

1 **Budding yeast Wpl1p regulates cohesin functions in cohesion, condensation and**

2 **DNA repair by a common mechanism**

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14 **Abstract:**

15 Cohesin tethers DNA to mediate sister chromatid cohesion, chromosome condensation,
16 and DNA repair. How the cell regulates cohesin to perform these distinct functions
17 remains to be elucidated. One cohesin regulator, Wpl1p, was characterized in the
18 budding yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, as a promoter of cohesion and as an
19 inhibitor of condensation. Here we provide evidence that Wpl1p has an additional
20 function in promoting the timely repair of DNA damage induced during S-phase. In
21 addition to these biological functions, Wpl1p has been implicated as an inhibitor of
22 cohesin's ability to stably bind DNA by modulating the interface between two subunits
23 (Mcd1p and Smc3p) of the core cohesin complex. We show that Wpl1p likely modulates
24 this interface to regulate all cohesin's biological functions. Furthermore, we show that
25 Wpl1p regulates cohesion and condensation through the formation of a functional
26 complex with another cohesin-associated factor, Pds5p. In contrast, Wpl1p regulates
27 DNA repair independently of its interaction with Pds5p. Together these results suggest
28 that Wpl1p regulates distinct biological functions of cohesin by Pds5p-dependent and –
29 independent modulation of the Smc3p-Mcd1p interface.

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31 **Introduction:**

32 Cohesin, a member of the SMC family of protein complexes, is comprised of
33 four-subunits, Smc1p, Smc3p, Mcd1p (Scc1/Rad21), and Scc3p (SA/STAG). Cohesin
34 mediates a myriad of nuclear functions essential for both viability and accurate
35 transmission of genetic information including sister chromatid cohesion, condensation of
36 chromosomes, and the repair of DNA damage during G2/M (Onn et al. 2008). Cohesin

37 is thought to perform these different functions through the spatial and temporal
38 regulation of its ability to tether two genomic loci (Guacci et al. 1997; Gruber et al.
39 2003). Cohesin's DNA binding and tethering activities are regulated by factors including
40 Eco1p (Ctf7p), Pds5p, and Wpl1p (Rad61p) (Skibbens et al. 1999; Hartman et al. 2000;
41 Rolef Ben-Shahar et al. 2008; Unal et al. 2008). How these regulatory factors interface
42 with each other and with cohesin to promote its biological functions remains poorly
43 understood.

44 The factor Wpl1p was first implicated as a negative regulator of the cohesin
45 complex, serving to inhibit both cohesion and condensation. Evidence that Wpl1p is an
46 inhibitor of condensation stems from findings that the deletion of *WPL1* (*wpl1Δ*) restores
47 viability and condensation to cells lacking Eco1p function (*eco1Δ*) (Guacci and Koshland
48 2012; Lopez-Serra et al. 2013) and that *wpl1Δ* in a wild-type background leads to
49 premature condensation as compared to wild-type cells (Lopez-Serra et al. 2013).
50 Additionally, Wpl1p's role as an inhibitor of cohesion was supported by the loss of
51 cohesion seen when Wpl1p was overexpressed in both human and yeast cells (Gandhi
52 et al. 2006; Lopez-Serra et al. 2013). Wpl1p is thought to inhibit cohesin function by
53 removing it from DNA in a non-proteolytic manner. Recent biochemical studies suggest
54 that Wpl1p destabilizes the interface between the N-terminus of Mcd1p and the base of
55 the coiled-coil of Smc3p (Buheitel and Stemmann 2013; Beckouët et al. 2016).
56 Additionally, mutating an Smc3p residue in the Smc3p/Mcd1p interface abolishes
57 cohesin localization to centromere proximal regions, providing *in vivo* support for a role
58 for this interface (Gligoris et al. 2014). However, the biological function and regulation of
59 destabilization of the Smc3p/Mcd1p interface is poorly understood.

60 To limit Wpl1p inhibition, cohesin is acetylated by Eco1p at two conserved lysine
61 residues on Smc3p (K112 K113 in the budding yeast, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*)
62 (Rolef Ben-Shahar et al. 2008; Unal et al. 2008). Additionally, Pds5p helps preserve
63 Smc3p acetylation during and after S-phase, suggesting a common molecular
64 mechanism for how Pds5p and Eco1p promote cohesion (Chan et al. 2013). These
65 functions are thought to promote condensation as inactivation of either factor results in
66 dramatic defects in both processes (Skibbens et al. 1999; Hartman et al. 2000). Further
67 corroboration that Pds5p and Eco1p promote cohesin function through a common
68 molecular mechanism is that over-expression of Pds5p suppresses mutants containing
69 *eco1-ts* alleles, and vice-versa (Noble et al. 2006). Taken together, these data suggest
70 that Eco1p and Pds5p both prevent Wpl1p-mediated antagonization of cohesion and
71 condensation.

72 However, the function of Wpl1p and Pds5p in regulating cohesin is more
73 complicated. In budding yeast, *wpl1Δ* cells surprisingly display a partial cohesion defect,
74 implicating Wpl1p as a positive factor required for efficient cohesion, though the
75 molecular differences between Wpl1p's positive and negative functions remains a
76 mystery (Rowland et al. 2009; Sutani et al. 2009; Guacci and Koshland 2012).
77 Furthermore, Wpl1p and Pds5p have been shown to form a complex that is capable of
78 unloading of cohesin from DNA *in vitro* (Kueng et al. 2006; Murayama and Uhlmann
79 2015). This result suggests that Pds5p may inhibit cohesin in addition to its well-
80 established role in promoting cohesin function. Consistent with this idea, in *S. pombe*,
81 the deletion of *pds5* suppresses a deletion of the *ECO1* homologue, *Eso1* (Tanaka et al.
82 2001). Moreover, in budding yeast, certain *PDS5* alleles suppress the inviability of *eco1-*

83 *ts* mutants which have reduced cohesin acetylation (Rowland et al. 2009; Sutani et al.
84 2009). This suppression is consistent with the idea that these *pds5* mutations inactivate
85 a Pds5p-mediated inhibitory activity. Together these results suggest that Wpl1p and
86 Pds5p can act both positively and negatively to regulate cohesin functions.

87 The complex regulation of Wpl1p on cohesin function raises important questions
88 that we address in this study. First, are there additional roles of Wpl1p in regulating
89 cohesin function? Does Wpl1p regulate all cohesin's biological functions through a
90 common molecular mechanism? Finally, Is Wpl1p's ability to form a complex with Pds5p
91 important for any or all of Wpl1p's regulatory functions? The answers to these questions
92 provide important new insights into cohesin regulation by Wpl1p and its interplay with
93 Pds5p.

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95 **Materials and Methods**

96 **Yeast strains, media, and reagents**

97 Yeast strains used in this study are A364A background, and their genotypes are listed
98 in Table 2.1. YPD liquid media was prepared containing 1% yeast extract, 2% peptone,
99 2% dextrose, 0.01 mg/ml adenine.

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101 **Solid Media:**

102 YPD solid media was prepared containing 1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 2% dextrose,
103 2% agar.

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105 **Camptothecin:** Camptothecin (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) was made as a 10 mg/ml

106 stock (in DMSO) and added to final concentration of 20 µg/ ml in YPD media containing
107 25 mM pH 7.4 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid (HEPES; Fisher
108 Scientific, Fair Lawn, NJ).

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110 **Methyl-methane sulfonate:** 99% pure MMS (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) was added
111 to a final concentration of 0.01% in YPD media. MMS was diluted 1:10 in dimethyl
112 sulfoxide (DMSO) for addition to liquid media. Agar plates containing MMS were made
113 within 2 days of use to prevent degradation.

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115 **Dropout media:**

116 5-FOA was purchased from US Biological Life Sciences (Salem, MA) and used at a final
117 concentration of 1 g/L in URA dropout plates supplemented with 50 mg/L uracil powder
118 (Sigma-Aldrich)

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120 **Dilution plating**

121 Cells were grown to saturation in YPD liquid media at 30°C then plated in 10-fold serial
122 dilutions. Cells containing temperature-sensitive alleles were grown to saturation at
123 23°C. Cells were incubated on plates at relevant temperatures or containing drugs as
124 described. For plasmid shuffle assays, cells were grown to saturation in YPD media to
125 allow loss of covering plasmid, then plated in 10-fold serial dilutions on YPD or FOA
126 media.

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128 **Cohesin and condensation time course:**

129 Cells are inoculated into 5 mL YPD starter culture overnight at 23°C, unless indicated
130 otherwise. Cells are then inoculated from starter cultures into YPD to grow overnight to
131 a final concentration of 0.2 OD. Alpha factor (Sigma-Aldrich) is added to cultures at 10⁻⁸
132 M, for 3 hours for cells to arrest in G1. Cells are then washed 3x in YPD containing .2
133 µg/mL Pronase E, and washed 1x in YPD without Pronase E. Cells are then
134 resuspended into YPD containing 15 µg/mL nocodazole (Sigma-Aldrich) and incubated
135 at 23°C to allow cell cycle progression until arrest in mid-M (3 hours). To assess
136 cohesion through separation of LacI-GFP foci, cells were fixed for 15-30 minutes in 4%
137 paraformaldehyde (w/v) 3.4% sucrose (w/v) solution, and then washed and
138 resuspended in 0.1 KPO₄ 1.2 M sorbitol buffer then stored at 4°C.

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140 For auxin treatment, time courses were performed as above except 1M 3-indoleacetic
141 acid (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) was dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and
142 added to final concentration of 500 µM to alpha factor arrested cells, then incubated an
143 additional 1 hour. 500 µM auxin was present in all YPD washes and the releasing media
144 containing nocodazole.

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146 **CPT and MMS treatment time course**

147 Cells were grown, arrested in G1, and released as described above. Upon release from
148 alpha-factor, cells were split and resuspended into YPD containing either DMSO, 20
149 µg/mL CPT and 25 mM HEPES pH7.4 or 0.01% MMS and incubated at 23°C to allow
150 cell cycle progression. 90 minutes after release, alpha-factor was re-added to cultures
151 at 10⁻⁸ M to arrest in subsequent G1. Cells were harvested every 30-minutes and fixed

152 in 70% ethanol. To assess chromosome segregation, fixed cells were washed and
153 resuspended in 1xPBS containing DAPI.

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155 Assessment of chromosome segregation when treated with MMS or CPT in nocodazole
156 (G2/M) cells. Cells were grown, arrested and released from alpha factor arrest into
157 nocodazole in the absence of drugs as described above. Cells were then released from
158 nocodazole arrest by washing 3x in YPD. Cells were then split and resuspended into
159 media containing alpha-factor at 10^{-8} M and either DMSO, 20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ CPT and 25 mM
160 HEPES pH 7.4 or 0.01% MMS.

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162 **Fluorescence in situ hybridization**

163 Nocodazole arrested cells were fixed in 3.6% formaldehyde for 2 hours at 23°C. Cells
164 were then washed 3x with water and resuspended in 1M sorbitol 20mM KPO_4 pH 4.7.
165 Cells were spheroplasted with beta mercaptoethanol and 0.5% TritonX-100. Cells were
166 then gently spun down and plated on polylysine-coated slides. Cells were then washed
167 with 0.5% SDS. Slides were then submerged in 3:1 methanol/acetic acid and allowed to
168 air-dry overnight. Cells were then RNase A treated (100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ in 2X SSC) at 37°C for 1
169 hr. Slides were washed 4x in fresh 2X SSC and immediately dehydrated through a
170 series of ethanol washes (70%, 80% and 95%, min/wash at -20°C). Denaturation of
171 chromosomal DNA was done by incubation of slides in 70% formamide in 2X SSC at
172 70°C for 2 minutes, followed immediately by ethanol washes as described above (70%,
173 80%, 90%, and 100%). After slides had dried, cells were treated with proteinase K (10

174 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ in 20 mM Tris, pH 7.2, 2 mM CaCl_2) for 15 minutes at 37°C. Cells were then
175 stained with ProLong Gold Antifade Mountant with DAPI (Life Technologies).

