

Fig. S2. HeLa cells were transfected with siCTL or siMTR120 and immunostained for MTR120 and α -tubulin at different cell cycle stages. Bar graph showed the florescence intensities (\pm SD) of MTR120 were normalized to γ -tubulin signals. 50 cells were surveyed in 3 independent experiments. Error bars represent \pm SD.

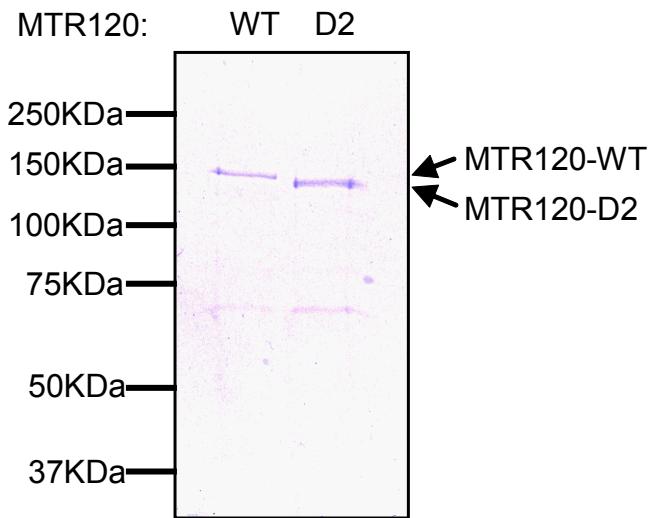


Fig. S3. SFB-tagged fusion proteins were purified from HEK293T cells, separated by SDS-PAGE, and stained by Coomassie blue

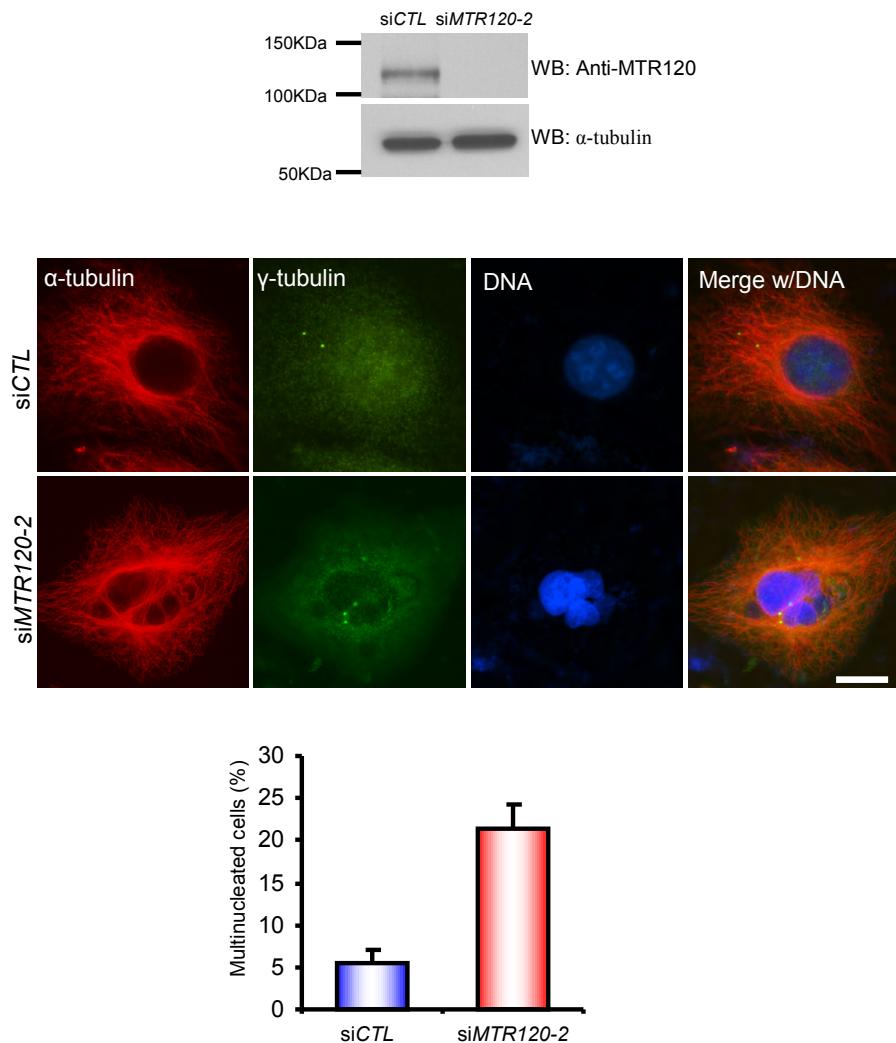


Fig. S4. Cells transfected with control siRNA (siCTL) or a second siRNA targeting *MTR120* (siMTR120-2) were subjected to Western blotting for MTR120 and α -tubulin (upper panel). Immunofluorescence images of cells transfected with siCTL or siMTR120-2. Anti- γ -tubulin and anti- α -tubulin antibodies were used to detect centrosomes and MTs (lower panel). DAPI was used to stain DNA. Bar graph showed the average percentages (\pm SD) of multinucleated cells subjected to siRNA treatment. 100 cells from each group were counted from three independent experiments. Error bars represent \pm SD. Bars, 10 μ m.

