

## Supplementary Figure 1 – pSer404 Lamin A dispersal and loricrin expression in REKs.

A – Post-confluent REK cultures expressing WT, S404A or S404D Lamin A/C stained for loricrin. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m.

B – Number of loricrin expressing cells in REK cultures expressing WT, S404A or S404D Lamin A/C. % of WT, > 3 FOV per experiment, one-way ANOVA, non-significant.

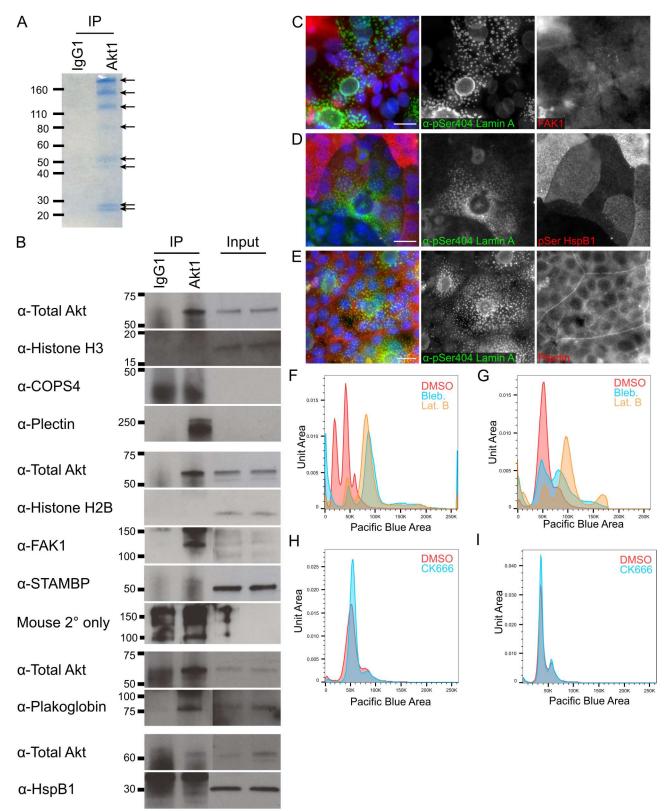
C – Post-confluent REK cultures expressing WT or S404D Lamin A/C stained for pSer404 Lamin A/C. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.

D – Number of cells with dispersed pSer404 Lamin A/C in post-confluent REK cultures expressing WT or S404D Lamin A/C. % of WT, 3 FOV per construct, unpaired t-test, non-significant.

E - Area of Hoechst 33342 staining of WT or S404D Lamin A/C expressing REKs.

F – Post-confluent REK cultures expressing WT, S404A or S404D Lamin A/C stained for FLAG. Scale bar = 100  $\mu$ m.

G – Histone H2B-mCherry positive post-confluent REKs stained for pSer404 Lamin A/C. Maximum projection of confocal z-sections, scale bar =  $10 \mu m$ .



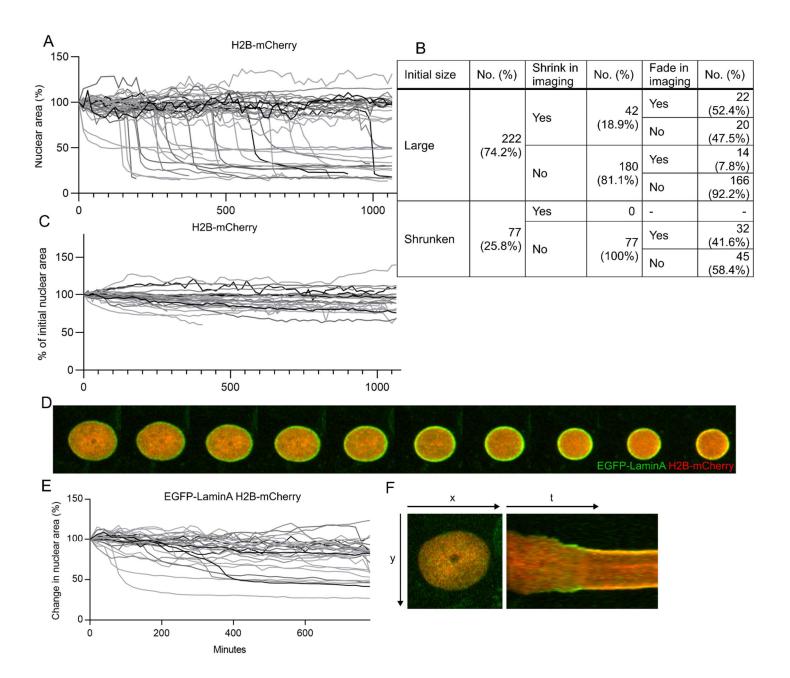
## Supplementary Figure 2 –Akt1 interactor identification and inhibition of cytoskeletal candidates is required for nuclear size.

