and mutant fish. Numbers indicate the number of fish giving sperm among the fish tested. Two-tailed Fisher's exact test, *P*=.0002. +/+, n=9. -/- n=13.

**Figure S2. Loss of** *rad51* **causes DNA damage sensitivity.** (A) Chromosome spreads of 24 hpf wild type and mutant embryos treated with 5 µg/ml mitomycin C for 20 hours. White arrows indicate premature chromatid separation events (i). Quantification of the damage (ii). Mann-Whitney test, P=.001, n<sub>+/+</sub>=16, n<sub>-/-</sub>=19. (B) Chromosome spreads of 24 hpf wild type and mutant embryos treated with 1 nM CPT for 20 hours. White arrows indicate breaks and radial structures in response to topoisomerase inhibition (i). Quantification of the damage (ii). Mann-Whitney test, P<.0001, n<sub>+/+</sub>=12, n<sub>-/-</sub>=17. (C) Chromosome spreads of 24 hpf wild type and mutant embryos treated with 10µ µM DiQ for 20 hours (i). Quantification of the damage (ii). Mann-Whitney test, P=.13, n<sub>+/+</sub>=14, n<sub>-/-</sub>=29. Bars represent mean +/- SEM in all graphs.

**Figure S3. NHEJ inhibition does not lead to synthetic lethality in** *rad51* mutants. Morphology of 24 hpf embryos treated with varying concentrations of SCR-7 for 20 hours.

**Figure S4**. *Rad51* mutant fish are smaller than their wild type siblings. (A) Representative images of mutant and wt fish at 23 dpf (i). (ii) Graph showing difference in size between the genotypes. Two-sided Student's t-test (P=.0016), n<sub>+/+</sub>=11, n<sub>-/-</sub>=7. Scale bar=1 mm. (B) Comparison of mutant and wild type fish at 4 mpf. Two-sided Student's t-test (P=.004), n<sub>+/+</sub>=28, n<sub>-/-</sub>=19. Scale bar=1 cm. (C) (i) Representative images of mutant and wt fish at 8 mpf. (ii) Graph showing difference in size between the genotypes. Two-sided Student's t-test (P=.023), n<sub>+/+</sub>=29, n<sub>-/-</sub>=31. Scale bar=1 cm. Bars represent mean +/- SEM in all graphs.

**Figure S5.** *Rad51* mutants develop micropthalmia. (A) Eye size at 5 dpf. Two-sided Student's t-test (P=.0001), n<sub>+/+</sub>=21, n<sub>-/-</sub>=13. (B) Eye size at 23 dpf. Two-sided Student's t-test (P=.013), n<sub>+/+</sub>=11, n<sub>-/-</sub>=7.

**Figure S6. FACS gating.** (A) Gate selecting for: i) cells and excluding debris, (ii) singlets, (iii) and (iv) viable cells based on propidium-iodide staining. (B) Gating for apoptotic cells using AnnexinIV-GFP (AV-GFP) antibody and PI staining. (i) Gating set on an unstained control, (ii) gating on an AV-GFP and PI-stained control. Viable cells are in the bottom left, apoptotic cells in the top left, dead cells in the top right and necrotic cells in the bottom right. (C) Gating for *gata1*:GFP-positive cells. (i) Gating set on a non-transgenic fish, (ii) same gating on a transgenic fish. (D) Gating for *cd41:GFP*-positive cells. (i) Gating set on a non-transgenic fish, (ii) same gating on a transgenic fish, iii) GFP+ cells are split into GFP<sup>dim</sup> (thrombocytic progenitors) and GFP<sup>high</sup> (mature thrombocytes) by selecting for two equally-sized gates at the 50% fluorescence mark. (E) Gating for different cell lineages based on the FSC and SSC parameters. (F) Gating for BrdU+ cells on fixed cells. (i) Selection for cells, (ii) singlets, (iii) BrdU+ cells, (iv) same gating as in iii, but on a BrdU-injected sample.

Figure S7. *P53* co-mutation increases the incidence of tumor development in double mutant fish, but does not rescue their fertility or size. (A) Male and female p53-/- rad51-/- fish at 4 mpf. (B) H&E stained histological sections of 4 mpf p53-/- and p53-/- rad51-/- ovaries using a 10X objective. Oocytes of different maturation stages are apparent in both genotypes. Scale bar=100µm. (C) H&E stained histological sections of 4 mpf p53-/- and p53-/- rad51-/- testes using a 20X objective. Arrows indicate normal location of mature spermatozoa Scale bar=100µm. (D) Quantification of the size of wild type and p53-/- rad51-/- fish at 4 mpf. Two-tailed Student's t-test, P=.008,  $n_{p53+/+} r_{ad51+/+}$ =27,  $n_{p53-/-} r_{ad51-/-}$ =9. (E) 5-month-old p53-/- rad51-/- fish with tumor behind the eye (top). Accompanying H&E stained histological sections of the tumor (bottom) using 2.5 and 63X objectives. Scale bar=500 µm and 10 µm respectively. (F) (i) and (ii) Tumors observed in 8 mpf female p53-/- rad51-/- fish in the body cavity around the ovarian tissue. Scale bar=500 µm and 10 µm respectively. Overall, 3/9 aged double mutants showed tumors.

