

#### Fig. S1. Condensin suppressors in SUMOylation pathway genes.

(*A*) Alignment of SUMO proteins from different species shows that Pmt3-C66 in *S. pombe* is conserved. (*B*) Alignment of SUMO-activating (E1) enzyme from different species shows that Rad31-L20 in *S. pombe* is conserved. (*C*) Alignment of SUMO E2 conjugating enzyme Hus5/Ubc9 from different species shows that Hus5-I96 and -Q130 in *S. pombe* are conserved. (*D*) Localization of *cnd* suppressors in SUMO E3 ligase Pli1 protein sequence. Pli1 contains two domains: an amino-terminal SAP (SAF-A/B, Acinus and PIAS) domain and a central SP-RING (Siz/PIAS-RING) domain (1). (*E*) Alignment of SUMO E3 ligase Pli1 around its SP-RING domain. Asterisks indicate the positions of cysteiyl and histidyl residues forming the C2HC3 conserved SP-RING domain. The *cnd* suppressor mutations in Pli1's SP-RING domain are all single amino acid substitutions and three of the four (C305F, H323Y and C326Y) directly disrupt the C2HC3 motif. (*F*) Molecular weights (MW) and properties of the original amino acids and their substitutions. All the substitutions are bulkier than the original amino acids.





(*A*) cohesin ts mutants (*psc3-407*, *mis4-G1326E* and *rad21-K1*) cannot be rescued by  $\Delta pli1$ . No obvious genetic interaction can be observed. (*B*) Western blots cannot detect any band shift for Rad21-3FLAG, Psc3-3FLAG or Mis4-3FLAG in  $\Delta pli1$  compared to those in wild type (WT). Anti-FLAG antibody was used to detect protein bands. nda3-KM311 containing strains were used to arrest cells in mitosis by culturing them at 20°C for 8 hours. Cohesin (at least Rad21, Psc3 and Mis4) may not be SUMOylated.



## Fig. S3. Cut14 and Cut3 in condensin resemble Psm3 and Psm1 in

## cohesin respectively

(*A*) Two *cnd2* ts mutants, *cnd2-1* and *cnd2-A708V*, are available. Their responsible mutations are A114T and A708V respectively. A114 is located in

the amino-terminal HTH motif (Helix-Turn-Helix motif) and A708V is located in the carboxyl-terminal WHD domain (Winged Helix Domain). (B) List of cnd2-A114T suppressors that were mapped in *cut14* and *cnd2* itself. (C) List of cnd2-A708V suppressors that were mapped in cut3, cnd1 and cnd2 itself. (D) Localization of *cnd2-A114T* suppressors in a structure of the kleisin-N SMC interface in prokaryotic condensin (PDB ID: 3ZGX) based on homolog alignment. (E) Localization of cnd2-A708V suppressors in a structure of Kleisin-C SMC interface (PDB ID: 4199) based on homolog alignment. (F) Predicted relationships among Cnd2/Kleisin, Cut14 and Cut3 based on (D) and (E). Condensin structure may resemble cohesin structure in that the Nterminus of Cnd2/Kleisin may bind the Cut14 head-coiled coil junction and the C-terminus of Cnd2/Kleisin may bind the Cut3 head domain. Judging from kleisin's binding pattern with SMC heads, Cut14 and Cut3 in condensin may resemble Psm3 and Psm1 in cohesin respectively. (G) cnd2-A708V suppressors in Cnd1 and Cnd2 protein sequences. cnd2-A708V intragenic suppressors were enriched in two narrow regions (a.a.: 312~318 and a.a.: 629~639). a.a.: 312~318 is far from the original ts mutation (A708V), while a.a.: 629~639 is close to it. All cnd2-A708V suppressors in Cnd1 are located in the Cnd1 C-terminus. (H) Based on (G), Cnd2 may form a hooked structure and the neck of it may interacts with the Cnd1 C-terminus.

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#### Fig. S4. Cnd3 may be targeted for degradation by 26S proteasome

(*A*). Multiple *cnd3-L269P* suppressors were identified in 26S proteasome complex genes. The 26S proteasome is a multiprotein complex consisting of two distinct sub-complexes: the 20S catalytic core and the 19S regulatory complex. (*B*) Deletion mutants of 26S proteasome complex genes ( $\Delta pre9$ ,  $\Delta rpn10$  and  $\Delta rpt4$ ) rescued *cnd3-L269P* too. Rpn10 and Rpn13 have redundant roles in recognition of ubiquitinated proteins (2), therefore, suppression of *cnd3-L269P* by  $\Delta rpn10$  is weaker than that by  $\Delta pre9$  or  $\Delta rpt4$ . (*C*). Mutant Cnd3-L269P protein level in *cnd3-L269P* was reduced, especially at the restrictive temperature. The Mutant Cnd3-L269P protein level was rescued by  $\Delta pre9$ . (*D*). Mutant Cnd3-L269P protein level in *cnd3-L269P* decreased gradually in the presence of cycloheximide (a protein synthesis inhibitor; 300 mg/mL), but the reduction did not occur when  $\Delta pre9$  was introduced. The nuclear proteasome tether protein Cut8 (3), which was decayed rapidly, was loaded as a control.





