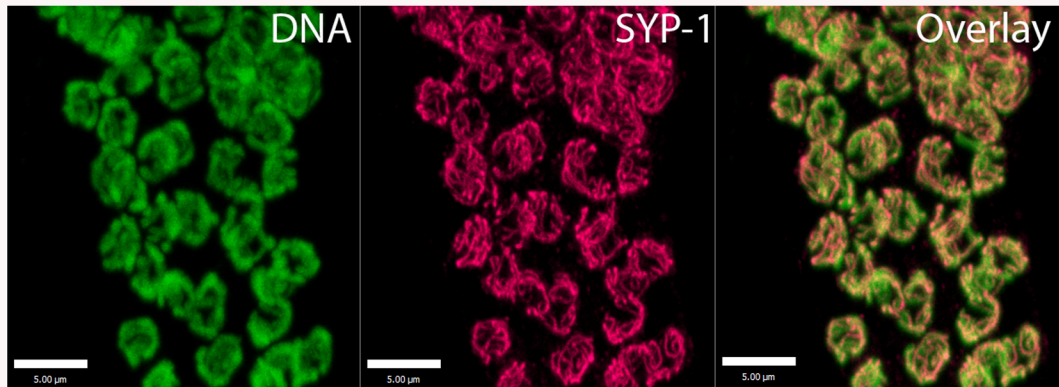


Figure S2 Pairing is normal in *him-5* mutants. Shown is a *him-5(ok1896)* germline (top) and a zoomed in region of mid-pachytene (below). Anti-HIM-8 (magenta) staining indicates that full pairing is achieved between X chromosomes.

A



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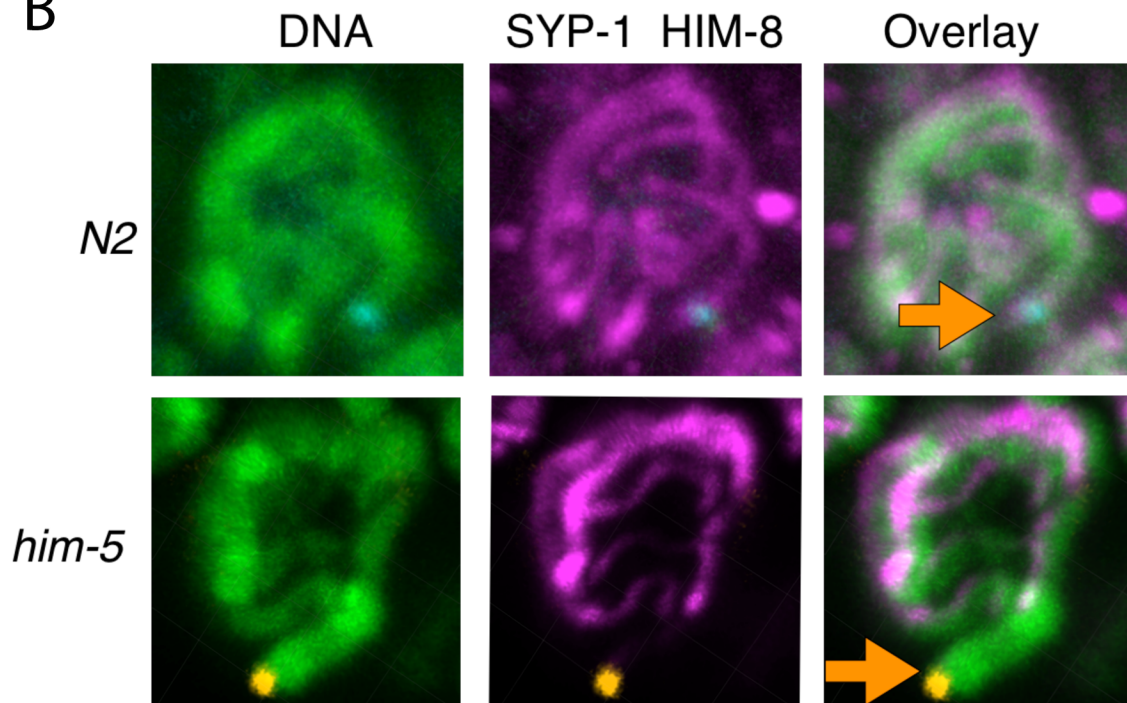


Figure S3 *him-5* mutants have a desynapsed X chromosome at pachytene. A. The SC is fully established in early pachytene as shown by the complete coincidence of SYP staining (magenta) with DNA (green). B. A mid-to-late pachytene nucleus stained for DNA (green), SYP-1 (magenta), and HIM-8 (cyan in wild type; yellow in *him-5*) is shown. In wild type, all chromosomes are fully synapsed. As seen in the overlay on the bottom row, one chromosome is desynapsed and lacks SYP-1 staining in *him-5(ok1896)* mutants. The desynapsed chromosome stains with an antibody against the X chromosome pairing center binding protein, HIM-8 indicating that this is the X chromosome. Note that a single HIM-8 focus is seen indicating that the X chromosomes remain paired after desynapsis.

