

## SI Appendix

### Fig. S 1: Phenotype of p166 knockdown in BSF and $\gamma$ L262P cells

A) Growth curve of *p166* RNAi BSF cells (-Tet, uninduced) and (+Tet, induced). Next to it, the cell cycle stages of the population determined by kDNA and nuclear DNA in uninduced (day 0) and induced (day 1, day 2) cells ( $n \geq 99$ ). B) Cell growth in  $\gamma$ L262P *p166* RNAi cells with the karyotype next to it ( $n \geq 139$ ).

### Fig. S 2: Phenotype of p197 knockdown in BSF and $\gamma$ L262P cells

A) Growth curve of *p197* RNAi BSF cells (uninduced, -Tet; induced, +Tet). Next to it, the cell cycle stages determined by kDNA and nuclear DNA in uninduced (day 0) and induced (day 1, day 2) cells ( $n \geq 100$ ). B) Cell growth of  $\gamma$ L262P *p197* RNAi cells for uninduced and induced with the relative occurrence of the kDNA and nucleus next to it ( $n \geq 116$ ). C) Transmission electron microscopy pictures are shown for either *p197* RNAi induced (48h) or uninduced cells. Scale bar 2  $\mu$ m D) Fluorescence microscopy of BBA4 (red) and YL1/2 (basal body, green) in *p197* RNAi cells either Tet uninduced or 2 days induced. Quantitative analyses per condition are shown next to the representative image ( $n \geq 105$ ). Only cells with a YL1/2 signal were used for quantifications. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

### Fig. S 3: Depletion of p197 and investigation of the remaining TAC components by Immunofluorescence analysis

Fluorescence microscopy images of uninduced (-Tet) or 48 h Tet induced (+Tet) *p197* RNAi cells, stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), YL1/2 (basal body) and for each a remaining TAC protein (Mab22 ( $n \geq 98$ ), TAC65myc ( $n \geq 117$ ), TAC60myc ( $n \geq 86$ ), TAC40HA ( $n \geq 96$ ), p166PTP ( $n \geq 101$ ), TAC102 ( $n \geq 101$ )) with the quantitative analysis next to it. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable YL1/2 signal were used. In the right panel the occurrence of the kDNA and the nucleus per staining after 0 days and 2 days of depletion. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

### Fig. S 4: Depletion of TAC65 and investigation of the remaining TAC components by Immunofluorescence analysis

Fluorescence microscopy images of uninduced (-Tet) or 48 h Tet induced (+Tet) *TAC65* RNAi cells, stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), BBA4 or YL1/2 (basal body) and for each a remaining TAC protein (p197PTP ( $n \geq 88$ ), Mab22 ( $n \geq 88$ ), TAC60 ( $n \geq 106$ ), TAC40HA ( $n \geq 77$ ), p166PTP ( $n \geq 94$ ), TAC102 ( $n \geq 98$ )) with the quantitative analysis next to it. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable BBA4 or YL1/2 signal were used. In the right panel the occurrence of the kDNA and the nucleus per staining after 0 days and 2 days of depletion. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

**Fig. S 5: Depletion of TAC60 and investigation of the remaining TAC components by Immunofluorescence analysis**

Fluorescence microscopy images of uninduced (-Tet) or 48 h Tet induced (+Tet) *TAC60* RNAi cells, stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), BBA4 or YL1/2 (basal body) and for each a remaining TAC protein (p197PTP (n $\geq$ 102), Mab22 (n $\geq$ 96), TAC65myc (n $\geq$ 83), TAC40HA (n $\geq$ 93), p166PTP (n $\geq$ 110), TAC102 (n $\geq$ 114)) with the quantitative analysis next to it. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable BBA4 or YL1/2 signal were used. In the right panel the occurrence of the kDNA and the nucleus per staining after 0 days and 2 days of depletion. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

**Fig. S 6: Depletion of TAC40 and investigation of the remaining TAC components by Immunofluorescence analysis**

Fluorescence microscopy images of uninduced (-Tet) or 48 h Tet induced (+Tet) *TAC40* RNAi cells, stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), BBA4 or YL1/2 (basal body) and for each a remaining TAC protein (p197PTP (n $\geq$ 98), Mab22 (n $\geq$ 108), TAC65myc (n $\geq$ 97), TAC60myc (n $\geq$ 92), p166PTP (n=112), TAC102 (n $\geq$ 93)) with the quantitative analysis next to it. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable BBA4 or YL1/2 signal were used. In the right panel the occurrence of the kDNA and the nucleus per staining after 0 days and 2 days of depletion. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

**Fig. S 7: Depletion of p166 and investigation of the remaining TAC components by Immunofluorescence analysis**

Fluorescence microscopy images of uninduced (-Tet) or 48 h Tet induced (+Tet) *p166* RNAi cells, stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), BBA4 or YL1/2 (basal body) and for each a remaining TAC protein (p197PTP (n $\geq$ 89), Mab22 (n $\geq$ 110), TAC65myc (n $\geq$ 107), TAC60myc (n $\geq$ 103), TAC40HA (n $\geq$ 101), TAC102 (n $\geq$ 90)) with the quantitative analysis next to it. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable BBA4 or YL1/2 signal were used. In the right panel the occurrence of the kDNA and the nucleus per staining after 0 days and 2 days of depletion. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

**Fig. S 8: Depletion of TAC102 and investigation of the remaining TAC components by Immunofluorescence analysis**

Fluorescence microscopy images of uninduced (-Tet) or 48 h Tet induced (+Tet) *TAC102* RNAi cells, stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), BBA4 or YL1/2 (basal body) and for each a remaining TAC protein (p197PTP (n=101), Mab22 (n $\geq$ 97), TAC65myc (n $\geq$ 105), TAC60 (n $\geq$ 104), TAC40HA (n $\geq$ 99), p166PTP (n $\geq$ 97)) with the quantitative analysis next to it. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable BBA4 or YL1/2 signal were used. In the right panel the occurrence of the kDNA and the nucleus per staining after 0 days and 2 days of depletion. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

**Fig. S 9: Depletion of p197 and investigation of TAC components by western blot analysis**

Protein abundance of TAC65myc (n=3), TAC60myc (n=3), TAC40HA (n=3), p166PTP (n=3) and TAC102 (n=6) determined by western blotting from cells uninduced, 24 h or 48 h post *p197* RNAi induction. Next to it, quantification of the protein abundance. ATOM40 abundance was used as a loading control.

**Fig. S 10: Depletion of TAC65 and investigation of TAC components by western blot analysis**

Protein abundance of TAC40HA (n=3), p166PTP (n=3) and TAC102 (n=6) determined by western blotting from cells uninduced, 24 h or 48 h post *TAC65* RNAi induction. Next to it, quantification of the protein abundance. ATOM40 abundance was used as a loading control.

**Fig. S 11: Depletion of TAC60 and investigation of TAC components by western blot analysis**

Protein abundance of TAC65myc (n=3), TAC40HA (n=3), p166PTP (n=3) and TAC102 (n=6) determined by western blotting from cells uninduced, 24 h or 48 h post *TAC60* RNAi induction. Next to it, quantification of the protein abundance. ATOM40 abundance was used as a loading control. Calculating the p-value by two-tailed heteroscedastic t-test performed significance measurements (\*  $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ ).

**Fig. S 12: Depletion of TAC40 and investigation of TAC components by western blot analysis**

Protein abundance of TAC65myc (n=3), TAC60myc (n=3), p166PTP (n=3) and TAC102 (n=3) determined by western blotting from cells uninduced, 24 h or 48 h post *TAC40* RNAi induction. Next to it, quantification of the protein abundance. ATOM40 abundance was used as a loading control.

**Fig. S 13: Depletion of p166 and investigation of TAC components by western blot analysis**

Protein abundance TAC102 (n=3) determined by western blotting from cells uninduced, 24 h or 48 h post *p166* RNAi induction. Next to it, quantification of the protein abundance. ATOM40 abundance was used as a loading control. Calculating the p-value by two-tailed heteroscedastic t-test performed significance measurements (\*  $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ ).

**Fig. S 14: Complex formation of TAC60 on blue native PAGE**

Western blot from blue native PAGE of mitochondrial protein fraction of BSF cells probed with myc for TAC60myc or anti-ATOM40 in *p197* RNAi uninduced and induced cells (day 0 and day 2).

