Maintenance of Nucleosomal Balance in *cis* by Conserved AAA-ATPase Yta7

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ABSTRACT The extent of chromatin compaction is a fundamental driver of nuclear metabolism . Yta7 is a chromatin-associated AAA-ATPase, the human ortholog of which, ANCCA/ATAD2 transcriptionally activates pathways of malignancy in a broad range of cancers. Yta7 directly binds histone H3, and bulk chromatin exhibits increased nucleosomal density in $yta7\Delta$ mutants. The suppression of $yta7\Delta$ mutant growth and transcriptional phenotypes in budding yeast by decreased dosage of histones H3 and H4 indicates the acute sensitivity of cells to deviations in nucleosome spacing. This study investigated the global changes in chromatin structure upon Yta7 loss or overexpression and determined which of these effects reflected direct Yta7 activity. Metagene analysis of Yta7's genome-wide localization indicated peak binding of Yta7 just downstream of the transcription start site. Cells lacking Yta7 exhibited increased nucleosome density within genes downstream of the +1 nucleosome, as defined by decreased internucleosomal distance, resulting in progressively 5'-shifted nucleosome within the gene. In contrast, cells overexpressing Yta7 displayed profound 3'-shifts in nucleosome position and reduced nucleosome density within genes. Importantly, Yta7-bound regions were enriched for nucleosomal shifts, indicating that Yta7 acted locally to modulate nucleosome spacing. The phenotype of cells lacking both Yta7 and Rtt106, the histone H3/H4 chaperone, indicated that Yta7 functions in both Rtt106-dependent and Rtt106-independent ways to modulate nucleosome spacing within genes. This study suggested that Yta7 affected nucleosome density throughout the gene by both blocking Rtt106 from entering the gene, as shown previously at *HTA1*, and facilitating the loss of nucleosomes from the 5'-end.

THE size constraints of the nucleus necessitate condensation of eukaryotic DNA into chromatin. The fundamental subunit of chromatin is the nucleosome, 147 bp of DNA wound about the histone octamer (Luger *et al.* 1997). Each octamer typically contains two copies each of the canonical histones H2A, H2B, H3, and H4. All chromatin-dependent processes transcription, replication, recombination, and repair—are affected by the position and occupancy of nucleosomes.

The *YTA7* gene, conserved from yeast to humans, encodes the only bromodomain-containing AAA-ATPase in *Saccharomyces*

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cerevisiae. The human ortholog ANCCA (ATPase Nuclear Coactivator Cancer-Associated), also known as ATAD2, is a coactivator of genes controlled by both the estrogen and the androgen receptors. Increased expression of ANCCA/ATAD2 is associated with breast, prostate, lung, and endometrial cancers with poor prognoses (Zou *et al.* 2009; Caron *et al.* 2010; Kalashnikova *et al.* 2010; Raeder *et al.* 2013; Zhang *et al.* 2013). Studies of Yta7 in the budding yeast *S. cerevisiae* have the potential to shed mechanistic light on the activity of the human oncogenic ortholog. However, yeast studies on the role of Yta7 have been largely limited to analysis of a handful of genes, most notably the canonical histone genes.

In *S. cerevisiae* there are two copies of each canonical histone gene. H2A and H2B genes are organized into two loci, each with an H2A and H2B gene pair (*HTA1-HTB1*, *HTA2-HTB2*). Genes encoding H3 and H4 are similarly organized as two gene pairs (*HHT1-HHF1*, *HHT2-HHF2*). In asynchronously growing cells, Yta7 is highly enriched at all four canonical histone gene pairs. Interestingly, Yta7 has been described variously as a repressor of all canonical histone

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genes (Gradolatto *et al.* 2008, 2009) and, conversely, as an activator of the primary H2A gene, *HTA1* (Fillingham *et al.* 2009). Other analyses of histone gene transcript levels in cells lacking Yta7 revealed no significant effect other than reduction of *HTA1* messenger RNA (mRNA) (Lombardi *et al.* 2011; Zunder and Rine 2012).

Yta7 is also required for optimal induction of galactoseinduced and sporulation-regulated genes. Their induction appears to be direct as Yta7 associates with the GAL gene cluster only upon transcriptional induction. Interestingly, Yta7 exhibits prominent enrichment within the 5'-end of open reading frames (ORFs) upon activation (Lombardi et al. 2011). In accordance with Yta7's enrichment in ORFs, Yta7 interacts in vivo with Chd1 (Lambert et al. 2009, 2010), a chromatin remodeler that slides nucleosomes (Lusser et al. 2005) and promotes the transition between transcriptional initiation and elongation (Simic et al. 2003; Skene et al. 2014), and with Spt16 (Tackett et al. 2005; Lambert et al. 2009, 2010; Kurat et al. 2011), the largest subunit of the FACT complex, which facilitates transcriptional elongation by destabilizing nucleosomes (Formosa 2008). Furthermore, Yta7 contains two histone-interaction domains: a noncanonical bromodomain and an acidic N-terminal region. Although bromodomains typically bind acetylated lysines, in vitro analyses suggest that Yta7's bromodomain preferentially interacts with an unacetylated and unmethylated Nterminal tail of histone H3 (Gradolatto et al. 2008, 2009). Direct interactions between Yta7 and other histones have not been reported. Yta7's putative AAA-ATPase domain is of the NSF/Cdc48/Pex family, which typically form hexameric complexes and participate in unfolding or manipulating proteins (Erzberger and Berger 2006). Indeed, the human ortholog ANCCA/ATAD2 assembles into oligomers, and its ATPase activity is required for its coactivator function (Zou et al. 2007; Revenko et al. 2010). Likewise, mutating the Walker A (K460A) or Walker B (E519Q) motifs of Yta7's AAA-ATPase domain results in severe loss of function, comparable to the null, indicating that Yta7's AAA-ATPase is essential for its function (Kurat et al. 2011; Lombardi et al. 2011).

