

Single-molecule visualization of stalled replication-fork rescue by the *Escherichia coli* Rep helicase

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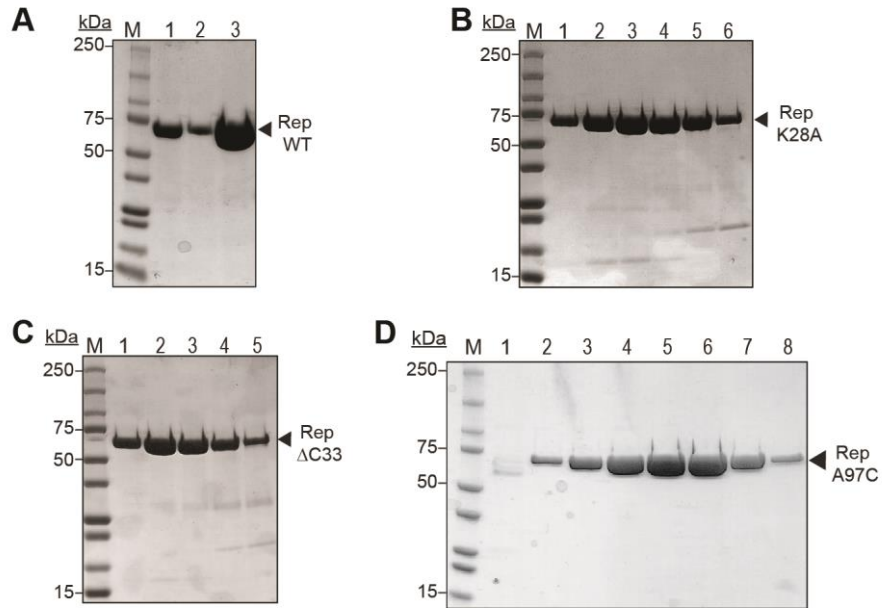
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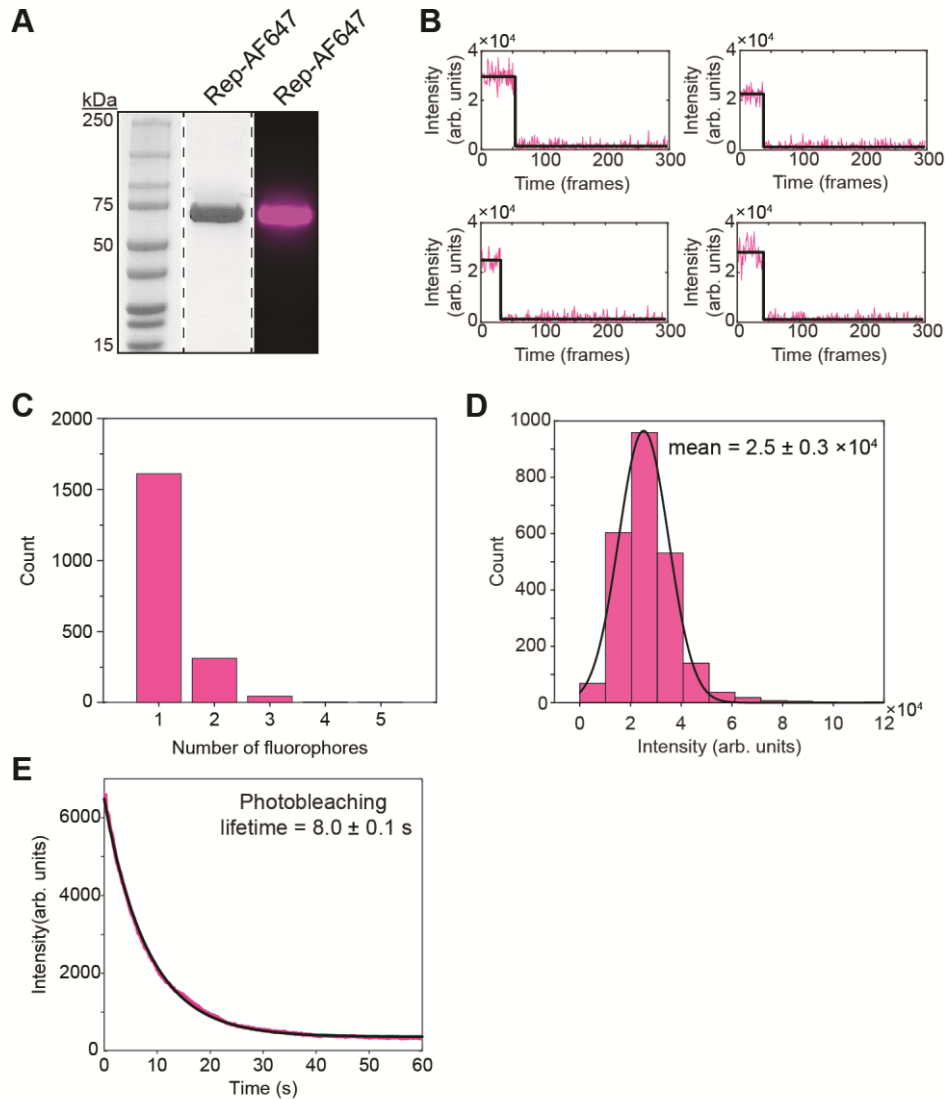
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Supplementary Table S1: Nucleic acid substrates used in this study.

