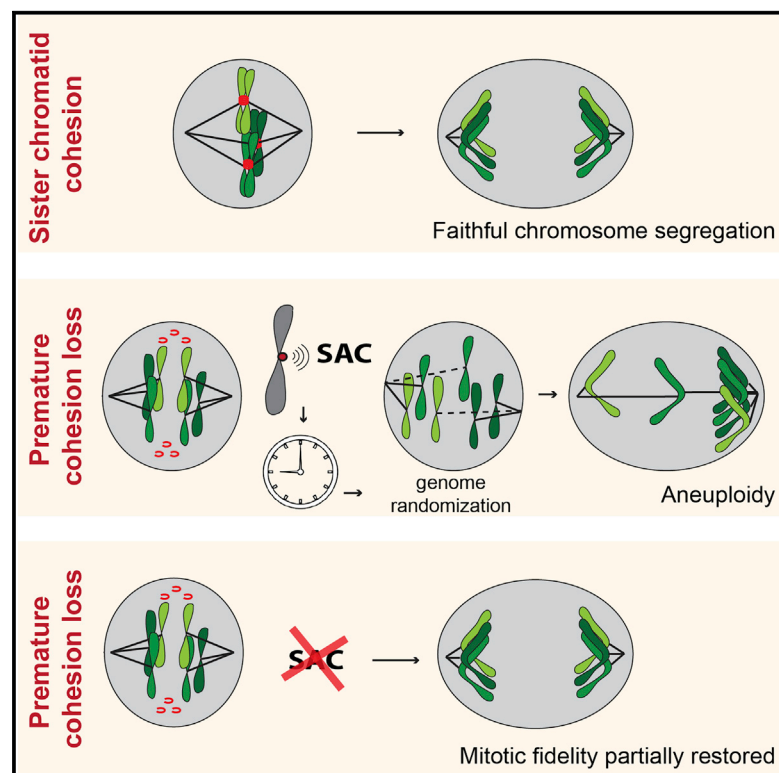


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In Brief

The spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) works as a safeguard mechanism ensuring mitotic fidelity. Here, Silva et al. describe that, in contrast to this safeguard role, a functional SAC aggravates the defects associated with premature loss of sister chromatid cohesion during mitosis.

Highlights

- A *Drosophila* screen identifies SAC genes as suppressors of cohesion-related defects
- SAC removal enhances mitotic fidelity upon premature cohesion loss
- SAC inactivation enhances cell survival and tissue homeostasis upon cohesion loss



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SUMMARY

The fidelity of mitosis depends on cohesive forces that keep sister chromatids together. This is mediated by cohesin that embraces sister chromatid fibers from the time of their replication until the subsequent mitosis [1–3]. Cleavage of cohesin marks anaphase onset, where single chromatids are dragged to the poles by the mitotic spindle [4–6]. Cohesin cleavage should only occur when all chromosomes are properly bio-oriented to ensure equal genome distribution and prevent random chromosome segregation. Un-scheduled loss of sister chromatid cohesion is prevented by a safeguard mechanism known as the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) [7, 8]. To identify specific conditions capable of restoring defects associated with cohesion loss, we screened for genes whose depletion modulates *Drosophila* wing development when sister chromatid cohesion is impaired. Cohesion deficiency was induced by knockdown of the acetyltransferase separation anxiety (San)/Naa50, a cohesin complex stabilizer [9–12]. Several genes whose function impacts wing development upon cohesion loss were identified. Surprisingly, knockdown of key SAC proteins, Mad2 and Mps1, suppressed developmental defects associated with San depletion. SAC impairment upon cohesin removal, triggered by San depletion or artificial removal of the cohesin complex, prevented extensive genome shuffling, reduced segregation defects, and restored cell survival. This counterintuitive phenotypic suppression was caused by an intrinsic bias for efficient chromosome biorientation at mitotic entry, coupled with slow engagement of error-correction reactions. Thus, in contrast to SAC's role as a safeguard mechanism for mitotic fidelity, removal of

this checkpoint alleviates mitotic errors when sister chromatid cohesion is compromised.

RESULTS

Depletion of SAC Genes Suppresses Developmental Defects Associated with Loss of Sister Chromatid Cohesion

To probe for conditions that enhance or suppress cellular and tissue responses to cohesion defects, we performed a modifier screen in the adult *Drosophila* wing. We focused our analysis on the N-terminal acetyltransferase separation anxiety (San), required for establishment and/or maintenance of sister chromatid cohesion [9–12] through regulation of the interaction between two cohesin subunits (Rad21/Smc3) [10]. Knockdown of San during development results in intermediate adult wing phenotype that is sensitive to phenotypic modulation (Figures 1A and 1B). Defects associated with San knockdown can be suppressed by several conditions that enhance cohesin stability on chromatin [10]. To search for modifiers of adult wing phenotype induced by San depletion, we co-expressed the *san* RNAi with 2,955 RNAis, theoretically depleting 2,920 gene products (21% of all gene products), specifically in larvae wing discs (Figure 1A). The resulting wings were scored in 5 categories, according to phenotype severity (Figure 1D) [10]. Co-expression of *san* RNAi with control RNAi transgene did not modify the wing phenotype when compared to *san* RNAi alone (Figures 1B and 1C) [10]. Any isolated enhancer gene whose depletion alone resulted in adult wings phenotype was discarded (Figure S1A). All tested RNAi lines and scored wing phenotypes are shown in Data S1.

We identified 19 suppressors and 10 enhancers whose depletion modified *san* RNAi adult wing phenotype (Figure S1B). Given the known regenerative capacity of wing discs [13], we expected to isolate genes involved in cohesin maintenance, mitotic fidelity, and tissue response to mitotic damage. As expected, the screen revealed components previously implicated in cohesin dynamics (*Mau2* and *eco*), validating its accuracy at isolating modifiers of cohesion state (Figure S1B) [10]. Most of the 29 genes identified