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177 **Flow cytometry:**

178 To assess DNA content, cells were fixed in 70% ethanol. Fixed cells were washed twice
179 in 50 mM sodium citrate (pH 7.2), then treated with RNase A (50 mM sodium citrate [pH
180 7.2]; 0.25 mg/ml RNase A; 1% Tween-20 [v/v]) overnight at 37°C. Proteinase K was
181 then added to a final concentration of 0.2 mg/ml and samples were incubated at 50°C
182 for 2 hr. Samples were sonicated for 30s or until cells were adequately disaggregated.
183 SYBR Green DNA I dye (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA) was then added at 1:20,000
184 dilution and samples were run on a Guava easyCyte flow cytometer (Millipore, Billerica,
185 MA). 20,000 events were captured for each time point. Quantification was performed
186 using FlowJo analysis software.

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188 **Microscopy**

189 Images were acquired with an Axioplan2 microscope (100x objective, numerical
190 aperture [NA] 1.40; Zeiss, Thornwood, NY) equipped with a Quantix charge-coupled
191 device camera (Photometrics, Tucson, AZ).

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193 **Preparation of cells for immunoprecipitation**

194 Cells were inoculated into 5 mL starter cultures and grown overnight at 23°C. Strains
195 were then inoculated into 60 mL cultures and grown to a final OD of 0.8. 20 ODs were

196 then harvested, washed in 1XPBS, spun down, liquid aspirated and cells were flash
197 frozen in LN₂.

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199 For CPT, untreated cells are grown to a final OD₆₀₀ of 0.4. 1M HEPES pH 7.4 is added
200 to cultures to a final concentration of 25 mM. 10 mg/mL CPT stock is added to cells to
201 final concentration of 20 µg/ml and cells are incubated for 3 hours. 20 OD were then
202 harvested and prepared as described above.

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204 **Immunoprecipitation**

205 Cell lysates were prepared by bead beating 30 sec on 1 min rest, 4x at 4°C in GNK100
206 buffer (100 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 0.2% NP40, 10% glycerol, 2.5 mM MgCl₂)
207 containing complete mini EDTA free protease inhibitor (Roche), 5mM sodium butyrate,
208 5 mM beta mercaptoethanol, 1 mM PMSF, and 20 mM b-glycerophosphate. Lysates
209 were cleared of insoluble cell debris and then incubated with anti-FLAG antibody
210 (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) and Protein A dynabeads for 1 hour at 4°C. Dynabeads
211 were then washed 4x with GNK100 buffer with additives as described above containing
212 100 µM MG132. Samples were then run on SDS-PAGE gels and analyzed through
213 western blot.

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215 **Results**

216 **Wpl1p is necessary to mitigate Camptothecin and MMS induced cell cycle delay.**

217 Wpl1p has been implicated in regulating cohesin function in both cohesion and
218 condensation. However, Wpl1p function in another cohesin-regulated process, DNA

219 repair, has not been well characterized. In fact *WPL1* was originally characterized as a
220 promoter of DNA repair, as *wpl1* Δ cells exhibited weak sensitivity to ionizing radiation
221 (Game et al. 2003). Thus we were curious as to whether Wpl1p function in promotion of
222 DNA repair was mediated through cohesin. We revisited the severe sensitivity of *eco1* Δ
223 *wpl1* Δ cells to the topoisomerase I inhibitor, camptothecin (CPT) (Guacci and Koshland
224 2012). One likely cause of this CPT sensitivity was that *eco1* Δ caused a severe
225 cohesion defect that impaired the use of the sister chromatid as an efficient template for
226 DNA repair (Guacci and Koshland 2012). However, given Wpl1p's role in promoting
227 resistance to ionizing radiation, we wondered whether the loss of Wpl1p might
228 contribute to the severe CPT sensitivity of *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ cells.

229 To assess the role of Wpl1p in CPT sensitivity, we compared the growth of wild-
230 type, *wpl1* Δ and *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ cells on media containing 20 μ g/mL CPT. As expected,
231 *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ cells were unable to grow even after 5 days confirming that Eco1p plays a
232 critical role in surviving DNA damage. Interestingly, *wpl1* Δ cells grew dramatically
233 slower relative to wild-type cells, taking several additional days to form colonies, albeit
234 smaller ones (Figure 1A). This growth delay suggests that Wpl1p may promote efficient
235 DNA repair.

236 To further characterize the kinetics of DNA damage repair, we compared how
237 CPT treatment affected cell-cycle progression of wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells. The extent
238 and duration of a drug-induced cell-cycle delay serves as an indirect measure of DNA
239 damage and repair. We synchronized wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells in G1 with alpha-factor
240 and then released the cells into media either containing CPT (20 μ g/mL) or without CPT
241 (DMSO) (Materials and Methods). Once cells had budded we reintroduced alpha-factor

242 into the media to enable cells to progress through the cell cycle then re-arrest in the
243 following G1. We collected aliquots of cells every 30 minutes after G1 release and
244 analyzed them for bud morphology, DNA content, and chromosome segregation as
245 measured by DNA morphology (Figure 1B).

246 Analysis of DNA content by flow-cytometry revealed that both wild-type and
247 *wpl1* Δ cells treated with CPT progressed through S-phase (transitioning from 1C to 2C)
248 with similar kinetics as did their DMSO-treated counterparts (Figure S1A). However, in
249 CPT-treated *wpl1* Δ cells the 2C DNA peak persisted longer than in either CPT-treated
250 wild-type cells or DMSO-treated cells of either genotype (Figure S1A; 180-240min). This
251 result suggests that *wpl1* Δ cells delay in mitosis because of persisting CPT-generated
252 damage that activated the G2/M DNA-damage checkpoint.

253 To provide more support for this putative G2/M delay, we examined the bud and
254 DNA morphologies of these cells. During an unperturbed cell cycle in yeast, DNA
255 replication is completed when the bud is small and a single nuclear DNA mass bearing
256 all the chromosomes is present. As the cell cycle progresses, the bud grows to medium
257 size and mitosis quickly ensues. As chromosomes segregate, two separated DNA
258 masses of equal size can be distinguished, one in the mother cell and one in the bud
259 (telophase cells). If cells stall prior to anaphase, the undivided nucleus remains at the
260 bud neck while the bud continues to grow, giving rise large-budded cells with
261 unsegregated chromosomes as seen by a single DNA mass (G2/M cells) (Figure 1B,
262 top panel; (Hartwell 1974). As expected for control DMSO-treated wild-type and *wpl1* Δ
263 cells, few large budded G2/M cells were observed, as most cells entered telophase
264 when buds were mid-sized consistent with the absence of a cell-cycle delay (Figure 1B,

265 left panels). By 150-minutes post release, most cells were in telophase (large-budded
266 with divided nuclei). The number of telophase cells declined as cells underwent
267 cytokinesis and by 240-minutes, most cells were arrested in G1 (Figure 1B left panels;
268 Figure S1A).

269 When treated with CPT, both wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cultures exhibited a great
270 increase in the amount of large-budded cells G2/M cells (~40% of cells) and few
271 telophase cells were seen at 120-minutes post release compared to their DMSO-treated
272 counterparts (Figure 1B, right panels). The similar G2/M cell cycle delays seen in both
273 wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells were consistent with both genotypes initially experiencing the
274 same level of DNA damage when treated with CPT. Wild-type cells overcame this arrest
275 quickly as seen by the high level of telophase cells at 150-minutes and 180-minutes,
276 and that most cells exited mitosis by 240-minutes (Figure 1B, top-right panel). In
277 contrast, the amount of *wpl1* Δ cells stalled in G2/M increased until 150-minutes with a
278 significant amount remaining stalled through 240-minutes (Figure 1B, bottom-right
279 panel). Eventually, all the stalled *wpl1* Δ cells entered telophase and exited mitosis,
280 indicating that the CPT-induced damage was repaired. These results are consistent with
281 a role for Wpl1p in the timely repair of CPT-induced damage.

282 CPT-mediated damage is thought to cause double-strand breaks (DSBs) when
283 topoisomerase I-induced single-strand nicks encounter replication machinery during S-
284 phase (Avemann et al. 1988; Strumberg et al. 2000; Saleh-Gohari et al. 2005). Thus,
285 our results implicate Wpl1p as being important for the repair of S-phase induced
286 damage. To test whether the delay observed in *wpl1* Δ cells was due to the DNA
287 damage induced during S-phase, we allowed cultures of wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells to

288 progress synchronously through S-phase in the absence of CPT and arrest in G2/M by
289 the addition of the microtubule poison, nocodazole. Cultures were released from
290 nocodazole arrest and split in half and CPT was added to one aliquot while DMSO was
291 added to the other. We then monitored progression every 30 minutes through mitosis
292 and cytokinesis in either the presence or absence of CPT. Alpha-factor was added to
293 the cultures to prevent progression of cells beyond the ensuing G1. Upon release from
294 nocodazole, wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells segregated their chromosomes with similar
295 kinetics when treated with either DMSO or CPT (Figure 1C, Figure S1B). Thus, the
296 CPT-induced delay in the initiation of chromosome segregation in *wpl1* Δ cells required
297 the presence of CPT prior to M-phase. These results suggest that Wpl1p helps to repair
298 CPT-induced damage during S-phase.

299 To address whether *WPL1* had a general role in mitigating other types of S-
300 phase DNA damage, we analyzed the sensitivity of *wpl1* Δ cells to the alkylating agent,
301 methyl-methane sulfonate (MMS). Consistent with our findings for CPT, sensitivity of
302 *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ cells to MMS was previously reported, suggesting that the lack of
303 cohesion in these cells is also detrimental for mitigation of MMS-induced damage
304 (Sutani et al. 2009). We tested the sensitivity of *wpl1* Δ cells by monitoring their growth
305 on media containing 0.01% MMS. The growth of *wpl1* Δ cells on MMS was significantly
306 delayed compared to wild-type cells, taking several days to form colonies, similar to
307 what was observed for CPT treatment (Figure 2A). The growth defect seen in these
308 cells suggests that Wpl1p contributes positively to efficient repair of MMS-induced
309 damage.

310 We then tested the role of *WPL1* in mitigating MMS-damage in a single cell cycle
311 by putting wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells through the same regimen as described for CPT
312 treatment. Treatment with 0.01% MMS did not slow the progression through S-phase for
313 either wild-type or *wpl1* Δ cells but the 2C DNA peak persisted for both as compared to
314 DMSO-treated cells (Figure S2A, 150-180min). This result indicated that MMS
315 generated DNA damage that delayed cells in G2/M. However, the MMS-induced G2/M
316 delay lasted much longer in *wpl1* Δ cells as they still showed a large 2C peak at 240-
317 minutes whereas most wild-type cells had already entered G1 (1C peak) by 210
318 minutes (Figure S2A).

319 Analysis of bud and DNA morphologies in MMS-treated cells revealed that both
320 wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells experienced similar levels of damage-induced stalling in
321 G2/M, as ~50% of cells of both genotypes were large-budded with undivided nuclei 120-
322 minutes after release (Figure 2B right panels). However, by 180 minutes half of wild-
323 type cells had already entered telophase whereas few *wpl1* Δ entered telophase so most
324 remained stalled in G2/M. Moreover, ~20% of MMS-treated *wpl1* Δ cells remained in
325 G2/M after 420-minutes suggesting that these cells were unable to recover at all.
326 Finally, like CPT treatment, MMS addition to nocodazole-arrested cultures failed to
327 induce a cell-cycle delay (Figure 2C, Figure S2B). Taken together, these results
328 suggest that Wpl1p is important for the efficient repair of multiple types of DNA damage
329 induced during S-phase.

