#### **Supplementary information**

**Phylogenetic tree of the DC-STAMP-like containing proteins and analysis of DCST1/2 protein conformation.** 

Sequences were collected in an HMM search using the PFAM DC-STAMP model against NCBI-nr protein or UniProt reference proteomes databases applying highly significant E-6 value thresholds  $(1e-10)$ , selected for a wide taxonomic range, and aligned with mafft  $(-1)e$  linsi, v7.427)<sup>1-3</sup>. A region conserved within DCST1, DCST2, DCSTAMP and OCSTAMP 8 orthologues (covering Homo sapiens DCST1 46-599) was extracted with Jalview<sup>4</sup>. A maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree was reconstructed with IQ-TREE version 2.1.3 using the "Q.plant+I+G4" model selected by ModelFinder and branch support obtained 11 with the ultrafast bootstrap method  $v2^{5-7}$ . The visualization was done with iTOL  $v6^8$ . 12 Branches supported by ultrafast bootstrap values ( $\geq$ =95%) were marked with a blue dot. Sequence accessions were added next to the species names. The alignment of mouse and zebrafish DCST1 and DCST2 amino acid sequences was performed with Clustal Omega (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/) and

16 visualized with JalView (https://www.jalview.org/ $)^4$ . The DC-STAMP-like protein domain prediction was derived from pfam protein domains (http://pfam.xfam.org/). Transmembrane helices were predicted with TMHMM 19 (http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM/) and Phobius (https://phobius.sbc.su.se/)<sup>9,10</sup>.

# **Generation of** *Dcst1* **and** *Dcst2* **mutant mice.**

*Dcst1* and *Dcst2* mutant mice were generated using 4 guide RNAs (gRNAs) (**Table S2**) 23 as described previously<sup>11-13</sup>. Genotyping PCR was conducted with primer sets (**Table S2**) 24 and KOD-Fx neo. The PCR condition was 94 °C for 3 minutes, denaturing at 94 °C for 30 seconds, annealing at 55°C (for *Dcst2* indel mutants) or 65°C (for *Dcst1* indel and *Dcst2* 26 deletion mutants) for 30 seconds, and elongation 72°C for 30 seconds for 35 or 40 cycles 27 in total, followed by 72°C for 2 minutes.

# **Generation of Tg mice.**

Sequences of *Dcst1* cDNA-3xHA tag and *Dcst2* cDNA-3xHA with a rabbit poly A signal were inserted under mouse *Clgn* promoter. The linearized DNA was injected into the pronucleus of zygotes, and the injected eggs were transferred into the ampulla of pseudopregnant females. Genotyping PCR was conducted with primer sets (**Table S3**) and KOD-Fx neo. The PCR condition was 94°C for 3 minutes, denaturing at 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at 65°C for 30 seconds, and elongation 72°C for 1 minute (for *Dcst1*-

3xHA), and 2 minutes (for *Dcst2*-3xHA) for 35 cycles in total, followed by 72°C for 2

- minutes.
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# **Quantitative PCR (qPCR) to analyze** *Dcst1* **and** *Dcst2* **expression levels**

The synthesized cDNA (5 ng), primer sets (**Table S4**), and THUNDERBIRD Next SYBR qPCR Mix (TOYOBO) were used for qPCR. The condition for qPCR was 95°C for 30 seconds, denaturing at 95°C for 5 seconds, annealing at 65°C for 10 seconds for 40 cycles in total. For melting curve, the samples was treated at 95°C for 15 seconds, followed by

increasing the temperature by 0.3°C from 60°C. *Actb* was used as a reference gene, and

- 45 the relative difference in the expression level was calculated by the  $\Delta\Delta$ Ct method.
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## **Morphology and histological analysis of a mouse testis.**

The testicular weight and body weight of *Dcst1d1/wt*, *Dcst1d1/d1*, *Dcst2d25/wt*, and *Dcst2d25/25* males (8-24 weeks old) were measured. The testis was fixed with Bouin's fluid (Polysciences) at 4°C overnight. Fixed samples were dehydrated by increasing the ethanol concentration, and then embedded with paraffin. Paraffin sections (5 μm) were stained with 1% periodic acid solution (Wako) for 10 minutes. Then, these samples were counterstained with Mayer hematoxylin solution for 3 to 5 minutes, dehydrated in increasing ethanol concentrations, and finally mounted in Entellan new (Merck).

