Supplemental Information

Plastin and spectrin cooperate to stabilize

the actomyosin cortex during cytokinesis

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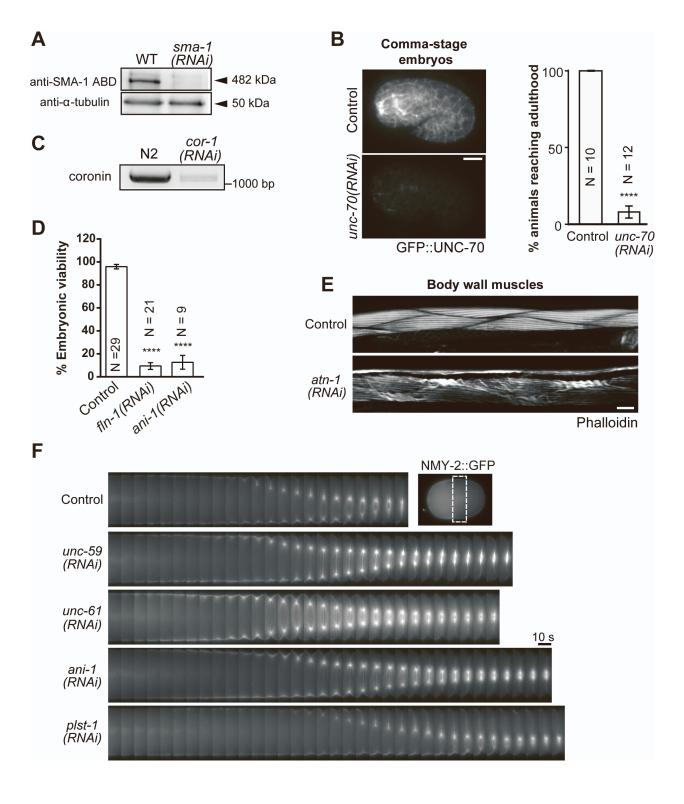


Figure S1. Validation of RNAi efficiency. Related to Figure 1.

(A) Immunoblot of adult *C. elegans* lysate with an antibody raised against the actin-binding domain (ABD) of SMA-1, showing efficient depletion of SMA-1 after sma-1(RNAi). WT is wild-type. α -tubulin serves as the loading control. (B) (left) Stills of comma-stage embryos expressing endogenous UNC-70::GFP before and after unc-70(RNAi). Scale bar, 10 µm. (right) Percentage (mean ± 95% CI) of unc-70(RNAi) animals that develop to adulthood. Most *unc-70(RNAi)* animals arrest at the L1 stage, consistent with a previous study [S1]. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired two-tailed Student t-test: **** $p \le 0.0001$. (C) RT-PCR for cor-1 in N2 controls and after cor-1(RNAi) using primers Fw 5'-CGTCGACAAGGACTATCCA-3' and Rv 5'-GGAGCCAAAGTGCTCAAA-3' that amplify the 3 isoforms. Method was described previously [S2]. (D) Percentage of embryonic viability (mean \pm 95% CI) in N2 controls, after fln-1(RNAi), and ani-1(RNAi), consistent with previous studies [S3,S4]. Statistical significance was determined using one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's multiple comparison test: ****p ≤ 0.0001 . (E) Images of body wall muscles stained with phalloidin. atn-1(RNAi) results in curled F-actin fibers, as expected from previous study [S5]. Method was described previously [S6]. Scale bar, 10 µm. (F) Images of the equatorial region in dividing one-cell embryos expressing NMY-2::GFP. The first frame corresponds to anaphase onset. Symmetric furrow closure confirms efficient RNAi-mediated depletion of UNC-59, UNC-61 and ANI-1, as described previously [S7]. Prolonged cytokinesis confirms efficient RNAimediated depletion of PLST-1. Scale bar, $10 \mu m$.