**Fig. S 15: TAC biogenesis after recovery from p166 depletion**

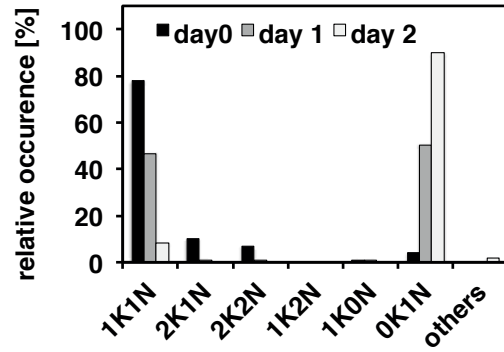
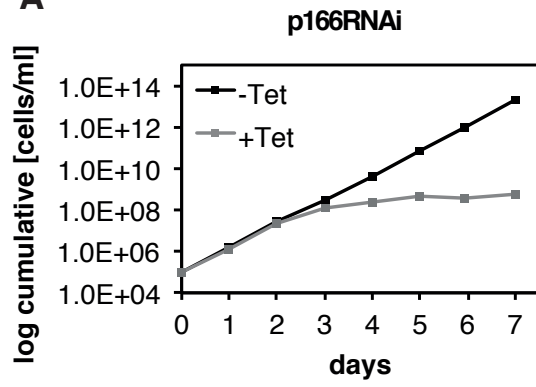
A) Growth curve of  $\gamma$ L262P *p166* RNAi cells. After 5 days of *p166* RNAi induction, cells were washed and grown in medium without Tet. .B) Percentage of cells with kDNA and nucleus in *p166* RNAi induced and uninduced trypanosomes ( $n \geq 95$ ). C) TAC102 (green), YL1/2 (red) for the basal body and DAPI (cyan) for the DNA stained cells after 0 and 5 days of Tet induction (post induction p.i.) and two days post recovery (p.r.) are shown. D) Quantitative analysis of TAC102 ( $n \geq 112$ ) or Mab22 ( $n \geq 95$ ) in uninduced (-Tet), 5 days induced (5d p.i.) and 1 or 2 days after removing Tet (1d p.r., 2d p.r.) in  $\gamma$ L262P *p166* RNAi cells. As a control for the staining, only cells with a discernable basal body signal were used. A black bar indicates a correct localized signal; a grey bar indicates a weak signal and a light grey a mislocalized signal. Scale bar 3  $\mu$ m.

**Fig. S 16: Dynamics of the TAC proteins during the kDNA replication**

Tagged BSF cells were stained with DAPI (DNA, cyan), BBA4 (red), anti-HA for TAC40HA (yellow) and anti-ProteinA for TAC102PTP (green). All 125 cells are shown and grouped according to the number of signals. The first number indicates BBA4, the second TAC40, the third TAC102 and the fourth the kDNA. Other possibilities than 1-1-1-1, 2-1-1-1, 2-2-1-1 and 2-2-2-1 are summarized as others.

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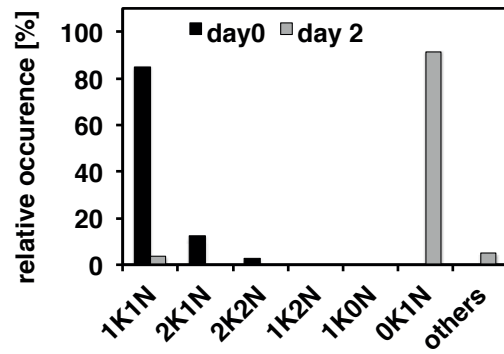
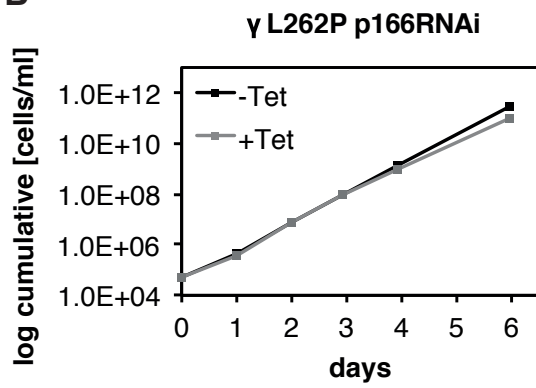
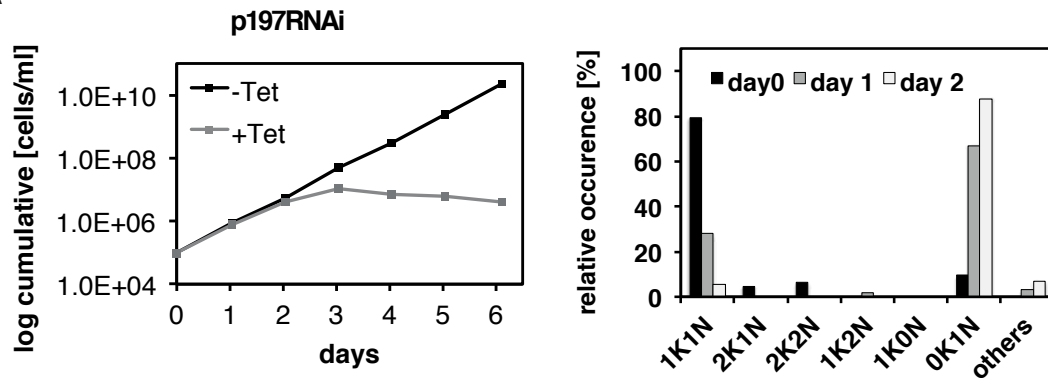
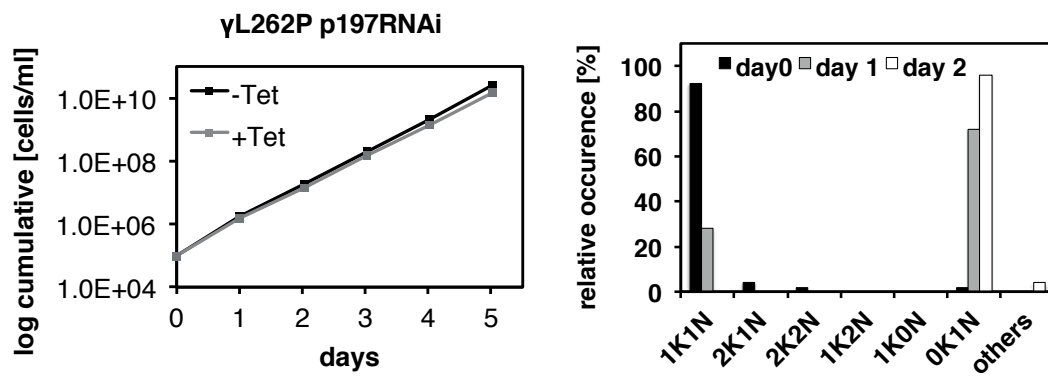


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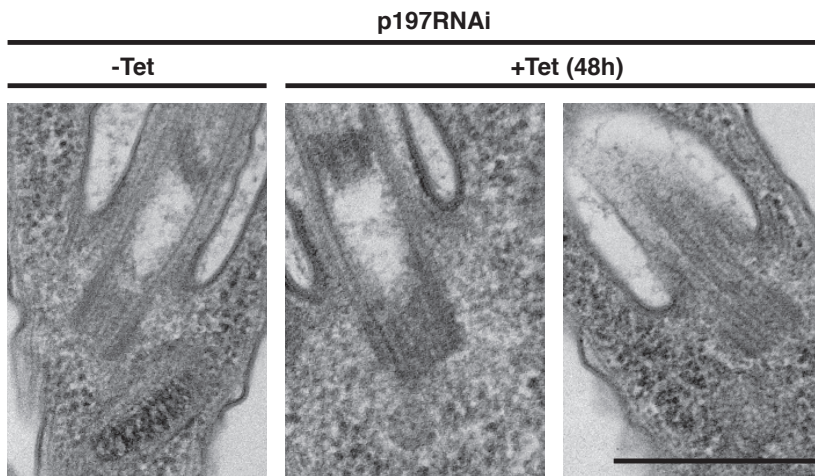
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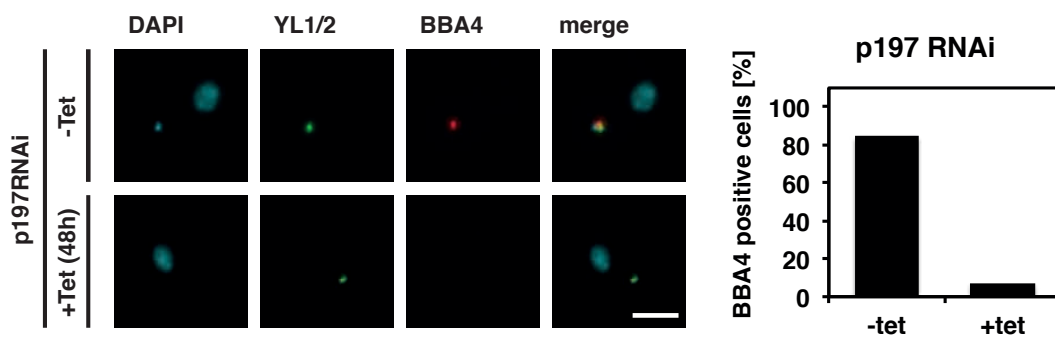


