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Establishment of centromere identity

is dependent on nuclear spatial organization

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Figure S1. Domain organization of centromeres in fission yeast. Related to Figures 1-to-7.

(A, B) Schematic representation of the three endogenous wild-type centromeres - wt-cens (A) or $cc2\Delta::cc1$ strains (B). Each centromere consists of two distinct domains: a central domain assembled inCENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin harbouring a central core (*cc*) DNA and flanking innermost repeats (*imr*), which are surrounded by various repetitive DNA elements known as the outer repeats (*otr-dg/dh*) assembled in H3K9me-dependent heterochromatin.^{S1} In $cc2\Delta::cc1$ cells,^{S2} 6 kb of *cc2* DNA was replaced by 5.5 kb of *cc1* sequence, allowing the specific analysis of unique *cc2* DNA present in ectopic *cc2* insertions and minichromosomes pcc2 and pHcc2. Black, red bars represent qChIP primer sites on *cc1/3* (the homologous region between *cc1* and *cc3*) and *cc2* DNA, respectively.



Figure S2. Heterochromatin is required to establish CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin, establish functional centromeres and recruit kinetochore proteins. Related to Figure 1.

(A, B) pHcc2 assembles heterochromatin on outer repeats (otr/K") which promotes CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin establishment on its central domain DNA in wild-type - wt (A) cells but not in $clr4\Delta$ (B) cells following transformation.^{S3} (C) Heterochromatin is not required to maintain CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin on central domain of pHcc2 in *clr4*∆ crossed from wild-type.^{S3} Although pHcc2 maintains CENP-A^{Cnp1} in *clr4* Δ , it does not segregate properly due to lack of heterochromatin, cohesion and biorientation function. (D, E) pcc2 assembles CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin on its central domain in CENP-A^{Cnp1} overexpressed cells (E) but not in wild-type CENP-A^{Cnp1} cells (D) upon transformation.^{S2} (F) p3xgbs-cc2 assembles heterochromatin on 3xgbs (three Gal4-binding sites) that permits CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin establishment on its cc2 central domain in cells expressing Clr4-GBD (the DNA binding domain of the S. cerevisiae Gal4 protein) fusions following transformation. Artificial association of Clr4 with 3xgbs bypasses the requirement for heterochromatic outer repeats (otr/K'') in heterochromatin assembly.^{S4} " \checkmark " indicates functional centromere can be established on plasmid-based minichromosome, whereas "x" indicates no centromere is established. Both heterochromatin and CENP-A^{Cnp1} are required to form a functional centromere. (G) Functional centromere establishment assay on pHcc2 transformed into wt and $clr4\Delta$ strains carrying $cc2\Delta$::cc1. The centromere establishment assay provides a measure of immediate ability to establish functional centromeres. pHcc2 plasmid can establish heterochromatin via the outer repeat region. Heterochromatin promotes establishment of CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin on the central core domain (*cc2*). CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin is the platform for kinetochore assembly.^{S3} Heterochromatin also ensures proper cohesion, meaning that the plasmid can biorient on the spindle and segregate efficiently.^{S5,S6} Both heterochromatin and CENP-A are required to form a functional centromere. For the centromere establishment assay pHcc2 was transformed into wt and *clr4*¹ strains and plated on selective plates. Transformants were promptly replica plated to low adenine-containing plates. Pale pink/white colonies indicate the presence of functional centromere since sup3e tRNA on pHcc2 suppresses ade6-704 mutation within strains. Establishment frequency was calculated as the percentage of pale pink/white colonies divided by the total number of transformants (minus pure white colonies) (See also STAR Methods), thus 4.3%, 0% of colonies established functional centromeres on pHcc2 transformed into wt and *clr4*^{*d*} cells, respectively. (H, I) gChIP analyses for CENP-C^{Cnp3} (H), Knl1^{Spc7} (I) levels at cc2, cc1/3 and act1 in wild-type strains carrying endogenous cen2-cc2 or $cen2-cc2\Delta$; cc1 strain transformed with pHcc2. For ChIP analyses transformants were picked randomly from selective plates. Replica plating to low adenine plates was not performed. During growth to log phase for ChIP further establishment of centromeres occurs - in up to 100% of wildtype pHcc2 cultures. %IP levels in S. pombe were normalized to %IP of central core from spikedin S. octosporus chromatin in (H). qChIP results in (I) were reported as %IP. Data are mean \pm SD (n=3). ns, no significance (Unpaired t-test).



