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Supplemental Information

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Chromatid Cohesion Establishment

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XPD(485-538)	YSMLKKFRRDHG-TIFAVSGGRLSEGNELEMIILAGLPFPRPDAINRSLF							
Chl1(767-826)	AKIMKSGGTEEEASRATKEFMENICMKAVNQSVGRAIRHANDYANIYLLDVRYNRPNFRK							
mini-Chl1(600-659)	AKIMKSGGTEEEASRATKEFMENICMKAVNQSVGRAIRHANDYANIYLLDVRYNRPNFRK							
XPD(539-590)	DYYERKYGKGWEYSVVYPTAIKIRQEIGRLIRSAEDTGACVILDKRAGQFRK							
Chl1 (827-861)	KLSRWVQDSINSEHTTHQVISSTRKFFXMRSLNSR							
mini-Chl1 (660-694)	KLSRWVQDSINSEHTTHQVISSTRKFFGMRSLNSR							
XPD (591-615)	FIPDMKKTSDPASDIYNFFISAQAR							







SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure S1. Constant Ctf4 and Chl1 Levels and Localization throughout the Cell Cycle, Related to Figure 1

(A) Ctf4 and Chl1 levels remain constant throughout the cell cycle. Proteins were detected by quantitative immunobloting against a C-terminal HA epitope tag in extracts from cells blocked in G1 by α -factor treatment and released to progress through a synchronous cell cycle. Cell cycle progression was monitored by FACS analysis of DNA content, tubulin served as a loading control.

(B) Unchanged localization of Ctf4 and Chl1 during the cell cycle. Asynchronously growing cells were fixed and stained for the HA epitope tag on Ctf4 and Chl1, respectively. DNA was stained using DAPI, tubulin staining was used to assign cell cycle stages. Fields with cells at different stages of the cell cycle are shown.

Figure S2: Single-Particle Electron Microscopy Analysis, Related to Figure 3

(A) Two dimensional reference free class averages of the reconstituted Chl1-Ctf4 complex are shown.(B) as (A), class averages of the Chl1-Ctf4-GINS assembly are shown. Box size is 441 Å x 441 Å.

Figure S3. Chl1 Overexpression Cannot Rescue Sister Chromatid Cohesion in the Absence of Ctf4 and Biochemical Characterization of ATPase-Deficient Chl1, Related to Figure 4

(A) Chl1 depends on Ctf4 for its function in sister chromatid cohesion. Cells of the indicated genotype were synchronized in G1, released, and arrested in metaphase by nocodazole treatment. Chl1 was overexpressed from the *GAL1* promoter for 12 hours prior to the experiment (+Gal-Chl1) or was not expressed (-Gal-Chl1). Sister chromatid cohesion at the GFP-marked *URA3* locus was analyzed. Overexpression was verified by immunoblotting against the HA epitope tag on Chl1. Tubulin served as a loading control.

(B) Purification of recombinant wild type Chl1, Chl1^{K48R} and Chl1^{K48A}. Aliquots of the purified proteins were analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie Blue staining. Two contaminants are marked by asterisks.

(C) Chl1^{K48R} and Chl1^{K48A} do not retain detectable ssDNA-dependent ATPase activity. A continuous ATP-NADH coupled spectrophotometric assay was performed, as described in the Experimental Procedures, to assess ssDNA-dependent ATP hydrolysis by the three Chl1 proteins.

Figure S4. Construction of mini-Chl1, Related to Figure 5

Alignment of the mini-Chl1 protein construct with the Chl1 sequence and the sequence of the structural template used for modelling, *T. acidophium* XPD. Highlighted are the ATPase motifs (red), the Chl1-specific insertion (purple), the 4 cysteines that coordinate the iron sulfur cluster (yellow) and the CIP box (blue).

Figure S5. Cohesin Complex Integrity Is Unaffected in *chl1*∆ Cells and Confirmation of Cell Synchrony, Related to Figure 6

(A) Pk epitope-tagged Scc1 was immunoprecipitated from extracts of the indicated strains, synchronized in early S-phase by HU treatment. Immunoprecipitates were analyzed by silver staining (left panel) or immunoblotting against the HA epitope tag of Smc3 (right panel).

