SOM Text: Supplemental Information and Discussion

Analysis of genomic instability in disome IV: We noted that disome IV apparently displays lower levels of genomic instability than wild-type in three different assays (chromosome loss, forward mutation, and microsatellite instability) that use FOA-based selection. These results stand in contrast to our observations that disome IV has an increased mutation rate at *CAN1* (Fig. 2A), is sensitive to benomyl (Fig. 1B), and displays persistent Rad52-GFP foci (Fig. 3A). Disome IV has the worst proliferative capacity of the 13 disomic strains; it has a doubling time of 6-8 hours and very low plating efficiency (*1*). We believe that disome IV may exhibit FOA hypersensitivity which interferes with our ability to measure genomic instability in this strain using FOA-based assays. We note that disome IV exhibits elevated levels of ribonucleotide reductase (*1*), and RNR over-expression has been linked to FOA hypersensitivity (*2*). Nevertheless, results obtained with other assays confirm that disome IV displays heightened genomic instability.

Chromosome segregation analysis and experimental rationale: The increased rate of YAC loss (Fig. 1A) and benomyl sensitivity (Fig. 1B) in disomic strains demonstrates that aneuploidy interferes with accurate chromosome segregation. We note, however, that not all strains displaying YAC loss are benomyl sensitive, and vice-versa. Strains which are sensitive to benomyl but do not display heightened YAC loss may be defective in chromosome segregation in the presence of spindle damage but not during an unperturbed cell cycle. Alternately, strains which are benomyl resistant but frequently missegregate a YAC may predominantly have defects in microtubule-independent DNA replication and repair processes.

 In 5 out of 5 disomic strains, we observed prolonged Pds1 persistence, demonstrating a cell cycle delay prior to anaphase (Figs. 1C and S1). Deletion of *MAD2* suppressed this persistence in disome V, but not in four other disomes, suggesting that disome V has a chromosome alignment defect which triggers a Mad2-dependent checkpoint (Fig. 1C and S1). In order to confirm this hypothesis, we arrested disomes V and XVI in mitosis with nocodazole and then examined the kinetics of Pds1 degradation following release from the block (Fig. S2). This assay is especially sensitive in detecting bi-orientation defects, because cells have to reestablish bi-orientation of all sister chromatids following drug removal. This analysis confirmed a biorientation defect in disome V cells. Following the removal of nocodazole, disome XVI and wild-type strains rapidly degraded Pds1, while a degradation delay was apparent in disome V cells (Fig. S2). We conclude that in most disomes the stabilization of Pds1 and increase in chromosome loss result predominantly from Mad2-independent defects in genome replication and repair, while in disome V cells problems in sister kinetochore bi-orientation elicit a Mad2 dependent cell cycle delay.

Mutation spectra in aneuploid and wild-type strains: In order to define the molecular mechanism underlying the increased mutation rate in aneuploid cells, we sequenced the *CAN1* allele from 133 wild-type and 404 disomic canavanine-resistant isolates (Table S1). Disomic sequences included 24 to 32 *CAN1* alleles from 10 different disomes, 73 alleles from disome X (a mutator), and 79 alleles from disome IX (a non-mutator). In order to make statisticallysignificant comparisons with the wild-type strain, the pooled total of all aneuploid *CAN1* alleles was initially considered. Significant differences were determined using the chi-square goodnessof-fit test. In addition to the increase in complex events discussed in the main text, we also observed that the identity of basepairs gained and lost in the disomes differed relative to wildtype in a largely strand-specific manner. For example, 11 out of 12 disomes displayed an increased frequency of substitution to adenine on the coding strand while 9 out of 12 disomes displayed a decreased frequency of substitution to adenine on the non-coding strand (Table S2). Mutation to adenine occurs preferentially opposite damaged bases, suggesting the presence of unrepaired lesions on the non-coding strand (*3*). This alteration in spectrum is also apparent when specific mutation events (i.e. CG>TA substitutions) are scored with respect to a particular strand, but there is no significant difference in CG>TA substitution frequency when events are scored independently of strand identity (Table S3 and S4). The only strand-independent alteration in substitution frequency is an increase in AT>TA transversions in the disomes (Table S4). Additionally, we analyzed sequence differences between the pooled total of all mutator strains (Dis. IV, VIII, X, and XIV) and the wild-type population. The decreased number of alleles considered diminished the statistical power of our tests, and some differences apparent among the pooled total of all aneuploid strains (i.e., increased substitution to adenine on the coding strand) were no longer significant. However, mutator disomes did exhibit a strandindependent decrease in CG>AT substitutions that was not present among all aneuploid alleles. Note that this is a potentially biased comparison, as disome X constitutes greater than 50% of the basepair substitutions in mutator strains and removing disome X abolishes the apparent difference. The cause of these basepair substitution frequency alterations is at present unknown.

Double-strand break formation and repair in the disomes: A common phenotype among the disomic strains is severe sensitivity to phleomycin and bleomycin, two double-strand break inducing drugs (Fig. 2C). Indeed, the sensitivity of disomes IV, VIII, X, XI, and XIV to these drugs was comparable to the sensitivity of a strain lacking Rad51. Corroborating this observation, we found that many disomes display an increased number of Rad52-GFP foci (Fig.

