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Aneuploidy in intestinal stem cells promotes gut dysplasia in *Drosophila*

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Aneuploidy is associated with different human diseases including cancer. However, different cell types appear to respond differently to aneuploidy, either by promoting tumorigenesis or causing cell death. We set out to study the behavior of adult *Drosophila melanogaster* intestinal stem cells (ISCs) after induction of chromosome missegregation either by abrogation of the spindle assembly checkpoint or through kinetochore disruption or centrosome amplification. These conditions induce moderate levels of aneuploidy in ISCs, and we find no evidence of apoptosis. Instead, we observe a significant accumulation of ISCs associated with increased stem cell proliferation and an excess of enteroendocrine cells. Moreover, aneuploidy causes up-regulation of the JNK pathway throughout the posterior midgut, and specific inhibition of JNK signaling in ISCs is sufficient to prevent dysplasia. Our findings highlight the importance of understanding the behavior of different stem cell populations to aneuploidy and how these can act as reservoirs for genomic alterations that can lead to tissue pathologies.

Introduction

Aneuploidy is characterized by the presence of an abnormal number of chromosomes in a cell and is a hallmark of different human diseases. It is one of the major causes of spontaneous miscarriages, a hallmark of cancer, and it has been linked to neurodegeneration and aging (Holland and Cleveland, 2012; Ricke and van Deursen, 2013). Aneuploidy is present in >90% of human tumors, but several studies report a detrimental effect of aneuploidy on cells leading to cell death or cell cycle arrest. Additionally, recent studies also indicate that the cellular response to aneuploidy is not uniform among different tissues (Sheltzer and Amon, 2011; Knouse et al., 2017). Tissue stem cells are responsible for the constant renewal of tissues, and their behavior must be tightly regulated to prevent diseases. Contrasting with other proliferative nonstem cells (Dekanty et al., 2012; Morais da Silva et al., 2013), adult stem cells have been proposed to tolerate aneuploidy and not activate apoptosis in response to genomic instability (Mantel et al., 2007; Harper et al., 2010). This tolerance to aneuploidy underscores the need to understand how aneuploidy impacts adult stem cell behavior and how this consequently affects tissue homeostasis.

The *Drosophila melanogaster* intestine is a powerful model system to study adult stem behavior in vivo, where markers are available for all cell types that compose the intestinal epithelium (Fig. 1 A) and a diversity of genetic tools can be used to manipulate gene expression in a cell-type and temporally controlled

manner (Jiang and Edgar, 2012). In the *Drosophila* posterior midgut, multipotent intestinal stem cells (ISCs) and enteroblasts (EBs) constitute the main progenitor cell populations of this tissue. Differentiated cell types in the adult midgut include secretory enteroendocrine (EE) cells and absorptive polyploid enterocytes (ECs; Micchelli and Perrimon, 2006; Ohlstein and Spradling, 2006). ISCs have the potential to divide symmetrically or asymmetrically with regard to cell fate (O'Brien et al., 2011; de Navascués et al., 2012; Goulas et al., 2012). When dividing asymmetrically, they can give rise to either an EB or an EE. Bidirectional Notch signaling, genes of the achaete–scute complex, the transcription factor Prospero (Pros), and Tramtrack69 have been implicated in the regulation of EE fate (Amcheslavsky et al., 2014; Guo and Ohlstein, 2015; Wang et al., 2015; Zeng and Hou, 2015; Yin and Xi, 2018). ECs are generated through differentiation of EBs (Zeng and Hou, 2015).

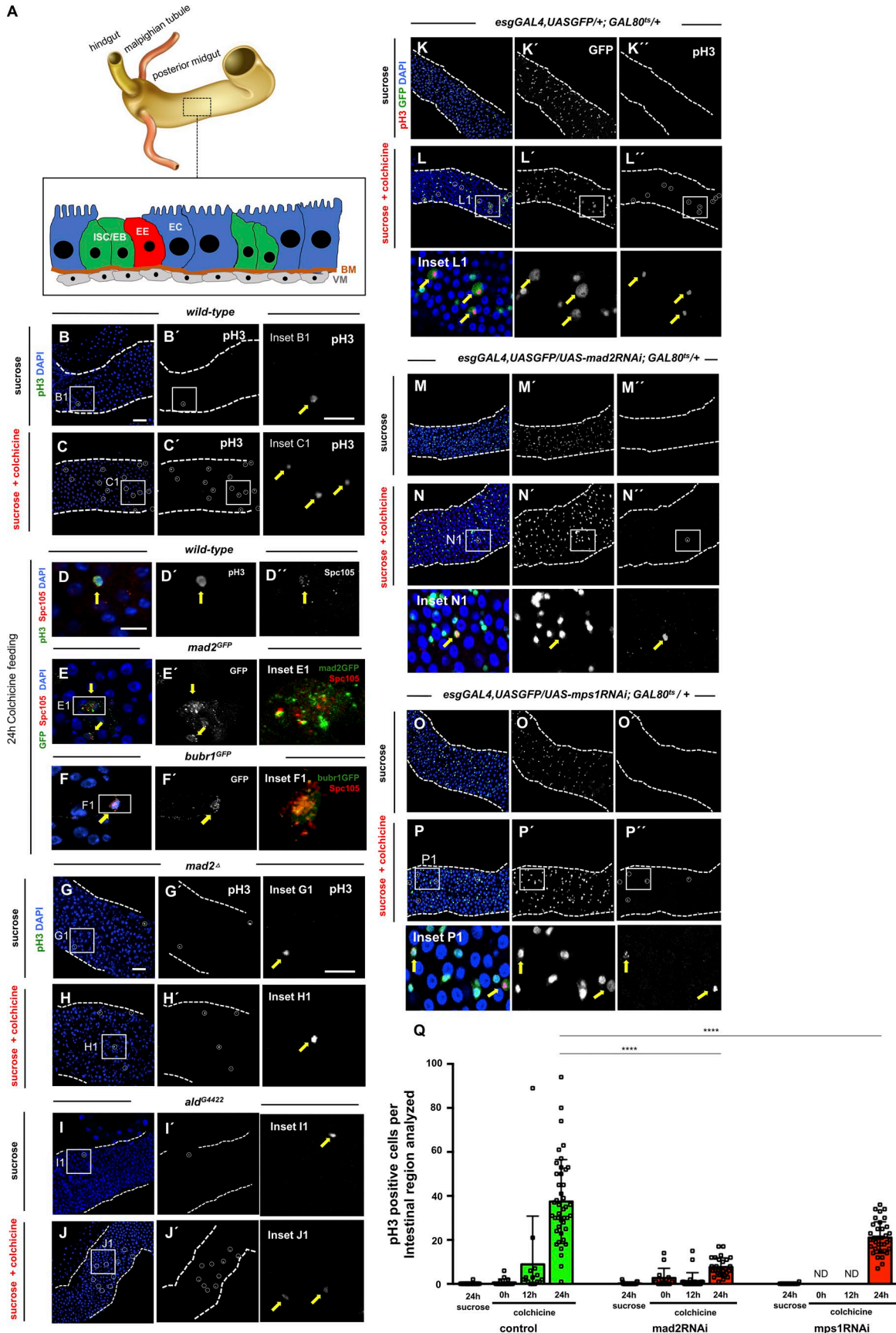
Genomic stability through cell division is maintained by the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC), a surveillance mechanism that prevents or delays mitotic exit in response to abnormal interaction between chromosomes and the mitotic spindle (Musacchio and Salmon, 2007). In this study, we show that abrogation of the SAC or impairment of mitotic structures such as kinetochores or centrosomes in ISCs results in moderate levels of aneuploidy without showing any evidence of cell death. Instead, we observe accumulation of ISCs, with an increased rate

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of stem cell proliferation and an excess of cells of the EE lineage. This is accompanied by a general activation of the JNK pathway throughout the tissue. Moreover, specific inhibition of JNK signaling by expression of a Basket dominant-negative form in progenitor cells prevents the accumulation of these cells. Our findings describe an *in vivo* model where failure to maintain a correct genomic content can lead to stem cell misbehavior and the development of tissue pathology.

Results

Drosophila ISCs are SAC competent

To determine whether SAC impairment could be used as a strategy to induce aneuploidy in ISCs, we first examined SAC activity in these cells. SAC-competent cells arrest in prometaphase in response to microtubule depolymerization (Zhou and Giannakakou, 2005). Previous work showed that proliferative cells within the intestine arrest in mitosis when flies are fed with drugs such as colchicine or colcemid (Guo et al., 2013; Markstein et al., 2014). We confirmed these results, showing that colchicine feeding results in a significant increase in the number of pH3-positive cells (Fig. 1, B and C; and Table 1). During an unperturbed mitosis, SAC proteins accumulate at kinetochores only at prometaphase, but in a SAC-arrested mitosis, these proteins remain at kinetochores until the SAC is satisfied. Accordingly, we observed kinetochore accumulation of SAC proteins such as Mad2 and BubR1 after microtubule depolymerization (Fig. 1, D–F). To further validate the SAC response in ISCs, we tested whether SAC genes were essential for this prometaphase arrest. Unlike in mammals where Mad2 mutants are lethal in homozygosity (Dobles et al., 2000), *Drosophila* homozygous mutants for *mad2^A* are viable and fertile (Buffin et al., 2007). We also recently characterized a semiviable *mps1* mutant allele (*ald^{G4422}*; Conde et al., 2013; Moura et al., 2017) that allows survival of a small percentage of homozygous flies until adult stages. Both of these SAC mutations rendered the checkpoint defective and showed high rates of aneuploidy in their neuroblast population. We found that mutations in either *mad2* or *mps1* significantly reduced the accumulation of pH3-positive cells in the intestine, indicating that the SAC was impaired (Fig. 1, G–J; and Table 1). Furthermore, we also observed that overexpression of the SAC gene *mps1* specifically in ISCs/EBs caused mitotic arrest, consistent with its role in an active checkpoint response in these cells (Fig. S1, A–C). The experiments described above were performed using *mad2* or *mps1* mutant flies, and therefore, it is possible that

the response of intestinal cells we observed was due to earlier developmental defects. To directly characterize the impact of loss of SAC proteins in ISCs/EBs of adult flies, we used the *esgGAL4* driver to express UAS-RNAi constructs targeting RNA from *mad2* or *mps1* genes. To avoid developmental defects, a *GAL80^{ts}* (temperature-sensitive repressor of the GAL4-UAS system) was used, and crosses were maintained at 18°C to suppress the GAL4-UAS system during development. Adult flies were shifted to 29°C after eclosion to activate the GAL4-UAS system and were fed colchicine as described before, and then the total number of mitotic cells was determined (Fig. 1, K–P). Expression of *mad2*RNAi or *mps1*RNAi specifically in ISCs/EBs reduced the progressive mitotic arrest in response to colchicine treatment observed in controls (Fig. 1 Q), suggesting that depletion of checkpoint proteins specifically in adult intestinal progenitor cells also leads to an impairment of SAC activity.

