Mechanical stimulation induces formin-dependent assembly of a perinuclear actin rim

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Cells constantly sense and respond to mechanical signals by reorganizing their actin cytoskeleton. Although a number of studies have explored the effects of mechanical stimuli on actin dynamics, the immediate response of actin after force application has not been studied. We designed a method to monitor the spatiotemporal reorganization of actin after cell stimulation by local force application. We found that force could induce transient actin accumulation in the perinuclear region within ~2 min. This actin reorganization was triggered by an intracellular Ca²⁺ burst induced by force application. Treatment with the calcium ionophore A23187 recapitulated the force-induced perinuclear actin remodeling. Blocking of actin polymerization abolished this process. Overexpression of Klarsicht, ANC-1, Syne Homology (KASH) domain to displace nesprins from the nuclear envelope did not abolish Ca2+-dependent perinuclear actin assembly. However, the endoplasmic reticulum- and nuclear membrane-associated inverted formin-2 (INF2), a potent actin polymerization activator (mutations of which are associated with several genetic diseases), was found to be important for perinuclear actin assembly. The perinuclear actin rim structure colocalized with INF2 on stimulation, and INF2 depletion resulted in attenuation of the rim formation. Our study suggests that cells can respond rapidly to external force by remodeling perinuclear actin in a unique Ca²⁺and INF2-dependent manner.

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ells can sense and adapt to their physical microenvironment through specific mechanosensing mechanisms. These properties are often mediated by the actin cytoskeleton, which can be modulated by a wide range of forces. Fluid shear stress, for example, induces actin stress fiber assembly and realignment along the direction of flow (1-4), whereas the cyclic stretch of an elastic substrate induces a reorientation of stress fibers under some angle to the direction of stretch (5-8). Applying mechanical force to cells by a microneedle results in focal adhesion growth and activation of formin-type actin nucleators (9, 10). Similarly, local application of force through fibronectin or collagen-coated beads trapped by optical or magnetic tweezers leads to the local reorganization of the actin cytoskeleton. This response is associated with reinforcement of bead attachment (11), recruitment of additional actin-associated proteins (12), and activation of a variety of signaling pathways (13-17). Most studies to date have explored the effects of force on actin structures directly associated with the sites of force application, such as focal adhesions and stress fibers. However, the immediate effect of force on the assembly of actin structures distal from the sites of force application has not been assessed. Such process is despite distal effects having potential implications in the transduction of local forces from the cell periphery to nuclear events (18).

In this study, we used a local mechanical force application device and examined the large-scale actin reorganization during and after force application. Remarkably, we identified reversible actin polymerization in the perinuclear region within 1 min after mechanical stimulation. Intracellular Ca²⁺ bursts were found to be essential for the perinuclear actin response. Furthermore, we showed that a potent actin polymerization factor, inverted formin-2

(INF2), was involved in the perinuclear actin remodeling. Specifically, INF2 colocalized with a transient actin structure in the perinuclear region. A reduction in the level of INF2 resulted in the attenuation of this actin remodeling process. This work reveals a previously unidentified mechanotransduction response, whereby external mechanical stimulation induces a rapid transient perinuclear actin polymerization mediated by Ca^{2+} and formin.

Results

Force Application at the Cell Periphery Induces Reversible Perinuclear Actin Polymerization. To investigate how actin structures respond to external force, we applied a force to NIH 3T3 cells using a specially designed micromanipulation probe [an atomic force microscopy (AFM) tip attached to a 4.5-µm bead]. The AFM tip, mounted on an x-y-z dimensional micromanipulator stage, was brought in contact with the cell periphery at an angle of $\sim 45^{\circ}$ (Fig. 1A). The magnitude of force was estimated to be 100-200 nN by calibration using a variant of traction force microscopy (19). On force application, EGFP-Lifeact-labeled F-actin (20) was found to transiently accumulate at the perinuclear region (Fig. S1A), forming a rim around the nucleus (indicated by an arrow in Fig. 1B). Remarkably, this assembly of F-actin occurred not only at the nuclear rim, where it seemed to be the most prominent response, but also, across the entire perinuclear cytoplasmic region, where endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is abundant (Figs. S1A and S2A and B).

In all additional experiments, actin intensity was measured within perinuclear regions, such as the region marked by the rectangular

Significance

Cells can sense and adapt to their physical microenvironment through specific mechanosensing mechanisms. These properties are often mediated by the actin cytoskeleton, which can be affected by a wide range of forces, including fluid shear stress, cyclic stretch, and optical or magnetic force. However, the immediate effects of force on the assembly of actin structures distal from the sites of force application were not assessed. Our work reveals a previously unidentified actin structure, a perinuclear actin rim, which is induced by mechanical stimulation of cells. We show that, on local force application to the cell periphery, a distal effect emerges at the perinuclear region. Such distal effects have potential implications in modulating nuclear functions by local mechanical signals from the cell periphery.



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Fig. 1. Force-induced reversible perinuclear actin assembly. (*A*) Schematic depicting the experimental setup for the mechanical stimulation of cells. (*B*) Time-lapse images showing changes in perinuclear actin intensity on stimulation by the force probe. Cell and nucleus (**N**) boundaries as well as the position of the bead (*) are marked on the top bright field image. The arrow indicates the perinuclear actin rim. (Scale bar: $10 \,\mu$ m.) (C) Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity vs. time measured in the region shown by a white box in *B* (corresponding to a single mechanical stimulation). (*Inset*) Three subsequent stimulations of the same cell. (*D*) Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity for the same cell. (*D*) Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity form 11 independent experiments.

box in Fig. 1B. These measurements represented the behavior of perinuclear actin at both the nuclear rim and perinuclear ER (Fig. S2 A and B). F-actin continued to decline at the cell periphery, where ER is undetectable (Fig. S2C), and this phenomenon occurred concomitantly with transient perinuclear actin remodeling (Fig. S2 D and E). The time plot in Fig. 1C represents changes in the amount of F-actin in the perinuclear region shown in Fig. 1B. Here, the level of F-actin increased to its maximum after 30 s and returned to its initial level within 2 min. The intensity of perinuclear F-actin in single cells subjected to several successive stimulations is plotted in Fig. 1C, Inset. Repeated stimulation resulted in a similar accumulation of perinuclear actin (Movie S1). Actin remodeling patterns were reproducible in different cells, albeit with moderate variations of the timing and the response magnitude of the perinuclear actin accumulation (Fig. 1D). On average, the perinuclear F-actin signal increases 1.4 ± 0.1 -fold compared with the original actin density. The rise of signal had a half-time of 6.6 ± 0.6 s, and return to its initial value occurred with the half-time of 23.4 ± 1.4 s.