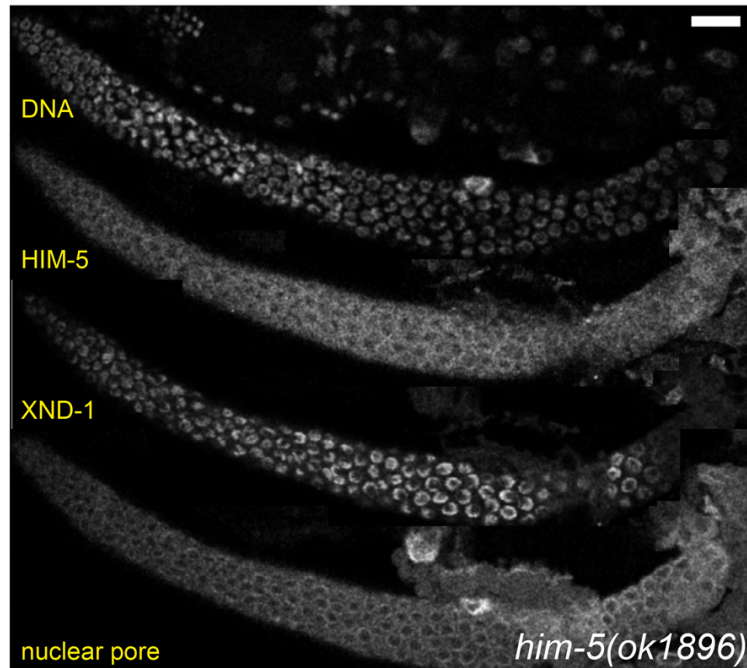


Figure S4 A *him-5* deletion lacks HIM-5 but retains localized XND-1. Germlines from *him-5(ok1896)* were stained for DNA (top), HIM-5, XND-1, and the nuclear pore, as indicated. The *him-5* mutants lack HIM-5 staining, as expected for the deletion. Conversely, XND-1 stains normally, indication that the wild type activity of *him-5* is not needed for XND-1 localization.

