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#### 26 eTOC summary

- 27 Mechanisms leading to abnormal distribution of neural progenitors during cortical
- development in the context of subcortical heterotopia associated with EML1 mutations remain
- 29 unknown. Using a forebrain-specific mouse model and mutant human cells, this work
- 30 innovatively demonstrates that by restoring microtubule function, abnormal progenitor
- 31 distribution and heterotopic volume are significantly reduced.

#### 33 Abstract

Subcortical heterotopia is a cortical malformation associated with epilepsy, intellectual disability and an excessive number of cortical neurons in the white matter. EML1 (Echinoderm microtubule associated protein like 1) mutations lead to subcortical heterotopia, associated with abnormal radial glia positioning in the cortical wall, prior to malformation onset. This perturbed distribution of proliferative cells is likely to be a critical event for heterotopia formation, however the underlying mechanisms remain unexplained. This study aimed to decipher the early cellular alterations leading to abnormal radial glia. In a forebrain conditional Eml1 mutant model and human patient cells, primary cilia and centrosomes are altered. Microtubule dynamics and cell cycle kinetics are also abnormal in mouse mutant radial glia. By rescuing microtubule formation in Eml1 mutant embryonic brains, abnormal radial glia delamination and heterotopia volume were significantly reduced. Thus, our new model of subcortical heterotopia reveals the causal link between Eml1's function in microtubule regulation and cell position, both critical for correct cortical development.

#### 47 Keywords

48 Cortical development; brain malformation; microtubule; primary cilia; centrosome; cell cycle

#### 49 Introduction

Cortical development is finely regulated to result in the formation of a functional cerebral cortex required for advanced cognitive functions such as perception and language. At the onset of neurogenesis, neuroepithelial cells (NECs) give rise to apical progenitors named radial glial cells (RG), that become the predominant neuronal progenitor cell type, able to self-renew but also give birth to post-mitotic neurons directly or indirectly *via* basal progenitors (intermediate progenitors or basal RG) (Götz & Barde, 2005; Noctor et al., 2001, 2004). They are highly polarized cells with a short apical process that faces the ventricle and terminates in an enlarged apical domain where a primary cilium (PC), docked to a basal body (modified centrosome), protrudes into the embryonic cerebrospinal fluid (eCSF) to act as a signaling hub, sensing secreted molecules. RG also possess a long basal process that crosses the entire cortical wall and acts as a support for neuronal migration, before terminating at the pial surface (Rakic, 1972). RG somata are restricted to the ventricular zone (VZ) and exhibit interkinetic nuclear migration (INM), a process that defines the cell cycle-dependent movement of the nucleus within the VZ. More precisely, nuclei move in G1 to reach the more

basal part of the VZ to undergo S-phase and then re-descend apically in G2 to undergo mitosis at the ventricular surface (Sauer & Walker, 1959). INM relies on the actin and microtubule (MT) cytoskeletons, as well as motor proteins such as kinesin and dynein (Spear & Erickson, 2012; Tsai et al., 2010). Genetic mutations can alter RG in different ways, affecting cortical development and leading to cortical malformations (Romero et al., 2018; Stouffer et al., 2016).

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Mutations in microtubule (MT) associated proteins can cause cortical malformations (Romero et al., 2018; Stouffer et al., 2016). We and others have identified Echinoderm microtubule associated protein like 1 (EML1, also known as EMAPL1) mutations associated with human ribbon-like Subcortical heterotopia (SH) (Kielar et al., 2014; Shaheen et al., 2017). Patients with compound heterozygous, or homozygous mutations in EML1 exhibit large clusters of abnormally positioned neurons within the white matter (Kielar et al., 2014; Shaheen et al., 2017). Patients may also present hydrocephalus, polymicrogyria, megalencephaly and corpus callosum pathology (Kielar et al., 2014; Markus et al., 2021; Oegema et al., 2019; Shaheen et al., 2017). Defects are associated with severe epilepsy, intellectual disability, and/or psychomotor developmental delay (Kielar et al., 2014; Oegema et al., 2019). Eml1 mutations were also originally identified in a spontaneously arisen Heterotopic Cortex (HeCo) mouse model (Kielar et al., 2014). To our knowledge, Eml1/EML1 is the only known gene found mutated in both human patients and rodent models with an SH phenotype (Bizzotto & Francist, 2015; Collins et al., 2019; Grosenbaugh et al., 2020; Kielar et al., 2014; Uzquiano et al., 2019). The EML1 protein, a member of the EMAP family, binds to MTs and has an Nterminal domain with a coiled coil motif and a C-terminal region with a tandem β-propeller structure (Richards et al., 2015). However, its role during neurodevelopment has remained elusive.

In the *HeCo* mouse, the spontaneous mutation in *Eml1* resulted from an insertion of a retrotransposon in an intron towards the end of the gene, leading to the absence of full-length transcripts and the presence of small quantities of chimeric transcripts (Kielar et al., 2014). In this model, it was shown that RG distribution is abnormal during cortical development. Many of these cells were found in basal locations in the cortex (e.g. the intermediate zone and cortical plate), hence proliferating outside the VZ and unable to act as a proper support for neuronal migration from the VZ (Kielar et al., 2014). RG detachment may hence be the primary event leading to heterotopia formation. It is important to further understand why

96 *Eml1* mutant RG detach, especially since similar mechanisms may contribute to basal radial glia (bRG) production in gyrencephalic brains (Borrell & Götz, 2014; Penisson et al., 2019).

Previously, apical extremity defects were revealed in HeCo RG, notably the PC did not form correctly, shown in both mutant murine and human progenitor cells (Bizzotto et al. 2017; Jabali et al. 2022; Markus et al. 2021; Uzquiano et al. 2019). We showed that Eml1 full knockout reproduces heterotopia in mice, as well as RG detachment, but some lethality was observed, as well as hydrocephalus (Collins et al., 2019). In this study, we produced *Eml1* conditional knockout (cKO) mice with a forebrain-specific inactivation of Eml1, also revealing severe heterotopia but without hydrocephalus. In this new model, we focused on subcellular and cellular RG alterations in early and mid-corticogenesis to understand pathogenic mechanisms which may lead to heterotopia formation. Assessing centrosomes in vitro and in brain sections, we determined that their structure is affected in both human and mouse RG, impacting MT nucleation. This important phenotype may precede PC defects and RG apical detachment in early corticogenesis. By artificially stabilizing MT in embryonic brains at early stages of corticogenesis, we were able to partially inhibit RG delamination and reduce heterotopia volume, demonstrating a causal relationship between MT physiology, ectopic RG and heterotopia formation. With these data, we reveal new roles for Eml1 in early cortical development, whilst unveiling key cellular patho-mechanisms contributing to the early onset of SH formation.

### **Materials and Methods**

# **Animals**

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- 117 Research was carried out conforming to national and international directives (directive CE
- 118 2010/63 / EU, French national APAFIS n° 23424; 46509) with protocols followed and
- approved by the local ethical committee (Charles Darwin, Paris, France). Mice were housed
- with a light/dark cycle of 12 h (lights on at 07:00). Males and females were used in all
- 121 analyses.

### Generation of *Eml1* cKO animals

- The *Eml*1 mutant mouse line was established at the PHENOMIN MCI/ICS (Mouse Clinical
- 124 Institute Institut Clinique de la Souris, Illkirch, France; http://www-mci.u-strasbg.fr), in the
- framework of funding from the French Rare Disease Foundation (Collins et al., 2019).
- The Eml1 mutant line was generated and analysed on the mouse genetic background

- 127 C57BL/6N (B6N). LoxP sites surrounding exon 8 allowed conditional knockout. *Eml1* cKO
- mice were generated by crossing with Emx1-Cre knock-in animals (Gorski et al., 2002).
- Homozygote Eml1-Flox mice (Eml1 fl/fl) were crossed with homozygote Eml1-Flox mice
- also heterozygote for Emx1-Cre (Gorski et al., 2002) (Eml1 fl/fl x Eml1 fl/fl, Emx1-Cre/+).
- All mice were housed in the IFM institute animal facility or at the CDTA, Orléans, France.

## Crosses and genotyping

- Eml1 flox/flox animals were crossed with Eml1 flox/flox-Emx1Cre/+ animals. Females were
- placed in the male cage and the following morning the presence of a vaginal plug was
- observed and considered to be embryonic day 0.5 (E0.5). Embryonic brains were collected at
- the indicated times.

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- Genotyping primers used to detect Cre were:
- 138 Cre 1: GAACCTGATGGACATGTTCAGG
- 139 Cre 2: AGTGCGTTCGAACGCTAGAGCCTGT
- 140 Primers used to detect the floxed Eml1 allele were:
- 141 Primer Lf: GAAAACGTGCTTTGCTGTGTACATAGG
- 142 Primer Er: CACCCACTGAAGAAATGACTGGCAG

### 143 **Antibodies**

- Primary antibodies used were: mouse anti-BrdU (ThermoFisher Scientific Cat# B35141,
- 145 RRID:AB 2536441 MobU-1, 1:100), rabbit anti-Pax6 (Covance Cat# PRB-278P,
- 146 RRID:AB\_291612, 1:300), rabbit anti-Tbr2 (Abcam Cat# ab23345, RRID:AB\_778267,
- 1:300), mouse anti-Ki-67 (BD Biosciences Cat# 556003, RRID:AB\_396287, 1:200), rabbit
- anti-PCNA (Proteintech Cat# 10205-2-AP, RRID:AB 2160330), mouse anti-GM130 (BD
- Biosciences Cat# 610822, RRID:AB\_398141, 1:300), mouse anti-Cep170 (ThermoFisher
- 150 Cat# 41-3200, RRID:AB\_2533502, 1: 500), mouse anti-γ-tubulin (Sigma-Aldrich Cat#
- 151 T6557, RRID:AB\_477584, 1:400), mouse anti-α-tubulin (Sigma-Aldrich Cat# T9026,
- 152 RRID:AB\_477593, 1:500), rabbit anti-Arl13b (Proteintech Cat# 17711-1-AP,
- 153 RRID:AB\_2060867, 1:400), mouse anti-Eml1 3E8 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Cat# sc-
- 154 100938, RRID:AB\_1122523, 1:500), rabbit anti-Eml1 C3 (GeneTex Cat# GTX100252,
- RRID:AB\_1240763, 1:500), goat anti-Sox2 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Cat# sc-17320,
- 156 RRID:AB\_2286684, 1:500) and rabbit anti-GFP (ThermoFisher Cat# A-6455,
- 157 RRID:AB\_221570, 1:2000), rabbit anti-Pericentrin (Abcam Cat# ab4448,

