



Figure S1. The Cntd1<sup>GT</sup> allele severely reduces or eliminates Cntd1 function. (a) A gene trap embryonic stem cell line obtained from the Knockout Mouse Consortium (Knockout Mouse Project) was used to generate a targeted gene trap mouse line. CRE-mediated excision of the *neo* cassette was achieved by crossing mice bearing the initial targeted allele (top) to a *Spo11-Cre* mouse line (Lyndaker et al., 2013) followed by breeding the *neo*-excised progeny through several generations to achieve a fully *neo*-excised genetrap allele (bottom) that we have named *Cntd1<sup>GT</sup>*. (b) Structures of transcripts expressed from the *Cntd1* locus in WT, *Cntd1<sup>GT/+</sup>* heterozygous, and *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* homozygous mutant testes, deduced from RT-PCR analyses (some shown in c), quantitative PCR (not depicted), and expression of LacZ protein (not depicted). WT animals only express the normal transcript, comprising exons 1–7. In *Cntd1<sup>GT/+</sup>* heterozygotes and *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* homozygotes, in addition to producing the expected major transcript encoding exon 1–LacZ, the *Cntd1<sup>GT</sup>* allele also produces a minor transcript in low abundance, in which a cryptic splice donor near the end of exon 1 is spliced to a cryptic exon comprising a portion of the vector-derived splice acceptor cassette (SA), which is in turn spliced to exon 2; this minor transcript encodes a predicted protein with a 37–amino acid sequence inserted into the middle of  $\alpha$  helix #1 of the N-terminal cyclin box of CNTD1. Because the N-terminal cyclin box is highly constrained structurally, this insertion is predicted to severely disrupt protein structure, stability, and function. Colored arrows indicate primer pairs used to detect different transcript species in the RT-PCR analysis depicted in c. (c) Example RT-PCR analyses used to deduce the structures of the transcripts produced by the *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* allele. For each gel, RT-PCR was performed using RNA extracted from wild-type (WT), *Cntd1<sup>GT/+</sup>* heterozygote (Het), or *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* mutant (Mut) testes. Box 1 shows tha



Figure S2. Accumulation of meiotic markers in *Mlh3<sup>-/-</sup>* spermatocytes, *Cntd1*<sup>GT/GT</sup> spermatocytes, and *Cntd1*<sup>GT/GT</sup> oocytes. (a–d) MSH4 staining in pachytene spermatocytes from *Mlh3<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. Early (a and c) and late (b and d) pachytene spermatocytes from WT (a and b) and *Mlh3* mutant (c and d) mice, stained with antibodies against SYCP3 and MSH4. Insets show H1t staining (as a staging indicator for mid- to late pachynema) for the corresponding cells. In spermatocytes from both WT and *Mlh3<sup>-/-</sup>* males, MSH4 foci associated with chromosome cores were abundant in early pachynema but absent by late pachynema. (e–m) Localization of CDK4 on meiotic chromosome cores during prophase I. Chromosome spreads from early pachytene through diplotene stage spermatocytes from *Cntd1<sup>+/+</sup>* (e–h) and *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* (i–l) males, simultaneously stained for CDK4 and SYCP3. Panel m shows the quantitation of CDK4 foci in WT and *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* (i–l) males, the pachynema; IP, late pachynema; DIP, diplonema. Mann–Whitney *U* tests were performed to show statistically significant differences between WT and mutant CDK4 counts at midpachynema (P < 0.001) and late pachynema (P < 0.001). (n–s) Meiotic marker localization during pachynema in oocytes from *Cntd1<sup>GT/GT</sup>* (q–s) females, stained with antibodies against SYCP3 and either MSH5 (n, o, q, and r) or MLH1 (p and s). Bars, 10 µm (bar in s applies to n–s).

## а

>HEI10 (CCNB1IP1)

MSLCEDMLLCNYRK<mark>CRIKLSGYAWVTACSHIFCDQHGSGEFSR<mark>SP</mark>AICPACNSTLSGKLDIVRTEL<mark>SP</mark>SE EYKAMV<mark>LAGLRPEVVLDISSRALAFWTYQV</mark>HQERLYQEYNFSKAENHLKQMEKMYMQQIQSKNIELTSMK GEVISMKKVLEEYKKKFSDISEKLMERNRQYQKLQGLYDSLRLRNITIASQEGSLEPGMIPQSGVFGFPP GNNSKFSLDHIPVGNQGGGDEDVQFRPFFVC<mark>SP</mark>TAPEPINNFFSFA<mark>SP</mark>SHEAEQQVCSRAFKAKRI</mark>

## b

>RNF212

MASWVFCNRCFQ<mark>SP</mark>HRKSSFSLTSCGHVYCHSCLLKGTKNECVICQAPCQTVLLSKHTNSNIQTFFLGID GLCKKYSQETSQISEFQEKHR<mark>RRL</mark>VAFYQEKISQLEESLRKSVLQIKQLQSMRSSQQPAFNKIKNSVSSK PNGYLFLPPNSSLPDRIESMDIDL<mark>TP</mark>PARKPEMSAGPSRISVI<mark>SP</mark>PQDGRMG*SVTCRGPQHLSLTPSHAS* MTKASRVPPLQMPYKEL<mark>SP</mark>PPASQLSSRATQGP<mark>SP</mark>SVSSSWTGPPRQPISISGLLQRQCAGSA<mark>SP</mark>RGMDT EKM<mark>SP</mark>FLPS<mark>TP</mark>TNLRSVA<mark>SP</mark>WHACVHR

