The insulin receptor adaptor IRS2 is an APC/C substrate that promotes cell cycle

protein expression and a robust spindle assembly checkpoint

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Abstract

Insulin receptor substrate 2 (IRS2) is an essential adaptor that mediates signaling

downstream of the insulin receptor and other receptor tyrosine kinases. Transduction

through IRS2-dependent pathways is important for coordinating metabolic homeostasis,

and dysregulation of IRS2 causes systemic insulin signaling defects. Despite the

importance of maintaining proper IRS2 abundance, little is known about what factors

mediate its protein stability. We conducted an unbiased proteomic screen to uncover

novel substrates of the Anaphase Promoting Complex/Cyclosome (APC/C), a ubiquitin

ligase that controls the abundance of key cell cycle regulators. We found that IRS2 levels

are regulated by APC/C activity and that IRS2 is a direct APC/C target in G_1. Consistent

with the APC/C's role in degrading cell cycle regulators, quantitative proteomic analysis

of IRS2-null cells revealed a deficiency in proteins involved in cell cycle progression. We

further show that cells lacking IRS2 display a weakened spindle assembly checkpoint in

cells treated with microtubule inhibitors. Together, these findings reveal a new pathway

for IRS2 turnover and indicate that IRS2 is a component of the cell cycle control system

in addition to acting as an essential metabolic regulator.

Keywords

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Introduction

The insulin and insulin-like growth factor 1 receptors (IR/IGF1R) are receptor tyrosine kinases that control metabolism, differentiation, and growth. Upon ligand binding at the cell surface, the activated IR/IGF1R undergoes a conformational change that allows it to auto-phosphorylate tyrosine residues on its cytoplasmic subunits [1]. This facilitates the recruitment and phosphorylation of insulin receptor substrate (IRS) proteins, which serve as scaffolds to initiate downstream signaling [2]. Two major pathways that are stimulated by this cascade are the PI3K-AKT and Ras-Raf-MAPK pathways, which coordinate metabolic homeostasis and growth, among other functions [1].

The most physiologically important and ubiquitously expressed IRS proteins are IRS1 and IRS2. Though IRS1 and IRS2 share similar structural and functional features, they have complementary roles and expression patterns that depend on tissue type and physiological state [1]. These differences are illustrated by divergent phenotypes in knockout mice: whereas IRS1 knockout mice exhibit insulin resistance that is compensated by increased pancreatic β cell mass, IRS2 knockout mice exhibit β cell failure and resultant diabetes [3]. Distinct roles for IRS1 and IRS2 can also be observed within the same tissue. For example, in skeletal muscle, IRS1 is required for glucose uptake and metabolism, whereas IRS2 is important for lipid uptake and metabolism [4, 5]. Furthermore, recent work has shown that the ratio of IRS1 to IRS2 is important for hepatic glucose metabolism [6]. Thus, maintaining proper IRS1 and IRS2 levels is critical for systemic and cellular homeostasis.

The ubiquitin-mediated proteolysis of IRS proteins is important for restraining signaling through the IR/IGF1R. For example, both IRS proteins are targeted for proteasomal destruction following persistent insulin or IGF1 stimulation in a negative feedback loop that attenuates PI3K-AKT signaling [2, 7]. In mice, removal of a ubiquitin ligase that is responsible for IGF1-induced degradation of IRS1 enhances insulin sensitivity and increases plasma glucose clearance [7]. Though several ubiquitin ligases have been reported to control IRS1's proteasome-dependent degradation [8-12], only SOCS1/3 have been implicated in driving IRS2 turnover [11]. This is an intriguing disparity because hepatic IRS1 remains stable between fasting and feeding whereas IRS2 levels drop after feeding [13], suggesting that IRS2 is less stable than IRS1 in some

physiological contexts. Because SOCS1/3 also targets IRS1, there are no reports of
ubiquitin ligases that target IRS2 but not IRS1, leaving a gap in our knowledge of how
IRS1 and IRS2 are differentially regulated by the ubiquitin proteasome system.

The Anaphase-Promoting Complex/Cyclosome (APC/C) is a 1.2 mDa ubiquitin
ligase that targets key cell cycle related proteins for destruction by the proteasome [14,
15]. To transfer ubiquitin to its substrates, the APC/C works with one of two co-activators:
Cdc20 during M-phase or Cdh1 during G_1. These co-activators stimulate the catalytic
activity of the APC/C and facilitate substrate recognition. APC/C^{Cdc20} and APC/C^{Cdh1}
recognize substrates via short degron motifs in unstructured protein regions called
destruction boxes (D-boxes) and KEN-boxes. An additional degron, called the ABBA
motif, is used only used by APC/C^{Cdc20} in metazoan cells [14-16].

To probe the substrate landscape of the APC/C, we conducted an unbiased
proteomic screen by acutely blocking APC/C^{Cdh1} activity with small molecule APC/C
inhibitors (apcin and proTAME) [17, 18] in G_1 cells. Using this approach, we uncovered
diverse putative APC/C^{Cdh1} substrates, including IRS2. We demonstrate that IRS2, but
not IRS1, is a direct target of APC/C^{Cdh1}, thereby establishing a novel mode by which
IRS1 and IRS2 are differentially regulated. Using IRS2 knockout cell lines, we show that
IRS2 is important for the expression of proteins involved in cell cycle progression. We
further show that genetic deletion of IRS2 perturbs spindle assembly checkpoint function.
Taken together, these data establish a role for IRS2 in normal cell cycle progression,
revealing new connections between an essential component of the growth factor signaling
network and cell cycle regulation.
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Results
Chemical proteomics reveals proteins whose abundances are APC/C^{Cdh1} regulated
To identify novel substrates and pathways regulated by APC/C^{Cdh1}, we designed
an experiment that coupled small molecule inhibition of the APC/C in G_1 cells to high
resolution tandem mass tag (TMT)-based quantitative proteomics (**Figure 1A**). Blocking
Cdk4/6 activity inhibits Rb phosphorylation, causing cells to arrest at the G_1 restriction
point [19]. Thus, to generate a homogeneous population of G_1 cells, we treated
asynchronous hTERT-RPE1 cells bearing fluorescent ubiquitination-based cell cycle

indicator (FUCCI) constructs [20] with the Cdk4/6 inhibitor palbociclib. Following G_1

arrest, cells were acutely treated with a combination of APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME

+ 50 µM apcin) or vehicle (DMSO) for 8 hours. Cells were then collected for proteomic

analysis with the expectation that APC/C-regulated proteins would be stabilized in cells

treated with APC/C inhibitors compared to control cells (**Figure 1A**). The combined use

of proTAME and apcin results in robust inhibition of the APC/C [17], which guided our

decision to use this treatment scheme. Moreover, this scheme was designed to

specifically identify APC/C^{Cdh1} substrates rather than APC/C^{Cdc20} substrates since

APC/C^{Cdh1} degrades Cdc20 during G_1 phase [21]. Illustrating this point, Cdc20 expression

was strongly reduced in G_1 palbociclib-arrested cells (**Figure 1B**). The expression of

cyclins A and B was also reduced, consistent with a G_1 block.

The experimental approach outlined in **Figure 1A** was validated using the FUCCI

reporter system. This system relies on the expression of two stably integrated fluorescent

fusion proteins—mAG1-geminin (1-110) and mCherry-Cdt1 (30-120)—to monitor the

activity of endogenous cell cycle-related ubiquitin ligases APC/C^{Cdh1} and SCF^{Skp2},

respectively [20]. As expected, cells treated with palbociclib showed a reduction in mAG1-

geminin (1-110) fluorescence over time due to APC/C^{Cdh1} activity while mCherry-Cdt1

(30-120) intensity was increased, indicating G_1 arrest (**Figures S1A-S1B**). The addition

of APC/C inhibitors in palbociclib-arrested cells rescued mAG1-geminin (1-110) levels

(**Figures S1C-S1D**), confirming that this workflow stabilizes APC/C targets. Notably, cells

released from palbociclib-mediated arrest accumulate mAG1-geminin (1-110) more

rapidly than palbociclib-arrested cells treated with APC/C inhibitors (**Figure S1E**),

indicating that APC/C inhibition is likely insufficient to trigger cell cycle re-entry under

these conditions.

Using TMT-coupled quantitative proteomics, we identified and quantified relative

abundances for ~8000 human proteins in G_1-arrested cells treated with or without APC/C

inhibitors in biological triplicate (**Supplementary Table S1**). Notably, we detected 38

previously reported APC/C substrates in our dataset (**Figures 1C-1E; Supplementary**

Table S2). Of these, 22 increased significantly ($p < 0.05$) under conditions of APC/C

inhibition. We validated these findings in the context of several previously reported

substrates by immunoblot (**Figure 1D**). As an internal control, we detected a significant

increase (p = 3.2 x 10^{-5}) in the abundance of peptides derived from the N-terminal 110

amino acids of geminin (GMNN). These residues are shared with the mAG1-geminin (1-

110) reporter expressed in this cell line, confirming earlier fluorescence-based validation

of our experimental system.

While the majority of the previously reported APC/C^{Cdh1} substrates that were

quantified in our G$_1$ proteomic experiment were stabilized following APC/C inhibition,

some remained constant. There are several possible explanations for this result. First, for

proteins that were identified based on few peptides, inadequate quantification may have

resulted in inaccurate abundance assignments. Second, some substrates may be

APC/C^{Cdh1}-accessible only under conditions or in tissue types that were not met by the

experimental parameters that we used. Third, some proteins (e.g. FBXW5, ZC3HC1) [22,

23] were proposed to be APC/C^{Cdh1} substrates based on results obtained in Cdh1

overexpression systems, indicating that APC/C^{Cdh1} activity may be sufficient but not

necessary to control their levels.

