

1 **CDK1 couples proliferation with protein synthesis**

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28 **ABSTRACT**

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30 Cell proliferation exerts a high demand on protein synthesis, yet the mechanisms coupling
31 the two processes are not fully understood. A kinase and phosphatase screen for
32 activators of translation, based on the formation of stress granules in human cells,
33 revealed cell cycle-associated kinases as major candidates. CDK1 was identified as a
34 positive regulator of global translation, and cell synchronization experiments showed that
35 this is an extra-mitotic function of CDK1. Dephosphorylation of eIF2 α and S6K1 signaling
36 were found to act downstream of CDK1. Moreover, Ribo-Seq analysis uncovered that
37 CDK1 exerts a particularly strong effect on the translation of 5'TOP mRNAs, which
38 includes mRNAs encoding for ribosomal proteins and several translation factors. This
39 effect requires the 5'TOP mRNA-binding protein LARP1, concurrent to our finding that
40 LARP1 phosphorylation is strongly dependent on CDK1. Taken together, our results show
41 that CDK1 provides a direct means to couple cell proliferation with biosynthesis of the
42 translation machinery and the rate of protein synthesis.

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44 INTRODUCTION

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46 Cell growth, proliferation and progression through the cell cycle strongly depend on the
47 synthesis of new proteins (Pardee, 1989; Polymenis and Aramayo, 2015). On the one
48 hand, cells exert temporal control over the production of specific proteins during the
49 different phases of the cell cycle (Aviner et al., 2013; Stumpf et al., 2013; Tanenbaum et
50 al., 2015). On the other hand, cells also need to adjust the overall rate of protein synthesis
51 to the proliferation rate in order to maintain cell size and functionality (Foster et al., 2010).
52 It is therefore not surprising that modifications of the translation machinery can affect cell
53 proliferation rates, and that deregulation of protein synthesis is increasingly recognized as
54 a major driver of cell transformation (Ruggero and Pandolfi, 2003; Silvera et al., 2010;
55 Truitt and Ruggero, 2016)

56 A few signaling pathways are known to regulate protein synthesis in response to
57 proliferative cues. The mechanistic target of rapamycin complex 1 (mTORC1), e.g.,
58 functions as a signaling node that adjusts protein synthesis to cell growth rates and the
59 metabolic status of the cell (Laplante and Sabatini, 2012). mTORC1 directly
60 phosphorylates 4E-BPs, thereby promoting the translation of a distinct group of mRNAs
61 that strongly depend on the eukaryotic translation initiation factor (eIF) 4E (Gandin et al.,
62 2016; Nandagopal and Roux, 2015). mTORC1 further enhances the translation of mRNAs
63 containing a 5' terminal oligo pyrimidine tract (5'TOP) motif, which includes many mRNAs
64 encoding ribosomal proteins and translation factors (Meyuhas and Kahan, 2015).

65 The protooncogenes Ras and Myc also control protein synthesis in order to
66 coordinate cellular growth rates with extracellular growth stimuli. While Myc mostly
67 controls translation through transcriptional upregulation of ribosomal components and
68 translation factors (van Riggelen et al., 2010), the Ras/Erk signaling pathway shares some
69 common downstream signals with mTORC1 including phosphorylation of ribosomal
70 protein S6 (RPS6) (Roux and Topisirovic, 2018).

71 While numerous translation factors are known to be phosphorylated (Roux and
72 Topisirovic, 2018), the regulatory impact of phosphorylation is established only for a few
73 factors such as eIF2 α , 4E-BPs and eEF2 (Jackson et al., 2010; Kenney et al., 2014).
74 Ribosomal proteins are also known to carry various posttranslational modifications (Shi
75 and Barna, 2015), yet the role of these modifications in controlling protein synthesis is
76 poorly understood. Recently, a systematic approach to identify translationally relevant
77 phosphorylation sites on ribosomal proteins revealed that phosphorylation of RPL12
78 controls the translation of mitosis-specific proteins (Imami et al., 2018).

79 At the core of the cell cycle, cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) drive cells through
80 the different phases of the cell cycle. In G1, Cyclin D-CDK4/6 (early) and Cyclin E-CDK2
81 (late) prepare entry into S-phase, where Cyclin A-CDK2 takes over and orchestrates
82 replication, followed by activation of Cyclin A/B-CDK1 promoting passage through G2 and
83 entry into M-phase (Malumbres and Barbacid, 2005). Interestingly, CDK1 can substitute
84 for the other CDKs and was found to be sufficient for driving the mammalian cell cycle
85 (Santamaria et al., 2007). CDK1 has also been linked to the control of protein synthesis
86 during M-phase (Shuda et al., 2015; Sivan et al., 2011)

87 In this study, we made use of the fact that a global decrease in translation initiation
88 is coupled to the assembly of cytoplasmic stress granules (SGs), aggregates that arise
89 through phase separation of stalled mRNAs and associated factors from the surrounding
90 cytosol (Kedersha et al., 2013). To identify novel regulators of protein synthesis, we
91 conducted an siRNA screen against all human kinases and phosphatases using SG
92 formation as a visual read-out. Since cell cycle-associated kinases were among the
93 primary candidates identified by the screen, we chose to pursue CDK1 and characterize
94 its role in protein synthesis. Our results demonstrate that CDK1 acts outside of mitosis as
95 a general activator of translation that allows direct adaptation of protein synthesis to the
96 rate of cell proliferation.

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98 **RESULTS**

99 **Identification of kinases and phosphatases suppressing SG assembly**

100 With the aim to identify kinases and phosphatases that enhance global protein synthesis
101 under regular growth conditions, we knocked down 711 human kinases and 256
102 phosphatases in HeLa cells stably expressing the SG marker GFP-G3BP1, using 4
103 independent siRNAs for each phosphotransferase. After 72 hours, cells were monitored
104 for the presence of SGs. As expected, GFP-G3BP1 was evenly distributed in the
105 cytoplasm in control knock down (kd) cells (Fig. 1A). SG formation was detected in a small
106 fraction of the kd cultures, and typically occurred only in a subpopulation of cells
107 (examples in Fig. 1A). For every phosphotransferase we calculated a SG score, which
108 reflects both the strength of the phenotype and its reproducibility, and found that kd of 54
109 kinases (8%) and 15 phosphatases (6%) led to SG formation with a SG score >10 (with at
110 least 2 different siRNAs) or >40 (with 1 siRNA). In comparison, control cells transfected
111 with non-targeting siRNAs had an average SG score of 1.9 (Fig. 1B and 1C, Table S1).

112 To our surprise, phosphotransferases associated with cell cycle regulation, proliferation or
113 DNA damage were highly represented among the candidates (35%, Fig. 1C). Those
114 associated with immunity and inflammation (12%) or carbohydrate metabolism (10%)
115 were also abundant, whereas only few candidates were associated with ribosome and
116 ribonucleotide biogenesis (3%). Given its central role for mitotic entry and its general
117 importance in the cell cycle (Itzhaki et al., 1997; Santamaria et al., 2007), we decided to
118 pursue CDK1 as a candidate that may connect proliferation rates with global protein
119 synthesis.

120 **Inhibition of CDK1 reduces protein synthesis**

121 Since SG-based screens not only report on regulators of translation, but also on
122 downstream factors that control the assembly and disassembly of SGs, it was important to
123 test if CDK1 influences global translation rates. To this end, we treated HeLa cells for 1 to
124 24 hours with the selective, ATP-competitive CDK1 inhibitor Ro3306 (Vassilev et al.,
125 2006). CDK1 inhibition (CDKi) led to the assembly of SGs (Fig. 2A), and by polysome
126 profile analysis we observed a progressive decrease in the percentage of polysomal
127 ribosomes (Fig. 2B), a measure that reflects the proportion of ribosomes engaged in
128 translation. We also quantified polypeptide synthesis using a puromycin incorporation
129 assay, and found a similar time-dependent decrease in response to Ro3306 treatment
130 (Fig. 2C and 2D). These results could be confirmed using a less selective CDK inhibitor,
131 Roscovitine (Cicenas et al., 2015) (Fig. S1A).

132 We then sought genetic evidence for a role of CDK1 in controlling protein
133 synthesis. Since CDK1 is an essential gene, we made use of HT2-19, a human HT1080-
134 derived cell line that contains one inactivated CDK1 allele, whereas the other allele is
135 under control of a lac repressor and hence transcribed only in the presence of IPTG
136 (Itzhaki et al., 1997). CDK1 levels were reduced at least 2-fold in HT2-19 cells cultured in
137 presence of IPTG, and polysomal ribosomes decreased from 43% in parental HT1080 to
138 32% (Fig. 2E and 2F). CDK1 became barely detectable when HT2-19 cells were kept in
139 the absence of IPTG for 7 days, and polysomal ribosomes dropped further to 18% (Fig.
140 2E and 2F). These cells did not divide anymore but increased in cell size (Fig. S1B).

141 **CDK1 controls global translation in a cell cycle-independent manner**

142 CDK1 activity changes throughout the cell cycle: it starts to increase during S-phase,
143 reaches its maximum in metaphase, and declines rapidly in anaphase (Bashir and
144 Pagano, 2005). In line with its activity profile, CDK1 was shown to control translation
145 during mitosis both at the level of translation initiation via phosphorylation of raptor
146 (Ramirez-Valle et al., 2010), 4E-BP1 (Heesom et al., 2001; Shuda et al., 2015; Velasquez
147 et al., 2016), S6K1 (Papst et al., 1998; Shah et al., 2003) and eIF4GI (Dobrikov et al.,
148 2014), as well as at the level of elongation via phosphorylation of eEF1B (Monnier et al.,
149 2001; Sivan et al., 2011) and eEF2K (Smith and Proud, 2008).

150 We noted that CDK1i led to SG formation only in about 10% of cells, which might
151 be related to the peak of CDK1 activity in mitosis. In order to test if SG formation upon
152 CDKi is restricted to a specific phase of the cell cycle, we made use of the FUCCI system
153 and applied Ro3306 to HeLa cells stably expressing either Kusabira-Orange-Cdt1 or
154 mVenus-Geminin (Sakaue-Sawano et al., 2008). While Cdt1 is expressed during G1- and
155 early S-phase, Geminin is expressed in S-phase, G2-phase and mitosis. Quantification of
156 SG-positive cells revealed no preference for a particular cell cycle phase since 10% of the
157 Kusabira-Orange-Cdt1-positive and 9% of the mVenus-Geminin-positive cells contained
158 SGs upon CDKi (Fig. 3A and 3B). This result suggested that CDK1 enhances global
159 protein synthesis in a cell cycle phase-independent manner.

