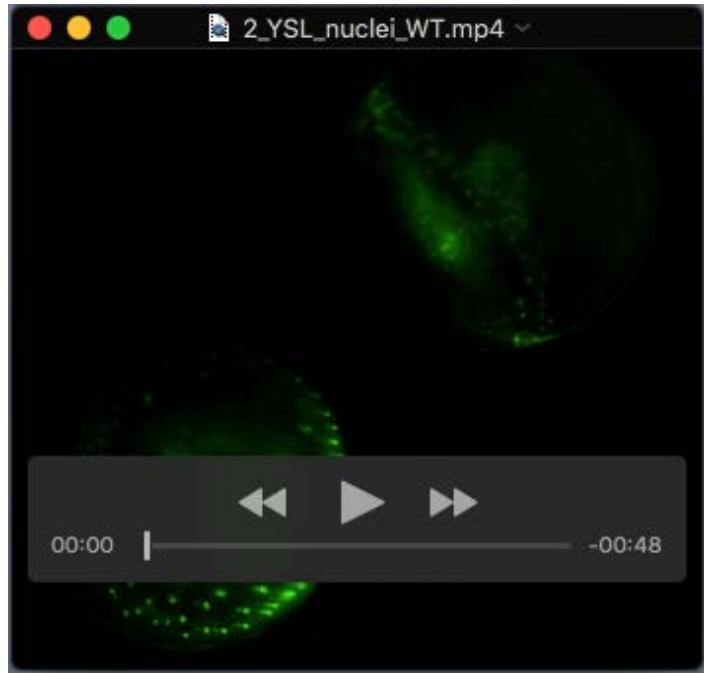


## Supplementary material

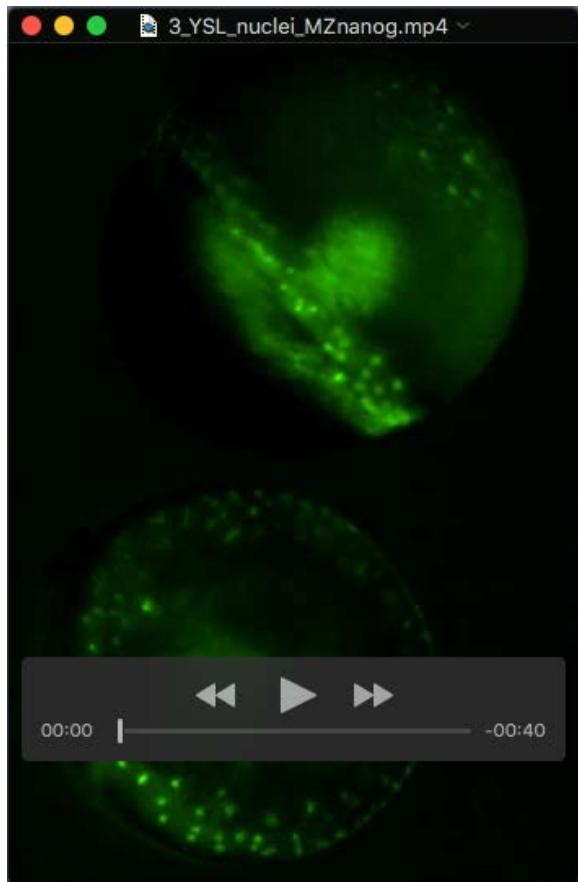
### Supplementary movies



**Movie 1. MZnanog mutant show proper cleavages during first 3 hours of development and abnormal epiboly.** The movie starts when wild-type (right) and MZnanog (left) embryos are at 4-cell stage. For visualization, the embryos were injected with SYTOX Green at 1-cell stage. Following the cleavages from 4-cell to 1k-cell stage, there is no recognizable difference between wild-type and mutant embryos. Nanog mutants undergo the cleavages with the same timing and with the same number of cycles, which we confirmed by counting cell cycles (data not shown). The movie stops after 21 hours when the mutant embryo died through yolk lysis. The movie was recorded at room temperature.

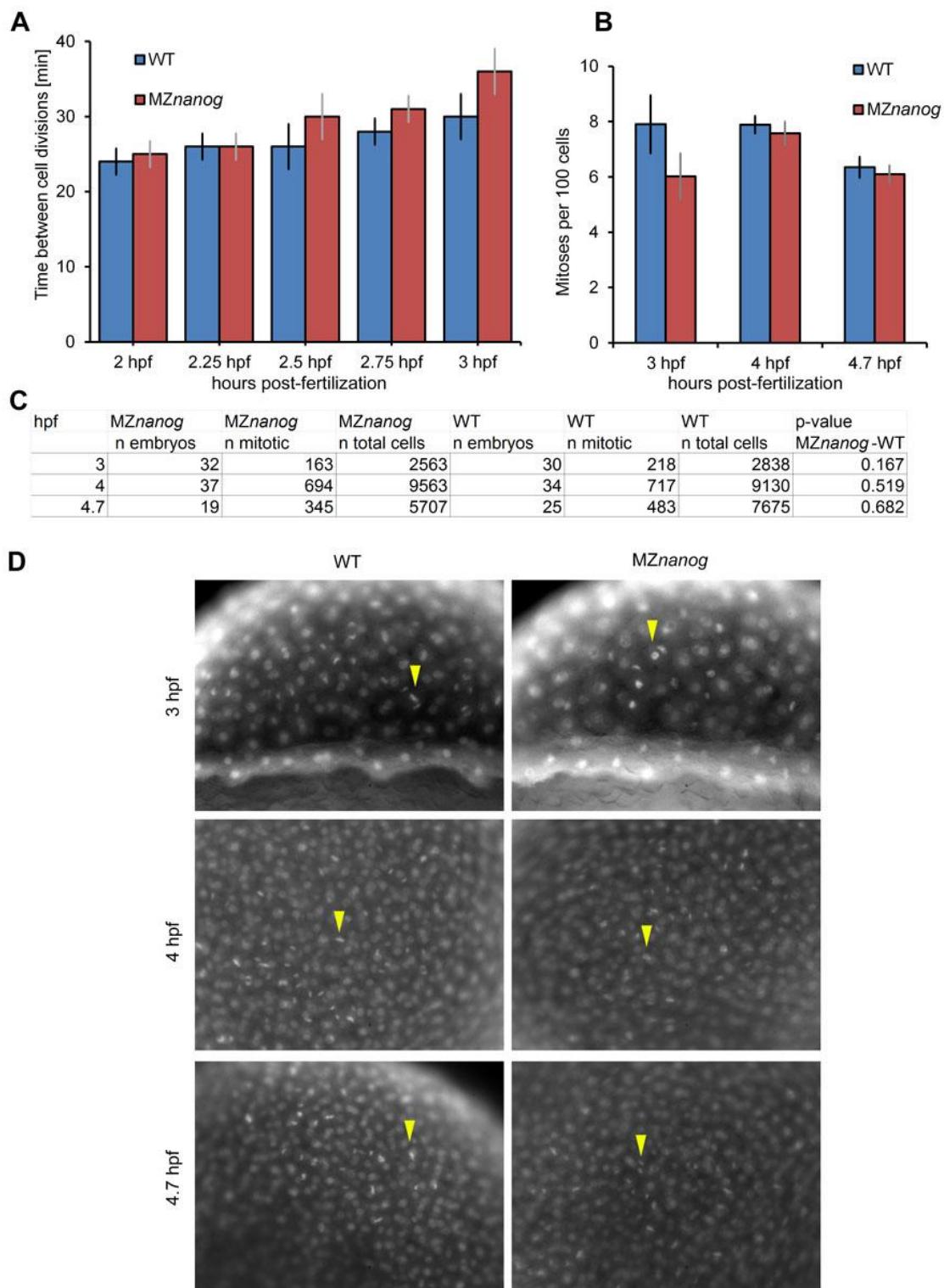


**Movie 2. YSL nuclei movements in wild type embryos.** Embryos were injected with SYTOX Green at 1-cell stage to visualize the YSL. The injected embryos were embedded in low melting agarose to show the animal (below) and lateral (above) view and the movie was started when they, reached oblong stage. Frames were taken every 3 min. Note the changing distribution of the YSL nuclei: YSL nuclei first stay as 3 rows in the periphery of the yolk, then the nuclei aligned at one row and as doming starts some YSL nuclei migrate to the middle.