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331 **Destabilization of the Smc3p/Mcd1p interface promotes cohesion and DNA repair,**
332 **and inhibits condensation.**

333 Several studies suggest that one molecular function of Wpl1p is to destabilize the
334 interface between the N-terminus of Mcd1p and the base of the coiled-coil of Smc3p
335 (Chan et al. 2012; Beckouët et al. 2016). We reasoned that Wpl1p's destabilization
336 activity might be important for promoting one or more of its regulatory functions of
337 cohesin. If so, one or more of these regulatory functions would be compromised when
338 Wpl1p's destabilization activity was blocked by covalently fusing Smc3p to Mcd1p.
339 Previously, a functional fusion of Smc3p fused to the N-terminus of Mcd1p was created
340 (Gruber et al. 2006). We generated a strain in which the *SMC3-MCD1* fusion was the
341 sole source of both *SMC3* and *MCD1* and assessed whether cells would phenotypically
342 mimic a *wpl1Δ*. If so, the fusion strain should be defective for both efficient cohesion
343 generation and DNA repair, as well as being unable to inhibit condensation.

344 We previously showed that restoration of viability to *eco1Δ* mutants requires the
345 suppression of Wpl1p-dependent inhibition of condensation (Guacci and Koshland
346 2012). The Smc3-Mcd1p fusion was shown to restore viability to *eco1Δ* mutants (Chan
347 et al. 2012), suggesting that the fusion may suppress Wpl1p's ability to inhibit
348 condensation. To assess this possibility directly, we examined chromosome
349 condensation in an *SMC3-MCD1 eco1Δ* double mutant. We utilized a standard method
350 for assessing yeast chromosome condensation by monitoring the repetitive *rDNA* locus
351 (Guacci et al 1994; Guacci et al 1997). The *rDNA* locus is located in the nucleolus and
352 protrudes from the bulk chromosomal mass making it easy to monitor its condensation
353 state. A condensed *rDNA* locus forms a distinct loop structure, while decondensed
354 *rDNA* locus form a "puff" morphology (Figure 3A; Materials and Methods) (Guacci et al.
355 1993; Guacci and Koshland 1994). We analyzed the morphology of the *rDNA* in cells

356 that had been arrested in mid-M phase with nocodazole (Figure 3A). Most wild-type
357 cells had condensed *rDNA* loops, with few displaying decondensed *rDNA* (Figure 3B).
358 Using the auxin-inducible degradation system, we depleted Eco1p by the addition of
359 auxin to cultures containing the *eco1-AID* allele and observed that over 80% of these
360 cells had decondensed *rDNA*. Consistent with previous findings, only ~30% of *eco1Δ*
361 *wpl1Δ* cells had decondensed *rDNAs*, indicating that the majority these cells were
362 capable of mediating condensation. Similarly, only ~30% of *SMC3-MCD1 eco1Δ* cells
363 had decondensed *rDNA* (Figure 3B). Thus, like *wpl1Δ*, the *SMC3-MCD1* fusion is able
364 to restore condensation to cells lacking Eco1p.

365 We next examined whether modulation of the Smc3p/Mcd1p interface was
366 required for two other Wpl1p functions, promoting efficient cohesion and DNA damage
367 repair. We tested whether the *SMC3-MCD1* fusion strain was as defective in efficiently
368 promoting cohesion as a *wpl1Δ* strain. We monitored cohesion at a *CEN*-distal locus on
369 chromosome IV by integration of LacO repeats at the *LYS4* locus in cells containing
370 LacI-GFP (Materials and Methods). Cohesion was assessed in cells synchronously
371 arrested in mid-M by treatment with nocodazole. Cells containing a single LacI-GFP
372 focus indicated cohesion whereas cells containing two LacI-GFP foci indicated a loss of
373 cohesion (Figure 3A). The *SMC3-MCD1* fusion strain exhibited a moderate cohesion
374 defect of ~30%, similar to what is seen in a *wpl1Δ* strain (Figure 3C). Similar results for
375 both the *SMC3-MCD1* fusion and the *wpl1Δ* strains were previously reported at the
376 more *CEN*-proximal *URA3* locus (Gruber et al. 2006; Rowland et al. 2009).

377 To test whether the *SMC3-MCD1* fusion strain was also compromised for the
378 ability to mitigate S-phase induced DNA damage, we compared wild-type, *wpl1Δ* and

379 *SMC3-MCD1* fusion strains for sensitivity to 20 µg/mL CPT and to 0.01% MMS. The
380 *SMC3-MCD1* fusion strain and the *wpl1Δ* strain showed similar growth inhibition to both
381 drugs (Figure 3D). Thus, the Smc3-Mcd1p fusion protein mimics all the phenotypes of
382 *wpl1Δ* for cohesion, condensation and sensitivity to DNA damage implying that blocking
383 dissociation of Mcd1p from Smc3p is the common underlying molecular defect causing
384 these defects. Taken together, these data suggest that Wpl1p destabilization of
385 Smc3p/Mcd1p interface is necessary to promote cohesion and repair of S-phase
386 induced DNA damage as well as to inhibit condensation.

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388 **The Pds5p N-terminus regulates the promotion of cohesion and inhibition of**
389 **condensation.**

390 Our findings along with previous studies suggest that Wpl1p regulation of diverse
391 cohesin functions is complicated. To parse how Wpl1p distinguishes these functions, we
392 sought to understand the relationship between Pds5p and Wpl1p. Given that Wpl1p and
393 Pds5p form a complex, we wondered whether they cooperate to perform a common
394 regulatory function. The potential for a functional cooperation is suggested by the fact
395 that *wpl1Δ* and specific N-terminal *pds5* mutant alleles restore viability to *eco1-ts* cells
396 that have reduced acetylase activity (Rowland et al. 2009; Chan et al. 2012). To further
397 explore the functional relationship between Wpl1p and Pds5p, we asked whether *wpl1Δ*
398 and three representatives of these N-terminal *pds5* alleles (*pds5-S81R*, *pds5-P89L*, and
399 *pds5-E181K*) shared other signature phenotypes of *wpl1Δ*.

400 One signature phenotype of *wpl1Δ* is the restoration of viability to cells
401 completely lacking Eco1p activity (*eco1Δ*) (Rowland et al. 2009; Sutani et al. 2009;

402 Feytout et al. 2011). To test whether these *pds5* alleles could also suppress *eco1* Δ , we
403 first constructed strains where *pds5-S81R*, *pds5-P89L*, or *pds5-E181K* was the sole
404 *pds5* allele in cells. We then introduced a centromere plasmid containing *ECO1* and
405 *URA3* (*ECO1 CEN URA3*) into these *pds5* mutant strains as well as into a wild-type
406 *PDS5* strain. Finally, we deleted *ECO1* from its endogenous locus (*eco1* Δ) in all of
407 these strains to generate *ECO1* shuffle strains. Counter-selection against cells
408 containing the *ECO1 URA3 CEN* plasmid by plating on media containing 5-FOA will
409 reveal whether any of the *pds5 eco1* Δ double mutants were viable.

410 As expected, cells containing wild-type *PDS5* (*WT*) and *eco1* Δ could not grow on
411 5-FOA as *ECO1* is an essential gene (Figure 4A). In contrast, both the *pds5-S81R* and
412 *pds5-P89L* alleles enabled growth on 5-FOA indicating suppression of *eco1* Δ (Figure
413 4A). Consistent with our findings, previous results also showed that *pds5-P89L* restored
414 viability to *eco1* Δ (Sutani et al. 2009). In contrast to *pds5-S81R* and *pds5-P89L*, *pds5-*
415 *E181K* was unable to support viability to *eco1* Δ (Figure 4A). To determine whether the
416 inability of *pds5-E181K* to restore viability to *eco1* Δ was due to weak suppressor
417 activity, we rebuilt *pds5-E181K* into a strain containing the *eco1-203* temperature-
418 sensitive allele. At the restrictive temperature, 34°C, *pds5-E181K* was able to restore
419 viability to *eco1-203* cells (Figure S3A). This result is consistent with a previous report in
420 which *pds5-E181K* suppressed the inviability of the *eco1-1* temperature sensitive allele
421 (Rowland et al. 2009). Thus, *pds5-S81R* and *pds5-P89L* are akin to a *wpl1* Δ as they
422 suppress an *eco1* Δ whereas *pds5-E181K* can only suppress inviability when Eco1p
423 function is reduced but not abolished.

424 A second signature phenotype of *wpl1Δ* is the restoration of condensation but not
425 cohesion to *eco1Δ* cells (Guacci and Koshland 2012). This pattern of suppression
426 distinguishes inactivation of Wpl1p function from other suppressors of *eco1Δ* in the
427 cohesin ATPase that restore both cohesion and condensation (Guacci and Koshland
428 2012; Çamdere et al. 2015). To test whether these *pds5* N-terminal alleles phenocopied
429 this *wpl1Δ* phenotype, we assessed the chromosome condensation in *pds5-S81R*
430 *eco1Δ* and *pds5-P89L eco1Δ* cells arrested in mid-M phase (Figure 3A). Most wild-type
431 (*PDS5*) cells arrested in mid-M had condensed *rDNA* loops so few had decondensed
432 *rDNA* (Figure 4B). We depleted Eco1p by the addition of auxin to cultures containing the
433 *eco1-AID* allele and observed that over 80% of these cells had decondensed *rDNA*.
434 Similar to what was previously reported for *eco1Δ wpl1Δ* cells, most *pds5-S81R eco1Δ*
435 and *pds5-P89L eco1Δ* cells had condensed *rDNA* loops so only ~20-30% of cells
436 exhibited decondensed *rDNA* loci (Figure 4B) (Guacci and Koshland 2012).

437 Through a similar regimen, we assessed cohesion in *pds5-S81R eco1Δ* and
438 *pds5-P89L eco1Δ* double mutant cells by monitoring cohesion of mid-M phase arrested
439 cells at *CEN*-proximal (*TRP1*) and *CEN*-distal (*LYS4*) loci on chromosome IV (Figure
440 3A). As expected from our previous studies (Guacci and Koshland 2012), most sister
441 chromatids remained tethered in both regions in wild-type cells whereas ~70% of *eco1Δ*
442 *wpl1Δ* cells exhibited separated sister chromatids (Figure 4C & D). Similar to *eco1Δ*
443 *wpl1Δ* cells, both *pds5-S81R eco1Δ* and *pds5-P89L eco1Δ* cells also exhibited high
444 levels of separated sisters at both *CEN*-proximal and distal loci (Figure 4C & D).
445 Additionally, the *pds5-E181K eco1-203* double mutant and *eco1-203* single mutant
446 strains also had high levels of sister separation similar to *eco1Δ wpl1Δ* cells (Figure

447 S3B). Thus, the *pds5* N-terminal suppressor mutants behave like *wpl1* Δ as they restore
448 viability and condensation but not cohesion to *eco1* Δ or *eco1-ts* cells.

449 The third signature phenotype of *wpl1* Δ cells is its partial cohesion defect, ~30%
450 (Figure 3C) (Guacci and Koshland 2012). Pds5p defective cells were already known
451 have a severe cohesion defect (~80%) (Hartman et al. 2000; Stead et al. 2003; Noble et
452 al. 2006; Guacci and Koshland 2012; Tong and Skibbens 2014). This quantitative
453 difference suggested that Wpl1p and Pds5p might promote cohesion by different
454 mechanisms. Alternatively, Pds5p might promote cohesion by two mechanisms, one
455 dependent on Wpl1p and the other independent of Wpl1p. Given the phenotypic
456 similarity between *wpl1* Δ and the N-terminal alleles of *pds5* described above, we
457 wondered whether the N-terminus of Pds5p might be involved in a Wpl1p-dependent
458 pathway for cohesion. To test this, we monitored the ability of the *pds5-S81R*, *pds5-*
459 *P89L*, and *pds5-E181K* to mediate cohesion either in the presence or in the absence of
460 *WPL1*.

