Pathogenic mutations in the chromokinesin KIF22 disrupt anaphase chromosome segregation

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ABSTRACT

The chromokinesin KIF22 generates forces that contribute to mitotic chromosome congression and alignment. Mutations in the $\alpha2$ helix of the motor domain of KIF22 have been identified in patients with abnormal skeletal development, and we report the identification of a patient with a novel mutation in the KIF22 tail. We demonstrate that pathogenic mutations do not result in a loss of KIF22's functions in early mitosis. Instead, mutations disrupt chromosome segregation in anaphase, resulting in reduced proliferation, abnormal daughter cell nuclear morphology, and, in a subset of cells, cytokinesis failure. This phenotype could be explained by a failure of KIF22 to inactivate in anaphase. Consistent with this model, constitutive activation of the motor via a known site of phosphoregulation in the tail phenocopied the effects of pathogenic mutations. These results suggest the motor domain $\alpha2$ helix may be an important site for regulation of KIF22 activity at the metaphase to anaphase transition. In support of this conclusion, mimicking phosphorylation of $\alpha2$ helix residue T158 also prevents inactivation of KIF22 in anaphase. These findings demonstrate the importance of both the head and tail of the motor in regulating the activity of KIF22 and offer insight into the cellular consequences of preventing KIF22 inactivation and disrupting force balance in anaphase.

INTRODUCTION

Mitosis requires mechanisms that mechanically control chromosome movements to ensure equal segregation of chromosomes to daughter cells. Forces that move mitotic chromosomes are generated by microtubule dynamics within the mitotic spindle and by molecular motor proteins. The chromokinesin KIF22 (or Kid, kinesin-like DNA-binding protein) is a plus-end directed member of the kinesin-10 family (Yajima et al., 2003). KIF22 and its orthologs, including

Nod (*Drosophila melanogaster*) (Zhang, Knowles, Goldstein, & Hawley, 1990) and Xkid (*Xenopus*

laevis) (Antonio et al., 2000; Funabiki & Murray, 2000; Takagi, Itabashi, Suzuki, & Ishiwata, 2013),

generate forces that move chromosomes away from the spindle poles. Structurally, KIF22

contains a conserved kinesin motor domain responsible for ATP hydrolysis and microtubule

binding (Tokai et al., 1996; Yajima et al., 2003), a second microtubule binding domain in the tail

(Shiroguchi, Ohsugi, Edamatsu, Yamamoto, & Toyoshima, 2003), a predicted coiled-coil domain

(Shiroguchi et al., 2003), and a C-terminal DNA binding domain, which includes a helix-hairpin-

helix motif (Tokai et al., 1996) **(Figure 1A)**. Precisely how KIF22's force generating activity is

regulated in mitotic cells and how this regulation contributes to spindle function and cell viability

remain incompletely understood.

In interphase, KIF22 localizes to the nucleus (Levesque & Compton, 2001; Tokai et al.,

1996). As cells enter mitosis, chromosomes condense and KIF22 binds along chromosome arms

(Levesque & Compton, 2001; Tokai et al., 1996). In prometaphase, chromosomes must congress

and align at the center of the spindle. The interactions of the KIF22 motor domain with spindle

microtubules and the KIF22 tail with chromosome arms allows the motor to generate polar

ejection forces (Bieling, Kronja, & Surrey, 2010; Brouhard & Hunt, 2005), which push the arms of

chromosomes away from the spindle poles and towards the center of the spindle (Marshall,

Marko, Agard, & Sedat, 2001; Rieder & Salmon, 1994; Rieder, Davison, Jensen, Cassimeris, &

Salmon, 1986), contributing to chromosome congression in prometaphase (Iemura & Tanaka,

2015; Levesque & Compton, 2001; Wandke et al., 2012), as well as chromosome arm orientation

(Levesque & Compton, 2001; Wandke et al., 2012). In metaphase, polar ejection forces also

contribute to chromosome oscillation and alignment (Antonio et al., 2000; Funabiki & Murray,

2000; Levesque & Compton, 2001; Levesque, Howard, Gordon, & Compton, 2003; Stumpff,

Wagenbach, Franck, Asbury, & Wordeman, 2012; Takagi et al., 2013; Tokai-Nishizumi, Ohsugi,

Suzuki, & Yamamoto, 2005). Purified KIF22 is monomeric (Shiroguchi et al., 2003; Yajima et al.,

2003), and the forces generated by KIF22 on chromosomes arms may represent the collective

action of many monomers. In anaphase, KIF22 is inactivated to reduce polar ejection forces and

allow chromosomes to segregate towards the spindle poles (Soeda, Yamada-Nomoto, & Ohsugi,

2016; Su et al., 2016; Wolf, Wandke, Isenberg, & Geley, 2006)

The generation of polar ejection forces by KIF22 is regulated by the activity of cyclin-

dependent kinase 1 (CDK1)/cyclin B, which is high in prometa- and metaphase, and drops sharply

at the metaphase to anaphase transition when cyclin B is degraded (Hershko, 1999; Morgan,

1995). KIF22 is phosphorylated by CDK1/cyclin B at T463, a residue in the tail of the motor

between the second microtubule binding and coiled-coil domains. Phosphorylation of T463 is

required for polar ejection force generation in prometa- and metaphase, and dephosphorylation

of T463 is necessary for the suspension of polar ejection forces to allow chromosome segregation

in anaphase (Soeda et al., 2016). Although a reduction of polar ejection forces in anaphase is a

necessary step for proper anaphase chromosome segregation, it is not clear how this contributes

to a shift in force balance within the spindle at the metaphase to anaphase transition. Furthermore,

while several regions of the KIF22 tail are known to contribute to KIF22's inactivation as cells

transition to anaphase, how motor activity is downregulated has not been resolved.

Phosphoproteomic studies have identified sites of phosphorylation within KIF22's α2 helix

(Kettenbach et al., 2011; Olsen et al., 2010; Rigbolt et al., 2011), suggesting this region, in addition

to the tail, may also be important for the regulation of motor activity.

The study of pathogenic mutations can often provide insight into the regulation and

function of cellular proteins.   Mutations in KIF22 cause the developmental disorder

spondyloepimetaphyseal dysplasia with joint laxity, leptodactylic type (SEMDJL2, also referred to

as Hall Type or lepto-SEMDJL) (Boyden et al., 2011; Min et al., 2011; Tüysüz, Yılmaz, Erener-

Ercan, Bilguvar, & Günel, 2014). Four point mutations in two amino acids have been reported in

SEMDJL2 patients (Boyden et al., 2011; Min et al., 2011; Tüysüz et al., 2014) **(Figure 1A)**. These

mutations occur in adjacent residues P148 and R149 in the α2 helix of the KIF22 motor domain

(Figure 1B). P148 and R149 are conserved in kinesin-10 family members across species **(Figure**

1C) and in many human members of the kinesin superfamily **(Figure 1D)**. However, no

pathogenic mutations in the homologous proline or arginine residues have been recorded in

OMIM (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man, https://omim.org/). All identified patients are

heterozygous for a single mutation in KIF22. Mutations in KIF22 dominantly cause SEMDJL2,

and patients with both *de novo* and inherited mutations have been identified (Boyden et al., 2011;

Min et al., 2011).

Although KIF22 mRNA is expressed throughout the body (Human Protein Atlas,

http://www.proteinatlas.org (Uhlen et al., 2015)), the effects of these mutations are largely tissue-

specific, and the development of the skeletal system is most affected in SEMDJL2 patients. A

primary symptom of SEMDJL2 is short stature, resulting from shortening of both the trunk and the

limbs. Additionally, patients presented with joint laxity, midface hypoplasia, scoliosis, and

leptodactyly, a narrowing of the fingers (Boyden et al., 2011; Min et al., 2011). In very young

children with SEMDJL2, the softness of the cartilage in the larynx and trachea caused respiratory

issues (Boyden et al., 2011). Growth plate radiology demonstrated delayed maturation of the

metaphyses and epiphyses in SEMDJL2 patients, and symptoms became more pronounced as

patients aged (Tüysüz et al., 2014). Leptodactyly, specifically, was only observed in older (young

adult) patients (Boyden et al., 2011).

Pathogenic mutations in the KIF22 motor domain were predicted to be loss of function

mutations (Min et al., 2011). However, KIF22 knockout in mice did not affect skeletal

development. Loss of KIF22 was lethal early in embryogenesis for approximately 50% of

embryos, but mice that survived past this point developed to adulthood and demonstrated no

gross abnormalities or pathologies (Ohsugi et al., 2003). As such, the cellular mechanism by

which mutations in KIF22 affect development is unknown.

Here we characterize an additional patient with a mutation in KIF22 and assess the effect

of previously reported and novel pathogenic mutations on the function of KIF22 in mitosis. We

demonstrate that mutations are not loss of function mutations, and do not alter the localization of

the motor or the generation of polar ejection forces in prometaphase. Instead, mutations disrupt

anaphase chromosome segregation, consistent with continued KIF22 activation and consequent

polar ejection force generation in anaphase. Defects in anaphase chromosome segregation affect

daughter cell nuclear morphology and, in a subset of cells, prevent cytokinesis. These findings

demonstrate that anaphase inactivation of KIF22 is critical for daughter cell fitness. As such,

mitotic defects may contribute to pathogenesis in patients with KIF22 mutations. Additionally, we

demonstrate that aberrant polar ejection force generation in anaphase primarily affects the

segregation of chromosomes by limiting chromosome arm movements in anaphase A and spindle

pole separation in anaphase B, offering insight into the balance of forces required for accurate

chromosome segregation in anaphase. Finally, we demonstrate that mimicking phosphorylation

of T158 in the α2 helix disrupts anaphase chromosome segregation, confirming that the region of

the motor domain affected by SEMDJL2 mutations also contributes to the mechanism by which

KIF22 is inactivated in anaphase.

RESULTS

A novel mutation in KIF22 affects development

We report the identification and characterization of a patient with a novel mutation in KIF22

(Figure 1E). The patient is a 15-year-old male with a history of short stature, cryptorchidism and

shawl scrotum, minimal scoliosis, secondary enuresis, and skin hyperpigmentation. He presented

for evaluation at 9 years of age. At that time, his height was just below 3% for age, weight was at

40% for age, and BMI was 82% for age. He was noted to have relative macrocephaly, with a head

circumference at 93% for age. He had a broad forehead and hypertelorism, round face, flaring of

eyebrows, and ankyloglossia. He also had mild brachydactyly **(Figure 1F)**. He had a history of

short stature since infancy, but followed a trajectory close to the third percentile. Growth hormone

and thyroid function were normal. Bone age showed a normal, age-appropriate bone maturation

with normal epiphyseal ossification centers. However, skeletal survey at age 11 years disclosed

mild foreshortening of both 4th metacarpals **(Figure 1F)**, mild scoliosis of 14 degrees, as well as

mild increase of the central anteroposterior diameter of several lower thoracic vertebrae with mild

"bullet-shaped" appearance, and mild posterior scalloping of the lumbar vertebrae **(Figure 1G)**.

Genetic testing was performed to determine the cause of these developmental

differences. Clinical whole exome sequencing revealed two variants of uncertain significance: a

maternally inherited heterozygous *SLC26A2* variant [NM_000112.3(SLC26A2): c.1046T>A

(p.F349Y)] (SCV000782516.1), as well as a *de novo* heterozygous *KIF22* variant

[NM_007317.3(KIF22):c.1424T>G (p.V475G)] (SCV000782515.1) **(Figure 1E)**. The *SLC26A2*

gene encodes the diastrophic dysplasia sulfate transporter (Haila et al., 2001; Rossi & Superti-

Furga, 2001). However, results of carbohydrate deficient transferrin testing were not consistent

with a congenital disorder of glycosylation (transferrin tri-sialo/di-oligo ratio 0.07).

The c.1424T>G, p.(V475G) *KIF22* variant has not been observed previously in the

Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD). This missense variant has mixed *in silico* predictions

of significance **(Supplemental Table 1)**. According to American College of Medical Genetics

2015 criteria, the variant was classified as a variant of uncertain significance (VUS). V475 is

located in the coiled-coil domain in the tail of KIF22 **(Figure 1A)**. This residue is conserved in

most kinesin-10 family members across species **(Figure 1C)**. However, the tail domains of kinesin

motors diverge in both structure and function, and as such meaningful alignments to assess the

conservation of V475 across the human kinesin superfamily were not possible.