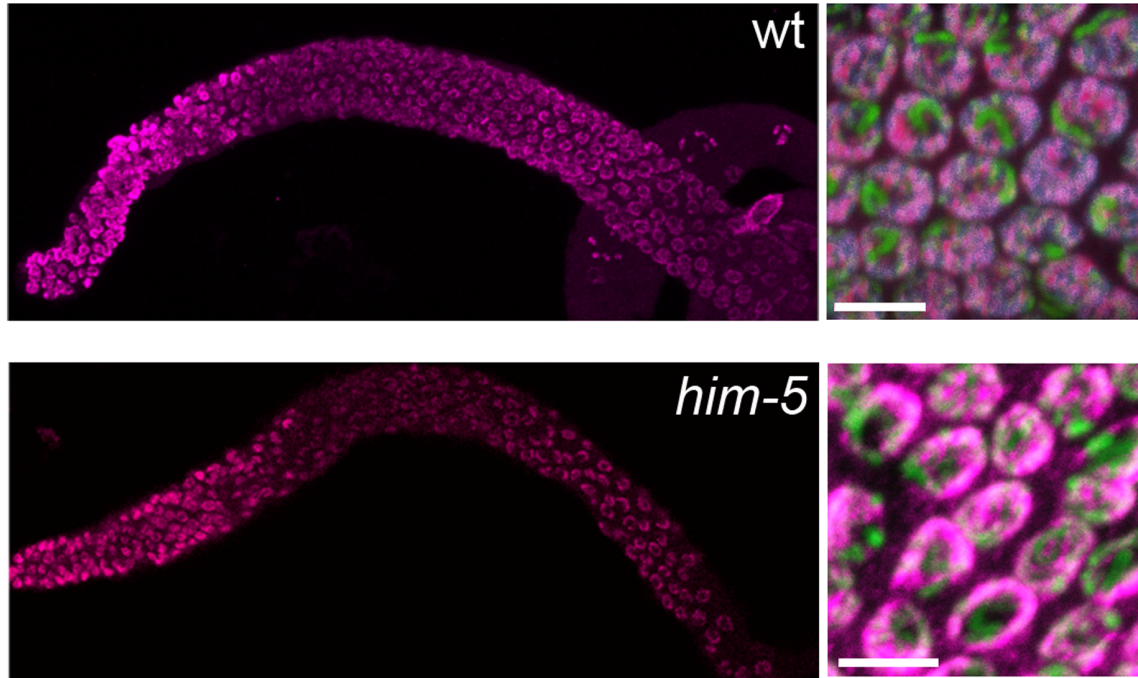


Figure S5 *him-5* does not affect H2AK5 acetylation. H2AK5Ac is indicated by magenta. A germline (left) and mid-pachytene nuclei (right) are shown from wild type and *him-5* (*ok1896*). No consistent differences between wild type and *him-5* are observed. These data reveal consistent lack of H2AK5Ac on a single chromosome, which we infer from DAPI intensity to be the X chromosome.

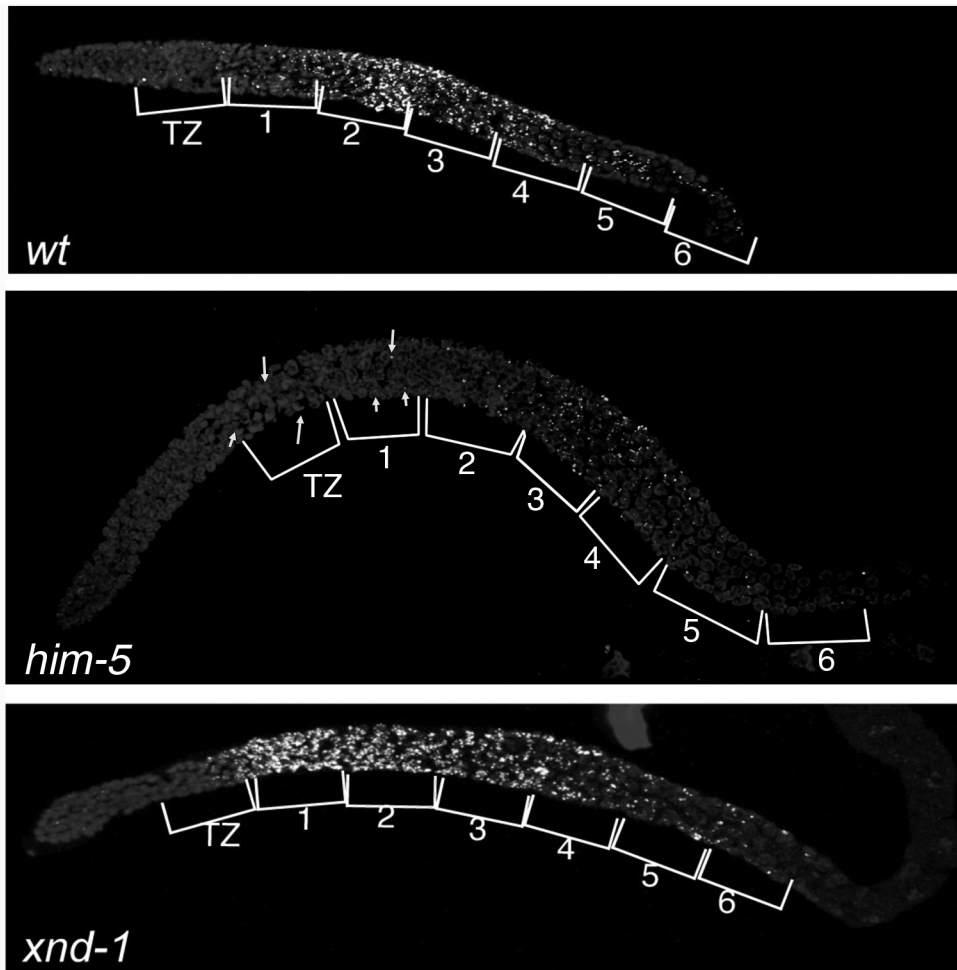


Figure S6 RAD-51 dynamics differs in *him-5* and *xnd-1*. DNA (grey) and RAD-51 (white foci) are shown as maximum projections from confocal stacks through wild type (top), *him-5(ok1896)* (middle), and *xnd-1(ok709)* (bottom) germlines. The germlines were divided into seven equal sized regions from the transition zone (zygotene) to the pachytene- diplotene border and number of RAD-51 foci/ nucleus was quantified (see Figure 7B). The white foci in wild type in regions 5 and 6 are due to background staining with the anti-RAD-51 antibody and can be discerned in the rachis in 3D projections (not shown). In *him-5*, arrows point to small RAD-51 foci in the distal region. Breaks in this region can readily be observed in this region in Figure 7A.

