

**Table S1. Further information on the comet and cup genes**

Gene	Symbol	CG	Map	Protein domains	DmSP	FlyAtlas
<b>Comet genes</b>						
<i>schumacher-levy</i>	<i>schuy</i>	CG17736	78D	Glu-rich	No	Testis
<i>hale-bopp</i>	<i>hale</i>	CG7570	78D	Glu-rich	No	Testis
<i>sungrazer</i>	<i>sunz</i>	CG15179	84A	EF-hand	No	Testis
<i>solwind</i>	<i>sowi</i>	CG15178	84A	EF-hand	No	Testis
<i>borrelly</i>	<i>boly</i>	CG30362	44C	DM6	Yes	Testis
<i>comas sola</i>	<i>cola</i>	CG30363	44C	DM6	No	Testis
<i>hug-bell</i>	<i>hubl</i>	CG30364	44C	DM6	No	Testis
<i>spacewatch</i>	<i>spaw</i>	CG30365	44C	None*	No	None
<i>swift-tuttle</i>	<i>swif</i>	CG30366	44C	DM6	No	Testis
<i>whipple</i>	<i>whip</i>	CG34218	44C	None*	ND	ND
<i>scotti</i>	<i>soti</i>	CG8489	88B	None	No	Testis
<i>Pglym87</i>	<i>Pglym87</i>	CG17645	87B	Phospho-glycerate mutase	Yes	Testis
<b>Cup genes</b>						
<i>world-cup</i>	<i>w-cup</i>	CG7363	32A	None	No	Testis
<i>walker-cup</i>	<i>wa-cup</i>	CG10113	84D	TPR-like helical	No	Testis
<i>ryder-cup</i>	<i>r-cup</i>	CG10998	19E	None <sup>†</sup>	No	Testis
<i>stanley-cup</i>	<i>s-cup</i>	CG30044	49A	None	No	Testis, brain, head
<i>presidents-cup</i>	<i>p-cup</i>	CG12993	16A	None <sup>†</sup>	No	Testis
<i>davis-cup</i>	<i>d-cup</i>	CG14387	87D	EF-hand	No	Testis
<i>calcutta-cup</i>	<i>c-cup</i>	CG15623	22B	Cytochrome b5	No	Testis
<i>tetleys-cup</i>	<i>t-cup</i>	CG31858	33E	Cytochrome b5	No	Testis
<i>flyers-cup</i>	<i>f-cup</i>	CG9611	87F	Leucine-rich repeat	No	Ubiquitous, highly enriched in testis
<i>heineken-cup</i>	<i>h-cup</i>	CG6130	88F	DUF837	No	Testis
<i>mann-cup</i>	<i>m-cup</i>	CG11896	89F	Ankyrin repeat	No	Ubiquitous, highly enriched in testis
<i>oo18 RNA-binding protein</i>	<i>orb</i>	CG10868	94E	RNA binding	No	Ubiquitous, enriched in ovary, brain, testis

Further information on the comet and cup genes, including chromosomal locations, protein domains detected by InterPro searches, detection in *Drosophila* sperm proteome by mass spectrometry (DmSP) (Dorus et al., 2006), and detection in adult tissues from FlyAtlas (Chintapalli et al., 2007).

\**spaw* and *whip* do not have a DM6 domain according to InterPro searches, but have homology to the other DM6-containing proteins.

<sup>†</sup>*r-cup* and *p-cup* do not have TPR-like helical domains according to when searching using InterPro, but have homology to the TPR-like helical domain-containing cup gene *wa-cup*.

*whip* was included as a new annotation in Release 5.2 of the *Drosophila* genome annotation.

DUF, domain of unknown function.

**Table S2. Homologues of comets or cups**

CG	Map	Homologous to	FlyAtlas	DmSP	Staining pattern
CG8701	44C	DM6 cluster	Testis	Yes	Like CG10252
CG4691	35B	DM6 cluster	Testis	Yes	Like CG10252
CG12861	51B	DM6 cluster	Testis	Yes	Like CG10252
CG2127	44C	DM6 cluster	Testis	Yes	Like CG10252
CG33340	95F	DM6 cluster	Testis, hindgut	Yes	Like CG10252
CG11635	44C	DM6 cluster	Testis	No	Like CG10252
CG15177	84A	<i>sunz, sowi, d-cup</i>	Testis	No	Like CG11591
CG7634	78D	<i>wa-cup, r-cup, p-cup</i>	Testis, tubule	No	Like CG11591
CG15128	56E	<i>wa-cup, r-cup, p-cup</i>	Testis	Yes	Like CG11591
<i>Pglym78</i>	98F	<i>Pglym87</i>	Ubiquitous (low in testis)	No	Not detected
CG10158	27C	<i>h-cup</i>	Ubiquitous (high in testis)	No	ND

Testis expression patterns (RNA in situ hybridisation staining pattern), chromosomal location, expression profiles in adult flies (FlyAtlas) and detection in *Drosophila* sperm proteome by mass spectrometry (DmSP) of closely related homologues of the comet and cup genes.