

1 **The insulin receptor adaptor IRS2 is an APC/C substrate that promotes cell cycle**  
2 **protein expression and a robust spindle assembly checkpoint**

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11 **Abstract**

12 Insulin receptor substrate 2 (IRS2) is an essential adaptor that mediates signaling  
13 downstream of the insulin receptor and other receptor tyrosine kinases. Transduction  
14 through IRS2-dependent pathways is important for coordinating metabolic homeostasis,  
15 and dysregulation of IRS2 causes systemic insulin signaling defects. Despite the  
16 importance of maintaining proper IRS2 abundance, little is known about what factors  
17 mediate its protein stability. We conducted an unbiased proteomic screen to uncover  
18 novel substrates of the Anaphase Promoting Complex/Cyclosome (APC/C), a ubiquitin  
19 ligase that controls the abundance of key cell cycle regulators. We found that IRS2 levels  
20 are regulated by APC/C activity and that IRS2 is a direct APC/C target in G<sub>1</sub>. Consistent  
21 with the APC/C's role in degrading cell cycle regulators, quantitative proteomic analysis  
22 of IRS2-null cells revealed a deficiency in proteins involved in cell cycle progression. We  
23 further show that cells lacking IRS2 display a weakened spindle assembly checkpoint in  
24 cells treated with microtubule inhibitors. Together, these findings reveal a new pathway  
25 for IRS2 turnover and indicate that IRS2 is a component of the cell cycle control system  
26 in addition to acting as an essential metabolic regulator.

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28 **Keywords**

29 Anaphase-Promoting Complex/Cyclosome; ubiquitin; cell cycle; insulin signaling  
30 pathway; G<sub>1</sub>

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## 32 **Introduction**

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

41           The most physiologically important and ubiquitously expressed IRS proteins are  
42 IRS1 and IRS2. Though IRS1 and IRS2 share similar structural and functional features,  
43 they have complementary roles and expression patterns that depend on tissue type and  
44 physiological state [1]. These differences are illustrated by divergent phenotypes in  
45 knockout mice: whereas IRS1 knockout mice exhibit insulin resistance that is  
46 compensated by increased pancreatic  $\beta$  cell mass, IRS2 knockout mice exhibit  $\beta$  cell  
47 failure and resultant diabetes [3]. Distinct roles for IRS1 and IRS2 can also be observed  
48 within the same tissue. For example, in skeletal muscle, IRS1 is required for glucose  
49 uptake and metabolism, whereas IRS2 is important for lipid uptake and metabolism [4,  
50 5]. Furthermore, recent work has shown that the ratio of IRS1 to IRS2 is important for  
51 hepatic glucose metabolism [6]. Thus, maintaining proper IRS1 and IRS2 levels is critical  
52 for systemic and cellular homeostasis.

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

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

66 The Anaphase-Promoting Complex/Cyclosome (APC/C) is a 1.2 mDa ubiquitin  
67 ligase that targets key cell cycle related proteins for destruction by the proteasome [14,  
68 15]. To transfer ubiquitin to its substrates, the APC/C works with one of two co-activators:  
69 Cdc20 during M-phase or Cdh1 during G<sub>1</sub>. These co-activators stimulate the catalytic  
70 activity of the APC/C and facilitate substrate recognition. APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup> and APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup>  
71 recognize substrates via short degron motifs in unstructured protein regions called  
72 destruction boxes (D-boxes) and KEN-boxes. An additional degron, called the ABBA  
73 motif, is used only used by APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup> in metazoan cells [14-16].

74 To probe the substrate landscape of the APC/C, we conducted an unbiased  
75 proteomic screen by acutely blocking APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> activity with small molecule APC/C  
76 inhibitors (apcin and proTAME) [17, 18] in G<sub>1</sub> cells. Using this approach, we uncovered  
77 diverse putative APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> substrates, including IRS2. We demonstrate that IRS2, but  
78 not IRS1, is a direct target of APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup>, thereby establishing a novel mode by which  
79 IRS1 and IRS2 are differentially regulated. Using IRS2 knockout cell lines, we show that  
80 IRS2 is important for the expression of proteins involved in cell cycle progression. We  
81 further show that genetic deletion of IRS2 perturbs spindle assembly checkpoint function.  
82 Taken together, these data establish a role for IRS2 in normal cell cycle progression,  
83 revealing new connections between an essential component of the growth factor signaling  
84 network and cell cycle regulation.

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## 86 **Results**

### 87 *Chemical proteomics reveals proteins whose abundances are APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> regulated*

88 To identify novel substrates and pathways regulated by APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup>, we designed  
89 an experiment that coupled small molecule inhibition of the APC/C in G<sub>1</sub> cells to high  
90 resolution tandem mass tag (TMT)-based quantitative proteomics (**Figure 1A**). Blocking  
91 Cdk4/6 activity inhibits Rb phosphorylation, causing cells to arrest at the G<sub>1</sub> restriction  
92 point [19]. Thus, to generate a homogeneous population of G<sub>1</sub> cells, we treated  
93 asynchronous hTERT-RPE1 cells bearing fluorescent ubiquitination-based cell cycle

94 indicator (FUCCI) constructs [20] with the Cdk4/6 inhibitor palbociclib. Following G<sub>1</sub>  
95 arrest, cells were acutely treated with a combination of APC/C inhibitors (6 μM proTAME  
96 + 50 μM apcin) or vehicle (DMSO) for 8 hours. Cells were then collected for proteomic  
97 analysis with the expectation that APC/C-regulated proteins would be stabilized in cells  
98 treated with APC/C inhibitors compared to control cells (**Figure 1A**). The combined use  
99 of proTAME and apcin results in robust inhibition of the APC/C [17], which guided our  
100 decision to use this treatment scheme. Moreover, this scheme was designed to  
101 specifically identify APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> substrates rather than APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup> substrates since  
102 APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> degrades Cdc20 during G<sub>1</sub> phase [21]. Illustrating this point, Cdc20 expression  
103 was strongly reduced in G<sub>1</sub> palbociclib-arrested cells (**Figure 1B**). The expression of  
104 cyclins A and B was also reduced, consistent with a G<sub>1</sub> block.

105 The experimental approach outlined in **Figure 1A** was validated using the FUCCI  
106 reporter system. This system relies on the expression of two stably integrated fluorescent  
107 fusion proteins—mAG1-geminin (1-110) and mCherry-Cdt1 (30-120)—to monitor the  
108 activity of endogenous cell cycle-related ubiquitin ligases APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> and SCF<sup>Skp2</sup>,  
109 respectively [20]. As expected, cells treated with palbociclib showed a reduction in mAG1-  
110 geminin (1-110) fluorescence over time due to APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> activity while mCherry-Cdt1  
111 (30-120) intensity was increased, indicating G<sub>1</sub> arrest (**Figures S1A-S1B**). The addition  
112 of APC/C inhibitors in palbociclib-arrested cells rescued mAG1-geminin (1-110) levels  
113 (**Figures S1C-S1D**), confirming that this workflow stabilizes APC/C targets. Notably, cells  
114 released from palbociclib-mediated arrest accumulate mAG1-geminin (1-110) more  
115 rapidly than palbociclib-arrested cells treated with APC/C inhibitors (**Figure S1E**),  
116 indicating that APC/C inhibition is likely insufficient to trigger cell cycle re-entry under  
117 these conditions.

118 Using TMT-coupled quantitative proteomics, we identified and quantified relative  
119 abundances for ~8000 human proteins in G<sub>1</sub>-arrested cells treated with or without APC/C  
120 inhibitors in biological triplicate (**Supplementary Table S1**). Notably, we detected 38  
121 previously reported APC/C substrates in our dataset (**Figures 1C-1E; Supplementary**  
122 **Table S2**). Of these, 22 increased significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) under conditions of APC/C  
123 inhibition. We validated these findings in the context of several previously reported  
124 substrates by immunoblot (**Figure 1D**). As an internal control, we detected a significant

125 increase ( $p = 3.2 \times 10^{-5}$ ) in the abundance of peptides derived from the N-terminal 110  
126 amino acids of geminin (GMNN). These residues are shared with the mAG1-geminin (1-  
127 110) reporter expressed in this cell line, confirming earlier fluorescence-based validation  
128 of our experimental system.

129 While the majority of the previously reported APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> substrates that were  
130 quantified in our G<sub>1</sub> proteomic experiment were stabilized following APC/C inhibition,  
131 some remained constant. There are several possible explanations for this result. First, for  
132 proteins that were identified based on few peptides, inadequate quantification may have  
133 resulted in inaccurate abundance assignments. Second, some substrates may be  
134 APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup>-accessible only under conditions or in tissue types that were not met by the  
135 experimental parameters that we used. Third, some proteins (e.g. FBXW5, ZC3HC1) [22,  
136 23] were proposed to be APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> substrates based on results obtained in Cdh1  
137 overexpression systems, indicating that APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> activity may be sufficient but not  
138 necessary to control their levels.

139 Of the 38 previously reported APC/C substrates that we identified, the median fold  
140 change under APC/C inhibition compared to DMSO was 1.15. Based on this, to identify  
141 new APC/C substrates, we screened for proteins that: (1) had a fold change  $\geq 1.15$  under  
142 APC/C inhibition, (2) were identified and quantified based on  $>1$  peptide, and (3) had a  $p$ -  
143 value  $< 0.05$  across the three biological replicates measured in this experiment. This  
144 narrowed our analysis to a subset of 204 proteins (**Supplementary Table S3**). Because  
145 the APC/C recognizes substrates based on D-box motifs (RxxL or the extended motif  
146 RxxLxxxxN) and KEN-box motifs (KEN), we used the SLiMSearch (Short Linear Motif  
147 Search) degron prediction tool [16, 24] to scan this 204-protein subset for proteins that  
148 contain these sequences. In order to classify a putative D- or KEN-box sequence as a  
149 probable physiological degron, we applied the following restrictions on the SLiMSearch  
150 [24] parameters: (1) similarity score  $\geq 0.75$ ; (2) consensus similarity is medium or high;  
151 (3) disorder score  $\geq 0.4$ ; (4) the putative degron must be intracellular and exist on a non-  
152 secreted protein. These cutoffs were determined based on those met by previously  
153 validated APC/C substrates (including those not identified in our dataset) and by the  
154 physical restriction that APC/C activity occurs within the cell. Based on these thresholds,  
155 our analysis identified 26 proteins as potential D- and KEN-box containing APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup>

156 substrates (**Table 1, Figure 1E**). Of these 26 proteins, 11 have previously been reported  
157 as direct APC/C substrates, validating internally that this analysis was useful for  
158 identifying APC/C substrates.