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Figure S3. The assembly of centromeric or synthetic heterochromatin increases the frequency of pHcc2, pHet and ptetO colocalization with SPBs. Related to Figure 1.

(A) Representative images of plasmid DNA FISH (red; probe as indicated in Figure 1B), SPB location (green; anti-Cdc11) and DNA staining (blue, DAPI) in wild-type (*wt*) and *clr4* Δ cells transformed with pcc2, pHcc2 or pHet. Images were scaled relative to the maximum values of histogram. Scale bar, 5 µm. (B) Diagram of ptetO minichromosome. Black bar above plasmid map represents qChIP primer site on ampicillin gene (*amp*). Dashed red line on plasmid indicates position of FISH probe. (C) qChIP analyses for H3K9me2 levels on *amp* gene of ptetO, *dg* repeats of centromeric heterochromatin and *act1* gene. (D) Representative images of ptetO plasmid DNA FISH (red; probe as indicated in A), SPB location (green; anti-Cdc11) and DNA staining (blue, DAPI) in wild-type (wt) and TetR-Clr4 cells transformed with ptetO. Images were scaled relative to the maximum values of histogram. Scale bar, 5 µm. (E) Cells were classified into three groups according to the 3D distances between ptetO and SPB (Cdc11): overlap (≤0.3 µm), adjacent (0.3-0.5 µm) or separate (0.5-3 µm). Percentage of interphase cells (n, number analyzed from 3 independent experiments) in each category. AV., average distance. ns, no significance; *, p<0.01 (Mann-Whitney U test).



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Figure S4. CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin is established on *cc2* inserted closed to centromeres and CENP-A^{Cnp1} overexpression results in defect growth of cells containing a centromere-distal *ade3:cc2* insertion. Related to Figure 2.

(A-C) gChIP analyses for CENP-A^{Cnp1} levels at cc2. cc1/3 and act1 in wt-cens strain with cen2cc2 or cc2A::cc1 strain with lys1:cc2, sdh1:cc2, ade3:cc2 (A) or itg10:cc2 (itg10; ChrII: 1,645,855-1,655,523; B) or vps29:cc2 or bud6:cc2 (C) insertion. %IP levels in S. pombe were normalized to %IP of central core from spiked-in S. octosporus chromatin. (D) gChIP analyses for CENP-A^{Cnp1} levels at three euchromatic locus between *lys1* and *cen1*: sites i, ii, iii, 25.8, 22, 18 kb from cc1 respectively in wt-cens or cc2\Delta::cc1 strain with lys1:cc2. gChIP results were reported as %IP. All qChIP data are mean ± SD (n=3). ns, no significance; *, p<0.05; **, p<0.005; ***, p<0.005 (Unpaired t-test). (E) Overexpression of CENP-A^{Cnp1} leads to growth defect in cells containing centromere-distant ade3:cc2 insertion. Growth of indicated strains carrying endogenous cen2 cc2 or ade3:cc2 or lys1:cc2 expressing wild-type levels (-; wt-CENP-A^{Cnp1}) or high levels of CENP-A^{Cnp1} (+; hi-CENP-A^{Cnp1}) on plates containing the vital dye phoxine B. Colonies with a higher proportion of dead cells stain darker pink. All strains were grown at 25°C or 32°C for 3-5 days and then photographed. (F) gChIP analyses for CENP-A^{Cnp1} levels at cc2, cc1/3 and act1 in $cc2\Delta$::cc1, nmt41-CENP-A^{Cnp1} strain with ade3:cc2 insertion expressing wild-type levels (-; wt-CENP-A^{Cnp1}) or high levels of CENP-A^{Cnp1} (+; hi-CENP-A^{Cnp1}). %IP levels in S. pombe in were normalized to %IP of central core from spiked-in S. octosporus chromatin. All gChIP data are mean ± SD (n=3). hi-CENP-A^{Cnp1} expression in A and B is provided by the nmt41 promoter (nmt41-CENP-A^{Cnp1} integrated in genome) under no thiamine conditions.



Figure S5. Centromeric heterochromatin is not required to establish CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin on *cc2* inserted close to *cen1*. Related to Figure 2.