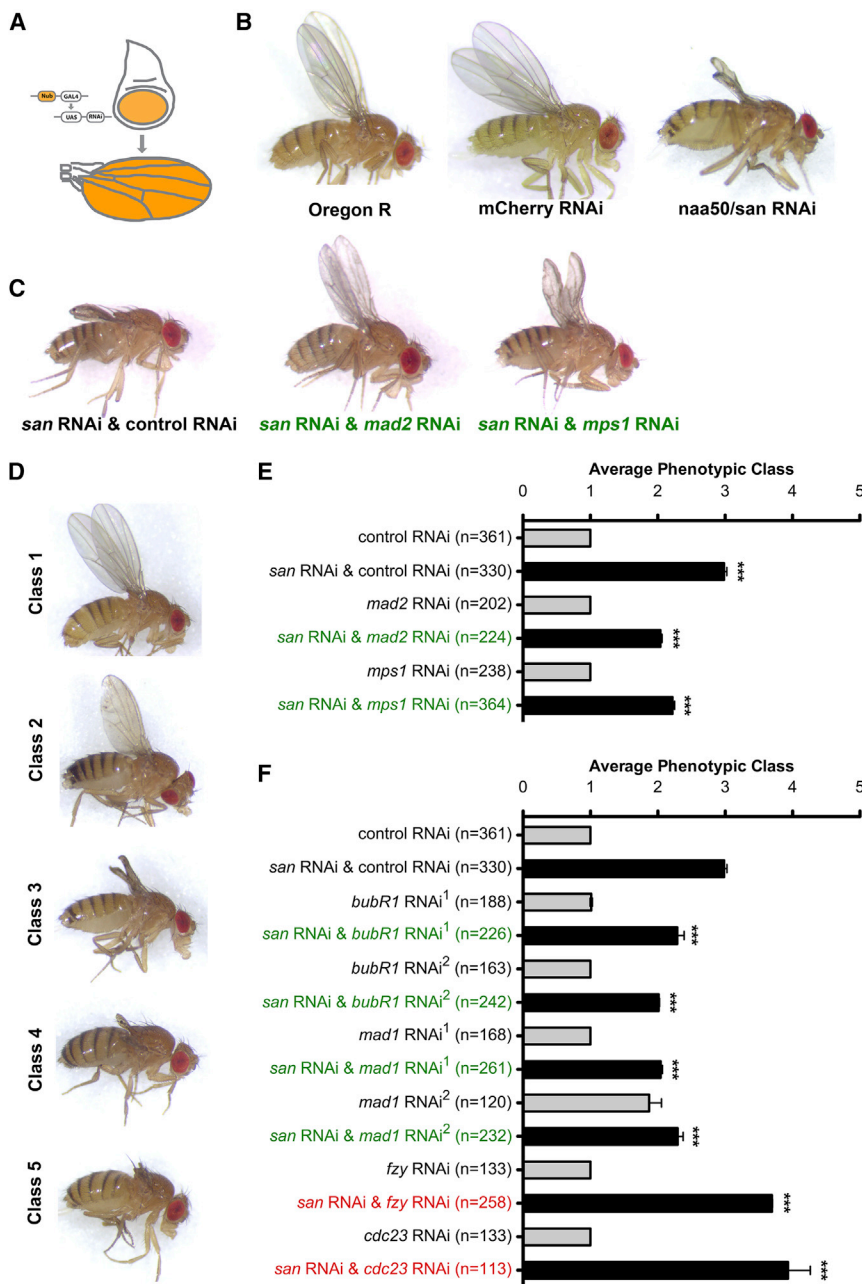


Figure 1. SAC Inhibition Modifies san RNAi-Induced Adult Wing Developmental Defects

(A) Tissue-specific RNAi in the pouch of the larval wing imaginal using the nubbin-Gal4 driver and the upstream activating sequence (UAS)/Gal4 system. (B) Adult wings of wild-type *Drosophila* (Oregon R) or *Drosophila* expressing a control RNAi (*mCherry* RNAi) or expressing RNAi for *san* in the larval wing imaginal discs.

(C) Representative adult *Drosophila* wing phenotypes co-expressing *san* RNAi with *mCherry* RNAi, *mad2* RNAi, or *mps1* RNAi in the larval wing imaginal discs.

(D) Adult wing phenotypic classes scored during the screen: class 1 (wild-type wings); class 2 (weak wing developmental defects); class 3 (*san* RNAi-like wing phenotype); class 4 (highly abnormal wings); and class 5 (absence or vestigial adult wings). Additional examples of the scored phenotypic classes are shown in [10].

(E) Quantification of *Drosophila* wing phenotypes expressing individual RNAi transgenes for control (*mCherry*), *mad2*, or *mps1* (gray bars) or co-expressing *san* RNAi with control (*mCherry*) RNAi, *mad2* RNAi, or *mps1* RNAi (black bars) in the larval wing imaginal discs, from the described screen.

(F) Candidate gene analysis for enhancers/suppressors of *san* RNAi. Quantification of *Drosophila* wing phenotypes expressing individual RNAi transgenes for control (*mCherry*), *bubR1*, *mad1*, *fzy*, and *cdc23* (gray bars) or co-expressing *san* RNAi with control (*mCherry*) RNAi, *bubR1* RNAi, *mad1* RNAi, *fzy* RNAi, and *cdc23* RNAi (black bars) in the larval wing imaginal discs. *bubR1* RNAi¹, *bubR1* RNAi², *mad1* RNAi¹, and *mad1* RNAi² correspond to the TRIP RNAs GL00236, GLV21065, GLV21088, and HMC03671, respectively.

The average phenotypic class of control and *san* RNAi and control RNAi (E and F) is the same. Phenotypic quantification of adult wings is mean \pm SD of three independent experiments and is based on the classes described in (D) (***) $p < 0.0001$; one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's multiple comparison test; *n* represents the total number of scored flies). See also Figure S1, Table S1, and Data S1.

and *Mad2*, whose depletion suppressed *san* RNAi adult wing phenotypes (Figures 1C and 1E). We thus hypothesized that impairment of SAC could rescue mitotic

in the screen were already characterized in *Drosophila* and/or in other species (Table S1). About half of the identified genes were either related with mitosis (*Claspin*, *asp*, *Mps1*, *Eb1*, *eco*, *Mau2*, γ *Tub23C*, and *mad2*) or with gene expression (CG5589, *JMJD7*, *Pabp2*, *His3*, and *jumu*). Other identified genes are important for maintaining apicobasal cell polarity and for actin cytoskeleton organization (*capu*, *cno*, and *Cad99C*). We identified additional suppressors or enhancer genes related with different metabolic processes (*Sfxn1-3*, CG3842, *Dhap-at*, and *MFS18*), protein glycosylation (CG11388), synaptic adhesion (*Nlg4*), a paralog of Naa20 N-terminal acetyltransferase (CG31730), and DNA repair or transcription (*Parp*). Surprisingly, two of the strongest suppressors were proteins that participate in the SAC, *Mps1*

defects caused by cohesin deficiency. We tested this notion by candidate gene approach and probed for genetic interactions with other SAC genes. Among four additional SAC components probed (*Bub3*, *Bub1*, *BubR1*, and *Mad1*; Data S1), RNAi for *Mad1* and *BubR1* suppressed the morphological defects associated with *San* depletion (Figures 1F and S1B).

SAC Inactivation Rescues Chromosome Segregation Defects Associated with Loss of Cohesion

To elucidate whether SAC inactivation could rescue cohesion defects, we examined mitotic fidelity in various experimental conditions. Live imaging of wing discs revealed that, upon *san* RNAi, cells exhibit various degrees of cohesion defects.

