

Degradation of cyclin B is critical for nuclear division in

Trypanosoma brucei

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Abstract

Kinetoplastids have a nucleus that contains the nuclear genome and a kinetoplast that contains the mitochondrial genome. These single-copy organelles must be duplicated and segregated faithfully to daughter cells at each cell division. In *Trypanosoma brucei*, although duplication of both organelles starts around the same time, segregation of the kinetoplast precedes that of the nucleus. Cytokinesis subsequently takes place so that daughter cells inherit a single copy of each organelle. Very little is known about the molecular mechanism that governs the timing of these events. Furthermore, it is thought that *T. brucei* lacks a spindle checkpoint that delays the onset of nuclear division in response to spindle damage. Here we show that a mitotic cyclin CYC6 has a dynamic localization pattern during the cell cycle, including kinetochore localization from G2 to metaphase. Using CYC6 as a molecular cell cycle marker, we confirmed that *T. brucei* cannot delay the onset of anaphase in response to a bipolar spindle assembly defect. Interestingly, expression of a stabilized form of CYC6 caused the nucleus to arrest in a metaphase-like state without preventing cytokinesis. We propose that trypanosomes have an ability to regulate the timing of nuclear division by modulating the CYC6 protein level, without a spindle checkpoint.

Keywords

Cell cycle, spindle checkpoint, kinetoplastid, *Trypanosoma brucei*, kinetochore, cyclin B

29 **Introduction**

30 Accurate transmission of genetic material to offspring is essential for the survival of
31 organisms. The genome in eukaryotes exists in different organelles such as the
32 nucleus, mitochondria, and plastids. Nuclear DNA is duplicated during S phase and
33 segregated equally to daughter cells during M phase. Kinetochores are the
34 macromolecular protein complexes that assemble onto centromeric DNA and interact
35 with spindle microtubules. It is essential that sister kinetochores attach to spindle
36 microtubules emanating from opposite poles in metaphase so that sister chromatids
37 segregate away from each other during anaphase. Cells possess a surveillance
38 mechanism, called the spindle checkpoint, that delays the onset of anaphase in
39 response to defects in kinetochore-microtubule attachments (London and Biggins
40 2014; Musacchio 2015). Once all sister kinetochores have achieved proper bi-oriented
41 attachments, the spindle checkpoint is satisfied. This results in the ubiquitylation of
42 two key targets cyclin B and securin by the anaphase-promoting complex (APC/C),
43 leading to their destruction by proteasomes.

44 In contrast to nuclear DNA, the mechanism of mitochondrial DNA
45 transmission varies among eukaryotes. For example, in animals that have a high copy
46 number of mitochondria, transmission of mitochondrial DNA is thought to occur
47 randomly (Westermann 2010). On the other hand, a single mitochondrion is present in
48 many unicellular eukaryotes, such as kinetoplastids, *Plasmodium falciparum* and
49 *Cyanidioschyzon merolae* (Robinson and Gull 1991; Itoh et al. 1997; Okamoto et al.
50 2009). The timing of duplication and partition of their mitochondria must be
51 coordinated with the cell cycle machinery in these organisms. Kinetoplastids are a
52 group of unicellular organisms that are characterized by the unique structure called
53 the kinetoplast, which is a network of multiple copies of mitochondrial DNA (termed
54 the kDNA) enclosed in a single mitochondrion (Vickerman 1962). They are
55 evolutionarily divergent from commonly studied model eukaryotes (e.g. yeast,
56 worms, flies, and humans) (Cavalier-Smith 2010; Walker et al. 2011), so
57 understanding their biology can provide insights into the extent of conservation or
58 divergence in eukaryotes. Among various kinetoplastids studied thus far, the
59 mechanism of cell cycle is best characterized in *Trypanosoma brucei*, the causative
60 agent of human African trypanosomiasis (for reviews, see (McKean 2003;
61 Hammarton 2007; Vaughan and Gull 2008; Li 2012)). *T. brucei* has a canonical cell
62 cycle for nuclear events (G1, S, G2, and M phases). G1 cells have a single kinetoplast

63 and nucleus (termed 1K1N). Duplication of kinetoplast DNA starts almost
64 simultaneously with that of nuclear DNA, but completes earlier (Woodward and Gull
65 1990; Siegel et al. 2008). Segregation of kDNA depends on that of basal bodies and
66 occurs during the nuclear S phase, creating 2K1N cells (Robinson and Gull 1991;
67 Ogbadoyi et al. 2003). Trypanosomes do not break down their nuclear envelope
68 (closed mitosis), and an intranuclear mitotic spindle is assembled in the nucleus
69 during M phase (Vickerman and Preston 1970; Ogbadoyi et al. 2000). Sister
70 kinetochores align at the metaphase plate during metaphase, followed by the
71 separation of nuclear DNA in anaphase (creating 2K2N cells) and split of cells by
72 cytokinesis (Sherwin and Gull 1989; Woodward and Gull 1990). It is essential that
73 replication and segregation of these organelles occur prior to cytokinesis in a
74 coordinated manner so that daughter cells inherit a copy of each. Little is known
75 about the underlying molecular mechanism.

