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6 **The Cell-Cycle Transcriptional Network Generates and Transmits a Pulse of**
7 **Transcription Once Each Cell Cycle**

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27 **SUMMARY**

28 Multiple studies have suggested the critical roles of cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) as
29 well as a transcription factor (TF) network in generating the robust cell-cycle transcriptional
30 program. However, the precise mechanisms by which these components function together in
31 the gene regulatory network remain unclear. Here we show that the TF network can generate
32 and transmit a “pulse” of transcription independently of CDK oscillations. The premature firing of
33 the transcriptional pulse is prevented by early G1 inhibitors, including transcriptional
34 corepressors and the E3 ubiquitin ligase complex APC^{Cdh1}. We demonstrate that G1 cyclin-
35 CDKs facilitate the activation and accumulation of TF proteins in S/G2/M phases through
36 inhibiting G1 transcriptional corepressors (Whi5 and Stb1) and APC^{Cdh1}, thereby promoting the
37 initiation and propagation of the pulse by the TF network. These findings suggest a unique
38 oscillatory mechanism in which global phase-specific transcription emerges from a pulse-
39 generating network that fires once-and-only-once at the start of the cycle.

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53 **INTRODUCTION**

54 Genome-wide phase-specific transcription during the cell cycle has been observed in
55 multiple species (Cho et al., 2001; Menges et al., 2003; Rustici et al., 2004; Spellman et al.,
56 1998; Whitfield et al., 2002), yet how this cell-cycle transcriptional program is generated remains
57 poorly understood. Although the biochemical oscillation of cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) and
58 anaphase-promoting complex (APC) activity has been proposed as the central cell-cycle
59 oscillator that controls phase-specific transcription (Banyai et al., 2016; Rahi et al., 2016), much
60 of the periodic transcriptional program still persists in budding yeast mutant cells whose S-
61 phase and mitotic cyclin-CDK activity are held at constitutively low or high levels (Bristow et al.,
62 2014; Cho et al., 2017; Orlando et al., 2008). By integrating transcriptome analyses and
63 transcription factor (TF) binding localization studies, models have been proposed in which a
64 highly interconnected network of TFs can generate phase-specific transcription via serial
65 activation of transcriptional activators, (Bristow et al., 2014; Lee et al., 2002; Orlando et al.,
66 2008; Pramila et al., 2006; Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012; Simon et al., 2001). However, it is still
67 unclear how the dynamical behaviors of the TF network are feedback-regulated by CDK and
68 APC activities, whose oscillations are also modulated by a complex biochemical network (Chen
69 et al., 2004; Cross, 2003).

70 The potential of a TF network to oscillate semi-autonomously from CDKs and cell-cycle
71 progression and to trigger cell-cycle transcription has been supported by both Boolean and ODE
72 models (Hillenbrand et al., 2016; Orlando et al., 2008; Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). However,
73 previous data have also suggested that the amplitude and robustness of cell-cycle transcription
74 are dependent on the presence of CDK activities, particularly those of G1 cyclin-CDKs. In the
75 absence of all Cdc28/Cdk1 activity, global transcript dynamics are severely impaired in arrested
76 G1 cells (Rahi et al., 2016; Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). On the other hand, in cells
77 expressing G1 cyclins at high levels but lacking S-phase and mitotic cyclins, global cell-cycle
78 transcription persists with dynamics highly similar to that in wild-type cells (Cho et al., 2017;

79 Orlando et al., 2008). Thus, G1 cyclin-CDKs and the TF network function together and are
80 sufficient to trigger a large program of phase-specific transcription. The precise mechanisms by
81 which CDKs promote the robust oscillations of the TF network have not been established.

82 In mammalian cells, G1 cyclin-CDKs activate G1/S transcription by phosphorylating the
83 transcriptional corepressor Rb and releasing it from the transcriptional activators E2F1-3
84 (Giacinti and Giordano, 2006). The topology of this network motif is highly conserved in budding
85 yeast (Cross et al., 2011; Johnson and Skotheim, 2013). At Start, Cln3-CDK phosphorylates
86 and inhibits the Rb analogues, Whi5 and Stb1, to relieve their repression on the E2F analogues
87 SBF and MBF (Costanzo et al., 2004; de Bruin et al., 2004; Takahata et al., 2009; Wang et al.,
88 2009). Subsequently, Cln1/2-CDKs are activated and mediate positive feedback loops to fully
89 inhibit Whi5, leading to the coherent G1/S transcription driven by SBF/MBF and the commitment
90 to the cell cycle (Eser et al., 2011; Skotheim et al., 2008).

91 In this study, we began by asking whether the low-amplitude oscillations observed in the
92 Cdk1 mutant cells (*cdc28-4*) resulted from inefficient inactivation of Whi5/Stb1. Unexpectedly,
93 deletions of *WHI5* and *STB1* genes in a *cdc28-4* background only resulted in constitutively high
94 transcript levels of G1/S genes and low levels of S/G2/M genes. We found that in the absence
95 of Cdk1 activities, APC^{Cdh1} was not fully inactivated, and thus several network TFs were
96 constitutively unstable. Further introduction of a mutation in the gene encoding APC component,
97 Cdc16 (*cdc16-123*), restored the protein levels of network TFs as well as global dynamics of
98 phase-specific transcription. Taken together, our findings suggest that TFs, CDKs, and APC
99 interact in a gene regulatory network to generate and transmit a pulse of transcription as cells
100 progress through the cell cycle. Multiple inhibitory mechanisms, including transcriptional
101 corepressors Whi5/Stb1 in early G1 and repressors in S/G2/M phases, likely restrict the firing of
102 transcriptional pulses to once-and-only-once per normal cell cycle. We propose a unique
103 oscillatory mechanism in which the network produces and propagates a single pulse of
104 transcription upon commitment to the cycle.

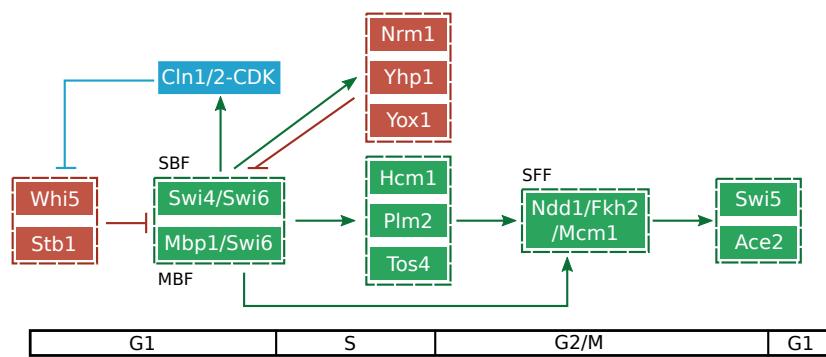
105 **RESULTS**

106 **G1 cyclin-CDKs enhance the generation and transmission of a transcriptional pulse**

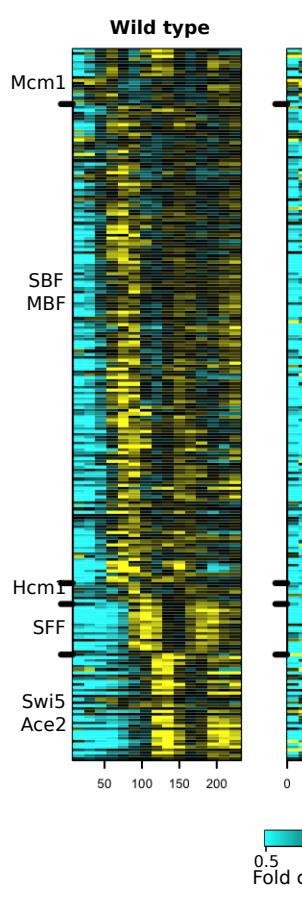
107 We sought to determine how G1 cyclin-CDKs (Cln-CDKs) contribute to the generation of
108 the cell-cycle transcriptional program in budding yeast. It has been shown that Cln-CDKs can
109 inhibit the transcriptional corepressors Whi5 and Stb1, which in turn inhibit the transcriptional
110 activating complexes SBF and MBF (Figure 1A) (Costanzo et al., 2004; de Bruin et al., 2004;
111 Skotheim et al., 2008; Takahata et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2009). Once SBF/MBF are
112 derepressed, they activate G1/S transcription of ~200 genes that includes several other
113 transcription factors (Ferrezuelo et al., 2010; Horak et al., 2002). Once transcriptionally
114 activated by SBF/MBF, the partially redundant transcriptional repressors Nrm1/Yhp1/Yox1
115 mediate negative feedback to attenuate both early-G1 and G1/S transcription and create a
116 transcriptional “pulse” (de Bruin et al., 2006; Pramila et al., 2002). Downstream transcriptional
117 activators, including Hcm1/Plm2/Tos4, SFF, and Swi5/Ace2, are then thought to transmit the
118 G1/S transcriptional “pulse” and sequentially activate transcription in S phase, M phase, and at
119 M/G1 transition (Figure 1A) (Orlando et al., 2008).

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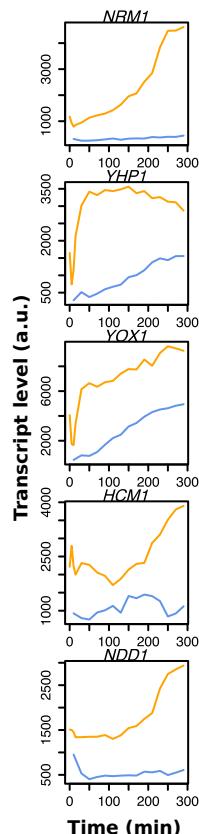
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122 **Figure 1. G1 cyclin-CDKs enhance the amplitude of global cell-cycle transcription**

123 **through inhibiting Whi5/Stb1 and additional mechanisms.** (A) A network model for
 124 interactions between G1 cyclin-CDKs (blue) and relevant TFs in the network. Transcriptional
 125 activators and repressors are shown in green and red, respectively. Nodes are ordered

126 horizontally by their approximate time of activation during the cell cycle. (B) Heat maps depicting
127 transcript dynamics of the canonical genes regulated by the TF network (Table S1) in indicated
128 time courses. Early G1 cells were obtained by centrifugal elutriation and released into YEP-
129 dextrose medium at 37°C. Transcript levels were measured by microarray. Normally cycling
130 wild-type cells from a previous study are shown (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). Transcript
131 levels are depicted as fold change relative to mean in wild type. Mcm1 targets are activated in
132 early G1 and are repressed by repressors Yhp1/Yox1 (Pramila et al., 2002); these regulations
133 are not shown in (A) for simplicity of the diagram. (C) Line graphs showing absolute transcript
134 levels of the network TFs in the *cdc28-4/cdk1* mutant (blue) and the *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant
135 (yellow). See also Figure S1.