(B - D) FACS analysis of DNA content of the cultures used for the experiments shown in Figures 6B, C and D, respectively.

Figure S6. Ctf4, like Chl1, Is Required for Chromosomal Cohesin Accumulation during S-phase, Related to Figure 6

(A) Scc1 levels are not reduced in cells lacking Ctf4. The experiment was conducted as in Figure 6A, but wild type and $ctf4\Delta$ cells were compared.

(B) Ectopic cohesin loading onto chromosomes is independent of Ctf4. The experiment was conducted as in Figure 6B, but wild type and $ctf4\Delta$ cells were compared. All immunoblot samples were run on the

same gel, separated by additional lanes where indicated.

(C) Ctf4 augments cohesin association with chromosomes during S-phase. The experiment was conducted as in Figure 6C, but wild type and $ctf4\Delta$ cells were compared.

Figure S7. Chl1 Interacts with the Cohesin Complex at the Replication Fork, Related to Figure 7

(A) The cohesin-Chl1 interaction is CIP Box-dependent and benzonase-insensitive. Pk epitope-tagged Scc1 was immunoprecipitated and coprecipitation of Chl1 was analyzed by immunoblotting. Whole cell extracts and immunoprecipitates of strains of the indicated genotype were prepared from cultures arrested in early S-phase by HU treatment as described in Figure 7C. Benzonaze was omitted (top panel) or added (bottom panel) to the extracts prior to immunoprecipitation.

(B) Chl1 is enriched in replicating regions during S phase, but not cohesin binding sites. ChIP was performed against Chl1 or cohesin in cells synchronized in early S-phase (HU) or mitosis (nocodazole). Enrichment close to replication origins (ARS605, 606 and 607) and known cohesin binding sites (*POA1*, *MRP10* and *CEN9*) was analyzed by quantitative real time PCR. ARS609 (an inactive origin in HU) and *TUB2* (a gene where cohesin is not enriched) served as negative controls.

(C) Chl1 binds to replication forks independently of cohesin. Cells in which Scc1 expression is under control of the *GAL1* promoter were grown in medium containing raffinose and galactose. Half of the culture was filtered and shifted to medium containing raffinose only at the time when α -factor was added to synchronize cells in G1. Cells were then released into HU containing medium and aliquots processed for Western blotting to confirm the presence or absence of Scc1 and for ChIP against Chl1. Enrichment at three active and an inactive origin was assessed.

Table S1. Yeast strains used in this study (all Strains were of the W303 background)

Figure 1

- (A) Y3615 MATa CHL1-Pk₃::TRP1 CTF4-HA₆::HIS3
- (B, C) Y959 MATa ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(7x)
 Y3188 MATa CTF4-Pk9::TRP1
 Y4642 MATa HA6-CHL1 (N-terminal tag)

Figure 2

- (B) Y3188 as above
 Y4916 MATa CHL1-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4694 MATa chl1^{DAIA}-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4917 MATa chl1^{K48R}-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4693 MATa CTF4-Pk₉::TRP1 CHL1-HA₃::URA3
 Y4826 MATa CTF4-Pk₉::HIS3 chl1^{DAIA}-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4918 MATa CTF4-Pk₉::HIS3 chl1^{K48R}-HA₃::LEU2
- (C) Y3188 as above
 Y4390 MATa CTF4-Pk₉::TRP1 chl1Δ::LEU2
- (D) Y4916 as above Y3617 *MATa CHL1-HA₃::HIS3 ctf4\Delta::TRP1* Y4694 as above Y4917 as above

Figure 3

(A) Y4693 as above

Figure 4

- (A) K7100 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP
 Y4161 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP ctf4Δ::TRP1
 Y3856 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP chl1Δ::TRP1
 Y4691 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP chl1^{DAIA}-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4919 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP chl1^{K48R}-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4920 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112, his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP chl1^{K48A}-HA₃::LEU2
- (B) A2085 MATa ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(5x) AUR1c::ADH-hENT1
 A2252 MATa ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(5x) AUR1c::ADH-hENT1 ctf4Δ::HIS3
 A2253 MATa ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(5x) AUR1c::ADH-hENT1 chl1Δ::HIS3
- (C) A872 ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(7x) RAD5
 A908 ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(7x) RAD5 ctf4Δ::HIS3
 A911 ura3::URA3/GPD-TK(7x) RAD5 chl1Δ::HIS3
- (D) Y141 W303 wild type