Figure 1

A

Motor Domain
2nd Microtubule Binding Domain
Coiled-Coil Domain
DNA Binding Domain

N   C

P148L
P148S
R149Q
R149L
V475G

B

α2 Helix
R149
P148
ADP

C

Homo sapiens	141	PEQPGVI**PR**ALMDLLQLTREE	161	468 RMVLMKT**V**EEKDLEI 482
Mus musculus	136	PEQPGVI**PR**ALMDLLQLAREE	156	463 RMVLMKT**V**EEKNLEI 477
Xenopus laevis	130	PNQPGVI**PR**AVRDLLQMSRTA	150	450 RMALLKKWEESQMEI 464
Danio rerio	117	QEQPGVI**PR**AVKEVFNLVGAQ	137	426 RLNLLKT**V**AQSRKEI 440
Bos taurus	136	PEQPGVI**PR**ALMDLLQLTREE	156	463 RMVLMKT**V**EEKDLEI 477
Drosophila melanogaster	107	PEHLGIL**PR**ALGDIFERVTAR	127	445 NSTLMGI**V**EETEPK- 459

D

KIF22	141	PEQPGVI**PR**ALMDLLQLTREE	161
KIF5A	122	PQLMGII**PR**IARDIFNHIYSM	142
KIF5B	121	PEGMGII**PR**IVQDIFNYIYSM	141
KIF5C	122	PQLMGII**PR**IAHDIFDHIYSM	142
KIF3A	116	PELRGII**PN**SFAHIFGHIAKA	136
KIF3B	112	PEKRGVI**PN**SFDHIFTHISRS	132
KIF3C	113	PELRGVI**PN**AFEHIFTHISRS	133
KIF17	107	PSQRGII**PR**AFEHVFESVQCA	127
KIF1A	112	KDQQGII**PQ**LCEDLFSRINDT	132
KIF1B	112	ESQAGII**PQ**LCEEELFEKINDN	132
KIF1C	112	PGQQGIV**PQ**LCEDLFSRVSEN	132
KIF13A	116	-EQLGLI**PR**LCCALFKRISLE	135
KIF13B	117	-DQPGLI**PR**LCSGLFERTQKE	136
KIF4B	108	EPTVGII**PR**VIQLLFKEIDKK	128
KIF7	114	EDEQGIV**PR**AMAEAFKLIDEN	135
KIF21A	108	EEELGIIS**R**AVKHLFKSIEEK	128
KIF21B	107	EEEQGII**PR**AIAHLFGGIAER	127
KIF11	128	DPLAGII**PR**TLHQIFEKLTD-	147
KIF20A	176	--DGGIL**PR**SLALIFNSLQGQ	194
KIF20B	168	--NIGIL**PR**TLNVLFDSLQER	196
KIF23	128	--EGGLL**PR**CLDMIFNSIGSF	146
KIF10	101	--HLGVI**PR**AIHDIFQKIKKF	119
KIF18A	125	ADEPGVMY**L**TMLHLYKCMDEI	145
KIF18B	121	EGDPGIMY**L**TTVELYRRLEAR	141
KIF19	116	DQEPGIYV**Q**TLNDLFRAIEET	136
KIF6	113	YSDRGII**PR**TLSYIFEQLQKD	133
KIF9	109	YKHRGIL**PR**ALQQVFRMIEER	129
KIF12	128	PSLAGIMQ**R**TFAWL---LDRV	145
KIF15	130	HNLRGVI**PR**SFEYLFSLIDRE	130

E

I   1*   2*

II   1*   2   3

KIF22
1424 T>G
V475G

* Exome sequencing performed

F

L

G

Figure 1. Identification of a novel pathogenic mutation in the tail of KIF22.

(A) Schematic of the domains of KIF22 with pathogenic mutations in the motor domain (magenta)

and coiled-coil domain (yellow) indicated. **(B)** Location of amino acids P148 and R149 in the α2

helix of the KIF22 motor domain (PDB 6NJE). **(C)** Alignment of amino acid sequences of kinesin-

10 family members to assess conservation of motor domain (P148 and R149, left) and coiled-coil

domain (V475G, right) residues across species. **(D)** Alignment of amino acid sequences of human

kinesin motors to assess conservation of motor domain residues across the kinesin superfamily.

For C and D, alignments were performed using Clustal Omega. **(E)** Pedigree identifying the *de*

novo V475G (1424 T>G) mutation. **(F)** Radiograph of the patient's hand, posteroanterior view.

Arrowhead indicates mild foreshortening of the 4th metacarpal. **(G)** Radiographs of the patient's

spine. Left: anteroposterior view, right: lateral view. Arrowheads indicate "bullet-shaped" lower

thoracic vertebrae.

 Supplemental Table 1

Algorithm	Prediction
Sorting Intolerant from Tolerant (SIFT) (Vaser, Adusumalli, Leng, Sikic, & Ng, 2015)	Deleterious: score 0.01 with scores ranging from 0 to 1 and scores below 0.05 considered deleterious
Polymorphism Phenotyping (PolyPhen-2) (Adzhubei et al., 2010)	Benign: score 0.437
MutationTaster (Schwarz, Rödelsperger, Schuelke, & Seelow, 2010)	Deleterious
Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) (Rentzsch, Witten, Cooper, Shendure, & Kircher, 2018)	Deleterious: scaled C-score 15.3800, with a score of greater than or equal to 10 indicating a deleterious substitution
Deleterious Annotation of Genetic Variants Using Neural Networks (DANN) (Quang, Chen, & Xie, 2015)	Deleterious: score 0.99 with scores ranging from 0 to 1 and higher values indicating a variant is more likely to be deleterious
Rare Exome Variant Ensemble Learner (REVEL) (Ioannidis et al., 2016)	Benign: score 0.28 with scores ranging from 0 to 1 and scores >0.803 classified as pathogenic

Pathogenic mutations in KIF22 do not disrupt the localization of the motor

To assess the effect of published pathogenic mutations in the motor domain and the novel

pathogenic mutation in the tail on the function of KIF22 in mitosis, we generated human cervical

adenocarcinoma (HeLa-Kyoto) cell lines with inducible expression of KIF22-GFP. Treatment of

these cells with doxycycline induced KIF22-GFP expression at a level approximately two- to three-

fold higher than the level of expression of endogenous KIF22 as measured by

immunofluorescence **(Figure S1A-C)**. To facilitate both overexpression of and rescue with KIF22-

GFP constructs, siRNA-resistant silent mutations were introduced into exogenous KIF22 **(Figure**

S1D-E). siRNA knockdown reduced levels of endogenous KIF22 by 87% (mean knockdown

efficiency across HeLa-Kyoto cell lines) **(Figure S1D)**. Initial experiments were performed using

HeLa-Kyoto cell lines expressing each known pathogenic mutation in KIF22 (P148L, P148S,

R149L, R149Q, and V475G), and a subset of experiments then focused on cells expressing one

representative motor domain mutation (R149Q) or the coiled-coil domain mutation in the tail

(V475G). Additionally, we generated inducible retinal pigmented epithelial (RPE-1) cell lines

expressing wild type and mutant KIF22-GFP to assess any differences between the

consequences of expressing mutant KIF22 in aneuploid cancer-derived cells (HeLa-Kyoto) and

genomically stable somatic cells. RPE-1 cells are human telomerase reverse transcriptase

(hTERT)-immortalized (Bodnar et al., 1998), and metaphase chromosome spreads demonstrated

that these cell lines are near-diploid, with a modal chromosome number of 46, even after selection

to generate stable cell lines **(Figure S1F-G)**. The expression level of siRNA-resistant KIF22-GFP

in RPE-1 cell lines was approximately four- to seven-fold higher than the level of expression of

endogenous KIF22 **(Figure S1H-K)**, and siRNA knockdown reduced levels of endogenous KIF22

by 67% (mean knockdown efficiency across RPE-1 cell lines measured using

immunofluorescence). As measurements of KIF22 depletion by immunofluorescence may include

non-specific signal, this estimate of knockdown efficiency may underestimate the depletion of

KIF22.

KIF22 localizes to the nucleus in interphase, and primarily localizes to chromosomes and

spindle microtubules during mitosis (Tokai et al., 1996). KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations

demonstrated the same localization pattern throughout the cell cycle as wild type motor (**Figure**

2A). In all cell lines, KIF22-GFP was localized to the nucleus in interphase cells and was bound

to condensing chromosomes in prophase. In prometaphase, metaphase, and anaphase mutant

and wild type KIF22-GFP localized primarily to chromosome arms, with a smaller amount of motor

signal visible on the spindle microtubules. The same localization patterns were seen for mutant

and wild type KIF22-GFP expressed in RPE-1 cells **(Figure S2A)**.

Since mutations did not grossly disrupt localization of KIF22-GFP, fluorescence recovery

after photobleaching (FRAP) was used to compare the dynamics of mutant and wild type KIF22

localization. In interphase nuclei, KIF22-GFP signal recovered completely 220 seconds after

bleaching (97% $\pm$ 3% of intensity before bleaching, mean $\pm$ SEM), indicating a dynamic pool of

KIF22-GFP **(Figure 2B and S2B)**. Similar high recovery percentages were also measured in

interphase nuclei of cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q and KIF22-GFP V475G (100% $\pm$ 6% and

103% $\pm$ 7% at 220 seconds, respectively) **(Figure 2E and 2H)**. In contrast, KIF22-GFP recovery

was minimal in cells bleached during metaphase and anaphase. Immediately after bleaching

KIF22-GFP in metaphase cells, intensity was reduced to 18 $\pm$ 3% of initial intensity, and intensity

had recovered to only 25% $\pm$ 3% after 220 seconds **(Figure 2C and S2B).** In anaphase, KIF22-

GFP intensity immediately after bleaching was 17% $\pm$ 2% of initial intensity, and intensity

recovered to   35% $\pm$ 6% of initial intensity after 220 seconds **(Figure 2D and S2B)**. This limited

recovery indicates that KIF22 stably associates with mitotic chromosomes. Pathogenic mutations

did not change these localization dynamics; recovery percentages in mitosis were also low in cells

expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q (32 $\pm$ 3% of initial intensity in metaphase 220 seconds after

bleaching, 39 $\pm$ 6% in anaphase) **(Figure 2F and 2G)** and KIF22-GFP V475G (29 $\pm$ 2% of initial

intensity in metaphase, 35 $\pm$ 6% in anaphase) **(Figure 2I and 2J)**. These data indicate that

pathogenic mutations do not alter the localization of KIF22 to chromosomes and spindle

microtubules, and do not alter KIF22 localization dynamics in interphase, metaphase, or

anaphase.

Supplemental Figure 1

Supplemental Figure 1. HeLa-Kyoto and RPE-1 stable cell lines express mutant KIF22.

(A) Immunofluorescence images of HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP under the control of a doxycycline inducible promoter. Images are maximum intensity projections in z of five frames at the center of the spindle. Fixed approximately 24 hours after siRNA transfection and treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 5 μm. KD: knockdown. **(B-E)** Quantification of KIF22 fluorescence intensity in untreated HeLa-Kyoto cells transfected with control siRNA (B), cells treated with doxycycline to induce expression and transfected with control siRNA (C), untreated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (D), and cells treated with doxycycline and transfected with KIF22 siRNA (E) normalized to the mean intensity of uninduced, control knockdown cells (endogenous KIF22 expression level) for each cell line (B). Data in B and D are presented with the same y-axis scale as data in C and E for comparison (left), and with independently scaled y-axes to show data variability (right). 27 GFP, 24 KIF22-GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP R149Q, 28 KIF22-GFP P148L, 25 KIF22-GFP P148S, 27 KIF22-GFP R149L, and 30 KIF22-GFP V475G untreated cells transfected with control siRNA (B), 24 GFP, 24 KIF22-GFP, 31 KIF22-GFP R149Q, 30 KIF22-GFP P148L, 27 KIF22-GFP P148S, 30 KIF22-GFP R149L, and 33 KIF22-GFP V475G doxycycline-treated cells transfected with control siRNA (C), 21 GFP, 31 KIF22-GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP R149Q, 32 KIF22-GFP P148L, 22 KIF22-GFP P148S, 22 KIF22-GFP R149L, and 25 KIF22-GFP V475G untreated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (D), 26 GFP, 26 KIF22-GFP, 32 KIF22-GFP R149Q, 28 KIF22-GFP P148L, 28 KIF22-GFP P148S, 27 KIF22-GFP R149L, and 33 KIF22-GFP V475G doxycycline-treated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (E) from 3 experiments. **(F)** DAPI-stained metaphase chromosome spreads from uninduced RPE-1 cell lines with inducible expression of GFP, KIF22-GFP, KIF22-GFP R149Q, or KIF22-GFP V475G. Scale bar 10 μm. Images are representative of 3 experiments. **(G)** Numbers of chromosome pairs counted in metaphase spreads prepared from RPE-1 stable cell lines. Dashed line indicates the expected chromosome number for diploid human cells (46). The mode for each cell line is 46. 55 GFP, 58 KIF22-GFP, 53 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 57 KIF22-GFP V475G spreads from 3 experiments. **(H-K)** Quantification of KIF22 fluorescence intensity in untreated RPE-1 cells transfected with control siRNA (H), cells treated with doxycycline to induce expression and transfected with control siRNA (I), untreated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (J), and cells treated with doxycycline and transfected with KIF22 siRNA (K) normalized to the mean intensity of uninduced, control knockdown cells for each cell line (H). 23 GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP, 25 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 27 KIF22-GFP V475G untreated cells transfected with control siRNA (H), 24 GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 28 KIF22-GFP V475G doxycycline-treated cells transfected with control siRNA (I), 21 GFP, 24 KIF22-GFP, 24 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 21 KIF22-

263   GFP V475G untreated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (J), 24 GFP, 29 KIF22-GFP, 26 KIF22-

264   GFP R149Q, and 24 KIF22-GFP V475G doxycycline-treated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA

265   (K) from 3 experiments. For B-E and H-K, bars indicate means. p values from Brown-Forsythe

266   and Welch ANOVA with Dunnett's T3 multiple comparisons test. p values are greater than 0.05

267   for comparisons without a marked p value.

Figure 2

Figure 2. Pathogenic mutations in KIF22 do not disrupt the localization of the motor.

(A) Immunofluorescence images of HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP constructs in prophase (top two rows) and metaphase (bottom two rows). KIF22-GFP was visualized using an anti-GFP antibody. Images are maximum intensity projections in z of five frames at the center of the spindle (metaphase cells) or maximum intensity projections in z of two frames (prophase cells). Fixed approximately 24 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bars 5 μm. **(B-J)** Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP) of KIF22-GFP (B-D), KIF22-GFP R149Q (E-G), and KIF22-GFP V475G (H-J) in interphase nuclei (B, E, H) or on metaphase (C, F, I) or anaphase (D, G, J) chromosomes. Bleaching occurred at time zero. Thin lines are traces from individual cells and thick lines represent means. Intensity values are normalized to the KIF22-GFP intensity in the first imaged frame before bleaching. Interphase measurements (B, E, H) obtained from 6 KIF22-GFP cells from 4 experiments, 9 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 5 experiments, and 6 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 4 experiments. Metaphase measurements (C, F, I) obtained from 6 KIF22-GFP cells from 4 experiments, 14 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 5 experiments, and 12 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 4 experiments. Anaphase measurements (D, G, J) obtained from 8 KIF22-GFP cells from 4 experiments, 7 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 5 experiments, and 7 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 3 experiments.

