Supplementary Materials

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Figure S1. Cenexin loss results in PCM specific fragmentation. Related to Figure 1. (A) Metaphase HeLa cells mitotic centrosomes coressponding with Figure 1A labeled for centrosome markers (grey). Control shRNA (top) and cenexin shRNA (bottom). Scale bar, 5 µm. (B) Box plot depicting cenexin mitotic centrosome intensity, cenexin shRNA normalized to control. Box boundaries denote the 25th and 75th percentiles. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-tests, ***p<0.001. (C) Stacked Bar graph depicting percentages of CEP215 architecture in control shRNA and cenexin shRNA treated cells. Means with SEM shown. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-test, *p<0.05, ***p<0.001. (D) Floating bars depicting percentage of mitotic cells with >4 centrioles. Min, max and median are displayed. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-tests, n.s. not significant. (E) Projections of control shRNA and cenexin shRNA immunolabeled for pericentrin (grey) and γ-tubulin (cyan). Insets at 3-4X magnification (merge). Scale bar, 5 μm. (F) Floating bars of mean centrosome intensity ratio cenexin shRNA/control shRNA. Min, max and median displayed. Grey dashed line, ratio of 1. One-way ANOVA, n.s. not significant. (G) Western Blot of cell lysates for centrosome proteins in (F). (H) Interphase cells labeled for Cep215 (cyan in merge) and microtubules (inverted LUT). Scale bar, 5 µm. (I) Bar graph depicting precentages of interphase cells with normal Cep215 centrosome morphology. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-tests, n.s. not significant. (J) RFP-PACT expressing metaphase cells imaged over time. 3x Magnified inset of splayed mitotic centrosome from cenexin shRNA treated cell. Scale bar, 5 µ m. For all graphs: detailed statistical analysis in Table S1.

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Figure S2. Cenexin tempers microtubule nucleation by mediating pericentrin associated acentrosomal nucleation sites. Related to Figure 2. (A) Control and cenexin shRNA treated HeLa cells are from Figure 1B at 0 min, 5 min and 20 min post Nocodazole washout. α -tubulin (grey), centrin (magenta). Scale bar, 10 µm. (B-C) Scatter plot depicting α -tubulin intensity at mitotic centrosomes (B) and α -tubulin cluster number (C) 0s, 30s, 1m, 2m and 5m following nocodazole washout. Mean (magenta) with 95% confidence intervals shown. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-tests performed between control and cenexin shRNA cells, n.s. not significant, ****p<0.0001. (D-E) Violin plot demonstrating colocalization of CEP215 (D) or pericentrin (E) with α -tubulin clusters measured using Mander's overlap coefficient. Magenta line denotes the median, dashed lines denote the 25th and 75th percentiles. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-tests, *p<0.001. For all graphs: detailed statistical analysis in Table S1.



Figure S3. Cenexin is required for PCM cohesion and PLK1 is required for PCM dispersion. Related to Figure 3. (A-D) Projections of mitotic control shRNA, cenexin shRNA and cenexin shRNA treated with BI2536 cells labeled for pS/T (A), γ -tubulin (A), centrin (B, C, D), Cep215 (B), pPLK1 (C), and PLK1 (D). Scale bar, 5 μ m. (E-G) Scatter plots depicting pPLK1 (A.U, E) and PLK1 (A.U., F) mean centrosome intensity, and Cep215 area (μ m², G) under control shRNA and cenexin shRNA with and without BI2536. Mean (magenta) and 95% confidence intervals are shown. One-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons to control cells, n.s. not significant, **p<0.001, ****p<0.0001. (H) Scatter plots of mobile fraction of RFP-PACT at metaphase spindle poles in control shRNA, cenexin shRNA and cenexin shRNA +BI2536. Box boundaries denote the 25th and 75th percentiles. One-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons to control cell, n.s. not significant, *p<0.05. For all graphs: detailed statistical analysis in Table S1.