461 We first assessed cohesion in the *pds5* N-terminal mutants in an otherwise wild-
462 type background (*WPL1*) in cells arrested at mid-M phase using nocodazole. When
463 cohesion was monitored at both *CEN*-proximal and *CEN*-distal loci, all three *pds5* N-
464 terminal mutants exhibited cohesion defects of ~20% and ~30%, respectively, similar to
465 that of *wpl1* Δ (Figure 5A & B). Additionally, kinetic analysis of the *pds5* N-terminal
466 mutants showed that they lost cohesion similarly to *wpl1* Δ as cells progressed from S-
467 phase to M-phase (Figure S4). These quantitative similarities were consistent with the
468 model that Wpl1p and the Pds5p N-terminal domain acted in a common pathway to
469 promote efficient cohesion establishment.

470 To determine whether Wpl1p and the Pds5p N-terminus function in a common
471 pathway in promoting cohesion, we assessed whether *wpl1* Δ enhanced the cohesion
472 defect of the *pds5-S81R*, *pds5-P89L* and *pds5-E181K*. The cohesion defects of all three
473 *pds5 wpl1* Δ double mutants in mid-M arrested cells were the same or only slightly
474 higher than *pds5* single mutants alone or *wpl1* Δ alone (Figure 5A & B). If the *pds5*
475 mutants and *wpl1* Δ promoted cohesion by distinct mechanisms, we would expect an
476 additive effect in the double mutants, and would expect to see cohesion loss
477 approaching 70% in these cells. The fact that *pds5* single mutants and *pds5 wpl1* Δ
478 double mutants have similar partial defects in cohesion suggests that the Pds5p N-
479 terminus and Wpl1p promote cohesion through a common pathway. These results
480 suggest that Wpl1p interacts functionally with Pds5p both to inhibit condensation and to
481 efficiently promote cohesion.

482 The final signature *wpl1* Δ phenotype is the sensitivity to the DNA damaging
483 agents, CPT and MMS. As our results suggest that the N-terminus of Pds5p and Wpl1p
484 function together in cohesion and condensation, we wondered whether they also
485 function together to promote DNA damage repair. To test this possibility, we examined
486 effects on the growth of the *pds5* N-terminal mutants alone or in the *wpl1* Δ background
487 by plating the single and double mutants on media containing either CPT or MMS.
488 *pds5-S81R*, *pds5-P89L* and *pds5-E181K* alone grew similarly to wild-type on 20 μ g/ml
489 CPT and 0.015% MMS and significantly better than *wpl1* Δ cells. Furthermore, *wpl1* Δ
490 *pds5* double mutants and *wpl1* Δ cells were equally sensitive to both CPT and MMS
491 (Figure 5C). These results suggest that Wpl1p's role in DNA damage repair is
492 independent of its functional interaction with the Pds5p N-terminus.

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494 **Wpl1p interaction with Pds5p N-terminus is not sufficient for regulation of**
495 **cohesin function**

496 A simple model for a common biological function of Wpl1p and the N-terminus of
497 Pds5p in cohesion and condensation is that these functions derive from the Wpl1p-
498 Pds5p complex. If so, *pds5* N-terminal mutants might inhibit the formation of the Wpl1p-
499 Pds5p complex. Support for this idea came from a recent crystal structure of human
500 Pds5B (Ouyang et al. 2016). This crystal structure also contained a short peptide of
501 Wapl, the human ortholog of Wpl1p, which bound to the N-terminus of Pds5B. As this
502 region of Pds5B was highly conserved with yeast Pds5p, we were able to map the
503 analogous residues of the Pds5p N-terminal mutations on the crystal structure of Pds5B
504 (Figure 6A, Figure S5). These residues were located either within or in very close
505 proximity to the Wapl binding site (Figure 6A). Additionally, yeast Wpl1p contains a
506 partial consensus sequence to the conserved [K/R] [S/T] YSR motif important for Wapl
507 interaction with Pds5B in vertebrates, suggesting that Wpl1p and Pds5p may bind in a
508 similar manner in yeast (Ouyang et al. 2016).

509 Given this structural information, we asked whether the Pds5p N-terminal
510 mutations disrupted the physical interaction between of Pds5p and Wpl1p. We C-
511 terminally tagged Wpl1p with the Flag epitope (Wpl1p-3FLAG) and then performed anti-
512 FLAG immunoprecipitation from extracts of asynchronously growing cells. We
513 compared Wpl1p co-immunoprecipitation with wild-type Pds5p and each of the N-
514 terminal Pds5p mutants. Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation robustly co-
515 immunoprecipitated wild-type Pds5p when Wpl1p-3FLAG was present but not when

516 Wpl1p was untagged, confirming that Pds5p co-immunoprecipitation is due to a specific
517 interaction with Wpl1p (Figure 6B). The Wpl1p-3FLAG immunoprecipitates contained
518 very little Pds5p-P89L and significantly reduced Pds5p-E181K (Figure 6B). Thus, both
519 mutations disrupt Pds5p binding to Wpl1p. In contrast, Pds5p-S81R retained binding to
520 Wpl1p-3FLAG at a level similar to wild-type Pds5p (Figure 6B). These differences in
521 Wpl1p binding between the three N-terminal Pds5p mutants are surprising as all three
522 mutants similarly disrupt promotion of cohesion, and can restore viability to *eco1*
523 mutants through restoration of condensation. These results suggest that binding to the
524 Pds5p N-terminus is required for Wpl1p's function as both an inhibitor of condensation
525 and efficient promoter of cohesion. However, this interaction is not sufficient for these
526 functions, as Pds5p-S81R bind Wpl1p-3FLAG at close to wild-type levels.

527 Despite the differences in binding between Wpl1p and Pds5p among the three
528 *pds5* mutants, they have similar functional defects *in vivo*. These results suggest that
529 the molecular function of Wpl1p must be attenuated through a mechanism other than
530 Pds5p binding. Thus, we wondered whether the interaction between Wpl1p and cohesin
531 might be compromised in these mutants. We re-probed the Wpl1p-3FLAG
532 immunoprecipitates for the cohesin subunit, Mcd1p. In the wild-type Pds5p strain,
533 Mcd1p exhibited a robust co-immunoprecipitation with Wpl1p (Figure 6B). In contrast, in
534 all three Pds5p N-terminal mutant strains, there was reduced Mcd1p co-
535 immunoprecipitation with Wpl1p (Figure 6B). Thus, we conclude that formation of a
536 functional Wpl1p-Pds5p complex is important for efficient recruitment of Wpl1p to
537 cohesin. Additionally, Wpl1p was still able to interact with Mcd1p in *pds5-P89L* mutant
538 cells despite the Wpl1p interaction with Pds5p being abolished. This result indicates that

539 Wpl1p can bind cohesin independently of Pds5p, which corroborates previous studies in
540 yeast and other organisms that show that Wpl1p can interact directly with the cohesin
541 subunit Scc3p/SA/STAG (Rowland et al. 2009; Shintomi and Hirano 2009).

542 In contrast to our conclusion that the Pds5p N-terminus functions with Wpl1p to
543 inhibit condensation and promote cohesion, our studies suggest that Wpl1p can function
544 independently of the Pds5p N-terminus in promotion of DNA repair. Consistent with this
545 idea, our results show that *pds5-P89L* abrogates Wpl1p interaction with Pds5p but
546 Wpl1p retains binding to Mcd1p. However, it is possible that DNA damage causes a
547 modification to Pds5p or Wpl1p that promotes formation of the Wpl1p-Pds5p complex. If
548 so, the interaction between Wpl1p and Pds5p-P89L might be restored upon induction of
549 DNA damage. To assess this possibility, we treated asynchronously growing *PDS5*
550 *WPL1-3FLAG* and *pds5-P89L WPL1-3FLAG* cells with either DMSO or 20 µg/mL CPT
551 for 3 hours. We immunoprecipitated Wpl1p from extracts from these cells and assayed
552 for Pds5p binding. Wild-type Pds5p and Wpl1p co-immunoprecipitated at similar levels
553 with or without CPT whereas Pds5p-P89L remained unable to co-immunoprecipitate
554 with Wpl1p under either condition (Figure 6C). These findings further corroborate our
555 conclusion that Wpl1p promotes DNA damage repair independently of its interaction
556 with Pds5p.

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558 **Discussion:**

559 Previous studies in budding yeast had demonstrated roles for Wpl1p in
560 promoting efficient sister chromatid cohesion and in inhibiting condensation (Guacci and
561 Koshland 2012; Lopez-Serra et al 2013). Here we provide evidence for a biological
562 function of Wpl1p in the timely repair of DNA damage in S-phase, beyond its roles in

563 cohesion and condensation. We report that cells blocked for Wpl1p function grow slowly
564 when they experience DNA damage induced during S-phase by CPT and MMS. This
565 slow growth results from a delay in the onset of chromosome segregation, likely
566 reflecting activation of the DNA damage checkpoint because of slow repair of the
567 damage.

568 The defect in DNA repair in cells blocked for Wpl1p function cannot be explained
569 by their partial cohesion defect. We showed that cells containing the *pds5* mutants have
570 the same partial cohesion defect as *wpl1* Δ and *SMC3-MCD1* cells but are
571 phenotypically identical to wild-type cells when treated with CPT or MMS. These results
572 suggest that Wpl1p modulates a cohesin function in the repair of S-phase-induced DNA
573 damage beyond simply its role in promoting sister chromatid cohesion. When DNA
574 damage is induced in G2/M, cohesin loading around the break-site is stimulated (Ström
575 et al. 2004; Unal et al. 2004). Thus, it is possible that this positive role of Wpl1p is to
576 promote cohesin binding at either sites of DNA damage or at replication forks to
577 reinforce them upon damage.

578 The results from our study suggest that Wpl1p regulates cohesin function in DNA
579 repair, cohesion and condensation through a common mechanism. We show that cells
580 expressing the Smc3p-Mcd1p fusion protein, like *wpl1* Δ , show partial cohesion defects
581 and growth sensitivities to S-phase DNA damaging agents, and restore viability and
582 condensation to cells lacking Eco1p. Wpl1p is known to destabilize the interface
583 between Smc3p and Mcd1p. The fusion of Smc3p and Mcd1p makes this interface
584 refractory to Wpl1p function and like *wpl1* Δ , hyper-stabilizes the interaction between
585 Mcd1p and Smc3p (Beckouët et al. 2016). Thus the destabilization of the Smc3p/Mcd1p

586 interface, presumably through Wpl1p function, is required for efficient cohesion, timely
587 repair of DNA damage and inhibition of condensation.

588 Disruption of the Smc3p/Mcd1p interface is thought to be one mechanism to
589 unload cohesin from DNA (Chan et al. 2012). The results of our study suggest that
590 Wpl1p-mediated unloading of cohesin has both positive (efficient promotion of cohesion
591 and DNA repair) and negative (inhibition of condensation) consequences. Previous
592 work suggested that cohesin and Pds5p regulate condensation by first binding DNA at
593 sites along a chromatid then interactions between cohesins bound along the same
594 chromatid (in *cis*) are generated to loop out the intervening DNA to generate axial
595 shortening (Guacci et al 1997; Hartman et al 2000). The negative impact of Wpl1p on
596 condensation is straightforward. Wpl1p either destabilizes the interaction between non-
597 acetylated cohesin and/or destabilizes DNA binding of non-acetylated cohesins. This
598 Wpl1p activity thereby prevents cohesin from tethering DNA in *cis* along a chromatid to
599 inhibit condensation (Figure 7A). It is curious, though, that destabilization of cohesin's
600 interaction with DNA, would promote DNA repair and cohesion. These positive aspects
601 may reflect cohesin's burden to carry out diverse biological functions. In addition to
602 loading cohesin prior to S-phase to establish cohesion, cohesin is known to be loaded
603 *de-novo* at sites of damage and at stalled replication forks (Ström et al. 2004; Unal et al.
604 2004; Tittel-Elmer et al. 2012). These spatial and temporal constraints may require a
605 cohesin pool that can be mobilized either from the nucleoplasm or from DNA binding at
606 non-productive sites in the genome (Figure 7B top). In the absence of Wpl1p function,
607 cohesin is stabilized on DNA so is less efficiently mobilized, and perhaps trapped in
608 such non-productive sites. Additionally, in *wpl1Δ* cells cohesin levels on DNA and in

609 cells are decreased (Sutani et al. 2009; Guacci et al. 2015) These effects would thereby
610 limit the pool of dynamic cohesin. Thus cohesion promotion is less efficient both during
611 a normal cell cycle and in response to DNA damage (Figure 7 bottom).

