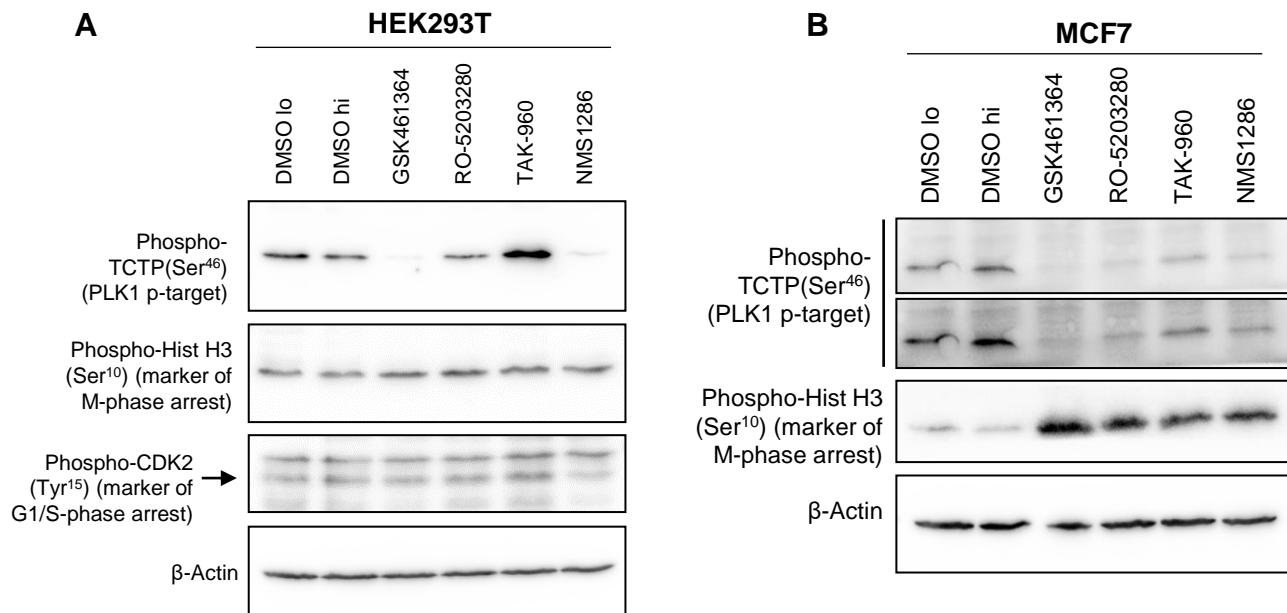


GSK461 vs DMSO	log2FoldChange	padj
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hsa-miR-152-3p	1.5457	4.27E-06
hsa-miR-1306-5p	-1.8734	7.26E-05
hsa-miR-509-3-5p	2.0663	0.000198
hsa-miR-892a	2.0309	0.017393
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hsa-miR-2277-5p	-1.3697	0.034963
hsa-miR-29c-5p	-1.2142	0.039904

**Table S1: Mature MicroRNAs Regulated by PLK1 Inhibitor, GSK461364 in HEK293T Cells.** Padj = adjusted p value. Red = upregulated, blue = downregulated. Data relating to **Fig 1** are shown

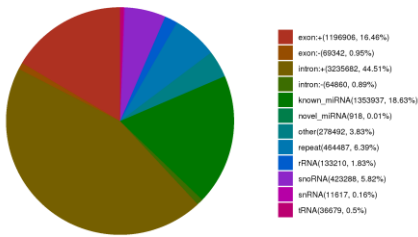
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hsa-miR-212-5p	1.2614	0.006819
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**Table S2: Mature MicroRNAs Regulated by PLK1 Inhibitor, RO-5203280 in HEK293T Cells.** Padj = adjusted p value. Red = upregulated, blue = downregulated. Data relating to **Fig 1** are shown

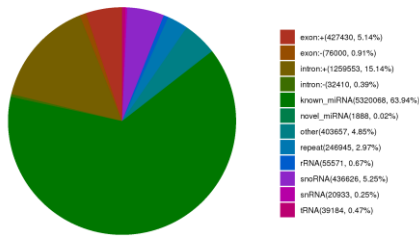


**Figure S1: Treatment of HEK293T and MCF7 Cells with PLK1 Inhibitors Decreases Phosphorylation of PLK1 Target, TCTP, and Increases Phosphorylation of Histone H3 – a Marker of M-Phase Arrest.** A,B) Western blot analysis of phospho-TCTP(Ser<sup>46</sup>), phospho-Histone H3(Ser<sup>10</sup>) and phospho-CDK2(Tyr<sup>15</sup>) protein levels in (A) HEK293T and (B) MCF7 cells treated with DMSO, GSK461364 (100nM), RO-5203280 (100nM), TAK-960 (100nM) or NMS1286 (500nM) for 24h. β-actin was used as control for loading. N=1. Data relating to **Fig 1** are shown.

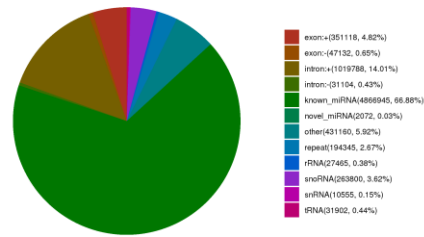
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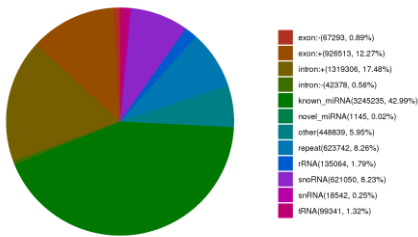
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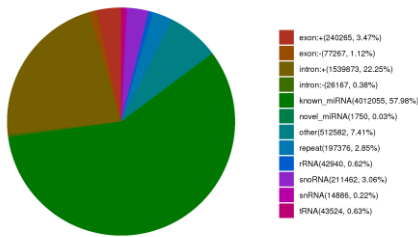
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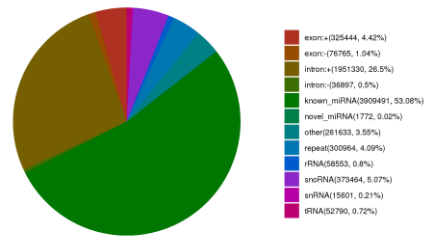
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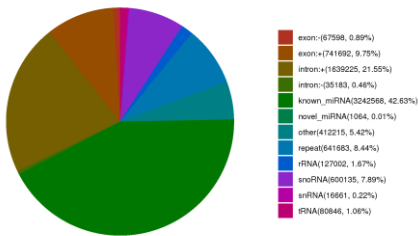
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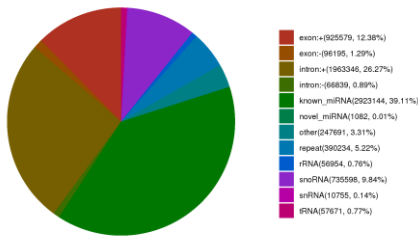
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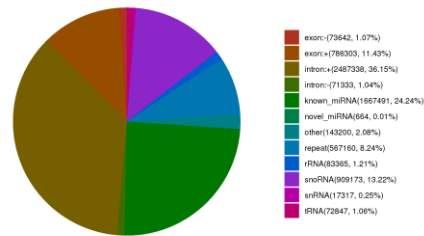
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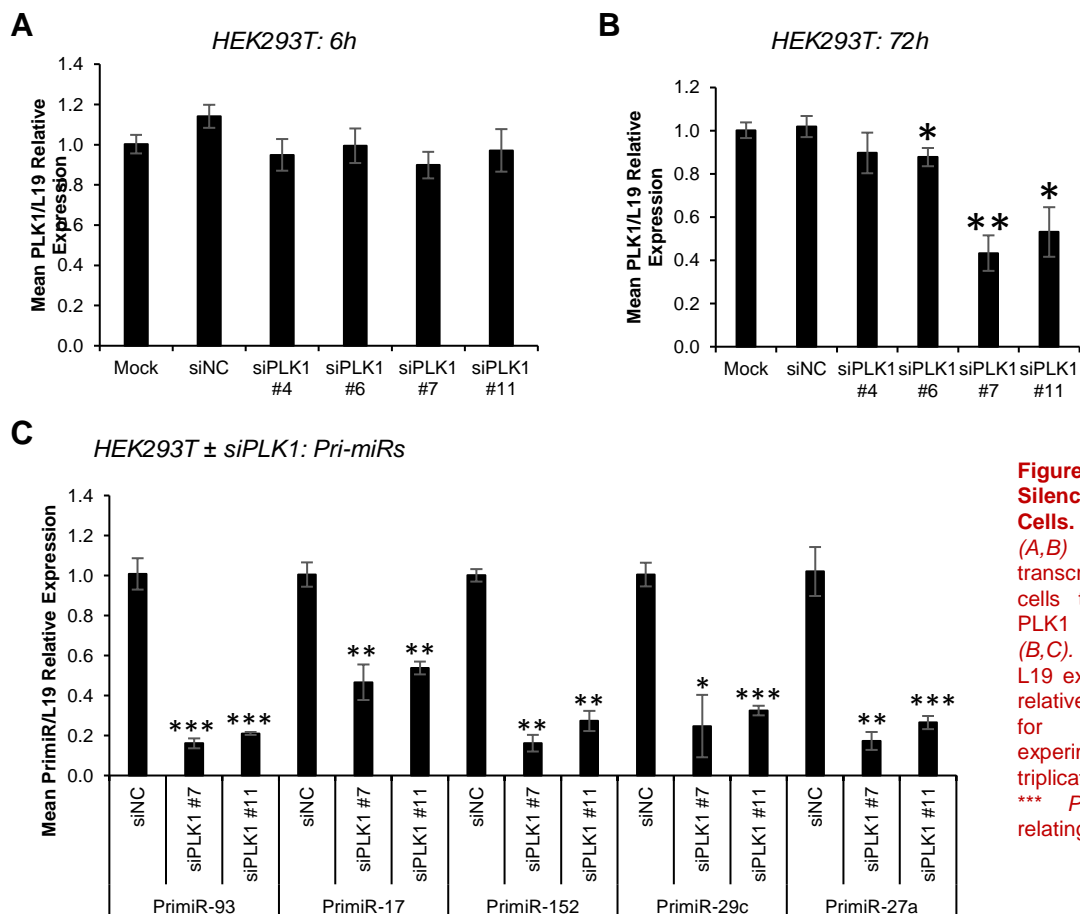
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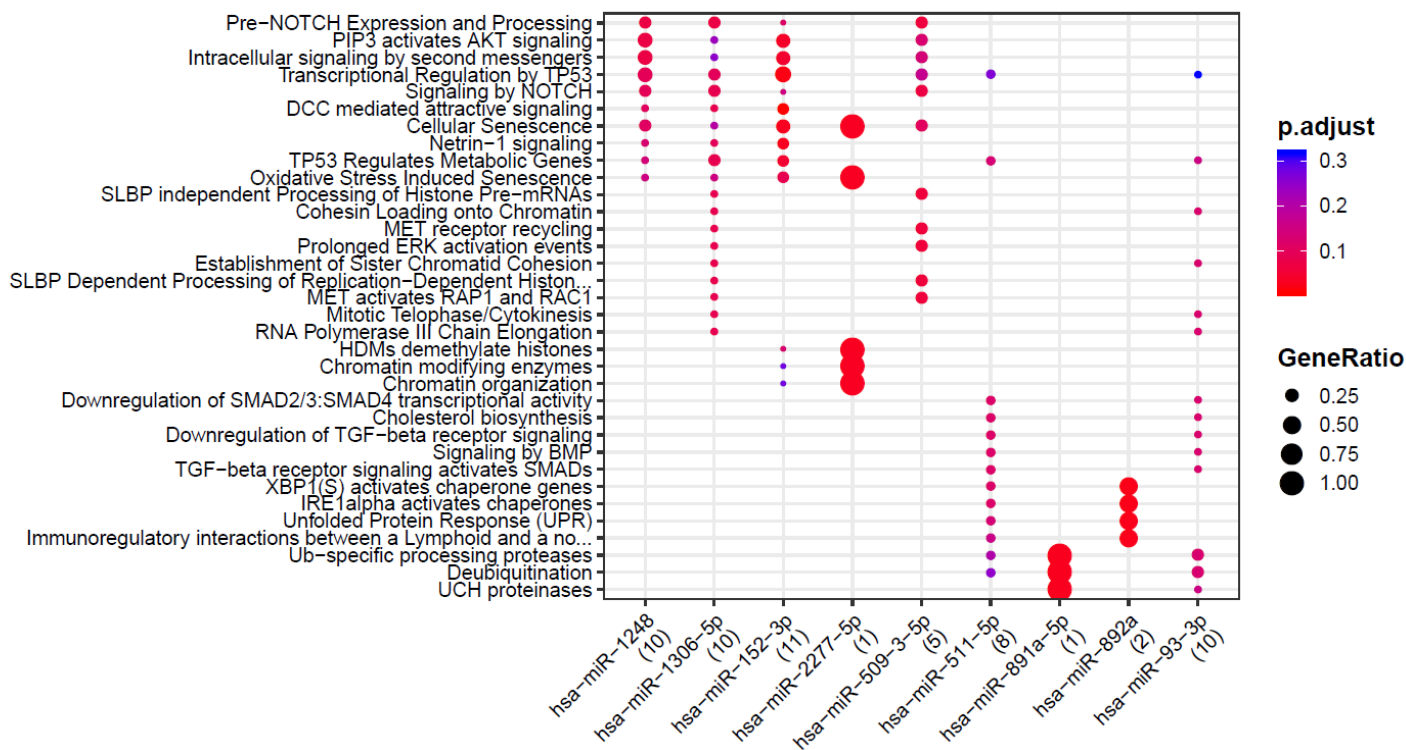
**Figure S2: Percentages of Reads Mapping to Different Small RNA Types Following RNA-Seq of HEK293T Cells Treated with PLK1 Inhibitors.** Pie charts show distribution of reads for different biological repeats (A, B and C), and in cells subject to treatment with DMSO, GSK461 and RO-520. Data relating to **Fig 1** are shown.



