

Fig. S1 Isolation of undifferentiated spermatogonia (Aundiff) and round spermatids (RS).

a Cross section of H&E stained testes from P7 mouse. **b** DAPI (blue) and anti-PLZF (red) immuno-staining of digested P7 testes cells before MACS purification. **c** Illustration of magnetic activated cell sorting (MACS) strategy to isolate THY1+ c-KIT- Aundiff cells. Differentiated spermatogonia and other testis somatic cells expressed c-KIT (cKIT+ cells, shown as yellow cells), which were depleted first by binding to the anti-c-KIT antibody and magnetic columns. The unbound c-KIT- cells were subsequently separated by MACS to enrich the THY1+ c-KIT- cells (showed as green cells). **d** DAPI (blue) and anti-PLZF (red) immuno-staining of THY1+ c-KIT- cells after MACS purification. **e** Cross section of H&E stained testes of P28 mouse. **f** DAPI staining of digested P28 testis cells before FACS purification. **g** FACS plot of digested testes cells stained with Hoechst 33,342. Gate for sorting haploid RS is circled. **h** DAPI staining of RS after FACS purification. All scale bars = 50 μm .

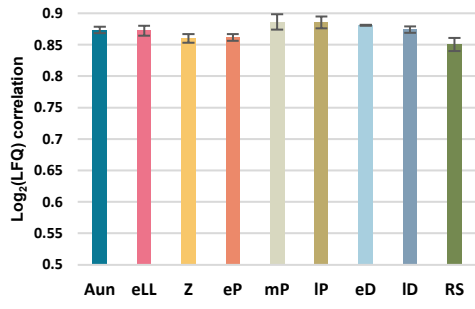


Fig. S2 The Pearson correlations coefficients of the proteomes between the triplicate techniques.

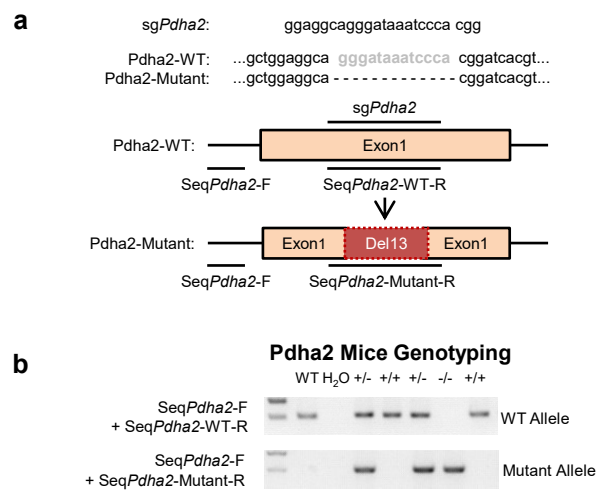


Fig. S3 Construction and genotyping of Pdha2 knockout mice.

a The strategy to construct Pdha2 knockout mice.

b Genotyping of Pdha2 knockout mice verified by PCR.