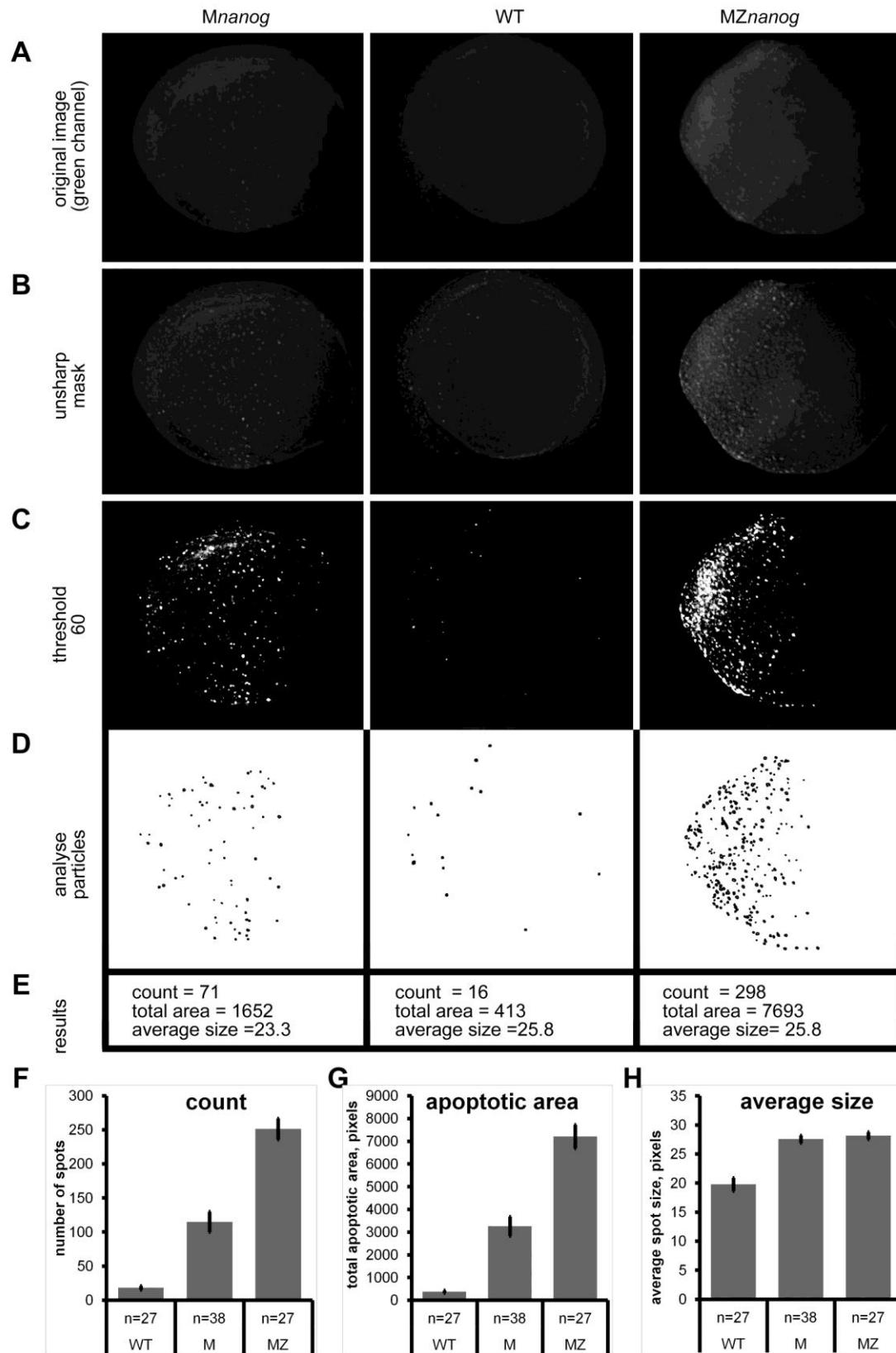
**Movie 3. YSL nuclei movement in *MZnanog* embryos is impaired.** Embryos were injected with SYTOX Green at 1-cell stage to visualize YSL. The movie was started when the control wild type embryos reached oblong stage, frames were taken every 3 min. Embryo below is in animal view, embryo above is in lateral view. Note that no nuclei movement or doming is visible until the yolk lysis.

## Supplementary figures



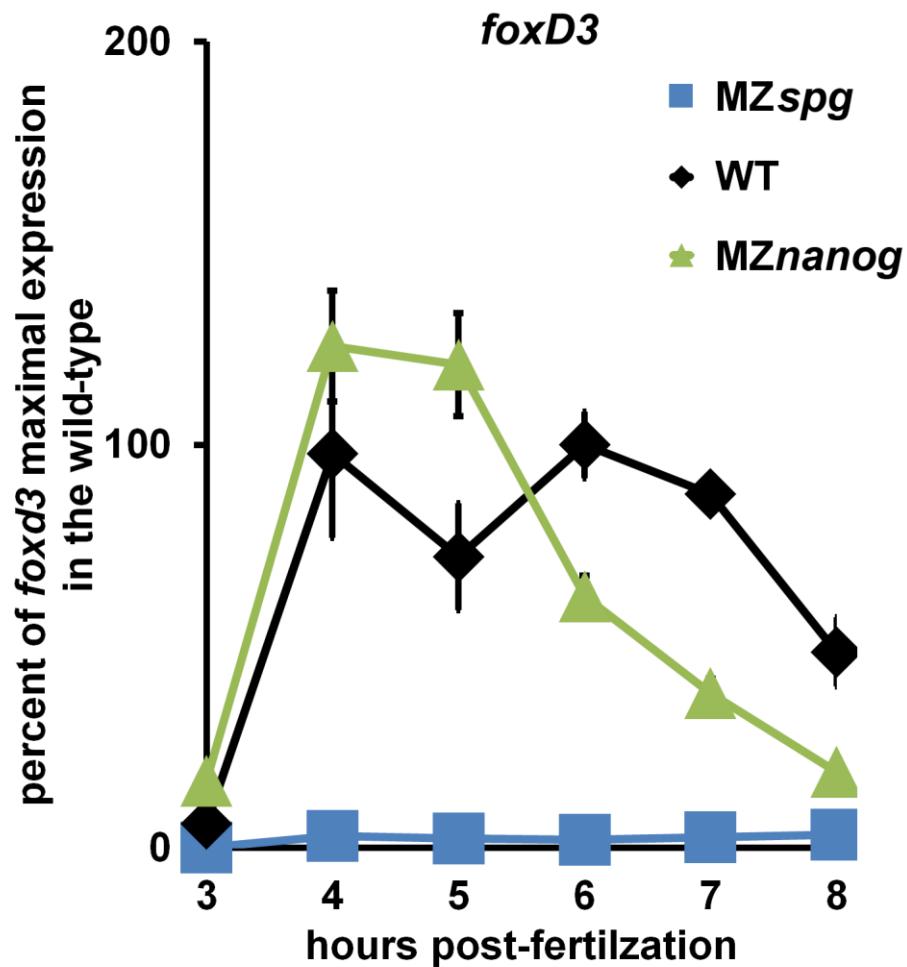
**Fig. S1. Pre-ZGA and post-ZGA cell division rates in WT and MZnanog are not significantly different.** (A) Timing of pre-MBT cleavages in wild-type and MZnanog embryos.