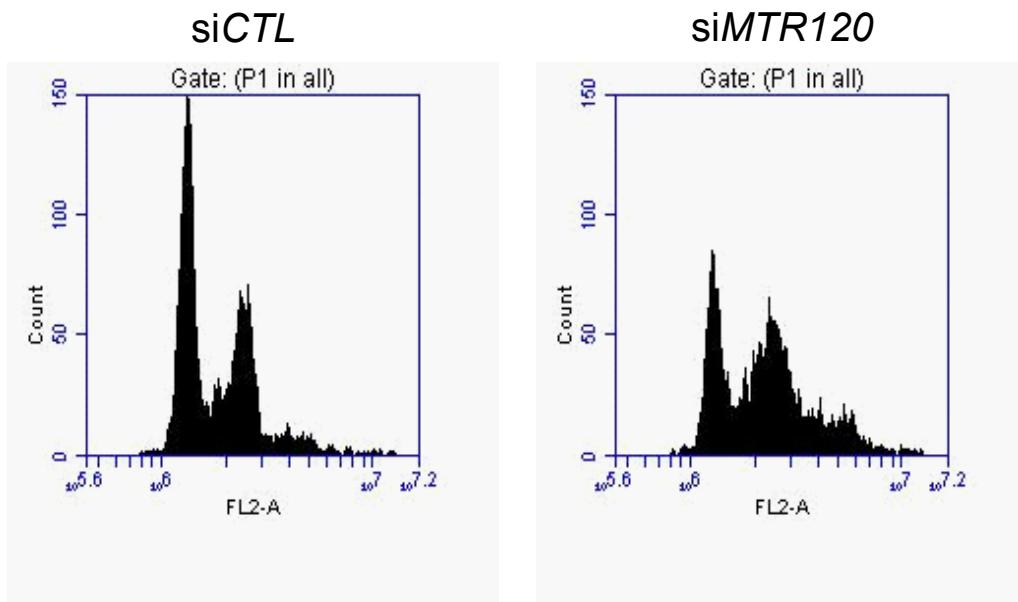


Fig. S5. Primary FACS data showed cell cycle distribution of HeLa cells after siRNA treatment.