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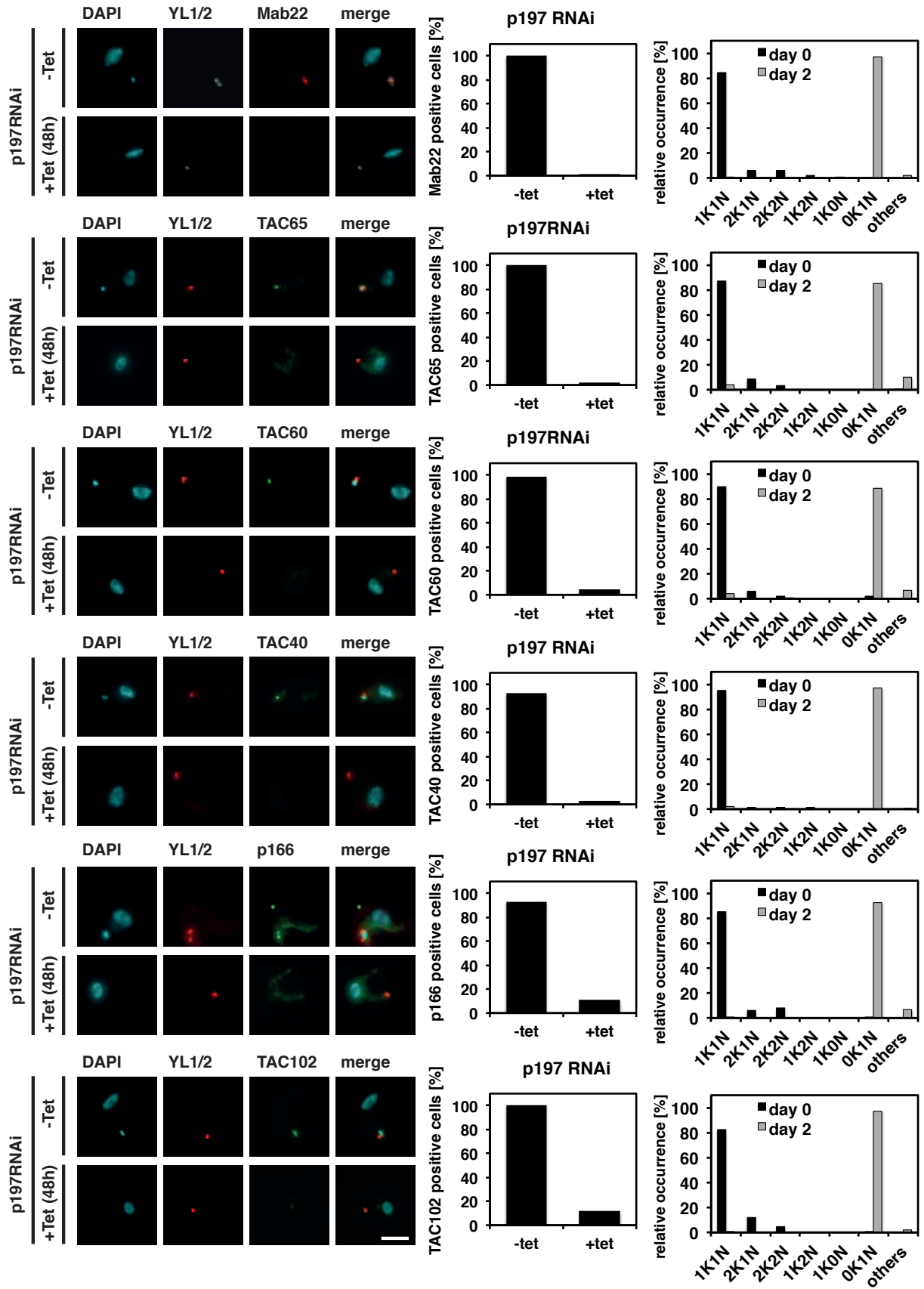


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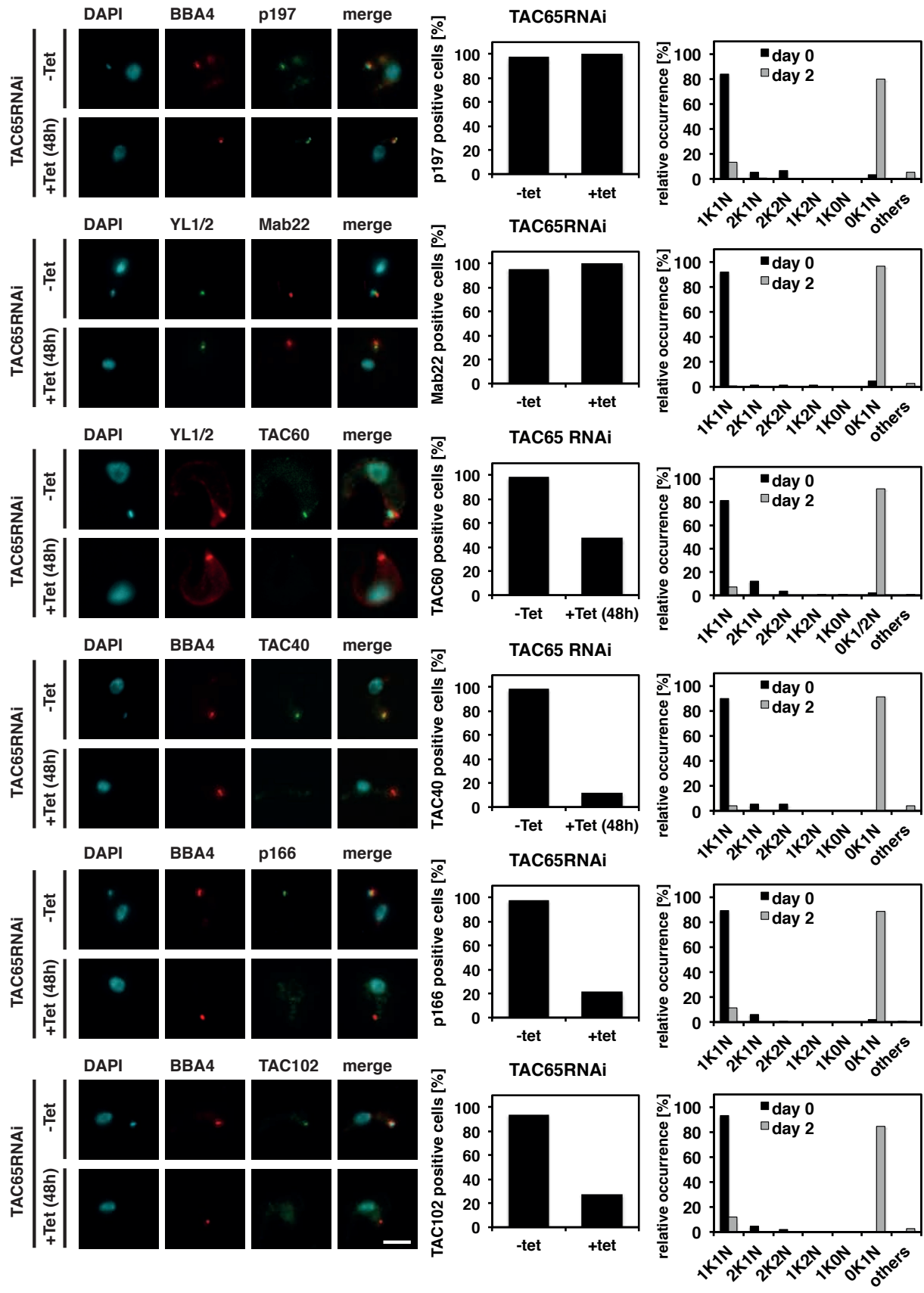