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

161 Examining our 26-protein putative substrate list, we focused our attention on  
162 IRS2—one of two major adaptors that promotes signaling through the insulin and insulin-  
163 like growth factor 1 receptors (IR/IGF1R). Using conditions identical to those under which  
164 the proteomics experiment was conducted, we validated that IRS2 was upregulated at  
165 the protein level under APC/C inhibition in G<sub>1</sub>-arrested RPE1 cells by immunoblot (**Figure**  
166 **2A**). Seeking to further validate this result in a distinct physiological context, we asked  
167 whether APC/C inhibition in terminally differentiated C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myotubes also increases IRS2  
168 protein abundance. C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myoblasts easily differentiate into multinucleated myotubes  
169 following serum withdrawal and supplementation with growth factors (**Figures S2A-S2B**).  
170 To validate that the APC/C is active in this system, we transfected C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myoblasts with  
171 a model APC/C substrate (N-terminal fragment of cyclin B1 fused to EGFP; NT-CycB-  
172 GFP), allowed cells to differentiate into myotubes, and found that APC/C inhibition  
173 stabilized NT-CycB-GFP (**Figure S2C**). Similarly, we found that acute APC/C inhibition in  
174 myotubes also resulted in an accumulation of IRS2 protein (**Figure 2B**), thereby validating  
175 this finding from our G<sub>1</sub> experiment in RPE1 cells in an independent system.

176 To exclude the possibility that the change in IRS2 abundance that we observed  
177 following APC/C inhibition was due to off-target effects of the small molecule APC/C  
178 inhibitors, we depleted Cdh1 using RNAi to block APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> activity in HeLa, RPE1, and  
179 asynchronous C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> cells (**Figure 2C-2D, Figure S2D**). We found that Cdh1 knockdown  
180 caused an accumulation of endogenous IRS2 as well as several other previously reported  
181 APC/C substrates compared to control-transfected cells (**Figure 2C-2D**).

182 To address whether increased APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> activity is sufficient to reduce IRS2  
183 levels, we overexpressed myc-tagged human Cdh1 in HeLa cells. We found that, when  
184 expressed at sufficiently high levels, Cdh1 reduced the levels of both IRS2 as well as  
185 other known APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> substrates including anillin, TK1, and Top2a (**Figure 2E**) [25-27].  
186 The requirement that Cdh1 be expressed at high levels to observe this effect is likely due

187 to Cdk-dependent inhibitory phosphorylation of Cdh1 limiting its ability to activate APC/C  
188 under sub-saturating conditions [28].

189 We next sought to confirm that the increase in IRS2 protein observed under APC/C  
190 inhibition was due to impaired targeting of IRS2 to the proteasome. To test this, we  
191 arrested RPE1 cells in G<sub>1</sub> using palbociclib and acutely treated them with APC/C inhibitors  
192 and/or a proteasome inhibitor (MG132) for 8 hours. This experiment revealed that APC/C  
193 inhibition or proteasome inhibition each resulted in an accumulation of IRS2 (**Figure 2F**).  
194 Notably, co-inhibition of the APC/C and the proteasome did not result in additional  
195 stabilization of IRS2, indicating that the increase in IRS2 we observed under APC/C  
196 inhibition was solely a consequence of its impaired proteasomal degradation. Consistent  
197 with this observation, we found that APC/C inhibition decreased the polyubiquitination of  
198 HA-tagged IRS2 in HeLa cells treated with MG132 (**Figure 2G**).

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

201 To test whether IRS2 levels fluctuate during the cell cycle as expected for an  
202 APC/C substrate, we synchronized HeLa cells in early S-phase by double thymidine block  
203 and tracked IRS2 protein abundance leading into mitotic entry by immunoblot (**Figure**  
204 **3A**). As is typical for APC/C substrates, IRS2 levels correlated with cyclin B1 abundance  
205 and APC3 phosphorylation. To assess IRS2 levels at mitotic exit, we thymidine-  
206 nocodazole synchronized HeLa cells, released them into prometaphase, and tracked  
207 IRS2's abundance through mitotic exit (**Figure 3B**). Again, IRS2 protein abundance  
208 correlated with cyclin B1 levels and APC3 phosphorylation. The same behavior was  
209 observed in RPE1 cells that were synchronized in late G<sub>2</sub> by RO3306 treatment (Cdk1  
210 inhibition) and tracked over the course of progression through M-phase and into G<sub>1</sub>  
211 (**Figure 3C**). Based on these data, we conclude that IRS2 protein levels fluctuate in a cell  
212 cycle-dependent manner that is consistent with other known APC/C substrates. This  
213 behavior is also consistent with IRS2 being a potential APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup> substrate.

214 In agreement with previous reports of mitotic phosphorylation of IRS2 by Plk1 [29],  
215 our cell cycle analysis experiments revealed that IRS2 displays a marked electrophoretic  
216 mobility shift consistent with mitotic phosphorylation. This may owe, at least in part, to  
217 Cdk1 activity given that HeLa cells released from a double thymidine block into Cdk1

218 inhibitor RO3306 did not display an observable shift in IRS2 mobility as compared to  
219 those released into control (DMSO) treatment (**Figure S3**). IRS2 abundance still peaked  
220 normally at this time point in the presence of RO3306, suggesting that the increase in  
221 IRS2 abundance was not dependent on Cdk1 activity. Together, these results support  
222 previous findings [29] that IRS2 is subject to cell-cycle dependent phosphorylation and  
223 that its abundance peaks in M-phase and falls in early G<sub>1</sub> in multiple cell lines.

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

226 Using the SLiMSearch analysis tool [16], we found that IRS2 contains four minimal  
227 D-box motifs (RxxL), one extended D-box motif (RxxLxxxxN) and no KEN-box motifs. Of  
228 the four minimal D-box motifs, none bears strong consensus similarity to previously  
229 validated D-box motifs, and one exists in a highly structured region of the protein [24].  
230 Because of its high SLiMSearch parameter scores (**Table 1**), we focused our efforts on  
231 determining whether the extended D-box motif located in the C-terminal third of IRS2 is  
232 required for its APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup>-dependent stability. IRS2's extended D-box (amino acids 972-  
233 980 in human IRS2) is highly conserved in placental mammals despite overall divergence  
234 in much of the C-terminus (**Figure 4A**), suggesting that this sequence likely has a  
235 conserved function.

236 To test whether IRS2's full D-box is relevant for its Cdh1-dependent degradation,  
237 we generated a mutant IRS2 construct bearing an R972A D-box mutation (DM), which  
238 was expected to abrogate its function as a D-box [30]. To investigate the effect of  
239 expressing the IRS2-DM construct in cells, we generated doxycycline-inducible, C-  
240 terminally HA-tagged IRS2-WT and IRS2-DM RPE1 and C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> cell lines. In an effort to  
241 avoid saturating the system and overexpression artifacts, we sought to express tagged  
242 IRS2 variants at low levels relative to the endogenous protein (**Figure S4A**).

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



249 and APC/C inhibition (APC/C inhibitors or Cdh1 siRNA) quantifiable for each (**Figure**  
250 **S4B**). Using these cell lines, we found that APC/C inhibition following G<sub>1</sub> arrest caused  
251 accumulation of IRS2-WT but not IRS2-DM (**Figure 4B**). The degree of accumulation of  
252 the WT protein depended on the dose of APC/C inhibitors used (**Figure S4C**).

253 In the C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> cells stably expressing C-terminally HA-tagged IRS2 variants,  
254 transgene expression was undetectable in differentiated myotubes in the absence of  
255 doxycycline (data not shown), so we selected a low dose that maintained close-to-  
256 endogenous expression levels in myoblasts (**Figure S4A**). Cells were differentiated for  
257 three days in low-serum media. Following differentiation, myotubes were switched to new  
258 media containing fresh doxycycline and either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (the “0 hr” lane  
259 in **Figure 4C**) and were collected 8 hours later. Due to the doxycycline refreshment,  
260 myotubes exhibited a slight increase in transgene expression between 0 hours (the time  
261 of drug addition) and 8 hours (the time of collection). We observed a strong increase in  
262 levels of HA-tagged IRS2-WT in the presence of APC/C inhibitors compared to DMSO-  
263 treated myotubes. In contrast, levels of HA-tagged IRS2-DM remained constant both in  
264 the presence and absence of APC/C inhibitors (**Figure 4C**).

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

272 IRS1 (the other primary adaptor protein for IGF1R and IR) shares 75% sequence  
273 homology with IRS2’s N-terminus and 35% homology with its C-terminus [31] but does  
274 not share the D-box motif found in IRS2’s C-terminus (**Figure 4F**). In keeping with our  
275 hypothesis that Cdh1-mediated control of IRS2 is D-box dependent, IRS1 levels did not  
276 increase in G<sub>1</sub>-arrested RPE1 cells treated with APC/C inhibitors as measured by either  
277 mass spectrometry (**Figure 4G**) or immunoblot (**Figure 4H**). Furthermore, while it did  
278 display a change in electrophoretic mobility compatible with mitotic phosphorylation,  
279 unlike IRS2, it did not decrease in abundance at mitotic exit in RPE1 cells (**Figure 4I**).

280 Taken together, the findings described above indicate that APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> controls IRS2 levels  
281 in manner that is dependent upon its C-terminal D-box motif.

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

284 Many reported APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> substrates (including several of those identified in our  
285 initial proteomics screen) are required for normal cell cycle progression. Because  
286 IR/IGF1R transduction promotes a variety of transcriptional programs [2], we  
287 hypothesized that IRS2 might promote the expression of proteins involved in cell cycle  
288 control. To investigate this, we generated two IRS2 knockout RPE1 cell lines using  
289 CRISPR/Cas9 (**Figure 5A**), henceforth referred to as  $\Delta$ IRS2-A and  $\Delta$ IRS2-B. Using these  
290 cells, we again employed TMT-coupled quantitative proteomics. The proteomes of wild-  
291 type,  $\Delta$ IRS2-A, and  $\Delta$ IRS2-B cell lines were analyzed in biological triplicate, and relative  
292 abundances were ascertained based on TMT reporter ion signal-to-noise values.  
293 Hierarchical clustering indicated that the proteomes of the two knockout cell lines  
294 analyzed were more similar to each other than either knockout cell line was to wild-type  
295 (**Figure S5A**), suggesting that deletion of IRS2 produced similar effects in both cell lines.  
296 In order to exclude aberrancies that may have accrued during the CRISPR process or as  
297 a result of clonal expansion, we focused the scope of our analysis to proteins that  
298 changed significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) by more than 20% in both IRS2 knockout clones relative  
299 to the WT cell line (**Figures 5B-5C**). We found 239 proteins that decreased by >20% in  
300 both IRS2 knockout lines relative to the wild type line and 300 proteins that increased by  
301 >20% (**Figures 5B-5C, S5B**).

302 We conducted gene enrichment analysis of the proteins that increased (**Figure**  
303 **S5C-S5D**) or decreased (**Figure 5D**) by >20% in both knockout cell lines relative to wild  
304 type cells. Of the 239 proteins that were depleted by >20% in both knockout cell lines, we  
305 found a statistical over-representation of proteins participating in metabolic processes  
306 characteristic of IR signal transduction. Notably, we also found an over-representation of  
307 proteins involved in mitotic cell cycle regulation in this subset (**Figure 5D**). This suite of  
308 proteins included regulators of mitotic entry and exit as well as several factors involved in  
309 spindle assembly (**Figure 5E**). Importantly, IRS2 KO cells divide as the same rate as WT  
310 cells (**Figure S6A-S6B**), indicating that this downregulation is not due to a bulk loss of

311 viability or cell cycle arrest. Consistent with the fact that strong depletion of most critical  
312 cell cycle regulators renders cells inviable, most of the observed changes in cell cycle-  
313 related genes were relatively modest (**Figure S6C**). Based on these data, we conclude  
314 that IRS2 is important for promoting the expression of a suite of proteins involved in  
315 orchestrating the mitotic cell cycle, and deletion of IRS2 stunts their expression in RPE1  
316 cells.