**Figure S3: siRNA-Mediated Silencing of PLK1 in HEK293T Cells.** A-C) qRT-PCR analysis of (A,B) PLK1 and (C) pri-miR transcript levels in HEK293T cells transfected with different PLK1 siRNAs for 6h (A) or 72h (B,C). Data are shown relative to L19 expression. Columns: mean relative PLK1 expression  $\pm$  SEM for three independent experiments performed in triplicate. \*  $P \leq 0.05$ , \*\*  $P \leq 0.005$ , \*\*\*  $P \leq 0.0001$  vs NC. Data relating to Fig 1 are shown.

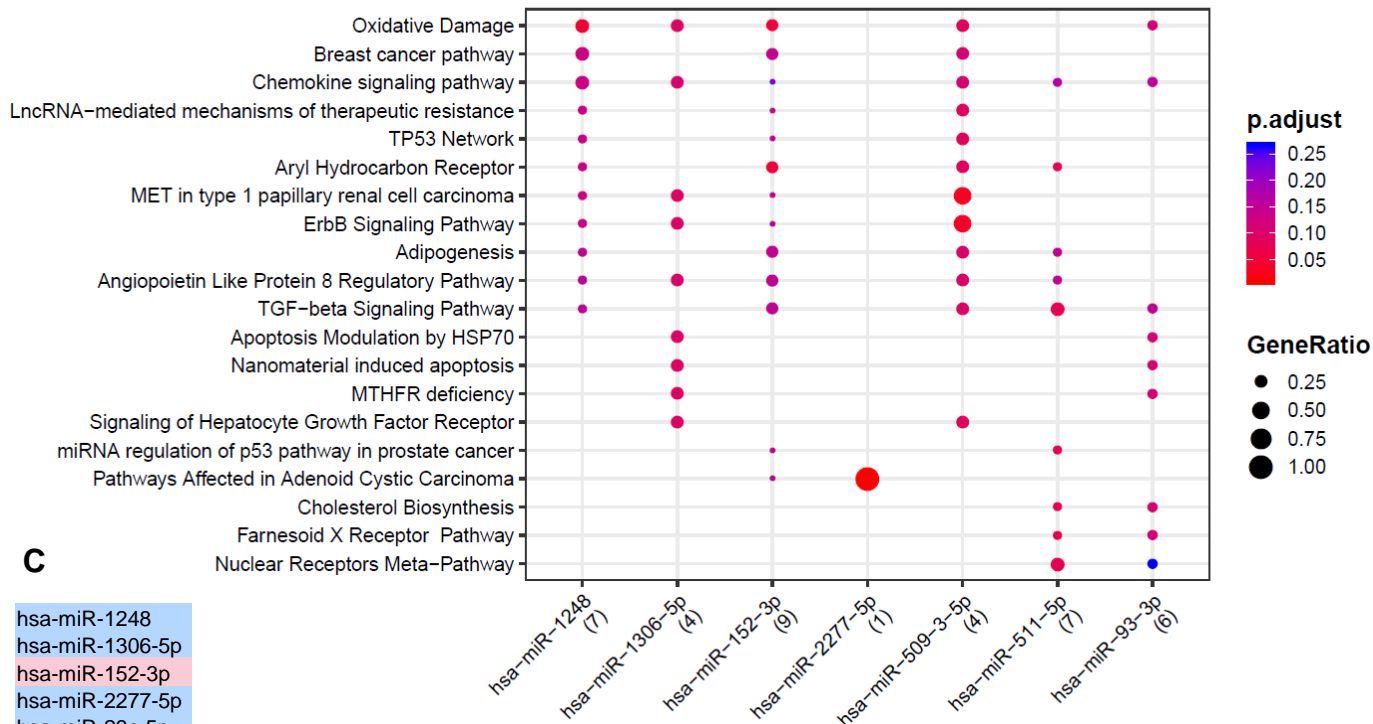
A

## Reactome



B

## WikiPathways



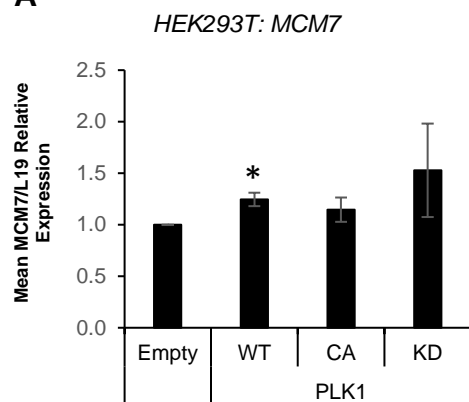
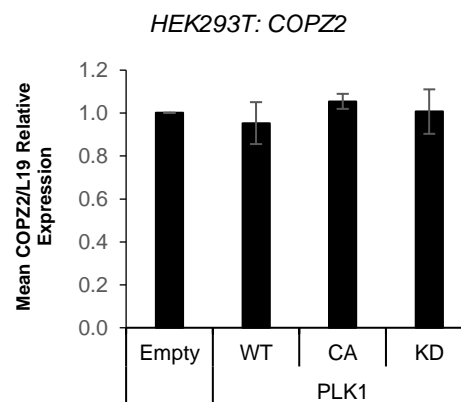
C

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**Figure S4: Pathway Analysis - Shared RO-520- and GSK461-Regulated MicroRNAs.** Pathway analysis was conducted using the Mienturnet tool (<http://user.bio.uniroma1.it/apps/mienturnet/>) in combination with Reactome (A) and WikiPathways (B) pathway sets. Only microRNAs for which target information was available were included in the analysis. Shared GSK461- and RO-520-regulated miRs are shown (C). Data relating to **Fig 1** are shown.

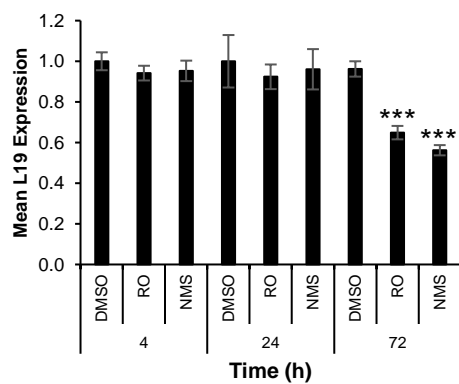
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<b>Lymphoid Neoplasm Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma</b>		<b>Esophageal carcinoma</b>		<b>Glioblastoma multiforme</b>		<b>Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma</b>		<b>Kidney chromophobe</b>		<b>Kidney renal clear cell carcinoma</b>	
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**Figure S5: Top 10 MiRs Correlating with PLK1 Expression in Cancers of the TCGA Data Set.** Small RNA-seq/- qRT-PCR-identified PLK1-regulated miRs are highlighted in blue boxes. Correlation refers to Pearson's correlation coefficient. Data relating to **Fig 1** are shown.