The sensitivity of $yta7\Delta$ mutants to changes in the dosage of histones H3 and H4 offers insight into the in vivo importance of Yta7. Specifically, $yta7\Delta$ mutants grow better when a copy of a gene encoding either H3 or H4 is deleted (Collins et al. 2007; Costanzo et al. 2010). This growth-defect suppression is not observed upon decreased dosage of the genes encoding H2A or H2B. Many of the $yta7\Delta$ mutant's transcriptional defects are also partially suppressed by decreased dosage of histones H3 and H4 (Lombardi et al. 2011). Consistent with this suppression, we previously found that cells lacking Yta7 appear to exhibit increased levels of chromatin-incorporated histone H3, as determined by co-immunoprecipitation (ChIP) at select loci. Additionally, $yta7\Delta$ cells exhibited decreased nucleosome spacing, as assayed by micrococcal nuclease digestion of bulk chromatin. In this study, we mapped precisely those changes in chromatin structure sensitive to

Yta7 loss or overexpression and determined which of these effects reflected direct Yta7 activity.

Materials and Methods

Yeast strains and media

All yeast strains were derived from W303-1a (listed in Supporting Information, Table S3). One-step integration of knockout cassettes and C-terminal epitope tags constructs was performed as described (Longtine *et al.* 1998; Goldstein and McCusker 1999; Puig *et al.* 2001). All gene disruptions were confirmed by 5'- and 3'-junction PCR of both the insertion allele and the wild-type allele. Strains containing integrated *pGAL1::YTA7* were constructed by homologous insertion into *YTA7*'s native locus as described (Longtine *et al.* 1998; Lombardi *et al.* 2011). All epitope tagging was confirmed by immunoblotting. Yta7-TAP (Tandem Affinity Purification) provided full Yta7 function (Lombardi *et al.* 2011).

Micrococcal nuclease digestion

Digests were performed largely as described (Liu et al. 2005) with the following modifications. Cultures of 100 ml of cells at 0.65–0.75 OD₆₀₀ were cross-linked with 1% formaldehyde for 20 min at room temperature. Cross-linking was quenched by addition of glycine to a final concentration of 300 mM. Cells were washed once in cold water and then resuspended in 4 ml/g spheroplast buffer [100 mM KPO₄ (pH 7.5), 1.2 M sorbitol, 0.5 mM CaCl₂, 7 mM β-mercaptoethanol] and warmed for 15 min at 37°. Spheroplasting was achieved by adding Zymolyase 100T (0.3 mg/sample) and incubating for 30 min at 37°. Spheroplasts were washed once with spheroplast buffer and then resuspended in 0.75 ml digest buffer [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 50 mM NaCl, 0.075% NP-40, 5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM β-mercaptoethanol]. The amount of micrococcal nuclease (Sigma Aldrich, N3755) was empirically determined for cells grown in each medium to ensure >90% mononucleosomal DNA following digestion. Spheroplasts in digestion buffer were prewarmed for 5 min at 37°, and then 7 units and 4.5 units of micrococcal nuclease were added to YPD and YPGal samples, respectively. Chromatin was digested for 20 min at 37°. Digestion was halted by placing samples on ice and adding EDTA to a final concentration of 10 mM.

Digestion products were obtained by collecting the supernatant after spinning the samples at $13,000 \times g$. Protein was digested with 800 µg proteinase K (Invitrogen) in 0.5% SDS for 2 hr at 37°. Reversal of cross-linking was performed at 65° overnight. Samples were then RNase-treated, and the DNA was extracted and quantified by Nanodrop and Qubit.

ChIP analysis

For each replicate, 600 ml of culture was grown to OD_{600} 0.6–0.7 and then cross-linked with 1% formaldehyde for 45 min at room temperature. Cross-linking was quenched by addition of glycine to a final concentration of 300 mM. Cells were then harvested and washed twice with TBS. To

facilitate lysis and sonication, the cell pellet was split into four aliquots and lysed with 0.5-mm zirconia beads in FA lysis buffer (Aparicio *et al.* 2005) using the MP Fastprep-24. Chromatin was isolated at 74,000 \times g for 36 min and then washed in FA lysis buffer for 1 hr at 4°. Sonication yielded an average sheared DNA size of 300–350 bp.

For the Yta7-TAP immunoprecipitations (IPs) from cells grown in YPD medium, sonicated chromatin from 150 ml of culture was incubated with 30 μ l of IgG Sepharose (GE Healthcare) for 1.5 hr at 4°. Resin washing, IP elution, and DNA purification were performed as described (Aparicio *et al.* 2005) with the four eluates from the original 600-ml culture combined. Yta7-TAP IPs from cells grown in YPGal medium, in which Yta7 was overexpressed or expressed from its native promoter, were performed as above, except the resin volume for both IPs was increased to 120 μ l of IgG Sepharose, the level required to bind the majority of overexpressed Yta7. Quantitative PCR was performed on precipitated DNA using an MX3000P qPCR machine (Agilent) and the Dynamo HS SYBR Green qPCR kit (NEB) to ensure enrichment of IP/Input at known Yta7 targets.

Library construction and sequencing

Libraries were constructed using the Illumina Tru-Seq library preparation kit with the following modifications. Upon end repair, samples were purified using a Qiagen MinElute column. Adapters were used at a 50-fold diluted concentration from that provided. For MNase samples, 10 cycles of PCR were used, followed by size selection for 200–300 bp. The 12 samples were pooled for multiplexing using a quantitative PCR (qPCR) Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Library Quantification Kit (Agilent) and run in a single lane on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 for 100-bp paired-end reads. For ChIP samples, 16 cycles of PCR were used for all amplifications, followed by size selection for 250- to 400-bp fragments. The seven IP samples and seven input samples (Glu: 1 No tag, 2 WT; Gal: 1 No tag, 2 WT, 2 Yta7oe) were multiplexed by qPCR as above and run in a single lane for 100-bp single reads.