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### 318 *IRS2 expression promotes a functional spindle assembly checkpoint*

319 Because many of the factors that were depleted in IRS2 knockout cell lines are  
320 involved in regulating the events of mitosis, we sought to investigate whether IRS2 KO  
321 cell lines display phenotypic differences from wild-type cells under conditions of mitotic  
322 stress—in this case, activation of the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC). Using a high  
323 content nuclear imaging assay to measure mitotic fraction [17], we asked whether IRS2  
324 knockout cell lines display mitotic arrest differences compared to wild-type cells when  
325 treated with spindle poisons. Wild-type cells treated with nocodazole (a microtubule  
326 destabilizing agent) arrested in mitosis in a dose-dependent manner, whereas both IRS2  
327 knockout cell lines displayed depressed mitotic arrest (**Figure 6A** and **Figure S7A**). This  
328 was also true to a lesser extent in the presence of S-trityl-L-cysteine (STLC), an Eg5  
329 inhibitor (**Figure 6A**). Importantly, this was not due to a reduction in the rate of mitotic  
330 entry (**Figure S6B**).

331 We further evaluated this phenotype by live-cell imaging. Consistent with the  
332 results from the fixed-cell assay, IRS2 knockout cell lines also had a significantly shorter  
333 mitotic duration compared to wild-type cells ( $p < 0.0001$  in both cases) when treated with  
334 300 nM nocodazole (**Figure 6B** and **Figure S7B**). We next analyzed the effect of IRS2  
335 knockout on APC/C activity in cells expressing mAG1-geminin (1-101), an APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup>  
336 substrate that is stabilized by the spindle assembly checkpoint [32]. We found that wild-  
337 type cells displayed an accumulation of mAG1 fluorescence early in mitotic arrest prior to  
338 a gradual reduction due to leaky APC/C activity [33]. In contrast, both IRS2 knockout cell  
339 lines display depressed mAG1 accumulation, followed by a more rapid loss of  
340 fluorescence signal, consistent with higher APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup> activity due to a weakened  
341 checkpoint (**Figure 6C**). This phenotype, along with the shorter mitotic duration and lower

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

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## 346 **Discussion**

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

354       We identified a high-mobility form of IRS2 that accumulates under APC/C  
355 inhibition, likely corresponding to a difference in phosphorylation given that IRS2 has  
356 ~150 annotated threonine, serine, and tyrosine phosphorylation sites [34]. This suggests  
357 that IRS2's APC/C-dependent stability could be regulated by phosphorylation, possibly at  
358 sites near or within the D-box, which is an intriguing topic for future study. Consistent with  
359 this, IRS2 phosphorylation is known to impact its stability in other contexts, including  
360 following prolonged exposure to insulin or following mTOR activation [2]. Furthermore,  
361 there is a strong precedent for phospho-regulation of APC/C degrons modulating  
362 substrate stability under specific conditions [35-37].

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

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

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

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

395 Based on the data presented here, we propose a model (**Figure 7**) in which IRS2's  
396 APC/C-mediated degradation in G<sub>1</sub> serves to limit IRS2-dependent signaling during G<sub>1</sub>.  
397 Upon APC/C inactivation, IRS2 is able to accumulate and stimulate signaling required for  
398 normal progression through the latter stages of the cell cycle, including the expression of  
399 proteins required for mitotic spindle checkpoint function. This model is consistent with  
400 previous studies that implicate IRS2 in promoting the expression of cell cycle-related  
401 genes, including mitotic cyclins (A and B) in mouse granulosa cells [47]. Furthermore, IR  
402 signal transduction promotes the expression of Plk1 (a mitotic kinase) and CENP-A (a

403 centromere protein) in  $\beta$  cells through a mechanism that appears to depend on IRS2  
404 rather than IRS1 [40, 48].

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

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426 IRS2 CRISPR knockout cell lines. S.M. characterized mitotic arrest defects in IRS2  
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440 The authors declare no competing financial interests.

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#### 442 **Main Figure Legends**

443 **Figure 1:** *High resolution chemical proteomics reveals proteins whose abundances are*  
444 *APC/C regulated.*

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

446 Asynchronous RPE1 cells were arrested in 1  $\mu$ M palbociclib (a Cdk4/6 inhibitor) for  
447 20 hours, at which point they were acutely treated with either DMSO or a combination  
448 of 6  $\mu$ M proTAME + 50  $\mu$ M apcin (referred to as “APC/C inhibitors” or “APC/Ci”). Cells  
449 were then collected at time 0 (the time of drug addition) or 8 hours after drug addition  
450 and were harvested for TMT-based proteomic identification and quantification.  
451 Samples were analyzed in biological triplicate within a 10-plex TMT label set, with the  
452 10<sup>th</sup> channel used as a bridge.

453 (B) Asynchronous RPE1 cells were treated with either DMSO or 1  $\mu$ M palbociclib for 20  
454 hours. Cells were harvested, and lysates were analyzed by immunoblot for the  
455 indicated proteins.

456 (C) Previously reported APC/C substrates that were identified in this study are plotted with  
457 their observed fold change in the APC/C inhibitor treated sample (APC/Ci) relative to  
458 the DMSO treated sample. Error bars represent the standard deviation (SD) between  
459 the three biological replicates measured by MS. Asterisks indicate an abundance  
460 increase over control that is statistically significant ( \* :  $p < 0.05$  ; \*\* :  $p < 0.01$  ; \*\*\* :  $p$   
461  $< 0.001$  ; \*\*\*\* :  $p < 0.0001$ )

462 (D) Previously reported APC/C substrates that were identified as increasing by mass  
463 spectrometry in G<sub>1</sub> RPE1 cells treated with APC/C inhibitors were validated by  
464 immunoblot for selected proteins.

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

469

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

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

473 (B) C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myoblasts were induced to differentiate through serum withdrawal and  
474 supplementation with insulin, transferrin, and selenium (ITS). After three days of  
475 differentiation, myotubes were acutely treated with either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors  
476 (of 6  $\mu$ M proTAME + 50  $\mu$ M apcin). After eight hours of drug treatment, myotubes were  
477 collected and IRS2 levels from all samples were analyzed by immunoblotting.

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

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

486 (F) RPE1 cells were arrested in G<sub>1</sub> with 1  $\mu$ M palbociclib for 20 hours. Following G<sub>1</sub>  
487 arrest, cells were treated with DMSO, APC/C inhibitors (6  $\mu$ M proTAME + 50  $\mu$ M  
488 apcin), MG132 (10  $\mu$ M), or a combination of APC/C inhibitors and MG132 for an  
489 additional 8 hours. Cells were harvested, and lysates were analyzed by immunoblot  
490 for IRS2 abundance.

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



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

497 (A) HeLa cells were synchronized by double thymidine block and released into S-phase  
498 in the presence of nocodazole. Lysates were harvested and analyzed by  
499 immunoblotting for IRS2 and cell cycle markers.

500 (B) HeLa cells were synchronized by single thymidine-nocodazole block and released into  
501 prometaphase. Mitotic cells were collected by mitotic shake-off and re-plated. Time  
502 points were taken every two hours as cells exited M-phase. Lysates were harvested  
503 and analyzed by immunoblotting for IRS2 and cell cycle markers.

504 (C) RPE1 cells were synchronized in G<sub>2</sub> by treatment with the Cdk1 inhibitor RO3306.  
505 After 18 hours, cells were switched to fresh media and were allowed to enter mitosis  
506 (~35 minutes following drug removal). At mitotic entry, cells were collected by mitotic  
507 shake-off and were re-plated (0 hr). Time points were taken as cells exited M-phase  
508 and entered G<sub>1</sub>. Lysates were harvested and analyzed by immunoblotting for IRS2  
509 and cell cycle markers.

510

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

512 (A) (top) Schematic depicting IRS2's protein domain structure. PH = pleckstrin homology  
513 domain, PTB = phosphotyrosine binding domain, KRLB = kinase regulatory-loop  
514 binding region. IRS2's C-terminal full D-box motif is highlighted in red. (bottom)  
515 Comparison of IRS2's D-box conservation among placental mammals.

516 (B) RPE1 cells stably expressing lentivirus-derived, doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally  
517 HA-tagged IRS2 constructs were arrested in G<sub>1</sub> with 1  $\mu$ M palbociclib for 20 hours in  
518 the absence of doxycycline. Following arrest, samples were either collected or DMSO  
519 or APC/C inhibitors (6  $\mu$ M proTAME + 50  $\mu$ M apcin) were added for an additional 8  
520 hours. Quantification of immunoblots shown at right: HA levels were normalized to a  
521 loading control and are plotted relative to DMSO levels. Error bars = mean  $\pm$  SEM. \* :  
522  $p = 0.0187$ ; ns :  $p = 0.816$

523 (C) C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myoblasts stably expressing lentivirus-derived, doxycycline-inducible, C-  
524 terminally HA-tagged IRS2 constructs were grown to confluence and switched to low  
525 serum media supplemented with ITS (differentiation media) and doxycycline. Cells  
526 were allowed to differentiate into myotubes for three days (with media refreshment

527 every 24 hours), at which point (0 hr) either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (6  $\mu$ M proTAME  
528 + 50  $\mu$ M apcin) for an additional 8 hours in the presence of doxycycline. Quantification  
529 of immunoblots shown at right: HA levels were normalized to a loading control and are  
530 plotted relative to DMSO levels. Error bars = mean  $\pm$  SEM. \* :  $p = 0.0118$ ; ns :  $p =$   
531 0.910.

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

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

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

545 (G) MS-quantified IRS1 and IRS2 abundance in G<sub>1</sub> APC inhibitor proteomics (**Figure 1**).  
546 IRS1 abundance was quantified based on 5 peptides (4 unique) in 3 biological  
547 replicates; IRS2 was quantified based on 3 peptides (all unique) in 3 biological  
548 replicates.

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

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

553

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

556 (A) WT,  $\Delta$ IRS2-A, and  $\Delta$ IRS2-B cell line lysates were analyzed for IRS2 expression by  
557 immunoblotting.

558 (B-C) Volcano plots comparing proteomes of  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines with WT cell line. Proteins  
559 that significantly decrease > 20% ( $p$ -value < 0.05) in both cell lines compared to wild-  
560 type are shown in purple; proteins that significantly increase > 20% ( $p$ -value < 0.05)  
561 in both cell lines compared to WT are shown in green.

562 (D) Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment of proteins that decrease in both  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines  
563 relative to WT cells.

564 (E) Heat map depicting cell cycle-related protein abundance changes between  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell  
565 lines and WT cells.

