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## Supplemental Material and Methods

### Preparation of the transfection solutions

#### Antibodies:

*GM130 Alexa Fluor® 647 (#558712, BD Biosciences)*

2 µg (1 mg/mL) antibody were complexed together with 1.25 µL Lipofectamine®3000 (Invitrogen) transfection reagent in 2.50 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, for 5 minutes. Then 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to get a total volume of the transfection solution of 9.375 µL.

*alpha tubulin (#3873, Cell Signaling Technology); KIF11 (#ABT149, Merck Millipore); KIF11 (#AP9097a, Abgent); negative control: Anti-rabbit IgG Cy3® (#A10520; Thermo Fisher Scientific)*

2 µg (1 mg/mL) antibody were complexed together with 2.25 µL Lipofectamine®RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) transfection reagent in 1.50 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, for 5 minutes. Then 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to get a total volume of the transfection solution of 9.375 µL.

#### GFP:

*Green fluorescent protein (#ab84191, abcam)*

1 µg (1 mg/mL) GFP was complexed together with 0.50 µL Lipofectamine®RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) transfection reagent in 4.25 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, for 5 minutes. Then 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to get a total volume of the transfection solution of 9.375 µL.

#### siRNA:

*KIF11 Silencer Select siRNA (#S7903, ambion), Silencer® Select Negative Control No. 1 (#4390844, ambion)*

7.5 pmol (30 µM) siRNA were complexed together with 1.25 µL Lipofectamine®RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) transfection reagent in 2.00 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, for 5 minutes. Then 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in  $\text{ddH}_2\text{O}$ , (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to get a total volume of the transfection solution of 9.375 µL.

#### cDNA:

*CRISPR all-in-one cDNA (Sigma-Aldrich): PLK1 (HS0000306668); KIF11 (HS0000296443); INCENP (HS0000074011)*

350 ng cDNA (350 ng/µL) were complexed together with 1.25 µL TransIT-X2® (Mirus Bio) transfection reagent in 3.50 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, for 5 minutes. Then 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in  $\text{ddH}_2\text{O}$ , (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to get a total volume of the transfection solution of 9.375 µL.

#### Simultaneous co-transfection of Cas9 recombinant protein together with gRNA:

*CRISPR gRNA (Sigma-Aldrich): PLK1 (HS0000306668); KIF11 (HS0000296443); INCENP (HS0000074011); non-targeting control (no sequence information available; Gene: CRISPR06, lot number: 06251514MN); recombinant Cas9 nuclease NLS (S. pyogenes; #M0641; New England Biolabs)*

40 ng gRNA (40 ng/µL) were pre-incubated with 160 ng (160 ng/µL) of recombinant Cas9 nuclease at RT for 5 minutes. This mix was complexed together with 0.75 µL Lipofectamine®3000 (Invitrogen) transfection reagent in 3.00 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, for 5 minutes. Then 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in  $\text{ddH}_2\text{O}$ , (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to get a total volume of the transfection solution of 9.375 µL.

#### Mock-coating:

1.50 µL OptiMEM, containing 1.82 M trehalose dihydrate, 4.25 µL  $\text{ddH}_2\text{O}$  and 3.625 µL of a 1 mg/mL collagen type IV solution in  $\text{ddH}_2\text{O}$ , (#C5533, Sigma-Aldrich) were added to a well of a 384-multiwell plate to get a total volume of 9.375 µL.

**Cell numbers for transfection and incubation times (37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>)**

	HeLa	HEK293T
<b>Antibodies</b>		
<i>GM130</i> Alexa Fluor® 647	3.200 cells/80 µL; 20 hours/4 hours	
<i>alpha tubulin</i>	3.200 cells/80 µL; 2 hours/4 hours	
<i>KIF11</i> (IF) <i>KIF11</i> Alexa Fluor® 647 (IF)	3.200 cells/80 µL; 2 hours/4 hours	
<i>KIF11</i> (phenotype experiment)	1.400 cells/80 µL; 24 hours	
Anti-rabbit IgG Cy3® (negative control)	1.400 cells/80 µL; 24 hours	
<b>Protein</b>		
GFP	1.400 cells/80 µL; 24 hours	
<b>siRNA</b>		
<i>KIF11</i> , negative control	1.400 cells/80 µL; 24 hours	
<b>cDNA</b>		
<i>PLK1/KIF11/INCENP</i>	800 cells/80 µL; 50 hours	3.000 cells/80 µL; 50 hours
<b>rec. Cas9 + gRNA</b>		
<i>PLK1/KIF11/INCENP</i>	800 cells/80 µL; 50 hours	3.000 cells/80 µL; 50 hours
<b>Lentiviral transduction</b>		
<i>PLK1/KIF11/INCENP</i>	300 cells/80 µL; 72 hours post transduction	

# gRNA target sequences and PCR primer sequences

Gene	Target sequence	Primer sequences
<i>PLK1</i> (HS0000306668)	TCGGACGCGGACACCAAGGAGG	fw: GCTTTTGTAACGTTCCCAGC rv: TAGCGTCCATTACCAGCACC
<i>KIF11</i> (HS0000296443)	CCTAATGAAGAGTATACCTGGG	fw: ACTGTGCCTGGCTTGTTTTTTG rv: CTTCAATACAAAGCCCTCCC
<i>INCENP</i> (HS0000074011)	CCGACGGAAGAAGAGACGGATT	fw: GGGCTCCCTGCTGTATACTG rv: CAAAGCCGTACTGCTCTGCT
Non-targeting negative control #	<i>no sequence information available;</i> <i>Gene: CRISPR06, lot number:</i> <i>06251514MN</i>	

**Antibodies/GFP**

Antibody	Species	#	Manufacturer
<i>GM130</i> Alexa Fluor® 647	mouse	558712; Custom formulation without BSA	BD Biosciences
<i>alpha tubulin</i>	mouse	3873	Cell Signaling Technology
<i>KIF11</i>	rabbit	ABT149; Lot: 2606356; Lot: 2702413 (Labeled to Alexa Fluor® 647); Lot: 2851238	Merck Millipore
<i>KIF11</i>	rabbit	AP9097a	Abgent
<i>EEA1</i>	mouse	610456	BD Biosciences
Anti-mouse IgG AlexaFluor® 488	goat	A11029	Thermo Fisher Scientific
Anti-rabbit IgG Cy3®	goat	A10520	Thermo Fisher Scientific
Green fluorescent protein	Aequorea victoria; produced in E.coli	ab84191	Abcam