

# Integration Profiling of Gene Function With Dense Maps of Transposon Integration

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**ABSTRACT** Understanding how complex networks of genes integrate to produce dividing cells is an important goal that is limited by the difficulty in defining the function of individual genes. Current resources for the systematic identification of gene function such as siRNA libraries and collections of deletion strains are costly and organism specific. We describe here integration profiling, a novel approach to identify the function of eukaryotic genes based upon dense maps of transposon integration. As a proof of concept, we used the transposon Hermes to generate a library of 360,513 insertions in the genome of *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. On average, we obtained one insertion for every 29 bp of the genome. Hermes integrated more often into nucleosome free sites and 33% of the insertions occurred in ORFs. We found that ORFs with low integration densities successfully identified the genes that are essential for cell division. Importantly, the nonessential ORFs with intermediate levels of insertion correlated with the nonessential genes that have functions required for colonies to reach full size. This finding indicates that integration profiles can measure the contribution of nonessential genes to cell division. While integration profiling succeeded in identifying genes necessary for propagation, it also has the potential to identify genes important for many other functions such as DNA repair, stress response, and meiosis.

**T**HE accelerated rate of gene discovery in an increasing number of species has challenged the existing methods for determining the functions of genes. Traditional approaches for characterizing the function of genes rely on obtaining mutant alleles and testing them in individual experiments for phenotypes. Direct and systematic methods for evaluating gene function have been developed. Genome-wide RNAi screens of cultured cells require the synthesis, validation, and refinement of large libraries of double stranded RNAs or vectors that express double stranded RNAs. While RNAi screens have successfully identified many

genes that may contribute to key functions such as the replication of human immunodeficiency virus (Brass *et al.* 2008; König *et al.* 2008; Zhou *et al.* 2008), the production of RNAi libraries is resource intensive and substantial complications exist, such as off-target effects and incomplete mRNA knockdown.

An alternate approach for characterizing gene function in haploid cells relies on targeted gene deletions. For *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, collections of strains have been created that contain systematic deletions of the predicted coding sequences (Winzeler *et al.* 1999; Kim *et al.* 2010). These comprehensive collections of strains can be readily screened under a variety of conditions to probe the contributions of individual genes to specific processes. However, considerable effort and resources are required to generate deletion sets and once generated, it is difficult to study the deletions in combination with other mutations. Another limitation with deletion collections is the rate of erroneous deletions associated with generating strains *en masse*. A significant proportion of strains can

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retain copies of genes that were targeted for deletion (Hughes *et al.* 2000). Finally, information from deletion collections cannot address the function of the ORFs and noncoding RNAs that have yet to be discovered.

Here we describe integration profiling, a simple transposon-based method capable of directly probing the function of single copy sequences throughout the genome of haploid eukaryotes. Integration profiling recently became feasible with the availability of deep sequencing and the discovery of highly efficient DNA transposons that are active in a broad spectrum of eukaryotic organisms. With transposons that readily disrupt ORFs, and sequencing technology that can position high numbers of insertions, the analysis of a single culture can measure the contribution of each gene to cell division. As a proof of principle we describe a study with 360,513 independent insertions of the Hermes transposon in the genome of *S. pombe*. As a control for the properties of the Hermes transposase, we analyzed 1,362,743 insertions generated *in vitro* with purified Hermes transposase and naked *S. pombe* DNA. The *in vivo* integration achieved an average of one insertion for every 29 nucleotides of nonrepetitive genome and these insertions favored nucleosome free regions. However, 33% of the insertions disrupted ORFs and those with lower levels of integration correlated well with the genes reported to be essential while the ORFs with higher integration densities corresponded with the genes reported to be nonessential (Kim *et al.* 2010). Importantly, ORFs with intermediate densities of insertion correlated with genes that, while not essential, do contribute to growth. In addition, discrepancies between the genes reported to be nonessential by the deletion consortium and our integration data revealed that ~10% of the deletion strains retain a copy of the ORFs targeted for deletion.

## Materials and Methods

### Yeast strains

The *S. pombe* strains used for this study are listed in Table S5. The *S. pombe* strain YHL912 (*h-*, *leu1-32*, *ura4-294*) was transformed with the donor (pHL2577) and expression plasmids (pHL2578) separately by lithium acetate method. The donor plasmid was transformed into YHL912 first to create the strain YHL9451. This strain was then transformed with the expression plasmid to create YHL9609, which was used for transposition in liquid cultures. An empty expression vector (Rep81x) was introduced in place of the expression plasmid to create YHL9176 as a negative control for transposition.

Heterozygous diploid deletion *S. pombe* strains were purchased from the Bioneer Corporation and Korea Research Institute of Biotechnology and Bioscience (<http://pombe.bioneer.co.kr/>). Strains carrying a deletion in *mmf1*, *mrpl16*, *mrpl19*, or *SPBC2d10.08c* were transformed with a plasmid copy of the deleted gene (see Table S6) by lithium acetate

method, followed by a second transformation with a plasmid that allows for sporulation (pHL2806). The haploid deletion strains used in this study were from the Bioneer collection version 2.0.

### Plasmid constructs

The donor plasmid (pHL2577) and expression plasmid (pHL2578) have been previously described and are listed in Table S6. The *Ura3*-marked donor plasmid consists of the *KanMX6* gene cloned between the Hermes terminal inverted repeats (TIRs). The *Leu*-marked expression plasmid contains the Hermes transposase gene driven by the Rep81x *nmt1* promoter. A detailed description of plasmids used in this work is included in Supporting Information. The oligonucleotides used in this study are listed in Table S7.

### Media

Strains were grown in liquid Edinburgh minimal media (EMM) supplemented with 2 g/liter dropout powder (all amino acids in equal weights, leaving out leucine and uracil, plus adenine in 2.5 times more weight) (Forsburg and Rhind 2006). To eliminate the Hermes donor plasmid, the final cultures were diluted in EMM supplemented with uracil, leucine, 5-fluoroorotic acid (FOA), and B1 (at 50  $\mu$ g/ml, 225  $\mu$ g/ml, 1 mg/ml, and 10  $\mu$ M, respectively). This culture was then diluted in YES media (YE plus complete dropout mix consisting of all the amino acids) supplemented with FOA and G418 (at 1 mg/ml and 500  $\mu$ g/ml, respectively) to isolate cells with insertion events.

Transposition frequency was measured by plating cells on 2% agar plates containing EMM and dropout mix supplemented with leucine (250  $\mu$ g/ml), uracil (50  $\mu$ g/ml), 5-FOA (1 mg/ml), and 10  $\mu$ M thiamine, and also plating on YES plates supplemented with FOA and G418 at the concentrations noted above.

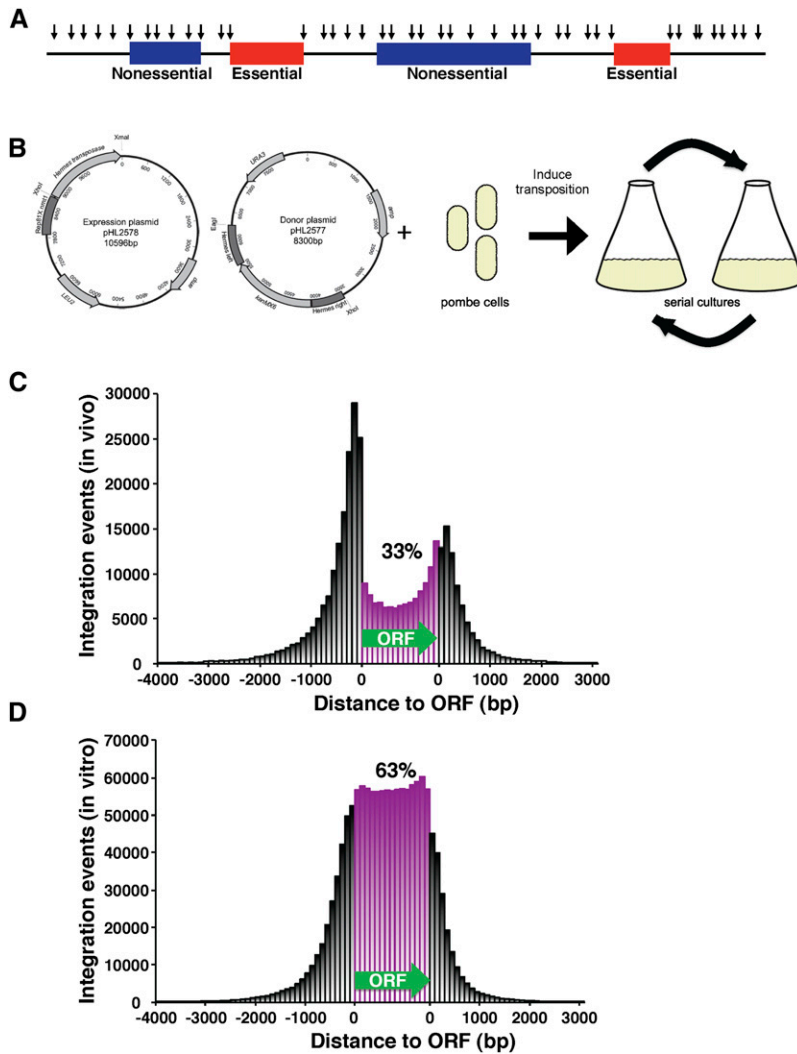
Pombe Minimal (PM) media used for drop assays is identical to EMM, except with 3.75 g/liter glutamic acid substituted for 5 g/liter NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.

### Generating a library of Hermes insertions

A culture of YHL9609 was grown to OD<sub>600</sub> = 5, and was used to inoculate a series of cultures at OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.05. The serial passaged cultures were continued until the percentage of cells with integration reached 13%, or ~80 generations of cell division. In all, it took a series of 12 sequential cultures for the strain to reach this point.

The final 50-ml culture was grown in FOA to select against the donor plasmid and then in G418 to select cells with Hermes insertions.

The protocols for preparing Hermes insertion libraries for high-throughput Illumina sequencing are extensive and are included in Supporting Information. The process includes the extraction of genomic DNA, the digestion of the DNA with *MseI*, the ligation of linkers to the *MseI* fragments, the PCR amplification of insertion sites, the gel purification of the PCR products, and the Illumina sequencing of the amplified



**Figure 1** Integration profiling of *S. pombe* resulted in 360,513 independent insertions. (A) With integration profiling, genes required for cell division are predicted to have many fewer insertions than genes that are not required for propagation. (B) Transposition was induced in cells that contained one plasmid expressing the Hermes transposase and a second plasmid that contained the Hermes TIRs flanking *kanMX6*. Cells induced for transposition were propagated for many generations in serial cultures. (C) The positions of the integrations generated *in vivo* were plotted relative to ORFs. Each ORF was divided into 15 equal-sized segments and the number of insertions in each segment was displayed. Integration sites in intergenic regions closer to the 5' end of an ORF were plotted upstream of the ORF in 100-bp intervals. The insertions closer to the 3' end of an ORF were plotted downstream of the ORF. (D) The position of the insertions generated *in vitro* were plotted relative to ORFs as in C.

DNA. The raw sequences for the *in vitro* and *in vivo* inserts were deposited in the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) database of GenBank with accession no. SRA043841.1.

#### Mapping Hermes integration sites on the genome of *S. pombe*

Sequence reads from Illumina were screened for those containing Hermes left end. Then the Hermes sequences were trimmed. The trimmed sequences were aligned to the *S. pombe* genome using the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) BLAST software (blastall) on a local computer. The BLAST results were filtered to collect matches with genomic sequence that started from the first nucleotide after the Hermes end and with identities  $\geq 95\%$  and expect (*e*) values  $\leq 0.05$ . Then, of the matches that met these criteria, the one with the highest bit score was used to obtain the coordinates for the unique insertion sites (Table S4). Sequences that were found to have the same insertion coordinate and the same orientation were considered to be duplicate reads and were counted as only one independent integration event.

#### Matched random control

For each Hermes insertion site, the distance between the integration site and the responsible *MseI* site (*d*) was calculated. Then another *MseI* site coordinate (*m*) was randomly chosen from the *S. pombe* genome. Then  $m + d$  or  $m - d$  was taken as a matched random control (MRC) site. To “add” or “subtract” was also randomly determined. Thus, the MRC dataset has the same size as the experimental integration dataset and matches the distances to *MseI* sites.

#### General bioinformatic analysis and programming

The scripts for screening the raw sequences, filtering the BLAST outputs, extracting features from .embl files, determining the locations of Hermes insertion according to chromosomal features, generating MRC and other analyses were written in Perl or Ruby programming languages.