Impairment of SAC activity in ISCs causes aneuploidy

In different model organisms and cell types, a defective SAC has consistently been associated with abnormal chromosome segregation and aneuploidy induction (Musacchio and Salmon, 2007). Thus, we evaluated whether impairment of the SAC also leads to aneuploidy in intestinal progenitor cells. The first indication that aneuploidy was being generated was the observation of abnormal mitotic figures associated with chromosome missegregation such as lagging chromosomes or chromatin bridges in flies where Mad2 or Mps1 were depleted in ISCs/EBs (Fig. 2, A–C). To confirm whether these defects indeed resulted in aneuploidy, we performed FACS analysis in sorted ISCs/EBs from control and SAC-impaired conditions. FACS analysis has been used successfully to detect increases in specific types of aneuploidy in other *Drosophila* tissues following similar strategies (Dekanty et al., 2012; Morais da Silva et al., 2013; Clemente-Ruiz et al., 2014; Tauc et al., 2014). As expected, ISCs/EBs (GFP positive; labeled by *esgGAL4,UASGFP*) from *mad2*RNAi or *mps1*RNAi flies showed higher rates of aneuploidy than controls (Fig. 2, D–F). This method gave a rather conservative quantification of aneuploidy and missed any classes with less than the equivalent of the G2 DNA content. Given this limitation, we used alternative methods to detect aneuploidy. FISH analysis allows the identification of extra chromosomes within cells. However, high levels of chromosome pairing can be present in *Drosophila* (Bosco, 2012); therefore, an unambiguous classification of cells as aneuploid with this method was restricted to cells with more than two copies of the chromosome labeled by FISH. Using probes for

Figure 1. **ISCs are SAC competent.** (A) Anatomical organization of the *Drosophila* intestine and schematic representation of different cell types of the posterior midgut. ISCs/EBs are the progenitor cells and are found in close association with basement membrane (BM) and visceral muscle (VM). Differentiated cell types include EE cells and absorptive ECs. (B) Mitotic cells labeled with pH3 (B') in WT 2–5-d-old OreR fed with 5% sucrose control solution during 24 h (white circle and yellow arrow show pH3-positive cell; inset B1). (C) Same as B, but flies were fed with 5% sucrose and 0.2 mg/ml colchicine. Note the increase in pH3-positive cells (compare C' with B'). (D) Kinetochore marker Spc105 is detected in SAC-arrested ISCs (pH3 positive; yellow arrows). (E and F) *mad2* or *bubR1* reporter lines show GFP signal in SAC-arrested cells (yellow arrows). (G–J) 2–5-d-old *mad2* or *mps1* mutants flies fed with the same feeding method as described for WT flies in B and C. (K–P) Mitotic cells labeled with pH3 in intestines from control and flies where indicated RNAi was expressed. Flies were kept at 18°C during development to suppress the GAL4-UAS system and then were shifted to 29°C at eclosion day. After 48 h at 29°C on regular food, flies were shifted to vials with either sucrose or sucrose + colchicine solutions for 24 h. White circles and yellow arrows show pH3-positive cells. Bars: 40 μm (B, C, and G–P); 20 μm (B1 and G1); 10 μm (D–F). (Q) Number of mitotic cells present in first two fields of view of the posterior midgut after the pyloric ring (40× objective) in control, *mad2*RNAi, and *mps1*RNAi. Sucrose or colchicine feeding was initiated after flies spent 2 d at 29°C (0 h time point). *n* > 16 for all genotypes/conditions. ND, not determined; ****, *P* < 0.0001; Mann–Whitney *U* test.

Table 1. **Quantification of mitotic cells after colchicine treatment**

		WT	<i>mad2^A</i>	<i>ald^{G4422}</i>
pH3-positive cells per intestinal region	Sucrose	0.29 ± 0.85	3.11 ± 3.90	5.73 ± 4.82
	Colchicine	34.81 ± 30.46****	12.62 ± 12.60	34.27 ± 19.74
Mitotic index fold change (sucrose vs. colchicine)		×120	×4	×6

Quantification of pH3-positive cells present in the first two fields of view of the posterior midgut after the pyloric ring (40× objective) of WT and homozygous mutants for *mad2* or *mps1*. *n* (intestines) = 24 for WT on sucrose; *n* (intestines) = 47 for WT on sucrose + colchicine; *n* (intestines) = 22 for *mad2* mutants on sucrose; *n* (intestines) = 29 for *mad2* mutants on sucrose + colchicine; *n* (intestines) = 11 for *mps1* mutants on sucrose; *n* (intestines) = 11 for *mps1* mutants on sucrose + colchicine. ****, *P* < 0.0001; Mann–Whitney *U* test.

Chromosomes X and III, we detected a higher percentage of aneuploid cells in flies expressing RNAi against either Mad2 or Mps1 when compared with controls (Fig. 2, G–M). Since both FISH and FACS only unambiguously allow for the detection of aneuploidy involving chromosome gain, we investigated whether chromosome loss might also occur after SAC impairment in ISCs/EBs. To do so, we resorted to an antibody that specifically recognizes the fourth chromosome (Larsson et al., 2001). We observed that after depletion of Mad2 or Mps1, cells showed high frequency of loss of Chromosome VI (Fig. 2, N–Q). Taken together, these results demonstrate that SAC impairment in intestinal progenitor cells results in induction of aneuploidy in these cells.

SAC impairment results in intestinal dysplasia

To determine how aneuploidy impacts on ISCs, we generated flies carrying *mad2* or *mps1* mutations and the *esgGAL4,UASGFP* construct to label ISCs/EBs. We observed a significantly higher number of ISCs/EBs in mutant flies when compared with controls (Fig. 3, A–D). To further investigate this phenotype, we impaired the SAC specifically in the ISCs/EBs and only in the adult as described previously for *mad2*RNAi and *mps1*RNAi flies, and we determined the percentage of different cell types (Fig. 3, E–G). Similarly to Mad2 or Mps1 mutants, we found that depletion of either Mad2 or Mps1 in ISCs/EBs leads to a significantly higher percentage of these cells with respect to controls after different times of RNAi expression (Fig. 3, E–H). In addition, a significant accumulation of cells of the EE lineage was also observed (Fig. 3, E–G and I). In agreement with these observations, intestines from flies expressing *mad2*RNAi or *mps1*RNAi showed a higher cell density when compared with controls (Fig. 3, J–M), and the number of cells undergoing mitotic divisions was strongly up-regulated (Fig. 3, N–Q).

These observations are in sharp contrast with previous results, where it was reported that expression of an RNAi against the SAC gene *bub3* in ISCs/EBs leads to their loss through premature differentiation (Gogendeau et al., 2015). We used two independent RNAi lines and confirmed that depletion of Bub3 indeed leads to a severe reduction in the number of ISCs/EBs (Fig. S2, A–C and E). To determine whether this was also the case when other proteins of the SAC are depleted, we proceeded to quantify the number of ISCs/EBs after knockdown of BubR1. We find that similar to *mad2* or *mps1* knockdown, expression of *bubR1*RNAi also leads to higher number of ISCs/EBs and EEs (Fig. S2, A and D–F). Knockdown of *bub3* or *bubR1* both lead to a defective SAC

response (Fig. S2, G–K). Taken together, these results indicate that *bub3*RNAi behaves as an exception and that aneuploidy induction via loss of function of most SAC genes promotes intestinal dysplasia, characterized by an accumulation of ISCs, increased tissue proliferation levels, and high number of EEs.

Aneuploidy promotes intestinal dysplasia

After concluding that aneuploidy induction via impairment of SAC genes results in dysplasia, we set out to address whether this phenotype was aneuploidy driven or caused by any other effect intrinsic to SAC impairment. The orientation of cell division of the ISCs has been suggested to be genetically regulated, and conflicting evidence exists as to whether this dictates the symmetry versus asymmetry of stem cell division with regard to cell fate (Lin et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2018). Previously referred accumulation ISCs/EBs and EEs in Notch loss-of-function phenotypes have been proposed to be mediated by alterations in the orientation of the stem cell division (Guo and Ohlstein, 2015). Therefore, we investigated whether the angle of cell division of ISCs after *mad2*RNAi or *mps1*RNAi was affected (Fig. S3, A–G). After 3D reconstruction of dividing ISCs, no significant differences were found in the angle of division after *mad2* or *mps1* knockdown when compared with controls (Fig. S3, E–G and I). Thus, alterations in cell division angle can be excluded as the cause for the dysplasia observed after SAC impairment.

Drosophila ISCs are known to be highly dynamic in their capacity to modulate their division rate according to current tissue needs (Biteau et al., 2011). Transient increase in stem cell activity is regulated to increase the generation of differentiated cells when necessary, and basal ISC proliferation rate is restored once the stimulus is abrogated. Based on this, and in order to determine whether the intestinal dysplasia observed is a result of aneuploidy itself and not an indirect consequence of SAC impairment, we tested whether the high proliferative rate of ISCs would be maintained if SAC function was restored after aneuploidy was induced. We induced aneuploidy by expressing *mad2*RNAi in ISCs/EBs during the first 15 d of the adult fly, and then we shifted these flies to 18°C (GAL80^{ts} ON/GAL4-UAS system OFF) during 5, 10, or 15 d (Fig. 4 A). During the first 5 d of recovery at 18°C, the GAL4-UAS system was efficiently turned off, and consequently, SAC function was restored in *mad2*RNAi flies (Fig. S4, A–E). We observed that the proliferation rate of ISCs was always higher than controls at all recovery time points and that *mad2*RNAi remained dysplastic, suggesting that the observed phenotype is

