
fig. S1. Characterization of UBE2S colocalization and self-association
(A) UBE2S knock-out validation: immunostaining of endogenous UBE2S in HCT116 wild-type ( $U B E 2 S^{+/+}$) and UBE2S knock-out cells (UBE2S--) ( $\mathrm{N}=2$ independent experiments); scale bar: $10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. (B) Immunostaining for FLAG and HA epitopes in HCT116 UBE2S ${ }^{-/}$cells, co-transfected with plasmids encoding HA-UBE2S and FLAG-

UBE2S (as used for PLAs) ( $\mathrm{N}=4$ independent experiments); scale bar: $10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. (C, D) Representative in vitro activity assay comparing auto-ubiquitination and the formation of unanchored ubiquitin chains by untagged with HA-tagged (C) and FLAG-tagged (D) UBE2S, respectively, in the absence of the APC/C by SDS-PAGE and Coomassie staining ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). Autoubiquitination products formed by the untagged and tagged proteins are indicated by black and red lines, respectively. (E) Superposition of representative ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-HSQC spectra of UBE2S ${ }^{\mathrm{UBC}}$, recorded at $600 \mu \mathrm{M}$ (black) and $200 \mu \mathrm{M}$ (blue) protein concentration ( $\mathrm{N}=2$ independent experiments).

fig S2. Characterization of UBE2S crosslinking in cells and in vitro
(A) Anti-HA immunoblot of SEC fractions of mitotically-enriched, bBBr-treated extract from RPE-1 cells stably expressing Tet-induced HA-UBE2S and transiently expressing FLAG-UBE2S ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). For the corresponding anti-FLAG immunoblot, see Fig. 2K. (B) Comparative SEC analyses of purified UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ wild-type (analogous to Fig. 2C) and the indicated dimer interface variants at a protein concentration of $40 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ( $\mathrm{N}=2$ independent experiments). (C) Analogous analyses as in (B) after incubation of the individual proteins with $60 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{bBBr}$ for 40 minutes and quenching with NEM ( $\mathrm{N}=2$ independent experiments).

fig. S3. bBBr-based crosslinking kinetics of UBE2S dimer interface variants
(A) Cartoon of the crosslinking reaction. The star represents the crosslinker, bBBr (structure shown above), which becomes fluorescent upon reacting with two thiol groups. (B) Fluorescence intensities plotted over time for the bBBr-based crosslinking of purified wild-type UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ (black) and UBE2S (red), respectively, and 13 variants of each. The
mean and SD are plotted ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). To determine the crosslinking rates (Fig. 3B) three technical replicates of the measurement triplicates were performed and the initial, linear region of the averaged data fitted by linear regression.

fig. S4. bBBr-based crosslinking kinetics of additional UBE2S variants
(A-D) Fluorescence intensities plotted over time. The bBBr-based crosslinking reactions were performed and analyzed analogously to fig. S3B. (A) Comparison of the crosslinking propensities of UBE2S variants of different length: UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ (residues 1-156), UBE2S ${ }^{1-}$ ${ }^{196}$, and full-length UBE2S ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). (B) Crosslinking of UBE2S in the presence of a C-helix-derived peptide (residues 197-222), added in trans at the specified molar ratio ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). (C) Comparison of the crosslinking propensities of UBE2S ${ }^{1-196}$ with an engineered UBE2S-ubiquitin fusion protein (UBE2S ${ }^{1-}$ $\left.{ }^{197}-\mathrm{Ub}\right)(\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). (D) Comparison of the crosslinking propensities of UBE2S ${ }^{1-196}$ with an engineered UBE2S-SUMO1 fusion protein (UBE2S ${ }^{1-197}$-SUMO1 S52A). (E) Quantification of the relative crosslinking rates monitored in (D). The mean and SD are plotted ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). For details, see fig. S3B.

A


B



fig. S5. Effect of the C-helix on the UBC domain of UBE2S
(A) Alternative models of how the C-helix may enhance dimerization: dimerization of the C-helix (left); inter-subunit interactions of the C-helix with the UBC domain in the context of the dimer (middle); or allosteric effects on the dimer interface elicited by interactions of the C-helix with the UBC domain in cis (right). (B) Weighted, combined chemical shift perturbations, $\Delta \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right)$, of resonances in UBE2 $S^{\text {UBC }}$ induced by addition of a C-helixderived peptide (residues 197-222 of UBE2S) to UBE2S ${ }^{1-196}$, plotted over the residue number. The data were measured for a mixture of $200 \mu \mathrm{M}{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-enriched UBE2S ${ }^{1-196}$ with 6.5 mM peptide ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ independent experiment). (C) Cartoon and surface representation of a UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ monomer (extracted from PDB: 6 S98, this study) with a mapping of the most affected resonances from the experiment in $(\mathrm{B})\left(\Delta \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right) \geq 0.1 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$; yellow). The N and C-termini of the protein are labelled.