MNase-Seq analysis

All read pairs were trimmed to remove adapter contamination. Between 11,234,119 and 22,076,125 reads were mapped to the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) sacCer3 genome with the Burrows–Wheeler Aligner (BWA) v0.7.8 using the linear-time IS algorithm for BWA alignment index construction. Default parameters were used for mapping with BWA. For visualization, all samples were scaled to a total of 10,000,000 reads. The average reads per base pair for each sample were plotted relative to the transcriptional start site annotations used previously (Jiang and Pugh 2009) (Figure 1A and Figure 4, A and B). BAM files were converted to BED format and used as input to nucleosome position from sequencing (NPS) (Zhang et al. 2008b), which was used to identify between 53,290 and 56,541 nucleosome centers for each sample. Parameters for NPS were empirically optimized to maximize the annotation of visible nucleosome patterns in

a genome browser. For subsequent analysis, all nucleosomes were assumed to occupy the 147 bp flanking the identified nucleosome center. Each nucleosome position relative to the transcriptional start site (e.g., -1, +1, etc.) was assigned using a model derived from the method of Jiang and Pugh (2009). Then the distribution of the nucleosome centers at each position was plotted and smoothed with a Hanning window (Oppenheim and Schafer 1989) with a bin denominator of 10 bp (compare Figure 1B to Figure S4) for ease of visualization (Figure 1B and Figure 4C). Differences between the means of the nucleosome distributions were compared across samples and assessed for significance with a t-test. Python and Bash code for read handling and all MNase-Seq analysis is included in the published codebase, as is the parameter file for NPS. Genome browser shots (Figure S2, Figure S3, and Figure S9) were made using the UCSC Genome Browser (http://genome.ucsc.edu) (Kent et al. 2002).

ChIP-Seq analysis

Reads were trimmed as for MNase-Seq reads. Between 3,373,008 and 11,418,304 reads were mapped as with the MNase-Seq reads, but with duplicate reads removed to purge presumptive PCR duplicates. Reads with a quality score of <37 were removed. As with MNase-Seq reads, each sample was scaled to 10,000,000 reads for visualization purposes. Yta7-bound regions were identified with MACS v1.4.2 (Zhang *et al.* 2008a) using the corresponding notag ChIP samples to generate the background model, and subpeaks were split using PeakSplitter (Salmon-Divon *et al.* 2010) with default parameters. For Figure 2A, the scaled read count per base pair was plotted for all loci with a summit occurring within the distances indicated in the individual figure legends. For Figure S7, the UCSC Genome Browser (Kent *et al.* 2002) was used as above.

RNA-Seq analysis

Gene expression was assessed using the RNA-Seq reads deposited as SRR002051.fastq in the Sequence Read Archive. These are the reads corresponding to oligo(dT) isolations intended to enrich for mRNA. Reads were mapped and Fragments Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads (FPKM) was calculated using the suite of Bowtie v2.2.2, Tophat v2.0.11, and Cufflinks v2.2.1. All loci with measurable gene expression (n = 5729) were used in Figure 2A. For Figure S8, the FPKM of Yta7-bound genes was calculated, and unbound genes with optimally similar expression were selected to create the expression-matched gene set. Some genes that were successfully annotated with nucleosome positions contained no measureable expression in the RNA-seq data set and were thus excluded from the analysis. Medians of the compared sets matched to less than one-tenth of one FPKM.

Code and code availability

All Bash and Python code used for read mapping, quality control, feature annotation (including NPS parameters and postprocessing scripts and MACS and PeakSplitter scripts),



Figure 1 Yta7 regulated nucleosome spacing within genes. (A) The distribution of MNase-Seq read counts relative to all TSS, or metagene analysis, for wild type (WT), cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*⁻) and cells overexpressing Yta7 (*YTA7oe*). *yta7*⁻ cells exhibited a 5'-shift in nucleosome position, whereas *YTA7oe* cells exhibited a 3'-shift in nucleosome position relative to wild type. (B) The distribution of nucleosome centers relative to the TSS for called nucleosomes. MNase-seq data were used to identify nucleosome centers, and the distance of each nucleosome center from the TSS was plotted. Distances were smoothed with a Hanning window. The relative nucleosome count was normalized per position. The distribution of unsmoothed densities is shown in Figure S4. (C) Average distance of the indicated nucleosome's center to the TSS and the associated *P*-value (two-tailed *t*-test) compared to wild type. (D) The average shift for the indicated nucleosomes in mutant compared to media-matched wild-type samples (YPD for *yta7*⁻ and YPGal for *YTA7oe*). Nucleosome centers were identified as in C but for two biological replicates per strain. Upstream and downstream are indicated by negative and positive, respectively.

visualization, and statistical analysis is available at https:// github.com/matthewddavis/lombardi. A README file is included to describe the steps required to recreate all figures, although some configuration may be required, depending on the hardware and software environment.

Results

Yta7 regulated nucleosome spacing within genes

Our previous finding indicated that bulk chromatin in cells lacking Yta7 ($yta7\Delta$) exhibited an apparent decreased internucleosomal spacing relative to wild type. Therefore, we sought a high-resolution picture of how this bulk effect mapped to gene architecture across the genome. To this end, we performed micrococcal nuclease digestion followed by highthroughput sequencing (MNase-Seq). To assess both the lossand gain-of-function phenotypes of *YTA7*, we utilized a strain with *YTA7* under the control of the *GAL1* promoter (*pGAL1*:: *YTA7-TAP*). In this strain, *YTA7* was repressed in cells grown in glucose-containing medium or overexpressed in cells grown in galactose-containing medium (designated as *yta7*⁻ and *YTA70e*, respectively). Yta7 protein levels were approximately sevenfold overexpressed in the galactose-grown cells and undetectable in the glucose-grown cells (our unpublished observation). Previous work established that the TAP tag had no discernible impact on Yta7 function (Lombardi *et al.* 2011).

Mapping the sequence reads from the mononucleosomes produced by MNase digestion with respect to the transcription start site (TSS) clearly demonstrated a 5'-shift in nucleosome position in cells not expressing YTA7 (yta7⁻) for nucleosomes downstream of the +1 nucleosome, as evident in the metagene analysis (Figure 1A; as heat maps, Figure S1A). Conversely, cells overexpressing YTA7 (YTA7oe) exhibited a profound 3'-shift in position for nucleosomes downstream of the +1 nucleosome (Figure S2). To quantify these shifts, nucleosomes were individually called using NPS software



Figure 2 Yta7 localized to the 5'-end of ORFs. (A) The distribution of Yta7 ChIP-seq reads relative to the TSS for bound and unbound loci. Bound regions were called using MACs peak caller, comparing immunoprecipitated signal between strains containing epitope-tagged Yta7 and untagged strains. Unbound regions are all other loci. (B) Yta7-TAP ChIP-seq read count compared to ChIP-seq of untagged sample (No Tag) across the *HTB1-HTA1* locus. (C) A scatterplot between Yta7 ChIP enrichment (Glu Yta7 IP) and expression level of verified genes in YPD (Nagalakshmi *et al.* 2008). Yta7 ChIP enrichment is log2 of the mean ChIP-seq read density over a gene. (D) Box plot comparison of Yta7-bound and unbound regions as a function of log2 FPKM. (E) As in A, but for genes within the highest and lowest quintiles of expression.