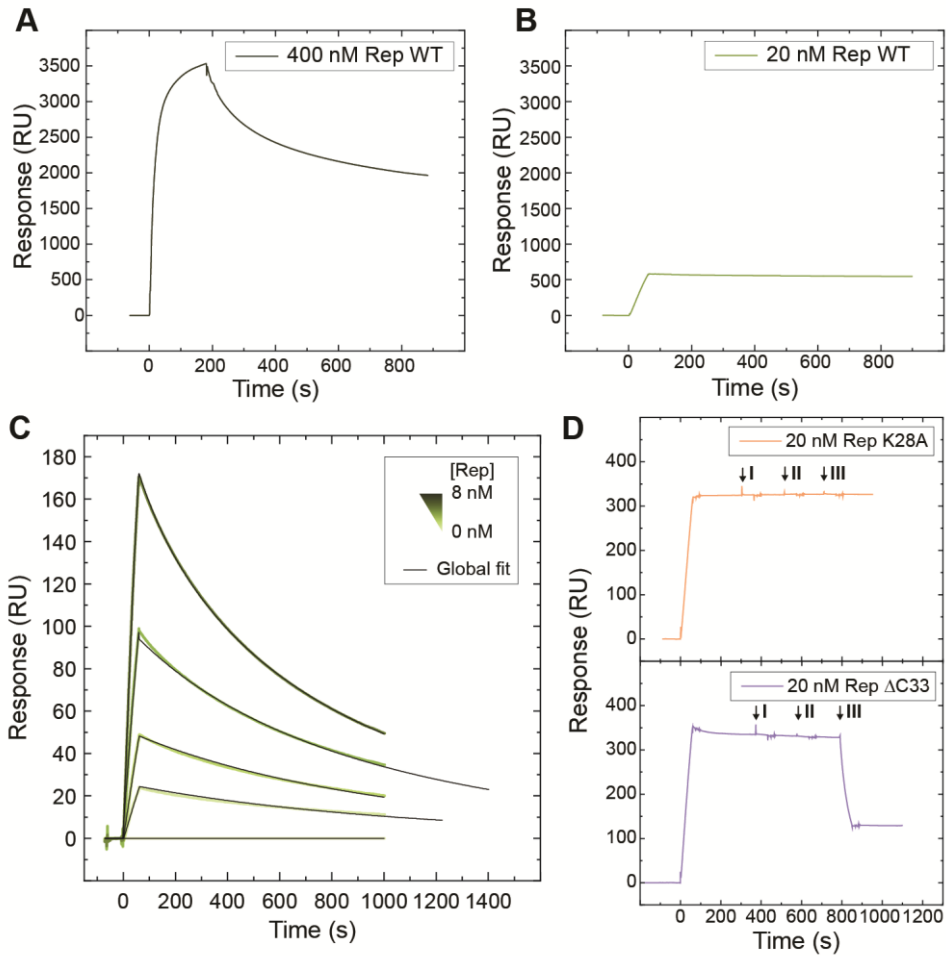
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Trap dsDNA/ 83mer	83_S	5'-CAC ATG CTA TGA GCT GTT GCA ATC TCT CGT ACA ATT AAT AGA CTG GAT GGT GGA TGA CAA AGC TCT ACA CTA GAT ACT CAC AC-3'
	83_AS	3-bio-GTG TAC GAT ACT CGA CAA CGT TAG AGA GCA TGT TAA TTA TCT GAC CTA CCA CCT ACT GTT TCG AGA TGT GAT CTA TGA GTG TG-5'
gRNA	cgRNA1	5' - ACA AUU AAU AGA CUG GAU GG
	cgRNA3	5' - CAU UCC UGC AGC GAG UCC AU
	cgRNA4	5' - AAA CUC ACG UUA AGG GAU UU
Mismatch gRNA	gRNA80	5' - cac cUU AAU AGA CUG GAU GG
	gRNA60	5' - cac cgg ccU AGA CUG GAU GG
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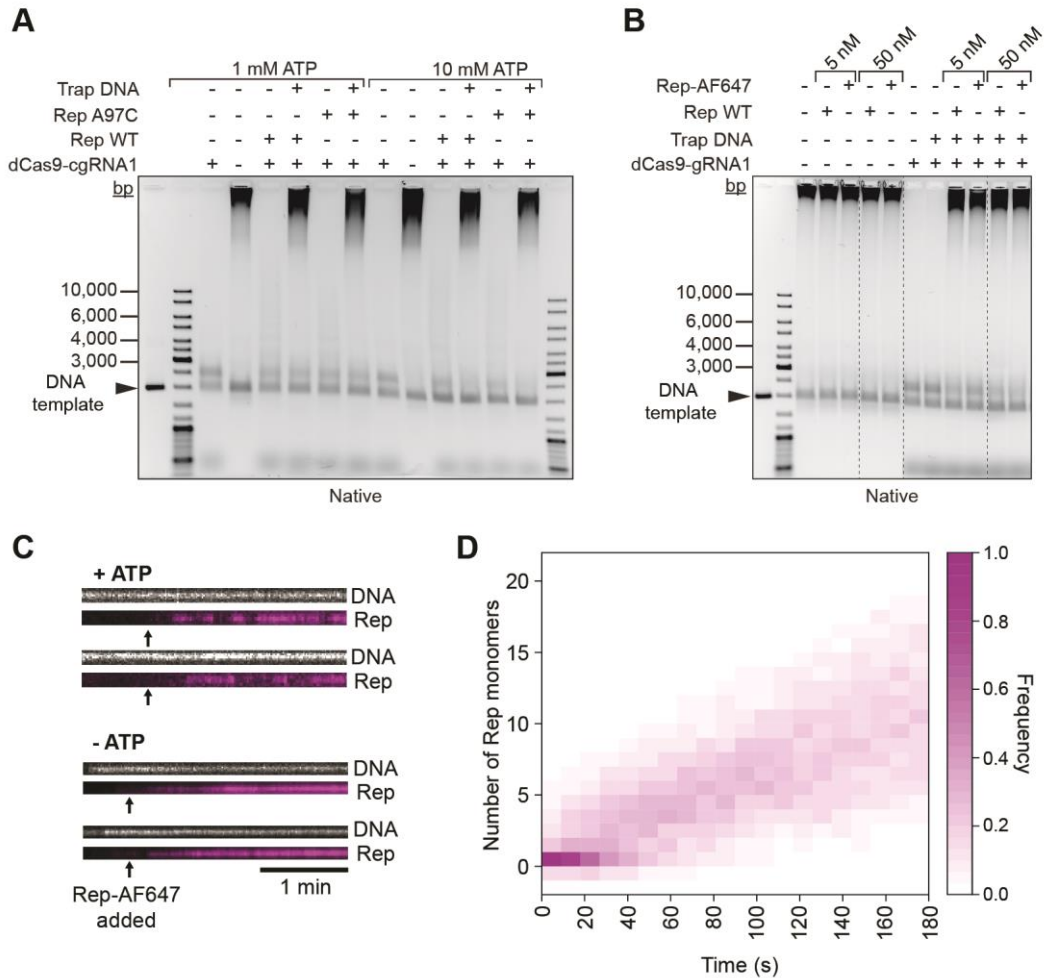
Supplementary Figure S1: Purification of Rep proteins using 5 mL HiTrap Heparin columns. Samples were analyzed on 4–20% SDS-PAGE gels. **(A)** Purification of His₆ Rep WT. Sample after purification on His-Trap column (lane 1), fractions of purified protein from Heparin column (lanes 2–3) used in this study. **(B)** Purification of His₆ Rep K28A. Samples from successive fractions (indicated by lane numbers 1–6). **(C)** Purification of His₆ Rep Δ C33. Samples from successive fractions (indicated by lane numbers 1–5). **(D)** Purification of His₆ Rep A97C. Samples from column flow-through (lane 1), and successive fractions (indicated by lane numbers 2–8).