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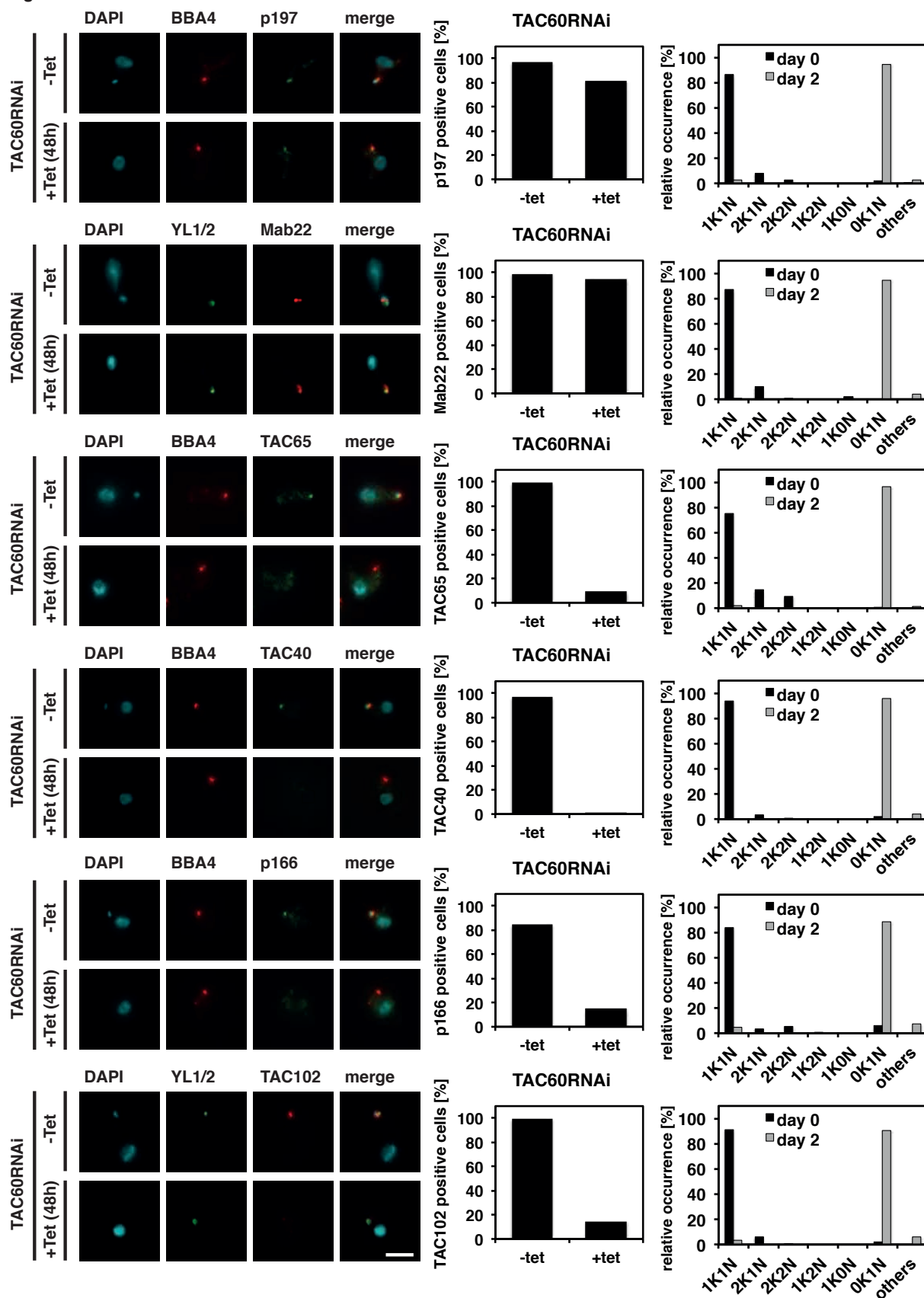


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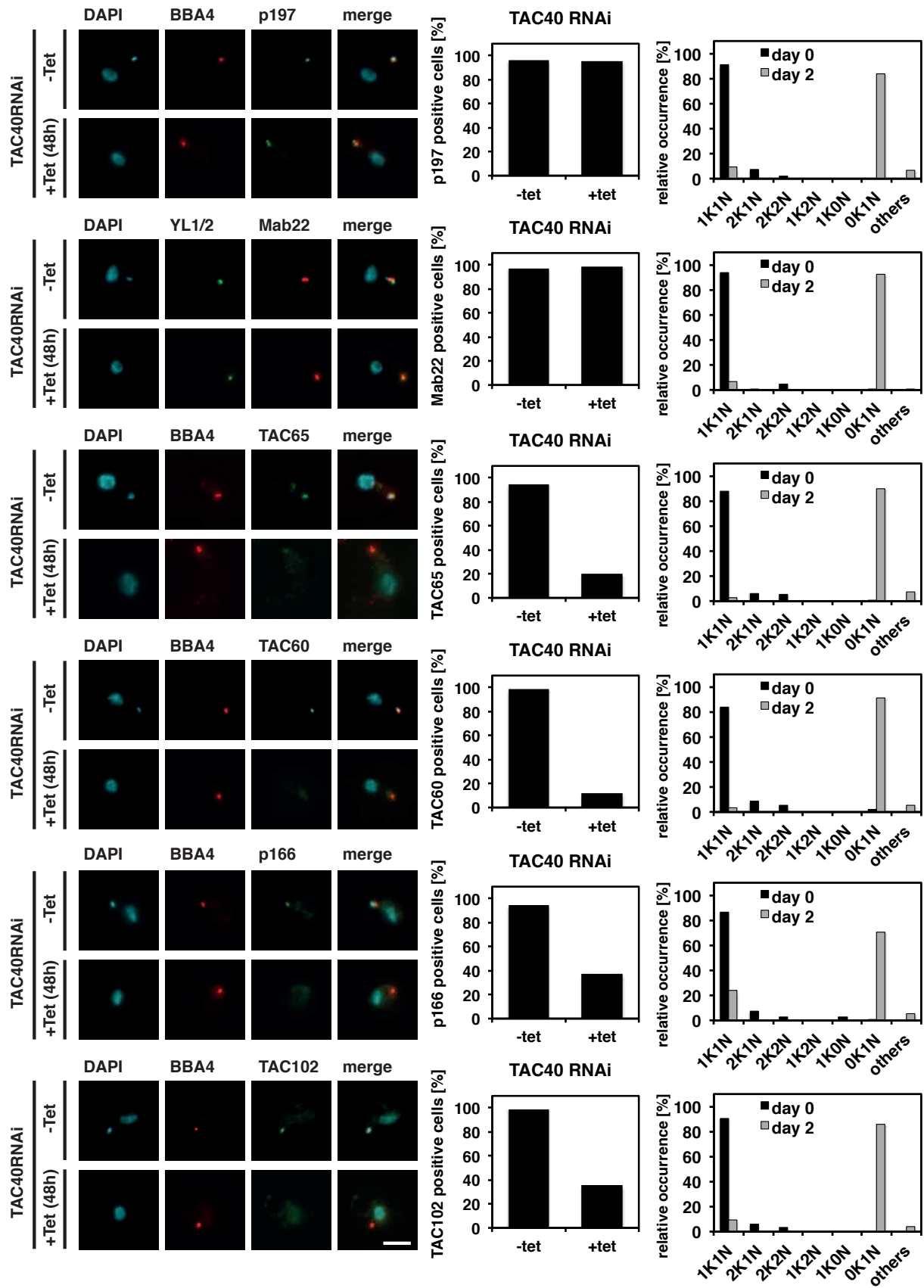


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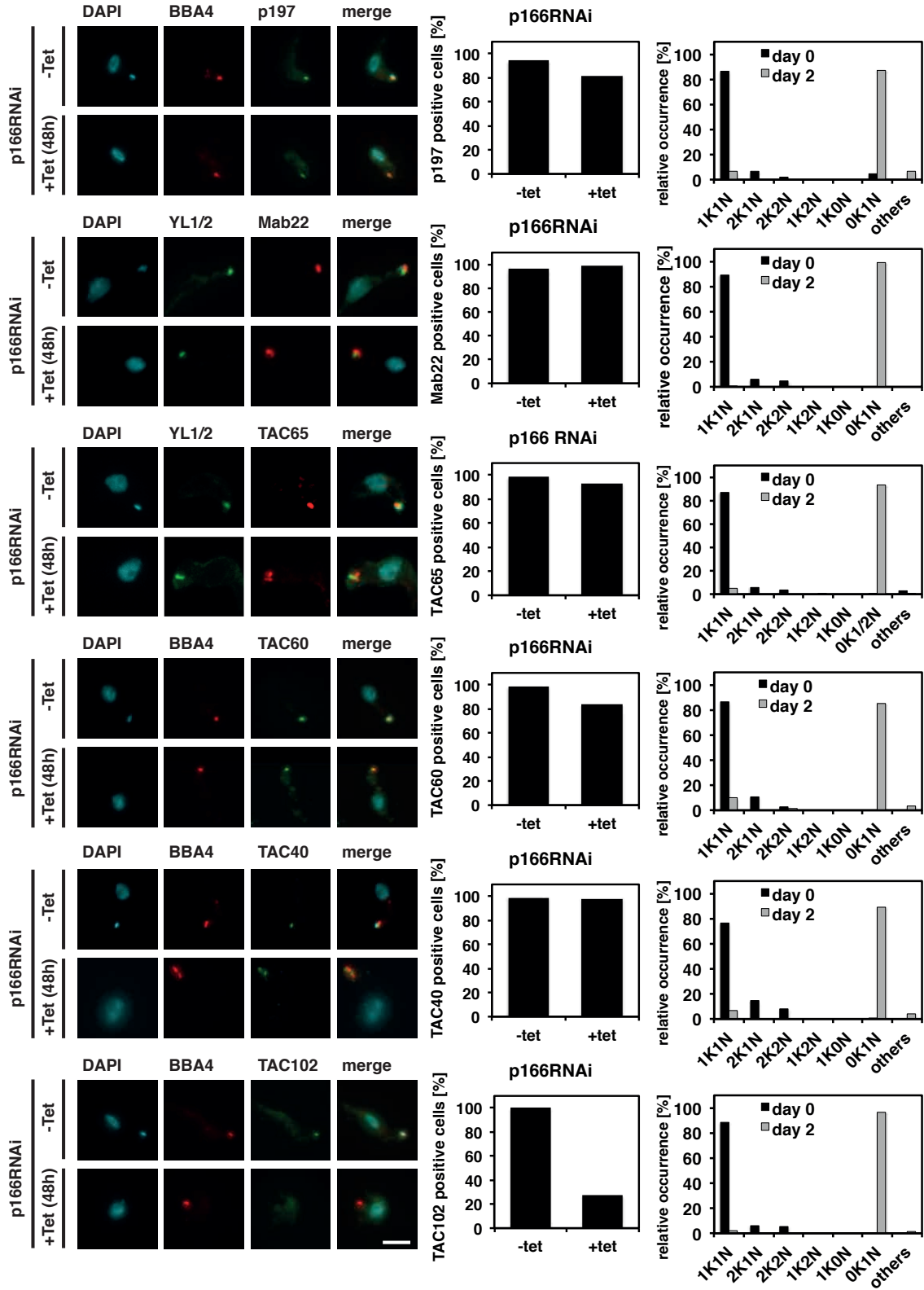