## C <br> 

fig. S6. Mass spectrometric analyses of bBBr -based UBE2S crosslinking
(A) Deconvoluted denaturing, intact ESI-mass spectrum of the bBBr-based crosslinking reaction from which the UBE2S dimer was purified. The peak at a MW of 23891.2 Da represents unmodified, monomeric UBE2S (theoretical MW of 23845.0 Da plus two sodium ions); the peak at 47988.1 Da represents the bBBr-crosslinked UBE2S dimer (theoretical MW of 47878.3 Da plus several cations) ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ independent experiment). (B) Original ESI data of the deconvoluted spectrum shown in (A). The masses and scores of the observed ions as well as their absolute and relative intensities are provided in table S1 ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ independent experiment). (C) Mapping of the bBBr -crosslinking site(s) within the UBE2S dimer by tryptic digest-based ESI-MS. A representative spectrum for the predominant crosslink is shown (Cys ${ }^{118}$ linkage), annotated with pLabel (http://pfind.ict.ac.cn/software/pLink; (72)) (see table S 2 ) ( $\mathrm{N}=2$ independent digests).

A

fig. S7. NMR-based comparison of the interactions between UBE2S variants and ubiquitin
(A) Ubiquitin-induced weighted, combined chemical shift perturbations, $\Delta \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right)$, of resonances of UBE2S ${ }^{\mathrm{UBC}}$ wild-type and the indicated dimer interface variants, plotted over the residue number. The data reflect perturbations upon addition of a 32.5 -fold molar excess of ubiquitin (representative of $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). (B) Ubiquitininduced perturbations of UBE2S wild-type resonances (with $\Delta \delta\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right) \geq 0.048 \mathrm{ppm}$ at the highest ubiquitin concentration), plotted over the ubiquitin concentration and fitted globally to a single-site model. The data for Gly ${ }^{52}$ are incomplete due to line broadening ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ independent experiment). (C) Analogous data and fit as in (B) for UBE2S L114E ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ ). ( D ) Analogous data and fit as in (B) for UBE2S L107A ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ independent experiment). (E) Analogous data and fit as in (B) for UBE2S H111A ( $\mathrm{N}=1$ independent
experiment). The resonances of $\mathrm{Gly}^{52}$ and $\mathrm{Ile}^{109}$ experienced line broadening. The specified errors in the dissociation constants (B-E) solely reflect fitting errors.

fig. S8. Activity assays with UBE2S wild-type and dimer interface variants
(A, B) Representative assay comparing the activities of UBE2S wild-type with the indicated dimer interface variants in the presence of recombinant APC/C towards fluorophore-labeled ubiquitin-cyclin B1 NTD ('Ub-cyclin B1') by SDS-PAGE and fluorescence imaging (A) and Coomassie staining (B). The use of the ubiquitin-substrate fusion allows UBE2S activity to be monitored without the chain-initiating UBE2C (9). Note that UBE2S H111A runs faster than wild-type UBE2S. (C) Quantification of substrate ubiquitination as shown in (A), based on the amount of $\mathrm{Ub}_{\mathrm{n}}$-cyclin B 1 normalized to the activity of wild-type UBE2S at 40 minutes; the mean and SD are plotted (wild-type, $\mathrm{N}=4$; L107A, L114E, H111A, N=3 independent experiments). (D) Complementary quantification of (A) showing the amount of unreacted substrate, normalized to the input
amount at $\mathrm{t}_{0}$. Note that the differences in total ubiquitination and in the amount of unreacted substrate, respectively, between the wild-type and the indicated dimer interface variants are not significant for any of the time points according to Kruskal-Wallis and Dunnett's multiple comparisons test. (E) Representative assay comparing the auto-ubiquitination activities of UBE2S wild-type and the indicated dimer interface variants in the absence of the APC/C by SDS-PAGE and Coomassie staining ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments). ( F ) Quantification of auto-ubiquitination, as shown in (E), normalized to the activity of the wild-type at 45 minutes. Asterisks denote contaminations or degradation.