Y4323 *MAT***a** *ctf4Δ::TRP1* Y4324 *MAT***a** *chl1Δ::TRP1* Y4694 as above Y4917 as above

Figure 5

- (B) Y4916 as above Y4921 *MAT***a** *miniCHL1-HA*₃::*LEU2*
- (C) K7100 as above
 Y3856 as above
 Y4922 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP miniCHL1-HA3::LEU2
- Y141 as above
 Y4323 as above
 Y4324 as above
 Y4921 as above

Figure 6

- (A) Y2269 MATa SCC1-Pk₉::TRP1
 Y4389 MATa SCC1-Pk₉::TRP1 chl1Δ::LEU2
- (B) Y4380 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 Y4386 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 chl1A::TRP1 Y4923 MATa GAL-SCC1(R180D,R268D)-HA₃::LEU2 Y4924 MATa GAL-SCC1(R180D,R268D)-HA₃::LEU2 chl1A::HIS3
- (C) Y2269 as above Y4389 as above
- Y4766 MATa pADH1-OsTir1-myc9::ADE2 SCC1-6E2::TRP1 HIS3::pMET3-eco1-IAA17::KAN^R
 Y4925 MATa SCC1-6E2::TRP1

Figure 7

(A) Y2012 MATa scc1-73 ura3::3xURA3::tet0112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2
Y4384 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tet0112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 ctf4A::TRP1
Y4386 as above
Y4383 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tet0112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 mrc1A::TRP1
Y4385 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tet0112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 ctf18A::TRP1
Y4382 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tet0112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 tof1A::TRP1 Y4381 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-SCC1-HA₃::LEU2 csm3Δ::TRP1

- (B) Y141 as aboveY4324 as aboveY4386 as above
- (C, D) Y2269 as above
 Y4916 as above
 Y4926 MATa Scc1-Pk₉::TRP1 CHL1-HA₃::LEU2
 Y4927 MATa Scc1-Pk₉::TRP1 CHL1-HA₃::LEU2 ctf4Δ::HIS3
- (E) Y5040 MATa Scc1-HA₆::TRP1 CTF4-Pk₉::HIS3
 Y4927 MATa Scc1-HA₆::TRP1 CTF4-Pk₉::HIS3 chl1Δ::LEU2

Figure S1

- (A) Y1451 *MAT*a *CTF4-HA*₆::*HIS3* Y3613 *MAT*a *CHL1-HA*₆::*HIS3*
- (B) K1451 as above Y3613 as above

Figure S3

 (A) Y4928 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-CHL1-HA₃::LEU2 Y4929 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-CHL1-HA₃::LEU2 chl1Δ::TRP1 Y4930 MATa ura3::3xURA3::tetO112 his3::HIS3::tetR-GFP GAL-CHL1-HA₃::LEU2 ctf4Δ::TRP1

Figure S5

(A) Y4931 MATa SCC1-Pk₉::TRP1 SMC3-HA₆::HIS3
 Y4932 MATa SCC1-Pk₉::TRP1 SMC3-HA₆::HIS3 chl1Δ::LEU2

Figure S6

- (A) Y4388 *MAT***a** *SCC1-Pk*₉::*TRP1 ctf4Δ*::*LEU*2
- (B) Y4384 as above
 Y4933 MATa GAL-SCC1(R180D, R268D)-HA₃::LEU2 ctf4Δ::HIS3
- (C) Y4388 as above

Figure S7

(A) Y2269 as above
 Y4916 as above
 Y4694 as above
 Y4926 as above

Y4934 MATa Scc1-Pk9::TRP1 chl1^{DAIA}-HA3::LEU2

- (B) Y4642 as above Y4220 *MAT***a** *Scc1-HA*₆::*TRP1*
- (C) Y5041 MATa scc1A::URA3 GAL-SCC1myc₁₈ CHL1-HA₆::HIS3