566

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

568 (A) Analysis of fraction of cells in mitosis for RPE1 wild type (WT) and IRS2 KO cell lines  
569 treated with the indicated doses of nocodazole and S-trityl L-cysteine (STLC) for 18  
570 hours. Mitotic fraction measurements were made using a high content fixed cell  
571 imaging assay based on DAPI intensity of stained nuclei. Error bars = mean  $\pm$  SD.

572 (B) Asynchronous RPE1 wild type (WT) or IRS2 KO cell lines were treated with 300 nM  
573 nocodazole and imaged every five minutes by widefield time lapse microscopy for 36  
574 hours. Each point represents an individual cell's mitotic duration, measured as the  
575 time from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) to division, slippage, or cell death. Error  
576 bars = mean  $\pm$  SD.  $p$ -values were calculated by one-way ANOVA. \*\*\*\* =  $p$  < 0.0001.  
577 ns = not statistically significant.

578 (C) Asynchronous RPE1 wild type (WT) or IRS2 KO cell lines expressing mAG1-  
579 geminin(1-110) were treated as in (C). mAG1 fluorescence intensity was measured  
580 from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) until division, slippage, or cell death ( $n$  = 10  
581 for all three cell lines). Error bars = mean  $\pm$  SEM. Fluorescence intensity was  
582 background subtracted and normalized to intensity at NEB.

583

584 **Figure 7:** Model for IRS2's role in cell cycle control. IRS2 is targeted for proteasomal  
585 degradation by APC/C<sup>Cdh1</sup> during G<sub>1</sub>. When APC/C is inactivate, IRS2 protein  
586 accumulates, potentially allowing it to stimulate the expression of cell cycle-related  
587 proteins either through IR-mediated action [48] or through another receptor tyrosine  
588 kinase. Some of the proteins that are expressed through this pathway may be required

589 for a robust spindle assembly checkpoint, which directly inhibits APC/C<sup>Cdc20</sup> during M-  
590 phase.

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592 **Tables**

593 **Table 1:** 26 proteins containing high-probability D- and KEN-boxes as identified from G<sub>1</sub>  
594 APC/C inhibitor proteomics.

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Gene Symbol	Fold Change (APC/Ci : DMSO)	Similarity Score	Disorder Score	Reference (if applicable)
<i>D-box containing proteins</i>				
<b>IRS2</b>	1.3	0.87	0.68	
PBXIP1	1.2	0.83	0.42	[49]
<b>DCBLD1</b>	1.2	0.86	0.56	
<b>ULK1</b>	1.2	0.85	0.58	
<b>NAA38</b>	1.2	0.82	0.44	
<b>LRP10</b>	1.2	0.82	0.49	
<b>CEP120</b>	1.2	0.84	0.42	
DIAPH3*	1.2	0.84	0.56	[50]
<b>ANKRD11</b>	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]
<b>MKI67</b>	1.5	0.89 / 0.86	0.45 / 0.48	
CUEDC2	1.4	0.99	0.71	[52]
<b>GPBP1</b>	1.3	0.81	0.61	
<b>UHRF2</b>	1.2	0.88	0.61	
KIF23	1.2	0.87	0.45	[53]
<b>PNPLA8</b>	1.2	0.92	0.61	
<b>KDM2A</b>	1.2	0.94	0.66	
<b>PRPF38B</b>	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]
<b>KDM3A</b>	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]

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597 Features of the putative degron(s) found in each protein are annotated, including the  
598 SLiMSearch similarity score to other validated degrons, the similarity of the surrounding  
599 consensus sequence to other validated degrons, the disorder score for the region of the  
600 protein in which the degron is located, and the citation of the publication that reports the  
601 protein as an APC/C substrate, where applicable. \*While DIAPH3/mDia2 has been shown  
602 to be ubiquitinated in a cell cycle dependent manner and was suggested as an APC/C  
603 substrate, there is no direct cell-based or biochemical evidence for this. \*\*We cannot  
604 delineate whether the geminin peptides identified here derive from the FUCCI reporter or  
605 the endogenous protein. Proteins that have not been previously reported as APC/C  
606 substrates are shown in bold.

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## 608 **Experimental Procedures**

### 609 ***Cell Culture and Synchronization***

610 All cell lines used in this work (HeLa, C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub>, hTERT-RPE1-FUCCI, HEK293T) were  
611 cultured in a humidified incubator at 37°C in the presence of 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. HeLa, hTERT-  
612 RPE1 and C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> cells were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), and  
613 hTERT-RPE1 cells were modified with FUCCI constructs [20] with the permission of the  
614 RIKEN Institute. HeLa cells were grown in DMEM with 10% FBS. Proliferating C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub>  
615 myoblasts were grown in DMEM with 15% FBS, whereas differentiated myotubes were  
616 cultured in differentiation media, consisting of DMEM with 2% horse serum and 1x insulin,  
617 transferrin, selenium (ITS) Premix Universal Culture Supplement (Corning, 354350).  
618 hTERT-RPE1-FUCCI cells were grown in DMEM/F12 with 10% FBS supplemented with  
619 0.01 mg/ml hygromycin B (Corning, 30-240-CR). HEK293T cells used for lentivirus  
620 generation were a gift from Wade Harper and were cultured in DMEM with 10% FBS. All  
621 cell lines tested were negative for mycoplasma contamination (Lonza LT07-218).

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

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630 RPE1 cells were synchronized by RO3306 treatment by treating with 7.5  $\mu$ M RO3306 for  
631 18 hours before releasing into fresh media for 30-40 minutes, after which cells were  
632 collected by mitotic shake-off and re-plated for cell cycle time course experiments. For G<sub>1</sub>  
633 arrest experiments, RPE1 cells were treated with 1  $\mu$ M palbociclib for 20 hours.

634

635 To differentiate C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myoblasts into myotubes, cells were grown to confluence and  
636 washed 2x in DMEM with 2% horse serum before switching to differentiation media. Cells  
637 were incubated for 72 hours, with media changes every 24-36 hours. Differentiation into  
638 myotubes was monitored visually as well as by immunoblotting for MyoD, a myogenic  
639 marker.

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#### 641 ***Immunoblotting***

642 Cell extracts were prepared in lysis buffer (10 mM Tris HCl pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM  
643 EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM NaF, 1 mM PMSF, 20 mM Na<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, 2 mM NA<sub>3</sub>VO<sub>4</sub>, 1% Triton  
644 X-100, 10% glycerol, 0.1% SDS, and 0.5% deoxycholate) supplemented with Pierce  
645 protease inhibitor tablets (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32963) and Pierce phosphatase  
646 inhibitor tablets (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32957). Pellets were incubated in lysis buffer  
647 on ice for 30 minutes with vortexing and were centrifuged at 13,000rpm for 10 minutes to  
648 clear the lysate. Protein concentrations were determined using a bicinchoninic acid (BCA)  
649 assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 23225). Supernatants were re-suspended in NuPAGE  
650 LDS sample buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, NP0008) supplemented with 100 mM  
651 dithiothreitol (DTT) and boiled at 100°C for 5 minutes. Equal masses of lysates were  
652 separated by SDS-PAGE using either 4-12% Bis Tris gels or 3-8% Tris acetate gels

653 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). All IRS2 immunoblots were separated on 3-8% Tris acetate  
654 gels with the exception of those shown in **Figures 5A** and **S4B**, which were separated on  
655 4-12% Bis Tris gels. Proteins were transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF)  
656 membranes (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 88518).

657  
658 Membranes were blocked in 5% non-fat dry milk in Tris-buffered saline with 0.1% Tween  
659 (TBS-T) before incubating with primary antibodies overnight at 4°C with agitation.  
660 Membranes were probed with secondary antibodies dissolved in 5% milk in TBS-T for 1-  
661 2 hours at room temperature before developing with an Amersham 600RGB imaging  
662 system. Quantification of immunoblots was done using ImageJ [59].

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#### 664 **Antibodies**

665 The following commercially available primary antibodies were used for immunoblotting:  
666 anti-IRS2 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 4502) 1:750; anti-Cdh1/Fzr1 (Sigma Aldrich,  
667 CC43) 1:500; anti-anillin [60] 1:1000; anti-Aurora B (Bethyl, A300-431) 1:1000; anti-Eg5  
668 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 4203) 1:1000; anti-Top2A (Cell Signaling Technologies,  
669 12286) 1:1000; anti-TK1 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 8960) 1:1000; anti-Mps1 (Abcam,  
670 ab11108), 1:1000); anti-APC3 (BD Transduction Laboratories, 610455) 1:500; anti-cyclin  
671 B1 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-752) 1:500; anti-Cdc20 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-  
672 8358) 1:500; anti-c-Myc (9E10, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-40) 1:1000; anti-HA-  
673 peroxidase (Sigma Aldrich), 1:1500; anti-cyclin A2 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-596)  
674 1:500; anti-IRS1 (Cell Signaling Technologies, 2382) 1:750; anti-MyoD1 (Cell Signaling  
675 Technologies, 13812) 1:750; anti-GAPDH (Abcam, ab8245) 1:2000; anti- $\alpha$  tubulin  
676 (Abcam, ab7291 and Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-8035) 1:1000 for both; anti-vinculin  
677 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-73614) 1:2000. Secondary antibodies used: anti-rabbit  
678 IgG-HRP (GE Healthcare, NA934) and anti-mouse IgG- HRP (GE Healthcare, NA931V),  
679 both at 1:3000 dilutions.

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#### 681 **Compounds**

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

684 Aesar, L14384), thymidine (Sigma Aldrich, T9250), nocodazole (Sigma Aldrich, 31430-  
685 18-9), RO3306 (AdipoGen Life Sciences, AGCR13515M), doxycycline hyclate (Sigma  
686 Aldrich, D9891). Apcin was custom synthesized by Sundia MediTech Company (Lot  
687 #A0218-10069-031) using methods described previously [17]. All compounds were  
688 dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), with the exception of thymidine and doxycycline,  
689 which were dissolved in Dulbecco's phosphate buffered saline (DPBS, Corning, 21-030-  
690 CV). Dissolved compounds were stored at -20°C prior to use.

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### 692 ***CRISPR/Cas9 mediated gene editing***

693 A TrueGuide crRNA directed against exon 1 of Hs IRS2's coding region (target DNA  
694 sequence: 5'- TCG AGA GCG ATC ACC CGT TT -3', Assay ID number:  
695 CRISPR850215\_CR, Thermo Fisher Scientific) was annealed to the TrueGuide tracrRNA  
696 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A35507) according to manufacturer protocol. hTERT RPE1-  
697 FUCCI cells were co-transfected with TrueCut Cas9 protein v2 (Thermo Fisher Scientific,  
698 A36496) and the annealed tracrRNA:crRNA complex using the Lipofectamine  
699 CRISPRMAX Cas9 Transfection reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific, CMAX00003)  
700 according to manufacturer protocol. Transfected cells were incubated for two days before  
701 switching to fresh media and expanding. Single cell clones were isolated using the limiting  
702 dilution method in a 96-well format, and clonal cell lines were expanded before screening  
703 for knockouts by immunoblotting.