- 158 RRID:AB\_304461), rabbit anti-Satb2 (Abcam Cat# ab92446, RRID:AB\_10563678, 1:1000).
- For Neuro-2A cells: Streptavidin Alexa Fluor 488 conjugate (Life Technologies, S32354,
- 160 1:5000, RRID:AB\_2315383), Myc-tag (Cell Signaling, 2278, 1:400, RRID:AB\_490778), and
- γ-tubulin (Sigma-Aldrich, T5326, 1:200, RRID:AB\_532292) were used.
- 162 Secondary antibodies used for immunohistochemistry and immunocytochemistry were goat
- anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 555 (Cell Signaling Technology Cat# 4413, RRID:AB\_10694110),
- 164 goat anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 633 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A-21052,
- 165 RRID:AB\_2535719), Streptavidin conjugated Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen, S32354), goat
- anti-rabbit Alexa 488 (ThermoFisher Cat#A-11008; RRID: AB\_143165), goat anti-mouse
- Alexa 488 (ThermoFisher, Cat#A28175; RRID: AB\_2536161), goat anti-rat Alexa 568
- 168 (ThermoFisher Cat# A-11006; RRID: AB\_141373, 1:800), goat anti-rabbit Alexa 568
- 169 (ThermoFisher, Cat# A-11011; RRID: AB\_143157; 1:800), goat anti-mouse Alexa 633
- 170 (ThermoFisher, Cat# A-21050; RRID: AB\_2535718; 1:800), goat anti-rabbit Alexa 633
- 171 (ThermoFisher, Cat# A-21070, RRID: AB\_2535731; 1:800). Secondaries used for Western
- blot were Dylight anti-mouse 800 (ThermoFisher, Cat#SA5-35521; RRID: AB\_2556774,
- 173 1:5000), anti-rabbit 680 (ThermoFisher, Cat# 35568, RRID: AB\_614946, 1:5000), anti-rabbit
- 174 800 (ThermoFisher, Cat#SA5-35571; RRID: AB\_2556775, 1:5000).

# **Plasmids**

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- 176 Plasmids used were BLBP-GFP (Kielar et al, 2014) for in utero electroporation, CMV-
- 3xFlag-EML1 (Uzquiano et al, 2019) and YFP-EML4 (Richards et al, 2015) for
- immunoprecipitation. For BioID, full-length mouse Eml1 and Eml1\*T243A cDNAs were
- cloned into the pcDNA3.1 mycBioID (Addgene#35700) vector. Retention using selective
- 180 hooks (RUSH (Boncompain et al. 2012)) was performed with SSTR3-GFP (generated in
- Franck Perez's lab) and PKD2-GFP (kindly provided by Dominic Norris' lab, London UK).

# **Embryonic brain collection and sectioning**

- 183 Females were sacrificed by cervical dislocation and embryos were collected. Brains were
- 184 fixed overnight with paraformaldehyde (PFA) 4% and then rinsed and stored with phosphate
- buffered saline 1X (PBS). For vibratome sectioning: brains were placed in an inclusion of
- 186 10% sucrose and 7.5% agarose in PBS 1X. Brains were cut in 70 μm thick coronal sections
- using a vibrating blade microtome (Leica VT1000 S). For cryostat sectioning, brains were

188 embedded in OCT (Epredia, Ref 6502) and frozen. Brains were cut in 20 μm thick coronal

sections using a cryostat (Cryostar NX70, HOMVPD, Microm).

### **Cresyl-violet labeling**

- 191 Cresyl violet staining was performed on sections mounted on Superfrost slides
- 192 (ThermoFisher). Sections were treated 5 minutes with EtOH 100%, then 5 min with EtOH
- 193 95% and 2 min with EtOH 70%. Slices were rinsed in water and then incubated in Cresyl-
- 194 Violet solution (Sigma 46597MJ) for 8 minutes and then with water (1 min), EtOH 70% (2
- min), 95% (1 min) and 100% (3 min). After 5 minutes in xylene, they were mounted with
- 196 Eukitt medium.

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- 197 Sections were analyzed at room temperature with a brightfield microscope (Provis; Olympus)
- using a charge-coupled device (CCD) camera (CoolSNAP CF; Photometrics) with  $2 \times$  (NA =
- 199 0.08),  $4 \times (NA = 0.13)$  and 10X (NA=0.30) objectives. Minimum contrasts were adjusted
- using Photoshop software (Adobe).

#### **Protein lysates and dosage**

- 202 Embryonic cortices were collected, and lysis of each embryonic cortex was performed
- 203 individually, by resuspending the tissue continuously with lysis buffer for a period of 1h at
- 4°C. The lysate was then centrifuged (30 min, 15000 rcf, 4°C), the supernatant was collected,
- and the protein concentration was measured using the BCA protein assay kit (ThermoFisher)
- and the BertholdTech Mithras ELISA microplate reader.

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# Western blot

- Samples were denatured with 2X NuPAGE LDS Buffer (ThermoFisher) for 10 min at 70°C.
- 210 Denaturing electrophoresis was performed on a 4%–12% Bis-Tris Gel with MOPS SDS
- running buffer for 2h at 110V. Proteins were transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes for 1h
- at 110V and 4°C in a Tris-Glycine transfer buffer (Tris 25 mM, Glycine 192 mM, ethanol
- 213 10%). After protein transfer, the membranes were stained with Ponceau red to check the
- 214 transfer quality. The membranes were extensively washed with distilled water, followed by a
- 215 60 min incubation in 1X TBST (100 mM Tris pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 10% ethanol, 0.05%
- Tween) + 5% non-fat milk. Incubation for 45 min in the dark with the secondary antibody
- 217 (DyLight, see above) was performed to identify non-specific binding sites. The primary
- antibody was incubated overnight (O/N) at 4°C, and abundantly washed with 1X TBST,

219 followed by incubation with the secondary antibody (see above). After extensive washes in

TBST then with 1X TBS, the membranes were scanned using an Odyssey (Li-Cor) infrared

scanner, with ImageStudio software.

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#### *In utero* electroporation (IUE)

- 223 Timed-pregnant mice (E12.5 to E14.5) were anesthetized with isoflurane (4% during
- 224 induction and 2–2.5% during surgery) and embryos were revealed within the intact uterine
- wall after sectioning the abdomen. Embryos were constantly hydrated with NaCl 0.9% (B.
- Braun). A solution containing Blbp-GFP plasmid DNA (1 μg/μl, Blbp-promoter specific for
- 227 RG) and 20 % w/v fast green in sterile endo-free water was injected in the lateral ventricles of
- 228 the embryos. Forcep electrodes (System CUY650P5 NepaGene Co) were placed around the
- embryo head at a 45° angle and plasmids electroporated by discharging a 4,000-μF capacitor
- charged to 35 V (five electric pulses of 50 ms with 950 ms intervals) with a CUY21
- NepaGene electroporator. The embryos were then placed back in the abdominal cavity for 24
- 232 h prior to subsequent analyses.
- 233 Embryonic heads were harvested and fixed overnight with 4% PFA at 4°C. Brains were
- extracted, washed in PBS and cryoprotected overnight serially in 15% and 30% sucrose.
- Brains were embedded in an embedding chamber using cryomedium Neg-50 (Epredia, Ref
- 236 6502), frozen under isopentane and dry ice, and cryo-sectioned at 20 µm with a Cryostar
- NX70 (HOMVPD, Microm). Brain sections were fluorescently immunolabelled (see below)
- with antibodies detecting Pax6 and GFP in electroporated progenitors. Images were acquired
- at room temperature with a TCS Leica SP5-II confocal microscope, with analyses focused on
- the future somatosensory cortex. 40X (NA = 1.25–0.75) and 100 X (NA=1.44) objectives
- were used controlled by LAS-AF software for acquisition (Leica). ImageJ was used for cell
- counting.

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# **EpoD** treatment in mice

- Females were injected intraperitoneally with 20mg/kg Epothilone D (EpoD, Abcam) at E11.5,
- E12.5 and sacrificed at E13.5 (for vibratome sectioning and immunohistochemistry) or E18.5
- 246 (for 3D imaging). EpoD was stored in PBS 1X and the exact needed volume was resuspended
- in saline 37°C in a final volume of 200 μL. For control injections, 200 μL of saline 37°C was
- injected at the indicated times.

#### **Immunohistochemistry**

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- 250 Immunohistochemistry for all other experiments was performed on floating brains slices.
- 251 These were permeabilized with 1X PBST (0.1% Triton X-100) for 15 min. After washes,
- blocking was performed for 1 h at room temperature (RT) with 1X PBS containing 10%
- 253 normal goat serum (NGS) and 0.1% Triton X-100 before incubation overnight (O/N) at 4°C
- 254 with the primary antibody. After extensive washes, sections were incubated with the
- secondary antibodies for 2 h at RT protected from the light. This was followed by 10 min
- incubation in Hoechst stain (ThermoFisher, 1:10000) prior to washing with 1X PBS. Brain
- 257 slices were mounted using Fluoromount G (Invitrogen). Images were acquired at room
- 258 temperature with a TCS Leica SP5-II confocal microscope, with analyses focused on the
- 259 future somatosensory cortex. Fluorochromes are as described above in the antibody section.
- 40X (NA = 1.25-0.75) and 100 X (NA=1.44) objectives were used controlled by LAS-AF
- software (Leica). Minimum contrast adjustment was performed using ImageJ software.
- 262 For Tbr2, Ki67 and PCNA labelling, antigen retrieval was performed by incubating the
- sections in sodium citrate 10 mM pH 6 at 95°C for 20 min and allowing them to cool down
- before blocking.
- For EdU and BrdU labelling after permeabilization, DNA was denatured with hydrochloric
- acid (HCl) 2N treatment during 30 min at 37°C, followed by washes and blocking. EdU was
- labelled using a click it EdU kit 647 following manufacturer's instructions (C10340,
- 268 ThermoFisher).

