1 **Cohesin modulates DNA replication to preserve genome integrity**

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Abstract

Cohesin participates in loop formation by extruding DNA fibers from its ring-shaped structure. Cohesin dysfunction eliminates chromatin loops but only causes modest transcription perturbation, which cannot fully explain the frequently observed mutations of cohesin in various cancers. Here, we found that DNA replication initiates at more than one thousand extra dormant origins after acute depletion of RAD21, a core subunit of cohesin, resulting in earlier replicating timing at approximately 30% of the human genomic regions. In contrast, CTCF is dispensable for suppressing the early firing of dormant origins that are distributed away from the loop boundaries. Furthermore, greatly elevated levels of gross DNA breaks and genome-wide chromosomal translocations arise in RAD21-depleted cells, accompanied by dysregulated replication timing at dozens of hotspot genes. Thus, we conclude that cohesin coordinates DNA replication initiation to ensure proper replication timing and safeguards genome integrity.

Keywords

Early replication initiation; chromosomal translocations; replication timing; DNA breaks; DNA metabolism.

Introduction

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30   The mammalian genomes are organized into different hierarchies to achieve DNA

31 metabolism activities. The chromatin loops are fundamental units of the 3D genome and play

32 important roles in regulating gene expression (Bonev and Cavalli, 2016; Fudenberg et al.,

33 2016; Rao et al., 2017). Cohesin and CTCF co-anchor chromatin loops and are essential for

34 stabilizing loop domains or topologically associating domains (TADs) (Fudenberg et al.,

35 2016; Nora et al., 2017; Rao et al., 2017; Schwarzer et al., 2017). The ring-shaped cohesin

36 comprises SMC1, SMC3, RAD21, and STAG1/STAG2 subunits (Gruber et al., 2003) (Figure

37 1A). The structural basis of cohesin in maintaining 3D genome integrity has been extensively

38 investigated by the depiction of how cohesin translocate and extrudes DNA (Bauer et al.,

39 2021; Davidson et al., 2019; Li et al., 2020; Shi et al., 2020).

40   Mutations of cohesin subunits are frequently observed in various cancers including

41 leukemia and lymphomas (Barber et al., 2008; De Koninck and Losada, 2016; Kon et al.,

42 2013). Though cohesin is crucial for chromosome segregation, the correlation between

43 aneuploidy and cohesin mutations in cancer cells is tenuous (De Koninck and Losada, 2016;

44 Kon et al., 2013; Waldman, 2020). The dysfunction of cohesin leads to the elimination of

45 loop domains and TADs, however, global transcription is mildly affected in the absence of

46 cohesin (Rao et al., 2017). The limited ectopic gene activation induced by cohesin

47 inactivation does not match the frequently observed cohesin mutations in cancer cells. Thus,

48 the global contribution of cohesin dysfunction in genome integrity and tumorigenesis has yet

49 to be fully elucidated.

50   DNA replication timing program is extremely robust and conserved (Marchal et al.,

51 2019; Müller and Nieduszynski, 2012; Ryba et al., 2010), for timely and orderly duplication

52 of the genome. Dysregulation of the replication process is the major source of genome

53 instability and often leads to cancers (Song et al., 2018; Tomasetti et al., 2017). Cohesin has

54 been reported to colocalize with the double hexamers of mini-chromosome maintenance

55 complex (MCM) that is the core helicase of DNA replication machinery in the human

56 genome (Guillou et al., 2010; Zheng et al., 2018). Moreover, abolishing the acetylation of

57 cohesin subunit SMC3 slows replication fork progression (Terret et al., 2009), further

58 suggesting the to-be-explored role of cohesin in DNA replication.

59   Employing the degron system to rapidly deplete RAD21 (Natsume et al., 2016), we

60 explored the role of cohesin in DNA replication and genome integrity. We conclude that

61 cohesin governs replication timing via modulating early replication initiation. And the loss of

62 RAD21 leads to exacerbated DNA damages and chromosomal translocations within cancer-

63 related genes in the genome, accompanied by disordered replication timing, shedding light on

64 the mechanism for tumorigenesis of previously identified cohesin mutations.

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66 **Results**

67 **Acute depletion of RAD21 in K562 cells**

68   We introduced a mini auxin-inducible degron (mAID) system to rapidly degrade the

69 cohesin core subunit RAD21 (Natsume et al., 2016) (Figures 1A and S1A). To this end, we

70 knocked in the doxycycline (dox)-inducible *OsTIR1* gene in the *AAVS1* locus in K562 cells

71 and subsequentially introduced the in-frame mAID-mClover encoding sequence at the 3' end

72 of *RAD21* gene in both alleles (Figure 1A). Two clones 1# and 4# are identified and validated

73 by both Sanger sequencing and western blot (Figure S1A and S1B; termed as RAD21-mAC

74 hereafter). In the RAD21-mAC cells, CTCF and SMC1 are bound to chromatin normally

75 (Figure S1B). In the presence of dox and indole-3-acetic acid (IAA), the RAD21-mAID-

76 mClover protein underwent rapid degradation and more than 60% of the RAD21-mAC cells

77 showed undetectable levels of fusion protein at one-hour post-treatment (Figure S1C).

78 However, more than 20% or 24% of RAD21-mAC cells showed comparable expression

79 levels of RAD21 to non-treated samples at 6- or 24-hour post-treatment, respectively (Figures

80 1B and S1C). To preclude the contamination of IAA-resistant cells, we isolated homogenous

81 RAD21-depleted cells with undetectable mClover fluorescence through fluorescence-

82 activated cell sorting (FACS) for the following analysis (Figure 1C).

83   To further validate the complete depletion of RAD21, we performed RAD21

84 chromatin immunoprecipitation-sequencing (ChIP-seq) in both wild-type (WT) and RAD21-

85 mAC cells. Cohesin distribution in the genome was identical between IAA-treated and

86 untreated WT cells (Figure 1D). However, RAD21 was no longer associated with its binding

87 sites in the sorted RAD21-mAC cells treated with IAA for 6 hours (Figure 1D).

88 Consequentially, the amount of chromatin-associated SMC1 was reduced, but CTCF

89 remained constant on the chromatin (Figure 1C), consistent with the previous report(Rao et

90 al., 2017). We also employed a quantitative 3C-seq (q3C-seq) to examine the impact of

91 RAD21 loss on chromatin loops. We placed a primer anchored at the proximal upstream

92 CTCF-binding element (CBE) of *c-MYC* and found that chromatin interaction involved in

93 this CBE was eliminated in RAD21-depleted cells (Figure 1E). Collectively, these data

94 indicated that RAD21 could be effectively depleted in RAD21-mAC K562 cells.

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Aberrant DNA replication initiation in RAD21-depleted cells

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98 To determine the impact of RAD21 depletion on DNA replication, we employed

99 previously developed nucleoside analog incorporation loci sequencing (NAIL-seq) to identify

100 the early replication initiation zones (ERIZs) in RAD21-depleted cells (Liu et al., 2021b).

101 Briefly, cells were synchronized at the G1 phase by CDK4/6 inhibitor for 36 hours and then

102 treated with IAA for 6 hours before being released into G1/S transition for EdU-then-BrdU

103 labeling (Figure S2A). The arrested RAD21-depleted cells entered the S phase normally

104 though at a slower progression than WT cells (Figure S2B). To capture early DNA

105 replication initiation, we collected cells at 4- and 3- hours post-release for RAD21-depleted

106 and WT cells, respectively, with similar timing in the previous report(Liu et al., 2021b). With

107 regards to EdU incorporation under hydroxyurea (HU) treatments, the G1-arrested WT or

108 RAD21-depleted cells were released into HU-containing medium for 24 hours before

109 harvest(Liu et al., 2021b) (Figure S2A). Of note, the amounts of origin recognition complex

110 (ORC) and MCM remained constant on the chromatin before release (Figure S2C).

111 We identified 2,122 ERIZs in IAA-treated WT cells, similar to our previous

112 report(Liu et al., 2021b). While 3,593 and 3,475 ERIZs were identified in RAD21-mAC

113 clones 1# and 4#, respectively, with a very high correlation (Figures 2A, 2B, and S2D).

114 Strikingly, 1,209 and 1,095 new ERIZs were identified in RAD21-depleted 1# and 4# cells,

115 respectively, which occupied approximately 30% of the total ERIZs in each RAD21-depleted

116 clone (Figure 2B-D). By comparing the replication signal intensity of shared ERIZs between

117 WT and RAD21-depleted cells, we identified the "increased" (639 in 1# and 630 in 4#),

118 "equal" (1,555 in 1# and 1,544 in 4#), and "decreased" (190 in 1# and 206 in 4#) ERIZs that

119 showed up-regulated, equivalent, or down-regulated early replication signals in RAD21-

120 depleted cells in comparison to WT cells (Figures 2A-D). Besides, 202 or 203 "disappeared"

121 ERIZs occurred in WT but not in RAD21-depleted cells. However, these disappeared ERIZs

122 were relatively weak in WT cells and the total replication signal intensity was only slightly

123 decreased in RAD21-depleted cells (Figure S2E), so we combined them into "decreased"

124 ERIZs for further analysis (Figure 2B). In total, only less than half of the ERIZs exhibited

125 comparative intensity of replication signals after RAD21 depletion (Figure 2C).

126 We next examined the chromatin features of the new ERIZs identified in RAD21-

127 depleted cells. We found that the replication initiation-associated factors, ORC, MCM, and

128 H2A.Z (Long et al., 2020) were enriched at the new ERIZs, similar to other classes of ERIZs

129 in RAD21-depleted cells (Figure 1E). In addition, transcription was also devoid in all four

130 classes of identified ERIZs including the new ones, in line with previous reports that

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131 replication initiation occurred in non-transcribed regions (Liu et al., 2021b; Wang et al.,

132 2021) (Figure S2F). A sharp switch of OK-seq signals was also detected right at the center of

133 the new ERIZs (Figure 1E). Collectively, the new ERIZs in RAD21-depleted cells show

134 typical features of DNA replication origins, suggesting that they may originate from temporal

135 dysregulation of origin firing after RAD21 depletion, but not occur *de novo*.

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137 **Perturbed DNA replication timing in RAD21-depleted cells**

138   To determine whether the new ERIZs result from dysregulated origin firing, we

139 performed replication timing analysis for RAD21-depleted cells. To this end, we labeled the

140 growing WT or RAD21-depleted cells with EdU for 15 minutes and then collected the cells

141 into 6 fractions by DNA content as previously described (Brison et al., 2019) (Figure S3A).

142 We used the EdU labeling method in NAIL-seq to construct sequencing libraries and adapted

143 the Repli-seq pipeline for replication timing computation (Brison et al., 2019; Liu et al.,

144 2021b). The new ERIZs induced advanced replication of the neighbor regions in RAD21-

145 depleted cells, resulting in relatively earlier replication timing than the same regions in WT

146 cells (Figures 3A, 3B, and S3B). The two replicates of WT cells showed resemble profiles of

147 replication timing and we used their correlation map to determine the 95% quantile interval

148 for the assessment of unchanged regions (Figure 3C, left panel). Approximately 10.2% and

149 30.1% of the genomic regions showed significantly earlier replication timing in RAD21-

150 depleted cells treated with IAA for 6- or 24-hours, respectively (Figures 3C right panel, S3B

151 and S3C). In the RAD21-depleted 4# cells at 24-hours post-IAA-treatment, 527 out of 1,095

152 new ERIZs induced advanced replication in the adjacent regions, while 168 increased and

153 103 equal ERIZs led to earlier replication timing (Figure 3D). Of note, 42 decreased ERIZs

154 exhibited earlier replication timing, possibly because they were close to other classes of

155 ERIZs (Figures 3D and S3E). Thus, cohesin dysfunction leads to aberrant replication timing

156 in K562 cells.

157   To determine the original replication timing of the ERIZs identified from RAD21-

158 depleted cells, we plotted these ERIZs on the replication timeline of RAD21-proficient cells.

159 The initiation of equal ERIZs occurred at similar time points between WT and RAD21-

160 depleted cells while decreased ERIZs showed a minor delay in the RAD21-depleted cells

161 with IAA treatment for 24 hours (Figures 3E and S3F). In contrast, the genomic regions

162 containing the increased ERIZs replicated earlier and the new ERIZs-containing regions

163 showed an even more significant earlier replication timing after RAD21 degradation (Figures

164 2E, 2F, and S3F). These data imply that the new ERIZs in RAD21-depleted cells arise from

165 the earlier firing of substantial origins that are originally dormant at the early replication

166 initiation stage.

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Redistributed replication initiation within loop domains in RAD21-depleted cells

169 Given that both cohesin and CTCF are required for the formation of loop domains

170 (Figure 4A), we next sought to investigate whether CTCF is also involved in the advanced

171 firing of identified new ERIZs. To this end, we constructed a CTCF-mAID-mClover (CTCF-

172 mAC, clone 5C9) K562 cell line. Similar to the RAD21-mAC cell lines, the 3' end of *CTCF*

173 was tagged with an in-frame mAID-mClover encoding sequence on both alleles (Figures

174 S4A, B). We isolated the CTCF-depleted cells by FACS to remove IAA-resistant cells and

175 performed NAIL-seq EdU/HU method as for RAD21-mAC cells (Figure S2A and S4B). The

176 overall distribution profile of replication signals at identified ERIZs in CTCF-depleted cells

177 was similar to that in WT cells except with a lower intensity (Figures 4B-D, and S4C).

178 Specifically, CTCF-depleted cells exhibited very low intensity of replication signals at the

179 new ERIZs as WT cells (Figure 3C), suggesting that CTCF is dispensable for suppressing the

180 firing of dormant origins.