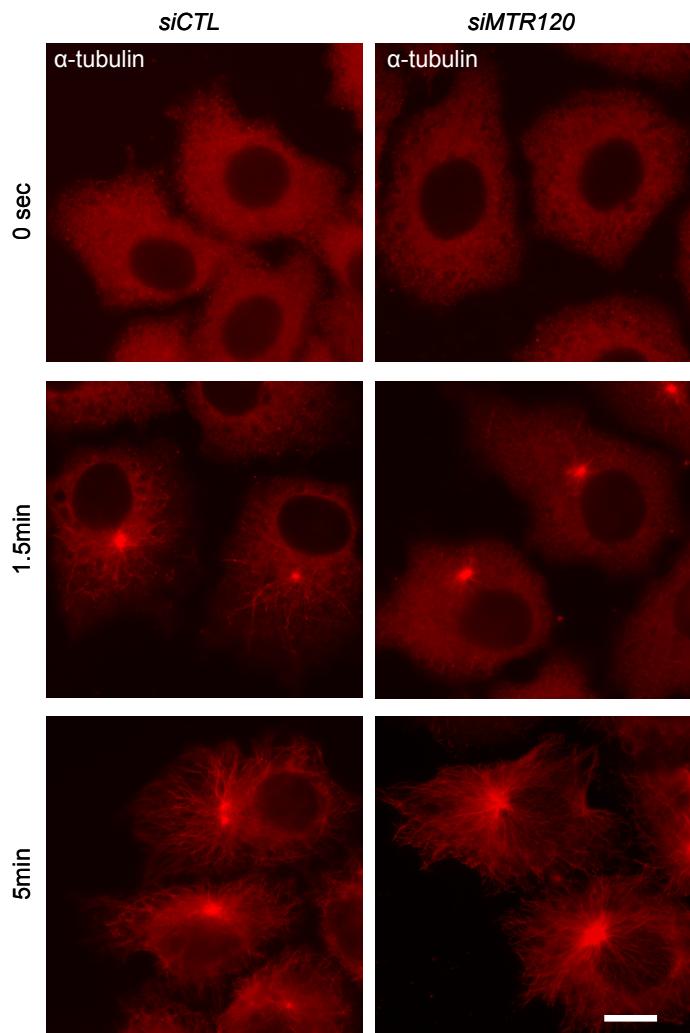
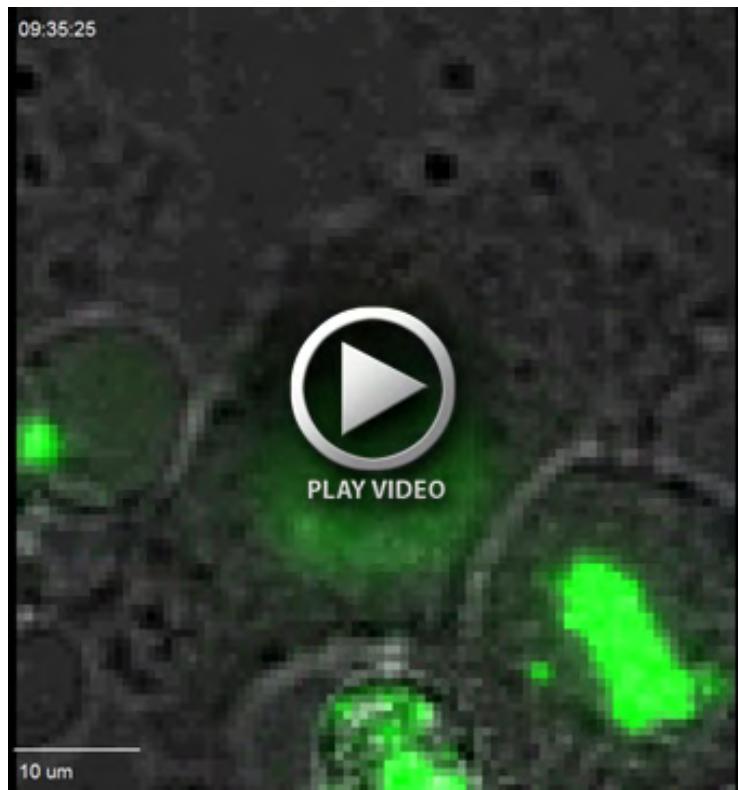
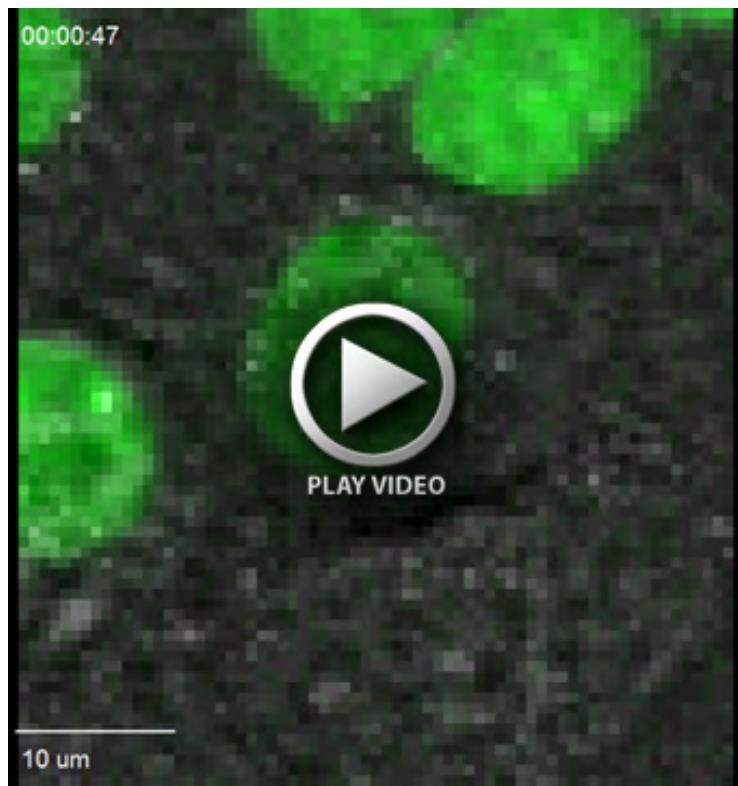


Fig. S6. Cells treated with control and siMTR120 were placed onto ice water to depolymerize MTs for 1 h, and then the cold medium was replaced with medium prewarmed to 37°C in order to allow the MTs regrow from centrosomes. Cells were then fixed at different timepoints as indicated, followed by immunostaining with anti- α -tubulin antibody. Bars, 10 μ m.



Movie 1. HeLa cells stably expressing GFP-H2B were treated with control siRNA. 72 hours after transfection, cells were video-imaged for brightfield and GFP at 15 minutes interval for 20 hours. The playback rate of the time-series movie is 4 frames per second.



Movie 2. HeLa cells stably expressing GFP-H2B were treated with *MTR120* siRNA. 72 hours after transfection, cells were video-imaged for brightfield and GFP at 15 minutes interval for 20 hours. The playback rate of the time-series movie is 4 frames per second.