Y-axis: Time between cell divisions (from 2 – 3 hpf) was estimated from 3 time-lapse records, including Supplementary Movie 1. Error bars: standard deviation, n=3. (B-D) Mitotic rates of WT and MZnanog at 3 hpf, 4 hpf and 4.7 hpf (see Materials and Methods). (D) Y axis: number of mitoses per 100 cells, Error bars: SEM. (C) Summary table for mitotic cell and total cell counts (see Table S1 for all counts per embryo). (D) Example images of each stage and genotype, yellow arrowheads show mitotic cells. Scale bar corresponds to 125  $\mu$ m.

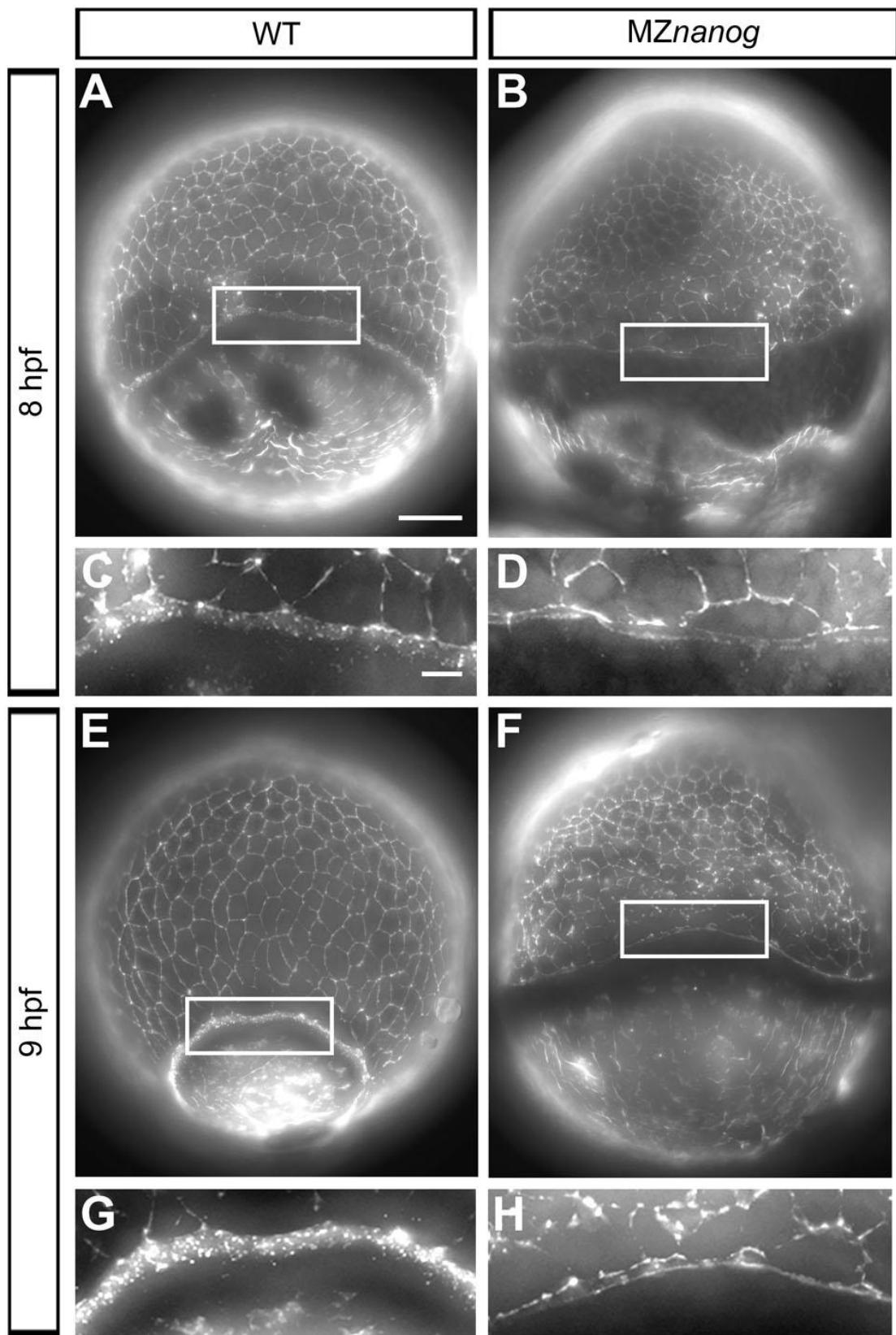


**Fig. S2. Image processing pipeline for comparing relative cell death rates within the experiment.** (A-E) Processing of 3 images (Mnanog, WT, MZnanog) shown at Fig. 2 of the

main text is taken as example. Embryos were stained and images taken as described in “Materials and Methods”. Then images in TIFF format (A) were sharpened in Adobe Photoshop with “Unsharp Mask” Filter (B), and thresholded in ImageJ (C). The spots of 4-100 pixels size visualized in (D) representing clusters of dead cells or single cells were taken as a measure of dead cells per embryo. Count, total area and average size of the spots per image (E) was recorded for 20-40 images per condition. (F-H) statistics of count (F), total area (G) and average size (H) for WT, *Mnanog* and *MZnanog* using threshold 60, which gave in the closest values for average spot size in different experimental groups (H). Total area was normalized to the average *MZnanog* value and used as a relative measure for the amount of cell death between experimental conditions (genotypes or treatments). Scale bar in A-D indicates 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

