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53BP1 Enforces Distinct Pre- and Post-Resection Blocks on Homologous Recombination

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SUMMARY

53BP1 activity drives genome instability and lethality in BRCA1-deficient mice by inhibiting homologous recombination (HR). 53BP1's anti-recombinogenic functions require phosphorylation-dependent interactions with PTIP and RIF1/Shieldin effector complexes. While RIF1/Shieldin blocks 5'–3' nucleolytic processing of DNA ends, it remains unclear how PTIP antagonizes HR. Here we show that mutation of the PTIP interaction site in 53BP1 (S25A) allows

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Table S1. Mass Spectrometry analysis of WT and mutant 53BP1. Proteins with >1 total peptides for 53BP1+/+ are shown. Related to Figure 1.

sufficient DNA2-dependent end resection to rescue the lethality of $BRCAI^{-11}$ mice, despite increasing RIF1 "end-blocking" at DNA damage sites. However, double mutant cells fail to complete HR, as excessive Shieldin activity also inhibits RNF168-mediated loading of PALB2/ RAD51. As a result, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice exhibit hallmark features of HR insufficiency, including premature aging and hypersensitivity to PARPi. Disruption of Shieldin or forced targeting of PALB2 to ssDNA in $BRCAI^{D11}53BPI^{S25A}$ cells restores RNF168 recruitment, RAD51 nucleofilament formation, and PARPi resistance. Our study therefore reveals a critical function of Shieldin post-resection that limits the loading of RAD51.

Graphical Abstract

Etoc blurb:

BRCA1 promotes 5'–3' end resection and subsequently loads RAD51 onto 3' single strand DNA to initiate homologous recombination. Callen, Zong et al. demonstrate that 53BP1 antagonizes both key steps in homologous recombination-end resection and RAD51 loading- that are coordinated by BRCA1.

INTRODUCTION

The tumor suppressor BRCA1 coordinates two key steps during DNA double strand break (DSB) repair by homologous recombination (HR) (Chen et al., 2018). Initially, BRCA1 promotes 5'–3' end resection and subsequently, it recruits the PALB2/ BRCA2 mediator

complex to load the RAD51 recombinase onto 3' single stranded DNA (ssDNA). In BRCA1-deficient cells, HR is severely compromised, leading to genome instability during development that precipitates tumorigenesis (Chen et al., 2018). However, 53BP1 loss largely restores HR in BRCA1-deficient mice, resulting in the rescue of the embryonic lethality, and the suppression of cancer predisposition in pre-clinical mouse tumor models (Bouwman et al., 2010; Bunting et al., 2010; Cao et al., 2009). The dramatic rescue of HR in BRCA1-deficient mice is in part due to 53BP1's role in blocking end resection (Bunting et al., 2010). However, in some cell lines, BRCA1 depletion had minimal effects on endprocessing under conditions where RAD51 filament formation was compromised (Zhou et al., 2014). RAD51 filament formation in BRCA1-deficient cells requires alternative recruitment of PALB2/BRCA2 through RNF168-mediated chromatin ubiquitylation (Zong et al., 2019). This raises the question of whether 53BP1, in addition to blocking resection, also antagonizes RNF168-driven RAD51 filament formation.

The pro-end-joining and anti-recombination functions of 53BP1 require phospho-dependent interactions with downstream effectors such as RIF1 and PTIP (Setiaputra and Durocher, 2019). Recently, independent laboratories have discovered components of a "Shieldin complex", which acts downstream of RIF1 to block resection (Dev et al., 2018; Findlay et al., 2018; Gao et al., 2018; Ghezraoui et al., 2018; Gupta et al., 2018; Mirman et al., 2018; Noordermeer et al., 2018). Loss of RIF1 or Shieldin leads to defective immunoglobulin class switch recombination (CSR), blocks the fusion of dysfunctional telomeres and promotes PARPi resistance in BRCA1-deficient cells (Dev et al., 2018; Findlay et al., 2018; Gao et al., 2018; Ghezraoui et al., 2018; Gupta et al., 2018; Mirman et al., 2018; Noordermeer et al., 2018; Setiaputra and Durocher, 2019). However, RIF1 and PTIP also have essential functions in replication and transcription (Alver et al., 2017; Buonomo et al., 2009; Cho et al., 2003; Daniel et al., 2010), making their roles in 53BP1-dependent DSB repair ambiguous.

To determine the contribution of PTIP binding to 53BP1-dependent suppression of end resection and HR, we generated 53BP1-knockin mice harboring a single point mutation (S25A) in 53BP1. The 53BP1^{S25A} mutation selectively impairs PTIP while enhances RIF1 association with DSBs. Surprisingly, the mutant 53BP1 protein is permissive for end resection sufficient to rescue the lethality of $BRCA1$ ^{11} mice, but nevertheless blocks RAD51 loading. Our study thereby uncovers a new role of 53BP1 in antagonizing HR at the post-resection step.

Finally, we report that distinct domains of BRCA1 are capable of counteracting antirecombinogenic functions of 53BP1 pre- and post-resection. Thus, BRCA1 mutant cells lacking exon 11 are severely impaired in DSB resection, while loss of the BRCA1 RING domain maintains resection capability but fails to support RAD51 foci formation. Since pathogenic germline mutations in the RING domain and exon 11 are frequently found in familial breast and ovarian cancers, and may predict poor responses to chemotherapy (Drost et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016), these results have implications for our understanding of cellular mechanisms leading to PARPi and platinum resistance.

RESULTS

53BP1S25A Mutation Increases RIF1 Association with DNA Breaks

To dissect the contribution of phospho-dependent 53BP1-PTIP interaction to DSB repair in a physiological setting that does not compromise replication, MLL3/4 methyltransferase activity (Gong et al., 2009; Ray Chaudhuri et al., 2016) or 53BP1-dependent p53 activation (Cuella-Martin et al., 2016), we replaced serine 25 with alanine in embryonic stem cells (Figure S1A), which were used to generate $53BP1^{525A}$ mice. As expected, homozygous

mutant 53BP1^{S25A} mice were born at normal Mendelian frequencies and did not exhibit any overt phenotype (Figure S1A and data not shown). 53BP1 protein was present at normal levels but irradiation-induced S25 phosphorylation, which is largely ATM-dependent, was absent in 53BP1^{S25A} mice (Figures S1B and S1C). Notably, irradiation-induced foci (IRIF) for RIF1 were significantly elevated in 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs (Figure 1A), while PTIP recruitment to DSBs was undetectable in mutant cells (Figure 1B). Consistent with these findings, analysis by mass spectrometry revealed that RIF1 peptides were enriched, and PTIP peptides were depleted, in 53BP1 immunoprecipitates from cells expressing 53BP1^{S25A} compared to 53BP1^{WT} (Figures 1C, D and Table S1). Thus, the 53BP1^{S25A} mutation specifically impairs PTIP while enhancing RIF1 association with DNA breaks. Conversely, it was shown that mutation of seven N-terminal phosphorylation sites in 53BP1 that decreased RIF1–53BP1 association led to a concomitant increase in PTIP-53BP1 interaction (Callen et al., 2013).