Of the 38 previously reported APC/C substrates that we identified, the median fold

change under APC/C inhibition compared to DMSO was 1.15. Based on this, to identify

new APC/C substrates, we screened for proteins that: (1) had a fold change ≥1.15 under

APC/C inhibition, (2) were identified and quantified based on >1 peptide, and (3) had a p-

value < 0.05 across the three biological replicates measured in this experiment. This

narrowed our analysis to a subset of 204 proteins (**Supplementary Table S3**). Because

the APC/C recognizes substrates based on D-box motifs (RxxL or the extended motif

RxxLxxxxN) and KEN-box motifs (KEN), we used the SLiMSearch (Short Linear Motif

Search) degron prediction tool [16, 24] to scan this 204-protein subset for proteins that

contain these sequences. In order to classify a putative D- or KEN-box sequence as a

probable physiological degron, we applied the following restrictions on the SLiMSearch

[24] parameters: (1) similarity score ≥ 0.75; (2) consensus similarity is medium or high;

(3) disorder score ≥ 0.4; (4) the putative degron must be intracellular and exist on a non-

secreted protein. These cutoffs were determined based on those met by previously

validated APC/C substrates (including those not identified in our dataset) and by the

physical restriction that APC/C activity occurs within the cell. Based on these thresholds,

our analysis identified 26 proteins as potential D- and KEN-box containing APC/C^{Cdh1}

substrates (**Table 1, Figure 1E**). Of these 26 proteins, 11 have previously been reported

as direct APC/C substrates, validating internally that this analysis was useful for

identifying APC/C substrates.

IRS2 levels are controlled by Cdh1 in a proteasome-dependent manner

Examining our 26-protein putative substrate list, we focused our attention on

IRS2—one of two major adaptors that promotes signaling through the insulin and insulin-

like growth factor 1 receptors (IR/IGF1R). Using conditions identical to those under which

the proteomics experiment was conducted, we validated that IRS2 was upregulated at

the protein level under APC/C inhibition in G_1-arrested RPE1 cells by immunoblot (**Figure**

2A). Seeking to further validate this result in a distinct physiological context, we asked

whether APC/C inhibition in terminally differentiated C_2C_{12} myotubes also increases IRS2

protein abundance. C_2C_{12} myoblasts easily differentiate into multinucleated myotubes

following serum withdrawal and supplementation with growth factors (**Figures S2A-S2B**).

To validate that the APC/C is active in this system, we transfected C_2C_{12} myoblasts with

a model APC/C substrate (N-terminal fragment of cyclin B1 fused to EGFP; NT-CycB-

GFP), allowed cells to differentiate into myotubes, and found that APC/C inhibition

stabilized NT-CycB-GFP (**Figure S2C**). Similarly, we found that acute APC/C inhibition in

myotubes also resulted in an accumulation of IRS2 protein (**Figure 2B**), thereby validating

this finding from our G_1 experiment in RPE1 cells in an independent system.

To exclude the possibility that the change in IRS2 abundance that we observed

following APC/C inhibition was due to off-target effects of the small molecule APC/C

inhibitors, we depleted Cdh1 using RNAi to block APC/C^{Cdh1} activity in HeLa, RPE1, and

asynchronous C_2C_{12} cells (**Figure 2C-2D**, **Figure S2D**). We found that Cdh1 knockdown

caused an accumulation of endogenous IRS2 as well as several other previously reported

APC/C substrates compared to control-transfected cells (**Figure 2C-2D**).

To address whether increased APC/C^{Cdh1} activity is sufficient to reduce IRS2

levels, we overexpressed myc-tagged human Cdh1 in HeLa cells. We found that, when

expressed at sufficiently high levels, Cdh1 reduced the levels of both IRS2 as well as

other known APC/C^{Cdh1} substrates including anillin, TK1, and Top2a (**Figure 2E**) [25-27].

The requirement that Cdh1 be expressed at high levels to observe this effect is likely due

to Cdk-dependent inhibitory phosphorylation of Cdh1 limiting its ability to activate APC/C

under sub-saturating conditions [28].

We next sought to confirm that the increase in IRS2 protein observed under APC/C

inhibition was due to impaired targeting of IRS2 to the proteasome. To test this, we

arrested RPE1 cells in G_1 using palbociclib and acutely treated them with APC/C inhibitors

and/or a proteasome inhibitor (MG132) for 8 hours. This experiment revealed that APC/C

inhibition or proteasome inhibition each resulted in an accumulation of IRS2 (**Figure 2F**).

Notably, co-inhibition of the APC/C and the proteasome did not result in additional

stabilization of IRS2, indicating that the increase in IRS2 we observed under APC/C

inhibition was solely a consequence of its impaired proteasomal degradation. Consistent

with this observation, we found that APC/C inhibition decreased the polyubiquitination of

HA-tagged IRS2 in HeLa cells treated with MG132 (**Figure 2G**).

IRS2 levels and phosphorylation fluctuate in a cell-cycle dependent manner

To test whether IRS2 levels fluctuate during the cell cycle as expected for an

APC/C substrate, we synchronized HeLa cells in early S-phase by double thymidine block

and tracked IRS2 protein abundance leading into mitotic entry by immunoblot (**Figure**

3A). As is typical for APC/C substrates, IRS2 levels correlated with cyclin B1 abundance

and APC3 phosphorylation. To assess IRS2 levels at mitotic exit, we thymidine-

nocodazole synchronized HeLa cells, released them into prometaphase, and tracked

IRS2's abundance through mitotic exit (**Figure 3B**). Again, IRS2 protein abundance

correlated with cyclin B1 levels and APC3 phosphorylation. The same behavior was

observed in RPE1 cells that were synchronized in late G_2 by RO3306 treatment (Cdk1

inhibition) and tracked over the course of progression through M-phase and into G_1

(**Figure 3C**). Based on these data, we conclude that IRS2 protein levels fluctuate in a cell

cycle-dependent manner that is consistent with other known APC/C substrates. This

behavior is also consistent with IRS2 being a potential APC/C^{Cdc20} substrate.

In agreement with previous reports of mitotic phosphorylation of IRS2 by Plk1 [29],

our cell cycle analysis experiments revealed that IRS2 displays a marked electrophoretic

mobility shift consistent with mitotic phosphorylation. This may owe, at least in part, to

Cdk1 activity given that HeLa cells released from a double thymidine block into Cdk1

inhibitor RO3306 did not display an observable shift in IRS2 mobility as compared to
those released into control (DMSO) treatment (**Figure S3**). IRS2 abundance still peaked
normally at this time point in the presence of RO3306, suggesting that the increase in
IRS2 abundance was not dependent on Cdk1 activity. Together, these results support
previous findings [29] that IRS2 is subject to cell-cycle dependent phosphorylation and
that its abundance peaks in M-phase and falls in early G_1 in multiple cell lines.

Cdh1 control of IRS2 degradation depends on an IRS2 D-box motif

Using the SLiMSearch analysis tool [16], we found that IRS2 contains four minimal
D-box motifs (RxxL), one extended D-box motif (RxxLxxxxN) and no KEN-box motifs. Of
the four minimal D-box motifs, none bears strong consensus similarity to previously
validated D-box motifs, and one exists in a highly structured region of the protein [24].
Because of its high SLiMSearch parameter scores (**Table 1**), we focused our efforts on
determining whether the extended D-box motif located in the C-terminal third of IRS2 is
required for its APC/C[Cdh1]-dependent stability. IRS2's extended D-box (amino acids 972-
980 in human IRS2) is highly conserved in placental mammals despite overall divergence
in much of the C-terminus (**Figure 4A**), suggesting that this sequence likely has a
conserved function.

To test whether IRS2's full D-box is relevant for its Cdh1-dependent degradation,
we generated a mutant IRS2 construct bearing an R972A D-box mutation (DM), which
was expected to abrogate its function as a D-box [30]. To investigate the effect of
expressing the IRS2-DM construct in cells, we generated doxycycline-inducible, C-
terminally HA-tagged IRS2-WT and IRS2-DM RPE1 and C_2C_{12} cell lines. In an effort to
avoid saturating the system and overexpression artifacts, we sought to express tagged
IRS2 variants at low levels relative to the endogenous protein (**Figure S4A**).

Because we were able to detect the tagged proteins in the RPE1 cells without
adding doxycycline, we avoided using it in this cell line. As a caveat of this approach, we
observed a difference in the expression levels of the IRS2 WT and DM in RPE1 cells,
possibly due to differences in lentiviral titer upon cell line generation. Still, we
demonstrated that changes in transgene expression were quantifiable within the linear
range for both cell lines, making comparisons between controls (DMSO or control siRNA)

and APC/C inhibition (APC/C inhibitors or Cdh1 siRNA) quantifiable for each (**Figure**
S4B). Using these cell lines, we found that APC/C inhibition following G_1 arrest caused
accumulation of IRS2-WT but not IRS2-DM (**Figure 4B**). The degree of accumulation of
the WT protein depended on the dose of APC/C inhibitors used (**Figure S4C**).

In the C_2C_{12} cells stably expressing C-terminally HA-tagged IRS2 variants,
transgene expression was undetectable in differentiated myotubes in the absence of
doxycycline (data not shown), so we selected a low dose that maintained close-to-
endogenous expression levels in myoblasts (**Figure S4A**). Cells were differentiated for
three days in low-serum media. Following differentiation, myotubes were switched to new
media containing fresh doxycycline and either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (the "0 hr" lane
in **Figure 4C**) and were collected 8 hours later. Due to the doxycycline refreshment,
myotubes exhibited a slight increase in transgene expression between 0 hours (the time
of drug addition) and 8 hours (the time of collection). We observed a strong increase in
levels of HA-tagged IRS2-WT in the presence of APC/C inhibitors compared to DMSO-
treated myotubes. In contrast, levels of HA-tagged IRS2-DM remained constant both in
the presence and absence of APC/C inhibitors (**Figure 4C**).