(Zhang *et al.* 2008b) to determine nucleosome centers (Figure S3). Nucleosomes were then annotated as established (Jiang and Pugh 2009) with respect to position within a given ORF, *e. g.*, +1, and their midpoints were plotted with respect to the TSS (Figure 1B and Table S1). This analysis allowed for statistical evaluation of the changes in nucleosome center position between strains. Both the mutant and the overexpressing strains displayed increasing deviation from wild type for progressively 3'-nucleosomes, with their most salient deviation from wild-type position at the +4 and +5 nucleosomes (Figure

1 B and C). The position of the +1 nucleosome was the least significantly altered within the ORF. This increased deviation moving into the ORF was recapitulated by parallel analysis with other biological replicates (Figure S5). Thus, there appeared to be increased deviation from wild-type position moving farther into the ORF, suggesting the accumulation of an iterative offset with each nucleosome.

To test this possibility, the average shift compared to wild type for each nucleosome was plotted for cells lacking or overexpressing Yta7 (Figure 1D). In *YTA7*oe cells, the shift in average nucleosome position increased steadily downstream of the +1 nucleosome. The downstream shift of each nucleosome followed a nearly linear trend, indicating that downstream of the +1 nucleosome each subsequent nucleosome had an internucleosomal spacing ~ 6 bp longer than in wild type. Thus, nucleosomes were less densely spaced in cells overexpressing Yta7 compared to wild type. In contrast, nucleosomes in cells lacking Yta7 exhibited upstream shifts relative to their wild-type position, reflecting a \sim 2bp decrease in internucleosome spacing. Similar to the shifts in YTA7oe cells, the magnitude of the shifts accumulated progressively farther into the gene, indicating a progressive 5'-shift due to decreased internucleosomal spacing. Thus, the lack and overproduction of Yta7 resulted in opposing progressive nucleosome shifts within ORFs, with cells lacking Yta7 exhibiting the decrease in internucleosomal spacing anticipated from our earlier bulk chromatin analyses.

Yta7 localized to the 5'-end of ORFs

To achieve a high-resolution map of Yta7's chromatin associations and determine which nucleosomal shifts might be due to direct Yta7 activity, ChIP followed by high-throughput sequencing (ChIP-Seq) was performed. To ensure that the localization data set could be reliably compared to the MNase-Seq data, α-TAP immunoprecipitations were performed on wildtype Yta7-TAP in cells grown in both glucose and galactose media, as well as overexpressed Yta7-TAP (galactose). Yta7enrichment peaks, or "bound" regions, were called using MACS (Zhang et al. 2008a) relative to DNA immunoprecipitated from cells in which Yta7 was not TAP-tagged. Peak calling identified 568, 560, and 732 Yta7-bound regions for wild-type Yta7 (Glu), wild-type Yta7 (Gal), and overexpressed Yta7 (Gal), respectively (Figure S6 and Figure S7). Interestingly, for all samples, the majority of peak summits fell within 450 bp of a TSS. To determine where Yta7 bound with respect to the TSS, the Yta7 ChIP read counts for bound and unbound regions were plotted relative to all TSS. In cells expressing Yta7 from the native YTA7 promoter, peak Yta7 localization occurred just downstream of the TSS [Figure 2A, glucose (Glu), solid red line, and galactose (Gal), solid green line], coincident with the position of the +1 nucleosome. Upon overexpression, Yta7's peak localization still occurred shortly inside the ORF (Figure 2A, solid blue line), although the increased concentration of Yta7 appeared to slightly broaden its distribution in the ORF. In general, Yta7 enrichment dropped sharply moving into the ORF, but all strains exhibited moderate enrichment in the promoter (compare unbound to bound sequences from -400 to 0, Figure 2A). As a validation of the peak calling for Yta7, all the known binding sites of Yta7 at the histone genes were recovered (Figure 2B).

To investigate Yta7's relationship with transcription, several analyses were performed. First, the extent of Yta7 binding was compared with previously published expression data represented as log2 FPKM (Nagalakshmi *et al.* 2008). This scatterplot clearly indicated that Yta7 bound more genes in the top quintile of expression than in the bottom quintile (Figure 2C). Second, comparison of the distributions of the log2 FPKM values for Yta7-bound and unbound loci illustrated that Yta7-bound loci had a greater mean log2 FPKM than unbound loci (Figure 2D). However, this significant increase in mean log2 FPKM ($P < 1.5 \times 10^{-12}$; two-tailed *t*-test) belied the broad distribution of transcript abundances. To assess to what extent this broad distribution might be due to false-positive bound regions, the Yta7 ChIP read count was plotted for the top and bottom quintiles of transcript abundance, independent of peak calling (Figure 2E). This analysis clearly indicated a greater immunoprecipitation read count for loci in the top quintile of expression. Taken together, these three analyses indicated a positive correspondence between Yta7 binding and expression level.

Yta7 modulated nucleosome spacing in cis

With Yta7 ChIP-seq suggesting that \sim 8–11% of genes were stably bound by Yta7, the nucleosomal effects discernible at the genome-wide level could represent an indirect global effect or the signal of Yta7 affecting nucleosome position in *cis* at its target loci diluted by the many loci to which Yta7 did not bind. To differentiate between these possibilities, we utilized the marked 3'-shift in ORF nucleosome position exhibited in cells overexpressing Yta7 to determine if Yta7-bound regions exhibited more profound shifts than unbound regions. Comparisons of the MNase read count for wild type and YTA7 oe at loci bound by overexpressed Yta7 indicated a strong enrichment for 3' nucleosomal shifts relative to wild type at bound loci vs. unbound loci (Figure 3A). Interestingly, unbound loci retained shifts at the +5 nucleosome and downstream, suggesting the ability of overexpressed Yta7 to also affect nucleosome positioning at sites with which it was not stably associated, as measured by this assay (see Discussion). However, upon Yta7 overexpression, binding of Yta7 strongly predicted the magnitude of 3' nucleosomal shifts with respect to the TSS. Importantly, this correlation between nucleosomal shifts and Yta7 binding was retained when considering unbound loci with matched transcriptional activity as those bound by Yta7 (Figure S8).