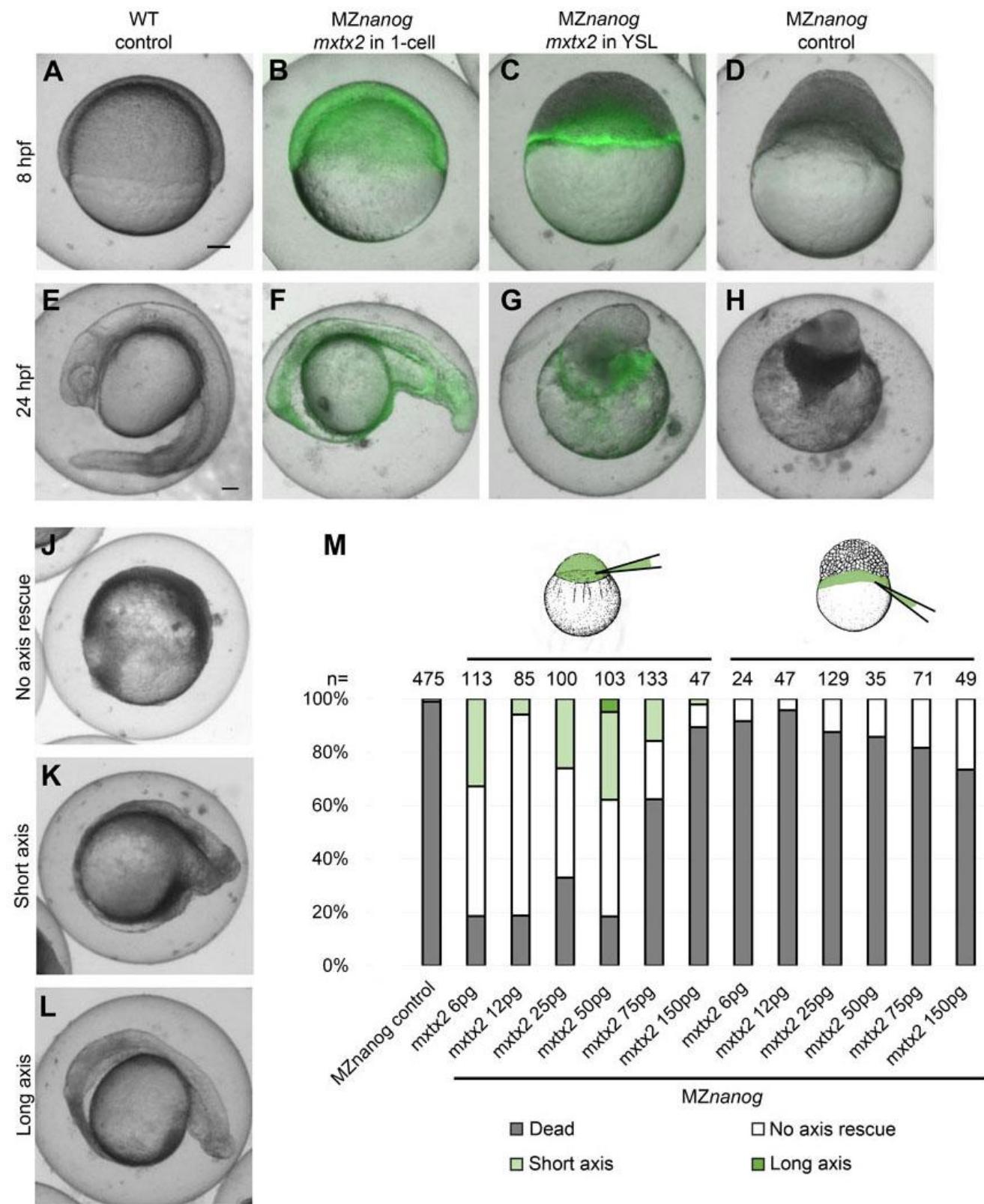


**Fig. S3. Expression of *foxD3* in the wild-type, MZnanog and MZspg embryos.** Graph shows *foxD3* expression time-curve generated by quantitative real time PCR in the wild-type, MZnanog, and MZspg. Embryos were collected in 1 hour intervals from 3 hpf till 8 hpf. All expression values were normalized to maximal expression in the wild-type. Note that *foxD3* expression starts at the same time in the MZnanog and in the wild-type, while in MZspg *foxD3* expression is missing as reported before (Onichtchouk et al., 2010).



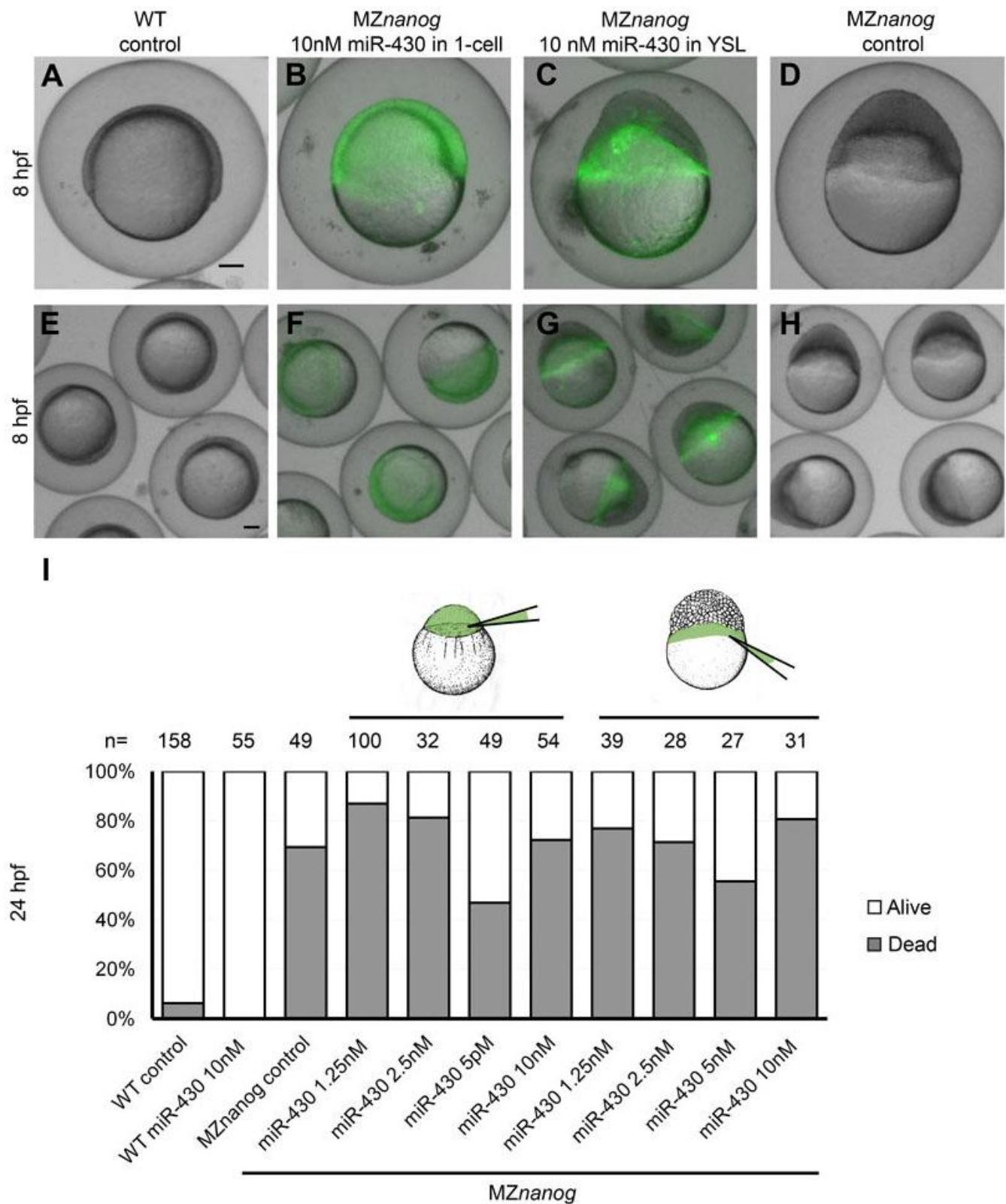
**Fig. S4. F-actin ring does not form and EVL-YSL border does not constrict in *MZnanog*.**  
(A-H) F-actin ring visualization by rhodamin-phalloidin staining of wild-type and *MZnanog*

embryos at 8 hpf and 9 hpf (75% epiboly of wild-type control and 90% epiboly of wild-type control), as indicated. The higher magnification views of boxed areas show the endocytic vesicles in the wild-type (C,G) which are missing in *MZnanog* (D,H). Note that at the 8 hpf higher magnification view two faint actin bands are visible in *MZnanog* - one in the EVL cells and one in the YSL (D). This may indicate detachment of the marginal EVL cells from the YSL. Scale bars correspond to 100 µm in A,B,E,F and 20 µm in C,D,G,H.