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### 3D visualization of the heterotopia

- 270 E18.5 embryonic brains were dissected and fixed in 4% PFA overnight. They were then
- incubated in PBS1X gelatin 0.2% Triton 0.5% (PBSGT) at RT for 24 hours. Anti-Satb2
- antibody was diluted in PBSGT containing 0.1% saponin at 37°C for at least 5 days, after
- 273 which the brains were washed six times in PBSGT at RT. The next day, secondary antibodies
- were diluted in PBSGT+saponin and incubated at 37°C for at least 2 days. All steps were
- performed on a rocking platform or wheel. Immunolabeled brains were embedded in 1.5%
- low-melting agarose (in 1% ultrapure Tris-acetate-EDTA solution). The embedded samples
- were cleared according to a modified version of the original iDISCO+ protocol (Renier et al.,
- 278 2016). Samples were dehydrated by consecutive treatment with increasing concentrations of
- 279 methanol and finally incubated in 1 volume of methanol / 2 volumes of dichloromethane

280 (DCM, Sigma 270997-12X100ML). The samples were then washed twice in 100% DCM.
281 Finally, samples were incubated in di-benzyl ether (DBE, Sigma 108014-1KG) overnight. For
282 3D imaging, cleared samples were imaged on a light sheet microscope (LaVision Biotec)
283 equipped with a sCMOS camera (Andor Neo). Samples were imaged at room temperature in
284 DBE. Imspector microscope control software was used. Scans were taken at 1.25X zoom
285 magnification. Imaris (Bitplane, http://www.bitplane.com/imaris/imaris) was used for 3D
286 reconstruction, snapshots and movies.

#### Mouse neuronal progenitor primary cell culture

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The neuronal progenitor cell cultures were adapted from (Sun et al., 2011) giving highly enriched populations of Pax6(+) cells. For this, 6-well cell culture plates were coated with Poly-D-lysine (PDL, P6407, Sigma Aldrich) 2 µg/cm<sup>2</sup> in sterile 1X PBS, O/N, at 37 °C and 5 % CO2. The following day, the PDL was removed, and the plates were coated with 1 µg/cm2 fibronectin (F1141, Sigma Aldrich) in sterile 1X PBS. E14.5 timed-pregnant mice were sacrificed by cervical dislocation and the uterus was placed in ice cold basal medium (DMEM/F12 Hams, 21041, ThermoFisher, 1% Pen-Strep (Gibco), 2.9 mg/ml glucose and 1.2 mg/ml sodium bicarbonate). The embryos were collected and the cortex from both hemispheres was dissected and kept at 4°C in basal medium. The medium was removed and substituted by pre-warmed sterile complete medium (basal medium complemented with 1X B27 without vitamin A (12589-010, Gibco), 20 ng/ml of EGF (E9644, Sigma Aldrich) and 20 ng/ml of FGF (F0291, Sigma Aldrich). The tissue was dissociated, and each sample was centrifuged (3 min, 1000 rcf). The medium was removed and substituted by fresh pre-warmed complete medium followed by re-suspension of the cells. 1x10<sup>5</sup> cells were plated in coated 6well culture plates. The cells were split once at seven days in vitro (DIV) before performing experiments. Half of the culture medium was changed by fresh complete medium every 2 days for one week. For splitting, cells were washed with pre-warmed Versene (Gibco), followed by a 3 min incubation with pre-warmed StemPro Accutase (Gibco) at 37°C. Cells were plated (6-8x10<sup>5</sup>) on coated 14 mm glass coverslips and cultured for 2 DIV for immunocytochemistry experiments.

# **Immunocytochemistry**

Cells were washed in 1X PBS prior to fixation with 4% w/v PFA in 0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 7.4, for 15 min at RT or fixed with methanol at -20°C. The cells were extensively washed

for 15 min in PBST (Triton X-100 0.1% in 1X PBS). Incubation with blocking solution (10% NGS, ThermoFisher, 0.1% Triton X-100 in 1X PBS) was performed for 1 h at RT and primary antibodies were applied for 2h at RT or O/N at 4°C (see above for antibodies). The cells were extensively washed with blocking solution and secondary antibodies were incubated for 2h at RT in the dark. After washes, Hoechst (1:10000, ThermoFisher) was applied for 15 min at RT in the dark. The cells were extensively washed in PBS and the coverslips mounted with Fluoromount G (Southern Biotechnology). Images were acquired at room temperature with a TCS Leica SP5-II confocal microscope as above.

#### **RUSH trafficking experiments**

Retention using selective hooks (RUSH (Boncompain et al., 2012)) was performed with plasmids SSTR3-GFP (lab) and PKD2-GFP. Plasmids were individually transfected in neuronal progenitor Pax6+ cells in culture, using Lipofectamine 3000 (Invitrogen, L3000-008) following manufacturer's instructions. An avidin concentration of 0.28 μg/mL was added to block biotin already present in the DMEM F12 medium (Invitrogen, 21041025) (Boncompain et al., 2021). After 24h, biotin at a concentration of 40μM in new medium was added for a given time duration (0, 30, 60 and 90 minutes) and cells were fixed with 4% PFA at RT for 15 min. Co-immunolabelling with GM130 and Arl13b antibodies as described above was performed to assess the concentration of the RUSH protein respectively in the Golgi Apparatus (GA) and primary cilia (PC) over time. Images were acquired at room temperature with a TCS Leica SP5-II confocal microscope as above and analyzed using Image J.

# Microtubule (MT) regrowth assay

Primary cultures of mouse neuronal progenitor cells were plated on coated 14 mm glass coverslips and placed directly on ice, then incubated for 40 min to allow disassembly of the MT cytoskeleton. The cells were then placed at  $37^{\circ}$ C for the indicated times (1 min or 2 min) and immediately fixed with methanol at -20°C. Immunolabelling for pericentrin and  $\alpha$ -tubulin were then performed as described above to analyze MT regrowth at the centrosomes. Images were acquired at room temperature with a TCS Leica SP5-II confocal microscope as above and analyzed using Image J.

# Human cells and electron microscopy (EM)

- 341 Centrosomes were identified and analyzed in previously generated EM images of human
- 342 cortical progenitors (Uzquiano et al. 2019, Jabali et al. 2022). Control cells were Ctrl1: id-
- number B7\_028#4, female origin; Ctrl2: catalog ID GM08680, male origin. EML1
- 344 heterotopia patients were P135 (T243A compound heterozygous mutations) and P3489
- 345 (homozygous W225R mutations) (Kielar et al., 2014).
- 346 Progenitor cells were previously produced, fixed and imaged with an electron microscope
- (Philips CM100), digitalized with a CDD camera (Gatan Orius). Images were analyzed using
- ImageJ. In this study, centrosome aspect and numbers were assessed.

#### Cell cycle analysis

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#### **EdU and BrdU injections**

- BrdU (10 mg/ml) and EdU (5 mg/ml) were dissolved with 1X PBS. Intraperitoneal injections
- of the appropriate volume of EdU and BrdU solutions were carried out for an injection of 50
- 353 mg/kg of EdU and 50 mg/kg of BrdU (one hour after the first injection). 1.5h after the first
- injection, the pregnant mouse was euthanized by cervical dislocation and brains of embryos
- were collected. After immunolabeling for EdU, BrdU and Pax6 on embryonic floating coronal
- brain sections, RG were assessed according to their S-phase state (Harris et al., 2018;
- Martynoga et al., 2005): The confocal SP5 microscope was used as already mentioned above.
- Pax6 (+)Edu(+)BrdU(-) cells were considered to have left S-phase, Pax6(+)EdU(-)BrdU(+)
- cells to have entered in S-phase and Pax6(+)EdU(+)BrdU(+) to be still in S-phase.
- 360 Considering that in a population of proliferating asynchronous cells, the fraction of cells in a
- 361 given phase of the cell cycle is directly proportional to the duration of that phase relative to
- the total duration of the cell cycle (Nowakowski et al., 1989) we could thus calculate S-phase
- length Ts= (EdU+;BrdU+cells/EdU+;BrdU- cells). Also, because RG are cycling cells, we
- 364 could estimate their cell cycle duration using the formula Tc=Ts/(BrdU+/Pax6+cells). In more
- details: the ratio between the duration of one period of the cell cycle and that of another
- period is equal to the ratio between the number of cells in the first period and the number of
- 367 cells in the second period (Nowakowski et al., 1989). The sequential exposure of proliferating
- 368 cells to EdU and BrdU allowed us to differentiate defined cell populations. Specifically,
- progenitors are exposed to EdU in vivo at T = 0h so that all cells in S phase at the start of the
- experiment are labeled with EdU. At T = 1h, cells are exposed to BrdU to label all cells in S
- 371 phase at the end of the experiment. Cells still in S phase are also labelled with EdU. The

interval during which cells can incorporate EdU but not BrdU (T') is 1h. Cells from the initial EdU-labeled S-phase cohort will leave S-phase at a constant rate during the T' interval. This outgoing fraction will be labeled by EdU but not by BrdU. Consequently, the ratio between the number of EdU+BrdU- and EdU+BrdU+ cells is equal to the ratio between T' (which equals 1h) and Ts (Shibui et al., 1989). Thus, Ts = number of EdU+BrdU+/EdU+BrdU- cells and Tc=Ts/(BrdU+/Pax6+cells).

#### Dual labelling for Ki67 and PCNA

The method was adapted from Fousse et al. (Fousse et al., 2019). The confocal SP5 microscope was used as already mentioned above. Cells with punctate PCNA in the nucleus and diffuse Ki67 were considered in S-phase. Cells with punctate Ki67 and diffuse PCNA were counted as cells in G1 phase. Nuclei with both Ki67 and PCNA in a diffuse pattern were considered as G2/M cells. Cells were counted using the plugin cell counter in ImageJ.