fig. S9. Characterization of UBE2S dimer interface variants in cells and in vitro
(A) Immunoblot of RPE-1 cells upon siRNA-mediated depletion of endogenous UBE2S and Tet-inducible expression of UBE2S wild-type, L107A, and L114E, respectively. Cells were treated with cycloheximide (CHX) or MG132 for different times, as indicated; $\alpha$ tubulin serves as a loading control. GFP and UBE2S were expressed from the same mRNA. (B) Quantification of the amount of UBE2S in the presence of CHX, normalized to GFP,
based on immunoblotting and fluorescence imaging. The data represent the mean and SD ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments) from data as shown in (A). The half-lives of UBE2S L107A and L114E are shown in Fig. 6D. (C and D) Quantification of the duration of mitosis after release of cells from a DMA-induced SAC arrest by automated live-cell imaging. Cells were treated with control siRNA (siCTR) (C) and siUBE2S (D), respectively, and complemented with Tet-inducible, untagged wild-type UBE2S. The data represent the mean and SD from 9 measurements ( $\mathrm{N}=3$ independent experiments), normalized to the number of mitotic cells at the start of the experiment ( $\mathrm{t}_{0} \hat{=} 1$ ). ( E ) CD spectra confirming the structural integrity of purified UBE2S wild-type and the indicated variants ( $\mathrm{N}=2$ independent experiments).
table S1. Peak list for the deconvoluted mass spectrum shown in fig. S6A The data for the UBE2S dimer (47988 Da) and monomer (23891 Da) are in bold.

| mass (Da) | intensity | score | \% relative | \% total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 47988 | $\mathbf{1 . 6 1 E}+04$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 . 3 7}$ |
| 48053.3 | $8.18 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 7.66 | 50.86 | 17.48 |
| 23891 | $4.37 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 4.92 | $\mathbf{2 7 . 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 3 5}$ |
| 24077.6 | $3.44 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 10 | 21.36 | 7.34 |
| 46867.4 | $3.36 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 5.88 | 20.87 | 7.17 |
| 48139.4 | $3.24 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 4.25 | 20.14 | 6.92 |
| 46789.9 | $2.08 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 4.74 | 12.92 | 4.44 |
| 48213.7 | $1.49 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 2.93 | 9.27 | 3.19 |
| 46733.8 | $1.22 \mathrm{E}+03$ | 2.98 | 7.56 | 2.6 |
| 23966.6 | $8.09 \mathrm{E}+02$ | 5.76 | 5.03 | 1.73 |
| 46956.4 | $8.00 \mathrm{E}+02$ | 3.45 | 4.98 | 1.71 |
| 23473.5 | $6.48 \mathrm{E}+02$ | 2.4 | 4.03 | 1.39 |
| 49499.3 | $5.91 \mathrm{E}+02$ | 2.54 | 3.68 | 1.26 |
| 49610 | $2.83 \mathrm{E}+02$ | 2.83 | 1.76 | 0.6 |
| 46666.3 | $2.06 \mathrm{E}+02$ | 2.81 | 1.28 | 0.44 |

table S2. Mapping of bBBr-crosslinking sites in the UBE2S dimer by ESI-MS shown in fig. S6C

The numbers in the columns labeled 'residue 1 ' and 'residue 2 ' reflect the positions of the crosslinked cysteine residues, as identified in a pLink search (72). The numbers of crosslink-spectrum matches (CSMs) and the best scores are also provided (smaller score indicates more confident identification); only crosslinks identified with more than 3 CSMs are listed.

|  |  |  | CSMs |  | best pLink score |  | CSMs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| protein 1 | protein 2 | residue 1 | residue 2 | experiment <br> 1 | experiment <br> 2 | experiment <br> 1 | experiment <br> 2 | total |
| spIQ1676 <br> 3IUBE2S <br> human | splQ1676 <br> IUBE2S <br> human | 95 | 95 | 2 | 5 | $2.15 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.21 \mathrm{E}-03$ | 7 |
| spIQ1676 <br> 3IUBE2S <br> human | spIQ1676 <br> 3IUBE2S <br> human | 118 | 95 | 25 | 31 | $3.45 \mathrm{E}-17$ | $3.89 \mathrm{E}-09$ | 56 |
| spIQ1676 <br> 3IUBE2S <br> human | SpIQ1676 <br> 3IUBE2S <br> human | 118 | 118 | 368 | 361 | $7.82 \mathrm{E}-17$ | $8.45 \mathrm{E}-08$ | 729 |