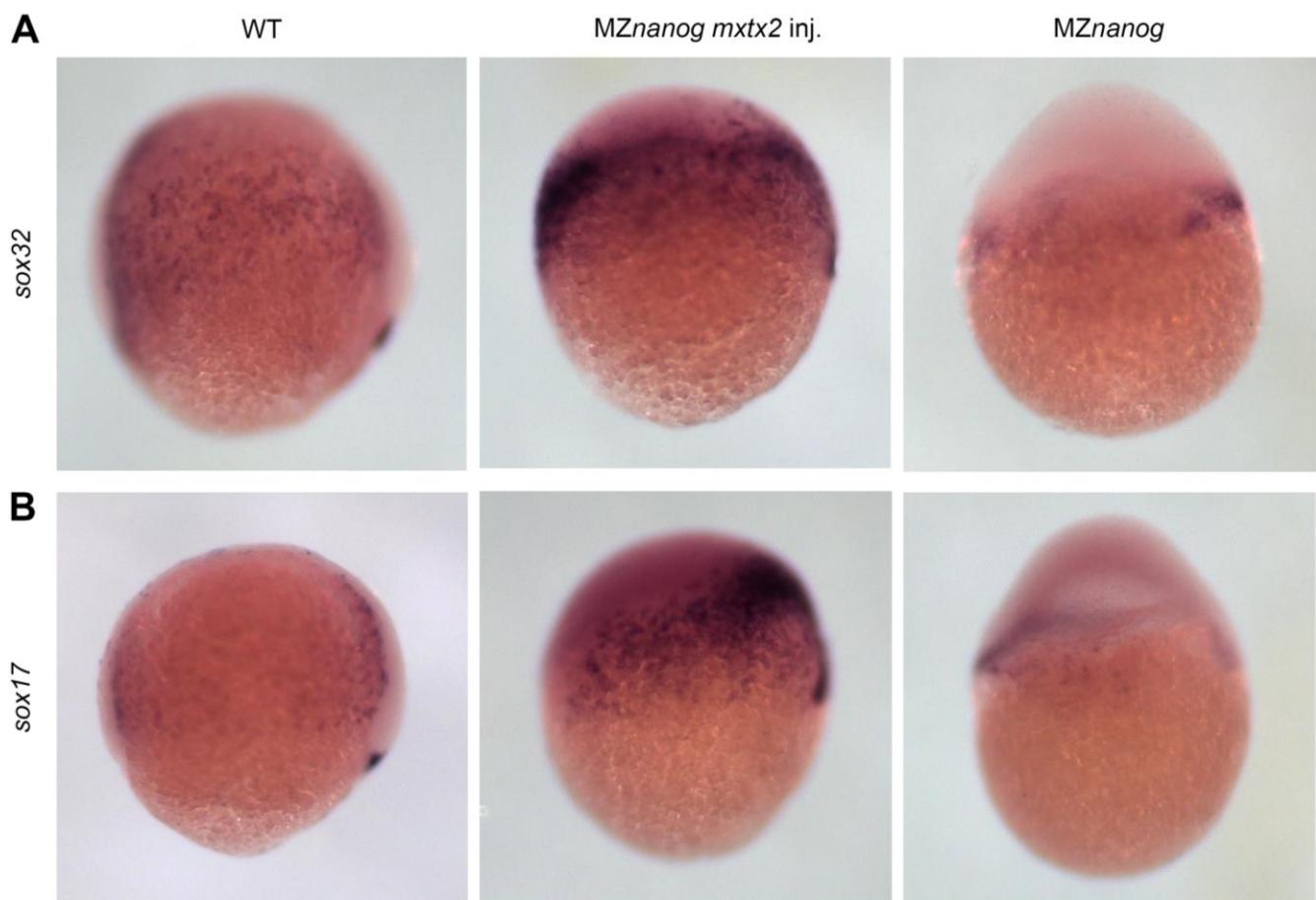
**Fig. S5. *mxtx2* mRNA injection at 1 cell stage but not to the YSL rescues epiboly in *MZnanog* embryos.** (A-H) Representative embryo phenotypes from single rescue experiment: *mxtx2* mRNA was co-injected with Alexa488 dextran (green) in the YSL (C, G) or

in 1-cell stage (B,F) of MZnanog embryos. Live images in DIC and green fluorescence were taken from injected and non-injected wild-type and MZnanog at 75% epiboly of the wild-type control (8 hpf) and 24 hpf, as indicated. Note that MZnanog embryos injected into 1-cell stage restored epiboly (B) and some of them formed the partial body axis with tail (F). The phenotypes of YSL-injected MZnanog embryos were not distinguishable from non-injected MZnanog at 8 hpf (compare C and D) and 24 hpf (G and H). Scale bars in A-H indicate 100  $\mu$ m. (J-L) Phenotypic classes used for scoring the rescued phenotypes in *mctx2* experiment at 24 hpf: no axis rescue (J), short axis rescue (K) or long rescue (L). (M) Rescue statistics after 24 hpf, six concentrations of *mctx2* mRNA (indicated below the graph in pg per embryo) were used for injections of MZnanog embryos at the 1-cell stage and to the YSL at the 512-cell stage, as indicated above the graph. Phenotypic classes used for scoring are shown in J-L. Numbers of injected or non-injected embryos are indicated above the bars.