181 Cohesin functions as molecular motors to progressively extrude DNA to convergent

182 CTCF that is resident at the boundaries of loop domains (Davidson et al., 2019) (Figure 4A),

183 therefore we examined the distribution of early replication signals in chromatin loop domains

184 (Rao et al., 2014). In WT cells, early replication tended to occur at the regions close to loop

185 boundaries (Figure 4E). Though the overall early replication profile of cohesin-depleted cells

186 was similar to that of the WT cells, more replication signals accumulated in the regions away

187 from the loop boundaries (Figure 4E). In contrast, the replication signals within non-loop

188 domains were highly similar between WT and RAD21-depleted cells (Figure S4D). With

189 regards to the distribution of four classes of ERIZs in loop domains, much more replication

190 signals from new and increased ERIZs occurred in the middle of loop domains (Figure 4F).

191 The median distance to loop boundaries was up to 40.8 kb and 32.0 kb for new and increased

192 ERIZs, respectively, in RAD21-depleted cells, in comparison to 26.5 kb for all ERIZs of WT

193 cells (Figure S4E). We also performed MCM5 ChIP-seq analysis for G1-arrested cells

194 because origin licensing occurs in the G1 phase (O'Donnell et al., 2013). Similar to the early

195 replication signals, MCM displayed a higher accumulation in the middle of loop domains in

196 cohesin-depleted cells than in WT cells (Figure 4G). Collectively, these data suggest that

197 loop extruding by cohesin within the entire loop domains possibly suppresses aberrant origin

198 firing away from loop boundaries.

Increased chromosomal translocations in RAD21-depleted cells

To determine the impact of cohesin dysfunction on genome stability, we employed a previously developed primer-extension-mediated sequencing (PEM-seq) assay to profile and quantify the DNA double-stranded breaks (DSBs) in RAD21-depleted cells (Liu et al., 2021a; Yin et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2021). We used CRISPR-Cas9 to generate bait DSBs at the *c-MYC* or *TP53* loci and captured the genome-wide DSBs that formed chromosomal translocations with the bait DSBs (Figure 5A). Dramatically increased chromosomal translocations were detected in RAD21-depleted cells, especially at the bait site-containing chromosome, and the total translocation levels were 3 to 5 fold of that in IAA-treated WT cells (Figures 5B, 5C, and S5A). We then identified genome-wide enriched translocation clusters in RAD21-depleted cells against WT cells with a significance of FDR<0.01. 196 and 204 translocation clusters were identified at the two bait sites, which harbored 30 to 46 hotspot genes for the two RAD21-mAC clones (Figures 5D, S5B and S5C). More than 45% of these hotspot genes were involved in translocations of both bait sites in RAD21-depleted cells (Table S1). Moreover, more than one-third of these hotspot genes were reported to be mutated in cancers or other diseases, including *KDM6A*, *SMYD3*, *RUNX1*, *MAPK1*, and *BCR* (Figures 5E, S5D, S5E, and Table S1).

We also employed precision nuclear run-on sequencing (PRO-seq) to examine the transcription profile of identified hotspot genes (Jiang et al., 2020; Sigova et al., 2015). The vast majority of these hotspot genes showed similar transcription levels in the presence or absence of RAD21 (Figure S6A), indicating that transcription is not involved in inducing DSBs at these hotspot genes. Then we examined the change of replication timing of these hotspot genes. Approximately 34.4% of total genes fell in regions with altered replication timing, while the percentages of the identified hotspots genes were increased to more than 55% at both bait sites (Figure 6A), indicating the involvement of altered replication timing in DNA breaks at these hotspot genes. Specifically, more hotspot genes exhibited earlier rather than later replication timing, exemplified by *KDM6A* and *STAG1* captured by *c-MYC* DSBs in addition to *CCNY* and *RUNX1* captured by *TP53* DSBs (Figure 6B-D).

Discussion

Though the degron system enables the rapid degradation of target protein, the depletion efficiency varies for different proteins. In our system, more than 20% of RAD21-mAC K562 cells are resistant to IAA treatment, in line with a previous report in HCT116 cells (Oldach and Nieduszynski, 2019) (Figure 1B and S1C). Given that RAD21-proficient

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233   cells enter the S phase more efficiently than RAD21-deficient cells (Figure S2C), the impact

234   of these RAD21-retained cells on ERIZ identification and replication timing profiling can be

235   further exacerbated. Therefore, we employed FACS to isolate homogenous RAD21-deficient

236   cells for all the analyses to rule out the contamination of both RAD21-retained cells and dead

237   cells.

238   Dormant origins are fired in the early S phase after RAD21 depletion, which leads to

239   perturbed replication timing. We identified 50% more ERIZs in RAD21-depleted cells in

240   comparison to WT cells, consistent with the previous report (Cremer et al., 2020). The newly

241   identified ERIZs in RAD21-depleted cells are distributed evenly in the loop domains,

242   different from the ERIZs of WT cells that are enriched in the regions close to the loop

243   boundaries (Figure 4E, 4F). Moreover, cohesin suppresses the firing of dormant origins,

244   which is independent of CTCF (Figure 4C). Therefore, the CTCF-dispensable loop extruding

245   function of cohesin is important for ensuring proper firing of early DNA origins. In this

246   context, cohesin may lead to redistribution of MCM during loop extrusion to promote DNA

247   replication initiation at the regions close to loop boundaries in WT cells (Figure S6B). While

248   in the absence of cohesin, MCM may accumulate at any region within the loop domains,

249   which results in more DNA replication initiation in the middle of loop domains (Figures 4E-

250   G, and S6D). With this regard, we detected a coincident redistribution of MCM and early

251   replication signals in the middle of loop domains after cohesin dysfunction (Figure 4E and

252   4G). Moreover, MCM double hexamer colocalizes with cohesin in Hela cells, which can be

253   detected during MCM redistribution by cohesin (Guillou et al., 2010; Zheng et al., 2018).

254   Similarly, cohesin has been proposed to redistribute the RAG complex during V(D)J

255   recombination in developing lymphocytes (Dai et al., 2021; Hu et al., 2015; Zhang et al.,

256   2019). Nevertheless, how cohesin interplays with MCM remain to be explored.

257   Excess DNA replication initiation induced by RAD21 depletion may pose great threats to

258   genome integrity. Replication initiation *per se* may occasionally cause DSBs because

259   accumulating evidence showed that early replication is colocalized with double-stranded

260   DNA breaks and DNA repair factors in mouse B cells (Barlow et al., 2013; Tubbs et al.,

261   2018). Moreover, excess replication forks consume more replication factors than normal, and

262   the exhausted replication limiting factors lead to severe replication stresses (Toledo et al.,

263   2013; Zeman and Cimprich, 2014). In addition, a collision between replication forks and

264   transcription as well as excess replication terminations may be also involved in the genome

265   instability after cohesin dysfunction (Hamperl et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2021b; Wang et al.,

266   2021). In this context, the alteration of replication timing program is prevalent in some

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267   cancers and associated with common fragile sites (Brison et al., 2019; Ryba et al., 2012).

268   Therefore, cohesin dysfunction induces greatly elevated levels of DNA breaks and

269   chromosomal translocations. At the tested two loci, the genome-wide translocation levels are

270   increased to 3 to 5 fold in RAD21-depleted K562 cells (Figure 5B), even higher than the 2-

271   fold change detected in the ATM-deficient B cells (Hu et al., 2014). Of note, ATM is the

272   mater kinase for DSB repair and ATM mutations frequently lead to lymphomas and leukemia

273   in both humans and mice (Alt et al., 2013; Gostissa et al., 2011).

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275 **STAR Methods**

276 **Cell culture, mAID-mClover introducing, and cell cycle synchronization**

277   The authenticated K562 cells (3111C0001CCC000039, National Infrastructure of Cell

278 line resource, China) were cultured in the RPMI1640 with 15% FBS as described (Liu et al.,

279 2021b). The *OsTIR1* gene controlled by the Tet-On promoter was integrated into the *AAVS1*

280 locus by CRISPR-Cas9-mediated homology-directed repair (HDR). Clones were validated

281 for the integration at the target site by both PCR and western blotting. A validated clone with

282 a higher expression level of OsTIR1 than other clones was subjected to the subsequential

283 gene manipulation.

284   For the tagging of either RAD21 or CTCF, the selected clone expressing OsTIR1 was

285 transfected with plasmids containing Cas9-single guide RNA and an in-frame mAID-

286 mClover tag, flanked by homology arms identical to RAD21 or CTCF, respectively, by

287 nucleofector (Lonza, 4D-Nucleofector X). Cells were subcloned and candidate clones were

288 subjected to further validation by PCR, sanger sequencing, flow cytometer analysis, and

289 western blot as presented. Finally, two clones (RAD21-mAC 1# and 4#) for RAD21 and one

290 clone (CTCF-mAC 5C9) for CTCF were validated and used for further analysis.

291   The WT, RAD21-mAC, and CTCF-mAC are synchronized as previously reported(Liu

292 et al., 2021b). For G1 arrest, cells were incubated with 5 μM Palbociclib (Selleckchem,

293 S1116) for 36 hours. To be released to the G1/S transition, G1-arrested cells with or without

294 RAD21 were released into a fresh medium for 4 or 3 hours, respectively. For HU treatment,

295 G1-arrested cells were released into a fresh medium supplied with 10 mM HU for 24 hours.

296 For detailed treatments of each assay including ChIP-seq, q3C-seq, NAIL-seq, Repli-seq,

297 PEM-seq, and PRO-seq, please refer to the following sections. All the sequencing data were

298 aligned to human genome hg19 for further analysis.

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300 **ChIP-seq of RAD21, CTCF, and MCM5 in the G1 phase**

301   For G1 arrest, both WT and RAD21-mAC (1# and 4#) cells were cultured with

302 palbociclib (Selleckchem, S1116) for 36 hours. Cells with no treatment were set as control.

303 To induce the acute depletion of RAD21, 2ug/ml dox (Sigma, D9891) and 500uM IAA

304 (Sigma, I5148) was included in the medium at 24 hours and 6 hours before harvest,

305 respectively, and cells were then subjected to FACS purification for the mClover-negative

306 cells indicating the ablation of RAD21. Only G1-arrested WT cells were applied to CTCF

307 ChIP-seq analysis.

308　　　　Collected cells were fixed by 1% formaldehyde (Sigma, F1635, fresh-made) for 10

309　　min at 25°C and quenched by 125 mM glycine (VWR-amerasco 0167) for 5 min. Thoroughly

310　　washed by PBS, cells were lysed on ice for 15 min with ice-cold NP40 lysis buffer (10 mM

311　　Tris-HCl, pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.05% NP40) supplied with protease inhibitors (PIs)

312　　(Bimake, B14012). The nuclei fraction was isolated, washed by PBS/1 mM EDTA, and then

313　　lysed with glycerol buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0; 75 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM EDTA; 0.85 mM

314　　DTT; 50% glycerol) and nuclei lysis buffer (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.6; 1 mM DTT; 7.5 mM

315　　$MgCl_2$; 0.2 mM EDTA; 0.3 M NaCl; 1 M urea; 1% NP40). The chromatin was pelleted by

316　　centrifuge, washed twice by PBS/1 mM EDTA, and eventually suspended in sonication

317　　buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0; 150 mM NaCl; 2 mM EDTA; 0.1% SDS; 1% Triton X-100;

318　　4 mM $CaCl_2$) with PIs. Chromatin fractions were then treated with 50 U MNase (NEB,

319　　M2047S) for 10-12 min at 37°C, and the digestion was quenched by adding 5 mM EGTA and

320　　5 mM EDTA. After that, pre-digested chromatin was sonicated by a Biorupter (Energy: High;

321　　On: 30 s; Off: 60 s; 15 cycles; 4°C). 30 μL of soluble chromatin fraction was kept as input

322　　and the rest was subjected to ChIP analysis.

323　　　　　For ChIP-seq, an antibody against RAD21 (1:50; Abcam, ab992), CTCF (1:100;

324　　Millipore 07-729) or MCM5 (1:50; Abcam, ab75975) was incubated with the soluble

325　　chromatin fraction for 2 hours at 4°C. 40 μL protein G dynabeads (Invitrogen, 10003D) were

326　　then added overnight. Next, beads were sequentially washed by high-salt buffer (500 mM

327　　NaCl; 0.1% SDS; 1% Triton X-100; 2 mM EDTA; 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0) for twice, LiCl

328　　buffer (0.25 M LiCl; 1% NP-40; 10 mM Tris-HCl; pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA) for once, and TE

329　　buffer for three times. Chromatin bound on beads was eluted twice with elution buffer (20

330　　mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0; 10 mM EDTA; 1% SDS) at 65 °C, each for 15 min. Eluate fraction

331　　was treated with RNase A (Thermo Fisher, EN0531), Proteinase K (Invitrogen, 25530015),

332　　and de-crosslinked at 65 °C overnight. Purified DNA was end-repaired, tailed with poly-dC,

333　　tagged with biotin, captured by Streptavidin C1 beads (Invitrogen, 65002), and ligated with

334　　an adapter. The beads-bound DNA was thoroughly washed, tagged with Illumina sequences,

335　　and sequenced with Hi-seq (2×150 bp).