To address whether Yta7 overexpression might be artificially supporting a relationship between Yta7 binding and nucleosome displacement, the enrichment for 3'-shifts in the YTA7oe strain relative to wild type was determined at loci bound by Yta7 expressed from its native promoter in the same media condition as overexpression (YPGal). This analysis likewise demonstrated a 3'-shift upon Yta7 overexpression greater at Yta7-bound loci compared to unbound loci, indicating that the correlation between nucleosomal shifts and Yta7 binding was retained when considering loci bound by endogenous expression levels of Yta7 (Figure 3B). Cells lacking Yta7 demonstrated an opposing 5'-shift (Figure 1, A and B) of a lesser magnitude than the 3'-shift displayed by the cells overexpressing Yta7. However, even this lower-magnitude shift was discernibly and significantly enriched between bound and unbound loci (Figure 3, C and D). Overall, these data suggested



Figure 3 Yta7 modulated nucleosome spacing in *cis*. (A) The distribution of MNase-Seq read count relative to the TSS for wild type (WT) and cells overexpressing Yta7 (*YTA7oe*) for regions bound and unbound by overexpressed Yta7 in YPGal. (B) As A, but at regions bound and unbound by normally expressed Yta7 in YPGal. (C) The distribution of MNase-Seq read count relative to the TSS for wild type and cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*-) for regions bound and unbound by overexpressed Yta7 in YPGal. (C) The distribution of MNase-Seq read count relative to the TSS for wild type and cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*-) for regions bound and unbound by Yta7 in YPD. (D) For regions bound and unbound by Yta7 in YPD, the difference in mean nucleosome position between wild type and *yta7*- . **P* ≤ 0.05; ***P* ≤ 0.001 (bootstrap simulation, one-tailed).

that Yta7 modulated nucleosome spacing downstream of the +1 nucleosome in *cis* and had a lesser, although detectable, effect on loci not detectably bound by Yta7.

Yta7 antagonized the H3/H4 chaperone Rtt106

Rtt106 is a chaperone for newly synthesized H3/H4 histones (Li *et al.* 2008; Clemente-Ruiz *et al.* 2011; Zunder *et al.* 2012) and also controls the transcription of histone genes by binding to the regulatory regions of these genes

(Fillingham *et al.* 2009; Ferreira *et al.* 2011; Zunder and Rine 2012). As the localization of Rtt106 is increased at the canonical histone genes in cells lacking Yta7, it has been posited that Yta7 may inhibit Rtt106 binding to these genes. (Fillingham *et al.* 2009; Zunder and Rine 2012). Interestingly, Rtt106's association with histone H3 increases in cells lacking Yta7 (Zunder and Rine 2012), although it is unclear if this increased chaperone–H3 interaction is specific to Rtt106 or is broadly true of H3/H4 chaperones. To probe

the functional relationship between Yta7 and Rtt106, MNaseseq was also performed on isogenic $rtt106\Delta$ and $rtt106\Delta$ yta7 double mutants. $rtt106\Delta$ strains exhibited decreased nucleosomal density, as detected by progressive 3' nucleosomal shifts downstream of the +1 nucleosome (Figure 4A). Plotting the average nucleosome shift in $rtt106\Delta$ mutants compared to wild type for ORF nucleosomes +1 through +6 established that the internucleosomal distance is ~ 5 bp longer in cells lacking Rtt106 (Figure 4E). Thus, interestingly, cells lacking Rtt106 exhibited decreased nucleosome density despite having increased histone transcript levels (Fillingham et al. 2009; Ferreira et al. 2011; Kurat et al. 2011; Zunder and Rine 2012). This decrease in nucleosome density would be consistent with the loss of H3/H4 deposition expected in a chaperone mutant, with the increased histone gene transcription a likely compensatory response.

Strikingly, the *rtt106* Δ mutant's ORF nucleosome distribution tightly paralleled the distribution in cells overexpressing Yta7 (Figure 4, A and E), consistent with Yta7 inhibiting Rtt106 function. If Yta7 functioned solely to inhibit Rtt106, the *rtt106* Δ and the *rtt106* Δ *yta7*- double mutants should theoretically be indistinguishable. Alternatively, if their activities were independent, the phenotype of the *rtt106* Δ *yta7*⁻ double mutants should be additive. Given that the yta7⁻ and rtt106 Δ single mutants displayed opposite nucleosomal-shift phenotypes (5' and 3', respectively), the phenotype of the *rtt106* Δ yta7⁻ double mutants in this scenario would result in a mild 3'-shift. However, the phenotype of the *rtt106* Δ yta7⁻ double mutants was a partially rescued version of the $rtt106\Delta$ single-mutant phenotype (Figure 4, B, C, and E). When comparing nucleosome positions of mutants to wild type, the shifts exhibited by the *rtt106* Δ *yta7*⁻ double mutant were not as 3' as those of the *rtt106* Δ single mutant (Figure 4D and Figure S9). To determine if the phenotype of the $rtt106\Delta$ yta7⁻ double mutant was statistically distinct from the $rtt106\Delta$ single mutant, the nucleosome center distributions of the two strains were compared. The distributions of the +3, +4, +5, and +6nucleosomes of the *rtt106* Δ yta7⁻ double mutant were statistically distinct from the *rtt106* Δ single mutant ($P < 10^{-6}$, 10^{-8} , 0.0005, and 0.001, respectively, two-tailed *t*-test; Figure 4E). Thus, the phenotype of the $rtt106\Delta$ yta7⁻ double mutant was distinguishable from the $rtt106\Delta$ single mutant, but there was a greater requirement for Yta7 in regulating nucleosome position when Rtt106 was present in cells than when Rtt106 was deleted. Therefore, Yta7's effects on nucleosome density apparently occurred both through inhibition of Rtt106 and through a function(s) independent of Rtt106.