A – Coomassie staining of IgG1 and Akt1 immunoprecipitate (IP).

B – IgG1 and Akt1 IPs immunoblotted for Histone H3, COPS4, Plectin, Histone H2B, FAK1, STAMBP, Plakoglobin and HspB1.

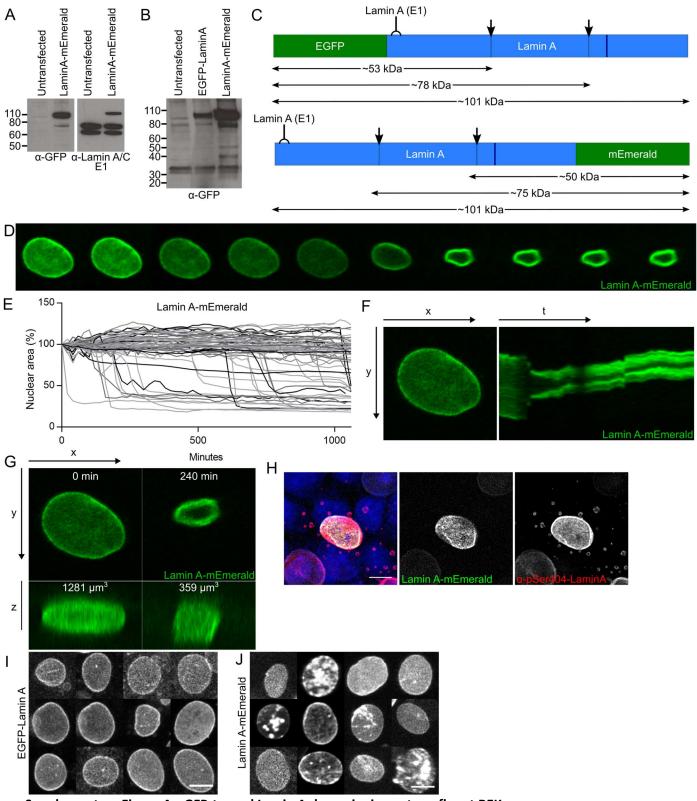
C-E - Post-confluent REKs co-stained for pSer404 Lamin A/C and FAK1 (C), pSer86 HspB1 (D) and Plectin (E). Epifluorescence images, scale bars =  $20 \mu m$ .

- F Area of Hoechst 33342 signal of DMSO, blebbistatin and latrunculin B treated REKs, replicate experiment.
- G Area of Hoechst 33342 signal of DMSO, blebbistatin and latrunculin B treated REKs, replicate experiment.
- H Area of Hoechst 33342 signal of DMSO and CK666 treated REKs, replicate experiment.
- I Area of Hoechst 33342 signal of DMSO and CK666 treated REK cultures, replicate experiment.



## Supplementary Figure 3 – Live imaging of nuclei positive for Histone H2B-mCherry alone and with EGFP-Lamin A.

- A Cross-sectional area over time of a further 44 Histone H2B-mCherry positive nuclei greater than 80 μm<sup>2</sup>.
- B Number of Histone H2B-mCherry positive nuclei that shrink and fade during imaging.
- C Cross-sectional area over time of Histone H2B-mCherry positive nuclei less than 80  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup>.
- D Images every 20 min of a Histone H2B-mCherry and EGFP-Lamin A positive nucleus in post-confluent REKs.
- E Cross-sectional area over time of Histone H2B-mCherry and EGFP-Lamin A positive nuclei.
- F Kymograph (yt) of a Histone H2B-mCherry and EGFP-Lamin A expressing nucleus.



Supplementary Figure 4 – GFP-tagged Lamin A dynamics in post-confluent REKs.