336　　　　　Sequencing data for MCM5, CTCF, and RAD21 were processed and analyzed as

337　　reported (Liu et al., 2021b). Specifically, for MCM5, the ChIP-seq signals were normalized

338　　to fold change defined by the ratio of ChIP-ed signals over input signals. Regarding the

339　　distribution of MCM within loop domains (Rao et al., 2014), the width of loop domains was

340　　divided into 250 bins, with 20kb upstream and downstream. Matrix was generated by using

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341 normalizeToMatrix (extend=2000, w=1000, mean_mode= "absolute", smooth=TRUE,

342 background=0, target_ratio=25/29). Of note, a z-score-transformed fold change value was

343 calculated for each loop domain. After that, the average z-score-transformed values at each

344 window were used to plot the relative signal intensity at this location in the absence or

345 presence of RAD21. For note, in RAD21 ChIP-seq, the ChIP-seq signals were normalized to

346 the total mapped reads without removing duplications with RPKM normalization as the

347 RAD21-depletion cells had much higher duplication rate. The parameter was used for peak

348 calling in RAD21 ChIP-seq data: "*macs2 bdgpeakcall -c 30*".

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350 **PEM-seq**

351   Cells were treated with dox for 24 hours and IAA for 6 hours before being transfected

352 with CRISPR-Cas9 targeting the *c-MYC* or *TP53* loci., Transfected cells with or without

353 RAD21 depletion were sorted by FACS at 48 hours post-transfection. The library preparation

354 process is the same as previously reported (Yin et al., 2019).

355   PEM-seq data was processed by the PEM-Q pipeline for translocation identification

356 as previously described (Liu et al., 2021a). Translocation was defined as genome-wide

357 junctions excluding the off-target sites and adjacent upstream and downstream 500-kb

358 regions. Three repeats of each treatment were combined, and translocations at the cut site

359 chromosome were removed before SICER analysis to avoid the dominance of the cut site

360 chromosome in cluster identification. Then, the spatial clustering approach for the

361 identification of chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)-enriched regions (SICER) algorithm

362 (Zang et al., 2009) was applied to identify the translocation clusters with following

363 parameters: *SICER.sh species- hg19; redundancy threshold- 5; window- 30,000 bp; fragment*

364 *size- 1; effective genome fraction- 0.74; gap size- 90, 000 bp; FDR- 0.01*. Only the clusters

365 shared by two clones were considered as hotspot clusters. The cluster-containing genes with

366 junctions in all 3 replicates of each sample were defined as hotspot genes.

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368 **Quantitative 3C sequencing (q3C-seq)**

369   Cells were treated as described in the ChIP-seq section. Briefly, G1-arrested cells

370 with or without RAD21 were purified by FACS isolation and then fixed by formaldehyde.

371 Fixed cells were then subjected to q3C-seq, similar to the description in 3C-HTGTS (Liu et

372 al., 2021a), except that the 80 cycles LAM PCR were replaced by one-round primer

373 extension and biotinylated PCR products were ligated with a barcoded bridge adapter, to

374 quantify chromatin interaction. The 4-bp cutter DpnII (NEB, R0543L) was used for the

375   identification of interaction from CBE upstream of *c-MYC*. The library construction

376   procedure is similar to PEM-seq. Data of q3C-seq was applied to the PEM-Q pipeline for

377   further processing.

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379   **NAIL-seq**

380   NAIL-seq was carried out as previously reported (Liu et al., 2021b) with minor

381   modifications. For EdU -and- BrdU labeling, G1-arrested WT or RAD21-depleted cells were

382   released into fresh medium for 3 or 4 hours, respectively. Then, cells were labeled by 20 μM

383   EdU (Invitrogen, A10044) for 15 min, washed with pre-warmed fresh medium, and then

384   incubated with 50 μM BrdU (Invitrogen, B23151) for 15 min. Of note, dox and IAA

385   persisted in the medium during release and labeling with nucleoside analogs. After that, cells

386   were thoroughly washed by ice-cold PBS and subjected to FACS purification of RAD21-

387   depletion cells. Genomic DNA was isolated, tagged with biotin by click-iT reaction,

388   subjected to the sequential isolation of BrdU and then EdU. After on-beads ligation, purified

389   DNA was tagged with Illumina sequencing primers and sequenced on Hi-seq, 2×150 bp.

390   Data processing: NAIL-seq data were processed and early replication initiations zones

391   (ERIZs) were identified as previously described with modifications (Liu et al., 2021b). For

392   EdU/HU, peaks were called by MACS (version 2.1.1) with bdgpeakcall (-c 1.1 –l 200 –g 30).

393   The neighboring peaks with an interval shorter than 10kb were merged and merged peaks

394   with a width less than 10kb were discarded. For EdU-and-BrdU, EdU-rich regions were

395   defined exactly the same as that in the previous report (Liu et al., 2021b). Moreover, ERIZs

396   were also defined as EdU/HU peaks that overlapped with EdU-rich regions. Unique ERIZs in

397   WT+IAA or RAD21-mAC+IAA were grouped into "new" or "disappeared" ERIZs after

398   RAD21 depletion, respectively. For the common peaks, the signal intensity of EdU/HU in

399   each peak was compared in the absence and presence of RAD21. The "increased" or

400   "decreased" ERIZs in RAD21-depleted cells showed a 0.25-fold higher or lower EdU/HU

401   signal intensity than that in WT cells, respectively, and the rest ERIZs were grouped into

402   "equal".

403   To depict the pattern of replication initiation for each class of ERIZs, the ERIZs were

404   firstly centered at the midpoint with ± 100-kb regions. Then we generated the matrix using

405   *normalizeToMatrix extend=100000, w=1000, mean_mode="absolute", smooth=TRUE,*

406   *background=0.*

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Replication signal profile in loop domains

The contact domains in K562 WT cells were annotated in the previous study(Rao et al., 2014). Also, the loop domains were identified by the screen for domains containing the peak pixels within 50kb or 0.2 of the domain lengths at the corner (Rao et al., 2014). Non-loop domains pointed to the domains that have no overlapping regions with loop domains. Replication signals within the genomic windows of 4 classes of ERIZs were extracted and applied for metaplot analysis. All domains were divided into 250 bins with 20-kb regions upstream and downstream of both domain boundaries. The matrixes were obtained using the *normalizeToMatrix* function of R package "*EnrichedHeatmap*" with following parameters: *extend=2000, w=1000, mean_mode="absolute", smooth=TRUE, background=0, target_ratio=25/29.* the mean values of normalized RPKM signal were displayed for visualization.

For the computation of the distance between ERIZs and loop boundaries, the ERIZs inside loops were selected by *bedtools* for calculating the genome coordinate of their centers to the centers of closest loop boundaries. The Mann-Whitney U test was applied to compare the median value of distances. The loop boundaries were defined as the pair of loci corresponding to 10-kb pixels with high contact frequency as described (Rao et al., 2014). K562 loop data was from GSE63525 (Rao et al., 2014).

Repli-seq

The WT and RAD21-mAC cells were treated with dox for 24 hours, IAA for 6 or 24 hours, Hochest 33342 for 30 min, and 20 μM EdU for 15 min before harvest. The harvested cells with or without RAD21 depletion were sorted into six fractions based on the DNA content by FACS. The isolated DNA was prepared to be library following the procedure described in NAIL-seq and then sequenced on Hi-seq, 2×150 bp.

Data processing: Reads were processed by the NAIL-seq "RepFind" pipeline and analyzed as previously reported (Liu et al., 2021b). Briefly, reads with unique alignment, out of the blacklist regions, were normalized to RPKM signals with a 50-kb bin. The S50 value of replication timing profiles was calculated at each 50-kb bin, according to a published pipeline (https://github.com/CL-CHEN-Lab/RepliSeq), using linear interpolation of RPKM signal from G1 to G2 phase with a scale number at 100 (Brison et al., 2019).

To determine the replication timing changed regions in RAD21-depletion cells, the differences of S50 values at each 50kb bin from IAA-treated WT repeat 1 and 2 ($\Delta S50_{wt}$)

441   were calculated. Then the differences of S50 values ($\Delta S50$) between RAD21-depletion cells

442   and WT cells were computed. The replication timing changed regions were defined as the

443   regions in which $|\Delta S50|$ beyond the 95% quantile of $|\Delta S50_{wt}|$. The replication timing

444   unchanged regions were defined as regions within the 95% quantile interval of $|\Delta S50_{wt}|$.

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446   **PRO-seq**

447   Cells were treated and sorted as described in the ChIP-seq section, and then subjected

448   to nuclear run-on following the procedures in the previous report(Mahat et al., 2016). Briefly,

449   5 million cells, spiked with 0.25 million fruit-fly S2 cells, were incubated with ice-cold

450   permeabilization buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 300 mM sucrose, 10 mM KCl, 5 mM

451    $MgCl_2$, 1 mM EGTA, 0.05% Tween-20, 0.1% NP40, 0.5 mM DTT) supplied with PIs. The

452   isolated nuclei resuspended in storage buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 25% (vol/vol)

453   glycerol, 5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.1 mM EDTA and 5 mM DTT) were subjected to nuclear run-on

454   with biotin-11-dCTP (Jena Bioscience, NU-809-BIOX) at 37°C for 5 min. Extracted RNA

455   was fragmented by 1 N NaOH on ice for 10 min, neutralized by 1M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, and

456   subjected to enrich biotinylated RNA. The nascent RNA was reversely transcribed to cDNA

457   with an N9 random primer. After that, purified cDNA was tailed with poly-dC, biotinylated,

458   ligated with an adapter, tagged with Illumina sequences, and sequenced on Hi-seq, 2×150 bp.

459   *Data processing:* The adapter sequences on R1 and R2 were trimmed by using

460   cutadapt (-a AAGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGT –A

461   NCCCCCCCCCAGATCGGAAGAGCGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGTGT -g

462   GGGGGGGGGN –q 15.15 --overlap 1 –m 25). Next, reads were aligned to a combined

463   genome (assembly hg19 combined with dm6) using bowtie (-q –very-sensitive-local –L 30 –

464   score-min G,20,8 –reorder –rg). Duplicates or reads with multiple alignments, and reads in

465   the blacklist regions were removed. Reads uniquely aligned to hg19 were normalized by the

466   spike-in reads with a normalization factor measured by 1000000 / (the number of reads

467   aligned to the dm6 genome).

468   Differentially expressed genes: Genes, from GENCODE, with a length > 1kb (Sigova

469   et al., 2015) were used to quantify the transcription level by using featureCounts (-p –M –F

470   SAF –s 2). The differential expression testing was performed using DESeq2 bioconductor

471   package with a threshold of Benjamini-Hochberg corrected p-value < 0.01, and log2 (FC) >

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Data availability

475 **Data availability**

476 All sequencing data presented in the present study were deposited at NCBI Gene

477 Expression Omnibus (GEO) under the accession number: GSE189762.

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479 **Contributions**

480 J.H. conceived and supervised the project. J.W., Y.L., X.L., and J.H. designed the

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482 Y.L., Z.Z., X.L., C.A., and J.H. analyzed the data; J.W., Y.L., Z.Z., and J.H. wrote the paper.

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647 **Figure Legends**

648 **Figure 1. Acute depletion of RAD21 in K562 cells**

649 A. Diagram of core subunits of cohesin (top) and the auxin-inducible degron (AID) system
650 for rapid degradation of RAD21 (bottom).

651 B. Indole-3-acetic acid (IAA) induces incomplete depletion of RAD21-mAC. Grey and
652 green panels refer to the wild-type (WT) and RAD21-mAC populations, respectively, and
653 red panels refer to RAD21-mAC clones (1# or 4#) with IAA treatment for 6 hours.
654 mClover-positive (with percentage) and -negative cells are separated by blue lines.

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655   C. Western blotting showing the chromatin-bound indicated proteins in IAA-treated cells
656   with or without FACS.

657   D. RAD21 ChIP-seq signals in G1-arrested WT and RAD21-mAC cells with and without
658   IAA treatment for 6 hours. mClover-negative RAD21-mAC cells were sorted for ChIP-
659   seq analysis.

660   E. Profiles of RAD21 distribution and chromatin interactions around the *c-MYC* locus in
661   WT and RAD21-mAC cells (clone 4#) with IAA treatment for 6 hours. mClover-negative
662   cells of RAD21-mAC were sorted for q3C-seq and ChIP-seq analysis. Red asterisk
663   indicates the *c-MYC* locus bait for q3C-seq.

664   **Figure 2. RAD21 regulates early replication initiation in K562 cells**

665   A. Representative profiles of early replication signals and identified ERIZs in WT and
666   RAD21-depleted cells (clone 4#). The ChIP-seq signals of ORC2, H2A.Z, and OK-seq of
667   WT cells from previous reports (Miotto et al., 2016; Wu et al., 2018) were on the bottom.

668   B. Venn diagram showing the overlap of ERIZs between WT and RAD21-depleted cells
669   from indicated clones. The black curved arrow represented that the "disappeared" ERIZs
670   were merged into "decreased" ERIZs for further analysis.

671   C. Percentages of each class of ERIZs after RAD21 depletion in clone 1# and 4#,
672   respectively.

673   D. Heatmaps showing the distribution of early replication signals from IAA-treated WT and
674   RAD21-mAC cells at the ERIZs of RAD21-mAC 1#. The ERIZs were ranked by width
675   and centered at the midpoint.

676   E. Distributions of EdU/HU, ORC2, H2A.Z, and OK-seq at the 4 classes of ERIZs identified
677   from RAD21-mAC 1#. ERIZs are aligned at the mid-point. ORC2, MCM5, H2A.Z, and
678   OK-seq were from WT cells. And ORC2, H2A.Z, and OK-seq were from re-analysis of
679   previous data (Miotto et al., 2016; Wu et al., 2018).

680   **Figure 3. RAD21 depletion reprograms replication timing in K562 cells.**

681   A. Representative example of a "new" ERIZ nested in an earlier replication timing region.
682   The profiles of replication timing were represented by S50. The black curve is WT+IAA
683   for 24h and the dark red line is RAD21-mAC 4#+IAA for 24h. Bin size=50 kb.
684   Replication signals were placed on the bottom. Shadow in grey indicates the position of
685   new ERIZ.