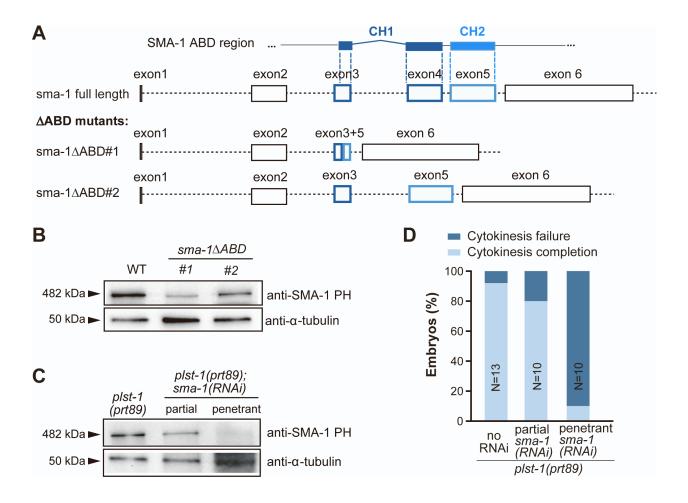


Figure S2. SMA-1 deletion mutants that lack most of the actin binding domain are expressed at lower levels but this is unlikely to explain the cytokinesis failure in the *plst-1(prt89)* background. Related to Figure 4.

(A) Schematic of the first 6 exons and 5 introns of the *sma-1* gene in wild-type and after editing to obtain ABD deletions (\triangle ABD). Part of exon 3 and exon 4 encode the first CH domain (CH1), and exon 5 encodes the second CH domain (CH2). SMA-1 \triangle ABD#1 lacks most of exon 3, the entire exon 4, and most of exon 5. SMA-1 \triangle ABD#2 lacks exon 4. (B) Immunoblot of adult *C. elegans* lysate with an affinity-purified anti-SMA-1 antibody raised against the PH domain, showing SMA-1 levels in animals expressing the two different SMA-1 \triangle ABD versions. α -tubulin serves as the loading control. (C) Anti-SMA-1 immunoblot of adult *C. elegans* lysate, showing protein levels in *plst-1(prt89)* animals after partial or penetrant *sma-1(RNAi)*. α -tubulin serves as the loading control. (D) Percentage of cytokinesis completion/failure in one-cell *plst-1(prt89)* embryos after partial and penetrant depletion of SMA-1. N indicates the number of embryos analyzed.

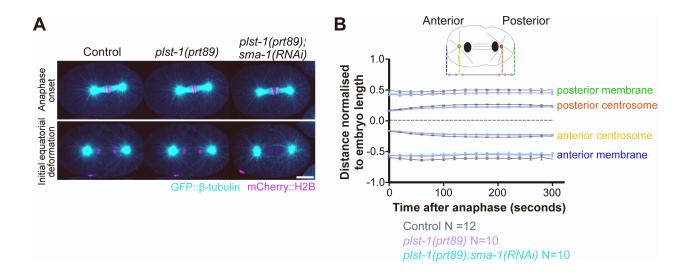


Figure S3. Mitotic spindle morphology and positioning is normal in *plst-1(prt89)* and *plst-1(prt89);sma-1(RNAi)* embryos. Related to Figure 5.

(A) Images of the central plane in one-cell embryos co-expressing GFP:: β -tubulin and mCherry::histone H2B at anaphase onset and equatorial shallow deformation. Scale bar, 10 μ m. (B) Centrosome positioning (mean \pm 95% CI) along the anterior-posterior axis of the embryo over time after anaphase onset. Dashed line indicates the midpoint between the two centrosomes. N indicates the number of embryos analyzed.

