

**SUPPLEMENTAL TABLE 1. *E. coli* strains used in this study**

Strain	Relevant genotype	Source or construction
FB20884	<i>recA</i> ::Tn5KAN-I-SceI	U. Wisconsin <i>E. coli</i> Genome Project
RW126	<i>recA718 srlC300</i> ::Tn10 <i>lexA71(Def)</i> ::Tn5 ( <i>umuDC</i> )594::cat	R. Woodgate (21)
SS446	<i>recB268</i> ::Tn10	S. Sandler <sup>1</sup>
JD27347	<i>recF</i> ::miniTn10 ( <i>kan</i> )	National BioResource Project (NIG, Japan) : <i>E. coli</i> (Miki, T. to be published)
JD20690	<i>recR</i> ::miniTn10 ( <i>kan</i> )	National BioResource Project (NIG, Japan) : <i>E. coli</i> (Miki, T. to be published)
BW27784	DE( <i>araBAD</i> )567 DE( <i>rhaBAD</i> )568 DE( <i>araFGH</i> ) Φ( $\Delta$ <i>araEpP</i> <sub>CP18</sub> - <i>araE</i> )	Yale <i>E. coli</i> Genetic Stock Center (15)
YT101	BW27784 <i>recA</i> ::Tn5KAN-I-SceI	P1(FB20884) x BW27784, Kan resistance
YT102	BW27784 <i>recB268</i> ::Tn10	P1(SS446) x BW27784, Tet resistance
JHS1	BW27784 <i>recA718 srlC300</i> ::Tn10	P1(RW126) x BW27784, Tet resistance
JHS2	BW27784 <i>recF</i> ::miniTn10( <i>kan</i> )	P1(JD27347) x BW27784, Kan resistance
JHS3	BW27784 <i>recR</i> ::miniTn10( <i>kan</i> )	P1(JD20690) x BW27784, Kan resistance

<sup>1</sup> **McCool, J. D. and S. J. Sandler.** 2001. Effects of mutations involving cell division, recombination, and chromosome dimer resolution on a *priA2*::kan mutant. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. **98**:8203-8210.