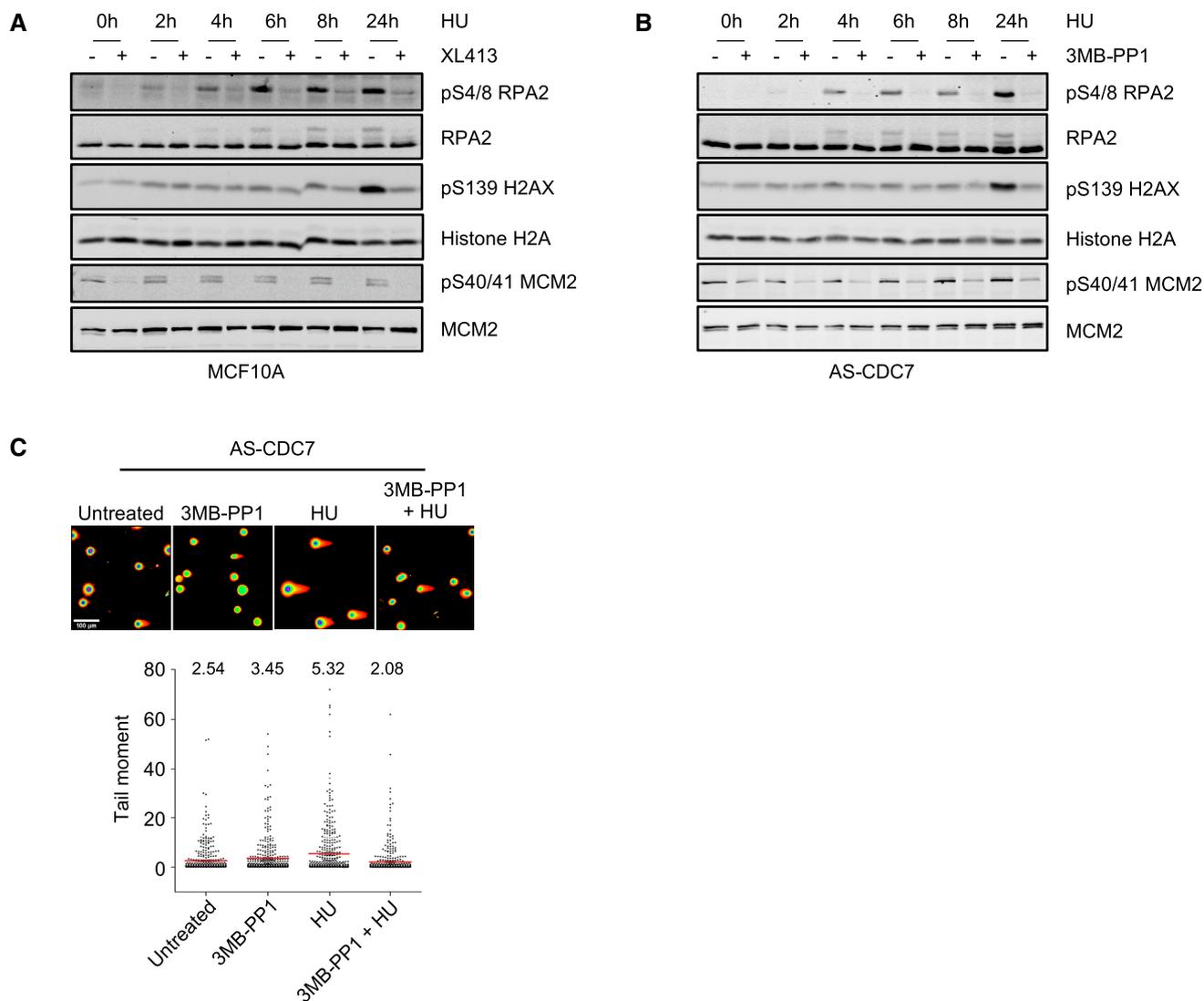


## Expanded View Figures

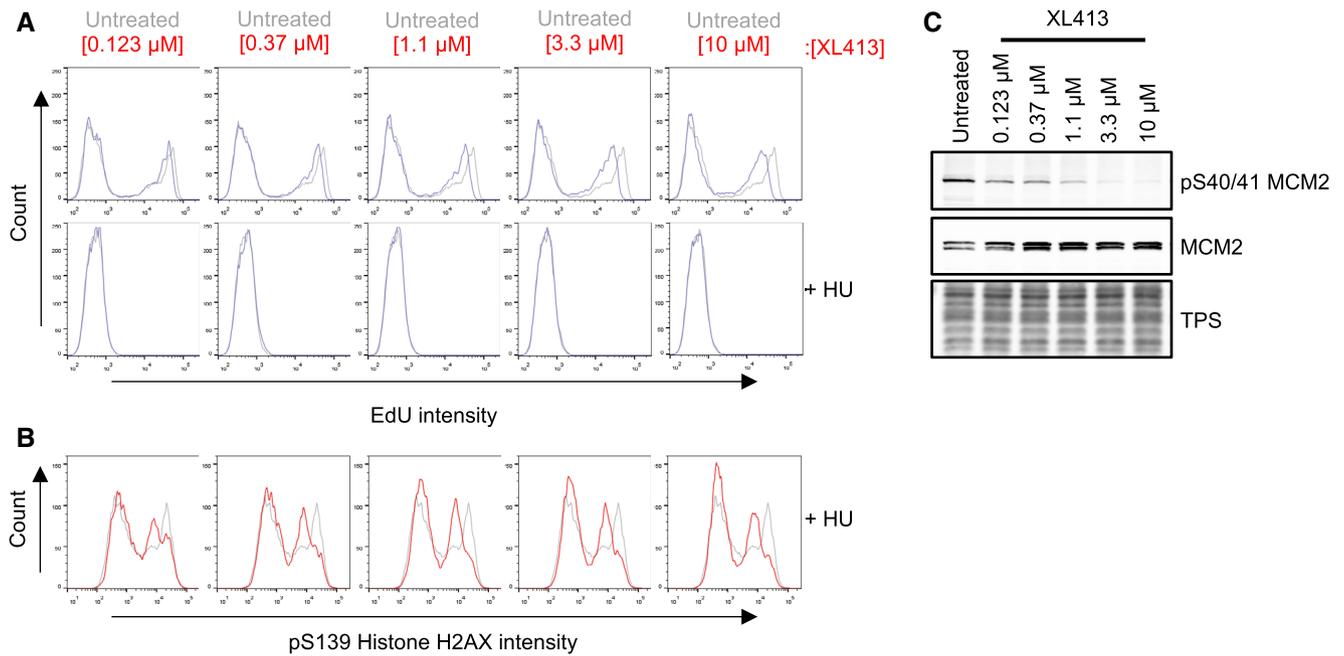


**Figure EV1.** (related to Fig 1): Inhibition of CDC7 with XL413 in MCF10A cells and with 3MB-PP1 in AS-CDC7 cells suppresses histone H2AX and RPA2 phosphorylation and DNA double-strand break formation in HU.

A, B MCF10A or AS-CDC7 cells were either mock-treated or treated with 10  $\mu$ M XL413 for 30 min, at which point 4 mM HU was added and cells further incubated for the indicated times. Whole-cell extracts were then analysed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies. Data are representative of at least two independent experiments.

C AS-CDC7 cells were either mock-treated or treated with 10  $\mu$ M 3MB-PP1, 4 mM HU or both for 24 h before performing neutral comet assays. Representative images of cells are shown. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m. In the dot plots, ~400 comets per each condition were analysed, means are indicated with red lines, and their values are shown above the plots. Data are from two independent experiments.