**Figure S8. Inflammation marker gene expression** (A) Wt fish show increased inflammation markers *il1b* (i) and *il8* (ii) six hours post injection. +/+, n=6. -/-, n=6. Two sided Student's t-test, P=.009 (i) and P=.015 (ii). (B) There is no difference in expression between wt and mutant fish in *il1b* (i) and *il8* (ii). +/+, n=6. -/- n=6. Two sided Student's t-test. (C) Relative expression of monocyte/macrophage markers *marco* (i) and *csf1r* (ii) in response to four pl:pC injections in wt fish. Two-sided Student's t-test, P<.0001 (i) and P=.0002 (ii), n<sub>NI</sub>=10, n<sub>I</sub>=9. Bars represent geometric mean + 95% confidence interval (CI). NI=non-injected, I=injected. (D) Injection

scheme for determining cell proliferation in pl:pC injected fish. The experiment was started with a cohort of 36 wt and 18 mutant fish. 12 wt were injected with PBS, 12 with pl:pC, 6 with PBS+BrdU and 6 with pl:pC+BrdU. 12 mutants were injected with pl:pC and 6 with pl:pC+BrdU. On the next day, the BrdU co-injected fish were culled and analysed. On day 7, 6 wt were injected with PBS, 6 with pl:pC, 6 with PBS+BrdU and 6 with pl:pC+BrdU. 6 mutants were injected with pl:pC and 6 with pl:pC, 6 with PBS+BrdU and 6 with pl:pC+BrdU. 6 mutants were injected with pl:pC and 6 with pl:pC+BrdU. On the next day, the BrdU co-injected fish were culled and analysed. 0 day 7, 6 wt were injected with pl:pC and 6 with pl:pC+BrdU. On the next day, the BrdU co-injected fish were culled and analysed. On day 14, 6 wt fish were injected with PBS and 6 with pl:pC. 6 mutants were injected with pl:pC. On day 21, the same fish were injected again with the same substances and BrdU. All remaining fish were culled the next day and analysed.

### Figure S9: Mutation in *rad51* does not lead to acetaldehyde sensitivity

(A) Schematic of the experimental design. Both wild type and rad51-/- fish were injected every seven days with 10 µl 1% acetaldehyde, four injections in total. All fish were culled 3 days after the last injection. Control fish were not injected; Rad51+/+, n<sub>non-injected</sub>=9, n<sub>injected</sub>=8; rad51-/-, n<sub>non-</sub> iniected=10, niniected=9. (B) Absolute number of cells belonging to different blood lineages in the kidney gained by combining FACS data with the cell counts shown in A. Statistical tests were carried out individually for each cell type, using two-way ANOVA. P-value shown on the graph stems from a *post-hoc* Šidak multiple comparison test, comparing non-injected to injected fish within each genotype. For all groups, n is the same as in A. (C) The total number of cells in the kidney in injected and non-injected fish. Statistical testing was carried out using two-way ANOVA. There was a statistically significant effect of mutation status (F (1,32)=91.2, P<.0001) and of injection status (F (1,32)=12.29, P=.0014), as well as the interaction between the two (F (1,32)=18.49, P=.0001). P-value shown on the graph is from a post-hoc Tukey multiple comparison test. For all groups, n is the same as in A. (D) Viable cells as determined by PIstaining. Two-way ANOVA revealed a significant influence of mutation status (F (1,32)=27.47, P<.0001), as well as injection status (F (1,32)=35.28, P<.0001). P-values on the graph stem from a *post-hoc* Tukey multiple comparison test. Bars represent mean +/- SEM in B, C and D. (E) Relative gene expression of p53. Two-way ANOVA revealed a significant influence of mutation status (F (1,32)=16.67, P=.0003). Bars represent geometric mean + 95% Cl.

### Table S1. Antibodies used for western blotting and immunostaining.

Table S2. Primers used for qPCR.

### Table S3. Full data on ISH staining in Figure 5A.

### Supplementary References

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## Sperm capillaries 4 mpf



## Testis 4 mpf

### Figure S1 A







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Figure S8

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Table S1					
Target	Species	Conjugate	Company	Catalog No	Dilution used
Rad51	rabbit	none	Abcam	ab137323	1:1000 (WB), 1:200 (IS)
Rad51	rabbit	none	Anaspec	55838	1:200
BrdU	rabbit	fluorescein	Roche	11202693001	1:100
pH2AX	rabbit	none	-	-	1:1000
Beta-actin	mouse	none	Sigma Aldrich	012M4821	1:1000
Mouse IgG	rabbit	HRP	Abcam	ab97046	1:50000
Rabbit IgG	goat	HRP	Molecular Probes	G21234	1:50000

Table S2				
Target	Use	Forward	Reverse	Reference
il1b	qPCR	GCTGGAGATCCAAACGGATA	ATACGCGGTGCTGATAAACC	[1]
il8	qPCR	GTCGCTGCATTGAAACAGAA	AGGGGTCCAGACAGATCTCC	[1]
csf1r	qPCR	ATGACCATACCCAACTTTCC	AGTTTGTTGGTCTGGATGTG	[2]
marco	qPCR	ACGACAGCTTCGATAATTTG	AAAATACTGCTCTCGGTTCC	[2]
p53	qPCR	CGAGCCACTGCCATCTATAAG	TGCCCTCCACTCTTATCAAATG	
p21	qPCR	GTGTCAGGAAAAGCAGCAGA	GACGCTTCTTGGCTTGGTAG	

Genotype

	Staining intensity		
	High	Medium	Low
rad51+/+, p53+/+	5	9	3
rad51+/+, p53+/-	13	13	5
rad51+/+, p53-/-	5	4	6
rad51+/-, p53+/+	6	8	12
rad51+/-, p53+/-	25	17	17
rad51+/-, p53-/-	15	14	7
rad51-/-, p53+/+	1	6	6
rad51-/-, p53+/-	4	6	19
rad51-/-, p53-/-	6	3	2

Unsuccessful genotyping

Successful genotyping 237

Pooled data from 3 separate clutches with 60 embryos each

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