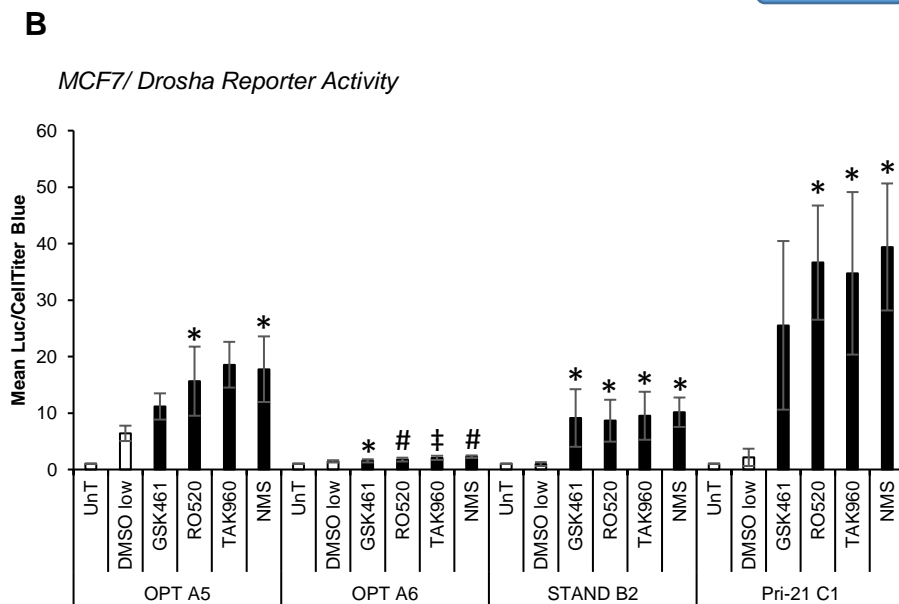
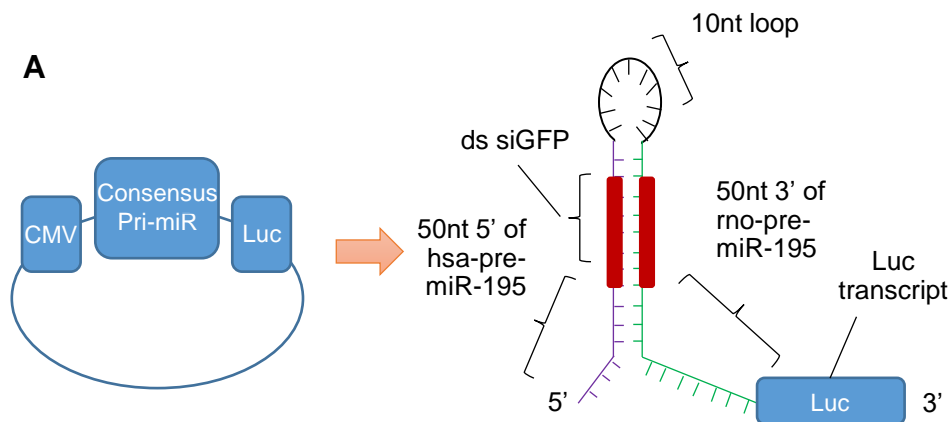
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**Figure S6: PLK1 does not Modulate Host Genes of Intronic PLK1-Regulated MiRs.** PLK1-regulated miR-93-3p is found within an intron of protein-coding MCM7 gene, whilst PLK1-regulated miR-152 is within an intron of COPZ2. *A,B*) qRT-PCR analysis of *A*) MCM7 and *B*) COPZ2 transcript levels in HEK293T cells transfected with empty plasmid, PLK1 WT, PLK1-T<sup>210</sup>D (constitutively-active) or PLK1-K<sup>82</sup>R (kinase-dead) for 72h. *Columns:* mean relative transcript levels normalised to L19 for three independent experiments performed in triplicate  $\pm$  SEM. \*  $P \leq 0.05$  vs empty plasmid control. Data relating to **Fig 2** are shown.

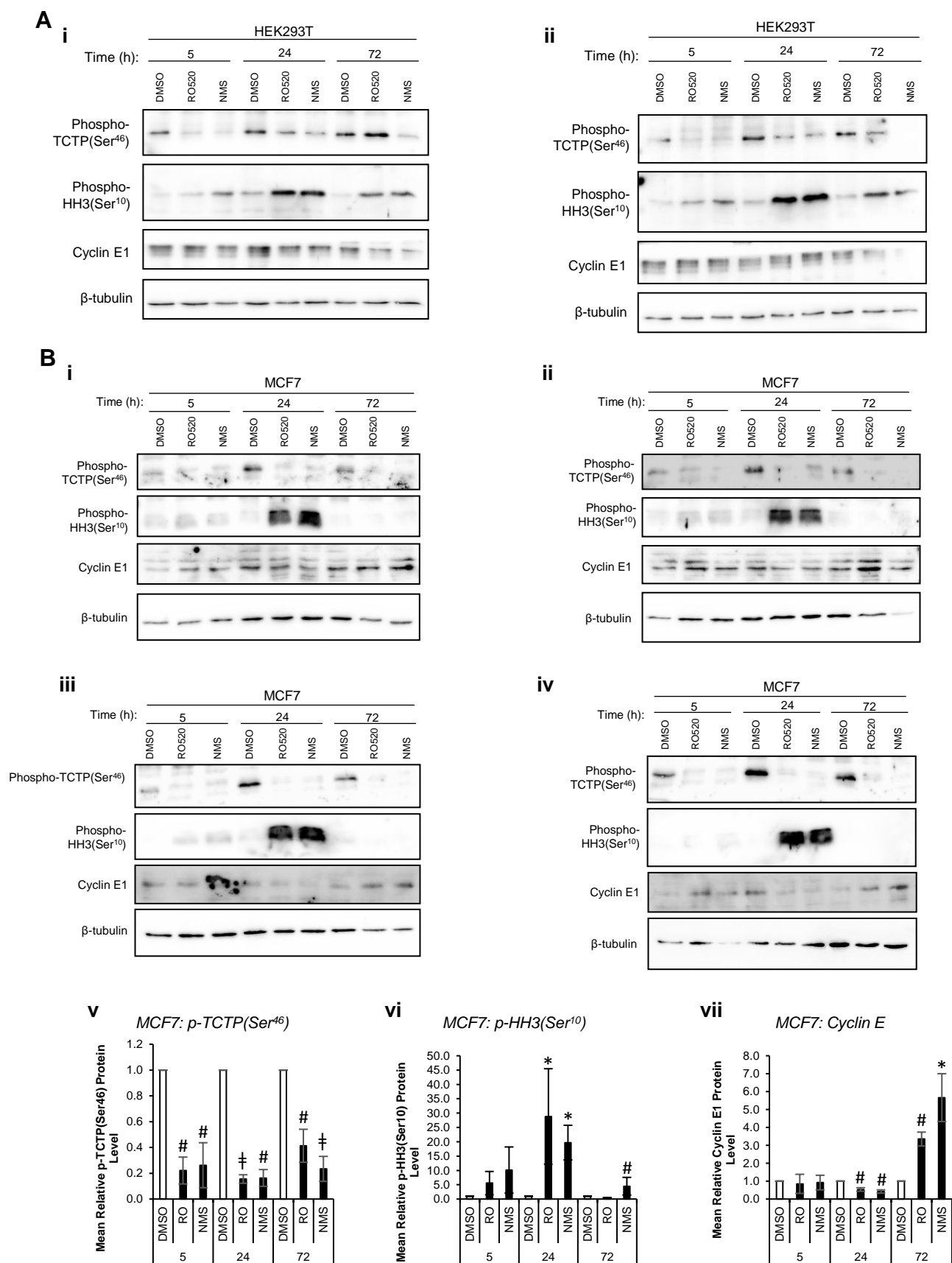
### HEK293T: L19 Expression



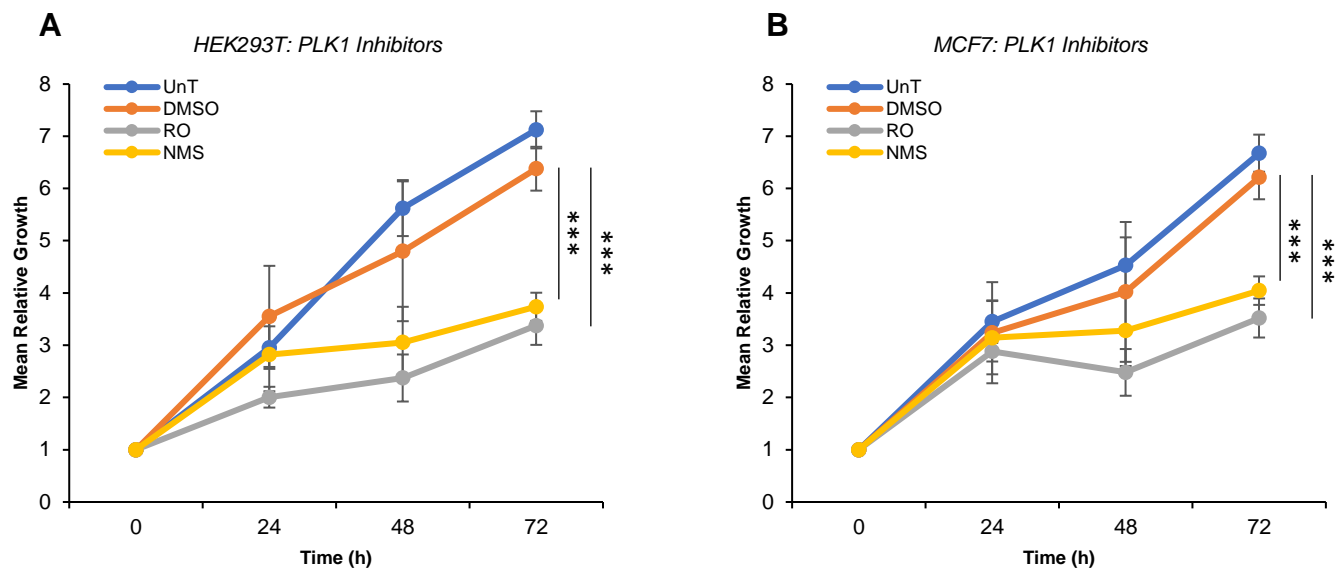
**Figure S7: PLK1 Inhibition Decreases L19 Expression at 72h.** qRT-PCR analysis of L19 transcript levels in HEK293T cells treated with DMSO, RO-5203280 (100nM) or NMS1286 (500nM) for 4, 24 or 72h. *Columns:* mean relative L19 transcript levels for three independent experiments performed in triplicate  $\pm$  SEM. \*\*\*  $P \leq 0.0001$  vs DMSO control. Data relating to **Fig 2** are shown.