Figure S4. Cenexin phosphorylation at its conserved C-terminal PLK1 binding site is required for maintenance of PCM in vivo. Related to Figure 4. (A) BlastP searches using local BLAST instalation where hit confidence as potential orthologs were determined by hit length, percent identity, and NCBI annotation. High confidence orthologs were noted if NCBI annotated as a Cnxn ortholog or had a matched alignment length >100 a.a (Cnxn), >80 a.a (C-term), or >30 a.a. (N-term) and a percent identity >60% (Cnxn) or >40% (C-term). Additional considerations for unlikely, low confidence, and medium confidence discussed in methods. See Supplemental Files S1-S5. (B) Projections of expansion confocal images of an interphase Hela cell labeled for centrin (grey, magenta in merge) and cenexin (grey, cyan in merge). Centrioles are traced to show mother and daughter. Scale bar 1 μ m. (C) Representative cell from a 512-cell zebrafish control embryo. Centrin-GFP (magenta) and γ -tubulin (cyan) are shown. Scale bar, 5 μ m.(D) Box-and-whisker plots of mCh-cenexin and mCh-cenexin-S796A area (μ m²) at mitotic centrosomes in cenexin depleted embryos (MO). Box boundaries denote the 25th and 75th percentiles. Unpaired, two-tailed Student's t-tests, n.s. not significant. For all graphs: detailed statistical analysis in Table S1.

Figures	Category	n cells	n experiments	Statistical Test	Parameter	Result	p-value
1B	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed Student's t-	t=0.7746,	n.s.	0.4404
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	test	df=98		
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed	t=0.3695,	ns	0 7125
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	test		11.3.	0.7120
1D	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed Student's t-	t=5.055,	****	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	test	df=98		
1E	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed	t=6.469,	****	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	test	df=106		
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	27	n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed Student's t- test	t=3.885,	***	0.0002
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1		df=98		
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	75	3	Two-tailed Student's t- test	t=8.953, df=4	***	0.0009
S1B	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	75	3				
	Human cell (HeLa) control shBNA	>500	6	Two-tailed Student's t- test	t=6.944, df=10	Normal: ****	Normal: <0.0001
S1C					t=2.581, df=10	Splayed: *	Splayed: 0.0273
		>500	6				

	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin				t=2.988, df=10	Scattered: *	Scattered: 0.0136
	shRNA Human cell (HeLa) control		6	Two-tailed Student's t- test	t=1.136, df=9	n.s.	0.2854
S1D	shRNA Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shBNA		5				
	CEP192	>75	3	One Way ANOVA	F (5, 12) = 2.399	n.s.	P=0.0995
	Pericentrin		3				
S1F	CEP215		3				
	γ-tubulin		3				
S1I	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	>100	3	Two-tailed Student's t- test	t=0.4201, df=4	n.s.	0.690
2C	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	>174	3	Two-tailed Student's t-	t=17.30,	***	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA		3	test	df=359		
20	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	. 70	3	Two-tailed	t=6.816,	****	-0.0001
20	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	>/9	3	test	df=157		<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA		n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed	t=7 391		
2F	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA +BI2536	>52	n=3, representing 1	Student's t- test	df=133	***	<0.0001
2G	Human cell (HeLa)	>56	n=3, representing 1		t=1.046, df=127	n.s.	0.2976

	cenexin shRNA Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA		n=3, representing 1	Two-tailed Student's t- test				
21	+BI2536 Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA Human cell	- >76	3	Two-tailed Student's t-	t=4.281, df=162	****	<0.0001	
	(HeLa) cenexin shRNA		3	lesi				
21	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	⊳78	3	Two-tailed	t=0.3306,	ns	0.7414	
20	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	>78	3	Student's t- test	df=164	11.S.		
	Human cell		3		t=5.107, df=321	****		
S2B	(HeLa) control shBNA		3		t=7.961, df=337	****		
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	>158	3	Two-tailed Student's t- test	t=6.443, df=325	***	<0.0001	
			3		t=11.73, df=347	****		
			3		t=12.97, df=373	***		
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA Human cell (HeLa) cenevin		3	-	t=0.5556, df=153	n.s.	0.5793	
			3		t=1.214, df=161	n.s.	0.2265	
S2C		>75	3	Student's t-	t=0.5107, df=154	n.s.	0.6103	
		(HeLa)	3		t=4.333, df=157	****	<0.0001	
	shRNA		3		t=7.369, df=151	****	<0.0001	
S2D	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	>76	n=3	n=3	Two-tailed	t=5.516,	****	~0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA		n=3	Student's t- test	u=132		<0.0001	
S2E	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA Human cell	>27	n=3, representing 1 n=3,	Two-tailed Student's t- test		*	0.0434	
1	(HeLa)		representing 1	1		1	1	

