

P. vivax parasite material

We obtained *P. vivax* parasite material from individual adults presenting themselves to the Centro de Pesquisa em Medicina Tropical (CEPEM) in Rondônia, Brazil. These studies received ethical clearance from a local executive committee, and all patients consented to donate their blood.

Pulsed-field electrophoresis and Southern analysis

P. vivax chromosomal DNA was isolated from patients as described¹⁰ and size fractionated by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis using a Bio-Rad CHEF-DRII system (pulsed-field conditions: ramped pulse from 90 to 300 s over 24 h at 5.5 V cm⁻¹ followed by a ramped pulse from 300 to 700 s over 24 h at 4.0 V cm⁻¹ and a final ramped pulse from 700 to 1,200 s over 24 h at 2.5 V cm⁻¹; 1% LE agarose (FMC); running buffer 0.5×TBE at 14 °C. Pulsed-field conditions for telomeric YAC clones have been described¹⁰.

Primers

We used the following degenerate oligonucleotides specific for *vir* subfamilies (5' to 3'): *vir* A, TATTT(A/G)AATT(A/T)TTGGCTA(A/G)A(C/T)(A/G)A(A/G) and (A/G)(C/T)ATTT(A/T/G)GG(A/G)AATGTTTTCAG(C/G)(A/C)ATAT(C/T)AT(A/G); *vir* B, GT(A/T/C)AA(A/T)(A/G)A(A/T)CT(C/T)(C/T)TA(A/G)(A/G)(A/T/G)(A/G)A(A/T)-(A/C)T(C/T)(C/T)A(C/T)AGC(A/C)ATTGA and AGAAGTTGCTGCAATAGTGGT; *vir* C, CT(T/G)TT(A/C/G)AA(C/T)TA(C/T)TGGAT(A/G)TA(C/T) and TAC(C/T)(C/T)TATATAA(A/G)GC(A/G)CCAGA(A/T/G)GT(C/G)AT(A/T)G(A/T); *Pvstp1*, CTAGTAACATCATAGAACAC and TTGTTTCCATTCACCTTTAAC.

RT-PCR

We prepared and analysed *P. vivax*, *P. falciparum* and human RNA by RT-PCR as described²². Briefly, RNA isolated using the Tryzol reagent (Gibco-BRL) was treated with DNase in three sequential steps, reaching a final volume of 20 µl. After the last treatment, 1-µl aliquots were amplified by PCR using degenerate primers to *vir* subfamilies A and C and *Pvstp1*. Only RNA preparations that did not amplify any products, and so were free of contaminating genomic *P. vivax* DNA, were used for further analysis. RNA was reverse transcribed using random hexanucleotide primers (Perkin Elmer) and analysed by PCR using degenerate oligonucleotides to *vir* subfamilies. We used annealing temperatures 5 °C below the calculated *T_m* value of the primer pairs. The resulting PCR products were examined by Southern analysis and sequenced.

GST-VIR-C fusion proteins

vir gene tags containing exon 2 were cloned into pGEX-3X (Pharmacia), expressed in *Escherichia coli* and the resulting GST fusion proteins affinity purified, according to the manufacturer's instructions. Purified proteins were examined by western blot analysis and enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assays, using immune sera from different *P. vivax* patients, as described²³.

Laser confocal scanning microscopy

VIR-C-specific antibodies were affinity purified from the serum of *P. vivax* patient 40 using GST-VIR-C1-29 as the ligand, as described²⁴. The mouse polyclonal anti *P. vivax* MSP-1 has been described²⁵. A guinea-pig antiserum to a semi-conserved amino-acid motif (RKNFKNTYAKKKGLK) in VIR subfamily D was purchased from Eurogentec. We obtained reticulocytes infected with *P. vivax* schizonts from *P. vivax* patients, and fixed them on glass slides as described²⁶. Fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC)-conjugated affinity-purified F(ab')₂ fragment donkey anti-human IgG + IgM (H+L), Cy3-conjugated affinity-purified donkey anti-mouse IgG (H+L), and FITC-conjugated affinity-purified donkey anti guinea pig IgG (H+L) were purchased from Dianova and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Hoechst 33342 was purchased from Sigma. Immuno-fluorescence signals were monitored using the LSM 510 (Zeiss).

Data release

The fully annotated sequence of IVD10 (accession number AL360354) is available from http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Projects/P_vivax. The accession numbers for the expressed *vir* gene tags are AF314564 to AF314568, the last corresponding to *vir*-C1-29.