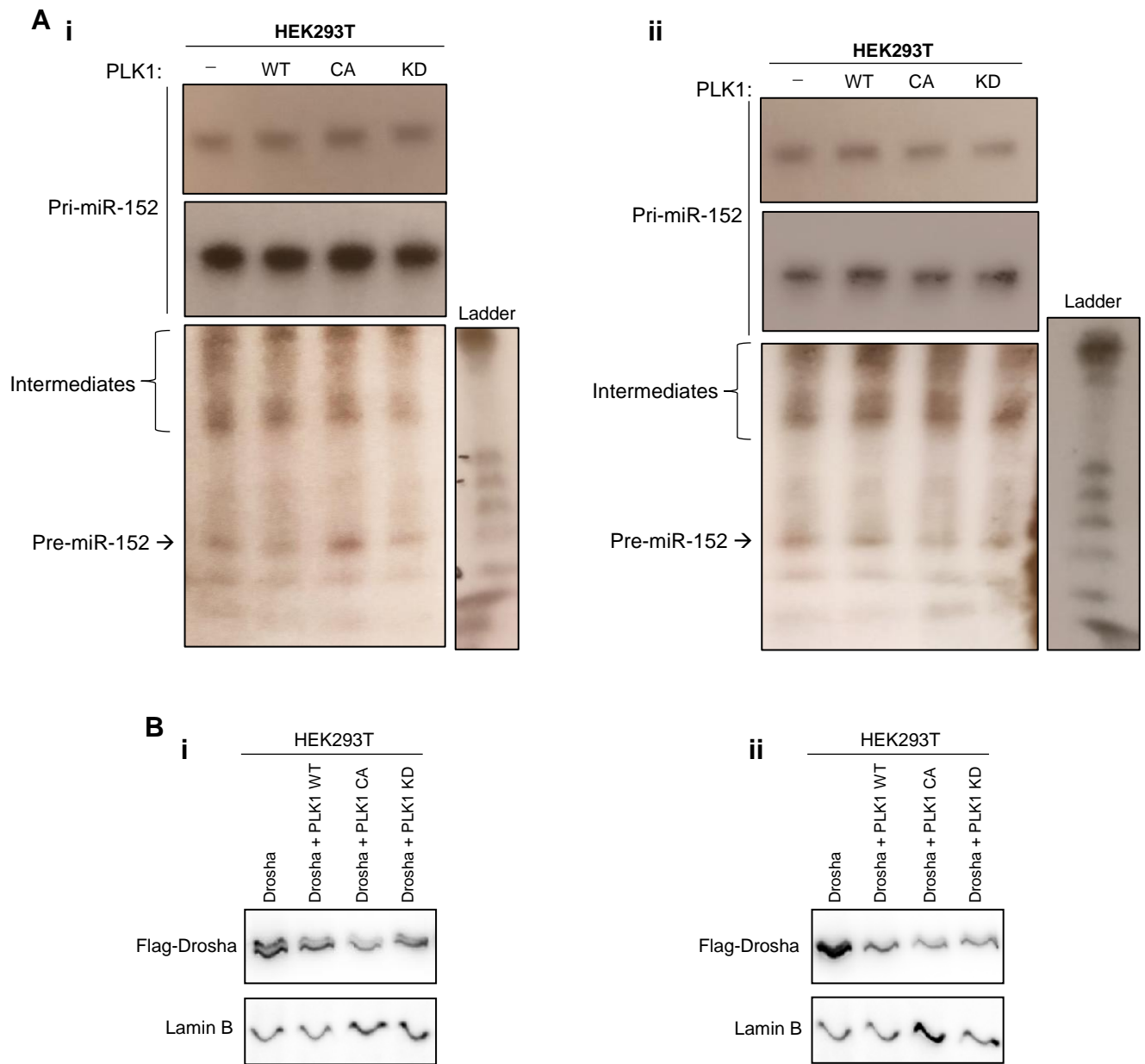
**Figure S8: PLK1 Inhibitors Reduce Activity of Luciferase-Based Drosha Reporters.** *A)* Schematic illustration of Drosha activity reporter constructs used for luciferase assays. CMV promoter drives transcription of the consensus pri-miR linked to luciferase. Drosha cleavage of the pri-miR results in loss of luciferase transcript and thus reduced luciferase activity. Hence luminescence is inversely proportional to Drosha activity. *B)* Luciferase assay analysis of MCF7 monoclonal cell lines stably expressing above Drosha reporter constructs and treated with PLK1 inhibitors (GSK461, RO-520, TAK960 – 100nM, NMS – 500nM) for 96h. Luciferase activity is inversely proportional to Drosha activity and was corrected for PLK1 inhibitor effects on cell number by CellTiter Blue assay. *Columns:* mean  $\pm$  SEM for three independent experiments performed in quadruplicate. OPT = optimal universal reporter, STAND = standard reporter, pri-21 = pri-miR-21-specific reporter (see also **Materials and Methods**). \*  $P \leq 0.05$ , #  $P \leq 0.005$ ,  $\ddagger P \leq 0.0001$ . Data relating to **Fig 2** are shown.



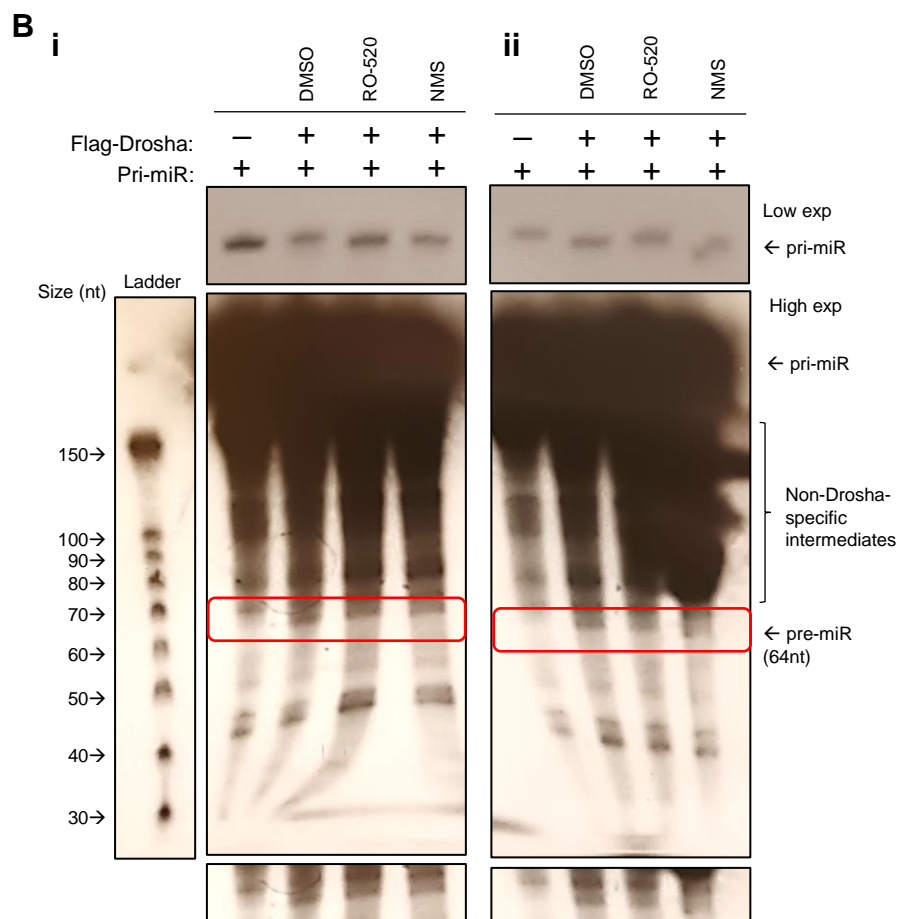
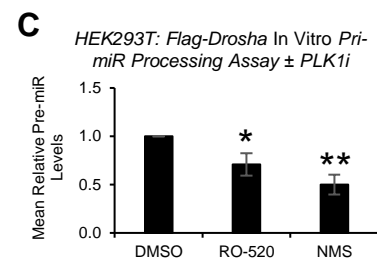
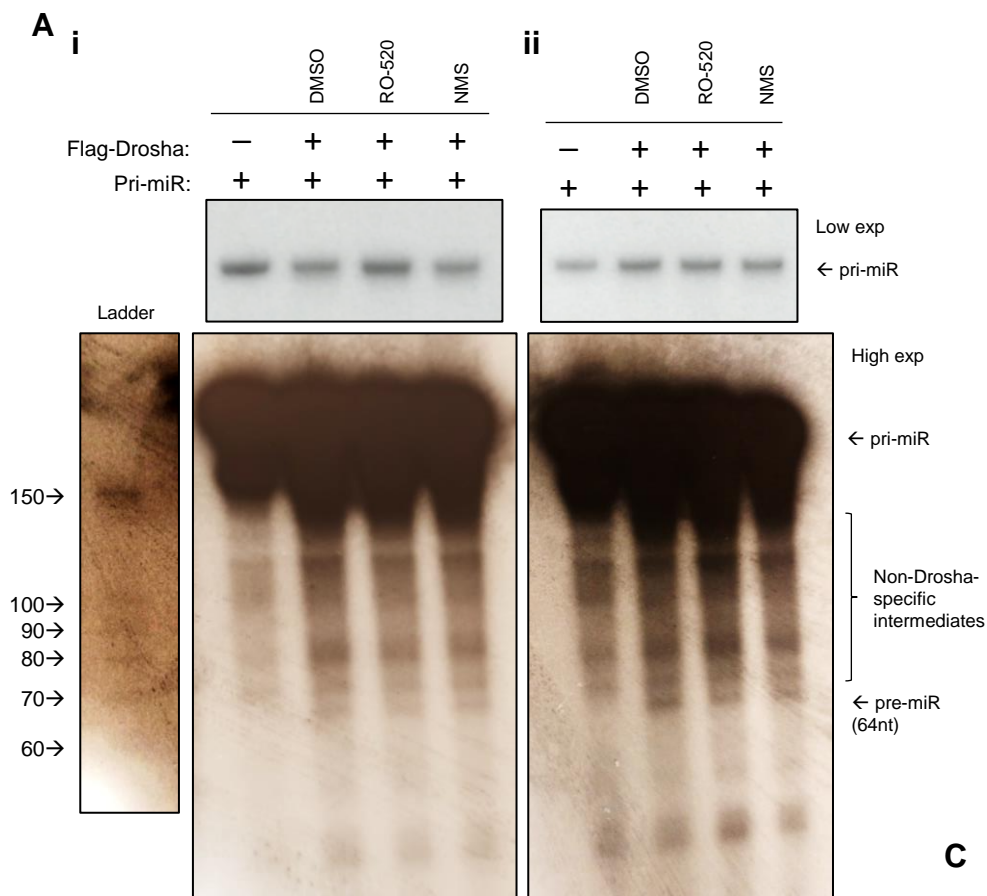
**Figure S9: PLK1 Inhibition Leads to M-Phase Cell Cycle Arrest at 24h and 72h, but not 5h, in HEK293T and MCF7 Cells.** Western blot analysis of phospho-TCTP(Ser<sup>46</sup>), phospho-Histone H3 (Ser<sup>10</sup>) and cyclin E1 protein levels in (A) HEK293T and (B) MCF7 cells treated with DMSO, RO-520 (100nM) or NMS (500nM) for 5, 24 or 72h.  $\beta$ -tubulin was used as a control for loading. (A) Independent biological repeats relating to Fig 2 are shown. Bv,vi,vii) Densitometry was performed using ImageJ. Columns: mean relative protein level for three independent biological repeats relative to DMSO control  $\pm$  SEM. Data relating to Fig 2 are shown. \*  $P \leq 0.05$ , #  $P \leq 0.005$ ,  $\ddagger P \leq 0.0001$ .