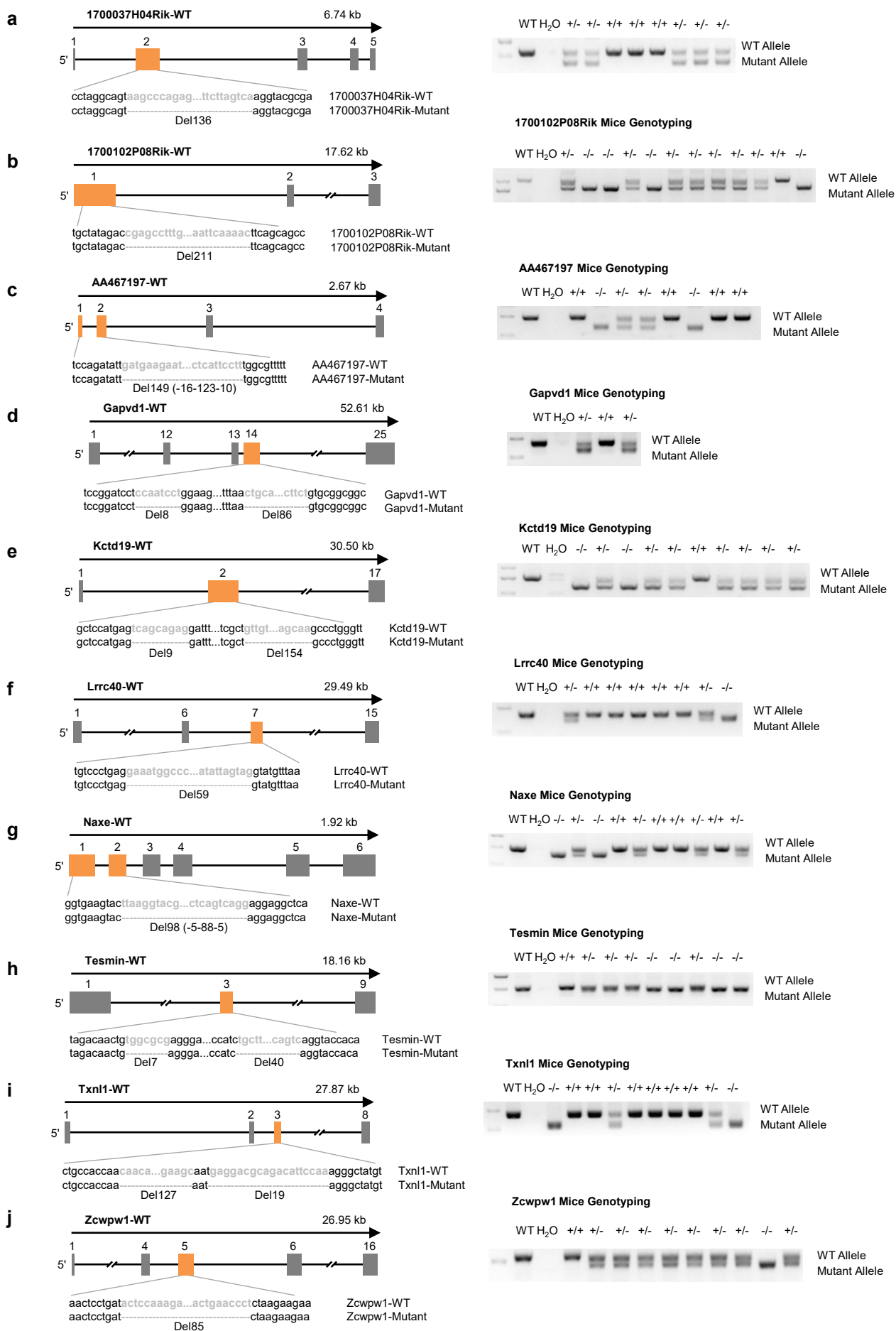


Fig. S4 Construction and genotyping of ten knock out mice of the top ten RBF-ranked candidates.
a-j Strategy to construct knockout mice of the top 10 RBF-ranked candidates (left panel) and the genotyping of knockout mice verified by PCR (right panel).