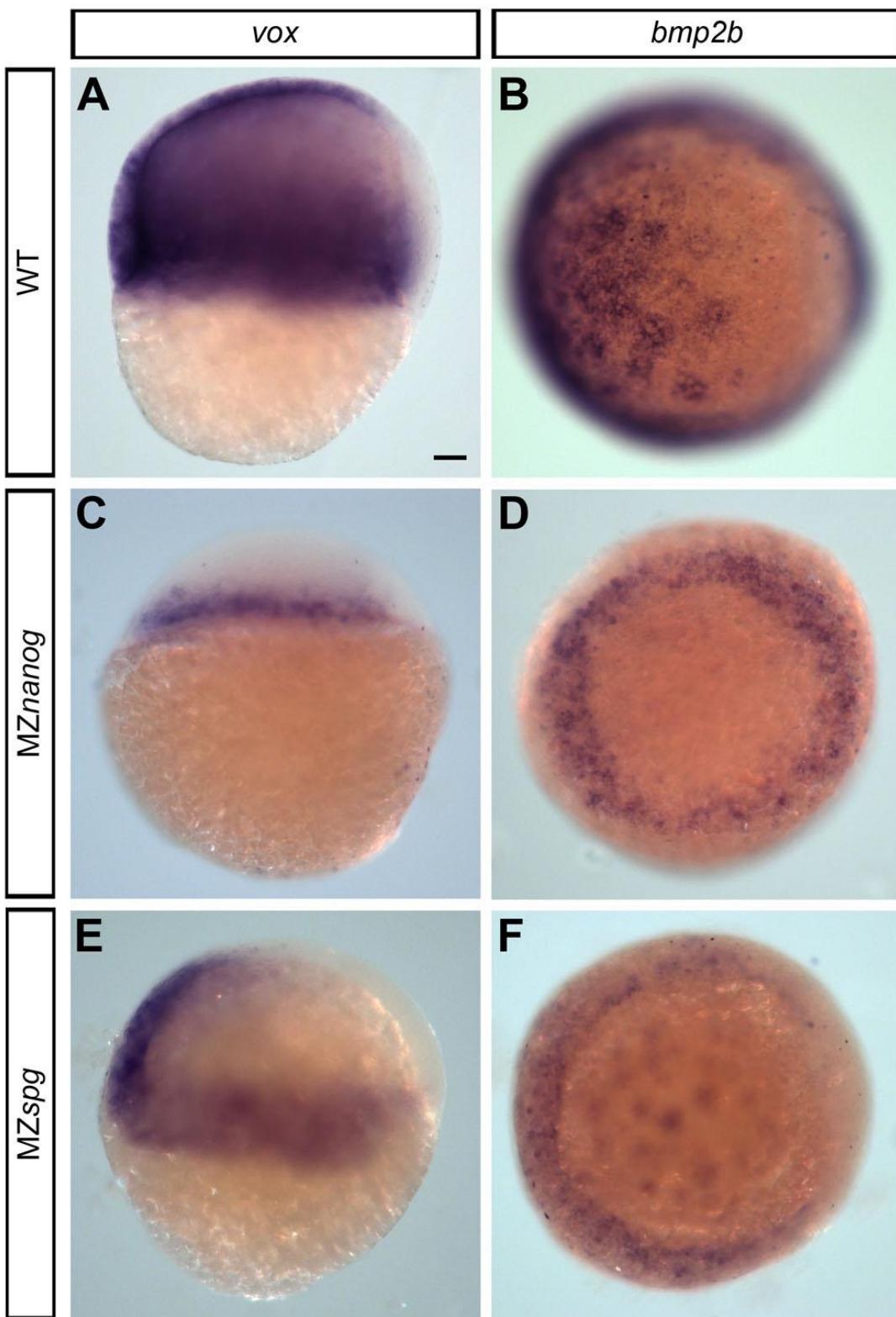


**Fig. S6. miR-430 injection at 1-cell stage but not into the YSL rescues epiboly in MZnanog embryos.** (A-D) Representative embryo phenotypes and (E-H) groups of embryos from single rescue experiment: miR-430 was co-injected with Alexa488 dextran (green) in the

YSL (C, G) or in 1-cell stage (B,F) of *MZnanog* embryos. Live images in DIC and green fluorescence were taken from injected and non-injected WT and *MZnanog* at 75% epiboly of wild-type control (8 hpf). Note that *MZnanog* embryos injected into 1-cell stage restored epiboly (compare B,F with D,H) while the phenotype of YSL-injected *MZnanog* embryos were not distinguishable from non-injected *MZnanog* at 8 hpf (compare C,G with D,H). (I) miR-430 injected *MZnanog* embryos did not form embryonic axes and death rates at 24 hpf were not significantly improved. (I) Rescue statistics after 24 hpf, four concentrations of miR-430 (indicated below the graph) were used for injections of *MZnanog* embryos at the 1-cell stage and to the YSL at the 512-cell stage, as indicated above the graph.

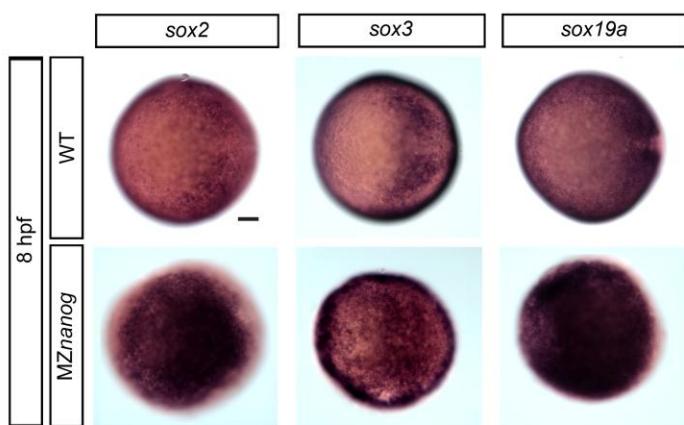
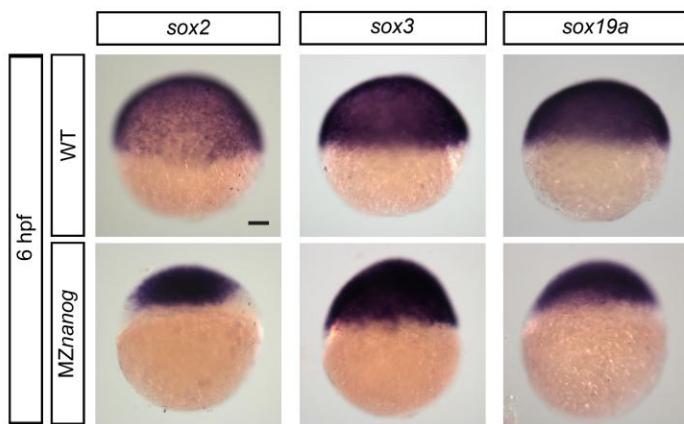
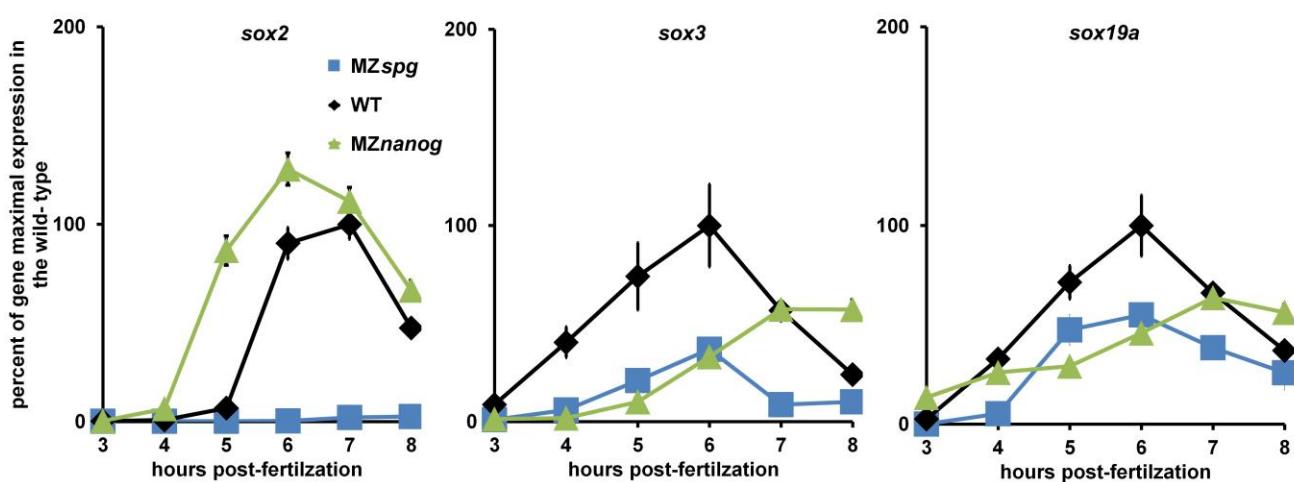