686   B. Profiles showing the replication timing in a 13.5-Mb region. Replication timing profiles
687   were from WT (black or grey lines, IAA for 24 h) and RAD21-mAC 4# (orange or dark
688   red line, IAA for 6h or 24 h, respectively) cells. Red strips mark the "new" ERIZs
689   identified in Figure1 d-f; magenta strips refer to the replication timing significantly
690   advanced regions identified in Figure 3C.

691   C. Left: Scatter plot of S50 value between two WT+IAA replicates. Right: Scatter plot of
692   S50 value between WT replicate 1 and RAD21-mAC cells (clone 4#) with IAA treatment
693   for 24 hours. Each dot represents a 50-kb genomic region. Grey dots within the two
694   dashed lines represent unchanged regions in WT+IAA cells. Blue or red dots mark bins
695   with a later or earlier replication timing in the WT+IAA replicate 2 (left) or RAD21-
696   mAC+IAA (right), respectively. The pie charts summarize the percentages of bins with a
697   later (blue) or earlier (red) replication timing in each panel.

698   D. The numbers of ERIZs (from RAD21-mAC 4#) locate in earlier timing regions identified
699   in Figure 3C. The percentages of earlier ERIZs in "new", "increased", "equal", and
700   "decreased" ERIZs are 48.1%, 26.7%, 6.7%, and 10.3%, respectively.

701   E. Density plots showing the distribution of S50 values of four classes of ERIZs identified
702   from RAD21-depleted cells (clone 4#) in the WT (left) or RAD21-mAC (right)
703   replication timelines, respectively.

704   F. The distribution of S50 values of four classes of ERIZs from WT or RAD21-depleted
705   cells (clone 4#). The Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed-rank test was applied for statistics
706   and the *p*-value is marked on the top.

707   **Figure 4. Distribution of early replication signals within loop domains.**

708   A. Diagram of Cohesin-mediated loop extrusion model. Yellow and red arrows refer to the
709   CTCF protein and the movement direction of DNA, respectively.

710   B. Distribution of early replication signals of IAA-treated WT, RAD21-mAC, and CTCF-
711   mAC cells in the centered ERIZs identified in the RAD21-depleted cells (clone 1#).

712   C. Heatmaps showing the distribution of early replication signals from IAA-treated RAD21-
713   mAC, CTCF-mAC, and WT samples at the new ERIZs identified from RAD21-mAC
714   (clone 1#). Legends are depicted as described in Figure 2D.

715   D. Example of early replication signals in a represented loop domain after RAD21 or CTCF
716   depletion. The ChIP-seq signals of RAD21 and CTCF are showed on the bottom.

717   E.   Distribution of early replication signals in the presence (black) or absence (pink or red) of

718   RAD21 within loop domains in K562 cells. Each loop domain was divided into 250 bins

719   and aligned at loop boundaries, with 20-kb regions upstream and downstream.

720   F.   Distribution of early replication signals in the four classes of ERIZs after RAD21

721   depletion within the loop domains in K562 cells. Legends are depicted as described in e.

722   G.   Distribution of MCM5 signals in the presence (black) or absence (pink or red) of RAD21

723   within loop domains in K562 cells. The fold-change of MCM5 is defined as the ratio of

724   ChIP-ed over input signals and normalized to z-scores.

725   **Figure 5. RAD21 depletion leads to increased chromosomal translocations.**

726   A.   The strategy for mapping DSBs and genome-wide translocations in RAD21-depleted

727   cells. Cells were sorted by FACS for PEM-seq analysis.

728   B.   Frequency of translocations with or without RAD21 depletion. Mean±SD from three

729   repeats; *t*-test, ***$p<0.001$. The bait sites are indicated on the top.

730   C.   Dot plots exhibiting the distribution of translocation junctions on Chromosome 8 in IAA-

731   treated cells. The number of translocations were normalized to 100,000 editing events

732   from each sample. The red arrow indicates the position of bait site at the *c-MYC* locus.

733   Numbers of junctions are indicated at each plot. Legend for dot colors is indicated on the

734   top.

735   D.   Circos plots showing the genome-wide translocations and translocation hotspot genes

736   cloned from *c-MYC* locus. The outer circle shows each indicated chromosome of human

737   genome. The inner circle shows the number of translocations within each 1-Mb bin with a

738   log scale in IAA-treated WT (black) and RAD21-depleted (green) cells. Bins with less

739   than 3 translocation junctions were considered as under background levels and were not

740   shown. Red arrows indicate the bait site of *c-MYC*. Colored lines link the bait site and

741   translocation hotspot genes after RAD21-loss and refer to the translocation frequency of

742   each hotspot gene per 10,000 translocations, indicated by the color legend.

743   E.   Translocation frequencies of RAD21-depletion-induced hotspot genes in RAD21-mAC

744   1# captured by *c-MYC* DSBs. Cancer-related (red) and disease-related (blue) genes are

745   annotated by The Human Protein Atlas.

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748 **Figure 6. Translocation hotspot genes tend to locate in replication timing-altered**

749 **regions**

750 A. The proportion of the total annotated genes (*GENCODE*, Top) or translocation hotspot

751 genes (Middle and Bottom) containing replication timing-altered regions. The hotspot

752 gene list contained the hotspots genes identified from both RAD21-mAC 1# and 4#

753 clones. RT, replication timing.

754 B. Heatmaps showing the divergences of S50 between RAD21-depleted and IAA-treated

755 WT cells in each translocation hotspot gene. Each row indicates a hotspot gene. The S50

756 for indicated gene of WT replicate 1 was defined as 0 and the S50 from other samples

757 were normalized to WT replicate 1 (direct subtraction). The colors represent the mean

758 value of S50 in the gene region. Red or blue refers to relatively earlier or later replication

759 timing, respectively, in comparison to WT replicate 1.

760 C. Examples of hotspot gene regions captured by *c-MYC* (top) and *TP53* (bottom). The

761 profile of replication timing in indicated regions is shown on the top. The dot plots

762 present translocation junctions identified from indicated locus. The red arrows indicate

763 the primer direction of PEM-seq. The black and red lines mark the S50 in IAA-treated

764 WT and RAD21-mAC cells, respectively. The grey shadows mark the hotspot genes.

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766 **Supplemental Figure Legends**

767 **Figure S1 Characterization of RAD21-mAC K562 cells**

768 A. Knock-in and PCR screening strategy for the RAD21 tagged with mAID-mClover. The

769 result of PCR validation was showed on the bottom. The amplified products were

770 confirmed by sanger sequencing.

771 B. Western blotting for chromatin-bound RAD21, CTCF and SMC1 using histone H3 as

772 loading control in WT and RAD21-mAC cells (no IAA treatment).

773 C. Flow cytometry analyzing mClover fluorescence of two RAD21-mAC clones after IAA

774 treatment for indicated time.

775 **Figure S2 RAD21 regulates the firing of early replication origins in K562 cells**

776 A. Schematic for NAIL-seq analysis to identify early replication initiation zones (ERIZs).

777 The detailed procedures are described in Methods.

778 B. The release of G1-arrested WT and RAD21-depleted into early S phase. Cells were

779 synchronized by CDKi for 36 hours, treated with IAA for 6 hours before being released

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780   into a fresh medium with dox and IAA. Cells were labeled with BrdU for 30 minutes

781   before being harvested at the indicated time and then fixed by ethanol. Rx, Release for x

782   hours.

783   C. Western blotting showing the amounts of chromatin-bound RAD21, CTCF, ORC2, and

784   MCM6 in the G1-arrested WT or RAD21-mAC cells with IAA treatment for 6 hours.

785   D. Overlap of ERIZs identified in IAA-treated RAD21-mAC clones 1# and 4#.

786   E. Heatmap showing the intensity of early replication signals from IAA-treated WT and

787   RAD21-mAC cells in disappeared ERIZs.

788   F. Signal intensity of PRO-seq from G1-arrested cells with or without RAD21 depletion in

789   non-transcribed regions adjacent to each class of ERIZs.

790   **Figure S3 RAD21 depletion affects replication timing in K562 cells.**

791   A. FACS sorting strategy for replication timing analysis. mClover negative live cells from

792   IAA treated WT and RAD21-mAC cells were gated by blue boxes, the black and green

793   circles gate the mClover negative and positive cells, respectively. The red rectangles

794   indicate the 6 fractions sorted according to DNA content of cells marked by

795   Hoechest33342.

796   B. A representative profile of replication timing in IAA-treated WT and RAD21-mAC cells

797   (clone 4#). Grey shadow highlights the neighbor region of a new ERIZ.

798   C. Scatter plot of S50 values between WT and RAD21-mAC cells (clone 4#) with IAA

799   treatment for 6 hours. Legends are described in Figure 3C.

800   D. Distribution of S50 values in IAA-treated WT and RAD21-mAC cells. Rp, repeat.

801   E. A representative profile of a decreased ERIZ overlapping with a region showing an

802   earlier replication timing.

803   F. Density plots showing the distribution of S50 values from IAA-treated WT (grey) or

804   RAD21-mAC (purple) cells in each class of ERIZs identified in RAD21-mAC 4#. The

805   dashed lines and number mark the median of S50 in WT (grey numbers) or RAD21-mAC

806   (purple numbers) cells.

807   **Figure S4 The distribution of early replication initiation sites after RAD21 depletion**

808   A. Western blotting for the validation of the CTCF-mAC cell line (clone 5C9).

809   B. Flow cytometry analyzing mClover fluorescence of CTCF-mAC clone 5C9 after IAA

810   treatment for indicated time.

811   C. Heatmaps showing the distribution of early replication signals from IAA-treated RAD21-

812   mAC, CTCF-mAC, and WT samples at the increased, equal, and decreased ERIZs of

813   RAD21-mAC 1#. The ERIZs were ranked by width and centered at the midpoint.

814   Legends are depicted as described in Figure 2D.

815   D. Distribution of early replication signals in the presence (black) or absence (pink or red) of

816   RAD21 within non-loop domains of WT cells. Each loop domain was divided into 250

817   bins and aligned at loop boundaries, with 20 kb regions upstream and downstream.

818   E. Distances between the center of each ERIZ and the closest loop anchor. ERIZs outside of

819   loops were excluded for analysis. Red lines and numbers mark the median distances. The

820   *p*-value from Mann–Whitney U test is labeled on the top of the violin plots.

821   **Figure S5 RAD21 depletion leads to genome instability**

822   A. Dot plots exhibiting the distribution of translocation junctions on Chromosome 17 in

823   IAA-treated cells. The number of translocations were normalized to 100,000 editing

824   events from each sample. The red arrow indicates the position of bait site at the *TP53*

825   locus. Numbers of junctions are indicated at each plot. Legend for dot colors is indicated

826   on the top.

827   B. Flow diagram for the identification of translocation hotspot genes. See Methods for more

828   details.

829   C. Circos plots showing the genome-wide translocations and translocation hotspot genes

830   cloned from the *TP53* locus with RAD21 depletion. The legend of the circos plot is

831   described in Figure 5D.

832   D. Translocation frequencies of RAD21-depletion-induced translocation hotspot genes in

833   RAD21-mAC 4# captured by *c-MYC* DSBs. Legends are depicted as described in Figure

834   5E.

835   E. Translocation frequencies of RAD21-depletion-induced translocation hotspot genes in

836   RAD21-mAC 1# (top) and 4# (down) captured by *TP53* DSBs.

837   **Figure S6 Translocation hotspot genes tend to locate in replication timing-altered**

838   **regions**

839   A. Volcano plot depicting the fold change of gene expression in the absence or presence of

840   RAD21. Red dots mark the translocation hotspot genes identified by *c-MYC* and *TP53*

841   DSBs; grey dots mark the differentially expressed genes after RAD21 depletion in the G1

842   phase.

