



### BUB-1::GFP; mCherry::histone

### Fig. S1. CENP-C is required for PLK-1 kinetochore localisation. (A) Immunofluorescene analysis using a specific anti-

PLK-1 antibody was carried out in wild type and CENP-C PD<sup>mut</sup> embryos at metaphase. Scale bar, 5 µm. (**B**) Fluorescently

labelled BUB-1 was followed throughout mitosis in wild type and CENP-C PD<sup>mut</sup> embryos. Scale bar, 5 µm. (C)

Chromosomal BUB-1 levels were quantified and normalised to the chromosome (histone) signal. Individual values are

shown and the dashed line represents the median. 'n' denotes the number of embryos analysed. Wild type and CENP-C

PD<sup>mut</sup> embryos were compared using a non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney) and the P value is shown.



NDC-80 CENP-C PDmut, and BUB-1 PD<sup>mut</sup>. followed throughout mitosis wild was in type, Scale bar, 5 µm. (B) Chromosomal NDC-80 levels at metaphase were quantified and normalised to the chromosome (histone) signal. Individual values are shown and thedashed line represents the median. 'N' denotes the number of experiments and 'n' denotes the number of embryos analysed. Wild type and CENP-C PD<sup>mut</sup> embryos were compared using a

non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney) and the P value is shown. (C) GFP- tagged endogenous NDC-80 was imaged during

oocyte meiosis and a single image corresponding to prometaphase I is shown for wild type and polo docking mutant CENP-C

('*CENP-C PD<sup>mut</sup>*'). Scale bars, 2 µm in the zoomed panel (left) and 3 µm in right panel. (D) Chromosomal NDC-80 levels

at prometaphase of Meiosis I were quantified and normalised to the chromosome (histone) signal. Individual values are

shown and thedashed line represents the median. 'N' denotes the number of experiments and 'n' denotes the number of

embryos analysed. Wild type and CENP-C PD<sup>mut</sup> embryos were compared using a non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney) and

the P value is shown.



**Fig. S3. Purification of the MIS-12:KBP-2PMF1 dimer.** (A) Schematic of the full MIS-12 complex structure based on an AlphaFold2 prediction. The disordered region of KNL-3<sup>DSN1</sup> (aa 1-159) is not shown. (B) Enlarged image of the MIS-12:KBP-2<sup>PMF1</sup> complex from (A). (C) Biochemical purification of the MIS-12:KBP-2<sup>PMF1</sup> complex from bacteria. (D) Kinase assays were performed with the indicated protein kinases and KNL-3. Time points analysed were 15, 30, and 45 minutes. (D) Kinase assays were performed with the indicated protein kinase and KNL-3<sup>DSN1</sup> as a substrate. Time points analysed were 0, 15, 30, and 45 minutes.

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Substrate Protein	PLK-1	Cdk1	Cdk1+PLK-1
	Ser 9	Ser 9	Ser 9
	Thr 10	Thr 10	Thr 10
	Thr 19	Thr 19	Thr 19
	Thr 41		Thr 41
	Ser 47		Ser 47
	Ser 52		Ser 52
		Ser 66	Ser 66
			Thr 80
	Thr 98	Thr 98	Thr 98
			Ser 109
			Thr 118
	Ser 125		Ser 125
		Ser 127	Ser 127
CENP-C	Ser 142	Ser 142	Ser 142
		Ser 146	Ser 146
	Ser 160		Ser 160
	Ser 162		Ser 162
		Thr 163	Thr 163
		Ser 166	Ser 166
	Ser 171		Ser 171
		Ser 174	Ser 174
		Ser 177	Ser 177
	Ser 181		Ser 181
	Ser 200		Ser 200
	Thr 205	Thr 205	Thr 205
	Thr 213		Thr 213

Table S1. List of phospho-sites identified from in vitro kinase assays

Substrate Protein	PLK-1				
	Thr 15				
	Ser 22				
KBP-2	Thr 64				
	Ser 72				
	Thr 84				
	Ser 114				
	Thr 116				
MIC 40	Ser 90				
10113-12	Thr 92				
	Ser 177				
	Thr 185				
	Ser 191				
KNL-3	Ser 225				
	Ser 229				
	Thr 241				
	Ser 258				
	Thr 263				
	Ser 292				