By fixing the cells immediately after mechanical stimulation, the transient force-induced perinuclear actin structure could be labeled by phalloidin, indicating the presence of polymerized (F-) actin (Fig. S1*B*). Moreover, the actin bundling protein α -actinin was found to localize to the perinuclear region simultaneously with actin (Fig. S1*C*).

Formation of the perinuclear actin rim was triggered by force as well when cells were attached to a poly-L-lysine–coated substrate rather than fibronectin, indicating that the effect is not dependent on integrin-mediated adhesions (Fig. S3A). Accordingly, inhibition of focal adhesion kinase activity by treatment with 10 μ M PF-562,271 (21) did not prevent force-induced perinuclear actin remodeling (Fig. S3B).

Ca²⁺ Is Essential for Force-Induced Perinuclear Actin Remodeling. Because mechanical stimulation of fibroblast-like NIH 3T3 cells was shown to be accompanied by activation of Ca²⁺ channels (22– 24), we next tested the involvement of Ca²⁺ signaling in forcetriggered perinuclear actin remodeling. Actin and Ca²⁺ were monitored simultaneously by cotransfecting cells with RFP-Lifeact and the Ca^{2+} indicator G-CaMP (25). The time-lapse sequences are shown in Fig. 2A, and Fig. 2B shows a high-magnification visualization of perinuclear actin. Force application triggered an immediate increase in the level of intracellular Ca^{2+} (up to 4.7 ± 1.1-fold), which propagated from the site of force application throughout the whole cell body. This Ca^{2+} burst, with a half-time of 2.4 ± 0.4 s, preceded the assembly of perinuclear actin. In-tracellular Ca²⁺ levels subsequently returned to their basal level, and this phenomenon was accompanied by a reduction of perinuclear actin and a disappearance of the actin rim (Fig. 2A and C and Movie S2). To examine whether Ca^{2+} influx is required for perinuclear actin rim assembly, cells were incubated with 2 mM EGTA before and during force application to deplete Ca²⁺ from the culture medium. Perinuclear actin remodeling was not observed in this condition (Fig. 2 D and E), suggesting that extracellular Ca²⁺ is necessary for triggering this phenomenon.



Fig. 2. Force-induced Ca²⁺ influx precedes perinuclear actin assembly. (*A*) Time-lapse images showing fluorescence intensity of (*Upper*) the Ca²⁺ indicator G-CaMP (a fusion of green fluorescent protein, calmodulin, and M13, a peptide sequence from myosin light chain kinase) and (*Lower*) red fluorescent protein (RFP)-Lifeact on force application. The color-coded images are shown in fire scale (shown on the right) and were prepared using ImageJ. The arrow in *Lower* indicates the perinuclear actin rim. (*B*) High-magnification image of the perinuclear actin rim from the region indicated by the white rectangle in *A* at different time points. (*C*) Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity and corresponding perinuclear Ca²⁺ level as a function of time. (*D*, *Left*) Fluorescence and (*D*, *Right*) phase-contrast images of an EGFP-Lifeact–labeled cell incubated in medium containing 2 mM EGTA before and after force application. (*E*) Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity in five EGTA-incubated cells on force application. (Scale bars: 10 µm.)

To further examine the role of Ca²⁺ in perinuclear actin remodeling, the calcium ionophore A23187 was used instead of the mechanical force to induce Ca²⁺ influx. As expected, the addition of 2 µM A23187 led to an immediate increase in the overall intracellular level of Ca^{2+} (up to 2.6 \pm 0.3-fold) together with perinuclear actin remodeling, which is shown in Fig. 3A and Movie \$3. The temporal dynamics of both Ca^{2+} and perinuclear actin was found to be a few seconds slower than that observed after the application of force (Fig. 3B and Table S1). Furthermore, the release of Ca²⁺ from intracellular Ca²⁺ stores after an addition of the Ca²⁺-ATPase inhibitor, thapsigargin (26, 27), also induced a Ca^{2+} burst and perinuclear actin rim formation (Fig. 3C). The role of Ca²⁺ in the induction of perinuclear actin assembly can also be shown in experiments where G-actin was added to digitonin-permeabilized cells (28). Here, incorporation of G-actin into the perinuclear actin rim required Ca^{2+} in the buffer (Fig. S3 C and D). Thus, we conclude that Ca²⁺ signaling plays a critical role in the force-stimulated assembly of perinuclear actin.

Actin Polymerization Is Required for Perinuclear Actin Remodeling. To understand how perinuclear actin remodeling depends on the status of actin polymerization, several methods were used to perturb actin dynamics. To allow the simultaneous visualization of multiple cells, we chose to stimulate perinuclear actin remodeling using the calcium ionophore A23187 instead of mechanical force. In the control group, 2 μ M A23187 induced an increase in peri-



Fig. 3. Effect of altering Ca²⁺ concentration on perinuclear actin assembly. (A) Time-lapse images of Ca²⁺ (G-CaMP; a fusion of green fluorescent protein, calmodulin, and M13, a peptide sequence from myosin light chain kinase) and actin [red fluorescent protein (RFP)-Lifeact] on addition of the calcium ionophore A23187. A23187 was added ~20 s after imaging commenced. The color-coded images are shown in fire scale (shown on the right) and were prepared using ImageJ. (B) Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity and the corresponding Ca²⁺ level as a function of time. (C) Fluorescence images of Ca²⁺ (G-CaMP) and actin (RFP-Lifeact) in a cell before and 5 min after the addition of 1.5 μ M thapsigargin. (Scale bars: 10 μ m.)

nuclear actin intensity up to 1.6 ± 0.1 -fold compared with untreated cells (Fig. 4.4). The perinuclear F-actin rim was localized at the cytoplasmic side of the nuclear membrane (Fig. S4.4). Unlike the perinuclear actin, F-actin signal inside the nucleus was very weak and did not change significantly on treatment of A23187. Of 11 cells, in which perinuclear actin showed strong increase (more than 1.5-fold of basal level), intranuclear F-actin signal increased very slightly in only 4 cells.

When treated with the actin-depolymerizing drug Cytochalasin D, perinuclear actin remodeling by A23187 was completely inhibited (Fig. 4B). Treatment with various concentrations of another actin-depolymerizing drug, Latrunculin A, alone did not alter perinuclear actin (Fig. S5 A-D) but did prevent its increase on addition of A23187 (Fig. S5E). A decrease in the G/F-actin ratio also inhibited perinuclear actin remodeling with treatment with A23178 (Fig. 4 C and D). In these experiments, the G/Factin ratio was decreased when cells were treated with the actinstabilizing drug Jasplakinolide or a potent actin polymerization factor, constitutively active formin mDia1 (Δ N3), was overexpressed. These results show that the formation of a perinuclear actin rim, whether on mechanical stimulation or calcium ionophore treatment, is the result of actin polymerization.