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137 In the temperature-sensitive *cdc28-4* mutant cells arrested in G1, only low-amplitude
138 oscillations were observed in a subset of transcripts (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). We thus
139 asked whether deletions of the *WHI5* and *STB1* genes in the *cdc28-4* mutant background would
140 restore the dynamics of global cell-cycle transcription. A synchronous G1 population of *cdc28-4*
141 *whi5Δ stb1Δ* (denoted as *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* below) mutant cells were collected by centrifugal
142 elutriation and then released into YEP-dextrose (YEPD) medium at restrictive temperature
143 (37°C). Aliquots were then taken at regular intervals over 5 hours for microarray analysis of
144 transcript levels (Figure 1).

145 As hypothesized, the deletions of *WHI5* and *STB1* in the *cdc28-4* mutant substantially
146 increased the mean transcript levels of the G1/S genes activated by SBF and MBF (Figures 1B,
147 S1A, and S1B; p<2.2e-16 by paired t-test). However, most SBF/MBF targets were transcribed
148 at high levels in the *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant throughout the time course (Figure 1B and Figure
149 1C) and did not exhibit the pulsatile dynamics observed in wild-type cells. This observation was
150 unexpected as the transcriptional repressors *NRM1/YHP1/YOX1* that were thought to mediate
151 negative feedback loops also exhibited elevated transcript levels (Figure 1C). Moreover, the

152 high-amplitude G1/S transcription triggered by SBF/MBF did not appear to pass through the TF
153 network in the *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant efficiently (Figure 1B). Despite the fact that the
154 transcript levels of *HCM1* and *NDD1* were elevated as compared to the *cdc28-4* single mutant
155 (Figure 1C), we did not observe corresponding increase in the expression levels of the majority
156 of S/G2/M genes activated by Hcm1, SFF (Ndd1/Fkh2/Mcm1 complex), and Swi5/Ace2 (Figures
157 1B and S1A). Thus, in addition to inhibiting Whi5 and Stb1 to activate the G1/S transcriptional
158 activating complexes SBF and MBF, Cln-CDKs appear to regulate other components of the TF
159 network either directly or indirectly. These regulations by Cln-CDKs presumably contribute to
160 the pulsatile dynamics of G1/S transcription and the serial activation of S/G2/M transcription that
161 have been observed in the mutant cells lacking S-phase and mitotic cyclins (Figure S1C)
162 (Orlando et al., 2008).

163 To facilitate comparison with further experiments described below, we repeated the
164 experiments of *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* by synchronization with α-factor and obtained similar results.

165 **Anaphase-promoting complex (APC) prevents the accumulation of S/G2/M TFs in G1**

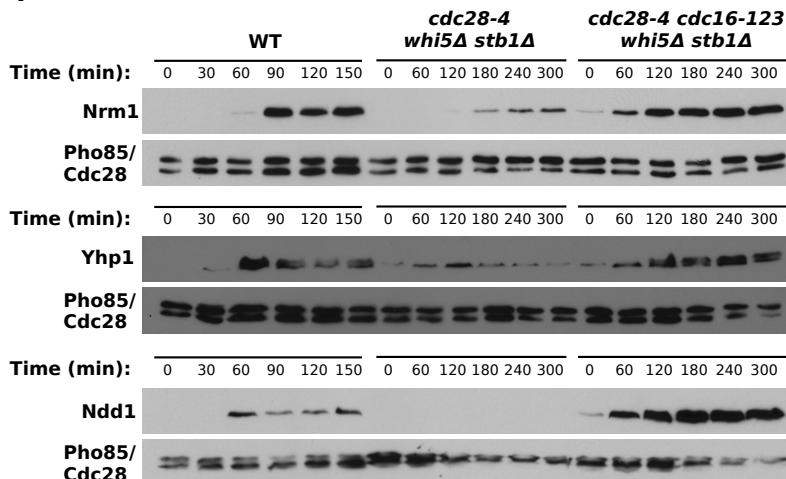
166 We hypothesized that Cln-CDKs might promote either the activity or protein stability of
167 downstream TFs activated by SBF/MBF. Indeed, it has been shown that the activity of Hcm1 is
168 regulated by CDK phosphorylation (Landry et al., 2014). On the other hand, Nrm1, Yhp1, and
169 Ndd1 appear to be substrates of APC^{Cdh1} (Edenberg et al., 2015; Ostapenko and Solomon,
170 2011; Sajman et al., 2015), which is an E3 ubiquitin ligase complex normally inactivated at G1/S
171 transition by CDK phosphorylation (Huang et al., 2001; Jaspersen et al., 1999; Yeong et al.,
172 2001; Zachariae et al., 1998). If Cdh1 is normally inactivated by CDK at the G1/S border, then
173 the *cdc28-4* mutant cells should have constitutively active APC^{Cdh1}, and thus APC^{Cdh1} substrates
174 might not accumulate at the protein level.

175 We first examined the protein levels of these TFs in the *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant. Cells
176 carrying endogenously myc-epitope-tagged *NRM1*, *YHP1*, and *NDD1* were synchronized in G1
177 by α-factor at 25°C and then released at 37°C. The protein levels of Nrm1, Yhp1, and Ndd1

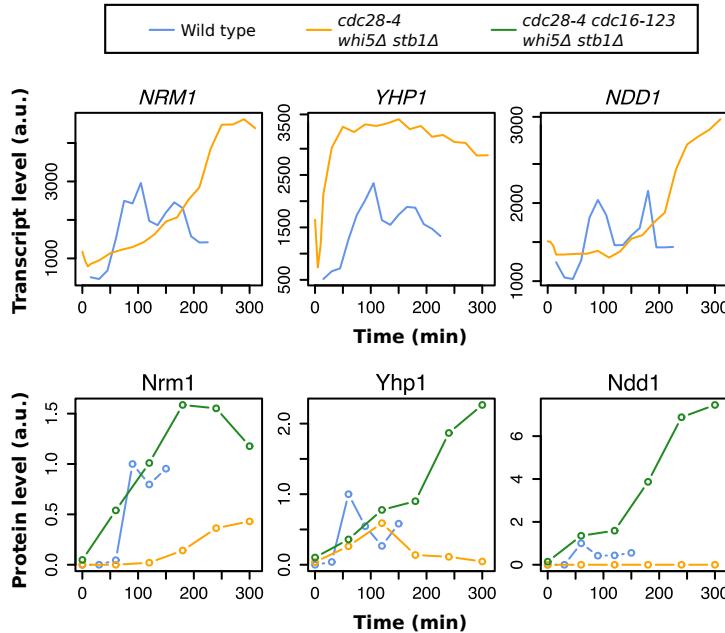
178 (collectively denoted as S/G2/M TFs below) were then measured by Western blot. In wild-type
179 cells, these S/G2/M TFs were not detectable in early G1 and accumulated upon cell-cycle entry
180 (Figure 2A). However, in the *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant, these TFs only slowly accumulated and
181 did not reach wild-type levels (Figures 2A and 2B), even though their transcript levels were
182 comparable to wild-type levels (Figure 2B).

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185 **Figure 2. Inactivation of APC allows for the accumulation of S/G2/M TFs in the *cdc28-4***
186 **mutant.** (A) Time-series Western blots of endogenously 13myc-tagged Nrm1, Yhp1, and Ndd1
187 in synchronized cell populations. Cells were synchronized by α -factor and released into YEP-
188 dextrose (YE PD) medium at 37°C. Pho85 and Cdc28 detected by the α -PSTAIR antibody were
189 used as loading control for quantitation. Representative results of three independent replicates
190 are shown. (B) Line graphs showing transcript levels and protein levels of *NRM1*, *YHP1*, and
191 *NDD1* in wild type (blue) (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012), the *cdc28-4 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant
192 (yellow), and the *cdc28-4 cdc16-123 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant (green). Cells were synchronized in
193 early G1 and released into YE PD medium at 37°C. Transcript levels in cells released from
194 elutriation were measured by microarray. Protein levels in cells released from α -factor and
195 detected by Western blots shown in (A) were quantified and normalized to the Cdc28/Pho85
196 levels.

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198 To investigate whether constitutively active APC^{Cdh1} in the *cdk1 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant
199 prevents the accumulation of S/G2/M TFs, we wanted to introduce a *cdh1 Δ* mutation into the
200 *cdk1 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* background. However, the *cdh1 Δ whi5 Δ* double mutations are synthetically
201 lethal (Jorgensen et al., 2002), so we used a temperature-sensitive allele of *CDC16*, which
202 encodes a component of APC, to perturb all APC activity (Irniger and Nasmyth, 1997). In the
203 *cdk1 cdc16-123 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant, the accumulation of S/G2/M TFs was indeed restored
204 after release at restrictive temperature compared to the *cdk1 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant (Figures 2A
205 and 2B). These data suggest a model in which APC^{Cdh1} destabilizes S/G2/M TFs in G1 until its
206 inactivation by G1/S cyclin-CDKs (Figure 3A).

