

Figure S1. **Transgenes encoding WT untagged and mNeonGreen tagged TPXL-1 are functional.** Related to Figs. 4 and 5. **(A)** Schematics showing TPXL-1^{WT} or TPXL-1^{FD} tagged with mNeonGreen. **(B)** Immunoblots of control (N2) and transgenic animals expressing RNAi-resistant TPXL-1^{WT}::NG or TPXL-1^{FD}::NG after depletion of endogenous TPXL-1 by RNAi. Immunoblots were probed for TPXL-1 and α-tubulin as a loading control. **(C)** Schematic representation of intron-exon organization of the *C. elegans tpxl-1* gene. To make the *tpxl-1* transgene RNAi resistant, a region including exon 3 and parts of exons 2 and 4 was reencoded. The intron between exons 2 and 3 was maintained, but the long intron between exons 4 and 5 was deleted. **(D)** The untagged and NG-tagged TPXL-1 transgenes, under control of the *mex-5* promoter and *tbb-2* 3' UTR, were integrated into chromosome II using MosSCI (Frøkjær-Jensen et al., 2008). **(E)** Graph plotting percentage embryonic lethality for the indicated conditions. Error bars are SD; *n* = number of progeny analyzed. **(F)** Maximum-intensity projections of five confocal planes (1.5 μm apart) of embryos expressing GFP::SPD-5 with TPXL-1^{WT} or TPXL-1^{FD} or without a transgene (control). Endogenous TPXL-1 was depleted by RNAi. The distance between the two centrosomes was measured and is quantified in Fig. 5 C. Time after NEBD is indicated. Bar, 5 μm.

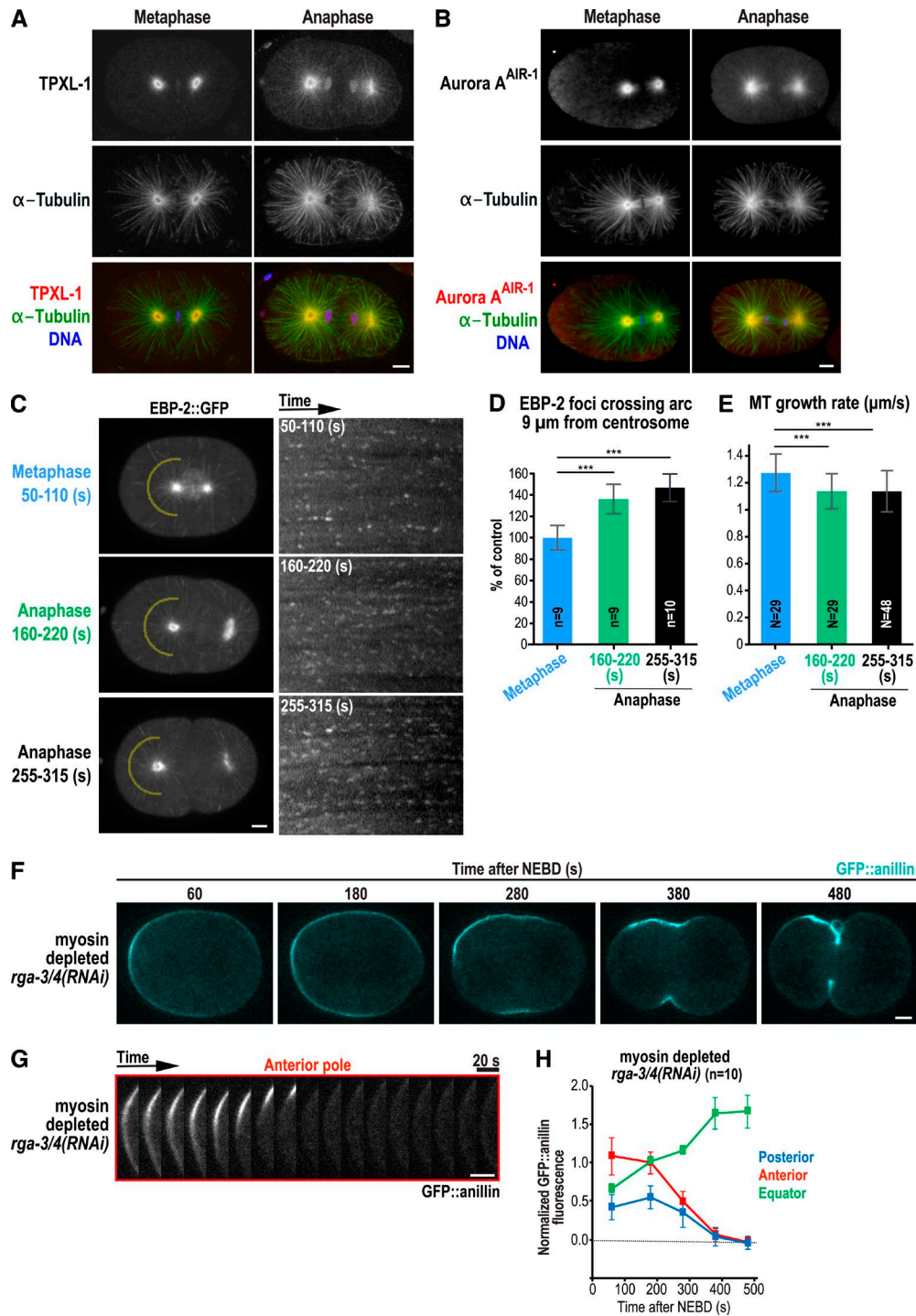
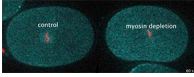
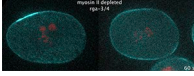