#### Nucleosome DNA preparation and sequencing

Nucleosomal DNA was prepared as described previously (Yamane *et al.* 2011), and DNA samples were sequenced by

**Table 1** Distribution of Hermes insertions in *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*

|                 | Total insertions | Upstream of ORFs (%) | In ORFs (%)    | Downstream of ORFs (%) |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <i>In vivo</i>  | 360,513          | 165,402 (45.9)       | 117,587 (32.6) | 77,524 (21.5)          |
| <i>In vitro</i> | 1,362,743        | 313,326 (23.0)       | 858,763 (63.0) | 190,654 (14.0)         |

Insertions were designated as upstream of an ORF if the insert is closer to the 5' end of an ORF than to the 3' end. They are designated as downstream of an ORF if the insert is closest to the 3' end of an ORF.

using the Illumina sequencing protocol. Bowtie (Langmead *et al.* 2009) was used to map the Illumina sequencing reads, trimmed to 25 bp of high quality reads, against the reference genome allowing for two mismatches. The mapped data were filtered to remove all sequences that mapped to more than a single location. The end positions of the reads were aligned relative to the center of the nucleosome by shifting the plus strand reads by +73 bp and the minus strand reads by -73 bp. The final nucleosome maps were produced by applying gaussian smoothing to the raw data to reduce noise. More detailed methodology will be described in a forthcoming manuscript on the genome-wide mapping of nucleosomes in *S. pombe*.

### Essentiality test

To test the viability of four representative Bioneer strains heterozygous for deletions in nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes designated as essential, we performed a plasmid shuffle assay. The details of this process are included in [Supporting Information](#).

## Results

Integration profiling is a method developed to determine which genes are essential for cell division. With this method, populations of cells with transposon insertions are grown for many generations. The culture becomes depleted of cells that have insertions in genes important for division. Insertion sites in genomic DNA from cells in the culture are amplified by ligation-mediated PCR and the location of the insertions are determined by deep sequencing. The integration profiles of the cultures were expected to contain high densities of insertions throughout the genome except in genes that are required for propagation. Figure 1A illustrates a model of the integration pattern expected in an integration profile.

The Hermes transposon of the housefly, *Musca domestica*, has high levels of integration activity in *S. pombe* and as much as 50% of the insertions occur in ORFs (Evertts *et al.* 2007; Park *et al.* 2009). We therefore applied the Hermes system as previously described to create an integration profile of the *S. pombe* genome. Briefly, the Hermes transposase was expressed from a plasmid in cells that also contained a plasmid copy of the Hermes TIRs flanking a *kanMX6* gene, which confers resistance to G418 (Figure 1B) (Evertts *et al.* 2007; Park *et al.* 2009). The transposase excises *kanMX6* with the TIRs and inserts this DNA into chromosomal sequences of *S. pombe*. Cells with insertions

are selected using media containing G418 and the majority of G418-resistant cells have a single insertion (Evertts *et al.* 2007). To create sufficient numbers of insertions and to allow for selection of the fittest cells, the cultures expressing the transposase were grown with repeated dilutions for a total of 74 generations (Figure 1B). Quantitative measures of transposition revealed that 13.4% of the cells in the final culture contained an integrated copy of Hermes ([Supporting Information, Figure S1](#)). In the absence of transposase, no insertions were detected. The positions of the insertions were determined by ligation-mediate PCR followed by deep sequencing (Guo and Levin 2010) (and Materials and Methods section in [File S1](#)).

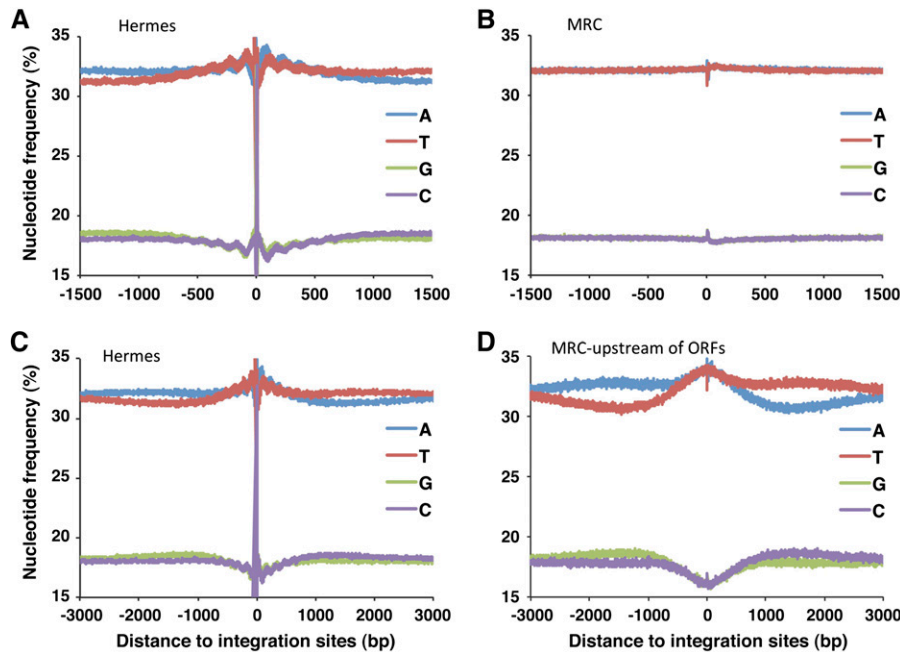
The data from sequencing generated 46 million high-quality sequence reads that were 50 nt in length. The first 10 nt of the reads contained the end of Hermes and the remaining 40 nt were derived from the insertion sites in chromosomal DNA. Using the homology algorithm BLAST, 27.5 million reads were matched to a unique sequence in the *S. pombe* genome. Because PCR amplification or cell division can create multiple copies of the same integration event, duplicate reads were omitted. The remaining data identified 360,513 independent insertions and these are the sites that we analyzed (Table 1). On average, this amount of integration constituted one insertion for every 29 nt of nonrepetitive sequence in the genome.

### The insertion sites favor nucleosome-depleted positions

The integration activity of Hermes in *S. cerevisiae* was recently described (Gangadharan *et al.* 2010). In *S. cerevisiae*, 41% of the insertions were in ORFs and of the 59% that occurred in the intergenic regions, sites upstream of the ORFs were favored. This pattern of integration correlated with nucleosome-free regions and was attributed to greater DNA accessibility at these positions (Gangadharan *et al.* 2010).

To determine which properties of integration are intrinsic to the Hermes transposon, we compared the distribution of Hermes integration in *S. pombe* to that reported in *S. cerevisiae*. A map of the insertions in *S. pombe* revealed that 33% occurred within ORFs (Table 1 and Figure 1C). The insertion levels were higher in the intergenic regions than in the ORFs and the insertions in intergenic regions of *S. pombe* exhibited the same preference for sequences upstream of the ORFs that occurred in *S. cerevisiae* (Table 1).

To test whether the higher levels of integration in the intergenic sequences were caused solely by sequence preferences of the transposase, we generated a library of insertions



**Figure 2** The sites of Hermes integration have a two-component pattern of nucleotide preferences that extends 3 kb from the insertion sites. (A) The *in vivo* insertion sites were aligned and the average nucleotide frequencies were calculated for a window that extended 1.5 kb on either side of the integration sites. (B) The average nucleotide frequencies were calculated for the MRC, the matched set of random insertions. (C) The average nucleotide frequencies were calculated for Hermes insertions in a window that extended 3.0 kb on either side of the insertion sites. (D) The average nucleotide frequencies were plotted for just the MRC sites that were upstream of ORFs.

in naked DNA using purified Hermes transposase in an *in vitro* reaction. Deep sequencing of the *in vitro* insertions identified 1.36 million independent integration events in *S. pombe* DNA (Table 1). Sixty-three percent of these inserts occurred in ORFs and the fraction of insertions in the intergenic sequences upstream of ORFs was similar to the insertions downstream (Figure 1D and Table 1). This distribution correlated well with the coding content of the *S. pombe* genome, which is 60.2% (Wood *et al.* 2002) and suggests in the *in vivo* experiment the integration preference for sequences upstream of ORFs was due to features of chromatin structure.

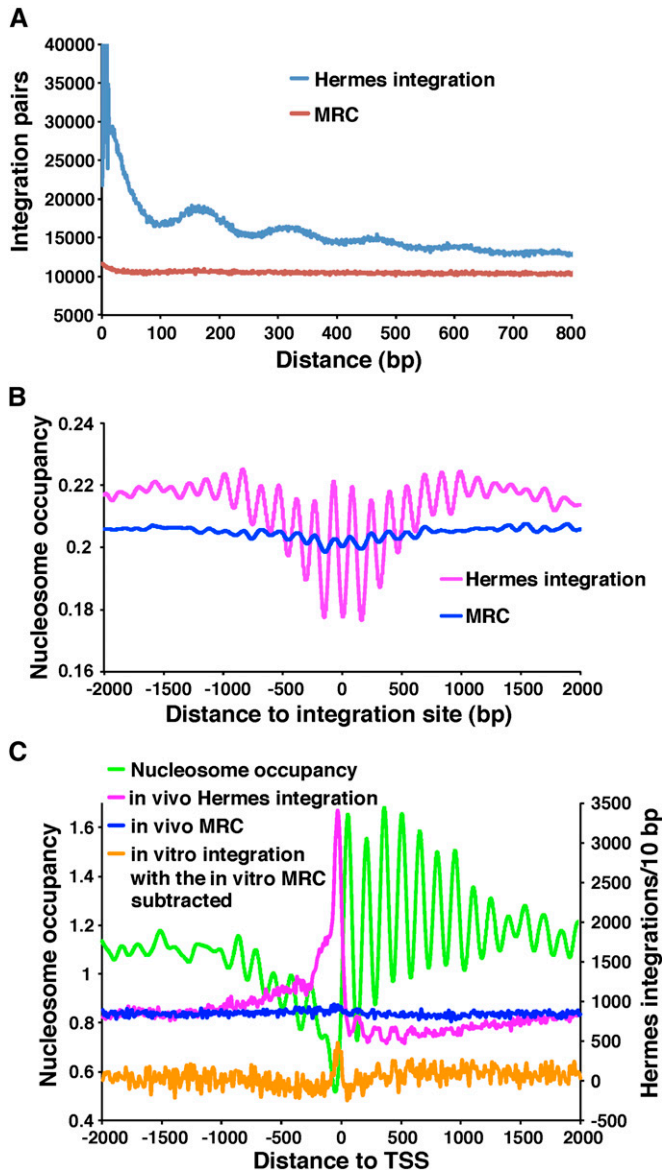
To characterize the sequence preferences of Hermes integration in *S. pombe*, we analyzed the nucleotide frequencies at the insertion sites. The Hermes transposase recognizes the consensus sequence nTnnnnAn (Zhou *et al.* 2004) and as expected, the vast majority of the insertions in *S. pombe* had this sequence (Figure S2A). The same nTnnnnAn was found at the sites of Hermes integration generated *in vitro* (Figure S2B).

Many transposons and retroviruses exhibit nucleotide preferences in the form of palindromes thought to result from contacts between the integrases and nucleotides that extend as far as 50 nt to 100 nt from the sites of insertion (Holman and Coffin 2005; Wang *et al.* 2007; Gangadharan *et al.* 2010; Guo and Levin 2010; Maertens *et al.* 2010). The nucleotide frequencies surrounding the insertions we generated possessed an unusual palindromic pattern of nucleotide frequencies that extended >1.5 kb from the insertion sites (Figure 2A). The sequences had a surprising oscillation of nucleotide frequencies with a wavelength of 150 bp that extended ~500 bp from the insertion sites. These oscillating patterns of nucleotide frequencies were not observed in a set of random insertions called a MRC generated *in silico* that matches the distances to *MseI* sites of the authentic insertions

(Figure 2B). Nor were they observed in the *in vitro* experiment (Figure S3). As a result, these oscillating preferences for A's, T's, G's, and C's reflect the *in vivo* context of the insertion sites and not a bias generated by the procedure used to cut the genomic DNA or contacts the transposase makes with the target DNA. The 150-bp repeat patterns suggested that the Hermes transposase was influenced by nucleosomes during integration.

Extending our analysis of nucleotide frequencies further from the insertion sites revealed a second bias consisting of a single palindromic depression in A/T content that continued a full 3 kb from the insertion sites (Figure 2C). This pattern was also absent in the MRC (Figure 2B) and in the *in vitro* integration data (Figure S3). Interestingly, the 3-kb nucleotide bias was stronger when just the insertions upstream of ORFs were analyzed (Figure S4). To test whether the 3-kb depression in A/T frequency resulted from a property of sequence upstream of ORFs, we analyzed the nucleotide frequencies of the subset of random insertions (MRC) that occurred upstream of ORFs (Figure 2D). The random insertions upstream of ORFs did possess a strong A/T depression that was very similar in magnitude and extent to the upstream insertions of Hermes (Figure S4). Consistent with the finding that the A/T depression was an intrinsic property of sequence upstream of ORFs, we found that the average nucleotide frequencies upstream and downstream of the *S. pombe* ORFs do have a lower frequency of A relative to T (Figure S5, A and B). This is an unusual genome structure that to our knowledge has not been previously reported for *S. pombe* and is not as extensive in *S. cerevisiae* (Figure S6, A and B).

