

Table S1. Number of germ nuclei during larval development

Genotype	25 hour ^a			31 hour ^a			40 hour ^a			50 hour ^a		
	n	Mean	Range	n	Mean	Range	n	Mean	Range	n	Mean	Range
N2	11	15	8-18	11	23	14-33	11	121	40-159	3	285	196-337
<i>qa6200</i>	16	3	2-6	12	6	2-8	4	5	2-8	9	1	0-3
<i>tm1227</i>	18	3	2-5	6	3	2-4	6	3	2-6	9	3	0-7

Germ nuclei were counted in intact wild-type and *mrg-1* M-Z- larvae fixed in methanol/acetone (Strome and Wood, 1983) and stained with DAPI and anti-PGL-1 to mark germline-specific P granules.

^aHours after hatching at 20°C.