Table S1 RNA interference of D1086.4 gives male progeny

dsRNA ^a	# P0 ines with males ^b	Frequency	# F1 lines with males	Frequency
D1086.4 5'	2/16 ^{&}	2-5%	1/40	~5%
D1086.4 3'	4/22 [#]	2-10%	3/40 ^c	5-20%
D1086.5	0/18	N.A.	0/20	N.A.

^adsRNAs were injected into one day old adult wild type (N2) worms and allowed to lay on fresh plates each day for 3 days.

^bMales were only observed on plates from the 48-72 time period post-injection.

^cFrequency of males were 5% and 20%, the latter having a parent that gave 10% males.

Table S2 Crossover distribution on chromosome I from oocytes

Interval (Mb)	0.17 -1.91	1.91-4.59	4.59-10.72	10.72-12.05	12.05-14.68	<i>N</i>
<i>wt</i> ^a	8.9 (21)	10.6 (25)	0.0 (0)	5.5 (13)	26.3 (62)	236
<i>him-5</i>	5.4* (17)	11.1 (35)	16.2** (51)	7.3 (23)	10.5** (33)	320

Values are map units for each interval (number of COs per interval)

The change in crossover distribution between *N2* and *him-5* is statistically significant: $\chi^2(4, N=122)=1471, p < .0001$

*' **Significant difference in map size of the interval between *wild type* and *him-5* (* $p < 0.1$; ** $p < 0.005$)

^aData is the same as in WAGNER *et al.* 2010.

Table S3 Crossover distribution on chromosome I from sperm

Interval (Mb)	0.17 -1.91	1.91-4.59	4.59-10.72	10.72-12.05	12.05-14.68	<i>N</i>
<i>wt</i> ^a	14.0 (46)	12.8 (42)	6.1 (20)	4.3 (14)	13.4 (44)	328
<i>him-5</i>	7.9* (22)	13.0 (36)	17.3** (48)	3.6 (10)	6.1** (17)	282

Values are map units for each interval (number of COs per interval)

The change in crossover distribution between *N2* and *him-5* is statistically significant: χ^2 (4, N=133)=79, $p < .0001$

*: **Significant difference in map size of the interval between *wild type* and *him-5* (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.005$)

^aData is the same as in WAGNER *et al.* 2010.

Table S4 Percentage of males post-irradiation

	0-12hr	N	12-24	N	24-36	N	36-48	N
<i>N2 control</i>	0	268	0	656	0	591	0	333
<i>N2 IR</i>	0	609	0	1375	0	1074	0	662
<i>him-5 control</i>	35	172	30.8	466	33.4	416	35.3	222
<i>him-5 IR</i>	45	496	8.4	1279	11.0	1065	16.1	430

Data represents the compilation of two independent experiments.

Values represent the percentage of males in the viable progeny and were calculated as (total number of males) / (total wild type hermaphrodites + males) for each time point after exposure to 20Gy radiation. Since XXX Dpy progeny are sub-viable, they were excluded from these analyses.

Table S5 Hatching rates post-irradiation

	0-12hr	N	12-24hr	N	24-36hr	N	36-48hr	N
<i>N2 control</i>	100	268	100	656	100	591	100	334
<i>N2 IR</i>	88	692	100	1375	99.0	1074	98.2	674
<i>him-5 control</i>	72	239	75.7*	616	78.6	448	69.6	316
<i>him-5 IR</i>	77	631	92.8	1411	88.1	1142	78.4	548

Data represents the compilation of two independent experiments.

Values represent the percentage of the total viable progeny/total # eggs laid (N) for each time point after exposure to 20Gy radiation.

* The change in hatching rates between *him-5* and *him-5* post-IR is statistically significant: $\chi^2(1, N=616) = 17.280, p < .0001$

Table S6 Apoptosis analysis with acridine orange

Apoptotic

Nuclei/Gonad	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Average	N	mean	St. Dev	SE Mean
<i>N2</i>	0	4	3	8	4	1	1	0	2.90	21	2.905	1.3381	0.292
<i>him-5(e1490)</i>	2	4	7	5	1	4	0	1	2.78	25	2.76	1.7861	0.357

Student t-test DF:43 T-value 0.3143 P-value=0.7548

Table S7 Total number of meiotic breaks analyzed by RAD-51 foci after *rad-54(RNAi)*

Breaks per Nucleus	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Avg	N	Mean	St. Dev	SE Mean
N2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	10	12	5	14.1	36	14.1	1.4	0.23
him-5 (ok1896)	1	2	8	16	11	5	10	2	1	0	0	9.9	56	9.9	1.7	0.23

Student t-test DF: 84 T-value 13.0838 P-value = <0.00001