The oscillating pattern of A's, T's, G's, and C's surrounding the Hermes insertions was not observed with the set of random insertions positioned upstream of ORFs, suggesting



**Figure 3** Hermes integration occurs at sequences with low nucleosome occupancy. (A) The distances between all pairs of Hermes insertions were calculated and the distribution of these distances was plotted for the pairs that were <800 bp apart. Also shown are the distances between insertions for the MRC sites created to match the *in vivo* insertions. (B) The insertion sites in chromosome 3 were aligned and the average nucleosome occupancies were plotted for each position in a window that extended 2 kb on both sides. (C) The pol II transcribed genes on chromosome 3 were aligned at the start sites of transcription. The numbers of *in vivo* insertions (pink) in 10-bp intervals were plotted for a 4-kb window. The MRC insertions matched to the *in vivo* inserts are shown in blue. Shown in orange are the *in vitro* insertion numbers minus the MRC values calculated for the *in vitro* data. The average nucleosome occupancies are shown in green.

that this 150-nucleotide periodicity was mediated by regularly spaced proteins such as nucleosomes. If this insertion bias were due to integration into arrays of phased nucleosomes then the closest distances between insertions should be multiples of  $\sim 150$  bp. An analysis of all the pairs of

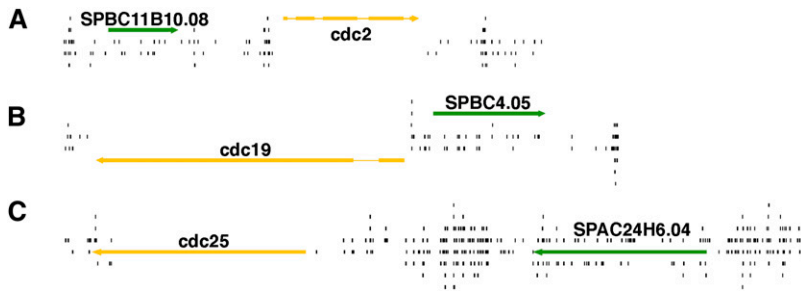
insertions closer than 800 bp revealed that the most common distances were indeed multiples of 150 bp (Figure 3A). Such a pattern was not seen with the random controls. To test directly whether integration was influenced by nucleosomes, we generated a map of nucleosome occupancy for chromosome 3 (Methods section in File S1). An analysis of the average nucleosome occupancy extending 2 kb on either side of the insertions created *in vivo* revealed a highly regular oscillation with a wavelength of 150 bp (Figure 3B). The insertion sites were located at the lowest nucleosome occupancy, indicating the highest frequencies of integration were between nucleosomes. The MRC sites did exhibit oscillations but the amplitudes were substantially smaller than the *in vivo* insertions, indicating that the positions of *MseI* sites did not contribute to the strong integration bias that favored sites between nucleosomes.

The correlation between the positions of integration and oscillating nucleosome occupancy suggested the pattern was due to the position of nucleosomes. To test this possibility we examined the insertion levels at the transcription start sites (TSSs) (annotated in the Sanger Center, February 2011 chromosome contigs based on Dutrow *et al.* (2008) and Lantermann *et al.* (2010) (Figure 3C). As expected, nucleosome occupancy was very low in the regions  $\sim 150$  nt upstream of TSSs and from the start of ORFs, nucleosomes were positioned in phased arrays. Integration generated *in vivo* was very high in the nucleosome-free region upstream of the TSSs and from the start of ORFs the integration was reduced but oscillated in sync with the spaces between nucleosomes. This analysis supported the correlation seen in Figure 3B, that integration generated *in vivo* favored nucleosome-free sites (Figure 3C). This oscillating pattern was not observed in the MRC set matched to the *in vivo* insertions nor in the *in vitro* inserts.

#### Integration density of ORFs identify essential genes

While the nucleosomes within ORFs appeared to inhibit integration, a full 33% of all integrations did occur in coding sequence. To investigate whether the densities of the integration generated in cells could be used to discriminate between essential and nonessential genes, we graphed the insertions surrounding three known essential genes, *cdc2*, *cdc19*, and *cdc25* (Figure 4, A–C). In each case, little or no integration was detected in these three essential ORFs while high levels of insertions were seen in the adjacent intergenic sequences and nonessential ORFs. This initial evaluation of integration profiling suggested that integration density could be used to identify essential genes.

We next tested whether Hermes integration could identify essential ORFs throughout the *S. pombe* genome by analyzing the integration densities (inserts per kilobase per million integrations, units normalized to millions of insertions per dataset so that densities from the *in vitro* experiment could be compared) for all annotated ORFs (Figure 5A). Two dominant groups of ORFs were observed with peak densities of 8.3 inserts/kb/million and 50 inserts/kb/



**Figure 4** Essential genes accumulated far fewer insertions than nonessential genes. The Hermes insertions (black) are shown in regions encoding the essential genes (yellow) *cdc2* (A), *cdc19* (B), and *cdc25* (C). The adjacent genes are nonessential (green).

million. A consortium has systematically deleted individual ORFs in *S. pombe* to create a set of heterozygous diploids. By sporulating the strains and monitoring the germination of spores carrying the deletions, they designated which ORFs were essential for growth (Kim *et al.* 2010). Using these designations, we plotted the integration densities for the nonessential and essential ORFs separately (Figure 5B). The integration densities in the essential ORFs were clearly lower than in the nonessential ORFs, indicating that the integration profiles did discriminate between essential and nonessential genes. The integration density at the peak with the maximum ORFs was 5.5 inserts/kb/million for the essential ORFs and 50 inserts/kb/million for the nonessential ORFs. These two peaks corresponded with the two maximum peaks of integration in the total group of ORFs shown in Figure 5A. We also analyzed the integration densities of a subclass of nonessential genes that, when deleted, resulted in small colonies. Importantly, these nonessential ORFs had intermediate densities of integration (Figure 5B). This indicates that the intermediate levels of integration were detected because these nonessential genes made important contributions to growth. The low levels of integration in the essential ORFs and the intermediate levels of integration in the nonessential ORFs that contribute to colony growth were not due to properties of the sequences or the transposase, since an analysis of the *in vitro* integration showed the essential and nonessential ORFs contained equivalent densities of integration (Figure 5C).

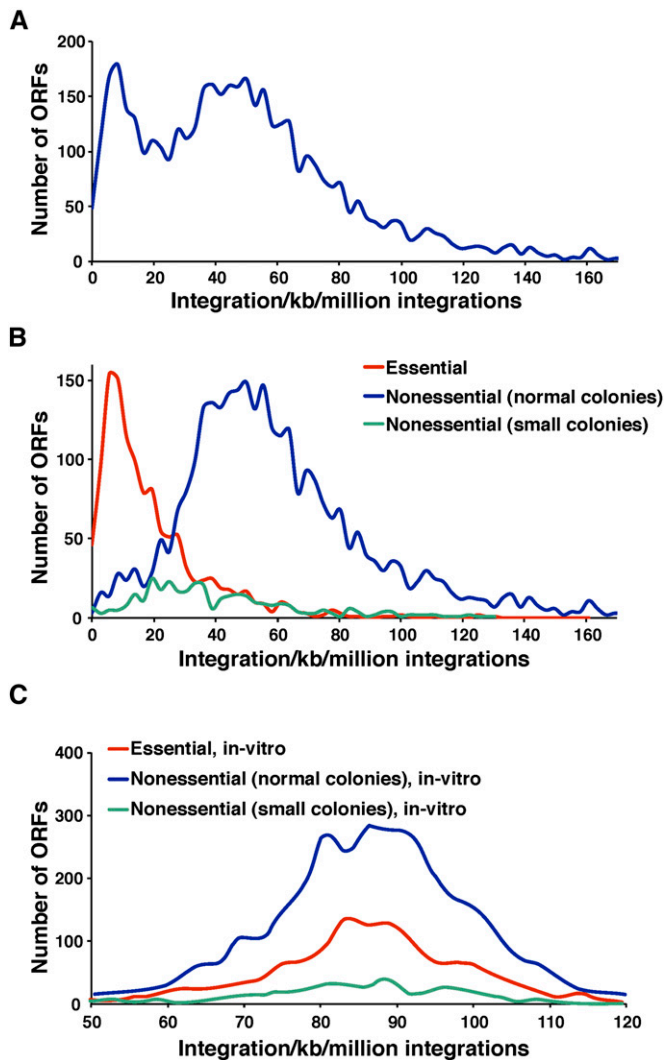
While the integration densities generally reflected whether an ORF was essential, there was some overlap in the distributions of the two groups (Figure 5B). For example, there were ~50 ORFs designated by the deletion consortium as essential that had integration densities of 59.4 insertions/kb/million up to 161 insertions/kb/million, levels that suggested the ORFs were nonessential (Table S1). One possible explanation for this discordance is that these genes were actually not required for cell division but instead played a key role in spore formation or germination. Since the deletion consortium relied on lack of spore germination to identify essential genes, proteins required for spore function would be incorrectly designated as essential for growth. Interestingly, over half of these 50 disparate ORFs play an important role in mitochondrial function. In contrast to *S. cerevisiae*, it is thought that *S. pombe* requires mitochondrial DNA and many nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes for viability even when fermentable carbon sources are avail-

able (Haffter and Fox 1992; Kim *et al.* 2010). However, the possibility existed that these nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes of *S. pombe* are required for spore germination, not cell division.

We tested directly whether four representative nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes from Table S1 were required for cell division with a “plasmid shuffle” method that uses a haploid strain containing a plasmid-encoded candidate gene but lacking the chromosomal copy of the same gene. If the strain grows on medium containing 5-FOA, a compound that selects for plasmid loss, then the gene is non-essential (Sikorski and Boeke 1991; Ben-Aroya *et al.* 2008). The genes that we tested encoded mitochondrial ribosomal proteins (*mrpl16*, *mrpl19*, and *SPBC2D10.08c*) and a factor involved in mitochondrial DNA maintenance (*mmf1*). Each of these four ORFs had high numbers of insertions (79.4 to 128 insertions/kb/million) but were designated as essential by the consortium. In each case, when the strains carrying plasmid copies of the genes were diluted onto medium containing 5-FOA, no growth occurred, indicating that these genes were truly essential (Figure 6A, right panel). In comparison, when a strain lacking *SPBC21C3.09c*, a nonessential gene, was diluted on the same plate, cells grew readily, indicating they did not require a plasmid encoding *SPBC21C3.09c*. Surprisingly, when patches of the same deletion strains were replica printed from rich medium directly onto medium containing 5-FOA, strains lacking the mitochondrial genes showed strong levels of growth while equivalent strains lacking a functional Cdc19p, an essential protein, did not grow (Figure 6B). Taken together with the high numbers of insertions in these ORFs, these data indicate that while we found the nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes are truly essential for division, the pools of the proteins and the number of mitochondria that segregate during mitosis are sufficient to support many cycles of cell division after their genes were disrupted. This result suggests that the 50 ORFs identified in Table S1 represent a baseline of genes that produce pools of protein that were too large to be depleted during the growth of our cultures.

**Ten percent of the strains in the deletion collection retain a copy of the genes that were targeted for deletion**

Another aspect of the Hermes integration data that is discordant with the designations of the deletion consortium is that among the genes reported by the consortium to be



**Figure 5** Essential ORFs exhibited low integration densities. (A) The *in vivo* integration densities (inserts/kb/million integrations) for each ORF were determined and the distributions were plotted. (B) The distributions of *in vivo* integration densities were plotted for ORFs designated by the deletion consortium as essential (red) and nonessential (blue). The distribution of densities was also plotted for ORFs that when deleted, result in small colonies (green). (C) The *in vitro* integration densities (inserts/kb/million integrations) for each ORF were determined and the distributions were plotted as above in B.

nonessential, there were 220 ORFs that had integration densities below the average for the essential ORFs (19.7 inserts/kb/million). This low amount of Hermes integration suggests these genes are actually essential for viability (Table S2).