612 The necessity of maintaining a dynamic pool of cohesin is supported by a
613 number of observations. First, only ~20-30% of cohesin is acetylated during S-phase to
614 establish sister chromatid cohesion (Zhang et al. 2008). As acetylated cohesin is
615 thought to be refractory to Wpl1p activity (Rolef Ben-Shahar et al. 2008; Unal et al.
616 2008), this low level of acetylation may ensure that a substantial portion of cohesin
617 remains responsive to Wpl1p. Second, we previously showed that a reduction in the
618 total cellular pool of cohesin leads to more severe defects in condensation and DNA
619 repair than cohesion (Heidinger-Pauli et al. 2010). These phenotypes may arise from a
620 larger proportion of the remaining cohesin being locked onto the DNA in the cohesive
621 (acetylated) state that is refractory to Wpl1p and thus not available for recycling in order
622 to promote condensation and DNA repair. In this light, the primary biological function of
623 Wpl1p is not to inhibit cohesin function by removing it from DNA. Rather, it would be to
624 generate a dynamic cohesin pool for re-distribution to different chromosomal sites to
625 perform cohesin's distinct biological functions.

626 The idea that pools of cohesin need to be mobilized by Wpl1p to enable cohesin
627 to perform different biological functions can explain two seeming paradoxes from our
628 studies. The first paradox is the finding that the three *pds5* N-terminal mutants
629 dramatically differ in their ability to bind Wpl1p, yet they phenocopy a *wpl1* Δ in their
630 failure to efficiently promote cohesion and inhibit condensation. The second paradox is
631 that the three *pds5* mutants differ from a *wpl1* Δ in that they are not sensitive to DNA

632 damaging agents. All three *pds5* N-terminal mutants do share a common molecular
633 defect: a reduction in the amount of Wpl1p bound to cohesin. This finding can explain
634 the twin paradoxes described above. The regulation of both cohesion and condensation
635 entail modulation of cohesin at many sites genome-wide. *pds5* N-terminal mutants may
636 reduce the amount of Wpl1p bound to cohesin below a threshold required to mobilize
637 the global pool of cohesin and thus impair proper regulation of cohesion and
638 condensation. In contrast, DNA damage repair should only involve cohesin at a limited
639 number of sites within the genome. This small requirement to mobilize enough cohesin
640 to promote DNA repair may be met by the reduced level of Wpl1p in the *pds5* N-
641 terminal mutants. As there is no Wpl1p present in *wpl1* Δ cells, all three cohesin
642 biological functions would be defective.

643 In addition to the insights into the relationship between Wpl1p and cohesin, our
644 work also furthers our understanding of the relationship between Wpl1p and Pds5p.
645 Two *pds5* N-terminal alleles either entirely (*pds5-P89L*) or partially (*pds5-E181K*)
646 disrupt the interaction with Wpl1p. However, in these cells, Wpl1p still binds cohesin,
647 albeit at reduced levels. These data suggest that one function of the Wpl1p-Pds5p
648 complex is to help recruit Wpl1p to cohesin. However, Wpl1p can also bind cohesin
649 independent of its ability to complex with Pds5p. This independence has previously
650 been demonstrated *in vitro* (Rowland et al. 2009; Shintomi and Hirano 2009). The *pds5-*
651 *S81R* mutation preserves the interaction between Pds5p and Wpl1p, yet its effects on
652 cohesin function are the same as *pds5-P89L*, which abolishes this interaction. This
653 result indicates that formation of a Wpl1p-Pds5p complex is not sufficient for Wpl1p

654 function. It may be that this complex must be activated, possibly through a conformation
655 change in either one or both proteins for proper function.

656 Our studies further the analysis of the Wpl1p-Pds5p complex to demonstrate its
657 regulation of cohesin function *in vivo*. This proposed role for Wpl1p in recycling cohesin,
658 in part through its association with Pds5p, assigns a biological role for the previous
659 finding that the Wpl1p-Pds5p complex promotes both cohesin loading and unloading *in*
660 *vitro* (Murayama and Uhlmann 2015). It will be interesting to further parse how the
661 Wpl1p-Pds5p complex regulates cohesin function differently from Wpl1p regulation
662 independent of Pds5p. Furthermore, exploring the roles of Wpl1p and cohesin in S-
663 phase induced DNA damage provide an exciting new direction in the cohesin field.

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797 **Figure 1: Wpl1p promotes efficient repair of camptothecin generated DNA**
798 **damage**

799 **(A)** *wpl1* Δ cells grow slowly on media containing camptothecin (CPT). *WT* (VG3349-
800 1B), *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3D), and *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ (VG3503 #4) cells were serially diluted
801 (each spot represents 10x dilution), and plated on YPD media alone or containing 20
802 μ g/mL CPT. Plates were incubated at 23°C and assessed at 3 and 5 days post plating.

803 **(B)** *wpl1* Δ cells grown in the presence of camptothecin from G1 onward exhibit a
804 prolonged mitotic delay. *WT* (VG3349-1B), and *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3D) cells were grown to
805 mid-log phase in YPD at 23°C, arrested in G1 by addition of alpha-factor then released
806 from G1 into YPD media buffered with 25 mM HEPES pH 7.4 as described in Materials
807 and Methods. At the time of release cells were split into two aliquots and 20 μ g/mL CPT
808 was added to one and DMSO was added to the other. Once most cells had entered S-
809 phase (90 minutes after release from G1), alpha-factor was added to ensure cells would
810 progress through one cell-cycle and re-arrest in G1. Aliquots were taken every 30
811 minutes and fixed in 70% ethanol. Fixed cells were stained with DAPI to detect
812 chromosomal DNA for scoring. Cells were scored for bud morphology (unbudded,
813 small-medium bud, or large bud) and whether they contained a single DAPI
814 chromosomal mass or two DAPI masses (top panel). Graphs show the percentage of
815 large budded cells with a single DNA mass (G2/M; black) or two DNA masses
816 (telophase; gray). **(C)** Camptothecin treatment of wild-type and *wpl1* Δ cells in mid-M
817 phase has no effect on progression through mitosis. *WT* (VG3349-1B), and *wpl1* Δ
818 (VG3360-3D) cells grown to mid-log phase in YPD at 23°C were arrested in G1 by
819 addition of alpha-factor, then synchronously released from G1 into YPD containing

820 nocodazole to re-arrest cells in mid-M phase. Cells were then released from mid-M
821 arrest into YPD HEPES buffered media and cultures were split into two aliquots. 20
822 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ CPT was added to one aliquot and DMSO to the other. Alpha factor was added
823 to both aliquots to ensure cells exiting mitosis would arrest in G1. Aliquots taken every
824 30 minutes, fixed in 70% ethanol and then stained with DAPI and scored as described
825 in B. Graphs show the percentage of large budded cells with a single DAPI mass
826 (G2/M) at each time-point for WT cells (gray) or *wpl1* Δ cells (black)

827 **Figure 2: Wpl1p is necessary for efficient repair of MMS mediated DNA damage**

828 **(A)** *wpl1* Δ cells are sensitive to MMS. Assessment of sensitivity of WT and *wpl1* Δ cells
829 to MMS. WT (VG3349-1B) and *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3D) cells were serially diluted 10x and
830 plated onto YPD media either with or with out MMS to a final concentration of 0.01%.
831 Plates were incubated at 23°C and assessed at 3 and 5 days post plating. **(B)** *wpl1* Δ
832 cells grown in the presence of MMS from G1 onward exhibit a prolonged mitotic delay.
833 WT (VG3349-1B) and *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3D) cells synchronously released from G1 as
834 described in Figure 1B, except MMS (0.01% final) was added instead of CPT and YPD
835 media was not buffered. Cells were collected, processed, and scored as described in
836 Figure 1B. Graphs show the percentage of large budded cells with a single DNA mass
837 (G2/M; black) or two DNA masses (telophase; gray). **(C)** MMS treatment of wild-type
838 and *wpl1* Δ cells in mid-M phase has no effect on progression through mitosis. WT
839 (VG3349-1B) and *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3D) cells were released from mid-M phase arrest as
840 described in Figure 1C except cultures contained 0.01% MMS instead of CPT and YPD
841 was not buffered. Graphs show the percentage of large budded cells with a single DAPI
842 mass each time-point for WT cells (gray) or *wpl1* Δ cells (black).

843 **Figure 3: Smc3p/Mcd1p interface is important for cohesin function in cohesion,**
844 **condensation and DNA damage**

845 **(A)** Schematic of scoring cohesion and condensation. Cells were synchronously
846 arrested in mid-M as described in Materials and Methods. Cells are processed for
847 cohesion analysis of LacI-GFP at *CEN*-distal *LYS4* locus and *CEN*-proximal *TRP1* and
848 for condensation by FISH methodology as described in Materials and Methods.
849 Chromosome condensation is assessed by morphology of the rDNA locus. Loop
850 morphology indicates proper condensation while “puff” indicates a decondensed rDNA
851 locus. **(B)** *SMC3-MCD1* fusion restores condensation in *eco1*Δ cells. *WT* (VG3349-1B),
852 *eco1-AID* (VG3633-2D), *eco1*Δ *wpl1*Δ (VG3502 #A) and *eco1*Δ *SMC3-MCD1* (MSB249-
853 3A) were arrested in G1 using alpha factor then synchronously arrested in mid-M phase
854 using nocodazole as described in material and methods. 500 μM auxin was present in
855 the media of *eco1-AID* strain from G1 through mid-M phase. Cells were fixed and
856 processed for FISH as described in Materials and Methods. rDNA condensation (loops)
857 and defective condensation (puffs) were scored as described in Figure 3A. **(C)** *SMC3-*
858 *MCD1* has similar modest cohesion defect to *wpl1*Δ. *PDS5* (VG3349-1B), *wpl1*Δ
859 (VG3360-3D), and *SMC3-MCD1* (VG3940-2D) were arrested in mid-M phase using
860 nocodazole as described in B. Cells were scored for cohesion (one GFP focus) and loss
861 of cohesion (two GFP foci; sister separation) as described in A. The percentage of cells
862 lacking cohesion (separation) is shown.