Supplemental Experimental Procedures

Yeast Strains and Culture

All strains used in this study were derivatives of W303 and are listed in Table S1. Gene deletions and epitope tagging of endogenous genes were performed by gene targeting using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) products (Knop et al., 1999; Wach et al., 1994). Cells were grown in rich YP medium or in complete synthetic medium lacking methionine, supplemented with either 2% glucose or 2% raffinose as the carbon source (Amberg et al., 2005). To induce gene expression from the GAL1 promoter, 2% galactose was added to cells grown in raffinose-containing medium. Overexpression of Scc1 in G1 was achieved by GAL1 promoter-driven expression of a non-cleavable variant, Scc1(R180D,R268D) (Uhlmann et al., 1999). Cells were synchronized in G1 by adding α -factor (0.04 mg/ml) for 2 hours. To arrest cells in early S-phase, G1 synchronized cultures were released from α factor block into medium containing 0.1 M hydroxyurea (HU) for 60 minutes. Arrest in G2/M was achieved by release into medium containing 5 mg/ml nocodazole for 120 minutes. When cells were released to pass through a complete, synchronous cell cycle, α -factor was readded to the culture, once cells started budding, for re-arrest in the following G1. To inactivate Eco1, its gene promoter was replaced with the methionine-repressible MET3 promoter and its C-terminus fused to an auxininducible degron (Nishimura et al., 2009). Cells were grown in medium lacking methionine and shifted to medium containing methionine and 500 µM of the auxin indole-3-acetic acid (IAA) 1 hour before release from α -factor block into synchronous cell cycle progression. Strains expressing Chl1^{DAIA}. Chl1^{K48R} or Chl1^{K48A} were engineered by endogenous gene replacement using an integrative targeting plasmid. To generate the mini-Chl1 derivative, amino acids 53-231 in Chl1 were replaced by the amino acid sequence KSALQYSSERKL (compare Figure S4).

Yeast Molecular Biology Techniques

Coimmunoprecipitation assays were performed as described (Godfrey et al., 2015), except that cell extracts were prepared using buffer containing 100 mM Hepes-KOH (pH 7.9), 300 mM potassium acetate, 10 mM magnesium acetate, 10% glycerol, 0.1% NP-40, 2 mM EDTA, 2 mM β -glycerophosphate, 2 mM sodium fluoride, 1 mM dithiothreitol, a protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche and Sigma) and treated with benzonase (Merck Biosciences), as described (Gambus et al., 2009). Antibodies used for immunoprecipitation and Western blotting were anti-Pk (clone SV5-Pk1, Serotec), anti-HA (clone F-7, Santa Cruz), anti- α -tubulin (clone YOL1/34, Serotec), anti-myc (clone 9E10), an antibody specific to acetylated Smc3 (Borges et al., 2010) and anti-Psf2 and anti-Pol1 antisera that were a kind gift from K. Labib. Quantitative analysis of immunoblots was performed with an ImageQuant LAS 4010 imager (GE Healthcare).

Chromatin immunoprecipitation and microarray analysis were performed as previously described (Lengronne et al., 2004), as was the quantitative analysis of chromatin immunoprecipitates (Lopez-Serra et al., 2014). Analysis of sister chromatid cohesion followed a published procedure (Michaelis et al., 1997).