Some of these ORFs encode highly conserved proteins such as eIF2 gamma, eIF6, and Pub1p that are known to be essential in other eukaryotes. One explanation for the low integration in these ORFs is that they are essential for cell division and in the process of deleting the genes or in the subsequent step of sporulating the heterozygous diploids, chromosomal rearrangements occurred that produced haploid strains with the desired deletion and an ectopic copy of

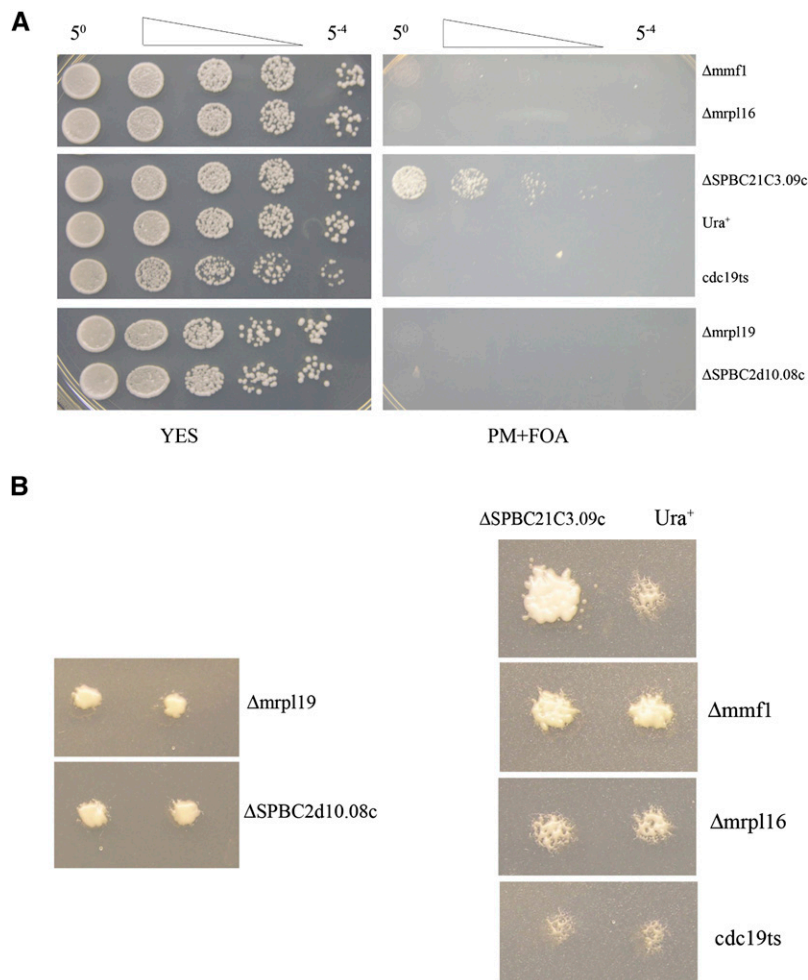
the ORF that had been deleted. Strong selection for these events would exist if the ORFs were essential. Just such a set of processes occurred with the *S. cerevisiae* deletion set where a full 8% of 300 strains tested were found to retain an intact copy of the deleted ORFs either in aneuploid or rearranged chromosomes (Hughes *et al.* 2000).

To test whether the strains in the *S. pombe* deletion set retained copies of ORFs thought to be deleted, we assayed for the presence of these ORF sequences with PCR. For these experiments, we chose a representative set of 77 ORFs reported by the consortium to be nonessential and that had increasing integration densities from 0 to 42 inserts/kb/million (Table S3). We generated two pairs of primers to amplify different segments of each of these nonessential ORFs (Figure 7A). We found that 31 (40%, counting deletions producing the same number of PCR bands as wild type, wt) of the haploid strains tested retained ORF sequences reported to be deleted (Table S3). In addition, when the ORFs tested were grouped by the amounts of Hermes integration they had, a clear trend was observed. The ORFs with lower Hermes integration densities were much more likely to be retained in the deletion strains (Figure 7B). Of the 19 representative ORFs tested that had <5.5 inserts/kb/million integrations, 11 (58%) were still present in their respective deletion strains. The representative ORFs with greater levels of integration were more likely to be absent in their deletion strains. For example, the 10 representative ORFs with 41–42 inserts/kb/million integrations were all deleted successfully. To check whether our PCR reactions might have spuriously detected ORF sequences due to contaminating DNA, we used DNA blots and tested the presence of a sampling of ORFs. Six ORFs that had varying densities of Hermes integration and that we found by PCR to be present in the deletion strains were probed on DNA blots. All six ORFs were clearly present in the deletion strains in which they had been reported to be deleted (Table S3). Given that DNA contamination was not a significant problem with our PCR assays, we used the data in Figure 7B and the levels of Hermes integration to estimate the number of strains in the deletion collection that have been incorrectly reported to lack the specified ORFs. Based on a linear regression of integration densities of ORFs designated to be nonessential with 0–42 inserts/kb/million integrations, we estimate that ~300 (10%) of the deletion strains designated nonessential are actually essential and contain the ORFs said to be deleted.

## Discussion

We described here integration profiling, a transposon-based technique that relies on integration densities to discriminate between the essential and nonessential genes of *S. pombe*. The 360,513 independent sites of *in vivo* integration resulted in an average of one insertion for every 29 nucleotides of non-repetitive genome. Essential genes accumulated many fewer insertions than nonessential genes and importantly, nonessential





**Figure 6** Essential genes important for mitochondrial function tolerated high numbers of insertions. Strains lacking chromosomal-encoded genes for mitochondrial ribosomal proteins mrp16, mrp19, and SPBC2D10.08c or for the mitochondrial DNA maintenance factor mmf1 each contained plasmids encoding the absent genes. Each strain was tested for viability on media (5-FOA) that selected against the plasmids. A strain lacking the nonessential gene SPBS21C3.09c was included as a control. Also shown is a control strain with a chromosomal copy of *ura4* (*Ura*<sup>+</sup>). (A) Serial fivefold dilutions of cultures were spotted onto rich medium (left panel) and onto medium containing 5-FOA (right panel). (B) The strains described in A were replica printed directly onto medium containing 5-FOA.

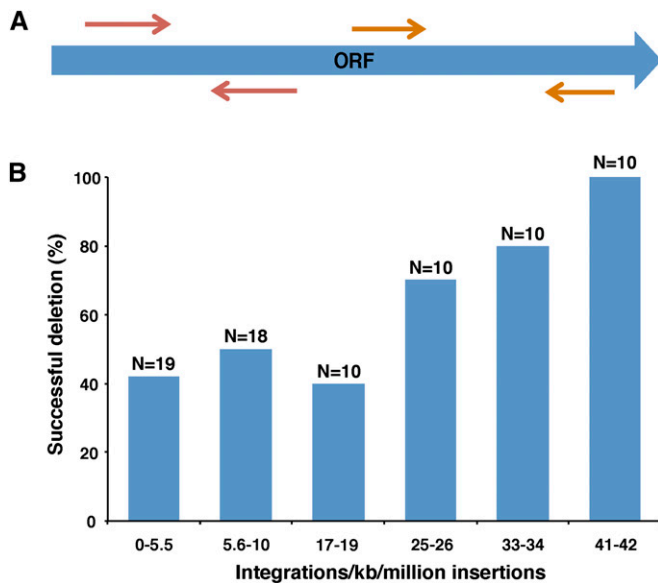
genes that contribute to colony growth accumulated intermediate densities of insertions.

A total of 67% of the *in vivo* insertions occurred in intergenic sequences. This fraction represents a high level of enrichment relative to 39.8%, the intergenic proportion of the nonrepetitive genome (Wood *et al.* 2002). In comparison, 37.0% of the insertions generated *in vitro* occurred in intergenic sequence, a fraction close to the intergenic portion of the nonrepetitive genome. This indicates the high level of intergenic integration that occurred *in vivo* was not due to the selection of these sequences by the transposase itself. It is formally possible that the *in vivo* insertions were detected in the intergenic regions because integration in ORFs was more likely to be detrimental. However, our data indicate that Hermes integrated more often in intergenic regions because these sequences lack nucleosomes, and sequences with low nucleosome occupancy were favored targets of integration. The nucleotide frequencies of sequences flanking insertion sites in *S. pombe* exhibited an unusual oscillation of A/T content with a wavelength of 150 bp (Figure 2A). Insertion numbers peaked in spaces between positioned nucleosomes and in the nucleosome-free regions at the TSSs upstream of ORFs (Figure 3, B and C). We

suggest this pattern arises because nucleosomes occlude Hermes integration. A similar proposal was made for Hermes integration in *S. cerevisiae* where insertions were strongly associated with nucleosome-free regions (Gangadharan *et al.* 2010).

The nucleotide content downstream of the insertions generated *in vivo* exhibited an unusual bias favoring T that extended as far as 3000 bp (Figure 2C). The same 3000-bp bias was observed when we analyzed the MRC set that occurred in regions upstream of ORFs. This caused us to evaluate the A/T content of sequences upstream of ORFs and led to the surprising finding that for >500 bp upstream of ORFs the average nucleotide frequency of T is higher than A (Figure S5A). This appears to be an unusual structure for a genome as it did not exist in *S. cerevisiae* or in the genomes of other organisms we examined (Figure S6A and data not shown).

The high activity of Hermes in *S. pombe* and its ability to disrupt ORFs resulted in integration densities that were sufficient in most cases to distinguish between essential and nonessential ORFs. Recently published experiments with prokaryotic transposons demonstrated that dense integration maps can identify essential genes of bacteria (Gawronski *et al.* 2009; Langridge *et al.* 2009; van Opijnen *et al.* 2009;



**Figure 7** PCR assays of deletion strains revealed some genes had not been successfully removed. (A) A collection of 77 representative strains each said by the consortium (Kim *et al.* 2010) to carry a deletion of a nonessential ORF was assayed by PCR with two pairs of primers to determine whether the ORF sequences were present. (B) The ORFs defined by the consortium to be nonessential were divided into six bins based on their densities of integration. The number of ORFs tested in each bin was designated N. To be conservative the deletions were classified as successful if neither of the PCR products produced by the wild-type strain were generated by the deletion strain. The percentage of ORFs in each group that was successfully deleted is shown.

Christen *et al.* 2011). It is our application of the Hermes transposon that now makes this approach possible in a eukaryotic system.

After 80 generations of cell division, the pool of *S. pombe* cells with a Hermes insertion contained few disruptions of essential ORFs. However, there was a set of 50 ORFs with high densities of integration that were designated essential. In a sample of four of these genes, we confirmed their essential status (Figure 6A). We noted that many genes in this set were important for mitochondrial function (Table S1). The high amount of mitochondrial protein in cells suggested the possibility that these essential ORFs had many insertions because after these genes were disrupted, cells grew for many generations before their gene product was depleted. This idea was supported by our study of four of these deletions where we found that strains grew for many more generations after these essential genes were removed (Figure 6B). While large pools of proteins make it difficult to detect their essential function using integration profiling, the number of genes expressing such large pools is a small percentage of the entire gene set of *S. pombe*.

Integration profiling provided a means of determining which genes are essential, independent of the deletion method used by the consortium (Kim *et al.* 2010). Of the ORFs that had low densities of integration, we found a surprising number had been designated nonessential by the

consortium. PCR and/or DNA blot assays of 77 ORFs revealed that at least 40% of these strains retained a copy of the ORF that was targeted for deletion. This result and the finding that many of these genes are known to be essential in other organisms led us to conclude that these ORFs with low integration densities are essential. We found that ORFs targeted for deletion were more likely to be retained if the ORF had low amounts of Hermes integration. Using a linear regression of the integration densities we project that ~300 ORFs thought to be nonessential were not successfully deleted in the deletion collection. The consortium determined which genes are essential by deleting one copy of an ORF in a diploid and following sporulation, testing whether haploids with the deletion are viable. Deletion of an essential ORF creates strong selection for suppressor mutations or chromosomal rearrangements that produce an ectopic copy of the gene. We believe this has happened with many of the deletion strains either in the haploid, the diploid, or during meiosis. An analysis of the *S. cerevisiae* collection of deletions revealed that ~8% of the genes deleted were nevertheless present in aneuploid or rearranged chromosomes (Hughes *et al.* 2000). Since these types of genetic alterations led to mistaken predictions of essentiality in both the *S. cerevisiae* and *S. pombe* deletion sets it is clear that there is a need for an independent method for establishing which genes are essential. Integration profiling is such an independent method for reliably identifying essential genes. One significant advantage of integration profiling is that it also can identify which nonessential genes make important contributions to growth. The intermediate integration levels of ORFs that, while not essential, contributed significantly to colony growth indicates that integration densities can be a measure of function even for nonessential genes. As a result, the capacity of integration profiling to document intermediate contributions to growth allows for a more accurate estimate of gene function than the designations of essential and nonessential.

Although we have validated this application of integration profiling under ideal growth conditions, it is clear that the method can be readily adapted to measure gene contribution to a wide variety of processes such as responses to environmental stress, repair of DNA damage, or viability during long periods of quiescence. Integration profiling can also be applied to identify gene interactions in a “synthetic lethal” approach by conducting integration in strains that have mutations of interest. As sequencing technology continues to improve, integration profiling will also have applications in organisms with more complex genomes, in the identification of genes that can be haploinsufficient or dominant negative. Such approaches in cultured cells will have important applications in the identification of disease pathways and physiological systems.