843   B. Working model of cohesin-mediated loop extrusion in modulating early replication

844   initiation. During the G1 phase, chromatin-bound MCM double hexamer undergoes

845   redistribution mediated by cohesin-driven loop extrusion and stalls at loop boundaries,

846   resulting in early replication adjacent to the loop boundaries in WT cells. Loss of cohesin-

847   mediated MCM redistribution induces ectopic origin firing within loop domains but away

848   from loop boundaries in the early S phase. The firing of multiple origins in a limited

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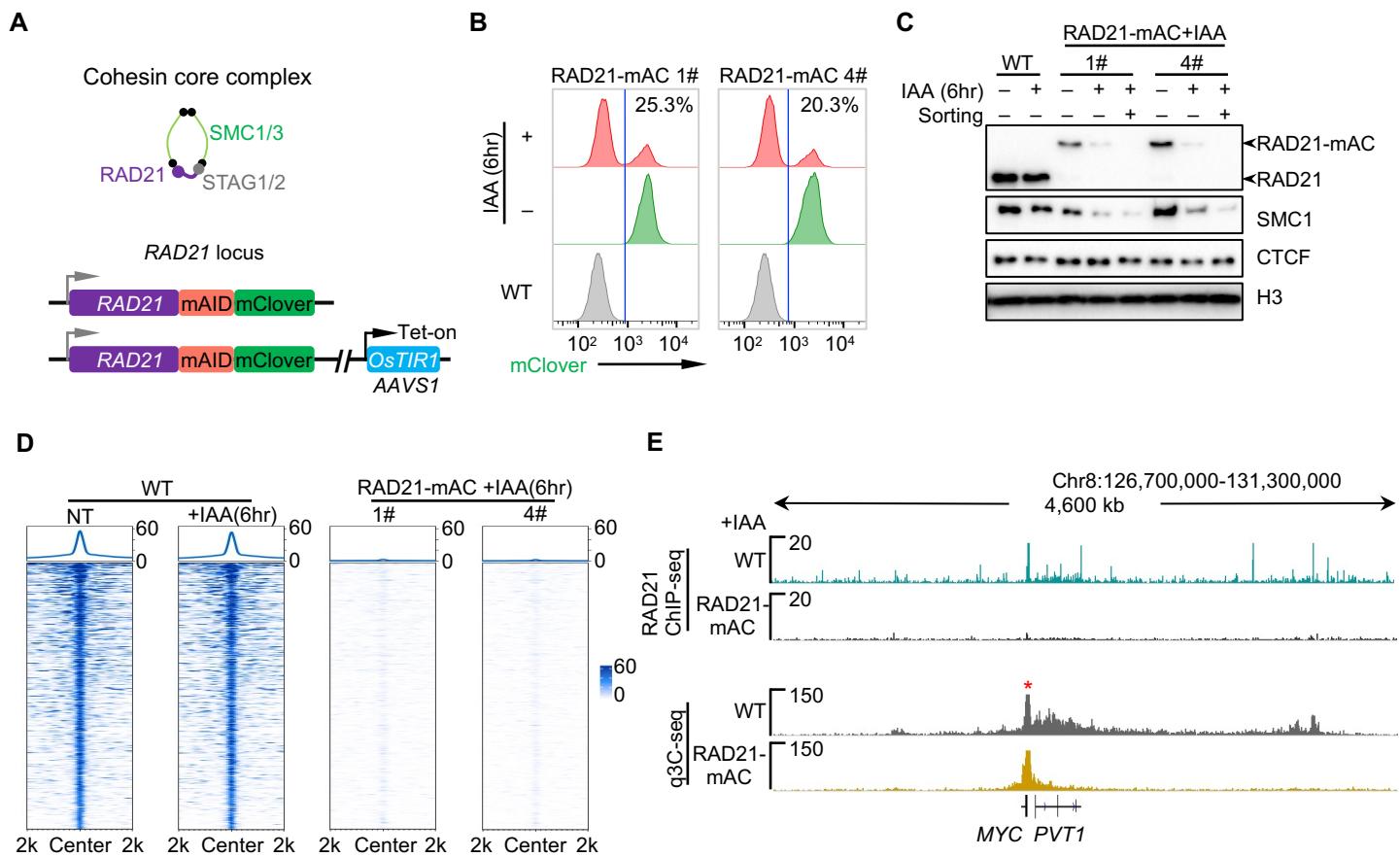