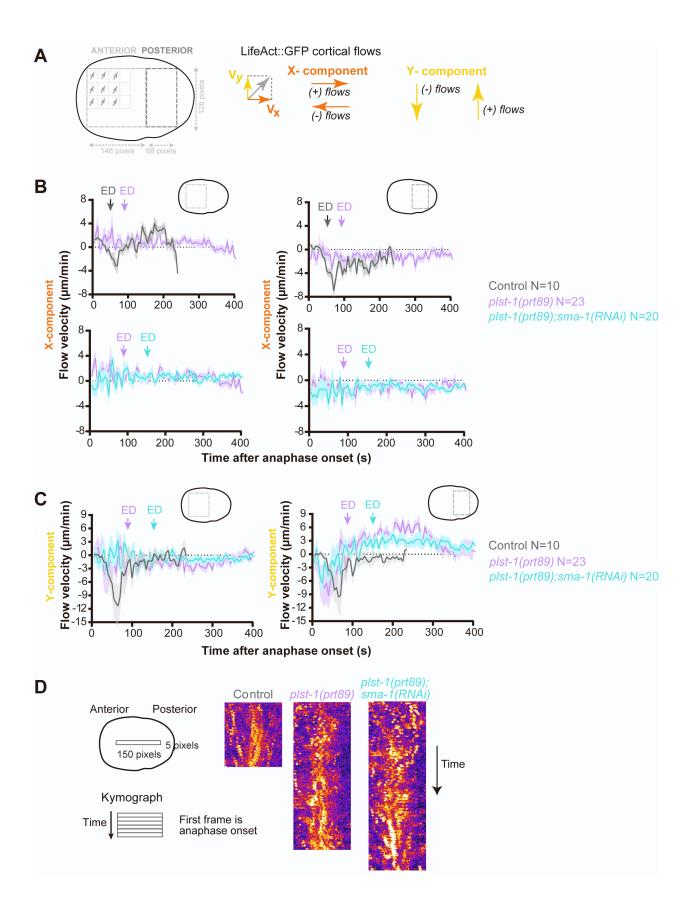


Figure S4. Failure of cytokinesis in *plst-1(prt89);sma-1(RNAi)* embryos is not due to perturbed F-actin cortical flows. Related to Figure 5.

(A) Schematic illustrating the analysis of cortical F-actin flows by particle image velocimetry. X- and Y-components of the velocity vectors in the anterior or posterior regions of the embryo were averaged for each time point after anaphase onset. For the X-component, negative velocity values indicate posterior-anterior oriented flows and positive velocity values indicate anterior-posterior oriented flows. (B,C) X-component (B) or Y-component (C) flow velocities (mean ± SEM) at anterior (left) and posterior (right) cortex over time after anaphase onset in embryos expressing LifeAct::GFP. ED, initial equatorial deformation. Posterior-anterior directed flows in control embryos were particularly prominent on the posterior side, initiated before equatorial deformation, and peaked shortly thereafter (panel B, top right). F-actin cortical flows in plst-1(prt89) and plst-1(prt89);sma-1(RNAi) embryos were erratic and decreased in velocity (panel B, bottom right). N indicates the number of embryos analyzed. (D) Kymographs of the region indicated in the schematic on the left showing LifeAct::GFP cortical flows along the longitudinal axis in one-cell embryos, starting at anaphase onset.

Figure S5. Myosin coalescence into bright puncta in *plst-1(prt89);sma-1(RNAi)* embryos coincides with F-actin cluster formation. Related to Figures 5 and 6.

(A) Images of the equatorial cortical region in one-cell embryos co-expressing NMY-2::mCherry and LifeAct::GFP. First frame corresponds to the initial enrichment of NMY-2::mCherry at the cell equator. Scale bar, 10 µm.