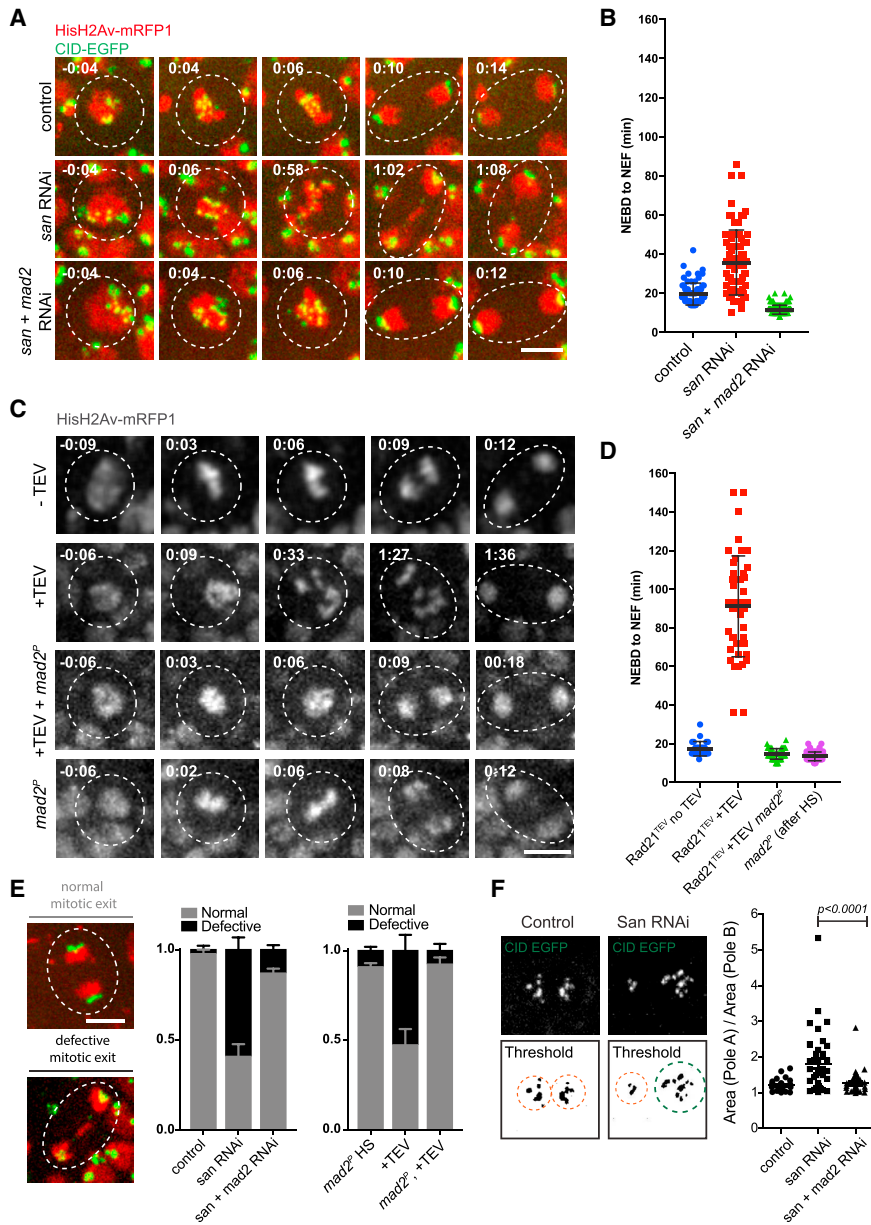


Figure 2. Inhibition of the SAC in Wing Imaginal Discs Alleviates Mitotic Errors Caused by Premature Loss of Cohesion

(A) Images from movies of the wing disc pouch in the control, *san* RNAi, and *san* and *mad2* RNAi strains. Strains contained HisH2Av-RFP (red) and Cid-EGFP (green). Times are relative to NEBD. The scale bar represents 5 μ m.

(B) Quantification of mitotic duration in control, *san* RNAi, or *san* and *mad2* RNAi strains. The duration of mitosis was measured from nuclear envelope breakdown (NEBD) to nuclear envelope formation (NEF) using H2Av-RFP channel. Images were taken every 2 min. Each dot represents an individual cell and lines represent mean \pm SD ($n = 71/5$ for control, $77/5$ for *san* RNAi, and $124/5$ for *san+mad2* RNAi; $n =$ number of cells and number of independent discs).

(C) Images from movies of the wing disc from strains surviving solely on TEV-cleavable Rad21 (Rad21^{TEV}) with and without heat-shock-induced TEV protease cleavage, in strains wild-type or homozygous mutant for the *mad2* gene. Strains also expressed HisH2Av-RFP (red) for visualization of mitotic duration and phenotype. Times are relative to NEBD. The scale bar represents 5 μ m.

(D) Quantification of mitotic duration of the no TEV control upon TEV-protease-mediated cleavage of Rad21^{TEV}, upon TEV-protease-mediated cleavage of Rad21^{TEV} in a *mad2* mutant background, and in a *mad2* mutant without cohesin cleavage but after heat shock. The duration of mitosis was measured from NEBD to NEF using H2Av-mRFP1. Images were taken every 2 or 3 min. Each dot represents an individual cell, and lines represent mean \pm SD ($n = 27/4$ for Rad21^{TEV} - TEV [no heat shock (HS)], $46/8$ for Rad21^{TEV} + TEV, $46/4$ for Rad21^{TEV} + TEV in a *mad2*^P background, and $60/4$ for *mad2*^P after HS; $n =$ number of cells and number of independent discs).

(E) Representative images of mitotic cells from *san* RNAi undergoing mitosis with normal and defective mitotic exit. The scale bar represents 5 μ m and applies to all images. Graph represents the quantification of mitotic defects observed in the different experimental conditions as mean \pm SEM of errors of individual discs ($n \geq 4$ independent discs corresponding to over 50 cells analyzed per experimental condition).

(F) Quantification of centromere (cid-EGFP-labeled) segregation asymmetry in the different experimental conditions; graph represents segregation symmetry index per cell calculated as the area of pole A (with higher area) divided by area of pole B (lower area), as illustrated on the left ($n \geq 4$ independent discs corresponding to over 50 cells analyzed per experimental condition). Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA test. See also Figure S2 and Videos S1 and S2.

