

**Supplemental Fig. 1. Cytological Analysis of Ring1b**<sup>+/+</sup> vs. **Ring1b**<sup>-/-</sup> mESCs. (A) Violin plot depicting the nuclear area of *Ring1b*<sup>+/+</sup> and *Ring1b*<sup>-/-</sup> mESCs determined by DAPI staining of 2D nuclear preparations (independent replicate experiment to that shown in **Fig. 1A**). A significant shift in nuclear area is indicated (\*\*p =  $6.94 \times 10^{-19}$ ; as determined by a Mann-Whitney test). (B) Histogram profiles of fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) data from propidium iodide stained *Ring1b*<sup>+/+</sup> and *Ring1b*<sup>-/-</sup> mESCs (two independent *Ring1b*<sup>-/-</sup> clones are shown - G3 and G6). The relative distribution of cells in G0/G1, S and G2/M are indicated in parenthesis (red, blue and green respectively). (C) Representative FISH image of the chromosome 6 polycomb positive oligonucleotide probe signal on metaphase chromosomes from wildtype mESCs. (D-F) Violin plots of inter-probe distances for the indicated fosmids (locations shown in **Fig. 1C**) in *Ring1b*<sup>+/+</sup> and *Ring1b*<sup>-/-</sup> mESCs (independent replicate experiment to that shown in **Fig. 1G-I**). Probes separated by < 0.2 µm (dashed grey line) are considered to be co-localised. A significant shift in inter-probe distance between *Ring1b*<sup>+/+</sup> and *Ring1b*<sup>-/-</sup> mESCs is indicated (\*\*p =  $2.38 \times 10^{-3}$  (G) and \*\*p =  $2.09 \times 10^{-5}$  and \*\*7.88 \times 10^{-5} (H); as determined by Mann Whitney test).