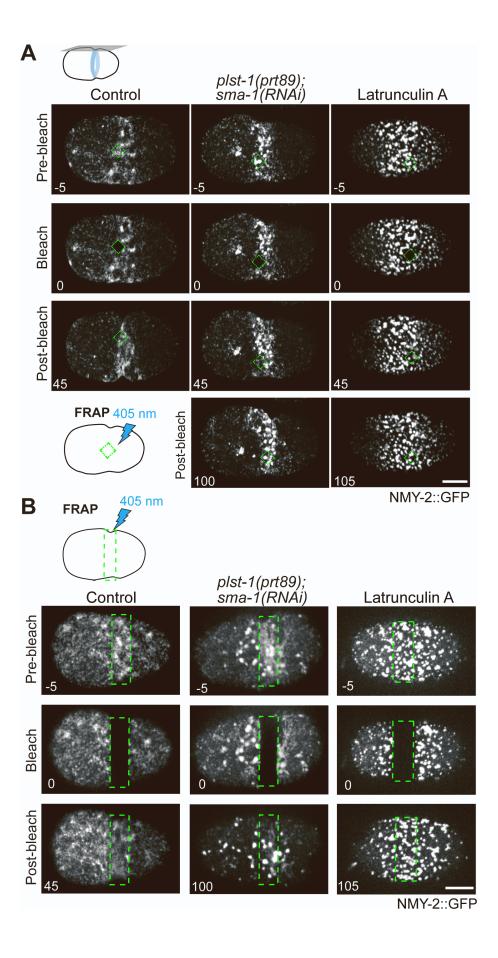


Figure S6. Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching of NMY-2::GFP at the cell equator. Related to Figure 6.

(A,B) Images of the cortex in *plst-1(prt89);sma-1(RNAi)* and Latrunculin A-treated one-cell embryos expressing NMY-2::GFP just before and after photobleaching of a portion (A) or the entire (B) cell equator at initial equatorial deformation, when myosin puncta start accumulating at the cell equator in *plst-1(prt89);sma-1(RNAi)* embryos. Numbers indicate the time in seconds relative to the photobleaching event. Schematics show the photobleached regions. Scale bars, 10 µm.

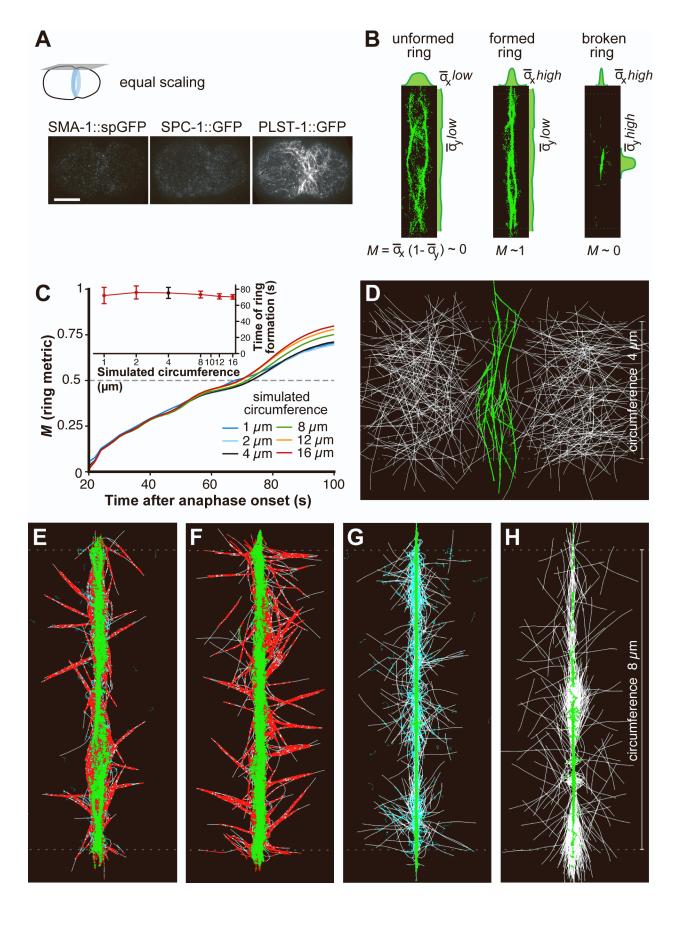


Figure S7. Relative expression levels of GFP-tagged SMA-1 and PLST-1 in the early embryo, simulation metric calculation, and scaling and effects of no end-dwelling on depolymerizing ends. Related to Figures 3 and 7.