Chl1 expression and purification and its use in ATPase assays

Wild type and mutant Ch11, fused via a TEV protease recognition sequence to a Strep-tag for affinity purification, were expressed from recombinant baculoviruses in High Five insect cells (Life Technologies). Harvested cells were sonicated in buffer containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 300 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 0.5 mM TCEP and centrifuged at 35000 x g at 4°C for 1 hour. The supernatant was loaded onto a 5 ml Strep-Tactin superflow plus cartridge (Qiagen) and eluted in buffer containing 1 mg/ml of desthiobiotin. The Strep-tag was cleaved off overnight at 4°C using 0.04 mg/ml TEV protease. The protein was then loaded onto a Superdex 200 10/300 GL column (GE Healthcare), equilibrated with 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 300 mM NaCl and 0.5 mM TCEP. Eluted protein-containing fractions were analyzed for purity by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. To measure ATPase activity, a continuous ATP-NADH coupled spectrophotometric assay was performed. The change in absorbance at 340 nm was recorded for 10 minutes at 20°C in a reaction consisting of 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM ATP, 40 U/ml pyruvate kinase, 50 U/ml lactate dehydrogenase, 0.5 mM phosphoenolpyruvate, 0.2 mM NADH, with or without 3.5 μ M (molecules) of DNA substrate. A 20mer ssDNA and 21mer dsDNA with sequences oligo d(T) and 5'-

TCTCCACAGGAAACGGAGGGT-3' respectively (Sigma), were used as substrates. Chl1 was added to start the reaction at a concentration of $3.5 \,\mu$ M.

Protein Expression, Purification and Complex Reconstitution for Electron Microscopy

Ctf4 purification: N-terminally His-tagged *S. cerevisiae* Ctf4 (residues 471-927) was expressed in (DE3)-CodonPlus cells (Stratagene) transformed with a pRSFDuet-1-based construct (a kind gift of Luca Pellegrini) (Simon et al., 2014). Six liters of cells were grown in LB medium to an optical density of 0.6 before induction with 1 mM IPTG, and overnight expression at 20°C. The cleared lysate was incubated with 3 ml Ni-NTA resin (Qiagen), washed with 5 column volumes (CV) of buffer A (50 mM NaH₂PO₄ pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole) and eluted with 5 ml of buffer A supplemented with 230 mM imidazole. The eluted protein was further purified by gel filtration chromatography over a Superdex 200 16/60 HiLoad column (GE Healthcare) in 25 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.0, 200 mM NaCl and 10% glycerol. Pooled fractions were concentrated to 5 mg/ml and stored at -80°C (in 2 nmol aliquots).

GINS purification: Full-length *S. cerevisiae* GINS was cloned into pET28c (Novagen) and carries an N-terminal Strep III tag on the Psf3 subunit (a kind gift of Karim Labib) (Gambus et al., 2009). This expression construct was transformed into BL21 (DE3)-CodonPlus cells. Lysates from 2 liters LB culture was incubated with 3 ml StrepTactin resin (IBA Life Sciences), washed with five column volumes of buffer B (25 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol, 0.5 mM TCEP) and eluted with 4 ml buffer B supplemented with 2.5 mM desthiobiotin (IBA Life Sciences). Proteins were stored at -80°C at a concentration of 1 mg/ml (in 2 nmol aliquots).

Chl1 purification: pFastBac1 plasmids containing the budding yeast CHL1 gene was used to produce a bacmid, which was subsequently transfected into Sf9 cells to generate recombinant baculovirus expressing Chl1, which was amplified over two rounds in Sf9 cells grown in Graces medium supplemented with 10% FCS. The infection for protein purification was carried out by inoculating 6 liters of Hi5 cells at 10⁶ cells/ml by adding 50 ml of virus stock per liter of Hi5 cells. Infected cells were incubated for 48 hours at 27°C, harvested by centrifugation and washed with PBS + 5 mM MgCl₂. The collected cells were re-suspended in 200 ml of resuspension buffer (25 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.6, 0.02% Tween-20, 10% glycerol, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA) supplemented with 15 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl₂, 0.4 mM PMSF, 2 mM 2-mercaptoethanol and the complete protease inhibitors cocktail from Roche Diagnostics. The cell suspension was snap frozen in 10 ml aliquots and stored at -80°C. The cell suspension once thawed was broken using a Dounce homogenizer. This was followed by centrifugation at 14,000 rpm in an Avanti J-26S XP centrifuge for 10 minutes to clear the extract. The cleared extract was incubated with 4 ml of StrepTactin resin (IBA Life Sciences) for 2 hours with continuous end-over-end mixing. The beads were then collected in a 20 ml Poly-Prep disposable chromatography column (BioRad) and washed with 30 ml buffer C (50 mM Tris-HCl pH8.5, 300 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol and 3 mM DTT). Bound complexes were eluted in buffer C with 2.5 mM desthiobiotin and complete protease inhibitor cocktail. Pooled elution fractions were further purified on a Mono Q (GE Healthcare) ion exchange column, pre-equilibrated in Buffer D (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.5, 100 mM NaCl and 3 mM DTT). Bound complexes were eluted with 10 ml of a 100-250 mM NaCl linear gradient and collected in 500 µl fractions. Peak fractions were pooled and dialyzed for 16 hours against 25 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.6, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM DTT. Proteins were stored at -80 °C at a concentration of 5 mg/ml (in 2 nmol aliquots).