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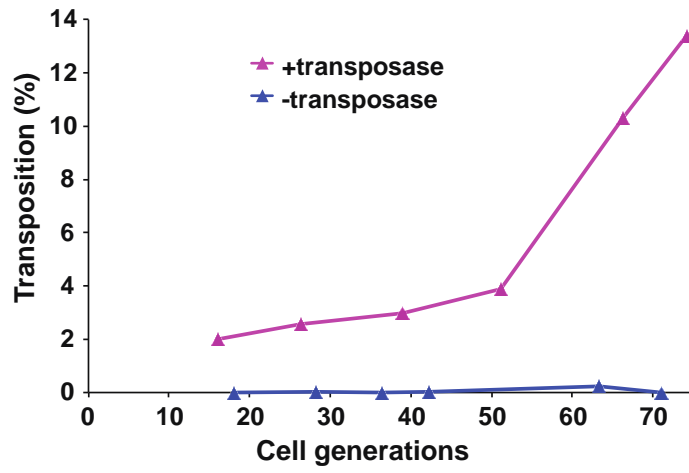
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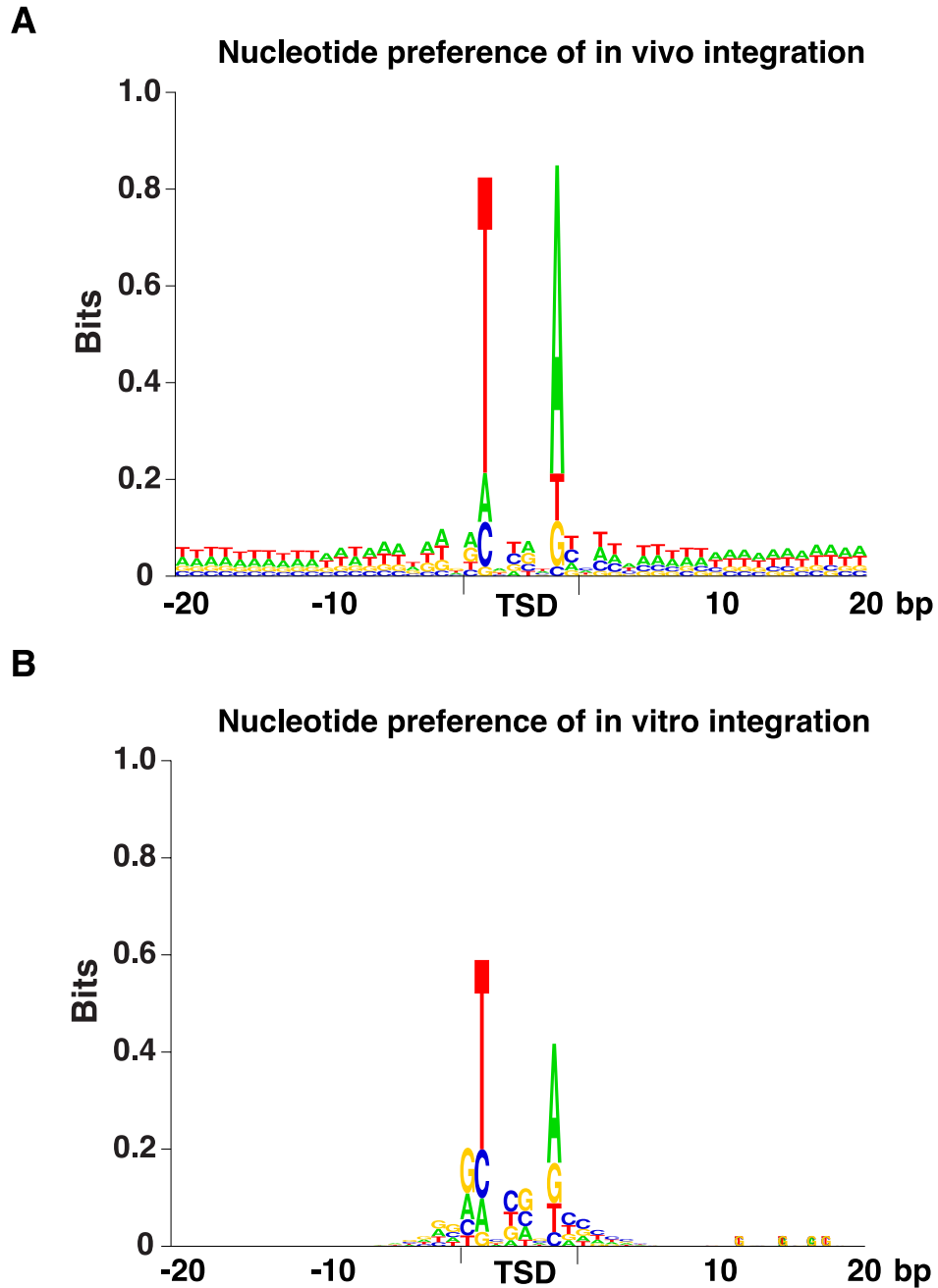
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## **Integration Profiling of Gene Function With Dense Maps of Transposon Integration**

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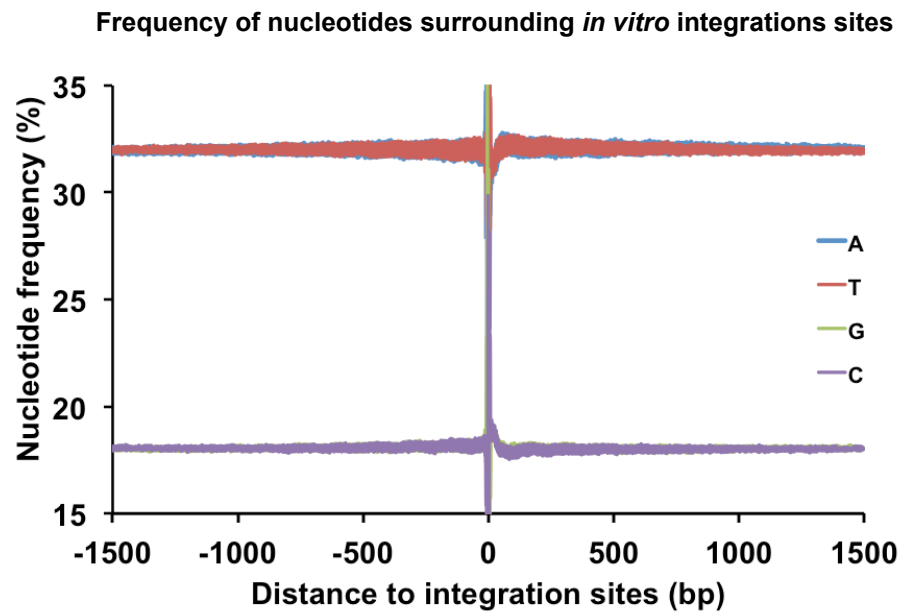


**Figure S1** The percentage of cells with an insertion was measured during prolonged growth in liquid culture. After 74 generations 13.4% of the cells expressing the transposase contained an insertion (Pink). Cells in a control culture did not express the transposase (Blue).



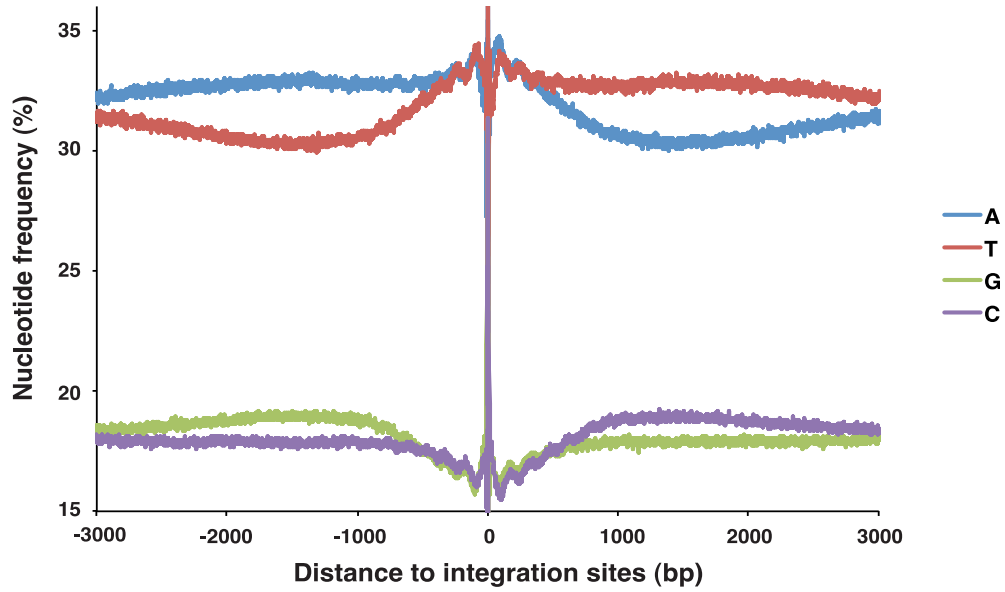
**Figure S2** The average nucleotide frequencies flanking the insertion sites were determined. All Hermes insertions were aligned and the nucleotide patterns were analyzed by sequence logo created by a program written in Visual Basic based on an existing algorithm (Schneider and Stephens, 1990). The positions of the eight nucleotides at the target sites that are duplicated during integration are indicated by TSD. The nucleotide preferences for the *in vivo* integration sites are shown in (A) and the *in vitro* integration sites are shown in (B).

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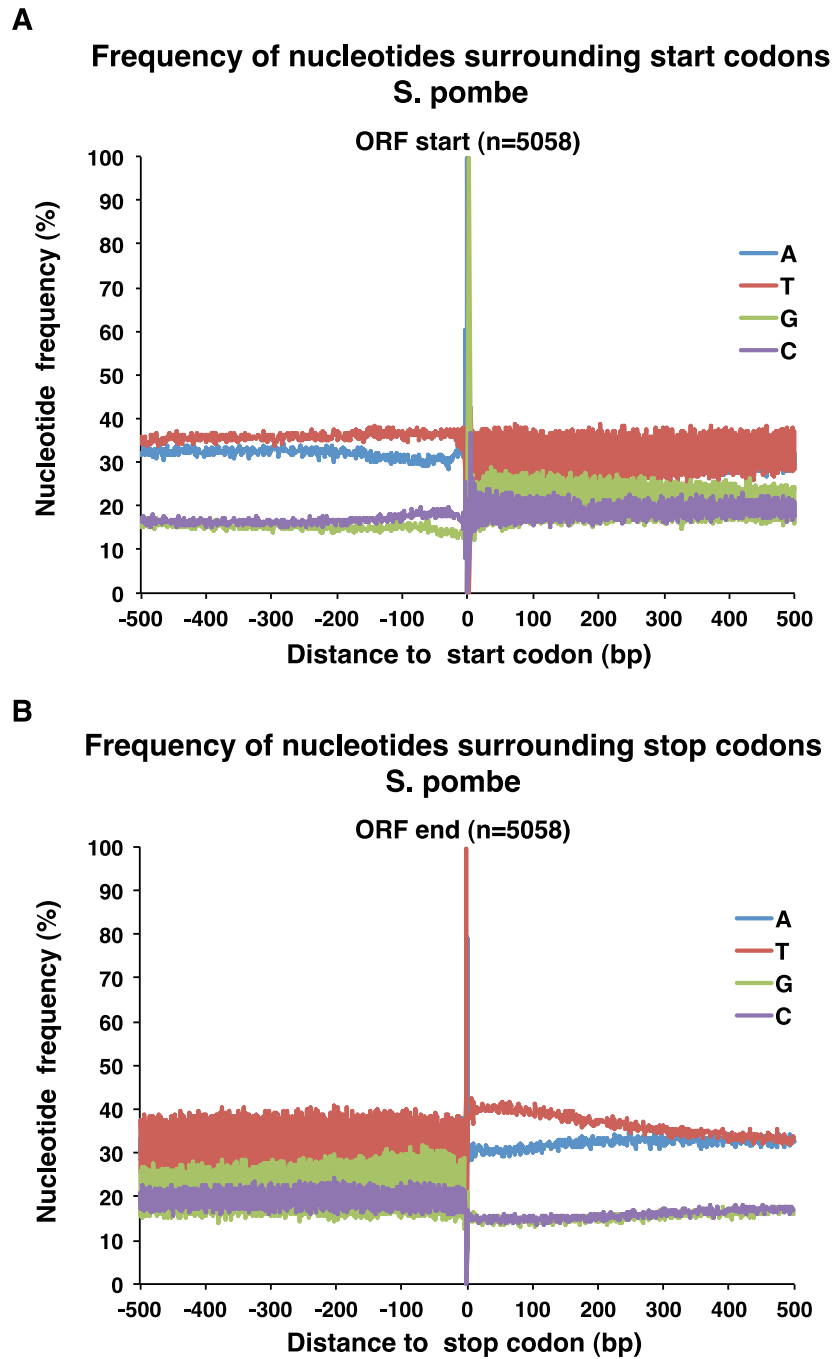
**Figure S3** The average nucleotide frequencies were determined for the positions on either side of the *in vitro* insertion sites. The insertion sites were aligned and the nucleotide frequencies were calculated for a window that extended 1.5 kb on both sides.