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The ATM–Chk2–Cdc25A checkpoint pathway guards against radioresistant DNA synthesis

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When exposed to ionizing radiation (IR), eukaryotic cells activate checkpoint pathways to delay the progression of the cell cycle^{1–3}. Defects in the IR-induced S-phase checkpoint cause 'radioresistant DNA synthesis', a phenomenon that has been identified in cancer-prone patients suffering from ataxia-telangiectasia, a disease caused by mutations in the ATM gene^{4–6}. The Cdc25A phosphatase⁷ activates the cyclin-dependent kinase 2 (Cdk2) needed for DNA synthesis^{8,9}, but becomes degraded in response to DNA damage¹⁰ or stalled replication¹¹. Here we report a functional link between ATM, the checkpoint signalling kinase Chk2/Cds1 (Chk2)¹² and Cdc25A, and implicate this mechanism

in controlling the S-phase checkpoint. We show that IR-induced destruction of Cdc25A requires both ATM and the Chk2-mediated phosphorylation of Cdc25A on serine 123. An IR-induced loss of Cdc25A protein prevents dephosphorylation of Cdk2 and leads to a transient blockade of DNA replication. We also show that tumour-associated Chk2 alleles¹³ cannot bind or phosphorylate Cdc25A, and that cells expressing these Chk2 alleles, elevated Cdc25A or a Cdk2 mutant unable to undergo inhibitory phosphorylation (Cdk2AF) fail to inhibit DNA synthesis when irradiated. These results support Chk2 as a candidate tumour suppressor, and identify the ATM–Chk2–Cdc25A–Cdk2 pathway as a genomic integrity checkpoint that prevents radioresistant

DNA synthesis.

To investigate whether degradation of Cdc25A affects the IR-induced S-phase checkpoint, we measured DNA synthesis in human U-2-OS/B3C4 cells engineered to express ectopic haemagglutinin A (HA)-tagged Cdc25A in a tetracycline-repressible manner¹⁰. Endogenous Cdc25A was degraded rapidly in response to IR, along with the dose-dependent inhibition of DNA synthesis (Fig. 1a); however, when the HA–Cdc25A protein was transiently elevated to levels high enough to prevent its degradation, it abrogated the S-phase checkpoint (Fig. 1a), resulting in radioresistant DNA synthesis (RDS) comparable to that seen in cells from ataxia-telangiectasia patients^{4–6}.

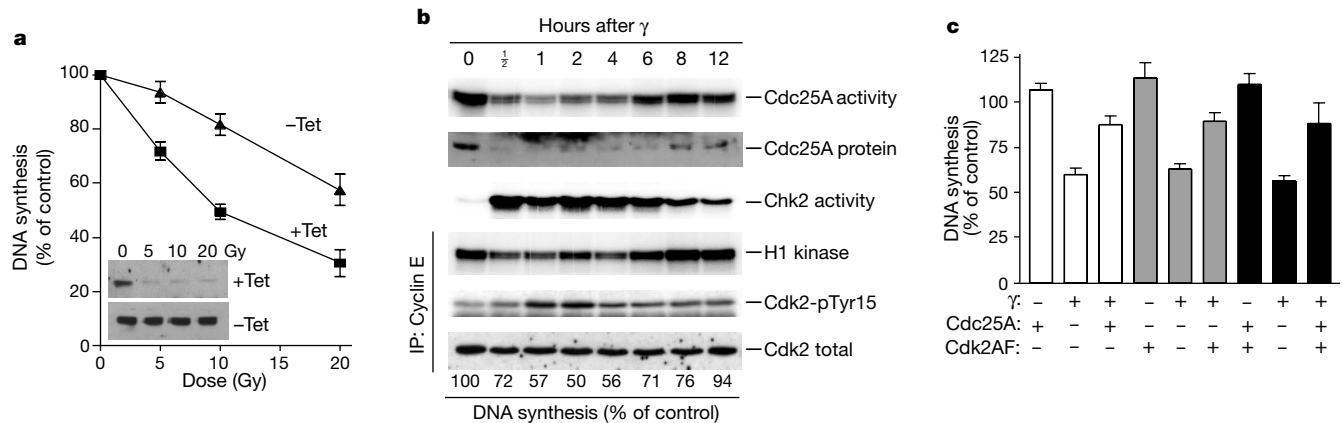


Figure 1 Effects and regulation of IR-induced destruction of Cdc25A. **a**, DNA synthesis and Cdc25A abundance (inset) in γ -irradiated U-2-OS/B3C4 cells repressed (+Tet) or induced (–Tet) 1 h before IR to express ectopic HA–Cdc25A. **b**, Kinetics of IR-induced activities, and abundance of Cdc25A and Chk2, cyclin-E-associated H1 kinase activity

and Cdk2 Tyr 15 phosphorylation in U-2-OS cells exposed to 10 Gy. **c**, DNA synthesis in untreated or 10-Gy γ -irradiated CD20-sorted U-2-OS/T-Rex cells expressing Cdc25A and/or Cdk2AF.