## С

>MutSy subunit MSH4

MCCLFLRLRDYSTAHALSLPPCQRCGLQPWSARSHAR<mark>RTL</mark>GVRKAGEMLRQEAASLSS<mark>SP</mark>RW<mark>TP</mark>SRRDAP CG<mark>RTL</mark>ASASRPSTEGAMADRSSSSSS<mark>P</mark>APASAPGSSFGNKRSYAIHRAASSFPVGTSSSSARDTTYPHT FR**TP**LSAGNPQRSGHKSW**TP**QVGYSATSSAVSAHAPSVIVAVVEG**RGL**ARGEIGMASIDLK**SP**QIMLSQF ADNTTYAKVITKLQVL**SP**LEIIMSNTACVVGNSTKLFTLITENFKNVNFTTVQRKYFNETKGLEYIEQLC IAEFSSVLMEVQSRYYCLAAAAALLKYVEFIQNSVYAPKSLKIYFQGSEQTAMIDSSSAQNLELLVNNQD YRSNHTLFGVLNYTKTAGGS<mark>RRL</mark>RSNILEPLVDVETISMRLDCVQELLQDEELFFGLQSVISRFLDTEQL LSVLVQIPKQDTVNAAESKITNLIYLKHTLELVEPLKVTLKNCS**TP**LLRAYYGSLEDHRFGLILDKIKTV INDDARYMKGCLNMRTQKCYAVRSNISEFLDIARRTYTEIVDDIAGMIAQLAEKYSLPLRTSFSSSRGFF IQMTTDCAALSSDQLPSEFIKISKVKNSYSFTSADLIKMNERCQESLREIYHMTYMIVCKLLSEIYEHIH CLYKLSDTVSMLDMLLSFAHACTLSDYVRPEFTDTLAIKQGWHPILEKISAEKPVANNTYITEGSNVLII TGPNMSGKSTYLKQIALCQIMAQIGSYVPAEYASFRIAAQIFTRISTDDDIETNSSTFMKEMKEIAYILH NANDKSLILIDELGRGTNTEEGIGISYAVCEHLLSIKAFTLFTTHFLELCHLDALYLNVENMHFEVQHVK NTSRNKDAILYTYKLS<mark>RGL</mark>TEEKNYGLKAAEASSLPSSIVLDARDITTQITRQILQNQRS<mark>SP</mark>EMDRQRAV YHLATRLVQAARNSQLEPDRLRTYLSNLKKKYAGDFPRAVGLPEKTEE

> MutSy subunit MSH5

MAFRATPGRTPPGPGPGPRSGIPSASFPSPGPPMAGPGGIEEEDEEEPAEIHLCVLWSSGYLGIAYYDTSDS TIHFMPDAPDHESLKLLQRVLDEINPQSVVTSAKQDEAMTRFLGKLASEEHREPKGPEIILLPSVDFGPE ISKQRLLSGNYSFISDSMTATEKILFLSSIIPFDCVLTVRALGGLLKFLSRRRIGVELEDYDVGVPILGF KKFVLTHLVSIDQDTYSVLQIFKSESHPSVYKVASGLKEGLSLFGILNRCRCKWGQKLLRLWFTRPTREL RELNSRLDVIQFFLMPQNLDMAQMLHRLLSHIKNVPLILKRMKLSHTKVSDWQVLYKTVYSALGLRDACR SLPQSIQLFQDIAQEFSDDLHHIASLIGKVVDFEESLAENRFTVLPNIDPDIDAKKRRLIGLPSFLTEVA QKELENLDSRIPSCSVIYIPLIGFLLSIPRLPFMVEASDFEIEGLDFMFLSEDKLHYRSARTKELDTLLG DLHCEIRDQETLLMYQLQCQVLARASVLTRVLDLASRLDVLLALASAARDYGYSRPHYSPCIHGVRIRNG RHPLMELCARTFVPNSTDCGGDQGRVKVITGPNSSGKSIYLKQVGLITFMALVGSFVPAEEAEIGVIDAI FTRIHSCESISLGLSTFMIDLNQVAKAVNNATEHSLVLIDEFGKGTNSVDGLALLAAVLRHWLALGPSCP HVFVATNFLSLVQLQLLPQGPLVQYLTMETCEDGEDLVFFYQLCQGVASASHASHTAAQAGLPDPLIARG KEVSDLIRSGKPIKATNELLRRNQMENCQALVDKFLKLDLEDPTLDLDIFISQEVLPAAPTIL

Figure S3. **Predicted cyclin-binding motifs and CDK phosphorylation sites in HEI10, RNF212, and MutS**<sub>Y</sub>. (a-c) Sequences of the indicated proteins, with predicted cyclin-binding RXL motifs highlighted in magenta and potential CDK phosphorylation sites [S/T]P highlighted in green. In a, blue highlighting indicates the amino acid segment (including the RXL motif) that is absent in the mutant HEI10 protein encoded by the *Hei10<sup>meid</sup>* allele. Yellow highlighting indicates the portions of the proteins that are conserved among diverse animals and plants (a and c) or among diverse animals (b); gray indicates regions that are poorly conserved or nonconserved. Note that in RNF212, MSH4, and MSH5, the majority of [S/T]P sites are located in nonconserved N- or C-terminal tails. In b, the gray sequence is italicized and underlined to indicate that this region of RNF212 is highly diverged even within mammals.

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