76 Available evidence suggests that *T. brucei* is not capable of halting their cell
77 cycle in response to various defects in the nucleus. For example, when bipolar spindle
78 assembly is blocked in procyclic (insect form) cells, they undergo cytokinesis without
79 a noticeable delay despite a lack of nuclear division (Robinson et al. 1995; Ploubidou
80 et al. 1999). This results in the formation of one daughter cell that has one kinetoplast
81 DNA without nuclear DNA (1K0N, termed zoid) and another cell that has one
82 kinetoplast with tetraploid DNA content, suggesting that the spindle checkpoint is not
83 operational (Ploubidou et al. 1999). In fact, most of the spindle checkpoint
84 components (i.e. Mps1, Mad1, Mad3/BubR1, Bub1, Bub3) are not found in *T. brucei*
85 or other kinetoplastids. Although a Mad2 homolog is present, this protein localizes at
86 basal bodies, not kinetochores (Akiyoshi and Gull 2013). It is therefore thought that
87 trypanosomes cannot delay cytokinesis even when nuclear division fails to occur. Yet,
88 there must be a mechanism to coordinate the segregation of nuclear DNA with
89 cytokinesis in unperturbed cells. One possibility is the presence of a cell cycle
90 oscillator that triggers cell cycle events in a set sequence even without feedback
91 control systems. The best characterized components of cell cycle oscillators are
92 cyclin/CDK (cyclin-dependent kinase) complexes (Nurse 1990; Morgan 1997; Gérard
93 et al. 2015). The rise and fall of their kinase activities trigger cell cycle events in a set
94 sequence. For example, increased activities of mitotic CDK complexes promote entry
95 into M phase and various mitotic events, whereas their decrease is essential for exit
96 from mitosis. *T. brucei* has ten cyclins and eleven CDKs, among which CYC6/CRK3

97 is the major mitotic cyclin/CDK complex in *T. brucei* (CYC6 is also known as
98 CycB2) (Li and Wang 2003; Hammarton et al. 2003). When degradation of CYC6
99 was inhibited by proteasome inhibitors or APC/C downregulation, cells accumulated
100 in a metaphase-like state with a bipolar spindle (Mutomba et al. 1997; Kumar and
101 Wang 2005). These observations suggested that degradation of cyclin B could be a
102 trigger for the metaphase-anaphase transition. Here we directly tested this possibility
103 by expressing a non-degradable version of CYC6 in *T. brucei*.

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105 **Results**

106 **Identification of cyclin B^{CYC6} as a molecular cell cycle marker**

107 Cellular localization of CYC6 has not been reported thus far, so we first examined it
108 by endogenously tagging CYC6 with an N-terminal YFP tag in *T. brucei* procyclic
109 cells. We observed the following localization pattern (Figure 1A). There was no
110 distinct signal in G1 cells. From S phase onwards, CYC6 was found at the basal body
111 area and flagellum. From G2 to metaphase, nuclear signal was observed with
112 significant enrichment at kinetochore regions in metaphase. In fact, these nuclear dots
113 co-localized with a kinetochore marker protein, KKT2 (Figure 1B). CYC6
114 disappeared from the nucleus in anaphase. We obtained similar results for CRK3,
115 which formed dots in metaphase and disappeared in anaphase (Figure 1C). Thus,
116 CYC6 and CRK3 exhibit a differential localization pattern depending on cell cycle
117 stages, and can therefore be used as a molecular cell cycle marker.

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119 **Cyclin B^{CYC6} is important for bipolar spindle assembly, but not for kinetochore 120 assembly**

121 CDK activities are known to be important for kinetochore assembly in some
122 eukaryotes, including humans (Gascoigne and Cheeseman 2013). The finding that
123 CYC6 localizes at kinetochores from G2 to metaphase in trypanosomes prompted us
124 to study its importance for kinetochore assembly. We therefore depleted CYC6 by
125 RNAi-mediated knockdown (Ngô et al. 1998). We confirmed that CYC6 is essential
126 for cell growth, as previously reported (Li and Wang 2003; Hammarton et al. 2003)
127 (data not shown). Because cyclin/CDK activities are known to be important for
128 various mitotic events (Bishop et al. 2000), we first examined bipolar spindle
129 formation. We used a spindle marker protein that we identified from our previous
130 tagging screen (ORF Tb927.11.14370) (Archer et al. 2011; Akiyoshi and Gull 2014).

131 This protein had a localization pattern characteristic of spindle microtubules, so we
132 named it MAP103 for microtubule-associated protein 103 kDa (Figure S1). We
133 observed defective spindle microtubules in CYC6-depleted cells, suggesting that
134 CDK activities are essential for proper bipolar spindle assembly (Figure 2A). Under
135 these conditions, however, localization of all KKT proteins we examined was not
136 affected (KKT1, KKT4, KKT7, KKT8, KKT10, KKT14, KKT16) (Figure 2B).
137 Therefore, CYC6 is dispensable for the assembly of these kinetochore proteins in
138 procyclic cells.