To further validate the Cdh1-dependence of IRS2's D-box motif, we asked whether
Cdh1 knockdown by siRNA could stabilize the IRS2-DM protein. Using asynchronous
RPE1 cells stably expressing C-terminally HA-tagged IRS2-WT and IRS2-DM, we found
that Cdh1 knockdown by siRNA caused an accumulation of IRS2-WT relative to control-
transfected cells but not IRS2-DM (**Figure 4D**). This result was repeated in HeLa cells
stably expressing N-terminally FLAG-HA-tagged IRS2-WT and IRS2-DM constructs
subject to the same conditions (**Figure 4E**).

IRS1 (the other primary adaptor protein for IGF1R and IR) shares 75% sequence
homology with IRS2's N-terminus and 35% homology with its C-terminus [31] but does
not share the D-box motif found in IRS2's C-terminus (**Figure 4F**). In keeping with our
hypothesis that Cdh1-mediated control of IRS2 is D-box dependent, IRS1 levels did not
increase in G_1-arrested RPE1 cells treated with APC/C inhibitors as measured by either
mass spectrometry (**Figure 4G**) or immunoblot (**Figure 4H**). Furthermore, while it did
display a change in electrophoretic mobility compatible with mitotic phosphorylation,
unlike IRS2, it did not decrease in abundance at mitotic exit in RPE1 cells (**Figure 4I**).

Taken together, the findings described above indicate that APC/C^{Cdh1} controls IRS2 levels

in manner that is dependent upon its C-terminal D-box motif.

IRS2 is required for normal expression of many proteins involved in mitosis

Many reported APC/C^{Cdh1} substrates (including several of those identified in our

initial proteomics screen) are required for normal cell cycle progression. Because

IR/IGF1R transduction promotes a variety of transcriptional programs [2], we

hypothesized that IRS2 might promote the expression of proteins involved in cell cycle

control. To investigate this, we generated two IRS2 knockout RPE1 cell lines using

CRISPR/Cas9 (**Figure 5A)**, henceforth referred to as ∆IRS2-A and ∆IRS2-B. Using these

cells, we again employed TMT-coupled quantitative proteomics. The proteomes of wild-

type, ∆IRS2-A, and ∆IRS2-B cell lines were analyzed in biological triplicate, and relative

abundances were ascertained based on TMT reporter ion signal-to-noise values.

Hierarchical clustering indicated that the proteomes of the two knockout cell lines

analyzed were more similar to each other than either knockout cell line was to wild-type

(**Figure S5A**), suggesting that deletion of IRS2 produced similar effects in both cell lines.

In order to exclude aberrancies that may have accrued during the CRISPR process or as

a result of clonal expansion, we focused the scope of our analysis to proteins that

changed significantly ($p < 0.05$) by more than 20% in both IRS2 knockout clones relative

to the WT cell line (**Figures 5B-5C**). We found 239 proteins that decreased by >20% in

both IRS2 knockout lines relative to the wild type line and 300 proteins that increased by

>20% (**Figures 5B-5C, S5B**).

We conducted gene enrichment analysis of the proteins that increased (**Figure**

S5C-S5D) or decreased (**Figure 5D**) by >20% in both knockout cell lines relative to wild

type cells. Of the 239 proteins that were depleted by >20% in both knockout cell lines, we

found a statistical over-representation of proteins participating in metabolic processes

characteristic of IR signal transduction. Notably, we also found an over-representation of

proteins involved in mitotic cell cycle regulation in this subset (**Figure 5D**). This suite of

proteins included regulators of mitotic entry and exit as well as several factors involved in

spindle assembly (**Figure 5E**). Importantly, IRS2 KO cells divide as the same rate as WT

cells (**Figure S6A-S6B**), indicating that this downregulation is not due to a bulk loss of

viability or cell cycle arrest. Consistent with the fact that strong depletion of most critical

cell cycle regulators renders cells inviable, most of the observed changes in cell cycle-

related genes were relatively modest (**Figure S6C**). Based on these data, we conclude

that IRS2 is important for promoting the expression of a suite of proteins involved in

orchestrating the mitotic cell cycle, and deletion of IRS2 stunts their expression in RPE1

cells.

IRS2 expression promotes a functional spindle assembly checkpoint

Because many of the factors that were depleted in IRS2 knockout cell lines are

involved in regulating the events of mitosis, we sought to investigate whether IRS2 KO

cell lines display phenotypic differences from wild-type cells under conditions of mitotic

stress—in this case, activation of the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC). Using a high

content nuclear imaging assay to measure mitotic fraction [17], we asked whether IRS2

knockout cell lines display mitotic arrest differences compared to wild-type cells when

treated with spindle poisons. Wild-type cells treated with nocodazole (a microtubule

destabilizing agent) arrested in mitosis in a dose-dependent manner, whereas both IRS2

knockout cell lines displayed depressed mitotic arrest (**Figure 6A** and **Figure S7A**). This

was also true to a lesser extent in the presence of S-trityl-L-cysteine (STLC), an Eg5

inhibitor (**Figure 6A**). Importantly, this was not due to a reduction in the rate of mitotic

entry (**Figure S6B**).

We further evaluated this phenotype by live-cell imaging. Consistent with the

results from the fixed-cell assay, IRS2 knockout cell lines also had a significantly shorter

mitotic duration compared to wild-type cells ($p < 0.0001$ in both cases) when treated with

300 nM nocodazole (**Figure 6B** and **Figure S7B**). We next analyzed the effect of IRS2

knockout on APC/C activity in cells expressing mAG1-geminin (1-101), an APC/C^{Cdc20}

substrate that is stabilized by the spindle assembly checkpoint [32]. We found that wild-

type cells displayed an accumulation of mAG1 fluorescence early in mitotic arrest prior to

a gradual reduction due to leaky APC/C activity [33]. In contrast, both IRS2 knockout cell

lines display depressed mAG1 accumulation, followed by a more rapid loss of

fluorescence signal, consistent with higher APC/C^{Cdc20} activity due to a weakened

checkpoint (**Figure 6C**). This phenotype, along with the shorter mitotic duration and lower

mitotic fraction in the presence of spindle poisons, is consistent with cells bearing a
defective mitotic spindle assembly checkpoint. Based on these data, we conclude that
IRS2 expression promotes a functional spindle assembly checkpoint in RPE1 cells.
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Discussion

Based on the results of an unbiased proteomic screen, we provide evidence that
IRS2, a critical mediator of IR/IGF1R signaling, is a direct APC/C^{Cdh1} substrate. We
demonstrate that IRS2 is stabilized by APC/C inhibition and Cdh1 knockdown in multiple
cell types and that this depends on IRS2's C-terminal D-box motif. In contrast, we find
that IRS1, a closely related IRS2 paralog that lacks a D-box, is not subject to regulation
by the APC/C. Taken together, these results show that APC/C activity directly controls
IRS2 levels in a D-box dependent manner.

We identified a high-mobility form of IRS2 that accumulates under APC/C
inhibition, likely corresponding to a difference in phosphorylation given that IRS2 has
~150 annotated threonine, serine, and tyrosine phosphorylation sites [34]. This suggests
that IRS2's APC/C-dependent stability could be regulated by phosphorylation, possibly at
sites near or within the D-box, which is an intriguing topic for future study. Consistent with
this, IRS2 phosphorylation is known to impact its stability in other contexts, including
following prolonged exposure to insulin or following mTOR activation [2]. Furthermore,
there is a strong precedent for phospho-regulation of APC/C degrons modulating
substrate stability under specific conditions [35-37].

Many APC/C substrates are involved in cell cycle regulation, and previous studies
have suggested a relationship between IRS2 and cell cycle progression. IRS2 can
stimulate cell cycle entry via Cdk4 activation [38] and is important for sustaining
proliferation in 32D myeloid cells and pancreatic β cells [39, 40]. Based on these findings
and our identification of IRS2 as an APC/C substrate, we further investigated the role of
IRS2 in regulating cell division. Proteomic analyses of RPE1 cells lacking IRS2 reveal
lower expression of well-characterized cell cycle proteins compared to wild-type cells.
Because these proteins are involved in critical processes like cytokinesis, DNA
replication, cell cycle transitions, and spindle assembly, we investigated whether IRS2
knockout cell lines display cell cycle progression defects. We find that cells lacking IRS2

have an impaired ability to arrest following spindle assembly checkpoint activation in M-
phase, thereby implicating IRS2 in promoting a functional spindle assembly checkpoint.

Despite the well-established importance of sustained IRS2 levels in many tissue
types, little is known about what factors regulate its turnover. While several distinct
ubiquitin ligases control IRS1 stability (Fbxw8, Cbl-b, Fbxo40, SOCS1/3, MG53, and
others) [8-12], only SOCS1/3 have been implicated in the ubiquitin mediated proteolysis
of IRS2 [11] until now. Thus, our work establishes APC/C^{Cdh1} as the first known ubiquitin
ligase that targets IRS2 but not IRS1. Furthermore, our results suggest that APC/C^{Cdh1}-
mediated IRS2 degradation is relevant in broad biological contexts since we were able to
demonstrate this mechanism of regulation in multiple cell lines.