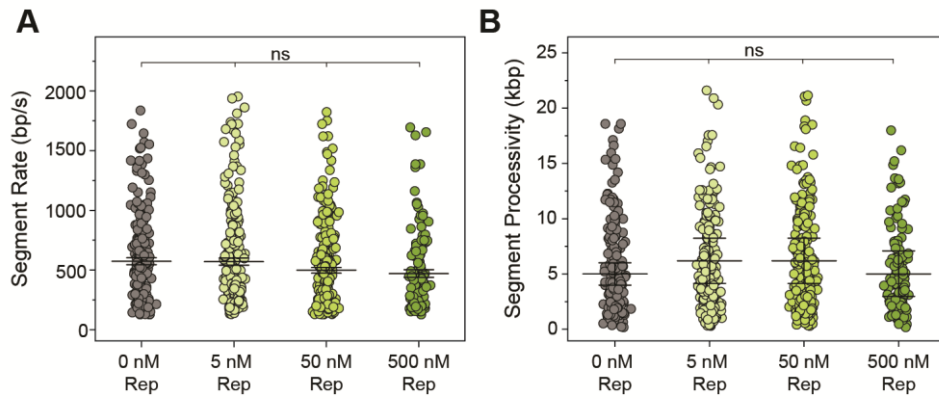
Supplementary Figure S2: Quantification of fluorescent labeling of Rep-AF647. **(A)** SDS-PAGE gel of purified Rep-AF647. Left and middle lanes are stained with Coomassie blue and imaged using a Bio-Rad Gel Doc XR. Right lane is unstained and Alexa Fluor 647 fluorescence imaged using an Amersham Imager 600. **(B)** Example trajectories of Rep proteins deposited on coverslip and subjected to photobleaching. Number of fluorophores per Rep monomer are detected by quantifying the single-molecule photobleaching steps using change point analysis (black line). **(C)** Distribution of the number of steps and therefore the number of fluorophores per monomer ($n = 1483$). **(D)** Distribution of the step size of (B) was $2.5 \pm 0.3 \times 10^4$ (mean \pm S.E.M., $n = 1483$). **(E)** Average photo-bleaching trajectory for Rep-AF647 ($n = 1483$) at excitation power density of 200 mW cm^{-2} . From a fit with a single-exponential decay function (black line), a photo-bleaching lifetime of 8.0 ± 0.1 s was obtained.