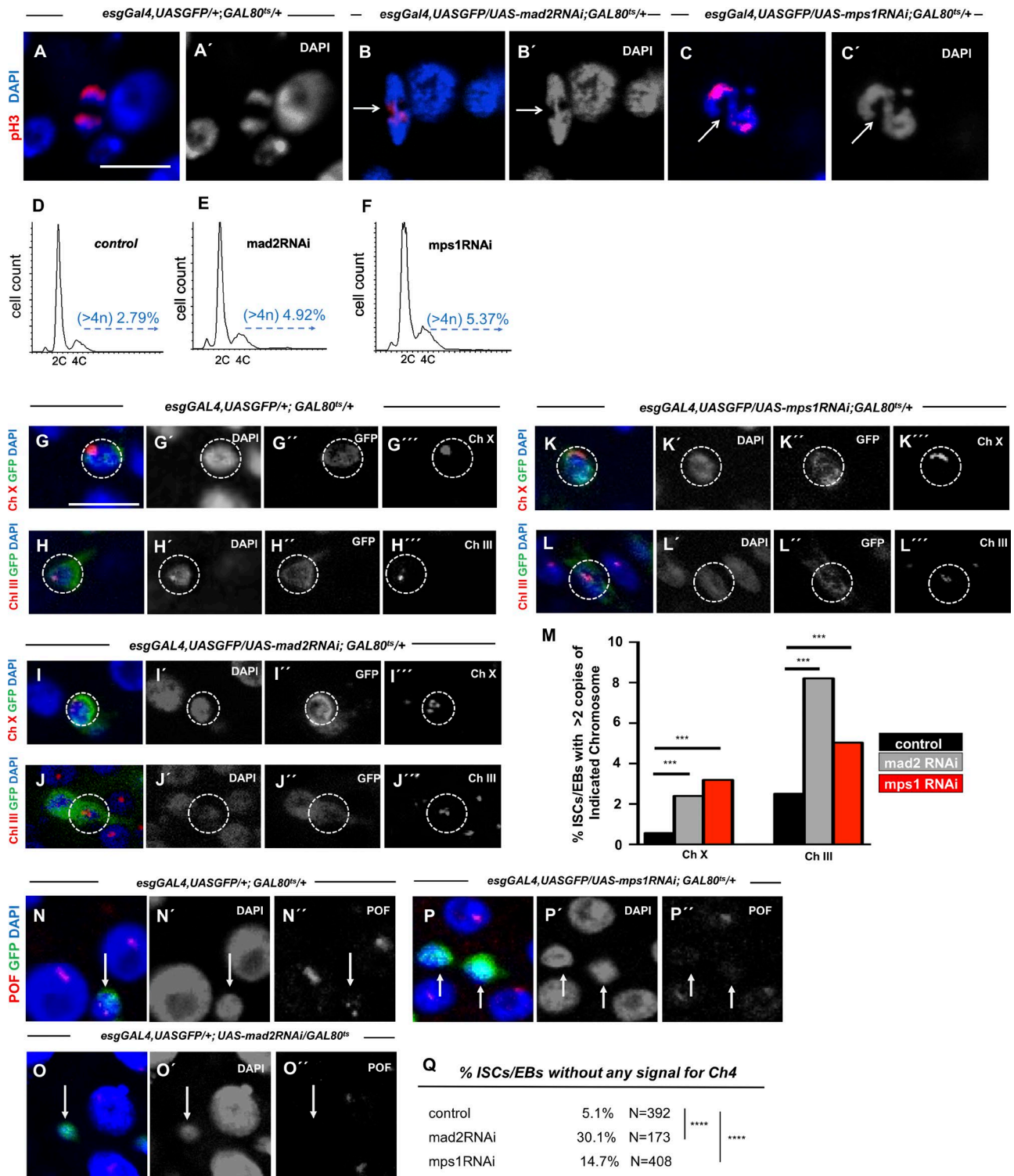


Figure 2. Induction of aneuploidy in intestinal cells after SAC impairment. (A) Control cell in anaphase. (B and C) Lagging chromosomes/chromatin bridges (white arrows) in dividing cells from 10-d-old mad2RNAi and mps1RNAi flies. (D–F) Examples of FACS profiles of ISCs/EBs from control, mad2RNAi, and mps1RNAi flies. For control versus mad2RNAi, two biological replicates were performed. In both, the percent aneuploidy was higher in the mad2RNAi flies ($P < 0.01$; Fisher exact t test). For control versus mps1RNAi flies, two biological replicates were performed. In both, the percent aneuploidy was higher in the mps1RNAi ($P < 0.01$; Fisher exact t test). Average percent aneuploidy \pm SD: control, 2.4 ± 0.5 ; mad2RNAi, 5.4 ± 0.73 ; mps1RNAi, 7.77 ± 1.1 . (G–L) FISH analysis in combination with IF labeling Chromosomes X or III within ISCs/EBs (GFP⁺/esg⁺; white circles). Due to somatic chromosome pairing, cells were only scored as aneuploid when more than two FISH signals were observed. (M) Quantification of ISCs/EBs where more than two FISH signals for Chromosome X or III were detected within control, mad2RNAi, and mps1RNAi intestines. n (ISCs/EBs) for controls = 1,161 (Ch III) and 541 (Ch X); n (ISCs/EBs) for mad2RNAi = 841 (Ch III) and 751 (Ch X); n (ISCs/EBs) for mps1RNAi = 936 (Ch III) and 720 (Ch X). (N–P) 15–20-d control, mad2RNAi, and mps1RNAi intestines stained for anti-POF antibody to label the fourth chromosome. Bars, 5 μ m. (Q) Percentage of ISCs/EBs where no signal for anti-POF was observed in N–P. N refers to number the ISCs/EBs analyzed in each genotype. ***, $P < 0.001$; ****, $P < 0.0001$; Fisher's exact t test.

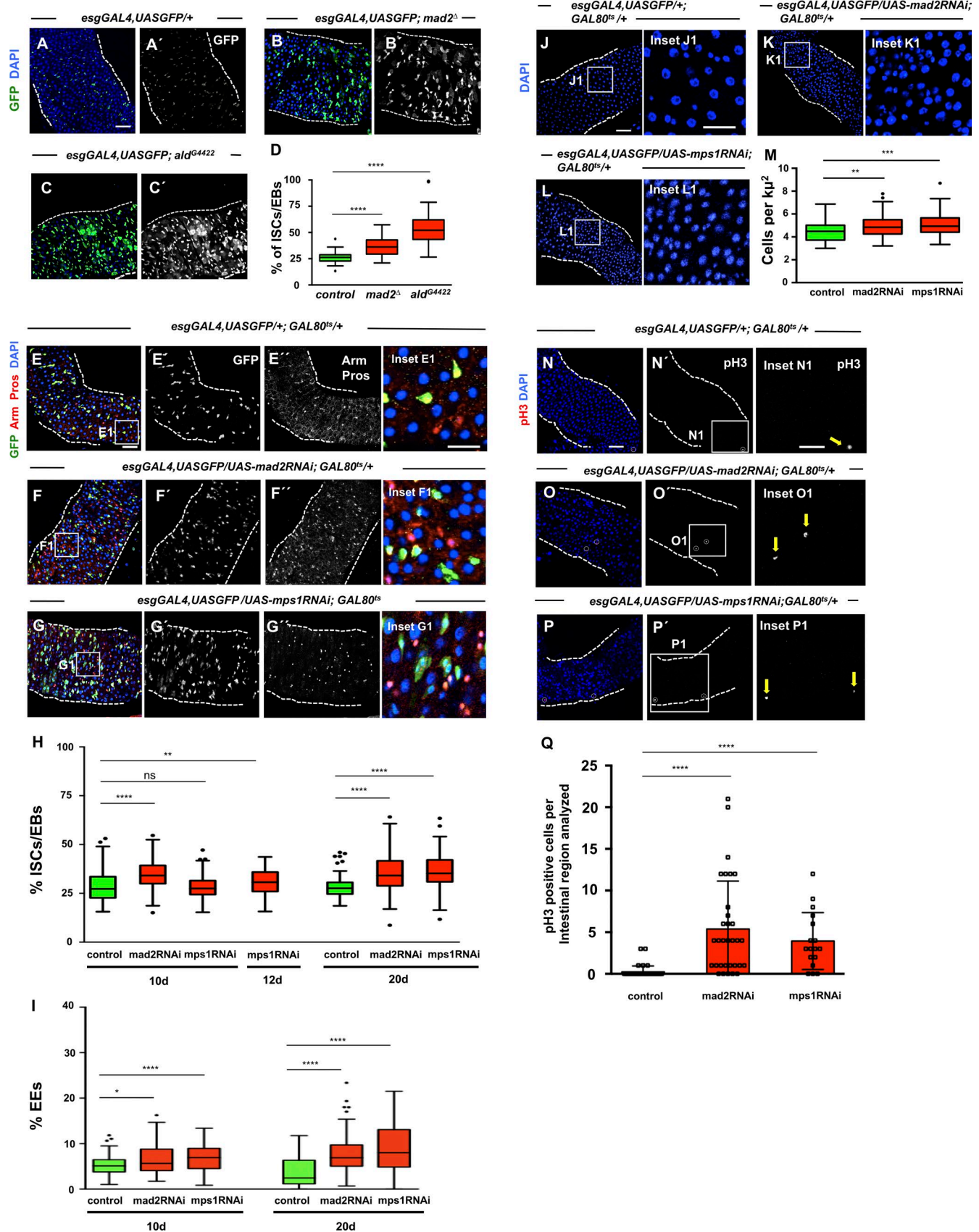


Figure 3. **SAC inactivation results in intestinal dysplasia.** (A) 2–5-d-old control intestine where ISCs/EBs can be visualized by GFP expression under the control of *esgGAL4*. DAPI marks cell nuclei. (B and C) 2–5-d-old intestines of homozygous mutants for SAC genes *mad2* or *mps1*. Note accumulation of ISCs/EBs (compare B' or C' with A'). (D) Quantification of percent ISCs/EBs (GFP positive) per total cell number in A–C. Tukey boxplots. (E) 20-d-old control intestine

driven by aneuploidy and not by SAC impairment per se (Fig. 4, B–F). Between days 10 and 15 of the recovery period, both controls and *mad2RNAi* ISCs increased their mitotic rate significantly (Fig. 4 F). This is expected as increased ISC proliferation is a known phenotype associated with aging in the *Drosophila* midgut (Biteau et al., 2008; Choi et al., 2008; Park et al., 2009). In addition to maintaining a high proliferation rate, dysplasia was also maintained during this period as evaluated based on DAPI or Armadillo (Arm)/Pros staining.

