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- The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
- A statement on whether measurements were taken from distinct samples or whether the same sample was measured repeatedly
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- A description of all covariates tested
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- A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
- For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g. F , t , r) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and P value noted
Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
- For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

For FRET analysis Dual channel images were acquired on Spinning disk microscope (Nipkow disk) with Visiview 4.00.10 software (Visitron)
Expansion microscopy images were acquired on Deltavision microscope with Softworx 6.5.2 (GE Healthcare) software.
Immunofluorescence images were acquired on Deltavision microscope with Softworx 6.5.2 (GE Healthcare) software.
Live cell imaging data was acquired on Nikon Ti Microscope using NIS Elements 4.30.02 software (Nikon).
STED images were acquired on TCS SP8 STED microscope (Leica Microsystems) using LAS-X 1.4.5 Imaging software (Leica Microsystems).

Data analysis

All the Immuno-fluorescence images (IF, STED, U-ExM, and FRET) were analyzed in ImageJ/Fiji.
Statistical data were analyzed with Graphpad Prism 9 (Graphpad)

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
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Source data are provided with this paper. All the Raw data related to figures and supplementary figures (representative images and movies) will be available on: <https://doi.org/10.26037/yareta:4f2f6xydgjfmvc6alqq6fbv2aq>
Due to the large size (> 4TB), all raw live cell movie data used for analyses will be made available on request by sending external hard disks.

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender

N/A

Population characteristics

N/A

Recruitment

N/A

Ethics oversight

N/A

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

Field-specific reporting

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size

Sample size and number of biological repeats for each experiment are indicated in all figure legends or in the "Statistics and reproducibility" section. In all the experiments, at least 3 independent biological repeats were performed. In each case the sample size was chosen to fit the statistical test used for testing the null hypothesis.

Data exclusions

No data was excluded from the analysis.

Replication

All quantifiable experiments were replicated in at least 3 independent experiments (sometimes more than 3) to ensure the reproducibility of the results

Randomization

Our study is based solely on basic research. Moreover, due to the variations within the same condition and the morphological modifications following the different treatments used which would inevitably give us an indication of the condition analyzed, makes the randomization not applicable to our study. Therefore, no formal randomization techniques were used.
However, we performed all of our experiments as consistently as possible and most of our measurements are based on a large number of analyzed conditions.

Blinding

Blinding was not necessary during data collection (Image acquisition) as information regarding centriole disengagement or fluorescence intensity can only be obtained during Image analysis. All the quantifiable parameters were extracted from the images using automated image analysis softwares that excluded experimenter-induced biases, further rendering the usage of blinding approaches unnecessary.
Furthermore, our study does not work with human subjects/patients/animals.

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Materials & experimental systems

Methods

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eukaryotic cell lines
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Animals and other organisms
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dual use research of concern

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

-- Primary Antibodies:
 Mouse anti- α -tubulin (Geneva antibody facility: AA345-M2a; 1:250: ExM)
 Mouse anti- β -tubulin (Geneva antibody facility: AA344-M2a; 1:250: ExM)
 Mouse anti- α -tubulin (Clone DM1 α ; Sigma Aldrich, T9026, 1:5000: Western Blotting)
 Rabbit polyclonal anti-Pericentrin (abcam: ab4448; 1:250: ExM, 1:1000: STED; 1:2000: Immunofluorescence)
 Rabbit polyclonal anti-CEP57 (GeneTex: GTX115931; 1:250: ExM)
 Mouse anti-Cyclin-A2 (Clone: E23.1, abcam: ab38; 1:1000: Western Blotting)
 Mouse anti-Cyclin-B1 (Clone V152 abcam: ab72; 1:1000: Western Blotting)
 Mouse anti-CENP-F (Clone: 14C10 /1D8; abcam: ab90; 1:1000: STED)
 Mouse anti-Separase (abcam: ab16170; 1:1000: Western Blotting)
 Rabbit anti-Centrobilin (Sigma Aldrich HPA023321; 1:250: ExM)
 Mouse anti-c-Myc (Thermo Scientific: MA1-980; 1:1000: Immunofluorescence)

--- Alexa Fluor-conjugated secondary antibodies in Immunofluorescence/U-ExM- Dilution 1:500:
 Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen; A-21202)
 Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen; A-11008)
 Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 568 (Invitrogen; A-11036)
 Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Alexa Fluor 568 (Invitrogen; A-11031)