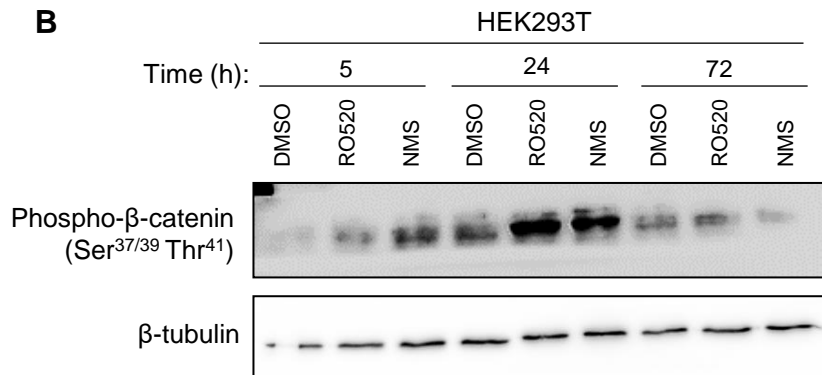
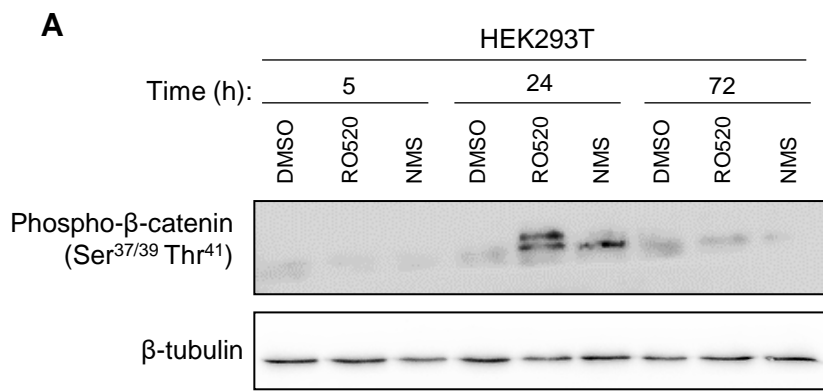
**Figure S10: Treatment of HEK293T and MCF7 Cells with PLK1 Inhibitors Significantly Reduces Cell Proliferation.** A,B) Sulphorhodamine B assay analysis of proliferation of (A) HEK2393T and (B) MCF7 cells treated  $\pm$  DMSO, RO-5203280 (100nM) or NMS1286 (500nM) for 0-72h. Data are shown relative to cell number at day 0 and represent mean  $\pm$  SEM for three independent experiments performed in quadruplicate. \*\*\*  $P \leq 0.0001$ . Data relating to **Fig 2** are shown.



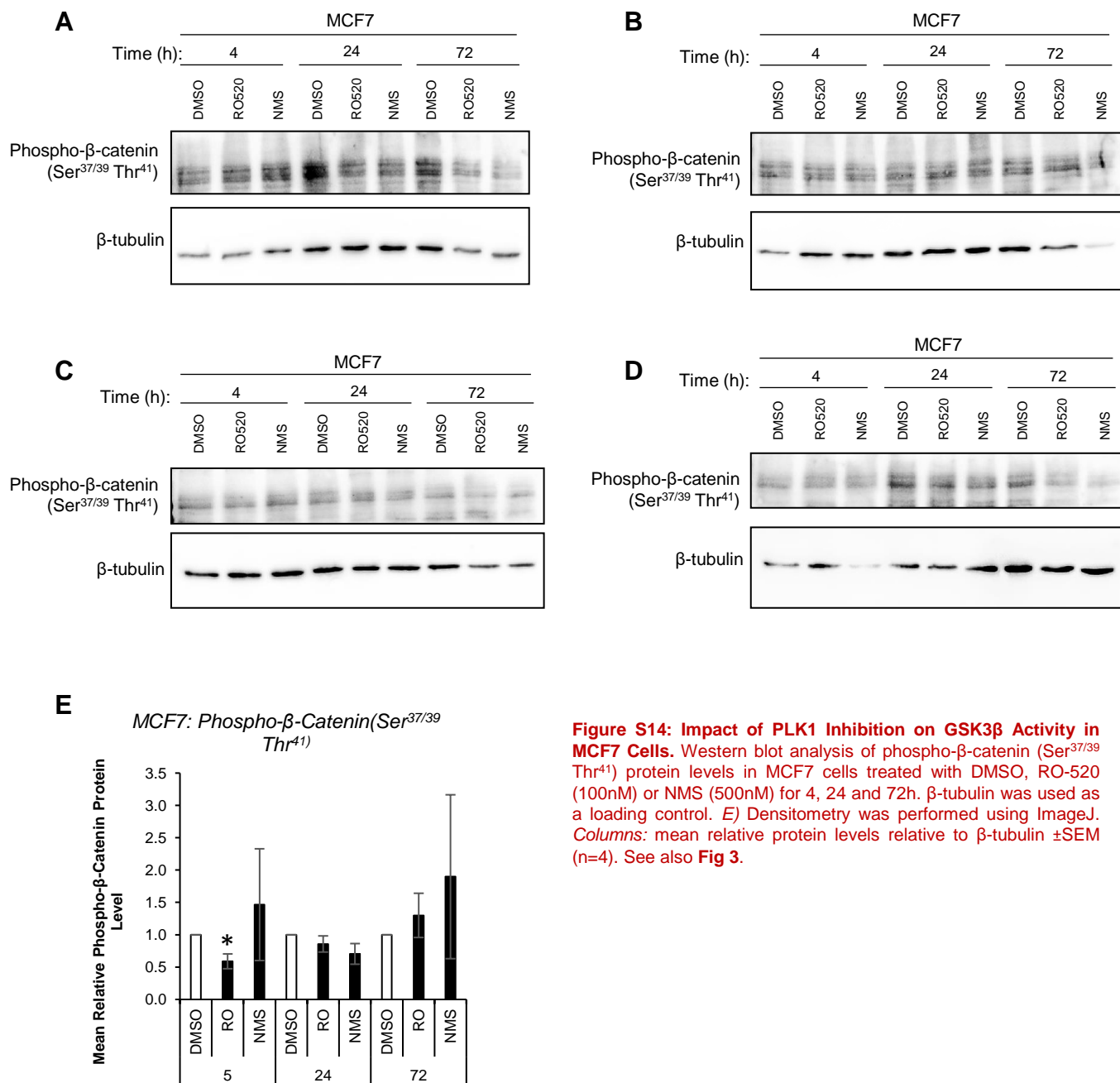
**Figure S11: PLK1 Inhibition Reduces Microprocessor-Mediated Pri-miR-152 to Pre-miR-152 Processing.** *In vitro* pri-miR processing assay analysis of Drosha activity in response to PLK1 inhibition. *In vitro*-transcribed,  $^{32}\text{P}$  radio-labelled pri-miR-152 sequence was incubated with Flag-Drosha immunoprecipitates of HEK293T cells transfected with Flag-Drosha  $\pm$  WT, constitutively-active ( $\text{T}^{210}\text{D}$ ) and kinase-dead ( $\text{K}^{82}\text{R}$ ) PLK1 for 48h. N=2 biological replicates relating to **Fig 3C** are shown. For quantification, data were normalised to Flag-Drosha input corrected for loading (from (B)). B) Western blot analysis of Drosha protein levels in lysates of HEK293T cells transfected with Flag-Drosha  $\pm$  WT, constitutively-active ( $\text{T}^{210}\text{D}$ ) and kinase-dead ( $\text{K}^{82}\text{R}$ ) PLK1 for 48h from above. Lamin B was used as a control for loading.