53BP1S25A Rescues the Lethality of *BRCA1Δ11* **mice but Leads to Premature Aging**

Complete loss of 53BP1 is thought to rescue the embryonic lethality of BRCA1-deficient mice by increasing DSB resection (Bunting et al., 2010) as well as by permitting RNF168 mediated loading of RAD51 onto ssDNA (Zong et al., 2019). To examine the relative contribution of each of these processes to embryonic viability, we crossed $53BP1^{525A}$ mice with mice expressing a mutant form of BRCA1 where exon 11 is deleted. While homozygous $BRCAI$ ^{11} mutation is incompatible with viability, we found that $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice were born at expected Mendelian frequencies and reached adulthood (Figures 2A and 2B). Similar to $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{-/-}mice (Bunting et al., 2010), mutant males were sterile and showed reduced testes size (fig. S2A), most likely reflecting BRCA1's role in meiotic sex chromosome inactivation (Turner et al., 2005). However, in striking contrast to BRCA1 11 53BP1^{-/-} mice which exhibit a normal lifespan (Bunting et al., 2010), *BRCA1* 11 53*BP1^{S25A}* mice died prematurely with a median survival of 6 months and maximum lifespan of 92 weeks (Figure 2B). $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice developed pathologies consistent with accelerated aging, including kyphosis, blindness, inflammation, hair graying, and overall reduced activity with only a modest rate of cancer formation $\left(\langle 10\% \rangle \right)$ (Figures 2C and S2B). Thus, a single point mutation in 53BP1 disrupting PTIP binding is sufficient to fully rescue the prenatal lethality of $BRCAI^{-11}$ mice, but it is insufficient to allow normal organismal aging.

Premature aging could be due to elevated DNA damage signaling leading to senescence and apoptosis (Niedernhofer et al., 2018). Already at e13.5, $BRCA1$ $1153BP1^{525A}$ embryos appear smaller than WT (Figure 2D), and mutant primary MEFs prematurely senesced at the

same rate as $BRCAI^{-11}$ cells (Figure 2E). Various tissues from mutant embryos including cerebellum, liver and limb showed TUNEL- and Caspase 3- positive staining indicative of apoptosis (Figure S2C); and increased apoptosis was associated with enhanced levels of DNA damage signaling as measured by Kap1 phosphorylation (Figure S2D). Consistent with the increased neural apoptosis, mutant mice had a smaller brain, although its overall structure was undisturbed (Figure S2E). Thus, despite loss of embryonic cells in vivo and poor growth *in vitro*, the rescue of viability in $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} mice was associated with normal developmental processes but accelerated postnatal aging.

Cells from BRCA1Δ1153BP1S25A Mice Are Severely Comprised for RAD51 Loading

Because RAD51 -dependent HR is largely rescued in $BRCAI$ 11 mice lacking 53BP1, mutant cells are resistant to PARPi and show robust RAD51 foci formation (Bunting et al., 2010). In striking contrast, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice (n=3) died within 9 days after treatment with PARPi. Histological analysis revealed severe injuries to the gastrointestinal tract, including blunting of villi and almost complete obliteration of stem cell crypts (Figure 3A). Consistent with the in vivo response, mutant B cells and MEFs showed hypersensitivity to PARPi as indicated by elevated induction of chromosomal aberrations and increased formation of radials (Figures 3B and S3A). Mutant MEFs also showed marked reduction in colony growth after PARPi treatment (Figure 3C). Moreover, we observed a severe impairment in IR-induced RAD51 foci formation in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs and B cells (Figures 3D and S3B). Notably, the HR defect is more severe in $BRCA1$ $1153BP1^{S25A}$ cells compared to that observed in BRCA1/PTIP-deficient cells (Callen et al., 2013), suggesting that PTIP has additional roles within the MLL3/4 complex independent of its interaction with 53BP1 (Ray Chaudhuri et al., 2016). Moreover, in contrast to 53BP1 ablation (Bunting et al., 2010), the 53BP1S25A mutation rescues the lethality of *BRCA1* 11 mice without restoring HR. Our results therefore indicate that severely reduced HR is compatible with viability but leads to premature aging.

53BP1S25A Mutation Increases End Resection in *BRCA1Δ11* **cells**

We speculated that the mutant 53BP1S25A protein might allow end resection sufficient to rescue lethality of $BRCA1$ ^{11} mice, but inadequate for robust RAD51 foci formation or resistance to PARPi. To quantitate the level of end resection, we generated site specific DSBs by inducible expression of the restriction enzyme AsiSI and performed END-seq, which maps the dsDNA/ssDNA junctions at DSB sites (Canela et al., 2016). We observed considerable variation in resection across individual sites targeted by AsiSI (Figures 4A and S4A). Levels of end resection increased with breakage, which in turn correlated with active chromatin marks (Figures S4B and S4C) (Aymard et al., 2014). By visual inspection, it was clear that MEFs derived from $53BP1^{-/-}$ mice exhibited increased end resection relative to WT, whereas $BRCAI$ ¹¹ MEFs showed reduced nucleolytic processing at all DSB sites (Figures 4A and S4A). Measurement of RPA-bound ssDNA by ChIP-seq (Brick et al., 2018), although less sensitive than END-seq, confirmed these findings (Figure 4A and S4D).

 $53BPI^{S25A}$ mutant MEFs showed slightly longer resection tracts than WT (Figure 4B and S4E). Consistently, we observed mildly increased levels of chromatin bound RPA in mutant cells (Figure S4F). Moreover, single strand annealing (SSA), a mutagenic RAD51-

independent homology-mediated repair pathway that requires end resection (Stark et al., 2004), was slightly elevated (1.4 fold) in $53BPI^{S25A}$ cells (Figure S4G). The average resection length in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{-/-} MEFs was similar to WT and intermediate between 53BP1- and BRCA1-deficiency (Figure 4B). Surprisingly, despite severely compromised IRinduced RAD51 foci (Figure 3D), $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs accumulated elevated levels of ssDNA at AsiSI sites relative to $BRCA1$ ¹¹ or WT (Figure 4B). Moreover, IR-induced chromatin binding of RPA was increased in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells (Figure S4F). Thus, disrupting the 53BP1-PTIP interaction largely rescues the end resection defect associated with BRCA1-deficiency, but *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells are nevertheless defective in loading RAD51.

End Resection is predominantly catalyzed by DNA2 in *BRCA1Δ1153BP1S25A* **cells**

The nucleases EXO1 and DNA2 are thought to act redundantly to promote end resection (Symington, 2016). Consistently, whereas depletion of EXO1 alone or treatment with the chemical inhibitor of DNA2 (NSC-105808) by itself did not decrease IR-induced RPA chromatin binding in replicating WT cells, end resection was significantly decreased when both nucleases were inactivated simultaneously (Figure 4C). However, in $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells, treatment with DNA2i alone significantly reduced IR-induced RPA recruitment to damaged sites while EXO1 inhibition had a smaller impact (Figure 4D). Similarly BLM inhibition (BLMi) significantly reduced RPA foci formation in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells relative to WT (Figure S4H). These data implied that DNA2 activity is normally blocked by 53BP1-PTIP interaction. To determine which machinery catalyzes end resection in the absence of Shieldin, we examined nucleolytic processing in BRCA1 ¹¹SHLD3^{-/-} cells as well as in BRCA1 ¹¹ cells depleted for RIF1. In contrast to BRCA1 ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells, DNA damage induced RPA chromatin binding in BRCA1 11 SHLD3^{-/-} and BRCA1 11 /RIF1-depleted cells was largely dependent on EXO1 (Figures 4E and S4I). Thus, distinct domains in 53BP1 recruit effectors to suppress resection by different nucleases.