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### 705 ***Site directed mutagenesis***

706 R777-E111 Hs.IRS2 and R777-E111 Hs.IRS2-nostop were gifts from Dominic Esposito  
707 (Addgene plasmid #70395 and #70396, respectively). Both of these plasmids encode  
708 codon optimized sequences for IRS2, with and without a stop codon respectively. R972A  
709 mutations were introduced into the aforementioned IRS2 clones using the Q5 Site-  
710 Directed Mutagenesis Kit (New England BioLabs) with the primers 5' - AGA TTA TAT  
711 GAA TAA GTC CAC TGT CAG ATT ATA TG - 3' and 5' - GAC AGT GGA CTT GCC TGG  
712 CGA GAG TCT GAA CT - 3' according to the manufacturer's protocol. For N-terminally  
713 FLAG-HA-tagged constructs, the insert from R77-E111 Hs.IRS2 (WT or ) was cloned into  
714 the pHAGE-FLAG-HA-NTAP vector (a gift from Wade Harper) using the Gateway LR



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

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### 721 ***Lentivirus construction***

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

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### 731 ***Stable cell line construction***

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

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### 741 ***Small interfering RNAs (siRNAs)***

742 Cells were transfected using RNAiMax (Invitrogen, 13778100) according to  
743 manufacturer's instructions with the following siRNAs: siGENOME Non-Targeting Control  
744 siRNA #5 (D-001210-05, Dharmacon); ON-TARGETplus Human FZR1 siRNA (J-015377-  
745 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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### 750 ***Plasmid transfection***

751 C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> myoblasts were transfected with a plasmid containing the N-terminal 88 amino  
752 acids of human cyclin B1 fused to EGFP using Lipofectamine 3000 (Invitrogen,  
753 L3000001) with the P3000 reagent according to manufacturer's instructions. Growth  
754 media was refreshed to remove transfection reagents 24 hours post-transfection, and  
755 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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### 763 ***In vivo ubiquitination assay***

764 HeLa cells expressing pCI-6xHis-hUb and pHAGE-NTAP-IRS2 were treated with 10 µM  
765 MG132 either alone or in the presence of APC/C inhibitors (6 µM proTAME + 50 µM  
766 apcin) for 8 hours. Following drug treatment, cells were collected, washed in Dulbecco's  
767 Phosphate Buffered Saline with calcium and magnesium (Corning, 21-030-CM), and flash  
768 frozen in liquid nitrogen. Cell pellets were lysed in denaturing lysis buffer (8M urea; 100  
769 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>; 0.05% Tween-20; 10 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0;  
770 1x protease inhibitor cocktail) by periodic vortexing on ice. Lysates were cleared at 13,000  
771 rpm for 10 minutes. Protein concentrations were measured by BCA assay. Equal amounts  
772 of protein were incubated with Ni-NTA agarose resin (Qiagen, 30210) for four hours,  
773 rotating at 4°C. Resins were washed three times in denaturing wash buffer (8M urea; 100  
774 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>; 0.05% Tween-20; 20 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0)  
775 followed by three washes in native wash buffer (100 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>; 0.05% Tween-20; 20  
776 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0; 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0). His-ubiquitin conjugates were

777 eluted by boiling resin in 2x LDS sample buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, NP0008)  
778 supplemented with 200 mM DTT and 200 mM imidazole HCl, pH 8.0 for 10 minutes. Input  
779 samples were resolved on 4-12% Bis-Tris gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific), and Ni-NTA  
780 elution samples were resolved on 3-8% Tris acetate gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific).  
781 Ponceau staining was used as a loading control.

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### 783 ***Time lapse and fluorescence microscopy***

784 Cells were plated in a 24-well coverslip-bottom plate (Greiner BioOne, 662892). After 24  
785 hours, cells were treated with the indicated compounds and were imaged immediately  
786 afterwards. Plates were inserted into a covered cage microscope incubator (Okolab) with  
787 temperature and humidity control at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> and mounted on a motorized  
788 microscope stage (Prior ProScan III). All images were collected on a Nikon Ti motorized  
789 inverted microscope equipped with a 20x/0.75 NA Plan Apo objective lens and the Perfect  
790 Focus system. mCherry fluorescence was excited with a Lumencor Spectra-X using a  
791 555/25 excitation filter and a 605/52 emission filter (Chroma). mAG1 fluorescence was  
792 excited using a 490/20 excitation filter and a 525/36 emission filter (Chroma). Both  
793 configurations used a Sedat Quad dichroic (Chroma). Images were acquired with a  
794 Hamamatsu Orca-R2 or Hamamatsu Flash 4.0 V2 controlled with Nikon Elements image  
795 acquisition software. Three fields of view were collected per condition, and phase contrast  
796 and/or fluorescence images were captured at 5- to 8-minute intervals (depending upon  
797 the experiment) for 24-48 hours.

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799 Videos were analyzed using ImageJ. Mitotic duration was defined as the time from  
800 nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) until division, death (cytoplasmic blebbing), or mitotic  
801 slippage. mAG1 and mCherry intensities were quantified manually by measuring the  
802 maximum intensity of signal for each cell in a given frame across multiple time points. For  
803 experiments analyzing fluorescence intensity during G<sub>1</sub> arrest, measurements were made  
804 for all cells in a frame for each time point.

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### 806 ***Experimental design and statistical rationale***

807 For G<sub>1</sub> proteomics experiments, cells were treated with 1 μM palbociclib for 20 hours at  
808 which point cells were either collection (t<sub>0</sub>) or treated with DMSO (control) or APC/C  
809 inhibitors (6 μM proTAME + 50 μM apcin) for an additional 8 hours prior to collection  
810 (n=3). For IRS2 knockout proteomic analysis, the proteomes of one control cell line (which  
811 had been subject to the CRISPR process but expressed wild-type levels of IRS2) and two  
812 distinct clonal IRS2 knockout lines were measured (n=3). For both G<sub>1</sub> APC/C inhibitor  
813 proteomics and IRS2 knockout cell line analysis, samples were analyzed in biological  
814 triplicate (e.g. from separate starter cultures) to increase statistical power. Technical  
815 replicates were not measured for either experiment. No samples were excluded from  
816 either analysis. Peptide spectral matches were filtered with a linear discriminant analysis  
817 (LDA) method to a 1% FDR [61] and a protein-level FDR of 1% was also implemented  
818 [62]. For both datasets, comparisons were calculated using a two-tailed, unpaired  
819 Student's t-test. For the G<sub>1</sub> proteomics experiment, we considered significantly changing  
820 proteins as those with a *p*-value<0.05 that increased ≥1.15-fold (based on the fold-  
821 changes observed for previously reported APC/C substrates within our dataset). For the  
822 IRS2 knockout cell line analysis, we considered significantly changing proteins as those  
823 with a *p*-value<0.05 and a <20% change in abundance. For experiments regarding the  
824 stability of IRS2-WT and IRS2-DM, *p*-values were calculated by two-way ANOVA. For  
825 fluorescence microscopy experiments that quantify mAG1 intensity in response to drug  
826 treatment over time, *p*-values were calculated by two-way ANOVA. For microscopy  
827 experiments that quantify mitotic duration following nocodazole treatment, *p*-values were  
828 calculated by one-way ANOVA. For time lapse microscopy data, *p*-values were calculated  
829 by one-way ANOVA. Gene enrichment was calculated using the AmiGO 2 search tool  
830 [63]. Error bars represent standard deviation (SD) or standard error of the mean (SEM)  
831 where indicated.

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### 833 ***TMT mass spectrometry sample preparation***

834 Cells were cultured as described in biological triplicate. Cells pellets were re-suspended  
835 in urea lysis buffer: 8M urea, 200 mM EPPS pH 8.0, Pierce protease inhibitor tablets  
836 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32963), and Pierce phosphatase inhibitor tablets (Thermo  
837 Fisher Scientific, A32957). Lysates were passed through a 21-gauge needle 20 times,

838 and protein concentrations were measured by BCA assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific). 100  
839  $\mu$ g of protein were reduced with 5 mM tris-2-carboxyethyl-phosphine (TCEP) at room  
840 temperature for 15 minutes, alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide at room temperature for  
841 30 minutes in the dark, and were further reduced with 15 mM DTT for 15 minutes at room  
842 temperature. Proteins were precipitated using a methanol/chloroform extraction. Pelleted  
843 proteins were resuspended in 100  $\mu$ L 200 mM EPPS, pH 8.0. LysC (Wako, 125-05061)  
844 was added at a 1:50 enzyme:protein ratio, and samples were incubated overnight at room  
845 temperature with agitation. Following overnight incubation, trypsin (Promega, V5111) was  
846 added at a 1:100 enzyme:protein ratio, and samples were incubated for an additional 6  
847 hours at 37°C. Tryptic digestion was halted by the addition of acetonitrile (ACN). Tandem  
848 mass tag (TMT) isobaric reagents (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 90406) were dissolved in  
849 anhydrous ACN to a final concentration of 20 mg/mL, of which a unique TMT label was  
850 added at a 2:1 label:peptide ratio. Peptides were incubated at room temperature for one  
851 hour with vortexing after 30 minutes. TMT labeling reactions were quenched by the  
852 addition of 10  $\mu$ L of 5% hydroxylamine. Equal amounts of each sample were combined  
853 at a 1:1 ratio across all channels and lyophilized by vacuum centrifugation. Samples were  
854 re-suspended in 1% formic acid (FA)/99% water and were desalted using a 50 mg 1cc  
855 SepPak C18 cartridge (Waters, WAT054955) under vacuum. Peptides were eluted with  
856 70% ACN/1% FA and lyophilized to dryness by vacuum centrifugation. The combined  
857 peptides were fractionated with basic pH reversed-phase (BPRP) HPLC, collected in a  
858 96-well format and consolidated to a final of 24 fractions, out of which only alternating  
859 fractions (a total of 12) were analyzed [64]. Each fraction was desalted via StageTip,  
860 lyophilized to dryness by vacuum centrifugation, and reconstituted in 5% ACN/5% FA for  
861 LC-MS/MS processing.

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### 863 ***TMT mass spectrometry analysis***

864 Data for the G<sub>1</sub> APC/C inhibition experiment were collected on an Orbitrap Fusion mass  
865 spectrometer coupled to a Proxeon EASY-nLC 1000 liquid chromatography (LC) pump  
866 (Thermo Fisher Scientific), whereas data for IRS2 knockout cell line analysis were  
867 collected on an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer coupled to a Proxeon EASY-  
868 nLC 1200 liquid chromatography (LC) pump. The 100  $\mu$ m capillary column was packed

869 with 30 cm of Accucore 150 resin (2.6  $\mu\text{m}$ , 150 $\text{\AA}$ ; Thermo Fisher Scientific). Mobile  
870 phases were 5% ACN, 0.125% FA (Buffer A) and 95% ACN, 0.125% FA (Buffer B).  
871 Peptides from G<sub>1</sub> APC/C inhibition experiment were separated using a 2.5 h gradient from  
872 4% to 26% Buffer B and analyzed with a SPS-MS3 method [65]. Peptides from IRS2  
873 knockout cell line analysis were separated using a 2 h gradient from 4% to 30% Buffer B  
874 and analyzed with a real-time search strategy [66, 67]. The mass spectrometry  
875 proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the  
876 PRIDE [68] partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD018329 and  
877 10.6019/PXD018329.