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140 **Cells fail to delay the onset of anaphase in response to spindle defects**

141 We next used CYC6 as a molecular cell cycle marker to examine the effect of drugs.
142 We first used an anti-microtubule agent, ansamitocin, to examine the effect of a
143 bipolar spindle assembly defect for cell cycle progression (Robinson and Gull 1991).
144 By testing various concentrations of ansamitocin, we found that 5 nM of ansamitocin
145 significantly slowed down cell growth (Figure 3A). After a 4-hr treatment, nuclear
146 division and bipolar spindle assembly was perturbed as expected (Figure 3B). In this
147 condition, however, we found no significant enrichment of nuclear CYC6-positive
148 cells (Figure 3C). This corroborates previous studies (Ploubidou et al. 1999) and
149 confirms that trypanosomes are not capable of delaying the onset of anaphase in
150 response to spindle damage.

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152 **Stabilization of cyclin B^{CYC6} causes metaphase arrest in the nucleus**

153 We next examined the effect of cyclin B stabilization for cell cycle progression. We
154 first used a proteasome inhibitor MG-132 that blocked cell cycle progression and
155 stabilized the CYC6 protein (Mutomba et al. 1997; Bessat et al. 2013). When cells
156 expressing YFP-CYC6 were treated with 10 μ M MG-132 for 4 hr, ~30% of cells had
157 nuclear CYC6 signal (compared to ~10 % in control), suggesting that the nucleus
158 arrested prior to anaphase (Figure 4A, B). Indeed, these cells had a bipolar spindle
159 (often elongated) and most of their kinetochores were aligned at the metaphase plate
160 (Figure 4C, D). We also noted that the distance between the two kinetoplast DNA in
161 these cells was often greater than that in control metaphase cells. These results
162 suggest that, upon MG-132 treatment, trypanosomes arrest the nucleus in a
163 metaphase-like state in which cyclin B is not degraded, although their cytoplasm
164 transits to an anaphase-like state.

165 Because MG-132 treatment affects the protein level of many other proteins,
166 we next tested whether the presence of cyclin B in the nucleus is sufficient to prevent
167 nuclear division. Overexpression of wild-type CYC6 did not affect cell growth (data
168 not shown). We therefore expressed a GFP-NLS fusion of a non-degradable form of
169 CYC6 (CYC6^{Δ1-57}). Interestingly, we detected a decrease in 2K2N cells and
170 accumulation of 2K1N cells upon expression of non-degradable CYC6 for 8 hr
171 (Figure 4E), suggesting that the nucleus was arrested in a metaphase-like state.
172 Indeed, kinetochores were aligned at the metaphase plate in these cells (Figure 4F).
173 We also detected a significant increase in the number of zoids (1K0N cells). This
174 implies that cytokinesis occurred despite the lack of nuclear division (Figure 4E, F).
175 These results show that CYC6 is capable of arresting the nucleus in a metaphase-like
176 state, although it cannot stop cytokinesis. Taken together, our data show that
177 trypanosomes have an ability to control the timing of nuclear division by modulating
178 the degradation of a mitotic cyclin in the nucleus.

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180 **Discussion**

181 Previous studies observed the formation of zoids despite a lack of nuclear division
182 due to spindle damage (Ploubidou et al. 1999), cyclin/CDK depletion (Hammarton et
183 al. 2003; Li and Wang 2003; Tu and Wang 2004), or expression of a non-degradable
184 cohesin subunit SCC1 (Gluezn et al. 2008). These studies strongly suggested that *T.*
185 *brucei* cannot prevent cytokinesis in response to a lack of nuclear division at least in
186 procyclic cells (although this is likely to be the case in bloodstream form too, see
187 (Gluezn et al. 2008)). In this study, we established CYC6 as a molecular marker for
188 cell cycle progression, and confirmed that trypanosomes indeed failed to delay the
189 anaphase onset in response to spindle damage. This implies that the timing
190 mechanism of the nuclear cell cycle progression is likely governed by an intrinsic cell
191 cycle timer, as observed in embryonic divisions (Yang and Ferrell 2013; Yuan and
192 O'Farrell 2015) and in spindle checkpoint mutants of yeasts and flies (Hoyt et al.
193 1991; Li and Murray 1991; Buffin et al. 2007).

194 Interestingly, we found that expression of non-degradable cyclin B can delay
195 the onset of anaphase (in the nucleus). This means that trypanosomes could
196 potentially coordinate the timing of nuclear division with that of cytokinesis by
197 regulating the level of the CYC6 protein in the nucleus. Because APC/C is
198 responsible for the degradation of mitotic cyclins, understanding its regulatory

199 mechanism is of critical importance. It is interesting to note that two kinetochore
200 proteins (KKT4 and KKT20) co-purified with several components of the APC/C
201 (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014; Nerusheva and Akiyoshi 2016), suggesting that
202 kinetochores may directly regulate APC/C activities. It will be important to
203 understand the underlying mechanism.

204 It remains unclear how the timing of cytokinesis onset is determined in
205 trypanosomes. It has been suggested that it may be the segregation of basal bodies,
206 rather than that of the nucleus, that is linked to cytokinesis in trypanosomes
207 (Ploubidou et al. 1999). Interestingly, CYC6 signal was found not only at
208 kinetochores but also at basal bodies and flagella. Therefore, CYC6 might also have
209 an ability to regulate the onset of cytokinesis, which will need to be tested in future
210 studies.