Over the past several years, a number of connections between growth factor
signaling and APC/C-mediated regulation have emerged. SKIL/SnoN, an APC/C
substrate involved in TGFβ signaling, implicates APC/C activity in modulating the
expression of TGFβ target genes [41]. Another APC/C substrate, CUEDC2, controls the
stability of the progesterone receptor [42]. Regarding IR/IGF1R signaling, connections to
APC/C-mediated regulation have been more opaque. Multiple reports have shown that
Cdh1 interacts with PTEN, a phosphatase that antagonizes signal transduction through
the IR pathway by dephosphorylating phosphoinositide-3,4,5-triphosphate (PIP$_3$) [43, 44].
Others have demonstrated that components of the mitotic checkpoint complex (which
inhibit APC/C^{Cdc20}) potentiates IR signaling via IR endocytosis [45, 46]. Despite these
links, there have been no reports of direct APC/C substrates that are involved in IR
signaling until now.

Based on the data presented here, we propose a model (**Figure 7**) in which IRS2's
APC/C-mediated degradation in G$_1$ serves to limit IRS2-dependent signaling during G$_1$.
Upon APC/C inactivation, IRS2 is able to accumulate and stimulate signaling required for
normal progression through the latter stages of the cell cycle, including the expression of
proteins required for mitotic spindle checkpoint function. This model is consistent with
previous studies that implicate IRS2 in promoting the expression of cell cycle-related
genes, including mitotic cyclins (A and B) in mouse granulosa cells [47]. Furthermore, IR
signal transduction promotes the expression of Plk1 (a mitotic kinase) and CENP-A (a

centromere protein) in β cells through a mechanism that appears to depend on IRS2
rather than IRS1 [40, 48].

Our findings suggest that APC/C^{Cdh1} modulates IRS2-dependent signaling but not
IRS1-dependent pathways. In IRS2-deficient mice with consequent type 2 diabetes, some
have attributed the reduced β cell mass to a failure of β cells to re-enter the cell cycle
following division [40]. Our findings that APC/C^{Cdh1} inhibition stabilizes IRS2 and that IRS2
promotes the expression of cell cycle regulatory proteins, coupled with data from others
showing that IRS2 can stimulate cell cycle entry [38], suggest that APC/C^{Cdh1} inhibition
may represent a possible approach for stimulating proliferation in quiescent β cells via
the stabilization of IRS2.

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Main Figure Legends

Figure 1: *High resolution chemical proteomics reveals proteins whose abundances are*

APC/C regulated.

(A) Workflow for the chemical proteomics experiment described in this study.

Asynchronous RPE1 cells were arrested in 1 µM palbociclib (a Cdk4/6 inhibitor) for

20 hours, at which point they were acutely treated with either DMSO or a combination

of 6 µM proTAME + 50 µM apcin (referred to as "APC/C inhibitors" or "APC/Ci"). Cells

were then collected at time 0 (the time of drug addition) or 8 hours after drug addition

and were harvested for TMT-based proteomic identification and quantification.

Samples were analyzed in biological triplicate within a 10-plex TMT label set, with the

10th channel used as a bridge.

(B) Asynchronous RPE1 cells were treated with either DMSO or 1 µM palbociclib for 20

hours. Cells were harvested, and lysates were analyzed by immunoblot for the

indicated proteins.

(C) Previously reported APC/C substrates that were identified in this study are plotted with

their observed fold change in the APC/C inhibitor treated sample (APC/Ci) relative to

the DMSO treated sample. Error bars represent the standard deviation (SD) between

the three biological replicates measured by MS. Asterisks indicate an abundance

increase over control that is statistically significant (* : $p < 0.05$; ** : $p < 0.01$; *** : p

< 0.001 ; **** : $p < 0.0001$)

(D) Previously reported APC/C substrates that were identified as increasing by mass

spectrometry in G_1 RPE1 cells treated with APC/C inhibitors were validated by

immunoblot for selected proteins.

(E) Volcano plot highlighting all published APC/C substrates identified in this study (blue) as well as proteins that (1) contain a high probability D- and/or KEN-box (D-box = green, KEN-box = pink, D- and KEN-boxes = purple), (2) increase ≥1.15-fold under APC inhibition, (3) were identified by >1 peptide, and (4) have a p-value < 0.05.

Figure 2: *IRS2 levels are controlled by Cdh1 in a proteasome-dependent manner*

(A) Cells were treated identically to what is described in **Figure 1A**, and IRS2 abundance was measured by immunoblot.

(B) C_2C_{12} myoblasts were induced to differentiate through serum withdrawal and supplementation with insulin, transferrin, and selenium (ITS). After three days of differentiation, myotubes were acutely treated with either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (of 6 µM proTAME + 50 µM apcin). After eight hours of drug treatment, myotubes were collected and IRS2 levels from all samples were analyzed by immunoblotting.

(C)– (D) Asynchronous HeLa (*C*) and RPE1 (*D*) cells were transfected with either a control or Cdh1-directed siRNA for 24 hours. Cells were allowed to grow for an additional 24 hours prior to collection and analysis of the indicated protein levels in lysate by immunoblot.

(E) HeLa cells were mock transfected or transfected with increasing amounts of a plasmid encoding myc-tagged human Cdh1 for 24 hours. Cells were allowed to grow for an additional 24 hours prior to collection and analysis of the indicated protein levels by immunoblot.

(F) RPE1 cells were arrested in G_1 with 1 µM palbociclib for 20 hours. Following G_1 arrest, cells were treated with DMSO, APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME + 50 µM apcin), MG132 (10 µM), or a combination of APC/C inhibitors and MG132 for an additional 8 hours. Cells were harvested, and lysates were analyzed by immunoblot for IRS2 abundance.

(G) 6x-His-tagged ubiquitin conjugates were isolated from HeLa cell lysates using Ni-NTA agarose resin. Lysates were derived from cells expressing 6x-His-ubiquitin and HA-tagged IRS2 that were treated with MG132 alone or in combination with APC/C inhibitors. Resin eluate and inputs were probed by immunoblot using an HA antibody, and Ponceau staining was used as a loading control.

Figure 3: *IRS2 levels and phosphorylation fluctuate in a cell-cycle dependent manner*

(A) HeLa cells were synchronized by double thymidine block and released into S-phase

in the presence of nocodazole. Lysates were harvested and analyzed by

immunoblotting for IRS2 and cell cycle markers.

(B) HeLa cells were synchronized by single thymidine-nocodazole block and released into

prometaphase. Mitotic cells were collected by mitotic shake-off and re-plated. Time

points were taken every two hours as cells exited M-phase. Lysates were harvested

and analyzed by immunoblotting for IRS2 and cell cycle markers.

(C) RPE1 cells were synchronized in G_2 by treatment with the Cdk1 inhibitor RO3306.

After 18 hours, cells were switched to fresh media and were allowed to enter mitosis

(~35 minutes following drug removal). At mitotic entry, cells were collected by mitotic

shake-off and were re-plated (0 hr). Time points were taken as cells exited M-phase

and entered G_1. Lysates were harvested and analyzed by immunoblotting for IRS2

and cell cycle markers.

Figure 4: *Cdh1's ability to control IRS2 levels depends on a C-terminal D-box motif*

(A) (*top*) Schematic depicting IRS2's protein domain structure. PH = pleckstrin homology

domain, PTB = phosphotyrosine binding domain, KRLB = kinase regulatory-loop

binding region. IRS2's C-terminal full D-box motif is highlighted in red. (*bottom*)

Comparison of IRS2's D-box conservation among placental mammals.

(B) RPE1 cells stably expressing lentivirus-derived, doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally

HA-tagged IRS2 constructs were arrested in G_1 with 1 µM palbociclib for 20 hours in

the absence of doxycycline. Following arrest, samples were either collected or DMSO

or APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME + 50 µM apcin) were added for an additional 8

hours. Quantification of immunoblots shown at right: HA levels were normalized to a

loading control and are plotted relative to DMSO levels. Error bars = mean ± SEM. * :

p = 0.0187; ns : *p* = 0.816

(C) C_2C_{12} myoblasts stably expressing lentivirus-derived, doxycycline-inducible, C-

terminally HA-tagged IRS2 constructs were grown to confluence and switched to low

serum media supplemented with ITS (differentiation media) and doxycycline. Cells

were allowed to differentiate into myotubes for three days (with media refreshment

every 24 hours), at which point (0 hr) either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME
+ 50 µM apcin) for an additional 8 hours in the presence of doxycycline. Quantification
of immunoblots shown at right: HA levels were normalized to a loading control and are
plotted relative to DMSO levels. Error bars = mean ± SEM. * : p = 0.0118; ns : p =
0.910.

(D) Asynchronous RPE1 cells stably expressing lentivirus-derived, doxycycline-inducible
C-terminally HA-tagged IRS2 constructs were transfected with a non-targeting
(control) siRNA or an siRNA directed against Cdh1 for 24 hours in the absence of
doxycycline. Quantification of immunoblots shown at right: HA levels were normalized
to a loading control and are plotted relative to DMSO levels. Error bars = mean ± SEM.
* : p = 0.0132; ns : p = 0.963.

(E) Asynchronous HeLa cells stably expressing lentivirus-derived, N-terminally FLAG-HA
tagged IRS2 constructs were transfected with a non-targeting (control) siRNA or an
siRNA directed against Cdh1 for 24 hours. Quantification of immunoblots shown at
right: HA levels were normalized to a loading control and are plotted relative to DMSO
levels. Error bars = mean ± SEM. * : p = 0.0131; ns : p = 0.803.

(F) Comparison of the Hs IRS2 D-box sequence with the corresponding region from Hs
IRS1.

(G) MS-quantified IRS1 and IRS2 abundance in G_1 APC inhibitor proteomics (**Figure 1**).
IRS1 abundance was quantified based on 5 peptides (4 unique) in 3 biological
replicates; IRS2 was quantified based on 3 peptides (all unique) in 3 biological
replicates.