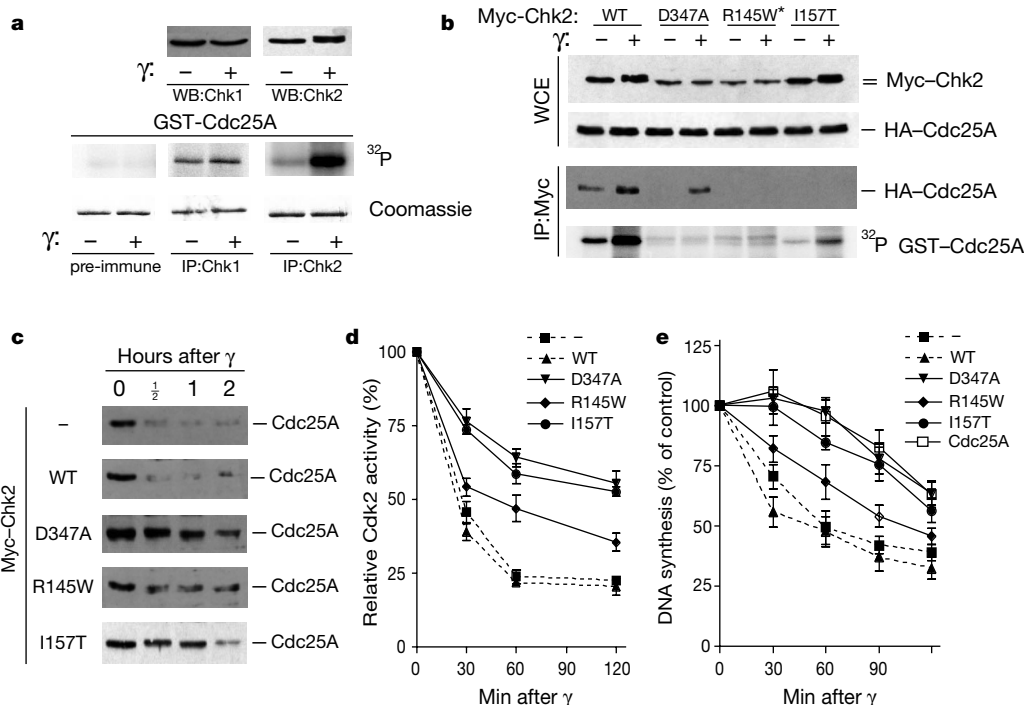


Figure 2 Failure of Chk2 mutants to bind and induce degradation of Cdc25A abrogates the S-phase checkpoint. **a**, Immunoblots of Chk1 and Chk2 and their kinase activities towards GST–Cdc25A in untreated (–) or 10-Gy γ -irradiated (+) U-2-OS cells. **b**, Top, U-2-OS/B3C4 cells were transfected with Myc–Chk2 plasmids as indicated, stimulated to express HA–Cdc25A for 3 h, γ -irradiated (10 Gy; +) or left untreated (–), and immunoblotted for Myc–Chk2 and Cdc25A (WCE, whole-cell extract). Bottom, anti-Myc

immunoprecipitates were assayed for co-precipitated Cdc25A and for *in vitro* kinase activity towards GST–Cdc25A (bottom). Asterisk, a threefold excess of Myc–Chk2-R145W was transfected. **c**, **d**, Various U-2-OS/Myc–Chk2 clones were analysed for Cdc25A abundance (**c**) and Cdk2-associated kinase activity (**d**) at the indicated time points after γ -irradiation (10 Gy). **e**, DNA synthesis in various U-2-OS/Myc–Chk2 clones measured after γ -irradiation (10 Gy). Open squares, U-2-OS/B3C4 cells with induced Cdc25A.

We thought that if destruction of Cdc25A were involved in the S-phase checkpoint, it should be only transient, as the IR-induced inhibition of DNA replication lasts only several hours⁵. Our kinetic measurements showed that Cdc25A was almost completely downregulated by 30 min after irradiation, and recovered to the levels of non-irradiated cells 4–8 h later (Fig. 1b). The maximum downregulation of Cdc25A between 1 and 3 h after IR correlated with an increased inhibitory phosphorylation of Cdk2 on Tyr 15, a reduction of the S-phase-promoting cyclin E/Cdk2 kinase activity, and nearly 50% inhibition of DNA synthesis (Fig. 1b).