Shieldin Interferes with RAD51 loading in *BRCA1Δ1153BP1S25A* **Cells**

To explain the apparent inability of $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells to load RAD51 despite abundant generation of ssDNA, we speculated that the RIF1/Shieldin complex might directly interfere with RAD51 filament formation in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells. Indeed, similar to the $53BPI^{525A}$ single mutant (Figure 1A), $BRCAI^{-11}53BPI^{525A}$ MEFs showed significantly elevated levels of RIF1 foci after IR (Figure S5A). To test the role of Shieldin in limiting RAD51 foci formation on resected DNA ends, we depleted Shld3 in $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} MEFs both by siRNA- and CRISPR/CAS9-mediated deletion. Notably, IR-induced RAD51 foci were restored when Shld3 was depleted from $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} MEFs by either method (Figures 5A and S5B). Moreover, Shld3 depletion suppressed PARPi hypersensitivity in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs (Figures 5B) and S5C). We conclude that Shieldin blocks RAD51 filament formation post-resection in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells.

SHLD2 features OB-fold domains that bind to ssDNA (Dev et al., 2018; Findlay et al., 2018; Gao et al., 2018; Ghezraoui et al., 2018; Gupta et al., 2018; Mirman et al., 2018;

Noordermeer et al., 2018). Forced targeting of SHLD2 to DSBs (by fusing SHLD2 to the RNF8 FHA domain) was found to suppress RAD51 foci formation in BRCA1/53BP1 deficient cells in a manner dependent on the SHLD2 OB-fold (Noordermeer et al., 2018). Similarly, we found that expression of FHA-SHLD2 was sufficient to reduce IR-induced RAD51 foci in WT cells only when the OB fold of SHLD2 was intact (Fig. 5C). However, FHA-SHLD2 did not block IR-induced RPA foci formation (Fig. 5C). Thus, in the presence of RPA-bound ssDNA, the loading of RAD51 is inhibited when SHLD2 is targeted to chromatin.

Since RNF168-dependent PALB2 recruitment is essential for loading RAD51 in BRCA1/53BP1 deficient cells (Zong et al., 2019), we examined PALB2 foci formation in *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells by stable overexpression of GFP-PALB2. While IR-induced PALB2 foci were readily detectable in WT cells, PALB2 foci formation was severely compromised in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells (Figure 5D and S5D). Moreover, PALB2 overexpression did not overcome the defect in RAD51 foci formation (Figure 5E). Based on these findings, we speculated that RIF1/Shieldin interferes with PALB2/BRCA2 loading on ssDNA which prevents efficient RAD51 filament formation in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells.

To test this, we targeted PALB2 to chromatin by fusing PALB2 to the FHA domain of RNF8 (FHA-PALB2) (Zong et al., 2019). Previously, we have shown that forced PALB2 targeting to resected DSBs overcomes the severe HR defect in *BRCA1* $^{11/+}$ *RNF168^{-/-}* cells (Zong et al., 2019). While FHA-PALB2 failed to rescue IR-induced RAD51 foci in resectiondeficient *BRCA1* 11 cells, it restored RAD51 foci formation to WT levels in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells that are proficient in end resection (Figures 5E and S5E). Similarly, whereas FHA-PALB2 failed to mitigate PARPi sensitivity in $BRCA1^{-11}$ cells or enhance PARPi resistance in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{-/-} cells, it markedly reduced the sensitivity of *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells to PARPi (Figures 5F and 5G). PALB2 chromatin targeting also significantly reduced RIF1 foci formation (Figure 5H), consistent with the idea that elevated RIF1/Shieldin activity blocks PALB2 function in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells. Finally, the ability of FHA-PALB2 to rescue PARPi resistance and RAD51 foci formation in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} was dependent on its BRCA2-interaction domain (WD40) but not its chromatin association motif (ChAM) (Figure S5F, S5G), consistent with the idea that PALB2 recruits and is reliant on BRCA2 to assemble RAD51 (Kowalczykowski, 2015).

To directly examine RAD51 loading on ssDNA, we performed chromatin immunoprecipitation of ssDNA-bound RAD51 (Brick et al., 2018) at AsiSI cleaved sites. Consistent with immunofluorescence analyses, forced targeting of PALB2 to chromatin permitted RAD51 loading onto 3' ssDNA in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells, while it did not nucleate RAD51 filaments at DSB sites in $BRCA1$ ^{11} cells (Figure 5I and S5H), presumably because of the lack of sufficient ssDNA. Thus, the post-resection HR defect in BRCA1 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells is caused by an inability to recruit PALB2/BRCA2 to damaged chromatin.

Shieldin Interferes with the RNF168 Ubiquitylation Pathway that Loads RAD51

We have recently shown that in addition to its requirement for initiating 53BP1 recruitment to DSBs early after DNA damage, the E3 ubiquitin ligase RNF168 acts redundantly with

BRCA1 to load PALB2/RAD51 on resected DNA ends (Zong et al., 2019). Indeed, we found that the accumulation of RNF168 at DSB sites during S-phase is dependent on endresection as it is abrogated in BRCA1 -deficient cells, and in WT cells deficient in EXO1/ DNA2 (Figures 6A and 6B). Moreover, RNF168 loading in S phase is dependent on ATR signaling as it is severely compromised when cells are pretreated with ATRi (Fig. 6C). Because 53BP1 associates with Shieldin on H2A-K15-Ub (Setiaputra and Durocher, 2019), which is also recognized by RNF168 (Doil et al., 2009; Stewart et al., 2009), we hypothesized that the block in PALB2 loading in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{25A} cells might be due to defective association of RNF168 with its own mark post-resection. Indeed, the accumulation of RNF168 foci observed at 4 hours after IR was severely compromised in S-phase *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} cells whereas the initial RNF168 recruitment, necessary for 53BP1/ RIF1/Shieldin deposition was not altered (Figures 6D and 6E). RAD 18, which binds H2A-K15-Ub produced by RNF8/RNF168 (Hu et al 2017; Huang et al., 2009; Panier et al., 2012), also showed defective IRIF in S phase *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells 4 hours post IR (Figure 6F and 6H). Importantly, deletion of Shld3 in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} rescued both RNF168 and RAD18 recruitment (Figures 6G and 6H). Thus, Shieldin blocks the RNF168-mediated chromatin ubiquitylation pathway in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells post resection, thereby compromising BRCA1-independent HR.