To determine whether factors that commonly regulate actin dynamics were also involved in force/Ca²⁺-induced perinuclear actin assembly, we inhibited several regulators of actin dynamics, including the Arp2/3 complex, Rho GTPase, Rho kinase, and myosin II. To do this, CK-666, C3 transferase, Y27632, and blebbistatin, respectively, were used. However, none of these inhibitors produced any significant effect on perinuclear actin assembly (Fig. S6 *A* and *B*). Moreover, neither myosin IIA nor IIB was localized to perinuclear actin rim (Fig. S4B). Similarly, siRNA-mediated reduction of the expression level of cofilin-1, which is one of the major actin depolymerization factors in these cells (29), also showed no significant effect (Fig. S6 *C*–*E*). This evidence suggests that pathways leading to Arp2/3, myosin II, cofilin, or Rho activation are not involved in the process of force/Ca²⁺-induced perinuclear actin assembly.

INF2 Plays a Critical Role in Perinuclear Actin Remodeling. To identify which molecular regulators are involved in the force/Ca²⁺-induced formation of the perinuclear actin rim, we examined several actin-associated proteins that localize to the nuclear envelope and/or perinuclear area independently of stimulation. In particular, we investigated the roles of nesprins, filamin A, and the formin, INF2.

Nesprins are an essential component of the LINC complex (complex that links the nucleoskeleton and cytoskeleton), where they connect the cytoskeleton to the nuclear envelope by interactions with SUN family proteins (30). These interactions are mediated by the nesprin Klarsicht, ANC-1, Syne Homology (KASH) domain and can be uncoupled by the overexpression of a construct encoding the KASH domain (31). For this reason, we overexpressed a GFP-fused KASH domain of mouse nesprin 1 α (31) and showed that such overexpression, indeed, removed nesprin 2 from the nuclear envelope (Fig. S74). However, cells with depleted nesprin 2 still responded to A23187 treatment by forming a prominent perinuclear actin rim (Fig. S74). This result suggests that nesprin 2 and probably, other nesprins are dispensable for perinuclear actin rim formation.

Filamin A was previously shown to be recruited to the perinuclear area by an interaction with refilinB (32), and indeed, we found that filamin A is enriched at the nuclear envelope region, irrespective of Ca^{2+} or mechanical stimulation in NIH 3T3 cells (Fig. S7*B*). To check whether filamin A is involved in the formation of the perinuclear actin rim, we used filamin A KO mouse embryonic fibroblast cells (33). However, even in filamin A KO cells, the perinuclear actin rim assembly was still observed after stimulation with A23187 (Fig. S7*C*).

Members of the formin family of proteins are potent actin filament nucleating and elongating factors. INF2 was shown to



Fig. 4. Effect of Ca²⁺ entry on perinuclear actin assembly in cells treated with different actin modulators. (A) Fluorescence images of EGFP-Lifeact before and after the addition of A23187 and plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity in 11 control cells on such treatment. All curves were normalized to one at the starting points. A23187 was added ~5 s after imaging commenced. (*B–D*) EGFP-Lifeact fluorescence images of cells pretreated with (*B*) Cytochalasin D or (C) Jasplakinolide or (*D*) expressing mDia1 Δ N3 (*Left*) before and (*Center*) after the addition of A23187 and (*Right*) corresponding plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity over time in five, six, and five cells, respectively. Arrows in *D* indicate mDia1 Δ N3-transfected cell. (Scale bars: 10 µm.)

be associated with the ER (34) and constitutively localized to the perinuclear region (images in refs. 34 and 35). The antibody to INF2 revealed localization of this molecule to the perinuclear area with some enrichment at the nuclear envelope (Fig. 5*A*).

Without stimulation, there was minimal actin localization to the perinuclear area (Fig. 5A, Upper). However, after A23187 treatment, F-actin was accumulated at the perinuclear region, where it colocalized with INF2 (Fig. 5A, Lower). Based on this colocalization, we further examined the role of INF2 in the assembly of the perinuclear actin rim. INF2 was knocked down by mouse INF2 siRNA expression (SMARTpool; GE Dharmacon) to about 35% of its basal level, which was revealed by Western blotting (Fig. 5B). The SMARTpool siRNAs include four different siRNA sequences against mouse INF2. When expressed separately, siRNA 1, 2, 3, and 4 showed bulk, Western-blotting assessed knockdown effects of ~35%, 50%, 82%, and 23%, respectively (Fig. 5B). These differences corresponded to different transfection efficiency rather than different levels of INF2 depletion in transfected cells, which was revealed by immunofluorescence INF2 staining. INF2 knockdown reduced the increase of perinuclear actin induced by A23187 treatment (Fig. 5D, Upper). Overexpression of human GFP-INF2 in INF2 siRNA 3 knocked down cells (Fig. 5C) rescued the perinuclear actin-positive phenotype (Fig. 5D, Lower). We further quantified the level of perinuclear actin in control, INF2 knockdown, and overexpressing/ rescued cells. Without A23187, there was no significant difference in the perinuclear actin intensity in control cells, INF2 knockdown cells, and INF2-overexpressing cells (Fig. 5E, bars 1-3). These data suggested the expression level of INF2 did not determine perinuclear actin intensity under normal conditions. After the addition of A23187, however, INF2 knockdown cells showed a significantly lower level of perinuclear actin compared with control cells (Fig. 5E, bars 4-8). Rescue of knockdown cells by overexpressing GFP-INF2 significantly increased the level of perinuclear actin in A23187-treated cells (Fig. 5*E*, bar 9). Together, these results strongly indicate that INF2 plays a critical role in Ca^{2+} -stimulated perinuclear actin remodeling.

Discussion

In this study, we have revealed a previously unidentified actin structure, the perinuclear actin rim, which is formed on mechanical stimulation of cells. Specifically, the local application of a force to the cell periphery initiates a transient actin polymerization at the perinuclear region. This transient actin structure was observed using the fluorescent F-actin markers Lifeact (20) and phalloidin, and its formation was prevented by treatments inhibiting actin polymerization. The cross-linking protein α -actinin colocalizes with actin immediately during the perinuclear rim assembly, and therefore, the newly polymerized perinuclear actin likely assembles into a cross-linked network. Neither myosin IIA nor myosin IIB was found to be associated with the perinuclear actin rim, and inhibition of myosin II contractility did not affect formation of this actin structure. Although various studies have reported observations of actin reorganization on mechanical stimuli (1-11, 14-17), the transient perinuclear actin polymerization is revealed here for the first time to our knowledge.

Although many studies suggest that integrin signaling plays an important role in the cellular response to mechanical stimuli (9, 13, 17), we found that the force-induced perinuclear actin remodeling was not dependent on integrin signaling. Indeed, neither the suppression of focal adhesion formation by inappropriate substrates nor the inhibition of focal adhesion kinase affected the perinuclear actin response.