(A) Equally scaled images of the cortex in one-cell embryos expressing SMA-1::spGFP, SPC-1::GFP or PLST-1::GFP. Scale bar, 10 μ m. (B) Simulation snapshots showing only myosin motors for simulations that (from left to right): fail to form a compact ring (double amount of plastin); successfully form a ring (reference simulation, same as last panel in Figure 7B); experience ring rupture (scenario with no plastins). Next to all snapshots are sketch plots that illustrate the measurements of x and y that are used for the ring metric (eq. 1). (C) Use of longer or shorter lengths of simulated circumference does not affect simulation results. Main plot: ring metric evolution for different circumference lengths. Inset: timing of ring formation or different circumference lengths \pm SD. (D) Allowing motors to immediately fall off from depolymerizing barbed ends, instead of end-dwelling, leads to the gradual removal of F-actin from the ring midline and the ring forms with only a few F-actin fibers. (E-H) Simulation snapshots at 100 s after anaphase for scenarios with (E) all elements, (F) no spectrin, (G) no plastin, and (H) no plastin and no spectrin. Color legend: white - actin fibers, green - myosin, red - plastin, and cyan - β H/ α -spectrin tetramer.

Fluorescent probe (expressed from transgene or endogenous locus; found in which strains)	Method used for strain generation	Test of functionality	Reference
LifeAct::GFP (transgene; GCP22, GCP927, GCP1163, GCP1164, GCP1169, GCP1170, GCP1176, GCP1187)	Bombardment	Normal cytokinesis timing in 1-cell embryo. Normal strain growth.	[58]
LifeAct::RFP (transgene; GCP1207)	Bombardment	Normal cytokinesis timing in 1-cell embryo. Normal strain growth.	[59]
PLST-1::GFP (endogenous locus; GCP831, GCP832, RZB217)	CRISPR/Cas9 ^a	Normal cytokinesis timing in 1-cell embryo. Normal strain growth.	[58]
NMY-2::GFP (endogenous locus; GCP113 and GCP570)	CRISPR/Cas9 ^a	Normal cytokinesis timing in 1-cell embryo. Normal strain growth.	[58]
NMY-2::mCherry (transgene; GCP22, GCP927, GCP1163, GCP1164, GCP1169, GCP1170, GCP1176, GCP1187)	MosSci ^b , Chromosome II	NMY-2::mCherry is able to replace endogenous nmy-2. Normal strain growth.	[S10]
GFP::ANI-1 (transgene; OD130)	Bombardment	Normal strain growth. Pattern of localization of GFP::ANI-1 identical to that observed in strain MDX29, where the endogenous locus of ani-1 is tagged with mNeonGreen (Rehain-Bell et al., 2017).	[S11]
UNC-59::GFP (transgene; OD121)	Bombardment	UNC-59::GFP expression under the control of the pie-1 regulatory sequences	[S12]

		rescues the localization of UNC-61 (the other septin with which UNC-59 oligomerizes)	
SMA-1::splitGFP (endogenous locus; GCP991, GCP1207, GCP1208)	CRISPR/Cas9 ^a	Normal strain growth.	This study
SPC-1::GFP (endogenous locus; GOU2936)	CRISPR/Cas9 ^a	Normal strain growth.	[S13]

^a CRISPR/Cas9 - Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats/CRISPR-associated protein

Table S1. Summary of fluorescent tagged proteins used in this study. Related to Figures 1-7.