Whereas in controls, all cells underwent mitosis with normal metaphase morphology, upon *san* RNAi, only $13\% \pm 10\%$ displayed normal mitosis and most cells underwent partial or full sister chromatid separation ($17\% \pm 6\%$ and $70\% \pm 13\%$, respectively), resulting in SAC activation and extended mitosis (Figures 2A, 2B, and S2; Video S1). More severe defects were obtained when cohesion loss was induced by acute cleavage of cohesin Rad21 subunit, using a previously established tobacco etch virus (TEV) protease-mediated system [14]. Heat-shock-induced TEV expression results in disappearance of Rad21 in cells ex-

pressing exclusively TEV-sensitive Rad21 (Figures S2C and S2D), leading to full cohesion loss in all cells (Figure S2B), an extended mitosis and chromatid shuffling between the poles (Figures 2C and 2D; Video S2).

In order to inhibit the SAC, we focused on genetic conditions that remove Mad2, a key component of this checkpoint. Mad2 mutant flies were previously shown to be viable [15], and its depletion in the larvae wing disc did not compromise wing development (Figure 1E). Removal of Mad2 by RNAi or the *mad2*^P-null allele abolished the mitotic delay in both experimental conditions

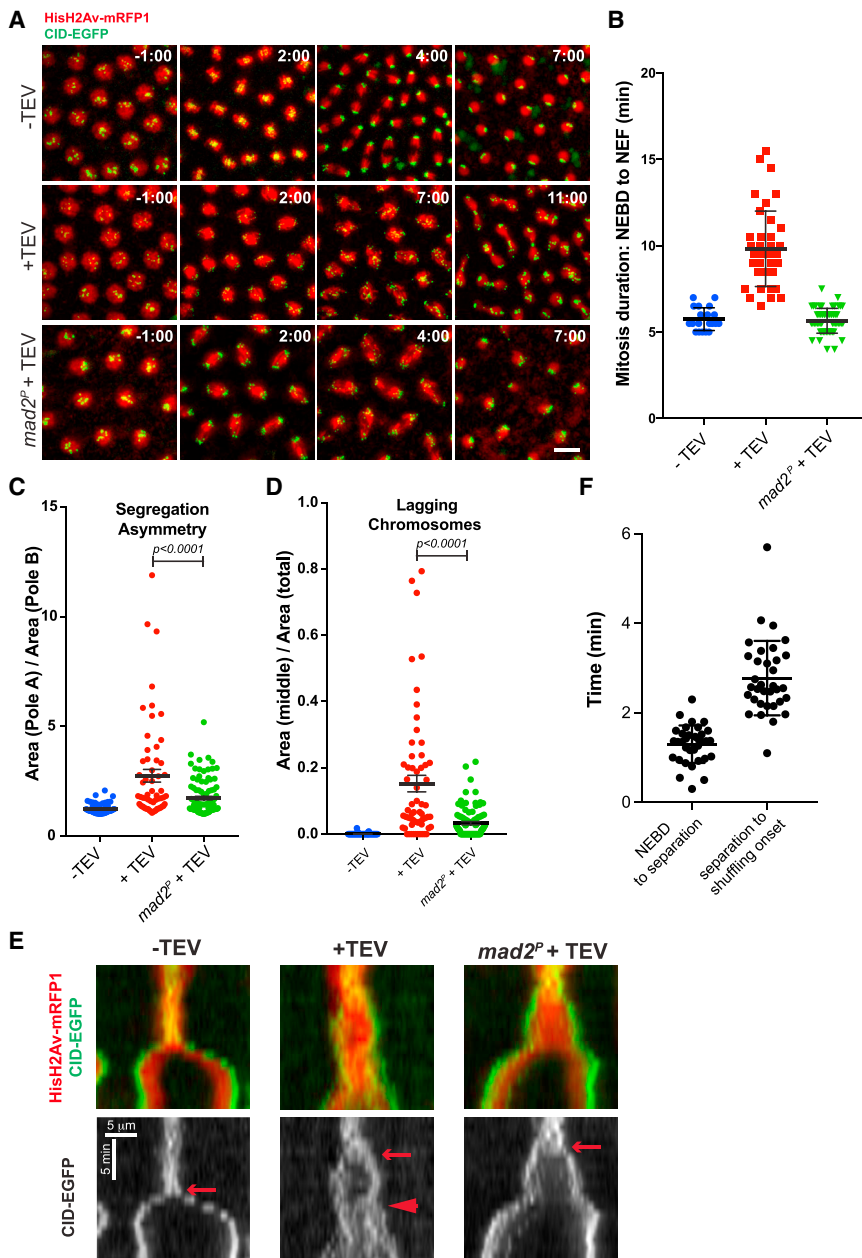


Figure 3. Inhibition of the SAC in Syncytial Blastoderm Embryos Alleviates Mitotic Errors Caused by Premature Loss of Cohesin

(A) Embryos surviving solely on Rad21^{TEV} either non-injected (up) or injected with 5 mg/mL TEV protease (middle and bottom panels). Embryos are derived from females that are wild-type or homozygous mutant for *mad2* gene and express HisH2Av-RFP (red) and Cid-EGFP (green). Images were taken every 30 s, and times are relative to NEBD. The scale bar represents 10 μ m.

(B) Quantification of mitotic duration in un-injected embryos and embryos injected with TEV protease in strains containing solely Rad21^{TEV} and wild-type or mutant for *mad2*. The duration of mitosis was measured from NEBD to NEF using HisH2Av-RFP. Images were taken every 30 s. Each dot represents a single mitosis, and lines represent mean \pm SD ($n = 20/4$ for Rad21^{TEV} no TEV, $40/8$ for Rad21^{TEV} + TEV, and $55/11$ for Rad21^{TEV}+TEV in a *mad2*^P background; $n =$ number of mitosis and number of independent embryos).

(C) Quantification of segregation asymmetry in control, cohesin cleavage, and cohesin cleavage in *mad2* mutant background. Each value was quantified by normalizing the area of pole A (with higher area) and the area of pole B (lower area); ($n = 46/5$ for Rad21^{TEV} no TEV, $60/6$ for Rad21^{TEV} + TEV, and $60/6$ for Rad21^{TEV}+TEV in a *mad2*^P background; $n =$ number of telophases and number of independent embryos); statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA test.

(D) Relative area of lagging centromeres in control, Rad21^{TEV} + TEV protease, and Rad21^{TEV} + TEV protease in a *mad2* mutant background; statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA test.

(E) Kymographs of HisH2Av-RFP and Cid-EGFP of cells entering mitosis in control, cohesin cleavage, and cohesin cleavage in *mad2* mutant background. Arrow points to centromere separation and arrowhead to the shuffling onset. The scale bars represent 5 min and 5 μ m.

(F) Quantification of time for chromosome shuffling onset upon TEV-mediated cohesin cleavage, relative to NEBD. Each dot represents a single dividing nuclei from >10 independent embryos.