### Frequency of nucleotides surrounding *in vivo* integration that occurred upstream of ORFs

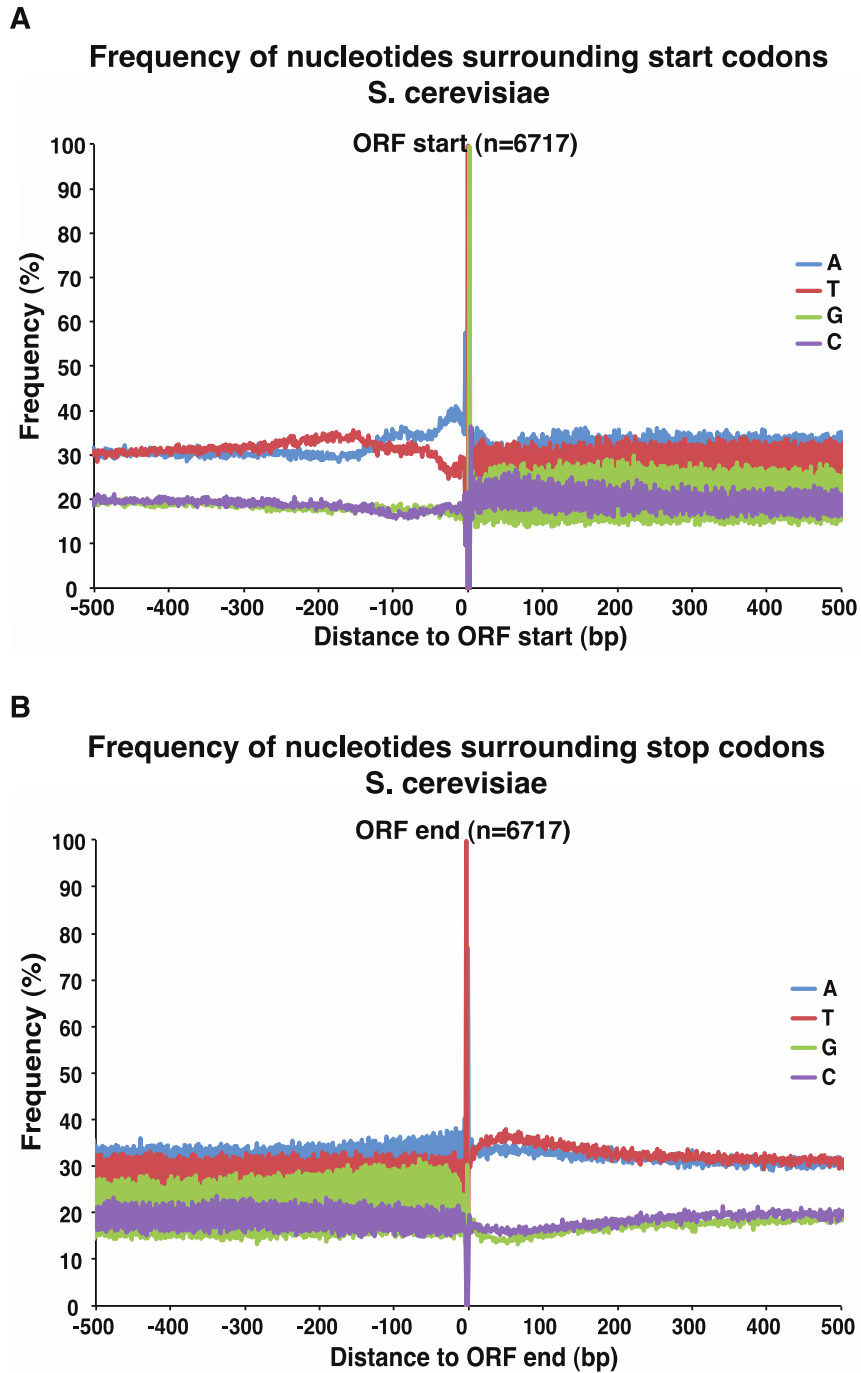


**Figure S4** The average nucleotide frequencies were determined for the positions on either side of the *in vivo* insertion sites that occurred upstream of ORFs. The insertion sites were aligned and the nucleotide frequencies were calculated for a window that extended 3.0 kb on both sides.





**Figure S5** The average nucleotide frequencies upstream and downstream of ORFs were determined. A. The ATGs of the *S. pombe* ORFs were aligned and the nucleotide frequencies upstream of the ORFs were plotted. B. The stop codons of the *S. pombe* ORFs were aligned and the nucleotides frequencies downstream were plotted.



**Figure S6** The average nucleotide frequencies upstream and downstream of ORFs in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* were determined. A. The ATGs of the *S. cerevisiae* ORFs were aligned and the nucleotide frequencies upstream of the ORFs were plotted. B. The stop codons of the *S. cerevisiae* ORFs were aligned and the nucleotides frequencies downstream were plotted.

## File S1

### Materials and Methods

#### Plasmid constructs

The donor plasmid (pHL2577) and expression plasmid (pHL2578) have been previously described and are listed in Table S6. The Ura-marked donor plasmid consists of the KanMX6 gene cloned between the Hermes TIRs. The Leu-marked expression plasmid contains the Hermes transposase gene driven by the Rep81x nmt1 promoter.

The plasmid pHL2806 was created by combining the HindIII fragment of pHL2578 containing LEU2 with the HindIII fragment of pON177 in order to replace the URA3 marker of pON177 with LEU2.

To generate the plasmids for the essentiality test, the DNA fragments encoding *mmf1*, *mrpl16*, *mrpl19*, and SPBC2d10.08c were amplified by PCR using genomic DNA from YHL912 as a template and the primers in Table S7. Each PCR reaction consisted of 5  $\mu$ L 10X Pfx amplification buffer, 1.5  $\mu$ L 10 mM dNTPs, 1  $\mu$ L 50 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 1.5  $\mu$ L primer mix (10  $\mu$ M each), 100 ng template DNA, 0.4  $\mu$ L Platinum Pfx DNA polymerase (2.5 U/ $\mu$ L), and water to 50  $\mu$ L. The thermocycling conditions were as follows: 94°C 2 min, 25-35x [94°C 15 sec, 55°C 30 sec, 68°C for 1 minute per kb], 72°C 10 min, hold 4°C. The products were purified on Qiagen PCR purification columns and cloned into pCR2.1-TOPO (Invitrogen) following manufacturer's instructions. The constructs were then digested with Sall and XhoI (NEB) (SPBC2d10.08c) or with XhoI and SacI (NEB) (*mmf1*, *mrpl16*, and *mrpl19*) to isolate the PCR gene inserts. The gene inserts were then cloned into pHL2612 to generate the deletion plasmids listed in Table S6.

#### Generating a library of Hermes insertions

A single colony from YHL9609 was used to inoculate a 5 mL starter culture of EMM-Leu-Ura+B1 that was grown for 16 hours at 32°C and ~200 rpm. The culture was then pelleted at 3,000 rpm for 5 minutes and washed three times with 50 mL EMM-Leu-Ura-B1 to remove any traces of thiamine. The pellet was resuspended in 2 ml of the same media and the OD<sub>600</sub> of the culture was measured. These measurements were used to calculate the volume of cells needed to inoculate 50 ml EMM-Leu-Ura-B1 at OD<sub>600</sub>=0.05. The absence of thiamine from this culture induced transcription of the Hermes transposase enzyme and initiated transposition. This culture was grown to OD<sub>600</sub> =5, and was used to inoculate a new series of cultures at OD<sub>600</sub>=0.05. The serial passaged cultures were continued until the percent of cells with integration reached 13%, or about 80 generations of cell division. In all, it took a series of 12 sequential cultures for the strain to reach this point.

The final 50 ml culture was used to inoculate 500 ml of EMM+Leu+Ura+B1+FOA at OD<sub>600</sub>=0.25 to select against the donor plasmid. The cultures were grown for 4 days until an OD<sub>600</sub> of 3 was reached. The EMM+FOA culture was pelleted, washed, and used to inoculate 500 mL YES+FOA+G418 at OD<sub>600</sub>=0.5 to select cells with Hermes insertions. The YES+FOA+G418 culture was grown for 48 hours to an OD<sub>600</sub> of 10.

To measure transposition frequencies over the course of serial passaging, cells from cultures that reached OD<sub>600</sub>=5 were used to make a series of five 10-fold dilutions, starting at 10<sup>8</sup> cells/ml and ending with 10<sup>4</sup> cells/ml. From the three most dilute cultures, 100  $\mu$ l of cells were spread on EMM+Leu+Ura+FOA+B1 plates. The same volume from the three least dilute cultures was spread on YES+FOA+G418 plates. Transposition frequency was calculated by dividing the number of colonies on EMM+Leu+Ura+FOA+B1 by the number of colonies on YES+FOA+G418.

To confirm that the majority of the cells lacked the donor plasmid and contained a Hermes integration event following growth in YES+FOA+G418 cultures, cells from the final YES+FOA+G418 cultures were plated as above, but on EMM complete and EMM-Ura. The percentage of cells retaining the donor plasmid was calculated by dividing the number of colonies on EMM -Ura by the number of colonies on EMM complete.

The protocol that follows below describes methods to prepare Hermes insertion libraries for high-throughput Illumina sequencing.

#### Genomic DNA extraction

The final 500 ml YES+FOA+G418 liquid culture was spun down at 3,000 rpm for 5 minutes. The pellet of cells was resuspended in 35 ml of Sp1 (1.2 M sorbitol, 50 mM citric acid monohydrate, 50 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>\*7H<sub>2</sub>O, and 40 mM EDTA, pH 5.6) containing 105 mg Zymolyase 100T (Seikagaku) previously dissolved. Cells were incubated at 37°C for 1-2 hours with gentle shaking. The cells were pelleted and resuspended in 105 mL of 5X TE and 1% SDS. Cells were incubated at 25°C for 1 hour and then at 65°C for five minutes. After this point, 35 ml of 5M KOAc was added to the mixture, and the cells were incubated on ice for 30 minutes. The cells were centrifuged for 15 min at 4200 rpm in an SS34 rotor, and an equal volume of ice-cold isopropanol was added to the supernatant. The mixture was placed at -20°C overnight. The mixture was then centrifuged at 8000 rpm in an SS34 rotor for 10 minutes. The DNA pellet was resuspended in 21 ml of 5X TE, and RNaseA (Qiagen) was added to a final concentration of 100 µg/ml. The solution was incubated at 37°C for 1-2 hours. Three phenol extractions and one phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol extraction were performed to remove proteins. The nucleic acids were precipitated using 1/10 volume of 5 M NaCl and 2.5 volumes of 100% ethanol. The pellet was washed with 14 ml 70% ethanol, air dried, and resuspended in 300 µL 1X TE. The yield was approximately 100 µg.

#### Restriction endonuclease digestion

Genomic DNA was digested with MseI in a series of 6 duplicate digests. Each digest consisted of 1-2 µg DNA, 10 µl 10X NEB Buffer #2, 1 µl 100X BSA (NEB), 3 µl MseI (10U/µl, NEB), and water to 100 µl. The digests were incubated at 37°C for 16 hours, followed by purification of each digest on a Qiagen PCR purification column. DNA was serially eluted from each column with a total of 150 µl EB.

#### Linker ligation

This step ligates MseI compatible ends of digested genomic DNA to linkers containing MseI restriction-site overhangs. Linkers were prepared by mixing equal amounts of HL1870 and HL1871 at a concentration of 10 µM in PCR buffer. For linker annealing, the mixture was denatured for 1 minute at 95°C in a PCR machine, and the temperature was decreased to 80°C for 7 minutes, and continued decrease by 10°C every 7 minutes until 20°C. The mixture was stored at -20°C when not in use.

The linkers were ligated to MseI-digested DNA in a reaction consisting of 125 µl of purified MseI digest product, 40 µl 5X Ligase buffer, 35 µl annealed linker oligonucleotides (10 µM), and 5 µl T4 DNA Ligase (1U/µl). The reaction mixture was divided in 20 µl aliquots among 10 tubes, which were incubated at 18°C for 16 hours, and stored at -20°C.

#### PCR amplification of Hermes insertion sites

This step uses the linker-ligated genomic DNA fragments as templates for PCR amplification of genomic sequences flanking Hermes integration sites. A series of 40 PCR reactions were carried out in a 96-well plate. Each reaction consisted of 8  $\mu$ l linker ligation template, 5  $\mu$ l 10X PCR buffer, 1  $\mu$ l dNTPs (10 mM), 1  $\mu$ l LTR primer (10  $\mu$ M, HL2215), 1  $\mu$ l linker primer (10  $\mu$ M, HL2216), 1  $\mu$ l 50X Titanium Taq polymerase (Clontech), and water to 50  $\mu$ l. Amplification was performed with the following cycling conditions: 94°C 1 min, 6x [94°C 15 sec, 65°C 30 sec, 72°C 30 sec], 24x [94°C 15 sec, 60°C 30 sec, 72°C 30 sec], 72°C 10 min, hold 4°C.

#### Gel extraction and purification

Following amplification, PCR reactions were pooled and purified on 6 Qiagen PCR purification columns. The DNA was eluted in 400  $\mu$ l EB and the entire volume of eluate was loaded in 1 lane (tape together multiple wells to create one large lane) of a 2% low melting point agarose, 1X TAE gel and run a few cm at 80V, next to a 100 bp DNA size standard for size reference. The DNA from 150-500 bp was excised with a clean razor blade and extracted using the Qiagen Gel purification kit following manufacturer's instructions. The DNA was eluted with 500  $\mu$ l EB and extracted with one phenol extraction, one phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol extraction, and one final chloroform extraction, using a 1:1 volume for each extraction. The products were purified on one Qiagen PCR purification column and eluted in 70  $\mu$ l TE. DNA was quantified with a Quant-iT PicoGreen Fluorescence kit for dsDNA (Invitrogen).

#### Illumina sequencing

The DNA samples were sequenced by the Illumina Fast Track Sequencing Service in Hayward, California. The sequence reads were 50 nt in length. The raw sequences for the *in vitro* and *in vivo* inserts were deposited in the SRA database of Genbank with accession number SRA043841.1.