160 To further explore this possibility, we arrested HeLa cells in early S-phase using a
161 double thymidine (TT) block and, without release from the block, subjected them to CDKi.
162 Compared to asynchronously proliferating cells (with 70% polysomal ribosomes, Fig. 2B),
163 the cell cycle arrest alone led to a reduction of global protein synthesis (41% polysomal
164 ribosomes), and treatment with Ro3306 for 4 hours caused a further decrease to 30%
165 polysomal ribosomes (Fig. 3C).

166 Likewise, we tested non-proliferating RPE1 cells after 48 hours of serum
167 starvation. The cells had entered G0-phase, visible through the appearance of primary
168 cilia (Fig. S2), and still responded to CDK1i by a strong reduction of their translation rate
169 (Fig. 3D). From these experiments we concluded that enhancing protein synthesis is an
170 extra-mitotic function of CDK1, which likely serves as a means to adjust protein synthesis
171 to the overall proliferation rate rather than to a specific phase of the cell cycle.

172 **eIF2 α phosphorylation and S6K1 contribute to translation control by CDK1**

173 We then sought to explore the signaling pathway by which CDK1 controls protein
174 synthesis. Various types of stress cause suppression of translation initiation via
175 phosphorylation of eIF2 α at serine (S)51, which prevents recharging of the initiator eIF2-
176 GTP-tRNA^{Met} ternary complex (Jackson et al., 2010). Western blot analysis of cytoplasmic
177 lysates from HeLa cells indicated that CDK1i leads to robust phosphorylation of eIF2 α
178 after 16 hours of Ro3306 treatment (Fig. 4A and 4B), whereas the onset of translation
179 suppression was visible already 1 hour after CDK1i (Fig. 2B–D). In line with this notion,
180 translation suppression upon Ro3306 treatment was partially impaired in mouse
181 embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) containing a bi-allelic phospho-deficient eIF2 α -S51A (AA)
182 mutation (Scheuner et al., 2001) as compared to MEFs expressing wild-type eIF2 α -S51
183 (SS) alleles (Fig. 4C, S3A and S3B). Thus, we concluded that eIF2 α phosphorylation is
184 alone not responsible for, but contributes to translation inhibition after CDK1i.

185 Next, we examined targets of the mTOR pathway. 4E-BP1, a direct target of
186 mTORC1, showed an increase in phosphorylation upon CDKi, and accumulated in a
187 hypophosphorylated form at 16 and 24 hours of Ro3306 treatment (Fig. 4A and 4B).
188 Since 4E-BP1 phosphorylation controls the integrity of the cap-binding complex
189 (Sonenberg and Hinnebusch, 2009), we carried out cap pulldown experiments using 7-
190 methyl-GTP agarose beads. As expected, inhibition of mTORC1 using Torin1 (Thoreen et
191 al., 2009) led to dissociation of eIF4G, eIF4A1 and eIF3B from eIF4E (Fig. S3C and S3D).
192 Inhibition of CDK1 by treatment with Ro3306 for 4 or 16 hours, however, did not interfere
193 with integrity of the cap-binding complex (Fig. S3C and S3D), indicating that CDKi does
194 not repress translation via inhibition of mTOR signaling.

195 RPS6, a direct target of S6 kinase 1 (S6K1) and indirect target of mTORC1, was
196 found to be strongly dephosphorylated early upon CDK1i (Fig. 4A and 4B). We first
197 examined whether S6K1 mediates CDK1-dependent control of translation by generating
198 HeLa cells that stably overexpress wild type (WT) or constitutively active (CA) S6K1.
199 Phosphorylation levels of RPS6 were partially restored in the S6K1 overexpressing cells
200 treated for 4 hours with Ro3306 (Fig. S4A), and translation suppression upon CDK1i was

201 slightly, though significantly, reduced in comparison to control HeLa cells (Fig. 4D and
202 S4B). We then tested whether RPS6 phosphorylation is responsible for this effect. In
203 MEFs expressing bi-allelic phospho-deficient RPS6^{P^{-/-}} (Ruvinsky et al., 2005), Ro3306
204 treatment suppressed translation to the same degree as in control RPS6^{P^{+/+}} MEFs (Fig.
205 4E and S4C). Taken together, these results indicated that eIF2 α phosphorylation and
206 S6K1 activity contribute to translation control by CDK1, whereas RPS6 phosphorylation is
207 not involved.

208 **CDK1 affects phosphorylation of translation-associated factors**

209 CDK1 was recently detected in a ribosome interaction capture mass spectrometry
210 analysis (Simsek et al., 2017), and found to phosphorylate ribosomal protein RPL12
211 (Imami et al., 2018). Together with our observation that CDK1i affects RPS6
212 phosphorylation (Fig. 4A and 4B), these findings prompted us to explore whether CDK1
213 might influence more generally the phosphorylation of ribosomal proteins and/or
214 ribosome-associated factors. First, we explored if CDK1 indeed interacts with ribosomes.
215 Polysome profile analysis revealed that a small proportion of CDK1 co-migrates with
216 polysomes, and shifts to lighter fractions upon disassembly of polysomes by RNaseI (Fig.
217 5A and S5A).

218 We then sought to identify possible targets of CDK1 associated with ribosomes
219 using SILAC-based phosphoproteomics. Ribosomal fractions were obtained through
220 sucrose gradient centrifugation from HeLa cells treated with either DMSO or Ro3306 for 4
221 hours, and subjected to mass spectrometry analysis. Phosphopeptide enrichment using
222 PhosSelect iron affinity gel IMAC beads led to the identification of 2918 phosphorylated
223 residues (Table S3). Ro3306-sensitive sites were detected in several ribosomal proteins
224 (RPS6, RPS10, RPS17, RPL12, RPL29), translation factors (eIF2B4, eIF3 subunits,
225 eIF4A1, eIF4B, eIF4GI, eIF5B), translation regulators (LARP1, YTHDF1) as well as
226 mRNA splicing and export factors (SRRM2, SFSWAP, THOC2, ZC3H11A and eIF4A3). A
227 prominent reduction of phosphorylation upon CDKi was observed for RPS6 and LARP1
228 (Fig. 5B), and this result could be verified in a second LC-MS/MS analysis using a smaller
229 scale, TiO₂-based enrichment of phosphopeptides (Fig. S5B and Table S4).

230 **CDK1 strongly enhances 5'TOP mRNA translation via LARP1**

231 To gain further insight into the translation regulatory function of CDK1, we next performed
232 ribosome footprint (Ribo-Seq) analysis. Cell cycle phase-dependent effects were avoided
233 by using RPE1 cells arrested in G₀ through serum starvation, and ribosome density (RD)
234 was measured at an early time point (4 hours) after CDK1i. As an internal standard, equal

235 amounts of a yeast lysate were spiked into the RPE1 cell lysates prior to RNaseI
236 digestion, which allowed us to assess both the global and transcript-specific effects of
237 Ro3306 on translation. To reduce distortion of results through ligation biases, the input
238 RNA was fragmented by alkaline hydrolysis and subjected to the same library preparation
239 protocol as the ribosomal footprints. Quality assessment showed the desired read lengths
240 (Fig. S6A), pronounced periodicity and ORF enrichment for the footprints, but not the input
241 RNA (Fig. S6B), as well as adequate reproducibility between biological replicates (Fig.
242 S6A–C). As expected, CDK1i led to a global drop in RD (Fig. 6A, most transcripts below
243 the diagonal), which corresponds to a two-fold reduction in the average RD (Fig. 6B). This
244 result is in good agreement with the 3-fold reduction in polysomal ribosomes measured by
245 polysome profiling (Fig. 3D).

246 The analysis of individual transcripts revealed that CDK1i causes pronounced
247 suppression of 5'TOP mRNAs, which includes all mRNAs encoding cytosolic ribosomal
248 proteins (Fig. 6A and 6C). In contrast, mRNAs encoding mitochondrial ribosomal proteins,
249 which do not contain a 5'TOP motif, or IRES-containing mRNAs, were not particularly
250 sensitive to CDK1i (Fig. 6A and 6C). We confirmed in HeLa cells that Ro3306 treatment
251 preferentially reduces the association of 5'TOP mRNAs (RPLP0 and PABPC4) with
252 polysomes, whereas control mRNAs (EIF2 α and NCL) were barely affected (Fig. 6D,
253 repeats shown in Fig. S7A and S7B).

254 5'TOP mRNA translation was shown to be controlled by La related protein 1
255 (LARP1), which directly competes with eIF4E for binding to the cap of these transcripts
256 (Lahr et al., 2017). Although LARP1 was initially reported to enhance translation of 5'TOP
257 mRNAs under normal growth conditions (Tcherkezian et al., 2014), more recent evidence
258 suggests that LARP1 actively represses 5'TOP mRNA translation (Fonseca et al., 2015;
259 Philippe et al., 2018). This switch in activity appears to be controlled by phosphorylation of
260 LARP1 (Hong et al., 2017). Since our phosphoproteomics analysis had indicated
261 prominent changes in LARP1 phosphorylation (Fig. 5B), we decided to test whether the
262 inhibitory effect of CDK1i on 5'TOP mRNA translation was dependent on LARP1 using
263 knockout cells (doi.org/10.1101/491274). Whereas CDK1i led to a strong reduction of
264 5'TOP mRNA association with polysomes in WT HEK293T cells, the effect was much
265 smaller in HEK293T LARP1^{-/-} cells (Fig. 6E, repeats shown in Fig. S7C and S7D). Since
266 both HEK293T WT and LARP1^{-/-} cells responded to CDK1i by a reduction of polysomes
267 (Fig. S7E–G), we concluded that LARP1 is not linked to the effect on global protein
268 synthesis, while it does mediate the specific effect of CDK1 on enhancing 5'TOP mRNA
269 translation.