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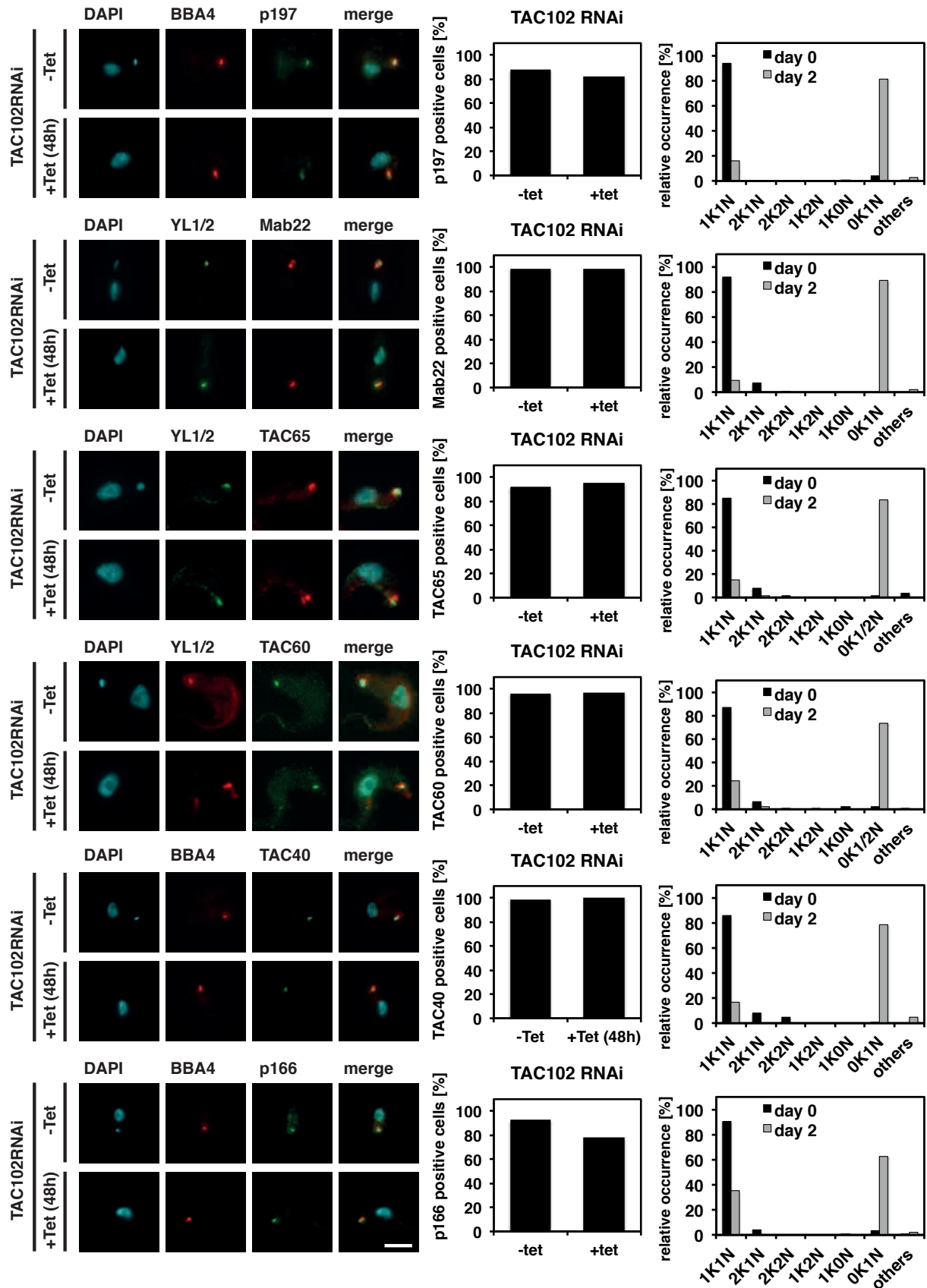


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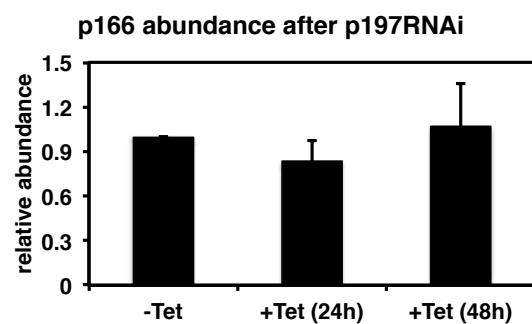
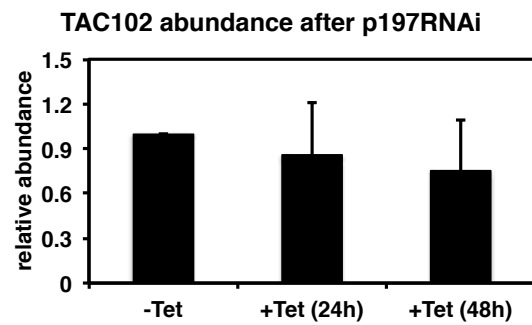
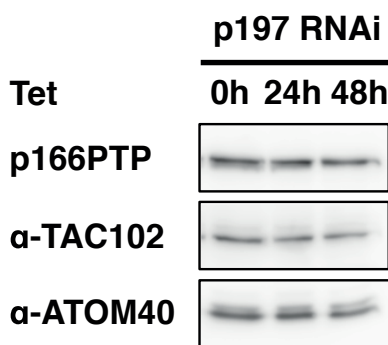
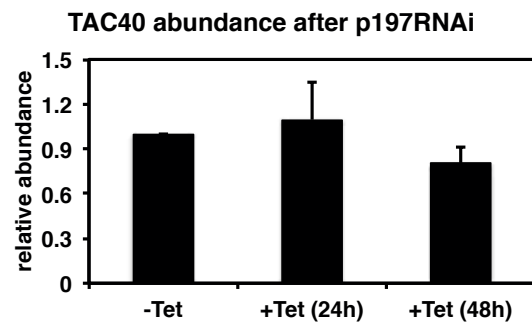
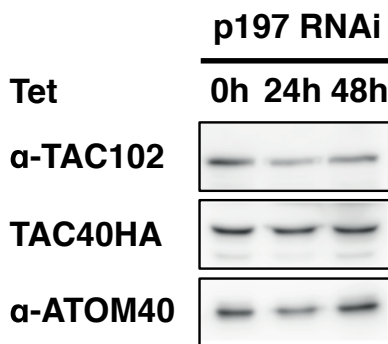
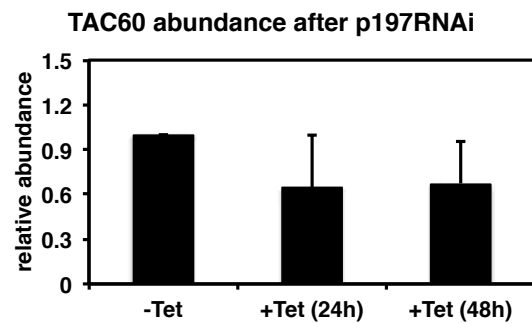
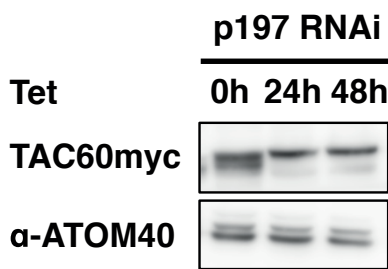
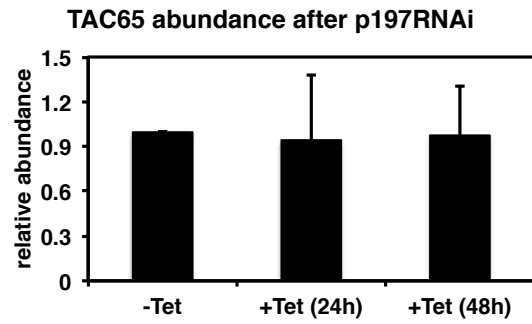
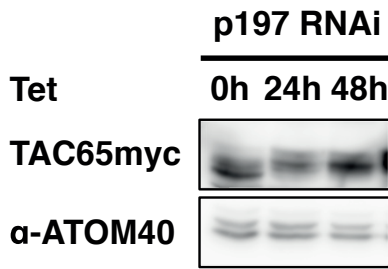