RING-less BRCA1 Supports End Resection but not RAD51 Loading

The RING (really interesting new gene) domain of BRCA1 posesses ubiquitin ligase activity and is required for stable interaction with BARD1 (Baer and Ludwig, 2002). Deletion of BRCA1 exon 2 (*BRCA1* $^{2/2}$) results in an alternative translation initiation producing an Nterminally truncated BRCA1 protein lacking the RING domain (RING-less BRCA1) (Drost et al., 2016; Li et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016). RING-less BRCA1 fails to stabilize BARD1 and is defective for HR (Drost et al., 2016; Li et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016; Zong et al., 2019). In contrast to *BRCA1* $\frac{11}{11}$, we found that *BRCA1* $\frac{2}{2}$ MEFs exhibited robust levels of DSB resection measured by RPA foci, but failed to form RAD51 foci (Figure 7). Since loss of 53BP1 or RNF168 rescues the RAD51 loading defect in *BRCA1* 2^{2} cells (Zong et al., 2019), this indicates that 53BP1 primarily blocks RAD51 loading postresection in cells expressing mutant BRCA1 lacking the RING domain.

DISCUSSION

Our study supports a model in which RIF1/Shieldin and PTIP associate independently with 53BP1 to regulate distinct end resection pathways. Although they interact with different phosphorylation sites on 53BP1, RIF1 and PTIP appear to partially occlude one another. This results in the observed increase in IRIF for RIF1 in 53BP1^{S25A} mutant cells that are incapable of binding PTIP. Nevertheless, elevated RIF1/Shieldin activity at DSBs is insufficient to inhibit end resection on its own. Interestingly, long-range resection is normally mediated by a combination of EXO1 and DNA2, but is catalyzed predominantly by DNA2 in PTIP-defective *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells (Figures 4D and S6) and by EXO1 in Shieldin-defective BRCA1 11 SHLD3^{-/-} or BRCA1 11 /RIF1-depleted cells (Figures 4E) and S6). Thus, mutually exclusive phosphorylation-mediated interactions with PTIP and RIF1/Shieldin enable 53BP1 to independently suppress end resection by distinct nucleases.

Although loss of either 53BP1 effectors restores end resection to normal levels in BRCA1 deficient cells, they differentially impact downstream steps of HR. In $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells, the continued presence of Shieldin on chromatin post-resection greatly reduces the loading of RAD51 on ssDNA (Figure S6). Defective RAD51 loading may in turn promote further hyperresection in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells. Inefficient RAD51 filament assembly is apparently sufficient to rescue the prenatal lethality associated with $BRCA1$ ^{11} mutation, but is inadequate to support normal lifespan in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25 $\ddot{\text{a}}$} mice even though the cancer rate is not markedly increased. These phenotypes are reminiscent of dominant negative RAD51 mutations found in Fanconi anemia, which do not produce typical features of bone marrow failure or cancer predisposition, but instead cause neuronal defects, microcephaly and sensitivity to DNA damaging agents (Ameziane et al., 2015; Takenaka et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2015).

How does 53BP1/Shieldin block RAD51 filament assembly? RAD51 recombinase activity is facilitated by numerous proteins including BRCA2, RAD54 and the family of RAD51 paralogs which act at different stages of HR (Kowalczykowski, 2015). BRCA2 must first displace RPA from resected DNA ends to enable subsequent deposition of RAD51 on ssDNA (Kowalczykowski, 2015). Shieldin, RPA and BRCA2/PALB2 are all OB-fold containing complexes with ssDNA binding activity (Setiaputra and Durocher, 2019). An interesting possibility is that RPA and Shieldin may form mixed polymers on ssDNA. Although BRCA2 has higher affinity for ssDNA than RPA, it is possible that BRCA2 cannot efficiently displace Shieldin to allow nucléation of RAD51 filament. Indeed, we show that forced targeting of SHLD2 to DSBs is inhibitory to the replacement of RPA by RAD51 (Fig. 5C). Nevertheless, the block in HR in $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} cells, associated with elevated of RIF1/Shieldin activity, can be overcome by forced PALB2 loading to chromatin (Figures 5E–5H) in a manner dependent on PALB2's interaction with BRCA2 (Fig. S5F and S5G). In BRCA1 -deficient cells, the recruitment of PALB2/BRCA2 to ssDNA is dependent on RNF168-driven H2A-K15 ubiquitylation (Zong et al., 2019). Our data thus suggest that Shieldin binding to resected ends can directly compete with RNF168, leading to defective PALB2 accrual which prevents the nucléation of RAD51 filaments (Fig. S6). However, a more direct role of Shieldin in antagonizing BRCA2 activity cannot be discounted.

The post-resection anti-recombination functions of 53BP1 described herein may be relevant to the mechanism of chemotherapy resistance in a subset of BRCA1-mutated tumors. Germline pathogenic mutations in the RING domain, exemplified by the 185delAG founder mutation commonly found in the Ashkenazi Jewish population, are associated with breast and ovarian cancers, and predict poor responses to chemotherapy (Drost et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016). Therapy resistance in this setting has been linked to overexpression of the hypomorphic RING-less BRCA1 protein, and is associated with partially recovered RAD51 loading and HR (Drost et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016). By contrast, we found that noncancerous cells expressing RING-less BRCA1 at physiological levels, despite robust end resection, are highly defective in RAD51 loading (Figures 7), which can be corrected by loss of 53BP1(Zong et al., 2019). We therefore propose that when the RING-less BRCA1 is overexpressed in cancers, its residual hypomorphic activity is able to partially overcome 53BP1/Shieldin binding to resected DNA ends, leading to partial restoration of HR and development of chemotherapy resistance.

In summary, expression of $53BP1^{S25A}$ on a *BRCA1*-mutant background produces a striking uncoupling of end resection from downstream RAD51 loading and suggests that embryonic viability requires end resection but not necessarily efficient HR. These data support a model in which 53BP1 antagonizes two key steps in HR that are normally mediated by BRCA1.

STAR Methods

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All unique/stable reagents generated in this study are available from the Lead Contact with a completed Materials Transfer Agreement.

Experimental Model

A targeting construct containing the S25A mutation in murine 53BP1 was constructed by amplification of sequences from BAC clone RP23–179G19 (CHORI, Oakland, CA). Briefly, the left homology arm consisting of 5.1 kB of sequence prior to exon 2 of 53BP1 was inserted into an Entry clone using Gateway recombinational cloning (ThermoFisher, Carlsbad, CA) and flanked by Gateway attB4 and attB1 sites. The right homology arm consisting of exon 2 with an embedded S25A mutation and 3.1 kB of downstream homologous DNA in the subsequent intron was constructed using overlap extension PCR to introduce the appropriate mutation (TCT to GCT) and flanked by Gateway attB2 and attB3 sequences. Homology arm clones were sequenced in their entirety to ensure that no PCR mutations were introduced during amplification. Validated clones were used in a Multisite Gateway recombination reaction along with a selection cassette consisting of an attB1-attB2 flanked reverse orientation PGK promoter-neomycin resistance-BgH polyA fragment and introduced into a Gateway pUC19 destination vector with flanking attR4 and attR3 sites. The final targeting clone consists of the 9.1 kB sequence: left homology arm-(pA-neo-PGK)-exon 2 S25A-right homology arm and is flanked by NotI sites for release of the transgene from the vector backbone. Two derivative targeted ES clones were injected into C57BL/6 blastocysts. The resultant chimeric offspring was backcrossed with wild-type C57BL/6 mice, producing $53BP1^{+/S25A}$ animals. Germline transmission of the targeted allele was confirmed by PCR (forward primer: 5' ggagatggctgagaaagtgc 3'; reverse primer: 5' tcccctggaatggaataaca 3'). The PGK-neo cassette was removed by crossing to β-actin-Cre transgenic mice (Jackson Laboratory). $BRCA1^{+/11}$ mice were obtained from the NCI mouse repository. $53BP1^{-/-}$ mice were a gift from Junjie Chen. $p53^{-/-}$ mice were obtained from Taconic Biosciences. All mouse breeding and experimentation followed protocols approved by the National Institutes of Health Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Method details

MEFs generation—Mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) were generated from E13.5 embryos and grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM, GIBCO) supplemented with 15% heat-inactivated fet al bovine serum (FBS, Gemini Bio-Products) and 1% penicillin + streptomycin (GIBCO). To establish immortalized MEF cell lines,

primary MEFs between passages 2–4 were transiently transfected with a vector encoding SV40 T-antigen (pCMV-SV40T). SV40-immortalized MEFs were routinely cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10 or 15% FBS.