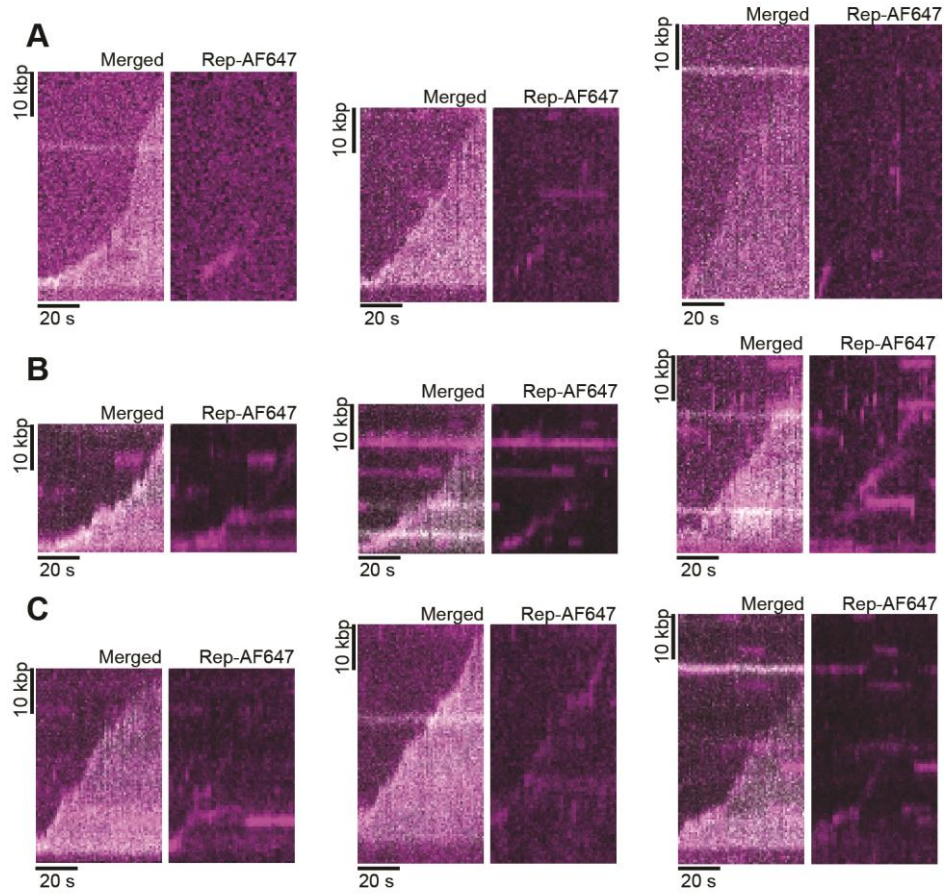
Supplementary Figure S3: Observations of Rep binding to DNA. SPR sensorgrams of 400 nM (**A**) and 20 nM (**B**) Rep WT binding to dT₃₅. (**C**) Association (60 s) and dissociation of titrated (1–8 nM) Rep WT binding to dT₁₅ (global fitting of Rep binding (1:1 binding with mass transfer) shown in black yielded a K_D of approximately 500 pM). (**D**) 20 nM Rep K28A (orange – top) and 20 nM Rep Δ C33 (purple – bottom) dissociation after injection of nucleotides AMP-PNP (I), ADP (II) and ATP (III).



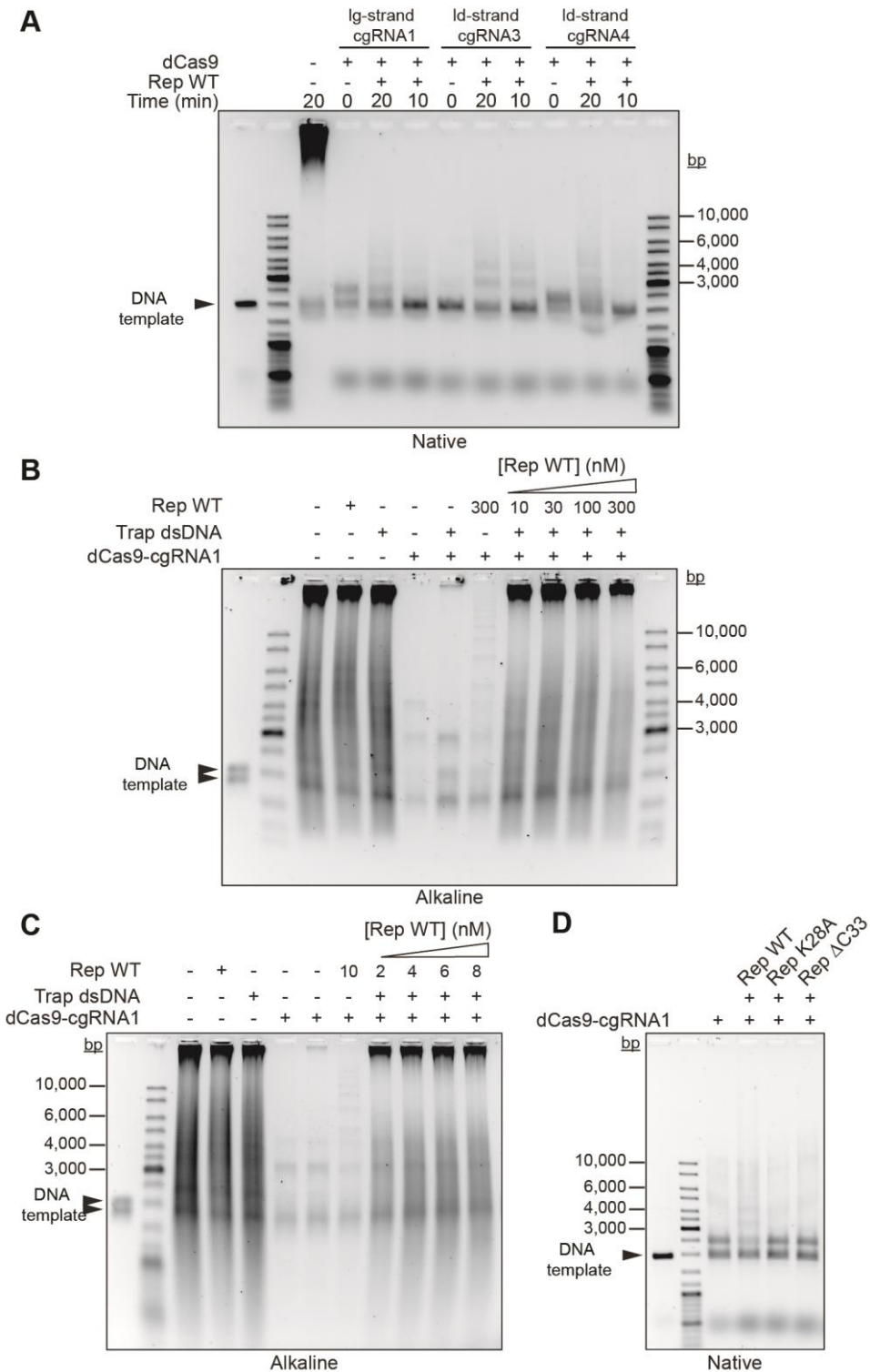
Supplementary Figure S4: Ensemble replication rescue activity tests of Rep A97C and Rep-AF647. **(A)** Rep WT and Rep A97C (50 nM) efficiently remove dCas9-cgRNA1 (50 nM) complex from DNA templates and rescue stalled DNA replication. Note that the appearance of long DNA products signifies efficient replication rescue. A 10-fold increase in ATP concentration (and 2-fold increase in $MgCl_2$ concentration) results in a greater extent of DNA replication rescue, evident by decreased intensity of DNA band at approximately 2.5 kbp. **(B)** Rep-AF647 successfully removes the dCas9-cgRNA1 complex from DNA templates. Irrelevant lanes to the figure are cropped out (dashed lines). **(C)** Example kymographs of Rep-AF647 binding to 2-kbp rolling-circle DNA template bound by SSB and DnaBC, in the presence (top) and absence (bottom) of ATP. Arrows indicate the time point of addition of Rep-AF647 to the flow cell. **(D)** Heatmap of number of Rep-AF647 monomers bound to the DNA template over time in the absence of ATP ($n = 70$).



