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Brown Lab DNA Replication Tool Kit: Looking at how cells respond to replication stress at the sub-cellular level

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DNA replication is an essential process of all eukaryotic cells, and impairment of a proper replication program results in genome instability and a multitude of diseases. DNA replication stress can occur when replicating forks encounter obstacles such as DNA lesions. The result is a highly coordinated checkpoint response that initiates several repair and protective programs to ensure faithful duplication and transmission of the genome. Replication and the replication checkpoint are highly stochastic, thus requiring single-cell and single-molecule analyses.

Here, we present several methods to study how cells respond to replication stress at the sub-cellular level. By combining proteomic and microscopic tools, we can better assess the mechanisms that maintain replication integrity and are uncovering novel pathways in the replication checkpoint.