As shown previously, mechanical stimulation of cells can trigger an increase in cytosolic Ca^{2+} concentration (22–24, 36, 37). Using a genetically encoded Ca^{2+} indicator G-CaMP (25), we monitored cellular Ca^{2+} concentration on force application and found that there was a Ca^{2+} burst before the perinuclear actin assembly. Treatment with the calcium ionophore A23187 as well



Fig. 5. Function of INF2 in perinuclear actin assembly. (A) Fluorescence staining of F-actin (phalloidin; green) and INF2 (red) in (*Upper*) nontreated and (*Lower*) A23187-treated cells. Merged images are shown in *Right*. (B) Immunoblots of INF2 in control and knockdowns. INF2 siRNA SMARTpool as well as siRNA 1, 2, and 3 all show a significant knockdown effect compared with control siRNA. Tubulin content is shown as an internal control. (C) Immunoblots of INF2 in control, siRNA 3 knockdown, and GFP-INF2-rescued cells. The exogenous fraction of INF2 is labeled by an arrow. (D) Fluorescence staining of F-actin (phalloidin; cyan) and INF2 (red) in control cells (green arrows), INF2 knockdown cells (red arrows), and GFP-INF2-rescued cells (yellow arrows) on A23187 treatment. (*E*) Normalized perinuclear actin intensity in nontreated (bar 1–3) or A23187-treated (bar 4–9) control, INF2 knockdown, and INF2-overexpressing/rescued cells. All data were first normalized by A23187-treated control cells from each corresponding experiment and then divided by the mean value of the nontreated (NT) control group. More than 10 cells were used for the measurements in each type of treatment. Data are presented as means ± SEM. (Scale bars: 10 µm.)

as the intracellular Ca²⁺-ATPase inhibitor thapsigargin faithfully reproduced the perinuclear actin remodeling induced by mechanical stimulation. Thus, the reorganization of the perinuclear actin is probably triggered by Ca²⁺ entry either through stretchsensitive channels (36, 37) or because of a reversible membrane rupture (38) during force application. Downstream to an increased Ca^{2+} concentration, two types of molecular regulators could affect actin assembly in the perinuclear region: actin polymerization factors and proteins linking actin filaments to the nucleus. We found that the Arp2/3 complex, which is a well-known actin nucleation factor, was not involved in the perinuclear actin remodeling. We also showed that the actin cross-linking protein filamin A was dispensable for this actin remodeling process, although it has been implicated in perinuclear actin organization (32). Furthermore, we showed that depletion of endogenous nesprins, the actin binding proteins connecting the nuclear envelope with the actin cytoskeleton, did not abolish this response. Finally, the important regulator of actin dynamics, cofilin, which has been shown to be activated by Ca^{2+} (39), was also found to be nonessential in the perinuclear actin assembly.

However, a member of the formin family, INF2, was found to influence the formation of the perinuclear actin rim. INF2 is known to associate with ER (34), but it is also enriched at the perinuclear region and in particular, the nuclear envelope. Because colocalization of INF2 with F-actin was observed at the perinuclear region on Ca^{2+} stimulation, the role of INF2 in perinuclear actin polymerization was examined. siRNA silencing of INF2 significantly attenuated the Ca^{2+} -induced perinuclear actin remodeling, which can be rescued by expression of exogenous INF2. Importantly, the overexpression of INF2 without Ca^{2+} stimulation did not induce the perinuclear actin rim. Together, these results show that the force-induced perinuclear actin reorganization is mediated by Ca^{2+} signaling and involves INF2. Possible roles of other formins in the perinuclear actin assembly still deserve to be studied.

The mechanisms that could activate formin-driven perinuclear actin polymerization after mechanical stimulation and Ca²⁺ burst are not clear. In principle, Ca²⁺ can either directly or indirectly activate INF2-driven perinuclear actin polymerization. Numerous data indicate that Ca²⁺ can promote the disassembly of actin structures through pathways that involve cofilin and gelsolin (39, 40). We, therefore, considered the hypothesis that a burst of perinuclear actin polymerization results from an increase in the level of G-actin after Ca²⁺-dependent actin filament disassembly. A cofilin-dependent but surprisingly, Ca²⁺-independent increase in G-actin levels was detected in Xenopus XTC cells after mechanical stimulation (10). Additionally, it was shown that G-actin can activate formin mDia1 (41) and INF2 (42). Thus, in our initial model, we assumed that mechanical stimulation induces an increase in the level of G-actin, which in turn, activates INF2 located in the perinuclear area, and that this leads to actin polymerization.

To check whether this hypothesis can predict the time course observed for transient perinuclear actin growth, we translated these qualitative hypotheses into equations for actin concentrations at the perinuclear and peripheral regions. The data about dynamics of perinuclear and peripheral actin were obtained by fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (Fig. S8 A and B and Tables S2 and S3). Although the solutions (SI Materials and Methods) predicted a transient increase in perinuclear actin (Fig. S8C), the shape of the curve differs from that observed in our experiments. Moreover, an attempt to create a transient increase in the level of G-actin by adding a low concentration of Latrunculin (41) did not induce any perinuclear actin assembly. Finally, knockdown of cofilin-1, the major isoform of cofilin in the 3T3 cells and a most probable mediator of F-actin disassembly, did not produce any significant effect on the perinuclear actin assembly induced by Ca²⁺. Taken together, these findings suggested that other mechanisms are responsible for INF2 activation.

It remains possible that Ca^{2+} activates INF2-driven actin perinuclear polymerization independently of the increase in G-actin concentration. For example, the activity of INF2 or its immediate stimulators, such as cdc42 (43), could be regulated by Ca^{2+} concentration. Such a possibility is represented by a second mathematical model, which is presented in Fig. S8D. This simple model shows that the assumption leads to a realistic prediction for the transient increase of perinuclear F-actin density. Furthermore, this idea is indirectly supported by our observation that incorporation of actin monomers into the perinuclear rim of permeabilized cells was Ca^{2+} -dependent. To explain the prolonged decrease in peripheral actin, after perinuclear actin returns to a steady state (Fig. S2E), additional assumptions are required. The mechanisms of INF2 activation await additional investigation.

It has been shown that the cell can respond to the mechanical characteristics of its microenvironment by stabilizing lamin A/C and regulating changes in lamin protein composition and nuclear morphology (44). The timescale of this process is significantly slower than that of the perinuclear actin polymerization described in this study (tens of minutes vs. tens of seconds). It is possible however, that a cross-talk exists between the responses of the perinuclear actin network and nuclear lamin. A possibility that formation of a perinuclear actin rim can switch nucleoskeleton dynamics deserves to be studied.