#### Genomic resources

All genomic resource data of *S. pombe* used in this study was downloaded from the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute (<ftp://ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/yeast/pombe/>). The chromosome contigs are the Aug. 2007 version. The CDS coordinates are the Feb. 2009 version. The UTR data was extracted from the .embl files of 20110204 version.

#### Mapping Hermes integration sites on the genome of *S. pombe*.

Sequence reads from Illumina were screened for those containing Hermes left end. Then the Hermes sequences were trimmed. The trimmed sequences were aligned to the *S. pombe* genome using the NCBI BLAST software (blastall) on a local computer. The BLAST results were filtered to collect matches with genomic sequence that started from the first nucleotide after the Hermes end and with identities greater than or equal to 95% and expect (e) values less than or equal to 0.05. Then, of the matches that met these criteria, the one with the highest bit score was used to obtain the coordinates for the unique insertion sites. Sequences that were found to have the same insertion coordinate and the same orientation, were considered to be duplicate reads, and were counted as only one independent integration event.

#### Matched random control (MRC)

For each Hermes insertion site, the distance between the integration site and the responsible MseI site (d) was calculated. Then another MseI site coordinate (m) was randomly chosen from the *S. pombe* genome. Then m+d or m-d was taken as an MRC site. To “add” or “subtract” was also randomly determined. Thus, the MRC dataset has the same size as the experimental integration dataset and matches the distances to MseI sites.

#### General bioinformatic analysis and programming

The scripts for screening the raw sequences, filtering the BLAST outputs, extracting features from .embl files, determining the locations of Hermes insertion according to chromosomal features, generating MRC and other analyses were written in Perl or Ruby programming languages.

#### Nucleosome DNA preparation and sequencing

Nucleosomal DNA was prepared as described previously (YAMANE *et al.* 2011), and DNA samples were sequenced by using the Illumina sequencing protocol. Bowtie (LANGMEAD *et al.* 2009) was used to map the Illumina sequencing reads, trimmed to 25 bp of high quality reads, against the reference genome allowing for 2 mismatches. The mapped data was filtered to remove all sequences that mapped to more than a single location. The end positions of the reads were aligned relative to the center of the nucleosome by shifting the plus strands reads by +73 bp and the minus strand reads by -73 bp. The final nucleosome maps were produced by applying gaussian smoothing to the raw data in order to reduce noise. More detailed methodology will be described in a forthcoming manuscript on the genome wide mapping of nucleosomes in *S. pombe*.

#### Essentiality Test

To test the viability of four representative Bioneer strains heterozygous for deletions in nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes designated as essential, we performed a plasmid shuffle assay. Following transformation with both the plasmids encoding the deleted genes and pHL2806 (needed to allow sporulation), the diploid strains carrying the plasmid with the deleted genes were sporulated by inoculating them at OD<sub>600</sub>=0.05 in 200  $\mu$ l of low nitrogen media, and incubating them for 3 days at 25°C in a rotating wheel. Low nitrogen media is identical to EMM media, except with 1g/l glutamic acid in place of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The cells were then pelleted and resuspended in water to OD<sub>600</sub>=0.1, and 20  $\mu$ l of a 10-fold diluted stock of glucosylase (PerkinElmer) was added to the mixture. The mixtures were allowed to incubate overnight at 32°C in a rotating wheel. The cells were then pelleted, resuspended in 300  $\mu$ l of 30% ethanol, and incubated for 30 minutes at 25°C. Subsequently, the cells were pelleted, resuspended in 100  $\mu$ l of water, plated on YES+G418 to select for haploid cells containing the KanMX6 deletion cassette, and grown for 3 days at 32°C.

Gene essentiality was tested on solid media by patch assays and drop assays. For each patch assay, 15 cells from the spore germination plates were colony purified on YES+G418 plates and then patched to YES master plates that were grown at 32°C for 2 days. These master plates were replica printed to YES+FOA plates (to select against the deletion plasmid) and grown at either 32°C or 37°C for 46 hours.

For each drop assay, a 1 ml stock of cells at OD= 0.5 was used to create a series of 5-fold dilutions. From each dilution, 10  $\mu$ l of cells was plated on YES and PM+FOA plates and grown at 32°C or 37°C for 2-3 days.

**Table S1**

ORFs designated by the consortium to be essential but had high integration densities.

| Gene                        | Gene function   | integration/kb/million insertions |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| SPBC21C3.10c                | 5-amino-6-(5-phosphoribosylamino) uracil reductase                              | 161.5                             |
| tim10 SPAC222.03c           | Tim9-Tim10 complex subunit Tim10 (predicted)                                    | 130.2                             |
| mrpl16 SPBC1105.03c         | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L16                                     | 128.4                             |
| SPBP8B7.05c                 | carbonic anhydrase (predicted)  | 124.5                             |
| SPBC2D10.08c                | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit Yml6                                    | 123.5                             |
| mrpl31 SPCC16A11.11         | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L31                                     | 111.6                             |
| ste11 aff1 stex SPBC32C12.0 | transcription factor Ste11  | 108.4                             |
| SPAC1486.07c mrpl19         | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L19                                     | 102.0                             |
| SPCC1672.01                 | histidinol-phosphatase (predicted)  | 100.8                             |
| SPCC2H8.04                  | sequence orphan   | 99.4                              |
| met9 met5 SPAC56F8.10       | methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase Met9  | 94.9                              |
| SPAC17H9.07                 | signal recognition particle subunit Srp21 (predicted)                           | 94.6                              |
| tpx1 SPCC576.03c            | thioredoxin peroxidase Tpx1   | 86.2                              |
| vph2 SPCC757.10             | endoplasmic reticulum membrane involved in assembly of the V-ATPase             | 84.5                              |
| ups1 ups SPAC31G5.08        | uroporphyrinogen-III synthase Ups1  | 80.7                              |
| mmf1 pmf1 SPBC2G2.04c       | YjgF family protein Mmf1  | 79.4                              |
| grx4 SPBC26H8.06            | glutaredoxin Grx4   | 79.3                              |
| SPAC30C2.03                 | sequence orphan   | 78.9                              |
| SPBC2A9.10                  | Bin3 family   | 78.4                              |
| SPAC12B10.02c               | sequence orphan   | 78.4                              |
| mrp10 SPAC24C9.13c          | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit Mrp10                                   | 78.0                              |
| SPBC3B9.14c mrpl3           | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L3                                      | 77.3                              |
| SPCC1682.09c                | guanine nucleotide transporter  | 74.1                              |
| SPAC1002.16c                | nicotinic acid plasma membrane transporter (predicted)                          | 74.0                              |
| SPAC688.09                  | mitochondrial pyrimidine nucleotide transporter (predicted)                     | 70.9                              |
| SPBC577.09                  | ERCC-8 DNA repair homolog (predicted)   | 70.3                              |
| SPAC17G8.02                 | uridine ribohydrolase (predicted)   | 69.8                              |
| SPAC31G5.06                 | mitochondrial protein   | 69.8                              |
| dea2 SPBC1198.02            | adenine deaminase Dea2  | 67.8                              |
| SPCC63.10c                  | dolichol kinase (predicted)   | 67.4                              |
| SPAC24C9.06c                | aconitate hydratase   | 66.5                              |
| SPBC354.06 mrps16           | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit S16                                     | 65.5                              |
| SPBP4H10.15                 | aconitate hydratase/mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L49, fusion protein | 64.9                              |
| bet5 SPAC688.15 SPAC3G9.1   | TRAPP complex subunit Bet5 (predicted)  | 64.6                              |
| usp103 yhc1 SPBP35G2.09     | U1 snRNP-associated protein Usp103 (predicted)                                  | 63.6                              |
| crk1 mop1 mcs6 SPBC19F8.(   | cyclin-dependent kinase activating kinase Crk1                                  | 63.3                              |
| SPAPB17E12.09               | sequence orphan   | 63.2                              |
| mrp20 SPAC31A2.08           | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L23 (predicted)                         | 62.8                              |
| fta3 SPBP8B7.12c sma3       | Sim4 and Mal2 associated (4 and 2 associated) protein 3                         | 62.8                              |
| SPBC887.07 mrpl38           | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L38                                     | 62.7                              |
| SPBC2F12.10                 | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L35                                     | 62.3                              |
| SPCC4B3.09c                 | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L12                                     | 62.1                              |
| SPAPB24D3.06c               | DUF1749 family protein  | 61.3                              |
| SPBC119.18                  | mitochondrial distribution and morphology protein Mdm35 (predicted)             | 61.2                              |
| SPBC17G9.13c                | sequence orphan   | 61.1                              |
| SPAC2F7.15 rsm24            | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit S24 (predicted)                         | 60.9                              |
| SPBC16H5.15                 | conserved fungal protein  | 60.9                              |
| SPCC1393.11                 | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L20                                     | 60.7                              |
| sum2 SPBC800.09             | G2/M transition checkpoint protein Sum2   | 60.6                              |
| alr2 SPBC359.02             | alanine racemase Alr2   | 59.8                              |
| SPAC3A12.19                 | mitochondrial ribosomal protein subunit L27                                     | 59.4                              |