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271 **DISCUSSION**

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273 Early experiments measuring the incorporation of radiolabelled nucleosides and amino
274 acids had already pointed to a tight connection between the proliferation rate and the rate
275 of protein synthesis in cultured fibroblast subjected to contact inhibition (Levine et al.,
276 1965) or serum deprivation (Rudland, 1974). Current concepts on mechanisms that
277 couple the two rates focus on the mTOR signaling network, which integrates cues from
278 growth factors and nutritional sensing in order to control a cell growth checkpoint in late
279 G1 (Foster et al., 2010). The connection is based upon the notion that active mTOR,
280 amongst its many effector functions, promotes cell proliferation as well as protein
281 synthesis and ribosome biogenesis (Laplante and Sabatini, 2012).

282 Our SG-based screen for potential activators of translation revealed several
283 candidate kinases that are primarily associated with cell cycle, proliferation and DNA
284 damage (Fig. 1). A similar observation was made in an earlier screen by the Pelkmans
285 lab, where inhibitors of several cell cycle kinases were found to prevent the dissolution of
286 SGs (Wippich et al., 2013). These findings prompted us to test whether cell cycle kinases
287 may be directly involved in controlling protein synthesis, and we decided to focus on
288 CDK1 given its central role in driving the cell cycle (Santamaria et al., 2007).

289 Our analysis uncovered a novel, cell cycle-independent function of CDK1 in
290 enhancing overall protein synthesis. We found that global protein synthesis rates are
291 strongly reduced upon pharmacological inhibition of CDK1 using Ro3306 (Fig. 2) or
292 Roscovitine (Fig. S1), and specificity of this observation could be confirmed by genetic
293 inactivation of CDK1 in HT1080-derived HT2-19 cells (Fig. 2E). The effect was general as
294 Ro3306 suppressed translation in transformed HeLa cells (Fig. 2) as well as in non-
295 transformed RPE1 cells (Fig. 3D), HEK293T cells (Fig. S7E) and MEFs (Fig. S3A and
296 S4C).

297 Previous studies identified several translation-associated factors as direct
298 substrates of CDK1 in mitosis, including S6K1 (Papst et al., 1998; Shah et al., 2003),
299 Raptor (Ramirez-Valle et al., 2010), eEF2K (Smith and Proud, 2008), eIF4GI (Dobrikov et
300 al., 2014), 4E-BP1 (Heesom et al., 2001; Shuda et al., 2015; Velasquez et al., 2016),
301 eEF1D (Monnier et al., 2001; Sivan et al., 2011) and the ribosomal protein RPL12 (Imami
302 et al., 2018). These studies suggested that CDK1 regulates translation only during
303 mitosis, and many of the reported CDK1-dependent phosphorylation events (S6K1,
304 eIF4GI, eEF1D) were proposed to repress global translation in order to increase the
305 translation of mitosis-specific transcripts. On the other hand, CDK1-dependent
306 phosphorylation of 4E-BP1 (Heesom et al., 2001; Shuda et al., 2015) and eEF2K (Smith
307 and Proud, 2008) were linked to a positive role of CDK1 in global translation during

308 mitosis. Our findings suggest that CDK1 also exerts a translation regulatory function
309 independently of the cell cycle phase, since Ro3306 treatment suppressed translation in
310 cells arrested in early S-phase (Fig. 3C) or in G0 (Fig. 3D). Thus, we propose that in
311 addition to controlling translation during mitosis, CDK1 serves as a relay to balance the
312 overall proliferation rate of a cell with the overall protein synthesis rate. This may be linked
313 to the notion that CDK1 phosphorylates different substrates depending on its activity
314 during the cell cycle, its subcellular localization, its association with co-activators (cyclins
315 or RINGO proteins) and possibly its phosphorylation status (Gupta et al., 2007;
316 Hochegger et al., 2008; Nebreda, 2006; Swaffer et al., 2016)

317 When addressing the mechanism by which CDK1 enhances global protein
318 synthesis, we found that CDK1 influences translation initiation via multiple, possibly
319 redundant pathways. First, we found an increase in eIF2 α phosphorylation upon CDKi
320 (Fig. 4A), and since translation suppression was reduced in MEFs expressing non-
321 phosphorylatable eIF2 α S51A (AA) (Fig. 4C), one role of CDK1 is to promote recharging
322 of the eIF2-GTP-tRNA_i^{Met} ternary complex. Second, we observed a pronounced reduction
323 in RPS6 phosphorylation upon CDKi (Fig. 4A and 5B), and reduced translation
324 suppression in HeLa cells overexpressing S6K1 (Fig. 4D) indicated that CDK1 also
325 enhances translation initiation through the S6K1 signaling axis. Of note, CDK1 most likely
326 does not act via mTOR since CDK1i, in contrast to mTOR inhibition, did not alter the
327 integrity of the cap binding complex (Fig. S3C and S3D). Third, we could show that CDK1
328 co-sediments with polysomes (Fig. 5A), and a recent mass spectrometry approach found
329 CDK1 to be associated with ribosomes (Simsek et al., 2017). This is in line with the notion
330 that RPL12 is a known substrate of CDK1, and RPL12 phosphorylation was recently
331 shown to enhance a mitotic translation program (Imami et al., 2018). Hence, it is possible
332 that CDK1 stimulates global translation by phosphorylating additional proteins of, or
333 associated with, the ribosome. Finally, our results show that CDK1 is a pronounced
334 activator of 5'TOP mRNA translation, which includes the synthesis of all ribosomal
335 proteins (Fig. 6). Hence, CDK1 has a sustained effect on global protein synthesis in
336 proliferating cells as it enhances translation at the initiation level, possibly also at the
337 elongation level (Smith and Proud, 2008), and by promoting biogenesis of the protein
338 synthesis machinery.

339 We were intrigued by the pronounced effect of CDK1i on 5'TOP mRNA translation.
340 In agreement with this finding, it is well known that cell cycle progression tightly correlates
341 with 5'TOP mRNA translation. For example, cell cycle arrest in G0, at the beginning of S-
342 phase or in M-phase, strongly reduces translation of 5'TOP mRNAs (Meyuhas and Kahan,
343 2015). Likewise, translation of 5'TOP mRNAs is low in resting adult liver cells, but high in
344 developing fetal liver cells as well as in proliferating adult liver cells during regeneration

345 (Aloni et al., 1992). We propose that CDK1 has a central role in coupling 5'TOP mRNA
346 translation with the proliferation status of the cell since i) LARP1 phosphorylation is
347 strongly dependent on CDK1 activity (Fig. 5B) and ii) CDK1 controls 5'TOP mRNA
348 translation in a LARP1-dependent manner (Fig. 6E). Future studies will need to show if
349 LARP1 is a direct target of CDK1, and address the detailed mechanism by which CDK1
350 antagonizes the inhibitory activity of LARP1 on 5'TOP mRNA translation.

351 Taken together, our results suggest that CDK1 acts as a central relay connecting
352 proliferative cues with protein synthesis. This activity occurs in parallel to the mTOR
353 kinase, which functions as a signaling hub that couples cues from growth factors and
354 nutrient sensing with protein synthesis. CDK1 and mTOR thereby share common targets
355 including S6K1, 4EBP1 and LARP1. Together with mTOR and Ras/Erk, CDK1 appears to
356 form a homeostatic network that coordinates proliferative cues and growth signals with the
357 availability of the protein synthesis machinery and the rate of protein synthesis.

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388 FUCCI cells, A.K. Hollensen and C.K. Damgaard generated the LARP1^{-/-} HEK293T cells,
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395 **MATERIALS and METHODS**

396 **Plasmid generation**

397 The GFP-G3BP1 sequence was obtained from J. Tazi (Institut de Génétique Moléculaire
398 de Montpellier, France) and cloned into the NheI and EcoRI sites of pCI-puro, resulting in
399 pCI-puro-GFP-G3BP1 (p2163). pKH3-HA-S6K1-WT (p2760) and pKH3-HA-S6K1-CA
400 (F5A-T389E-R5A) (p2762) were kindly provided by J. Blenis (Weill Cornell Medicine, New
401 York, NY, USA). HA-S6K1-WT and HA-S6K1-CA sequences were amplified using oligos
402 G4542 and G4543 from plasmid p2760 and p2762, respectively, and cloned into the SmaI
403 sites of pWPI-BLR (Ruggieri et al., 2012), resulting in the generation of pWPI-BLR-HA-
404 S6K1-WT (p3669) and pWPI-BLR-HA-S6K1-CA (F5A-T389E-R5A) (p3671). pWPI-
405 FUCCI-Kusabira-Orange-Cdt1-Zeo and pWPI-FUCCI-mVenus-Geminin-Zeo were
406 generated by EcoRI-XbaI excision of the human Cdt1 gene N-terminally fused to mKO2
407 from plasmids pCSII-EF-MCS-mKO2-hCdt1-(30/120) and of the human Geminin gene N-
408 terminally fused to mVenus from pCSII-EF-MCS-mVenus-hGeminin-(1/110), respectively
409 (both kindly provided by A. Miyawaki, RIKEN Center for Brain Science, Japan) (Sakaue-
410 Sawano et al., 2008). Both sequences were inserted into the lentiviral transduction vector
411 pWPI carrying a zeocin resistance gene.