Supplemental Figure 2

Supplemental Figure 2. Pathogenic mutations in KIF22 do not disrupt the localization of the motor in RPE-1 cells.

(A) Immunofluorescence images of RPE-1 cells expressing KIF22-GFP constructs in prophase (top two rows) and metaphase (bottom two rows). KIF22-GFP was visualized using an anti-GFP antibody. Images are maximum intensity projections in z of five frames at the center of the spindle (metaphase cells) or maximum intensity projections in z of three frames (prophase cells). Fixed approximately 18 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bars 5 μm.

(B) Time-lapse images of fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP) in HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP. Bleaching occurred at time zero, and arrowheads indicate bleached area. Scale bars 10 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments.

Mutations do not reduce polar ejection forces

In prometaphase and metaphase, KIF22 contributes to chromosome congression and

alignment by generating polar ejection forces (Brouhard & Hunt, 2005; Levesque & Compton,

2001; Stumpff et al., 2012; Wandke et al., 2012). In cells treated with monastrol to inhibit

Eg5/KIF11 and generate monopolar spindles, polar ejection forces push chromosomes away from

a single central spindle pole (Levesque & Compton, 2001) **(Figure 3A)**. A loss of KIF22 function

causes chromosomes to collapse in towards the pole in this system (Levesque & Compton, 2001)

(Figure 3A). To determine whether overexpression of KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations has

a dominant effect on polar ejection force generation, wild type or mutant KIF22-GFP-expressing

HeLa-Kyoto cells were treated with monastrol to induce mitotic arrest with monopolar spindles.

Relative polar ejection forces were compared by measuring the distance from the spindle pole to

the maximum DAPI signal **(Figure 3A)**. Expression of mutant motor did not reduce polar ejection

forces **(Figure 3B and 3C)**. Rather, expression of KIF22-GFP R149L and R149Q significantly

increased the distance from the pole to the maximum DAPI signal (R149L 4.6 ± 0.13 μm, R149Q

4.3 ± 0.11 μm, GFP control 3.7 ± 0.04 μm, mean $\pm$ SEM), indicating higher levels of polar ejection

forces in these cells.

The same assay was used to test whether mutant KIF22 could rescue polar ejection force

generation in cells depleted of endogenous KIF22. In control cells expressing GFP, depletion of

endogenous KIF22 resulted in the collapse of chromosomes towards the pole **(Figure 3B)**, and

the distance from the pole to the maximum DAPI signal was reduced to 1.6 ± 0.11 μm, indicating

a loss of polar ejection forces **(Figure 3D)**. This reduction was not observed in cells expressing

wild type or mutant KIF22-GFP, demonstrating that KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations is

capable of generating polar ejection forces **(Figure 3B and 3D)**. In cells transfected with control

siRNA and cells depleted of endogenous KIF22, polar ejection force levels did not depend on

KIF22-GFP expression levels **(Figure 3E and 3F)**.

Together, the localization of mutant KIF22 and the ability of mutant KIF22 to generate

polar ejection forces indicate that pathogenic mutations P148L, P148S, R149L, R149Q, and

V475G do not result in a loss of KIF22 function during early mitosis.

Figure 3

Figure 3. Pathogenic mutations in KIF22 do not reduce polar ejection forces.

(A) Schematic of changes in chromosome positions resulting from loss of polar ejection forces. In cells with monopolar spindles, both spindle poles (magenta) are positioned together and chromosomes (blue) are pushed toward the cell periphery by polar ejection forces (green) (left). In cells depleted of KIF22, polar ejection forces are reduced and chromosomes collapse in toward the center of the cell (right). Relative polar ejection forces were quantified using radial profile plots to measure the distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal intensity. **(B)** Immunofluorescence images of monopolar HeLa-Kyoto cells. KIF22-GFP was visualized using an anti-GFP antibody. Fixed approximately 2-3 hours after treatment with monastrol and 24 hours after siRNA transfection and treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 5 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(C)** Distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal, a measure of relative polar ejection force level, in cells transfected with control siRNA. 59 GFP cells from 7 experiments, 69 KIF22-GFP cells from 6 experiments, 31 KIF22-GFP P148L cells from 3 experiments, 37 KIF22-GFP P148S cells from 3 experiments, 33 KIF22-GFP R149L cells from 3 experiments, 28 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 3 experiments, and 45 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 3 experiments. **(D)** Distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal in cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA. 75 GFP cells from 7 experiments, 57 KIF22-GFP from 6 experiments, 28 KIF22-GFP P148L cells from 3 experiments, 30 KIF22-GFP P148S cells from 3 experiments, 33 KIF22-GFP R149L cells from 3 experiments, 26 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 3 experiments, and 34 KIF22-GFP V475G cells. For C-D, bars indicate means. p values from Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA with Dunnett's T3 multiple comparisons test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. **(E-F)** Background-subtracted GFP intensity plotted against the distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal to assess dependence of polar ejection force generation on expression levels in cells transfected with control siRNA (E) (Pearson correlation coefficient 0.105, two-tailed p value 0.1031) or KIF22 siRNA (F) (Pearson correlation coefficient -0.005, two-tailed p value 0.9427).

KIF22 mutations disrupt anaphase chromosome segregation

While pathogenic mutations did not disrupt the function of KIF22 in prometa- or

metaphase, HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP exhibited defects in anaphase

chromosome segregation. In these cells, chromosomes did not move persistently towards the

spindle poles. Instead, chromosomes began to segregate, but then reversed direction and moved

back towards the center of the spindle or remained in the center of the spindle until

decondensation **(Figure 4A).** This phenotype was dominant and occurred in the presence of

endogenous KIF22. Recongression was quantified by measuring the distance between

separating chromosome masses as anaphase progressed. In cells expressing wild type KIF22-

GFP, this value increases steadily and then plateaus. Expression of mutant KIF22-GFP causes

the distance between chromosome masses to increase, then decrease as chromosomes

recongress, and then increase again as segregation continues **(Figure 4B)**. Recongression

reduces the distance between chromosome masses 7 minutes after anaphase onset in cells

expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations (median distance 2.0 – 7.2 μm) compared to

cells expressing wild type KIF22-GFP (median distance 12.9 μm) **(Figure 4C)**. Defects in

anaphase chromosome segregation were also observed in RPE-1 cells expressing KIF22-GFP

R149Q or V475G **(Figure S3D, S3E, S3F)**. This gain of function phenotype is consistent with a

lack of KIF22 inactivation in anaphase, resulting in a failure to suspend polar ejection force

generation.

If recongression is the result of increased KIF22 activity in anaphase, we would predict

that increased levels of KIF22-GFP expression would cause more severe anaphase chromosome

segregation defects. Indeed, plotting the distance between chromosome masses 7 minutes after

anaphase onset against mean GFP intensity for each HeLa-Kyoto cell demonstrated that these

two values were correlated (Spearman correlation coefficient -0.6246, one-tailed p value <

0.0001) **(Figure S3A)**. Considering only cells expressing lower levels of KIF22-GFP (mean

background subtracted intensity <100 arbitrary units) emphasized the differences in the distance

between chromosome masses as anaphase progressed between cells expressing wild type and

mutant motor **(Figure S3B, S3C)**.

In a subset of HeLa-Kyoto cells, expression of KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations

caused cytokinesis failure **(Figure 4D)**. This result is consistent with the published observation

that causing chromosome recongression by preventing cyclin B1 degradation can result in

cytokinesis failure (Wolf et al., 2006). In cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations,

cleavage furrow ingression began, but did not complete, resulting in a single daughter cell. The

percentage of cells failing to complete cytokinesis was approximately ten-fold higher in cells

expressing mutant KIF22-GFP (R149Q 36%, V475G 25%) than in cells expressing wild type

KIF22-GFP (3%). Additionally, the distance between chromosome masses at the time of cleavage

furrow ingression was reduced in cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q or V475G, suggesting that

the position of the chromosome masses may be physically obstructing cytokinesis **(Figure 4E)**.

Consistent with this hypothesis, cells that failed to complete cytokinesis tended to have lower

distances between chromosome masses than the distances measured in cells in which

cytokinesis completed despite expression of mutant KIF22-GFP **(Figure 4E)**.

Figure 4

Figure 4. Pathogenic mutations in KIF22 disrupt anaphase chromosome segregation.
(A) Time-lapse images of dividing HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q or KIF22-GFP V475G. Times indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Images are maximum intensity projections in z through the entirety of the spindle. Imaged approximately 18 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 5 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(B)** Distance between separating chromosome masses throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. 43 KIF22-GFP cells from 10 experiments, 21 KIF22-GFP P148L cells from 6 experiments, 28 KIF22-GFP P148S cells from 7 experiments, 16 KIF22-GFP R149L cells from 6 experiments, 17 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 4 experiments, and 21 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 21 experiments. **(C)** Distance between separating chromosome masses 7 minutes after anaphase onset. Bars indicate medians. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data represent the same cell populations presented in (B). **(D)** Time-lapse images of dividing HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing mCherry (mCh)-CAAX to visualize cell boundaries. Times indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Arrowheads indicate cytokinesis failure. Imaged approximately 8 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression and 24-32 hours after transfection with mCh-CAAX. Scale bars 20 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(E)** Distance between chromosome masses at the time of cleavage furrow ingression. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. 62 KIF22-GFP cells from 10 experiments, 52 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 9 experiments, and 55 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 9 experiments.

Supplemental Figure 3

Supplemental Figure 3. Anaphase recongression defects are KIF22-GFP expression level dependent and disrupt chromosome segregation in RPE1 cells.

(A) Background-subtracted GFP intensity plotted against the distance between separating chromosome masses at 7 minutes to assess dependence of recongression on expression level (Spearman correlation coefficient -0.6246, one-tailed p value < 0.0001). Grey dashed line indicates mean background subtracted GFP intensity of 100. 43 KIF22-GFP cells from 10 experiments, 21 KIF22-GFP P148L cells from 6 experiments, 28 KIF22-GFP P148S cells from 7 experiments, 16 KIF22-GFP R149L cells from 6 experiments, 17 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 4 experiments, and 21 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 21 experiments. **(B)** Distance between separating chromosome masses of cells expressing lower levels of KIF22-GFP (mean background subtracted GFP intensity less than 100). Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. 27 KIF22-GFP cells from 9 experiments, 16 KIF22-GFP P148L cells from 6 experiments, 18 KIF22-GFP P148S cells from 6 experiments, 16 KIF22-GFP R149L cells from 6 experiments, 6 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 3 experiments, and 7 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 3 experiments. **(C)** Distance between separating chromosome masses 7 minutes after anaphase onset of cells expressing lower levels of KIF22-GFP (mean background subtracted GFP intensity less than 100). Bars indicate medians. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data represent the same cell populations presented in (B). **(D)** Time-lapse images of dividing RPE-1 cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q or KIF22-GFP V475G. Imaged approximately 12-18 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Times indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Images are maximum intensity projections in z through the entirety of the spindle. Scale bar 5 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(E)** Distance between separating chromosome masses throughout anaphase in RPE-1 cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. 25 KIF22-GFP cells from 7 experiments, 16 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 6 experiments, and 8 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 6 experiments. **(F)** Distance between separating chromosome masses 7 minutes after anaphase onset in RPE-1 cells. Bars indicate medians. p value from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data represent the same cell populations presented in (E).

Mutations disrupt the separation of the spindle poles in anaphase

Anaphase chromosome segregation requires both that chromosome arms and centromeres move towards the spindle poles (anaphase A) (Asbury, 2017) and that the spindle poles move away from one another (anaphase B) (Ris, 1949). To test whether the activity of mutant KIF22 in anaphase affects one or both of these processes, anaphase was imaged in HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing fluorescent markers for the poles (pericentrin-RFP) and centromeres (CENPB-mCh) **(Figure 5A)**. The reduced distance between separating chromosome masses seen in these cells **(Figure 5B, 5C)** was compared to the distances between the centromeres **(Figure 5D, 5E)** and the distances between the poles **(Figure 5F, 5G)** as anaphase progressed. The distances between all three structures showed the same trend: in cells expressing wild type KIF22-GFP, the distance between chromosome masses, between centromeres, and between the spindle poles increased throughout the measured time interval in anaphase. Pathogenic mutations altered the movements of all three structures **(Figure 5B, 5D, 5F)**. The distance between chromosome masses, between centromeres, and between the spindle poles 10 minutes after anaphase onset was significantly reduced in cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q or KIF22-GFP V475G **(Figure 5C, 5E, 5G)**. Comparing the distance between chromosome masses and the spindle pole within each half spindle **(Figure 5H)** with the distance between centromeres and the spindle pole in the same half spindles **(Figure 5I)** demonstrated that expression of mutant KIF22 more potently reduced the segregation of chromosome arms than centromeres, consistent with continued generation of polar ejection forces in anaphase. This suggests that pathogenic mutations in KIF22 affect anaphase A by altering the movement of chromosome arms, but not the shortening of the k-fibers, and affect anaphase B by altering spindle pole separation.

Figure 5

Figure 5. Mutations disrupt the separation of spindle poles in anaphase.