For knockdown of Shieldin-3 in MEFs, CRISPR/Cas9 technology was used by cloning the gene-specific gRNAs into pX459 vector (Sense 5' CACCGGGAAGTTTGGACTCATCGTA 3' and Antisense 5' AAACTACGATGAGTCCAAACTTCCC 3') as described (Gupta et al., 2018). Cells were transfected with Lipofectamine following manufacturer's procedure, selected with puromycin for 48 hours and subjected to single clone isolation. Confirmation of the mutated loci was done through PCR amplification and sequencing of the targeted region.

For transient depletion of endogenous Shieldin-3, siRNA technology (Invitrogen) was used (Sense 5' GACUGCACAGUAGAUCUCUUGGAGU 3' and Antisense 5' ACUCCAAGAGAUCUACUGUGCAGUC 3'). siRNA was transfected with Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) as per manufacturer's instructions.

For knockdown of EXO1, a pool of TRC lentiviral short hairpins were used (Dharmacon. 71124 antisense 5' ATAGAACTAGACCTACAGAGC 3', 71126 antisense 5' TTATTCCTCATCTTAGACGGG 3' and 71127 antisense 5' ATCCGTCAAATATGAGAATCG 3'). Lentiviral particles were produced by transfecting 293T cells with Lipofectamine-3000 as per manufacturer's instructions. Forty-eight hours later, viral supernatant was harvested and used to transduce MEFs. Cells were selected with puromycin and used two days later. EXO1 knockdown was confirmed by RT-PCR using the following primers: Forward: 5' AGGGGAACAGAACTCCAAGC 3', Reverse2: 5' CCAGGAACCTTGTTCCGTCT 3'. Samples were run and analyzed on a BioRad CFX96 Real-Time PCR detection system. For microirradiation, MEFs were presensitized in DMEM media containing 0.1 μg/ml of Hoechst 33342 for 60 min before replacing it with phenol red free media containing 5 mM HEPES, and then irradiated with the 364-nm laser line on a LSM510 confocal microscope (Carl Zeiss, Inc.) equipped with a heated stage. Cells were allowed to recover for 1 hour before processing for immunofluorescence.

Plasmids and transfection—Retroviral pMX-PIE-based vectors encoding fusion protein of EGFP-FHA-PALB2(del)s were produced as follows: cDNAs corresponding to truncated human PALB2 proteins were produced by PCR amplification from either pDEST-FRT-TO-GFP-PALB2 1–103, -PALB2-deltaCHAM, -PALB2-deltaMRG15, or -PALB2 deltaWD40(gifts from Dr. Daniel Durocher) then ligated with cDNA corresponding to FHA domain of human RNF8 fused with EGFP (Zong et al., 2019). The resulting EGFP-FHA-PALB₂(del) fragments were subcloned into pMX-PIE vector at the multi-cloning site (MluI/ PacI). Infection-competent retroviral particles were assembled in BOSC23 cells cotransfected with the pCL-ECO helper virus.

Retroviral supernatant was collected 40–48 h later to transduce MEFs

Immunoblotting and Immunofluorescence—Western blotting was performed as described previously (Zong et al., 2019). Briefly, cells were collected and lysed in a buffer

containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 200 mM NaCl, 5% Tween-20, 0.5% NP-40, 2 mM PMSF, 2.5 mM β-glycerophosphate (all from Sigma-Aldrich) and protease inhibitor cocktail tablet (complete Mini, Roche Diagnostics). Equal amounts of protein were loaded into precast mini-gels (Invitrogen) and resolved by SDS-PAGE. Proteins were blotted onto a nitrocellulose membrane, blocked with 5% membrane blocking agent (GE Healthcare) in TBS and incubated with the corresponding primary antibody. Primary antibodies were used at the following dilutions: anti-53BP1 (1:1000, Novus Biologicals), anti-phospho53BP1-S25 (1:500, Cell Signaling), anti-Tubulin (1:10,000, Sigma- Aldrich), antiphospho-53(S15) (1:500, Cell Signaling), anti-Chk2 (1:1500, Upstate Biotechnology). Fluorescent secondary antibodies were used at a dilution of 1:15,000 (Li-Cor). Detection of protein bands was performed by fluorescence imaging using a Li-Cor Odyssey CLx imaging system (Li-Cor Biosciences).

For immunofluorescence staining, MEFs were grown on $18 \text{ mm} \times 18 \text{ mm}$ glass coverslips, and B lymphocytes were attached to slides coated with CellTak (BD Biosciences). Prior to $γ$ -irradiation (¹³⁷Cs Mark 1 irradiator, JL Shepherd), cells were incubated with 10 μM EdU (Invitrogen) for 20 min. Where indicated, cells were additionally pretreated with 1 μM NSC-105808 (DNA2i) or 10 μM AZ20 (ATRi) for 1 hour. Following irradiation, cells were allowed to recover for 1 hour or 4 hours. Pre-extraction and fixation of samples were carried out as previously described (Zong et al., 2019). The antibodies used for standard immunofluorescence experiments were anti-RIF1 (1:5,000, gift of Davide Robbiani, Rockefeller University), anti-53BP1 (1:1000, Novus), anti-RAD51 (1:250, Abcam), anti-RPA (1:5,000, Abcam), anti-RNF168 (1:100, R&D Systems), anti-RAD18 (1:5000, Millipore), anti-GFP (1:500, Roche). For laser microirradiation experiments, primary antibodies were anti-γH2AX (1:5000, Upstate Biotechnology) and anti-PTIP (1 μg/ml, gift of Kai Ge). Detection was achieved using fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibodies (Invitrogen). Where indicated, Click-IT chemistry was performed as per manufacturer's instructions. Finally, DNA was counterstained with DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Images were captured at 63× magnification with an AxioCam MRC5 attached to an Axio Observer Z1 epifluorescence microscope (Zeiss) or at $40\times$ magnification on a Lionheart LX automated microscope (BioTek Instruments, Inc.). Quantification of nuclear foci and total nuclear intensity was performed using the Gen5 spot analysis software (BioTek). ZEN Blue (Zeiss) was used to quantify fluorescence intensities of laser stripes.