**Fig. S7. Excessive endoderm formation in *mctx2*-injected MZnanog embryos.** *In-situ* hybridization of 8 hpf embryos with *sox32* (A) or *sox17* (B) probe, lateral views. MZnanog embryos were injected with 12 pg/embryo of *mctx2* mRNA at 1-cell stage, or left non-injected as indicated above. Non-injected wild-type embryos were used as staining controls. Note that the amount of *sox32*- and *sox17*-positive cells in *mctx2*-injected MZnanog visibly exceeds that number in MZnanog control and even in the wild-type stage-matched embryo.



**Fig. S8. Nanog is required for expression of ventral genes *bmp2b* and *vox*.** *In situ* hybridization for *vox* (A,C,E) and *bmp2b* (B,D,F) at a closer look. Expression of both genes is

reduced in the mesoderm and missing from the ectoderm of *MZnanog*, while in *MZspg* expression in both tissues is reduced, but detectable. Scale bar corresponds to 100 µm.

**A****B****C****Fig. S9. Expression of *sox2*, *sox3* and *sox19a* in the wild-type and MZnanog embryos.**

(A) *In situ* hybridization at 8 hpf, animal view, dorsal to the right. Note that neural restriction of *soxb1* genes occurs in the wild-type but not in MZnanog. (B) *In situ* hybridization at 6 hpf, lateral view. (C) Graph shows time-curve generated by quantitative real time PCR on wild-

type, MZnanog, and MZspg. Embryos were collected in 1 hour intervals from 3 hpf till 8 hpf. All expression values were normalized to maximal expression in the wild-type. Note that *soxb1* genes change differently compared to the wild-type: *sox2* is moderately increased and expression starts 1 hour earlier, *sox3* expression starts later and is initially reduced, *sox19a* expression starts at the same time but is reduced at 5 and 6 hpf. At 8 hpf the levels of *sox3* and *sox19a* in MZnanog exceed the levels in the wild-type, which is probably due to the absence of neural restriction in MZnanog (see A).

## Supplementary tables

**Table S1. Numbers of counted mitotic and total cells at MZnanog and WT embryos.**

Related to Fig. S1 and Materials and Methods.

genotype	stage	embryo nr	mitotic cells	all nuclei	ratio mitotic/all
MZnanog	3 hpf	1	10	91	0.10989
MZnanog	3 hpf	2	7	57	0.12281
MZnanog	3 hpf	3	4	79	0.05063
MZnanog	3 hpf	4	10	89	0.11236
MZnanog	3 hpf	5	12	113	0.10619
MZnanog	3 hpf	6	0	58	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	7	0	90	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	8	1	51	0.01961
MZnanog	3 hpf	9	3	61	0.04918
MZnanog	3 hpf	10	5	84	0.05952
MZnanog	3 hpf	11	6	97	0.06186
MZnanog	3 hpf	12	4	47	0.08511
MZnanog	3 hpf	13	12	98	0.12245
MZnanog	3 hpf	14	0	51	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	15	0	85	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	16	0	80	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	17	0	63	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	18	5	57	0.08772
MZnanog	3 hpf	19	8	65	0.12308
MZnanog	3 hpf	20	5	67	0.07463
MZnanog	3 hpf	21	9	86	0.10465
MZnanog	3 hpf	22	16	108	0.14815
MZnanog	3 hpf	23	5	110	0.04545
MZnanog	3 hpf	24	0	75	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	25	6	69	0.08696
MZnanog	3 hpf	26	9	94	0.09574

MZnanog	3 hpf	27	10	131	0.07634
MZnanog	3 hpf	28	0	72	0
MZnanog	3 hpf	29	7	86	0.0814
MZnanog	3 hpf	30	1	64	0.01563
MZnanog	3 hpf	31	3	96	0.03125
MZnanog	3 hpf	32	5	89	0.05618
WT	3 hpf	1	12	65	0.18462
WT	3 hpf	2	11	97	0.1134
WT	3 hpf	3	2	100	0.02
WT	3 hpf	4	3	77	0.03896
WT	3 hpf	5	5	97	0.05155
WT	3 hpf	6	14	105	0.13333
WT	3 hpf	7	5	113	0.04425
WT	3 hpf	8	1	86	0.01163
WT	3 hpf	9	4	99	0.0404
WT	3 hpf	10	3	80	0.0375
WT	3 hpf	11	2	102	0.01961
WT	3 hpf	12	6	85	0.07059
WT	3 hpf	13	7	100	0.07
WT	3 hpf	14	8	101	0.07921
WT	3 hpf	15	4	78	0.05128
WT	3 hpf	16	3	105	0.02857
WT	3 hpf	17	1	93	0.01075
WT	3 hpf	18	8	107	0.07477
WT	3 hpf	19	3	96	0.03125
WT	3 hpf	20	11	54	0.2037
WT	3 hpf	21	11	91	0.12088
WT	3 hpf	22	19	110	0.17273
WT	3 hpf	23	7	111	0.06306
WT	3 hpf	24	2	87	0.02299
WT	3 hpf	25	3	88	0.03409
WT	3 hpf	26	13	122	0.10656
WT	3 hpf	27	14	81	0.17284
WT	3 hpf	28	15	88	0.17045

WT	3 hpf	29	17	109	0.15596
WT	3 hpf	30	4	111	0.03604
MZnanog	4 hpf	1	21	290	0.07241
MZnanog	4 hpf	2	18	296	0.06081
MZnanog	4 hpf	3	21	246	0.08537
MZnanog	4 hpf	4	17	303	0.05611
MZnanog	4 hpf	5	13	227	0.05727
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MZnanog	4 hpf	7	18	213	0.08451
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MZnanog	4 hpf	9	9	227	0.03965
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MZnanog	4 hpf	26	16	255	0.06275
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MZnanog	4 hpf	32	26	271	0.09594

MZnanog	4 hpf	33	14	272	0.05147
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MZnanog	4 hpf	35	19	240	0.07917
MZnanog	4 hpf	36	19	234	0.0812
MZnanog	4 hpf	37	21	285	0.07368
WT	4 hpf	1	14	175	0.08
WT	4 hpf	2	33	368	0.08967
WT	4 hpf	3	12	151	0.07947
WT	4 hpf	4	7	97	0.07216
WT	4 hpf	5	29	280	0.10357
WT	4 hpf	6	28	299	0.09365
WT	4 hpf	7	24	226	0.10619
WT	4 hpf	8	13	245	0.05306
WT	4 hpf	9	12	273	0.04396
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WT	4 hpf	14	19	212	0.08962
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WT	4 hpf	16	25	312	0.08013
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WT	4 hpf	22	14	227	0.06167
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WT	4 hpf	24	23	311	0.07395
WT	4 hpf	25	18	275	0.06545
WT	4 hpf	26	22	213	0.10329
WT	4 hpf	27	19	211	0.09005
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WT	4 hpf	29	23	297	0.07744