(A) Time-lapse images of dividing HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing pericentrin-RFP to mark the spindle poles and CENPB-mCh to mark centromeres. Times indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Colored distances in the bottom right of each greyscale image indicate the distance between the spindle poles in the image. Images are maximum intensity projections in z through the entirety of the spindle. Imaged approximately 24 hours after transfection and 12-18 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Images depicting pericentrin-RFP and CENPB-mCh signal were background subtracted by duplicating each frame, applying a gaussian blur (sigma 30 pixels), and subtracting this blurred image from the original. Scale bar 10 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(B)** Distance between separating chromosome masses throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. **(C)** Distance between separating chromosome masses 10 minutes after anaphase onset in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Bars indicate medians. **(D)** Distance between centromeres (CENPB-mCh) throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. **(E)** Distance between centromeres 10 minutes after anaphase onset in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Bars indicate medians. **(F)** Distance between spindle poles (pericentrin-RFP) throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. **(G)** Distance between spindle poles 10 minutes after anaphase onset in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Bars indicate medians. Measurements from the same cells (9 KIF22-GFP cells from 5 experiments, 8 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells from 4 experiments, and 12 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 6 experiments) are shown in B-G. For C, E, and G, p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. **(H)** Distance between chromosome masses and spindle poles throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. **(I)** Distance between centromeres and spindle poles throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. Measurements from the same cells (18 KIF22-GFP, 16 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 24 KIF22-GFP V475G half-spindles) as in B-G are shown in H and I.

Division of cells expressing KIF22 with pathogenic mutations results in daughter cells with abnormally shaped nuclei

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To understand the consequences of the observed defects in anaphase chromosome
segregation, we examined the daughter cells produced by the division of cells expressing KIF22-
GFP with pathogenic mutations. In these cells, the nuclei are lobed and fragmented **(Figure 6A)**.
The percentage of divisions resulting in nuclear morphology defects was approximately ten-fold
higher than in control cells (KIF22-GFP 6%, KIF22-GFP R149Q 64%, KIF22-GFP V475G 68%)
when live divisions were observed **(Figure 4E)**. To further quantify this phenotype, the solidity of
fixed cell nuclei (the ratio of the area of each nucleus to the area of the convex shape that would
enclose it) was measured. A perfectly oval nucleus would have a solidity value of one. Solidity
values were reduced in cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations **(Figure 6B)**,
indicating that these cells had more irregularly shaped nuclei. This reduction in solidity was
dominant and occurred both in the presence of endogenous KIF22 and when endogenous KIF22
was depleted via siRNA knockdown. Using the fifth percentile solidity of control cells (control
knockdown, GFP expression) as a cut-off, 44-63% of cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP had
abnormally shaped nuclei 24 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression of
KIF22-GFP **(Figure 6C)**. Expression of wild type KIF22-GFP also resulted in a small increase in
the percentage of cells with abnormally shaped nuclei (12%). This percentage was reduced when
endogenous KIF22 was depleted (7%), consistent with nuclear morphology defects resulting from
an increase in KIF22 activity.

Expression of KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations also caused abnormally shaped
nuclei in RPE-1 cells **(Figure S4A)**. The solidity of nuclei in cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP
was reduced **(Figure S4B)**, and 40-49% of RPE-1 cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP had
abnormally shaped nuclei, again defined as a solidity value less than the fifth percentile of control
cells **(Figure 4C)**. In RPE-1 cells, expression of wild type KIF22-GFP resulted in a higher
percentage of cells with abnormally shaped nuclei (18% in control knockdown cells, 15% with
KIF22 knockdown) than was seen in HeLa-Kyoto cells. This may be a result of the higher
expression level of KIF22-GFP in the RPE-1 inducible cell lines **(Figure S1I, S1K)**.

To determine whether these nuclear morphology defects depended on the ability of KIF22
to generate forces within the mitotic spindle, cells were treated with nocodazole to depolymerize
microtubules and reversine to silence the spindle assembly checkpoint, allowing cells to enter
and exit mitosis without assembling a spindle or segregating chromosomes (Samwer et al., 2017;
Serra-Marques et al., 2020) **(Figure 6D)**. The solidity of nuclei was measured before
chromosomes condensed **(Figure 6E)** and after mitotic exit **(Figure 6F)**. At both time points, there

was no difference in nuclear shape between control cells and cells expressing KIF22-GFP with

pathogenic mutations, indicating that the effects of mutations on nuclear structure are spindle-

dependent.

The effect of nuclear morphology defects on daughter cell fitness may partially depend on

whether the nuclear envelopes of abnormally shaped nuclei are intact. The expression of mCherry

(mCh) with a nuclear localization signal (NLS) indicated that even highly lobed and fragmented

nuclei in cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP are capable of retaining nuclear-localized proteins

(Figure 6G). This suggests that the nuclear envelopes of these abnormally shaped nuclei are still

intact enough to function as a permeability barrier (Hatch, Fischer, Deerinck, & Hetzer, 2013).

Figure 6

Figure 6: Division of cells expressing KIF22 with pathogenic mutations results in daughter

cells with abnormally shaped nuclei.

(A) DAPI stained nuclei of cells expressing KIF22 with pathogenic mutations. Values in the bottom

right of each image indicate the solidity of the boxed nucleus. Fixed approximately 24 hours after

treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 20 μm. Images are representative of

3 or more experiments. **(B)** Measured solidity of nuclei in HeLa-Kyoto cell lines. Small circles

represent the solidity of individual nuclei, and large circles with black outlines indicate the median

of each experiment. A dashed line marks a solidity value of 0.939, the fifth percentile of solidity

for control cells transfected with control siRNA and expressing GFP. **(C)** Percentage of nuclei with

abnormal shape, indicated by a solidity value less than 0.939, the fifth percentile of control (control

knockdown, GFP expression) cell solidity. A chi-square test of all data produced a p value <

0.0001. Plotted p values are from pairwise post-hoc chi-square tests comparing control (control

knockdown, GFP expression) cells to each other condition. Applying the Bonferroni correction for

multiple comparisons, a p value of less than 0.00385 was considered significant. p values are

greater than 0.00385 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data in (B) and (C) represent

1045 GFP cells transfected with control siRNA, 849 GFP cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 994

KIF22-GFP cells transfected with control siRNA, 980 KIF22-GFP cells transfected with KIF22

siRNA, 472 KIF22-GFP P148L cells transfected with control siRNA, 442 KIF22-GFP P148L cells

transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 382 KIF22-GFP P148S cells transfected with control siRNA, 411

KIF22-GFP P148S cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 336 KIF22-GFP R149L cells transfected

with control siRNA, 376 KIF22-GFP R149L cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 466 KIF22-GFP

R149Q cells transfected with control siRNA, 359 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells transfected with KIF22

siRNA, 605 KIF22-GFP V475G cells transfected with control siRNA, and 386 KIF22-GFP V475G

cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA. GFP and KIF22-GFP cells represent 6 experiments, data

from all other cell lines represent 3 experiments. **(D)** Time-lapse images of HeLa-Kyoto cells

treated with nocodazole and reversine and stained with SPY595-DNA to visualize chromosomes.

Time indicates the number of minutes before or after chromosome condensation. Images are

maximum intensity projections in z of two focal planes, one at the level of interphase nuclei and

one at the level of mitotic chromosomes. Imaged approximately 8 hours after treatment with

doxycycline to induce expression, 1.5-2 hours after treatment with SPY595-DNA, and 0.5-1 hour

after treatment with nocodazole and reversine. Scale bar 10 μm. Images are representative of 3

or more experiments. **(E)** Nuclear solidity of HeLa-Kyoto cells treated with nocodazole and

reversine. Measurements were made 15 minutes before chromosome condensation. **(F)** Nuclear

solidity of HeLa-Kyoto cells treated with nocodazole and reversine. Measurements were made

100 minutes after chromosome decondensation. Data in (E) and (F) represent 56 GFP, 60 KIF22-

GFP, 76 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 67 KIF22-GFP V475G cells from 3 experiments per condition.

For (E) and (F), bars indicate medians, and the Kruskal-Wallis test indicated no significant

difference between groups. **(G)** Time-lapse images of HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing mCherry

(mCh)-NLS to assess nuclear envelope integrity. Times indicate minutes before or after

chromosome condensation. Imaged approximately 8 hours after treatment with doxycycline to

induce expression and 24 hours after transfection with mCh-CAAX. Scale bar 20 μm. Images are

representative of 3 or more experiments.

Supplemental Figure 4

Supplemental Figure 4: Mutations cause abnormally shaped nuclei in RPE1 cells.

(A) DAPI-stained nuclei of RPE-1 cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations. Fixed

approximately 24 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 20 μm.

Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(B)** Measured solidity of nuclei in RPE-1 cell

lines. Small circles represent the solidity of individual nuclei, and large circles with black outlines

indicate the median of each experiment. A dashed line marks a solidity value of 0.907, the fifth

percentile of solidity for control cells transfected with control siRNA and expressing GFP. **(C)**

Percentage of nuclei with abnormal shape, indicated by a solidity value less than 0.907, the fifth

percentile of control (control knockdown, GFP expression) cell solidity. A chi-square test of all

data produced a p value < 0.0001. Plotted p values are from pairwise post-hoc chi-square tests

comparing control (control knockdown, GFP expression) cells to each other condition. Applying

the Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons, a p value of less than 0.00714 was considered

significant. p values are greater than 0.00714 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data in

(B) and (C) represent 206 GFP transfected with control siRNA, 200 GFP cells transfected with

KIF22 siRNA, 233 KIF22-GFP cells transfected with control siRNA, 240 KIF22-GFP cells

transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 214 KIF22-GFP R149Q cells transfected with control siRNA, 207

KIF22-GFP R149Q cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 146 KIF22-GFP V475G cells transfected

with control siRNA, and 244 KIF22-GFP V475G cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA from 3

experiments.

Proliferation is reduced in cells expressing KIF22 with pathogenic mutations

If defects in anaphase chromosome segregation and nuclear morphology affect cellular

function, they may impact the ability of cells to proliferate. To test this, HeLa-Kyoto cells

expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations were imaged over 96 hours to count the

numbers of cells over time **(Figure 7A)**. The growth rates of cells expressing mutant KIF22 were

reduced **(Figure 7B)**. After 96 hours, the fold change in cell number was reduced by

approximately 30% for cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations (GFP control

median 5.3, KIF22-GFP R149Q 3.7, KIF22-GFP V475G 3.8) **(Figure 7C)**.

To consider what might be limiting the proliferation rate of cells expressing mutant KIF22-

GFP, predictions for proliferation rate based on the observed rates of nuclear morphology defects

and cytokinesis failure were calculated. For these purposes, only data from the first 48 hours of

the proliferation assay were used, as cell growth rates plateaued after this timepoint. The doubling

time of control HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing GFP was calculated to be 20.72 hours in these

experiments, which is consistent with published data (Y. Liu et al., 2018). Using this doubling rate,

assuming exponential growth, and assuming every cell divides, the normalized cell count at 48

hours (normalized to a starting cell count of 1) was predicted to be 4.98. This is close to the

experimental 48-hour cell count for control cells (4.60), and higher than the experimental 48-hour

cell count for cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q (3.13) or V475G (3.60), as these cell lines have

reduced proliferation **(Figure 7B, square)**. If one assumed that cells with abnormally shaped

nuclei stop dividing, given that approximately 60% of mutant KIF22-GFP cell divisions result in

abnormally shaped nuclei **(Figure 4E),** the predicted cell count at 48 hours would be 2.18 **(Figure**

7B, triangle). This is lower than the experimental cell count for cells expressing mutant KIF22-

GFP, suggesting that cells with abnormally shaped nuclei must be capable of additional divisions.

If, instead, one assumed that only cells that fail cytokinesis (30% of cells **(Figure 4E)**) stop

dividing, the predicted cell count would be 3.42 **(Figure 7B, diamond)**. This value is consistent

with the experimental 48-hour cell count for cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic

mutations (3.13 – 3.60), suggesting the rate of cytokinesis failure may limit the rate of proliferation

in these cells. Consistent with this possibility, an increased number of large cells that may have

failed cytokinesis are visible in proliferation assay images at 72 hours **(Figure 7A)**.

To test the prediction that cells with nuclear morphology defects are capable of division,

KIF22-GFP expression was induced approximately 24 hours before imaging to generate a

population of cells with abnormally shaped nuclei. Division of these cells was observed **(Figure**

7D), demonstrating that nuclear morphology defects do not prevent subsequent divisions. The

percentage of cells that divided over the course of this experiment was not reduced in cells

expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations despite the abnormal nuclear morphology of

cells in those populations **(Figure 7E)**.

Figure 7

Figure 7: Proliferation is reduced in cells expressing KIF22 with pathogenic mutations.

(A) Time-lapse bright field images of HeLa-Kyoto cells to assess proliferation rate. Scale bar 500 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(B)** Proliferation rates measured using automated bright field imaging. Lines represent the mean cell count, normalized to the number of cells at 0 hours, and the shaded area denotes SEM. Black outlined shapes indicate the predicted cell count for cell lines expressing pathogenic mutations at 48 hours if every cell doubled every 20.72 hours (the doubling time measured from 48 hours of control cell proliferation) (square), if the rate of cytokinesis failure limited proliferation and 30% of cells did not divide (diamond), and if the rate of nuclear morphology defects limited proliferation and 60% of cells did not divide (triangle). **(C)** Fold change of normalized cell counts after 96 hours. Bars indicate medians. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data in (B) and (C) represent 8 KIF22 knockdown, 11 GFP, 9 KIF22-GFP, 16 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 8 KIF22-GFP V475G technical replicates from 4 experiments. **(D)** Time-lapse imaging of HeLa-Kyoto cells treated with doxycycline for 24 hours to induce expression of KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations and stained with SPY595-DNA. Arrowheads indicate cells with abnormally shaped nuclei that divide. Images are maximum intensity projections in z of two focal planes, one at the level of interphase nuclei and one at the level of mitotic chromosomes. Scale bars 20 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(E)** Nuclear morphology at the start of imaging (dark grey or blue, oval; light grey or blue; abnormal morphology) and outcome (grey, cell divides during the experiment; blue, the cell does not divide). The total number of dividing cells was compared between cell lines using the chi-square test ($p < 0.0001$ across all conditions). Post-hoc chi-square tests comparing all conditions to one another indicated that the proliferation rate of cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q is statistically different than that of cells expressing GFP ($p = 0.0025$), KIF22-GFP ($p = 0.0003$), or KIF22-GFP V475G ($p < 0.0001$). Applying the Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons, a p value of less than 0.008 was considered significant. p values are greater than 0.008 for all other comparisons. 2461 GFP, 2611 KIF22-GFP, 1890 KIF22-GFP R149Q, and 2346 KIF22-GFP V465G cells.