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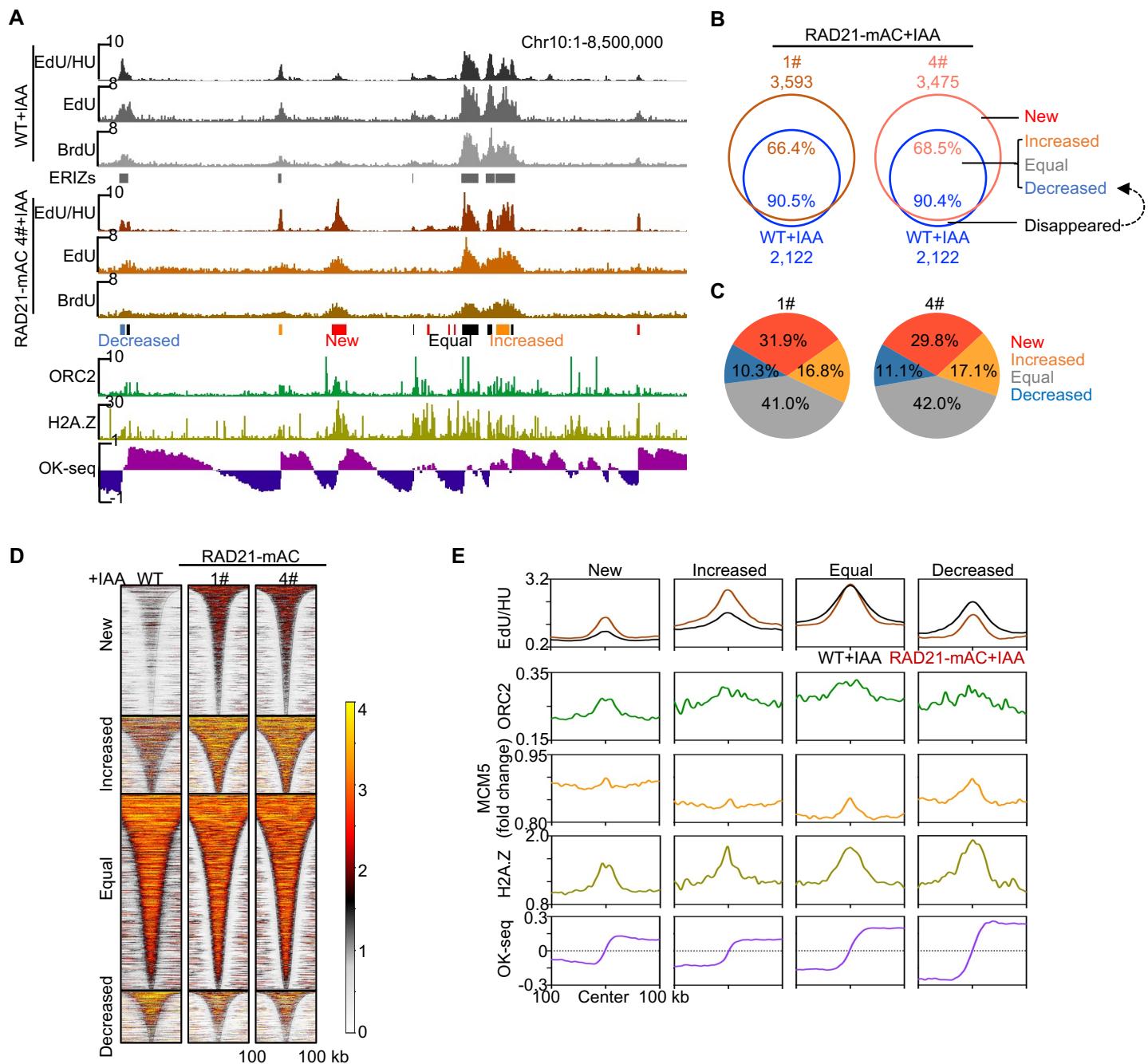
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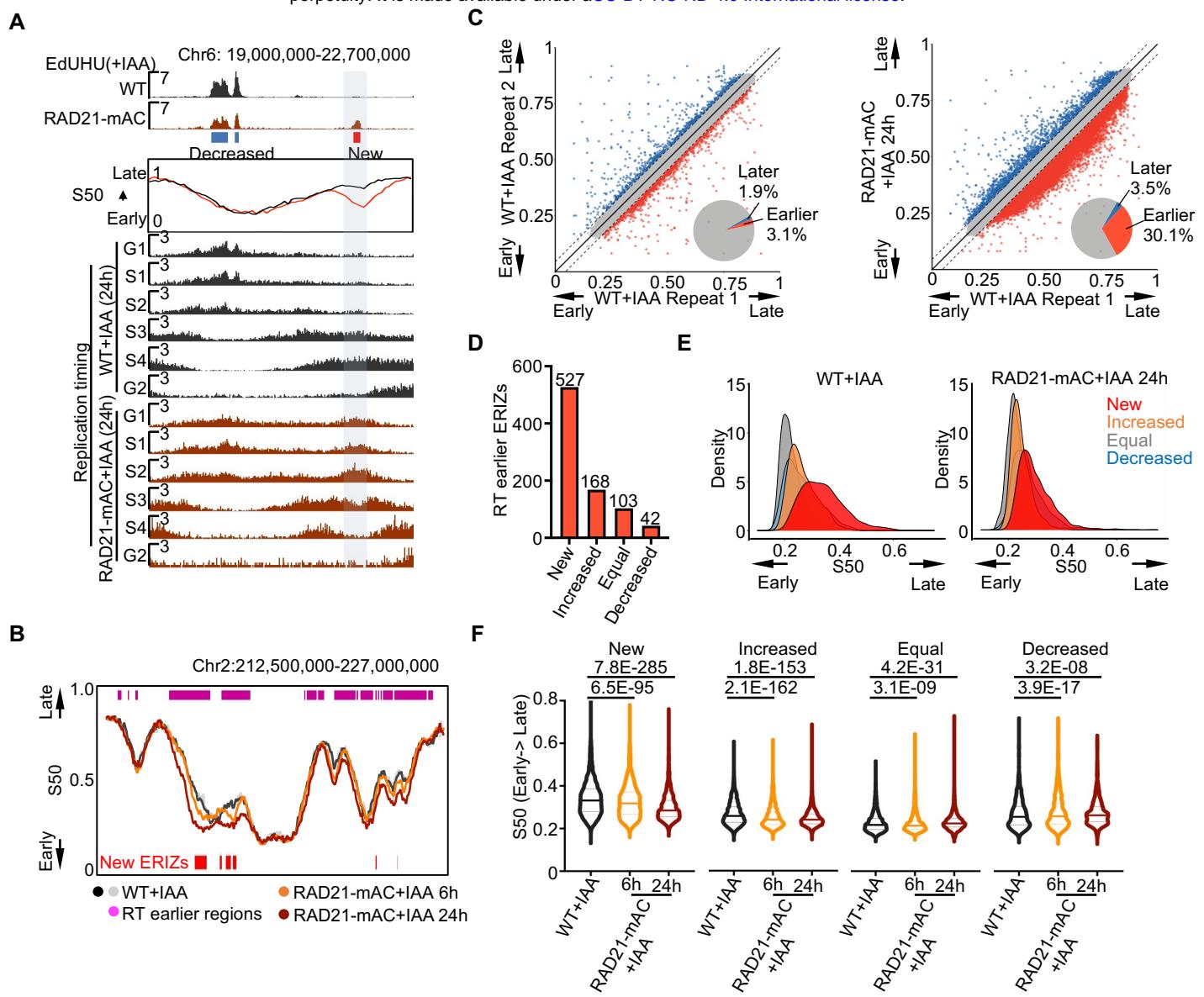
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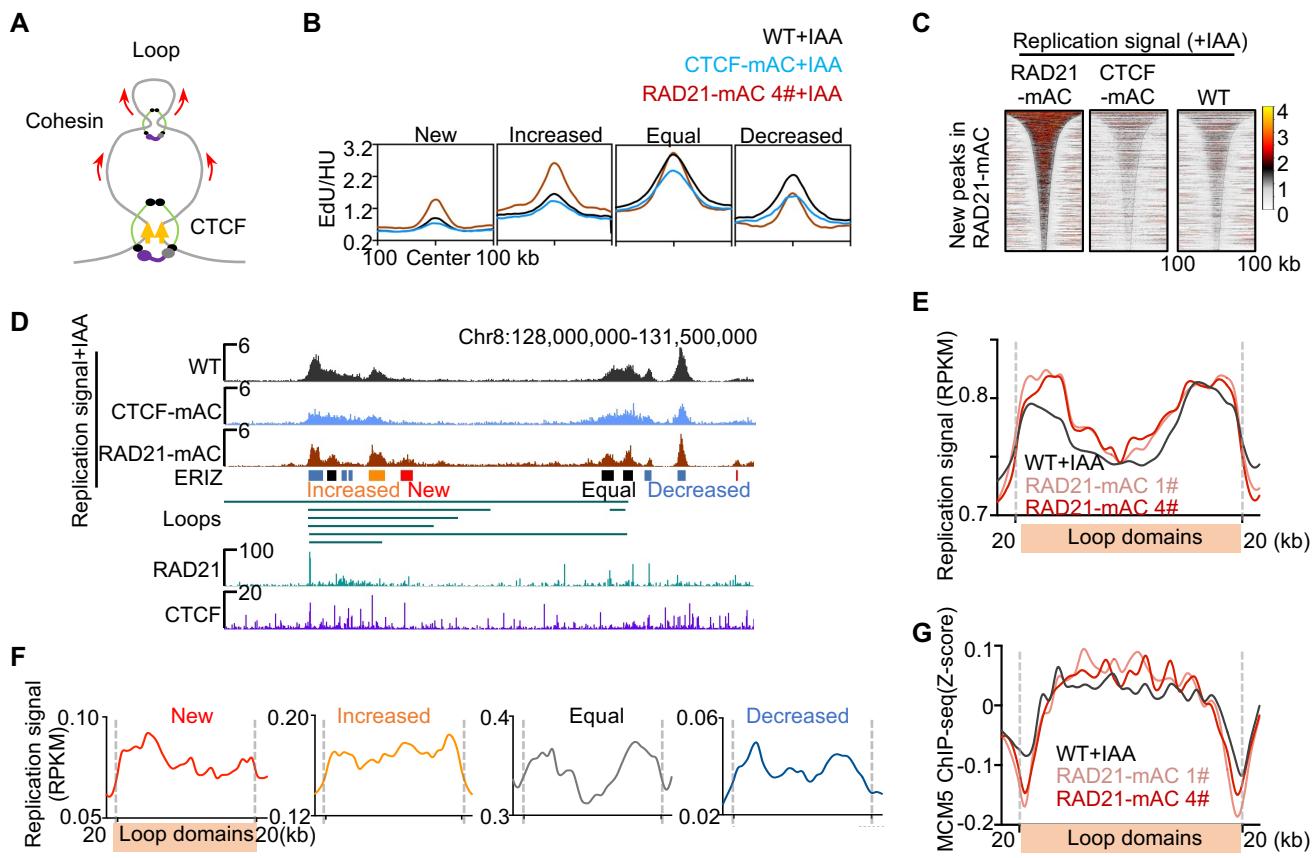
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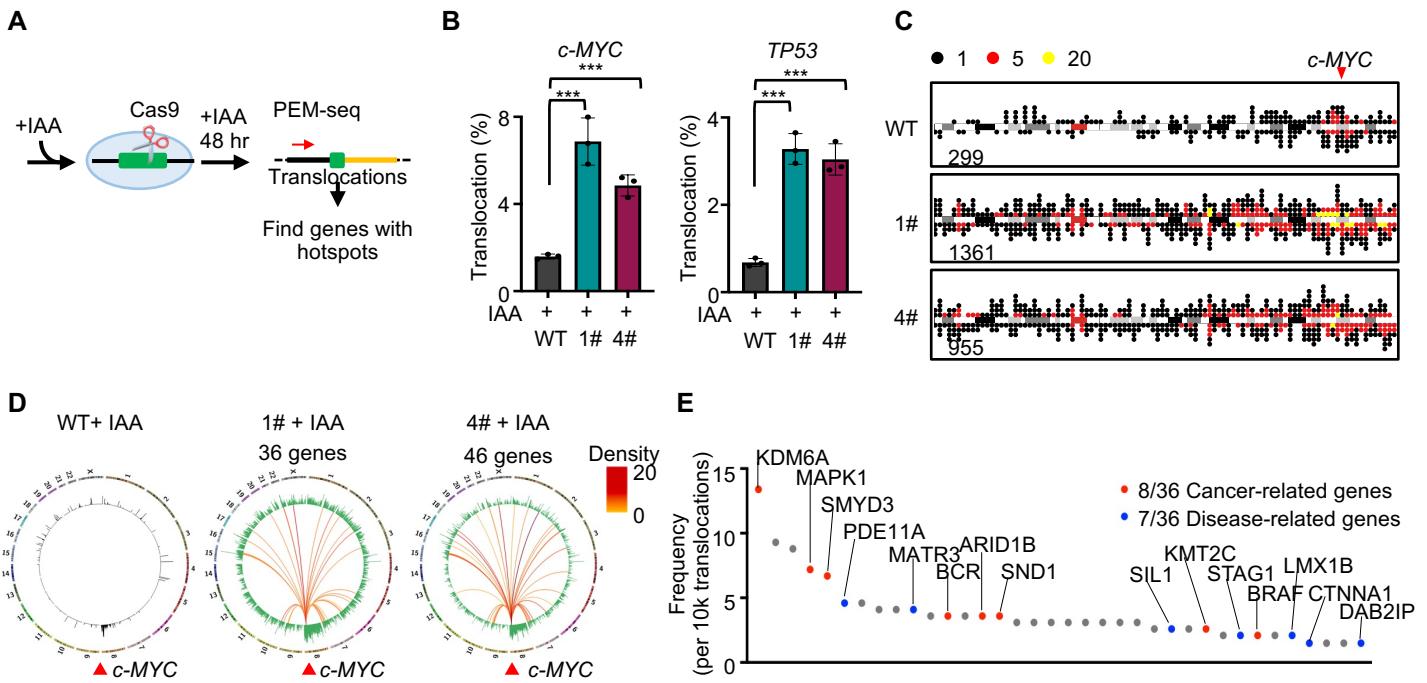
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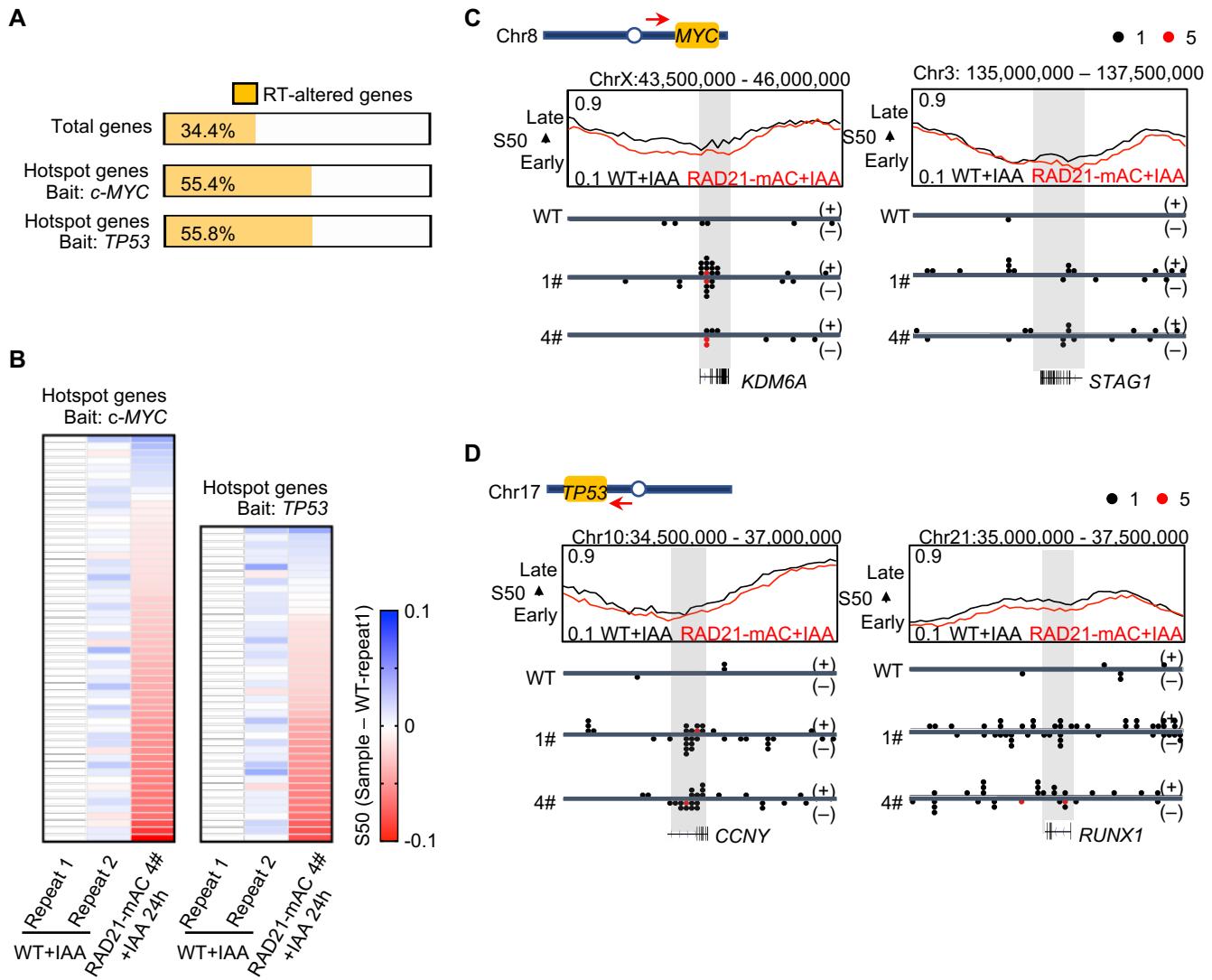
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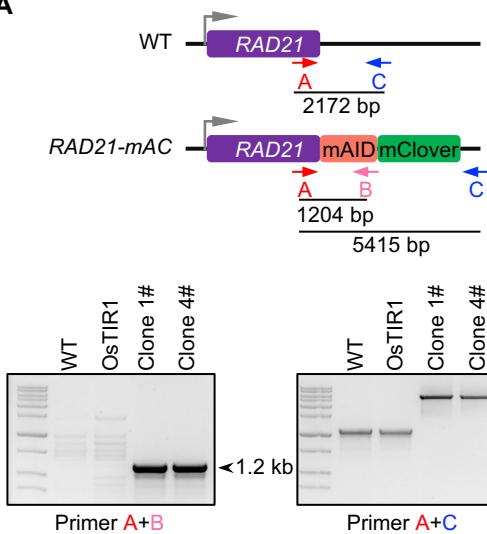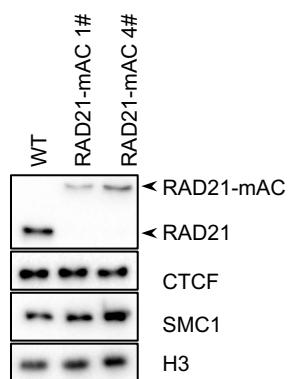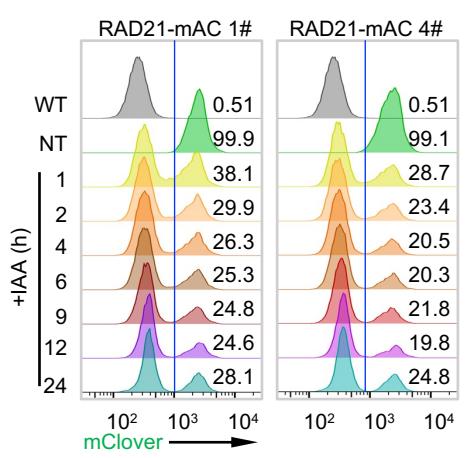
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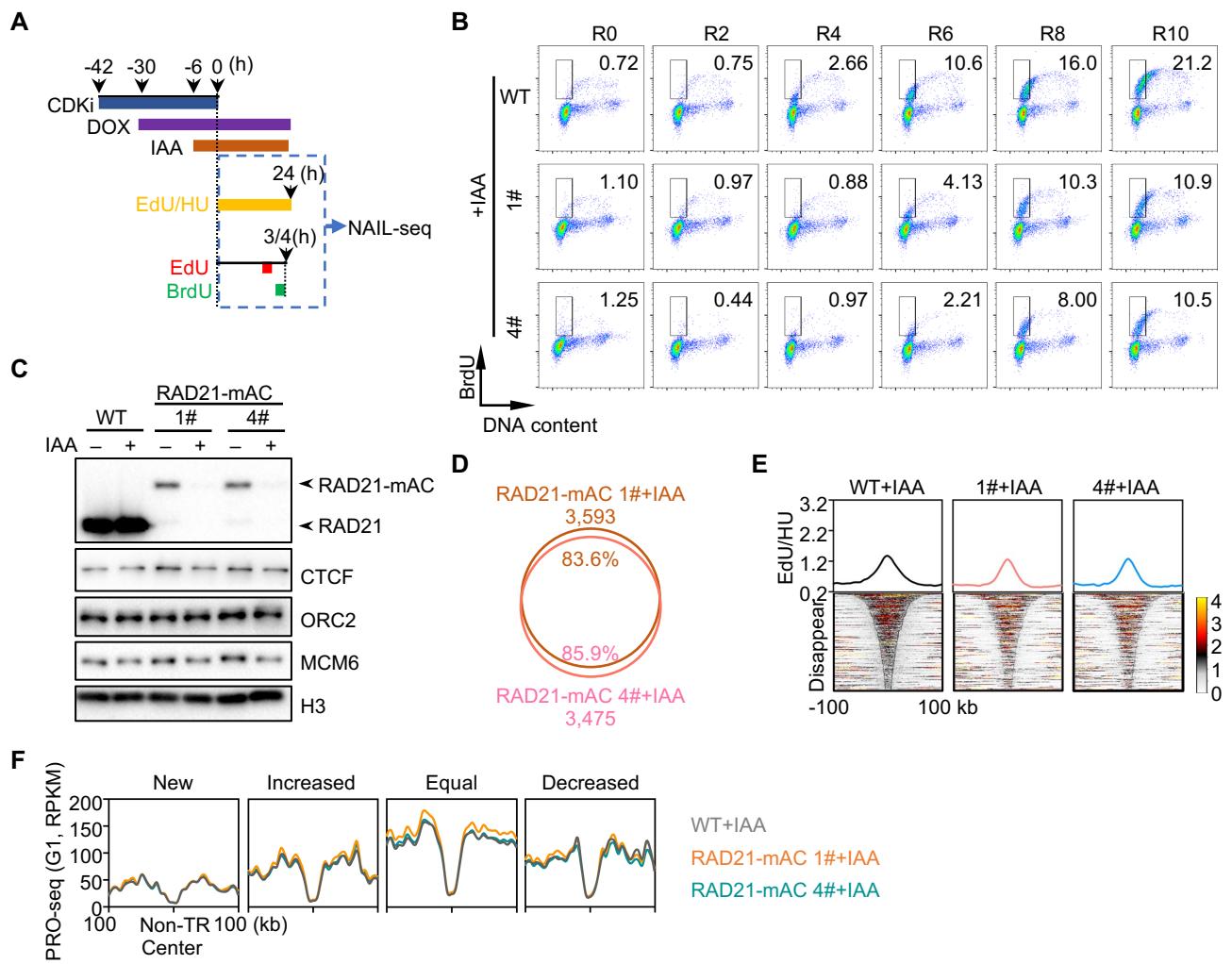