(H) RPE1 cells were subject to the same conditions described in **Figure 1A**, and cell
lysates were analyzed by immunoblotting for IRS1 abundance

(I) RPE1 cells were treated as in **Figure 3C**. Cell lysates were analyzed by
immunoblotting for IRS1 abundance.

Figure 5: *IRS2 knockout cell lines are defective in mitotic cell cycle-related protein*
expression.

(A) WT, ΔIRS2-A, and ΔIRS2-B cell line lysates were analyzed for IRS2 expression by
immunoblotting.

(B-C) Volcano plots comparing proteomes of ∆IRS2 cell lines with WT cell line. Proteins

that significantly decrease > 20% (p-value < 0.05) in both cell lines compared to wild-

type are shown in purple; proteins that significantly increase > 20% (p-value < 0.05)

in both cell lines compared to WT are shown in green.

(D) Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment of proteins that decrease in both ∆IRS2 cell lines

relative to WT cells.

(E) Heat map depicting cell cycle-related protein abundance changes between ∆IRS2 cell

lines and WT cells.

Figure 6: *IRS2 expression promotes a functional spindle assembly checkpoint.*

(A) Analysis of fraction of cells in mitosis for RPE1 wild type (WT) and IRS2 KO cell lines

treated with the indicated doses of nocodazole and S-trityl L-cysteine (STLC) for 18

hours. Mitotic fraction measurements were made using a high content fixed cell

imaging assay based on DAPI intensity of stained nuclei. Error bars = mean ± SD.

(B) Asynchronous RPE1 wild type (WT) or IRS2 KO cell lines were treated with 300 nM

nocodazole and imaged every five minutes by widefield time lapse microscopy for 36

hours. Each point represents an individual cell's mitotic duration, measured as the

time from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) to division, slippage, or cell death. Error

bars = mean± SD. p-values were calculated by one-way ANOVA. **** = p < 0.0001.

ns = not statistically significant.

(C) Asynchronous RPE1 wild type (WT) or IRS2 KO cell lines expressing mAG1-

geminin(1-110) were treated as in (C). mAG1 fluorescence intensity was measured

from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) until division, slippage, or cell death (n = 10

for all three cell lines). Error bars = mean ± SEM. Fluorescence intensity was

background subtracted and normalized to intensity at NEB.

Figure 7: Model for IRS2's role in cell cycle control. IRS2 is targeted for proteasomal

degradation by APC/C^{Cdh1} during G$_1$. When APC/C is inactivate, IRS2 protein

accumulates, potentially allowing it to stimulate the expression of cell cycle-related

proteins either through IR-mediated action [48] or through another receptor tyrosine

kinase. Some of the proteins that are expressed through this pathway may be required

for a robust spindle assembly checkpoint, which directly inhibits APC/C^{Cdc20} during M-

phase.

Tables

Table 1: 26 proteins containing high-probability D- and KEN-boxes as identified from G$_1$

APC/C inhibitor proteomics.

Gene Symbol	Fold Change (APC/Ci : DMSO)	Similarity Score	Disorder Score	Reference (if applicable)
D-box containing proteins				
IRS2	1.3	0.87	0.68	
PBXIP1	1.2	0.83	0.42	[49]
DCBLD1	1.2	0.86	0.56	
ULK1	1.2	0.85	0.58	
NAA38	1.2	0.82	0.44	
LRP10	1.2	0.82	0.49	
CEP120	1.2	0.84	0.42	
DIAPH3*	1.2	0.84	0.56	[50]
ANKRD11	1.2	0.86	0.53	
KEN-box containing proteins				
TK1	3.6	0.97	0.53	[26]
TACC3	1.9	0.94 / 0.90	0.54 / 0.49	[51]
TOP2A	1.8	0.86	0.44	[27]
MKI67	1.5	0.89 / 0.86	0.45 / 0.48	
CUEDC2	1.4	0.99	0.71	[52]
GPBP1	1.3	0.81	0.61	
UHRF2	1.2	0.88	0.61	
KIF23	1.2	0.87	0.45	[53]
PNPLA8	1.2	0.92	0.61	
KDM2A	1.2	0.94	0.66	
PRPF38B	1.2	0.92	0.44	
DLGAP5	1.2	0.89	0.6	[54]
D- and KEN-box containing proteins				
CKAP2	3.2	D:0.95 K: 0.81	D: 0.59 K: 0.48	[55]
KIF11	2.4	D: 0.95 K: 0.81	D: 0.62 K: 0.49	[56]

GMNN**	2.2	D: 0.97 K: 0.84	D: 0.57 K: 0.52	[57]
KDM3A	1.2	D: 0.80 K: 0.81	D: 0.61 K: 0.66	
BUB1B	1.2	D: 0.92 / 0.85 K: 0.83 / 0.86	D: 0.47/0.64 K: 0.47/0.49	[58]

Features of the putative degron(s) found in each protein are annotated, including the

SLiMSearch similarity score to other validated degrons, the similarity of the surrounding

consensus sequence to other validated degrons, the disorder score for the region of the

protein in which the degron is located, and the citation of the publication that reports the

protein as an APC/C substrate, where applicable. *While DIAPH3/mDia2 has been shown

to be ubiquitinated in a cell cycle dependent manner and was suggested as an APC/C

substrate, there is no direct cell-based or biochemical evidence for this. **We cannot

delineate whether the geminin peptides identified here derive from the FUCCI reporter or

the endogenous protein. Proteins that have not been previously reported as APC/C

substrates are shown in bold.

Experimental Procedures

Cell Culture and Synchronization

All cell lines used in this work (HeLa, C_2C_{12}, hTERT-RPE1-FUCCI, HEK293T) were

cultured in a humidified incubator at 37ºC in the presence of 5% CO_2. HeLa, hTERT-

RPE1 and C_2C_{12} cells were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), and

hTERT-RPE1 cells were modified with FUCCI constructs [20] with the permission of the

RIKEN Institute. HeLa cells were grown in DMEM with 10% FBS. Proliferating C_2C_{12}

myoblasts were grown in DMEM with 15% FBS, whereas differentiated myotubes were

cultured in differentiation media, consisting of DMEM with 2% horse serum and 1x insulin,

transferrin, selenium (ITS) Premix Universal Culture Supplement (Corning, 354350).

hTERT-RPE1-FUCCI cells were grown in DMEM/F12 with 10% FBS supplemented with

0.01 mg/ml hygromycin B (Corning, 30-240-CR). HEK293T cells used for lentivirus

generation were a gift from Wade Harper and were cultured in DMEM with 10% FBS. All

cell lines tested were negative for mycoplasma contamination (Lonza LT07-218).

HeLa cells were synchronized by double thymidine block by treating with 2 mM thymidine
for 18 hours, releasing for 8 hours, and re-treating with 2 mM thymidine for 19 hours.
HeLa cells synchronized by thymidine-nocodazole block were treated with 2 mM
thymidine for 20 hours, released for 8 hours, then treated with 300-330 nM nocodazole
for 15 hours. Mitotic cells were collected by shake-off and re-plated in drug-free media for
cell cycle time course experiments.

RPE1 cells were synchronized by RO3306 treatment by treating with 7.5 µM RO3306 for
18 hours before releasing into fresh media for 30-40 minutes, after which cells were
collected by mitotic shake-off and re-plated for cell cycle time course experiments. For G_1
arrest experiments, RPE1 cells were treated with 1 µM palbociclib for 20 hours.

To differentiate C_2C_{12} myoblasts into myotubes, cells were grown to confluence and
washed 2x in DMEM with 2% horse serum before switching to differentiation media. Cells
were incubated for 72 hours, with media changes every 24-36 hours. Differentiation into
myotubes was monitored visually as well as by immunoblotting for MyoD, a myogenic
marker.

Immunoblotting
Cell extracts were prepared in lysis buffer (10 mM Tris HCl pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM
EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM NaF, 1 mM PMSF, 20 mM $Na_4P_2O_7$, 2 mM NA_3VO_4, 1% Triton
X-100, 10% glycerol, 0.1% SDS, and 0.5% deoxycholate) supplemented with Pierce
protease inhibitor tablets (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32963) and Pierce phosphatase
inhibitor tablets (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32957). Pellets were incubated in lysis buffer
on ice for 30 minutes with vortexing and were centrifuged at 13,000rpm for 10 minutes to
clear the lysate. Protein concentrations were determined using a bicinchoninic acid (BCA)
assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 23225). Supernatants were re-suspended in NuPAGE
LDS sample buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, NP0008) supplemented with 100 mM
dithiothreitol (DTT) and boiled at 100ºC for 5 minutes. Equal masses of lysates were
separated by SDS-PAGE using either 4-12% Bis Tris gels or 3-8% Tris acetate gels

(Thermo Fisher Scientific). All IRS2 immunoblots were separated on 3-8% Tris acetate
gels with the exception of those shown in **Figures 5A** and **S4B**, which were separated on
4-12% Bis Tris gels. Proteins were transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF)
membranes (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 88518).

Membranes were blocked in 5% non-fat dry milk in Tris-buffered saline with 0.1% Tween
(TBS-T) before incubating with primary antibodies overnight at 4ºC with agitation.
Membranes were probed with secondary antibodies dissolved in 5% milk in TBS-T for 1-
2 hours at room temperature before developing with an Amersham 600RGB imaging
system. Quantification of immunoblots was done using ImageJ [59].