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879 Raw data were converted to mzXML format using a modified version of RawFileReader  
880 (<https://planetorbitrap.com/rawfilereader>) and searched with SEQUEST [69] using an in-  
881 house proteomic pipeline against a human protein target-decoy database containing both  
882 SwissProt and TrEMBL entries (downloaded February 2014). The database was  
883 concatenated onto a database of common contaminants (e.g. trypsin, human keratins).  
884 Searches were performed with a 50 ppm precursor mass tolerance, 0.9 Da fragment  
885 mass tolerance, trypsin digest with up to 2 missed cleavages. Allowed modifications  
886 include cysteine carboxyamidomethylation (+57.02146), static TMT on lysine and peptide  
887 N-termini (+229.16293) and up to 3 variable methionine oxidation (+15.99491). Peptide  
888 spectral matches were filtered with a linear discriminant analysis (LDA) method to a 1%  
889 FDR [61] and a protein-level FDR of 1% was also implemented [62]. For peptide  
890 quantification, we extracted the TMT signal-to-noise and column normalized each  
891 channel to correct for equal protein loading. Peptide spectral matches with summed  
892 signal-to-noise less than 100 were excluded from final result. Lastly, each protein was  
893 scaled such that the summed signal-to-noise for that protein across all channels equals  
894 100, thereby generating a relative abundance (RA) measurement.

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### 896 ***High content mitotic fraction assay***

897 Asynchronous hTERT RPE1-FUCCI wild-type or IRS2 KO cell lines were plated in a  
898 black, clear-bottom 96-well plate (Corning, 3606). Plates were sealed with breathable  
899 white rayon sealing tape (Nunc, 241205) to prevent evaporation following plating and

900 during all subsequent incubations. In experiments involving RNAi, cells were treated with  
901 siRNAs for 24 hours. Cells were switched to fresh media, and compounds were added at  
902 the indicated concentrations for an additional 18 hours. Following compound treatment,  
903 cells were fixed and stained directly without additional washing steps (to avoid the loss of  
904 loosely attached mitotic cells) with 10% formalin, 0.33  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  Hoechst 33342, and 0.1%  
905 Triton X-100 in DPBS. Plates were sealed with aluminum tape (Nunc, 276014) and were  
906 incubated for 45 minutes room temperature in the dark before imaging. All experimental  
907 conditions were represented in triplicate on the same plate. Plates were imaged using an  
908 ImageXpress Micro high-content microscope (Molecular Devices) equipped with a 10x  
909 objective lens. Four images were acquired per well, yielding a total of 12 images per  
910 conditions. Images were processed automatically in ImageJ to identify and count nuclei  
911 as well as measure their maximum fluorescence intensity. ImageJ output files were  
912 pooled, and cumulative frequency curves for the maximum intensity of the cell population  
913 in each condition were computed using MATLAB. An intensity threshold was set based  
914 on the intensity of mitotic cells in control (DMSO-treated) wells to delineate interphase  
915 cells from mitotic cells. The fraction of mitotic cells was calculated as the fraction of cells  
916 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.  
921 Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to the  
922 Lead Contact, Randy King ([randy\\_king@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:randy_king@hms.harvard.edu)).

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### 924 **Supplemental Information Legends**

925 **Figure S1:** *Related to Figure 1*

926 (A) Asynchronous RPE1-FUCCI cells were treated with 1  $\mu\text{M}$  palbociclib and imaged by  
927 fluorescence time lapse microscopy for 20 hours. Frames at 0, 10, and 20 hours are  
928 shown.

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

931 intensity of an individual cell at the given time point. ns : not significant ; \*\*\*\* :  
932  $p < 0.0001$ .

933 (C) Asynchronous RPE1-FUCCI cells were treated with 1  $\mu\text{M}$  palbociclib for 20 hours.  
934 Following  $G_1$  arrest, cells were treated with either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (6  $\mu\text{M}$   
935 proTAME + 50  $\mu\text{M}$  apcin) and imaged by fluorescence widefield time lapse microscopy  
936 for an additional eight hours.

937 (D) Quantification of the experiment shown in S1D, as explained in S1B. Error bars = SD  
938 among all of the cells quantified for each condition. ns: not significant ; \*\*\*\* :  $p < 0.0001$ .

939 (E) RPE1-FUCCI cells were treated with 1  $\mu\text{M}$  palbociclib for 20 hours. Following  $G_1$   
940 arrest, cells were either switched to fresh media containing no drug ("wash out"), fresh  
941 media containing the same concentration of palbociclib ("palbociclib"), or fresh media  
942 containing the same concentration of palbociclib and APC/C inhibitors (palbociclib +  
943 APC/Ci). mAG1 intensity was quantified for all cells in a given frame every 2.7 hours  
944 for 16 hours. Each data point represents the mean intensity  $\pm$  SEM for at least 90 cells  
945 from two different frames for each condition.

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947 **Figure S2: Related to Figure 2B**

948 (A) Asynchronous  $C_2C_{12}$  myoblasts and 3-day differentiated  $C_2C_{12}$  myotubes were lysed  
949 and MyoD levels were measured by immunoblotting.

950 (B) Phase-contrast images of asynchronous (Day 0)  $C_2C_{12}$  myoblasts and 3-day  
951 differentiated  $C_2C_{12}$  myotubes.

952 (C) Asynchronous  $C_2C_{12}$  myoblasts were transfected with a plasmid coding for the N-  
953 terminal fragment of cyclin B1 (amino acids 1-88) fused to EGFP for 24 hours.  
954 Following transfection, cells were switched to low-serum differentiation media  
955 containing ITS for three days with media refreshment every 24 hours. After 3 days,  
956 myotubes were acutely treated with either DMSO or APC/C inhibitors (6  $\mu\text{M}$  proTAME  
957 + 50  $\mu\text{M}$  apcin) for an additional 8 hours. Myotubes were then harvested, and lysates  
958 were analyzed for transgene expression by immunoblot.

959 (D) Asynchronous  $C_2C_{12}$  myoblasts were transfected with an siRNA directed against the  
960 mouse Cdh1 sequence for 18 hours before being maintained in fresh media for an



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

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964 **Figure S3: Related to Figure 3**

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

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970 **Figure S4: Related to Figure 4**

971 (A) (*top*) Asynchronous RPE1 cells expressing doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA  
972 tagged IRS2 variants were treated with a dose range of doxycycline. HA and IRS2  
973 expression levels were analyzed by immunoblotting cell lysates. Red = doxycycline  
974 dose used for all experiments. (*bottom*) Asynchronous C<sub>2</sub>C<sub>12</sub> cells expressing  
975 doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA tagged IRS2 variants were treated with a dose  
976 range of doxycycline. HA and IRS2 expression levels were analyzed by  
977 immunoblotting cell lysates. Red = doxycycline dose used for all experiments.

978 (B) (*left*) Asynchronous RPE1 cells expressing doxycycline-inducible, C-terminally HA-  
979 tagged variants were lysed, and a dilution series of lysate was analyzed for HA  
980 expression by immunoblot. The protein amount highlighted in red, 15  $\mu$ g, was the  
981 amount loaded for all immunoblot experiments. The corresponding Coomassie  
982 stained gel is shown below. (*right*) Quantification of the experiment at left. Linear  
983 regression calculations were made, and lines were plotted over data. For WT, R<sup>2</sup>=  
984 0.97. For DM, R<sup>2</sup>=0.99

985 (C) (*left*) RPE1 cells stably expressing lentivirus generated, C-terminally HA-tagged IRS2  
986 wild type (WT) and R972A (DM) constructs were arrested in G<sub>1</sub> with 1  $\mu$ M palbociclib  
987 for 20 hours. Cells were then acutely treated with either DMSO or the indicated dose  
988 range of APC/C inhibitors for an additional 8 hours. Cells were then harvested, and  
989 lysate was analyzed for HA expression by immunoblot. The lane denoted t<sub>0</sub> indicates  
990 a sample that was collected at the time of drug addition. (*right*) Quantification of the

991 experiment at left. Plot shows HA intensity normalized to a loading control (either  
992 GAPDH or Ponceau) and to the DMSO condition. Error bars = mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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994 **Figure S5:** Related to Figure 5

995 (A) Hierarchical clustering for the nine conditions analyzed by TMT-coupled quantitative  
996 mass spectrometry in wild type and  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines.

997 (B) Venn diagrams depicting proteins that (*left*) decrease significantly >20% relative to  
998 WT cells in both  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines and (*right*) increase significantly >20% relative to WT  
999 in both  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines.

1000 (C) Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment of proteins that increase in both  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines  
1001 relative to WT cells.

1002 (D) Heat map for proteins in the “oxidation-reduction process” GO category increasing  
1003 in both  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines relative to WT cells.

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1005 **Figure S6:** Related to Figure 5

1006 (E) Growth curves for IRS2 knockout cell lines.

1007 (F) Asynchronous RPE1 WT and IRS2 KO cells were imaged every five minutes by  
1008 widefield time lapse microscopy for 36 hours. The fraction of cells that entered  
1009 mitosis over this time span was measured manually, and cumulative frequency  
1010 curves for mitotic entry were plotted. WT: n= 33 ;  $\Delta$ IRS2-A: n=42;  $\Delta$ IRS2-B: n=42.

1011 (G) Fractional abundance of cell-cycle related proteins shown in **Figure 5D-5E** depleted  
1012 in  $\Delta$ IRS2 cell lines relative to WT cells.  $\Delta$ IRS2-A median abundance = 0.70 ;  $\Delta$ IRS2-B  
1013 median abundance = 0.66.

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1015 **Figure S7:** Related to Figure 6

1016 (A) Representative frames from high-content nuclear imaging experiment for mitotic  
1017 fraction based on DAPI intensity. Asynchronous RPE1 WT or IRS2 KO cell lines were  
1018 treated with 900 nM nocodazole for 18 hours before fixing and DAPI staining.

1019 (B) Asynchronous RPE1 WT and IRS2 KO cell lines were imaged every five minutes by  
1020 widefield time lapse microscopy for 36 hours. Each point represents an individual cell's  
1021 mitotic duration, measured as the time from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEB) to

1022 division, slippage, or cell death. Error bars = mean  $\pm$  SD. *p*-values were calculated  
1023 using one-way ANOVA. ns = not statistically significant.