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213 **Supplemental material**

214 Supplemental material contains Figure S1, and Tables S1, S2, and S3.

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216 **Materials and methods**

217 **Trypanosome cells**

218 All trypanosome cell lines used in this study were derived from *T. brucei* SmOxP927
219 procyclic form cells (TREU 927/4 expressing T7 RNA polymerase and the tetracy-
220 cline repressor to allow inducible expression) (Poon et al. 2012) and are listed in
221 Table S1. Cells were grown at 28 °C in SDM-79 medium supplemented with 10%
222 (v/v) heat-inactivated fetal calf serum (Brun and Schönenberger 1979). Cell growth
223 was monitored using a CASY cell counter and analyzer system (Roche). RNAi was
224 induced with doxycycline at a final concentration of 1 µg/ml. Non-degradable CYC6
225 was expressed with doxycycline at 0.1 µg/ml. Ansamitocin P-3 was purchased from
226 Abcam (catalog number, ab144546) and MG-132 was purchased from Merck (catalog
227 number, 474790).

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229 **Tagging, cloning, transfections, and microscopy**

230 Plasmids and primers used in this study are listed in Table S2 and S3, respectively.

231 Endogenous tdTomato tagging was performed using pBA148 (Akiyoshi and Gull

232 2014). YFP tagging was performed using pEnT5-Y (for KKTs and MAP103) or

233 pBA106 (for CYC6 and CRK3) tagging vectors. pBA106 is a modified version of the
234 pEnT5-Y vector (Kelly et al. 2007) to allow N-terminal 3FLAG-6HIS-YFP tagging.
235 A targeting sequence for the CRK3 tagging (consisting of *Xba*I site, 4–250 bp of the
236 CRK3 coding sequence, *Not*I site, 250 bp of CRK3 5'UTR, *Bam*HI site) was
237 synthesized by GeneArt. To make pBA106, a synthetic DNA fragment that encodes a
238 3FLAG-6HIS tag (made by annealing BA403 and BA404) was ligated into pEnT5-Y
239 using *Hind*III and *Spe*I sites. For generation of the inducible CYC6 RNAi cell line,
240 424 bp fragment targeting 378–801 bp of the CYC6 coding sequence was amplified
241 from genomic DNA and cloned into the p2T7-177 vector (Wickstead et al. 2002),
242 creating pBA734. To make a non-degradable version of CYC6 with an N-terminal
243 GFP-NLS tag (pBA1319: GFP-NLS-CYC6^{Δ1–57}), DNA fragment encoding CYC6^{58–}
244 ⁴²⁶ was amplified from genomic DNA and cloned into pBA310 (Nerusheva and
245 Akiyoshi 2016) using *Pac*I and *Asc*I sites. Plasmids linearized by *Not*I were
246 transfected to trypanosomes by electroporation into an endogenous locus (pEnT5-Y,
247 pBA106, and pBA148 derivatives) or 177 bp repeats on minichromosomes (p2T7-177
248 and pBA310 derivatives). Transfected cells were selected by the addition of 25 μg/ml
249 hygromycin (pEnT5-Y and pBA106 derivatives), 10 μg/ml blasticidin (pBA148
250 derivatives), or 5 μg/ml phleomycin (p2T7-177 and pBA310 derivatives). Microscopy
251 was performed essentially as previously described using a Leica DM5500 B
252 microscope (Leica Microsystems) housed in the Keith Gull's laboratory (Akiyoshi
253 and Gull 2014) to image YFP-MAP103 or DeltaVision fluorescence microscope
254 (Applied Precision) housed in the Micron Oxford Advanced Bioimaging Unit
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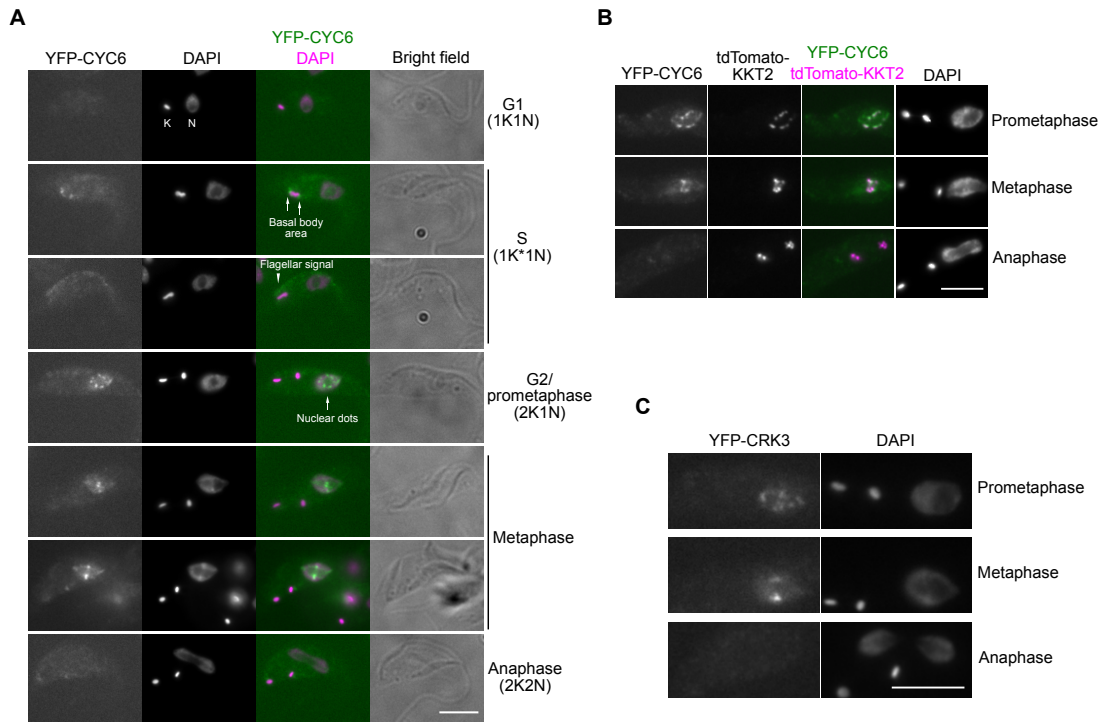
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416 **Figures and legends**