Finally, Ca²⁺ dynamics and actin remodeling have been shown to play an important role in regulating the nuclear transport of several transcription factors, including nuclear factor of activated T cells, myocardin-like protein, and Yes-associated protein (16, 45-48). This property suggests that the force/Ca²⁺-mediated perinuclear actin remodeling may serve as a mechanism of mechanotransduction by enabling the delivery of mechanical signals from the cytoplasm to the nucleus. On the other hand, the transient assembly of an actin-based structure around the nucleus may function as a kinetic barrier to protect genome integrity until cellular homeostasis is reestablished. Interestingly, mutations in INF2 were shown to be linked to two human diseases: focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis, a degenerative kidney disease (49), and Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, a peripheral nervous system disorder (50). In both cases, mutations in INF2 led to a reduction of perinuclear accumulation of this formin (50). A possible role for the Ca^{2+} and formin-dependent perinuclear actin rim assembly in regulating nuclear function provides an interesting avenue for future studies.

Materials and Methods

Cell Culture and Drug Treatment. NIH 3T3 fibroblasts were cultured in lowglucose DMEM (Life Technologies) supplemented with 10% (vol/vol) FBS (Gibco; Life Technologies) and 1 mM penicillin-streptomycin (Life Technologies) at 37 °C with 5% CO₂. Immortalized mouse embryonic fibroblast cells (MEFs) (51) and FInA (^{-/-}) MEFs (33) were maintained in high-glucose DMEM at the same condition. For calcium experiments, 2 mM EGTA, 2 μ M calcium ionophore A23187, or 1.5 μ M thapsigargin was used. For actin perturbation, 500 nM Cytochalasin D, 400 nM Jasplakinolide, or 200 nM Latrunculin A was applied for 30–40 min; 20–200 nM Latrunculin A was applied to examine the initial effect of actin depolymerization, and 25 μ M blebbistatin, 100 μ M CK-666, 1 μ g/mL C3 transferase (Cytoskeleton), 10 μ M Y-27632, and 10 μ M PF-562271 (selleck Chemicals) were used to inhibit myosin II, Arp2/3, Rho GTPase, Rho kinase, and focal adhesion kinase, respectively. All chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, except for those specified.

Cell Transfection. Transfection of plasmids in WT NIH 3T3 cells was carried out using the Lipofectamine Plus Kit (Life Technologies) or Fugene HD (Roche). EGFP-Lifeact (20) and RFP-Lifeact were gifts from Roland Wedlich-Soldner (Institute of Cell Dynamics and Imaging, University of Münster, Münster, Germany). EGFP- β -actin and EGFP- α -actinin were used in previous work of our laboratory (52). mCherry-mDia1- Δ N3 was used and described in earlier work of our laboratory (53). G-CaMP (25), used for Ca²⁺ labeling, was a gift from Min Wu (Mechanobiology Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore). GFP-KASH (31) was a gift from Bran Burke (Institute of Medical Biology, Singapore). GFP-INF2 (isoform 1, C-terminal prenylated) was a gift from Miguel A. Alonso (Centro de Biologia Molecular Severo Ochoa, Madrid), and it was used to label ER. All transfected cells were incubated for 24–48 h before experiments.

For siRNA transfection, 10 pmol mouse INF2 siRNAs (SMARTpool and Set of 4), mouse cofilin-1 siRNAs (SMARTpool), or nontargeting control siRNAs (SMARTpool) were transfected using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Life Technologies) and incubated for 72–96 h before experiments. All siRNAs were purchased from GE Dharmacon.

Mechanical Stimulation. An atomic force microscopy (AFM) tip with a 4.5- μ m polystyrene bead was attached to a glass pipette, which was controlled by an Eppendorf micromanipulator. The force probe was brought to the boundary of spreading cells, and a pushing force was applied. Live-cell imaging was captured using Zeiss 710 Confocal Microscopy during force

application. Calibration of force was done in the same setup using a 3-kPa Acrylamide gel embedded with fluorescent beads (19). The force applied by the AFM tip, calculated by the displacement of the fluorescent beads and elastic modulus of the gel, was estimated to be 100–200 nN.

Details regarding immunofluorescence, immunoblotting, confocal imaging, data analysis, and mathematical modeling are also provided in *SI Materials and Methods*.

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Immunofluorescence and Immunoblotting. For immunofluorescence, cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and permeabilized using either 0.2% Triton X-100 at room temperature or 0.003% digitinon on ice (1). Cells were then blocked with 3% BSA in PBS for 1 h followed by primary and secondary antibody staining for 1 h each. F-actin was labeled by TRITC or Alexa-488-conjugated phalloidin (Life Technologies) for 20-30 min after permeabilization. Antibodies for immunofluorescence were rabbit polyclonal anti-Filamin A (SAB4500951; Sigma), mouse antinesprin 2 (gift from Brian Burke), rabbit polyclonal anti-INF2 (20466–1-AP; Proteintech), rabbit polyclonal anticofilin (ab11062; Abcam), mouse anti-Nup153 (gift from Brian Burke), nonmuscle myosin heavy-chain II-A polyclonal antibody (PRB-440P; Covance), nonmuscle myosin heavy-chain II-B polyclonal antibody (PRB-445P; Covance), and secondary antibody (Alexa Fluor-405, -488, -568, and -647; Life Technologies). For the G-actin incorporation assay, 0.4 µM Alexa-568-labeled G-actin (Life Technologies) was added into cytoskeletal stabilizing buffer (containing either CaCl₂ or EGTA) supplemented with 0.003% digitonin (2). NIH 3T3 cells were permeabilized using this buffer for 7 min at room temperature. Cells were then washed with cytoskeletal stabilizing buffer and fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde.

For immunoblotting, transfected NIH 3T3 cells were lysed in 1× SDS loading buffer. Samples were then subjected to sonication and run in SDS/PAGE gels. Proteins were transferred to PVDF membranes at 100 V for 1.5 h and blocked for 30 min with 5% low-fat milk before the addition of primary antibodies. Primary antibodies were incubated for either 1 h at room temperature or overnight at 4 °C. After washing, the membrane was incubated with HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies for 20 min. Bound antibodies were detected by HRP Chemiluminescent Reagent (Thermo Scientific). Antibodies for immunoblotting were mouse monoclonal anti- α -tubulin (T6199; Sigma), rabbit polyclonal anti-INF2 (20466–1-AP; Proteintech), and rabbit polyclonal anticofilin (ab11062; Abcam).

Microscopy and Data Analysis. Confocal image acquisition and fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP) were done on a Nikon A1R Confocal System using 60× or 100× oil-immersion objectives (N.A. 1.4). In FRAP, cells transfected with EGFP- β -actin were plated on fibronectin-coated rectangular micropatterns. Three rectangular regions of interest (ROIs) were selected within the perinuclear region, cell periphery, and their midpoint. Photobleaching with maximum laser power (488 nm) was applied to all ROIs for 10 s simultaneously. Time-lapse images before and after photobleaching were acquired every 2 s.