Antibodies
The following commercially available primary antibodies were used for immunoblotting:
anti-IRS2 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 4502) 1:750; anti-Cdh1/Fzr1 (Sigma Aldrich,
CC43) 1:500; anti-anillin [60] 1:1000; anti-Aurora B (Bethyl, A300-431) 1:1000; anti-Eg5
(Cell Signaling Technologies, 4203) 1:1000; anti-Top2A (Cell Signaling Technologies,
12286) 1:1000; anti-TK1 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 8960) 1:1000; anti-Mps1 (Abcam,
ab11108), 1:1000); anti-APC3 (BD Transduction Laboratories, 610455) 1:500; anti-cyclin
B1 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-752) 1:500; anti-Cdc20 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-
8358) 1:500; anti-c-Myc (9E10, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-40) 1:1000; anti-HA-
peroxidase (Sigma Aldrich), 1:1500; anti-cyclin A2 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-596)
1:500; anti-IRS1 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 2382) 1:750; anti-MyoD1 (Cell Signaling
Technologies, 13812) 1:750; anti-GAPDH (Abcam, ab8245) 1:2000; anti-α tubulin
(Abcam, ab7291 and Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-8035) 1:1000 for both; anti-vinculin
(Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-73614) 1:2000. Secondary antibodies used: anti-rabbit
IgG-HRP (GE Healthcare, NA934) and anti-mouse IgG- HRP (GE Healthcare, NA931V),
both at 1:3000 dilutions.

Compounds
The following chemicals were used: palbociclib (LC Laboratories, P-7722), proTAME
(Boston Biochem, I-440), MG132 (474790, Calbiochem), S-trityl L-cysteine (STLC, Alfa

Aesar, L14384), thymidine (Sigma Aldrich, T9250), nocodazole (Sigma Aldrich, 31430-
18-9), RO3306 (AdipoGen Life Sciences, AGCR13515M), doxycycline hyclate (Sigma
Aldrich, D9891). Apcin was custom synthesized by Sundia MediTech Company (Lot
#A0218-10069-031) using methods described previously [17]. All compounds were
dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), with the exception of thymidine and doxycycline,
which were dissolved in Dulbecco's phosphate buffered saline (DPBS, Corning, 21-030-
CV). Dissolved compounds were stored at -20°C prior to use.
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CRISPR/Cas9 mediated gene editing
A TrueGuide crRNA directed against exon 1 of Hs IRS2's coding region (target DNA
sequence: 5'- TCG AGA GCG ATC ACC CGT TT -3', Assay ID number:
CRISPR850215_CR, Thermo Fisher Scientific) was annealed to the TrueGuide tracrRNA
(Thermo Fisher Scientific, A35507) according to manufacturer protocol. hTERT RPE1-
FUCCI cells were co-transfected with TrueCut Cas9 protein v2 (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
A36496) and the annealed tracrRNA:crRNA complex using the Lipofectamine
CRISPRMAX Cas9 Transfection reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific, CMAX00003)
according to manufacturer protocol. Transfected cells were incubated for two days before
switching to fresh media and expanding. Single cell clones were isolated using the limiting
dilution method in a 96-well format, and clonal cell lines were expanded before screening
for knockouts by immunoblotting.
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Site directed mutagenesis
R777-E111 Hs.IRS2 and R777-E111 Hs.IRS2-nostop were gifts from Dominic Espositio
(Addgene plasmid #70395 and #70396, respectively). Both of these plasmids encode
codon optimized sequences for IRS2, with and without a stop codon respectively. R972A
mutations were introduced into the aforementioned IRS2 clones using the Q5 Site-
Directed Mutagenesis Kit (New England BioLabs) with the primers 5' - AGA TTA TAT
GAA TAA GTC CAC TGT CAG ATT ATA TG - 3' and 5' - GAC AGT GGA CTT GCC TGG
CGA GAG TCT GAA CT - 3' according to the manufacturer's protocol. For N-terminally
FLAG-HA-tagged constructs, the insert from R77-E111 Hs.IRS2 (WT or) was cloned into
the pHAGE-FLAG-HA-NTAP vector (a gift from Wade Harper) using the Gateway LR

Clonase II system (Invitrogen). For doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA-tagged constructs, the insert from R77-E111 Hs.IRS2-nostop (WT or DM) was cloned into pINDUCER20 (a gift from Stephen Elledge, Addgene plasmid #44012) using the Gateway LR Clonase II system (Invitrogen). The DM mutation was verified both before and after Gateway cloning by Sanger sequencing.

Lentivirus construction

To construct lentiviruses, HEK293T cells were co-transfected with pPAX2, pMD2, and either pINDUCER-20-IRS2 or pHAGE-FLAG-HA-NTAP-IRS2 in a 4:2:1 DNA ratio using Lipofectamine 3000 (Invitrogen, L3000001) according to manufacturer's instructions. pPAX2 and pMD2 were gifts from Wade Harper. 24 hours after transfection, HEK293T cells were switched to fresh media (DMEM + 10% FBS). 48 hours after transfection lentiviruses were harvested by clearing debris by centrifugation at 960*xg* for 5 minutes and filtering through 0.45 μm SFCA filters. Lentiviruses were either used immediately or flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80ºC for later use.

Stable cell line construction

To generate stable cell lines, plated HeLa, RPE1, or C_2C_{12} cells were incubated with lentiviruses and 2 μg/ml protamine sulfate. 24 hours after viral infection, cells were switched to fresh media. 48 hours after viral infection, antibiotics were introduced. For lentiviruses derived from pINDUCER20, geneticin (Invitrogen, 10131027) was used at a concentration of 750 μg/ml for both RPE1 and C_2C_{12} for 6-7 days. For lentiviruses derived from pHAGE-FLAG-HA-NTAP, puromycin (Sigma Aldrich, P8833) was used at a concentration of 0.5 μg/ml for 3 days. Antibiotic-selected populations of cells were expanded and used for further experiments without clonal selection.

Small interfering RNAs (siRNAs)

Cells were transfected using RNAiMax (Invitrogen, 13778100) according to manufacturer's instructions with the following siRNAs: siGENOME Non-Targeting Control siRNA #5 (D-001210-05, Dharmacon); ON-TARGETplus Human FZR1 siRNA (J-015377-08, Dharmacon), 25 nM; SMARTpool ON-TARGETplus Mouse Fzr1 siRNA (L-065289-

746 01-0005), 25 nM. Cells were treated with siRNAs for 24 hours for all experiments. For
747 experiments involving subsequent compound treatment, cells were switched to fresh
748 media prior to the addition of compounds.
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Plasmid transfection
C_2C_{12} myoblasts were transfected with a plasmid containing the N-terminal 88 amino
acids of human cyclin B1 fused to EGFP using Lipofectamine 3000 (Invitrogen,
L3000001) with the P3000 reagent according to manufacturer's instructions. Growth
media was refreshed to remove transfection reagents 24 hours post-transfection, and
cells were switched to differentiation media for an additional 3 days.
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757 For ubiquitination studies, HeLa cells were transfected with equal amounts of pCI-6xHis-
758 hUb and/or pHAGE-NTAP-IRS2 using Lipofectamine 3000 with the P3000 reagent
759 according to manufacturer's instructions. For myc-Cdh1 overexpression studies, HeLa
760 cells were transfected with 0, 0.5, 1, and 2 µg of pCS2+ myc-hCdh1 using Lipofectamine
761 3000 with the P3000 reagent according to manufacturer's instructions.
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In vivo ubiquitination assay
HeLa cells expressing pCI-6xHis-hUb and pHAGE-NTAP-IRS2 were treated with 10 µM
MG132 either alone or in the presence of APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME + 50 µM
apcin) for 8 hours. Following drug treatment, cells were collected, washed in Dulbecco's
Phosphate Buffered Saline with calcium and magnesium (Corning, 21-030-CM), and flash
frozen in liquid nitrogen. Cell pellets were lysed in denaturing lysis buffer (8M urea; 100
mM Na_2HPO_4; 0.05% Tween-20; 10 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0;
1x protease inhibitor cocktail) by periodic vortexing on ice. Lysates were cleared at 13,000
rpm for 10 minutes. Protein concentrations were measured by BCA assay. Equal amounts
of protein were incubated with Ni-NTA agarose resin (Qiagen, 30210) for four hours,
rotating at 4°C. Resins were washed three times in denaturing wash buffer (8M urea; 100
mM Na_2HPO_4; 0.05% Tween-20; 20 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0)
followed by three washes in native wash buffer (100 mM Na_2HPO_4; 0.05% Tween-20; 20
mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0). His-ubiquitin conjugates were

eluted by boiling resin in 2x LDS sample buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, NP0008)

supplemented with 200 mM DTT and 200 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0 for 10 minutes. Input

samples were resolved on 4-12% Bis-Tris gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific), and Ni-NTA

elution samples were resolved on 3-8% Tris acetate gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Ponceau staining was used as a loading control.

Time lapse and fluorescence microscopy

Cells were plated in a 24-well coverslip-bottom plate (Greiner BioOne, 662892). After 24

hours, cells were treated with the indicated compounds and were imaged immediately

afterwards. Plates were inserted into a covered cage microscope incubator (OkoLab) with

temperature and humidity control at 37ºC and 5% CO_2 and mounted on a motorized

microscope stage (Prior ProScan III). All images were collected on a Nikon Ti motorized

inverted microscope equipped with a 20x/0.75 NA Plan Apo objective lens and the Perfect

Focus system. mCherry fluorescence was excited with a Lumencor Spectra-X using a

555/25 excitation filter and a 605/52 emission filter (Chroma). mAG1 fluorescence was

excited using a 490/20 excitation filter and a 525/36 emission filter (Chroma). Both

configurations used a Sedat Quad dichroic (Chroma). Images were acquired with a

Hamamatsu Orca-R2 or Hamamatsu Flash 4.0 V2 controlled with Nikon Elements image

acquisition software. Three fields of view were collected per condition, and phase contrast

and/or fluorescence images were captured at 5- to 8-minute intervals (depending upon

the experiment) for 24-48 hours.