See also Figures S3 and S4 and Videos S3 and S4.

for cohesion loss, *san* RNAi, and TEV-mediated Rad21 cleavage (Figures 2A–2D; Videos S1 and S2). Surprisingly, shortening of mitotic timing drastically reduced the frequency of abnormal anaphase figures (Figure 2E). Whereas, upon premature loss of cohesin, mitotic exit often displays lagging chromatids or chromatid bridges, these defects were reduced when SAC was removed (Figure 2E).

To further evaluate segregation defects, we quantified numerical errors in chromosome segregation. We measured the area occupied by centromeres in the vicinity of each pole during mitotic exit to calculate segregation symmetry as the ratio between the areas occupied by each centromere cluster (Centromere identifier [Cid]-EGFP-labeled; Figure 2F). This value was close to one in control, and San depletion caused a high de-

gree of asymmetry between centromeric signals (Figure 2F). Importantly, segregation symmetry was significantly restored when San was co-depleted with Mad2 (Figure 2F).

To test whether these results were restricted to larval wing discs, a parallel evaluation of chromosome segregation was performed in early syncytial blastoderm embryos. Cohesin cleavage in *Drosophila* syncytial embryos was induced by microinjection of TEV protease during interphase [16]. This led to full separation of sister chromatids after nuclear envelope breakdown (NEBD) and a short mitotic delay (Figures 3A and 3B; Video S3). SAC surveillance is responsible for the delay in mitotic progression upon premature loss of sister chromatid cohesion, given that mitotic duration in a *mad2* mutant background was indistinguishable from controls (Figures 3A and 3B; Video S3).

Analysis of chromosome distribution revealed strong asymmetry upon cohesin cleavage (Figure 3C). We also quantified the frequency of chromosomes that lag behind the segregation plane during mitotic exit (most likely due to merotelic attachments; Figure 3D). Consistent with our previous results (Figure 2F), loss of SAC led to reduction of segregation errors after TEV cleavage, as evidenced by the significant recovery in centromere distribution symmetry and lagging centromere frequency decrease (Figures 3C and 3D). Altogether, these results demonstrate that SAC inactivation rescues chromosome segregation defects upon cohesion loss.

SAC Inactivation Suppresses Chromosome Shuffling after Loss of Cohesion

Premature sister-chromatid separation results in extensive genome randomization. Upon premature cohesin loss, single chromatids lack the opposing forces to ensure proper tension across and/or between kinetochores, leading to unstable microtubule-kinetochore interactions and error correction [17, 18]. These reactions are mediated by Aurora B kinase that destabilizes erroneous kinetochore-microtubule interactions, resulting in extensive shuffling of isolated sister chromatids between spindle poles [16–19]. Consequently, mitosis in absence of cohesion results in random chromosome segregation, with high probability of generating aneuploidy.

We postulated that mitosis shortening due to SAC loss limits chromosome shuffling, therefore enhancing mitotic fidelity. To test this, we probed for genetic interactions between *san* RNAi and genes whose depletion should prolong mitosis (Data S1). As predicted, RNAi for the anaphase-promoting complex/cyclosome (APC/C) subunit *cdc23* and the APC/C activator *cdc20/Fzy* aggravated morphological defects associated with *san* RNAi (Figures 1F and S1B; Data S1).

Aneuploidy levels should be proportional to the number of isolated chromatids crossing the middle of the segregation plane. We quantified the frequency of shuffling events, defined as each time a chromatid close to one pole undergoes erratic motion toward the opposite pole. In embryos, the SAC-dependent mitotic delay observed upon cohesin cleavage, albeit short (~4 min; Figure 3B), was enough to allow a high degree of chromosome shuffling (Video S3; Figures S3A and S3B). In the absence of SAC, however, despite the full premature loss of cohesion, there was a decrease in chromosome-shuffling events (Figure S3B; Video S3). Thus, SAC abolishment substantially decreases frequency of shuffling by shortening mitosis.

These results suggest that, despite cohesin loss, error correction does not take place during early mitotic stages. To test this possibility, we measured the kinetics of chromosome shuffling onset upon loss of cohesion. Analysis in embryos and wing discs revealed that, despite cohesin removal, chromosomes retain a pseudo-metaphase configuration for an extended period of time (Figures 2A, $t = 6$ min, and 2C, $t = 9$ min; Figure 3A, $t = 2$ min; Videos S1, S2, and S3). During this pseudo-metaphase stage, sister centromeres were found fully disjoined, confirming loss of sister-chromatid cohesion. However, separation of chromatin itself was only initiated several minutes later.

We monitored the timing of error-correction engagement using kymographs that plot the positioning of centromeres over

time. Time of initial centromere separation can be detected by the split in centromere signals and onset of chromosome shuffling by the time centromeres start crossing the segregation plane (Figure 3E, arrow and arrowheads, respectively). This analysis revealed that, upon cohesin cleavage, chromosome shuffling was only initiated 4.07 ± 0.96 min after NEBD (1.3 ± 0.4 min for NEBD to centromere separation and 2.8 ± 0.8 min from centromere separation to initiation of shuffling; Figure 3F). A similar, yet extended behavior was observed in the wing disc. Upon NEBD, chromosomes retained a prolonged pseudo-metaphase configuration despite sister chromatid separation (as judged by centromere distances), and chromosome shuffling was only observed much later (11.4 ± 2.9 min after NEBD; Figures S3C and S3D). These analyses reveal a significant delay in the initiation of major error-correction events. Such delay is similar to mitotic timing in absence of functional SAC (Figures 2B, 2D, and 3B). Thus, SAC inhibition counteracts genome shuffling in the absence of cohesin by shortening mitosis duration and thereby preventing extensive error correction.

A key prediction from this observation is that initial kinetochore-microtubule interactions are quite accurate and that inhibition of error correction should restore mitotic fidelity to a similar extent as SAC inactivation. Knowing that Aurora B has multiple roles during mitosis [20], we titrated the levels of an Aurora B inhibitor, Binucleine 2, to a concentration that does not impair chromosome condensation, mitotic timing, SAC competency, or separation of daughter nuclei in the wing disc (Figures S4A–S4D). Using such concentration (5 μ M), we show that mild Aurora B inhibition shortened the mitotic delay induced by TEV-mediated Rad21 cleavage (Figure S4E). Furthermore, this treatment completely abolished chromosome shuffling and motion after the initial separation of single chromatids to the poles (Figure S4F; Video S4). Importantly, decrease in Aurora B activity is sufficient to restore centromere segregation symmetry upon premature cohesion loss and eliminate the frequency of lagging chromosomes during mitotic exit (Figures S4G and S4H). We therefore conclude that initial capture of kinetochores by the microtubules has a strong bias for symmetry, even in the complete absence of cohesin. Major asymmetry in chromosome distribution, in turn, depends on error-correction events.