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865 **Figure 4: *pds5* N-terminal mutants suppress inviability of *eco1* Δ through**
866 **restoration of condensation**

867 **(A)** Plasmid shuffle assay to assess viability of *pds5* N-terminal mutants in *eco1* Δ
868 background. Plasmid pBS1030 (*ECO1 CEN URA3*) is present in haploid wild-type
869 (VG3349-1B), *eco1* Δ (VG3499-1B), *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ (VG3503 #4), *eco1* Δ *pds5-S81R*
870 (MSB138-1K), *eco1* Δ *pds5-P89L* (MSB139-2J), *eco1* Δ *pds5-E181K* (MSB147-1A)
871 strains. Cells were grown in YPD media then plated at 10x dilution on YPD or 5-FOA
872 media at 23°C for 3 days. 5-FOA selects for loss of pBS1030 (*ECO1 CEN URA3*). **(B)**
873 *pds5-S81R* and *pds5-P89L* restore condensation in *eco1* Δ cells. *PDS5* (VG3349-1B),
874 *eco1-AID* (VG3633-2D), *eco1* Δ *pds5-S81R* (MSB138-1K), and *eco1* Δ *pds5-P89L*
875 (MSB139-2J) were synchronously arrested in mid-M phase as described in B except
876 that 500 μ M auxin was present in the media of *eco1-AID* strain from G1 through mid-M
877 phase. Cells were fixed and processed for FISH as described in Materials and Methods.
878 *rDNA* condensation (loops) and defective condensation (puffs) were scored as
879 described in Figure 3A. **(C&D)** *pds5-S81R eco1* Δ and *pds5-P89L eco1* Δ double mutants
880 have a dramatic defect in cohesion. *PDS5* (VG3349-1B & MSB185-1A), *eco1* Δ *wpl1* Δ
881 (VG3503 #4 & VG3502 #A), *eco1* Δ *pds5-S81R* (MSB138-1K & MSB210-2A), *eco1* Δ
882 *pds5-P89L* (MSB139-2J & MSB211-2J) were arrested in G1 using alpha factor then
883 synchronously arrested in mid-M phase using nocodazole as described in material and
884 methods. Cells were scored for cohesion (one GFP focus) and loss of cohesion (two
885 GFP foci; sister separation) as described in Figure 3C. The percentage of cells lacking
886 cohesion (separation) is shown.

887 **Figure 5: *pds5* N-terminal mutants are defective for Wpl1p-mediated cohesion,**
888 **but not DNA repair**
889 **(A&B)** *pds5* N-terminal mutants have similar modest cohesion defect as *wpl1* Δ alone or
890 as *pds5 wpl1* Δ double mutants. Cells were synchronously arrested in mid-M as
891 described in Materials and Methods and scored for cohesion at the *CEN*-distal *LYS4*
892 and *CEN*-proximal *TRP1* locus as described in Figure 4A. Strains *PDS5* (VG3349-1B &
893 MSB185-1A), *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3D & VG3513-1B), *pds5-S81R* (MSB183-1A & MSB190-
894 3E), *pds5-P89L* (MSB184-3A & MSB191-3A), *pds5-E181K* (MSB101-3C & MSB186-
895 2E), *pds5-S81R wpl1* Δ (MSB133-3C & MSB204-1B), *pds5-P89L wpl1* Δ (MSB134-1L &
896 MSB205-4C), *pds5-E181K wpl1* Δ (MSB223-1A & MSB206-6A) were assessed for
897 cohesion loss (sister separation) and plotted. **(C)** Assessment of sensitivity of *pds5* N-
898 terminal mutants to CPT and MMS. Cultures of cells in *WPL1* background: *PDS5*
899 (VG3349-1B) *pds5-S81R* (MSB183-1A), *pds5-P89L* (MSB184-3A), and *pds5-E181K*
900 (MSB101-3C), and *wpl1* Δ background: *wpl1* Δ (VG3360-3B), *pds5-S81R wpl1* Δ
901 (MSB204-1B), *pds5-P89L wpl1* Δ (MSB205-4C), *pds5-E181K wpl1* Δ (MSB223-1A), were
902 serially diluted and plated on YPD media either containing no drug, 20 μ g/mL CPT or
903 0.015% MMS, and incubated at 23°C and assessed at 3 days post plating.

904 **Figure 6: Pds5p N-terminus promotes Wpl1p binding to cohesin complex**

905 **(A)** Crystal structure of Pds5B bound to YSR motif of Wapl from (Ouyang et al. 2016).
906 Gray: Pds5B Blue: Wapl peptide Red: *eco1-ts* suppressors from (Rowland et al. 2009)
907 and (Sutani et al. 2009). Yeast residues were mapped to analogous residues on Pds5B
908 through alignment. **(B)** Pds5p N-terminal mutants impair Wpl1p binding to cohesin and
909 can impair Wpl1p interaction with Pds5p. Wpl1-3FLAG was immunoprecipitated from
910 protein extracts in asynchronous cultures containing Wpl1p-3FLAG and either *PDS5*
911 (MSB192-2A), *pds5-S81R* (MSB193-1B), *pds5-P89L* (MSB194-1C), or *pds5-E181K*
912 (MSB195-2D) as described in materials and methods. “No tag” control contains wild-
913 type untagged *WPL1* and *PDS5* alleles (VG3349-1B). For western blot analysis, Wpl1p
914 was detected using mouse anti-FLAG, Pds5p was detected using rabbit anti-Pds5, and
915 Mcd1p was detected using rabbit anti-Mcd1 antibodies (Materials and Methods). For
916 anti-FLAG, a non-specific species present in all cells is denoted by asterisk. **(C)**
917 Assessment of interaction between Wpl1p-3FLAG and Pds5p (MSB192-2A) or Pds5p-
918 P89L (MSB194-1C) when treated with CPT. Asynchronous cultures were treated either
919 with DMSO or 20 µg/mL CPT for 3 hours before being harvested. No tag control is
920 *WPL1 PDS5* (VG3349-1B) strain that was treated with DMSO. Immunoprecipitation and
921 western blot were performed as described in part B and Materials and Methods.

922 **Figure 7: Model for Wpl1p promotion and inhibition of cohesin function through**
923 **recycling**

924 **(A)** Wpl1p inhibits condensation. Cohesin mediates condensation through chromosome
925 looping. Non-acetylated cohesin (red) promotes condensation, while acetylated cohesin
926 (blue) promotes cohesion. Wpl1p antagonizes condensation by removing non-
927 acetylated cohesin from DNA. **(B)** Wpl1p promotes cohesion and DNA damage repair
928 **Top:** non-acetylated cohesin (red) is loaded onto DNA by Scc2/4p, and is removed from
929 DNA by Wpl1p, maintaining a soluble pool of cohesin. Cohesin loading, followed by
930 Eco1p acetylation promotes cohesion, which is refractory from Wpl1p. Upon DNA
931 damage, non-acetylated cohesin is removed from other sites in the genome and loaded
932 around damage-site. **Bottom:** In the absence of Wpl1p, cohesin is loaded onto DNA by
933 Scc2/4p but cannot be removed, causing the soluble pool of cohesin to be smaller.
934 Thus, cohesion establishment is less efficient. Upon DNA damage, cohesin cannot be
935 removed from other sites in the genome. Thus, cohesin loading around damage-site is
936 less efficient.

937 **Strain list:**

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Strain name	Genotype
MSB101-3C	<i>pds5-E181K MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
MSB133-3C	<i>pds5-S81R wpl1Δ::HPH MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
MSB134-1L	<i>pds5-P89L wpl1Δ::HPH MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
MSB138-1K	<i>pds5-S81R eco1Δ::G418 MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
MSB139-2J	<i>pds5-P89L eco1Δ::G418 MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52 pBS1030(ECO1 URA3 CEN)</i>
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MSB185-1A	<i>MATa 10Kb-CEN4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+ trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>

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MSB223-1A	<i>pds5-E181K wpl1Δ::HPH MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
VG3223-12B	<i>eco1-203 MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+ trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
VG3349-1B	<i>MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+ trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
VG3360-3D	<i>rad61Δ::HPH MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+ trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52</i>
VG3499-1B	<i>eco1Δ::KANMX MATa lys4:LacO(DK)-NAT GAL+ trp1-1 bar1 his3-11,15:pHIS3-GFPLacl-HIS3 leu2-3,112 ura3-52 pBS1030 (ECO1,CEN,URA3)</i>
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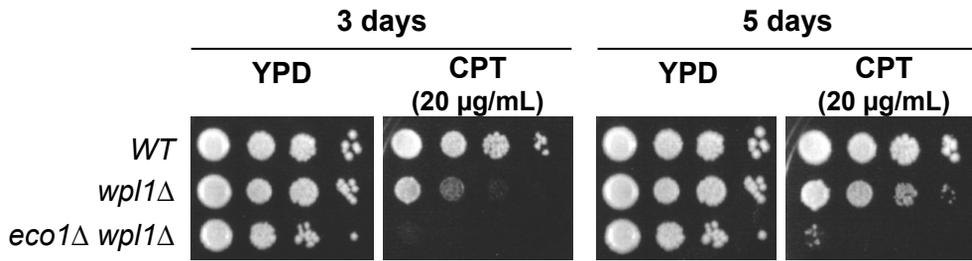
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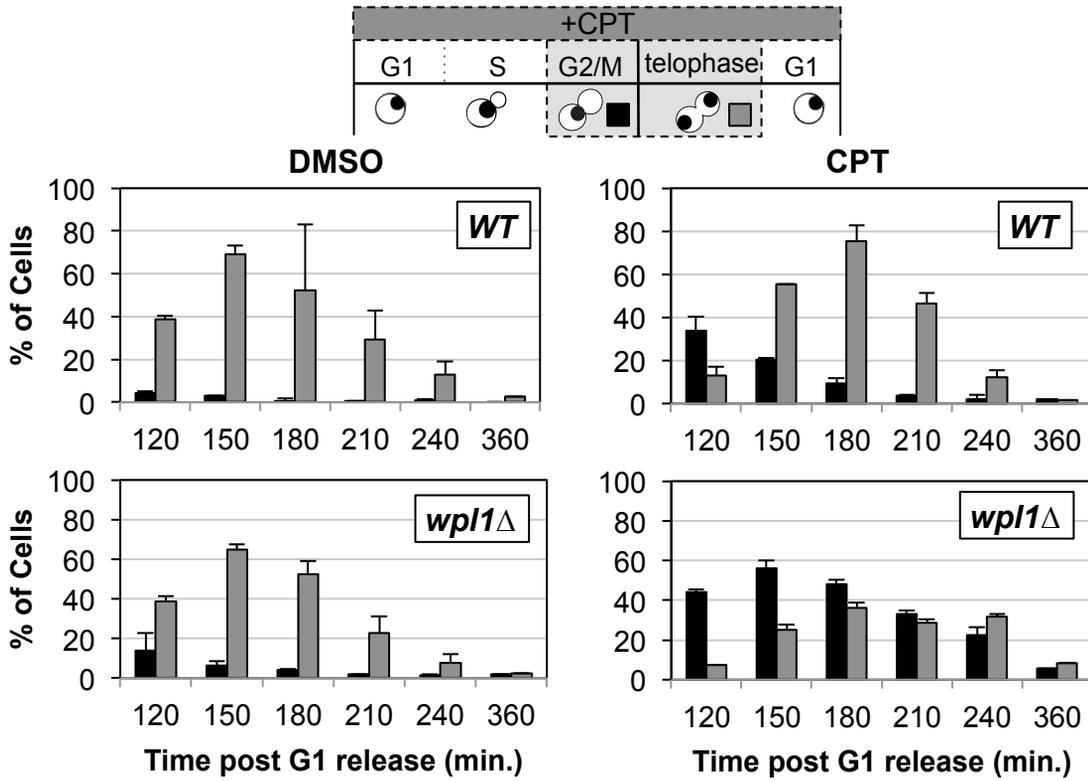
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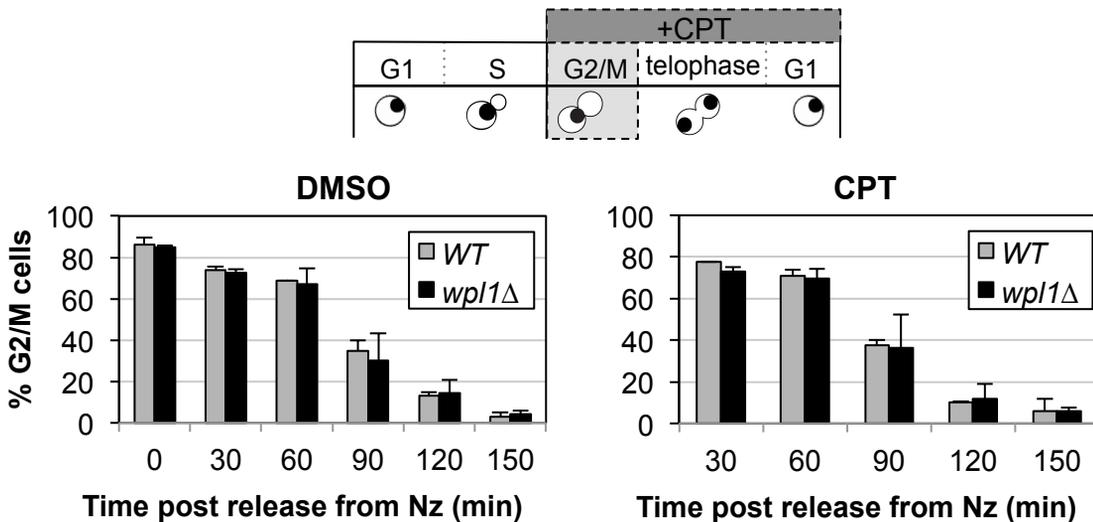
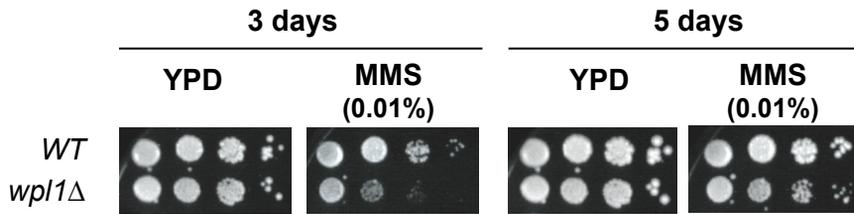
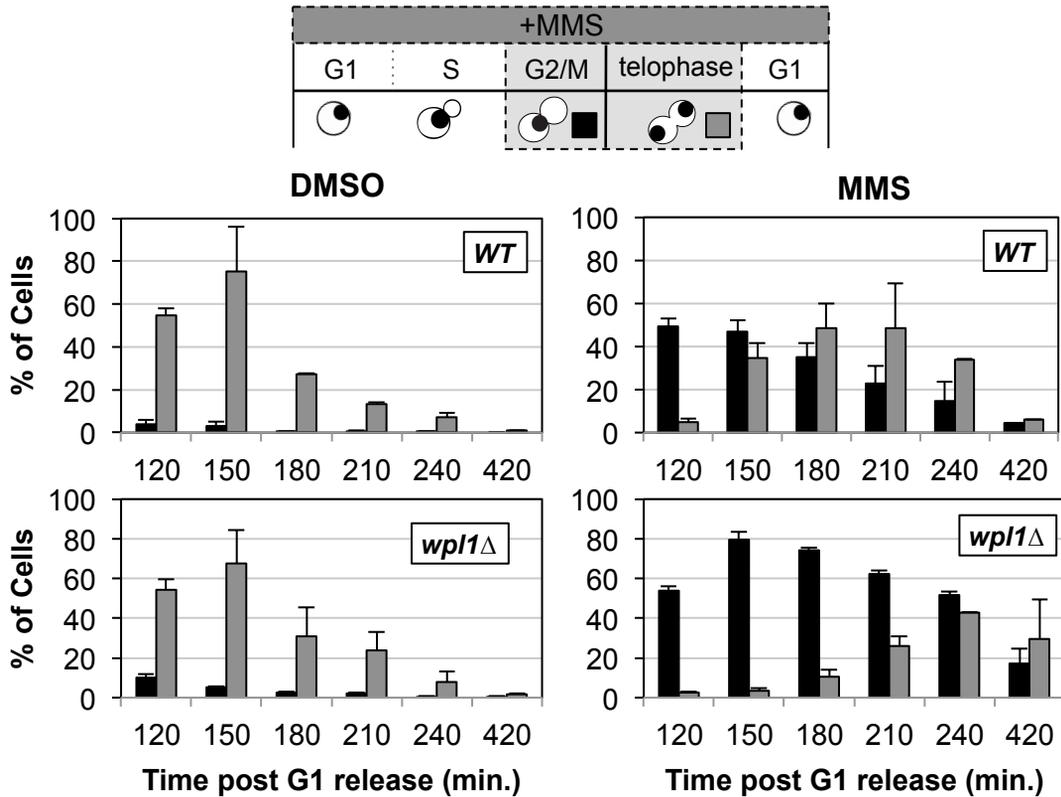