These results suggested that the main consequence of the IR-induced Cdc25A downregulation was inhibition of Cdk2, implying that interference with the Cdk2 inhibitory phosphorylation should abrogate the S-phase checkpoint. Indeed, brief conditional expression of the Cdk2AF allele¹⁴, in which the inhibitory Thr 14 and Tyr 15 are replaced by alanine and phenylalanine, respectively, mimicked the effect of Cdc25A overexpression and resulted in RDS (Fig. 1c). Simultaneous expression of both HA–Cdc25A and Cdk2AF did not further increase the degree of RDS (Fig. 1c), indicating that both proteins function in the same pathway.

Ultraviolet-light-induced downregulation of Cdc25A requires the activation of Chk1 (ref. 10), a key signal transducer that, together with Chk2, is implicated in checkpoint pathways activated by damaged or unreplicated DNA^{12,15–19}. To assess whether Chk1 or Chk2 may regulate abundance of Cdc25A on IR, we measured their ability to phosphorylate Cdc25A. The activity and electrophoretic mobility of Chk1 remained unchanged until several hours after IR (Fig. 2a; and data not shown), but Chk2 became activated rapidly, as

judged by its lower electrophoretic mobility and enhanced phosphorylation of GST–Cdc25A 1 h after IR (Fig. 2a). These results suggest that Chk2, but not Chk1, becomes activated with kinetics indicative of a link between IR-induced DNA damage and the rapid inhibition of S phase. Detailed time-course measurements showed that the kinetics of IR-induced Chk2 activity closely paralleled the loss of Cdc25A protein and phosphatase activity, the downregulation of cyclin E/Cdk2 by inhibitory phosphorylation, and the decrease in DNA synthesis (Fig. 1b).

To gain mechanistic insight into this link between Chk2 and Cdc25A, we assessed the IR responsiveness of Myc-tagged forms of human Chk2 transiently transfected into U-2-OS/B3C4 cells, including the engineered catalytically inactive D347A mutant^{12,20}, and the R145W and I157T alleles¹³ with mutations in the putative protein-interaction FHA domain^{12,21,22}, identified in sporadic colon cancer and as a germ-line mutation in the cancer-prone Li–Fraumeni syndrome, respectively¹³. On exposure to IR, the ectopic wild-type Chk2 became rapidly shifted into a more slowly migrating form, and increased its ability to interact physically with transiently elevated HA–Cdc25A *in vivo* and phosphorylate GST–Cdc25A *in vitro* (Fig. 2b). In contrast, basal activities of the three mutants of Chk2 were barely detectable in non-irradiated cells and remained low even after exposure to IR (Fig. 2b).

Notably, the D347A mutant still bound HA–Cdc25A after IR (Fig. 2b), implying that the interaction of Chk2 with its substrate(s) is mediated through its modification by an upstream regulator, independently of Chk2 autocatalytic activity. In contrast, the R145W and I157T cancer-associated mutants of Chk2 could not