To determine whether dysplasia could be observed by inducing aneuploidy through impairment of mitosis via other mechanisms alternative to SAC, we disrupted kinetochore function or induced centrosome amplification. Successful induction of aneuploidy in *Drosophila* and mammalian cells has been previously achieved by knockdown of the centromeric-associated protein meta (Cenp-meta; Cenp-E in mice), a kinesin-like motor protein required for efficient end-on attachment of kinetochores to the spindle microtubules (Yucel et al., 2000). We depleted Cenp-meta by expressing an RNAi construct in ISCs/EBs using the *esgGAL4* driver as described previously and also observed an accumulation of ISCs/EBs and cells of the EE lineage, a phenotype in all respects identical to the one observed after loss of SAC genes (Fig. 4, G, H, J, and K). To analyze this further, we induced alterations in cell division of intestine progenitor cells through centrosome amplification since this has been associated with aneuploidy and tumor development in both *Drosophila* and humans (Gönczy, 2015; Marteil et al., 2018). Furthermore, centrosome amplification has also been shown to promote characteristics associated with transformed cells like invasiveness behavior (Godinho et al., 2014). In *Drosophila*, overexpression of the SAK leads to centrosome amplification, mitotic disruption, and aneuploidy (Basto et al., 2008). Constitutive overexpression of SAK using a ubiquitin promoter resulted in a strong accumulation of ISCs/EBs and EEs, similar to what was observed for loss of SAC genes or *cenp-meta* knockdown (Fig. 4, I–K). To validate that aneuploidy was being induced after *cenp-meta* knockdown or SAK overexpression, we performed staining for the fourth chromosome as previously described for *mad2RNAi* and *mps1RNAi* conditions. As expected, the percentage of aneuploid cells detected with this method was higher in both *cenp-meta*-knockdown and SAK-overexpression conditions (Fig. S5, A–D). In addition, and similar to what was observed when aneuploidy was induced via SAC impairment, we could also detect higher proliferation levels and specific ISC accumulation after either *cenp-meta* knockdown or SAK overex-

pression (Fig. 4, L–O; and Fig. S5, E–H). Alterations in the angle of stem cell division were not detected upon SAK overexpression (Fig. S3, H and I). Thus, as previously addressed for SAC-impairment conditions, the orientation of stem cell division does not seem to be the cause for the observed phenotype. Therefore, we conclude that the dysplastic phenotype we observed in the midgut can be caused by impairment of different biological mechanisms/structures that result in the induction of aneuploidy.

Aneuploidy causes accumulation of overproliferative ISCs

Thus far, we have shown that aneuploidy induction in ISCs and EBs leads to aneuploidy, and this results in an accumulation of these progenitor cell types, higher tissue proliferation levels, and a higher number of EEs. Since the *esgGAL4* driver is expressed in both ISCs and EBs, we determined the specific contribution of ISCs to this phenotype. For this, we used *esgGAL4,UASGFP* that marks ISCs/EBs with the EB-specific reporter *Su(H)GBE-LacZ* (Zeng et al., 2010). Quantification of the two different cell types after expression of *mad2RNAi* or *mps1RNAi* showed that a specific increase of ISCs occurs (Fig. 5, A–E). To further validate these results, we performed an experiment in which only ISCs would express the RNAi constructs and a GFP reporter construct (Fig. 5, F–I). This was achieved by using a fly carrying an *esgGAL4* driver expressed in both ISCs and EBs combined with a *GAL80^{ts}* and, additionally, a *Su(H)GBE-GAL80* that is not temperature sensitive, expressed only in EBs. Flies were kept at 18°C during development and were shifted to 29°C to activate the expression of RNAi only in ISCs. Consistent with the results described above, we find a significant accumulation of ISCs. Therefore, we can conclude that the dysplasia we observed after induction of aneuploidy results in ISC accumulation.

A similar phenotype with an accumulation of ISCs/EBs and EEs has been described previously in other dysplastic conditions like Notch loss-of-function conditions. Mixed lineages were reported in Notch mutants, particularly the presence of cells coexpressing the ISC/EB marker Escargot (Esg) and the EE marker Pros (Patel et al., 2015). To better characterize the accumulation of ISCs/EBs and EEs observed after SAC impairment, we evaluated whether Esg-positive/Pros-positive cells could be found in *mad2RNAi* and *Mps1* flies. Although we could find Esg-positive cells expressing the EE marker Pros in dysplastic *mad2RNAi* and *mps1RNAi* intestines, the percentage of these cells was very low (1.65% in *mad2RNAi* and 1.36% in *mps1RNAi*). This contrasted with Notch loss-of-function dysplastic intestines, used in this

where ISCs and EBs are marked based on *esg* expression (green). EEs can be identified by expression of Pros (nuclear red signal). Arm marks all cell membranes. DAPI marks cell nuclei. (F and G) Intestines where RNAi constructs against SAC genes *mad2* or *mps1* were expressed under the control of the *esgGAL4* promoter during the first 20 d of the adult fly. Note accumulation of ISCs/EBs (compare F' and G' with E' or green cells in the corresponding insets); note also the excess of EEs (compare F'' and G'' with E'' or red nuclear signaling in corresponding insets). (H and I) Quantification of percentage of ISCs/EBs (GFP positive) or EEs (Pros positive) per total cell number in control, *mad2RNAi*, and *mps1RNAi* flies at different time points. Tukey boxplots; *n* = 28 (intestines) for controls at 10 d; *n* = 22 for *mad2RNAi* at 10 d; *n* = 25 for *mps1RNAi* at 10 d; *n* = 22 for *mps1RNAi* at 12 d; *n* = 21 (intestines) for controls at 20 d; *n* = 26 for *mad2RNAi* at 20 d; *n* = 21 for *mps1RNAi* at 20 d. (J) 20-d-old control intestine. Cell nuclei are marked by DAPI. (K and L) 20-d-old *mad2RNAi* and *mps1RNAi* intestines. Note high cell density (compare K1 or L1 with J1). In control and RNAi conditions, suppression of the GAL4-UAS system was performed during development by using the temperature-sensitive repressor *GAL80^{ts}* and by raising the flies at 18°C. (M) Quantification of cell densities in J–L. *n* (intestines) = 20 for controls; *n* (intestines) = 20 for *mad2RNAi*; *n* (intestines) = 18 for *mps1RNAi*. (N–P) Same genotypes/time points as in E–G or J–L but stained for pH3 to label mitotic cells (white circles or yellow arrows). Bars: 40 μm (main images); 20 μm (insets). (Q) Number of mitotic cells present in the first two fields of view of the posterior midgut after the pyloric ring (40× objective) from situations N–P. *, *P* < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.0001; Mann–Whitney *U* test. *n* = 39 flies for controls; *n* = 32 flies for *mad2RNAi*; *n* = 17 flies for *mps1RNAi*.

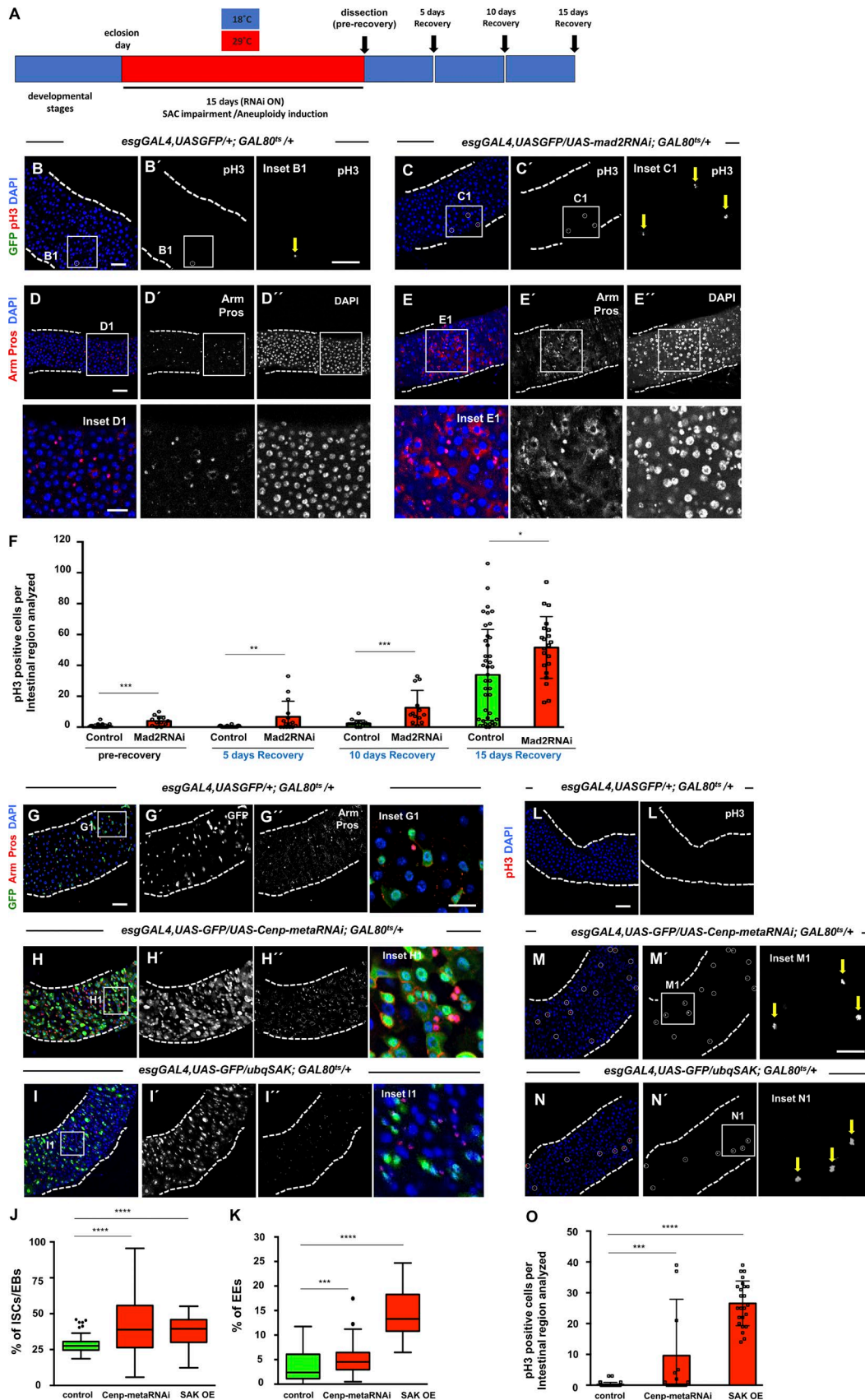


Figure 4. **Aneuploidy promotes dysplasia.** (A) Scheme illustrating temperature shifts performed in control and *mad2RNAi* flies. (B) Example of a 20-d-old control intestine subjected to temperature shifts as described in A (5 d recovery). In the majority of intestines, no GFP-positive cells could be detected (GAL4-UAS OFF). Only in a very small percentage of intestines could a couple of GFP-positive cells sometimes be detected (yellow arrow; inset B1). Cells undergoing

study as positive controls for conditions where the occurrence of these mixed lineages have been reported (Fig. 6, A–D and K). Although Esg-positive/Pros-positive cells are common in Notch loss-of-function conditions, they have been proposed to not be mitotically active and not play an important role in the development of dysplasia (Patel et al., 2015). Likewise, we found that mitotically active cells of our aneuploidy dysplastic conditions are Pros negative (Fig. 6, D–G and L), indicating that overproliferative cells in mad2RNAi and mps1RNAi intestines should be ISCs (Fig. S3, F–I). We also found that mitotically active cells are also negative for the EB marker Su(H)GBE-LacZ, providing additional supporting evidence that overproliferative cells are ISCs (Fig. 6, H–J and M).