SAC Inactivation Restores Cell Survival after Loss of Cohesion

Our results indicate that mitotic defects upon loss of cohesion are less detrimental in absence of the SAC. If so, the degree of aneuploidy should follow a similar trend. Larvae wing discs are well known to eliminate cells with erroneous DNA content by apoptosis [13]. Therefore, SAC inactivation should reduce levels of apoptosis after cohesion loss. Virtually no apoptosis was detected (cleaved caspase-3 staining [CC3]) within the control wing discs (Rad21^{TEV} without TEV; Figures 4A and 4B). In contrast, TEV-mediated cohesin cleavage induced high levels of apoptosis 24 hr after cohesin cleavage, extending to over $15\% \pm 2\%$ of the entire wing disc area (Figures 4A and 4B). Remarkably, levels of apoptosis were significantly reduced when cohesin loss was induced in the absence of the SAC ($3\% \pm 3\%$; Figures 4A and 4B). Similar results were obtained

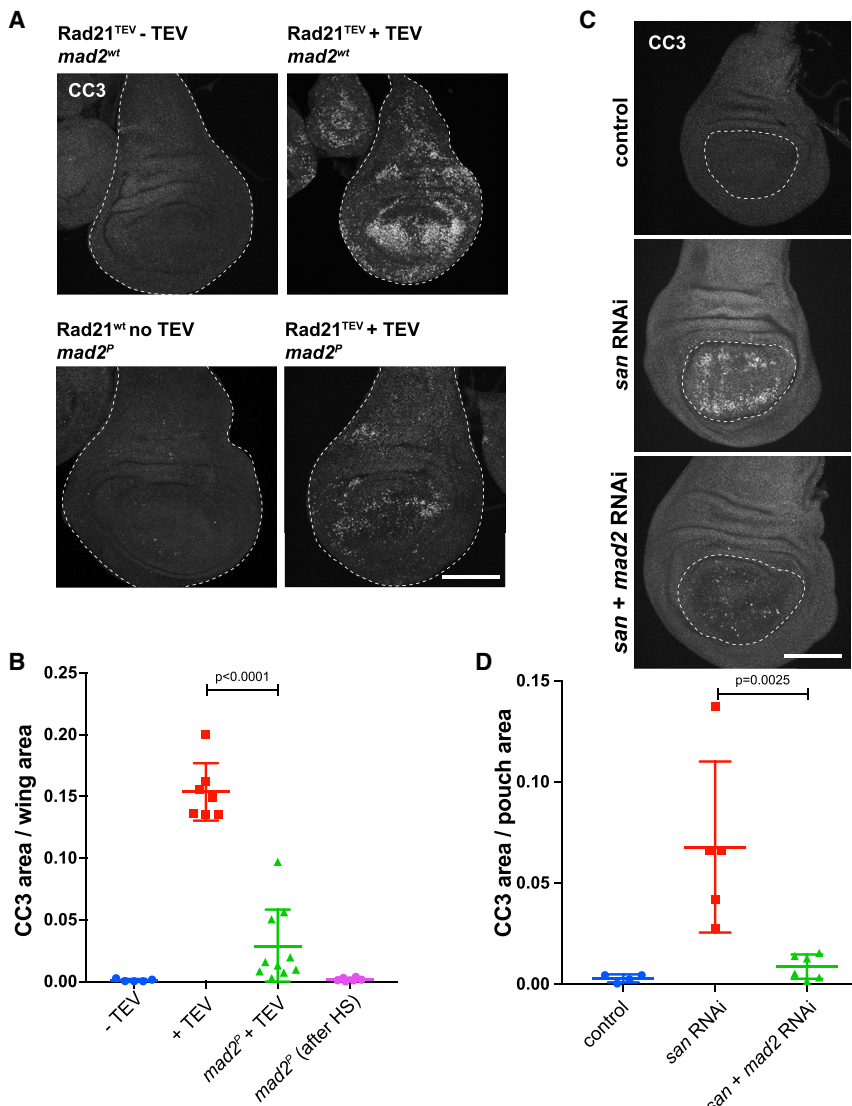


Figure 4. Inhibition of the SAC Suppresses Imaginal Wing Disc Apoptosis Caused by Premature Loss of Cohesion

(A) Images of cleaved caspase-3 (CC3) immunofluorescence in controls (Rad21^{TEV} without TEV and *mad2*^p after HS), Rad21^{TEV} + TEV protease, and Rad21^{TEV} + TEV protease in *mad2* mutant background after HS. The scale bar represents 100 μ m.

(B) Quantification of CC3-positive area of the entire wing disc, in the indicated experimental conditions; $n \geq 5$ independent discs per experimental condition; statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA test.

(C) Representative images of CC3 immunofluorescence in control, *san* RNAi, and *san* and *mad2* double RNAi. Scale bar indicates 100 μ m.

(D) Quantification of CC3-positive area of the wing disc pouch, in control, *san*, and *san* and *mad2* RNAi; $n \geq 4$ independent discs per experimental condition; multiple comparison analysis was performed using a one-way ANOVA test.

upon depletion of San, where apoptosis covered approximately $7\% \pm 4\%$ of the wing disc pouch area, compared to only approximately $0.9\% \pm 0.6\%$ of the pouch area after co-depletion of San and Mad2 (Figures 4C and 4D). These results show that inactivation of the SAC in proliferating tissues increases cell survival upon loss of cohesion.

DISCUSSION

In agreement with its “safeguard” function, mitotic errors are often exacerbated by impairment of the SAC. These include defects associated with multiple centrosomes, defective microtubule assembly, or kinetochore structure [21–24]. Here, we demonstrate that the opposite happens with cohesion defects. Absence of the SAC alleviated mitotic errors and improved mitotic fidelity after cohesion loss. Cells with a functional SAC undergo extensive chromosome shuffling and consequent genome randomization, whereas virtually no shuffling is observed in absence of the SAC. The detrimental nature of the

SAC in the absence of cohesin is likely related to irreversibility of cohesion loss. Most mitotic defects can be corrected over time, but premature cohesion loss is an irreversible error and prolonging mitosis further enhances genome randomization.