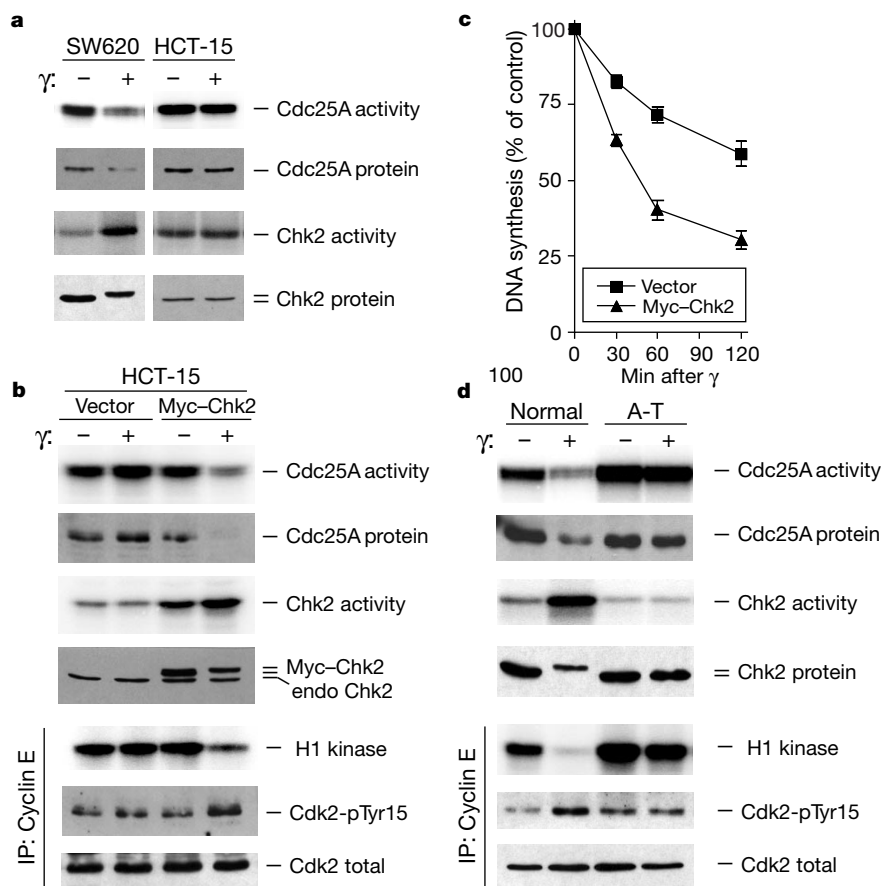


Figure 3 IR-induced destruction of Cdc25A requires functional ATM and Chk2. **a**, Abundance and activities of Cdc25A and Chk2 in untreated (–) or γ -irradiated (10 Gy; +) SW620 and HCT-15 cells. **b**, HCT-15-derived cells were γ -irradiated (10 Gy; +) or left untreated (–) and analysed for activities and abundance of Cdc25A and

Chk2, cyclin-E-associated H1 kinase activity, and Cdk2 levels (Tyr 15 phosphorylated and total). **c**, DNA synthesis in control vector versus Chk2-reconstituted (Myc–Chk2) HCT-15 cells measured after IR (10 Gy). **d**, Normal or ataxia-telangiectasia (A-T) lymphoblasts were treated and analysed as in **b**.

bind HA-Cdc25A, even though the I157T mutant preserved the IR-induced mobility shift (Fig. 2b). Thus, the tumour-associated Chk2 proteins seem defective in their ability to bind and phosphorylate substrates such as Cdc25A.

To examine whether Chk2 and Cdc25A function in a common pathway, we transfected U-2-OS cells with plasmids encoding the Chk2 alleles described in Fig. 2b, together with a gene coding for puromycin resistance. Whereas puromycin-resistant cell populations transfected with wild-type Chk2 or empty plasmid efficiently degraded Cdc25A when exposed to IR (Fig. 2c), cells expressing any of the Chk2 mutants retained substantial amounts of Cdc25A when irradiated (Fig. 2c). Consistent with these differential abilities to modulate Cdc25A protein levels, Cdk2 activity declined in cells transfected with empty vector or wild-type Chk2, but remained elevated in cells expressing the Chk2 mutants (Fig. 2d). Consequently, whereas the control cells responded by inhibiting DNA synthesis, cells expressing the Chk2 mutants failed to impose the S-phase blockade and exhibited RDS comparable to that of cells conditionally overexpressing Cdc25A (Fig. 2e). Thus, Chk2 alleles defective in catalytic activity or interaction with Cdc25A behaved as dominant-negative mutants that abrogated the S-phase checkpoint, which is consistent with Chk2 operating upstream of Cdc25A and Cdk2 in a common pathway.

In addition to Cdc25A, Chk2 also efficiently phosphorylates the p53 tumour suppressor in response to DNA damage^{20,23}; however, the former substrate seems more relevant for S-phase arrest induced by IR, as p53 controls the G1 and sustains the G2/M checkpoints,

rather than the S-phase checkpoint^{24–26}, and RDS occurs independently of p53 status²⁷. Consistent with this, rapid degradation of Cdc25A and loss of its phosphatase activity occurred in SW620 (wild-type for Chk2) but not in HCT-15 cells expressing mutant Chk2 after exposure to IR (ref. 13; Fig. 3a). Notably, both of these colon cancer cell lines express mutant p53 (ref. 13). Re-introduction of wild-type Chk2 into HCT-15 cells to a level exceeding that of the endogenous mutated protein restored the S-phase checkpoint response, including degradation of Cdc25A, increased inhibitory phosphorylation of Cdk2 and downregulation of cyclin E/Cdk2 kinase activity (Fig. 3b), and the ability to arrest S-phase progression (Fig. 3c). These results further support Chk2 as a mediator for rapidly destructing Cdc25A in response to IR, in a p53-independent S-phase checkpoint that protects cells against RDS.

As RDS occurs in cells with a defective ATM gene^{4–6}, as well as through deregulation of Chk2 or Cdc25A, and as ATM activates Chk2 directly (ref. 12), we next compared the response of the Chk2–Cdc25A–Cdk2 pathway in lymphoblasts derived from ataxia-telangiectasia patients to those isolated from normal individuals. Unlike normal lymphoblasts, irradiated ataxia-telangiectasia cells were unable to activate Chk2 and downregulate Cdc25A protein and activity (Fig. 3d). Consequently, exposure of ataxia-telangiectasia lymphoblasts to IR caused neither an increase in Cdk2 Tyr 15 phosphorylation nor an inhibition of cyclin E/Cdk2 kinase activity (Fig. 3d), which is consistent with the well-documented RDS phenotype in these cells⁵.