Metaphase spreads, clonogenic survival and viability assays—Activated asynchronous B cells and MEFs were treated with 1 μM PARPi (AZD2281, Selleckchem) for 16 hours, subsequently arrested at mitosis with 0.1 μg/ml colcemid (Roche) and metaphase chromosome spreads were prepared as previously described (Zong et al., 2019). Images were acquired using a Metafer automated scanning and imaging platform (MetaSystems).

To assay for clonogenic survival, MEFs were seeded in 6 cm dishes and treated continuously with 1 μM PARPi (Selleckchem) or exposed to the indicated doses of IR. After 9 days, culture dishes were stained with 0.5% crystal violet. Colonies containing >50 cells were counted. Clonogenic survival for a given treatment was calculated relative to the plating efficiency in non-treated controls.

To determine cell growth and viability, MEFs were plated in 6-well plates (10,000 per well) and treated continuously with different doses of PARPi for 10 days. The drug-containing medium was replenished every three days and cells were subcultured when they approach confluency. On day 10, cell viability was determined using the CellTiter-Glo Luminescent Cell Viability Assay (Promega) as per manufacturer's instructions.

Single Strand Annealing (SSA) assay—To measure SSA, MEFs resuspended in 800 μl of OptiMEM were elecroporated with 15 μg of linearized SA-GFP reporter (Stark et al., 2004). Cells were selected in puromycin, and puromycin-resistant clones were pooled for analysis. The pools of clones were seeded onto a 24 well dish at $5-7 \times 10^5$ cells per well, transfected the next day with 0.5 μg of I-SceI expression plasmid (pCBASce) or GFP expression plasmid with 1.8 μl Lipofectamine 2000 (Thermofisher) overnight. GFP+ cells were analyzed three days after the start of transfection, using a CyAN ADP cytometer (Beckman Coulter). Repair frequencies were normalized to transfection efficiency, using the parallel transfections with the GFP expression vector.

Purification of TAP-53BP1 complex and MS/MS analysis—Purification of 53BP1 was performed using an established tandem immunoaffinity method (Nakatani and Ogryzko, 2003). Flag-HA-53BP1 was stably expressed after transduction of pOZ-Flag-HA-53BP1 retrovirus into HeLa-S cells. Cells were harvested and resuspendend in 5X volume of hypotonic buffer (10 mM Tris, pH 7.3, 10 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl2, 0.2 mM PMSF, 10 mM β-mercaptoethanol, and protease inhibitors (Pierce)). Cells were pelleted by spinning at 2,500 rpm, resuspended in 1X pellet volume of hypotonic buffer and homogenized using a dounce tissue grinder (Wheaton). Nuclear material was pelleted, resuspended in 0.5X pellet volume of low salt buffer (20 mM Tris pH 7.3, 20 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl2, 0.2 mM EDTA, 25% glycerol, 0.2 mM PMSF, 10 mM β-mercaptoethanol, and protease inhibitors), and dounced again. 0.5X pellet volume of high salt buffer (20 mM Tris pH 7.3, 1.2M KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl2, 0.2 mM EDTA, 25% glycerol, 0.2 mM PMSF, 10 mM β-mercaptoethanol, and protease inhibitors) was slowly added to nuclear extract, which was subsequently stirred for 30–45 minutes. Extract was spun down at 14,000 rpm for 30 minutes and the soluble material was dialyzed in BC100 buffer (20 mM Tris pH 7.3, 100 mM KCl, 0.2 mM EDTA, 20% Glycerol, 0.2 mM PMSF, 1 mM β-mercaptoethanol). 53BP1 complex was purified from the nuclear extract using anti-Flag (M2) resin (Sigma), followed by purification using anti-HA (F-7) resin (Santa Cruz) in TAP buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.9, 100 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl2, 10% glycerol, 0.1% NP-40, 1 mM DTT, and protease inhibitors). For both Flag and HA purifications, nuclear extract was rotated with resin for 4 hours, washed extensively with TAP buffer, and eluted with 0.4 mg/mL of Flag or HA peptide (Sigma). After elution, the complex was TCA precipitated and associated proteins were identified by LC-MS/MS using an LTQ Orbitrap Velos Pro ion-trap mass spectrometer (ThermoFisher) and Sequest software.

In vivo **PARP inhibitor treatment and histopathological analyses—**

 $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} and WT littermate control mice were administered PARPi (AZD2281) prepared in 10%DMSO/90% Captisol via oral gavage. Mice were treated with 40 mg/kg of PARPi daily in a volume of approximately 100 μ1 and monitored daily for

changes in health status following PARPi treatment. H&E staining was routinely performed on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissues. Gut rolls of the small intestine, cecum, and large intestine were digitized with an Aperio ScanScope XT (Leica) at $200\times$ in a single zplane. Aperio whole-slide images were evaluated by a board-certified veterinary pathologist.

Sections were photographed at $10\times$ magnification. Mice were perfused transcardially with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA), while embryos were drop-fixed in 4% PFA and tissues were cryoprotected in 25% PBS-buffered sucrose solution, embedded in O.C.T. and sectioned sagittally at 10 μm using an HM500M cryostat (Microm). Immunohistochemistry was performed after antigen retrieval. Antibodies used were: anti-Tbr1 (1:250; Synaptic Systems #328005) and anti-phospho KAP1(Ser-824) (1:500; Bethyl Labs, #A300–767A). Immunostaining of active caspase-3 was visualized with a VIP substrate kit (Vector Laboratories) and biotinylated secondary antibody and avidin-biotin complex (Vectastain Elite kit; Vector Laboratories). Sections were counterstained with 0.1% methyl green (Vector Laboratories), dehydrated and mounted with DPX (Fluka). For fluorescence detection, FITC or Cy3 conjugated secondary antibodies (Jackson Immunologicals) were used and nuclei were counterstained with 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) or propidium iodide (Vector Laboratories). TUNEL staining was done using the ApopTag system (Chemicon).

Magnetic Resonance and X-Ray imaging—Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was performed using a 7 T Bruker ClinScan system (Bruker BioSpin MRI GmbH, Germany) equipped with 12S gradient coil. A two-channel surface coil was used for MR imaging. Animals were anesthetized and maintained with 1.5–2% isoflurane during MRI sessions. Data analysis was done by manually segmenting the regions and computing volumes using OsiriX (v5.7, Pixmeo, Switzerland).