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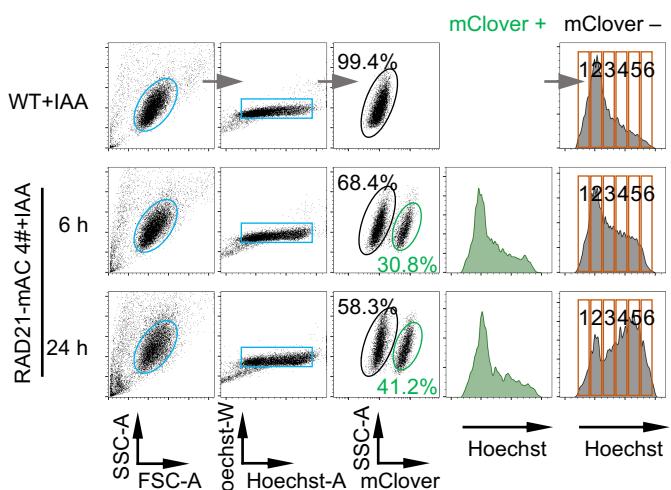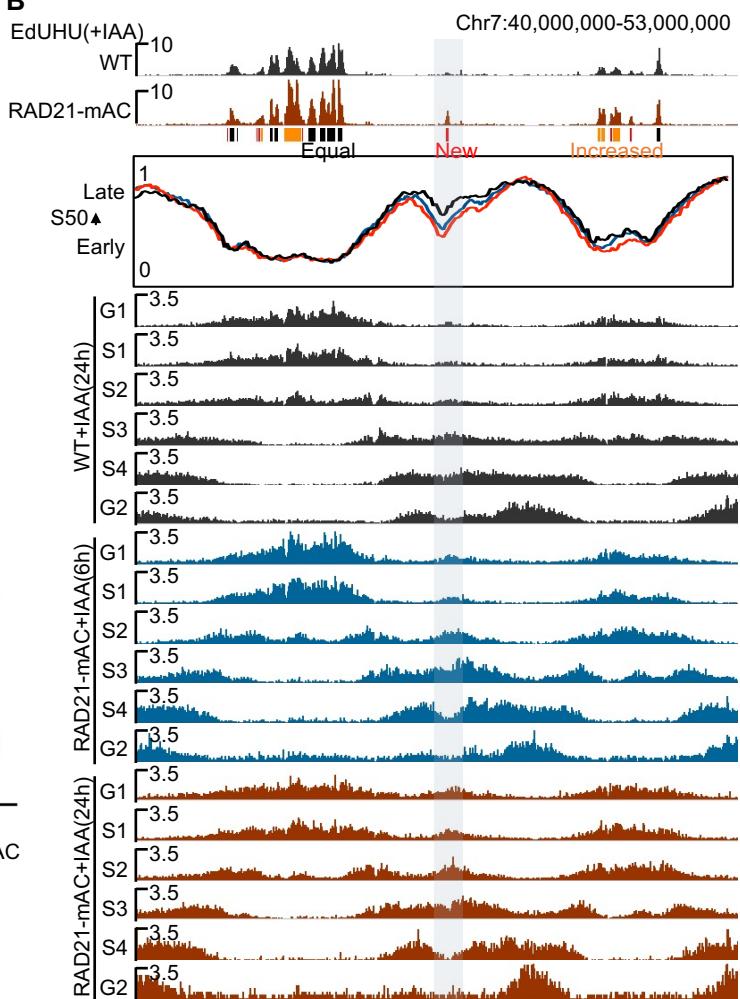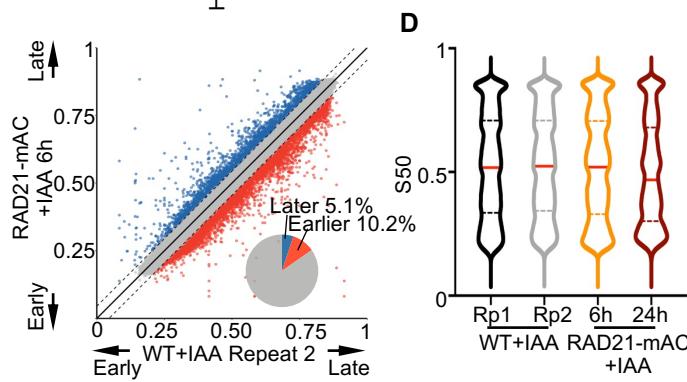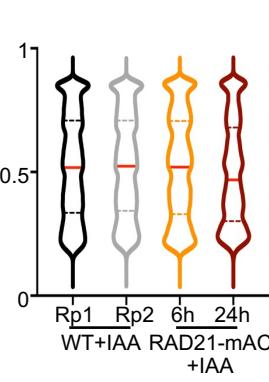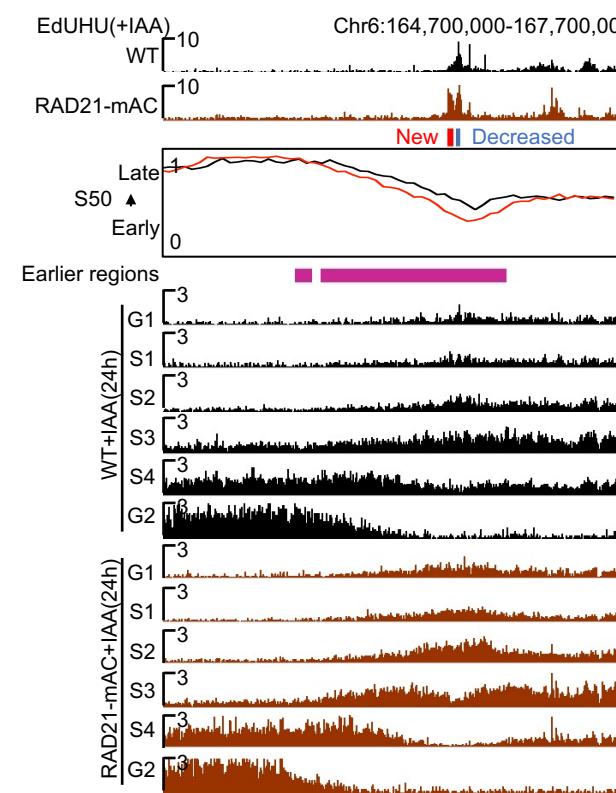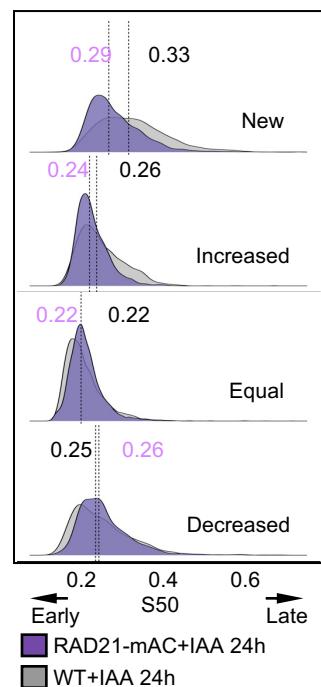
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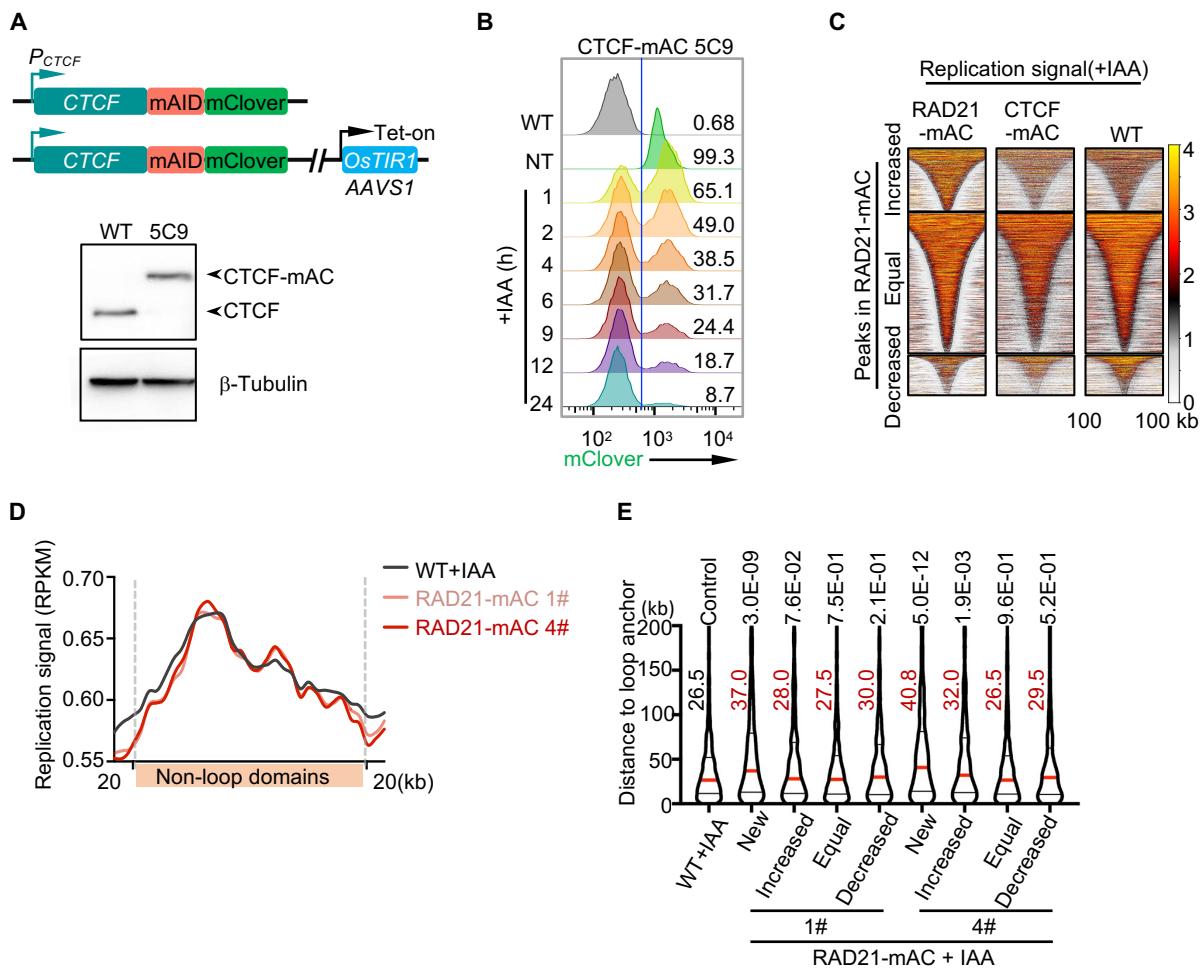
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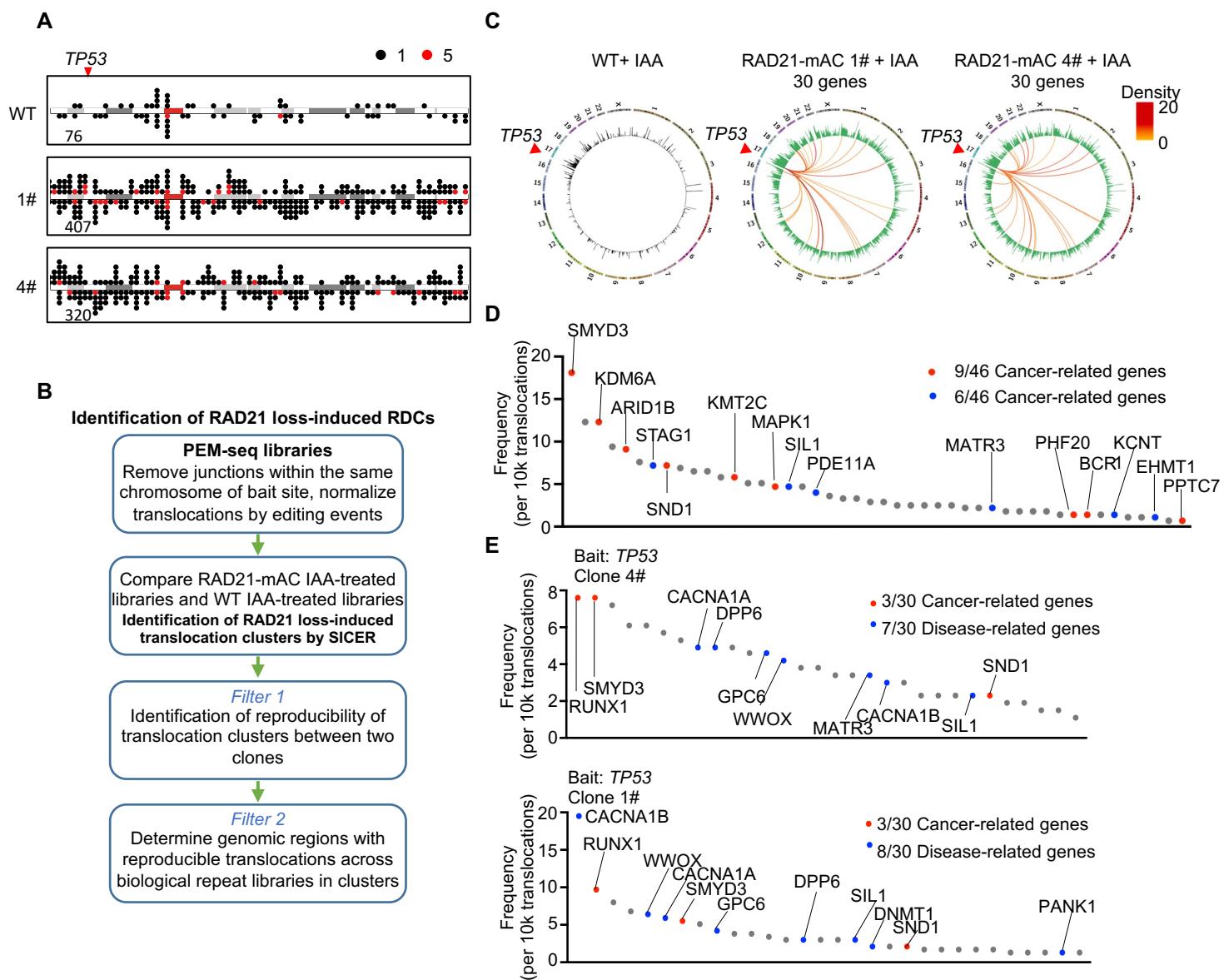
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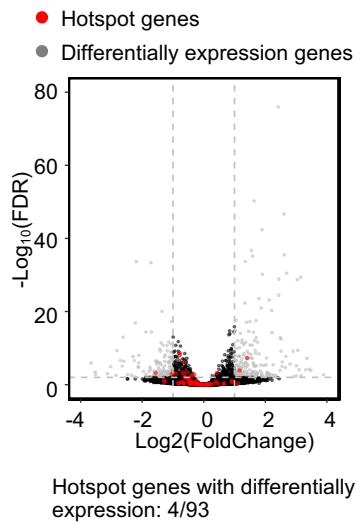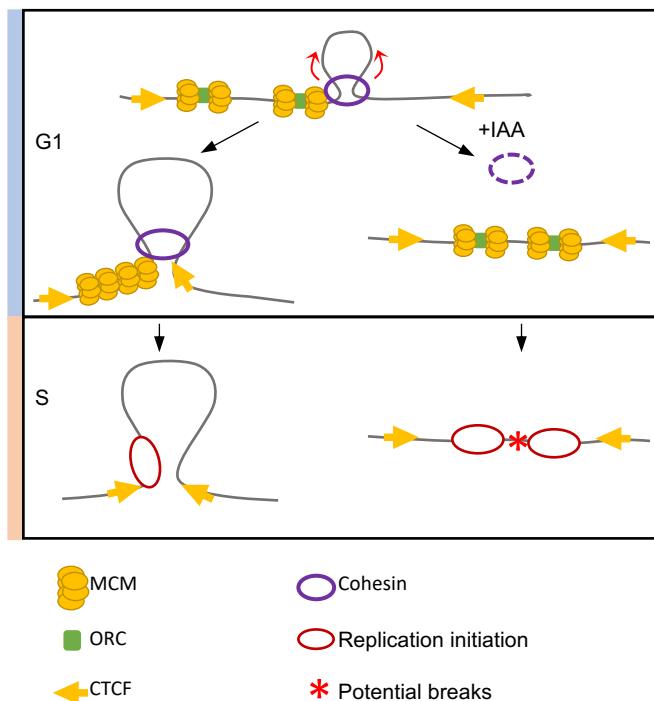
Figure S6. Translocation hotspot genes tend to locate in replication timing-altered regions