412 **Generation of stable cell lines and knockout cell lines**

413 HeLa GFP-G3BP1 cells were generated by plasmid transfection of pCI-puro-GFP-G3BP1
414 (p2163) using PEI. 24 h after transfection, cells were subjected to selection pressure by
415 the addition of 2 µg/ml puromycin (Gibco). After two weeks of selection, mass cell cultures
416 were FACS-sorted using a BD FACSAria IIIu cell sorter. HeLa-FUCCI-Kusabira-Orange-
417 hCdt1 and HeLa-FUCCI-mVenus-hGeminin cells were generated by lentiviral transduction
418 of pWPI-FUCCI-Kusabira-Orange-Cdt1-Zeo and pWPI-FUCCI-mVenus-Geminin-Zeo,
419 respectively. Retroviral transduction and generation of stable cell lines was performed as
420 described in (Ruggieri et al., 2012). In short, 293T cells were seeded into 6 cm-diameter
421 dishes and transfected using the CalPhos mammalian transfection kit (Becton Dickinson)
422 as recommended by the manufacturer. For transfection, the packaging plasmid
423 (pCMVΔ8.91), the transfer vector (pWPI-based) and the VSV envelope glycoprotein
424 expression vector (pMD2.G) were used in a concentration ratio of 3:3:1. Transduction of
425 HeLa cells with the lentiviral particles was repeated three times every 12 h to achieve high
426 number of integrates and thus high expression levels. Transduced cell pools were
427 subjected to selection with medium containing 100 µg/ml zeocin (Invitrogen) and high
428 expressing cells were sorted by FACS. HeLa-HA-S6K1-WT and HeLa-HA-S6K1-CA cells

429 were generated similarly by retroviral transduction using pWPI-BLR-HA-S6K1-WT (p3669)
430 and pWPI-BLR-HA-S6K1-CA (F5A-T389E-R5A) (p3671). Cells were subjected to
431 selection pressure by the addition of 5 µg/ml blasticidin (Invitrogen). To create plasmids
432 for expression of LARP1-specific gRNAs, LARP1-oligo1 and LARP1-oligo2 were annealed
433 and cloned into Esp3I-digested LentiCRISPRv2, resulting in a vector designated
434 LentiCRISPR-LARP1gRNA. HEK293T cells were maintained in DMEM medium (Gibco)
435 supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum (Gibco) and 100 units/mL penicillin/streptomycin
436 (Gibco). All cells were cultured at 37°C in 5% (v/v) CO₂. One day prior to transfection,
437 HEK293T cells were seeded at a density of 3 x 10⁵ cells/well in 6-well plates.
438 Transfections were carried out using 1 µg LentiCRISPR-LARP1 gRNA and Lipofectamine
439 2000 Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen) according to manufacturer's protocol. Two days
440 after transfection, the cells were reseeded at a density of 0.2 cells/well in 96-well plates.
441 After expansion of single cells, genomic DNA was purified using the GenElute Mammalian
442 Genomic DNA Miniprep Kits (Millipore) according to manufacturer's protocol. LARP1
443 CRISPR/Cas9 KO was verified by PCR on genomic DNA using the primers LARP1-oligo3
444 and LARP1-oligo4, followed by Sanger sequencing of the resulting PCR-product using the
445 primer LARP1-oligo3.

446 **Cell culture**

447 HeLa cells, HEK293T cells and MEFs were maintained in Dulbeccos's modified Eagle's
448 medium (DMEM, Gibco) containing 10% fetal calf serum (FCS, PAA Laboratories), 2 mM
449 L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin and 100 µg/ml streptomycin (all PAN Biotech). eIF2α
450 Ser51 SS (WT) and AA MEFs (Scheuner et al., 2001) were a kind gift from R. Kaufmann
451 (Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute, La Jolla, CA, USA); RPS6^{P+/+} and
452 RPS6^{P-/-} MEFs were generously provided by O. Meyuhas (Hebrew University of
453 Jerusalem, Israel). The generation of HEK293T LARP1^{-/-} cells will be published elsewhere
454 (doi.org/10.1101/491274). HT1080 and HT2-19 cells (Itzhaki et al., 1997) were a kind gift
455 from A. Porter (Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK) and were maintained in
456 Dulbeccos's modified Eagle's (DMEM, Gibco) high glucose and non-essential amino acids
457 (NEAA) medium containing 10% fetal calf serum (FCS, PAA Laboratories), 2 mM L-
458 glutamine, 10 mM pyruvate, 40 U/ml penicillin and 40 µg/ml streptomycin (all PAN
459 Biotech). HT2-19 cells were additionally supplemented with 0.2 mM IPTG (AppliChem).
460 For CDK1 depletion HT2-19 cells were seeded at very low density and cultured in the
461 absence of IPTG for 7 days. RPE1 cells, kindly provided by I. Hoffmann (German Cancer
462 Research Center, Heidelberg), were cultured in HAM's F-12 medium (HAM's F-12 (1:1),
463 Millipore) containing 10% FCS, 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin and 100 µg/ml

464 streptomycin. HeLa-FUCCI-Kusabira-Orange-hCdt1, HeLa-FUCCI-mVenus-hGeminin and
465 HeLa-GFP-G3BP1 cells were FACS sorted, cultured without selection pressure and
466 maintained at low passage numbers. All cells were cultured at sub-confluency, at 37°C in
467 5% CO₂. For treatment with inhibitors, cells were seeded the evening before, and Ro-
468 3306 (Sigma, 10 µM), Roscovitine (Sigma, 20 µM), Torin-1 (200 nM, Tocris Bioscience) or
469 control solvent (DMSO) were diluted in fresh medium, which was added onto the cells for
470 the indicated times. For synchronization, HeLa cells were subjected to a double thymidine
471 block following standard procedures (18 h 2 mM thymidine, 9 h release, and 18 h 2 mM
472 thymidine).

473 **Screening approach and SG score**

474 For the siRNA screen, 96-well MGB096-1-2-LGL matriplates (Brooks) were coated with a
475 siRNA transfection mix containing the Dharmacon siGenome siRNA libraries GU-003505
476 Human Protein kinase and GU-003705 Human Phosphatase from Thermo Scientific,
477 Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Invitrogen), 57 mM sucrose, 0.03% gelatine/fibronectin in
478 solution and OPTIMEM. The coated plates were prepared for long term storage by drying,
479 coating and drying were carried out in the Cellnetworks Advanced Biological Screening
480 Facility of Heidelberg University using the Hamilton “STAR” pipetting robot. The siRNA
481 libraries were directed against in total 711 human kinases and 256 human phosphatases
482 including 4 individual siRNAs per gene. 2000 HeLa-GFP-G3BP1 cells per well were
483 seeded into the 96-well plates, siRNAs were transfected at a final concentration of 50 nM
484 and kd was carried out for 72 h. Cells were fixed for 10 minutes at RT using 4% PFA in
485 PBS supplemented with Hoechst dye (1:10000 diluted). Afterwards, cells were washed 3
486 times and stored in PBS at 4°C and in the dark until examination under the microscope.
487 Seeding, washing and fixation were done with a microplate suspensor (Thermo Scientific
488 Multidrop Combi) in order to ensure fast, synchronous and equal handling. SG formation
489 was analyzed using a Nikon eclipse Ti-E microscope and a Nikon plan Apo 60x oil
490 objective that was constantly supplied with immersion oil by a pumping system. 16 images
491 per well were taken automatically using a sCMOS camera (Flash4, Hamamatsu), Nikon
492 JOBS software and the Nikon perfect focus system, and images were subsequently
493 analyzed by eye. For every phosphotransferase, a SG score was calculated by multiplying
494 the sum of SG-containing cells, observed with all 4 siRNAs, by the number of siRNAs
495 causing SGs.

496 **Immunofluorescence (IF) and microscopy**

497 Cells were seeded onto glass coverslips one day before drug treatment. Cells were fixed
498 with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 10 min, permeabilized with 0.5% Triton-X in PBS for
499 10 min and blocked with 3% BSA in PBS for 1 h at RT. Cy3- or Cy2-conjugated secondary
500 donkey antibodies (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, West Grove, PA) were used
501 for detection of primary antibodies. DNA was stained with Hoechst dye (1: 10000, Sigma).
502 Coverslips were mounted onto glass slides using a solution of 14% polyvinyl-alcohol
503 (P8136, Sigma) and 30% glycerol in PBS. Microscopy was performed on a Leica DM
504 5000 Microscope using a 20x or 40x dry objective, or a 40x oil objective. Alternatively, a
505 Nikon eclipse Ti-E microscope was used in combination with a 40x dry objective or a 60x
506 oil objective. Images were taken with an Andor CCD camera or a pco edge sCMOS
507 camera, and subsequently processed and analyzed using Adobe Photoshop and Fiji
508 software.

509 **Western blot analysis**

510 Cells were lysed by scraping in ice-cold protein lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 150
511 mM NaCl, 15 mM MgCl₂, 1% Triton X-100) supplemented with EDTA-free protease
512 inhibitor cocktail (Roche) and phosphatase inhibitors (1 mM sodium vanadate, 50 mM
513 sodium fluoride, 0.04 μM okadaic acid). Samples were incubated for 5 min on ice and
514 nuclei were removed by centrifugation for 5 min at 10,000 g at 4°C. 10–20 μg total protein
515 was diluted in SDS sample buffer (4 % SDS, 20 % Glycerol, 10 % DTT, 0.004 %
516 Bromphenol Blue, 0.125 M Tris HCl), loaded onto 5–20% polyacrylamide gradient gels
517 and transferred to a 0.2 μm pore size nitrocellulose membrane (PeqLab) by wet blotting.
518 Membranes were blocked in 5% milk or 5% BSA (both diluted in PBS) at RT, incubated
519 with primary antibodies diluted in PBSA overnight at 4°C and washed with TBS containing
520 1% Tween 20 (TBST). Horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated secondary antibodies
521 (Jackson Immunoresearch, diluted 1:5000 in PBS) and Western Lightning Enhanced
522 Chemiluminescence substrate (Perkin Elmer) were used for detection.