Discussion

Profound 3'-shifts upon Yta7 overexpression

The increase in nucleosome density previously observed in bulk chromatin from cells lacking Yta7 (Lombardi *et al.* 2011) was recapitulated genome-wide by MNase-Seq methods, allowing these changes to be mapped onto gene architecture. Increasing 5'-shifts of ORF nucleosomes moving downstream of the +1 nucleosome, as occurred in *yta7*⁻ mutants, also occur in mutants of known chromatin remodelers: isw1, chd1, swi/ snf, and ino80 mutants (Yen et al. 2012; van Bakel et al. 2013). Impressively, overexpressing Yta7 resulted in nucleosomal shifts, as reflected by decreased nucleosome density, of a similar magnitude as those obtained by deleting an H3/H4 histone chaperone (Rtt106). As assessed by GAL induction, boundary function, and Rtt106 inhibition, the ATPase function of Yta7 is critical to its in vivo function (Kurat et al. 2011; Lombardi et al. 2011) and is presumably the source of energy behind Yta7's capacity to affect chromatin remodeling. The progressive 3' nucleosomal shifts downstream of the +1 nucleosome, opposite the phenotype of yta7⁻ mutants, indicated an increased internucleosomal distance of \sim 6 bp, resulting in a cumulative offset of \sim 33 bp at the +6 nucleosome.

In principle, it was possible that this observed decrease in nucleosome density in cells overexpressing Yta7 was due to the previously noted \sim 30% decrease in total H3 levels in the YTA70e mutant (Lombardi et al. 2011). However, the current consensus is that a decrease in H3 level alone does not affect nucleosome position in vivo, but rather decreases nucleosome occupancy (Celona et al. 2011; Gossett and Lieb 2012). Moreover, cells lacking Rtt106 exhibited a decrease in nucleosome density similar to cells overexpressing Yta7, yet do not display a significant decrease in H3 levels (Zunder and Rine 2012). Because loci bound by Yta7 demonstrated a marked enrichment in nucleosomal shifts above those observable genomewide, the simplest view was that Yta7 was capable of perpetrating these shifts by local action in cis. Thus, the decreased nucleosome density observed upon Yta7 overexpression may be due to local decreases in histone H3 levels, and hence nucleosome density, caused by Yta7 activity.

Maintaining a balance between Rtt106 and Yta7

The decreased nucleosome density of the $rtt106\Delta$ mutant was consistent with the loss of H3/H4 deposition predicted in a chaperone mutant. Indeed, cryptic transcription, which is associated with decreased nucleosome shielding within ORFs, has been observed in cells lacking Rtt106, as well as other H3/H4 chaperones (Imbeault *et al.* 2008; Silva *et al.* 2012). Importantly, this decrease in nucleosome density occurred despite an increase in histone transcript levels (Fillingham *et al.* 2009; Ferreira *et al.* 2011; Kurat *et al.* 2011; Zunder and Rine 2012), indicating a critical distinction between chromatin compaction and histone gene transcription.

The phenotypic similarity between cells without the H3/ H4 histone chaperone Rtt106 and cells overexpressing Yta7 was consistent with previous proposals of inhibition of Rtt106 by Yta7. The potential interaction between these two proteins was addressed by double-mutant analysis. Formally, there were three possible relationships between Rtt106 and Yta7 with respect to the control of nucleosome spacing that could explain their opposite mutant phenotypes. In one possibility, as mentioned previously, Yta7 functions only to



Figure 4 Loss of Rtt106 increased nucleosome spacing. (A) The distribution of MNase-Seq read count relative to the TSS for wild type (WT), cells overexpressing Yta7 (*YTA7oe*), cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*⁻), and cells lacking Rtt106 (*rtt106* Δ). *YTA7oe* and *rtt106* Δ cells exhibited a 3'-shift in nucleosome position relative to wild type. (B) The distribution of MNase-Seq read count relative to the TSS for wild type (WT), cells not expressing Rtt106 or Yta7 (*rtt106* Δ yta7⁻), cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*⁻), and cells lacking Rtt106 (*rtt106* Δ). (C) The distribution of nucleosome centers relative to the TSS for called nucleosomes. MNase-seq data depicted in B were used to identify nucleosome centers, and the distance of each nucleosome center from the TSS was plotted. Distances were smoothed with a Hanning window. The relative nucleosome count was normalized per position (Table S2). (D) Average distance of the indicated nucleosome's center to the TSS and the associated *P*-value (two-tailed *t*-test) compared to wild type. Samples are listed in 5'-3' order of mean nucleosome position. (E) The average shift for the indicated nucleosomes in mutant compared to media-matched wild-type samples (YPD for *yta7*⁻ and YPGal for *YTA7oe*). Nucleosome centers were identified as in D but for two biological replicates per strain. Upstream and downstream are indicated by negative and positive, respectively. Astericks indicate called nucleosome position means significantly distinct between *rtt106* Δ and *rtt106* Δ *yta7*⁻. **P* < 0.001; ***P* < 10⁻⁶ (two-tailed *t*-test).

inhibit Rtt106, which itself promotes closer nucleosome spacing due to its chaperone activity. In this case, the double mutant would exhibit the spacing of the $rtt106\Delta$ mutant. A second possibility is that Rtt106 inhibits the activity of Yta7, which promotes larger internucleosome spacing. In that case, the double mutant would be expected to have the closer

spacing of the *yta7*⁻ single mutant. The third possibility is that Rtt106 and Yta7 function independently to control nucleosome spacing. In that case, the double mutant would be expected to have an intermediate spacing between that of either single mutant. Upon testing, the *rtt106* Δ *yta7*⁻ double mutant exhibited a phenotype consistent with the first and third possibilities, as it was very similar to the $rtt106\Delta$ single mutant yet statistically distinct from it. Thus, $rtt106\Delta$ was not entirely epistatic to $yta7^-$ as would be predicted in a pure model of Rtt106 inhibition by Yta7. The loss of Yta7 from cells lacking Rtt106 did result in 5' nucleosomal shifts (relative to the $rtt106\Delta$ mutant), but of a lesser magnitude than in cells containing Rtt106. Thus, the phenotype of $yta7^-$ cells was likely due to both Rtt106-dependent and Rtt106-independent roles of Yta7.