Videos were analyzed using ImageJ. Mitotic duration was defined as the time from

nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) until division, death (cytoplasmic blebbing), or mitotic

slippage. mAG1 and mCherry intensities were quantified manually by measuring the

maximum intensity of signal for each cell in a given frame across multiple time points. For

experiments analyzing fluorescence intensity during G_1 arrest, measurements were made

for all cells in a frame for each time point.

Experimental design and statistical rationale

For G_1 proteomics experiments, cells were treated with 1 µM palbociclib for 20 hours at
which point cells were either collection (t_0) or treated with DMSO (control) or APC/C
inhibitors (6 µM proTAME + 50 µM apcin) for an additional 8 hours prior to collection
(n=3). For IRS2 knockout proteomic analysis, the proteomes of one control cell line (which
had been subject to the CRISPR process but expressed wild-type levels of IRS2) and two
distinct clonal IRS2 knockout lines were measured (n=3). For both G_1 APC/C inhibitor
proteomics and IRS2 knockout cell line analysis, samples were analyzed in biological
triplicate (e.g. from separate starter cultures) to increase statistical power. Technical
replicates were not measured for either experiment. No samples were excluded from
either analysis. Peptide spectral matches were filtered with a linear discriminant analysis
(LDA) method to a 1% FDR [61] and a protein-level FDR of 1% was also implemented
[62]. For both datasets, comparisons were calculated using a two-tailed, unpaired
Student's t-test. For the G_1 proteomics experiment, we considered significantly changing
proteins as those with a *p*-value<0.05 that increased ≥1.15-fold (based on the fold-
changes observed for previously reported APC/C substrates within our dataset). For the
IRS2 knockout cell line analysis, we considered significantly changing proteins as those
with a *p*-value<0.05 and a <20% change in abundance. For experiments regarding the
stability of IRS2-WT and IRS2-DM, *p*-values were calculated by two-way ANOVA. For
fluorescence microscopy experiments that quantify mAG1 intensity in response to drug
treatment over time, *p*-values were calculated by two-way ANOVA. For microscopy
experiments that quantify mitotic duration following nocodazole treatment, *p*-values were
calculated by one-way ANOVA. For time lapse microscopy data, *p*-values were calculated
by one-way ANOVA. Gene enrichment was calculated using the AmiGO 2 search tool
[63]. Error bars represent standard deviation (SD) or standard error of the mean (SEM)
where indicated.
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TMT mass spectrometry sample preparation
Cells were cultured as described in biological triplicate. Cells pellets were re-suspended
in urea lysis buffer: 8M urea, 200 mM EPPS pH 8.0, Pierce protease inhibitor tablets
(Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32963), and Pierce phosphatase inhibitor tablets (Thermo
Fisher Scientific, A32957). Lysates were passed through a 21-gauge needle 20 times,

and protein concentrations were measured by BCA assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific). 100

µg of protein were reduced with 5 mM tris-2-carboxyethyl-phosphine (TCEP) at room

temperature for 15 minutes, alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide at room temperature for

30 minutes in the dark, and were further reduced with 15 mM DTT for 15 minutes at room

temperature. Proteins were precipitated using a methanol/chloroform extraction. Pelleted

proteins were resuspended in 100 µL 200 mM EPPS, pH 8.0. LysC (Wako, 125-05061)

was added at a 1:50 enzyme:protein ratio, and samples were incubated overnight at room

temperature with agitation. Following overnight incubation, trypsin (Promega, V5111) was

added at a 1:100 enzyme:protein ratio, and samples were incubated for an additional 6

hours at 37ºC. Tryptic digestion was halted by the addition of acetonitrile (ACN). Tandem

mass tag (TMT) isobaric reagents (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 90406) were dissolved in

anhydrous ACN to a final concentration of 20 mg/mL, of which a unique TMT label was

added at a 2:1 label:peptide ratio. Peptides were incubated at room temperature for one

hour with vortexing after 30 minutes. TMT labeling reactions were quenched by the

addition of 10 µL of 5% hydroxylamine. Equal amounts of each sample were combined

at a 1:1 ratio across all channels and lyophilized by vacuum centrifugation. Samples were

re-suspended in 1% formic acid (FA)/99% water and were desalted using a 50 mg 1cc

SepPak C18 cartridge (Waters, WAT054955) under vacuum. Peptides were eluted with

70% ACN/1% FA and lyophilized to dryness by vacuum centrifugation. The combined

peptides were fractionated with basic pH reversed-phase (BPRP) HPLC, collected in a

96-well format and consolidated to a final of 24 fractions, out of which only alternating

fractions (a total of 12) were analyzed [64]. Each fraction was desalted via StageTip,

lyophilized to dryness by vacuum centrifugation, and reconstituted in 5% ACN/5% FA for

LC-MS/MS processing.

TMT mass spectrometry analysis

Data for the G_1 APC/C inhibition experiment were collected on an Orbitrap Fusion mass

spectrometer coupled to a Proxeon EASY-nLC 1000 liquid chromatography (LC) pump

(Thermo Fisher Scientific), whereas data for IRS2 knockout cell line analysis were

collected on an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer coupled to a Proxeon EASY-

nLC 1200 liquid chromatography (LC) pump. The 100 µm capillary column was packed

with 30 cm of Accucore 150 resin (2.6 µm, 150Å; Thermo Fisher Scientific). Mobile

phases were 5% ACN, 0.125% FA (Buffer A) and 95% ACN, 0.125% FA (Buffer B).

Peptides from G_1 APC/C inhibition experiment were separated using a 2.5 h gradient from

4% to 26% Buffer B and analyzed with a SPS-MS3 method [65]. Peptides from IRS2

knockout cell line analysis were separated using a 2 h gradient from 4% to 30% Buffer B

and analyzed with a real-time search strategy [66, 67]. The mass spectrometry

proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the

PRIDE [68] partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD018329 and

10.6019/PXD018329.

Raw data were converted to mzXML format using a modified version of RawFileReader

(https://planetorbitrap.com/rawfilereader) and searched with SEQUEST [69] using an in-

house proteomic pipeline against a human protein target-decoy database containing both

SwissProt and TrEMBL entries (downloaded February 2014). The database was

concatenated onto a database of common contaminants (e.g. trypsin, human keratins).

Searches were performed with a 50 ppm precursor mass tolerance, 0.9 Da fragment

mass tolerance, trypsin digest with up to 2 missed cleavages. Allowed modifications

include cysteine carboxyamidomethylation (+57.02146), static TMT on lysine and peptide

N-temini (+229.16293) and up to 3 variable methionine oxidation (+15.99491). Peptide

spectral matches were filtered with a linear discriminant analysis (LDA) method to a 1%

FDR [61] and a protein-level FDR of 1% was also implemented [62]. For peptide

quantification, we extracted the TMT signal-to-noise and column normalized each

channel to correct for equal protein loading. Peptide spectral matches with summed

signal-to-noise less than 100 were excluded from final result. Lastly, each protein was

scaled such that the summed signal-to-noise for that protein across all channels equals

100, thereby generating a relative abundance (RA) measurement.

High content mitotic fraction assay

Asynchronous hTERT RPE1-FUCCI wild-type or IRS2 KO cell lines were plated in a

black, clear-bottom 96-well plate (Corning, 3606). Plates were sealed with breathable

white rayon sealing tape (Nunc, 241205) to prevent evaporation following plating and

during all subsequent incubations. In experiments involving RNAi, cells were treated with
siRNAs for 24 hours. Cells were switched to fresh media, and compounds were added at
the indicated concentrations for an additional 18 hours. Following compound treatment,
cells were fixed and stained directly without additional washing steps (to avoid the loss of
loosely attached mitotic cells) with 10% formalin, 0.33 µg/mL Hoechst 33342, and 0.1%
Triton X-100 in DPBS. Plates were sealed with aluminum tape (Nunc, 276014) and were
incubated for 45 minutes room temperature in the dark before imaging. All experimental
conditions were represented in triplicate on the same plate. Plates were imaged using an
ImageXpress Micro high-content microscope (Molecular Devices) equipped with a 10x
objective lens. Four images were acquired per well, yielding a total of 12 images per
conditions. Images were processed automatically in ImageJ to identify and count nuclei
as well as measure their maximum fluorescence intensity. ImageJ output files were
pooled, and cumulative frequency curves for the maximum intensity of the cell population
in each condition were computed using MATLAB. An intensity threshold was set based
on the intensity of mitotic cells in control (DMSO-treated) wells to delineate interphase
cells from mitotic cells. The fraction of mitotic cells was calculated as the fraction of cells
above the set intensity threshold in MATLAB[17].
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918 ***Materials Availability***

919 All mass spectrometry raw files will be available through the PRIDE archive upon
920 publication. All other data are available in the associated supplementary data files.
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Supplemental Information Legends

Figure S1: *Related to Figure 1*

(A) Asynchronous RPE1-FUCCI cells were treated with 1 µM palbociclib and imaged by
fluorescence time lapse microscopy for 20 hours. Frames at 0, 10, and 20 hours are
shown.

(B) From the experiment shown in Figure S1B, FITC intensity was quantified at 0 hours
(time of drug addition) and 20 hours. Each point represents the maximum FITC

intensity of an individual cell at the given time point. ns : not significant ; **** :

$p<0.0001$.

(C) Asynchronous RPE1-FUCCI cells were treated with 1 µM palbociclib for 20 hours.

Following G_1 arrest, cells were treated with either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (6 µM

proTAME + 50 µM apcin) and imaged by fluorescence widefield time lapse microscopy

for an additional eight hours.