Induction of aneuploidy is not associated with apoptosis of intestinal cells

In the posterior midgut, ISCs have been shown to be highly sensitive to signals secreted by neighboring cells undergoing cell death or damage, resulting in an increased proliferation rate as part of a dynamic regenerative process (Biteau et al., 2011). Therefore, we addressed the possibility that induction of aneuploidy in ISCs could result in the activation of apoptosis either in progenitor or differentiated cells, which subsequently could result in the activation of a regenerative response of the tissue. However, we found no evidence for pyknotic nuclei after aneuploidy induction, and in contrast with treatment with bleomycin, a drug known to induce apoptosis in ECs (Amcheslavsky et al., 2009; Tauc et al., 2017), the majority of control or mad2RNAi intestines had no cells positive for cleaved caspase-3 (Fig. 7, A–C). To better address a putative role for apoptosis in the dysplastic phenotype, we impaired the apoptotic response in ISCs/EBs by expressing the baculovirus protein P35 (Hay et al., 1994) under a UAS promoter. Coexpression of P35 together with mad2RNAi or mps1RNAi did not have a significant effect on the dysplastic phenotype previously observed (Fig. 7, D–F, I, and J). To investigate a putative contribution of death of differentiated cells to the dysplastic phenotype, we also impaired apoptosis in all intestinal cell types. This was achieved by inducing aneuploidy in flies heterozygous for chromosomal deletion Df(3L)H99 that lacks *reaper*, *head involution defective*, and *grim*, three apoptotic inducers. Heterozygous flies for this deletion have been shown to have severely compromised apoptotic response (White et al., 1994). The results were essentially the same as when P35 was coexpressed to block apoptosis, and this did not prevent the accumulation of ISCs/EBs and EEs (Fig. 7, D and G–J). These results indicate that although blocking apoptosis can lead to minor effects in the severity of

phenotypes observed, it clearly does not prevent the dysplastic phenotype. Taken together with the failure to detect apoptotic cells, these results strongly suggest that the dysplastic phenotype does not result from aneuploidy-driven cell death of either progenitor or differentiated cell types of the intestine.

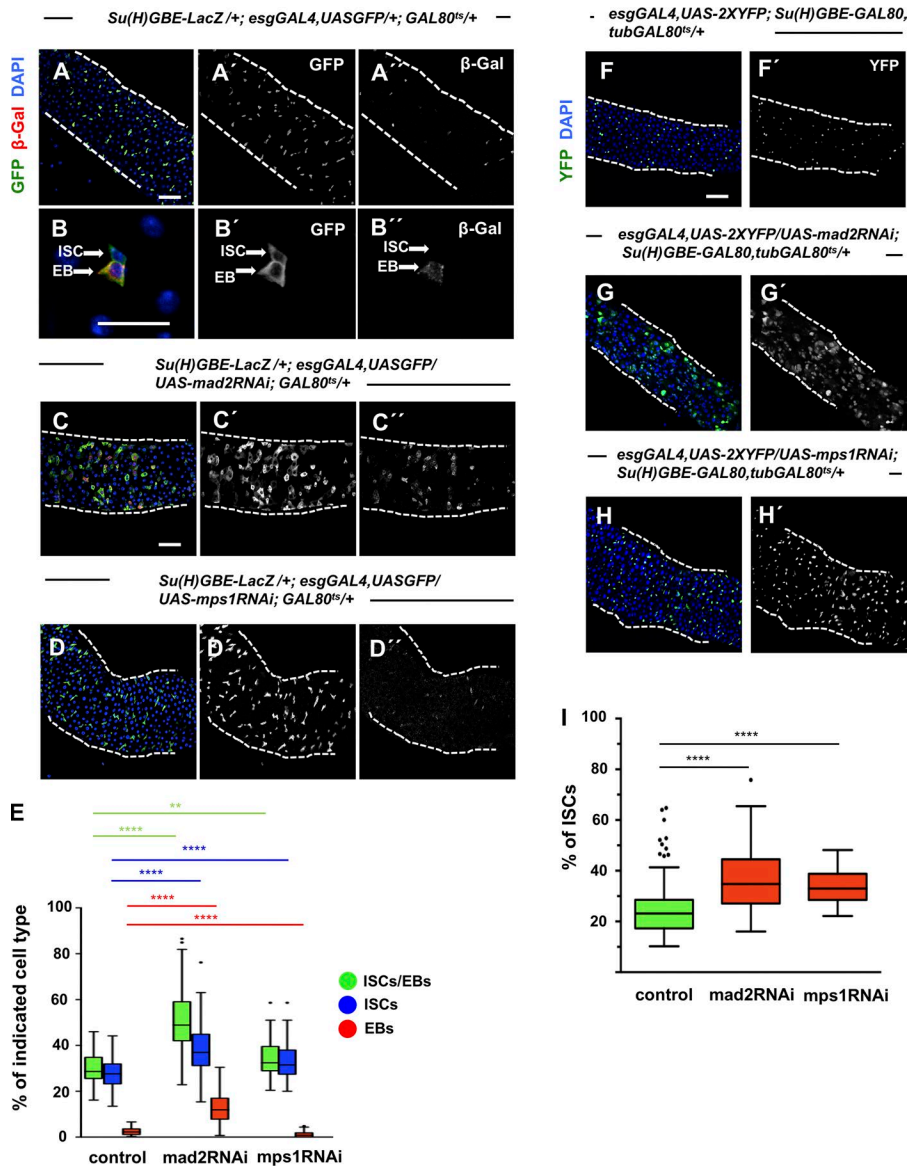
Autonomous activation of JNK in ISCs/EBs modulates their response to aneuploidy induction

Epithelial damage or stress has been shown to cause JNK activation in the *Drosophila* intestine (Biteau et al., 2008; Buchon et al., 2009; Jiang et al., 2009), a pathway that has also been shown to mediate the development of a tumorigenic phenotype after aneuploidy induction in *Drosophila* imaginal discs (Dekanty et al., 2012). Based on this, JNK represented a strong candidate to be implicated in the development of intestinal dysplasia after aneuploidy induction. To determine the level of JNK activation, we used the reporter line puckered-LacZ (Martín-Blanco et al., 1998). In control intestines, we observed a very low signal in very few cells per intestine (Fig. 8, A and B), in sharp contrast with intestines where aneuploidy was induced, where the majority of cells across the entire intestinal section showed strong activation of JNK in both progenitor and differentiated cells (Fig. 8, C–F). Expression of a dominant-negative form of the protein Basket (*Bsk^{DN}*) within ISCs/EBs has been shown to be sufficient to prevent JNK activation in these cells and rescue dysplastic phenotypes associated with cellular stress (Biteau et al., 2008; Buchon et al., 2009). Importantly, expression of *Bsk^{DN}* per se does not impact epithelia homeostasis or stem cell behavior. To test whether JNK autonomous inactivation within ISCs/EBs could rescue the dysplastic phenotype, *Bsk^{DN}* was coexpressed together with mad2RNAi (Fig. 8 G). Although at 10 d, down-regulation of JNK in ISCs/EBs leads to a partial rescue, at 20 d, we could observe a full rescue so that the percentage of ISC/EBs is not different from controls (Fig. 8, G and H). This suggests that JNK up-regulation within ISCs/EBs is required for the development of intestinal dysplasia after aneuploidy induction. Interestingly, high levels of accumulation of EEs were still observed even after 10 or 20 d expression of *Bsk^{DN}* (Fig. 8, G and H). Further studies should address which biological pathways drive the accumulation of EEs independent of the JNK after aneuploidy induction.

Discussion

We propose in this study a new model for the impact of aneuploidy in *Drosophila* ISCs. Contrary to published results (Gogendeau et

proliferation were labeled with pH3 (white circle; inset B1), and cell nuclei with DAPI. (C) Example of a mad2RNAi intestine after 5 d recovery as described in A. (D and E) Intestines from control and mad2RNAi after 10 d recovery. (F) Quantification of mitotic cells before and during recovery. (G) 20-d-old control intestine where ISCs and EBs are marked based on *esg* expression (green). EEs can be identified by expression of Pros (nuclear red). Arm marks cell membrane, and DAPI marks cell nuclei. (H) Example of an intestine where RNAi construct against *cenp-meta* was expressed under the control of the *esgGAL4* driver during the first 20 d of the adult. (I) Example of a 20-d-old intestine where the protein SAK was constitutively overexpressed (OE). (J and K) Quantification of the percentage of ISCs/EBs (GFP positive) per total cell number or EEs (Pros positive) in situations G–I. Control data are the same as shown in Fig. 3. Tukey box-plots. *n* (intestines) = 21 flies for control; *n* (intestines) = 32 flies for *cenp-meta*RNAi; *n* (intestines) = 8 for SAK overexpression. (L–N) Same genetic conditions and time point as described for G–I but stained for pH3. Bars: 40 μm (main images); 20 μm (insets). White circles and yellow arrows show pH3-positive cells. (O) Number of mitotic cells present in the first two fields of view of the posterior midgut after the pyloric ring (40× objective) from L–N. Mean ± SD. *, *P* < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.0001; ****, *P* < 0.0001; Mann–Whitney *U* test. *n* (intestines) = 39 flies for control (control data are the same as in Fig. 3); *n* (intestines) = 18 flies for *cenp-meta*RNAi; *n* (intestines) = 24 for SAK overexpression.



al., 2015), where it was proposed that aneuploidy leads to premature differentiation and consequent loss of *Drosophila* adult stem cells, we showed that aneuploidy induction in ISCs leads to intestinal dysplasia characterized by an accumulation of ISCs and EEs and high proliferation rates of ISCs. While the previous study addressing the impact of aneuploidy in ISCs was based on a single genetic condition (loss of function of the SAC gene *bub3* through RNAi), we observed in this study a different phenotype when we impaired the SAC through loss of function of other SAC genes, namely five different genetic conditions (*mad2* and *mps1* mutants as well as *Mad2*, *Mps1*, and *BubR1* RNAi-mediated knockdown). Furthermore, we showed that once aneuploidy is induced, the hyperproliferative status of ISCs is maintained over long periods even if the SAC function is restored. This suggests that once aneuploid genotypes are present, they can by themselves promote an abnormal stem cell behavior. Moreover, the same dysplastic phenotype was observed when aneuploidy was induced independently of SAC activity, namely through impairment of kinetochore function or by centrosome amplification.

Therefore, our results suggest that aneuploidy induction in ISCs results in intestinal dysplasia.