523 **Antibodies**

524 Mouse anti-G3BP1 (TT-Y) (Santa Cruz sc-81940), mouse anti-acetylated tubulin (Sigma
525 C3B9), goat anti-eIF3B (Santa Cruz sc-16377), mouse anti-puromycin (Millipore
526 MABE343), mouse anti-CDK1 (B-6) (Santa Cruz sc-8395), rabbit anti-RPS6 (5G10) (Cell
527 Signaling #2217), rabbit anti-phospho-eIF2alpha (Cell Signaling #9721), rabbit anti-
528 eIF2alpha (Cell Signaling #9722), rabbit anti-4E-BP1 (Cell Signaling #9644), rabbit anti-
529 phospho-4E-BP1 (Thr37/46) (Cell Signaling #236B4), rabbit anti-phospho-RPS6

530 (Ser235/236) (D57.2.2E) (Cell Signaling #4858), mouse anti-tubulin (DM1A) (Sigma
531 T9026), mouse anti-HA.11 (MMS-101P, Covance), rabbit anti-RPS10 (Abcam ab151550),
532 mouse anti-RPS3 (Santa Cruz sc-376098), rabbit anti-LARP1 (Abcam ab86359), mouse
533 anti-FLAG M2 (Sigma F 3165), mouse anti-eIF4E (P-2) (Santa Cruz sc-9976), rabbit anti-
534 eIF4G (Santa Cruz sc-11373), goat anti-eIF4A1 (Santa Cruz sc-14211)

535 **Primers**

536 G1714, 5'-GAAGGCTCATGGCAAGAAGG-3' (beta globin fw)
537 G1715, 5'-ATGATGAGACAGCACATAACCAG-3' (beta globin rev)
538 G2943 5'-TGGAGACTCTCAGGGTCGAAA-3' (CDKN1A fw)
539 G2944 5'-GGCGTTTGGAGTGGTAGAAATC-3' (CDKN1A rev)
540 G2979, 5'-TCGATGGGCGATCTATTTCCCTGT-3' (NCL fw)
541 G2980, 5'-TGTTGCACTGTAGGAGAGGTTGCT-3' (NCL rev)
542 G3007, 5'-GAGTTCGAGTCCGGCATCT-3' (RPS7 fw)
543 G3008, 5'-CGACCACCACCAACTTCAA-3' (RPS7 rev)
544 G4542: 5'-GATCCCCCGGGAATAACATCCACTTTGCCTTTCTC-3'
545 G4543: 5'-TTTCCCGGGTCATAGATTCATACGCAGGTGC-3'
546 G4737, 5'-TCTACAGAAAACATGCCCATTAAG-3' (EIF2S1 fw)
547 G4738, 5'-GCCATAGCTTGACTGAGGACA-3' (EIF2S1 rev)
548 G4739, 5'-TCTACAACCCTGAAGTGCTTGAT-3' (RPLP0 fw)
549 G4740, 5'-CAATCTGCAGACAGACACTGG-3' (RPLP0 rev)
550 G4753, 5'-GTAGGCCGTGCACAAAAGA-3' (PABPC4 fw)
551 G4754, 5'-AATGTAGAGATTCACCCCCTGA-3' (PABPC4 rev)
552 G4976, 5'-CTGGGTGAAGAATGGAAGGGTT-3' (RPS6 fw)
553 G4988, 5'-TGCATCCACAATGCAACCAC-3' (RPS6 rev)
554 LARP1-oligo1, 5'-CACCGAGACACATACCTGCCAATCG-3'
555 LARP1-oligo2, 5'-AAACCGATTGGCAGGTATGTGTCTC-3'
556 LARP1-oligo3, 5'-GGGAAAGGGATCTGCCCAAG-3'
557 LARP1-oligo4, 5'-CACCGAGCCCCATCACTCTTC-3'

558 **Polysome profile analysis**

559 Cells were seeded one day before the experiment and kept at sub-confluency in order to
560 prevent translation suppression by contact inhibition. Cells were then treated with 100
561 µg/ml cycloheximide (CHX) for 5 min at RT in order to stabilize existing polysomes before
562 washing with ice-cold PBS and harvesting by scraping in polysome lysis buffer (20 mM
563 Tris HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM DTT, 100 mg/ml CHX, 1% Triton X-

564 100, 40 U/ml RNasin, EDTA-free complete protease inhibitors (Roche)). Lysates were
565 rotated end over end for 10 min at 4°C and cleared by centrifugation at 10,000 g for 10
566 min at 4°C. 40 µl lysate were saved for Western blot analysis before the cellular lysate
567 was loaded onto linear 17.5–50% sucrose gradients (dissolved in 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5,
568 5 mM MgCl₂, 150 mM NaCl). Sucrose density gradient centrifugation was carried out at
569 35,000 rpm at 4°C using a SW60 rotor (Beckman) for 2.5 h. Polysome profiles were
570 recorded by measuring the absorbance at 254 nm using a Teledyne ISCO Foxy Jr. or a
571 Teledyne ISCO Foxy R1 system in combination with PeakTrak software. Profiles were
572 then aligned manually according to the 80S peak, and the percentage of polysomal
573 ribosomes was calculated by dividing the area under the curve of the polysomal
574 ribosomes by the total area under the curve.

575 **Polysome fractionation**

576 During gradient elution, fractions of approximately 300 µl were collected every 14
577 seconds. For RNA isolation, 300 µl Urea buffer (10 mM Tris pH 7.5, 350 mM NaCl, 10 mM
578 EDTA, 1 % SDS and 7 M urea) containing 25 fmol rabbit HBB2 *in vitro* transcript and 300
579 µl Phenol:Chloroform:Isamylalcohol (PCI) (25:24:1) were added to each fraction. After
580 phase separation, RNA was isolated from the aqueous phase and precipitated using
581 isopropanol. RNA levels in the different fractions were subsequently analyzed by qPCR as
582 follows: RNA was reverse transcribed using the MMLV reverse transcriptase (Promega),
583 followed by cDNA amplification using the PowerUp SYBR Green Master Mix (Thermo
584 Fisher Scientific) and the QuantStudio 5 Real-TimePCR system (Thermo Fisher
585 Scientific). All CT values were normalized to the HBB2 spike-in transcript in order to
586 correct for isolation differences.

587 For protein purification, 300 µl Tris-HCl (20 mM, pH 7.5) and 10 µl StrataClear
588 beads were added to each fraction. Samples were rotated end over end at 4°C overnight,
589 centrifuged at ~ 100 g for 2 min., and proteins were eluted from the beads using SDS
590 sample buffer.

591 **Ribosome footprint (Ribo-Seq) analysis**

592 RPE1 cells were cultured in the absence of FBS for 48 h. Afterwards, cells were incubated
593 for 4 h in fresh medium without FBS supplemented with either DMSO or Ro3306, washed
594 once in ice-cold PBS supplemented with 100 µg/ml CHX and harvested by scraping in
595 polysome lysis buffer. Lysates were rotated end over end for 10 min at 4°C and cleared
596 by centrifugation at 10,000 g for 10 min at 4°C. The DMSO- and Ro3306-treated samples
597 were adjusted to the same OD260 before yeast polysome lysate (2% of the RPE1 lysates

598 according to OD260 measurement) was spiked into each sample. 10% of the lysates were
599 saved as input samples. The lysates were subsequently digested with RNase I (60 units
600 per OD260) for 5 min at 4°C, and the reaction was stopped by addition of Superase
601 Inhibitor (6 units). Samples were then fractionated by 17.5–50% sucrose density gradient
602 centrifugation, and RNA was purified from the cytoplasmic lysate (input) or from the
603 monosomal fractions (ribosome protected fragments) using PCI (25:24:1) by phase
604 separation. Both input and ribosome protected fragments were depleted of rRNA with the
605 Ribo-Zero Gold Kit (Illumina). Input RNA was randomly fragmented by alkaline hydrolysis
606 at pH 10 for 12 min at 95°C. Fragmented RNA and ribosome protected fragments were
607 size-selected (25 - 35 nt) on a 15% polyacrylamide TBE-urea gel. After end-repair with T4
608 PNK, 3 ng per sample were used for library preparation using the NEXTflex Small RNA-
609 Seq Kit v3 according to the manufacturer's manual. Libraries were multiplexed and
610 sequenced on one lane of a NextSeq500 sequencer (Illumina).

611 For Ribo-Seq data analysis, adapter sequences were first removed with the
612 FASTX-toolkit (http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/), and the four random nucleotides
613 at the beginning and end of the reads were trimmed. Read alignment was then performed
614 using bowtie (Langmead et al., 2009). Reads that did not map to human tRNA or rRNA
615 sequences were aligned to a common human transcriptome reference
616 (wgEncodeGencodeBasicV27) and a yeast transcriptome (sacCer3ensGene). In order to
617 summarize reads at the gene level, only reads that map to the annotated ORF of isoforms
618 of one specific gene (as defined by a common gene symbol) were counted with an in-
619 house-developed perl script. In order to identify individually regulated mRNAs with
620 DESeq2, human read counts were normalized with the median ratio method before
621 calculating average fold-changes, and p-values for changes in ribosome density were
622 obtained from a likelihood ratio test (Love et al., 2014). The sum of read counts assigned
623 to yeast or human ORFs was used in order to measure global changes in translation
624 efficiency. For categorization, mRNAs that contain an IRES-element (according to
625 http://iresite.org/IRESite_web.php?page=browse_cellular_transcripts) or a 5'TOP motif
626 (according to (Meyuhas and Kahan, 2015)) were grouped.

627 **Puromycin incorporation**

628 Cell were treated with 10 µg/ml puromycin (Gibco, Life Technologies) for 5 min at 37°C,
629 washed twice with PBS and lysed in protein lysis buffer. For Western blot analysis, equal
630 amounts of total cell lysates were separated by SDS-PAGE. Puromycin signals were
631 detected with anti-puromycin antibody. The signal intensity was measured along the entire
632 lane and normalized to the overall Ponceau S staining of the corresponding lane.

633 **Phosphoproteomics**

634 HeLa cells were cultured in SILAC medium (DMEM without arginine, lysine, glutamine and
635 pyruvate, containing 10% FBS for SILAC (Silantes), 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin
636 and 100 µg/ml streptomycin (all PAN Biotech) and either light- or heavy-labeled amino
637 acids (SILAC amino acids (Silantes 211603902 and 201603902)) for 14 days. 4 times 3.5×10^6
638 $\times 10^6$ heavy-labeled cells and 4 times 3.5×10^6 light-labeled cells were seeded into in total
639 8 15-cm dishes. Light-labeled cells were treated with DMSO and heavy-labeled cells with
640 Ro3306 (10 µM) for 4 h, and labels were swapped in the repeat experiment. Cells were
641 washed with ice-cold PBS, 200 µl low magnesium polysome lysis buffer (20 mM Tris HCl
642 pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 0.25 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM DTT, 100 mg/ml CHX, 1% Triton X-100, 40
643 U/ml RNasin, EDTA-free complete protease inhibitors (Roche), phosphatase inhibitors
644 (PhosphoSTOP, Roche)) were added and lysates were harvested by scraping. Lysates
645 were then rotated end over end for 10 min at 4°C and cleared by centrifugation at 10,000
646 g for 10 min at 4°C. The total protein content of the lysate was measured using a Bradford
647 assay. Equal amounts of total protein from the heavy and the light sample were mixed
648 and loaded onto low magnesium 17.5–50% sucrose gradients (dissolved in 20 mM Tris-
649 HCl pH 7.5, 5 mM MgCl₂, 150 mM NaCl). Sucrose density gradient centrifugation was
650 carried out as described above, and ribosomal fractions were pooled. Proteins were
651 precipitated using the Wessel-Flügge precipitation protocol (Wessel and Flugge, 1984).
652 Samples were enriched for phosphopeptides using PhosSelect iron affinity gel IMAC
653 beads (first repeat) or by TiO₂-SIMAC-HILIC (TiSH) phosphopeptide enrichment and
654 fractionation (second repeat), and subsequently subjected to mass spectrometry and
655 Maxquant analysis at the Core Facility for Mass Spectrometry & Proteomics of the ZMBH.
656 Go annotations were added using Perseus software.