(*A*). Conservation of condensin hinge suppressors in Cnd2/kleisin among various species. (*B*) Molecular weights (MW) and properties of the original amino acids and their substitutions. All substitutions are bulkier than the original amino acids. Original condensin hinge ts mutants used for screening

are described too. (*C*). Conservation of cohesin hinge suppressors in Rad21/kleisin among various species. (*D*). The substitution of asparagine for aspartate (Psc3-D388N) may affect its interaction with double-stranded DNA (dsDNA). *psc3-D388N* was identified as a suppressor of a cold sensitive mutant, *psm3-G653E*, in which DNA binding was impaired. Localization of Psc3-D388N, into an atomic model of Scc3/Psc3 bound to a fragment of the Scc1/Rad21 kleisin subunit and DNA (PDB ID: 6H8Q), was indicated. The mutation faces the bound dsDNA, therefore it may affect its interaction with dsDNA. (*E*). Molecular weights (MW) and properties of the original amino acids and their substitutions.



Fig. S6. Cohesin cs mutants, but not ts mutants, were rescued by loss of Wpl1

(*A*). Suppression of cohesin cs mutants by  $\Delta wpl1$ . Multiple mutations in *wpl1* were identified as suppressors of cohesin cs mutants, double mutants (cohesin cs mutants in combination with  $\Delta wpl1$ ) confirmed the suppression. Cohesin cs mutants were sensitive to ultraviolet (UV), and the UV sensitivity

was rescued by  $\Delta wpl1$  too. See Fig. 5 also. (*B*). Cohesin ts mutants cannot be rescued by  $\Delta wpl1$ .



# Fig. S7. Both Rad21 phosphorylation and Rad21 protein level were diminished in cohesin hinge ts mutants

(*A*). Western blot of Rad21 using an anti-Rad21 polyclonal antibody. Rad21 phosphorylation (smeary bands above the major non-phosphorylated Rad21 band) (4, 5) detected in wild type strain was diminished in cohesin hinge ts mutants at permissive temperature (26°C). Rad21 protein levels were decreased in *psm3-L531P* and *psm3-L581P* even at permissive temperature (26°C). Rad21 phosphorylation and Rad21 protein level were diminished (or greatly decreased) in cohesin ts mutants at restrictive temperature (36°C, 5hrs). (*B*). Rad21 phosphorylation and Rad21 protein level in double ( $\Delta$ *wpl1* containing) mutants. Rad21 was completely phosphorylated in the  $\Delta$ *wpl1* single mutant. Recovery of Rad21 phosphorylation was observed in *hinge*  $\Delta$ *wpl1* double mutants at the permissive temperature (26°C). However, diminished Rad21 phosphorylation and Rad21 protein level observed in cohesin hinge ts mutants at restrictive temperature (36°C, 5hrs) could NOT be rescued by  $\Delta$ *wpl1*. Both Rad21 phosphorylation and the Rad21 protein level were diminished (or greatly decreased) in double ( $\Delta$ *wpl1* containing) mutants.

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(*A*). Two condensin hinge ts mutants (*cut14-L608P* and *cut14-G655E*) were rescued by multiple mutations in kinase genes (*sck1*, *sck2* and *ksg1*) and Ppe1/PP6 phosphatase complex genes (*ppe1* and *ekc1*). (*B*). Spot test results showing *cut14-L608P* and *cut14-G655E*'s suppression by  $\Delta ppe1$  or  $\Delta sck1$ . (*C*). Chromosome segregation defects of *cut14-L608P* were partially

rescued by  $\Delta ppe1$ : sister chromatids were segregated, but unequal, as large and small daughter nuclei were observed frequently. (*D*). Mutation localization mapping in protein sequence indicated that mutations were enriched in the kinase domains of Sck1 and Ksg1, therefore loss of their kinase activities rescued condensin hinge ts mutants. (*E* and *F*). Sck1 mutations were located in the cleft that binds AMP-PNP directly, as illustrated by structural analysis (6), while Ksg1 mutations may not affect ATP binding directly (7). Whether these kinases and phosphatase directly affect condensin hinge phosphorylation remains to be clarified.



# Fig. S9. SUMOylation may act distinctively at chromosome arms and centromeres

(*A*). DAPI-staining of the *cnd3-K627E* single mutant and the *cnd3-K627E*  $\Delta pli1$  double mutant at permissive and restrictive temperatures. Although the chromosome segregation defect in *cnd3-K627E* was rescued by loss of SUMO E3 ligase mutant  $\Delta pli1$ , the large and small nuclei phenotype, which was commonly observed in centromeric mutants, appeared. (*B*). Although  $\Delta pli1$  rescued the temperature sensitivity of condensin non-SMC ts mutants, sensitivity of *cnd3-K627E*  $\Delta pli1$  to a microtubule destabilizing drug, TBZ, was even more severe than that of the *cnd3-K627E* single mutant.

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