Figure S2. **Endogenous TPXL-1 and Aurora A^{AIR-1} localize to astral microtubules in anaphase.** Related to Fig. 4. **(A)** Confocal images of fixed metaphase and anaphase embryos stained for endogenous TPXL-1, α -tubulin, and DNA (prometaphase and metaphase, $n = 8$; anaphase, $n = 9$ embryos). To visualize astral microtubules without saturating the aster centers, a gamma of 2 was introduced in Photoshop for all images, which were scaled identically. **(B)** Confocal images of fixed metaphase ($n = 5$) and anaphase ($n = 5$) embryos stained for Aurora A^{AIR-1}, α -tubulin, and DNA. To visualize astral microtubules without saturating the aster centers, a gamma of 1.5 was applied to all images in Photoshop, which were scaled identically. **(C)** Representative projections of the images acquired every 400 ms over a 4-s interval in metaphase ($n = 9$), early anaphase (160–220 s after NEBD; $n = 9$), and late anaphase (255–315 s after NEBD; $n = 10$) control embryos expressing EBP-2::GFP. To visualize EBP-2::GFP without saturating the aster centers, a gamma of 1.2 was introduced in Photoshop. Kymographs generated for the indicated conditions (right) were used to count the number of EBP-2::GFP foci that crossed an arc 9 μ m away from the anterior centrosome (yellow). **(D and E)** Graphs plot the number of EBP-2::GFP foci crossing an arc 9 μ m from the centrosome (D) and the microtubule growth rates (E) at the indicated times in control embryos. Error bars are SD; p-values are two-tailed Student's *t* test (***, $P < 0.001$); n = number of embryos in D; N = number of microtubules tracked in three or more embryos per condition in E. **(F)** Representative time-lapse images of the first division of a myosin-depleted *rga-3/4(RNAi)* embryo expressing GFP::anillin (cyan, $n = 5$ embryos). Time points are seconds after NEBD. **(G)** Kymograph of the anterior pole of the embryo in F beginning 180 s after NEBD. **(H)** Normalized cortical GFP::anillin fluorescence was quantified as depicted in Fig. 1 F and is plotted for the anterior (red), posterior (blue) and equatorial (green) cortex in myosin-depleted *rga-3/4(RNAi)* embryos. Error bars are SEM and n = number of linescans. Bars, 5 μ m.

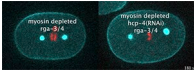
Video 1. *C. elegans* one-cell embryos expressing GFP::anillin (cyan) and mCherry::histone (red) without (control, left) and with (right) myosin depletion. Related to Fig. 1. Images were acquired every 20 s on an UltraVIEW VoX spinning disk confocal microscope (PerkinElmer) attached to an Axio Observer D1 stand (Zeiss), equipped with a 63x 1.4-NA Plan-Apochromat oil immersion objective and a EMCCD C9100-50 camera (1,000 x 1,000 pixels). Video starts 60 s after NEBD. Playback rate is 60x real time (3 frames/s).