#### **BioID (Proximity Dependent Biotin Identification)**

#### **Cloning**

Full-length mouse *Eml1* and *Eml1\*T243A* cDNAs were cloned into pcDNA3.1 mycBioID (Addgene#35700) vector using the following primers:

<b>Primer Name</b>	5' to 3'
Eml1_BioID_N_	CTGTGCTGGATATCTGCAGAATTCATGGAGGACGGCTTCTCC
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Eml1_BioID_N_	TGATCAGCGGTTTAAACTTAAACTTAAGCTTCTAAATGACTCGCCAC
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# **BioID** (Proximity Dependent Biotin Identification) Analysis

Mouse Neuro2A cells (ATCC CCL-131) were transiently transfected 40 μg BioID constructs with Polyethylenimine (PEI) (Polysciences Inc., Cat. #23966) and after 24 hours, cells were incubated overnight in the presence of 0.05 mM D-biotin (Life Technologies, Cat. #B1595), followed by cell lysis in a lysis buffer (150 mM NaCl, 0.5% SDS, 2% NP40, 1mM EDTA, 10mM IAA, 10 mM Tris pH 7.6 and Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, Roche, Cat.#11836170001). The lysates were centrifuged at 14,000g for 10 min at 4°C, and the protein concentrations

- were measured using a bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay (BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo 396 Scientific, Cat. #23225). Equal amounts of protein lysates from different conditions were 397 incubated with streptavidin beads (Pierce® Streptavidin Plus UltraLink® Resin, Thermo 398 Scientific, Cat.#53117) overnight at 4°C. The bound proteins were washed with several wash 399 buffers respectively for 10 min, wash buffer 1 (2% SDS), wash buffer 2 (1% Triton X-100, 400 2% sodium deoxycholate, 1mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.5), wash buffer 3 401 (1% Triton X-100, 0.5% NP-40, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 1mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl, 10 402 mM Tris pH 8.1) and wash buffer 4 (50 mM NaCl, 50 mM Tris pH 7.4). 403
- To identify biotinylated proteins by mass spectrometry (MS), on bead digestion was performed. Proteins on the beads were reduced with 100 mM DTT in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate buffer at 56°C for 45 min and alkylated with 100 mM iodoacetamide at RT in the dark for 30 min. MS grade trypsin (Pierce) was added to the beads for overnight digestion at 37°C. The resulting peptides were purified using C18 StageTips. Finally, the eluted peptides were analyzed by a Thermo Fisher Scientific Q-Exactive LC-MS/MS mass spectrometer. This experiment was performed three independent times.
- The raw data were processed using Proteom Discoverer 2.3 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and 411 searched against the UniProt Mus musculus database (accessed August 2022) with Sequest 412 413 HT search engine with tryptic digest specificity, allowing maximum two missed cleavage, precursor mass tolerance 15 ppm, and fragment mass tolerance 0.05 Da (Liu et al., 2020). 414 SAINTexpress analysis was performed using three biological replicates (Teo et al., 2014). 415 Biotinylated proteins of negative control, transfected without DNA, were analyzed to define 416 non-specific interactions. Saint probability score  $\geq 0.6$  was used to define the proximal 417 interactors of EML1 and EML1\*T243A. The final protein lists were analyzed using the 418 STRING v11.5 database (Szklarczyk et al., 2021) and g:Profiler annotation server (Raudvere 419 et al., 2019). Selected protein interactions were visualized using Cytoscape 3.9.1 (Shannon et 420 421 al., 2003).

#### Immunocytochemistry of Neuro2A cells

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For immunofluorescence staining, Neuro2A cells (ATCC CCL-131) were transfected with Lipofectamine 3000 (Invitrogen). Two days after transfection, the cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA). The antibodies and their dilutions used were as follows:

Streptavidin Alexa Fluor 488 conjugate (Life Technologies, S32354, 1:5000,

- 427 RRID:AB\_2315383), Myc-tag (Cell Signaling, 2278, 1:400, RRID:AB\_490778), and
- 428 Gamma-Tubulin (Sigma-Aldrich, T5326, 1:200, RRID:AB\_532292). Secondary antibodies
- were DAPI (359 nm), Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen, S32354), Alexa Fluor 555 (Cell
- 430 Signaling, 4413), Alexa Fluor 633 (Invitrogen, A21052). Vectashield mounting medium was
- used (Vector Laboratories, H-1200-10)
- After fixation, images were acquired at room temperature with a Leica DMi8 / SP8 TCS DLS
- laser scanning confocal microscope: HyD detectors provide signal collection in channels, then
- acquired using a DFC365 FX camera (version FCAM2 V1.0.10). A 63× Plan Apo 1.4 NA oil-
- immersion objective was used controlled by LAS-X software (Leica).

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#### **Co-immunoprecipitation experiments**

- 438 For co-immunoprecipitation (IP) experiments, Neuro2A cells were co-transfected with CMV-
- 439 3xFlag-EML1 (Uzquiano et al, 2019) and YFP-EML4 (Richards et al, 2015) plasmids, or
- 440 CMV-3xFlag vector only (Uzquiano et al, 2019) with YFP-EML4 (Richards et al, 2015).
- After 24 h in culture, cells reaching 70%–80% confluence were transfected using a ratio of
- 1:3 DNA and PEI, respectively (10 µg of DNA and 30 µg of PEI, Polysciences). After 48 h,
- cells were recovered and washed twice with 1 X PBS and lysed by rotation for 20 min at 4°C
- 444 in 150 μl of RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS,
- 1% Nonidet P-40, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate and Protease inhibitor cocktail). The samples
- were centrifuged at 14000 rcf. for 15 min at 4°C. Protein G Sepharose beads (Sigma Aldrich)
- were diluted 1/10 in TNE buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 5 mM EDTA) and
- 448 60 μl of diluted beads were used for each IP experiment. The beads were extensively washed
- with 1 x RIPA buffer, followed by centrifugation (12000 rcf., 4°C, 30 s). A pre-clearing step
- was performed by incubating the cell lysates with the already-washed beads on a rotating
- wheel at 4°C for 1 h 30 min. The samples were then centrifuged (12000 rcf., 4°C, 30 s) and
- the supernatant collected. The latter was incubated with the following primary antibodies (1
- 453 μg): rabbit anti-GFP (A6455, Invitrogen), mouse anti-Flag (F1804, Sigma Aldrich), (O/N, 4°,
- rotating wheel). Afterward, these samples were incubated with 100 µl of diluted washed
- Protein G Sepharose beads (5 h, 4°C, rotating wheel). The unbound fraction was recovered
- after centrifugation (12000 rcf., 4°C, 30 s). 5x washes of the beads in 1 x RIPA buffer were
- performed before elution with NuPAGE LDS Buffer (Thermo Fisher), 10 min at 70°C. The
- bound fraction was recovered after centrifugation (12000 rcf., RT, 2 min). Western blots and
- immunodetection were performed as mentioned above.

### **Image acquisitions**

- As mentioned in the above methods, acquisitions of immunolabeled brain sections and plated cells were carried out using confocal microscopes Leica SP5 and SP8. For vibratome brain
- imaging a total of  $z=10 \mu m$  was imaged and for cryostat a total of  $z=20 \mu m$  was imaged. For
- cells a total of z=7 µm was imaged. Hoechst (DAPI, 359 nm), Alexa Fluor 488 (Invitrogen,
- S32354), Alexa Fluor 555 (Cell Signaling, 4413), Alexa Fluor 633 (Invitrogen, A21052) were
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### **Image analysis**

- Cell and element counting (Fig 1, Fig 2, Fig 3, Fig 4, Fig 6, Fig 7, Fig 8, Supp Fig 2) was
- performed using Image J. Fluorescence intensity (Fig 4, Fig 5, Fig 6, Supp Fig 4, Supp Fig 5)
- 470 was measured using ImageJ. Images were acquired the same manner, with the same
- parameters. For sections, the analyzed region of interest (ROI) was 200 microns width and the
- total cortical wall in height, except for Ki67/PCNA analyses where the ROI was 100 microns.
- 473 Imaris (Bitplane, http://www.bitplane.com/imaris/imaris) was used for 3D reconstruction,
- snapshots and movies (Fig 8, Supp Fig 1).

#### **Statistical analysis**

- 476 The sample size selection for experiments was based on both published and previous pilot
- 477 studies considering the sensitivity of the applied approaches. When possible, data were
- 478 collected and analysed in a blind manner to the experimenter. One main experimenter
- performed each experiment. Statistical tests were carried out using GraphPad Prism 9.
- Normality and homogeneity of variances were tested using either a D'Agostino-Pearson
- omnibus, Shapiro-Wilk or KS normality tests, or data distribution was assumed to be normal
- but this was not formally tested, depending on the number of samples. Significance was
- established with p-value < 0.05. For each experiment, the statistical test used (Mann Whitney
- or Two-way Anova) is described in the figure legend, as well as the number of individuals
- analyzed. Data were collected and processed randomly.

# **Supplemental material**

- This manuscript contains 5 Supplemental figures and 2 Supplemental videos.
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#### Results

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Ectopic RG detachment and PC defects occur during early 491 embryonic cortical development in *Eml1* cKO mouse brains 492 493 To study the role of Eml1 in RG detachment linked to heterotopia formation, we generated a forebrain-specific Eml1 cKO mouse model (Supplementary Figure 1 A). By crossing 494 homozygote Eml1-Flox mice (Eml1 fl/fl) with Eml1-Flox mice also heterozygote for Emx1-495 Cre (Gorski et al., 2002), homozygote forebrain-specific Eml1 cKO (Eml1 fl/fl Emx1-Cre/+) 496 animals were obtained. Controls were Cre-negative Eml1 fl/fl animals. 100% of Eml1 cKO 497 mice exhibit SH, as shown with cresyl violet staining at 8 weeks (Supplementary Figure 1 B), 498 as well as Satb2 staining at embryonic stage E18.5 and 3D visualization of the heterotopia 499 (Supplementary Figure 1 C, Video 1 and 2). Eml1 protein was shown to be absent by Western 500 blot (WB, Supplementary Figure 1 D). 501 502 After confirming the presence of heterotopia in adult Eml1 cKO animals, RG were characterized during development. Performing immuno-labelling for Pax6, a transcription 503 factor marker of RG (Englund et al., 2005), on embryonic coronal brain sections at different 504 developmental stages, the distribution of cells was analyzed throughout the cortical regions. 505 506 At E12.5, no differences in the total count of Pax6 positive (+) cells, neither in the proportion of detached RG (outside the VZ) were observed in Eml1 cKO brains (Figure 1 A-C) 507 508 compared to controls. From E13.5, the proportion of detached Pax6+ cells was increased in Eml1 cKO embryonic brains, as well as the total number of Pax6+ cells (Figure 1 A-C). This 509 510 suggests that RG begin to detach from E12.5 to E13.5 in the absence of Eml1. Cortical wall thickness (CW) was unchanged until E15.5 when it was thicker in the Eml1 cKO condition 511 (Figure 1 D). VZ thickness compared to CW thickness was significantly reduced at E14.5 and 512 E15.5 suggesting that the progenitor pool in the VZ is depleted over time (Figure 1 D). 513 Previously PC defects were observed in *HeCo Eml1* mutants (Bizzotto et al., 2017; Uzquiano 514 et al., 2019), we hence assessed if they were defective at early- and mid-corticogenesis in 515 Eml1 cKO brains. Arl13b (a marker of PC) was immunodetected, revealing puncta at the 516 517 ventricular surface. At E12.5, the total number of Arl13b+ puncta was not changed, but the mean length of PC was reduced in mutants (Figure 1 E-G). At E15.5, PC mean size was not 518 519 significantly different, although a tendency for reduction was observed. However, the number

of Arl13b+ puncta was decreased (Figure 1 H-J). These data suggest that PC defects are