table S3. Plasmids, primers, and cloning information

| encoded protein | vector | cloning template | cloning primers ( $5^{\prime}->3^{\prime}$ ) | restriction sites used | reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| recombinant protein expression |  |  |  |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ (residues 1-156) | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UbC }} \mathrm{C} 95 \mathrm{~S}$ | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ C95A | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ WT | F: CCAGTGGCGAGATCGCAGTCAACGTGCTCAAG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CTTGAGCACGTTGACTGCGATCTCGCCACTGG |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ C118S | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2SUBC R101A | pCCA1 | UBE2SUBC $W T$ | F: TGCGTCAACGTGCTCAAGGCGGACTGGACGGCTGAGCTG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCTCAGCCGTCCAGTCCGCCTTGAGCACGTTGACGCA |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ D102A | pCCA1 | $U B E 2 S^{U B C} W T$ | F: GTCAACGTGCTCAAGAGGGCCTGGACGGCTGAGCTGGG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CCCAGCTCAGCCGTCCAGGCCCTCTTGAGCACGTTGAC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ L107A | pCCA1 | $U B E 2 S^{U B C} W T$ | F: GGGACTGGACGGCTGAGGCGGGCATCCGAACGTACTG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGTACGTGTCGGATGCCCGCCTCAGCCGTCCAGTCCC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UbC }}$ H111A | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ WT | F: GAGCTGGGCATCCGAGCAGTACTGCTGACCATC | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: GATGGTCAGCAGTACTGCTCGGATGCCCAGCTC |  |  |
| UBE2SUBC L114A | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ WT | F: GGCATCCGACACGTACTGGCGACCATCAAGTGCCTGCTG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCAGGCACTTGATGGTCGCCAGTACGTGTCGGATGCC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ L114E | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ WT | F: GGCATCCGACACGTACTGGAAACCATCAAGTGCCTGCTG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCAGGCACTTGATGGTTTCCAGTACGTGTCGGATGCC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ I121A | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2SUBC H122A | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ WT | F: CAAGTGCCTGCTGATCGCGCCTAACCCCGAATCTG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGATTCGGGGTTAGGCGCGATCAGCAGGCACTTG |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ Y 141 A | pCCA1 | $U B E 2 S^{U B C} W T$ | F: CTGCTCTTGGAGAACGCGGAGGAGTATGCAGC | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: GCTGCATACTCCTCCGCGTTCTCCAAGAGCAG |  |  |


| UBE2S | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UBE2S C95S | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2S C118S | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2S R101A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: TGCGTCAACGTGCTCAAGGCGGACTGGACGGCTGAGCTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCTCAGCCGTCCAGTCCGCCTTGAGCACGTTGACGCA |  |  |
| UBE2S D102A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GTCAACGTGCTCAAGAGGGCCTGGACGGCTGAGCTGGG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CCCAGCTCAGCCGTCCAGGCCCTCTTGAGCACGTTGAC |  |  |
| UBE2S L107A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GGGACTGGACGGCTGAGGCGGGCATCCGAACGTACTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGTACGTGTCGGATGCCCGCCTCAGCCGTCCAGTCCC |  |  |
| UBE2S H111A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GAGCTGGGCATCCGAGCAGTACTGCTGACCATC |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: GATGGTCAGCAGTACTGCTCGGATGCCCAGCTC |  |  |
| UBE2S L114A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GGCATCCGACACGTACTGGCGACCATCAAGTGCCTGCTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCAGGCACTTGATGGTCGCCAGTACGTGTCGGATGCC |  |  |
| UBE2S L114E | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GGCATCCGACACGTACTGGAAACCATCAAGTGCCTGCTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCAGGCACTTGATGGTTTCCAGTACGTGTCGGATGCC |  |  |
| UBE2S I121A | pCCA1 | - | - | - | (12) |
| UBE2S H122A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: CAAGTGCCTGCTGATCGCGCCTAACCCCGAATCTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGATTCGGGGTTAGGCGCGATCAGCAGGCACTTG |  |  |
| UBE2S Y141A | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: CTGCTCTTGGAGAACGCGGAGGAGTATGCAGC |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: GCTGCATACTCCTCCGCGTTCTCCAAGAGCAG |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{1-196}$ | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GAGGGTCCCATGGCCTAGAAGAAGCATGCTGG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CCAGCATGCTTCTTCTAGGCCATGGGACCCTC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{\text {-197-Ub }}$ | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: CTGAGGGTCCCATGGCCAAGATGCAGATTTTCGTGAAAC |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CGCTCGCCAGCATGCTTCTATTAACCACCACGAAGTCTC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{1-197}$-SUMO1 | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{\text {I-197 -Ub }}$ | F: GGCTGAGGGTCCCATGGCCAAGATGTCTGACCAGGAGGCA |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: GGCCTGCATTCGATGAGGTGCTTATTACACGGTGCTGTGACCCCC |  |  |
| UBE2S ${ }^{1-197}$-SUMO1 C52S | pCCA1 | UBE2S ${ }^{1-197}$-SUMO1 | F: CTCAAAGAATCATACAGCCAAAGACAGGGAGTTCC |  |  |