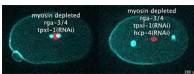
Video 2. Two representative myosin-depleted *rga-3/4Δ* embryos expressing GFP::anillin (cyan) and mCherry::histone (red). Related to Fig. 1. Images were acquired as described in Video 1 every 20 s. Video starts 60 s after NEBD. Playback rate is 60x real time (3 frames/second).



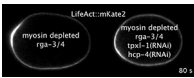
Video 3. Myosin-depleted *rga-3/4Δ* *C. elegans* embryos without (left) and with *hcp-4(RNAi)* (right) expressing GFP::anillin and a GFP-tagged centrosome marker (cyan) along with mCherry::histone (red). Related to Fig. 2. Images were acquired as described in Video 1 every 20 s. Playback rate is 60x real time (3 frames/s). Video starts 180 s after NEBD.



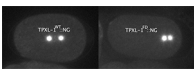
Video 4. Myosin-depleted *rga-3/4Δ* *C. elegans* embryos expressing GFP::anillin and a GFP-tagged centrosome marker (cyan) along with mCherry::histone (red). Related to Fig. 3. TPXL-1 (left) or TPXL-1 and HCP-4 (right) were additionally depleted by RNAi. Images were acquired as described in Video 1 every 20 s. Playback rate is 60x real time (3 frames/s). Video starts 180 s after NEBD.



Video 5. Myosin-depleted *rga-3/4Δ* *C. elegans* embryos expressing LifeAct::mKate2. Related to Fig. 3. HCP-4 (left) or HCP-4 and TPXL-1 (right) were additionally depleted by RNAi. Images were acquired every 20 s on a Nikon eclipse Ti spinning disk confocal controlled by NIS Elements 4.51 software equipped with a 100x 1.45-NA Plan-Apochromat oil immersion objective and Andor DU-888 X11056 camera. Elapsed time and anaphase onset are indicated. Playback rate is 60x real time (3 frames/s). Video starts 80 s after NEBD.



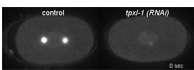
Video 6. Representative examples of *C. elegans* embryos expressing TPXL-1^{WT}::NG (left) or TPXL-1^{FD}::NG (right) from RNAi-resistant transgenes after depletion of endogenous TPXL-1 by RNAi. Related to Fig. 4. Images were acquired as described in Video 5. To visualize TPXL-1 localization on astral microtubules without saturating the astral centers, a gamma of 0.5 was introduced in Fiji. Elapsed time and anaphase onset are indicated.



Video 7. *C. elegans* one-cell control (left), myosin-depleted *rga-3/4(RNAi)* (middle), or myosin-depleted *hcp-4 tpxl-1(RNAi)* (right) embryos expressing EBP-2::GFP. Related to Fig. 4. Images were acquired as described in Video 5 every 400 ms. Playback rate is 2.4x real time (6 frames/s). To visualize EBP-2::GFP without saturating the aster centers, a gamma of 0.7 was introduced in Fiji. Movie starts 255 s after NEBD.



Video 8. Representative examples of *C. elegans* embryos expressing GFP::Aurora A^{AIR-1} without (left) and with *tpxl-1(RNAi)* (right). Related to Fig. 4. Images were acquired as described in Video 5. To visualize GFP::Aurora A^{AIR-1} localization on astral microtubules without saturating the aster centers, a gamma of 0.6 was introduced in Fiji. Elapsed time and anaphase onset are indicated.



Video 9. Representative myosin-depleted *rga-3/4Δ* *C. elegans* embryos expressing TPXL-1^{WT} (left) or TPXL-1^{FD} (right) together with mKate2::anillin. Related to Fig. 5. Embryos were additionally depleted of endogenous TPXL-1 and HCP-4 by RNAi. Images were acquired as described in Video 1 every 20 s. Playback rate is 60x real time (3 frames/s). Video starts 180 s after NEBD.