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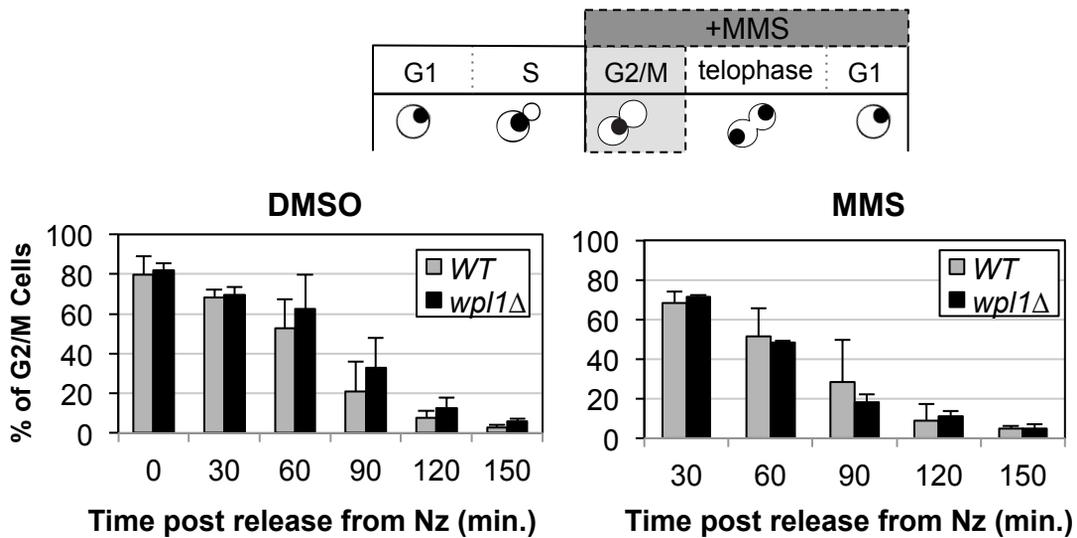


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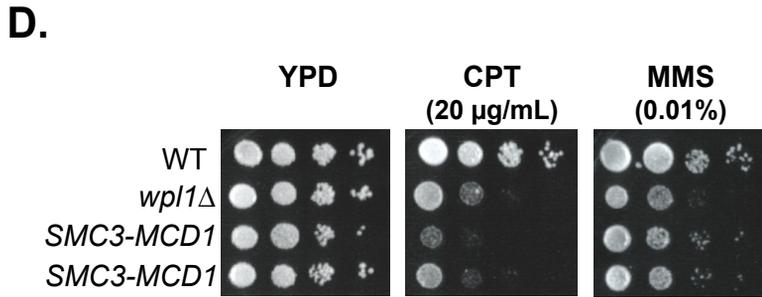
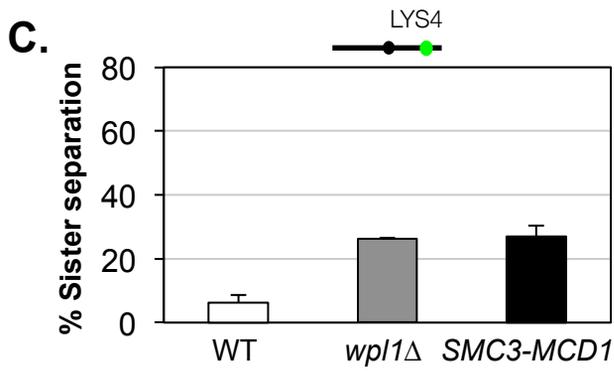
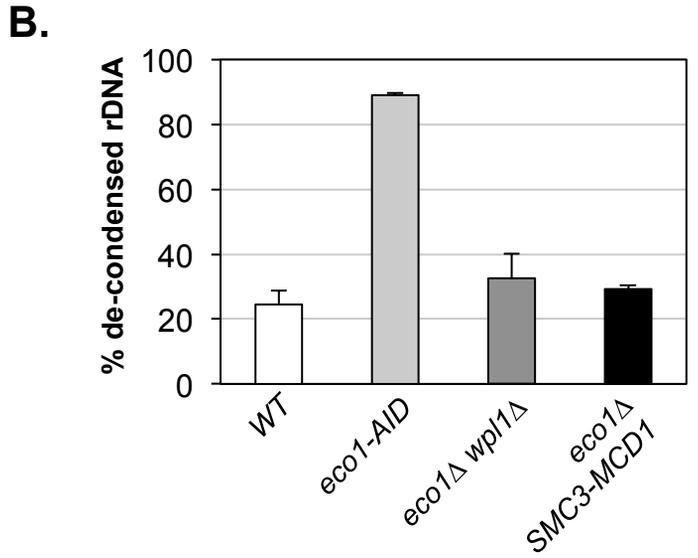
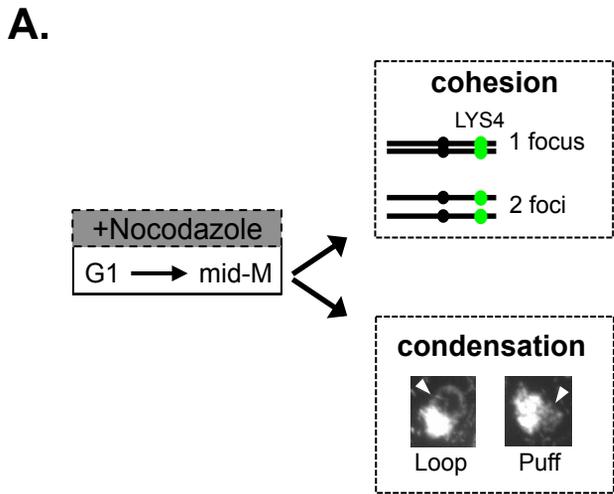
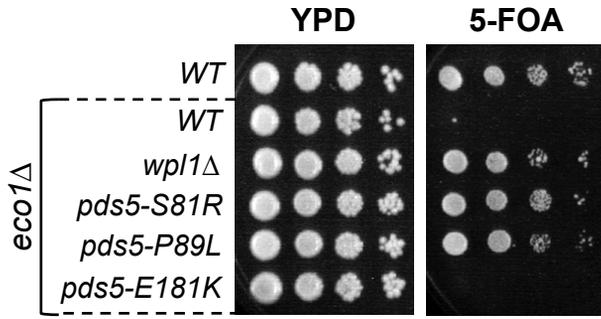
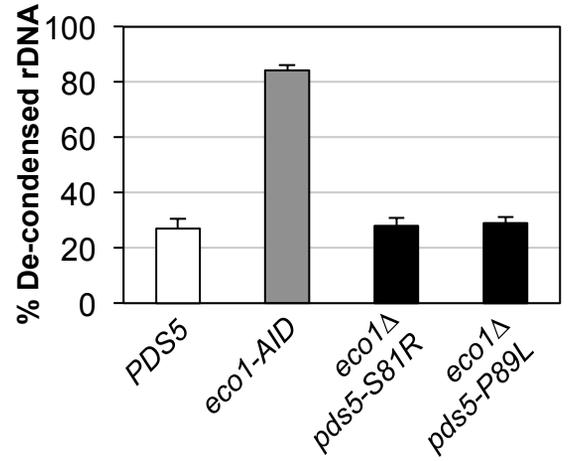