Figure 1



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419 **Figure 1. Cyclin B^{CYC6} is enriched at kinetochores in metaphase and disappears**
420 **in anaphase**

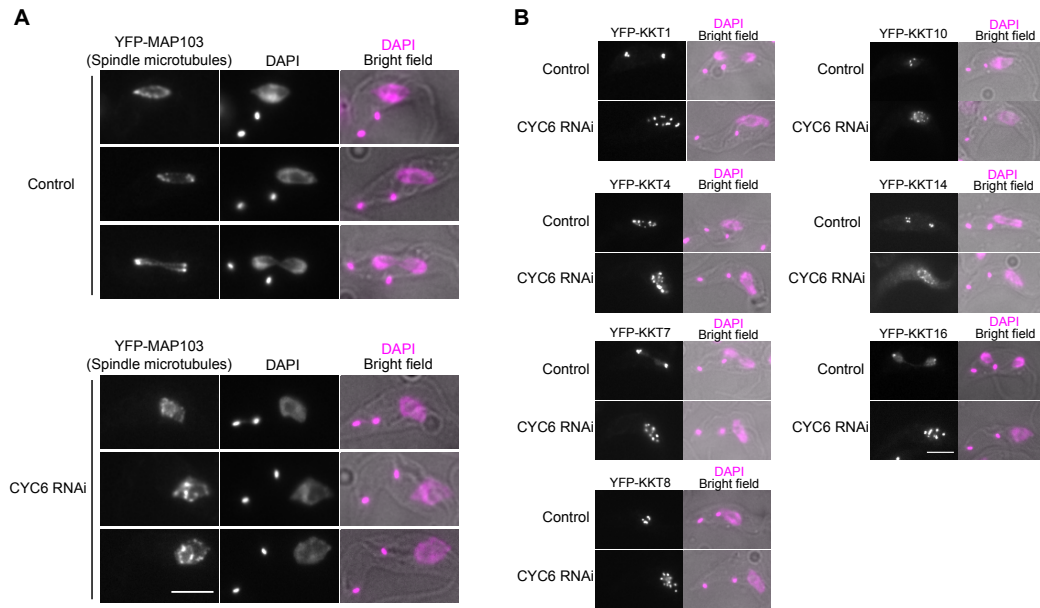
421 (A) CYC6 has a dynamic localization pattern during the cell cycle. Examples of
422 procyclic form cells that express YFP-CYC6 are shown (cell line BAP426). K and N
423 stands for the kinetoplast and nucleus, respectively.

424 (B) CYC6 nuclear dots partially co-localize with a kinetochore protein, KKT2
425 (BAP1005).

426 (C) CRK3 has nuclear dots in metaphase and disappears in anaphase (BAP463).

427 Bars, 5 μ m.

Figure 2



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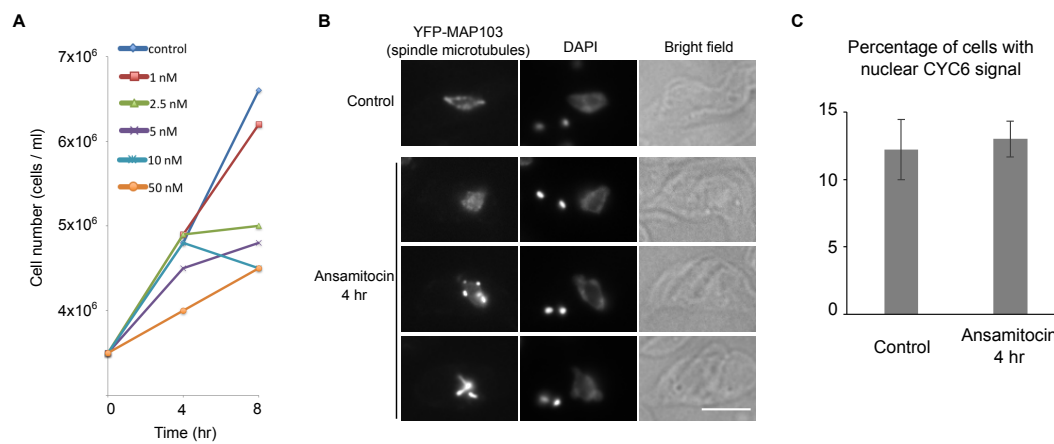
430 **Figure 2. Cyclin B^{CYC6} is important for bipolar spindle assembly, but**
431 **dispensable for kinetochore assembly**

432 (A) Bipolar spindle formation was perturbed upon induction of CYC6 RNAi. Cells
433 expressing YFP-MAP103 (a marker for spindle microtubules) were fixed at 24 hr
434 post-induction (BAP504).