Action at a distance

Genome-wide analysis indicated that Yta7's peak enrichment occurred at the 5'-end of ORFs and exhibited a positive correspondence with gene expression level. Yta7's apparent peak localization at the 5'-ends of ORFs is supported by Yta7's previously determined in vivo interaction partners: Spt16 (Tackett et al. 2005; Lambert et al. 2009, 2010; Kurat et al. 2011), the largest subunit of the FACT complex, which facilitates elongation by destabilizing nucleosomes (Formosa 2008), and Chd1 (Lambert et al. 2009; Lambert et al. 2010), a nucleosome remodeler that promotes the transition between transcriptional initiation and elongation (Simic et al. 2003; Lusser et al. 2005; Skene et al. 2014). Furthermore, the positive correlation between gene transcript levels and Yta7 localization (Figure 2, C-E) bore out the previous findings of Yta7's physical interaction with PolII (Tackett et al. 2005; Kurat et al. 2011) and Yta7's localization to induced genes upon activation (Lombardi et al. 2011). Additionally, the enrichment of nucleosomal shifts in yta7- or YTA70e mutants at loci determined to be bound by Yta7 indicates that Yta7 localization analysis successfully predicts functional sites.

Recent studies indicate artifactual ChIP enrichment of many diverse proteins, including nuclear-localized GFP, at highly transcribed genes (Park *et al.* 2013; Teytelman *et al.* 2013). This artifact is greatly minimized by comparing tagged and untagged IP samples, rather than IP to input (Park *et al.* 2013). Thus, although not immune to this bias of increased ChIPability at highly transcribed genes, the Yta7 peaks determined were generated using the stricter criteria of Yta7-TAP IP compared to untagged IP. Moreover, artifactual ChIPseq signals at highly expressed genes are relatively uniform throughout the transcribed region and lack the pronounced 5' bias shown here (Park *et al.* 2013; Teytelman *et al.* 2013).

Given that Yta7 localization predicted nucleosome-shift magnitude, it follows that Yta7 activity at these loci modulated their nucleosome spacing. How Yta7 is utilizing its AAA-ATPase activity at the 5'-end of ORFs to affect these changes throughout the ORF is unclear. Given that double-mutant analysis suggested that some of these shifts were mediated in a Rtt106-dependent manner, Yta7 may be directly inhibiting Rtt106's ORF association as at the canonical histone genes (Fillingham *et al.* 2009; Kurat *et al.* 2011; Zunder and Rine 2012). Specifically, Yta7's localization at the 5'-end of *HTA1* inhibits Rtt106's association with the ORF (Fillingham *et al.* 2009). Interestingly, the amount of H3 associated with Rtt106 also increases in cells lacking Yta7 (Zunder and Rine 2012).

Therefore, it is possible that Rtt106 interacts more with chromatin in cells lacking Yta7. Specifically, as in the example of HTA1, in Yta7's absence, Rtt106 may become enriched at loci where Yta7 would normally be positioned. Furthermore, although Rtt106's role in replication-coupled nucleosome assembly has been well characterized, Rtt106 also interacts with the replication-independent H3/H4 chaperone complex HIRA (Fillingham et al. 2009) and is recruited to highly transcribed ORFs (Imbeault et al. 2008). In fact, Rtt106 is required for new histone deposition at highly transcribed genes (Imbeault et al. 2008). Thus, Yta7's presence at the 5'-end of ORFs may limit Rtt106's ability to incorporate H3/H4 upon transcription, resulting in the observed decreased density of nucleosomes upon Yta7 overexpression. However, given that nucleosomal shifts are also observed at ORFs not bound by Yta7, it is clear that either Yta7's enzymatic activity promotes transient interactions that we lacked the sensitivity to detect or that Yta7 can also inhibit Rtt106 when off of chromatin.

Yta7's Rtt106-independent modulation of nucleosome spacing throughout the ORF from the 5'-end suggests a link to transcription-coupled retrograde movement of nucleosomes. Specifically, Yta7 occupies a location in the ORF where "old" nucleosomes on transcribed genes eventually end up due to transcription-mediated retrograde nucleosome movement (Weiner et al. 2010; Radman-Livaja et al. 2011). One way that Yta7 could control nucleosome density throughout a gene from its 5' position would be to promote the loss of these old nucleosomes as they are passed behind RNA polymerase II. Yta7 could promote loss of old nucleosomes directly or by modifying the activity of Spt16 and Chd1. In this model, if Yta7 were absent, nucleosomes would be packed more densely in the ORF or, if Yta7 were overexpressed, lost more efficiently. Taken together, we posit a model in which Yta7 uses its ability to hydrolyze ATP and bind H3 to maintain nucleosome ORF balance by inhibiting Rtt106's incorporation of H3/H4 and facilitating H3/H4 eviction, possibly as nucleosomes are passed 5' in the ORF by the retrograde movement coupled to transcription. Thus, direct inhibition of Rtt106 and facilitation of H3/H4 eviction would explain both the Rtt106-dependent and Rtt106independent aspects of Yta7's function.

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Maintenance of Nucleosomal Balance in *cis* by Conserved AAA-ATPase Yta7

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Figure S1 Heatmap analysis of MNase-Seq read counts. (A) For the indicated genotypes, the distribution of log₂-transformed MNase-Seq read counts relative to the center of the +1 nucleosome. Data for each gene was plotted as a separate row. The rows are ordered top-to-bottom by increasing distance between the +1 nucleosome and the TSS in wild type. Similiar to metagene analysis, comparison between strains grown in YPD, wild-type (WT YPD) and cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*), indicated contraction of nucleosome spacing. In contrast, comparison between cells grown in YPGal, wild-type (WT YPGal) and cells over-expressing Yta7 (*yTA7oe*), demonstrated increased nucleosome spacing upon Yta7 over-expression. (B) As above, for wild-type (WT YPD), cells lacking Rtt106 (*rtt106Δ*), cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*) and cells not expressing Rtt106 or Yta7 (*rtt106Δ* yta7). Again, as displayed by metagene analysis, *rtt106Δ* and *yta7* exhibited opposite effects on nucleosome spacing.









Figure S2 Gene-specific examples of ORF nucleosome shifts. UCSC Genome Browser screenshots showing the distribution of scaled MNase-Seq read counts for two biological replicates (alpha and beta) of wild-type cells grown in YPD (Glu WT), cells not expressing Yta7 (Glu *yta7*), wild-type cells grown in YPGal (Gal WT) and cells over-expressing Yta7 (Gal *YTA7oe*). *yta7* cells exhibited a 5' shift in nucleosome position, whereas *YTA7oe* cells exhibited a 3' shift in nucleosome position relative to WT, consistent with metagene analysis.



