## Supplemental material

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Figure S1. The Eg5 mechanochemical state induced by rigor is dominant to the effects of STLC. Maximum intensity z-projections of KIRC-1 cells treated with DMSO or FCPT and stained with antibodies targeting Eg5 (grayscale as individual and red in merge) and tubulin (green). DNA, blue. LUTs for gray-scale and red channels are scaled identically. Bar, 10 µm.



Figure S2. **Exogenous expression of Eg5-G268V-EGFP in mitotic cells and quantitation of the MI and MPI in Eg5-depleted cells.** (A) Exogenous Eg5-G268V-EGFP induces spindle MT bundling. Maximum intensity z-projections of mitotic HeLa cells expressing Eg5-WT-EGFP or Eg5-G268V-EGFP (grayscale and green) and stained with antibodies targeting tubulin (red). LUTs for individual channels are scaled identically. Bar, 10 µm. B) Eg5 depletion induces a mitotic arrest in KIRC-2 and -3. Values represent the mean MI of indicated cell types 1 d after transfection with nontargeting (gray) or Eg5-targeting (blue) siRNAs. Error bars,  $\pm$  SEM;  $n \ge 345$  cells from three independent experiments; \*,  $P \le 0.03$  relative to control. (C) Eg5 depletion prevents spindle assembly in KIRC-2 and -3. Values represent the mean MPI of indicated cell types 1 d after transfection with nontargeting (gray) or Eg5-targeting (blue) siRNAs. Error bars,  $\pm$  SEM; n = 300 cells from three independent experiments; \*,  $P \le 0.03$  relative to control.



Figure S3. Representative fields of view from single-molecule imaging experiments and initial fluorescence intensities of EGFP-Kif15 from interphase and mitotic cell extracts. (A) Initial frames from time-lapse photobleaching experiments showing flow cells infused with XMAP215-EGFP, EGFP-HSET, or EGFP-Kif15 as indicated. XMAP215-EGFP and EGFP-HSET were nonspecifically bound, whereas EGFP-Kif15 molecules were bound to surface-bound MTs with AMPPNP. Bar, 10 µm. (B) Cellular Kif15 primarily organizes into dimers regardless of cell cycle state. (top) Histogram showing initial fluorescence intensities of EGFP-Kif15 from interphase HeLa cell extracts (red, 10,801 ± 282 au, mean ± 95% COI) and mitotic HeLa cell extracts (green, 9,673 ± 428 au, mean ± 95% COI). Purified EGFP-Kif15 (blue, 10,334 ± 282 au, mean ± 95% COI) is also shown. Counts are normalized to 1. n = 1,985 (interphase), 482 (mitotic), and 1,652 (purified) particles from  $\geq$ 9 fields of view. (bottom) Single Gaussian fits of fluorescence intensity distributions shown above. Interphase (red,  $R^2 = 0.92$ ), mitotic (green,  $R^2 = 0.94$ ), and purified (blue,  $R^2 = 0.90$ ). Fluorescence intensities are indicated in au × 10<sup>-x</sup>. (C) Traces from Fig. 3 E displayed on separate plots. XMAP215-EGFP (green) represents monomer control. EGFP-HSET (blue) represents dimer control. Two example traces are shown for EGFP-Kif15 (red and cyan). Arrows denote probable photobleaching steps. Fluorescence intensities are indicated in au × 10<sup>-x</sup>, and the baseline is set to the background fluorescence.



Figure S4. Integrative Genomics Viewer showing disruption of KIF15 exon 20 in the KIF15 $\Delta$  line. Depth coverage and single reads from WES of HeLa (top) and KIF15 $\Delta$  (bottom) genomic DNA around KIF15 exon 20. The red stippled box highlights the area of CRISPR-mediated genomic alteration in the KIF15 $\Delta$  line, appearing as a decrease in depth coverage and gaps in the single reads.



Figure S5. Plating of HeLa and KIF15 $\Delta$  cells for long-term K51-resistance experiments. Bright-field images of HeLa and KIF15 $\Delta$  cells 1 d after plating at 6.8 ± 10<sup>6</sup> cells per 10-cm dish. Bar, 500 µm.



Video 1. Time-lapse imaging of X-rhodamine-labeled MT gliding powered by Eg5-WT. Acquisition at 5-s intervals, with playback at five frames per second.



Video 2. Time-lapse imaging of X-rhodamine-labeled MT gliding powered by Eg5-G268V. Acquisition at 5-s intervals, with playback at five frames per second.