|  |  |  | R: GGAACTCCCTGTCTTTGGCTGTATGATTCTTTGAG |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FLAG-UBE2S | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: <br> GAACAGATTGGTGGCGATTATAAAGATGATGATGATAAAATGAACTCCAAC GTGG <br> R: <br> CCACGTTGGAGTTCATTTTATCATCATCATCTTTATAATCGCCACCAATCTGT TC | - |  |
| 3xHA-UBE2S | pCCA1 | UBE2S WT | F: GCTCACAGAGAACAGATTGGTGGGATGTACCCATACGATGTTCCAG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: TGATAGGCCTGCATTCGATGAGGTGCTACAGCCGCCGCAGCGC |  |  |
| $\mathrm{His}_{6}$-UBE2S ${ }^{\text {UBC }}$ | pSKB2 (derived from pET28; Merck) | - | - | - | (12) |
| $\mathrm{His}_{6}$-UBE2S | pSKB2 (derived from pET28; <br> Merck) | - | - | - | (12) |
| PLA |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3xFLAG-Venus | pcDNA5/FRT/TO <br> 3xFLAG | Venus | - | KpnI/BamHI |  |
| 3xHA-UBE2S L107A | pCS2 | 3xHA-UBE2S | F: GGGACTGGACGGCTGAGGCGGGCATCCGAACGTACTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGTACGTGTCGGATGCCCGCCTCAGCCGTCCAGTCCC |  |  |
| FLAG-UBE2S L107A | pcDNA5/FRT/TO | FLAG-UBE2S | F: GGGACTGGACGGCTGAGGCGGGCATCCGAACGTACTG | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGTACGTGTCGGATGCCCGCCTCAGCCGTCCAGTCCC |  |  |
| 3xHA-UBE2S L114E | pCS2 | 3xHA-UBE2S | F: GGCATCCGACACGTACTGGCGACCATCAAGTGCCTGCTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCAGGCACTTGATGGTCGCCAGTACGTGTCGGATGCC |  |  |
| FLAG-UBE2S L114E | pcDNA5/FRT/TO | FLAG-UBE2S | F: GGCATCCGACACGTACTGGCGACCATCAAGTGCCTGCTG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CAGCAGGCACTTGATGGTCGCCAGTACGTGTCGGATGCC |  |  |
| 3xHA-UBE2S H111A | pCS2 | 3xHA-UBE2S | F: GAGCTGGGCATCCGAGCAGTACTGCTGACCATC |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: GATGGTCAGCAGTACTGCTCGGATGCCCAGCTC |  |  |
| FLAG-UBE2S H111A | pcDNA5/FRT/TO | FLAG-UBE2S | F: GAGCTGGGCATCCGAGCAGTACTGCTGACCATC |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: GATGGTCAGCAGTACTGCTCGGATGCCCAGCTC |  |  |
| siRNA-and-rescue |  |  |  |  |  |
| pCDNA5 FRT/TO-MCS-IRES2-eGFP | pcDNA5/FRT/TO -neo (RRID: Addgene_41000) | pIRES2-eGFP <br> (Takara Bio) | - | BamHI/NotI |  |
| UBE2S WT | pCDNA5 <br> FRT/TO-MCS- <br> IRES2-eGFP | wobbled, codonoptimized UBE2S (IDT) | - | - | (18) |