^b MosSci - Mos1-mediated Single Copy Insertion

Oligonucleotide purpose	Oligonucleotide sequence (5'-3')		
For production of dsRNA against ani-1 (Y49E10.19)_Fwd	taatacgactcactataggTCAAACTCAATGGAGAGGACAA-3' T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against ani-1 (Y49E10.19)_Rev	aattaaccctcactaaaggCATTGTGCTTCAAATTCCTCAC T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against atn-1 (W04D2.1)_Fwd	aattaaccctcactaaaggCAAAAGCTCGAGGACTACCG T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against atn-1 (W04D2.1)_Rev	taatacgactcactataggAGCTGCGAATCTCTTCTTGG T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against fln-1 #1 (Y66H1B.2)_Fwd	aattaaccctcactaaaggCCGATTTCCAACTTCACTTCC T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against fln-1 #1 (Y66H1B.2)_Rev	taatacgactcactataggGACTTCACCAGCAACCTTAAC T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against fln-1 #2 (Y66H1B.2)_Fwd	aattaaccctcactaaaggTGGATGGGCAACTGTTTATG T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against fln-1 #2 (Y66H1B.2)_Rev	taatacgactcactataggGAGCTCCTCCTTCAGAGAAT T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against plst-1 (Y104H12BR.1)_Fwd	aattaaccctcactaaaggACTCGGAGTCCATGGAAATG T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against plst-1 (Y104H12BR.1)_Rev	taatacgactcactataggCACCATTTTTGGCTTCACCT T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against unc-59 (W09C5.2)_Fwd	taatacgactcactataggCGTGAAACTCGTGGAGAACA T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against unc-59 (W09C5.2)_Rev	aattaaccctcactaaaggTTGTGGTGGAGTTCAACGTG T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against unc-61 (Y50E8A.4)_Fwd	taatacgactcactataggAGCTGTCGAAGCTGGATTTC T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against unc-61 (Y50E8A.4)_Rev	aattaaccctcactaaaggACGGCTGAACTCGTCTTGAT T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against unc-70 (K11C4.3)_Fwd	aattaaccctcactaaaggCACTGTCTTGAGAACGTTGAG T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		

For production of dsRNA against unc-70 (K11C4.3)_Rev	taatacgactcactataggAATGGATTTCTCATCAGGTTGG T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against erm-1 (C01G8.5)_Fwd	aattaaccctcactaaaggCTTCTACGCTCCACGACTCC T3 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
For production of dsRNA against erm-1 (C01G8.5)_Rev	taatacgactcactataggCTCCATATGCAGAACGTCGTA T7 promoter sequence is in lowercase		
Single guide RNA #1 used to generate $sma-1\Delta ABD\#1$ mutant	TCACGCATTCGGACACTGC		
Single guide RNA #2 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔABD#1 mutant	GTGCAACTCCTTTCTTAAT		
Single guide RNA #3 used to generate $sma-1\Delta ABD#1$ mutant	ATTGACTTCTCGTCAGGCC		
Repair template used to generate $sma-1\Delta ABD\#1$ mutant	cagGTTCGTGTTCCAACAAGTGGTGCACCACCAGTTCG CGCAGATGCCAATGGAACAGATCAGGACGAGTTCAA TAATGAGACACTGTACTTTGAAAGATCACGCATTCGG ACACTGCAAGACGAACGTGTGAAGCAAAAGACTGAG ATGACAGGAGCTCGACGTATTGCTAATgtaagtgtttataagtt catg in bold are silent mutations introduced to avoid repair template recognition by Cas9 or to maintain codon balance; bases in lowercase indicate intron regions		
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔABD#1 successful events_Fwd	GGAAAGACGCTGAGCTAGTA		
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔABD#1 successful events_Rev	CTCCTTGTACTTTGGTGGTTTC		
crRNA #1 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔABD#2 mutant	CTCGTCTTGATCTGTTCCAT		
crRNA #2 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔABD#2 mutant	TTAAATTTTCAGGATGAGG		
Repair template used to generate $sma-1\Delta ABD\#2$ mutant	aaagttttaaagatccgaaaaaaaactgagaacgtttagaaatatttaacagttcaattagcatcaagttcataatgattttttcagGTTCGTGTTCCAACAAGTGGTGCACCACCAGTTAATCGG-intron3/4-GATGAGGAAGAGCGTGGAGAGAGCGAAAACATGCCAAAGATGCCTTGCTGTTGTGGTGTCAGAGAAAACAGCTGGATATCCAAATGTTCGCATCGAGAACTTCACTACAAGTTGGbases in lowercase indicate intron regions; intron3/4 as in sma-1 transcript R31.1a, Wormbase version WS279		
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔABD#2 successful events_Fwd	AACGGAAAGACGCTGAGCTAGT		