The different phenotype observed with *bub3*RNAi might be explained by a SAC-independent role of *Bub3*, which has been shown to form a complex with histone deacetylases, and this interaction appears to confer transcriptional repressor activity during interphase (Yoon et al., 2004). It is possible that within the genes transcriptionally repressed by this complex, some might affect stem cell maintenance. Interesting parallels can be drawn between our findings and other studies on mammalian models. Consistent with a model where SAC deficiency and aneuploidy induction potentiate tumor development, *mad1* and *mad2* heterozygous mice offspring showed increased incidence of spontaneous tumors (Michel et al., 2001; Iwanaga et al., 2007). However, haploinsufficiency of *bub3* seems to contrast with other SAC gene loss-of-function phenotypes since it does not result in tumorigenesis in mice models (Kalitsis et al., 2005). It would be interesting to revisit these mice models to study how adult stem cells, in different organs, are affected.

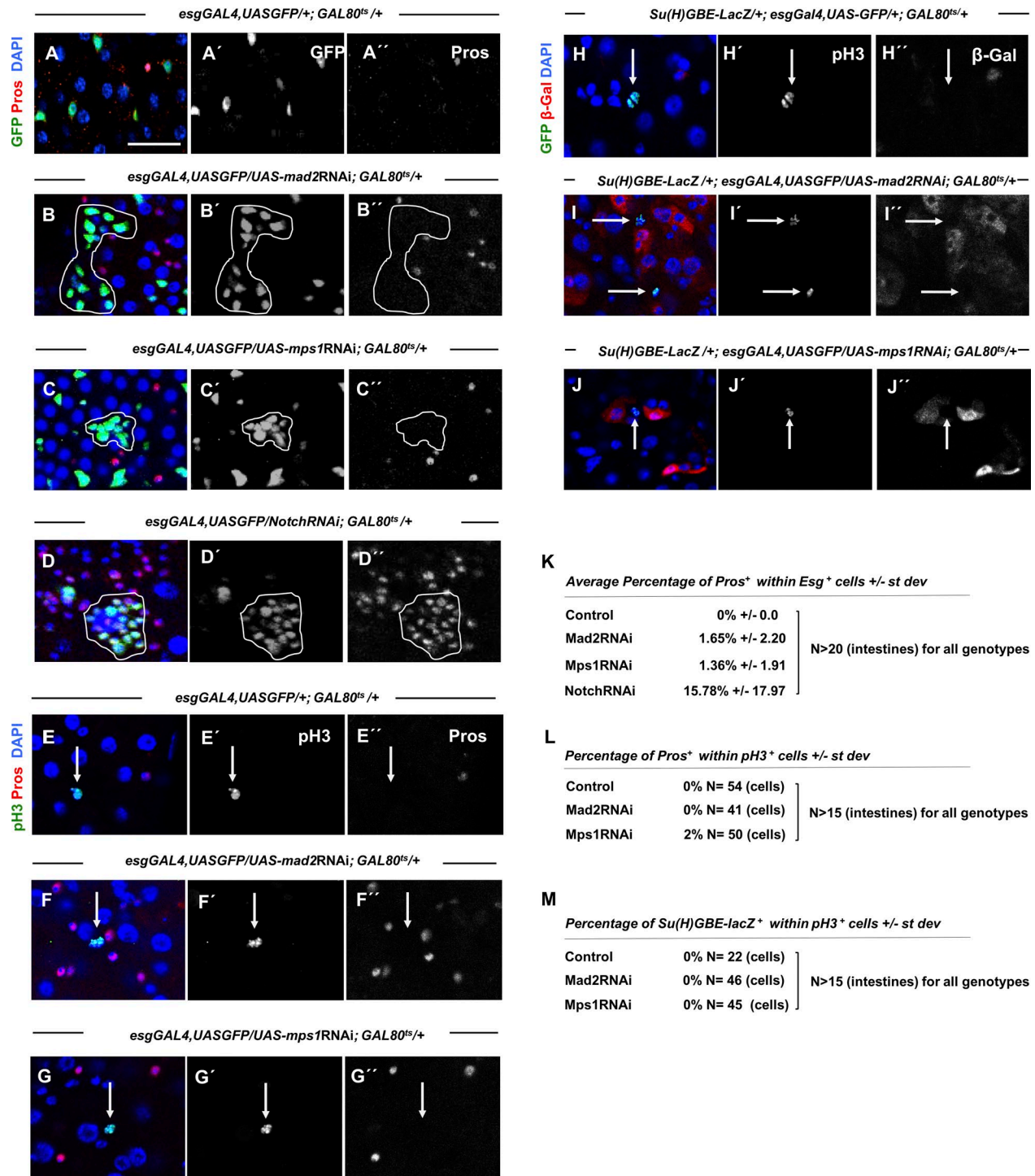
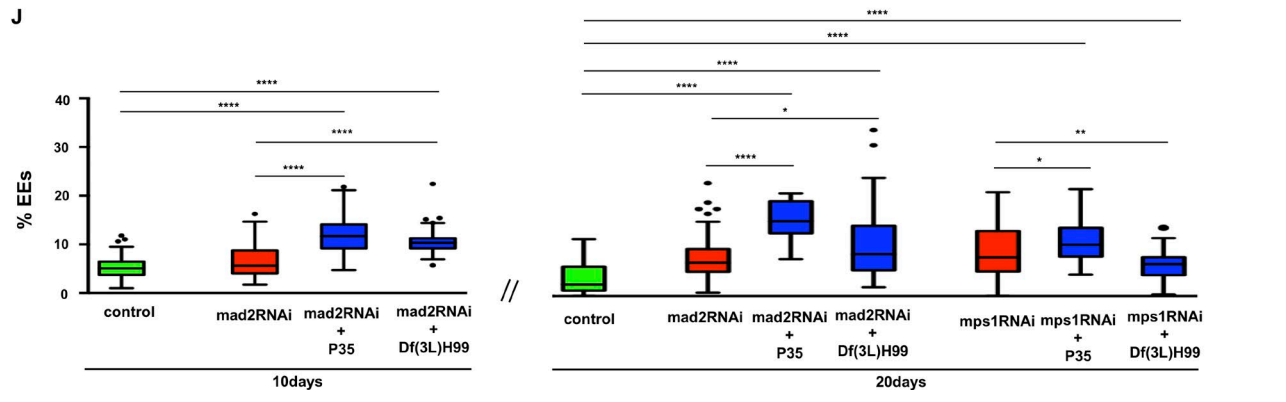
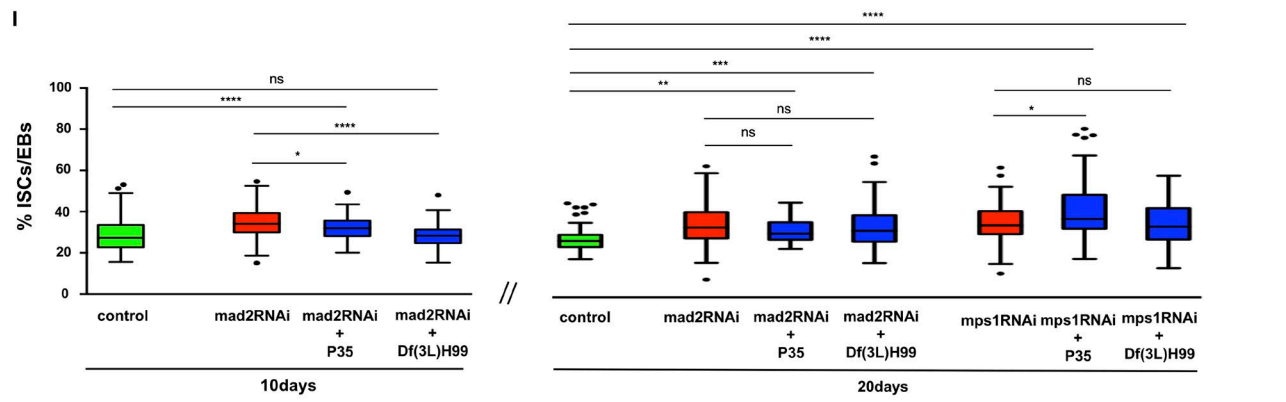
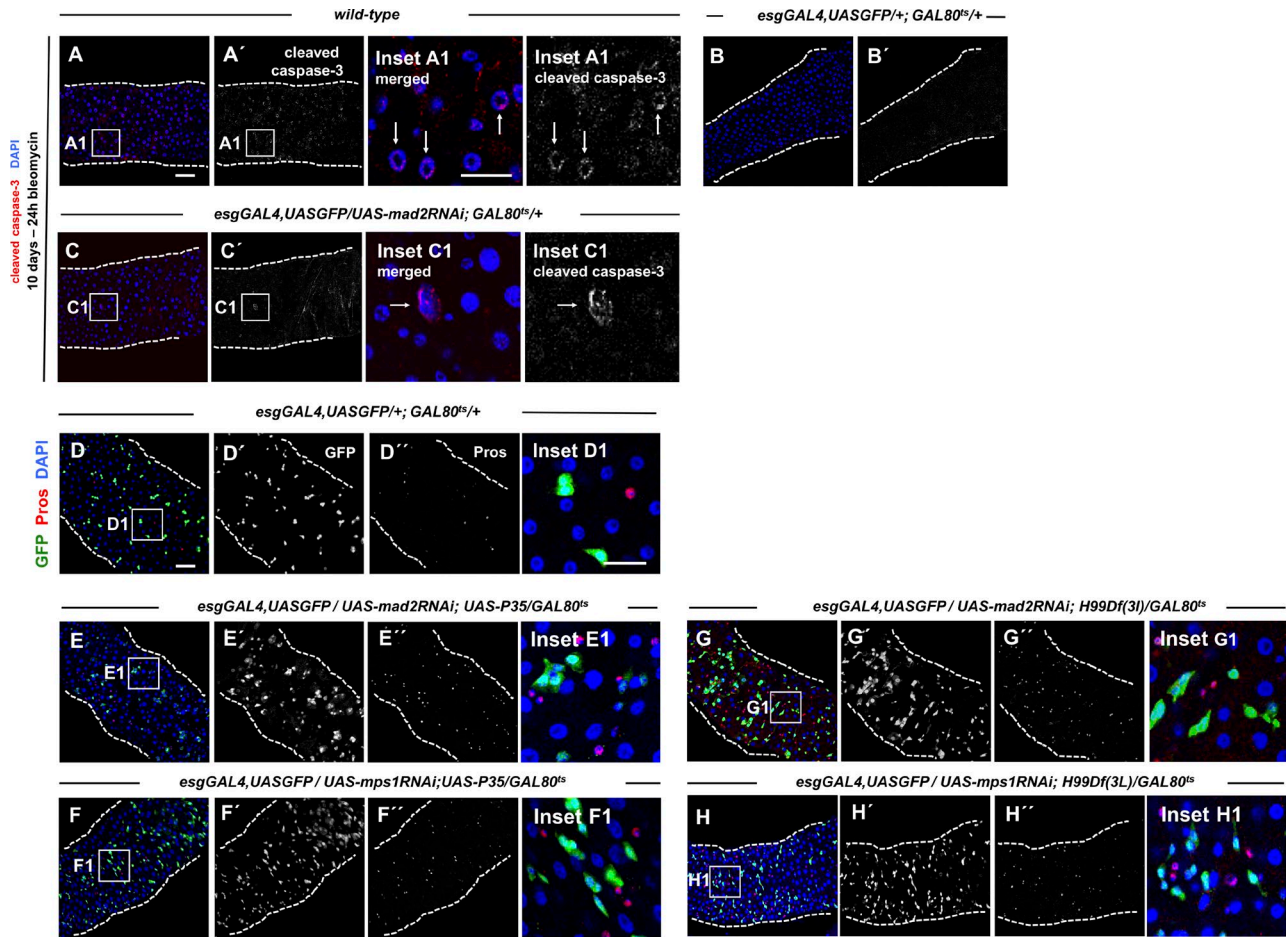