**Table S2 The levels of integration for each ORF of the genome**

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Table S3

## Test of deletion strains version 2.0 for presence of ORFs designated by the consortium to be nonessential.

| chromosome | gene                              | start   | end     | strand | Number of integrations | Density (integration/kb /million insertions) | Gene description                                      | bands in colony PCR | bands with the same primers in wt. | ORF detected on Southern blot |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|------------------------|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| chr1       | rp136a SPAC15E1.03 rp142          | 3722509 | 3723019 | +      | 0                      | 0.00   | 60S ribosomal protein L36/L42                         | 2                   | 2                                  | √                             |
| chr1       | ubi1 SPAC11G7.04                  | 3969009 | 3969395 | +      | 0                      | 0.00   | ribosomal-ubiquitin fusion protein Ubi1               | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC186.06                        | 5542419 | 5542973 | +      | 0                      | 0.00   | human MAWBP homolog                                   | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | smd3 SPBC19C2.14                  | 1702182 | 1702628 | +      | 0                      | 0.00   | Sm snRNP core protein Smd3                            | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC16A3.16                       | 4267784 | 4268090 | -      | 0                      | 0.00   | mitochondrial inner membrane protein                  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC14G10.03c ump1                | 748037  | 748530  | -      | 0                      | 0.00   | proteasome maturation factor Ump1                     | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC162.01c                       | 1587869 | 1588603 | +      | 0                      | 0.00   | RNA-binding protein                                   | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | rhp54 rad54 SPAC15A10.03c         | 3680587 | 3683145 | -      | 1                      | 1.08   | Rad54 homolog Rhp54                                   | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC577.06c                       | 758408  | 764229  | -      | 4                      | 1.91   | phosphatidylinositol kinase                           | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | tif213 SPBC17G9.09                | 2187712 | 2189052 | +      | 1                      | 2.07   | translation initiation factor eIF2 gamma subunit      | 2                   | 2                                  | √                             |
| chr2       | arp5 SPBC365.10                   | 2512667 | 2514887 | +      | 2                      | 2.50   | actin-like protein Arp5                               | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | fas1 SPAC926.09c                  | 3900367 | 3906588 | -      | 6                      | 2.67   | fatty acid synthase beta subunit Fas1                 | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC186.03                        | 5535198 | 5536280 | +      | 1                      | 2.56   | L-asparaginase  | 1                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr1       | nup184 SPAP27G11.10c              | 1625076 | 1629841 | -      | 6                      | 3.49   | nucleoporin Nup184                                    | 1                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr1       | spt6 SPAC694.07c SPAC1F7.01c      | 4212706 | 4216803 | -      | 6                      | 4.06   | transcription elongation factor Spt6                  | 2                   | 2                                  | √                             |
| chr3       | bgs4 orb11 cwg1 SPCC1840.02c      | 2249279 | 2255146 | -      | 9                      | 4.25   | 1,3-beta-glucan synthase subunit Bgs4                 | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | gpd1 SPBC215.05                   | 4035814 | 4036971 | +      | 2                      | 4.79   | glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase Gpd1               | 0                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr3       | tif6 SPCC1919.09                  | 2223154 | 2224257 | +      | 2                      | 5.03   | translation initiation factor eIF6                    | 0                   | 2                                  | √                             |
| chr1       | pub1 SPAC11G7.02                  | 3963323 | 3965870 | +      | 5                      | 5.44   | ubiquitin-protein ligase E3                           | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | atp16 SPBC13E7.04                 | 3046873 | 3047355 | +      | 1                      | 5.74   | F1-ATPase delta subunit                               | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC1539.08 arf6                  | 4375857 | 4376810 | +      | 2                      | 5.82   | ADP-ribosylation factor, Arf family                   | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC27B12.08                      | 1335724 | 1341821 | +      | 13                     | 5.91   | AP-1 accessory protein                                | 0                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr1       | arp42 arp4 SPAC23D3.09            | 4353826 | 4355118 | -      | 3                      | 6.44   | SWI/SNF and RSC complex subunit Arp42                 | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC869.04                        | 5511137 | 5512369 | -      | 3                      | 6.75   | formamidase-like protein                              | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | ypl7 SPBC405.04c                  | 3147478 | 3148230 | -      | 2                      | 7.37   | GTPase Ypl7   | 1                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr1       | vps28 SPAC1B3.07c                 | 4940690 | 4941436 | -      | 2                      | 7.43   | ESCRT I complex subunit Vps28                         | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC5E4.10c                       | 651622  | 651994  | -      | 1                      | 7.44   | sequence orphan                                       | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | wis1 spc2 smf2 SPBC409.07c        | 1143967 | 1145784 | -      | 5                      | 7.63   | MAP kinase kinase Wis1                                | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | ies6 SPAC222.04c                  | 950298  | 950651  | -      | 1                      | 7.84   | chromatin remodeling complex subunit Ies6             | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC664.13                        | 1729505 | 1729858 | +      | 1                      | 7.84   | sequence orphan                                       | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBPB10D8.01                      | 81295   | 82953   | +      | 5                      | 8.36   | cysteine transporter                                  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | rpt4 SPCC1682.16                  | 405612  | 407251  | +      | 5                      | 8.46   | 19S proteasome regulatory subunit Rpt4                | 2                   | 2                                  | √                             |
| chr2       | sec63 SPBC36B7.03                 | 2387093 | 2389038 | +      | 6                      | 8.55   | ER protein translocation subcomplex subunit Sec63     | 2                   | 2                                  | √                             |
| chr1       | SPAC20G8.09c                      | 1415542 | 1418750 | -      | 10                     | 8.64   | N-acetyltransferase Nat10                             | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | mcs4 SPBC887.10                   | 3557274 | 3558842 | +      | 5                      | 8.84   | two-component response regulator                      | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC9B6.07                        | 1824562 | 1825497 | +      | 3                      | 8.89   | nucleolar protein Nop52 family                        | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | plc1 SPAC22F8.11                  | 4807786 | 4810485 | +      | 9                      | 9.25   | phosphoinositide phospholipase C Plc1                 | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | ekc1 SPCC777.16c SPCC663.01c      | 1626547 | 1629120 | -      | 16                     | 17.24  | protein phosphatase regulatory subunit Ekc1           | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | mcl1 slr3 SPAPB1E7.02c            | 3283195 | 3285745 | -      | 16                     | 17.40  | DNA polymerase alpha accessory factor Mcl1            | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | swi5 SPBC409.03                   | 1138056 | 1138530 | +      | 3                      | 17.52  | Swi5 protein  | 1                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr3       | pof3 SPCC338.16                   | 1345394 | 1347127 | -      | 11                     | 17.60  | F-box protein Pof3                                    | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC6F6.03c                       | 2734109 | 2736126 | -      | 13                     | 17.87  | ribosome export GTPase                                | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC1919.04                       | 2211103 | 2211873 | +      | 5                      | 17.99  | sequence orphan                                       | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC16C9.05 cph1                  | 799550  | 800764  | +      | 8                      | 18.26  | PHD finger containing protein                         | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC119.12                        | 740275  | 741480  | +      | 8                      | 18.40  | Golgi matrix protein                                  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | lsd1 SPBC146.09c swm1 saf110      | 1016000 | 1019002 | -      | 20                     | 18.47  | histone demethylase SWIRM1                            | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | nfs1 SPBC21D10.11c                | 2422769 | 2424265 | +      | 10                     | 18.53  | iron-sulfur cluster assembly protein Nfs1             | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | pzh1 SPAC57A7.08                  | 1527964 | 1529511 | -      | 14                     | 20.09  | serine/threonine protein phosphatase Pzh1             | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | set1 SPCC306.04c                  | 412765  | 415527  | -      | 25                     | 25.10  | histone lysine methyltransferase Set1                 | 0                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr3       | set9 SPCC4B3.12                   | 1154281 | 1155606 | -      | 12                     | 25.10  | histone lysine methyltransferase Set9                 | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | rad3 SPBC216.05                   | 904365  | 911525  | +      | 65                     | 25.18  | ATR checkpoint kinase                                 | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | pdb1 SPBC30D10.13c                | 3070543 | 3071643 | +      | 10                     | 25.19  | pyruvate dehydrogenase e1 component beta subunit Pdb1 | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | pds5 SPAC110.02                   | 1912042 | 1915659 | +      | 33                     | 25.30  | cohesin-associated protein Pds5                       | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | cit1 SPAC6C3.04                   | 2328675 | 2330096 | +      | 13                     | 25.36  | citrate synthase                                      | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | ccr4 SPCC31H12.08c SPCC5E4.02c    | 637461  | 639533  | -      | 19                     | 25.42  | CCR4-Not complex subunit Ccr4                         | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | hip3 SPBC31F10.14c hir3           | 3777778 | 3782670 | -      | 45                     | 25.51  | HIRA interacting protein Hip3                         | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC1685.04                       | 502873  | 503850  | +      | 9                      | 25.53  | sequence orphan                                       | 0                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC30D10.14                      | 3067996 | 3068745 | -      | 9                      | 33.29  | dienelactone hydrolase family                         | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC645.13                        | 1258634 | 1260799 | +      | 26                     | 33.30  | transcription elongation regulator                    | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC569.07                        | 2415649 | 2417061 | -      | 17                     | 33.37  | aromatic aminotransferase                             | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | atp2 SPAC222.12c                  | 968783  | 970360  | -      | 19                     | 33.40  | F1-ATPase beta subunit                                | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC1A4.05                        | 1984516 | 1986671 | +      | 26                     | 33.45  | sequence orphan                                       | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | spo15 SPAC1F3.06c                 | 625430  | 631303  | +      | 71                     | 33.53  | sporulation protein Spo15                             | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | fh11 SPAC1142.08 SPAC8C9.01       | 3639988 | 3642219 | +      | 27                     | 33.55  | fork head transcription factor Fh11                   | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | amo1 SPBC15D4.10c                 | 3028705 | 3030192 | -      | 18                     | 33.55  | nuclear rim protein Amo1                              | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | hem2 SPAC1805.06c                 | 2783941 | 2784930 | -      | 12                     | 33.62  | porphobilinogen synthase Hem2                         | 2                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | vps13a SPBC31F10.18c SPBC21C3.01c | 3789386 | 3798703 | -      | 113                    | 33.64  | chorein homolog                                       | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | gmh3 SPAC22E12.06c                | 5029000 | 5029998 | -      | 15                     | 41.65  | alpha-1,2-galactosyltransferase Gmh3                  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC1840.07c                      | 2270637 | 2271635 | -      | 15                     | 41.65  | phosphoprotein phosphatase                            | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC622.19 jmj4 mug149            | 1438375 | 1439839 | +      | 22                     | 41.65  | Jmj4 protein  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC24C9.05c mug70                | 3045121 | 3047313 | -      | 33                     | 41.74  | conserved protein (fungal and plant)                  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC16E8.17c                      | 3532418 | 3533413 | -      | 15                     | 41.77  | succinate-CoA ligase                                  | 0                   | 1                                  |                               |
| chr1       | SPAC31A2.12                       | 412084  | 413874  | +      | 27                     | 41.82  | arrestin/PY protein 1                                 | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | msh3 swi4 SPAC8F11.03             | 2855931 | 2858980 | +      | 46                     | 41.83  | MutS protein homolog 3                                | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr2       | SPBC1773.16c                      | 318693  | 320480  | -      | 27                     | 41.89  | transcription factor                                  | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr3       | SPCC1620.12c                      | 2167799 | 2169586 | -      | 27                     | 41.89  | GTPase activating protein                             | 0                   | 2                                  |                               |
| chr1       | ldp1 SPAC6G10.08                  | 3231599 | 3232855 | +      | 19                     | 41.93  | isocitrate dehydrogenase ldp1                         | 1                   | 2                                  |                               |

**Table S4 Chromosome coordinates of Hermes insertions**

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**Table S5 Strains of *S. pombe* used in this study**

| Yeast strain | Genotype   | Reference                                 |
|--------------|--|---|
| YHL#10046    | FY243, h-cdc19-P1 ura4-D18 leu1-32 ade6-M210   | Gift of Susan Forsburg                    |
| YHL240       | h+ ura4-294::neo-ura4+   | This study                                |
| YHL912       | h- leu1-32 ura4-294  | (1)                                       |
| YHL9176      | YHL912 with pHL423 and pHL2577   |   |
| YHL9451      | YHL912 with pHL2577  | This study                                |
| YHL9609      | YHL 9451 with pHL2578  | This study                                |
| YHL9799      | yBN146 with pHL2808  | This study                                |
| YHL9800      | yBN147 with pHL 2809   | This study                                |
| YHL9801      | yBN148 with pHL2810  | This study                                |
| YHL10044     | yBN149 with pHL2825  | This study                                |
| YHL10045     | YHL10046 with pSLF124  |   |
| yBN24        | h- ade6-M210/ade6-M216 ura4-D18 leu1-32<br>SPBC21C3.09c::KanMX4/ SPBC21C3.09c                    | Bioneer Corporation<br>collection BG_3108 |
| yBN146       | h+/h+ ade6-M210/ade6-M216 ura4-D18/ura4-D18 leu1-32/leu1-32<br>mmf1::KanMX4/mmf1                 | Bioneer Corporation<br>collection BG_3366 |
| yBN147       | h+/h+ ade6-M210/ade6-M216 ura4-D18/ura4-D18 leu1-32/leu1-32<br>mrpl16::KanMX4/mrpl16             | Bioneer Corporation<br>collection BG_2355 |
| yBN148       | h+/h+ ade6-M210/ade6-M216 ura4-D18/ura4-D18 leu1-32/leu1-32<br>mrpl19::KanMX4/mrpl19             | Bioneer Corporation<br>collection BG_0301 |
| yBN149       | h+/h+ ade6-M210/ade6-M216 ura4-D18/ura4-D18 leu1-32/leu1-32<br>SPBC2d10.08c::KanMX4/SPBC2d10.08c | Bioneer Corporation<br>collection BG_3334 |

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**Table S6 Plasmids.**

| Plasmid | Markers   | Description  | Reference              |
|---------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| pHL423  | amp, LEU2 | Rep3 <i>nmt1</i> promoter, control plasmid lacking Hermes transposase  | (1)                    |
| pHL2577 | amp, URA3 | Hermes donor with TIR's flanking <i>kanMX6</i>   | (2)                    |
| pHL2578 | amp, LEU2 | rep81X <i>nmt1</i> promoter expressing wt Hermes transposase   | (2)                    |
| pHL2612 | amp, Ura4 | URA4 cloned into pRO322 vector   | (3)                    |
| pHL2806 | amp, LEU2 | A 2.2 kb Hind III fragment with LEU2 from REP81X was inserted into the 9.0 kb Hind III fragment of PON177{Kim, 2010 #4464}. This plasmid allows sporulation of Bioneer diploids. | this study             |
| pHL2808 | amp, Ura4 | mmf1 gene PCR cloned into pHL2612  | this study             |
| pHL2809 | amp, Ura4 | mrpl16 gene PCR cloned into pHL2612  | this study             |
| pHL2810 | amp, Ura4 | mrpl19 gene PCR cloned into pHL2612  | this study             |
| pHL2825 | amp, Ura4 | SPBC2d10.08c gene PCR cloned into pHL2612  | this study             |
| pSLF124 | amp, Ura4 | carries genomic clone of <i>cdc19</i> to complement disruption of <i>cdc19</i> in FY243  | gift of Susan Forsbrug |

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**Table S7 Oligonucleotides.**

| Name   | Sequence; function   |
|--------|--|
| HL1870 | GTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGCTCCGCTTAAGGGAC; linker primer  |
| HL1871 | [phos]TAGTCCCTTAAGCGGAG[AmC7~Q]; linker primer   |
| HL2215 | AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCT-CTATGTGGCTTACGTTTGCCTG; PCR primer with P5 tag followed by Hermes seq          |
| HL2216 | CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGCTTCCGATCT-GTAATAACGACTCACTATAGGGC' PCR primer with P7 tag followed by linker seq |
| HL2434 | CTATGTGGCTTACGTTTGCCTGTGGCTTGTG; custom Illumina sequencing primer                                       |
| HL2550 | ATCTCGAGTCCAGGAGCAGATGCAGCAC; PCR primer to clone mmf1   |
| HL2551 | ATGAGCTCGGCGCACGAAAATGAAAAGC; PCR primer to clone mmf1   |
| HL2552 | ATCTCGAGCAACGGAGCAGAGAGCAGCA; PCR primer to clone mrpl16   |
| HL2553 | ATGAGCTCTGAGGCAAGGGTGGTAACG; PCR primer to clone mrpl16  |
| HL2554 | ATCTCGAGTCGTCGTCGTCGATCCTC; PCR primer to clone mrpl19   |
| HL2555 | AACTCTGCATCCCGGGACAA; PCR primer to clone mrpl19   |
| HL2753 | GTCGACAGGTTTCCATGCATTAGCTGGGCA; PCR primer to clone SPBC2d10.08c   |
| HL2754 | CTCGAGTGCAGCAATCTGAACGACGGCA;<br>GTCGACAGGTTTCCATGCATTAGCTGGGCA PCR primer to clone SPBC2d10.08c         |