WT	4 hpf	30	32	403	0.0794
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WT	4 hpf	32	30	409	0.07335
WT	4 hpf	33	31	351	0.08832
WT	4 hpf	34	17	256	0.06641
MZnanog	4.7 hpf	1	26	358	0.07263
MZnanog	4.7 hpf	2	13	299	0.04348
MZnanog	4.7 hpf	3	16	219	0.07306
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MZnanog	4.7 hpf	13	16	212	0.07547
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WT	4.7 hpf	24	22	305	0.07213
WT	4.7 hpf	25	13	307	0.04235

**Table S2. *In-situ* hybridization statistics for rescue assays.** Related to main text and Fig. 6.

genotype treatment	in-situ probe/stage			eomesa 6 hpf			mxtx2 4.3 hpf			sox32 8 hpf			sox17 8 hpf		
	stain	no stain	n total	stain	no stain	n total	stain	no stain	n total	stain	no stain	n total	stain	no stain	n total
WT	0	42	42	18	0	18	8	0	8	6	0	6			
MZnanog	19	0	19	0	20	20	6	2	8	9	5	14			
MZnanog plus mxtx2 mRNA								10	0	10	13	0	13		
MZnanog plus miR-430	5	14	19					13	2	15	19	2	21		
MZnanog plus miR-430 mism	14	0	14												
MZnanog plus nanog mRNA				20	0	20	14	9	25	16	2	18			

**Table S3. Cotransplantation of labeled nanog -/- and wild type (+/+) cells**

(related to the main text, Fig. 8)

# embr yo	# ex p.	color (r,g), transpl.o rder(1,2)	skin		neural		muscle		notochor d		placode s		floorplate		beans	
Geno type dono r cells			+/ +	-/ -	+/ +	+/ +	+/ +	-/ -	+/ +	-/ -	+/ +	-/ -	+/ +	-/ -	+/ +	-/ -
1	1	2g	1r	5	5	0	0	2	1	6	5	0	3	0	0	0
2	1	2g	1r	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	1	2g	1r	0	5	10	3	4	0	7	0	3	0	1	0	0
4	1	2g	1r	5	5	10	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	2g	1r	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
6	1	2g	1r	3	7	0	0	10	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	2
7	2	1g	2r	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
8	2	1g	2r	5	2	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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11	2	1g	2r	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12	2	1g	2r	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
13	2	1g	2r	3	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	2	1g	2r	7	6	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	2	1g	2r	6	4	4	0	4	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
16	3	2r	1g	10	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	3	2r	1g	8	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
18	3	2r	1g	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
19	3	2r	1g	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
20	3	2r	1g	7	0	6	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	3	2r	1g	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0
22	3	2r	1g	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1
23	3	2r	1g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
24	4	1r	2g	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	4	1r	2g	3	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	9	0	0	1

26	4	1r	2g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1
27	5	1r	2g	5	0	15	0	4	0	0	0	10	0	9	0	0
28	5	1r	2g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
29	5	1r	2g	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
30	5	1r	2g	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	5	1r	2g	5	0	7	0	15	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	0
32	5	1r	2g	10	0	5	0	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
33	6	2g	1r	5	0	10	0	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
34	6	2g	1r	7	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
35	7	1r	2g	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	7	1r	2g	0	5	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	7	1r	2g	10	5	20	0	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
38	7	1r	2g	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
39	8	2r	1g	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
40	8	2r	1g	15	0	9	0	8	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
41	9	2r	1g	9	0	10	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	9	2r	1g	9	0	5	0	0	0	7	0	8	0	3	0	0
43	9	2r	1g	6	2	5	0	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
44	9	2r	1g	0	0	10	3	4	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	9	2r	1g	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
46	9	2r	1g	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0
47	10	2g	1r	10	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	1
48	10	2g	1r	8	0	10	0	3	0	5	0	7	0	3	0	2
49	10	2g	1r	10	8	0	2	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	10	2g	1r	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	1	2	0	0
51	10	2g	1r	6	5	8	0	20	8	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
52	10	2g	1r	15	0	10	0	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

**Table S4. Sequences of PCR primers used in this work, 5' to 3'. Related to Materials and Methods.**

The following primers were used (5' to 3'):

rpl5bf3	GGGGATGAGTTCAATGTGGAG
rpl5br3	CGAACACCTTATTGCCAGTAG
EGFP_sybr_f1	GCGAGGGCGATGCCACCTAC
EGFP_sybr_r1	CGCCGTAGGTCAAGGTGGTC
her3_f	CACGCTGGTTACAGAAGTTGTCTCA
her3_r	TGTGGTTAAGACCGCTCGTAAGATT
sox2_f	GAACACCAACTCCTCGGGAAACAACC
sox2_r	TGTGCATTTGGGTTCTCCTGTG
sox19a_f	ATGAAGTCCGCCGTGCCACC
sox19a_r	CGCCTCTGACCCCGAGACCA
foxD3_f	GCTTCAGCTCTCAGCTAAGTCCAAG
foxD3_r	ACCCCGATGATGTTTCTATGCTG
sox3_f	GCCTCGGTGCTGACTGGAAA
sox3_r	GGAGTCCCCCTGGCAAAGAA

**Table S5.** *In situ* hybridization probes used in this study. Related to Material and Methods, *in situ* hybridization section.

gene name	Ref-Seq	References
<i>bmp2b</i>	NM_131360	Hammerschmidt et al., 1996a
<i>chrd</i>	NM_130973	Miller-Bertoglio et al., 1999
<i>eomesa</i>	NM_131679	this study
<i>foxd3</i>	NM_131290	Onichtchouk et al., 2010
<i>gata5</i>	NM_131235	Reiter et al., 1999
<i>gsc</i>	NM_131017	Schulte-Merker et al., 1994
<i>her3</i>	NM_131080	Onichtchouk et al., 2010
<i>mixer</i>	NM_130940	Henry et al., 1998
<i>mctx2</i>	NM_001079816	this study
<i>ntl (ta)</i>	NM_131162	Schulte-Merker et al., 1994
<i>sox17</i>	NM_131287	Alexander and Stainier, 1999
<i>sox19a</i>	NM_130908	this study
<i>sox2</i>	NM_213118	Onichtchouk et al., 2010
<i>sox3</i>	NM_001001811	Onichtchouk et al., 2010
<i>sox32</i>	NM_131851	Dickmeis et al., 2001
<i>vent</i>	NM_131700	Kawahara et al., 2000
<i>vox</i>	NM_131698	Kawahara et al., 2000

**Table S6.** Primers used for cloning the plasmid templates for *in situ* probes (from 5' to 3').

gene name	forward Primer	reverse Primer
<i>eomesa</i>	TCTGTACCCGTCCTATCCCG	AGATCCTGTTGGTGGTCGC
<i>mctx2</i>	CTCAATGAAAGACATGTGGACTG	CTCTGTAGGTTATGGATGTTGC
<i>sox19a</i>	GCTGAAAAAGGACAACCCGGCTGC	TTCCCTGATCAGATGTGTGAGAGG

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