| UBE2S C95S | pCDNA5 <br> FRT/TO-MCS- <br> IRES2-eGFP | wobbled, codonoptimized UBE2S (IDT) | F: GGCGAACGGGGAAATAAGCGTGAATGTCTTGAAACG |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | R: CGTTTCAAGACATTCACGCTTATTTCCCCGTTCGCC |  |  |
| UBE2S L107A | pCDNA5 FRT/TO-MCS-IRES2-eGFP | wobbled, codon- <br> optimized UBE2S <br> (IDT) | F: ATTGGACCGCGGAAGCCGGGATAAGGCATGTC | - |  |
|  |  |  | R: GACATGCCTTATCCCGGCTTCCGCGGTCCAAT |  |  |
| UBE2S H111A | pCDNA5 <br> FRT/TO-MCS- <br> IRES2-eGFP | wobbled, codonoptimized UBE2S (IDT) | F: CGCGGAATTAGGGATAAGGGCCGTCTTATTAACG |  |  |
|  |  |  | R: CGTTAATAAGACGGCCCTTATCCCTAATTCCGCG |  |  |
| UBE2S L114E | pCDNA5 <br> FRT/TO-MCS- <br> IRES2-eGFP | wobbled, codonoptimized UBE2S (IDT) | F: <br> TCCCCGCGGAATTAGGGATAAGGCATGTCTTAGAGACGATAAAATGTTTATT AATACATCCGAATCC | SacII/AscI |  |
|  |  |  | R: CCGGGCGCGCCCGGATCCGTACTACTCGCC |  |  |
| cell-based crosslinking |  |  |  |  |  |
| HA-UBE2S WT | pCDNA5 <br> FRT/TO-MCS- <br> IRES2-eGFP | wobbled, codonoptimized UBE2S (IDT) | F: <br> GGGGTACCATGGGCTACCCATACGATGTTCCTGACTATGCGGCGGGTGCGGC GGGTAATAGTAATGTCGAAAATTTGCCGCCCC | KpnI |  |
|  |  |  | R: CCGGGCGCGCCCGGATCCGTACTACTCGCC |  |  |

## table S4. Antibodies

| application | epitope, or name \& conjugation details | product no. | company | species \& clonality |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PLA \& indirect IF | FLAG | 14793 | Cell Signaling Technology | rabbit polyclonal |
|  | HA | custom-made (73) | Moravian Biotechnology | mouse monoclonal |
|  | UBE2S | 11878 | Cell Signaling Technology | rabbit monoclonal |
|  | Duolink in situ PLA probe antirabbit PLUS | DUO92002 | Sigma-Aldrich | donkey polyclonal |
|  | Duolink in situ PLA probe antimouse MINUS | DUO92004 | Sigma-Aldrich | donkey polyclonal |
|  | anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 405 | A31556 | Thermo Fisher Scientific | goat <br> polyclonal |
|  | anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 594 | A21203 | Thermo Fisher Scientific | donkey polyclonal |
|  | anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 568 | A11031 | Thermo Fisher Scientific | goat <br> polyclonal |
| immuno- <br>  <br> IP | CSE1 | ab96755 | Abcam | rabbit polyclonal |
|  | CSE1 | ab54674 | Abcam | mouse monoclonal |
|  | FLAG M2 | F3165 | Sigma-Aldrich | mouse monoclonal |
|  | GFP | custom-made | MPI CBG, Dresden | goat <br> polyclonal |
|  | HA | custom-made (73) | Moravian Biotechnology | mouse monoclonal |
|  | HA | H6533 | Sigma-Aldrich | mouse monoclonal |
|  | normal mouse IgG1 | sc-3877 | Santa Cruz | mouse monoclonal |
|  | poly-histidine | H1029 | Sigma-Aldrich | mouse monoclonal |
|  | $\alpha$-tubulin | T5168 | Sigma-Aldrich | mouse <br> monoclonal |
|  | UBE2S | custom-made (18) | Moravian Biotechnology | rabbit polyclonal |
|  | anti-goat IgG, IRDye 800CW conjugate | 926-32214 | LI-COR Biosciences | donkey polyclonal |
|  | anti-mouse IgG, IRDye 800CW conjugate | 926-32212 | LI-COR Biosciences | donkey polyclonal |
|  | anti-rabbit IgG, IRDye 800CW conjugate | 926-32213 | LI-COR Biosciences | donkey polyclonal |
|  | anti-mouse IgG, IRDye 680RD conjugate | 926-68072 | LI-COR Biosciences | donkey polyclonal |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { anti-rabbit IgG, IRDye 680RD } \\ & \text { conjugate } \end{aligned}$ | 926-68073 | LI-COR Biosciences | donkey polyclonal |
|  | anti-mouse IgG, HRP conjugate | 7076 | Cell Signaling Technology | horse |