Figure S3 Nucleosome Position from Sequencing (NPS) (ZHANG et al. 2008) robustly calculated the central positions of nucleosomes. UCSC Genome Browser screenshot showing the distribution of scaled MNase-Seq read counts for two biological replicates each in YPD (Glu WT) and YPGal (Gal WT) along with the nucleosome centers determined by NPS (vertical blue segment). NPS determination of nucleosomes centers tightly corresponded with the peak read density of the MNase-seq data.



Figure S4 Unsmoothed version of Fig. 1B. The distribution of nucleosome centers relative to the transcription start site (TSS) for called nucleosomes in wild type (WT), cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*), and cells over-expressing Yta7 (*YTA7oe*). MNase-seq data were used to identify nucleosome centers, and the distance of each nucleosome center from the transcription start site (TSS) was plotted.



Sample	-1	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6
yta7⁻	-209	59	228	394	558	722	887
	(9x10 ⁻⁹)	(8x10 ⁻⁶)	(10 ⁻²⁰)	(3x10 ⁻³¹)	(7x10 ⁻⁴³)	(6x10 ⁻⁴⁰)	(4x10 ⁻³³)
WT	-213	61	233	401	569	736	903
YTA7oe	-214 (0.1)	63 (0.01)	240 (7x10 ⁻⁴¹)	415 (10 ⁻¹⁰⁴)	590 (9x10 ⁻¹⁵⁴)	763 (2x10 ⁻¹⁵⁸)	936 (5x10 ⁻¹³¹)

Figure S5 As Fig. 1B, but using independent biological replicates. (A) The distribution of nucleosome centers relative to the transcription start site (TSS) for called nucleosomes in wild type (WT), cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*), and cells over-expressing Yta7 (*YTA7oe*). MNase-seq data were used to identify nucleosome centers, and the distance of each nucleosome center from the transcription start site (TSS) was plotted. Distances were smoothed with a Hanning window. The relative nucleosome count was normalized per position. (B) Average distance of the indicated nucleosome's centers to the transcription start site and the associated p-value (two-tailed *t*-test) compared to wild type.

B



Figure S6 Tagged Yta7 ChIP signal was distinguishable from non-specific co-precipitating DNA. For each scatterplot, the genome was divided into 100bp bins, and the mean unscaled read count for each bin plotted for the two samples in blue. Bins that overlapped an enriched ChIP peak identified by MACS are colored in red. (A) Plots comparing Yta7-TAP to no-tag samples clearly show that although there is a highly-correlated signal (e.g. the blue diagonal in the DEX samples) indicative of non-specific DNA association, the ChIP peaks identified by MACS (red) lie in a vertical population, representing high tagged signal but low no-tag signal. Thus, MACS reliably detected the population with the greater IP signal in the tagged sample. Considering the bins which overlapped a MACS peak, tagged and no-tag exhibited a 0.61 correlation. (B) As A, but comparing two Yta7-TAP biological replicates. The correlation when considering bins overlapping the same MACS peaks as A was 0.85.



Figure S7 Gene-specific examples of increased Yta7-TAP IP signal over No Tag. UCSC Genome Browser screenshots showing the distribution of scaled ChIP-Seq read counts for two biological replicates (alpha and beta) of cells expressing Yta7-TAP and cells expressing Yta7 with no tag grown in YPD. The y-axis for all samples is 0-1000. Peak Yta7 enrichment determined by MACS in at least one biological replicate is indicated as **.







Figure S8 Transcription-matched version of Fig. 3. (A) The distribution of MNase-Seq read counts relative to the transcription start site (TSS) for wild type (WT) and cells over-expressing Yta7 (*YTA7oe*) for transcriptionally-matched regions bound and unbound by overexpressed Yta7 in YPGal. To control for possible confounding effects of transcription level, genes classified as bound were compared to unbound genes matched for similar expression. FPKM of bound genes was calculated and unbound genes with optimally similar expression were selected to create the expression-matched gene set. (B) As A, but at regions bound and unbound by normally expressed Yta7 in YPGal. (C) The distribution of MNase-Seq read counts relative to the transcription start site for wild type and cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*) for transcriptionally-matched regions bound and unbound by Yta7 in YPD.



Figure S9 Gene-specific examples of ORF nucleosome shifts. UCSC Genome Browser screenshots showing the distribution of scaled MNase-Seq read counts for two biological replicates (alpha and beta) of wild type, cells not expressing Yta7 (*yta7*), cells lacking Rtt106 (*rtt106*Δ), and cells not expressing Rtt106 or Yta7 (*rtt106*Δ *yta7*).

Table S1 Called nucleosome counts for Fig. 1B

Nucleosome	GAL_WT	GLU_yta7	GAL_Yta7oe
-1	6016	6036	5926
+1	6159	6238	6122
+2	5681	5742	5623
+3	5160	5235	5083
+4	4630	4711	4547
+5	4140	4240	4061
+6	3716	3823	3616

Table S2 Called nucleosome counts for Fig. 4C

Nucleosome	GLU_WT	GLU_rtt106∆yta7	GLU_yta7	GLU_ <i>rtt106</i> ∆
-1	6051	5945	6036	6005
+1	6279	6191	6238	6216
+2	5783	5691	5742	5721
+3	5248	5158	5235	5170
+4	4713	4635	4711	4640
+5	4209	4163	4240	4154
+6	3798	3717	3823	3696

Table S3 Yeast strains used

Strain	Genotype	Source
W303-1a	MATα ade2-1; can1-100; his3-11; leu2-3,112; trp1-1; ura3-1 (alias JRY3009)	R. Rothstein (Columbia U)
JRY7972	MATα HTZ1-FLAG::kanMX	Babiarz et al., 2006
JRY8689	MATα HTZ1-FLAG::kanMX YTA7-TAP::TRP1	Lombardi et al., 2011
JRY9216	MATα HTZ1-FLAG::kanMX HIS3MX-pGAL1::YTA7-TAP::TRP1	Lombardi et al., 2011
JRY9435 & 9436	MATα HTZ1-FLAG::kanMX rtt106Δ::natMX	This study
JRY9437 & 9438	MATα HTZ1-FLAG::kanMX rtt106Δ::natMX HIS3MX-pGAL1::YTA7-TAP::TRP1	This study