For screening of <i>sma-1</i> \Delta ABD#2 successful events_Rev	GATCCGGACGGTGCGAATGG
crRNA #1 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔSH3 mutant	ATTGACTGGTAGTAGCAGTG
crRNA #2 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔSH3 mutant	TCTAGACTGACCATGACCTT
Repair template used to generate $sma-1\Delta SH3$ mutant	gcagGAGTGACATCAGTCGACTCGAGGAGATGCAAAG TCAGCTAGCAAACGAAGGTCATGGTCAGTCTAGAAA AATCGAAGTTCGTCAACATAAGATCAA bases in lowercase indicate intron regions
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔSH3 successful events_Fwd	CAGTCGACTCGAGGAGATGC
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔSH3 successful events_Rev	TGGTTTCAAATCACGCTCCA
Single guide RNA #1 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔPH mutant	TGGGTGCTATTGACATGAA
Single guide RNA #2 used to generate <i>sma-1</i> ΔPH mutant	ACGACTTGAGCTGATTACT
Repair template used to generate $sma-1\Delta PH$ mutant	CGTTCAATACTCGTCGTACTCAATCAATCCGCAAAGG AAGTCGCTGGGAAGATATGGGTCCATCCAATCAACT GAAATCGTATGCGTACAACGgttagttaattactatttaaattattaacc agtttgcttctcag in bold are silent mutations introduced to avoid repair template recognition by Cas9 or to maintain codon balance
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔPH successful events_Fwd	GCAAAGACTACCGCTGATTT
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> ΔPH successful events_Rev	GTTGATCTGGACTTTGGAAGAG
Single guide RNA #1 used to generate <i>sma-</i> $I\Delta$ 11SR mutant	CGTGACCTCGGTCGAGATGT
Single guide RNA #2 used to generate <i>sma-</i> $I\Delta$ 11SR mutant	TTACAAGATAAGGAAGCGAC
Repair template used to generate $sma-1\Delta11SR$ mutant	GTGACGTTGACGAGTTTGAGCAATGGATGGCAGACA AAATGGCCAACATGGTAGCAATGGAACAGGAAGATC TTTCGAGAGCTGATCTTGCTTCCGTGAA
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> Δ11SR successful events_Fwd	AGCAGGAAGCACTCAGAACC
For screening of <i>sma-1</i> Δ11SR successful events_Rev	GCCGAGTATCTGGGAACGAG

Single guide RNA #1 used to generate $atn-1\Delta ABD$ mutant	AGGACTGTTAGATCCAGCA		
Single guide RNA #2 used to generate $atn-I\Delta ABD$ mutant	GGACTGTTAGATCCAGCAT		
Single guide RNA #3 used to generate <i>atn-1</i> ΔABD mutant	ATGCTGGATCTAACAGTCC		
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For screening of <i>atn-1</i> ΔABD successful events_Fwd	CCTTCTTCACACCGTTCATC		
For screening of <i>atn-1</i> ΔABD successful events_Rev	GAGACAAGGACAATGGACATTTA		
Single guide RNA #1 used to generate <i>sma-1::spGFP</i>	TCGGATCGTTATTCAAGCG		
Single guide RNA #2 used to generate <i>sma-1::spGFP</i>	GGTATCTACTTTGAATGTT		
Single guide RNA #3 used to generate <i>sma-1::spGFP</i>	TGAAGATCAGCGTGTGGTG		
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For screening of <i>sma-1::spGFP</i> successful events_Rev	GTCTTCCAGCTTTGGTGATAG		
Single guide RNA used to generate <i>plst-1::mCherry</i>	CCATTAATCATCGGAACAAT		
For screening of <i>plst-1::mCherry</i> successful events_Fwd	GGTGGCATGGATGAATTG		
For screening of <i>plst-1::mCherry</i> successful events_Rev	CCAAATTTAGGCTAGAAACTCGAT		