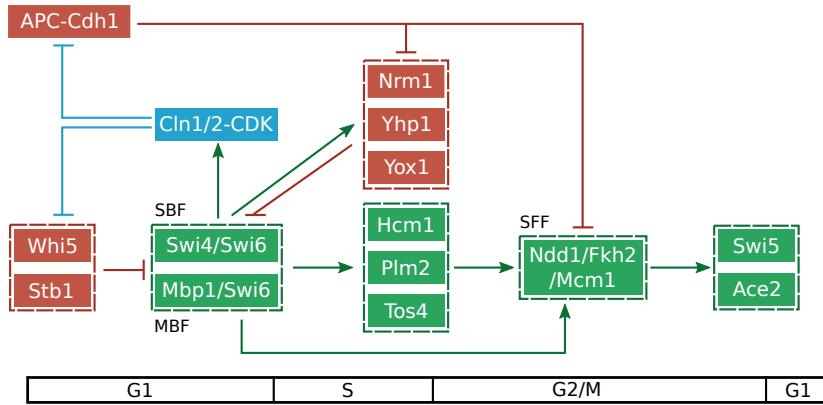
207 **The inactivation of APC restores the generation and transmission of a transcriptional**
208 **pulse by the TF network**

209 The above results reveal that the dynamics of the TF network are inhibited at multiple
210 levels by Whi5/Stb1/APC^{Cdh1}. If Cln-CDKs promote robust cell-cycle transcription predominantly

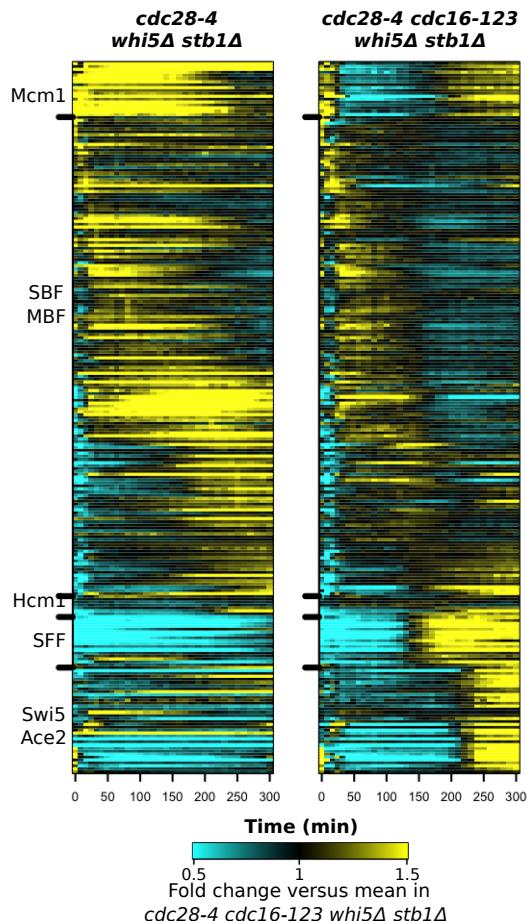
211 by mediating feedback to relieve these inhibitions, it should be possible to genetically restore
212 the cell-cycle transcriptional program in the *cdk1 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant by further inactivating
213 APC (Figure 3A). To test this hypothesis, we examined global transcript dynamics in the *cdc28-*
214 *4 cdc16-123 whi5Δ stb1Δ* (denoted as *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* below) quadruple mutant by
215 microarray. Early G1 cells were obtained by α-factor arrest at permissive temperature (25°C)
216 and then released at restrictive temperature (37°C). Aliquots were then taken at regular intervals
217 for 5 hours and subjected to microarray analysis (Figure 3).

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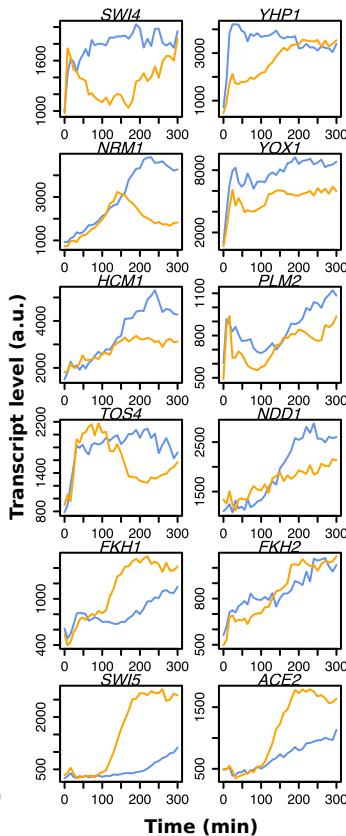
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220 **Figure 3. The inactivation of APC restores the transcriptional pulse and facilitates the**
 221 **transmission of the pulse through the network in *cdc28-4* mutant. (A)** A revised network
 222 model indicating interactions between APC^{Cdh1} , G1 cyclin-CDKs (blue) and relevant network

223 TFs. Transcriptional activators and repressors are shown in green and red, respectively. Nodes
224 are ordered horizontally by their approximate time of activation during the cell cycle. (B) Heat
225 maps depicting transcript dynamics of the canonical genes regulated by the TF network (Table
226 S1). Early G1 cells synchronized by α -factor were released into YEP-dextrose medium at 37°C.
227 Transcript levels were measured by microarray and are depicted as fold change relative to
228 mean in *cdk1 apc whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* . (C) Line graphs showing absolute transcript levels of the TF
229 network components in the *cdk1 whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* (blue) and the *cdk1 apc whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant
230 (yellow) released from α -factor arrest. See also Figure S2.

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232 In support of the hypothesis, the inactivation of APC activity restored much of the
233 dynamics of cell-cycle transcription (Figures 3B and 3C). For a significant proportion of G1/S
234 targets driven by SBF/MBF, a narrower transcriptional pulse was observed in the *cdk1 apc*
235 *whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant compared to the *cdk1 APC whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant (Figures 3B, 3C, and
236 S2A), which is consistent with the stabilization of repressors Nrm1 and Yhp1 (Figure 2). These
237 results also support the notion that these transcriptional repressors are essential for producing
238 pulsatile dynamics via negative feedback loops (Figure 3A). The lack of complete repression
239 observed in a subset of SBF/MBF targets (Figure 3B; Figure S2A, see *CLN2* and *PCL1*) is
240 consistent with the lack of Clb2-CDK activity, which has been established as an additional
241 repressor for canonical SBF targets (Amon et al., 1993; Koch et al., 1996).

242 For S-phase targets driven by Hcm1, their coherent activation was still not observed in
243 the *cdk1 apc whi5 Δ stb1 Δ* mutant (Figures 3B, 3C, and S2B). For example, the canonical Hcm1
244 targets *DSN1* and *CIN8* remained transcriptionally repressed in the *cdk1 apc whi5 Δ stb1 Δ*
245 mutant (Figure S2B), further supporting previous findings that Hcm1 is post-transcriptionally
246 regulated by CDK phosphorylations (Landry et al., 2014; Pramila et al., 2006). On the other
247 hand, both *FKH1* and *FKH2* still exhibited weak oscillations in their transcript levels (Figure 3C),

248 suggesting additional activating input other than Hcm1. Overall, the above results are
249 reminiscent of the observations in the *hcm1Δ* mutant cells (Pramila et al., 2006).

250 While the dynamics of S-phase transcription remained partially impaired in the *cdk1 apc*
251 *whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant, G2/M transcription driven by SFF was coherently up-regulated (Figure 3B;
252 Figure 3C, see *SWI5* and *ACE2*), likely due to the stabilization of the SFF component Ndd1
253 protein (Figure 2). Accordingly, we observed the subsequent activation of M/G1 transcription
254 driven by Swi5/Ace2 upon APC inactivation (Figures 3B). Taken together, these observations
255 support the idea that Cln-CDKs contribute to the robust transmission of the transcriptional pulse
256 through the network by indirectly stabilizing Ndd1 (Figure 3A).

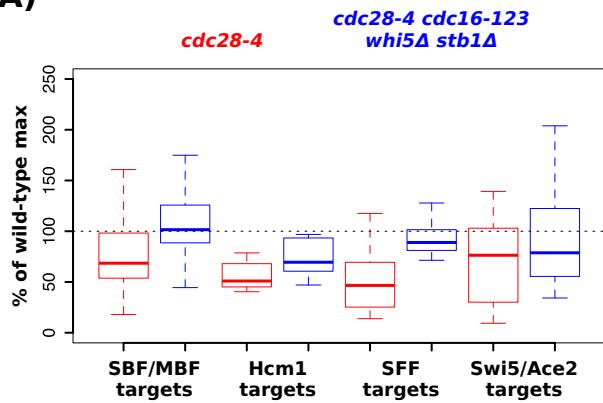
257 Although we did observe a transcriptional pulse moving through the network in the *cdk1*
258 *apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant cells (Figures 3B and 3C), we did not observe a robust second pulse in
259 most of the program except the early-G1 transcription activated by Mcm1 (Figure 3B). Because
260 of the stabilization of transcriptional repressors Nrm1 and Yhp1 in cells carrying the APC mutant
261 allele *cdc16-123* (Figure 2), the inhibition of a second cycle of SBF/MBF-mediated transcription
262 was expected.

263 **The inhibition of Whi5/Stb1/APC in the *cdc28-4* mutant cells restores phase-specific
264 transcription at high amplitude**

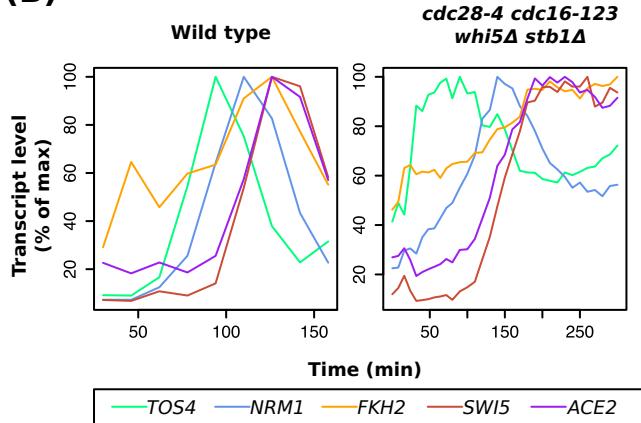
265 We next wanted to determine the extent to which the cell-cycle transcriptional program
266 was restored by the simultaneous inhibition of Whi5/Stb1/APC in the *cdc28-4* background. First,
267 we asked whether the transcript levels driven by the TF network were comparable between the
268 *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant and wild-type cells. As shown in Figure 4A, the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ*
269 *stb1Δ* mutant cells were able to activate G1/S transcription (SBF/MBF targets) and G2/M
270 transcription (SFF targets) at levels similar to wild-type cycling cells at 37°C, while partial
271 restoration of the S-phase transcription (Hcm1 targets) and M/G1 transcription (Swi5/Ace2
272 targets) were also observed.