For perinuclear actin analysis, images of a single confocal section at or near the maximum nuclear projected area were chosen. The confocal section is ~500 nm in thickness. A rectangular ROI (10–30 μ m²) was drawn at the perinuclear area, which covers part of the nuclear rim and part of the perinuclear cytoplasmic region. In experiments stimulated by force, the ROI was put distal from the site of force application. This way of measuring perinuclear actin has been calibrated by three other methods as shown in Fig. S2 *A* and *B*. The analysis was done using the MATLAB Image Processing Toolbox by thresholding ER and nuclear intensity. To measure the peripheral actin intensity during force application, EGFP-Lifeact– transfected cells were plated on fibronectin-coated rectangular micropatterns (1,800 μ m²; aspect ratio of 1:5). Peripheral actin is measured within a 15 × 5- μ m ROI at the cell periphery, where ER is undetectable based on the sum of all *Z* sections. Fluorescence images, except for perinuclear actin calibration, were analyzed using the Fiji Image Processing Package ImageJ. The color-coded images in Figs. 2 and 3 are shown by fire scale to indicate the level of fluorescence intensity. All data were normalized by dividing the value before force application or A23187 treatment. Analyses of significant differences were carried out using two-tailed unpaired Student's *t* test. Data with error bars present means \pm SEM.

Mathematical Modeling. We use the following coarse-grained model to describe the bulk of actin in the cell. We simulate three actin densities: the G-actin density, G(t), and two F-actin densities, $F_N(t)$ and $F_P(t)$. The first density, $F_N(t)$, describes actin filaments associated with INF2 near the nucleus, and the second one, $F_P(t)$, describes other peripheral filaments associated with other formins and branching/nucleating agents, like Arp2/3 complexes. We track the densities as functions of time t without describing the spatial distributions and transport of actin. The justification for this is that characteristic diffusion time is the distance between the edge of the nucleus and edge of the cell squared divided by the actin monomer diffusion coefficient: $(20 \ \mu m)^2/(20 \ \mu m^2/s) \approx 20$ s. This time is shorter than the characteristic timescale on the order of 100 s for the transient change of actin in response to the calcium peak. Furthermore, we do not model tens of reactions of actin species with actin binding proteins and nucleotide exchange, clumping all of these reactions into simple first-order reactions of transitioning between the three states of actin. Equations describing three actin densities have the form



The meanings of the terms on the right sides can be gleaned from the scheme above. The rates of F-actin assembly are proportional to the G-actin density; we assume that the polymerizable fraction of actin monomers is simply proportional to the total G-actin density; k_a^P is the constant proportionality coefficient in the expression for the peripheral actin rate of assembly. Similarly, $k_a^N(G)$ is the proportionality coefficient in the expression for the perinuclear actin rate of assembly, which depends on the monomer density; $k_d^N(t)$ and $k_d^P(t)$ are the rates of disassembly of the perinuclear and peripheral F-actin, respectively, which are functions of time because of the transient calcium peak. If the steady-state levels of the three actin densities before the perturbation are $\overline{F_N}$, $\overline{F_P}$, and \overline{G} , then we can introduce the normalized densities $f_N = F_N/\overline{F_N}$, $f_P = F_P/\overline{F_N}$, and $g = G/\overline{F_N}$, respectively. Furthermore, based on the FRAP data (Fig. S8 *A* and *B*), we use the characteristic turnover time for the peripheral actin network $T \sim 50$ s as the timescale and introduce the nondimensionalized time variable $\tau = t/T$. (Specifically, we used the FRAP data reported in Table S3, fitted the recovery data to exponential functions, and found that the fit is good if the time constant $T \sim 50$ s.) In the nondimensional form, the dynamic equations are

$$\frac{df_N}{d\tau} = r_N(-c(\tau)f_N + \alpha(g)g)$$

$$\frac{df_P}{d\tau} = r_P(-c(\tau)f_P + sg)$$

$$\frac{dg}{d\tau} = r_N(c(\tau)f_N - \alpha(g)g) + r_P(c(\tau)f_P - sg).$$
[S2]

Here, factors r_P and r_N account for acceleration of the actin network assembly when calcium transient effectively increases disassembly caused by the increase of the nascent barbed ends, which is one of the consequences of breaking actin filaments into smaller filaments. In the simulations, we use $r_P = 2$, and considering that the FRAP data show that the perinuclear actin turns over ~1.5 times faster than the peripheral actin, $r_N = 3$. Parameter s accounts for how much of the total amount of actin not associated with INF2 in the cell is greater than that associated with INF2. Nonrigorous analysis of the micrographs suggests that this ratio is close to one order of magnitude; in the simulations, we use s = 5. From the FRAP data reported in Table S3, the G-actin concentration is about 20% of the total F-actin concentration. Therefore, assuming s = 5, the total amounts of the perinuclear F- and G-actin are similar in the steady state, and in the calculations, we use equal amounts of the total perinuclear F- and G-actin. Function c(t) describes the increase of the disassembly rate over the baseline caused by the calcium transient. We assume that this function is proportional to the calcium concentration. We fitted the calcium concentration as a function of time observed in this study with the analytical function:

$$c(\tau) = 1 + 4\sqrt{\tau} \exp(-\tau^2).$$
 [S3]

1. Crisp M, et al. (2006) Coupling of the nucleus and cytoplasm: Role of the LINC complex. *J Cell Biol* 172(1):41–53. Finally, function $\alpha(g)$ describes the dependence of the INF2mediated actin assembly rate on the G-actin concentration. We use the following step-like function:

$$\alpha(g) = \frac{1 + \exp[h(g - g_0)]}{(1 + \exp[h(g - g_0)])}.$$
 [S4]

Effectively, we assume that, when the G-actin density increases 1.5-fold relative to the baseline ($g_0 = 1.5$), the respective assembly rate goes up two times. Coefficient h = 10 describes the steepness of the threshold effect.

We solve Eqs. **S2–S4** numerically and obtain the solutions reported in Fig. S8C.

