

Expanded View Figures

Figure EV1. Two isoforms of L(3)mbt, L(3)mbt-L, and L(3)mbt-S, in OSCs.

- A Western blotting using an anti-L(3)mbt antibody that we raised in this study detected L(3)mbt as a doublet in the OSC nuclear lysates. The doublet disappeared upon L(3)mbt RNAi. Histone H3 (H3) served as a loading control.
- B The exon-intron structures of the *l(3)mbt* gene in dm6 (provided by UCSC) and in OSCs (Sienski *et al*, 2012). Note that the *l(3)mbt* gene in OSCs has an LTR-type transposon, *springer*. RACE detected three different 5' ends of *l(3)mbt* mRNA (#1, #2, and #3).
- C Top: Western blotting using the anti-L(3)mbt antibody shows that L(3)mbt-L-3xFLAG and L(3)mbt-S-3xFLAG exogenously expressed in OSCs co-migrate with endogenous L(3)mbt-L and L(3)mbt-S (control), respectively. Middle: Western blotting was performed using anti-FLAG antibody. Bottom: Histone H3 (H3) was detected as a loading control.
- D Immunofluorescence analysis using the anti-L(3)mbt antibody detected L(3)mbt (green) mostly in the OSC nuclei. The L(3)mbt signals disappeared upon L(3)mbt RNAi (KD). DAPI (blue) indicates the nuclei. Scale bar: 10 μ m.

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Figure EV2. Genomic distribution of L(3)mbt and the effects of L(3)mbt loss on the expression levels of piRNA factors in OSCs.

- A Genomic browser views of L(3)mbt ChIP-seq signals. All fly chromosomes are shown. The *vasa*, *ago3*, and *aub* loci are indicated. The total number of L(3)mbt ChIP peaks is shown in upper right.
- B PCA shows the correlation in the RNA-seq libraries. Control: GFP siRNA was used.
- C-E The genomic regions harboring qin, tej, boot, and CG9925 (C), piwi, yb, armi, and zuc (D), and flam (E).



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Figure EV3. Doman structures of L(3)mbt, Lint-O and their mutants and behavior of L(3)mbt-S in OSCs.

- A Domain structures of WT Lint-O and its Δ SAM and 8CA mutants. The Δ SAM mutant is composed of Met1-Val371 and Ser437-Asp446. The Cys-to-Ala mutations in the 8CA mutant are indicated at the bottom (asterisks in the structure).
- B Domain structures of WT L(3)mbt-L, WT L(3)mbt-S, and their ΔSAM mutants. The ΔSAM mutant of L(3)mbt-L is composed of Met1-Leu1278 and Val1367-Ser1477 of WT L(3)mbt-L. The ΔSAM mutant of L(3)mbt-S is composed of Met325-Leu1278 and Val1367-Ser1477 of WT L(3)mbt-L.
- C IP/western blotting shows that WT L(3)mbt-S, but not its Δ SAM mutant, co-immunoprecipitated with Lint-O from the OSC lysates. n.i., nonimmune IgG.
- D Subcellular localization of WT L(3)mbt-S and its Δ SAM mutant (green). Scale bar: 5 μ m.
- E Western blotting using the anti-Lint-O antibodies raised in this study. The Lint-O band (~60 kDa) was observed in normal OSCs (Lint-O RNAi-) but not in Lint-O-depleted OSCs (Lint-O RNAi+). Histone H3 (H3) was detected as a loading control. An asterisk shows the background.

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Figure EV4. Lint-O OSC ChIP-seq and RNA-seq before and after Lint-O depletion in OSCs.

- A Genomic browser views of the Lint-O ChIP-seq reads. All fly chromosomes are shown. The *y*-axis shows the number of RPM. The *vasa*, *ago3*, and *aub* loci are indicated. The total number of Lint-O ChIP peaks is shown in upper right.
- B Overlap between Lint-O ChIP peaks in (A) and L(3)mbt ChIP peaks (Fig EV2A).
- C uasa, CG9925, tej, boot, qin, aub, and ago3 were identified as upregulated genes (* q-value <0.05) in RNA-seq analysis. The log fold change of the differential expression for each piRNA pathway gene was calculated based on the RNA-seq data from normal (control), L(3)mbt-depleted (KD), and Lint-O-depleted (KD) OSCs. The y-axis shows the ratio of the read counts between L(3)mbt- and Lint-O-depleted OSCs and the normal OSCs.
- D Overview and comparison of the gene classification in Figs 1A and 4A.

Figure EV5. Lint-O ^{KO} ovaries and larval brains.

- A Schema depicting the experiment. Eggs were transferred to 29°C after spawning at 25°C and incubated for 13 days. Ovaries were dissected from adult flies.
- B–E Confocal images of brains of *y w*, *Lint-O^{KO}*, and *L(3)mbt^{ts1}* larvae (grown at 29°C) for Orb (B), Fas3 (C), Spectrin (Spec) (D), and F-actin (E). *Lint-O^{KO}* ovariole showed defects in follicle cell layer integrity. DAPI (blue): nuclei. Scale bars: 50 μm.
- F The *Lint-O-Venus* fly line (*y w Lint-O-Venus*) was generated using the CRISPR /Cas9 system. The Venus sequence was inserted before the stop codon of Lint-O. The Lint-O-Venus signal (green) was detected in the nucleus of both germ and follicle cells in the ovaries. Nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue). Wild-type (*y w*) was used as a negative control. Scale bars: 50 μm.
- G Confocal images of *y w*, *Lint-O^{KO}*, and *L(3)mbt^{ts1}* immunostained for Vasa (magenta) and MIRA (green). Merged images were also presented in Fig 6B. Scale bars: 100 μm.
- H Enlarged views of insets in (G). Scale bars: 50 μm.
- I Confocal images of y w, Lint-O^{KO}, and L(3)mbt^{ts1} immunostained for Vasa (magenta) and ELAV (green). Merged images were also presented in Fig 6B. Scale bars: 100 μm.
- J Enlarged views of insets in (I). Scale bars: 100 μm.



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