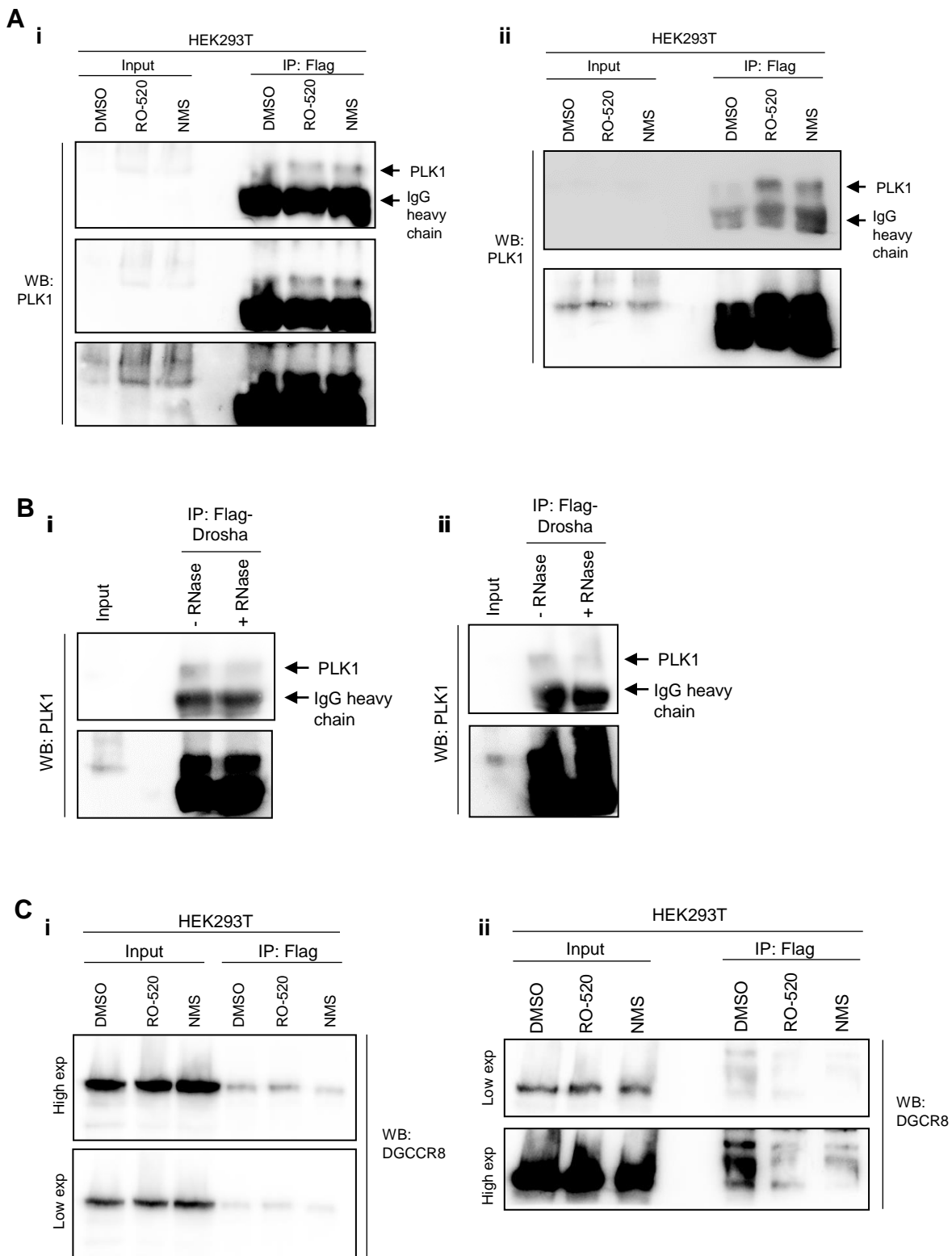
**Figure S12: PLK1 Inhibition Reduces Microprocessor-Mediated Pri-miR to Pre-miR Processing.** *In vitro* pri-miR processing assay analysis of Drosha activity in response to PLK1 inhibition. *In vitro*-transcribed,  $^{32}\text{P}$  radio-labelled artificial pri-miR sequence was incubated with Flag-Drosha immunoprecipitates of HEK293T cells treated with PLK1 inhibitors for 16h. N=3 biological replicates relating to **Fig 3C** are shown. Densitometry was performed using Image J. \*  $P \leq 0.05$ , \*\*  $P \leq 0.005$ .



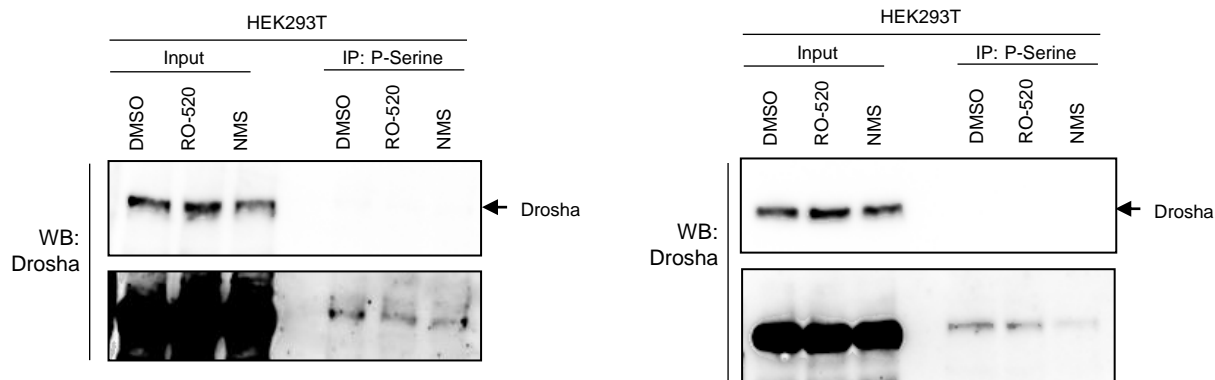
**Figure S13: Impact of PLK1 Inhibitor Treatment on GSK3 $\beta$  Activity.** A,B) Western blot analysis of phospho- $\beta$ -catenin (Ser<sup>37/39</sup> Thr<sup>41</sup>) protein levels in HEK293T cells treated with DMSO, RO-520 (100nM) or NMS (500nM) for 4, 24 and 72h.  $\beta$ -tubulin was used as a loading control. Independent biological repeats relating to **Fig 3** are shown.



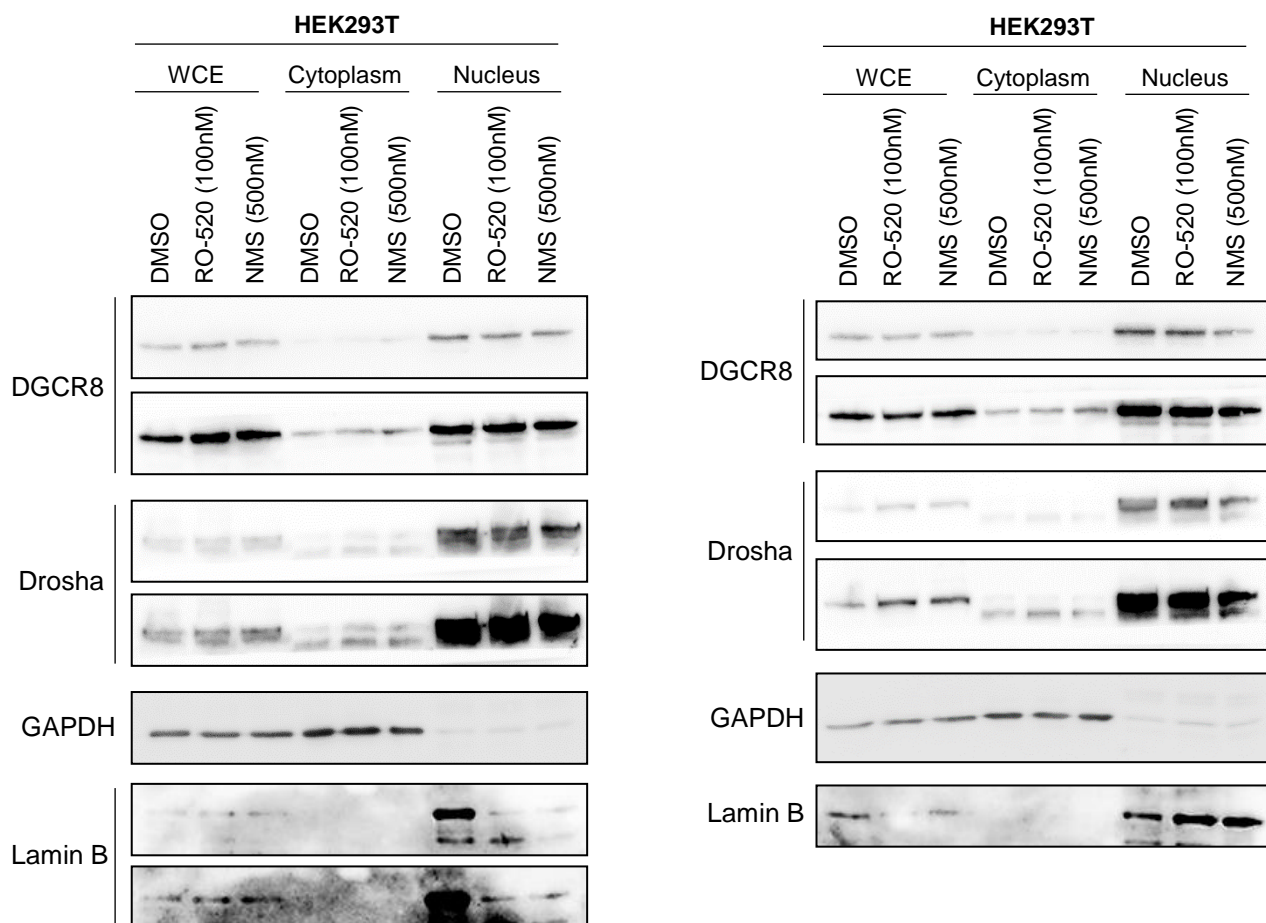
**Figure S14: Impact of PLK1 Inhibition on GSK3 $\beta$  Activity in MCF7 Cells.** Western blot analysis of phospho- $\beta$ -catenin (Ser<sup>37/39</sup> Thr<sup>41</sup>) protein levels in MCF7 cells treated with DMSO, RO-520 (100nM) or NMS (500nM) for 4, 24 and 72h.  $\beta$ -tubulin was used as a loading control. *E*) Densitometry was performed using ImageJ. Columns: mean relative protein levels relative to  $\beta$ -tubulin  $\pm$ SEM (n=4). See also Fig 3.



