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SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Polo-like kinase 1 (PLK1) and protein phosphatase 6 (PP6) regulate DNA-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit (DNA-PKcs) phosphorylation in mitosis

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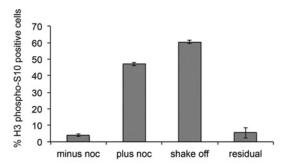


Figure S1 Nocodazole induces mitosis as indicated by histone H3 Ser¹⁰ phosphorylation

HeLa cells were either untreated or incubated with nocodazole (40 ng/ml) for 16 h then harvested by mitotic shake off. Aliquots of untreated cells, total nocodazole-treated cells (total), nocodazole-treated cells after shake off (shake off) and cells remaining after shake off (residual) were stained with FITC-conjugated histone H3-phospho-Ser¹⁰ antibody and analysed by flow cytometry as described previously [1]. Shown is the average of three separate experiments with standard

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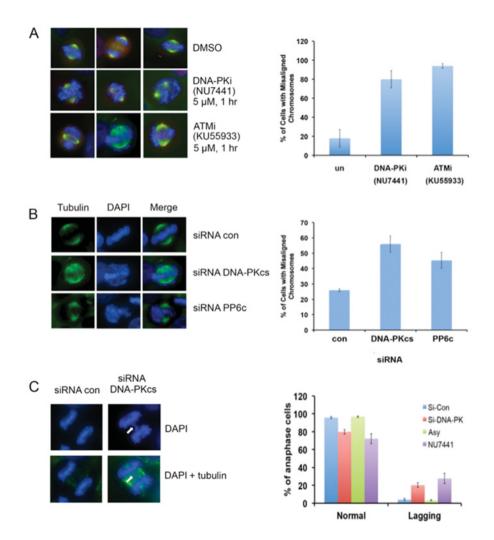


Figure S2 **Depletion or inhibition of DNA-PK induces mitotic defects**

(A) HeLa cells were grown on coverslips as described in the Materials and Methods section and treated with either DMSO, the DNA-PK inhibitor NU7441 (8 μ M) or the ATM inhibitor KU55933 (5 μ M) for 1 h prior to fixation with formaldehyde. Cells were processed for immunofluorescence as described in the Materials and Methods section. FITC-conjugated α -tubulin was used at 1:1000 dilution. The left panel shows representative images of normal and misaligned chromosomes. The graph on the right represents three experiments in which 500 mitotic cells were counted per experiment. The average with STD is shown. (B) siRNA to PP6c or DNA-PKcs was carried out in HeLa cells as described in the Materials and Methods section. Cells were processed for immunofluorescence as described above. The left panel shows representative images of normal and misaligned chromosomes. The graph on the right represents three experiments in which 500 mitotic cells were counted in each experiment. The average with STD is shown. (C) HeLa cells were treated with siRNA to DNA-PKcs as described, or were treated with the DNA-PK inhibitor NU7441 (8 μ M) for 16 h. Cells were processed for immunofluorescence as described above. The left panel shows representative images of normal or lagging chromosomes (indicated by white arrows). The graph on the right represents three experiments in which 200 mitotic cells were counted per experiment. The average with STD is shown.

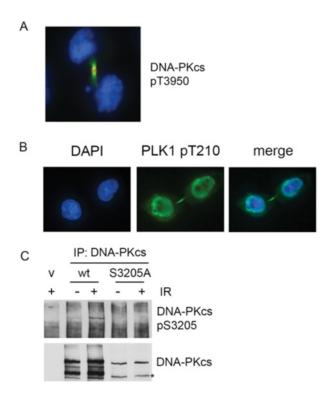


Figure S3 DNA-PKcs immunoprecipitates with PLK1

(A) U2OS cells processed for immunofluorescence as described in the Materials and Methods section. The DNA-PKcs phospho-Thr³⁹⁵⁰ antibody was used at 1:200 dilution. (B) U2OS cells were processed for immunofluorescence as described in the Materials and Methods section. The PLK1 phospho-Thr²¹⁰ antibody was used at 1:500 dilution. (C) Control for DNA-PKcs phospho-Ser³²⁰⁵ antibody: DNA-PKcs was immunoprecipitated from V3 cells stably expressing wild-type DNA-PKcs or DNA-PKcs S3205A (described in [2]) as indicated. Where indicated, cells were irradiated (10 Gy 1 h). Immunoprecipitates were probed for DNA-PKcs and a phosphospecific antibody to Ser³²⁰⁵ as indicated. The * indicates a breakdown product of DNA-PKcs.

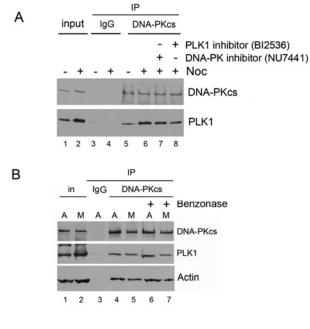


Figure S4 ${\rm Thr}^{3950}{\rm -phosphorylated}$ DNA-PKcs localizes to the midbody

(A) DNA-PKcs was immunoprecipitated from nocodazole-treated cells as described in Figure 3. Where indicated, cells were pretreated for 1 h with the PLK1 inhibitor Bl2356 (100 nM) or the DNA-PK inhibitor NU7441 (8 μ M). Immunoprecipitates were boiled in SDS-PAGE sample buffer and run on a SDS/PAGE gel and probed for the antibodies indicated. (B) DNA-PK immunoprecipitations were carried out using 1 mg of NETN extract from either asynchronized [A] cells or mitotic shake-off cells [M] in the presence or absence of benzonase treatment as indicated. Immunoprecipitates were boiled in SDS-PAGE sample buffer and run on a SDS-PAGE gel and probed for the antibodies indicated.

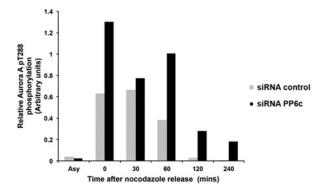
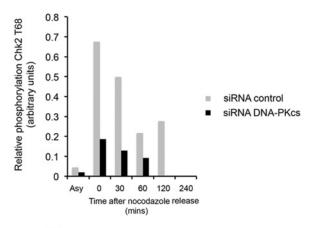


Figure S5 Effect of siRNA to PP6c and scrambled control on phosphorylation of Aurora A, Thr²⁸⁸
Quantification of data shown in Figure 6(A) of the main text.





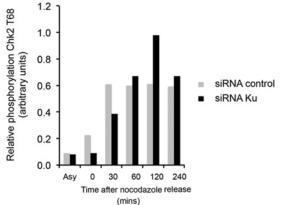


Figure S6 Effects of siRNA depletion of DNA-PKcs and Ku on Chk2 $\rm Thr^{68}$ phosphorylation in mitosis

Quantification of data shown in Figures 7(B) and 7(C) of the main text. The results are representative of at least three separate experiments.

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