

## **Supplementary Methods**

### **Interaction with the BRCA2 C-terminus Protects RAD51–DNA**

#### **Filaments from Disassembly by BRC repeats**

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#### **Preparation of DNA substrates.**

The ds-ssDNA substrate was created by annealing the 24-base oligonucleotide (5'-CAGTCTATTATAGGTAAATCATGG-3') with the 48-base oligonucleotide (5'-CCATGATTACCTATAATAGACTGGACAGATATTACATATTGATTGCG-3').

The 1.2 kbp linear dsDNA substrate was created through PCR amplification of the gene encoding the B subunit of *E. cuniculi* DNA polymerase  $\alpha$ , using primers 5'-ATACTAAGATCTAATGGACTTCGACAGGCAGGTTTCAAGACG-3', and 5'-TTTTTGACCTTATTTCTATTCTTGCCGGATCAGGG-3'.