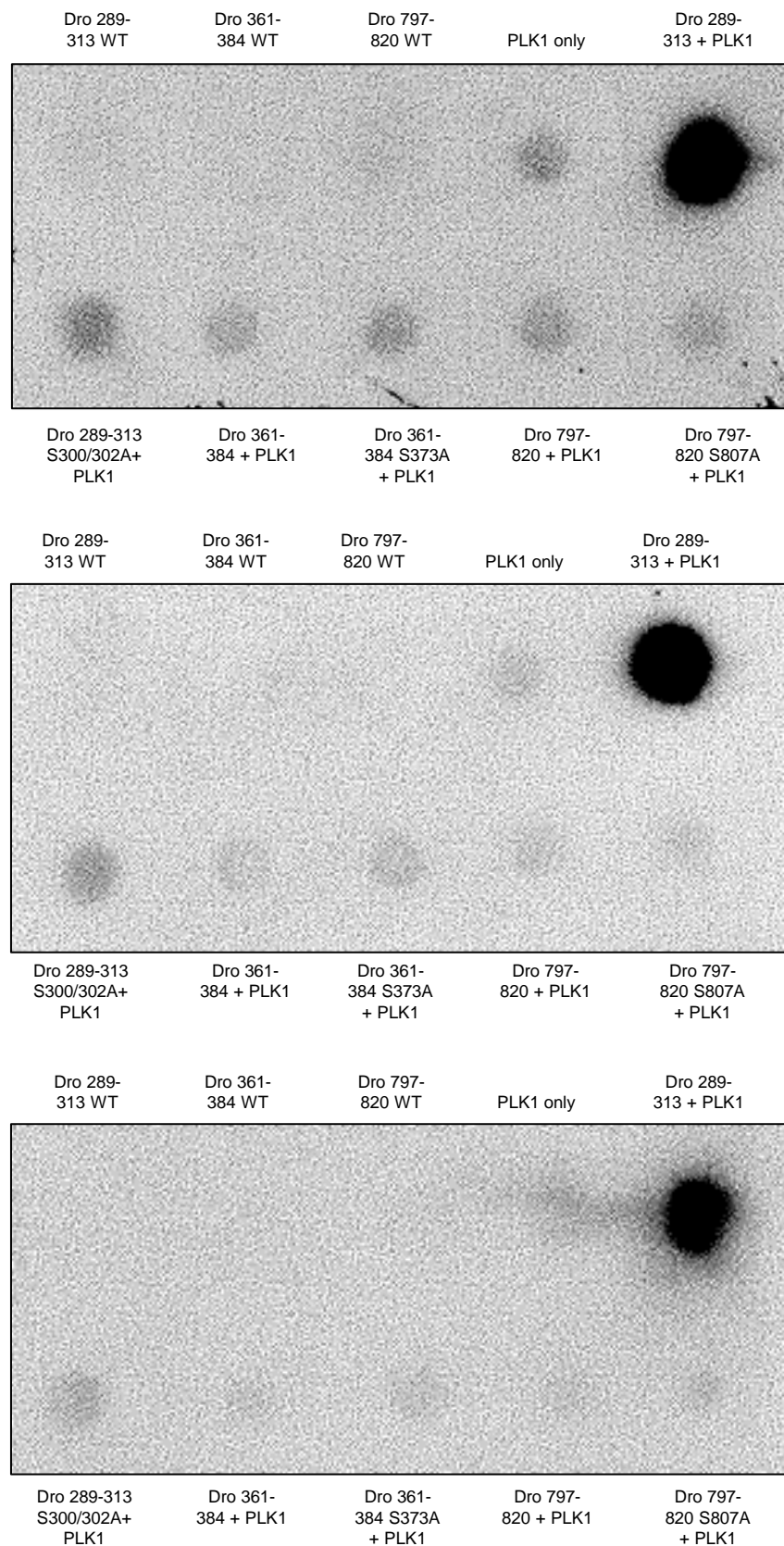
**Figure S15: PLK1 Interacts with Drosha in an RNA-Dependent Manner and Modulates its Association with DGCR8.** Western blot analysis of A,B) PLK1 and C) DGCR8 protein levels in Flag immunoprecipitates of HEK293T cells transfected with Flag-Drosha and treated with DMSO, RO-520 (100nM) or NMS (500nM) for 16h (A,C), or with RNase A (B). Independent biological repeats relating to Fig 4A, B and C are shown.



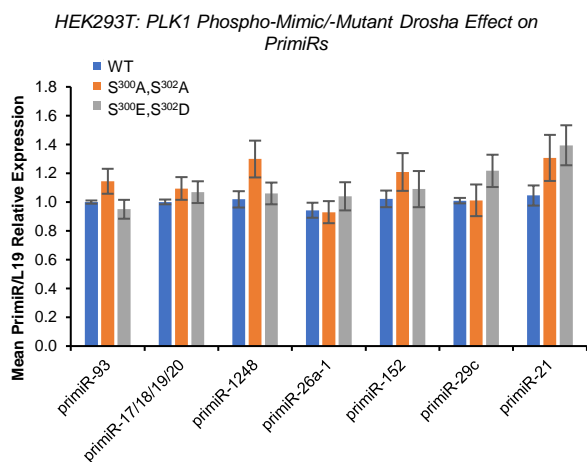
**Figure S16: PLK1 Modulates Drosha Phosphorylation.** Western blot analysis of Drosha protein levels in phospho-serine immunoprecipitates of HEK293T cells treated with DMSO, RO-520 (100nM) or NMS (500nM) for 16h. Independent biological repeats relating to **Fig 4D** are shown.



**Figure S17: Short-Term PLK1 Inhibition Modulates Drosha and DGCR8 Subcellular Localisation.** Western blot analysis of DGCR8 and Drosha protein levels in whole cell extracts (WCEs), cytoplasmic and nuclear fractions of HEK293T cells treated with DMSO, RO-520 (100nM) or NMS (500nM) for 3h. GAPDH and Lamin B were used as cytoplasmic and nuclear controls, respectively. Independent biological repeats relating to **Fig 4E** are shown.

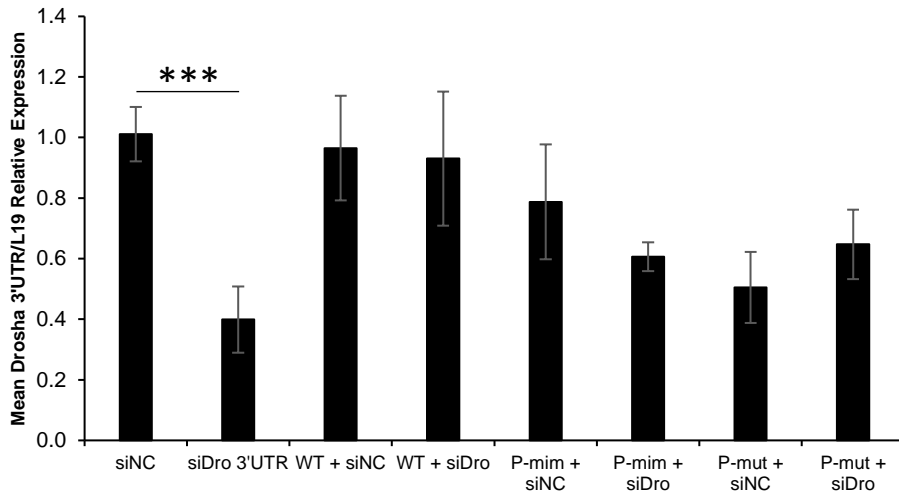


**Figure S18: PLK1 Phosphorylates Drosha at S<sup>300</sup> and/or S<sup>302</sup>.** *In vitro* kinase assay analysis of PLK1 phosphorylation of WT and phospho site-mutant Drosha peptides. Indicated Drosha peptides were incubated with recombinant PLK1 in the presence of  $\alpha$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP. Independent biological repeats relating to **Fig 5A** are shown.

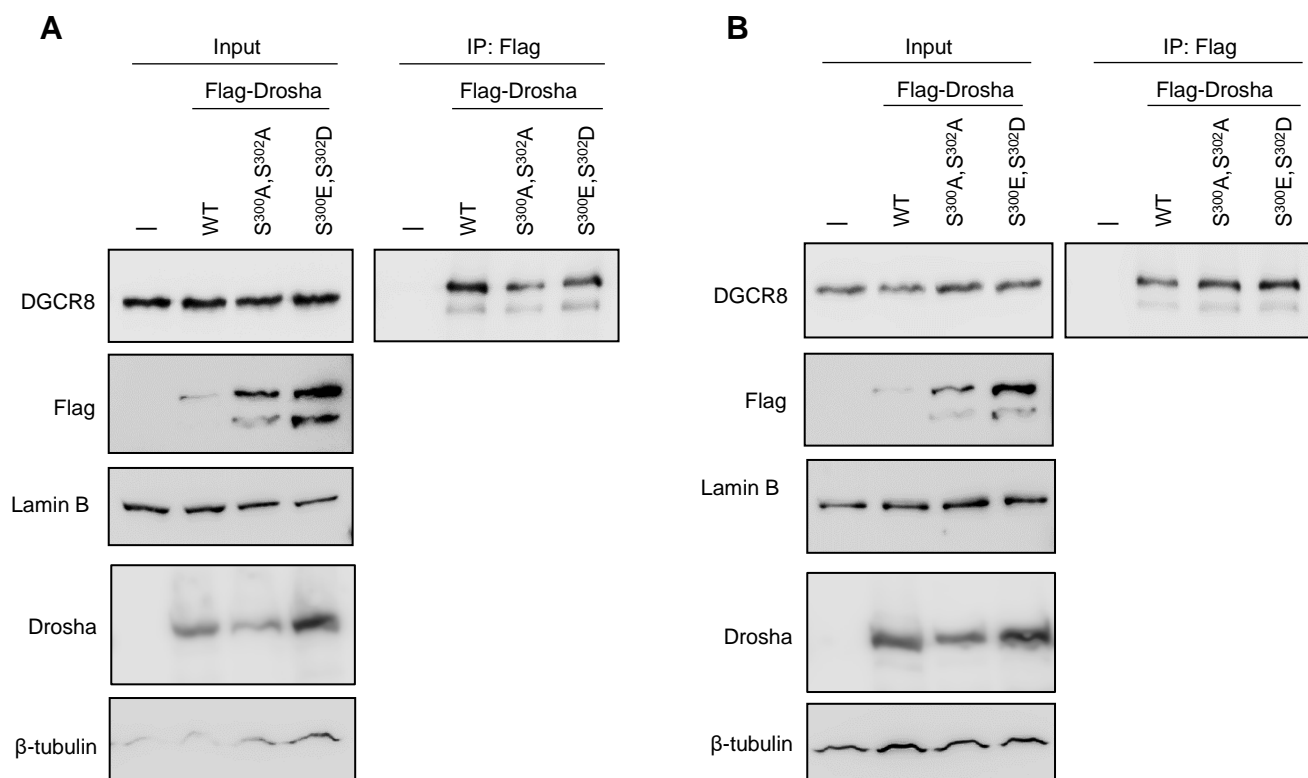


**Figure S19: PLK1 Phosphorylation of Drosha at S<sup>300</sup> and/or S<sup>302</sup> May Alter Pri-miR Levels.** qRT-PCR analysis of pri-miR levels in HEK293T cells transfected with WT, S<sup>300</sup>A,S<sup>302</sup>A or S<sup>300</sup>E,S<sup>302</sup>D Flag-Drosha for 72h. L19 was used for normalisation. *Columns:* mean pri-miR levels for three independent experiments performed in triplicate  $\pm$ SEM. Data relating to **Fig 5** are shown.