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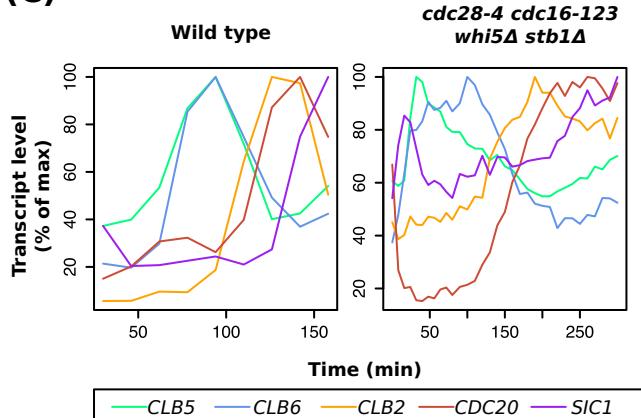
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275 **Figure 4. The *cdc28-4 cdc16-123 whi5Δ stb1Δ* cells trigger a temporally ordered
276 transcriptional program at high amplitude.**

277 (A) Box plots depicting maximal expression levels of the TF network targets in the *cdc28-4*
278 experiments (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012) and the *cdc28-4 cdc16-123 whi5Δ stb1Δ*

279 experiments. The average from two independent replicates is plotted as percent of wild-type
280 control at 37°C (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). Whiskers extend to 1.5 times interquartile range
281 from the box. Outliers in the data are not shown. (B)(C) Line graphs showing transcript levels of
282 network TFs (B) or CDK regulators (C) in experiments shown in (A). Transcript levels are plotted
283 as percentage of maximal level for each gene in individual time courses. See also Figures S3
284 and S4.

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286 Next, we asked whether the ordering of the serial activation of network TFs was still
287 conserved. To this end, we directly compared the transcript dynamics of those TFs that
288 exhibited oscillatory behaviors in the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant cells (Figure 3C) to their
289 dynamics in wild-type cells. In support of a model in which the TF network can transmit a
290 transcriptional pulse, a subset of TF network components were activated in the same order in
291 both wild type and the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant cells with similar peak-to-trough ratios
292 (Figure 4B). Strikingly, the phase-specific transcription of CDK regulators, including that of the
293 S-phase cyclins *CLB5/6*, the mitotic cyclin *CLB2*, the APC coactivator *CDC20*, and the B-cyclin-
294 CDK inhibitor *S/C1*, was also conserved in the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant (Figure 4C).
295 These findings support the idea that the TF network in concert with Cln-CDKs contributes to
296 cell-cycle progression by generating a high-amplitude, properly ordered cell-cycle transcriptional
297 program.

298 To expand our analyses to the dynamics of global cell-cycle transcription, we utilized a
299 high-confidence periodic gene set (Bristow et al., 2014) for further analysis. We excluded genes
300 in the environmental stress response to avoid the transcript dynamics induced by the
301 temperature shift during the experiments (Gasch et al., 2000). We found that the inhibition of
302 Whi5/Stb1/APC in the *cdc28-4* background greatly improved both the amplitude and phase-
303 specific ordering of this periodic transcriptional program containing 857 genes (Figure S3 and
304 Table S2).

305 Taken together, the above data support a model in which the inhibition of
306 Whi5/Stb1/APC^{Cdh1} by G1 cyclin-CDKs is sufficient to allow the TF network to trigger a large
307 program of cell-cycle transcription at high amplitude. However, the speed at which the pulse
308 was propagated was still slower in the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant cells compared to wild type
309 (Figures 4B, 4C, and S3), suggesting additional mechanisms by which CDKs promote the
310 dynamics of the global cell-cycle transcription.

311 **A large program of cell-cycle transcription continues in cells overexpressing hyperstable
312 B-cyclin-CDK inhibitor, Sic1**

313 Interestingly, we noticed that the deletion of *WHI5* or *STB1* in the *cdc28-4* background
314 triggered bud emergence in early G1 cells even at restrictive temperature (Figure S1D). Further
315 deletions of *PCL1/PCL2* (G1 cyclins for the CDK Pho85) severely delayed or inhibited budding
316 (data not shown), suggesting that the bud emergence in these mutants were dependent on the
317 Pcl1/2-Pho85 kinase activity (Moffat and Andrews, 2003). Double deletions of *WHI5* and *STB1*
318 resulted in the earliest bud emergence after release (Figure S1E), suggesting the strongest
319 derepression of *PCL1/PCL2* among the SBF/MBF targets. Finally, the *cdc28-4/cdk1 apc whi5Δ*
320 *stb1Δ* quadruple mutant triggered re-budding cycles of elongated buds, suggesting the lack of
321 mitotic Clb2-CDK activity that inhibits bud polarity (Figure S4D).

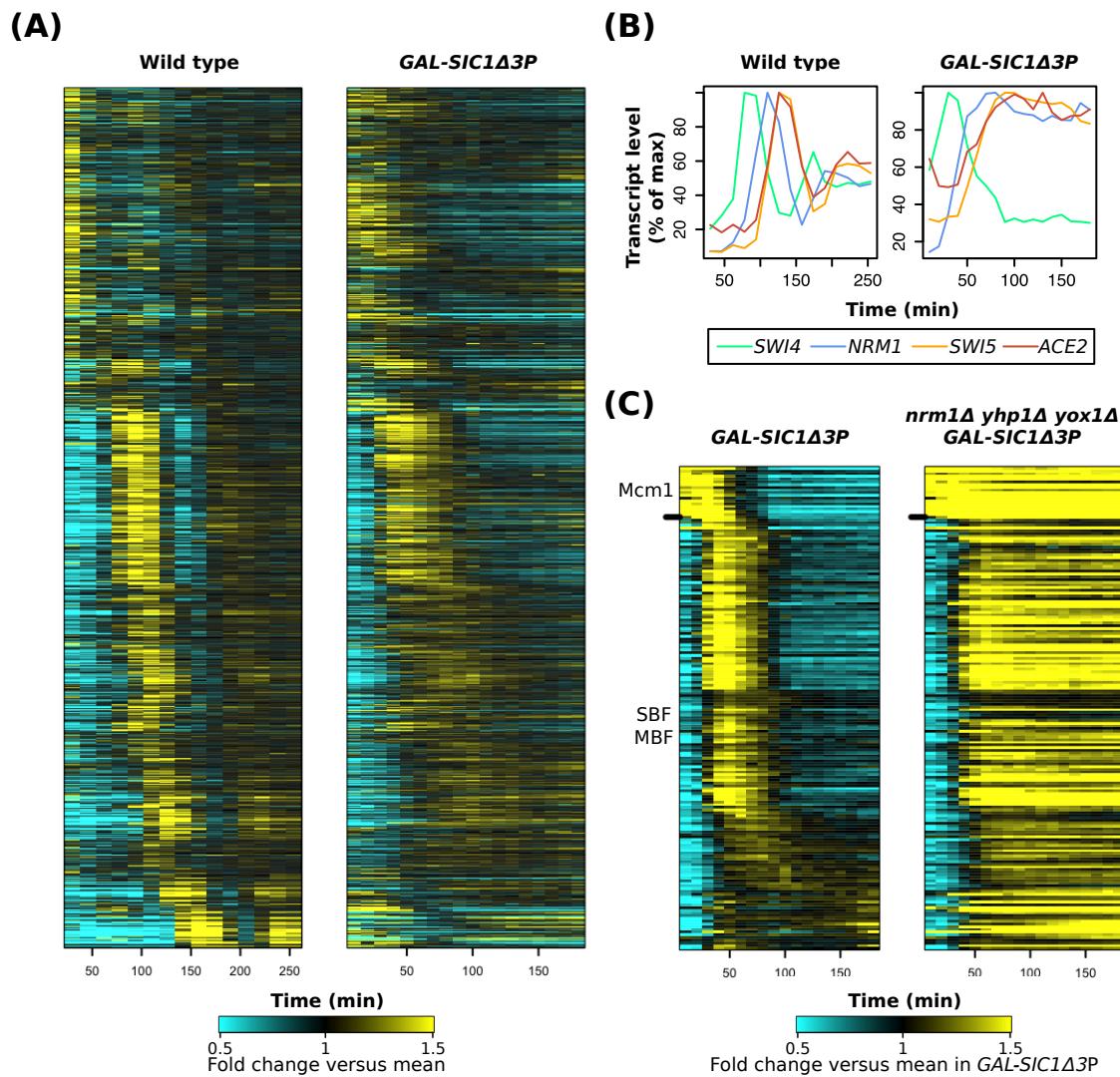
322 However, we did observe that a fraction of cells underwent DNA replication and spindle
323 pole body duplication in the *cdc28-4/cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant after several hours at
324 restrictive temperature (Figures S4A and S4C). The DNA replication was blocked by the
325 overexpression of hyperstable Sic1 in these cells (Figure S4B) (Verma et al., 1997), suggesting
326 that the protein product encoded by the *cdc28-4* allele can still be weakly activated by S-phase
327 and/or M-phase B-cyclins (Clbs) at restrictive temperature. Given the surprising finding that
328 enough Clb-CDK activity remains in some *cdc28-4 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant cells to drive DNA
329 replication, and the suggestion that small amounts of residual Clb could drive the transcriptional
330 program in the *clbΔ* mutant cells (Rahi et al., 2016), we wanted to validate the above findings

331 and further test our network model (Figure 3A) in additional mutants where Clb-CDKs are more
332 fully inhibited.

333 The inhibition of both S-phase and mitotic Clb-CDK activity by Sic1 has been confirmed
334 by genetic and protein-protein interaction (Breitkreutz et al., 2010; Cross et al., 2007; Schreiber
335 et al., 2012). The non-phosphorylatable Sic1 Δ 3P protein is hyperstable and delays cell-cycle
336 progression when expressed at physiological level (Cross et al., 2007), while its overexpression
337 blocks DNA replication and arrests the cell cycle (Verma et al., 1997). In current quantitative
338 models of the budding yeast cell cycle, the overexpression of hyperstable Sic1 Δ 3P eliminates
339 all Clb-CDK activity (Chen et al., 2004; Kraikivski et al., 2015). In summary, the *GAL-SIC1 Δ 3P*
340 cells are presumably arrested without residual Clb-CDK activity, while Cln1/2-CDK activity
341 remains constitutively high (Schwob et al., 1994; Verma et al., 1997).

342 To assay the global transcript dynamics, early G1 cells carrying the *GAL-SIC1 Δ 3P*
343 construct were collected by centrifugal elutriation and then released into YEP-galactose (YEPA)
344 media to induce overexpression. Samples were taken every 10 minutes for time-series
345 microarray (Figure 5). The physical cell-cycle arrest was confirmed by monitoring re-budding
346 cycles, which phenocopy the *clb1-6 Δ* mutant (data not shown) (Haase and Reed, 1999).
347 Consistent with previous findings (Orlando et al., 2008), a large program of cell-cycle
348 transcription continued in the *GAL-SIC1 Δ 3P* cells lacking Clb-CDK activity (Figure 5A). Notably,
349 the generation and transmission of a transcriptional pulse were observed for the majority of the
350 cell-cycle genes (Figure 5A). These observations further support the idea that G1 cyclin-CDKs
351 can not only activate G1/S transcription but also enhance the global dynamics of cell-cycle
352 transcription. In support of the network model (Figure 3A), we also observed a transcriptional
353 pulse propagated through the TF network in the *GAL-SIC1 Δ 3P* cells with temporal ordering
354 identical to wild type (Figure 5B).