- 521 present before observation of detached RG and that they are consistently observed in all Eml1
- mouse models.
- Thus, these data suggest that Pax6+ cells start to detach from E12.5 to E13.5, when an overall
- 524 increased number of Pax6+ RG is observed. Detachment correlates with a depletion of the VZ
- 525 pool of RG during corticogenesis.
- We further tested if RG detach in a stage-specific manner in *Eml1* mutant conditions. *In utero*
- 527 electroporation (IUE) was performed to introduce the BLBP-GFP plasmid into RG at the
- 528 ventricular surface at different stages. One day after IUE, embryos were sacrificed and
- 529 immuno-labelling for Pax6 was performed to assess the percentage of electroporated RG in
- the VZ versus those outside the VZ (detached or ectopic progenitors). In the *Eml1* cKO an
- increased percentage of BLBP-GFP+ Pax6+ cells was found outside the VZ compared to the
- WT after IUE at E12.5 and sacrificed at E13.5 (Figure 2 A, B). There were correspondingly
- fewer cells observed in the VZ. From E14.5 to E15.5, a proportion of BLBP-GFP+ Pax6+
- cells outside the VZ was observed but this was not significantly different from WT (Figure 2
- 535 C, D). This suggests that in the *Eml1* cKO, more RG delaminate at early, relative to mid-
- 536 corticogenesis.
- Based on the progenitor abnormalities detected, we decided to investigate if progenitors
- exhibit cell cycle defects in the absence of *Eml1*.

# 539 Eml1 cKO induces stage-specific cell cycle alterations in VZ RG at

#### 540 E12 and E15

- We first investigated cell cycle using a method of staggered injection of dual thymidine
- analogs in pregnant females at E12.5 and E15.5 (adapted from Harris et al., (Harris et al.,
- 543 2018) and schematized in Figure 3 A). Briefly, EdU+, BrdU+, and Edu+BrdU+ cells (labeled
- with red, green, and white fluorescence) were counted, allowing a calculation of S-phase and
- cell cycle length for apical RG (Pax6+) (Martynoga et al., 2005; Nowakowski et al., 1989).
- S-phase duration was increased in *Eml1* cKO RG at E12.5 compared to WT (4.98 h in WT; 9
- h in cKO) (Figure 3 B, C, G). The cell cycle duration was also lengthened (8.716 h in WT; 15
- h in Eml1 cKO). G1+G2+M duration was not significantly different, although there was a
- tendency for a longer duration in cKO cells (Figure 3 C). We also looked at the distribution of
- 550 the cells in S-phase by dividing the cortical wall into 6 identical bins. In the *Eml1* cKO

- cortical wall, there was an increased proportion of cells entering in S-phase apically (e.g. bin
- 2) and an inversed tendency for those exiting (Figure 3 D).
- At E15.5 the cell cycle duration was calculated for *Eml1* cKO RG in the VZ, *Eml1* cKO RG
- outside the VZ (ectopic RG), compared to WT RG in the VZ. The total cell cycle duration
- was shorter in Eml1 cKO RG in the VZ (20.67 h in WT; 11.05 h in VZ cKO RG and 15.99 h
- in basal ectopic cKO RG) associated with a shortening of G1+G2+M phase (Figure 3 E-G). S-
- phase length was not altered significantly at this time point. *Eml1* cKO RG outside the VZ
- exhibited an intermediate phenotype between WT and Eml1 cKO RG in the VZ (Figure 3 E-
- 559 G). Cell cycle phase and length durations did not differ significantly from the WT, nor from
- 560 cKO RG in the VZ.

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- With the dual injection method, it was not possible to determine the duration for G1 and
- 562 G2/M separately, so we additionally performed co-immunolabelling of Ki67 and PCNA,
- associating cells to a cell cycle phase based on their labelling pattern (protocol adapted from
- Fousse et al. (Fousse et al., 2019), Supplementary Figure 2 A). At E12.5, the proportion of S
- 565 phase cells was greater in *Eml1* cKO RG, indicating that the relative duration of S-phase is
- longer, as also shown with the dual injection method (Supplementary Figure 2 B, C). At
- E15.5, in *Eml1* cKO cells in the VZ, the S-phase proportion of cells was unchanged compared
- to WT, whereas G1 phase cells were reduced, and G2/M cells were increased, suggesting a
- relative lengthening of G2/M and shortening of G1 duration. Ectopic RG showed no
- significant differences compared to WT (Supplementary Figure 2 D, E). Thus, there is overlap
- between the results of the two methods, revealing robust defects in S-phase at E12.5, and
- pinpointing alterations in G1, G2/M in Eml1 cKO RG in the VZ at E15.5. In the absence of
- Eml1, it is clear that progenitors exhibit stage-specific cell cycle alterations. Based on these
- and the PC results, we were interested in assessing the possible upstream subcellular and
- 575 molecular mechanisms that might help explain the defects.

# Eml1 interactome indicates cell cycle and microtubule proteins

- To gain insight into potential perturbations of protein interactions that occur when EML1 is
- 578 mutated (SH mutation EML1\*T243A (Kielar et al., 2014)), BioID proximity labeling was
- performed. BioID uses an abortive *E.coli* biotin ligase (BirA) fused to a target protein to
- biotinylate its nearby interactors (Roux et al., 2012). Here, BirA was fused to the N-terminus
- of EML1 and EML1\*T243A and expressed in Neuro2A cells. We carefully checked for
- centrosomal defects in transfected cells (in interphase and during mitosis), without identifying

any obvious abnormalities (Supplementary Figure 3 A). Cell size and multi-nucleation defects were also not observed.

After isolation of biotinylated proteins and tryptic digestion (Figure 4 A), peptides were analyzed by LC-MS/MS. A SAINT (Significance Analysis of INTeractome) probability (SP) score (Teo et al., 2014) and fold changes were generated. Using an SP score ≥0.6 resulted in 49 and 30 proximal interactor proteins for EML1 and EML1\*T243A respectively (Figure 4 B, C). Thus, the EML1\*T243A interactome comprised fewer proteins compared with the WT. Also, when 26 common interactors for EML1 and EML1\*T243A were plotted according to their SP scores (not necessarily falling below SP<0.6), these were found reduced in the mutant (Figure 4 D). Gene ontology (GO) analyses were performed based on molecular function, cellular compartment and biological process (Figure 4 E and Supplementary Figure 3 B, C). This showed that the most enriched biological processes are organelle organization, translation, peptide biosynthetic process, peptide metabolic process, cell cycle and MT-based processes (Figure 4 E). The GO analyses related to the SH-associated mutant form of EML1 reveal correspondingly fewer of these biological processes. Cross-referencing the BioID hits showed that a number were also uncovered previously (e.g. (Cep170, Eml4, Dnmt1, Dhx15, Ddx3x, Nat10, Ddx6, Ruvb1, Eif2s3x, Rpl10a, Tjp1, Dnajc7 and Rpl10) (Bizzotto et al., 2017). 

To further investigate the BioID hits of EML1, cellular components related to the cytoskeleton, spindle and organelles were highlighted (Figure 4 F). Validating the BioID screen, we were able to co-immunoprecipitate EML1 with EML4 (Supplementary Figure 3 D). Also, Vcpip1 is a previously established WT Eml1 partner, for which the interaction is lost with the missense mutation (Uzquiano et al., 2019). A further interacting protein that was specifically identified with WT EML1 is Cep170. This was not identified when EML1 carried the patient mutation (T243A). Cep170 is known to be essential for centrosome maturation and is a marker of the mature centriole. We checked for Cep170 intensity at the centrosomes located at the ventricular surface of E12.5 and E15.5 WT and cKO embryonic brains and observed that its intensity was significantly decreased in the *Eml1* cKO at E12.5, with a possible tendency for reduction at E15.5 (Figure 4 G-J, Supplementary Figure 3 E). Eml1 interaction with Cep170 may thus be important for the localization of the latter to centrosomes. Eml1 could be essential for centrosome integrity during early cortical development, influencing cell cycle and PC.

# Human and mouse centrosomes are defective upon *EML1/Eml1*mutation and this is rescued by EpoD treatment

Along with centrosomal and PC proteins identified by BioID (e.g. Cep170, Ckap2, Cct2, 617 Cct28), several proteins related to the Golgi apparatus were also identified (e.g. Copg2 and 618 Vcpip1). General secretory trafficking from the Golgi apparatus was indeed shown to be 619 delayed in *Eml1* mutant RG ((Uzquiano et al., 2019) and data not shown). Cargo trafficking 620 and Golgi-derived protein transport are key to PC formation, we therefore decided to 621 622 investigate PC protein trafficking. Using primary cultures of Pax6+ cells (Sun et al., 2011), we first tested the Retention Using Selective Hook (RUSH) approach (Boncompain et al., 623 2012). Proteins are released from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER)/Golgi after addition of 624 biotin, and can be monitored in fixed cells at different time points (0, 30, 60 and 90 min, as 625 schematized in Supplementary Figure 4 A). By performing immuno-labelling of GM130 to 626 visualize the Golgi (Nakamura et al., 1995) and Arl13b to label the PC, we assessed the 627 concentration of SSTR3 and PKD2 PC proteins in each organelle over time. In control cells, 628 we observed that SSTR3-GFP increased in the Golgi at 30 min and in the PC at 60 min 629 (Supplementary Figure 4 B, C).In Eml1 cKO progenitors compared to WT, SSTR3-GFP 630 631 levels were lower both in the Golgi at 30 min and in the PC at 60 min (Supplementary Figure 4 B, C). For PKD2-GFP, under control conditions, we observed a small increase at the Golgi 632 at 30 min and in the PC at 60 min, but in Eml1 cKO a significant increase of the protein was 633 still observed at the Golgi at 60 min with a tendency for decrease at the PC (Supplementary 634 635 Figure 4 D). These abnormal profiles suggest that the anterograde trafficking of PC proteins is 636 impaired. The centrosome serves as the base of the PC and plays a role in assembly, maintenance and 637 638 signaling pathways. Dysfunction of the centrosome can contribute to defects in PC formation and function, resulting in a variety of diseases, including ciliopathies. Understanding the 639 640 relationship between the centrosome and PC is thus important for uncovering the molecular 641 mechanisms underlying cilia-related dysfunctions. Centrosome structure was hence assessed using electron microscopy (EM) in human cells from 2 EML1 patients (patient 1, compound 642 heterozygous, R138X, T243A; patient 2, homozygous, W225R (Jabali et al., 2022). In cortical 643 progenitors derived from induced pluripotent stem cells (IPSCs (Jabali et al., 2022)), all 644 patient cells examined exhibited abnormal centrosomes with poorly formed MT triplets 645

(Figure 5 A, B). In addition, 83.33% showed MT aggregates near the centrosomes, suggesting

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centriole assembly defects in patient cells (Figure 5 A, B). Treatment with Epothilone D
(EpoD, a microtubule polymerizing and stabilizing agent) was shown previously to rescue PC
length defects in *EML1* patient cells (Jabali et al. 2022). We therefore asked whether this
treatment could also rescue centrosome defects. After EpoD treatment, 86% of EML1 patient
cells showed rescued centrosomal structure and fewer cells (37.93%) showed MT aggregates
in the vicinity of the centrosomes (Figure 5 A, B). These results may indicate that centrosome
defects contribute to PC formation defects in mutant cells.