Supplementary Figure S5: Quantification of the effect of Rep WT on the rate and processivity of replication. **(A)** Median rates of replication in the absence (gray) ($580 \pm 30 \text{ bp s}^{-1}$ (median \pm S.E.M., $n = 179$, replication efficiency = $5 \pm 1 \%$ (S.E.M.)) and presence of titrated Rep WT (5 nM (light green) ($573 \pm 30 \text{ bp s}^{-1}$ ($n = 208$, $5 \pm 1\%$), 50 nM (olive green) ($500 \pm 20 \text{ bp s}^{-1}$ ($n = 234$, $6 \pm 1\%$), and 500 nM (dark green) ($470 \pm 30 \text{ bp s}^{-1}$ ($n = 113$, $3 \pm 1\%$)), quantified by change-point analysis of single-molecule rolling-circle DNA replication trajectories. **(B)** Mean processivity of replication in the absence (gray) ($5 \pm 1 \text{ kbp}$ (mean \pm S.E.M.)) and presence of titrated Rep WT (5 nM (light green) ($6 \pm 2 \text{ kbp}$), 50 nM (olive green) ($6 \pm 2 \text{ kbp}$), and 500 nM (dark green) ($5 \pm 2 \text{ kbp}$)). Mean processivities were determined from fitting a single-exponential decay function to data. Comparison of distributions was conducted using Kruskal-Wallis test for multiple comparisons with Dunn's procedure where ns indicates no significant difference ($p > 0.05$).