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357 **Figure 5. A well-ordered transcriptional program is maintained in cells overexpressing**

358 **hyperstable B-cyclin-CDK inhibitor Sic1.**

359 (A) Heat maps showing transcript dynamics of 857 cell-cycle genes (Table S2) in wild type
360 (Orlando et al., 2008) and the *GAL-SIC1Δ3P* strain. Early G1 cells obtained by elutriation were
361 released into YEP-galactose medium at 30°C for microarray analysis. Transcript levels are
362 expressed as fold change relative to mean in individual datasets. (B) Line graphs showing
363 transcript levels of network TFs in wild type and the *GAL-SIC1Δ3P* cells. Transcript levels are
364 expressed as percentage of maximal level in individual time courses. (C) Heat maps showing
365 transcript dynamics of Mcm1 and SBF/MBF targets (Table S1) in the *GAL-SIC1Δ3P* and the

366 *GAL-S/C1Δ3P nrm1Δ yhp1Δ yox1Δ* strains. Cells were synchronized in G1 by elutriation and
367 released into YEP-galactose medium at 30°C. Transcript levels are expressed as fold change
368 relative to mean in the control *GAL-S/C1Δ3P* experiment. See also Figure S5.

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370 To confirm that the G1/S transcriptional pulse in the *GAL-S/C1Δ3P* cells is generated by
371 negative feedback loops from transcriptional repressors in the TF network rather than residual
372 Clb2 activity (Figure 3A), we further deleted *NRM1*, *YHP1*, and *YOX1* and assayed transcript
373 dynamics. In the *GAL-S/C1Δ3P* cells, a majority of Mcm1 targets and SBF/MBF targets were
374 robustly attenuated (Figures 5C and S5). In the *GAL-S/C1Δ3P nrm1Δ yhp1Δ yox1Δ* cells, all
375 Mcm1 targets and SBF/MBF targets were activated and then remained highly expressed
376 throughout the time course (Figures 5C and S5). The loss of pulsatile dynamics supports the
377 critical role of these transcriptional negative feedback loops in generating transcriptional pulses
378 in a variety of conditions, including the *clb1-6Δ* and the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant cells.
379 Similarly to the above results in the *cdk1 apc whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant (Figure 3B), we did not
380 observe a robust second pulse for SBF/MBF targets in the *GAL-S/C1Δ3P* cells (Figure 5C),
381 suggesting the stabilization of transcriptional repressors Nrm1/Yhp1/Yox1 via Cln-CDK-
382 dependent APC inactivation.

383 Taken together, these results from the *GAL-S/C1Δ3P* experiments further support a
384 model in which G1 cyclin-CDKs and the TF network function in an integrated network to
385 generate a high-amplitude cell-cycle transcriptional program after cell-cycle commitment (Figure
386 3A).

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388 **DISCUSSION**

389 Although the oscillations of CDK and APC activity have been thought as the central
390 oscillator that dictates phases of other cell-cycle oscillations, there is increasing evidence in
391 recent years that global cell-cycle transcription can continue semi-autonomously without

392 periodic CDK-APC activity. Collectively, previous studies pointed to a model in which both CDKs
393 and a transcription factor (TF) network have critical roles in controlling global cell-cycle
394 transcription, but that oscillating input from CDK is not required to generate transcriptional
395 dynamics (Bristow et al., 2014; Cho et al., 2017). The most compelling evidence for this model
396 comes from the observations that temporally ordered, high-amplitude transcript dynamics could
397 still be observed in budding yeast cells arrested with constitutive levels of CDK activity. In cells
398 lacking all CDK activity, only low-amplitude transcriptional oscillations were observed in a
399 fraction of the program, and they displayed an increased period length when compared to wild-
400 type cells (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). These findings suggest a role of CDKs in promoting
401 transcriptional oscillations, yet the mechanism was not understood.

402 Here we propose a model in which G1 cyclin-CDKs contribute to the generation of the
403 cell-cycle transcriptional program by the TF network via multiple molecular mechanisms. First,
404 G1 cyclin-CDKs inactivate transcriptional corepressors Whi5/Stb1 to trigger the high-amplitude
405 transcriptional activation of SBF/MBF targets (Figure 1). Second, the partial inactivation of
406 APC^{Cdh1} by G1 cyclin-CDKs stabilizes network transcriptional repressors (Nrm1 and Yhp1) and
407 coactivator Ndd1, which are crucial for robust oscillations of the TF network. Particularly, the
408 transcriptional repressors Nrm1, Yhp1, and Yox1 mediate negative feedback to truncate the
409 G1/S transcriptional activation into a transcriptional “pulse” (Figure 3 and Figure 5). A chain of
410 transcriptional activators downstream of SBF/MBF then transmits the pulse and serially
411 activates S/G2/M transcription.

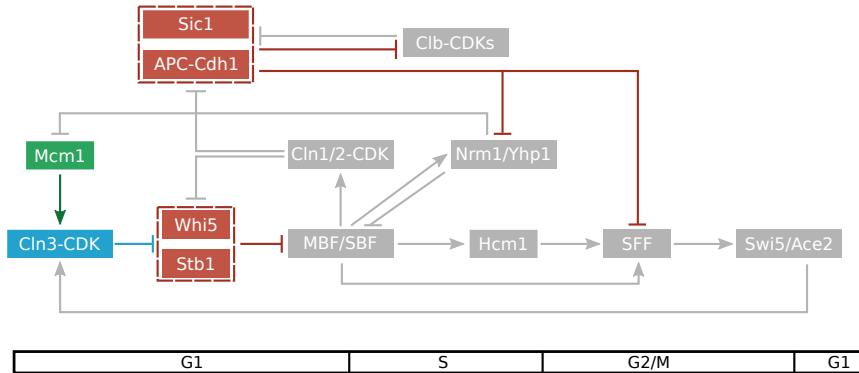
412 Consistent with the above model and previous findings, we provide further evidence that
413 S-phase and mitotic Clb-CDK activities are largely dispensable for generating and transmitting
414 the transcriptional pulse that drives cell-cycle transcription. In cells overexpressing hyperstable
415 Sic1 that specifically inhibit Clb-CDK activities, a robust G1/S transcriptional pulse can still be
416 generated, and that the serial activation of S/G2/M transcription persist despite the physical
417 G1/S arrest (Figure 5). We also demonstrate that the transcriptional repressors

418 Nrm1/Yhp1/Yox1 are necessary for the attenuation of early-cell-cycle transcription in the
419 absence of Clb-CDK activities, supporting the roles of these TFs in generating pulsatile
420 transcript dynamics in either wild-type or cyclin mutant cells.

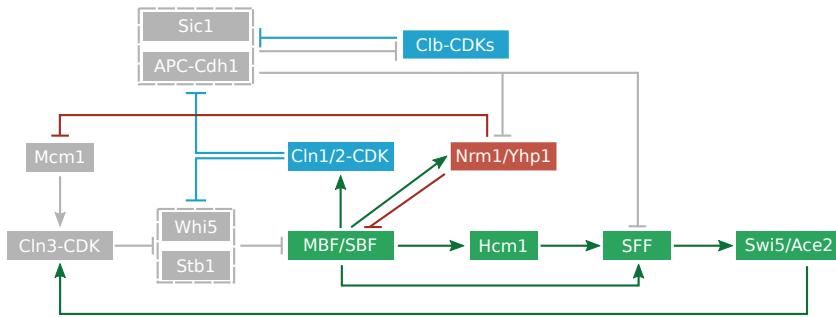
421 We have demonstrated previously that oscillations of the cell-cycle transcriptional
422 program can be uncoupled from CDK oscillations and from cell-cycle progression, and that S-
423 phase and M-phase checkpoints can halt the dynamics of cell-cycle transcription when cell-
424 cycle progression is perturbed (Bristow et al., 2014; Haase and Reed, 1999; Orlando et al.,
425 2008; Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). Our findings here suggest that G1 is also an important
426 phase for coordinating the oscillations of CDK activity and the cell-cycle transcriptional program
427 (Figure 6A). Specifically, transcriptional corepressors Whi5/Stb1 directly inhibit the G1/S
428 transcriptional activators SBF/MBF, thus indirectly inhibiting the transcription of S/G2/M TFs
429 activated by SBF/MBF. Furthermore, APC^{Cdh1} destabilizes several S/G2/M TFs as well as S-
430 phase and mitotic cyclins (Clbs). Finally, the stoichiometric inhibitor Sic1 binds to and inhibits all
431 Clb-CDK activities. Thus, the combined activities of Whi5/Stb1, APC^{Cdh1}, and Sic1 inhibit both
432 oscillations of CDK activity and the TF network at transcriptional and post-translational levels in
433 G1 phase (Figure 6A). This idea is similar to the “G1 attractor” in a previously proposed model
434 of the budding yeast cell-cycle network (Li et al., 2004).

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(A) G1 phase or low-CDK arrests



(B) S/G2/M phases or high-CDK arrests



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437 **Figure 6. An integrated network model for the global control of cell-cycle transcription.**

438 Nodes are ordered horizontally by their approximate time of activation during the cell cycle. (A)
 439 In early G1, both CDKs (blue) and the TF network (green) are globally inhibited by G1 inhibitors
 440 (red), including Whi5/Stb1, APC^{Cdh1}, and Sic1. (B) In S/G2/M phases, the CDK-dependent
 441 inhibition of Whi5/Stb1/APC^{Cdh1}/Sic1 allows the robust oscillations of the TF network.