435 (B) Kinetochore localization of KKT1, KKT4, KKT7, KKT8, KKT10, KKT14, and
436 KKT16 proteins was not affected by CYC6 depletion (BAP503, BAP585, BAP505,
437 BAP593, BAP596, BAP506, and BAP604, respectively). Examples of 2K1N
438 (prometaphase/metaphase) or 2K2N (anaphase) cells expressing indicated YFP-KKT
439 proteins fixed at 24 hr post-induction are shown.

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Figure 3



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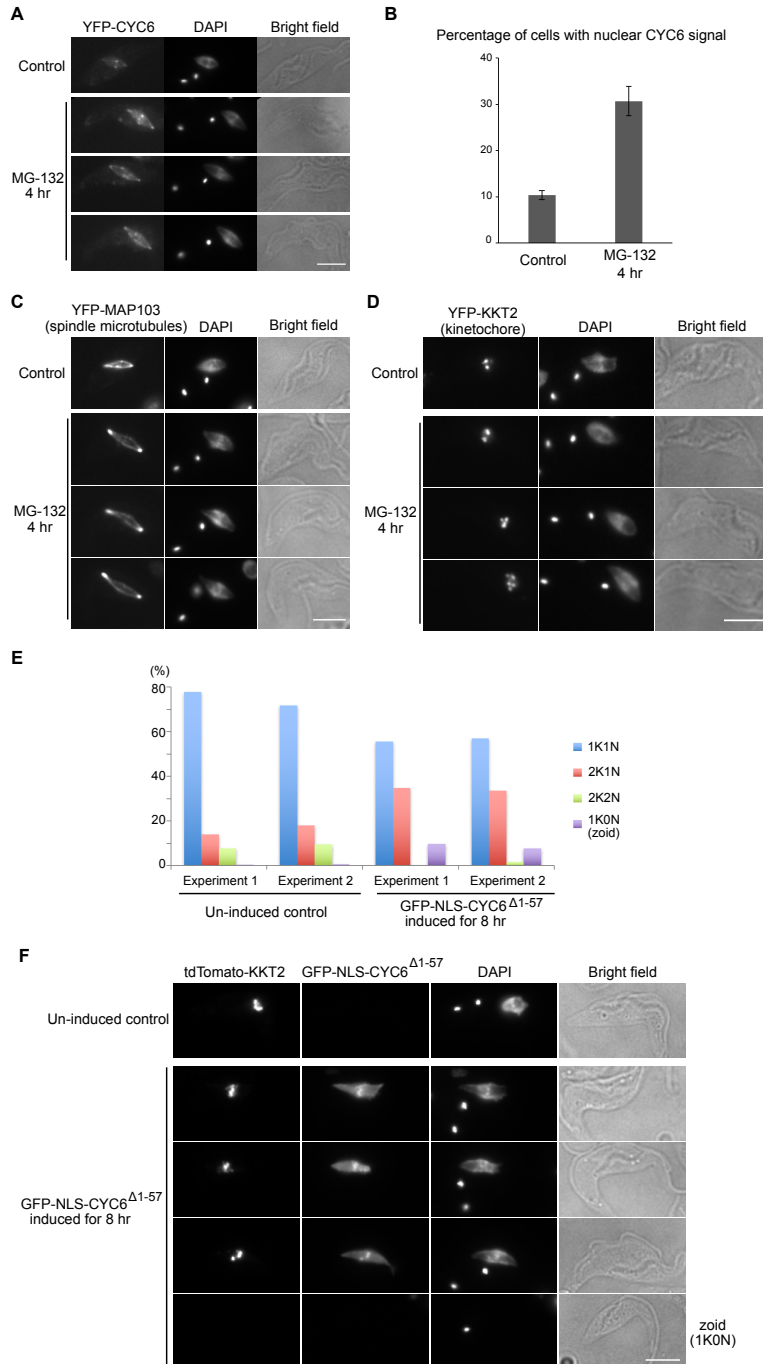
443 **Figure 3. Spindle assembly defects do not cause cyclin B^{CYC6} accumulation in the**
444 **nucleus**

445 (A) Growth curves of control and ansamitocin-treated cultures show a concentration-
446 dependent growth inhibition (BAP125).

447 (B) Ansamitocin prevents bipolar spindle assembly. Cells expressing YFP-MAP103
448 (BAP79) were treated with 5 nM ansamitocin for 4 hr and fixed. Bar, 5 μ m.

449 (C) Ansamitocin treatment does not result in the accumulation of nuclear CYC6-
450 positive cells. Cells expressing YFP-CYC6 (BAP426) were treated with 5 nM
451 ansamitocin for 4 hr and fixed. Three hundred cells were counted for each sample,
452 and experiments were performed three times. Error bars represent standard deviation.