1024 (C) Asynchronous RPE1 WT and IRS2 KO cell lines were imaged as in (B). Images are  
1025 representative of an unperturbed mitosis from NEB to cytokinesis for each cell line.  
1026 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<sub>1</sub> 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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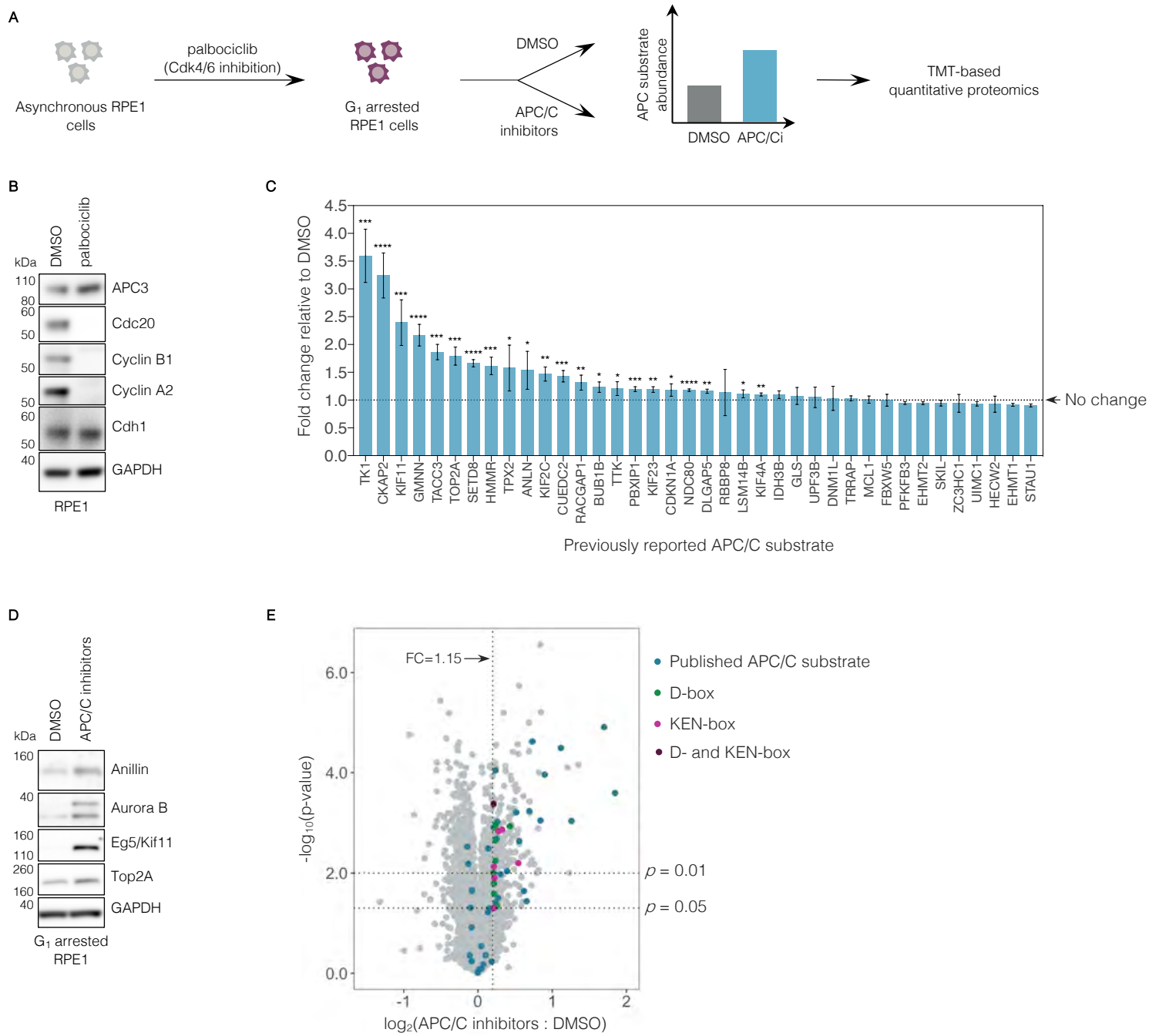
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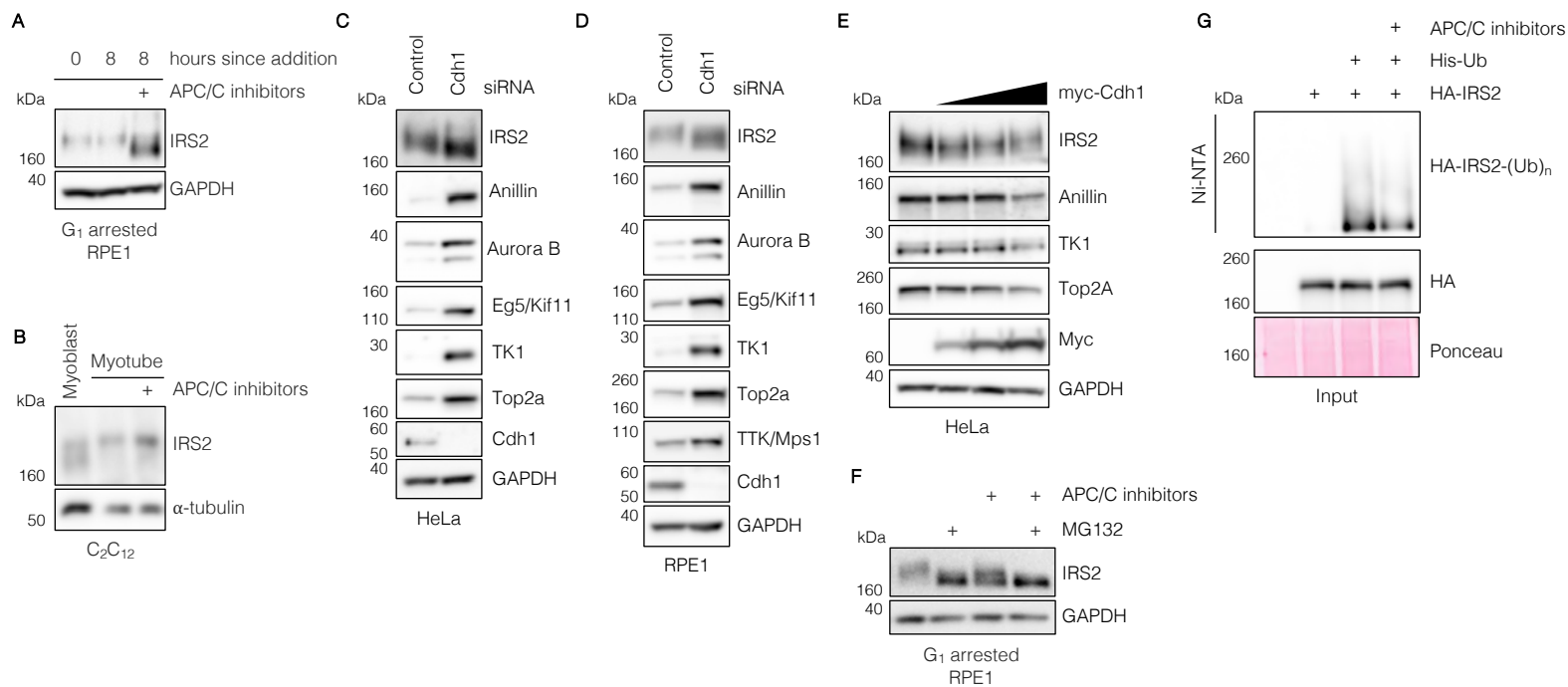


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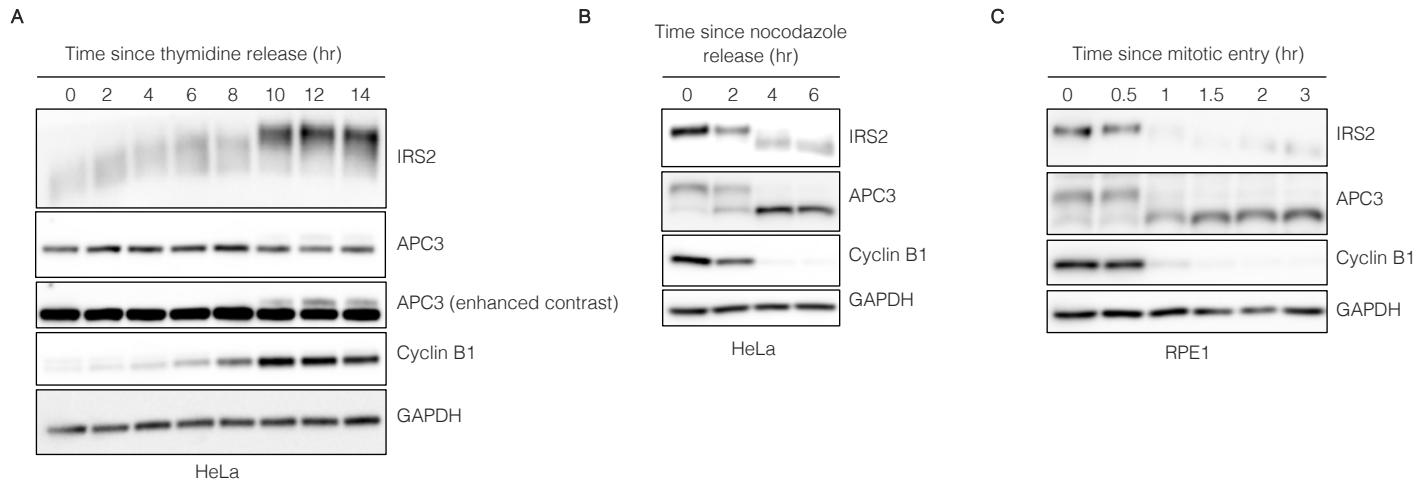
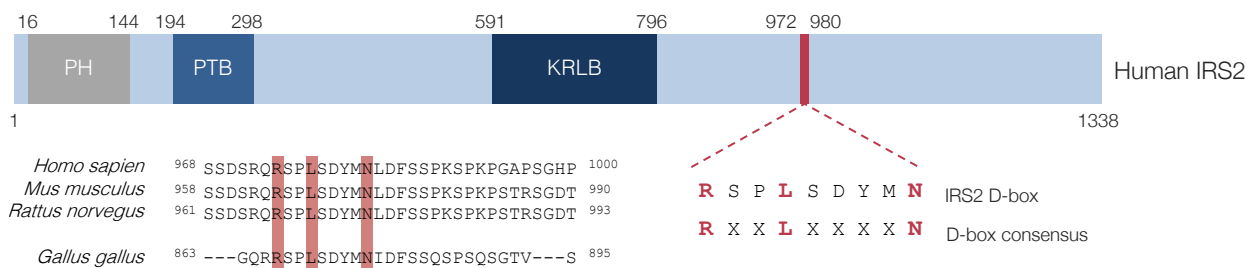
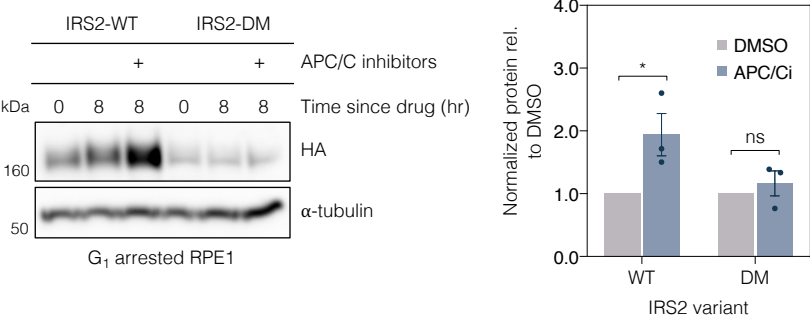