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443 In wild-type cells, these inhibitions are likely maintained until increasing cell size dilutes
 444 Whi5, which results in the initial expression of *CLN1/2* in a “feedback-first” mechanism (Eser et
 445 al., 2011; Schmoller et al., 2015). Subsequently, Cln1/2-CDKs mediate feedback loops to
 446 inactivate these G1 inhibitors (Whi5/Stb1/APC^{Cdh1}/Sic1) and trigger entry into S/G2/M phases

447 (Figure 6B). This release of inhibition allows the TF network to generate a G1/S transcriptional
448 pulse and transmit the pulse to generate global cell-cycle transcription, including the temporally
449 ordered transcription of Clbs. Once transcriptionally activated by the TF network, Clb-CDKs
450 trigger S-phase and mitotic events, while also mediating feedback to modulate the amplitude
451 and timing of cell-cycle transcription by inhibiting SBF-mediated transcription and activating
452 SFF-mediated transcription (Amon et al., 1993; Koch et al., 1996; Pic-Taylor et al., 2004;
453 Reynolds et al., 2003). Furthermore, while the inactivation of APC^{Cdh1} and Sic1 can be initiated
454 by Cln-CDKs during G1/S transition, Clb-CDKs later reinforce and maintain the inhibition of
455 APC^{Cdh1} and Sic1 in S/G2/M phases (Figure 6B). Finally, Cdc14 phosphatase released by
456 mitotic exit pathways coordinates the destruction of Nrm1, Yhp1, Yox1, and Clb2 with the
457 reactivation of Whi5/Stb1 (via dephosphorylation) to maintain the repression of SBF/MBF-
458 regulated genes in the next G1 phase (Taberner et al., 2009; Wagner et al., 2009). These layers
459 of repression ensure that high-amplitude transcription is activated once-and-only-once per cycle
460 in wild-type cells. Interestingly, the transcriptional pulse could eventually be transmitted back to
461 regulate the expression of G1 cyclin *CLN3* through network TFs Swi5/Ace2, providing an
462 additional mechanism for promoting a new pulse in the next cycle (Di Talia et al., 2009).

463 Significantly, this model provides a unifying explanation for the transcriptomic dynamics
464 in a broad range of budding yeast mutant cells arrested in the cell cycle (Figure 6). In cells
465 arrested with low CDK activity, such as the *cdc28-4* mutant cells (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012)
466 or the *cln clb* mutant cells (Rahi et al., 2016), the activity of Whi5/Stb1/APC^{Cdh1} then prevents
467 the initiation of a robust transcriptional pulse (Figure 6A). In cells arrested with constitutive G1
468 Cln-CDK or mitotic Clb-CDK activity, such as the *clb1-6Δ*, *cdc20Δ*, and *cdc14-3* mutants
469 (Bristow et al., 2014; Cho et al., 2017; Orlando et al., 2008; Rahi et al., 2016), the TF network
470 can continue to trigger a subset of the cell-cycle transcriptional program due to the CDK-
471 dependent inhibition of Whi5/Stb1/APC^{Cdh1} activity (Figure 6B). Finally, we demonstrate in this

472 study that genetically perturbing G1 inhibitors or overexpressing Clb-CDK inhibitor can also
473 uncouple the dynamics of the TF network from the oscillation of CDK activity (Figures 3 and 5).

474 Given the topological conservation of at least part of the cell-cycle networks (Cross et
475 al., 2011; Johnson and Skotheim, 2013), findings for the budding yeast cell cycle will likely
476 provide further insight into the cell-cycle regulatory mechanisms in mammalian cells. Here we
477 report that the inactivation of APC^{Cdh1} by CDK phosphorylations is necessary for the attenuation
478 of G1/S transcription and the activation of G2/M transcription. Interestingly, the G1/S
479 transcriptional repressors E2F7/E2F8 and the mitotic transcriptional activator FoxM1 in
480 mammalian cells are also APC^{Cdh1} substrates (Cohen et al., 2013; Park et al., 2008).
481 Furthermore, it has been proposed that the irreversible inactivation of APC/C^{Cdh1} is the
482 commitment point for mammalian cell cycle (Cappell et al., 2016). Similar genetic-genomic
483 studies will be needed in order to dissect the contributions of CDKs, APC/C, checkpoint kinases,
484 and a transcriptional network to the dynamics of periodic cell-cycle transcription in higher
485 eukaryotes. Finally, we expect the phase-specific, multi-layered inhibition of the transcription
486 factor network to be a general mechanism that restricts genome-wide transcriptional programs,
487 such as during mammalian cell cycle or circadian oscillations, to one pulse per cycle.

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489 **EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES**

490 Requests of reagents and further information may be directed to the corresponding
491 author Steven B. Haase (shaase@duke.edu).

492 **Yeast strains and cell culture synchronization**

493 All strains are derivatives of *S. cerevisiae* BF264-15D (*ade1 his2 leu2-3,112 trp1-1a*).
494 Additional genotypes can be found in Table S3. Gene deletions and epitope tagging were
495 carried out by standard yeast methods (Longtine et al., 1998). Strain K4438 (W303 *cdc16-123*)
496 was kindly provided by Kim Nasmyth (Irniger and Nasmyth, 1997) and outcrossed with BF264-

497 15D for 5 times before crossing into SBY2356 (*cdc28-4 whi5Δ stb1Δ BAR1*) to obtain SBY2395
498 (*cdc28-4 cdc16-123 whi5Δ stb1Δ bar1*).

499 Yeast cultures were grown in standard YEP medium (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone,
500 0.012% adenine, 0.006% uracil supplemented with 2% sugar). For centrifugal elutriation of
501 temperature-sensitive strains carrying *cdc28-4* and/or *cdc16-123* alleles, cultures were grown to
502 mid-log phase in YEP-galactose (YEPG) medium at 30°C. Elutriated early G1 cells were then
503 resuspended in YEP-dextrose (YEPD) medium at 37°C. For α -factor arrest of temperature-
504 sensitive strains, cultures were grown in YEPG medium at 25°C and incubated with 50 ng/ml α -
505 factor for 140 minutes. Synchronized cultures were then resuspended in YEPD medium at
506 37°C. For *GAL-SIC1Δ3P* strains, cultures were grown to mid-log phase in YEP-sucrose (YEPS)
507 medium at 30°C. Elutriated early G1 cells were then resuspended in YEP-galactose (YEPG)
508 medium at 30°C for time-course experiments. Aliquots were taken at each time point and
509 subsequently assayed by microarray or Western blots.

510 **RNA extraction and microarray assay**

511 Total RNA was isolated by standard acid phenol protocol (2001). Samples were
512 submitted to Duke Center for Genomic and Computational Biology Microarray Facility for
513 labeling, hybridization, and image collection. mRNA was amplified and labeled by Ambion
514 MessageAmp Premier kit (Ambion Biosystems) and hybridized to Yeast Genome 2.0 Array
515 (Affymetrix).

516 **Compilation of canonical targets of the TF network**

517 We compiled a list of canonical genes regulated by the network TFs for analyses. This
518 list of genes and their microarray probe IDs is provided in Table S1. As described below, we
519 considered 5 major groups of co-regulated genes: Mcm1 targets, SBF/MBF targets, Hcm1
520 targets, SFF targets, and Swi5/Ace2 targets. Each group contained unique genes, where genes
521 with multiple regulations were only assigned to one cluster.

522 The Mcm1 cluster repressed by Yhp1/Yox1 has been previously reported (Pramila et al.,
523 2002). We further excluded genes that were not co-expressed with Mcm2-6 in the wild type
524 datasets (Orlando et al., 2008). This resulted in 18 genes that are coherently expressed in early
525 G1.

526 The SBF/MBF targets are expressed at the G1/S transition and have been previously
527 reported by Ferrezuelo et al. (2010). *HO* was excluded because its transcript level peaked at
528 M/G1 rather than G1/S transition in our wild type datasets (Orlando et al., 2008; Simmons
529 Kovacs et al., 2012). We further restricted our analyses to the 161 genes that have uniquely
530 mapped probes in the microarray.

531 We defined the Hcm1 targets by two criteria: (1) they have documented expression
532 evidence on YEASTRACT (Teixeira et al., 2014); AND (2) their transcript dynamics in the wild
533 type datasets (Orlando et al., 2008) are clustered together with *C/N8* by affinity propagation
534 (Frey and Dueck, 2007).

535 We defined the SFF (Ndd1/Fkh2/Mcm1 complex) targets with similar criteria: (1) they
536 have documented DNA binding OR expression evidence for Fkh2 AND Mcm1 on YEASTRACT;
537 AND (2) their transcript dynamics in the wild type datasets (Orlando et al., 2008) are clustered
538 together with *CLB2* by affinity propagation. The clustering identified two groups of genes with
539 peak expression in M phase. We excluded the cluster containing *CDC20* that exhibited an early
540 minor peak in the wild type datasets to avoid complex regulations by factors other than SFF.
541 The remaining cluster contains 17 genes that partially overlapped with previously reported *CLB2*
542 cluster or SFF targets (Sajman et al., 2015; Spellman et al., 1998; Zhu et al., 2000).

543 The Swi5/Ace2 targets have been previously reported (Di Talia et al., 2009). We further
544 excluded genes whose transcript dynamics in wild-type cells are not clustered together with
545 *S/C1* by affinity propagation.

546 *CLB1-6, WHI5, STB1, NRM1, and YOX1* are excluded for analyses involving their
547 deletion mutants. In the microarray analysis, one representative and uniquely mapped probe
548 was used for each gene.

549 **Protein isolation and Western blotting**

550 Cell pellets were washed with ice-cold water and resuspended in TCA extraction buffer
551 (1.4 M sorbitol, 25 mM Tris-HCl pH7.5, 20 mM NaN₃, 2 mM MgCl₂, and 15% TCA). Cell lysis
552 was achieved by vortexing with glass beads at 4°C for 10 minutes. Pellets were collected by
553 centrifuge and resuspended in Thorner buffer (8 M Urea, 5% SDS, 40 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 0.1
554 mM EDTA, 0.4 mg/ml Bromophenol Blue, and 1% β-ME). Samples were titrated with 1 M Tris,
555 heated at 42°C for 5 minutes, separated by SDS-PAGE, and transferred to Immobilon-P PVDF
556 membrane (Millipore) for antibody probing. Western blotting was performed using the following
557 antibodies: mouse anti-PSTAIR (Abcam), mouse anti-c-Myc clone 9E10 (Santa Cruz
558 Biotechnology), anti-mouse IgG-HRP (Cell Signaling), and anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (Cell Signaling).

559 **Microscopy**

560 Cells were fixed in 2% paraformaldehyde for 5 minutes at room temperature, washed
561 with PBS, and then resuspended in 30% glycerol for mounting on glass slides. All imaging was
562 performed on Zeiss Axio Observer.