(A) Diagram represents *lys1:cc2* insertion, 26 kb or 11.3 kb from *cc1*, *cen1 dh* repeat in heterochromatin-deficient *clr4* Δ cells following transformation, respectively. (B, D) Representative images of *lys1* (B) or *cc2* (D) DNA FISH (red), SPB location (green; anti-Cdc11) and DNA staining (blue, DAPI) in wild-type (wt) or *clr4* Δ strain with endogenous *cen2-cc2* or *cen2-cc2* Δ ::*cc1* and *lys1:cc2*. Images were scaled as in Figure 1. Scale bar, 5 µm. (C, E) Cells were classified into three groups according to the 3D distances between *lys1* (C) or *cc2* (E) and SPB (Cdc11): overlap (≤0.3 µm), adjacent (0.3-0.5 µm) or separate (0.5-3 µm). Percentage of interphase cells (n, number analyzed from 3 independent experiments) in each category. AV., average distance. ns, no significance (Mann-Whitney U test). (F-H) qChIP analyses for CENP-A^{Cnp1} (F), CENP-C^{Cnp3} (G), Knl1^{Spc7} (H) levels at *cc2*, *cc1/3* and *act1* wt or *clr4* Δ strain with endogenous *cen2-cc2* or *cen2-cc2* Δ ::*cc1* and *lys1:cc2*. %IP levels in *S. pombe* were normalized to %IP of central core from spiked-in *S. octosporus* chromatin in (G). qChIP results in (F, H) were reported as %IP. Data are mean \pm SD (n=3).





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Figure S6. Tethering *cc2* DNA to Alp4 or Alp6 allows CENP-A^{Cnp1} incorporation. Related to Figure 5.

(A) Forced association of pcc2-lacO with Alp4 or Alp6-GBP-mCherry at SPB using same tethering system as in Figure 5. A small subset of Alp4 or Alp6 molecules (red circles) are localized to the nucleoplasmic side of SPB during interphase.^{S7} (B) Representative images of live cells expressing LacI-GFP and Alp4 or Alp6-GBP-mCherry. Images were scaled as in Figure 2. Scale bar, 5 µm. (C) Representative images of *cc2* DNA FISH (red), SPB location (green; anti-Cdc11) and DNA staining (blue, DAPI) in indicated strains. Images were scaled as in Figure 1. Scale bar, 5 µm. (D, E) Cells were classified into three groups according to the 3D distances between *cc2* and SPB (Cdc11): overlap (≤0.3 µm), adjacent (0.3-0.5 µm) or separate (0.5-3 µm). Percentage of interphase cells (n, number analyzed from 3 independent experiments) in each category. AV., average distance. ***, p < 0.0001 (Mann-Whitney U test). (F, G) qChIP analyses for CENP-A^{Cnp1} levels at *cc2*, *cc1/3* and *act1* in indicated strains. %IP levels in *S. pombe* were normalized to %IP of central core from spiked-in *S. octosporus* chromatin. Data are mean ± SD (n=3-4). *, p<0.05 (Unpaired t-test).



Figure S7. Tethering *cc2* DNA to Lem2 allows CENP-A^{Cnp1} incorporation independently of heterochromatin. Related to Figure 5.

(A) Representative images of live wild-type (wt) or $clr4\Delta$ cells expressing Lem2-GFP and Sad1dsRed. Images were scaled as in Figure 2. Scale bar, 5 µm. (B) qChIP analyses for CENP-A^{Cnp1} levels at *cc2*, *cc1/3* and *act1* in wt or *clr4* Δ strains carrying *cen2-cc2* Δ ::*cc1* and expressing Lacl-GFP or both LacI-GFP and Lem2-GBP-mCherry transformed with pcc2 or pcc2-lacO. %IP levels in *S. pombe* were normalized to %IP of central core from spiked-in *S. octosporus* chromatin. Data are mean ± SD (n=3). *, p<0.05 (Unpaired t-test).