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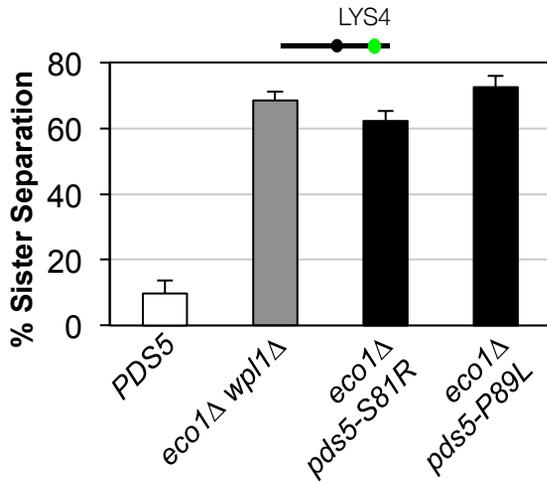
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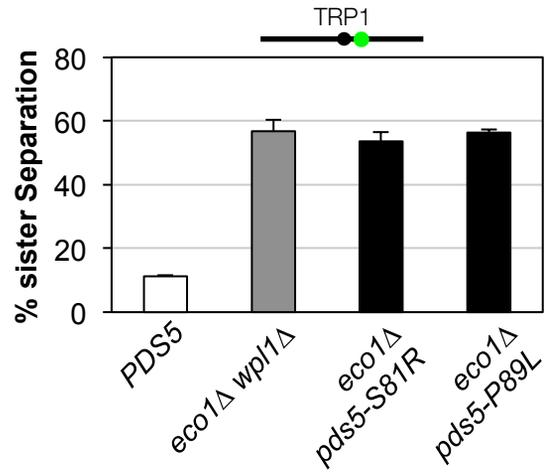
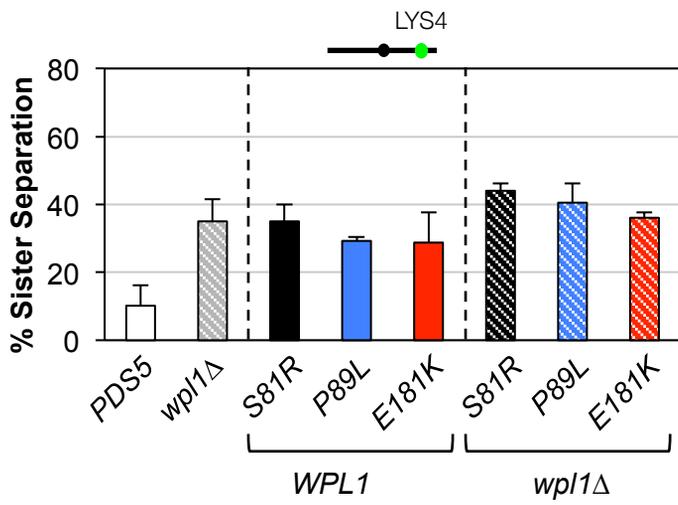
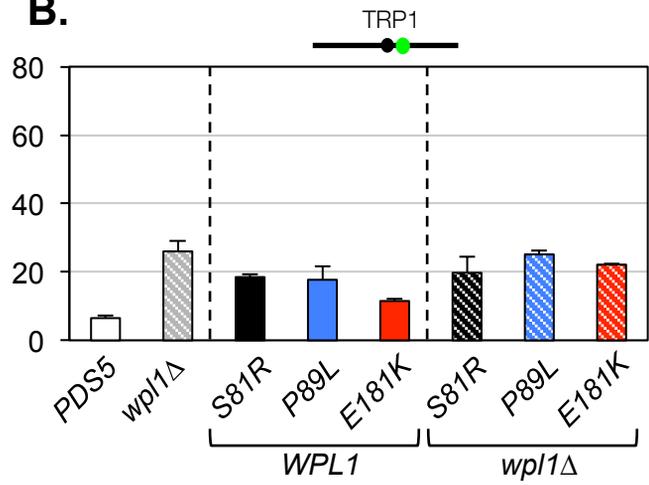


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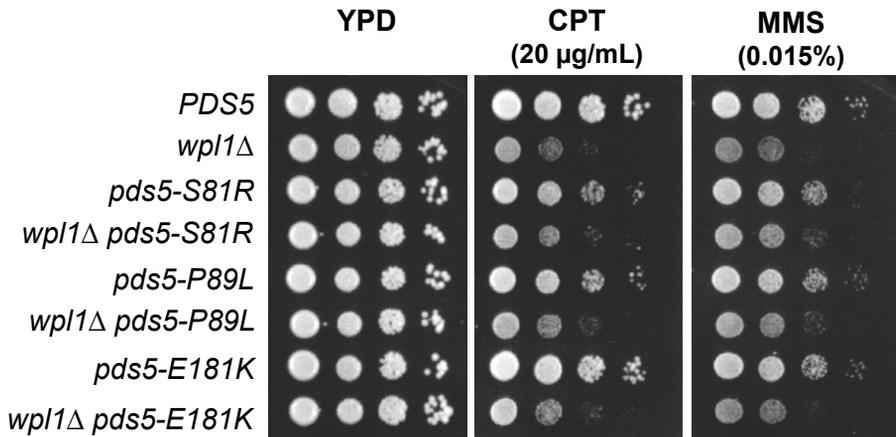


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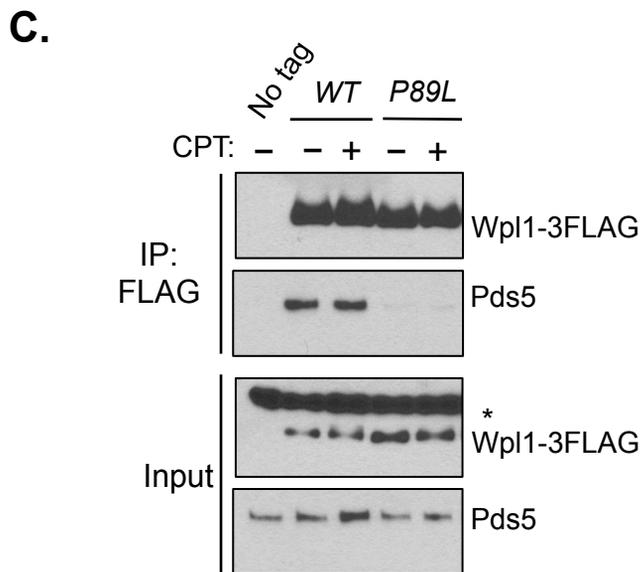
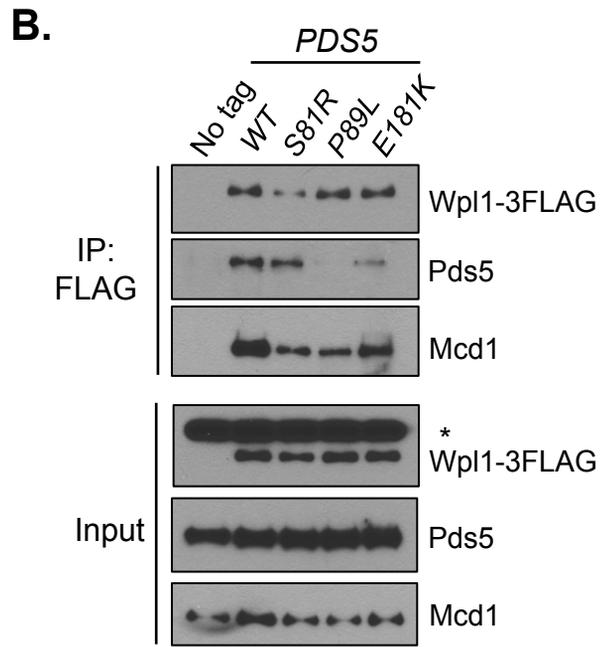
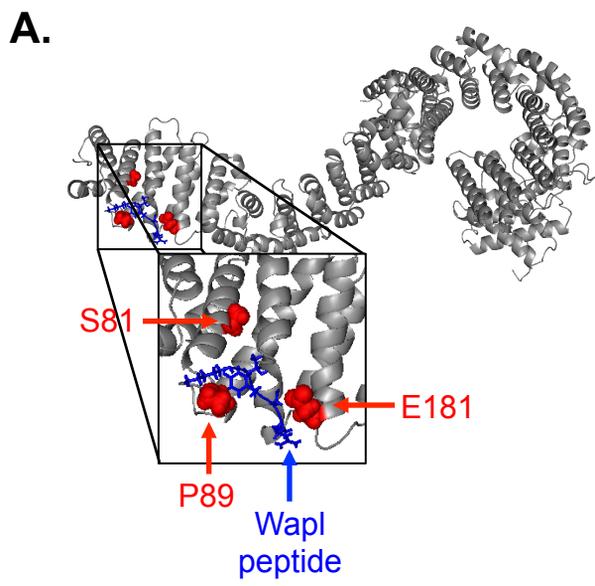
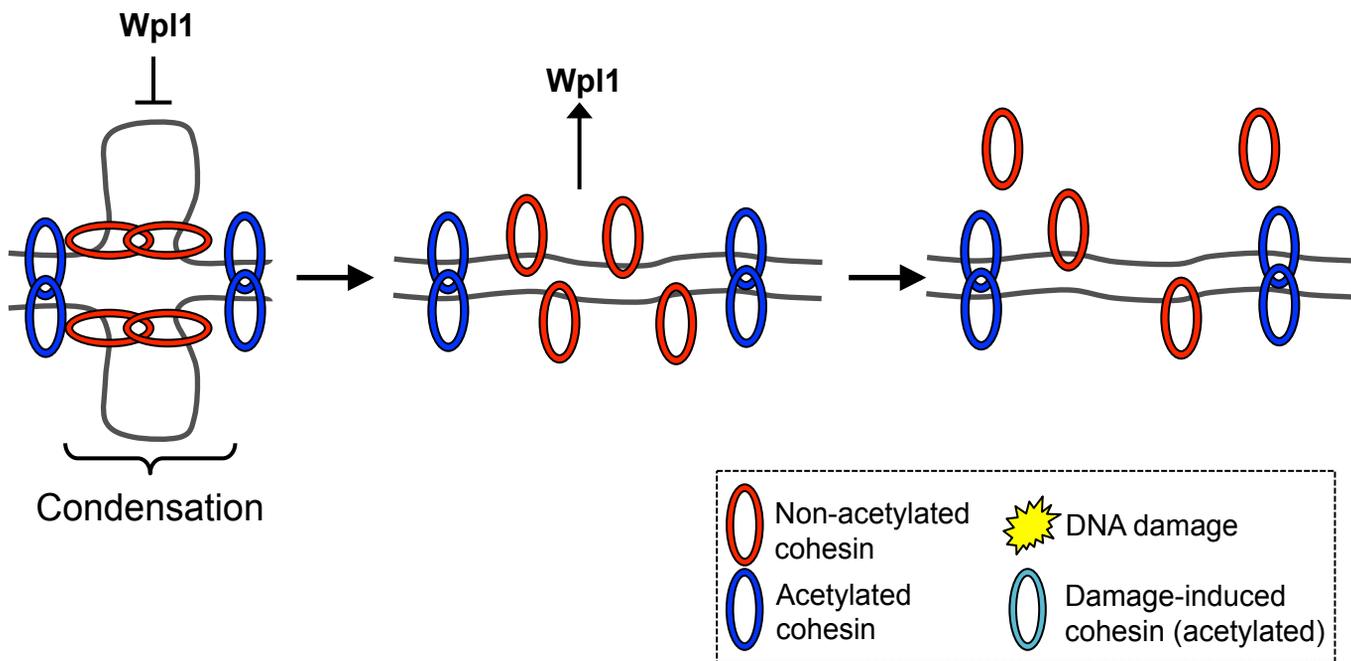


Figure 7

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