Table S2. List of oligonucleotides used in this study. Related to Figures 1-4 and 7.

Parameter	Symbol	Value Range (standard value)
Actin Rigidity	μ_{actin}	0.075 pN μm ^{2 [S14]}
Actin Segmentation Length	l_{actin}	0.1 μm
Actin Fiber Length (initial)	L_{actin}	1 μm ^[S15]
Growing Speed of Barbed End	v_{b+}	0 - 0.8 μm/s (0.08 μm/s) [S16]
Shrinking Speed of Barbed End	v_{b-}	0 - 0.56 μm/s (0.056 μm/s) ^[S16]
Growing Speed of Pointed End	v_{p+}	0 μm/s
Shrinking Speed of Pointed End	v_{p-}	0 - 0.14, μm/s (.014 μm/s) ^[S16]
Switch Rate to Depolymerization	r_c	8 Hz
Switch Rate to Polymerization	r_r	4 Hz
Backbone Length of Myosin	L_{motor}	0.15 μm ^[S17]
Number of Binding Heads of Myosin	n	8
Binding Range of Motor Head	d_{bind}	0.01 μm
Binding Rate of Motor Head	b_{motor}	10 Hz ^[S18]
Unbinding Rate of Motor Head	u_{motor}	0.3 Hz ^[S18]
Maximum Motor Speed	v_0	0.1 μm/s ^[S19]
Stall Force	f_0	4 pN [S20]
Backbone Resting Length of Plastin	$l_{plastin}$	0.012 μm ^[S21]
Spring Stiffness	k	250 pN/μm
Binding Range of Plastin	d_{bind}	0.01 μm
Binding Rate of Plastin	$b_{plastin}$	10 Hz
Unbinding Rate of Plastin	$u_{plastin}$	0.5 Hz
Maximum Allowed Angular Difference	$\Delta heta_{max}$	10 degrees
Rescue Probability of Plastin	$r_{plastin}$	0.1

βH-Spectrin Rigidity	$\mu_{spectrin}$	7.5*10 ⁻⁵ pN μm ² [S22]
βH-Spectrin Segmentation Length	$l_{spectrin}$	0.05 μm
βH-Spectrin Backbone Length	$L_{spectrin}$	0.15-0.35 μm (0.2 μm)
Binding Range of Binding Head	d_{bind}	0.01 μm
Binding Rate of Binding Head	$b_{spectrin}$	10 Hz
Unbinding Rate of Binding Head	$u_{spectrin}$	0.5 Hz
Rescue Probability of βH-Spectrin	$r_{spectrin}$	0.1
Width (Non Periodic Boundary)	x_0	10 μm
Height (Periodic Boundary)	y_0	1-16 μm (4 μm)
Initial Component Horizontal Range	x_i	3 μm
Background Viscosity	ν	1 pN s / μm ^{2 [S23]}
Background Temperature	kT	0.0042 pN μm
Fiber Count	N_F	94-1,500 (375)
Motor Count	N_M	260-4,168 (1,042)
Plastin Count	N_P	0-120,000 (30,000)
βH-spectrin Count	N_S	0-5,600 (1,400)

Table S3. Cytosim parameters used in simulations (where parameters were varied, base values are shown in parentheses). Related to Figures 7 and S7.

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