For the kyphosis study, mice were imaged in the prone position for a 3-bed position X-ray Computed Tomography (CT) (Inveon Multi-Modality PET/CT, Siemens Medical Solutions, Knoxville, TN). X-ray CT step and shoot acquisition parameters were: 80 kVp, 500 μA, 1000 msec per step, 180 steps covering 360-degrees. X-ray CT images were reconstructed using a Feldkamp cone beam algorithm with a Shepp-Logan smoothing filter resulting in $512\times512\times1170$ matrix (0.08 \times 0.08 \times 0.08 µm pixel size). Images were linearly calibrated to Hounsfield units (air: −1000 HU, water: 0 HU). The X-ray CT 3D images (orthogonal axial, coronal, and sagittal views) were displayed using a medical image viewer (MIM v 6.6.5, MIM Software Inc, Cleveland, OH) and a pseudo-3D maximum intensity projection (MIP) was implemented to rotate and translate the mouse into perpendicular orientation for analysis

END-seq and ChIP-SSDS—A retrovirus encoding AsiSI (pTRE3G-HA-ER-AsiSI) was stably transduced into the indicated MEF cell lines as previously described (Canela et al., 2016). Exponentially growing AsiSI-expressing MEFs were treated with 1 μM doxocyclin (DOX) for 24 hours and then, for 5 hours with 4-OHT, resulting in the nuclear translocation of AsiSI. MEFs were harvested and 9 million cells were embedded in agarose plugs, after which END-seq was performed as described (Canela et al., 2017). END-seq reads were aligned to the mouse (GRCm38p2/mm10) genomes using Bowtie (version 1.1.2) (Langmead et al., 2009) with parameters -n 3 -k 1 −1 50. Break intensity was measured by integrating

the RPKM values within 100 bp of each AsiSI break site. To quantify the width of maximum resection endpoint (in bp), a sliding window containing twenty 100 bp bins was used, starting from the AsiSI site out to 20 kb to the right side. When more than half of the bins within this sliding window had an RPKM value equal to or lower than the background, then the last bin within the window with a detectable signal over background was regarded as the maximum resection endpoint. Background was determined by the maximum END-seq signal for 100 bp bins more than 20 kb (within 20 kb-30 kb) away from individual AsiSI sites.

To map ssDNA bound by RAD51 and RPA at AsiSI sites (ChIP-SSDS), we first captured DNA bound by RAD51 or RPA. Twenty million cells were harvested for chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) using an anti-RAD51 (Abcam #176458, 10 μg/sample) or anti-RPA antibody (Abcam #10359, 10 μg/sample). ssDNA that spontaneously forms hairpins after heat renaturation was then enriched and sequenced as described (Brick et al., 2018).

Statistical analyses—Unless indicated, all data are presented as individual replicates. The total number of replicates, mean and error bars are explained in the figure legends. The statistical tests (Mann-Whitney, Welch's, Mantel-Cox and Wilcox Rank Sum) and resulting ^P values (represented by asterisks) are indicated in the figure legends and/or figure panels and were calculated using GraphPad Prism and R software (ns = $p>0.05$; * = p 0.05; ** = p 0.01; *** = p 0.001; **** = p 0.0001).

Data and code availability—The datasets generated during this study are available at GEO with accession GEO: GSE133808. [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE133808) [acc=GSE133808.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE133808)

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Highlights

- **•** Point mutation 53BP1^{S25A} rescues lethality of BRCA1¹¹ mice without restoring HR
- 53BP1^{S25A} mutation uncouples 53BP1 end blocking activities pre- and postresection
- **•** RIF1/Shieldin blocks BRCA1 independent loading of RAD51 onto single strand DNA
- **•** Shieldin and PTIP associate with 53BP1 to regulate distinct end-resection pathways

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DAPI RIF₁ **MERGED** 30 $\overline{\mathbf{s}}$ $RIF1$ foci/nucleus 53BP1^{925A} $33BP1+$ wі 53BP1^{S25A} \overline{B} PTIP DAPI √H2AX **MERGED** Cells with PTIP/_{/H2AX} ξ colocalization (%) $\overline{2}$ Ω $\overline{0}$ wт 53BP1^{825A} $\mathbf c$ D $2⁰$ **53BP1 (Bait)** 53BP1^{825A} normalized ion intensity Relat. 53BP1^{825A}/53BP1^{WT} 3 $2⁻¹$ ion intensity \overline{z} $2²$ \circ PTIP 53BP1 $RIF1$ $2 - 10$ $2 - 20$.
20 53BP1^{WT}normalized ion intensity

Figure 1. Serine 25 to Alanine mutation in 53BP1 compromises PTIP binding while increasing RIF1 association at DSBs.

(A) Left: WT, $53BPI^{-/-}$ and $53BPI^{525A}$ MEFs were assayed for RIF1 (red) IRIF (10 Gy, 1 hour recovery). Cells were counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bar represents 10 μm. Right: quantification of RIF1 foci per nucleus in WT and $53BPI^{525A}$ MEFs, normalized by nuclear area (per $100 \mu m^2$). A minimum of 300 nuclei were quantified per condition using the Gen5 spot analysis software. A representative experiment (n=3) is shown. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test. (B) Left: PTIP (red) recruitment to laser microirradiation damage in WT and $53BP1^{525A}$ MEFs. Damaged cells are indicated by γ-H2AX tracks (green). Scale bar represents 10 μm. Right: quantification of cells with PTIP/γ-H2AX colocalization. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-

test. (C, D) Graphs depicting the relative ion intensities for 53BP1, RIF1 and PTIP peptides associated with the 53BP1 complex in HeLa-S cells expressing FLAG-HA-53BP1S25A or FLAG-HA-53BP1WT, as determined by mass spectrometry.

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Figure 2. 53BP1S25A mutation reverts lethality of *BRCA1Δ11* **mice but promotes accelerated aging and an elevated rate of senescence**

(A) Table showing the expected and observed frequency of breeding outcomes from $BRCA1^{+/11}$ 53BP1^{+/S25A} x $BRCA1^{+/11}$ 53BP1^{+/S25A} intercrosses. (B) Kaplan-Meier survival analysis of WT and *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice (n=14). A significantly shorter lifespan was observed in *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice compared to WT (p < 0.0001). Logrank (Mantel-Cox) test was used to determine statistical significance. (C) Representative Xray CT projection image showing increased kyphosis in a 4 month old *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} mouse compared with a WT littermate. (D) Representative image of E13.5 WT, *BRCA1* ¹¹, 53BP1^{S25A} and *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} embryos showing the decrease in size of *BRCA1* ¹¹ and *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} animals. (E) *In vitro* growth of primary WT, $BRCA1$ 11 , $53BP1^{525A}$ and $BRCA1$ $^{11}53BP1^{525\ddot{a}}$ MEFs at passage 2.

Figure 3. *BRCA1Δ1153BP1S25A* **mice are sensitive to PARPi and defective in RAD51 filament assembly**

(A) Representative histological images of the small intestine of *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} and WT littermate controls upon treatment with PARPi by daily oral gavage. Image was taken 9 days after treatment. In *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice, small intestinal villi are blunted and fused and the lamina propria is expanded by increased inflammatory cells; intestinal crypts are unorganized and cells display atypia. (B) Genomic instability (chromosome breaks and radials) measured in metaphase spreads from B lymphocytes derived from WT, $BRCA1^{-11}$, 53BP1^{S25A} and BRCA1 11 53BP1^{S25A} mice after PARPi treatment. Cells were stimulated for 2 days and then, treated for 16 hours with 1 μM PARPi. At least 50 cells were scored per condition. Experiment was repeated 5 times. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test. (C) Colony formation in WT, *BRCA1* ¹¹, 53BP1^{S25A} and BRCA1 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs measured 9 days after continual treatment with 1 μ M PARPi. Data are plotted relative to the plating efficiency of untreated controls of the same genotype. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test. (D) RAD51 foci per EdU⁺ nucleus in WT, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} and *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{-/-} MEFs measured 4 hours after 10 Gy IR, normalized by nuclear area (per $100 \,\mu m^2$). Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test. A minimum of 300 nuclei were quantified using the Gen5 spot analysis software. A representative experiment (n=2) is shown. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test.