Strain number	Genotype	abbreviated as
A7374	h+ ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	wt cc2∆∷cc1
B6596	h+ clr4Δ ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	clr4∆
B3665	h+ lys1(=cen1):lacO his7+:lacIGFP, Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+	lys1:lacO
B3672	h? Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+ his7+::lacI-GFP ade3[::kanR-ura4+-lacOp] ade6-704-hygMX6 ura4-DSE/D18 leu1-32? his3-D1? arg3-D4? Lys1- 131?#1	ade3:lacO
A1741	h- ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE	wt cen2
B2950	h- lys1∆500::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1#1	<i>lys1:cc2</i> #1 or <i>lys1:cc2</i> in wt
B2951	h- lys1Δ500::cc2-KANMX6	lys1:cc2 #2
B2953	<i>h-</i> ade3∆500::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1#1	ade3:cc2 #1
B2954	<i>h-</i> ade3Δ500::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1#2	ade3:cc2 #2
A7373	<i>h-</i> ade6-704-HYGMX6 <i>his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18?</i> arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	<i>wt cen1</i> or <i>wt</i>
A9792	h- leu1 ura4 ∆cen1::pADH1-loxP-KanR::ura4+ cd60 (neo1R)	cen1∆ neo1R
B3269	h? lys1∆500::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 cc2D6kb:cc1 cen1∆::pADH1-loxP-KanR::ura4+ cd60 (neo1R) his3-D1/His+? leu1- 32 ura4?/ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	lys1:cc2 in neo1R
B3260	<i>h</i> - Chrl 5,435,010-5,435,237∆226bp::cc2-KANMX6 cen1∆::pADH1- loxP-KanR::ura4+ cd60 (neo1R) ade6-704-HYGMX6 cc2D6kb:cc1 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	<i>itg6:cc2</i> in <i>neo1R</i>
B3265	<i>h</i> - Chrl5,447,816-5,448,235∆400::cc2-KANMX6 cen1∆::pADH1- loxP-KanR::ura4+ cd60 (neo1R) ade6-704-HYGMX6 cc2D6kb:cc1 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	itg7:cc2 in neo1R
B3565	<i>h</i> - Chrl5,501,647-5,502,134∆528::cc2-KANMX6 cen1∆::pADH1- loxP-KanR::ura4+ cd60 (neo1R) ade6-704-HYGMX6 cc2D6kb:cc1 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	itg8:cc2 in neo1R
B3561	h- Chrl5,501,647-5,502,134∆528::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	<i>itg8:cc2</i> in <i>wt cen1</i>
B4295	h+ Lem2-GFP-Nat, Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+ ade6-210 ura4-D18	Lem2-GFP

B3437	h+ his7+:lacl-GFP cc2D6kb:cc1 ura4-DSE/D18? leu1-32 ade6-DNN arg3? his3+	Lacl-GFP
B4246	h+ Lem2-GBP-mcherry-Hyg Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+ cc2D6kb:cc1 ade6- 210 his3-D1? leu1-32? ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	Lem2-GBP
B4216	h+ Lem2-GBP-mcherry-Hyg his7+:lacI-GFP cc2D6kb:cc1 ura4- DSE/D18? leu1-32 ade6-DNN arg3? his3+	Lacl-GFP Lem2-GBP
B4339	<i>h-</i> Lem2-GFP-Nat Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+ Csi1::Kan cc2∆6kb:cc1 ade6- 210 ura4-D18 his3-D1? leu1-32	Lem2-GFP <i>csi1∆</i>
B4866	h? Lem2-GBP-mcherry-Hyg, his7+:lacI-GFP csi1∆::KanMX cc2D6kb:cc1 ade6-DNN his3-D1/ his3+? leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	Lacl-GFP Lem2-GBP <i>csi1∆</i>
B4865	h? Lem2-GBP-mcherry-Hyg csi1∆::KanMX cc2D6kb:cc1 ade6-DNN his3-D1/his3+? leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	Lem2-GBP <i>csi1∆</i>
B4906	h? Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+ his7+::lacl-GFP Csi1::Kan cc2∆6kb:cc1 ade6-704-hygMX6 ura4-DSE/D18 leu1-32 his3-D1? arg3-D4?	Lacl-GFP <i>csi1∆</i>
B3633	h+ csi1∆::KanMX cc2∆6kb:cc1 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3?	csi1∆
B3367	h- sdh1∆3344::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	sdh1:cc2
B3639	h- SPBC21B10.09-10.08c∆650::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	itg10:cc2
B3211	<i>h</i> - SPAC15E1.02c∆158bp::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3- D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	bud6:cc2
B3297	h- vps29∆154::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-704-HYGMX6 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-DSE/D18? arg3? cc2D6kb:cc1	vps29:cc2
A7255	h+ clr4::NAT ade6-210 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-D18 arg3-D4 cc2D6kb:cc1	clr4∆ cc2∆∷cc1
B3257	h+ clr4::NAT lys1Δ500::cc2-KANMX6 ade6-210 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-D18 arg3-D4 cc2D6kb:cc1	<i>lys1:cc2</i> in <i>clr4∆</i>
8946	h- clr4:NAT ade6-210 leu1-32 ura4-D18 arg3-D his3D	clr4∆ cen2 cc2
B5560	h? cc2∆6kb:cc1 Alp4-GBP-mcherry-Hyg his7+:lacl-GFP leu1-32 ura4-D18/DS-E ade6-704::hphMX/ade6-DNN? his3? arg3?	Lacl-GFP Alp4-GBP
B5564	h? cc2∆6kb:cc1 Alp4-GBP-mcherry-Hyg leu1-32 ura4-D18/DS-E ade6-704::hphMX/ade6-DNN? his3? arg3?	Alp4-GBP
B5572	h? cc2∆6kb:cc1 Alp6-GBP-mcherry-Hyg his7+:lacl-GFP leu1-32 ura4-D18/DS-E ade6-704::hphMX/ade6-DNN? his3? arg3?	Lacl-GFP Alp6-GBP
B4349	h- lem2-GBP-mcherry-Hyg, his7+:lacl-GFP, clr4::NAT, cc2D6kb:cc1 ura4-DSE/D18? his3+/his3-D1? arg3? leu1-32 ade6-DNN/ade6?	Lacl-GFP Lem2-GBP <i>clr4∆</i>
B4351	h? his7+:lacl-GFP clr4::NAT cc2D6kb:cc1 ura4-DSE/D18? his3+/his3-D1? arg3? leu1-32 ade6-DNN/ade6?	Lacl-GFP <i>clr4∆</i>