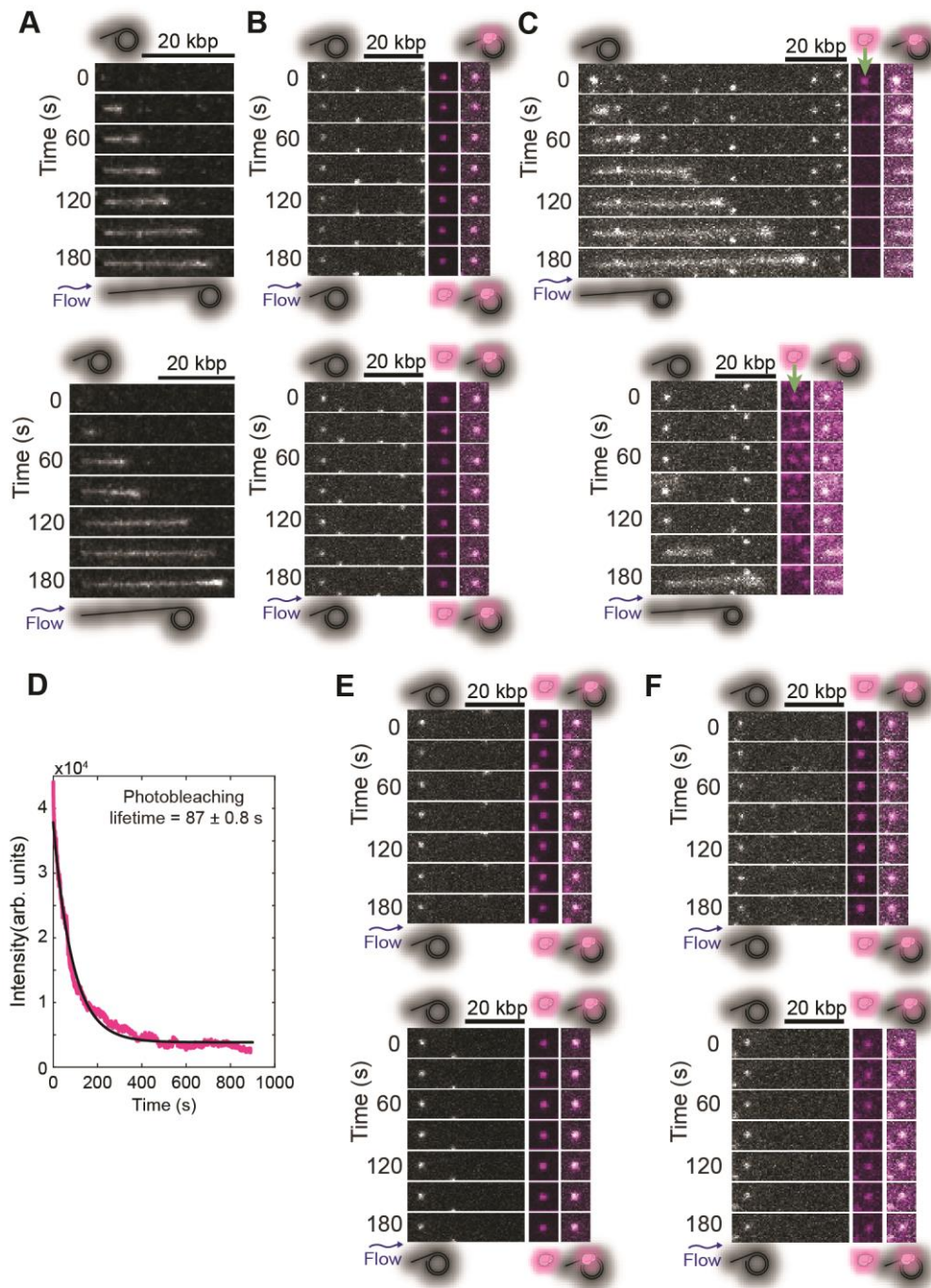


Supplementary Figure S6: Example kymographs of Rep-AF647 during processive rolling-circle DNA replication. Merged kymographs of Rep-AF647 intensity (magenta) and Sytox orange-stained DNA (gray) (left) and Rep-AF647 intensity alone (right). **(A)** 5 nM Rep-AF647 (replication efficiency of $7 \pm 1\%$ (S.E.M.)). **(B)** 10 nM Rep-AF647 ($5 \pm 1\%$). **(C)** 20 nM Rep-AF647 ($4 \pm 1\%$).



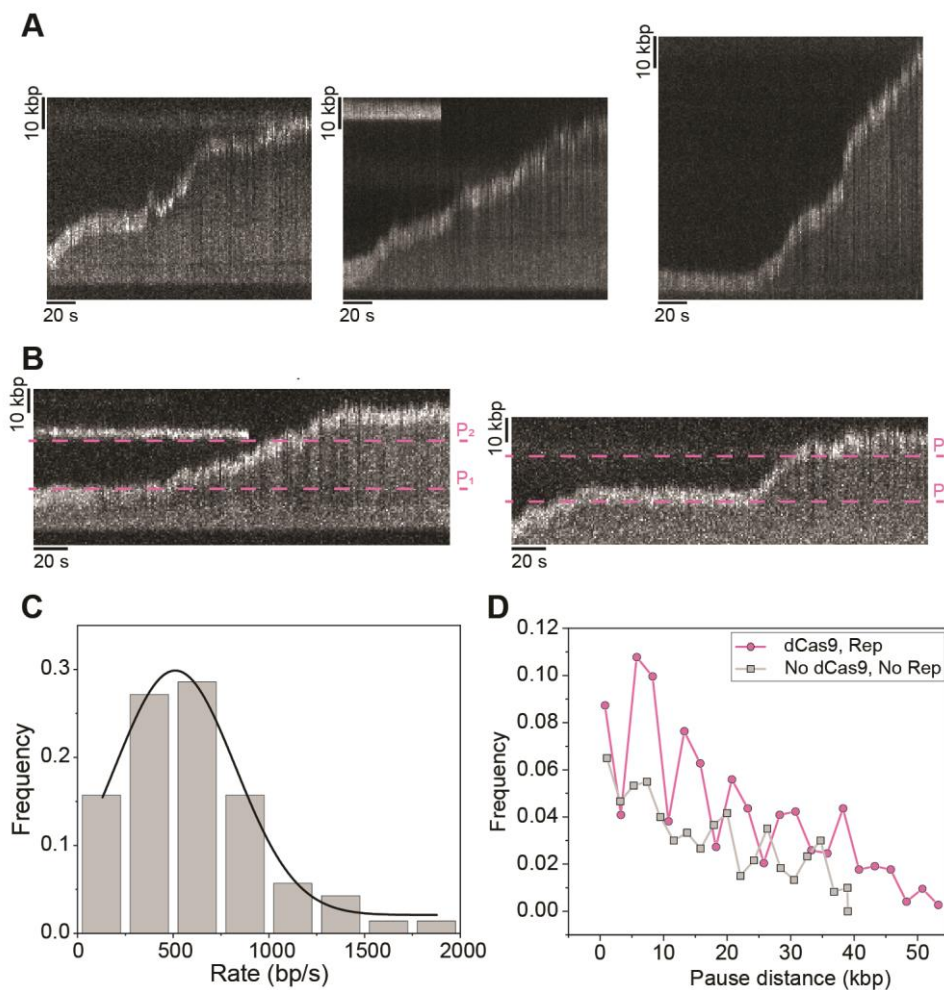
Supplementary Figure S7: Rep rescues DNA replication stalled by dCas9-cgRNA complexes. Reactions contained 200 nM of specified cgRNA and 50 nM dCas9 complex. **(A)** Rep WT rescues stalled DNA replication independent of the DNA strand targeted by the dCas9-cgRNA complex. Rep WT was added to reactions at the 10 min time point. $N > 2$ independent experiments. **(B)** Titration of Rep WT (10–300 nM). Addition of trap dsDNA results in higher extent of rescued DNA products. $N > 2$ independent experiments. **(C)** Titration of Rep WT (2–8 nM). $N > 2$ independent experiments. **(D)** Rep

mutants lacking either the C-terminal domain (Δ C33) or functional ATPase (K28A) cannot rescue dCas9-gRNA1 stalled DNA replication. $N > 2$ independent experiments.