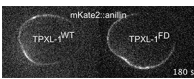


Table S1. *C. elegans* strains

Strain name	Genotype	Reference
N2	Wild type (ancestral)	
OD184	lts108 [pOD564/pFM005; pie-1::LAP::AIR-1 ^{WT} reencoded; unc-119(+)]	This study
OD296	lts37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+) IV; lts28 [pASM14; pie-1/GFP-TEV- Stag::ANI-1; unc-119 (+)];	Zanin et al., 2013
OD314	unc-119(ed3) III; lts37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+) IV; lts28 [pASM14; pie-1/GFP-TEV- Stag::ANI-1; unc-119 (+); rga-4(ok1935) unc-62(e644) rga-3(ok1988) V/nT1[qls51] (IV;V)	Zanin et al., 2013
OD847	unc-119(ed9) III; ltsi202 [pVV103/ pOD1021; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 RNAi- resistant; cb-unc-119(+)]II	Woodruff et al., 2015
OD1359	unc-119(ed3)III; ltsi716 [pOD1935/pDC208; Pmex-5::EBP-2::GFP::tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]I	Wang et al., 2015
OD1959	unc-119(ed9) III; ltsi654 [pVV103; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]I	Wueseke et al., 2016
OD2879	gsp-2(lt27 [GFP::gsp-2]) unc-119(ed3) III?; lts37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+) IV	Hattersley et al., 2016
OD3421	unc-119(ed3)III?; lts37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+) IV;gsp-1(lt94 [gfp::gsp-1])V	Kim et al., 2017
EG6699	ttTi5605 II; unc-119(ed3) III; oxEx1578	Frøkjær-Jensen et al., 2008
EG8081	unc-119(ed3) III; oxTi177 IV.	Frøkjær-Jensen et al., 2008
ZAN43	ltsi202 [pVV103/pOD1021; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 RNAi-resistant; cb-unc-119(+)]II; lts37 [pAA64; pie-1/mCherry::his-58; unc-119 (+) IV; lts28 [pASM14; pie-1/GFP-TEV- Stag::ANI-1; unc-119 (+);rga-4(ok1935) unc-62(e644) rga-3(ok1988) V/nT1[qls51] (IV;V)	This study
ZAN57	ltsi654 [pVV103; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]I; estSi24 [pEZ145; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{WT} ::tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
ZAN59	estSi31 [pEZ150; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{FD} ::tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II; unc-119(ed3) III	This study
ZAN103	unc-119(ed3) III; estSi57 [pEZ152; pani-1::mKate2::ANI-1; cb-unc-119(+)]IV	This study
ZAN163	ltsi654 [pVV103; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]I; estSi31 [pEZ150; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{FD} ::tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II	This study
ZAN181	estSi121 [pEZ185; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{WT} ::mNeonGreen:: tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II; unc-119(ed3) III	This study
ZAN248	ltsi654 [pVV103; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]I; estSi31 [pEZ150; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{FD} ::tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II; rga-4(ok1935) unc-62(e644) rga-3(ok1988) V/nT1[qls51](IV;V) estSi57 [pEZ152; pani-1::mKate2::ANI-1; cb-unc-119(+)]IV	This study
ZAN249	ltsi654 [pVV103; Pspd-2::GFP::SPD-5 reencoded; cb-unc-119(+)]I; estSi24 [pEZ145; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{WT} ::tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II; rga-4(ok1935) unc-62(e644) rga-3(ok1988) V/nT1[qls51](IV;V) estSi57 [pEZ152; pani-1::mKate2::ANI-1; cb-unc-119(+)]IV	This study
ZAN267	estSi178 [pEZ231; pmex-5::TPXL-1 ^{FD} ::mNeonGreen:: tbb-2; cb-unc-119(+)]II; unc-119(ed3) III	This study
ZAN286	estSi71 [pAC257;pmex-5::LifeAct::mKate2:tbb2; cb-unc-119(+)]IV; rga-4(ok1935) unc-62(e644) rga-3(ok1988) V/nT1[qls51](IV;V)	This study

Table S2. Oligonucleotides used for dsRNA production

Gene	Oligonucleotide 1 (5' to 3')	Oligonucleotide 2 (5' to 3')	Template	dsRNA concentration
<i>tpxl-1</i>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGACGTCGGTGAGCAAATTGAC</u>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGTTACACATATGATGGCACAGG</u>	cDNA	0.58 mg/ml
<i>nmy-2</i>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGAATTGAATCTCGTTGAAGGAA</u>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGACTGCATTTACGCATCTTATG</u>	cDNA	0.36
<i>hcp-4</i>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGGAAATGTACGGAGCGAAAC</u>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTTGGTGGTCCAATATTAC</u>	cDNA	0.64
<i>rga-3</i> , <i>rga-4</i>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGCAACCGCTCGAAACATCG</u>	<u>TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTTGGAGTGGCAGTTGGAGTG</u>	Genomic DNA	2.9

T7 sequences are underlined.

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