# **CRISPR/Cas9-mediated zebrafish mutant generation.**

Homozygous mutants for *dcst1*, *dcst2*, and *dcst1/2* were generated in zebrafish using CRISPR/Cas9-mediated mutagenesis through the use of single gRNAs (sgRNAs) 59 eenerated as previously described<sup>14</sup>. SgRNAs targeting exons 2 and 3 for *dcst1* or exon 4 for *dcst2* (**Table S5**) were co-injected with Cas9 protein into one-cell TLAB embryos to 61 generate the single knock-out mutants (**Figure S12B**). *Dcst1/2<sup>-/-</sup> zebrafish were generated* in the same manner, but by injecting sgRNAs targeting exons 2 and 3 for *dcst1* in conjunction with those targeting exon 4 for *dcst2* into a *dcst1* mutant background (149 bp deletion, 14 bp insertion) to increase the chances of mutagenesis for both genes on the same allele. For all mutants, injected embryos were grown to adulthood and out-crossed to *wt* TLAB zebrafish; the offspring were then screened by PCR (**Table S5**) for heterozygous mutations in *dcst1*, *dcst2*, or both loci to identify founders. Siblings of fish found to carry mutations in the *dcst1* or *dcst2* locus were grown to adulthood and in-crossed to generate homozygous mutant fish. Amplicon sequencing of adult fin-clips revealed the different mutations as a 2-bp substitution combined with a 50-bp insertion 71 and 1-bp substitution in exon 2, and 4-bp deletion in exon 3 of  $\frac{d}{c}$  a 7-bp deletion in 72 exon-4 for  $dct2^{-1}$ : and a 155-bp deletion in  $dct1$  exon 3 combined with a 4-bp insertion followed by a 64-bp insertion in  $dct2$  exon 4 in case of the double mutant  $dct1/2^{-1}$ .

74 Genotyping of  $dest1^{-/-}$ ,  $dest2^{-/-}$ , and  $dest1/2^{-/-}$  mutant fish was performed using PCR (**Table S5**). Detection of mutations was performed using standard agarose gel electrophoresis (wt amplicon for *dcst1*: 311 bp, wt amplicon for *dcst2*: 394 bp, *dcst1*-/- 77 amplicon: 358 bp;  $dcst2^{-/-}$  amplicon: 387 bp; amplicon sizes in the  $dcst1/2^{-/-}$  double 78 mutant:  $dcst1^{-/-}$  amplicon: 156 bp;  $dcst2^{-/-}$  amplicon 467 bp). To confirm the presence of a truncated mRNA product for both mutants, cDNA was generated using the iSCRIPT cDNA Synthesis Kit (BioRad) from RNA isolated from mutant testis tissue. Sanger sequencing using primers within the open reading frame for both *dcst1* and *dcst2* was performed using the primers listed below (**Table S5**). Confirming that the mutations lead 63 to a truncated mRNA product, the  $dcst1^{-/-}$  cDNA encoded only 15 amino acids with a 84 premature termination codon, compared to amino acids for wt, the  $dcst2^{-1}$  cDNA encoded 183 amino acids (709 amino acids in wt), and the  $\frac{dct1}{2}$ -cDNA encoded 25 amino acids for *dcst1* and 170 amino acids for *dcst2* (**Figure S12C**)*.* The recovered mutant alleles were registered with ZFIN as vbc14, vbc15, and vbc16 respectively.

### **Generation of Dcst2 RING finger domain constructs.**

To clone the coding sequence of the Dcst2 RING finger domain, RNA was isolated from adult testis using the standard TRIzol (Invitrogen) protocol followed by phenol/chloroform extraction. cDNA was synthesized using the iSCRIPT cDNA Synthesis Kit (BioRad) and served as template for the amplification of the sequence 94 underlying Dcst2 (566-709) (Dcst2-RING F and Dcst2-RING R). The PCR product was introduced into BamHI/EcoRI-cut *pMTB-actb2:MCS-sfGFP* (a derivative of *pMTB-actb2:H2B-Cerulean*, a kind gift from Sean Megason) by Gibson assembly<sup>15</sup> to generate an in-frame fusion to sfGFP. The resulting ORF is flanked by a SP6 promoter and SV40 3' UTR.

## **mRNA injection of zebrafish embryos.**

TLAB embryos were collected immediately after being laid and dechorionated with pronase (1 mg/ml). Dechorionated one-cell stage embryos were injected with 100 pg mRNA and cultured at 28°C in E3 medium (5 mM NaCl, 0.17 mM KCl, 0.33 mM CaCl2, 0.33 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>,  $10^{-5\%}$  Methylene Blue). mRNA encoding Dcst2(566-709)-sfGFP was prepared by *in vitro* transcription using the mMESSAGE mMACHINE SP6 kit (Invitrogen) from a plasmid containing the SP6 promoter and SV40 3' UTR. Shield-stage (6 hpf) embryos were fixed with 3.7% formaldehyde at 4°C overnight. Immunofluorescence staining of embryos was performed as was done for zebrafish sperm

 immunocytochemistry, but with goat anti-mouse IgG Alexa Fluor 594 as secondary antibody. The embryos were imaged in PBS in a watch glass with a stereomicroscope