A – Untransfected or Lamin A-mEmerald expressing post-confluent REK lysates immunoblotted for GFP or the N-terminus of Lamin A/C (E1).

B – Overexposed blot of untransfected, EGFP-Lamin A or Lamin A-mEmerald expressing post-confluent REK lysates immunoblotted for GFP.

C - Diagram of Lamin A primary protein structure, highlighting predicted cleavage sites (orange lines and arrows),

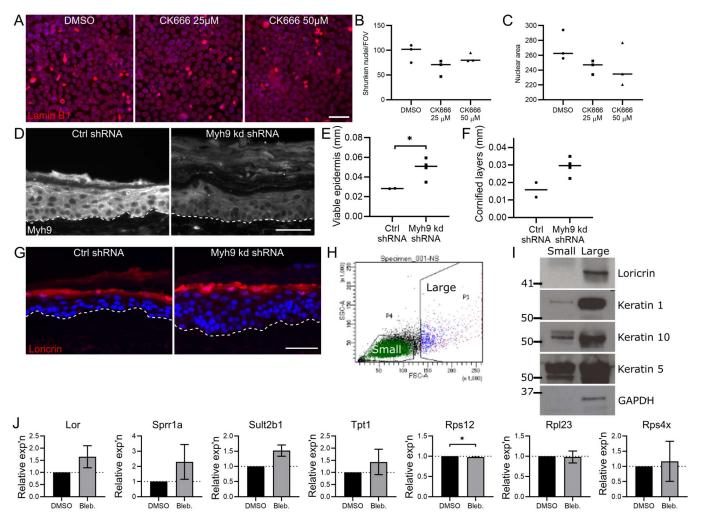
Ser404 (blue), N-terminal antigen for antibody (E1), relative to N-terminal or C-terminal tags.

- D Images every 20 min of a Lamin A-mEmerald positive nucleus.
- E Cross-sectional area over time of Lamin A-mEmerald positive nuclei.
- F Kymograph (yt) of a Lamin A-mEmerald positive nucleus.
- G Xz projections of a Lamin A-mEmerald positive nucleus. Labelled with nuclear volume.

H – Lamin A-mEmerald positive REKs stained for pSer404 Lamin A. Confocal z-section, scale bar = 10  $\mu$ m.

I – Morphology of EGFP-Lamin A positive nuclei in the first 30 min of imaging, 12 nuclei randomly selected from 12 FOV. Sum of confocal z-sections, scale bar = 10 μm.

J – Morphology of Lamin A-mEmerald positive nuclei in the first 30 min of imaging, 12 nuclei randomly selected from 12 FOV. Sum of confocal z-sections, scale bar = 10 μm.



## Supplementary Figure 5 – Arp3 inhibitor CK666 treatments, cell sorting data and relative gene expression in Myh9 knockdown and blebbistatin treated experiments.

A – DMSO and CK666 treated REKs stained for Lamin B1. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m.

B - Number of shrunken Lamin B1 expressing nuclei per FOV in DMSO and CK666 treatments. Three fields of view, all comparisons non-significant.

C – Nuclear area of shrunken Lamin B1 expressing nuclei in DMSO and CK666 treatments. Three fields of view, all comparisons non-significant.

D - Ctrl and Myh9 shRNA knockdown organotypics stained for Myh9. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.

E-F – Height of viable epidermis (E) and cornified layers (F) in H&E stained Ctrl and Myh9 shRNA knockdown organotypics. 2 organotypics per line, two independent Myh9 shRNA knockdown lines, >3 measurements per FOV, Welch's t test, \* p  $\leq$  0.05.

G - Ctrl and Myh9 shRNA knockdown organotypics stained for loricrin. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m.

H – Scatter plot from sorting 'small' basal cells and 'large' differentiating cells from post-confluent REKs using FSC and SSC.~

I – Sorted 'small' and 'large' REK population lysates immunoblotted for loricrin, keratin 1, 10, 5 and GAPDH. ~14% more 'small' cells loaded than 'large' cells.

J - Relative gene expression of loricrin, Sprr1a, Sult2b1, Tpt1, Rps12, Rpl23 and Rps4x in DMSO and blebbistatin treated REKs. 2 independent experiments, one-sample t-test, \*  $p \le 0.05$ .