### Table S2. C. elegans strains used in this study

bub-1::linker::gfp; mCherry::histone	FGP202	bub-1(syb1134[bub-1::linker::gfp])I; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; unc-119(ed3)III	This study
PLK-1::sfGFP; mCherry::histone	FGP263	plk-1(lt18[plk-1::sGFP]::loxp)III; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV	doi.org/10.1016/j.devcel.2017.09.019
NDC-80::GFP; mCherry::histone	FGP372	ndc-80(lt54[ndc- 80::GFP::tev::loxP::3xFlag])IV; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV	This study
hcp-4(T163A)	FGP669	hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I	doi.org/10.7554/eLife.84057
PLK-1::sGFP; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A)	FGP719	plk-1(lt18[plk-1::sGFP]::loxp)III; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I	doi.org/10.7554/eLife.84057
mScarlet::KNL-3; GFP::histone	FGP722	knl-3(dha19 [mScarlet-I^3XFLAG::knl-3] V; ruIs32 [pie-1::GFP::histone + unc-119(+)], unc-119 (ed3)	This study
mScarlet::KNL-3; GFP::histone; hcp-4(T163A)	FGP728	knl-3(dha19 [mScarlet-I^3XFLAG::knl-3] V; ruIs32 [pie-1::GFP::histone + unc-119(+)], unc-119 (ed3); hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I	This study
NDC-80::GFP; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A)	FGP729	ndc-80(lt54[ndc- 80::GFP::tev::loxP::3xFlag])IV; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I	This study
PLK-1::sGFP; mCherry::histone; bub-1(wt)	FGP735	plk-1(lt18[plk-1::sGFP]::loxp)III; ; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; unc-119(ed3)III;ltSi268[pOD/pTK013; Pbub-1::Bub1 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
PLK-1::sGFP; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A); bub-1(wt)	FGP736	plk-1(lt18[plk-1::sGFP]::loxp)III; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I; unc- 119(ed3)III;ltSi268[pOD/pTK013; Pbub- 1::Bub1 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
PLK-1::sGFP; mCherry::histone; bub-1(T527A)	FGP737	plk-1(lt18[plk-1::sGFP]::loxp)III; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; unc- 119(ed3)III;ltSi1346[pTK070;Pbub-1::BUB-1 T527A reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
PLK-1::sGFP; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A); bub-1(T527A)	FGP738	plk-1(lt18[plk-1::sGFP]::loxp)III; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I; unc- 119(ed3)III;ltSi1346[pTK070;Pbub-1::BUB-1 T527A reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
mScarlet::KNL-3; GFP::histone; bub-1(wt)	FGP739	knl-3(dha19 [mscarlet-I^3XFLAG::knl-3] V; ruIs32 [pie-1::GFP::histone + unc-119(+)], unc-119 (ed3); unc- 119(ed3)III;ltSi268[pOD/pTK013; Pbub- 1::Bub1 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
mScarlet::KNL-3; GFP::histone; hcp-4(T163A); bub-1(wt)	FGP740	knl-3(dha19 [mScarlet-I^3XFLAG::knl-3] V; ruIs32 [pie-1::GFP::histone + unc-119(+)], unc-119 (ed3); hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I; unc-119(ed3)III;ltSi268[pOD/pTK013; Pbub- 1::Bub1 reencoded: ch-unc-119(+)III	This study

		1::Bub1 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	
mScarlet::KNL-3; GFP::histone; bub-1(T527A)	FGP741	knl-3(dha19 [mScarlet-I^3XFLAG::knl-3] V;	
		ruIs32 [pie-1::GFP::histone + unc-119(+)],	
		unc-119 (ed3); unc-	This study
		119(ed3)III;ltSi1346[pTK070;Pbub-1::BUB-1	
		T527A reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	
mScarlet::KNL-3; GFP::histone; hcp-4(T163A); bub-1(T527A)	FGP742	knl-3(dha19 [mscarlet-I^3XFLAG::knl-3] V; ruIs32 [pie-1::GFP::histone + unc-119(+)], unc-119 (ed3); hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I; unc-119(ed3)III;ltSi1346[pTK070;Pbub-	This study
		1::BUB-1 T527A reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	