Figure 6. **Dysplasia is driven by overproliferative ISCs.** (A–D) 10–15-d-old control, mad2RNAi, mps1RNAi, and NotchRNAi intestines where ISCs/EBs and EEs are marked by Esg expression (*esgGal4,UASGFP*) and Pros (antibody), respectively. Note that in NotchRNAi flies, the dysplastic regions are generally populated by cells that express both markers of ISCs/EBs and EE lineages, in contrast with mad2RNAi and mps1RNAi. Bar, 20 μ m. (E–G) 10–15-d-old control, mad2RNAi, and mps1RNAi where mitotic cells are labeled with pH3 and EE cells are marked with Pros. (H–J) 10–15-d-old control, mad2RNAi, and mps1RNAi where mitotic cells are labeled with pH3 and EBs are evident by expression of Su(H)GBE-LacZ. Arrows indicate pH3-positive cells. (K–M) Quantifications of overlap between different indicated cell identity markers or mitotic markers in situations described in A–J.

We and others have previously shown that in *Drosophila* imaginal cells, aneuploidy induction results in apoptosis, and only if apoptosis is blocked can a tumorigenic phenotype be observed

(Dekanty et al., 2012; Morais da Silva et al., 2013). Interestingly, the results described in this study indicate that ISCs do not activate apoptotic pathways in response to aneuploidy, suggesting



that these cells are somewhat tolerant to genomic imbalance. Furthermore, ISCs seem to behave differently than stem cells in other *Drosophila* tissues such as the brain. Aneuploidy has been shown not to lead to overproliferation of neuroblasts (Castellanos et al., 2008; Poulton et al., 2017). In the *Drosophila* intestine, expression of the apoptotic inducer reaper (Jiang et al., 2009), exposure to ionizing radiation (Xing et al., 2015), or bleomycin feeding (Tauc et al., 2017) are examples on which the same genetic or chemical insult has been shown to lead to activation of cell death of most differentiated cells but not of ISCs/EBs. These studies and our findings highlight a need to better understand the molecular mechanism underlying the high resistance of intestinal progenitor cells to apoptosis activation.

We observed in this study that aneuploidy induction results in general JNK activation across the intestinal epithelium and that down-regulation of JNK within progenitor cells is sufficient to prevent the accumulation of these cells. It would be important to investigate in future studies the details of how this general tissue response is regulated (in differentiated and nondifferentiated cells) and whether specific cytokines are produced differently by the different cell types.

Current knowledge strongly implies that the effect of aneuploidy on adult stem behavior is tissue specific; therefore, a cautioned extrapolation of our findings to other *Drosophila* or mammalian adult tissues should be performed. Mammalian and *Drosophila* intestinal epithelia share many common similarities that include cell type composition, anatomical compartmentalization, and pathways governing tissue maintenance and regeneration (Apidianakis and Rahme, 2011). As a model organism, *Drosophila* has given significant contributions to our understanding of the development of different human pathologies including diseases that are characterized by an accumulation of progenitor cells and higher proliferation rates like cancer (Gonzalez, 2013). Thus, we provide in this study an *in vivo* model of how stem cell failure to maintain genomic stability can lead to tissue pathology that could help us understand how aneuploidy can impact mammalian tissue homeostasis.

Materials and methods

Fly husbandry and stocks

Flies were raised on standard cornmeal–molasses–agar medium. Female progeny from experimental crosses were collected and maintained with <30 flies per vial. Flies were turned onto fresh food vials every 2 d. The following fly stocks used were from the Bloomington *Drosophila* Stock Center, Vienna *Drosophila* Resource Center, or generous gifts from the fly community as

indicated: *mad2^A*, *aldC⁴⁴²²*, *UAS-mad2RNAi*, *UAS-mps1RNAi*, and *UAS-cenp-metaRNAi* (Bloomington *Drosophila* Stock Center); *esgGal4,UAS-GFP;Gal80^{ts}* and *Su(H)GBE-LacZ;esgGal4,UASGFP;Gal80^{ts}* (gifts from L. Jones, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA); *esgGal4,2×YFP;Su(H)GBE-Gal80,tub-Gal80^{ts}* (gift from S. Xou, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD); *ub-GFP-SAK* (gift from R. Basto, Institut Curie, Paris, France); and *mad2GFP* and *BubR1GFP* (gifts from R. Karess, Université Paris Diderot, Paris, France). WT flies were Oregon R. More detailed information about these stocks can be found at Flybase.

Immunostaining, microscopy, and data analysis

Immunofluorescence (IF) microscopy was performed on whole-mount intestines dissected directly in 4% PFA and left overnight (ON) at 4°C for fixation. After fixation, three 10-min washes with PBST (PBS and 0.1% Triton X-100) were performed, and then samples were incubated for 1 h with a blocking solution of PBST/BSA (PBS, 0.1% Triton X-100, and 1% BSA). Then, samples were incubated with primary antibodies ON at 4°C. Then, three 10-min washes with PBST were performed, and intestines were incubated for 2 h with secondary antibodies protected from light. Last, three 10-min washes with PBST were again performed, and intestines were mounted in Vectashield mounting medium with DAPI (Vector Laboratories). Images were obtained using a TCS SP5 II (Leica Microsystems) confocal microscope with a high-contrast Plan Apochromat CS 40× 1.10 NA objective and LAS 2.6 software. All images were acquired on the first two fields of view of the posterior midgut (after the pyloric ring) on a 40× water objective; based on recent anatomical and physiological characterizations of the *Drosophila* intestine, this corresponds with the P3–P4 (Marianes and Spradling, 2013) or R4–R5 region (Buchon et al., 2013). In this work, we adopted sample sizes that are typically used in the field and for the model system under study. As a general rule, at least 20 intestines were analyzed from at least two biological replicates (progeny from different crosses), and at least 10 of those intestines were used for quantifications. Images were taken from both the top and bottom layers of the intestines. The N mentioned in figure legends corresponds with the number of flies/intestines analyzed, and for each intestine, four images were taken and used for quantifications: two images from the first field of view on the 40× objective (top and bottom) plus two images from the second field of view (top and bottom). Images were analyzed and edited in the following software: LAS X (2.6; Leica Microsystems), Adobe Photoshop, and ImageJ (1.50i; National Institutes of Health). Statistical analyses and graphical displays were performed using Prism 5 (GraphPad Software).

Figure 7. Aneuploidy induction does not result in activation of apoptosis. (A) 10-d-old WT intestine fed 24 h with bleomycin as a positive control for cleaved caspase-3 staining. Many apoptotic cells were detected. Examples are shown in the inset and are indicated by white arrows. **(B and C)** 10-d-old control and *mad2RNAi* intestines stained for cleaved caspase-3. No apoptotic cells were found in the control samples. *n* = 10 intestines. In a total of 17 intestines, apoptotic cells were only found in only two intestines for *mad2RNAi* (two apoptotic cells in one intestine and three in the other). **(D–H)** 20-d-old intestines from controls or flies where *mad2RNAi* or *mps1RNAi* constructs were expressed in ISCs/EBs; apoptosis was blocked either in ISCs/EBs specifically or in all cell types as indicated in respective genotypes. Bars: 40 μm (main images); 20 μm (insets). **(I and J)** Quantification of ISCs/EBs or EEs in conditions described in D–H. Control data are the same as shown in Fig. 3. Control, *mad2RNAi*, and *mps1RNAi* data are the same as shown in Fig. 2. *n* = 20 for 10-d *mad2RNAi* + P35; *n* = 22 for 10-d *mad2RNAi* + H99Df(3L); *n* = 10 for 20-d *mad2RNAi* + P35; *n* = 16 for 20-d *mad2RNAi* + H99Df(3L); *n* = 12 for 20-d *mps1RNAi* + P35; *n* = 16 for 20-d *mps1RNAi* + H99Df(3L). Tukey boxplots; *, *P* < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001; ****, *P* < 0.0001; Mann–Whitney *U* test.