657 **Cap pulldown assay**

658 Cells were lysed by scraping in cap pulldown lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.8, 150 mM
659 NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, EDTA-free complete protease inhibitors (Roche)). Lysates were then
660 rotated end over end for 10 min at 4°C and nuclei were pelleted by centrifugation at
661 10,000 g for 10 min at 4°C. 10% of total cell lysates were saved as input samples. 50 µl of
662 γ -aminophenyl-⁷GTP agarose C10-linked beads (Jena Biosciences) were added to the
663 remaining sample, which was then rotated end over end at 4°C overnight. Beads were
664 washed 5 times using cap pulldown wash buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.8, 150 mM NaCl,
665 0.1% NP40) and eluted with SDS sample buffer.

666 **Statistical analysis**

667 Statistical analysis was performed using Microsoft Excel 2010 or Graph-Pad Prism
668 software (GraphPad). Statistical significance was calculated by performing a one-tailed
669 Student's t test or a one-tailed one-sample t test (***, $p < 0.001$; **, $p < 0.01$; *, $p < 0.05$).

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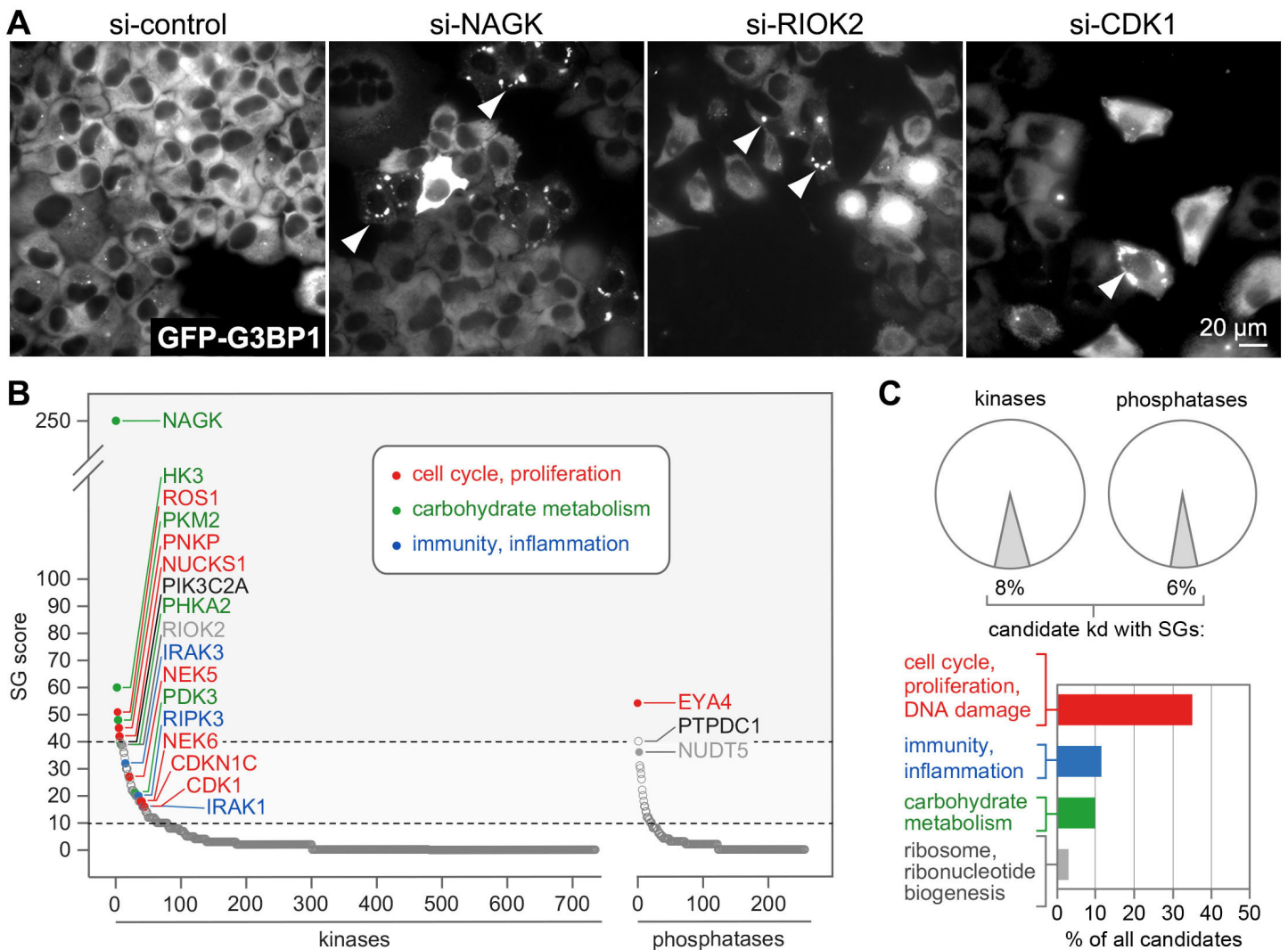


Figure 1. SG assembly screen under regular growth conditions. (A) The assembly of SGs was monitored in HeLa cells stably expressing GFP-G3BP1 following kd of 711 kinases and 256 phosphatases. Cells were transfected with 4 individual siRNAs per gene and 72 hours later fixed for fluorescence microscopy. Representative images of the screen are shown; arrowheads indicate SG-containing cells. **(B)** The screen was analyzed by calculating a SG score for each kinase/phosphatase kd, and the result was depicted by sorting all kds according to their SG score. Candidate kinases/phosphatases were identified by a SG score >10 (with at least 2 different siRNAs) or >40 (with 1 siRNA); some of the candidates were labeled in the graph. **(C)** The graph depicts cellular functions highly represented among the candidate kinases/phosphatases, based on functional annotation in NCBI Gene and Uniprot databases.

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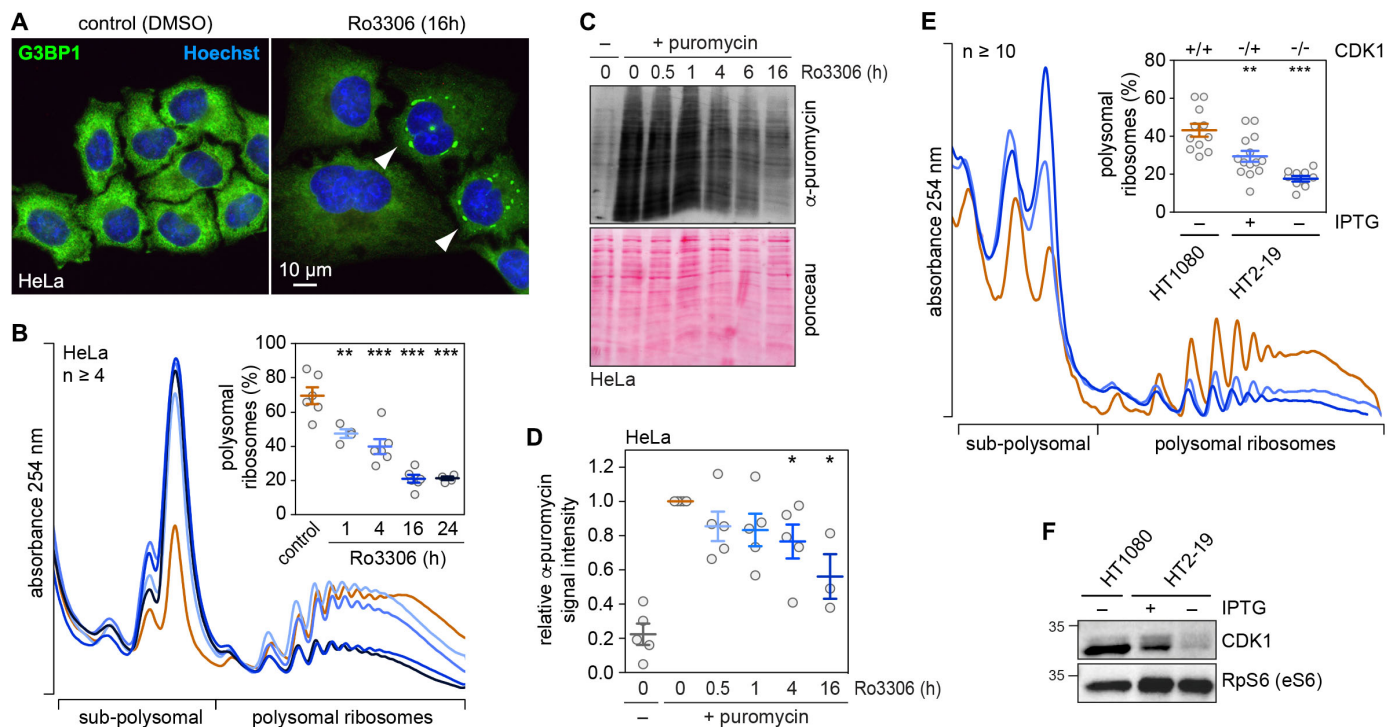


Figure 2. Global translation suppression after pharmacological or genetic CDK1 inhibition. (A) HeLa cells were treated either with solvent (DMSO) or the CDK1 inhibitor Ro3306 (10 μ M) for 16 h. SG formation was analyzed by IF microscopy of fixed cells stained with anti-G3BP1 antibody and Hoechst. **(B)** Polysome profiles from DMSO- or Ro3306-treated HeLa cells were recorded after sucrose density gradient centrifugation; the percentage of polysomal ribosomes is represented in the inset (average \pm SEM, $n \geq 4$). Statistical significance was determined by unpaired Student's t test; **, $p \leq 0.01$; ***, $p \leq 0.001$. **(C)** Incorporation of puromycin into nascent polypeptides was analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting. Puromycin-labeled polypeptides were detected with anti-puromycin antibody; ponceau staining served as loading control. **(D)** Puromycin incorporation signal intensities were normalized to the ponceau staining and values were calculated relative to DMSO-treated control samples (average \pm SEM, $n \geq 3$). Statistical significance was determined by one-sample Student's t test; *, $p \leq 0.05$. **(E)** HT1080 and HT2-19 cells were seeded at sub-confluency and kept in the presence or absence of IPTG (0.2 mM) for 7 days. Polysome profiles were recorded; the percentage of polysomal ribosomes is represented in the inset (average \pm SEM, $n \geq 10$). Statistical significance was determined by unpaired Student's t test; **, $p \leq 0.01$; ***, $p \leq 0.001$. **(F)** CDK1 expression in HT1080 and HT2-19 cells was assessed by Western blot analysis; RPS6 levels served as loading control.