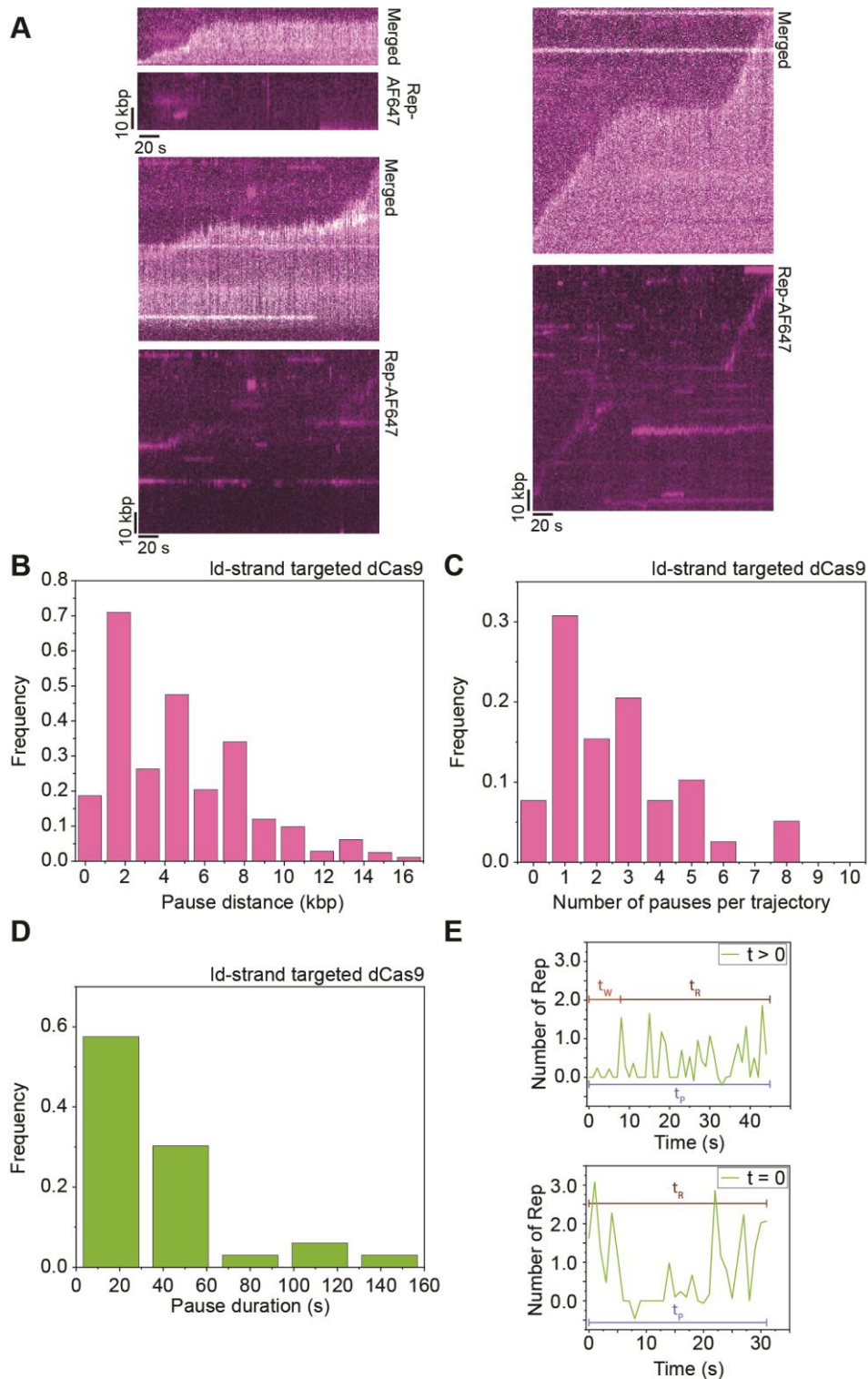


Supplementary Figure S8: Additional example montages of replication rescue of DNA templates (Sytox orange stained; gray scale) pre-incubated with dCas9-gRNA1-Atto647 (magenta) complexes. **(A)** In the absence of dCas9-gRNA1 complexes. **(B)** Pre-incubation of the DNA template with dCas9-gRNA1-Atto647. **(C)** Addition of Rep WT (20 nM) results in disappearance of dCas9-gRNA1-Atto647 (green arrow). **(D)** Average photo-bleaching trajectory for dCas9-gRNA1-Atto647 ($n = 139$) at excitation power density of 200 mW cm^{-2} , imaged every 200 ms. Single-exponential decay fit (black

line) revealed a photo-bleaching lifetime of 87 ± 1 s. **(E)** Rep K28A and **(F)** Rep Δ C33 cannot remove dCas9-cgRNA1-Atto647 complexes.