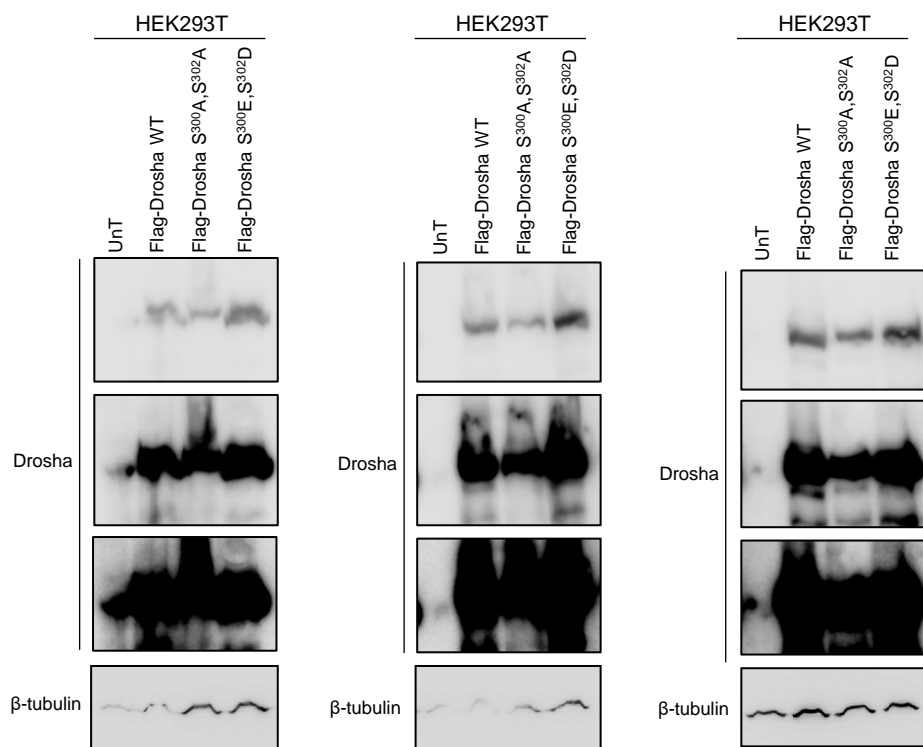
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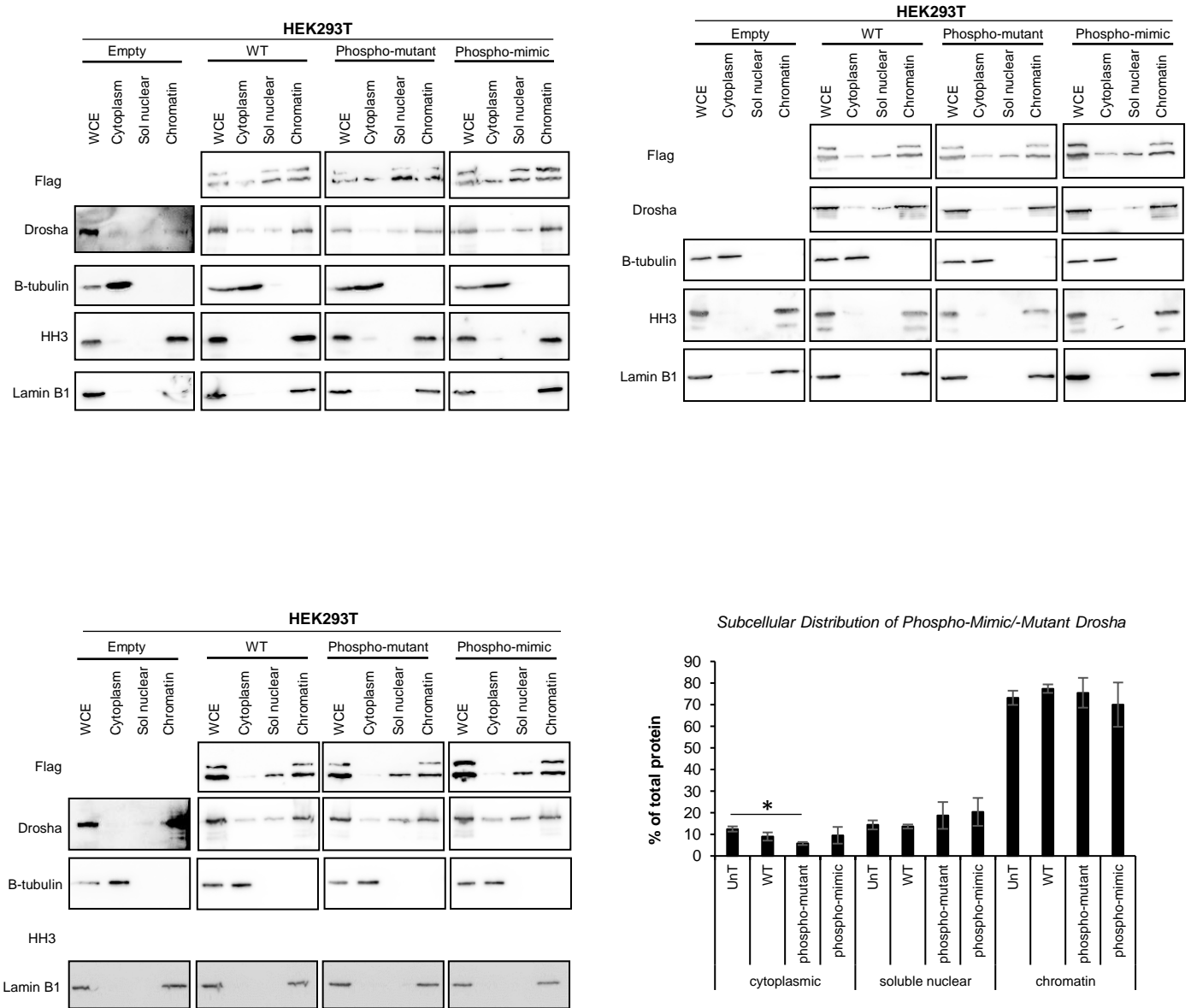
**Figure S20: siRNA Targeting Drosha 3'UTR Significantly Reduces Endogenous, but not siRNA-Resistant Exogenous, Drosha Transcript Levels.** qRT-PCR analysis of Drosha transcript levels in HEK293T cells transfected with Drosha 3'UTR siRNA  $\pm$  WT, phospho-mimic (P-mim – S300E,S302D) or phospho-mutant (P-mut – S300A,S302A) Flag-Drosha for 72h. Columns: mean relative Drosha expression normalised to L19  $\pm$  SEM for three independent experiments performed in triplicate. \*\*\*  $P \leq 0.0001$ .



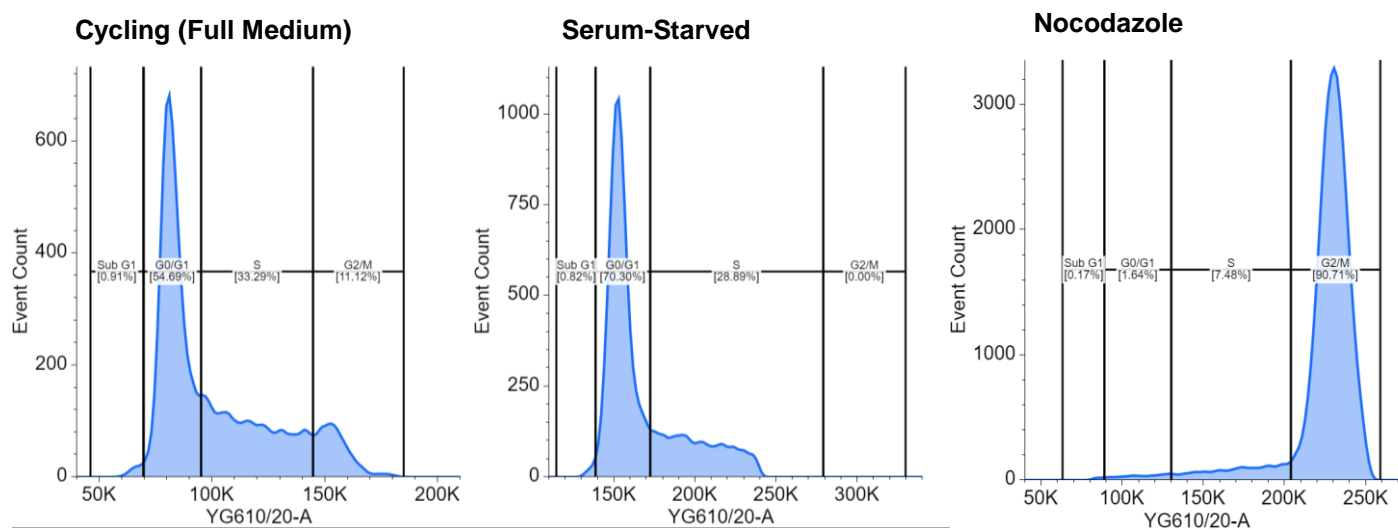
**Figure S21: PLK1 Phosphorylation of Drosha at S<sup>300</sup> and/or S<sup>302</sup> Alters Drosha:DGCR8 Interaction.** Western blot analysis of DGCR8 protein levels in Flag immunoprecipitates of HEK293T cells transfected with WT, phospho-mutant (S<sup>300</sup>A, S<sup>302</sup>A) or phospho-mimic (S<sup>300</sup>E, S<sup>302</sup>D) for 72h. Biological repeats relating to **Fig 5D** are shown. Immunoprecipitated DGCR8 was normalised to input levels of loading control-corrected Drosha (bottom panels – longer exposures in **Fig S22**).



**Figure S22: Drosha Protein Levels in Lysates of HEK293T Cells Transfected with WT, Phospho-Mutant or Phospho-Mimic Drosha.** Western blot analysis of Drosha protein levels in HEK293T cells transfected with pCK-Flag-Drosha WT, S300A,S302A phospho-mutant or S300E,S302D phospho-mimic for 72h. β-tubulin was used as a control for loading and densitometry was performed using ImageJ. Longer exposures are shown to permit visualisation of endogenous Drosha. *Columns:* mean relative Drosha protein levels normalised to β-tubulin ± SEM for three independent experiments. \*  $P \leq 0.05$ .



**Figure S23: Subcellular Localisation of Wild-Type, Phospho-Mutant (S<sup>300</sup>A,S<sup>302</sup>A) and Phospho-Mimic (S<sup>300</sup>E,S<sup>302</sup>D) Flag-Drosha. A-C** Western blot analysis of Flag and Drosha protein levels in whole cell extracts (WCEs), cytoplasmic and nuclear fractions of HEK293T cells transfected with WT, phospho-mutant (S<sup>300</sup>A,S<sup>302</sup>A) and phospho-mimic (S<sup>300</sup>E,S<sup>302</sup>D) Flag-Drosha for 72h.  $\beta$ -tubulin, Histone H3 and Lamin B were used as cytoplasmic and nuclear controls, respectively. **D)** Densitometry was performed using ImageJ and protein levels shown relative to WCE levels corrected for loading. *Columns:* mean  $\pm$  SEM for three independent experiments. \*  $P < 0.05$ . Data relating to **Fig 5** are shown.



**Figure S24: PLK1 Phosphorylation of Drosha at S<sup>300</sup> and/or S<sup>302</sup> Alters Drosha:DGCR8 Interaction.** Western blot analysis of DGCR8 protein levels in Flag immunoprecipitates of HEK293T cells transfected with WT, phospho-mutant (S<sup>300</sup>A,S<sup>302</sup>A) or phospho-mimic (S<sup>300</sup>E,S<sup>302</sup>D) for 72h. Biological repeats relating to Fig 5E are shown.