563 **Flow cytometry**

564 Cells were prepared for flow cytometric analysis using SYTOX Green staining as
565 described (Haase and Reed, 2001). Graphs were generated using the FlowViz package in
566 Bioconductor in R.

567 **Normalization of microarray data**

568 Previously published datasets used in this study are GEO: GSE8799, GEO: GSE32974,
569 and GEO: GSE49650. All CEL files analyzed in this study were normalized together using the
570 dChip method from the Affy package in Bioconductor as described previously (Bristow et al.,
571 2014).

572 **Data availability**

573 Newly generated array data and the normalized data have been submitted to GEO:
574 GSE75694.

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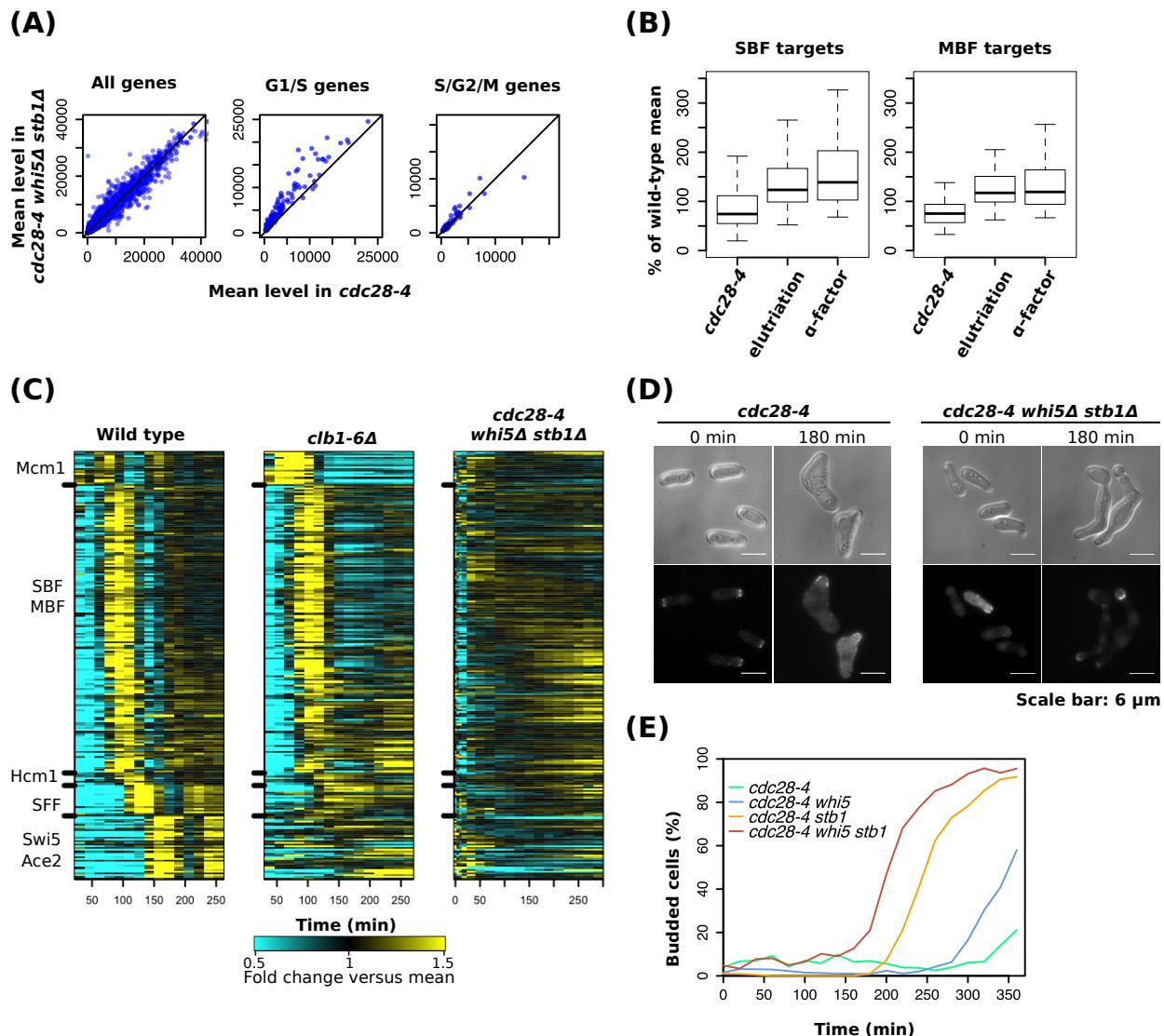
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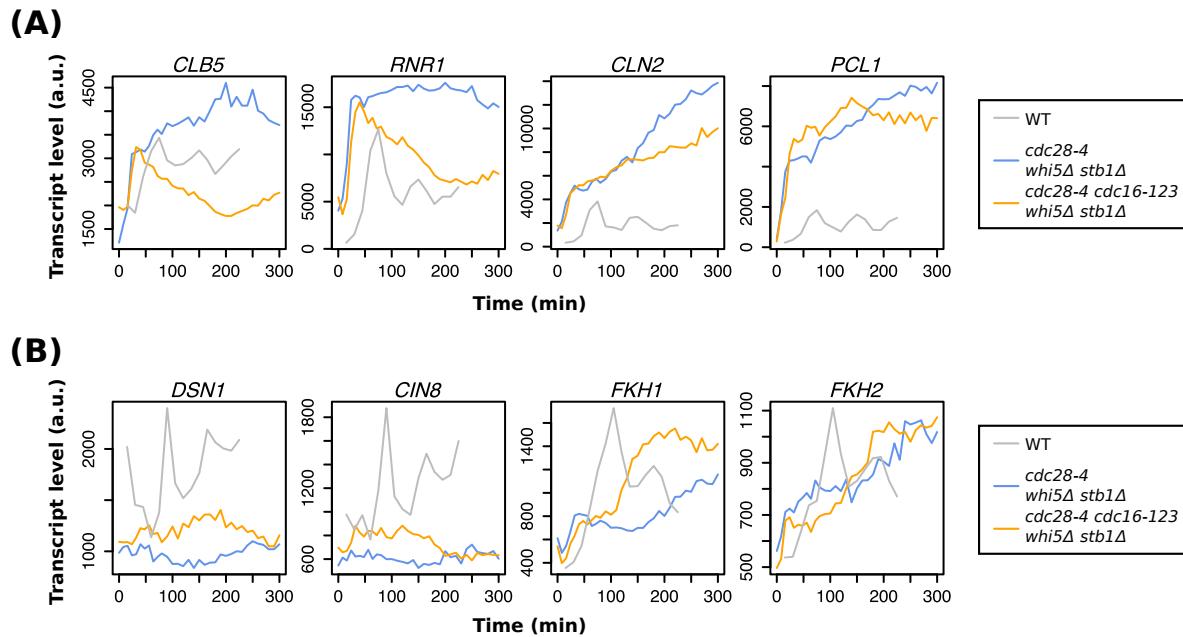
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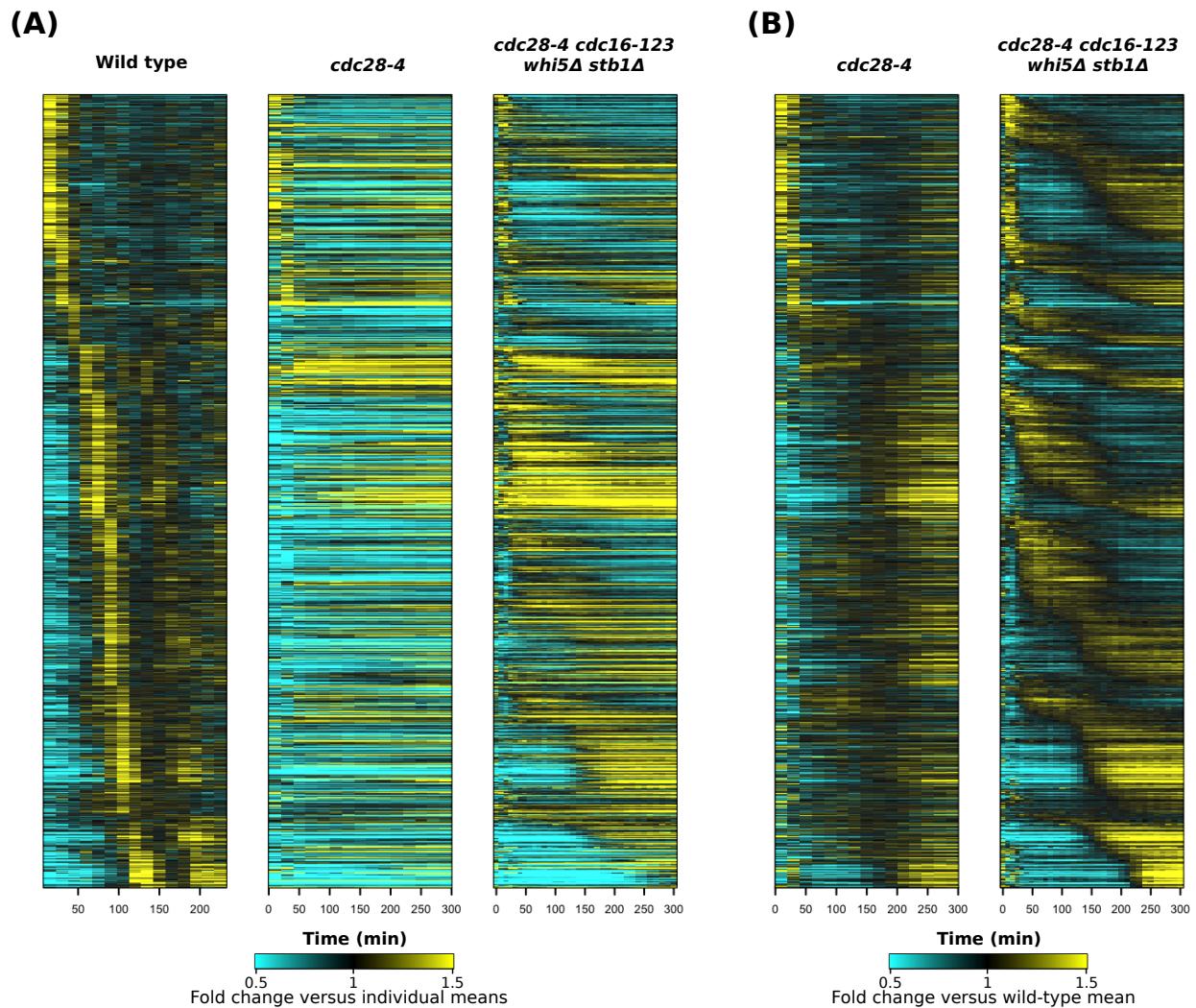


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771 **Figure S1. Additional analyses related to the *cdc28-4 whi5Δ stb1Δ* experiments (related to**
 772 **Figure 1).** (A) Scatter plots showing mean transcript levels of all genes, G1/S genes (SBF/MBF
 773 targets), or S/G2/M genes (Hcm1/SFF/Swi5/Ace2 targets) during the time courses in indicated
 774 strains. Average of results from two independent replicates are shown. (B) Box plots depicting
 775 mean expression levels of the SBF/MBF targets in the *cdc28-4* experiment (Simmons Kovacs et
 776 al., 2012) and the *cdc28-4 whi5Δ stb1Δ* experiments synchronized by elutriation or α -factor. The
 777 groups of SBF and MBF targets were reported in the previous study (Ferrezuelo et al., 2010).
 778 The average from two independent replicates is plotted as percent of wild-type control at 37°C
 779 (Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012). Whiskers extend to 1.5 times interquartile range from the box.