Improved mitotic fidelity after cohesion loss in absence of the SAC is likely a consequence of slow kinetics of error-correction engagement coupled with a bias toward correct chromosome alignment. Several mechanisms are known to bias chromosome segregation toward the right orientation, including chromosome positioning [25], centromere geometry [26], bias on microtubule growth toward the kinetochores [27, 28], and/

or kinetochore-mediated microtubule nucleation [29, 30]. Among these, chromosome geometry is believed to facilitate bipolar attachment by facing one kinetochore to the opposite pole upon attachment. If so, what ensures geometric arrangement during the initial mitotic stages, even in the absence of cohesin? A possible mechanism enabling transient orientation of chromatids toward opposing poles is the incomplete resolution of sister chromatid intertwinings. Yet residual catenation in metaphase chromosomes is unable to confer functional cohesion, as removal of cohesin is sufficient to induce immediate chromatid separation [4, 16]. Additional mechanisms may thus impair resolution of sister chromatids during early mitosis, in contrast to metaphase chromosomes. Spindle forces enhance decatenation [31, 32], and thus resolution of DNA intertwinings may only be achieved upon chromosome capture. Recent findings propose that efficient decatenation requires constant “guiding action” from condensin I [33], whose maximal levels are observed on chromosomes in late metaphase or anaphase [34, 35]. This gradual condensin loading

could limit full decatenation to later stages of mitosis, making residual catenation sufficient to allow transient pseudo-metaphase alignment that biases initial chromosome attachment toward biorientation. Although error prone, this process would be more accurate than total genome randomization resulting from chromosome shuffling.

Why cohesion loss is insufficient at triggering error correction during early mitosis remains to be addressed. This could be related to a partial tension state facilitated by pseudo-metaphase chromosomal configuration. Additionally, an intrinsic delayed action of error-correction machinery may further account for observed late shuffling onset. Indeed, slow kinetics or a lag time of Aurora-B-mediated chromosome detachment has been hypothesized in several theoretical studies [36–38] with little experimental validation. Such intrinsic delay would solve the “problem of initiation of biorientation” whereby initial low-tension interactions could survive such a tension-sensitive error correction [18, 36].

Interestingly, the interplay between mitotic timing and sister chromatid cohesion has been previously reported in mammalian cells whereby extension of mitosis predisposes to sister chromatid cohesion defects. Cells arrested in mitosis for long periods were shown to display sister chromatid separation (referred as “cohesion fatigue”) [39]. Moreover, defective sister chromatid cohesion was described to be synthetically lethal with impaired APC/C function in Warsaw breakage syndrome (WABS) patient-derived cells as well as several cancer cell lines with cohesion defects [40]. Our observations demonstrate how reduction of mitotic timing is sufficient to rescue segregation defects associated with premature cohesin loss. Importantly, these experiments highlight the detrimental effect of the SAC upon cohesion defects. When sister chromatid cohesion is compromised and mitotic fidelity irreversibly affected, the SAC exacerbates mitotic errors in contrast to its canonical protective function.

STAR★METHODS

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STAR★METHODS

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Guinea Pig α -Rad21	[41]	Christian Lehner
Mouse α -tubulin (Cat#T9026)	Sigma-Aldrich	RRID:AB_477593
Rabbit α -Cleaved Caspase 3 (Cat#9661)	Cell Signaling Technology	RRID:AB_2341188
Rabbit α -Alexa Fluor 488 (Cat#A21206)	Life Technologies	RRID:AB_141708
Donkey α -Guinea Pig IRDye 800CW 0.5mg (Cat# 926-32411)	Li-Cor	RRID:AB_1850024
Goat α -Mouse IRDye 680RD 0.5 mg (Cat# 926-68070)	Li-Cor	RRID:AB_10956588
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
Schneider medium	Biowest	Cat#L0207
Fetal Bovine Serum	Life Technologies	Cat#16000-044
Colchicine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#C9754
Binucleine 2	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#B1186
Halocarbon oil 700	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#H8898
Heptane	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#246654
Formaldehyde 37% solution	Acros	Cat#BP531-500
10% Tween 20	BioRad	Cat#1610781
Triton X-100	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#X100-500ML
VECTASHIELD Mounting Medium with DAPI	Vector	Cat#H-1200
TEV protease	In-house production	N/A
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
y, w1118; P{w+, nubbin-GAL4}	BDSC	RRID:FlyBase_FBst1001883
w1118; nubbin-Gal4, UAS-san RNAi(P{KK101696}VIE-260B)/CyO	[10]	N/A
Control (mCherry) RNAi: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = VALIUM20-mCherry}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_35785
RNAi for mad2: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.GLC01381}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_44430
RNAi for Mps1: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.GL00184}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_35283
RNAi for BubR1: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.GL00236}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_35329
RNAi for BubR1: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.GLV21065}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_35700
RNAi for Mad1: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.GLV21088}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_35723
RNAi for Mad1: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.HMC03671}attP40	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_52930
RNAi for fzy: y1 sc* v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.HMS00964}attP2	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_34001
RNAi for Cdc23: y1 v1; P{y+t7.7 v+t1.8 = TRiP.HMJ23608}attP40	BDSC	RRID:BDSC_61982
All other trip RNAi lines used for the screen are detailed in Data S1	BDSC	N/A
nubbin-Gal4/CyO; His2AvD-mRFP1 III.1, Cid-EGFP III.1/TM6B	This study	N/A
UAS-san RNAi(P{KK101696}VIE-260B)/CyO; UAS-Luciferase RNAi(P{TRiP.JF01355}attP2)/TM6B	This study	N/A
UAS-san RNAi(P{KK101696}VIE-260B)/CyO; UAS-Mad2 RNAi(P{TRiP.GLC01381}attP2)/TM6B	This study	N/A
yw; y+CyO/Sp; mad2 ^P	[15]	Roger Karess
w;;His2Av-mRFP1 III.1, Cid-EGFP III.1	[42]	Stefan Heidmann
w; 2x Rad21 ^{271-3TEV} -myc; rad21 ^{ex3} , mad2 ^P	[43]	Christian Lehner
w; 2x Rad21 ^{271-3TEV} -myc; rad21 ^{ex3}	[43]	Christian Lehner
w;; polyubiq-H2B-RFP, Rad21 ^{550TEV} -EGFP, rad21 ^{ex3}	[44]	N/A
w; HisH2Av- mRFP1 II.2; Rad21 ^{ex15} , Rad21 ^{550-3TEV} -myc, Cid-EGFP III.1	[16]	N/A
w; hspr-NLSv5TEV; Rad21 ^{ex3} /TM6B ubiGFP	[14]	N/A
w; hsTEV, His2Av-mRFP, Cid-EGFP/CyO; rad21 ^{ex} , mad2 ^P /TM6B	This study	N/A

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REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Software and Algorithms		
FIJI	[45]	RRID:SCR_002285 https://fiji.sc/
Prism 7	GraphPad	RRID:SCR_002798 https://www.graphpad.com/
Photoshop CS6	Adobe	RRID:SCR_014199 https://www.adobe.com/

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EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS**Drosophila strains and rearing conditions**

All RNAi lines used in the screen are from the Transgenic RNAi project (TRiP), are available in the Bloomington *Drosophila* Stock Center and are listed in [Data S1](#). Other *Drosophila* stocks used in this study are indicated in the [Key Resources Table](#). For the reported screen, 2–4 days old adult flies were used (both male and female). All cell biology analysis was performed in third instar larvae without gender selection. To induce full cohesin cleavage in a temporally controlled manner, by TEV protease cleavage, *Drosophila* strains were used with TEV-cleavable Rad21 (Rad21^{TEV}) in a Rad21 null background (*rad21^{ex15}*, *Rad21^{271-3TEV-myc}* or *rad21^{ex15}*, *Rad21^{550-3TEV-EGFP}*) [14, 44], in strains mutant or wild-type for the Mad2 gene [15, 43]. TEV expression was induced by heat-shocking 3rd instar larvae at 37°C for 45 minutes. Larvae were then left to recover at room temperature. For live cell imaging, fly strains also expressed *His2AvD-mRFP1* and *Cid-EGFP* [42] fluorescent markers. *Drosophila melanogaster* flies were raised at 25°C or 18°C for hs-TEV containing crosses in polypropylene vials (51 mm diameter) containing enriched medium (cornmeal, molasses, yeast, soya flour and beetroot syrup).