	cenexin shRNA						
ЗВ	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1		F (3, 194) =	Control	Control
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA+ BI2536	25	n=3, representing 1	One Way		***	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	25	n=3, representing 1	ANOVA		***	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA+ BI2536	25	n=3, representing 1			***	<0.0002
3C	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	7	n=3, representing 1	One Way ANOVA	F (3. 65) =	Control	Control
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA+ BI2536	6	n=3, representing 1			n.s.	>0.9999
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	12	n=3, representing 1		15.09	***	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA+ BI2536	9	n=3, representing 1			n.s.	0.8196
ЗD	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	13	n=3, representing 1	One Way ANOVA	F (3, 79) =	Control	Control
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA+ BI2536	12	n=3, representing 1			*	0.0163
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	8	n=3, representing 1		95.24	95.24	<0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA+ BI2536	9	n=3, representing 1			n.s.	0.2868
3F	Human cell (HeLa)	13	>3				

	control shBNA						
	Human cell		-				
	(HeLa)						
	control	8					
	shRNA +						
	BI2536		-				
	Human cell						
	(HeLa)	9					
	cenexin						
	Human cell						
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	cenexin	10					
	shRNA+	-					
	BI2536						
	Human cell						
	(HeLa)	25	n=3, representing			Control	Control
	control		1			0011101	0011101
	shRNA						
			n=3, representing 1				
	(neta)	25		One Way ANOVA	F (3, 200) = 108.6	****	<0.0001
	shRNA+	20					
S3E	BI2536						
	Human cell	25	n=3, representing 1				
	(HeLa)					****	<0.0001
	cenexin	25					
	shRNA						
	Human cell	25	n=3, representing 1				
	(HeLa)					***	<0.0001
	BI2536						
	Human cell						
	(HeLa)	00	n=3, representing 1	One Way		Construct	Construct
	control	26				Control	Control
	shRNA						
	Human cell	26			F (3, 195) = 30.64		
	(HeLa)		n=3, representing			4 .4	
	control		1			**	0.0083
	BI2536						
S3F	Human cell			ANOVA			
	(HeLa)		n=3. representing				
	cenexin	25	1			n.s.	0.1330
	shRNA						
	Human cell						
	(HeLa)		n=3 representing				
	cenexin	25	1			****	<0.0001
	ShRNA+						
	DI2030						
	(Hel a)		n-3 representing			_	_
	control	25	1			Control	Control
S3G	shRNA			One Way	F (3, 215) =		
	Human cell		n-3 representing	ANUVA	13.32		
	(HeLa)	27	n=3, representing 1			n.s.	0.4275
	control						

	shRNA+ Bl2536						
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	29	n=3, representing 1			***	0.0001
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA+ Bl2536	27	n=3, representing 1			n.s.	0.7262
	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA	13				Control	Control
C 2 L	Human cell (HeLa) control shRNA + BI2536	8	>3	One Way	F (3.36) =	n.s.	0.9877
53H	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA	9		ANOVA	1.788	**	0.0015
	Human cell (HeLa) cenexin shRNA+ BI2536	10				n.s.	0.4739
	Control injection	12, 3 embryos	1			Control	Control
	Cenexin MO iniection	13, 3 embryos	1			**	0.0092
4G	Cenexin MO injection +mCherry cenexin- WT	15, 4 embryos	1	One Way ANOVA	F (3, 82) = 28.98	n.s.	0.3406
	Cenexin MO injection +mCherry cenexin- S796A	12, 4 embryos	1			***	<0.0001
4H	Cenexin MO injection +mCherry cenexin- WT	14, 3 embryos	1	Two-tailed	t=4.348, df=50	****	~0 0001
	Cenexin MO injection +mCherry cenexin- S796A	13, 3 embryos	1	Student's t- test			<0.0001

040	Cenexin	10, 3 embryos	1	Two-tailed	t=1.715,	n.s.	0.0955
340	area (µm²)	8, 3 embryos	1	test	df=34		

Table S1. Detailed statistical analysis of results reported in this study.