Given these results, key centrosome proteins were assessed in primary cultures of Pax6+ cells from Eml1 cKO mouse brain. Labeling for  $\gamma$ -tubulin (a marker of centrosomes) showed that the number of  $\gamma$ -tubulin puncta per cell was not altered significantly in mutant cells however the intensity of  $\gamma$ -tubulin was decreased (Figure 5 C, D). Also, pericentrin (pcnt), a marker of pericentriolar material (PCM), a complex of proteins surrounding centrioles, was reduced in intensity (Figure 5 C, E). The relative dispersion of the PCM, measured from the pcnt-labelled area, may also be decreased (Figure 5 E). Thus, EML1/ Eml1 seems to contribute to centrosome integrity in human and in mouse progenitors.

# Eml1 is essential for the recruitment of key proteins at the

#### centrosome

To detect centrosomes *in vivo* during early and mid-corticogenesis, γ-tubulin and pcnt were examined in coronal brain sections. The distribution of centrosomes along the cortical wall at E12.5 and E15.5 was revealed by labelling with γ-tubulin. At E12.5, mutant brain centrosomes were abnormally distributed with fewer γ-tubulin (+) puncta in the first 10 μm above the ventricular surface and more within the 10 - 20 μm range compared to WT (Figure 6 A, B). A similar trend was observed at E15.5 (Figure 6 D, E). This suggests that centrosome distribution may be altered prior to the observation of detached RG. Overall numbers of puncta at each stage are unchanged (Supplementary Figure 5 A). We also checked for γ-tubulin intensity at the ventricular surface and observed at E12.5 a tendency for decreased fluorescence intensity in *Eml1* cKO conditions, with fewer obvious changes at E15.5 (Figure 6 C, F; Supplementary Figure 5 B). Likewise, labelling for pcnt revealed that PCM dispersion was reduced in the cKO condition specifically at E12.5, but not at E15.5 (Figure 6 G, H; Supplementary Figure 5 C). These results suggest that at E12.5, γ-tubulin and pcnt are not well recruited to the centrosomes in the absence of Eml1.

#### Microtubule growth is reduced in the absence of Eml1

- The centrioles and the PCM contain proteins that nucleate and stabilize MTs. Indeed, centrioles act as templates for the formation of MTs that grow outward from the centrosome, providing the cell with a polarized cytoskeleton. Since we observed PC and centrosomal defects in Eml1 deficient cortical cells, we also tested how possible reduced protein complexes at the MTOC might alter MT nucleation activity. In Pax6+ cells in culture, MT regrowth was studied at 1 and 2 minutes after MT depolymerization, showing robust growth in WT around pericentrin+ puncta (Figure 7 A, B). In *Eml1* mutant cells, less puncta were associated with MT regrowth (Figure 7 A, B). Among MTs surrounding centrosomes, their average length appeared unaffected (Figure 7 C).
- We next assessed MTs in brain tissue with  $\alpha$ -tubulin labeling in coronal sections of E12.5 embryonic brains. In the VZ, assessing the distribution of fluorescence intensity from the ventricular surface to a height of 100- $\mu$ m in the WT VZ, an enrichment of  $\alpha$ -tubulin was observed at the apical surface, however this was greatly reduced in the *Eml1* cKO (Supplementary Figure 5 D, E). There was also a tendency for decreased  $\alpha$ -tubulin fluorescence intensity in the absence of Eml1 (Supplementary Figure 5 D, F).
- These combined results suggest that centrosome phenotypes, including in the VZ, may influence efficient MT formation, potentially impacting RG behavior.

# RG detachment is partially rescued with EpoD treatment in vivo

Because EpoD treatment rescues centrosome and PC defects, we tested if this treatment could also rescue RG detachment *in vivo*. To do so, we injected EpoD intraperitoneally into pregnant females consecutively at E11.5 and E12.5 and sacrificed them at E13.5. Pax6 immunolabelling was then performed in embryonic brain slices, and results were compared with saline-injected embryos. Cortical wall and VZ thickness were compared and no significant differences were found for these parameters (Figure 8 A, B), nor for overall cell number in the VZ, although there was a possible tendency for reduction in the cKO (upon EpoD treatment 114.08±3.02 Hoechst labeled cells per ROI in control versus 104.42±3.86 in *Eml1* cKO). The proportion of detached Pax6+ cells in the *Eml1* cKO in both saline and EpoD conditions was still increased, however with the EpoD treatment, detachment was significantly less than in saline conditions (Figure 8 C, right). Of note, the number of Pax6(+) cells in the *Eml1* cKO is increased under saline conditions compared to the WT but this is no

longer the case after EpoD treatment (Figure 8 C, left), suggesting that the increased number of Pax6+ cells may be linked to increased detached RG. Further verifying the cells outside the VZ, shows in the cKO that 60 % of cells are Pax6+ve in the cKO at this age under saline conditions and is reduced to 32% upon EpoD treatment. Verifying the number of Pax6 negative cells outside the VZ, although the results were not significant between the conditions, a tendency for reduction in the cKO was observed compared to control under saline conditions and the trend remains the same upon EpoD treatment (133.33±8.99 per ROI in control vs 101.5±7.11 in Eml1 cKO under saline conditions and 122.92±13.88 in control vs 103.33±13.33 in Eml1 cKO under EpoD treatment). We hence do not rule out that neurogenesis is slightly reduced at this timepoint in the cKO.

To further analyze the effects of EpoD on heterotopia formation subsequent to RG detachment, we allowed the embryos to develop until E18.5 after being treated either by saline or EpoD consecutively at E11.5 and E12.5. Whole embryonic brains were stained for SatB2 and subsequently cleared for 3D imaging. As Satb2+ neurons form a compact layer of cells covering the whole surface of the heterotopia, we used this staining to delineate the shape of the malformation (Figure 8 D). The volume of the heterotopia was thus quantified and normalized to the corresponding homotopic cortex. Our results suggest that EpoD treatment in early corticogenesis partially reduces the volume of the heterotopia at E18.5 (Figure 8 E). Satb2 mean fluorescent intensities did not appear to change between conditions (Figure 8 F). Thus, we pinpoint early MT-dependent defects in the *Eml1* cKO that influence both apical RG attachment and heterotopia formation.

#### **Discussion**

- With this study we pinpoint early roles for Eml1 in cortical development by analyzing the phenotypes occurring before the heterotopia arises in a dorsal telencephalon-specific cKO. Specifically, we identified that 1) RG start to delaminate after E12.5; 2) there are cell cycle modifications which differ across the developmental window starting from this time point; 3) Eml1 is central for the centrosome function and 4) transient microtubule stabilization at early stages partially rescues the Eml1 cKO defects. Altogether these novel results raise several
- 738 intriguing questions.
- RG detachment preferentially occurs at early but not mid-corticogenesis suggesting that there may be a critical time window in the *Eml1* cKO mouse to produce ectopic RG. Thus, the early

defects we detected are likely to be correlated with detachment. We checked if Eml1 expression from E12.5 to E15.5 varies, using the humous.org database (Klingler et al., 2021), and observed that in mouse, the expression of Eml1 does not vary, but in Human it is enriched at early corticogenesis compared to mid-corticogenesis in RG. To further understand mouse developmental stage progenitor differences, and focusing on the specific alteration of  $\gamma$ tubulin, pcnt and their defects at the centrosomes, we analyzed expression in WT apical progenitors using RNA sequencing data from Telley and colleagues (Telley et al., 2019). Expression of pcnt, and γ-tubulin are reduced from E12.5 to E15.5 in mouse, suggesting that they could be more important in early than late stages. Cortical progenitors were shown to have different features at specific stages (Telley et al., 2019) so it is expected that they change over time. Centrosomal protein composition also varies along corticogenesis and differentiation (O'Neill et al., 2022). Our work hence further underlines that centrosome function could be critical at certain stages. These combined data may help explain specific defects occurring in particular time-windows, compatible with the deregulated processes we identify. It is also of interest to note that basal RG (bRG) formation in gyrencephalic species also may occur in a defined period. In ferret for example, it has been shown that there is a peak of bRG production between E30 to E34 (Martínez-Martínez et al., 2016). This process may share common features with Eml1 mutant results.

We also show distinct cell cycle alterations at early and mid-corticogenesis. S-phase lengthening was observed in E12.5 *Eml1* cKO RG, which may be correlated with a more proliferative behavior of these cells. Indeed, it has been shown that RG with a longer S-phase are prone to be more proliferative (Arai et al., 2011). Coherent with this, we found more Pax6+ cells in total at E13.5 but not at E12.5, suggesting an amplification of the Pax6+ cell pool. Of note, we also observe that, while Pax6+ cells increase significantly starting from E13.5, the VZ thickness does not decrease until E14.5/E15.5. It is possible that Pax6+ cells outside the VZ are the product of already detached and proliferating Pax6+ cells, and not simply those directly detached from the VZ. However, in *EML1*-mutant organoids, it was shown that Pax6+ cells in the VZ-like niche exhibited increased nuclear YAP1, a downstream effector of HIPPO signaling linked with proliferation and S-phase entry (Jabali et al., 2022). Pharmacological inhibition of YAP1 significantly reduced the numbers of ectopic neural rosettes in *EML1*-mutant organoids (Jabali et al., 2022). Also, positive regulators of proliferation are increased at the transcriptional level in *EML*1 mutant organoids. Other works show that, especially during S phase, centrosomes can have an MT-independent role. For

instance, targeting of polo kinase 1 (Plk1) to the centrosomes or  $\gamma$ -tubulin subcellular localization are both essential for S-phase progression (Shen et al., 2013). Thus, there may be several reasons for S-phase lengthening.