Mimicking phosphorylation of T463 phenocopies pathogenic mutations

The phenotypes observed in cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations

suggest that mutations may prevent inactivation of KIF22 in anaphase, and that polar ejection

forces in anaphase disrupt chromosome segregation. If this is the case, then preventing KIF22

inactivation would be predicted to phenocopy the pathogenic mutations. One mechanism by

which KIF22 activity is controlled is phosphorylation of T463: phosphorylation of this tail residue

is necessary for polar ejection force generation, and dephosphorylation at anaphase onset

contributes to polar ejection force suppression (Soeda et al., 2016). Therefore, we generated

HeLa-Kyoto inducible cell lines expressing KIF22-GFP with phosphomimetic (T463D) and

phosphonull (T463A) mutations to test whether preventing KIF22 inactivation in anaphase by

expressing the constitutively active T463D construct phenocopies the expression of KIF22-GFP

with pathogenic mutations. When treated with doxycycline, these cells expressed

phosphomimetic and phosphonull KIF22-GFP at levels comparable to those seen in cell lines

expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations, which was approximately two- to three-fold

higher than the level of expression of endogenous KIF22 **(Figure S5A-D)**.

To assess the activity of KIF22-GFP T463D and T463A in HeLa cells, polar ejection force

generation in monopolar spindles was measured **(Figure 8A)**. In cells with endogenous KIF22

present, expression of KIF22-GFP T463D increased the distance from the spindle pole to the

maximum DAPI signal (GFP control 3.7 ± 0.07 μm, KIF22-GFP T463D 4.4 ± 0.12, mean $\pm$ SEM),

indicating increased polar ejection forces, consistent with phosphorylation of T463 activating

KIF22 in prometaphase (Soeda et al., 2016) **(Figure 8B)**. Conversely, when endogenous KIF22

was depleted, expression of KIF22-GFP T463A was less able to rescue polar ejection force

generation (distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal 3.0 ± 0.08 μm, mean $\pm$

SEM) than expression of wild type KIF22-GFP (3.6 ± 0.07 μm) or KIF22-GFP T463D (3.7 ± 0.10

μm) **(Figure 8C)**. Again, this is consistent with previous work demonstrating that KIF22

phosphorylation at T463 activates the motor for prometaphase polar ejection force generation

(Soeda et al., 2016), although the reduction in polar ejection forces seen with KIF22-GFP T463A

rescue is less severe in our system, possibly due to differences in cell type, level of depletion of

endogenous KIF22, or the method used to quantify polar ejection forces.

In anaphase, expression of phosphomimetic KIF22-GFP T463D, but not phosphonull

KIF22-GFP T463A, caused chromosome recongression **(Figure 8D, 8E)**. The distance between

chromosome masses at 7 minutes was reduced in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T463D (median

5.8 μm) compared to cells expressing wild type KIF22-GFP (12.5 μm) or KIF22-GFP T463A (10.8

μm) **(Figure 8F)**. As in cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations, the severity of

anaphase chromosome recongression, indicated by the distance between chromosome masses

at 7 minutes, was dependent on GFP expression level (Spearman correlation coefficient -0.3964,

one-tailed p value 0.0004) **(Figure S5E)**. When only cells expressing lower levels of KIF22-GFP

(mean background subtracted intensity <100 arbitrary units) were considered, the same effect

(expression of KIF22-GFP T463D causes recongression) was still observed **(Figure S5F, S5G)**.

This recongression phenocopies the effect of pathogenic mutations on anaphase chromosome

segregation, consistent with pathogenic mutations preventing anaphase inactivation of KIF22.

In addition to causing the same defects in anaphase chromosome segregation, expression

of KIF22-GFP T463D also affects daughter cell nuclear morphology. Cells expressing KIF22-GFP

T463D have lobed and fragmented nuclei **(Figure S5H)** and correspondingly reduced nuclear

solidity measurements **(Figure 8G)**. An increased percentage of cells expressing KIF22-GFP

T463D in the presence of endogenous KIF22 (65%) or in cells depleted of endogenous KIF22

(72%) have abnormally shaped nuclei, as indicated by a solidity value below the fifth percentile

of control cell nuclear solidity **(Figure 8H)**.

Expression of KIF22-GFP T463A also resulted in a small increase in the percentage of

abnormally shaped nuclei (26% in control or KIF22 knockdown conditions) **(Figure 8H)**. Since

expression of KIF22-GFP T463A does not cause anaphase recongression **(Figure 8E)**, the level

of compaction of the segregating chromosome masses was explored as a possible explanation

for this modest increase in the percentage of cells with nuclear morphology defects. In KIF22

knockout mice, loss of KIF22 reduces chromosome compaction in anaphase, causing the

formation of multinucleated cells (Ohsugi et al., 2008). The phosphonull T463A mutation reduces

KIF22 activity and may therefore exhibit a KIF22 loss of function phenotype. Measurement of the

widths of separating chromosome masses in anaphase **(Figure S5I)** did demonstrate a modest

broadening of the chromosome masses in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T463A **(Figure S5J,**

S5K), which may contribute to the modest defects in nuclear morphology seen in these cells.

Figure 8

Figure 8: Phosphomimetic mutation of T463 phenocopies pathogenic mutations in KIF22.
(A) Immunofluorescence images of monopolar HeLa-Kyoto cells. KIF22-GFP was visualized using an anti-GFP antibody. Fixed approximately 2-3 hours after treatment with monastrol and 24 hours after siRNA transfection and treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 5 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(B)** Distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal, a measure of relative polar ejection force level, between HeLa-Kyoto cell lines expressing KIF22-GFP with phosphomimetic and phosphonull mutations at T463. 26 GFP cells from 3 experiments, 26 KIF22-GFP cells from 3 experiments, 29 KIF22-GFP T463D cells from 3 experiments, and 29 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 3 experiments. **(C)** Distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal in cells depleted of endogenous KIF22 and expressing KIF22-GFP with phosphomimetic and phosphonull mutations at T463. 35 GFP cells from 4 experiments, 36 KIF22-GFP cells from 4 experiments, 27 KIF22-GFP T463D cells from 3 experiments, and 47 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 4 experiments. For B-C, bars indicate means. p values from Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA with Dunnett's T3 multiple comparisons test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. **(D)** Time-lapse images of dividing HeLa-Kyoto cells. Cells expressing KIF22-GFP T463D exhibit recongression of the chromosomes during anaphase. Times indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Images are maximum intensity projections in z through the entirety of the spindle. Imaged approximately 18 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 5 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(E)** Distance between separating chromosome masses throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. 13 KIF22-GFP, 32 KIF22-GFP T463D, and 24 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 5 experiments. **(F)** Distance between separating chromosome masses 7 minutes after anaphase onset. Bars indicate medians. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. 13 KIF22-GFP, 32 KIF22-GFP T463D, and 24 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 5 experiments per condition. **(G)** Measured solidity of nuclei in HeLa-Kyoto cell lines. Small circles represent the solidity of individual nuclei, and large circles with black outlines indicate the median of each experiment. A dashed line marks a solidity value of 0.950, the fifth percentile of solidity for control cells transfected with control siRNA and expressing GFP. **(H)** Percentage of nuclei with abnormal shape, indicated by a solidity value less than 0.950, the fifth percentile of control (control knockdown, GFP expression) cell solidity. A chi-square test of all data produced a p value < 0.0001. Plotted p values are from pairwise post-hoc chi-square tests comparing control (control knockdown, GFP expression) cells to each other condition. Applying

the Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons, a p value of less than 0.00714 was considered

significant. p values are greater than 0.00714 for comparisons without a marked p value. Data in

(G) and (H) represent 312 GFP cells transfected with control siRNA, 362 GFP cells transfected

with KIF22 siRNA, 314 KIF22-GFP cells transfected with control siRNA, 320 KIF22-GFP cells

transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 361 KIF22-GFP T463D cells transfected with control siRNA, 376

KIF22-GFP T463D cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA, 312 KIF22-GFP T463A cells transfected

with control siRNA, and 376 KIF22-GFP T463A cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA from 3

experiments.

Supplemental Figure 5

Supplemental Figure 5: Cells expressing KIF22-GFP T463A have broader anaphase
chromosome masses.
(A-D) Quantification of KIF22 fluorescence intensity in untreated HeLa-Kyoto cells transfected
with control siRNA (A), cells treated with doxycycline to induce expression and transfected with
control siRNA (B), untreated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (C), and cells treated with
doxycycline and transfected with KIF22 siRNA (D) normalized to the mean intensity of uninduced,
control knockdown cells (endogenous KIF22 expression level) for each cell line (A). 32 GFP, 25
KIF22-GFP,28 KIF22-GFP T463D, and 31 KIF22-GFP T463A untreated cells transfected with
control siRNA (A), 29 GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP, 27 KIF22-GFP T463D, and 29 KIF22-GFP T463A
doxycycline-treated cells transfected with control siRNA (B), 25 GFP, 26 KIF22-GFP, 23 KIF22-
GFP T463D, and 26 KIF22-GFP T463A untreated cells transfected with KIF22 siRNA (C), 28
GFP, 28 KIF22-GFP, 31 KIF22-GFP T463D, and 26 KIF22-GFP T463A doxycycline-treated cells
transfected with KIF22 siRNA (D), from 3 experiments. **(E)** Plotting background-subtracted GFP
intensity against the distance between separating chromosome masses at 7 minutes indicates
that this distance is dependent on expression level (Spearman correlation coefficient -0.3964,
one-tailed p value = 0.0004). Grey dashed line indicates mean background subtracted GFP
intensity of 100. 13 KIF22-GFP, 32 KIF22-GFP T463D, and 24 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 5
experiments. **(F)** Distance between separating chromosome masses of cells expressing lower
levels of KIF22-GFP (mean background subtracted GFP intensity less than 100). Lines represent
the mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. 7 KIF22-GFP cells from 4 experiments, 17 KIF22-
GFP T463D cells from 5 experiments, and 14 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 4 experiments. **(G)**
Distance between separating chromosome masses 7 minutes after anaphase onset of cells
expressing lower levels of KIF22-GFP (mean background subtracted GFP intensity less than
100). Bars indicate medians. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values are greater than 0.05 for
comparisons without a marked p value. 7 KIF22-GFP cells from 4 experiments, 17 KIF22-GFP
T463D cells from 5 experiments, and 14 KIF22-GFP T463A cells from 4 experiments. **(H)** DAPI-
stained nuclei of Hela-Kyoto cells. Fixed approximately 24 hours after treatment with doxycycline
to induce expression. Scale bar 20 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(I)**
Schematic depicting the measurement of chromosome signal intensity in anaphase and the use
of the full width at half maximum (FWHM) as a measure of anaphase chromosome mass
broadness. **(J)** Full width at half maximum of the plotted intensities of separating chromosome
masses of HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP or KIF22-GFP T463A. Lines represent the
mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. **(K)** Minimum FWHM value, representing maximal
anaphase chromosome compaction, between cells expressing KIF22-GFP and KIF22-GFP

T463A. p value from Mann-Whitney test. Bars represent medians. Data in (J) and (K) represent

12 KIF22-GFP and 24 KIF22-GFP T463A cells (24 KIF22-GFP and 48 KIF22-GFP T463A

chromosome masses) from 5 experiments.

Mimicking phosphorylation of T158 in the α2 helix phenocopies pathogenic mutations

The effect of mutations in the α2 helix on KIF22 function suggests the involvement of this

region of the motor domain in KIF22 inactivation. If this was true, post-translational modification

of α2 may contribute to the regulation of KIF22 activity, analagous to the regulation of KIF22

inactivation via the dephosphorylation of T463 in the tail. Phosphorylation of amino acids T134 in

α2a (Kettenbach et al., 2011) and T158 in α2b (Olsen et al., 2010; Rigbolt et al., 2011) has been

documented in phosphoproteomic studies. HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP with

phosphomimetic and phosphonull mutations at T134 and T158 were generated to test whether

either site may contribute to the regulation of KIF22 inactivation.

T134 is located in α2a, near the catalytic site of KIF22 **(Figure S6A)**. Both phosphonull

(T134A) and phosphomimetic (T134D) mutations at this site disrupted the localization of KIF22.

KIF22-GFP T134D and T134A localize to spindle microtubules rather than to the chromosomes

(Figure S6B). Expression of KIF22-GFP T134D and KIF22-GFP T134A also resulted in the

formation of multipolar spindles in a subset of cells **(Figure S6C)**. These phenotypes are

consistent with previous work that used T134N as a rigor mutation to test the necessity of KIF22

motor activity for spindle length maintenance (Tokai-Nishizumi et al., 2005). The phenotypes

observed in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T134D or KIF22-GFP T134A are not the same as those

observed in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T463D, suggesting that phosphoregulation of T134 is

not involved in the inactivation of KIF22.

T158 is located in α2b, the same region of the α2 helix containing amino acids P148 and

R149, which are mutated in patients with SEMDJL2 **(Figure 9A)**. Localization of KIF22 to

chromosomes is not disrupted by phosphomimetic (T158D) or phosphonull (T158A) mutations at

this site. To assess the activity of KIF22-GFP T158D and KIF22-GFP T158A, relative polar

ejection forces were measured in monopolar spindles **(Figure 9B)**. In the presence of

endogenous KIF22, expression of neither KIF22-GFP T158D nor KIF22-GFP T158A disrupted

the generation of polar ejection forces **(Figure 9C)**. In cells depleted of endogenous KIF22,

expression of KIF22-GFP, KIF22-GFP T158D, or KIF22-GFP T158A was sufficient to rescue polar

ejection force generation **(Figure 9D)**, indicating that KIF22 with mutations at T158 is active in

prometaphase and capable of generating polar ejection forces.