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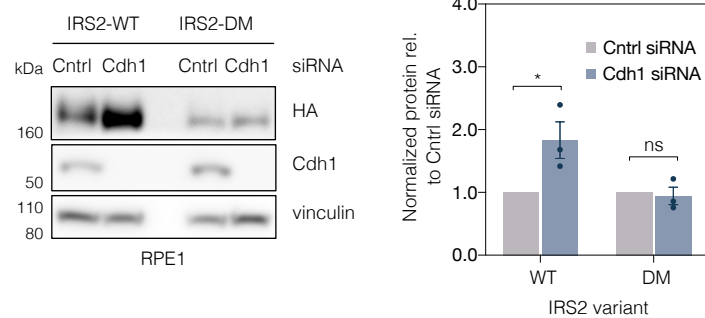
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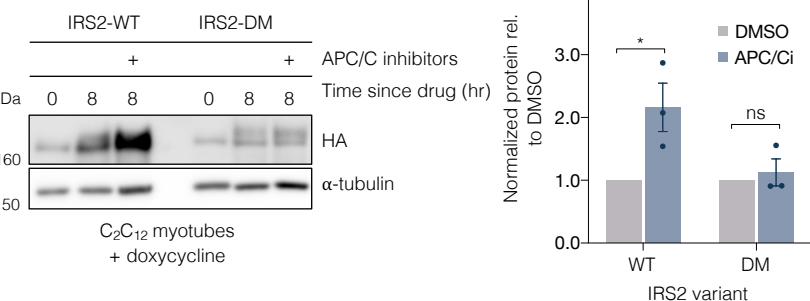
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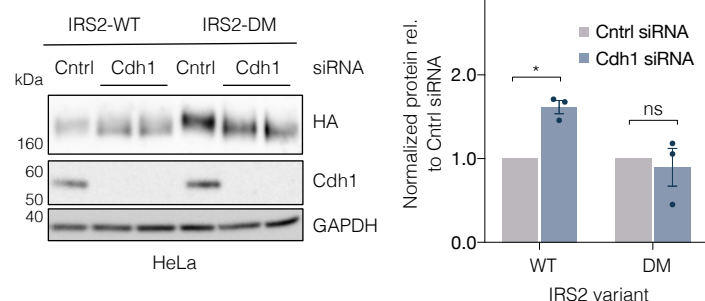
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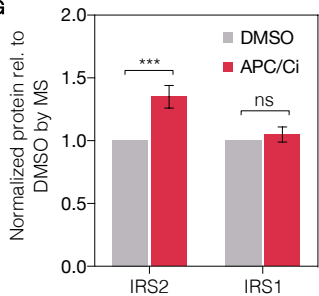
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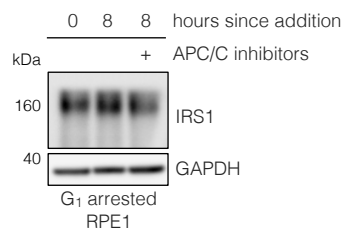
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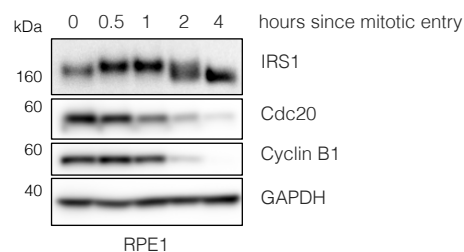


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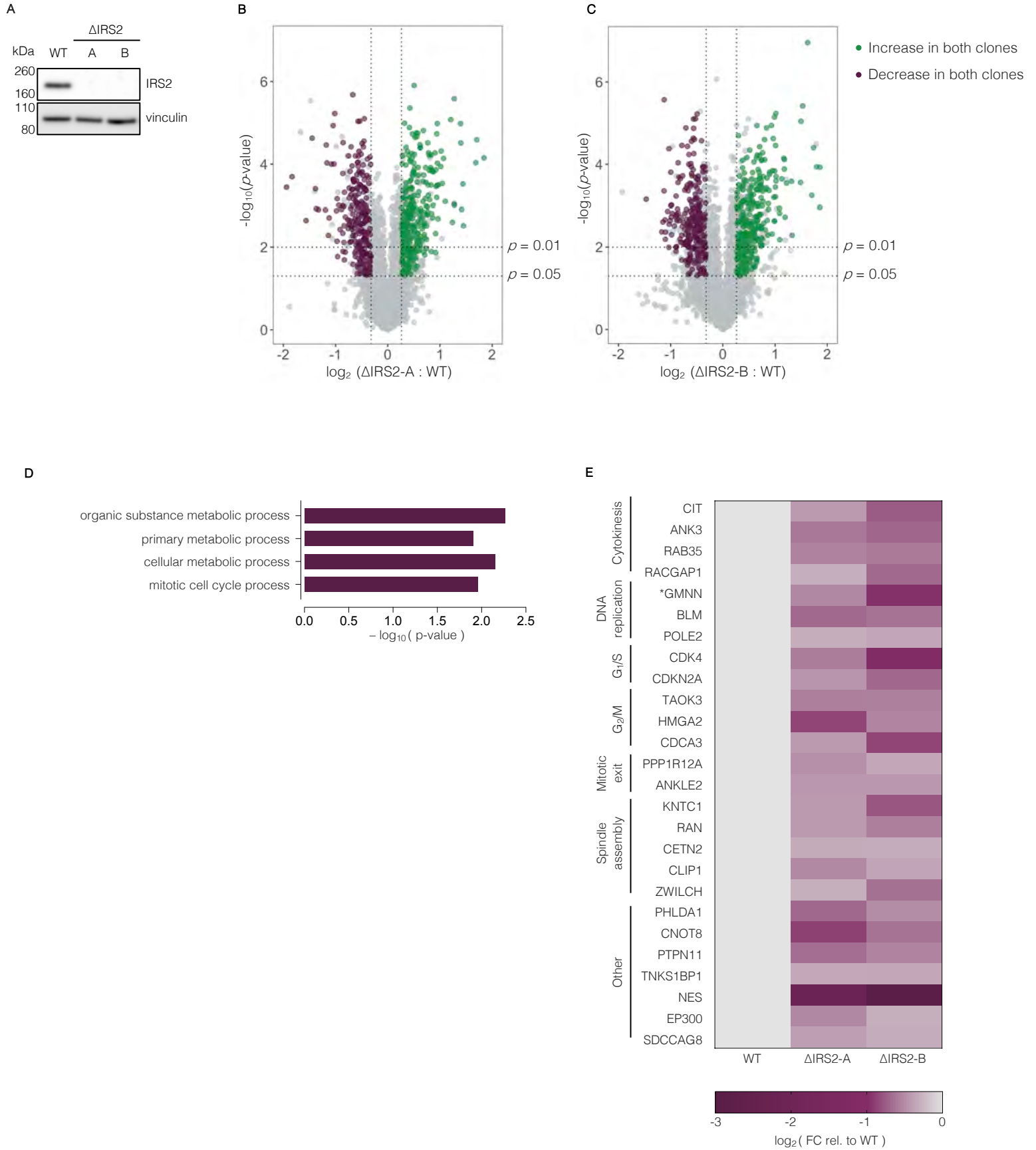




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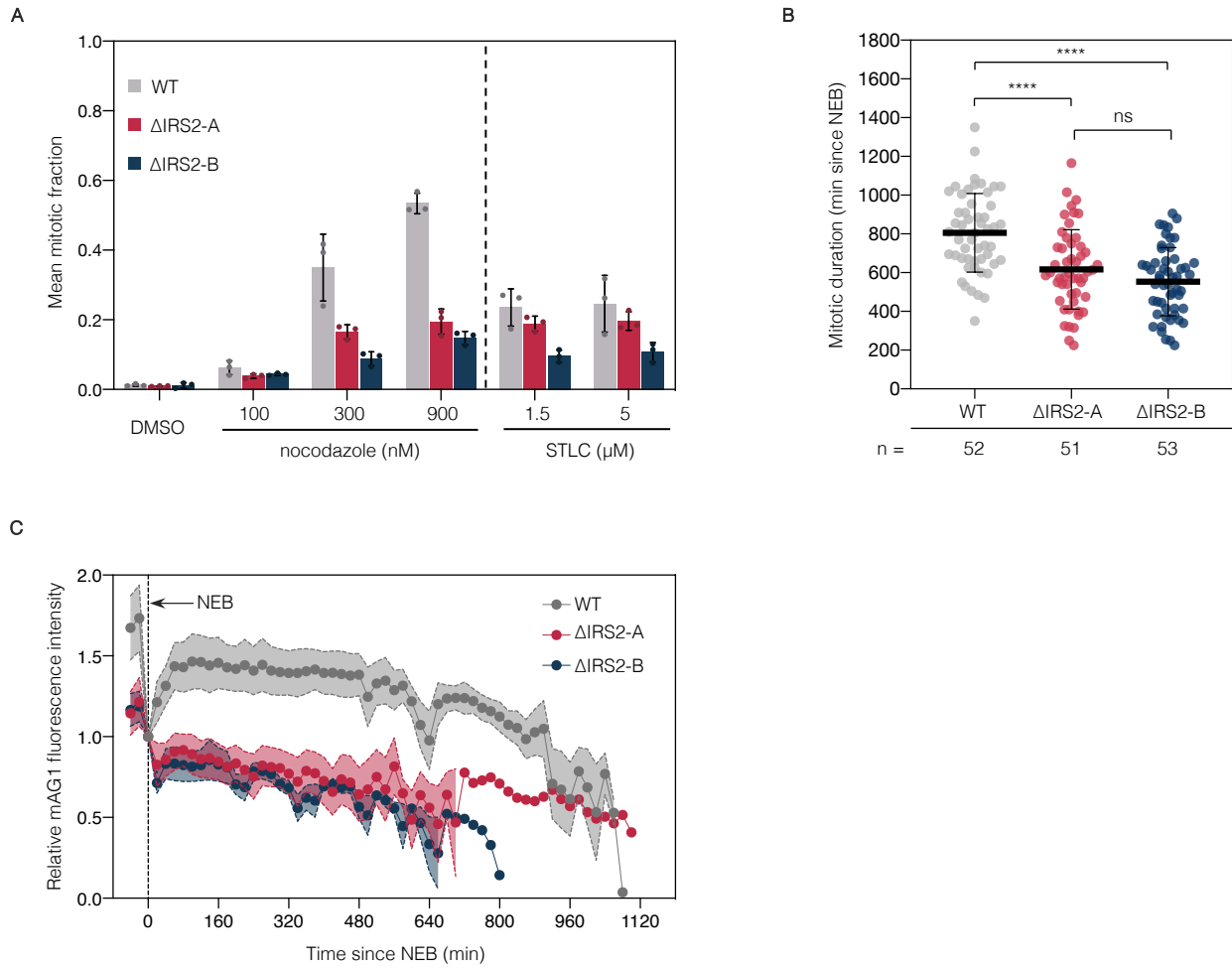


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