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At later stages, we observed cell cycle duration shortening in the VZ, a decreased number of cells in G1 phase and increased numbers in G2/M. At E15.5, there are less cells in the VZ leading to its thinning. We can imagine that INM distance is shortened, and thus perhaps cells can advance faster through the cell cycle. It has also already been observed that recombinant Eml1 can localize to the mitotic spindle (Kielar et al., 2014) which may help explain in its absence, why there might be a longer G2/M in mutant cells, although it is unclear why this might specifically affect later stages. Moreover, at E15.5 we observe that ectopic versus VZ RG are not equally affected in terms of cell cycle. It is indeed known that human bRG are subject to a different environment compared to RG in the VZ, and they locally produce growth factors such as PDGFD (Lui et al., 2014), and require a modified extracellular matrix (ECM), in terms of components and receptors, that play crucial role in neuronal progenitor proliferation and behaviour (Ferent et al., 2020). Furthermore, bRG have less contact with the embryonic cerebrospinal fluid (eCSF) and hence less exposure to its secreted factors with an impact on signaling. These elements might help explain the differences between the two populations. Concerning the neuronal output of altered VZ progenitors, these increased cells might collectively increase the number of neurons at a later timepoint; on the other hand, VZ cells at E15.5 may also individually produce less neurons, as they have a shorter G1 (Takahashi et al., 1995). VZ cell composition may differ in the mutant, potentially containing a higher proportion of Pax6-negative cells than in controls, although this remains to be examined.

Because of the central role of the centrosome and PC in proliferation, we investigated protein trafficking to these organelles. Regarding the diversity of possible routes taken by ciliary proteins to reach the PC (Long & Huang, 2020), we do not yet know which of those may be exclusively or partially altered in *Eml1* mutant conditions. Recently, it was shown in RG, that post-Golgi apical trafficking occurs in the direction of the MT minus ends, via the Rab6-dynein-Lis1 complex, which is required for apical localization of Crumbs3 (Brault et al., 2022), a major apical domain determinant (Bulgakova & Knust, 2009). Therefore, genetic inactivation of Rab6A/B or Lis1 induces a retraction of the RG apical process, leading to delamination and ectopic division (Brault et al., 2022). Thus, known apical trafficking defects to regions of the cell containing the centrosome and PC strongly resemble the *Eml1* cKO

phenotype. For example, Eml1 interacts with the GA protein Vcpip1, and its interaction is reduced when Eml1 has the T234A patient mutation ((Uzquiano et al., 2019) and our BioID data). Also, GA morphological defects were found in human and mouse cells in *EML1/Eml1* mutant conditions (Uzquiano et al., 2019), suggesting that ciliary routes from this organelle could be impaired. Indeed, increased accumulation of PKD2 in the GA in RUSH experiments suggest a GA trafficking defect. SSTR3, for which we found decreased protein in the GA as well as the PC, may exhibit an ER-GA protein transport alteration in the mutant. Recombinant EML1 exhibits a vesicular pattern on MTs, altered with T243A mutation (Kielar et al., 2014). We can hypothesize that through its ability to bind MTs, Eml1 can influence MT integrity and the trafficking of cargos including PC proteins. Eml1 can also influence centrosome MT integrity.

It is known that mutations of genes coding for tubulin proteins are associated with cortical malformations (Poirier et al., 2013). Here, we showed that during early cortical development, MTs are defective at the apical surface, and MT re-growth is impaired in Pax6+ cells in culture. It was recently shown that EML1 is involved in MT nucleation as well as associating strongly with growing MTs, with a unique pattern of accumulation towards their ends (Jijumon et al., 2022). Patient mutations alter this co-localization with MTs, quite possibly impacting MT dynamics and architecture. MT stabilization with EpoD rescues centrosomal defects in human patient cells. EpoD treatment also partially rescued RG detachment in the Eml1 cKO, underlining an involvement of MT-dependent mechanisms in pathogenic detachment. EpoD's effect may be by stabilization of centrosomes and nucleated MTs, even though the latter may be fewer in number in the cKO. We showed that EpoD injections in early corticogenesis not only partially rescues RG detachment at E13.5, but remarkably, can also reduce the volume of heterotopia several days later at E18.5. It would be interesting to assess if EpoD treatment rescues cell cycle parameters as well, in order to determine their link to MT defects, and the extent to which cell cycle alterations are involved in RG detachment. Further in-depth studies will address this, as our transient, early EpoD treatment clearly targets an important time window for RG manipulation. These promising results in a preclinical mouse model of heterotopia may help pinpoint future pertinent interventions for this severe disorder.

# Data availability

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The mass spectrometry proteomics data (BioID) have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange

Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pride/) with the dataset

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# Figure legends

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- Figure 1. Pax6+ cells start to detach during early corticogenesis with PC defects
- 1047 **observed earlier in the** *Eml1* **cKO mouse model.** A. Representative images of

immunolabelling for Pax6 in WT and *Eml1* cKO embryonic brain coronal sections from E12.5 to E15.5. **B.** Quantifications of Pax6+ cell counts per region of interest (ROI of 200 μm width) and **C.** proportion of detached Pax6+ cells above the VZ, expressed as mean +/- SEM. **D.** Quantifications of cortical wall thickness (CW), ventricular zone thickness (VZ) and the percentage of VZ/CW, represented as mean +/- SEM. Analyses performed at least on 3 individuals from 2 different litters and 2 sections per individual for each genotype and age. **E.** Representative images of immunolabelling for Arl13b at the ventricular surface at E12.5 for WT and *Eml1* cKO. **F, G.** Quantification of cilia mean size and number at E12.5, expressed as mean +/- SEM. **H, I, J.** Similar analyses performed at E15.5 with 5 individuals per genotype and age, analyzed from 3 different litters. Test and significance: Two-way Anova, Sidak's multiple comparison (Pax6 analyses, CW and VZ thickness (data distribution was assumed to be normal but this was not formally tested)), Mann-Whitney (Arl13b analyses). *P-value* <0.05 \*, <0.01 \*\*\*, <0.001 \*\*\*\*, <0.0001 \*\*\*\*\*. Scale bars (equivalent for WT and cKO): 30 μm in A, 20 μm in E and 10 μm in H.

Figure 2. Abnormal detachment of RG occurs at early but not mid-corticogenesis. A. Representative images and, B. Quantification of the distribution of GFP+Pax6+ cells in the VZ or outside the VZ between WT and Eml1 cKO brains one day post-IUE, at E13.5. C. Representative images and, **D.** Quantification of the distribution of GFP+Pax6+ cells in the VZ or outside the VZ between WT and Eml1 cKO brains one day post-IUE, at E15.5. Histograms show mean +/- SEM. Boxes with dotted lines indicate the areas of higher magnification images displayed. Arrows indicate GFP+Pax6+ double positive cells. N=5 for each condition from 3-4 litters. Test and significance: Two-way Anova, Sidak's multiple comparison test. Data passed normality test. P-value <0.0001 \*\*\*\*. Scale bars (A,C, equivalent for WT and cKO): 50 µm (for main and insets). 

**Figure 3.** Cell cycle analyses of Pax6 (+) cells in E12.5 and E15.5 WT and *Eml1* cKO brains. A. Schematic representation of EdU and BrdU injections performed for cell cycle analyses and related formulae to calculate duration of S-phase and the cell cycle. B. Representative images of EdU/BrdU/Pax6 labelling of E12.5 coronal brain slices from WT and *Eml1* cKO. C. Quantifications of S-phase length (Ts), cell cycle length (Tc), G1+G2+M length in hours at E12.5, expressed as mean +/- SEM. D. Distribution of cells in the E12.5

cortical wall divided into 6 identical bins. Distributions are shown for cells entering in S-phase, maintained in S-phase and for those that exit S-phase, expressed as mean +/- SEM. **E, F.** Similar analyses performed at E15.5, comparing mutant cells in the VZ and outside. **G.** Schematic representation of cell cycle phase lengths for results obtained at E12.5 and E15.5 in WT and *Eml1* cKO embryos. Analysis was performed on 5 individuals from 3 litters per genotype and 2 ROI were analyzed per individual. Test and significance: Mann-Whitney, Two-way Anova, Dunn's post test (distribution analyses: data passed normality test). *P-value* <0.05 \*, <0.01 \*\*. Scale bars (equivalent for WT and cKO): 15 μm at E12.5 and 30 μm at E15.5.

Figure 4. Eml1 interacting partner analyses reveal centrosomal protein Cep170 as an interactor, and reduced presence at the centrosome in Eml1 mutant cells in vivo. A. BioID workflow to identify proximal interactors of EML1 and EML1\*T243A. **B.** For EML1 and EML1\*T243A BioID analysis, each hit is represented on the scatter plot displays by its Saint Probability (SP) score versus its fold change in the spectral count over the control. C. Venn diagram displaying overlapping hits for EML1 and EML1\*T243A with an SP  $\geq$  0.6. **D.** Heat map showing the SP scores of EML1 and EML1\*T243A proximal interactors. E. Gene ontology (GO) annotation grouped into biological process of EML1 and EML1\*T243A proximal interactors. F. Proximal interactors of EML1 related to microtubule cytoskeleton, spindle, and organelle cellular components (underlined proteins lose interaction significance in EML1\*T243A SP<0.6). G. Representative images of Cep170 labelling at the ventricular surface in E12.5 WT and Eml1 cKO brains H. Quantifications of Cep170 fluorescence intensity at the centrosomes, also normalized to γ-tubulin intensity, expressed as mean +/-SEM (the *P-value* is indicated). **I, J.** Similar analyses performed at E15.5. For BioID experiments each condition has three replicates stemming from three independent experiments. Cep170 fluorescence intensity analyzes were performed from at least 4 individuals per genotype from 3 different litters and 2 ROI analyzed per individual. Test and significance: Mann-Whitney. P-value <0.05 \*. Scale bars (equivalent for WT and cKO): 10 μm.