To test another model—that INF2 formins are activated by calcium more directly and not through the effect on the F-actin disassembly and the consequent activation of the formins by G-actin we implement the following changes in the model: we keep the F-actin disassembly rate constants $k_d^N(t) = \text{const}$ and $k_d^P(t) = \text{const}$, and we make the perinuclear actin assembly rate a function of not G-actin but time, assuming that the perinuclear actin assembly rate is proportional to the calcium concentration. This assumption makes the rate $k_d^N \propto c(\tau) = 1 + 4\sqrt{\tau} \exp(-\tau^2)$. The model has the dimensional form

$$\frac{dF_N}{dt} = -k_d^N F_N + k_a^N(t)G$$

$$\frac{dF_P}{dt} = -k_d^P F_P + k_a^P G$$

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = k_d^N F_N + k_d^P F_P - k_a^N(t)G$$
[S5]

and the nondimensional form

$$\frac{df_N}{d\tau} = r_N (-f_N + c(\tau)g)$$

$$\frac{df_P}{d\tau} = r_P (-f_P + sc(\tau)g)$$

$$\frac{dg}{d\tau} = r_N (f_N - c(\tau)g) + r_P (f_P - c(\tau)g).$$
[S6]

We solve Eqs. **S3**, **S5**, and **S6** numerically and obtain the solutions reported in Fig. S8*D*.

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Fig. S1. (*A*) F-actin imaging at the focal plane corresponding to (*Upper*) the maximal nuclear projection area and (*Lower*) *z*-section views of a cell labeled by EGFP-Lifeact (*Left*) before and (*Right*) after force application. Red and white arrows indicate perinuclear actin and peripheral actin, respectively. (*B*) EGFP-Lifeact and phase-contrast images of the cell (*Top*) before and (*Middle* and *Bottom*) after force application. In *Bottom Left*, a phalloidin-labeled perinuclear F-actin structure (red) in the same cell is shown after being subjected to immediate fixation on force application. (*Bottom Right*) This structure colocalizes with EGFP-Lifeact as seen in the merged image. (*C*, *Left*) EGFP- α -actinin and (*C*, *Center*) phase-contrast images of a cell (*Upper*) before and (*Lower*) after force application and (*C*, *Right*) a plot of normalized perinuclear α -actinin intensity over time. (Scale bars: 10 μ m.)





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Fig. 52. (*A*) Example of perinuclear actin measurement by four different methods. Single-section images of a cell labeled by EGFP-Lifeact, DsRed-ER, and Hoechst as well as the merged image are shown in *Upper*. Images were analyzed using MATLAB to create four masks: total ER, nuclear rim, ER exclusive of the nuclear rim (ER-rim), and a manually drawn perinuclear ROI. The white-colored regions in *Lower* indicate the masks of each method, under which the mean actin intensity was measured over time. (*B*) Plots of perinuclear actin intensity on force application obtained from 20 cells and the four methods of measurement as described in *A*. Data are given as means \pm SEM. (*C*) *z*-Projection images of a cell transfected with EGFP-Lifeact and DsRed-ER and the merged image. Actin at the narrow periphery of cell where ER is undetectable, as cropped by the rectangular boxes, is referred to as peripheral actin. (*D*, *Left*) *Z*-projection and (*D*, *Center*) single-section images of EGFP-Lifeact-labeled cell plated on fibronectin-coated rectangular substrate (1,800 µm²); regions that indicate peripheral (~15 × 5 µm) and perinuclear (~7.5 × 4 µm) F-actin subjected to the intensity measurement are shown by rectangular boxes, respectively. (*D*, *Right*) Micrographs of peripheral actin on force application are shown at 10-s time intervals. (*E*) Perinuclear and peripheral F-actin intensity change on force application. Peripheral F-actin intensity is measured on all *Z* stacks of the Lifeact images, whereas perinuclear F-actin intensity is measured on a single section with the maximal nuclear projection area. Data are given as means \pm SEM of 20 cells. (Scale bar: 10 µm.)



Fig. S3. (*A*, *Left*) EGFP-Lifeact and (*A*, *Right*) phase-contrast images of a cell growing on poly-L-lysine–coated substrate (*Upper*) before and (*Lower*) after force application. The white arrow indicates the actin rim around the nucleus (N). (*B*) Cells labeled by EGFP-Lifeact and pretreated with inhibitors of focal adhesion kinase (FAK; PF-562,271; 10 μ M; *Upper*) before and (*Lower*) after force application. (*C*) Digitonin-permeabilized cells labeled by Alexa-568 actin in (*Left*) Ca²⁺- containing and (*Right*) Ca²⁺-free buffers. (*D*) Intensity of Alexa-568 actin at the perinuclear rim in cells incubated with Ca²⁺-containing and Ca²⁺-free buffers. Data are normalized by the total Alexa-568 actin intensity of each image. More than 10 cells were used for the measurements in each group. Data are presented as means \pm SEM. **P* < 0.05. (Scale bars: 10 μ m.)





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Fig. S4. (*A*) Fluorescence staining of Nup153 (blue), a nuclear pore complex component localized at the inner nuclear membrane, and F-actin (phalloidin; red) in EGFP-Lifeact (green) –transfected cells permeabilized by either (*Upper*) digitonin or (*Lower*) Triton X on immediate fixation after A23187 treatment. Note that digitonin does not permeabilize the nuclear membranes. (*B*) Fluorescence staining of (*Upper*) myosin IIA and (*Lower*) myosin IIB together with F-actin (phalloidin) in the cells treated with A23187. (Scale bars: 10 μm.)



Fig. S5. Plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity in EGFP-Lifeact–transfected cells on treatment with (*A*) 20, (*B*) 50, (*C*) 100, or (*D*) 200 nM Latrunculin A. Latrunculin A was added at 0 s. Zero of four situations show significant perinuclear actin assembly. Data are given as means \pm SEM in more than five cells for each situation. (*E*) EGFP-Lifeact fluorescence images of cells pretreated with 200 nM Latrunculin A (*Left*) before and (*Center*) after the addition of A23187 and (*Right*) corresponding plots of normalized perinuclear actin intensity over time in seven cells. (Scale bar: 10 μ m.)

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Fig. S6. (A) Cells labeled by EGFP-Lifeact and pretreated with inhibitors of Arp2/3 (CK-666; 100 μ M), Rho (C3 transferase; 1 μ g/mL), or Rho kinase (Y-27632; 10 μ M; *Upper*) before and (*Lower*) after force application. (*B*) Cells labeled by red fluorescent protein (RFP)-Lifeact and pretreated with 25 μ M Blebbistatin (*Left*) before and (*Right*) after the addition of A23187. Images at the focal plane corresponding to the maximal nuclear projection area are shown. (C) Immunoblots showing knockdown of cofilin-1 in NIH 3T3 cells. Tubulin content is shown as an internal control. (*D*) Perinuclear actin intensity in nontreated (NT) and A23187-treated control and cofilin-1 knockdown (KD) cells. Data are given as means \pm SEM from more than 40 cells. NS, *P* > 0.05. **P* < 0.05. (*E*) Fluorescence staining of actin (phalloidin; green) and cofilin (red) in cells transfected with cofilin-1 siRNAs. Images show that, in cofilin-1 knockdown cells (indicated by arrows), the perinuclear actin rim still forms on A23187 treatment like in control cells. (Scale bars: 10 μ m.)