Figure 4



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455 **Figure 4. Cyclin B^{CYC6} prevents nuclear division**

456 (A–D) MG-132 treatment causes metaphase arrest. Cells expressing YFP-CYC6 (A,

457 B: BAP426), YFP-MAP103 (C: BAP79), or YFP-KKT2 (D: BAP122) were treated

458 with 10 μ M MG-132 for 4 hr and fixed, showing that a higher ratio of cells have

459 nuclear CYC6 signal with a bipolar spindle and aligned kinetochores upon MG-132

460 treatment. For quantification of nuclear CYC6-positive cells (B), 300 cells were

461 counted for each sample, and experiments were performed three times. Error bars
462 represent standard deviation.
463 (E, F) Expression of a non-degradable CYC6 protein in the nucleus delays nuclear
464 division. GFP-NLS-CYC6^{Δ1-57} expression was induced with 0.1 μg/ml doxycycline in
465 cells that have tdTomato-KKT2 (BAP945) for 8 hr. Four hundred cells were counted
466 for each sample, and experiments were performed twice.
467 Bars, 5 μm.

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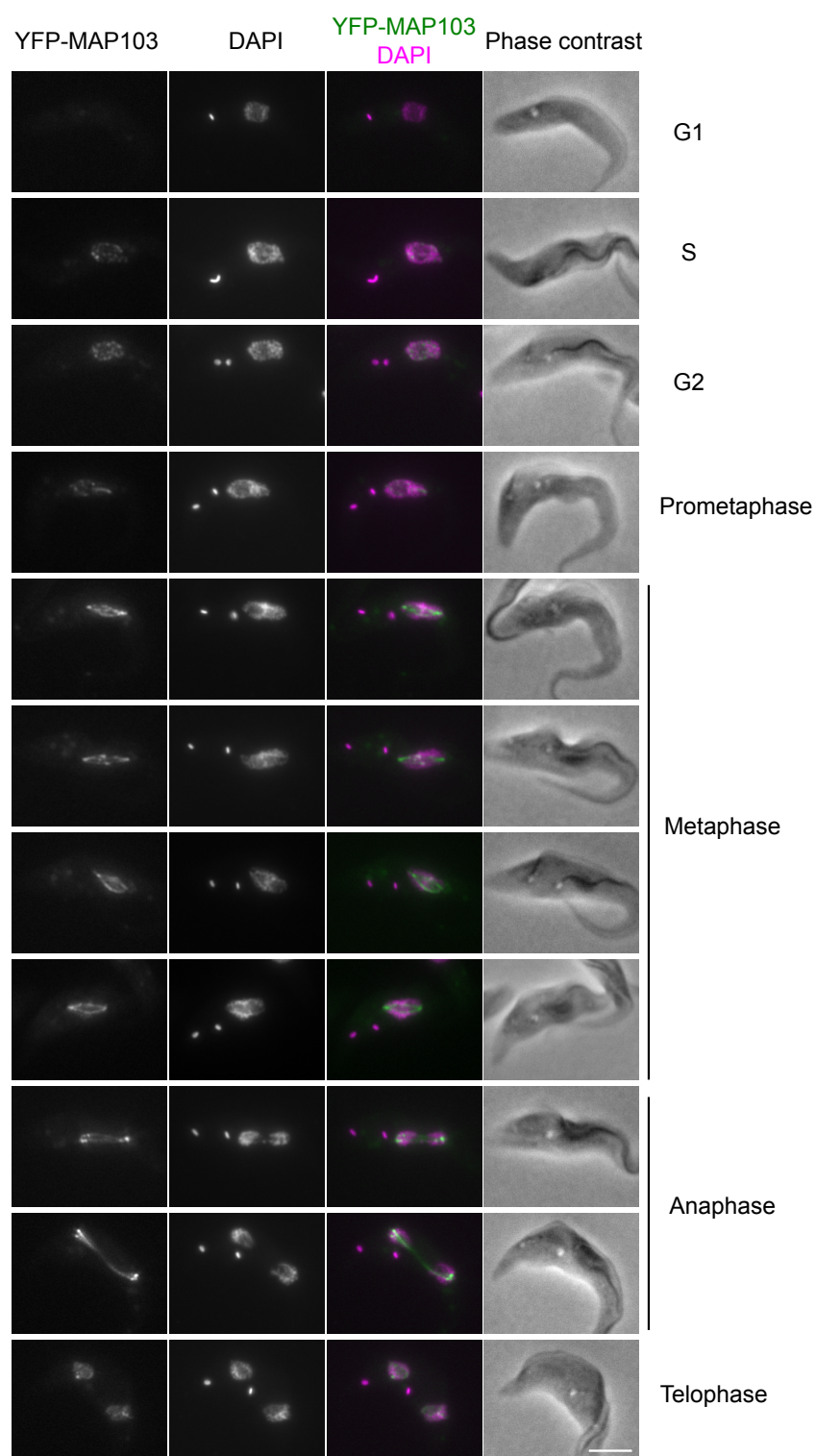


Figure S1. MAP103 localizes onto spindle microtubules during mitosis

Examples of cells expressing YFP-MAP103 at indicated cell cycle stages are shown.

Bar, 5 μ m.

Table S1. Trypanosome cell lines used in this study.