To test the effects of phosphomimetic and phosphonull mutations at T158 in anaphase,

distances between separating chromosome masses in cells expressing KIF22-GFP, KIF22-GFP

T158D, or KIF22-GFP T158A were measured. Expression of KIF22-GFP T158D caused

chromosome recongression, while expression of KIF22-GFP T158A did not affect chromosome

movements in anaphase **(Figure 9E, 9F)**. The distance between separating chromosome masses

7 minutes after anaphase onset was reduced in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T158D (median 6.4

μm) compared to cells expressing KIF22-GFP (12.4 μm) or KIF22-GFP T158A (13.6 μm) **(Figure**

9G). Mimicking phosphorylation of T158 also affected daughter cell nuclear morphology. Nuclear

solidity was reduced in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T158D **(Figure 9H)**, and correspondingly the

percentage of cells with abnormally shaped nuclei, designated as a solidity value lower than the

5th percentile solidity of control cells expressing GFP, was increased in cells expressing KIF22-

GFP T158D in the presence (36%) or absence (32%) of endogenous KIF22 **(Figure 9I)**.

Expression of KIF22-GFP (10%) or KIF22-GFP T158A (11%) in the presence of endogenous

KIF22 also resulted in a small increase in the percentage of cells with abnormally shaped nuclei

compared to control cells expressing GFP (5%). The expression of KIF22-GFP T158D

phenocopies the expression of KIF22-GFP T463D or KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations,

suggesting that dephosphorylation of T158 contributes to KIF22 inactivation in anaphase.

Figure 9

Figure 9: Mimicking phosphorylation of T158 in the motor domain affects KIF22
inactivation.

A) Location of amino acid T158 in the α2 helix of the KIF22 motor domain (PDB 6NJE). **(B)**
Immunofluorescence images of monopolar HeLa-Kyoto cells. KIF22-GFP was visualized using
an anti-GFP antibody. Fixed approximately 2-3 hours after treatment with monastrol and 24 hours
after siRNA transfection and treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale bar 5 μm.
Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(C)** Distance from the spindle pole to the
maximum DAPI signal, a measure of relative polar ejection force level, in HeLa-Kyoto cell lines
expressing KIF22-GFP with phosphomimetic and phosphonull mutations at T158. 33 GFP, 40
KIF22-GFP, 31 KIF22-GFP T158D, and 36 KIF22-GFP T158A cells from 3 experiments. **(D)**
Distance from the spindle pole to the maximum DAPI signal in cells depleted of endogenous
KIF22 and expressing KIF22-GFP with phosphomimetic and phosphonull mutations at T158. 39
GFP, 35 KIF22-GFP, 34 KIF22-GFP T158D, and 34 KIF22-GFP T158A cells from 3 experiments.
For C-D, bars indicate means. p values from Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA with Dunnett's
T3 multiple comparisons test. p values are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p
value. **(E)** Time-lapse images of dividing HeLa-Kyoto cells. Cells expressing KIF22-GFP T158D
exhibit recongression of the chromosomes during anaphase. Times indicate minutes after
anaphase onset. Images are maximum intensity projections in z through the entirety of the
spindle. Imaged approximately 18 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression.
Scale bar 5 μm. Images are representative of 3 or more experiments. **(F)** Distance between
separating chromosome masses throughout anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells. Lines represent the
mean and the shaded area denotes SEM. 13 KIF22-GFP, 16 KIF22-GFP T158D, and 13 KIF22-
GFP T158A cells from 5 experiments. **(G)** Distance between separating chromosome masses 7
minutes after anaphase onset. Bars indicate medians. p values from Kruskal-Wallis test. p values
are greater than 0.05 for comparisons without a marked p value. 13 KIF22-GFP, 16 KIF22-GFP
T158D, and 13 KIF22-GFP T158A cells from 5 experiments. **(H)** Measured solidity of nuclei in
HeLa-Kyoto cell lines. Small circles represent the solidity of individual nuclei, and large circles
with black outlines indicate the median of each experiment. A dashed line marks a solidity value
of 0.922, the fifth percentile of solidity for control cells transfected with control siRNA and
expressing GFP. **(I)** Percentage of nuclei with abnormal shape, indicated by a solidity value less
than 0.922, the fifth percentile of control (control knockdown, GFP expression) cell solidity. A chi-
square test of all data produced a p value < 0.0001. Plotted p values are from pairwise post-hoc
chi-square tests comparing control (control knockdown, GFP expression) cells to each other

condition. Applying the Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons, a p value of less than

0.00714 was considered significant. p values are greater than 0.00714 for comparisons without a

marked p value. Data in (H) and (I) represent 514 GFP control knockdown, 418 GFP KIF22

knockdown, 613 KIF22-GFP control knockdown, 584 KIF22-GFP KIF22 knockdown, 644 KIF22-

GFP T158D control knockdown, 432 KIF22-GFP T158D KIF22 knockdown, 477 KIF22-GFP

T158A control knockdown, and 427 KIF22-GFP T158A KIF22 knockdown cells from 3

experiments.

Supplemental Figure 6

Supplemental Figure 6: Mimicking phosphoregulation of T134 disrupts KIF22 localization.

(A) Location of amino acid T134 in the α2 helix of the KIF22 motor domain (PDB 6NJE). **(B)**

Immunofluorescence images of HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP constructs in

metaphase. KIF22-GFP was visualized using an anti-GFP antibody. Images are maximum

intensity projections in z. Fixed approximately 24 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce

expression. Scale bar 10 μm. **(C)** Immunofluorescence images of multipolar HeLa-Kyoto cells

expressing KIF22-GFP T134D or KIF22-GFP T134A. Images are maximum intensity projections

in z. Fixed approximately 24 hours after treatment with doxycycline to induce expression. Scale

bar 10 μm.

Figure 10

A

Wild type KIF22

Prometaphase · Metaphase · Anaphase · Mitotic Exit

Polar ejection force generation

Polar ejection forces attenuated in anaphase

No defects

B

KIF22 with pathogenic mutations

Polar ejection force generation

Polar ejection forces continue in anaphase, disrupting chromosome segregation

~ 70%

~ 30%

Cytokinesis failure, defects in nuclear morphology, and reduced proliferation

Figure 10: Pathogenic mutations disrupt the anaphase, but not prometaphase, function of KIF22.

(A) Wild type KIF22 generates polar ejection forces to contribute to chromosome congression and alignment in prometaphase. In anaphase, KIF22 inactivation results in the attenuation of polar ejection forces (green arrows), allowing chromosomes to segregate toward the poles. Daughter cells form regularly shaped nuclei and continue to proliferate. **(B)** In cells expressing KIF22 with pathogenic (P148L, P148S, R149L, R149Q, V475G) or phosphomimetic (T158D, T463D) mutations, prometaphase proceeds as in cells expressing wild type motor. Mutant KIF22 is capable of polar ejection force generation. In anaphase, KIF22 fails to inactivate, resulting in continued generation of polar ejection forces, which disrupts anaphase chromosome segregation. Daughter cells exhibit nuclear morphology defects. In about 30% of cells expressing KIF22-GFP R149Q or KIF22-GFP V475G, cytokinesis fails, and proliferation rates are reduced.

DISCUSSION

We have determined that pathogenic mutations in KIF22 disrupt anaphase chromosome

segregation, causing chromosome recongression, nuclear morphology defects, reduced

proliferation, and, in a subset of cells, cytokinesis failure. Wild type KIF22 is inactivated in

anaphase (Soeda et al., 2016), resulting in an attenuation of polar ejection forces, which allows

chromosomes to move towards the spindle poles **(Figure 9A)**. The phenotypes we observe in

cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations are consistent with KIF22 remaining

active in anaphase **(Figure 9B)**. Polar ejection forces could cause recongression by continuing

to push chromosomes away from the spindle poles during anaphase A and disrupting spindle

elongation during anaphase B. These forces result in aberrant positioning of chromosomes during

telophase and cytokinesis, which could cause the nuclear morphology defects and cytokinesis

failure we observe in cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP. Consistent with this model, mimicking

phosphorylation of T463 to prevent KIF22 inactivation in anaphase phenocopies the effects of

pathogenic mutations. Thus, we conclude that pathogenic mutations result in a gain of KIF22

function, which aligns with findings that KIF22 mutations are dominant in heterozygous patients

(Boyden et al., 2011; Min et al., 2011; Tüysüz et al., 2014). The effects of pathogenic mutations

on chromosome movements in anaphase are consistent with observations of chromosome

recongression in cells with altered CDK1 activity (Su et al., 2016; Wolf et al., 2006) or altered tail

structure (Soeda et al., 2016). Our work additionally demonstrates the involvement of the motor

domain α2 helix in this process and the consequences of recongression on cytokinesis, daughter

cell nuclear morphology, and proliferation.

Mutations in both the motor domain (P148L, P148S, R149L, and R149Q) and the coiled-

coil domain (V475G) of KIF22 disrupt chromosome segregation in a manner consistent with a

failure of KIF22 inactivation in anaphase. Additionally, mimicking phosphorylation of T158 in the

motor domain or T463 in the tail also disrupts chromosome segregation. These findings

demonstrate that the motor domain α2 helix participates in the process of KIF22 inactivation,

adding to studies that demonstrate that deletion of the tail microtubule binding domain and

deletion or disruption of the coiled-coil domain prevent the inactivation of KIF22 in anaphase

(Soeda et al., 2016).

The physical mechanism of KIF22 inactivation is unknown, and our results can be

interpreted in the context of several models, which are not mutually exclusive. Previous work has

proposed that the tail of KIF22 may interact with microtubules to suspend polar ejection force

generation (Soeda et al., 2016). In this framework, the mutation in the tail of KIF22 (V745G) could

disrupt anaphase chromosome segregation by altering this interaction with microtubules. Whether

or how the α2 helix could contribute to this mechanism is less clear. The α2 helix faces away from

the surface of the microtubule, and we would not predict that mutations in this structure would

directly alter the association of the motor domain with the microtubule. It is possible that this region

of the motor domain could facilitate or strengthen an interaction between the tail and the

microtubule surface indirectly.

Alternatively, given that mutations in the tail and motor domain of KIF22 both disrupt

chromosome segregation, the tail and motor domain may interact to inactivate the motor. Head-

tail autoinhibition is a known regulatory mechanism of other members of the kinesin superfamily

(Blasius et al., 2021; Coy, Hancock, Wagenbach, & Howard, 1999; Espeut et al., 2008; Friedman

& Vale, 1999; Hammond, Blasius, Soppina, Cai, & Verhey, 2010; Hammond et al., 2009; Imanishi,

Endres, Gennerich, & Vale, 2006; Ren et al., 2018; Verhey & Hammond, 2009; Verhey et al.,

1998), and disruption of autoinhibition can be a mechanism of disease pathogenesis (Asselin et

al., 2020; Bianchi et al., 2016; Blasius et al., 2021; Cheng et al., 2014; Pant et al., 2022; van der

Vaart et al., 2013). Mutations in either the tail or motor domain could disrupt this interaction,

preventing KIF22 inactivation in anaphase. Dephosphorylation of both T463 in the tail and T158

in the motor domain could facilitate this interaction.

Rather than physically interacting with the motor domain, it is also possible that structural

changes in the tail of KIF22 could have allosteric effects on the motor domain. An allosteric

mechanism by which conformational changes are propagated down the stalk to the motor domain

has recently been proposed to contribute to the inactivation of kinesin-1 motors by kinesin light

chain, which binds the tail (Chiba, Ori-McKenney, Niwa, & McKenney, 2021). KIF22 inactivation

may be caused by altered motor domain mechanochemistry, which changes in the tail could affect

allosterically and modification of α2 could affect directly. This could explain the effect of tail and

motor domain mutations, as well as the effects of mimicking tail and motor domain

phosphorylation, on KIF22 activity.

An additional consideration is that pathogenic mutations may affect the inactivation of

KIF22 in anaphase by altering phosphoregulation of KIF22 activity. If mutations prevented the

dephosphorylation of T158 and T463 in anaphase this could cause anaphase recongression.

However, addition of a phosphonull T463A mutation to KIF22 with coiled-coil or microtubule

binding domain deletions does not rescue anaphase chromosome recongression defects (Soeda

et al., 2016), suggesting that the role of the KIF22 tail in motor inactivation is not only to facilitate

dephosphorylation of T463. Future studies using structural approaches will be required to

distinguish between these possible mechanisms.

The regulation of the motor domain $\alpha 2$ helix in KIF22 inactivation may inform our
understanding of additional kinesin motors, as amino acids P148 and R149 are conserved in a
number of members of the kinesin superfamily **(Figure 1D)**. Similarly, phosphorylation or
acetylation of amino acids in the $\alpha 2$ helix has been reported for members of the kinesin-3 (KIF13A
S134) (Dephoure et al., 2008), kinesin-5 (KIF11 Y125, K146) (Bickel et al., 2017; Choudhary et
al., 2009), kinesin-6 (KIF20B S182, KIF23 S125) (Hegemann et al., 2011; Sharma et al., 2014;
Shiromizu et al., 2013), and kinesin-14 (KIFC3 S557) (Sharma et al., 2014) families.
Phosphorylation of Y125 (Bickel et al., 2017) and acetylation of K146 (Muretta et al., 2018) in
KIF11 (Eg5) have been shown to modulate motor activity, and the functions of the remaining
reported post-translation modifications in the $\alpha 2$ helix are yet to be characterized. Acetylation of
KIF11 at K146 increases the stall force of the motor and slows anaphase spindle pole separation
(Muretta et al., 2018). This post-translational modification represents a mechanism by which the
activity of KIF11 could be regulated at the metaphase to anaphase transition to generate sliding
forces for spindle assembly in prometaphase and control spindle pole separation in anaphase,
analogous to how post-translational modifications of KIF22 regulate motor activity to ensure both
chromosome congression and alignment in prometaphase and chromosome segregation in
anaphase.

