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Fig 1B: Numerical data for number of cells in Tr2 DT of wild type, *Btl-Chk1RNAi* and *Btl-*Wnt pathway RNAilarvae at different stages.

Fig 1C: Numerical data for number of cells in Tr2 DT of wild type and *Btl-ArmRNAi* larvae at 24-26 h L3.

Fig 3C: Numerical data for number of cells in Tr2 DT of wild type, *Btl-TCFRNAi, Btl-TCFRNAi, Chk1* and *Btl-TCFRNAi, ATR* expressing larvae at 16-24 h L3.

Fig 4C: Numerical data for number of cells in Tr2 DT of wild type, *Btl-WgRNAi, Btl-Wnt5RNAi, Btl-Wnt6RNAi* and *Btl-Wnt10RNAi* larvae at different stages.

Figure 4E: Numerical data for number of cells in Tr2 DT of wild type, *Wgts, Wnt5[400]* and *Wnt6[KO]* larvae at different stages.