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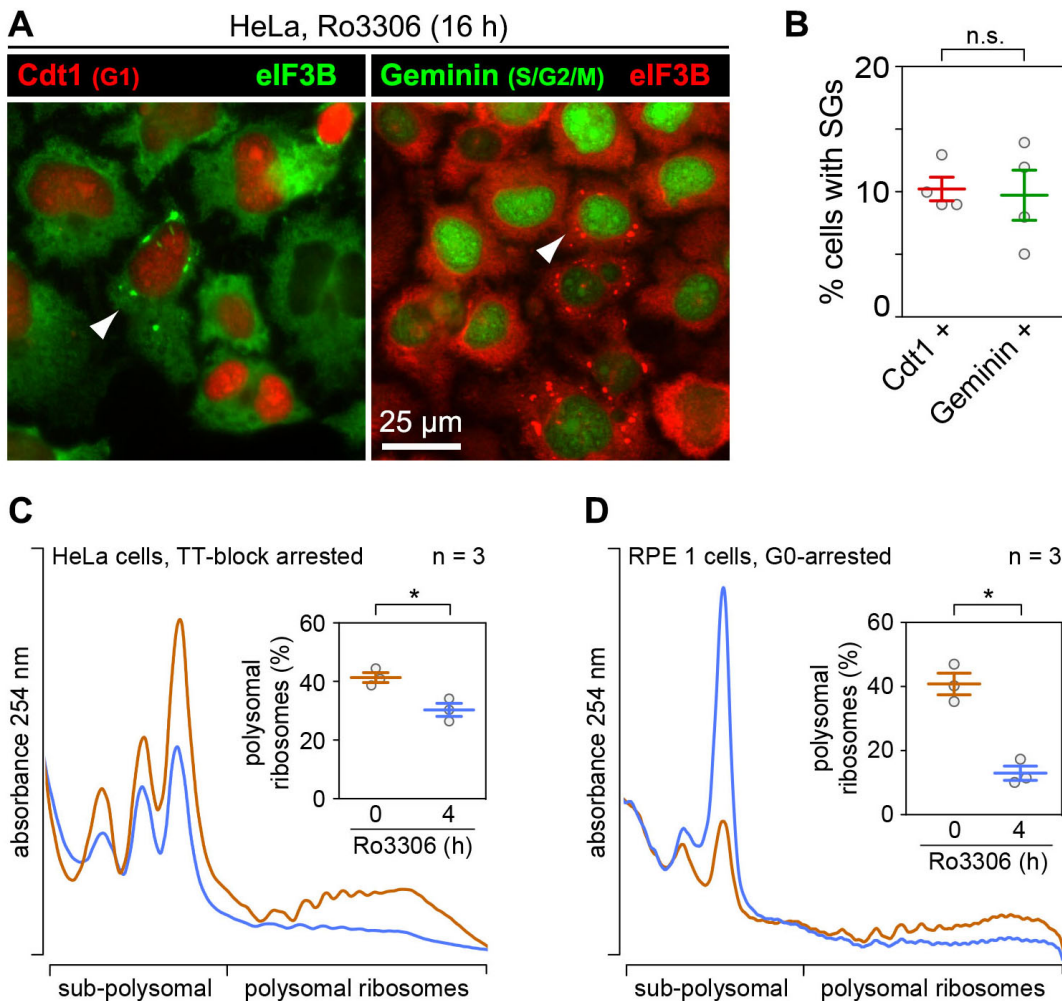


Figure 3. **Cell cycle phase-independent translation suppression upon CDK1 inhibition.** (A) HeLa FUCCI cells were treated with Ro3306 (10 μ M) for 16 h, fixed and analyzed for SG formation by IF microscopy upon staining with anti-eIF3B antibody. HeLa cells stably expressing Kusabira-Orange-Cdt1 (marker for G1- and early S-phase) were used in the left panel; HeLa cells stably expressing mVenus-Geminin (marker for S-, G2- and M-phase) were used in the right panel. (B) Quantification of the percentage of SG-containing cells in Kusabira-Orange-Cdt1-positive (left panel) or mVenus-Geminin-positive cells (right panel, n = 4). (C) HeLa cells were arrested in G1 phase by a double thymidine block (TT) and, without release from the block, treated either with solvent (DMSO) or Ro3306 (10 μ M) for 4 h. Polysome profiles were recorded; the percentage of polysomal ribosomes is represented in the inset (average \pm SEM, n = 3). (D) RPE-1 cells were serum-starved for 48 h and subsequently treated with DMSO or Ro3306 (10 μ M) for 4 h. Polysome profiles were recorded; the percentage of polysomal ribosomes is represented in the inset (average \pm SEM, n = 3). In (B-D), statistical significance was determined by paired Student's t test; *, p \leq 0.05.

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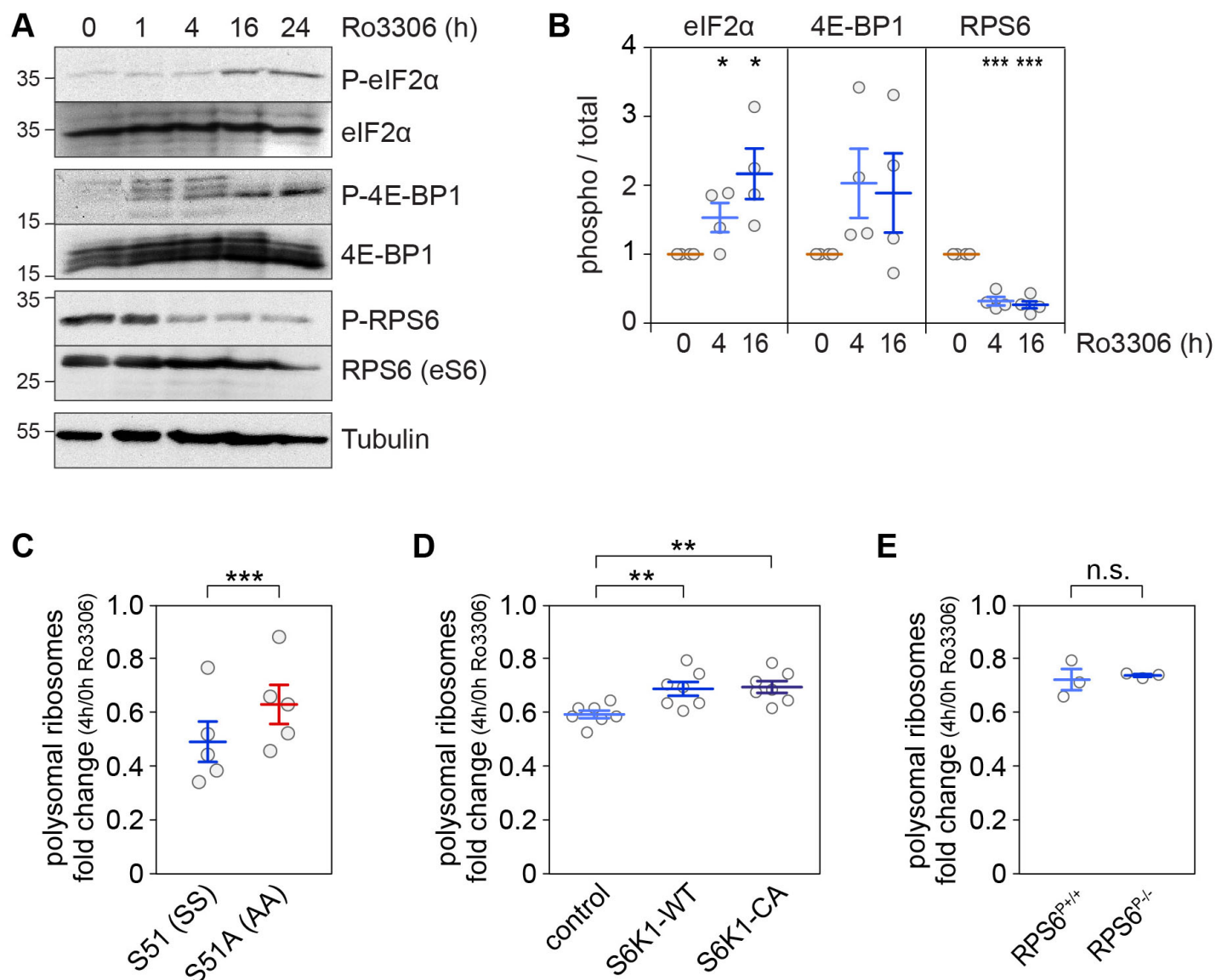


Figure 4. **Pathways signaling translational control downstream of CDK1i.** **(A)** Protein lysates were prepared from HeLa cells treated with solvent (DMSO, 24 h) or Ro3306 (10 μ M, 1–24 h), and the phosphorylation status of eIF2 α (S51), RPS6 (eS6) (S235/S236) and 4E-BP1 (T37/T46) were analyzed by Western blot analysis. **(B)** The phosphorylation level of eIF2 α (S51), RPS6 (S235/S236) and 4E-BP1 (T37/T46) was quantified from Western blot analyses as shown in (A) (average \pm SEM, n = 4). Statistical significance was determined by one-sample Student's t test; *, p \leq 0.05; ***, p \leq 0.001. **(C)** The fold-change in polysomal ribosomes (4 h Ro3306 / DMSO control) was calculated based on polysome profiles recorded from eIF2 α WT S51 (SS) and phosphodeficient S51A (AA) MEFs. **(D)** The fold-change in polysomal ribosomes was determined as in (C) from HeLa cells (control), HeLa cells overexpressing HA-S6K1-WT and HeLa cells overexpressing constitutively active HA-S6K1-CA. **(E)** The fold-change in polysomal ribosomes was determined as in (C) from RPS6 WT (RPS6^{P+/+}) and RPS6 phosphodeficient S235A, S236A, S240A, S244A, S247A (RPS6^{P-/-}) MEFs. In (C–E), statistical significance was determined by paired Student's t test; **, p \leq 0.01; ***, p \leq 0.001.