As signals from damaged DNA are often propagated through

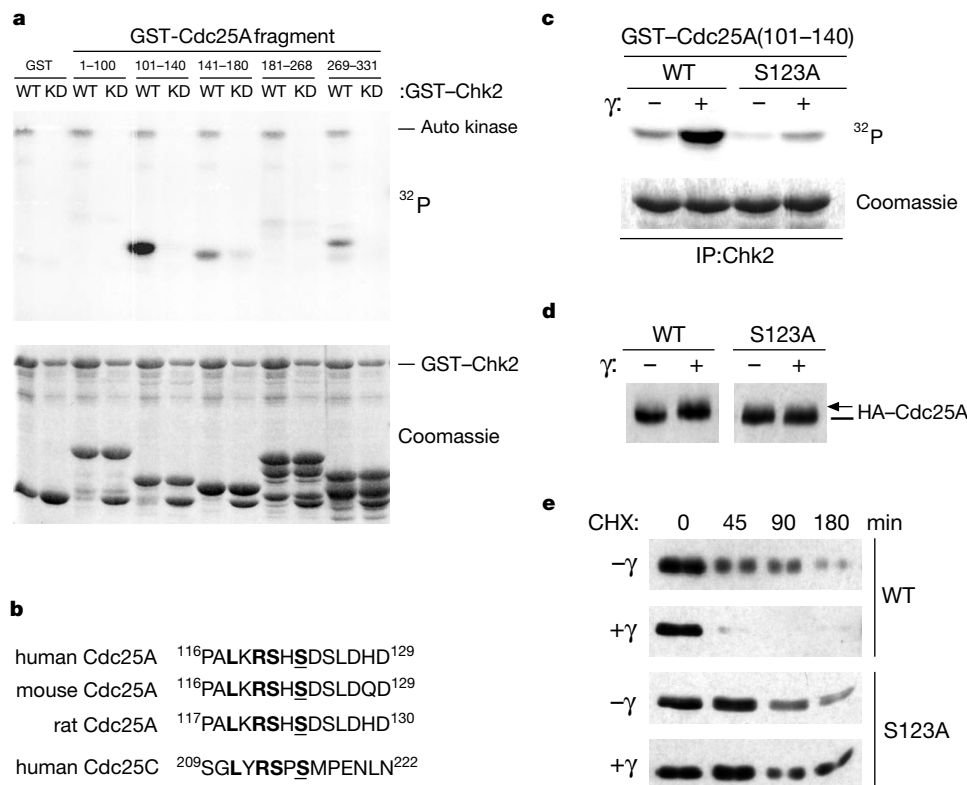


Figure 4 Chk2 phosphorylates Cdc25A on Ser 123 and triggers its IR-induced destruction. **a**, GST–Cdc25A fragments were incubated with purified wild type (WT) or catalytically inactive (KD) GST–Chk2. Proteins resolved by SDS–PAGE were visualized by autoradiography (top) or Coomassie staining (bottom). **b**, Amino-acid sequence flanking Ser 123 in human, mouse and rat Cdc25A, aligned with the Chk1/2-phosphorylated region of human Cdc25C. **c**, GST–Cdc25A(101–140) (WT) or GST–Cdc25A(101–140) (S123A) was incubated with Chk2 immunoprecipitates from untreated (–) or 10-Gy γ -irradiated (+) U-2-OS cells. Proteins were resolved and visualized as in **b**. **d**, U-2-OS

cells transiently transfected with WT or S123A HA–Cdc25A were γ -irradiated (10 Gy; +) or left untreated (–) in the presence of proteasome inhibitor LLnL to prevent destruction, and cell lysates were analysed by immunoblotting. Arrow indicates IR-induced slower-migrating form of Cdc25A. **e**, U-2-OS cells transfected with WT or S123A HA–Cdc25A were γ -irradiated (10 Gy; +) or not (–) 12 h after transfection, incubated with cycloheximide (CHX; 25 μ g ml^{–1}) and immunoblotted for HA–Cdc25A at the indicated times after CHX addition.