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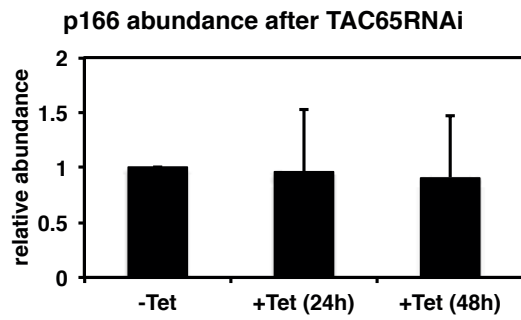
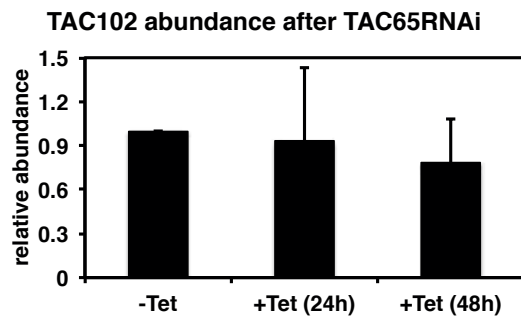
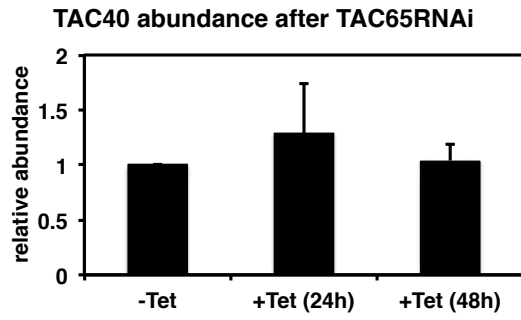
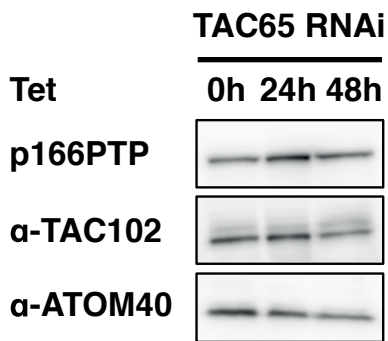
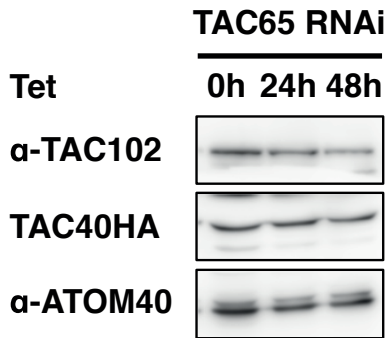


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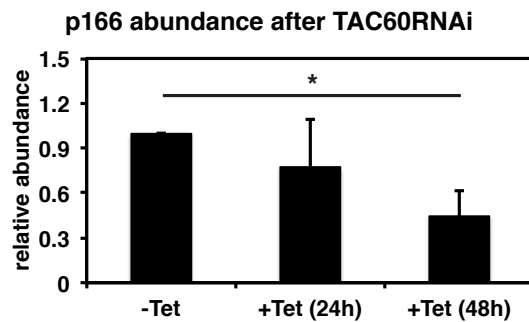
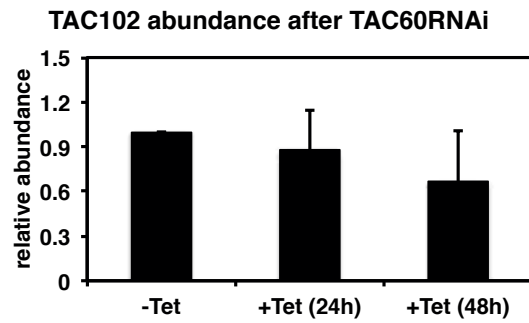
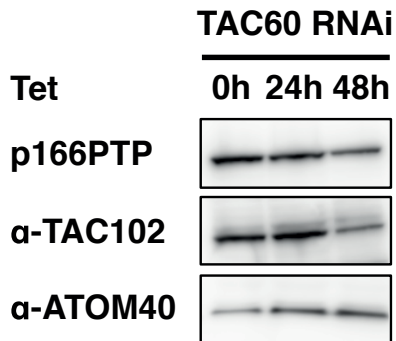
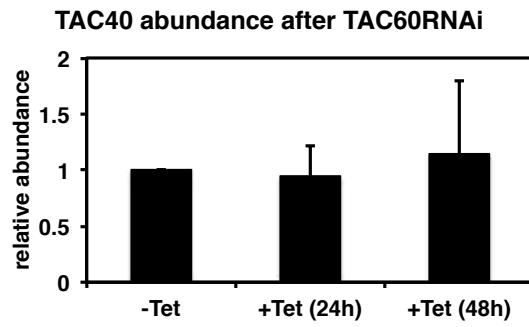
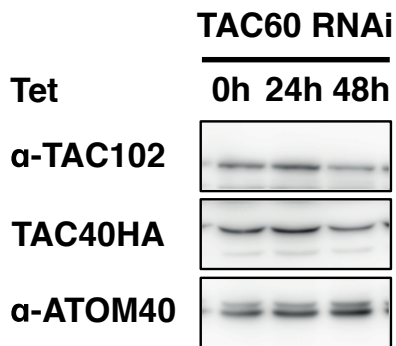
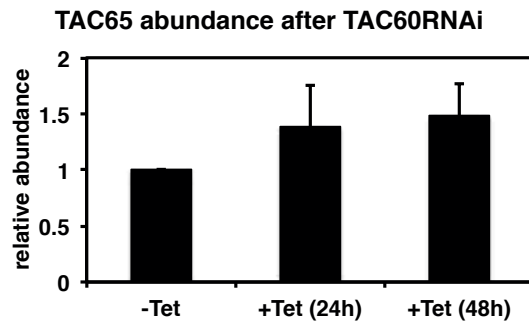
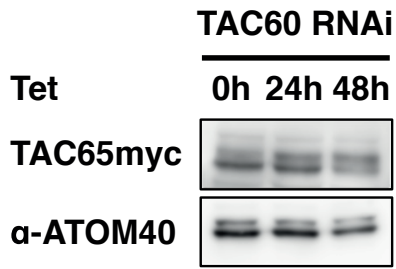