B4343	h- lem2-GFP-Nat Sad1-dsRed-LEU2+ clr4::hph+ ade6-210 ura4- D18 his3-D1? leu1-32	Lem2-GFP <i>clr4∆</i>
1646	h- ade6-210 arg3-D4 his3-D1 leu1-32 ura4-D18	wt
B3797	h+ leu1+adh21-TetROFF-2xFLAG-Clr4-cdd	TetR-Clr4
B3416	<i>h-</i> ars1(Mlul)::pREP41XCnp1-leu2Sc ade6-704-HYGMX6 leu1-32 arg3-D4? his3-D1 ura4-DSE/D18? cc2D6kb:cc1	<i>cen2 cc2</i> , hi CENP-A ^{Cnp1}
B6527	h? ars1(Mlul)::pREP41XCnp1-leu2Sc lys1Δ500::cc2-KANMX6, cc2D6kb:cc1 ade6-704-HYGMX6 leu1-32 arg3-D4? his3-D1 ura4- DSE/D18?	<i>lys1:cc2</i> , hi CENP-A ^{Cnp1}
B3539	h? ade3∆500::cc2-KANMX6 ars1(Mlul)::pREP41XCnp1-leu2Sc ade6-704-HYGMX6? leu1-32 arg3-D4? his3-D1 ura4-DSE/D18? cc2D6kb:cc1	<i>ade3:cc2</i> , hi CENP-A ^{Cnp1}

Table S1. All strains used in this study. Related to STAR Methods.

Name	Plasmid features						Notes	Reference	
	marker 1	marker 2	marker 3	cc2	K"	lacO or tetO	Misc.		
pMC52			kan					Used for ectopic cc2 insertion and cc2 FISH probe	This study
pMC2 (pcc2)	ura4	sup3e	kan	8.6 kb				Used for tethering assay	This study
pMC12 (pcc2- lacO)	ura4	sup3e	kan	8.6 kb		2.8 kb; ~90 <i>lacO</i> sites		Used for tethering assay	This study
pHcc2	ura4	sup3e		8.6 kb	5.6 kb			Used for mini- chromosome establishment assay	This study
pMC183 (pHet)			nat		2 kb			Used to check centromeric heterochromatin nuclear localization	This study
pMC1	ura4	sup3e	kan					Used for plasmid backbone FISH probe	This study
pLSB- Kan			kan				Cas9	Used to make <i>clr4</i> ∆ mutant	From Torres- Garcia. ^{S8}
<i>clr4-</i> pLSB- Kan			kan				Cas9 & <i>clr4</i> sgRNA	Used to make <i>clr4</i> ∆ mutant	This study
pFA6a- GBP- mCherry- hygMX6			hyg				GBP & mCherr y	Used to make Lem2/Alp4/Alp6- GBP-mCherry- Hgy fusion protein	Gift from Julia Promisel Cooper. ^{S9}
pFA6a- GFP- NatMX6			nat				GFP	Used to make Lem2-GFP fusion protein	This study
pMC171 (ptetO)			nat			4xtetO within 2 kb of random- ized AT- rich DNA		Used for synthetic heterochromatin assembly	This study

Table S2. All plasmids used in this study, Related to STAR Methods

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