phosphorylation cascades, we next identified the Cdc25A residue(s) directly phosphorylated by Chk2, presumably to prime Cdc25A for rapid destruction after IR-induced DNA damage. We made glutathione S-transferase (GST)-coupled fragments derived from the Cdc25A regulatory domain and subjected them to phosphorylation by purified GST-Chk2. The fragment spanning amino acids 101–140 was strongly phosphorylated by wild-type but not by catalytically inactive Chk2 (Fig. 4a), and the sequence flanking Ser 123 of human Cdc25A, conserved in diverse mammalian species, matched the criteria for a Chk2/Chk1 consensus site identified in other proteins such as Cdc25C^{12,16–18} (Fig. 4b). Replacement of Ser 123 with alanine abolished the ability of the IR-activated Chk2 to phosphorylate the corresponding GST–Cdc25A fragment (Fig. 4c). The S123A mutation in the context of full-length Cdc25A resulted in a protein that, unlike wild-type Cdc25A, did not undergo an IR-induced shift when separated on an SDS gel (Fig. 4d), indicating that *in vivo* the S123A substitution abolished an important IR-dependent modification of Cdc25A. Significantly, the S123A mutation rendered Cdc25A resistant to IR-induced degradation under conditions in which a comparable amount of moderately overexpressed wild-type Cdc25A was still effectively degraded *in vivo* (Fig. 4e). We conclude that Chk2-dependent phosphorylation of Cdc25A on Ser 123 represents a critical step in promoting its rapid destruction in response to IR-induced DNA damage.

On the basis of this study, we propose that the ATM–Chk2–Cdc25A–Cdk2 pathway may provide the molecular explanation of the defence mechanism protecting human cells against RDS. The key components and events along this pathway in cells proficient in the S-phase checkpoint are outlined in Fig. 5 (left). The biological and pathophysiological relevance of this mechanism is further supported by the fact that tumour-associated defects of any of its main components cause RDS (Fig. 5, right), and may predispose to, or promote, tumorigenesis (refs 5, 13, 28; and this study). Cells undergoing DNA replication are particularly vulnerable to genotoxic stress including IR; the rapid degradation of Cdc25A and

subsequent silencing of the Cdk2 activity may represent the initial defence barrier, which inhibits DNA synthesis to allow efficient repair. Cdc25A extends the list of important checkpoint mediators targeted by Chk2, currently encompassing the mitotic activator Cdc25C¹², and the p53 (refs 20, 23) and BRCA1 (ref. 29) tumour suppressors, thereby implicating Chk2 in a complex network controlling G1, S and G2/M checkpoints, as well as DNA repair. Such a central role in protecting genome integrity is also consistent with the proposed candidacy of Chk2 for a new tumour suppressor, whose mutations may predispose to tumorigenesis in diverse tissues, as seen in patients with Li–Fraumeni syndrome¹³. Our finding that the tumour-associated Chk2 alleles are indeed loss-of-function mutants provides the missing functional evidence indicating that Chk2 is a genuine tumour suppressor. □

Methods

Antibodies and immunochemistry

Mouse antibody HE172 to cyclin E, as well as immunoblotting, immunoprecipitation, Cdc25A phosphatase activity and *in vitro* kinase assays have been described¹⁰. Rabbit antisera to Cdk2 (M2) and Chk1 (FL-476), and mouse antibody to Cdc25A (F-6, used to detect the endogenous protein) were from Santa Cruz. Rabbit antiserum to Tyr15-phosphorylated Cdk1/Cdk2 was from Calbiochem, and mouse monoclonal antibody to CD20 was from Becton Dickinson. The 9E10 antibody to the Myc epitope was a gift from G. Evan. We generated mouse monoclonal antibodies to human Chk2 (DCS-270) and Cdc25A (DCS-127) by standard hybridoma technology.

Plasmids

To construct the Myc-tagged Chk2 expression vector, the human Chk2 complementary DNA (a gift from S. Elledge) was amplified by PCR with *Pfu* polymerase (Stratagene) and cloned into a pcDNA3 vector (Invitrogen) containing a Myc tag. The catalytically inactive D347A^{12,20}, and tumour-associated R145W¹³ and I157T¹³ mutants of Chk2, as well as the Cdc25A S123A mutant were generated using the QuikChange Site-Directed Mutagenesis kit (Stratagene). We expressed and purified GST–Chk2 and GST–Cdc25A¹⁰ (full length and fragments) according to standard procedures.

Cell culture and RDS assay

We grew U-2-OS cells¹⁰ and SW-620 cells in DMEM containing 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS). HCT-15 cells¹³ and lymphoblasts derived from normal and ataxia-telangiectasia patients (donated by Y. Shiloh) were grown in RPMI with 10% FBS. The U-2-OS-derived B3C4 clone conditionally expressing haemagglutinin (HA)-tagged Cdc25A has been described¹⁰. Expression of the transgene was induced by culturing the cells in tetracycline-free medium for the durations specified in the figure legends. The U-2-OS-derived T-Rex cell line was from Invitrogen. We induced expression of Cdc25A and Cdk2AF by adding tetracycline (1 µg ml⁻¹) 4 h before irradiation (Fig. 1c); ectopic CD20 was expressed throughout the experiment. Isolation of CD20-positive U-2-OS/T-Rex cells with anti-CD20-coupled Dynabeads has been described³⁰. The U-2-OS- and HCT-15-derived polyclonal cell lines stably expressing Myc-tagged wild-type or mutant Chk2 were generated by calcium phosphate transfection (U-2-OS) or electroporation (HCT-15) of cells with empty pcDNA3–Myc vector or pcDNA3–Myc vector containing wild-type or mutant Chk2. A vector encoding puromycin resistance (pBabe-puro) was co-transfected, the cells were selected for neomycin (G418; 400 µg ml⁻¹) and puromycin (1 µg ml⁻¹) resistance, and pooled when visible colonies emerged. Ionizing radiation was delivered by X-ray generator (RT100, Philips Medico; 100 kV, 8 mA, dose-rate 0.92 Gy min⁻¹), and cell extracts were prepared 1 h later except where indicated otherwise. Inhibition of DNA synthesis and RDS after ionizing radiation were monitored as described^{6,26}.