Key resource table

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Anti-BrdU (3D4), FITC	BD Bioscicences	556028
Anti-BrdU (BU1/75)	Abcam	ab6326
Anti-ORC2 (3G6)	Santa Cruz	sc-32734X
Anti-MCM6 (EPR17686)	Abcam	ab201683
Anti-MCM5 (EP2683Y)	Abcam	ab75975
Anti-RAD21	Abcam	ab992
Anti-H3	Abcam	ab4729
Anti-CTCF	Millipore	07-729
Anti-β-tubulin	Huaxingbio	HX1829
Anti-SMC1	Bethyl	A300-055A
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
Palbociclib (PD-0332991) HCl	Selleckchem	S1116
HU (Hydroxyurea)	Sigma	H8627
EdU (5-ethynyl-20-deoxyuridine)	Invitrogen	A10044
Biotin Azide (PEG4 carboxamide-6-Azidohexanyl Biotin)	Invitrogen	B10184
BrdU (5-Bromo-2´-Deoxyuridine)	Invitrogen	B23151
T4 PNK	NEB	M0201L
T4 DNA ligase	Thermo Fisher	EL0012
TdT (Terminal Transferase)	NEB	M0315L
Klenow Fragment	NEB	M0210L
DpnII	NEB	R0543L
T4 DNA polymerase	NEB	M0203L
MNase (Micrococcal Nuclease)	NEB	M0247S
Biotin-11-dCTP	Jena Bioscience	NU-809-BIOX
RNase A	Thermo Fisher	EN0531
Proteinase K	Invitrogen	25530015
Streptavidin C1 beads	Invitrogen	65002
Dynabead Protein G	Invitrogen	10003D
PI (Propidium Iodide)	Sigma	P4170
Hoechst 33342	Invitrogen	H3570
THPTA (Tris (3-hydroxypropyltriazolylmethyl) amine)	Sigma	762342
37% formaldehyde	Sigma	F1635
Doxycycline (dox)	Sigma	D9891
Proteinase Inhibitor cocktail	Bimake	B14012
Indole-3-acetic acid sodium salt (IAA)	Sigma	I5148
SF Cell Line 4D-Nucleofecto X Kit	Lonza	V4XC-2024
Deposited data		
Raw and analyzed data	This paper	GEO: GSE189762
OK-seq K562	Wu et al., 2018	ENA: PRJEB25180 or SRA: ERS2253426
K562 ORC2 ChIP-seq	Miotto et al., 2016	GEO: GSE70165: GSM1717888_Orc2_K562_rep1.bw
Hg19 Blacklist	The ENCODE Project Consortium, 2012	https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF000KJP/@@download/ENCFF000KJP.bigBed
K562 H2A. Z ChIP-seq	The ENCODE Project Consortium, 2012	http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg19/encodeDCC/

K562 contact domains	Rao et al., 2014	GEO:GSE63525
K562 loop list	Rao et al., 2014	GEO:GSE63525

Experimental models: Cell lines

K562	National infrastructure of cell line resource, China	3111C0001CCC000039
K562-RAD21-mAC-Clone 1	This paper	
K562-RAD21-mAC-Clone 4	This paper	
K562-CTCF-mAC-5C9	This paper	

Oligonucleotides

5'P-CCACGCGTGCTCTACANNNTNNNNANNNNTNNNAGATCGGAAGAGCGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGT-NH2	This paper	PEM-seq-Bridge Adapter-1-up （also used for NAIL-seq Bridge Adapter-1-up）
5'-TGTAGAGCACGCGTGGNNNNNN-NH2	This paper	PEM-seq-Bridge Adapter-1-down （also used for NAIL-seq Bridge Adapter-1-up）
5'-ACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT	This paper	Bridge Adapter-2-up
5'-NNNNNNAGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGT-NH2	This paper	Bridge Adapter-2-down
5'Biotin-ACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTGGGGGGGGGH	This paper	ChIP-seq extension
5'P-AGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGT-NH2	This paper	ChIP-seq Bridge Adapter-up
5'-GACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTNNNNNNN-NH2	This paper	ChIP-seq Bridge Adapter-down
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5'Biotin-GGTGACTCACTTGGGAATCGGGAAGGTG	This paper	PEM-seq Bio-primer-myc
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5'-AAACGTGATGGCGGAGCCTTGTGC	This paper	CTCF-gRNA-R
5'-GGGCATGTCGAGAACAAACTCTCAGG	This paper	CTCF-check-F
5'-CCTAGTGAAATTTTCTGGCCCAGC	This paper	CTCF-check-R
5'-CTCCTTTGTATGCCTGCACCTTCT	This paper	RAD21-check-F
5'-CTGGATATAGGATTTCGTTGCAACGC	This paper	RAD21-check-R
5'-TTGGCCGGAGGTTTGGCTGG	This paper	mAID-check-R

Software and algorithms

FlowJo 10.4	FlowJo	https://www.flowjo.com/solutions/flowjo/

ImageJ	NIH	https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/download.html
Prism 8	GraphPad Software, Inc.	https://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism/
BWA 0.7.12	Li et al., 2013	https://github.com/lh3/bwa
Bowtie 1.1.2	Langmead et al., 2009	https://sourceforge.net/projects/bowtiebio/files/bowtie/1.1.2/
PEAR	Zhang et al., 2014	https://cme.h-its.org/exelixis/web/software/pear/
Cutadapt 2.3	Martin 2013	https://cutadapt.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
Samtools 0.1.19	Li et al., 2009	https://github.com/samtools/samtools
Bedtools 2.27.0	Quinlan and Hall, 2010	https://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
SICER	Zang et al., 2009	https://github.com/dariober/SICERpy
MACS 2.1.1	Zhang et al., 2008	http://liulab.dfci.harvard.edu/MACS/00README.html
DeepTools 3.1.3	Ramírez et al., 2016	https://deeptools.readthedocs.io/en/develop/
EnrichedHeatmap 1.12.0	Gu et al., 2018	https://github.com/jokergoo/EnrichedHeatmap
R 3.5.1		https://www.r-project.org/
UCSC Database	Karolchick et al.,2004	https://genome.ucsc.edu
UCSC Genome Browser	Kent et al., 2002	https://genome.ucsc.edu
IGV	James et al., 2011	https://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/home
Juicer	Rao et al., 2014	https://github.com/aidenlab/juicer/
Whatshap 0.18	Martin et al., bioarxiv	https://whatshap.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
Homer	Heinz et al., 2010	http://homer.ucsd.edu/homer/
RepliSeq	Brison, O. et al, 2019	https://github.com/CL-CHEN-Lab/RepliSeq
DESeq2 1.22.2	Love et al., 2014	https://github.com/mikelove/DESeq2
PEM-Q	Liu et al., 2021	https://github.com/liumz93/PEM-Q

Table 1. Frequency of translocation hotspot genes (Junctions per 10k translocations)

Gene name (GENCODE)	Clone 1# c-MYC	Clone 4# c-MYC	Clone 1# TP53	Clone 4# TP53	Cancer-related	Disease-related	Captured by c-MYC and TP53	Only captured by one bait
RALGPS1	23	3	2	2			Y	
KDM6A	13	10	9	11	Y		Y	
EPC1	9	4	5	5			Y	
AGAP1	9	6	7	6			Y	
MAPK1	7	4	6	8	Y		Y	
SMYD3	7	16	6	8	Y		Y	
KANSL1	6	11	15	36			Y	
LINC01004	5	5	2	2			Y	
PDE11A	5	4	1	1		Y		c-MYC
RTDR1	5	3	0	7			Y	
CCNY	4	4	8	7			Y	
CELF2	4	5	4	6			Y	
CRKL	4	2	3	4			Y	
CTC-432M15.3	4	1	1	5			Y	
DPP6	4	7	3	5		Y	Y	
FNIP1	4	1	1	4			Y	
MATR3	4	2	2	3		Y	Y	
ARID1B	4	7	1	3	Y		Y	
BCR	4	1	4	3	Y		Y	
GNAZ	4	3	0	4			Y	
RUNX1	4	4	10	8	Y		Y	
SND1	4	6	2	2	Y		Y	
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CMIP	3	2	5	3			Y	
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LY86-AS1	3	1	1	1				c-MYC
RBFOX3	3	8	18	16			Y	
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RP11-382A20.4	3	2	1	2			Y	
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PLEKHG1	3	1	1	0				c-MYC
RALY	3	0	0	2				c-MYC
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SIL1	3	4	3	2		Y	Y	
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EPC2	2	3	2	1			Y	
GPC6	2	2	4	5		Y	Y	
LMX1B	2	1	0	1	Y			c-MYC
RP11-458D21.1	2	0	0	0				c-MYC
STAG1	2	7	3	5		Y	Y	
TTLL11	2	1	2	3			Y	
VIPR2	2	1	1	3			Y	
CACNA1B	2	1	19	3		Y	Y	
CDH4	2	2	2	6			Y	
CTB-111H14.1	2	1	0	1				c-MYC
CTD-2143L24.1	2	1	2	0				TP53
CTNNA1	2	3	0	2	Y			c-MYC
DAB2IP	2	1	3	2	Y		Y	
EHMT1	2	1	0	0	Y			c-MYC
FAM157B	2	0	4	3				TP53
GNG7	2	0	3	5				TP53
LINGO1	2	2	1	1				c-MYC
RP3-323P13.2	2	1	2	2			Y	
UBE2L3	2	2	3	4			Y	
WWOX	2	2	6	4	Y		Y	
AKAP13	1	1	0	2				TP53
AP000320.7	1	0	1	3				TP53
CACNA1A	1	2	6	5	Y		Y	
FAM129B	1	0	1	1				TP53
JAKMIP3	1	1	2	3				TP53

MAML3	1	2	1	0				*c-MYC*
MIR4435-1HG	1	1	3	6				*TP53*
MORF4L1	1	5	1	2			Y	
PHF20	1	1	0	0	Y			*c-MYC*
RP11-458D21.5	1	2	4	2			Y	
BRINP1	1	3	1	1				*c-MYC*
CD109	1	1	1	0				*c-MYC*
CTD-3162L10.1	1	1	3	2			Y	
GGT2	1	1	0	1				*c-MYC*
HERC2P8	1	1	0	0				*c-MYC*
KCNT1	1	1	1	0		Y		*c-MYC*
PPTC7	1	1	1	0				*c-MYC*
SNED1	1	2	2	0				*c-MYC*
TMCO4	1	1	1	0				*c-MYC*
ANO2	0	0	1	2				*TP53*
AP000318.2	0	0	0	2				*TP53*
CEACAM7	0	0	0	2				*TP53*
COQ5	0	0	2	0				*TP53*
DNMT1	0	0	2	0		Y		*TP53*
DTX1	0	0	1	0				*TP53*
EFCAB6	0	1	0	2				*TP53*
ELF1	0	2	2	4				*TP53*
IFFO2	0	0	0	2				*TP53*
MUC12	0	0	3	1				*TP53*
MUC16	0	1	2	1				*TP53*
MUC3A	0	0	2	1				*TP53*
PACSIN2	0	1	1	0				*TP53*
PANK2	0	1	1	1		Y		*TP53*
SPSB1	0	0	2	0				*TP53*
TAF4	0	0	1	0				*TP53*
UPK3B	0	0	1	2				*TP53*

Table 1. Frequency of translocation hotspot genes. Table 1 summarized the translocation frequency of hotspot genes captured by c-MYC and TP53 DSBs. The bait loci and genes are indicated in italic font. The genes that have 3 or more junctions captured by both baits were noted in the 8th column. Y, yes.