Figure 4. *BRCA 1Δ1153BP1S25A* **cells exhibit normal levels of end resection catalyzed mainly by DNA2**

(A) Top panel: Heat map of END-seq signals across individual AsiSI sites in WT, $53BP1^{-/-}$ and $BRCA1$ ^{11} MEFs measured 5 hours after AsiSI induction. Lower panel: ChIP-seq for ssDNA bound by RPA in the same cells. Heat maps are ordered by END-seq signal intensity in WT cells. (B) Box plots showing quantification of resection end points in the top 10% resected breaks in WT, $53BP1^{-/-}$, BRCA1 ¹¹, $53BP1^{525A}$, BRCA1^{An}53BP1^{-/-} and $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs at AsiSI cleaved DSB sites. Welch's t-test was used to determine statistical significance. (C) Quantification of the intensity of chromatin bound RPA in individual EdU-positive nuclei from WT and EXO1-depleted MEFs, either pretreated or not with 1 μM DNA2i prior to 10 Gy IR. Cells were analyzed 4 hours post-IR. (D)

Quantification of the intensity of chromatin bound RPA in individual EdU-positive nuclei from EXO1-proficient and EXO1-depleted *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} MEFs, either pre-treated or not with 1 μM DNA2i prior to 10 Gy IR. Cells were analyzed 4 hours post-IR. (E) Quantification of the intensity of chromatin bound RPA in individual EdU-positive nuclei from EXO1-proficient and EXO1-depleted *BRCA1* ¹¹SHLD3^{-/-} MEFs, either pre-treated or not with 1 μM DNA2i prior to 10 Gy IR. Cells were analyzed 4 hours post-IR. In panels C, D, and E a minimum of 300 nuclei per condition were quantified using the Gen5 spot analysis software. A representative experiment (n=2) is shown. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test.

Figure 5. RAD51 loading defect in *BRCA1Δ1153BP1S25A* **cells is corrected by Shld3 depletion or forced PALB2 chromatin binding**

(A) RAD51 foci per EdU⁺ nucleus in WT, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{-/-}, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} and $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25ä} MEFs deficient in SHLD3 measured 4 hours after 5 Gy IR. Two independent *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A}SHLD3^{-/-} clones (#1 and #2) were used. Foci numbers are normalized by nuclear area (per 100 μ m²). (B) Viability of WT, *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} and $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP P^{S25A} SHLD3^{-/-} MEFs measured by CellTiter-Glo 10 days after PARPi treatment. (C) RAD51 (left panel) and RPA (right panel) foci formation 4 hours after 10 Gy IR in WT cells expressing FHA-SHLD2 containing (SHLD2C) or lacking (SHLD2Cm1) the OB fold (Noordermeer et al., 2018). (D) GFP-PALB2 foci per EdU⁺ nucleus in WT and BRCA1 ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} MEFs overexpressing PALB2 measured 4 hours after 5 Gy IR. (E)

RAD51 foci per EdU⁺ nucleus in WT, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A}, and *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs overexpressing PALB2 or PALB2 fused with the FHA domain of RNF8, measured 4 hours after 10 Gy IR. Foci numbers are normalized by nuclear area (per 100 μm). (F) Chromosomal aberrations in WT, BRCA1 11 , BRCA1 11 53BP1^{-/-} and $BRCA1$ ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} expressing empty vector or FHA-PALB2. (G) Viability of BRCA1 11 53BP1^{S25A} and BRCA1 11 53BPT MEFs with or without FHA-PALB2 protein measured by CellTiter-Glo 10 days after PARPi treatment. (H) RIF1 foci per EdU+-nucleus in *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} and *BRCA1* ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} MEFs expressing FHA-PALB2 measured 4 hours after 10 Gy IR. (I) Aggregate plot for ssDNA bound by RAD51 as measured by ChIP-seq at AsiSI sites, separated into sense and antisense strands. WT, *BRCA1* ¹¹ and BRCA1 ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} MEFs (top panels) are compared with their respective counterparts expressing FHA-PALB2 (bottom panels). In panels A, D, E and H, a minimum of 300 nuclei per condition were quantified using the Gen5 spot analysis software. In panel C, a minimum of 130 nuclei per condition were quantified. A representative experiment (n=2) is shown. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test in all the indicated panels.

Figure 6. Shieldin blocks RNF168 recruitment post-resection in *BRCA1Δ1153BP1S25A* **cells** (A) Quantification of RNF168 foci in individual EdU⁺ nuclei from WT and BRCA1 11 MEFs. Cells were irradiated with 5 Gy and analyzed 4 hours post-IR. (B) Quantification of RNF168 foci in individual EdU+ nuclei from WT and EXO1-depleted MEFs, pretreated or not with DNA2i (1 μM). Cells were either un-irradiated or irradiated with 10 Gy and analyzed 4 hours post-IR. (C) Quantification of RNF168 foci in individual EdU+ nuclei from WT and *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{-/-} MEFs pretreated with ATRi (AZ20, 10 μ M). Cells were either un-irradiated or irradiated with 10 Gy and analyzed 4 hours post-IR. (D) Quantification of RNF168 foci in WT and $BRCAI$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs 1 hour after 10 Gy IR. Statistical significance was determined by Wilcoxon Rank Sum test. (E) Quantification of RNF168 foci in individual EdU⁺ nuclei from WT and $BRCA1$ 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs 4 hours post IR

(5 Gy). Statistical significance was determined by Wilcoxon Rank Sum test. (F) Quantification of RAD 18 foci in individual EdU+ nuclei from WT and BRCA1 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs. Cells were irradiated with 5 Gy and analyzed 4 hours post-IR. (G) Quantification of RNF168 foci in individual EdU+ nuclei from WT, BRCA1 ¹¹53BP1^{S25A} and BRCA1 ¹¹53BP1^{S25A}SHLD3^{-/-} MEFs. Cells were irradiated with 5 Gy and analyzed 4 hours post IR. (H) Quantification of RAD 18 foci in individual EdU⁺ nuclei from WT, *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A} MEFs and *BRCA1* 11 53BP1^{S25A}SHLD3^{-/-} MEFs. Cells were irradiated with 5 Gy and analyzed 4 hours post-IR. In panels A-H, a minimum of 300 nuclei per condition were quantified using the Gen5 spot analysis software. A representative experiment (n=2) is shown. Unless otherwise noted, statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test in all the panels.

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Figure 7. RING-less BRCA1 supports end resection but not RAD51 filament assembly Left: IR-induced RPA foci per EdU⁺nuclei in $BRCAI^{F2/F2}$ MEFs with adenoviral Cre infection which deletes BRCA1 exon 2 (*BRCA2* $\frac{2}{2}$) and in *BRCA1* $\frac{11}{2}$ cells. Right: IRinduced RAD51 foci per EdU⁺ nucleus in *BRCA2* $^{2/2}$ and *BRCA1* 11 cells. A minimum of 300 nuclei per condition were quantified using the Gen5 spot analysis software. A representative experiment (n=2) is shown. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney t-test.

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