- (Lumar, Zeiss) with the 0.8x Neo Lumar S objective and 5x zoom (40x magnification).
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# **Zebrafish adult tissue RNA-Seq.**

 Adult zebrafish tissues (muscle, spleen, liver, intestine, heart, brain, fin, skin, testis) were dissected from adult *wt* (TLAB) zebrafish (three biological replicates for each sample). Total RNA was isolated using the standard TRIzol protocol and assessed for quality and quantity based on analysis on the Fragment Analyzer. PolyA+ RNA was selected with the poly(A) RNA Selection Kit (LEXOGEN), following the manufacturer's instructions. Stranded cDNA libraries were generated using NEBNext Ultra Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (New England Biolabs) and indexed with NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Dual Index Primer Set I) (New England Biolabs). Library quality was checked on the Fragment Analyzer and sequenced on a Illumina Hiseq 2500 with the SR100 mode. RNA-seq reads were processed according to standard bioinformatic procedures. Reads were mapped to Ensembl 102 gene models (downloaded 2021.01.25) 125 and the GRCz11 Danio rerio genome assembly, with Hisat2  $v2.1.0^{16}$  using the Ensembl transcriptome release 102. A custom file was generated by adding bouncer based on its position coordinates [exon = chr18:50975023-50975623 (+ strand); CDS = chr18:50975045-50975422 (+ strand)]. Quantification at the gene level (transcript per 129 million (TPM)) was performed using Kallisto  $(v0.46.0)^{17}$ . The RNA-seq data set was deposited to Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) and is available under GEO acquisition number GSE171906. RNA-seq data of ovary and oocyte-stage samples have been published previously and are available under GEO acquisition numbers GSE111882 133 (testis, ovary, mature oocytes)<sup>18</sup> and GSE147112 (oogenesis, mature oocytes)<sup>19</sup>.



**Figure S1. Conservation of DCST1 and DCST2 across bilaterians and predicted protein structure.** 

**A) Phylogenetic tree of the DC-STAMP-like domain containing proteins**. A maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree revealed an early split between DCSTAMP (green) and OCSTAMP (blue) proteins on the one hand and DCST1 (orange) and DCST2 (red) on the other hand. Common protein names for *C. elegans* SPE-42/SPE-49 and *D. melanogaster* Sneaky are included. The branch lengths represent the number of substitutions per site. **B) Amino acid sequence alignment between mouse and zebrafish DCST1 and DCST2**. Letters with blue shading indicate the percentage of sequence identity (dark blue: 100% identity). The DC-STAMP-like protein domain is highlighted in an orange box. **C) Predicted transmembrane helices for mouse and zebrafish DCST1 and DCST2**. Plots show predicted probabilities for transmembrane helices [TMHMM (orange) and Phobius (blue)] in mouse and zebrafish DCST1 and DCST2. 



**Figure S2. Multi-tissue gene expression analysis.** *Dcst1* and *Dcst2* are abundantly expressed in the mouse testis. Beta actin (*Actb*) was used as the loading control. The uncropped and unedited images in Figure 1A were shown. Br, brain; Th, thymus; Lu, lung; He, heart; Li, liver; Sp, spleen; Ki, kidney; Te, testis; Ov, ovary; Ut, uterus.

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arrangement such that parts of their 5' genomic regions overlap. To delete the coding region of *Dcst2*, we designed 2 gRNAs in exon4 and 15 of *Dcst2*. Black colored boxes show the coding region.

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275 B and C) Genotyping with PCR and direct sequencing. Four primers were used for 
276 the genotyping PCR. The amplicons were subjected to direct sequencing, and the mutant 
277 allele has a 7223 bp deletion and 2 bp insertion.
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- 278 **D)** Detection of *Dcst1* mRNA in *Dcst2<sup>del/del</sup>* testis.
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- 316 **Figure S4. Generation of** *Dcst1<sup>d1/d1</sup>* **and** *Dcst2<sup>d25/d25</sup>* **mice.**
- **A) gRNA design.** To generate indel mutant mice of *Dcst1* and *Dcst2*, we designed 2 gRNAs in exon1 of *Dcst1* and exon 4 of *Dcst2*. Black colored boxes show the coding region.
- **B) Genome sequence of** *Dcst1* **and** *Dcst2* **in** *Dcst1d1/d1* **and** *Dcst2 d25/d25***mice.** The mutant alleles of *Dcst1* and *Dcst2* have a 1-bp deletion in *Dcst1* and a 25-bp deletion in *Dcst2*, respectively.
- **C and D) Detection and cDNA sequencing of** *Dcst1* **and** *Dcst2* **mRNAs in** *Dcst1d1/d1*
- **and** *Dcst2d25/d25* **testes.** *Dcst1* mRNA in *Dcst1d1/d1* testis and *Dcst2* mRNA in *Dcst2d25/d25*
- testis were detected (panel C), but *Dcst1* and *Dcst2* cDNA sequencing have a 1-bp and 25-bp deletion in *Dcst1* and *Dcst2*, respectively.
- **E) Predicted amino acid sequences of** *Dcst1/2* **KO mice.** The indel mutation causes the amino acid changes (red-colored letters) due to the frame shift, leading to the appearance of premature stop codon (\*).
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**Figure S8. Analysis of** *Dcst1* **KO and** *Dcst2* **KO sperm.** 