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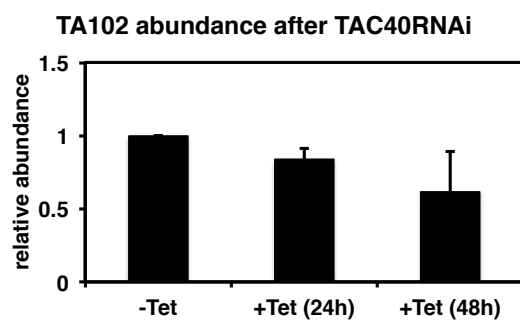
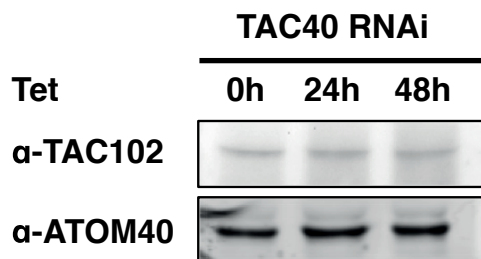
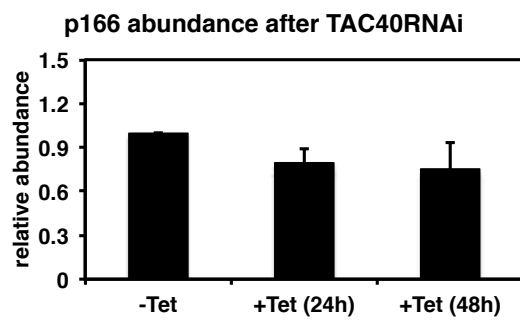
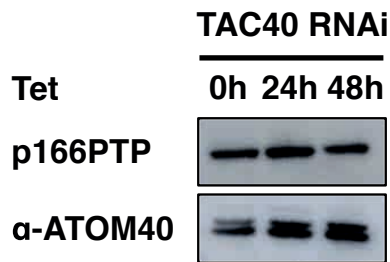
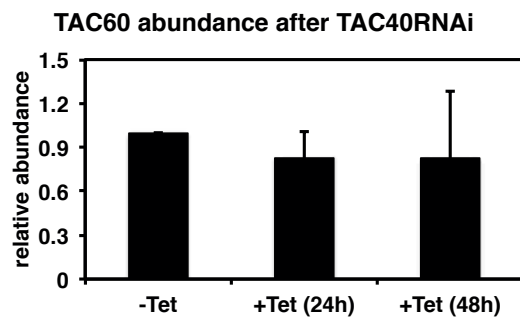
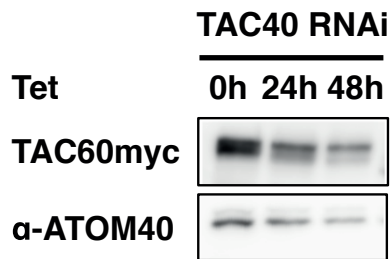
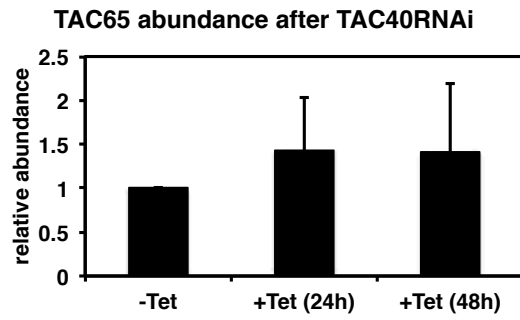
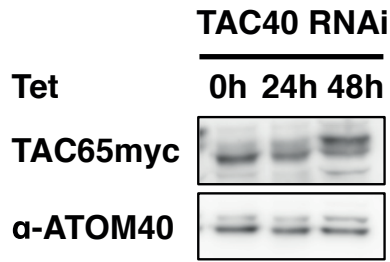




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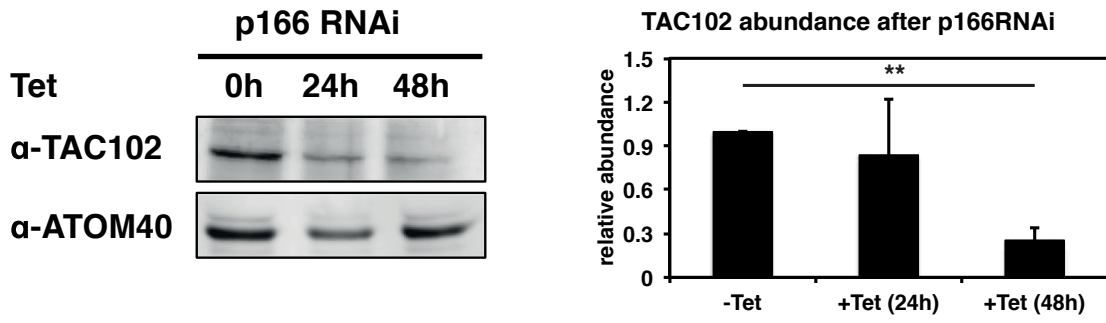
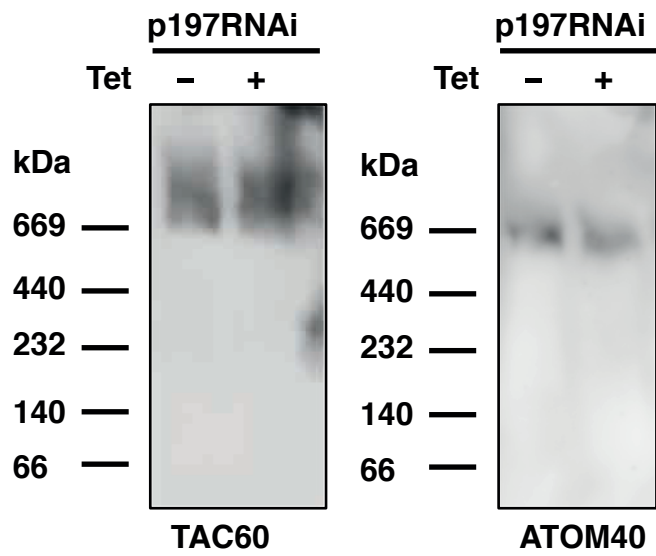