To reconstitute the Ctf4-client protein complexes, Ctf4, Chl1 and GINS preparations were first dialyzed separately to 25 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.6, 500 mM sodium acetate, 0.5 mM DTT for 1 h at 4 °C in dialysis tubes with a 6,000-8,000 Da molecular weight cutoff (GeBAflex). 2 nmol of each component were then coincubated for 10 minutes on ice in a 100 μ l volume. The reconstitution mix was initially dialyzed in 400 mM sodium acetate, 25 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.6, 0.5 mM DTT for 1 h at 4°C. The dialysis buffer was changed hourly to contain progressively 300 mM, 200 mM and finally 150 mM sodium acetate. The reconstituted complexes were crosslinked with 0.1% glutaraldehyde for 20 minutes followed by deactivation with 80 mM Glycine.

Electron Microscopy and Single Particle Analysis

Carbon was evaporated onto freshly cleaved mica with a Q150TE coater (Quorum Technologies) and incubated overnight before coating 400 mesh grids (Agar Scientific). Dried carbon grids were glow discharged for 30–60 seconds at 45 mA using a 100x glow discharger (Electron Microscopy Sciences). A 4 µl drop of the reconstituted sample was applied onto the grid and incubated for 1 minute. Grids

were then sequentially stirred over five distinct 75 µl drops of 2% uranyl formate solution, 10 seconds per drop. The excess stain was blotted away until the grids were dry.

Image data from the negative stained grids were collected using a Tecnai LaB6 G2 Spirit transmission electron microscope (FEI) operating at 120 keV. A GATAN Ultrascan 100 camera at a nominal magnification of 30,000x (3.45 Å/pixel at the specimen level) was used to record images. For each dataset between 100 and 150 micrographs were collected. Particle picking, contrast transfer function estimation and correction were all performed using EMAN2.1 software. Multivariate statistical analysis-based classification was performed in Imagic, as previously described (Simon et al., 2014).

Replication Fork Speed Measurements

Replication fork progression was quantitatively analyzed following BrdU incorporation and DNA fibre combing, as previously described (Bianco et al., 2012).

Structural model of S. cerevisiae Chl1 and design of mini-Chl1

The 3-dimensional model and alignment of Chl1 were based on the crystal structure of *T. acidophilum* XPD (Wolski et al., 2008) and were generated by the program 3D-JIGSAW (Bates et al., 2001). A three-state protein secondary structure prediction for the Chl1-specific insert predicts it to consist of long helical and coiled segments and is therefore likely to be more prone to large conformational changes compared to the remainder of the Chl1 sub-domain structures, which have less coil segments along with stabilizing strands and, therefore, β -sheet architecture. Perhaps as a consequence of this likely higher degree of flexibility, the insert domain currently has no structural homology to an experimentally determined protein structure and could not be modeled with sufficient accuracy. The link used to connect the first region of the helicase, the region containing the N-terminal ATPase motif, GxGKT, is based on native sequence from XPD, which mainly consists of a helical segment, as visual inspection of a number of 3D alternative models indicated this to be the most parsimonious way to connect sub-domains while maintaining their native packing geometry. Alignment of the motifs required for ATPase activity (see above, and DEAH) and the four cysteine residues that coordinate the 4Fe-4S cluster indicates an acceptable alignment between the Chl1 model and the XPD template (achieving approximately 21% sequence identity).

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