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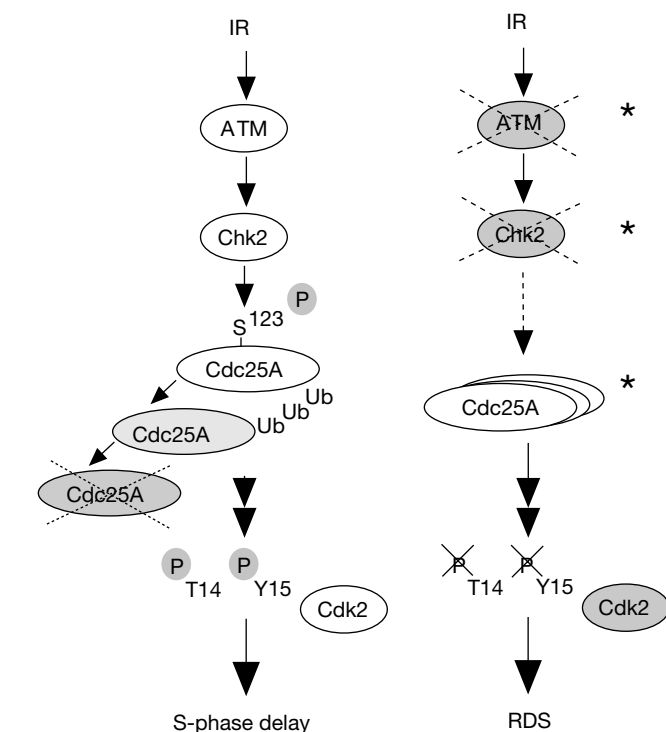


Figure 5 Model of the IR-induced S-phase checkpoint pathway in normal (left) versus checkpoint-deficient (right) cells. Pathway components targeted in cancer are marked by an asterisk. Ub, ubiquitin chains.

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arrow encodes an LDL-receptor-related protein essential for Wingless signalling

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This paper contained a mistake in Fig. 4a–d. The correct data are described below and are shown on our web site (<http://www.med.upenn.edu/~cellbio/arrow.html>). The main conclusions remain unchanged. In the paper, we used a LacZ enhancer trap inserted at *Distal-less* to investigate its regulation by *arrow*. However, as both *Distal-less* and *arrow* are on chromosome 2R, the LacZ reporter was flipped away in making *arrow* mutant clones. We have repeated these experiments using anti-*Distal-less* antibodies generating marked, *Minute*⁺ *arrow*² mutant clones. Early-induced *arrow* mutant clones do not survive well; those that do survive exhibit loss of *Distal-less* expression. Later-induced clones show reduced *Distal-less*, although there is still residual expression. It is possible that the residual expression is due to perdurance of Arrow protein in cells only recently made mutant for *arrow*. As we stated in the paper, these results with *arrow* are quite similar to those obtained for clones mutant for *frizzled frizzled2* (C. M. Chen and G. Struhl, *Development* **126**, 5441–5452; 1999). In the legend to Fig. 4, however, we noted the higher level of *Distal-less* expression in the wild-type twin spots compared to the heterozygous tissue. Rather than reflecting changes in Wnt signalling, this resulted simply from the presence of two copies of the *Distal-less* LacZ reporter on the wild-type twin spots. □

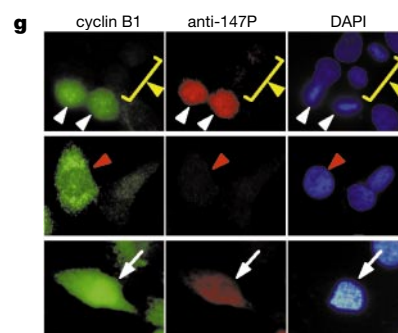
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Polo-like kinase 1 phosphorylates cyclin B1 and targets it to the nucleus during prophase

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