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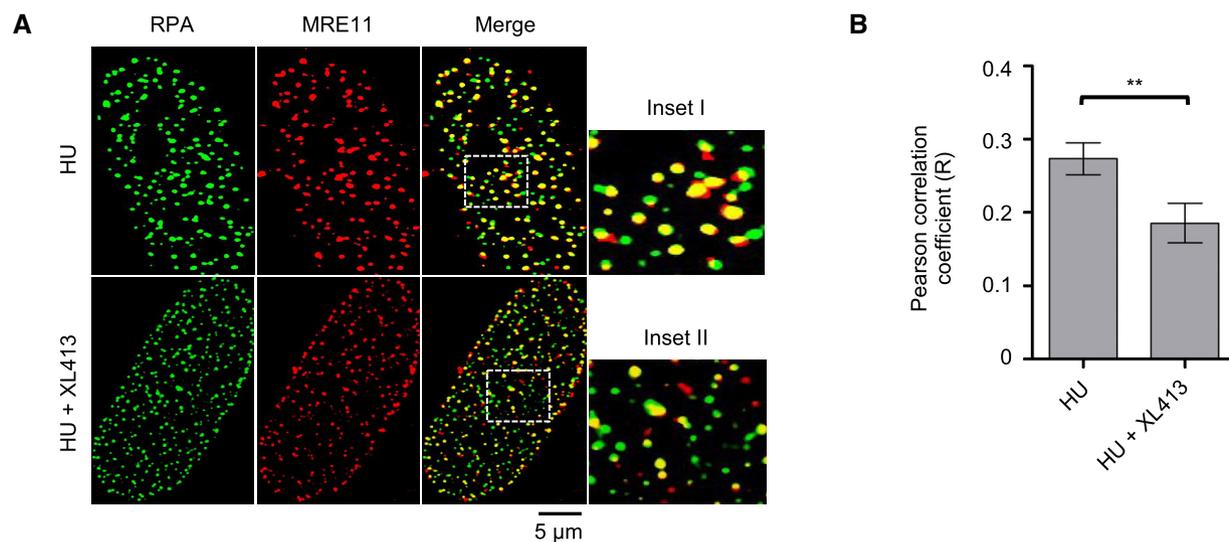


**Figure EV2. Partial inhibition of CDC7 has a minor effect on DNA synthesis but markedly affects pS139 H2AX phosphorylation.**

U2OS cells were treated with the indicated concentrations of XL413 in the presence or absence of 4 mM HU for 5 h and then labelled with 10  $\mu\text{M}$  EdU 30 min prior to harvest. Samples were processed for flow cytometry analysis.

- A Mono-parametric analysis of cell count against EdU intensity. Histograms are overlaid to appreciate changes in EdU intensity upon treatment with XL413 (blue lines) relative to the untreated control (grey lines).
- B Mono-parametric analysis of cell count against pS139 histone H2AX intensity in HU-treated cells. Histograms are overlaid to appreciate changes in pS139 histone H2AX intensity upon treatment (red lines) relative to untreated controls (grey lines).
- C Whole-cell extracts were analysed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies, and total protein stain (TPS) is used as a loading control. Reduction of phosphorylation of Ser40/41 on MCM2 is indicative of CDC7 inhibition. Data are representative of two repeat experiments.

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**Figure EV3. CDC7 inhibition decreases colocalization of MRE11 with RPA2.**

A U2OS cells were treated with 4 mM HU in the presence or absence of 10  $\mu$ M XL413 for 24 h. RPA2 (green) and MRE11 (red) were detected by immunofluorescence. Insets I–II represent enlargements of selected region of the merged images.

B Quantification of RPA2 and MRE11 colocalization was assessed with ImageJ in ~200 randomly selected cells for each condition from three biological replicates and expressed as Pearson's correlation coefficient. Error bars represent SEM. Statistical significance was assessed by Student's *t*-test (\*\**P* < 0.01).

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