While chromosomes in some cells, particularly those expressing KIF22-GFP at high
levels, completely failed to segregate and decondensed in the center of the spindle, most cells
demonstrated chromosome recongression wherein poleward motion of chromosomes begins, but
then chromosomes switch direction and move anti-poleward. These dynamics may be due to
differences in microtubule density closer to the poles compared to the center of the spindle. This
model is consistent with work demonstrating that in monopolar spindles, poleward movement of
chromosomes is limited by chromosomes reaching a threshold density of microtubules at which
polar ejection forces are sufficient to cause chromosomes to switch to anti-poleward movement
(Cassimeris, Rieder, & Salmon, 1994). We observed that chromosomes on the periphery of the
spindle remain closer to the poles while central chromosomes are pushed further away from the
poles during recongression in cells expressing KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations. This could
also be explained by the central chromosomes encountering a higher density of microtubules,
and KIF22 bound to these chromosomes therefore generating higher levels of polar ejection
forces. In addition, this mechanism is consistent with observations that oscillations of peripheral
chromosomes are reduced compared to chromosomes at the center of the spindle (Cameron et
al., 2006; Cimini, Cameron, & Salmon, 2004; Civelekoglu-Scholey et al., 2013; Stumpff, Dassow,

Wagenbach, Asbury, & Wordeman, 2008), which could also be explained by reduced peripheral
microtubule density limiting peripheral polar ejection force generation.

Our assessment of the relative trajectories of chromosomes, centromeres, and spindle
poles offers insight into the relative magnitudes of polar ejection forces and other anaphase
forces. Expression of KIF22-GFP with pathogenic mutations did not alter the distance between
centromeres and spindle poles, indicating that while anaphase polar ejection forces altered the
position of chromosome arms within the spindle, these forces were not sufficient to prevent the
shortening of k-fibers. However, the expression of mutant KIF22-GFP did alter the movements of
the spindle poles, allowing assessment of the relative magnitude of polar ejection forces
compared to the forces generated by the sliding of antiparallel spindle microtubules to separate
the spindle poles in anaphase (Brust-Mascher, Civelekoglu-Scholey, Kwon, Mogilner, & Scholey,
2004; Fu et al., 2009; Nislow, Lombillo, Kuriyama, & McIntosh, 1992; Sawin, LeGuellec, Philippe,
& Mitchison, 1992; Straight, Sedat, & Murray, 1998; Tanenbaum et al., 2009; van Heesbeen,
Tanenbaum, & Medema, 2014; Vukušić, Buđa, & Tolić, 2019; Vukušić, Ponjavić, Buđa, Risteski,
& Tolić, 2021). In cells expressing mutant KIF22-GFP, spindle pole separation stalled, and poles
moved closer to one another during anaphase chromosome recongression. This suggests that
the polar ejection forces collectively generated by mutant KIF22 motors are of greater magnitude
than the forces sliding the spindle poles apart during anaphase B. Although it is important to note
that this phenotype was observed with moderate overexpression of mutant KIF22, the observed
effects on spindle pole separation underscore the importance of KIF22 inactivation, and imply that
reducing polar ejection forces is required for both anaphase A and anaphase B. This force balance
may differ between cell types, as tail domain deletions that alter chromosome movements do not
disrupt anaphase B in mouse oocyte meiosis (Soeda et al., 2016).

Patients with mutations in KIF22 exhibit defects in skeletal development. The pathology
observed in the patient heterozygous for the V475G mutation differs from those seen in SEMDJL2
patients with motor domain mutations **(Figure 1E, 1F)** (Boyden et al., 2011; Min et al., 2011;
Tüysüz et al., 2014). However, a meaningful comparison of pathologies between patients is
limited both by the fact that only a single patient with a mutation in the tail of KIF22 has been
identified, and by the considerable variation in clinical presentation between patients with motor
domain mutations, even between patients with the same point mutation (Boyden et al., 2011; Min
et al., 2011; Tüysüz et al., 2014). The defects in chromosome segregation we observed in cells
expressing mutant KIF22-GFP may contribute to skeletal developmental pathogenesis. Mutations
could cause reduced proliferation of growth plate chondrocytes, which in turn could limit bone
growth. Disrupting cytokinesis in the growth plate causes shorter bones and stature in mice (Gan

et al., 2019), and mutations in KIF22 could affect development via this mechanism. The presence

of pathologies in other cartilaginous tissues, including the larynx and trachea, in patients with

mutations in the motor domain of KIF22 (Boyden et al., 2011) is also consistent with a disease

etiology based in aberrant chondrocyte proliferation. Defects in mitosis could result in tissue-

specific patient pathology based on differences in force balance within anaphase spindles in

different cell types arising from different expression or activity levels of mitotic force generators or

regulators. Growth plate chondrocytes, particularly, are organized into columns and must divide

under geometric constraints (Dodds, 1930), which could increase sensitivity to anaphase force

imbalances. Additionally, we cannot exclude the possibility that these mutations may affect the

function of interphase cells, which could affect development via a mechanism independent from

the effects of the mutations on mitosis. Future work will be required to distinguish among these

possible explanations.

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Patient assessment

Clinical exome sequencing was performed by the Department of Laboratory Medicine and

Pathology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, USA as previously described (Cousin et al.,

2019). Carbohydrate deficient transferrin testing for congenital disorders of glycosylation was

performed at Mayo Clinic Laboratories, Rochester, Minnesota, USA (Lefeber, Morava, & Jaeken,

2011).

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Cell culture

HeLa-Kyoto and RPE-1 cell lines were grown in Minimum Essential Media α (Gibco

#12561-056) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Gibco #16000-044) at 37$°$C with 5%

CO_2. Cell lines were validated by short tandem repeat (STR) DNA typing using the Promega

GenePrint 10 System according to the manufacturer's instructions (Promega #B9510). Cells were

cryopreserved in Recovery Cell Culture Freezing Medium (Gibco #12648-010). HeLa-Kyoto and

RPE-1 acceptor cell lines for recombination (both gifts from Ryoma Ohi, University of Michigan)

were maintained in media supplemented with 10 μg/mL blasticidin (Thermo Fisher Scientific

#R21001).

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Transfection

siRNA transfection was performed using Lipofectamine RNAiMax Transfection Reagent

(Thermo Fisher Scientific #13778150) in Opti-MEM Reduced Serum Media (Gibco #31985-062).

KIF22 was targeted for siRNA-mediated depletion using a Silencer Validated siRNA (Ambion

#AM51331, sense sequence GCUGCUCUCUAGAGAUUGCTT). Control cells were transfected

with Silencer Negative Control siRNA #2 (Ambion #AM4613). DNA transfections were performed

using Lipofectamine LTX (Thermo Fisher Scientific #15338100) in Opti-MEM Reduced Serum

Media (Gibco #31985-062).

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Plasmids

Plasmids related to the generation of inducible cell lines are described in Table 1. A C-

terminally tagged KIF22-GFP plasmid was constructed by adding EcoRI and KpnI sites to the

KIF22 open reading frame (from pJS2161 (Stumpff et al., 2012)), performing a restriction digest,

and ligating the products into a digested pEGFP-N2 vector (Clontech) (pAT4206). Site-directed

mutagenesis was performed to add silent mutations for siRNA resistance (pAT4226). The open

reading frame from pAT4226 and the pEM791 vector (Khandelia, Yap, & Makeyev, 2011) were

amplified and combined using Gibson Assembly (New England BioLabs) to generate a plasmid

for recombination-mediated construction of inducible cell lines (pAT4250). Site-directed

mutagenesis was performed on pAT4250 to generate plasmids encoding KIF22-GFP P148L,

P148S, R149L, R149Q, V475G, T463D, T463A, T134D, T158D, and T158A for recombination. A

plasmid encoding KIF22-GFP T134A for recombination was generated using Gibson Assembly

of a synthesized DNA fragment (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and pAT4250. See Table 1 for primer

sequences.

The mCh-CAAX plasmid was a gift from Alan Howe (University of Vermont). The mCh-

NLS plasmid was generated by Michael Davidson and obtained from Addgene (mCh-Nucleus-7,

#55110). The pericentrin-RFP plasmid (Gillingham & Munro, 2000) was a gift from Sean Munro

(MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology). The CENPB-mCh plasmid (D. Liu et al., 2010) was

generated by Michael Lampson and obtained from Addgene (#45219).

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Generation of inducible cell lines

Inducible cell lines were generated using recombination-mediated cassette exchange as

previously described (Khandelia et al., 2011). Briefly, plasmids (see Table 1) encoding siRNA-

resistant KIF22-GFP constructs were cotransfected with a plasmid encoding nuclear-localized

Cre recombinase (pEM784) into HeLa-Kyoto (Sturgill, Norris, Guo, & Ohi, 2016) or RPE-1

acceptor cells using Lipofectamine LTX transfection (Thermo Fisher Scientific #15338100). For

HeLa-Kyoto cell lines, 24 hours after transfection cells were treated with 1 μg/mL puromycin

(Thermo Fisher Scientific #A11139-03) for 48 hours, then 2 μg/mL puromycin for 48 hours for

more stringent selection, and finally 1 μg/mL puromycin until puromycin-sensitive cells were

eliminated. Selection of RPE-1 cells was accomplished via treatment with 5 μg/mL puromycin for

48 hours beginning 24 hours after transfection, then 10 μg/mL puromycin for 48 hours, and finally

5 μg/mL puromycin until puromycin-sensitive cells were eliminated. Inducible cell lines were

maintained in puromycin (HeLa-Kyoto 1 μg/mL, RPE-1 5 μg/mL) for continued selection. To

confirm the sequence of inserted DNA in the selected cell populations, genomic DNA was

extracted using the QIAmp DNA Blood Mini Kit (Qiagen #51106) and subjected to sequencing

(Eurofins). Expression of inserted DNA sequences was induced via treatment with 2 μg/mL

doxycycline (Thermo Fisher Scientific #BP26531).

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Immunofluorescence

For fixed cell imaging, cells were grown on 12 mm glass coverslips in 24-well plates. Cells

were fixed in 1% paraformaldehyde in ice-cold methanol for 10 minutes on ice. Cells were blocked

for 1 hour using 20% goat serum (Gibco #16210-064) in antibody dilution buffer (AbDil, 1% bovine

serum albumin (Sigma Aldrich #B4287), 0.1% Triton X-100 (Sigma Aldrich #93443), 0.02%

sodium azide (Fisher Scientific #BP9221) in TBS) and incubated with the following primary

antibodies for one hour at room temperature: mouse anti-α-tubulin (DM1α) 1:500 (Millipore Sigma

#T6199), rat anti-tubulin clone YL1/2 1:1500 (Millipore Sigma #MAB1864), rabbit anti-KIF22 1:500

(GeneTex #GTX112357), mouse anti-centrin 1:500 (Millipore Sigma #04-1624), or rabbit anti-

GFP 1:1000 (Invitrogen #A11121). Cells were incubated with secondary antibodies conjugated to

AlexaFluor 488, 594, or 647 (Invitrogen Molecular Probes #A11034, A11037, A21245, A11029,

A11032, A21236, A11007) for one hour at room temperature. All incubations were performed on

an orbital shaker. Coverslips were mounted on slides using Prolong Gold mounting medium with

DAPI (Invitrogen Molecular Probes #P36935).

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Microscopy

Images were acquired using a Nikon Ti-E or Ti-2E inverted microscope driven by NIS

Elements software (Nikon Instruments). Images were captured using a Clara cooled charge-

coupled device (CCD) camera (Andor) or Prime BSI scientific complementary metal-oxide-

semiconductor (sCMOS) camera (Teledyne Photometrics) with a Spectra-X light engine

(Lumencore). Samples were imaged using Nikon objectives Plan Apo 40X 0.95 numerical

aperture (NA), Plan Apo λ 60X 1.42 NA, and APO 100X 1.49 NA. For live imaging, cells were

imaged in CO_2-independent media (Gibco #18045-088) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine

serum (Gibco #16000-044) in a 37º C environmental chamber. Images were processed and

analyzed using Image J/FIJI (Schindelin et al., 2012; Schneider, Rasband, & Eliceiri, 2012).

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KIF22-GFP expression level quantitation

HeLa-Kyoto or RPE-1 cells were treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline to induce expression

and transfected with control or KIF22 siRNA approximately 24 hours prior to fixation. Metaphase

cells were imaged for measurement of KIF22 expression levels. Measurements of KIF22

immunofluorescence intensity were made in a background region of interest (ROI) containing no

cells and an ROI representing the chromosomes, identified by thresholding DAPI signal. The

mean background subtracted KIF22 signal on the chromosomes was calculated by subtracting

the product of the mean background intensity and the chromosome ROI area from the

chromosome ROI integrated density and dividing by the area of the chromosome ROI. KIF22

intensities were normalized to the mean KIF22 intensity in control cells (control knockdown,

uninduced) in each experimental replicate.

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Metaphase chromosome spreads

RPE-1 cells were grown in 60 mm dishes for approximately 24 hours. Media was

exchanged to fresh growth media for 2 hours to promote mitosis. Cells were arrested in 0.02

μg/mL colcemid (Gibco KaryoMAX #15212012) for three hours at 37°C, then trypsinized, pelleted,

and gently re-suspended in 500 μL media. 5 mL 0.56% KCl hypotonic solution was added

dropwise to the cell suspension, which was then incubated for 15 minutes in a 37°C water bath.