-- HRP-Conjugated secondary antibody in Western Blotting - Dilution 1:10,000
 Goat anti-Mouse antibody for western blotting (Thermo Fisher: Cat # 32430)

-- STAR RED Congugated secondary antibody used in STED imaging - Dilution: 1:1,000
 Goat anti-Rabbit STAR RED antibody (Abberior instruments GmbH: Cat # 2-0002-011-9)

Validation

- Mouse anti- α -tubulin (Geneva antibody facility: AA345-M2a; 1:250: ExM) was previously tested and validated in the manuscript (doi:10.24450/journals/abrep.2019.e17)
 - Mouse anti- β -tubulin (Geneva antibody facility: AA345-M2a; 1:250: ExM) was previously tested and validated in the manuscript (doi:10.24450/journals/abrep.2019.e17)
 - Mouse anti- α -tubulin (Clone DM1 α ; Sigma Aldrich, T9026, 1:5000: Western Blotting) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/CH/en/product/sigma/t9026>)
 -Rabbit polyclonal anti-Pericentrin (abcam: ab4448; 1:250: ExM, 1:1000: STED) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.abcam.com/pericentrin-antibody-centrosome-marker-ab4448.html>)
 - Rabbit polyclonal anti-CEP57 (GeneTex: GTX115931; 1:250: ExM) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.genetex.com/Product/Detail/CEP57-antibody-N1C1/GTX115931>)
 - Mouse anti-Cyclin-A2 (Clone: E23.1, abcam: ab38; 1:1000: Western Blotting) was previously validated by manufacturer (<https://www.abcam.com/cyclin-a2-antibody-e231-ab38.html>)
 - Mouse anti-Cyclin-B1 (Clone V152, abcam: ab72; 1:1000: Western Blotting) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.abcam.com/cyclin-b1-antibody-v152-ab72.html>)
 - Mouse anti-CENP-F (Clone: 14C10 /1D8; abcam: ab90; 1:1000: STED) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.abcam.com/cenpf-antibody-14c10-1d8-ab90.html>)
 Mouse anti-Separase (abcam: ab16170; 1:1000: Western Blotting) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/separase-antibody-xj11-1b12-ab16170.html>)
 Rabbit anti-Centrobilin (Sigma Aldrich HPA023321; 1:250: ExM) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/CH/en/product/sigma/hpa023321>)
 Mouse anti-c-Myc (Thermo Scientific: MA1-980; 1:1000: Immunofluorescence) was previously validated by the manufacturer (<https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/c-Myc-Antibody-clone-9E10-Monoclonal/MA1-980>)

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

- hTERT-RPE1 cells were obtained from ATCC (ATCC; CRL-4000, CCL-2).
 - hTERT-RPE1 EB3-eGFP/H2B-mCherry cell-line was kindly provided by Willy Krek, ETH Zurich, Switzerland and has been used in the previous study from the lab in Whlhelm et al., 2019 (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-019-11584-0#Sec21>).
 - hTERT-RPE1 Myc-OSTR1 cell-line was kindly provided by Helfrid Hochegger, University of Sussex, United Kingdom and was described for the first time in Hégarat et al., 2020 (<https://www.embopress.org/doi/full/10.15252/embj.2020104419>)
 - hTERT-RPE1 Cyclin-A2-double degron cell-line was kindly provided by Helfrid Hochegger, University of Sussex, United Kingdom and was described for the first time in Hégarat et al., 2020 (<https://www.embopress.org/doi/full/10.15252/>)

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- hTERT-RPE1 Cyclin-B1-double degron cell-line was kindly provided by Helfrid Hochegger, University of Sussex, United Kingdom and was described for the first time in Hégarat et al., 2020 (<https://www.embopress.org/doi/full/10.15252/embj.2020104419>)

- hTERT-RPE1 Plk1 FRET Sensor cell-line was generated in the lab for this study and the process is described in the materials and methods section.

- hTERT-RPE1 Myc-Separase cell-line was generated in the lab for this study and the process is described in the materials and methods section.

Authentication

None of the cell lines was authenticated

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines are tested for mycoplasma every 6 months and are negative for any mycoplasma contamination.

Commonly misidentified lines
(See [ICLAC](#) register)

All the cell lines used in this study are not included in the list of known misidentified cell lines from the International Cell Line Authentication Committee.