NDC-80::GFP; mCherry::histone; bub-1(wt)	FGP803	ndc-80(lt54[ndc- 80::GFP::tev::loxP::3xFlag])IV; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; Pbub-1::Bub1 reencoded; cb-unc- 119(+)]II	This study
NDC-80::GFP; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A); bub-1(wt)	FGP804	ndc-80(lt54[ndc- 80::GFP::tev::loxP::3xFlag])IV; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I; unc- 119(ed3)III;ltSi268[pOD/pTK013; Pbub- 1::Bub1 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
NDC-80::GFP; mCherry::histone; bub-1(T527A)	FGP805	ndc-80(lt54[ndc- 80::GFP::tev::loxP::3xFlag])IV; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV;ltSi1346[pTK070;Pbub-1::BUB-1 T527A reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
NDC-80::GFP; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A); bub-1(T527A)	FGP806	ndc-80(lt54[ndc- 80::GFP::tev::loxP::3xFlag])IV; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I; unc- 119(ed3)III; ltSi1346[pTK070;Pbub-1::BUB-1 T527A reencoded: cb-unc-119(+)III	This study
bub-1::linker::gfp; mCherry::histone; hcp4(T163A)	FGP815	bub-1(syb1134[bub-1::linker::gfp])I; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+)]IV; unc-119(ed3)III; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp- 4(T163A)])I	This study
GFP::CDC-20; mCherry::histone	OD2591	ltSi814[pPLG047; Pfzy-1::gfp::fzy-1::fzy-1 3'UTR; cb-unc-119(+)]I; unc-119(ed3)III?;; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc- 119 (+)] IV	doi.org/10.1101/gad.302067.117
GFP::CDC-20; mCherry::histone; hcp-4(T163A)	FGP829	ltSi814[pPLG047; Pfzy-1::gfp::fzy-1::fzy-1 3'UTR; cb-unc-119(+)]I; unc-119(ed3)III?;; ltIs37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCHERRY::his-58; unc- 119 (+)] IV; hcp-4(fgp58[hcp-4(T163A)])I	This study

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Movie 1. Embryo expressing PLK-1::sfGFP and mCherry::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to 'wild type' panels in Fig. 1B.



Movie 2. Embryo expressing PLK-1::sfGFP and mCherry::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*cenp-c(RNAi)*' panels in Fig. 1B.



Movie 3. Embryo expressing PLK-1::sfGFP and mCherry::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to 'wild type' panels in Fig. 1F.



Movie 4. Embryo expressing PLK-1::sfGFP and mCherry::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*CENP-C PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 1F.



Movie 5. Embryo expressing GFP::CDC-20 and mCherry::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*wild type*' panels in Fig. 2A.



Movie 6. Embryo expressing GFP::CDC-20 and mCherry::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*CENP-C PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 2A.



**Movie 7. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis.** Movie corresponds to '*wild type*' panels in Fig. 2D. The strain used here was FGP722.



**Movie 8. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis.** Movie corresponds to '*CENP-C PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 2D. The strain used here was FGP728.



## **Movie 9. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis.** Movie corresponds to '*wild type*' panels in Fig. 2E. The strain used here was FGP722.



**Movie 10. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis.** Movie corresponds to '*CENP-C PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 2E. The strain used here was FGP728.



Movie 11. Embryo expressing Scarlet::KNL-3 and GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*wild type*' panels in Fig. 3B.



**Movie 12.** Embryo expressing Scarlet::KNL-3 and GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*CENP-C PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 3B.



Movie 13. Embryo expressing Scarlet::KNL-3 and GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*BUB-1 PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 3B.



**Movie 14. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis.** Movie corresponds to '*wild type*' panels in Fig. 4A.



Movie 15. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to 'CENP-C  $PD^{mut}$  + BUB-1  $PD^{mut}$ , panels in Fig. 4A.



Movie 16. Embryo expressing Scarlet::KNL-3 and GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*wild type*' panels in Fig. 4B.



Movie 17. Embryo expressing Scarlet::KNL-3 and GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to '*CENP-C PD<sup>mut,</sup>* panels in Fig. 4B.



**Movie 18. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis.** Movie corresponds to '*BUB-1 PD*<sup>mut,</sup> panels in Fig. 4B.



Movie 19. Embryo expressing GFP::histone was imaged throughout mitosis. Movie corresponds to ' $CENP-CPD^{mut} + BUB-1PD^{mut}$  panels in Fig. 4B.