Cells were pelleted, gently resuspended, and fixed via the addition of 1 mL ice-cold 3:1

methanol:glacial acetic acid. Cells were pelleted and resuspended in fixative an additional three

times, then stored at -20°C. Metaphase chromosome spreads were prepared by humidifying the

surface of glass slides by exposing them to the steam above a 50°C water bath, placing the slides

at an angle relative to the work surface, and dropping approximately 100 μL of ice-cold cell

suspension onto the slide from a height of approximately one foot. Slides were dried on a hot

plate, then covered with Prolong Gold mounting medium with DAPI (Invitrogen Molecular Probes

#P36935) and sealed.

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Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching

HeLa-Kyoto cells were seeded in glass-bottom 35 mm dishes (Greiner Bio-One #627975

and #627965) and treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline to induce expression 18-24 hours before

imaging. Cells were imaged at 5 second intervals for 25 seconds before bleaching, photobleached
using a point-focused 405 nm laser, and imaged at 20 second intervals for 10 minutes after
bleaching. Fluorescence intensities in bleached, unbleached, and background regions of each
frame were measured using a circular ROI, area 0.865 μm^2. For interphase and metaphase cells,
unbleached measurements were made on the opposite side of the nucleus or chromosome mass
as the bleached measurements. For anaphase cells, one segregating chromosome mass was
bleached, and unbleached measurements were made on the opposite chromosome mass.
Background intensities, measured in cell-free area, were subtracted from bleached and
unbleached intensities. Background-subtracted intensities were normalized to the intensity of the
first frame imaged.

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Polar ejection force assay

HeLa-Kyoto cells were treated with 2 $\mu g/mL$ doxycycline to induce expression and
transfected with control or KIF22 siRNA approximately 24 hours prior to fixation. Cells were
arrested in 100 μM monastrol (Selleckchem #S8439) for 2-3 hours before fixation. Monopolar
mitotic cells oriented perpendicular to the coverslip were imaged at the focal plane of the spindle
pole for polar ejection force measurements. A circular ROI with a 12.5 μm radius was centered
around the spindle pole of each cell, and the radial profile of DAPI signal intensity at distances
from the pole was measured (Radial Profile Plot plugin, https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/plugins/radial-
profile.html). The distance from the pole to the maximum DAPI signal was calculated for each cell
as a measure of relative polar ejection forces (Thompson, Vandal, & Stumpff, 2022).

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Analyses of anaphase chromosome segregation

HeLa-Kyoto or RPE-1 cells were treated with 2 $\mu g/mL$ doxycycline to induce expression
approximately 18 hours before imaging. For HeLa-Kyoto cells, media was exchanged to CO_2-
indpendent media containing 2 $\mu g/mL$ doxycycline and 100 nM SiR-Tubulin (Spirochrome
#SC002) approximately 1-1.5 hours before imaging. For RPE-1 cells, media was exchanged to
CO_2-indpendent media containing 2 $\mu g/mL$ doxycycline, 20-100 nM SiR-Tubulin (Spirochrome
#SC002), and 10 μM verapamil (Spirochrome #SCV01) approximately 1.5-3 hours before
imaging. Cells were imaged at 1 minute time intervals. Distances between segregating
chromosome masses were measured by plotting the KIF22-GFP signal intensity along a line
drawn through both spindle poles (macro available at https://github.com/StumpffLab/Image-
Analysis). This data set was split at the center distance to generate two plots, each representing

one half-spindle/segregating chromosome mass. The distance between the maximum of each intensity plot was calculated using MATLAB (Mathworks, Version R2018a) (script available at https://github.com/StumpffLab/Image-Analysis). To assess the broadness of segregating chromosome masses in cells expressing KIF22-GFP T463A, a Gaussian curve was fit to the same intensity plots and the full width at half maximum was calculated in MATLAB.

To measure the movements of spindle poles and kinetochores in anaphase, HeLa-Kyoto cells were seeded in glass-bottom 24-well plates (Cellvis #P24-1.5H-N) and cotransfected with PCM-RFP and mCh-CENPB using Lipofectamine LTX (Thermo Fisher Scientific #15338100) approximately 24 hours before imaging. Cells were treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline to induce expression approximately 12-18 hours before imaging. Cells were imaged at 20 second time intervals. To more clearly visualize spindle poles and kinetochores, images of PCM-RFP and mCh-CENPB signal were background subtracted by duplicating each frame, applying a gaussian blur (sigma 30 pixels), and subtracting this blurred image from the original. For each frame, a line was drawn between spindle poles (PCM-RFP signal) to measure the distance between them, and the intensity of KIF22-GFP and mCh-CENPB along this line was plotted. These data sets were split at the center distance to generate two plots, and the distance between plot maxima and the distance from maxima to the spindle poles were calculated using MATLAB (scripts available at https://github.com/StumpffLab/Image-Analysis).

Assessment of cytokinesis failure

To visualize cell boundaries, HeLa-Kyoto cells were transfected with mCh-CAAX using Lipofectamine LTX approximately 24-32 hours before imaging and treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline approximately 8 hours before imaging. Cells were imaged at 3-minute intervals. Cells were scored as failing cytokinesis if the product of mitosis was a single cell with a single boundary of mCh-CAAX signal.

Nuclear morphology quantification

HeLa-Kyoto or RPE-1 cells were treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline to induce expression approximately 24 hours before fixation. Nuclear solidity was measured for each interphase nucleus in each imaged field. The 5th percentile of solidity for control cells (transfected with control siRNA and expressing GFP) was used as a threshold below which nuclear solidity was considered abnormal.

To assess the ability of nuclei to retain nuclear-localized proteins, cells were transfected with mCh-NLS using Lipofectamine LTX approximately 24-32 hours before imaging and treated

1234 with 2 μg/mL doxycycline approximately 8 hours before imaging. Cells were imaged at 3-minute
1235 intervals during and after division, and the presence of mCh-NLS signal in all nuclear structures
1236 (KIF22-GFP positive regions) was assessed.

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Assessment of spindle dependence of nuclear morphology defects
To assess whether nuclear morphology defects caused by KIF22 depend on force
generation within the mitotic spindle, cells were treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline approximately
8 hours before imaging, SPY595-DNA (1X per manufacturer's instructions) (Spirochrome
#SC301) approximately 1.5-2 hours before imaging, and 500 nM nocodazole (Selleckchem
#S2775) and 900 nM reversine (Cayman Chemical #10004412) approximately 0.5-1 hour before
imaging. Cells were imaged at 5-minute intervals. Nuclear solidity was measured 15 minutes
before chromosome condensation and 100 minutes after chromosome decondensation.

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Proliferation assay
HeLa-Kyoto cells were seeded in a 96-well plate and treated with 2 μg/mL doxycycline to
induce expression or transfected with KIF22 siRNA approximately eight hours before the first
assay timepoint. Automated bright field imaging using a Cytation 5 Cell Imaging Multi-Mode
Reader (Biotek) (4X Plan Fluorite 0.13 NA objective (Olympus)) driven by Gen5 software (Biotek)
was used to measure cell proliferation (Marquis et al., 2021). Images were collected every 4 hours
for 96 hours. Gen5 software was used to process images and count the number of cells in each
imaged field. Cell counts were normalized to the cell count in the first image acquired at time 0.
Only wells with first frame cell counts between 10,000 and 20,000 were analyzed to account for
the effects of cell density. Fold change at 96 hours was calculated by dividing the cell count at 96
hours by the cell count at time 0. Predicted cell counts at 48 hours were calculated using an
experimentally determined doubling time of 20.72 hours for the control case where all cells divide
($Cells_T = 2^{\left(\frac{T}{20.72}\right)}$), the case where nuclear morphology defects limit proliferation and 60% of cells
do not divide ($Cells_T = 1.4^{\left(\frac{T}{20.72}\right)}$), and the case where cytokinesis failure limits proliferation and
30% of cells do not divide ($Cells_T = 1.7^{\left(\frac{T}{20.72}\right)}$).

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1263 **Statistical analyses**
1264 Statistical tests were performed using GraphPad Prism software (GraphPad Software,
1265 Inc.), version 9.2.0. Specific statistical tests and n values for reported data are indicated in the
1266 figure legends. All data represent a minimum of three independent experiments.

 Table 1

Plasmid	Description	Primers (5' to 3', Fw: Forward, Rev: Reverse)	Source
pEM784	nlCre recombinase	NA	Khandelia 2011 PMID 21768390
pEM791	EGFP for recombination	NA	Khandelia 2011 PMID 21768390
pJS2161	GFP-KIF22	NA	Stumpff 2012 PMID 22595673
pAT4206	KIF22-GFP	Fw: TACGTGGAATTCCACCATGGCCGCGGGCGGCTCGA Rev: GTGACTGGTACCTGGAGGCGCCACAGCGCTGGC	This study
pAT4226	KIF22-GFP, siRNA resistant	Fw:pGGGCATGGACAGCTGCTCACTCGAAATCGCTAACTGGAGGA ACCAC Rev:pGTGGTTCCTCCAGTTAGCGATTTCGAGTGAGCAGCTGTCCA TGCCC	This study
pAT4250	KIF22-GFP, siRNA resistant, for recombination	Fragment Fw: CTGGGCACCACCATGGCCGCG Fragment Rev: GCTAGCTCGATTACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATGCC Vector Fw: GTACAAGTAATCGAGCTAGCATATGGATCCATATAACT Vector Rev: CATGGTGGTGCCCAGTGCCTCACGACC	This study
pAT4251	KIF22-GFP R149Q	Fw: GGGGTGATCCCGCAGGCTCTCATGGAC Rev: GTCCATGAGAGCCTGCGGGATCACCCC	This study
pAT4258	KIF22-GFP V475G	Fw: TGCTAATGAAGACAGGAGAAGAGAAGGACCT Rev: AGGTCCTTCTCTTCTCCTGTCTTCATTAGCA	This study
pAT4260	KIF22-GFP T463D	Fw: CCCCTCTGTTGAGTGACCCAAAGCGAGAGC Rev: GCTCTCGCTTTGGGTCACTCAACAGAGGGG	This study
pAT4261	KIF22-GFP T463A	Fw: CCTCTGTTGAGTGCCCCAAAGCGAG Rev: CTCGCTTTGGGGCACTCAACAGAGG	This study
pAT4264	KIF22-GFP R149L	Fw: GGGTGATCCCGCTGGCTCTCATGGAC Rev: GTCCATGAGAGCCAGCGGGATCACCC	This study
pAT4269	KIF22-GFP P148L	Fw: CCTGGGGTGATCCTGCGGGCTCTCATG Rev: CATGAGAGCCCGCAGGATCACCCCAGG	This study
pAT4270	KIF22-GFP P148S	Fw: CTGGGGTGATCTCGCGGGCTCTCATG Rev: CATGAGAGCCCGCGAGATCACCCCAG	This study
pSS4279	KIF22-GFP T134A	Fragment Fw: AGCTGCTCACTCGAAATCGC Fragment Rev: AGTCTTTCTCGGATTACCAGG Vector Fw: CCTGGTAATCCGAGAAGACT Vector Rev: GCGATTTCGAGTGAGCAGCT	This study
pSS4281	KIF22-GFP T134D	Fw: CAGGAGCTGGGAAGGATCACACAATGCTGGGC Rev: GCCCAGCATTGTGTGATCCTTCCCAGCTCCTG	This study
pNA4285	KIF22-GFP T158A	Fw: AGCTCGCAAGGGAGGAGGGTG Rev: GAGTACCTGGAGGACGTCGA	This study
pNA4284	KIF22-GFP T158D	Fw: CCTCCTGCAGCTCAGGGAGGAGGGTG Rev: CACCCTCCTCCCTGAGCTGCAGGAGG	This study

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VIDEO LEGENDS

Video 1. Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching of KIF22-GFP.

Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP) in HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP

(top), KIF22-GFP R149Q (middle), or KIF22-GFP V475G (bottom). Cells represent interphase

(left), metaphase (middle), or anaphase (right). Bleaching occurred at time zero. Scale bar 10 μm.

Cells were imaged at 5 second intervals for 25 seconds before bleaching, photobleached, and

imaged at 20 second intervals for 10 minutes after bleaching. Playback at 10 frames per second.

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1288   **Video 2. Anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells.**

1289   Anaphase chromosome segregation in HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP (left), KIF22-

1290   GFP R149Q (middle), or KIF22-GFP V475G (right). Magenta: SiR-Tubulin, green: KIF22-GFP.

1291   Times indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Scale bar 5 μm. Cells were imaged at 1 minute

1292   intervals. Playback at 10 frames per second (600X real time).

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1294   **Video 3. Anaphase in RPE-1 cells.**

1295   Anaphase chromosome segregation in RPE-1 cells expressing KIF22-GFP (left), KIF22-GFP

1296   R149Q (middle), or KIF22-GFP V475G (right). Magenta: SiR-Tubulin, green: KIF22-GFP. Times

1297   indicate minutes after anaphase onset. Scale bar 5 μm. Cells were imaged at 1 minute intervals.

1298   Playback at 10 frames per second (600X real time).

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1300   **Video 4. Anaphase spindle pole separation.**

1301 Anaphase in HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing pericentrin-RFP (magenta), CENPB-mCh (magenta),

1302 and KIF22-GFP (cyan). Times indicate seconds after anaphase onset. Scale bar 5 μm. Cells were

1303 imaged at 20 second intervals. Playback at 15 frames per second (300X real time).

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1305 **Video 5. Cytokinesis and cytokinesis failure.**

1306 Mitosis and cytokinesis in HeLa-Kyoto cells expressing KIF22-GFP (left), KIF22-GFP R149Q

1307 (middle), or KIF22-GFP V475G (right) (all KIF22-GFP represented in green) and mCh-CAAX

1308 (magenta). Scale bar 10 μm. Cells were imaged at 3 minute intervals. Playback at 25 frames per

1309 second (4500X real time).

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