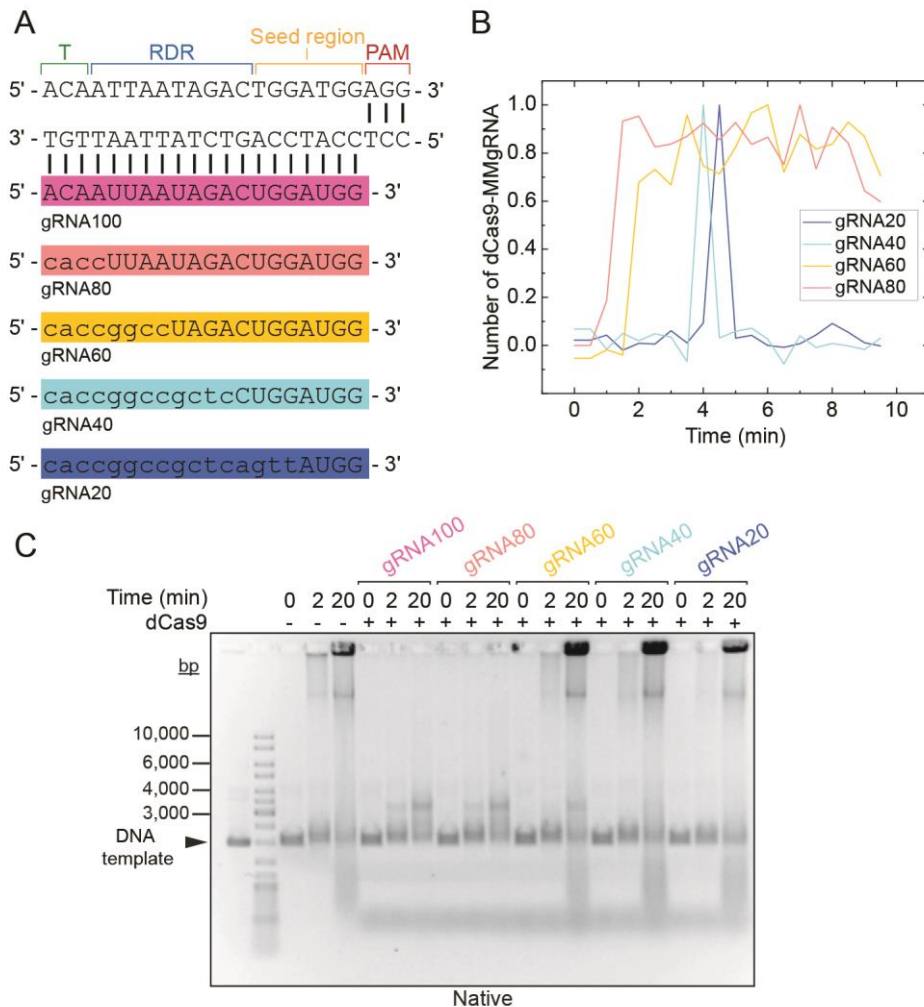


Supplementary Figure S9: Single-molecule rolling-circle DNA replication of an 18-kbp DNA template. **(A)** Three example kymographs of elongating DNA replication of Sytox orange-stained 18-kbp rolling-circle DNA template (gray) ($n = 32$ molecules; replication efficiency of $7 \pm 1\%$ (S.E.M.)). Large circle of template is resolved at the tip of the replicating molecule at a higher intensity as it is stretched out by flow. **(B)** Two example kymographs of elongating DNA replication showing multiple pausing and rescue events by dCas9-cgRNA1 (0.25 nM) and Rep WT (10 nM) in solution ($n = 26$ molecules; $3 \pm 1\%$). The dashed lines (magenta) indicate the theoretical pause start sites at approximately 17 kbp (P_1) and 36 kbp (P_2). **(C)** Histograms of the rate of replication for 18-kbp rolling-circle DNA templates (520 ± 130 bp s^{-1} , $n = 70$) as in (A), fit to a Gaussian distribution. **(D)** Pairwise distance analysis of the paused start sites of 18 kbp replication rescue events in the presence of 10 nM Rep-AF647 and 0.25 nM dCas9-cgRNA1 ($n = 37$ pauses/733 kbp) (magenta) and absence ($n = 28$ pauses/600 kbp) (gray) for the first 60 kbp of DNA products.



Supplementary Figure S10: Single-molecule replication rescue of 2-kbp rolling-circle DNA templates. **(A)** Three example kymographs of rolling-circle DNA replication pausing and rescue events in reactions containing dCas9-cgRNA1 (0.25 nM) and Rep-AF647 (10 nM). Merged kymographs of Sytox orange-stained DNA products (gray) and Rep-AF647 (magenta) (top), and Rep-AF647 intensity alone (bottom). (Replication efficiency of $3 \pm 1\%$). **(B–D)** Assays containing leading-strand target dCas9-cgRNA4 complexes (0.25 nM) and Rep-AF647 (10 nM) show **(B)** periodicity of pausing and rescue events ($n = 43$ pauses/358 kbp), **(C)** number of pausing events per replicating molecule ($n = 40$ molecules;

replication efficiency of $2 \pm 1\%$), and **(D)** mean duration of pauses of 40 ± 20 s ($n = 33$ pauses). **(E)** Annotated example of Rep-AF647 intensity traces over time showing the time points used for determining the pause duration (t_p – blue), association wait time (t_R – red) and pause resolve time (t_r – dark brown) for each Rep activity ($t > 0$, left; $t = 0$, right).



Supplementary Figure S11: Characterization of dCas9 complexes with mismatch gRNAs. (A) Designs of cgRNA1 and various mismatch gRNAs ranging from 80–20% complementarity to the target sequence of cgRNA1 (or gRNA100). Mismatches, denoted by lowercase letters, span across the DNA-RNA hybrid from the PAM distal region (or terminal region (T – green)), reversibility-determining region (RDR – blue), seed region (yellow) and to the PAM proximal region (red). **(B)** Example lifetime intensity trajectories of dCas9-gRNA80 (peach), dCas9-gRNA60 (yellow), dCas9-gRNA40 (light blue) and dCas9-gRNA20 (blue). Intensity is corrected for the intensity of a single dCas9-gRNA-Atto647 molecule measured by photobleaching analysis. **(C)** Time course ensemble characterization of dCas9-MMG RNA complexes blocking rolling-circle DNA replication over 20 min in the absence of Rep proteins and trap dsDNA.