## Supplemental material

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Figure S1. F-actin disassembly is reduced in 1/2cofilin and phalloidin-injected embryos. (A) F-actin (G-actin<sup>Red</sup>) in a photobleached ring in cross section in a wild-type (WT) embryo. (B) Representative normalized curve from a FRAP experiment in a wild-type embryo. Inset shows raw data from nonbleached (yellow) and bleached (black) rings. (C and D)  $t_{1/2}$  (C) and percent mobile fraction (D) of F-actin in rings versus furrow length; each data point represents one FRAP experiment for a ring in cross section. Solid lines are linear fits; n = 49 rings from 30 embryos. Gray shading highlights phase 1 in wild-type embryos. (E and G) F-actin (G-actin<sup>Red</sup>) in photobleached rings in cross section in wild-type, 1/2cofilin, DMSO- (control), and phalloidin-injected embryos. (F and H) A representative normalized curve from one FRAP experiment in one wild-type (black in F), 1/2cofilin (turquoise), control (black in H), or phalloi din-injected embryo (red). The mean  $\pm$  SE for  $n \ge 7$  rings from seven or more embryos per condition is shown in Fig. 4 (F and L). For A, E and G, box is the bleached region of interest; Pre, immediate prebleached frame; bleach, immediate post-bleach frame; seconds after bleaching. Bars, 5 µm. For compiled FRAP results, see Table S1. AU, arbitrary units.

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Figure S2. **Ring components are disrupted in** *rok*<sup>2</sup>, *anillin*<sup>HP/RS</sup> and 1/2pnut embryos. (A and B) F-actin (phalloidin; red) and Myosin-2 (green) in rings in cross section in fixed wild-type (WT) and *rok*<sup>2</sup> embryos. (C and D) Distance from top of the single corresponding wild-type or *rok*<sup>2</sup> image in A or B versus fluorescence intensity of Myosin-2 (green) in arbitrary units (AU). Result repeated for images from 10 out of 10 wild-type embryos and 9 out of 9 *rok*<sup>2</sup> embryos. Arrowheads show ring position at furrow tips. (E and F) Fluorescence intensity of F-actin (phalloidin) in arbitrary units (AU) in phase 1 and 2 for fixed *rok*<sup>2</sup> mutants (pink; E) and *sqh*<sup>AA</sup> mutants (green; F) compared with wild type (black). (G) F-actin (phalloidin; red) and Pnut (blue) in rings in cross section in fixed wild-type and *anillin*<sup>HP/RS</sup> mutants (orange) compared with wild type (black). (I) F-actin (phalloidin; red) and Pnut (blue) in rings in cross section in fixed wild-type and *anillin*<sup>HP/RS</sup> mutants (orange) compared with wild type (black). (I) F-actin (phalloidin; red) and Pnut (blue) in rings in cross section in fixed wild-type and *anillin*<sup>HP/RS</sup> mutants (orange) compared with wild type (black). (I) F-actin (phalloidin; red) and Pnut (blue) in rings in cross section in fixed wild-type and *1/2pnut* embryos. (I) Fluorescence intensity of Pnut in AU in phases 1 and 2 for fixed *anillin*<sup>HP/RS</sup> mutants (orange) compared with wild type (black). (I) F-actin (phalloidin; red) and Pnut (blue) in rings in cross section in fixed wild-type and *1/2pnut* embryos. (I) Fluorescence intensity of Pnut AU in phases 1 and 2 for fixed *1/2pnut* embryos (blue) compared with wild type (black). (A, B, G and I) Arrowheads show ring position at furrow tips. Bars, 10 µm. (E, F, H and J) Each data point represents the mean of *n* ≥ 8 rings analyzed in one embryo. Small horizontal bars show mean ± SE; \*, P < 0.05; n.s., not significant.



Figure S3. **F-actin disassembly is required for normal ring constriction in phase 2.** (A–C) Live DMSO (control; black) and phalloidin injected (phalloidin; red) embryos. (A) Rings (Sqh-GFP) constricting over time (minutes). (B) Ring perimeter versus time; (C) Constriction rate in phase 2. (D and E) Fixed wild-type embryos. (D) Rings stained for Cofilin in cross section or (E) surface views at furrow lengths of 3, 7, 10, 20 and 27  $\mu$ m (left to right). Arrowheads show ring position at furrow tips. Bars, 10  $\mu$ m. (A and B) Gray shading highlights phase 1 in wild-type embryos. (B) Arrow indicates injection time. (B and C) n = 6 embryos per condition, five rings per embryo; mean  $\pm$  SE. \*, P < 0.05.



Video 1. Ring constriction in a wild-type embryo visualized by injection of G-actin<sup>Red</sup>. Time stamp indicates time after cellularization onset. Bar, 10 µm.

## Table S1. Compiled FRAP data

Genotype or condition	Ring number	Embryo number	t <sub>1/2</sub>	Mobile fraction
			S	%
OreR	49	30	16.6 ± 0.5	87.5 ± 1.1
sqh <sup>wr</sup>	20	7	17.2 ± 1.2	89.7 ± 3.1
sqh <sup>AA</sup>	10	4	16.4 ± 2.0	84.2 ± 2.9
rok <sup>2</sup>	26	12	15.0 ± 0.9	65.8 ± 3.3°
1/2cofilin	26	13	26.0 ± 1.3°	80.4 ± 2.2°
DMSO injected	9	9	17.7 ± 1.6	89.3 ± 3.3
Phalloidin injected	7	7	-	35.8 ± 2.9°
anillin <sup>HP/RS</sup>	35	14	16.8 ± 0.6	80.3 ± 1.8°
1/2pnut	16	6	17.0 ± 0.8	83.7 ± 2.6

Values are mean ± SE.

°P < 0.05 when compared with wild type or relevant control, as specified in the text.

## Table S2. Staining conditions for antibodies and probes

Antibody or probe	Dilution or concentration	Staining condition
Mouse anti-Pnut (DSHB)	1:5	2 h, room temperature
Rabbit anti-Myosin-2 ( <i>Drosophila</i> Zipper; Sokac and Wieschaus, 2008)	1:1,000	2 h, room temperature
Rabbit anti-Mbs/MYPT1 (Ong et al., 2010)	1:1,000	Overnight, 4°C
Rabbit anti-GFP (Abcam)	1:1,000	Overnight, 4°C
Rabbit anti-Cofilin (Signalway Antibody)	1:500	Overnight, 4°C
Phalloidin–Alexa Fluor 546 (Invitrogen)	5 U/ml	Overnight, 4°C
Goat anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen)	1:500	1 h, room temperature
Goat anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen)	1:500	1 h, room temperature

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