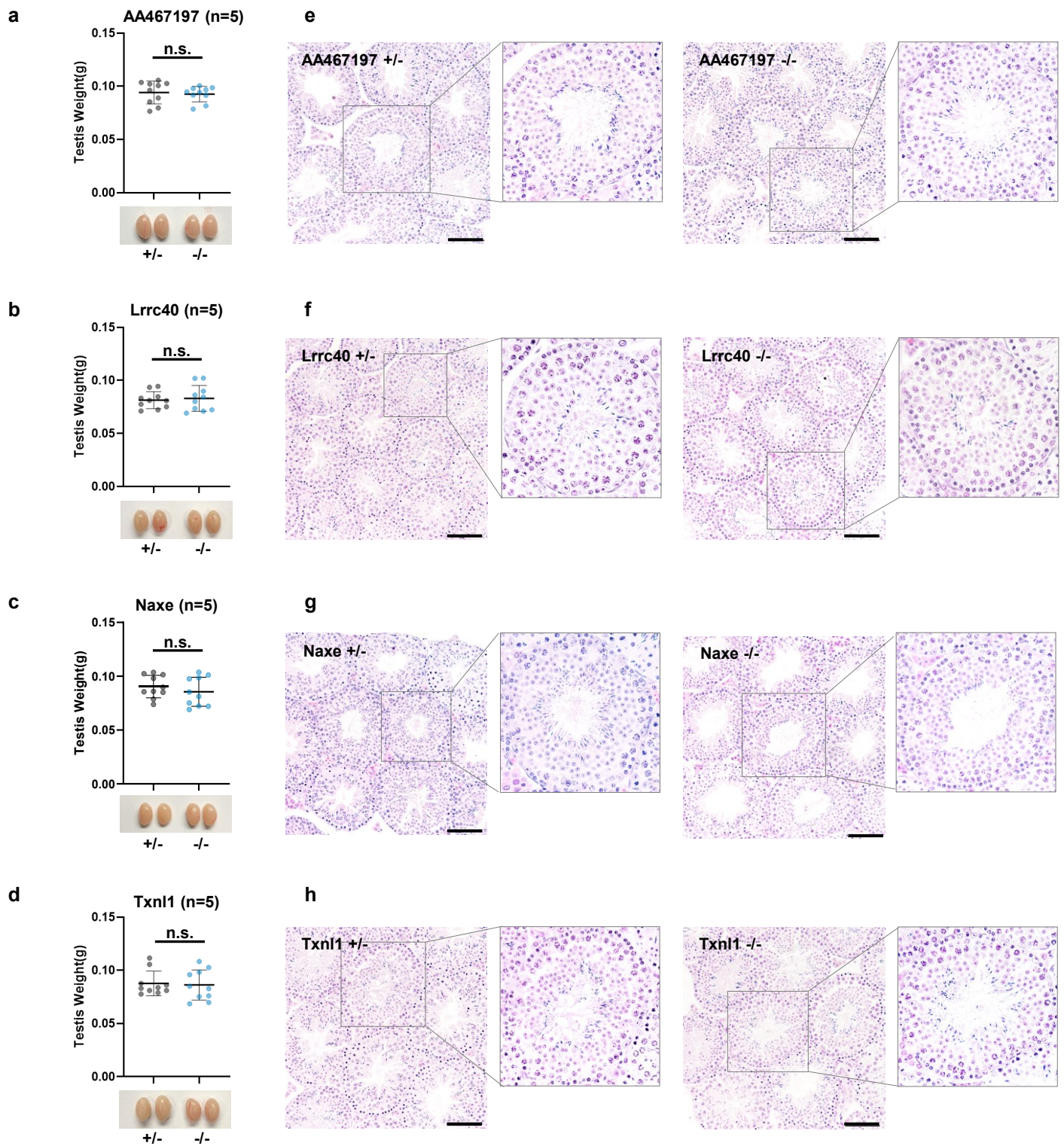


Fig. S5 Phenotypic validation of the meiosis non-essential proteins predicted by RBF.

a-d Comparison of testis weights derived from 8-week-old Txnl1^{+/-} and Txnl1^{-/-} mice (**a**), AA467197^{+/-} and AA467197^{-/-} mice (**b**), Lrrc40^{+/-} and Lrrc40^{-/-} mice (**c**), and Naxe^{+/-} and Naxe^{-/-} mice (**d**). n.s. means no significance in unpaired two-tailed t-test. **e-h** Cross-sections of H&E stained seminiferous tubules from the heterozygous and homozygous knockout mice of the four genes above, insets denote the specific seminiferous tubule under higher magnification. All scale bars = 50 μ m.