Fig. 57. (*A*) Effect of calcium ionophore A23187 on cells (*Upper*) not expressing and (*Lower*) expressing GFP-KASH. Nesprin2 (purple) and F-actin (phalloidin; red) were stained. Note that, in cells expressing GFP-KASH, the actin rim appeared, despite the absence of nesprin2 at the nuclear envelope. (*B*) *Z* projection of filamin A immunostaining in NIH 3T3 cells. (*C*) Effect of A23187 on WT and filamin A KO mouse embryonic fibroblast cells. Note that the actin rim emerged, despite filamin A being absent. (Scale bars: 10 µm.)

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Fig. S8. (*A*) Time-lapse images of FRAP experiments on cells transfected with EGFP-actin. N indicates the nucleus. (Scale bar: 10 μ m.) (*B*) Normalized actin intensity during FRAP in the regions at the cell periphery, perinuclear area, and midpoint as shown by the boxes in *A*. Cumulative data of five independent experiments are shown. Data are given as means \pm SEM. (*C* and *D*) Numerical simulations of the actin dynamics in response to the Ca²⁺ burst that is used as the input variable. (*C*) The model assumes that the Ca²⁺ burst causes F-actin disassembly and that G-actin activates INF2 formin. (*D*) In this model, Ca²⁺-induced actin depolymerization is not considered. The model assumes that the Ca²⁺ burst activates INF2-driven perinuclear actin polymerization independently of the actin disassembly process.

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Table S1. Maximal signal and half-time $(t_{1/2})$ of Ca²⁺ and actin increase on force application and A23187 treatment

Stimulation_increase of signal	Maximal signal (fold change)	t _{1/2} (s)	No. of cells
Force_Ca ²⁺	4.72 ± 1.08	2.40 ± 0.43	11
Force_Actin	1.43 ± 0.06	6.57 ± 0.63	11
A23187_Ca ²⁺	2.59 ± 0.31	8.48 ± 0.70	10
A23187_Actin	1.63 ± 0.06	11.21 ± 2.13	11

Data are presented as means \pm SEM.

Table S2.	Half-time $(t_{1/2})$ and recovery rate of FRAP on EGFP
actin at ce	l periphery, middle, and perinuclear regions

Region	t _{1/2} (s)	Recovery rate (indicating mobile fraction)
Perinuclear	31.42 ± 3.53	0.75 ± 0.02
Middle	43.67 ± 4.72	0.69 ± 0.04
Peripheral	52.86 ± 9.60	0.45 ± 0.03

Numbers are presented as means \pm SEM from five experiments.

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Perinuclear	Middle	Peripheral	<i>t</i> (s)
1.03093	1.046168	1.029542	0
1.010886	1.053996	0.995805	2
1.034011	1.01537	1.036572	4
0.26516	0.243858	0.176346	Photobleaching at this point 16
0.324089	0.306263	0.213841	18
0.350374	0.3216	0.246086	20
0.38504	0.348359	0.257861	22
0.379517	0.362694	0.273591	24
0.423403	0.38328	0.276248	26
0.441248	0.407065	0.296142	28
0.457938	0.42186	0.298369	30
0.466964	0.434857	0.317441	32
0.444787	0.451403	0.312959	34
0.49665	0.450018	0.334799	36
0.536701	0.487443	0.372893	38
0.508206	0.501958	0.348443	40
0.522456	0.481558	0.37565	42
0.56612	0.505068	0.386481	44
0.528987	0.496771	0.374132	46
0.564461	0.513643	0.385468	48
0.547715	0.535012	0.377943	50
0.577975	0.552155	0.383703	52
0.567722	0.559358	0.37862	54
0.595742	0.545556	0.39156	56
0.595376	0.537656	0.429372	58
0.589295	0.554676	0.441244	60
0.595949	0.575188	0.465199	62
0.604456	0.575559	0.452326	64
0.597819	0.593123	0.434573	66
0.60868	0.572588	0.460765	68
0.59593	0.598187	0.473884	70
0.612068	0.607044	0.446729	72
0.657117	0.564861	0.465526	74
0.66/416	0.61/891	0.470104	/6
0.65602	0.595662	0.484838	/8
0.651138	0.625782	0.473849	80
0.654214	0.611522	0.475631	82
0.678059	0.619945	0.466472	84
0.678104	0.618362	0.503406	86
0.00013	0.630138	0.47349	88
0.092000	0.019075	0.49765	90
0.000270	0.620152	0.490349	92
0.09239	0.611/156	0.403455	94
0.686622	0.6722/17	0.30240	98
0.682112	0.622247	0.517577	100
0.676537	0.633613	0.508857	100
0.699657	0.612721	0.525645	102
0.674408	0.661337	0.525045	104
0.690769	0.655962	0.507302	108
0.709495	0.655016	0.550731	110
0.685489	0.646095	0.528307	112
0.685051	0.669232	0.528913	114
0.68275	0.670096	0.496473	116
0.701129	0.684602	0.532013	118
0.687918	0.666767	0.507532	120
0.711416	0.653492	0.555783	122
0.717348	0.703955	0.536068	124
0.705288	0.682714	0.554498	126
0.699157	0.696882	0.557364	128
0.708759	0.689455	0.581593	130
0.720243	0.688159	0.564382	132

 Table S3. Data obtained from FRAP presented in Fig. S8B were used for mathematical model fitting

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Perinuclear	Middle	Peripheral	t (s)
0.700997	0.705338	0.555969	134
0.7105	0.71467	0.54206	136
0.732206	0.694957	0.543288	138
0.73784	0.676084	0.543421	140
0.73014	0.699187	0.553491	142
0.749448	0.697698	0.571078	144
0.732474	0.661298	0.565773	146
0.716309	0.6632	0.578288	148
0.740589	0.710097	0.544352	150
0.752591	0.691508	0.551355	152
0.757244	0.707805	0.543914	154
0.767392	0.686151	0.538663	156
0.712063	0.705087	0.557237	158
0.730101	0.688111	0.563915	160
0.750963	0.714695	0.540963	162
0.737766	0.699297	0.548129	164
0.728015	0.73201	0.549136	166
0.761532	0.704041	0.521278	168
0.726933	0.704525	0.55007	170
0.741389	0.687022	0.587594	172
0.784024	0.726277	0.562348	174
0.737956	0.678619	0.566776	176
0.75075	0.716516	0.540226	178
0.724792	0.71747	0.542843	180
0.778801	0.684007	0.564064	182
0.783743	0.708453	0.565065	184
0.783642	0.709098	0.574305	186
0.776494	0.723967	0.57625	188
0.766134	0.717581	0.615388	190
0.783155	0.728824	0.599173	192
0.755985	0.715835	0.568468	194
0.800349	0.714194	0.604532	196