(D) Quantification of the experiment shown in S1D, as explained in S1B. Error bars = SD

among all of the cells quantified for each condition. ns: not significant ; **** : $p<0.0001$.

(E) RPE1-FUCCI cells were treated with 1 µM palbociclib for 20 hours. Following G_1

arrest, cells were either switched to fresh media containing no drug ("wash out"), fresh

media containing the same concentration of palbociclib ("palbociclib"), or fresh media

containing the same concentration of palbociclib and APC/C inhibitors (palbociclib +

APC/Ci). mAG1 intensity was quantified for all cells in a given frame every 2.7 hours

for 16 hours. Each data point represents the mean intensity ± SEM for at least 90 cells

from two different frames for each condition.

Figure S2: *Related to Figure 2B*

(A) Asynchronous C_2C_{12} myoblasts and 3-day differentiated C_2C_{12} myotubes were lysed

and MyoD levels were measured by immunoblotting.

(B) Phase-contrast images of asynchronous (Day 0) C_2C_{12} myoblasts and 3-day

differentiated C_2C_{12} myotubes.

(C) Asynchronous C_2C_{12} myoblasts were transfected with a plasmid coding for the N-

terminal fragment of cyclin B1 (amino acids 1-88) fused to EGFP for 24 hours.

Following transfection, cells were switched to low-serum differentiation media

containing ITS for three days with media refreshment every 24 hours. After 3 days,

myotubes were acutely treated with either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME

+ 50 µM apcin) for an additional 8 hours. Myotubes were then harvested, and lysates

were analyzed for transgene expression by immunoblot.

(D) Asynchronous C_2C_{12} myoblasts were transfected with an siRNA directed against the

mouse Cdh1 sequence for 18 hours before being maintained in fresh media for an

additional 18 hours. Cells were harvested, and lysates were analyzed for the
expression of the indicated proteins.

Figure S3: *Related to Figure 3*

HeLa cells were synchronized by double thymidine block and released into S-phase either
in the presence of DMSO or 5 µM RO3306. Cells were harvested at the indicated time
points for analysis of the given protein abundances and phosphorylation patterns in lysate
by immunoblot.

Figure S4: *Related to Figure 4*

(A) (*top*) Asynchronous RPE1 cells expressing doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA
tagged IRS2 variants were treated with a dose range of doxycycline. HA and IRS2
expression levels were analyzed by immunoblotting cell lysates. Red = doxycycline
dose used for all experiments. (*bottom*) Asynchronous C_2C_{12} cells expressing
doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA tagged IRS2 variants were treated with a dose
range of doxycycline. HA and IRS2 expression levels were analyzed by
immunoblotting cell lysates. Red = doxycycline dose used for all experiments.

(B) (*left*) Asynchronous RPE1 cells expressing doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA-
tagged variants were lysed, and a dilution series of lysate was analyzed for HA
expression by immunoblot. The protein amount highlighted in red, 15 µg, was the
amount loaded for all immunoblot experiments. The corresponding Coomassie
stained gel is shown below. (*right*) Quantification of the experiment at left. Linear
regression calculations were made, and lines were plotted over data. For WT, R^2=
0.97. For DM, R^2=0.99

(C) *(left)* RPE1 cells stably expressing lentivirus generated, C-terminally HA-tagged IRS2
wild type (WT) and R972A (DM) constructs were arrested in G_1 with 1 µM palbociclib
for 20 hours. Cells were then acutely treated with either DMSO or the indicated dose
range of APC/C inhibitors for an additional 8 hours. Cells were then harvested, and
lysate was analyzed for HA expression by immunoblot. The lane denoted t_0 indicates
a sample that was collected at the time of drug addition. (*right*) Quantification of the

experiment at left. Plot shows HA intensity normalized to a loading control (either

GAPDH or Ponceau) and to the DMSO condition. Error bars = mean ± SEM.

Figure S5: *Related to Figure 5*

(A) Hierarchical clustering for the nine conditions analyzed by TMT-coupled quantitative

mass spectrometry in wild type and ΔIRS2 cell lines.

(B) Venn diagrams depicting proteins that (*left*) decrease significantly >20% relative to

WT cells in both ΔIRS2 cell lines and (*right*) increase significantly >20% relative to WT

in both ΔIRS2 cell lines.

(C) Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment of proteins that increase in both ΔIRS2 cell lines

relative to WT cells.

(D) Heat map for proteins in the "oxidation-reduction process" GO category increasing

in both ΔIRS2 cell lines relative to WT cells.

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Figure S6: Related to Figure 5

(E) Growth curves for IRS2 knockout cell lines.

(F) Asynchronous RPE1 WT and IRS2 KO cells were imaged every five minutes by

widefield time lapse microscopy for 36 hours. The fraction of cells that entered

mitosis over this time span was measured manually, and cumulative frequency

curves for mitotic entry were plotted. WT: n= 33 ; ΔIRS2-A: n=42; ΔIRS2-B: n=42.

(G) Fractional abundance of cell-cycle related proteins shown in **Figure 5D-5E** depleted

in ΔIRS2 cell lines relative to WT cells. ΔIRS2-A median abundance = 0.70 ; ΔIRS2-B

median abundance = 0.66.

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Figure S7: *Related to Figure 6*

(A) Representative frames from high-content nuclear imaging experiment for mitotic

fraction based on DAPI intensity. Asynchronous RPE1 WT or IRS2 KO cell lines were

treated with 900 nM nocodazole for 18 hours before fixing and DAPI staining.

(B) Asynchronous RPE1 WT and IRS2 KO cell lines were imaged every five minutes by

widefield time lapse microscopy for 36 hours. Each point represents an individual cell's

mitotic duration, measured as the time from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) to

division, slippage, or cell death. Error bars = mean ± SD. *p*-values were calculated

using one-way ANOVA. ns = not statistically significant.

(C) Asynchronous RPE1 WT and IRS2 KO cell lines were imaged as in (B). Images are

representative of an unperturbed mitosis from NEB to cytokinesis for each cell line.

Time (in minutes) in upper right corner indicates time since NEB.

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1028 ***Figure S8***: *Related to Figures 1-2*

1029 Extended immunoblots from Figures 1 and 2

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1031 ***Figure S9***: *Related to Figures 3*

1032 Extended immunoblots from Figure 3

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1034 ***Figure S10****: Related to Figures 4-5*

1035 Extended immunoblots from Figures 4 and 5

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1037 ***Table S1***: APC/C inhibition in G_1 proteomics

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1039 ***Table S2***: Reported APC/C substrates identified by proteomics

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1041 ***Table S3***: 204 protein subset

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1043 ***Table S4***: IRS2 knockout cell proteomics

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Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

A

Time since thymidine release (hr)

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14

IRS2

APC3

APC3 (enhanced contrast)

Cyclin B1

GAPDH

HeLa

B

Time since nocodazole release (hr)

0 2 4 6

IRS2

APC3

Cyclin B1

GAPDH

HeLa

C

Time since mitotic entry (hr)

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 3

IRS2

APC3

Cyclin B1

GAPDH

RPE1

Figure 4

A

16 144	194 298	591 796	972 980	
PH	PTB	KRLB		Human IRS2

1   1338

Homo sapien	968 SSDSRQRSPLSDYMNLDFSSPKSPKPGAPSGHP 1000	
Mus musculus	958 SSDSRQRSPLSDYMNLDFSSPKSPKPSTRSGDT 990	
Rattus norvegus	961 SSDSRQRSPLSDYMNLDFSSPKSPKPSTRSGDT 993	
Gallus gallus	863 ---GQRRSPLSDYMNIDFSSQSPSQSGTV---S 895	

R S P L S D Y M N   IRS2 D-box

R X X L X X X X N   D-box consensus

B

IRS2-WT   IRS2-DM

		+			+	APC/C inhibitors
kDa	0	8	8	0	8	8	Time since drug (hr)
160							HA
50							α-tubulin

G₁ arrested RPE1

Normalized protein rel. to DMSO — DMSO / APC/Ci — WT * / DM ns — IRS2 variant

C

IRS2-WT   IRS2-DM

		+			+	APC/C inhibitors
kDa	0	8	8	0	8	8	Time since drug (hr)
160							HA
50							α-tubulin

C₂C₁₂ myotubes + doxycycline

Normalized protein rel. to DMSO — DMSO / APC/Ci — WT * / DM ns — IRS2 variant

D

IRS2-WT   IRS2-DM

kDa	Cntrl	Cdh1	Cntrl	Cdh1	siRNA
160					HA
50					Cdh1
110 / 80					vinculin

RPE1

Normalized protein rel. to Cntrl siRNA — Cntrl siRNA / Cdh1 siRNA — WT * / DM ns — IRS2 variant

E

IRS2-WT   IRS2-DM

kDa	Cntrl	Cdh1	Cntrl	Cdh1	siRNA
160					HA
60 / 50					Cdh1
40					GAPDH

HeLa

Normalized protein rel. to Cntrl siRNA — Cntrl siRNA / Cdh1 siRNA — WT * / DM ns — IRS2 variant

F

Human IRS2 965 TSSDSRQRSPLSDYMNLDFSSPKSPKPGAPSGHPVG 1000
Human IRS1 928 QPAPREEETGTEEYMKMDLGPGRRAAWQESTGVEMG 963

G

Normalized protein rel. to DMSO by MS — DMSO / APC/Ci — IRS2 *** / IRS1 ns

H

	0	8	8	hours since addition
kDa			+	APC/C inhibitors
160				IRS1
40				GAPDH

G₁ arrested RPE1

I

kDa	0	0.5	1	2	4	hours since mitotic entry
160						IRS1
60						Cdc20
60						Cyclin B1
40						GAPDH

RPE1

Figure 5

Figure 6

A

B

C

Figure 7