METHOD DETAILS**Drosophila screen Details**

2955 RNAi lines were analysed in the screen, which theoretically corresponds to depletion of approximately 21% of all protein coding genes annotated in Flybase (Flybase versionFB2017_06). The tested RNAi lines were ordered mostly alphabetically, according to gene name or CG number, from the TRiP website. Used RNAi lines were mostly constructed with Vallium20 or Valium22 vectors. In the screen, females carrying the nubbin-Gal4, UAS-*san* RNAi were crossed with males of different candidate RNAi lines from TRiP (see diagram in [Figure S1A](#)). The progeny of these flies was scored blind and classified into different classes according to the adult wing phenotypes: class 1 - wild-type wings; class 2 - flies with wings that present only mild morphological defects; class 3 - flies whose wing morphological defects are intermediate (similar *san* RNAi); class 4 - flies whose wings show strong morphological defects; class 5 - flies without wings or vestigial wings ([Figure 1C](#)) [46]. The average adult wing class for each condition was always calculated using more than 50 adult flies ($n \geq 50$). If the average class for a given genetic interaction was equal or below 2.6 than the RNAi line tested was classified as suppressor, if the average class was equal or above 3.5 than the RNAi line was classified as enhancer ([Figure S1A](#)). To exclude RNAi lines whose expression by itself led to wing morphological defects, in otherwise wild-type imaginal discs, all RNAi lines identified in the primary screen were crossed with nubbin-Gal4. All RNAi lines identified as enhancers but that produced significant adult wing phenotypes by themselves were discarded ([Figure S1A](#)). All identified enhancer/suppressor RNAi lines were confirmed by three independent replicas (see [Data S1](#)).

Live imaging

For imaging of wing discs, larval imaginal wing discs were dissected in Schneider medium with 10% FBS. Dissected discs were placed and oriented in a 200 μ L drop of medium at the bottom of a glass-bottom petridish (MakTek). For Aurora B inhibition experiments ([Figure S4](#)), discs were incubated with Binuclein 2 (Sigma-Aldrich), at the indicated concentrations, throughout imaging acquisition. Time lapse imaging analysis was performed on a spinning disc microscope using either a Revolution XD microscope (Andor, UK), equipped with immersion a 60x (water) and 100x (oil) objectives (Nikon, Japan) and a iXon +512 EMCCD camera (Andor, UK), or a Revolution XD microscope (Andor, UK) equipped with immersion a 60x glycerol-immersion 1.30 NA objective (Leica Microsystems, Germany) and a 100x oil-immersion 1.4 NA objective (Leica Microsystems, Germany) and a iXon Ultra 888 1024*1024 EMCCD (Andor, UK). Stacks of 20–30 frames 0,5 μ m apart were taken every 1 to 3 minutes. For syncytial embryo imaging, embryos were aligned on coverslips and covered with Series 700 halocarbon oil (Sigma-Aldrich). Time-lapse microscopy was performed with an

inverted wide-field DeltaVision microscope (Applied Precision, Issaquah, WA) in a temperature-controlled room (18–20°C). One stack of 15 frames (0.8 mm apart) was acquired every 30 s with a 100x 1.4 oil immersion objective (Olympus, Japan) and captured by an EMCCD camera (Roper Cascade 1024, Roper Technologies). Movies were assembled using FIJI software [45] and selected stills were processed with Photoshop CS6 (Adobe).

Microinjections

Microinjections were performed as previously described [16, 33]. 1–1.5 hr old embryos were collected and processed according to standard protocols, and were injected at the posterior pole. Injections were performed using a Burleigh Thorlabs Micromanipulator, a Femtojet microinjection system (Eppendorf, Germany), and pre-pulled Femtotip I needles (Eppendorf). TEV protease was injected at 5 mg/ml TEV protease in 20 mM Tris-HCl at pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl and 2 mM DTT.

Immunofluorescence

Third instar wing imaginal disc fixation and staining was performed using standard procedures [47]. Briefly, third instar larvae wing disc tissue (still attached to the larva body) was fixed on ice for 30 min. The fixative consisted of 4% formaldehyde (Polysciences) in 1X PEM buffer solution. Following, tissues were washed by gentle agitation three times for 20 min in PBS-T (1x PBS + 0.1% Triton X-100). Primary antibodies incubation was performed overnight at 4 °C in PBS-T supplemented with 1% BSA and 1% donkey serum. The following day, the tissues were washed again and incubated for 2h at room temperature with the appropriate secondary antibodies diluted in PBS-T solution. Finally, after the wash of the secondary antibodies, wing discs were mounted in Vectashield (Vector Laboratories). Fluorescence images were acquired with a × 40 HCX PL APO CS oil immersion objective (numerical aperture: 1.25–0.75) on a Leica SP5 confocal microscope. Rabbit anti-cleaved caspase 3 at 1:300 (Cell Signaling, RRID:AB_2341188) and anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor 488 at 1:1000 (Molecular Probes).

Western-blot

To analyze Rad21 protein amounts, *Drosophila* tissues were dissected in PBS and homogenized with a pestle in Sample buffer. Samples were centrifuged, and boiled for 5 minutes in 2x Sample Buffer. Samples were loaded on a 13% SDS-gel for electrophoresis and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. Western-blot analysis was performed according to standard protocols using the following antibodies: anti- α -tubulin (1:50,000, DM1A, RRID:AB_477593), guinea pig anti-Rad21 (1:5,000, [41]).

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Imaging analysis was performed using FIJI software [45]. Statistical analysis and graphic representations were performed using Prism 7 software. Multiple comparisons were performed using one-way ANOVA, using the Bonferroni's multiple comparison test. Graphs depict mean \pm standard deviations (SD) or mean \pm standard error of the mean (SEM), as indicated. Sample size details are included in the respective figure legends.

DATA AND SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY

Detailed screen strains and results are summarized in [Data S1](#).