780 Outliers in the data are not shown. (C) Heat maps showing transcript dynamics of the canonical
781 genes regulated by the TF network in indicated strains. Representative results of wild type, the
782 *clb1-6Δ* experiment released from elutriation at 30°C (Orlando et al., 2008), or the *cdc28-4*
783 *whi5Δ stb1Δ* experiment released from elutriation are shown. Transcript levels are depicted as
784 fold change versus mean in individual dataset. (D) Microscopic images of the *cdc28-4* and
785 *cdc28-4 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutants. Cells were synchronized in G1 by centrifugal elutriation, released
786 into YEPD medium at 37°C, and fixed at indicated time points for subsequent imaging. The bud
787 emergence in *cdc28-4 whi5Δ stb1Δ* is confirmed by the formation of septin rings (*CDC3-*
788 *mCherry*) shown in the bottom panels. (E) The budding curves of various *cdc28-4* strains
789 carrying *WHI5* and/or *STB1* deletion after released from elutriation into YEPD medium at 37°C.
790 Cells with visible restrictions on the cell body were counted as budded cells. The *CDC3-*
791 *mCherry* marker was not used for scoring.



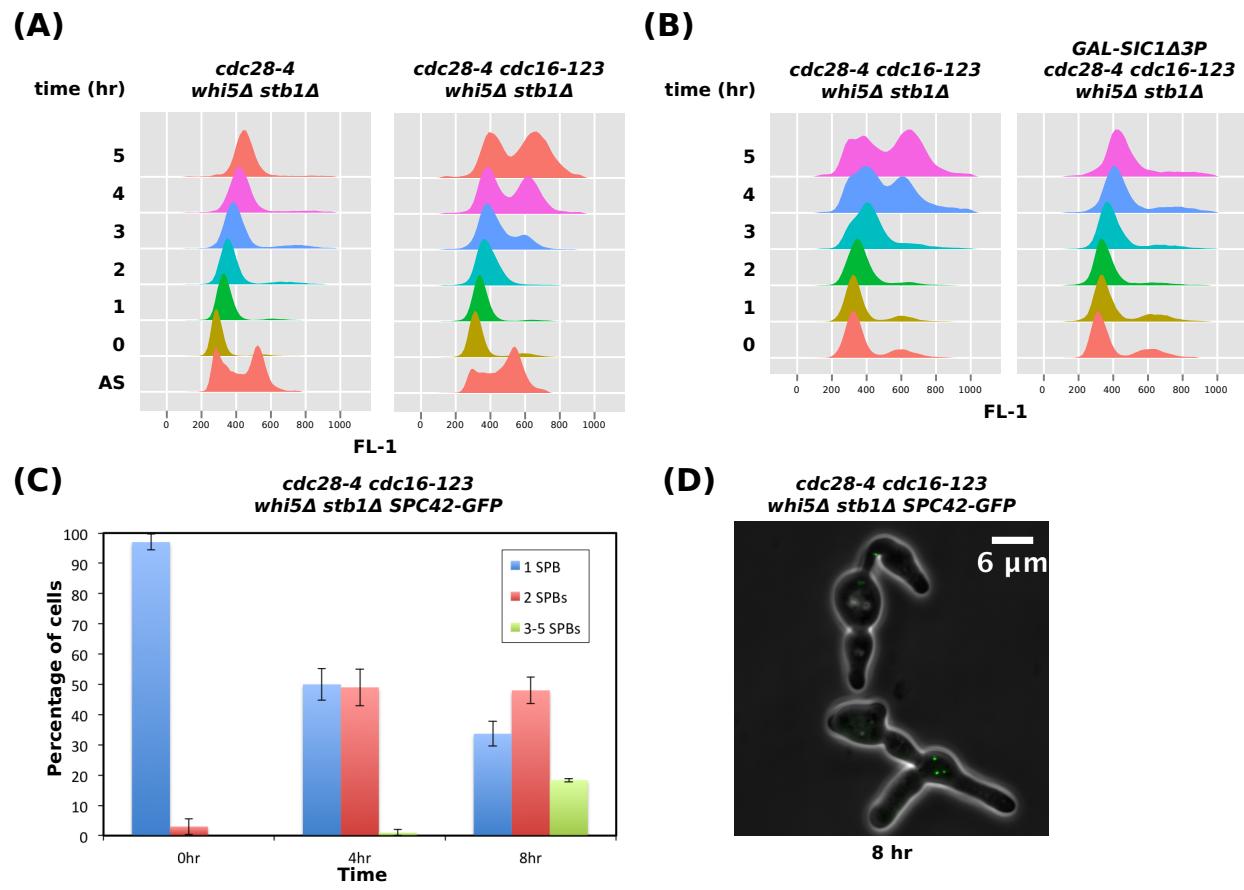


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805 **Figure S3. Additional analyses related to the *cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ stb1Δ* mutant**
806 (related to Figure 4). Heat maps showing transcript dynamics of the same genes from Figure
807 4A in the same order in indicated strains. Cells were synchronized in G1 by elutriation or a-
808 factor and released into YEPD medium at 37°C. Transcript levels are depicted as fold change
809 relative to mean in individual datasets (A) or relative to wild-type mean (B) (Simmons Kovacs et
810 al., 2012).

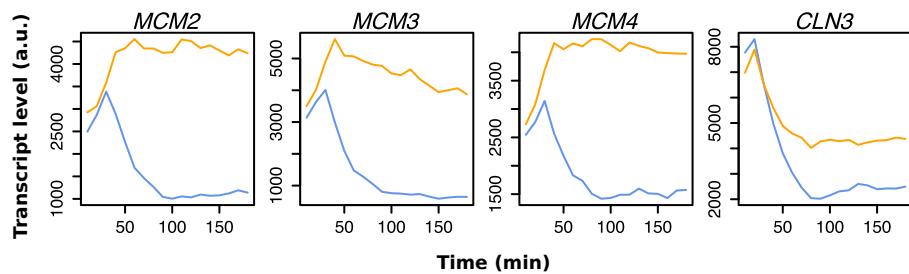
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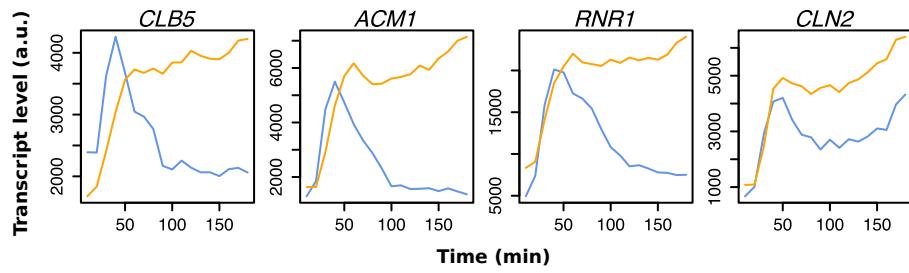


826 from three independent experiments is shown. (D) Microscopic images of the *cdc16-123 cdc28-*
827 *4 whi5Δ stb1Δ SPC42-GFP* mutant from experiments described in (C).
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(A)



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830 **Figure S5. Additional analyses related to the *GAL-SIC1Δ3P* cells (related to Figure 5).** (A)

831 Line graphs showing absolute transcript levels of canonical *Mcm1* targets in the *GAL-SIC1Δ3P*
832 cells (blue) or the *GAL-SIC1Δ3P nrm1Δ yhp1Δ yox1Δ* cells (yellow). Cells were synchronized in
833 early G1 and released into YEPD medium at 37°C. Transcript levels were measured by
834 microarray. (B) Line graphs showing absolute transcript levels of SBF/MBF targets in
835 experiments described in (A).

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Table S3 Strains used in this study

Strain	Genotype	Source
SBY2457	<i>MATa BAR1 cdc28-4 CDC3-mCherry::LEU2</i>	This study
SBY2459	<i>MATa bar1 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 CDC3-mCherry::LEU2</i>	This study
SBY2356	<i>MATa BAR1 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6</i>	This study
SBY2424	<i>MATa bar1 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6</i>	This study
SBY2435	<i>MATa bar1 YHP1-13myc::KanMX6</i>	This study
SBY2436	<i>MATa bar1 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 YHP1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2398	<i>MATa bar1 cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 YHP1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2437	<i>MATa bar1 NRM1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2442	<i>MATa bar1 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 NRM1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2444	<i>MATa bar1 cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 NRM1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2467	<i>MATa bar1 NDD1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2446	<i>MATa bar1 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 NDD1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2448	<i>MATa bar1 cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 NDD1-13myc::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY2395	<i>MATa bar1 cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6</i>	This study
SBY2451	<i>MATa bar1 cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 GAL-SIC1Δ3P::HIS2</i>	This study
SBY2508	<i>MATa bar1 cdc16-123 cdc28-4 whi5Δ::hphMX4 stb1Δ::KanMX6 SPC42-GFP::TRP1</i>	This study
SBY1399	<i>MATa bar1 GAL-SIC1Δ3P::URA3</i>	(Simmons Kovacs et al., 2012)
SBY2320	<i>MATa bar1 GAL-SIC1Δ3P::URA3 nrm1Δ::natMX4 yhp1Δ::hphMX4 yox1Δ::kanMX6</i>	This study