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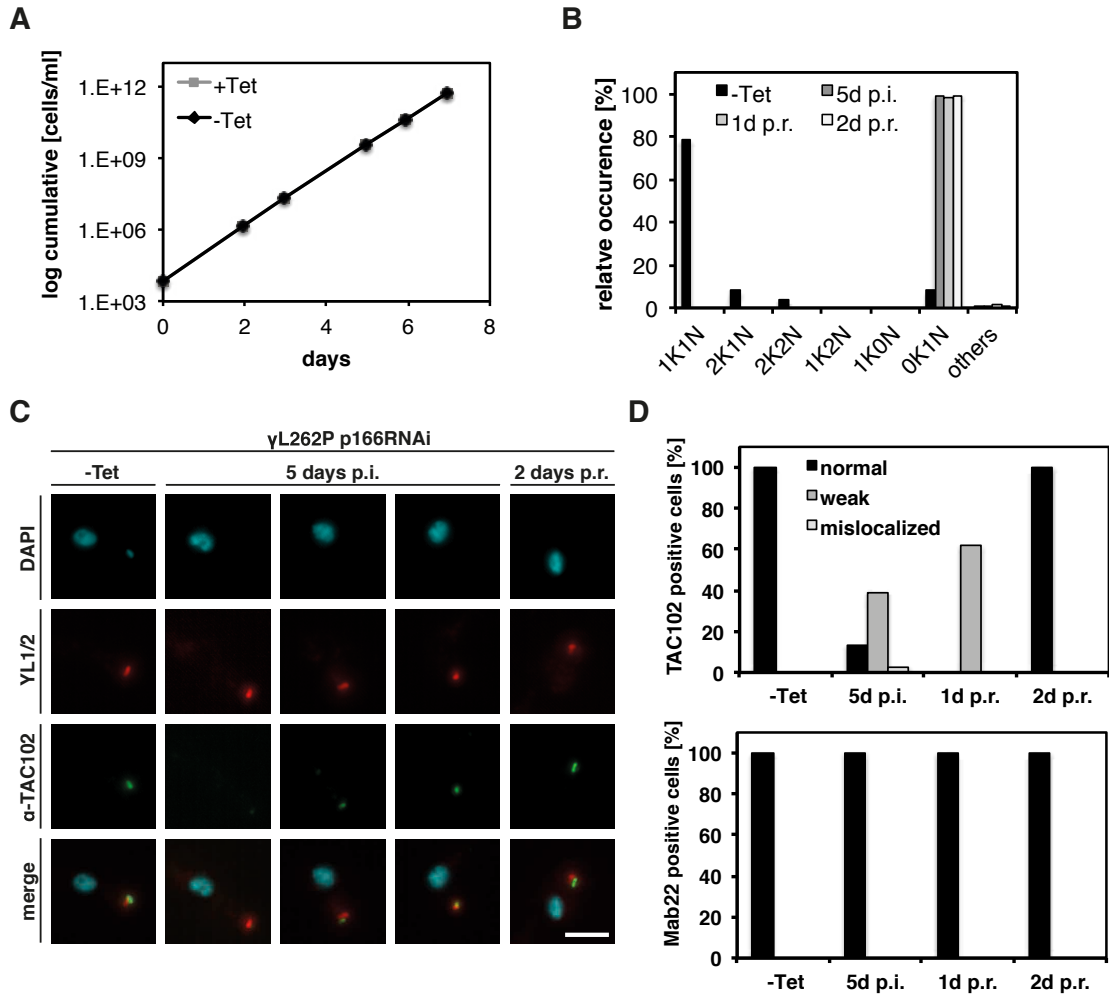
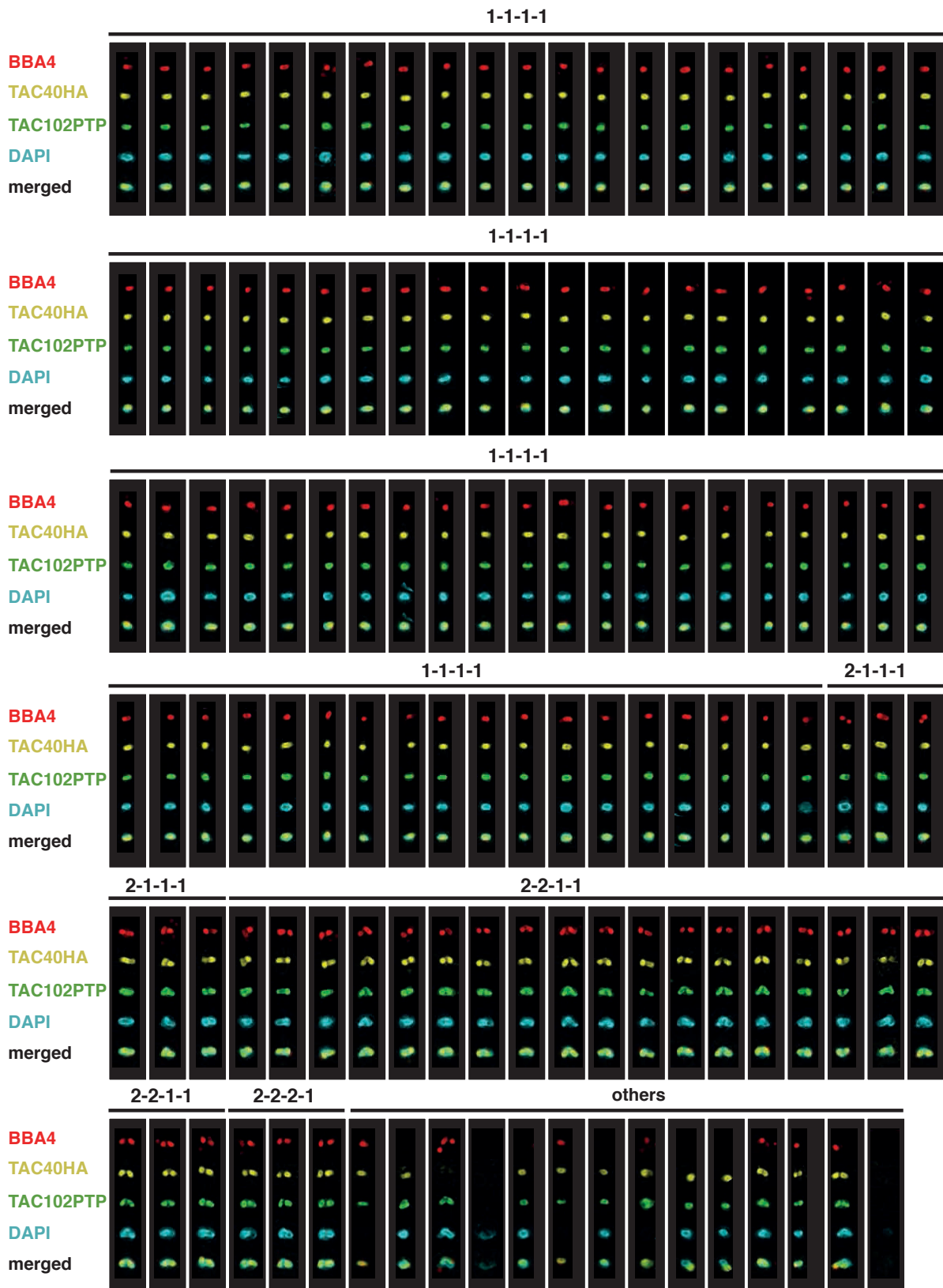


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**Table S1: TAC orthologs**

Organism	TAC102	p166	TAC40	TAC60	TAC65	p197
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<i>Crithidia fasciculata</i> strain Cf-CI	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Endotrypanum monterogeii</i> strain LV88	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania aethiopica</i> L147	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania amazonensis</i> MHOM/BR/71973/M2269						
<i>Leishmania arabica</i> strain LEM1108	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania braziliensis</i> MHOM/BR/75/M2903	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania braziliensis</i> MHOM/BR/75/M2904	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania donovani</i> BPK282A1	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania donovani</i> strain BHU 1220						
<i>Leishmania enriettii</i> strain LEM3045	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania gerbilli</i> strain LEM452	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania infantum</i> JPCM5	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania major</i> strain Friedlin	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania major</i> strain LV39c5	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania major</i> strain SD 75.1	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania mexicana</i> MHOM/GT/2001/U1103	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania panamensis</i> MHOM/COL/81/L13	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania tarentolae</i> Parrot-TarII	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania tropica</i> L590	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leishmania turanica</i> strain LEM423	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leptomonas pyrrocoris</i> H10	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Leptomonas seymouri</i> ATCC 30220	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma brucei brucei</i> TREU927	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma brucei gambiense</i> DAL972	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i> Lister strain 427	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma congolense</i> IL3000	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> CL Brener Esmeraldo-like	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> CL Brener Non-Esmeraldo-like	X	X		X	X	X
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<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> JR cl. 4						
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi marinkellei</i> strain B7	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> strain CL Brener						
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> strain Esmeraldo						
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> Sylvio X10/1	X	X	X			X
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> Tula cl2						
<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i> strain STIB 805	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma grayi</i> ANR4	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma rangeli</i> SC58		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Trypanosoma vivax</i> Y486	X	X	X	X	X	X
unclassified <i>Leishmania</i> <i>Leishmania</i> sp. MAR LEM2494	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Table S2: Primers**

<b>Construct</b>		
p166RNAi	FWD	5'- <b>GGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCT</b> TCTTGCGCACATCTCTGGTT-3'
	RV	5'- <b>GGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGT</b> TTGCCAAGTGAAGTGTGCG-3'
p197RNAi	FWD	5'-AGTCG <b>AAGCTTGGATCCA</b> AGAGGATGAGCGGCGGCTA-3'
	RV	5'-TCCGAT <b>CTAGACTCGAG</b> ACGGAGAGA AAGAGGCACAA-3'
p166PTP	FWD	5'-TAG <b>CGGCCGCTT</b> CTGGTCTGACTTCACACAAC-3'
	RV	5'-TAG <b>GGCCCATG</b> TAGCAACCTCAACACG-3'
p197PTP	FWD	5'- <b>AGGGCCCTT</b> TAAGTGTGGAGAGTCTGC-3'
	RV	5'-TAC <b>GGCCGTAG</b> AATTACCCGGTCCGCTAC-3'

**Table S3: Antibodies**

Primary antibodies		IF	WB	
BBA4	mouse	1:100, 1:200		(1)
Mab22	mouse	1:10		(2)
PAP			1:1000 or 1:2000	Sigma
$\alpha$ - ATOM40	rabbit		1:10000	(3)
$\alpha$ - ef-1 alpha	mouse		1:10000	Santa Cruz
$\alpha$ - HA	rat	1:1000		Sigma
$\alpha$ - HA	rabbit	1:1000	1:1000	Sigma
$\alpha$ - myc	rabbit	1:1000	1:1000	Sigma
$\alpha$ - myc	mouse	1:50	1:1000	Sigma
$\alpha$ - Protein A	rabbit	1:1000, 1:2000		Sigma
$\alpha$ - TAC102	rat	1:1000	1:10000	(4)
$\alpha$ - TAC102	mouse	1:1000, 1:2000	1:1000	(4)
$\alpha$ - TAC60	rabbit	1:50		(5)
YL1/2	rat	1:200, 1:100000		(6)
Secondary antibodies				
Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L)		1:1000		Invitrogen
Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-rabbit IgG		1:1000		Invitrogen
Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-rat IgG		1:500, 1:1000		Life technologies
Alexa Fluor 594 goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L)		1:1000		Molecular Probes
Alexa Fluor 594 goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L)		1:1000		Life technologies
Alexa Fluor 594 goat anti-rat IgG		1:1000		Invitrogen
Alexa Fluor 647 goat anti-rat IgG (H+L)		1:1000		Life technologies
rabbit $\alpha$ - mouse HRP-conjugated			1:10000	Dako
rabbit anti-rat HRP-conjugate			1:10000	Dako
swine anti-rabbit HRP-conjugate			1:10000	Dako
goat anti-rabbit 680 LT			1:10000	LI-COR

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