Strain	Description
SmOxP9	Parental cell line that expresses TetR and T7 RNAP (Kelly et al. 2007)
BAP79	TY-YFP-MAP103 (this study)
BAP122	TY-YFP-KKT2 (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
BAP125	TY-YFP-KKT4 (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
BAP426	3FLAG-6HIS-YFP-CYC6 (this study)
BAP463	3FLAG-6HIS-YFP-CRK3 (this study)
BAP503	TY-YFP-KKT1, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP504	TY-YFP-MAP103, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP505	TY-YFP-KKT7, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP506	TY-YFP-KKT14, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP585	TY-YFP-KKT4, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP593	TY-YFP-KKT8, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP596	TY-YFP-KKT10, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP604	TY-YFP-KKT16, Inducible CYC6 RNAi (this study)
BAP945	TY-tdTomato-KKT2, Inducible GFP-NLS-CYC6 ^{Δ1-57} (this study)
BAP1005	3FLAG-6HIS-YFP-CYC6, TY-tdTomato-KKT2 (this study)

Table S2. Plasmids used in this study.

Name	Descriptions
pEnT5-Y	TY-YFP tagging vector, Hygromycin (Kelly et al. 2007)
p2T7-177	Inducible RNAi vector, integrate at 177 bp repeats (Wickstead et al. 2002)
pBA18	TY-YFP-KKT1 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA31	TY-YFP-MAP103 tagging vector, Hygromycin (this study)
pBA67	TY-YFP-KKT2 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA68	TY-YFP-KKT8 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA71	TY-YFP-KKT4 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA72	TY-YFP-KKT7 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA74	TY-YFP-KKT10 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA96	TY-YFP-KKT16 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA97	TY-YFP-KKT14 tagging vector, Hygromycin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)

pBA106	3FLAG-6HIS-YFP tagging vector, Hygromycin (this study)
pBA148	TY-tdTomato tagging vector, Blasticidin (Akiyoshi and Gull 2014)
pBA164	TY-tdTomato-KKT2 tagging vector, Blasticidin (Nerusheva and Akiyoshi 2016)
pBA310	Inducible expression vector, integrate at 177 bp, Phleomycin (Nerusheva and Akiyoshi 2016)
pBA586	3FLAG-6HIS-YFP-CYC6 tagging vector, Hygromycin (this study)
pBA670	3FLAG-6HIS-YFP-CRK3 tagging vector, Hygromycin (this study)
pBA734	p2T7-177, CYC6 RNAi, integrate at 177 bp, Phleomycin (this study)
pBA1319	Inducible GFP-NLS-CYC6 ^{Δ1-57} expression vector, integrate at 177bp, Phleomycin (this study)

Table S3. Primers and synthetic DNA sequences used in this study.

To make	Primer (all are listed 5' to 3') or synthetic DNA sequences
pBA31	MAP103 coding sequence (CDS) targeting sequence with <i>Xba</i> I and <i>Not</i> I BA140: gatcgatc TCTAGA GGAGCAGGT TCCAAGGAGGCTCCACATCG BA141: gatcgatc GCGGCCGC ACAAGATGAGAAGCCCTTTC MAP103 5'UTR targeting sequence with <i>Not</i> I and <i>Bam</i> HI BA142: gatcgatc GCGGCCGC GAAATATTGGTCTTTAAGTC BA143: gatcgatc GGATCC AACCGCTACAGCTATAGTAA
pBA106	3FLAG-6HIS tag with <i>Hind</i> III and <i>Spe</i> I cut sequences BA403: AGCTT ATGGATTACAAGGATGACGACGATAAGGATTACAAGGATGACGACGAT AAGGATTACAAGGATGACGACGATAAG CACCATCACCATCACCAT A BA404: CTAGT ATGGTGATGGTGATGGTGCTTATCGTCGTCATCCTTGTAATCCTTATCGT CGTCATCCTTGTAATCCTTATCGTCGTCATCCTTGTAATCCAT A
pBA586	CYC6 CDS targeting sequence with <i>Xba</i> I and <i>Not</i> I BA977: gatcgatc TCTAGA GGAGCAGGT AATCCCACGGCACTTCGTGA BA978: gatcgatc GCGGCCGC ATACCGGATTATTCTCACGA CYC6 5'UTR targeting sequence with <i>Not</i> I and <i>Bam</i> HI BA979: gatcgatc GCGGCCGC CATTAGTTGAACGTCTAACG BA980: gatcgatc GGATCC TGCCGTGCAGGACCCCTAAT
pBA670	Synthetic DNA for the N-terminal tagging target sequence for CRK3 with <i>Xba</i> I and <i>Bam</i> HI TCTAGA GGAGCAGGT acaatgcttggggcgtaaccggtcgacaacttctctggtcttaaggatcagttcgaccgctataatcgaatggacatac ttggagaaggacgtatggagttgtgtaccgtgctgttgacagggcaacgggacagatcgtcgactgaagaaagtga gattagatcgcaccgatgaggaatacctcaaacagctcttcgggaggtatctatcttgaagaaatccatcacccaaca

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pBA734 CYC6 coding sequence (378 – 801 bp) with *SpeI* and *HindIII*
BA1249: gatcgatc ACTAGT AATGATTCTCGTCGATTGGC
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pBA1319 CYC6 coding sequence (172–1278 bp) with *PacI* and *AscI*
BA1825: gatc TTAATTAA G TACAGCCCCGTAGGTACGGC
BA1828: gatc GGCGCGCC CTA AAAGTCAGGTACTIONACTAG

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