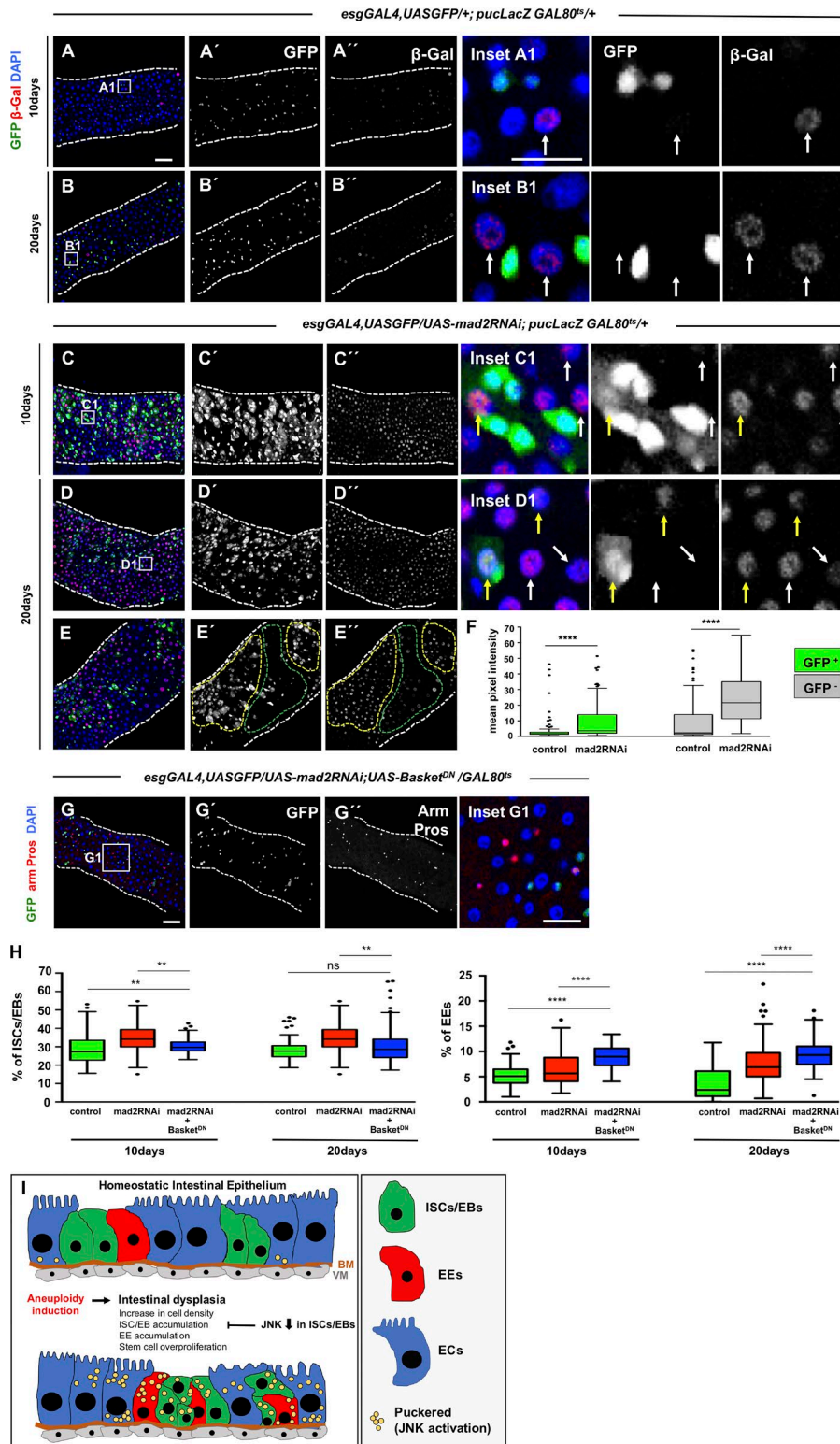


Figure 8. JNK pathway modulates intestinal dysplasia. (A and B) 10- and 20-d-old control intestines where *puclacZ* serves as readout of the activation status of JNK pathway. *puclacZ*-positive cells were found in low intensity and in very reduced numbers (white arrows in the insets show examples of *puclacZ*-positive cells). (C and D) 10- and 20-d-old intestines where *mad2RNAi* was expressed and where a strong up-regulation of *puclacZ* can be noted (compare C'' and D'' with A'' and B''). Up-regulation was found in both progenitor cells (Esg positive; yellow arrows in the insets) and differentiated cells (Esg negative; white arrows in the insets). (E) 20-d-old intestine where *mad2RNAi* was expressed. Note that *puclacZ* is up-regulated within midgut regions where dysplasia is more pronounced (yellow-dashed areas) as opposed to regions within the same gut where dysplasia is absent or less pronounced (green-dashed areas). (F) Quantification of *puclacZ* signal intensity in ISCs/EBs (Esg positive) and differentiated cells (Esg negative) at 20 d. (G) 20-d-old intestine where *mad2RNAi* was coexpressed with *Bsk^{DN}* in ISCs/EBs. Note the absence of dysplasia. Compare with control and *mad2RNAi* in Fig. 2. Bars: 40 μ m (main images); 20 μ m (insets). (H) Quantification of the percentage ISCs/EBs and EEs in control, *mad2RNAi*, and *mad2RNAi* + *Basket^{DN}*. Control and *mad2RNAi* data are the same as shown in Fig. 3. $n = 14$ for 10-d *mad2RNAi* + *basket^{DN}*; $n = 21$ for 20-d *mad2RNAi* + *basket^{DN}*. Tukey boxplots; **, $P < 0.01$; ****, $P < 0.0001$; Mann-Whitney U test. (I) Graphical abstract of results gathered on the impact of aneuploidy induction in the intestine epithelium. BM, basement membrane; VM, visceral muscle.

Antibodies

Intestines were stained with mouse anti-Arm (1:20) and mouse anti-Pros (1:100; Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank; developed under the auspices of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and maintained by the Department of Biological Sciences at The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA), rabbit anti-phosphohistone H3 (pH3; 1:2,500; EMD Millipore), rabbit anti-

Painting of Fourth (POF; 1:500; gift from J. Larsson, Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden), rabbit anti-GFP (1:5,000; Molecular Probes), mouse anti- β -galactosidase (1:1,000; Cappel; 55976; MP Biomedical), rabbit anti-H2AvD (Rockland), rabbit anti-pERK antibody (phospho-p44/42 MAPK; 1:200; 4370; Cell Signaling Technology), and rabbit anti-cleaved caspase-3 (1:200; 9661; Cell Signaling Technology). Secondary antibodies were diluted 1:500 (Molecular Probes).

Colchicine treatments

Solutions of either (1) 0.2 mM colchicine with 5% sucrose (experiment) or (2) 5% sucrose only (control) were prepared fresh on each day of experiment, and 2,000 μ l solution was applied to a filter paper that was placed at the bottom of each empty vial. Flies were transferred into these vials with soaked kimwipe after a period of feeding/aging in normal food: 4–6 d after eclosion in the case of mutants and WT (Fig. 1) and 2 d after eclosion in the case of the RNAi and control experiments (Figs. S1 and S3). After 24 h feeding in vials with control or colchicine solutions, intestines were fixed and subjected to IF in order to evaluate mitotic rates.

FACS analysis

Female intestines were dissected (30–50 per genotype) in 1 \times PBS/1% BSA solution in dissecting slides on ice for \leq 2 h and then transferred to 1.5 ml Eppendorf, also on ice. After all intestines for different genotypes were dissected, initial sample preparation was performed according to Lopes and Casares (2010). Once dissociation of cells was achieved, subsequent protocol steps were then performed as described by Gogendeau et al. (2015). 3.7% formaldehyde in 1 \times PBS was used for fixation, and propidium iodide (PI) and RNase incubation was done ON. PI fluorescence was determined by flow cytometry using a BD FACS Canto II flow cytometer. DNA analysis (ploidy analysis) on single-fluorescence histograms was done using FlowJo (TreeStar). Experimental conditions were always compared with control samples dissected and FACS sorted in the same day. Multiple biological replicates were always performed, and their numbers are indicated in the corresponding figure legends.

FISH

Oligonucleotides probe for dodecaheterochromatic repeats (Chromosome III), and 359 repeats (Chromosome X) were both synthesized with a 5' CY3 by Integrated DNA Technologies. The following sequences were used: 5'-CY3-CCCGTACTGGTCCCGTACTGGTCCCG-3' (Chromosome III) and 5'-CY3-GGGATCGTTAGC ACTGGTAATTAGCTGC-3' (Chromosome X). Our FISH protocol was adapted from previously described methods (Dernburg, 2011; Joyce et al., 2012; Gogendeau et al., 2015). Identification of ISCs/EBs (GFP⁺) is required. Thus, intestines from female flies were dissected and fixed ON in PFA 4%, washed three times in PBST (PBS and 0.3% Triton X-100), blocked for 30 min in 1 \times PBS/BSA, incubated with an anti-GFP antibody (1:1,000) ON, washed three times in PBST, and incubated with secondary antibody for 2 h at room temperature. Intestines were then washed three times in PBST and fixed another time for 40 min in 4% PFA before proceeding with the probe hybridization. Intestines were then washed three times in PBST, 1 \times in 2 \times SSCT (2 \times SSC [EU0300; Eurodemedex]/0.1% Tween-20), and 1 \times in 2 \times SSCT/50% formamide (47671; Sigma-Aldrich). For the prehybridization step, intestines were transferred to a PCR tube containing 92°C prewarmed 2 \times SSCT/50% formamide and denatured for 3 min at 92°C. Intestines were then hybridized for 5 min at 92°C with a previously denatured DNA probe (40–80 ng) in hybridization buffer (20% dextran sulfate [D8906; Sigma-Aldrich]/2 \times SSCT/50% deionized formamide [F9037; Sigma-Aldrich] and 0.5 mg/ml salmon sperm DNA [D1626; Sigma-Aldrich]) 3 min after denaturation at 92°C,

tubes were left ON at 37°C. Samples were then washed with 60°C prewarmed 2 \times SSCT for 10 min and then for 1 \times 5 min in 2 \times SSCT at room temperature. Probe hybridization in intestinal samples was performed in a thermocycler. Samples were then incubated in mounting medium for fluorescence with DAPI (H-1200; Vector Laboratories). In *Drosophila*, high levels of chromosome pairing can be present (Bosco, 2012). Therefore, for the two chromosome probes used, cells were scored as aneuploid only when more than two dots of the respective FISH probes were detected.

Loss of Chromosome IV

Immunostaining with the anti-POF antibody was used to label the fourth chromosome. ISCs/EBs were identified based on *escargot-Gal4* expression cells, and cells without IF signal for the anti-POF antibody were considered to be cells that lost Chromosome IV.

Determination of mitotic angles

ISCs undergoing mitosis were identified by positive staining of the mitotic marker pH3. α -Tubulin was used in combination with pH3 and DAPI to determine the mitotic phase. Spindle orientation in stem cells is dynamic, and mechanisms regulating its position can act until anaphase is initiated (Yadlapalli and Yamashita, 2012)(McNally, 2013). Therefore, in order to measure the final mitotic angle, cells in prometaphase and metaphase were excluded from the analysis, and mitotic angle was only determined in cells at anaphase or telophase. Multiple confocal z stacks were acquired, and 3D reconstructions were performed using ImageJ. In these 3D reconstruction images, one line was drawn aligned with the basement membrane, and another was drawn intersecting the center of the two separating nuclei of the mitotic cell. The angle between these two lines was determined using ImageJ and was considered the angle of stem cell division.

Online supplemental material

Fig. S1 shows that Mps1 overexpression leads to ISC cell-cycle arrest. Fig. S2 shows that unlike Mad2, Mps1, or BubR1 depletion, Bub3 loss of function does not cause a dysplastic phenotype. Fig. S3 shows that SAC impairment and centrosome amplification do not affect the angle of stem cell division. Fig. S4 shows that SAC function is progressively restored in Mad2RNAi intestines upon the shift to 18°C. Fig. S5 shows that kinetochore disruption or centrosome amplification induce aneuploidy and accumulation of ISCs.

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