Figure 5. Centrosomal alterations in human patient and mouse mutant cells. A. Representative electron microscopy (EM) images of control and EML1 patient cortical

progenitors. Cells are untreated or treated with Epothilone D (EpoD). **B.** Quantifications (cells with defective centrosomes, black arrowhead in A, and MT aggregates, circled in A) performed on treated or non-treated human cells, values expressed as mean +/- SEM. **C.** Representative images of pericentrin and γ-tubulin labelling on Pax6+ cells cultured from WT and *Eml1* cKO embryonic brains. Enlargement of pericentrin is shown in the right panel and the red contours show the pericentrin areas in WT and *Eml1* cKO cells. **D.** Quantification of the total number of centrosome puncta per cell, and γ-tubulin fluorescence intensity per centrosome represented as mean +/- SEM. **E.** Quantification of pericentrin fluorescence intensity and pericentrin area represented as mean +/- SEM. γ-tubulin and pericentrin intensity were analyzed in 90 WT and 89 cKO cells from 3 independent cultures, indicated by different colors. Pericentrin area measurement was performed on 72 WT cells and 73 cKO cells. Test and significance: Mann-Whitney. *P-value* <0.0001 \*\*\*\*. Scale bars: for A 0.2 μm (equivalent for all images); for C (equivalent for WT and cKO): 5 μm (for main and insets).

Figure 6. Eml1 is essential for the recruitment of key proteins at the centrosomes in early corticogenesis. A. Representative images of immunofluorescence labelling of γ-tubulin at the ventricular surface of embryonic coronal sections at E12.5 from WT and Eml1 cKO individuals. **B.** Quantifications of  $\gamma$ -tubulin (+) puncta distribution from the 0 to 70  $\mu$ m from the apical surface at E12.5 in WT and Eml1 cKO embryonic brain sections, expressed as mean +/- SEM. C. Quantification of  $\gamma$ -tubulin fluorescence intensity at E12.5 (the *P-value* is indicated), expressed as mean +/- SEM. D, E, F. Similar analyses performed at E15.5. G. Representative images of pericentrin labelling at the ventricular surface at E12.5 in WT and *Eml1* cKO brains, and quantification of pericentrin dispersion at E12.5, expressed as mean +/-SEM. H. Similar analyses performed at E15.5 (the *P-value* is indicated). For centrosome analyses n=5 individuals from 3 litters were analyzed per genotype and age. 2 ROI were analyzed per individual. For pericentrin area analyses: at least 4 individuals were analyzed from 3 litters per genotype and age. Test and significance: Two-way Anova, Bonferroni post tests (distribution analyses: data passed normality test), Mann-Whitney. P-value <0.05 \*. Scale bars (equivalent for WT and cKO): 30 µm (for A and D); 10 µm in G, H (main), 5 µm (for G,H insets).

Figure 7. Microtubule regrowth at centrosomes is impaired in *Eml1* mutant conditions. **A.** Representative images for pericentrin+ puncta ('centrosomes') with  $\alpha$ -tubulin labeling ('MTs') on WT and Eml1 cKO cells after ice recovery MT assays (1 and 2 minutes). B. Quantifications of percentage (%) of centrosomes exhibiting MT regrowth after 1 or 2 minutes per analyzed ROI, represented as mean +/- SEM C. Quantifications for mean length of MTs per centrosome 2 minutes after ice recovery, represented as mean +/- SEM (n=49) centrosomes for Eml1 cKO and 53 for WT). 16 ROI analyzed from 2 different cultures after 2

min and 12 ROI analyzed from 2 different cultures after 1 min. Different cultures are

indicated by dots of different colors. Test and significance: Mann-Whitney. P-value <0.01 \*\*,

<0.001 \*\*\*. Scale bars (equivalent for WT and cKO, and for 1 min, 2 min): 10 µm.

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Figure 8. Abnormal detachment and subsequent heterotopia formation is partially **rescued with EpoD treatment. A.** Representative images of Pax6 labelling for WT and *Eml1* cKO in saline or EpoD conditions at E13.5. B. Quantification of the cortical wall and ventricular zone (VZ) thickness and C. total count for Pax6+ cells and distribution outside of VZ in WT and Eml1 cKO from saline and EpoD conditions represented as mean +/- SEM (n=6) individuals from 2 litters at least, indicated by dots of different colors). **D.** Representative images of the heterotopia volume in 3D visualized by SatB2 immunofluorescence. The homotopic cortex is depicted in transparency (purple) and the heterotopia is shown with a solid rendering (red). Eml1 cKO embryos received saline or EpoD at E11.5 and E12.5 and were analyzed at E18.5. Three different angles are shown. E. Quantification of the ratio between heterotopia volume and that of the homotopic cortex in *Eml1* cKO with Saline or EpoD, represented as mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 7 embryos from 2 litters). Two independent litters are color-coded. F. Quantification of Satb2 mean fluorescence intensity in the homotopic cortex in Eml1 cKO with Saline or EpoD, expressed as mean +/-SD. Tests and significance: Two-way Anova, Sidak multiple comparison (Pax6 analyses, CW and VZ thickness. data passed normality test), Mann Whitney test (heterotopia volume and Satb2 analyses). n=7 samples from 2 litters. *P-value* <0.05\*, <0.01 \*\*\*, <0.001 \*\*\*, <0.0001 \*\*\*\*. Scale bars: 50 µm in A (equivalent for WT and cKO, all conditions) and 500 µm in D.

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Supplementary Figure 1. Forebrain inactivation of *Eml1* leads to subcortical heterotopia in mouse. A. Schematic representation of the alleles used to generate Eml1 cKO animals. B. Cresyl violet staining of individual brains at 8 weeks showing SH (red outline) in homozygote mutant animals. **C.** Representative images of SatB2 immunofluorescence in 3D visualized by light sheet microscopy in a control E18.5 embryo compared to an *Eml1* cKO. No heterotopia can be detected in the control. The homotopic cortex is depicted in transparency (purple) and the heterotopia is shown with a solid rendering (red). Three different angles are shown. **D.** Western blot analyses showing that Eml1 expression is lost in P7 cortices. Specific anti-Eml1 antibodies 3E8 are shown in upper panels, and C3GTX in lower panels. Scale bars (equivalent for WT and cKO): 250 µm in B (main); 100 µm in B inset; 500 µm in C.

Supplementary Figure 2. Altered proportion of cells in cell cycle phases in *Eml1* mutant conditions. A. Examples of PCNA and Ki67 labelling patterns (cropped nuclei) for different cell cycle phases, punctate Ki67 or PCNA are indicated with a red arrow. **B.** Representative images for PCNA and Ki67 labelling at E12.5 in WT and *Eml1* cKO cells in the VZ. **C.** Quantification for percentage of proliferating cells in S, G1 or G2/M phases of the cell cycle expressed as mean+/- SEM. n=6 individuals per genotype at E12.5. **D, E.** Similar analyses were performed at E15.5, with n=5 per individuals per genotype. Test and significance: Twoway Anova, Sidak's multiple comparison (E12.5), Tukey's post-test at (E15.5). Data passed normality test. P-value <0.05 \*, <0.001 \*\*\* Scale bar (equivalent for WT and cKO): 30  $\mu$ m.

Supplementary Figure 3. BioID and gene ontology analyses of WT and T243A Eml1 interacting partners, Cep170 cell analyses. A. Centrosomes were carefully checked in transfected Neuro2A cells, in interphase and during mitosis. No obvious abnormalities were identified. **B, C.** Gene ontology (GO) annotation grouped into molecular function (B) and cellular component (C) of EML1 and EML1\*T243A proximal interactors. **D.** Representative immunoblots of co-immunoprecipitation of EML1 and EML4. Mutant EML1 was not assessed. **E.** Analyses of individual puncta of Cep170 fluorescence intensity at the centrosomes, also normalized to  $\gamma$ -tubulin intensity, expressed as mean +/- SEM (n = 4 embryos from 2 litters, 2 ROI analyzed per embryo). Test and significance: Mann-Whitney. P-value <0.0001 \*\*\*\*. Scale bar (equivalent all images): 10  $\mu$ m.

Supplementary Figure 4. Trafficking to the PC is altered in *Eml1* cKO RG. A. Schematized method of the Retention Using Selective Hook (RUSH) approach, used here for

PC protein trafficking analyses in primary cultures of Pax6+ cells. **B.** Representative images of GM130, Arl13b labelling and SSTR3-GFP signal on WT and *Eml1* cKO cells in culture at the different time points analyzed. Quantifications for SSTR3 (**C**), PKD2 (**D**) RUSH construct concentration in the Golgi and in the PC over time (0, 30, 60 and 90 min) in WT and *Eml1* cKO cells in culture, values represent mean +/- SEM. Quantifications were performed on at least 15 cells from two independent cultures for each genotype and analyzed protein. Test and significance: Two-way Anova. Sidak's multiple comparison. Data distribution was assumed to be normal. *P-value* <0.05 \*, <0.01 \*\*\*, <0.001 \*\*\*\*. Scale bar (equivalent for WT and cKO, all timepoints): 5 μm.

- Supplementary Figure 5. Centrosome and α-tubulin modifications at E12.5 and/or E15.5 in WT and *Eml1* cKO brains. A. Analyses of overall numbers of  $\gamma$ -tubulin puncta at each stage. B, C.  $\gamma$ -tubulin intensity (B) and pcnt dispersion (C) analyses at E12.5 and E15.5 by individual puncta, expressed as mean +/- SEM. For centrosome analyses n=5 individuals from 3 litters were analyzed per genotype and age. 2 ROI were analyzed per individual. For pericentrin area analyses: at least 4 individuals were analyzed from 3 litters per genotype and age. D. Immunolabelling of α-tubulin on embryonic brain slices at E12.5 in WT and *Eml1* cKO. E. F. Quantifications from the ventricular surface to 100 μm height show a reduction in intensity, especially close to the ventricular surface. Quantification of α-tubulin mean intensity per ROI (47% decrease was observed in the VZ). Values represent mean +/- SEM (n = 4 embryos for each case). Test and significance: Mann-Whitney ( $\gamma$ -tubulin and pcnt analyses), Two-way Anova ( $\alpha$ -tubulin analyses, data distribution was assumed to be normal but this was not formally tested). *P-value* <.0.001 \*\*\*\*, <0.0001 \*\*\*\*. Scale bar (equivalent for WT and cKO): 30 μm.
- Supplemental Video 1: 3D visualization of Satb2 staining (in green) of a cortex from a wild type E18 embryo, with corresponding surfacing.
- Supplemental Video 2: 3D visualization of Satb2 staining of a cortex from an Eml1 cKO E18 embryo, with corresponding surfacing. The homotopic cortex is depicted in green whereas the heterotopia is shown in pink.