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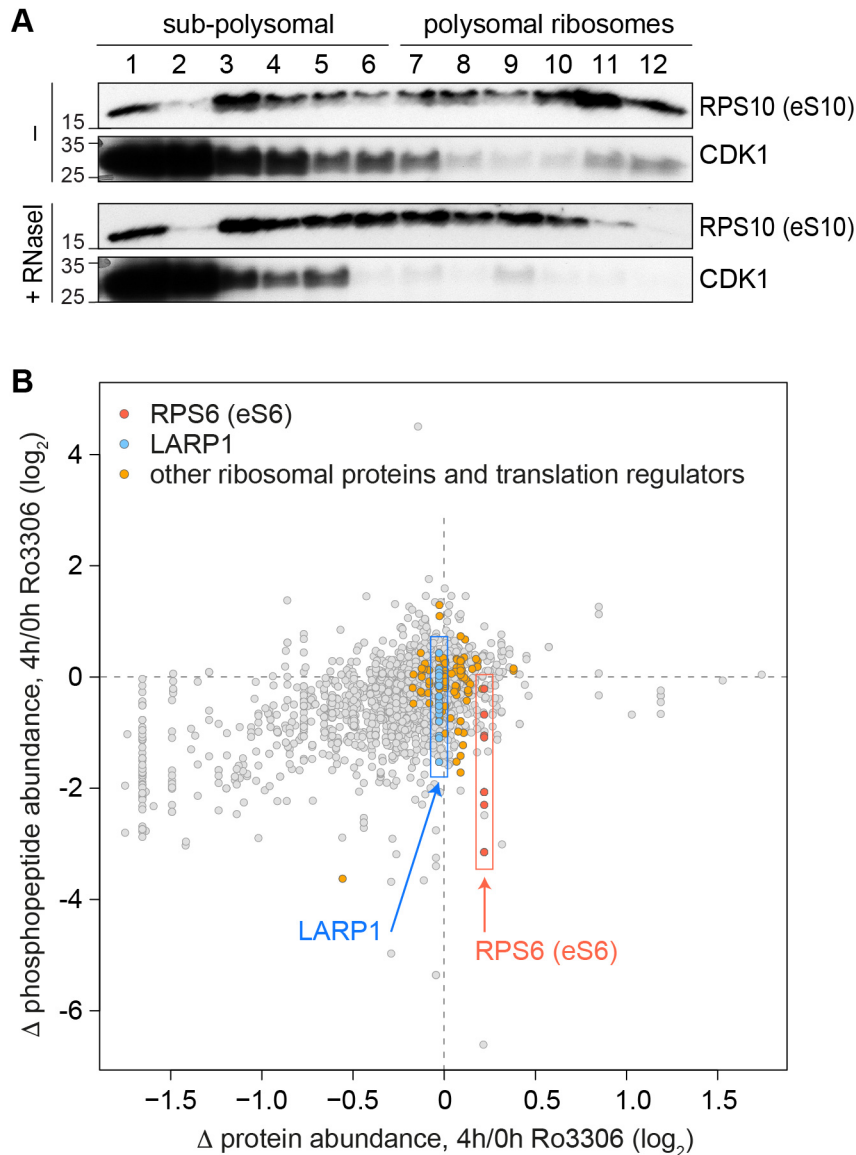


Figure 5. **CDK1-dependent phosphorylation events associated with ribosomes.** **(A)** HeLa cell lysates, either untreated or subjected to RNase I digestion, were fractionated following sucrose density gradient centrifugation. Association of RPS10 and CDK1 with the different fractions was monitored by Western blot analysis. **(B)** For phosphoproteomics of ribosomal fractions, HeLa cells were SILAC-labeled and either treated with DMSO or Ro3306 for 4 h. After lysis and disassembly of polysomes in low magnesium buffer, samples were mixed, and ribosomal fractions obtained by sucrose density centrifugation were subjected to phosphopeptide enrichment using PhosSelect iron affinity gel IMAC beads and analyzed by mass spectrometry followed by MaxQuant analysis. For all phosphopeptides detected under both conditions, the ratio (Δ phosphopeptide abundance, 4h/0h Ro3306) was plotted against the ratio of the corresponding total protein (Δ protein abundance, 4h/0h Ro3306). Phosphopeptides derived from LARP1 (blue), RPS6 (red) and other translation regulators (orange) are color-coded.

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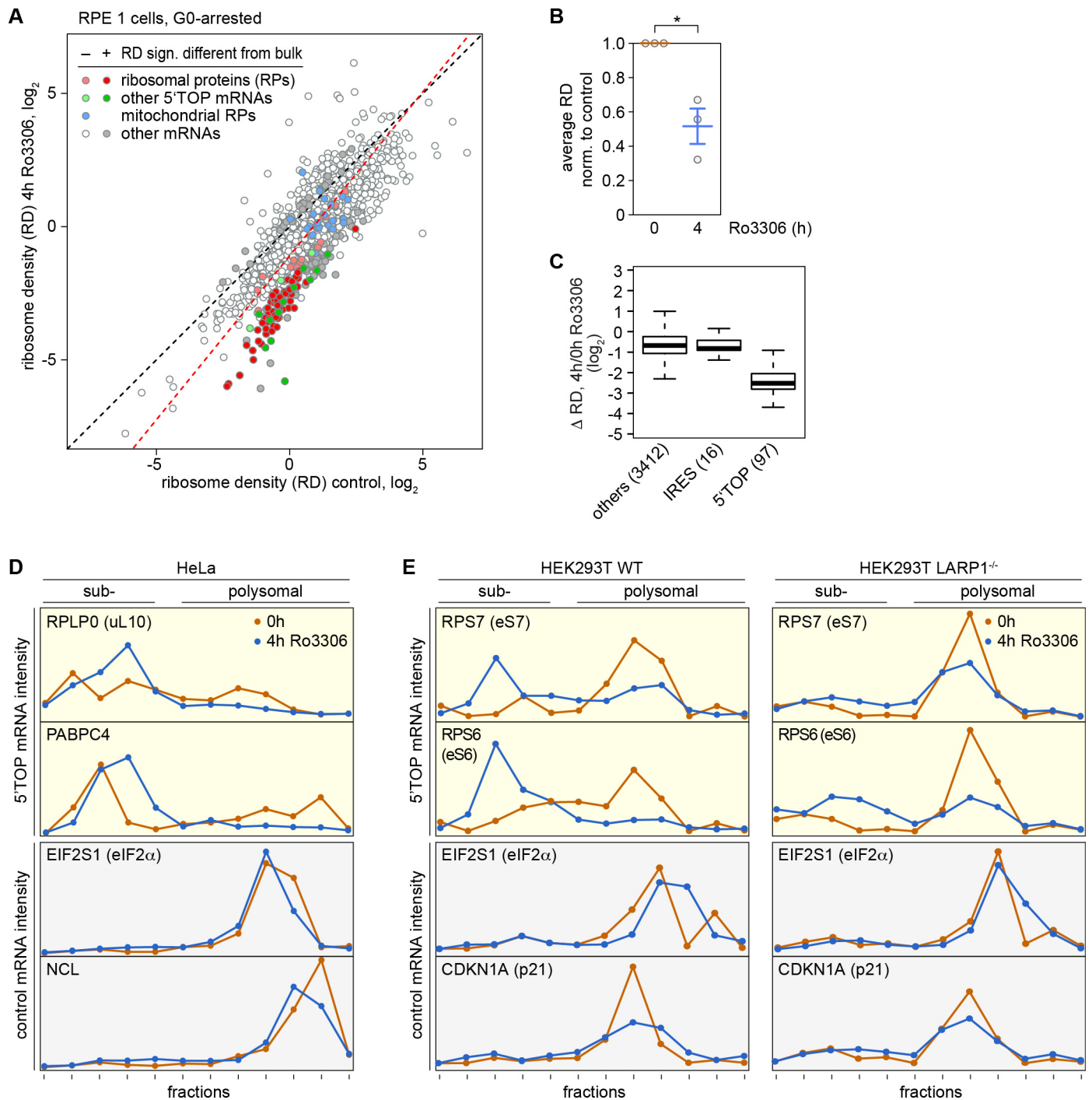


Figure 6. LARP1-dependent suppression of 5'TOP mRNA translation upon CDK1i. (A) For Ribo-Seq analysis, RPE1 cells were serum-starved for 48 h followed by a 4 h treatment with DMSO or Ro3306 (10 μ M). Equal amounts of a yeast lysate was spiked into the DMSO- and Ro3306-treated samples. Ribosome densities (# ribosome footprints / # ORF-spanning reads in input RNA) were calculated after normalization to the yeast spike-in footprints from $n = 3$ biological repeat experiments. (B) Based on the Ribo-Seq analysis in (A), the average ribosome density was calculated after normalization to the yeast spike-in. Statistical significance was determined by one-sample Student's t test; *, $p \leq 0.05$. (C) Based on the Ribo-Seq analysis in (A), the fold-change in ribosome density (Δ RD) was calculated for IRES-containing mRNAs, 5'TOP mRNAs and all other mRNAs. (D) Polysome association of 5'TOP (RPLP0 and PABPC4) and ORF size-matched non-TOP (EIF2S1 and NCL) mRNAs was analyzed by polysome fractionation and subsequent qPCR analysis from DMSO- or Ro3306-treated (10 μ M, 4 h) HeLa cells. (E) Polysome association of 5'TOP (RPS6 and RPS7) and ORF size-matched non-TOP (EIF2S1, CDKN1A) mRNAs was analyzed by polysome fractionation and subsequent qPCR analysis from DMSO- or Ro3306-treated (10 μ M, 4 h) HEK293T WT or LARP1^{-/-} cells.