**A) Sperm morphology.** 

**B) Sperm motility.** There was no difference in sperm motility parameters between Ctrl, *Dcst1* KO and *Dcst2* KO sperm. Sperm from *Dcst1d1/wt* and *Dcst2 d25/wt* males were used as the control. VAP: average path velocity, VSL: straight line velocity, VCL: curvilinear velocity, ALH: amplitude of lateral head, BCF: beat cross frequency, STR: straightness of trajectory, LIN: linearity.

- 494 All values are shown as the mean  $\pm$  SD.
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**Figure S9. Detection of IZUMO1.** The band signals of IZUMO1 in TGC and sperm of  $DcstI^{d1/d}$  and  $Dcst2^{d25/d25}$  male mice were comparable to the control wild-type sperm. SLC2A3, one of proteins in sperm tail, was used as the loading control. The uncropped and unedited images in Figure 2B were shown.

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- a fused protein under the testis-specific Calmegin (*Clgn*) promoter.
- **B) Genotyping of** *Dcst1***-3xHA and** *Dcst2***-3xHA Tg mice.**
- **C) Detection of HA-tagged DCST1/2.** TGC: testicular germ cells.



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# **Figure S12: Expression of** *dcst1* **and** *dcst2* **in zebrafish.**

- **A)** *Dcst1* **and** *dcst2* **genes are specifically expressed in adult testis in zebrafish.** RNA-
- Seq analysis of *dcst1* and *dcst2* gene expression levels in various adult tissues. Amongst
- all the tissues tested, *dcst1* and *dcst2* transcripts are strongly enriched in adult testis. The
- y-axis shows TPM values (transcripts per million).
- **B)** *Dcst1* **and** *dcst2* **gene locus in zebrafish.** *Dcst1* and *dcst2* genes overlap in their 5' ends. The red triangles indicate the sites of the introduced mutations in *dcst1* and *dcst2*.
- **C) Dcst1 and Dcst2 domain organization and mutant proteins.** Zebrafish Dcst1 and
- Dcst2 are multi-pass transmembrane proteins. Predicted transmembrane domains (black,
- 649 Phobius prediction<sup>10</sup>), the extracellular domain (ECD), the DC-STAMP-like domain
- $(50 \text{ (DC-STAMP)}$  and  $C_4C_4$  RING finger domain<sup>20</sup> are indicated. The *dcst1* and *dcst2* mutant
- alleles encode for truncated proteins. The aberrant translation caused by frameshift indels
- up to the premature termination codon is indicated in red.
- **D) The anti-Dcst2 antibody detects overexpressed Dcst2 protein in zebrafish embryos by immunofluorescence.** Immunofluorescent detection of Dcst2 protein (magenta) in zebrafish embryos. Embryos were either injected at the 1-cell stage with 100 pg of *dcst2 (RING)*<sup>20</sup> *-sfGFP* ) mRNA (top; overexpression of Dcst2 (RING)-sfGFP) or not injected (bottom; negative control). Embryos were fixed after 6 hours, followed by immuno-staining using an antibody recognizing the RING-domain of zebrafish Dcst2. Scale bar: 500 µm.
- **E) Detection of Dcst1 and Dcst2 in zebrafish sperm lysate.** The uncropped and unedited images of Figure 5C are shown.

- **Supplementary Movie Legends**
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- **Movie S1. Egg observation after IVF using** *Dcst1* **KO sperm.**
- **Movie S2. Egg observation after IVF using** *Dcst2* **KO sperm.**
- **Movie S3. Wild-type sperm approach to micropyle**. Wild-type sperm stained with
- Mitotracker Deep-Red was added to wild-type eggs and images were acquired following sperm addition.
- **Movie S4.** *Dcst2* **mutant sperm approach to micropyle**. *Dcst2* mutant sperm stained with Mitotracker Deep-Red was added to wild-type eggs and images were acquired following sperm addition.
- **Movie S5.** *Dcst2* **mutant sperm are unable to stably bind to wild-type eggs**. Time lapse
- 687 of sperm binding assay with wild-type (left) and  $dct2^{-/-}$  (right) sperm stained with Mitotracker Deep Red and wild-type eggs. After 2 minutes following sperm addition,
- 689 wild-type sperm are stably bound to the oolemma while  $\frac{d}{c} s t 2^{-1}$  mutant sperm are unable
- to bind.











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