3A) and a moderate hyper-recombination phenotype (Fig. 3C). Two non-mutually exclusive models could account for these observations. First, disomes could accumulate more DSBs than euploid cells do, either during a normal cell cycle or upon treatment with phleomycin. Secondly, regardless of the number of DSBs which are formed, the disomes could repair the DSBs more slowly than wild-type and/or incorrectly. Our analysis of *rad52*Δ disomes suggests that disomes XI, XII, and XIV accumulate more DSB's during DNA replication, while disomes VIII and XV do not (Fig. S6). Pulse-field gel analysis of several disomes treated with phleomycin is consistent with a defect in DSB repair, though it could also be explained by defects in DNA damage avoidance: chromatin in disomes may be more vulnerable than euploid chromatin to phleomycin-induced lesions (Fig. 3D and S9). However, we believe that a drug efflux problem is unlikely to account for any differences in phleomycin sensitivity, as the disomes are also sensitive to UV light (Fig. 2B). We further note that a DSB-repair defect is not inconsistent with our finding that disomes are moderately hyper-recombinant, as many mutations in genes which compromise DNA repair also display increased mitotic recombination [i.e., *ELG1* (*4*), *RTT109* (*5*), and *SGS1* (*6*)].

Causes of aneuploidy-induced genomic instability: We have demonstrated that replication of an extra chromosome *per se* is not sufficient to impair recombination or DNA damage resistance, but that it is likely that stoichiometric imbalances in yeast proteins cause genomic instability (Fig. 4). However, aneuploidy-induced genomic instability is uncorrelated with the size of the extra chromosome (Fig. S12). This may suggest that genomic instability is caused by imbalances in a few specific genes which are randomly distributed throughout the genome. For instance, altering the stoichiometry of histones and spindle pole proteins has been shown to interfere with accurate chromosome segregation (*7-9*). Alternately, proteotoxic stress caused by

the translation, folding, and degradation of many proteins on the extra chromosomes (*1, 10*) could contribute to genomic instability. Aneuploidy may monopolize cellular chaperones and protein turnover complexes, thereby inhibiting the function of other proteins that normally require their use. Distinguishing between these possibilities will be an important aspect of our future studies.

Material and Methods

Strains and Plasmids: All budding yeast strains used in this study are derivates of W303 (A2587/A2588) and are listed in Tables S6 and S7. Strains were constructed using PCR-based methods for gene deletion and tagging (*11*). The generation of aneuploid strains has been previously described (*1*). All aneuploid strains were analyzed by comparative genomic hybridization (CGH) to ensure that the specified extra chromosome was present in its entirety (*1*). YACs used in this study are listed in Table S8 (*12, 13*).

Analysis of genotoxin sensitivities: For each assay, fresh plates were prepared containing the concentrations of genotoxins indicated in the figures. Plates containing phleomycin and camptothecin were buffered with 50mM HEPES (pH 7.4). For each assay, strains were inoculated O/N in appropriate selective media, then 10-fold serial dilutions were prepared in sterile water and spotted onto plates. Camptothecin and UV-treated plates were incubated in the dark. In Fig. 1B, the following strains were used: A11311, A24694, A12683, A12685, A12687, A14479, A13628, A13975, A21986, A13771, A12693, A21987, A13979, A12697, and A12700. In Fig. 2B and 2C, the following strains were used: A11311, A21598, A12683, A12685, A12687, A14479, A13628, A13975, A21986, A13771, A12693, A21987, A13979, A12697, and A12700. In Fig. 3E, the following strains were used: HM123, P219, and P523. In Fig. 4A, the

following strains were used: A11311, A13628, A17392, A17393, A17394, A17395, A17396, and A23744. In Fig. 4D, the following strains were used: A11311, A18344, A14479, A18346, A13628, A18347, A12693, A19549, A13979, A18349, A12697, and A18350.

Determination of Chromosome Loss Rates: The rate of chromosome loss was calculated as previously described (*14*). YAC yWSS1572, which is marked with *TRP1* and *URA3* at opposing telomeres, was crossed into the strains of interest (*12*). Strains were first inoculated O/N in – HIS-TRP-URA+G418 medium. Subsequently, \sim 1000 cells were transferred to 2ml of – HIS+G418 medium, and appropriate dilutions were plated onto –HIS+G418 and –HIS+G418 supplemented with 1mg/ml 5-fluoroorotic acid (FOA) to determine the fraction of cells which had lost the YAC prior to the start of the assay. Cells were allowed to divide for 24-36 hours, then were diluted and plated on –HIS+G418 and –HIS+G418+FOA. For chromosome loss experiments in diploid and trisomic strains, cells were pre-grown in –HIS-LEU-URA-TRP+G418 medium, transferred to –HIS-LEU+G418 medium, then plated on either –HIS-LEU+G418 or –HIS-LEU+G418+FOA. The number of cells that maintained the chromosome during the assay was calculated using the formula $S = F(1 - m)$, where F is the total number of cells and m is the fraction of cells which lost the chromosome during the assay. The

chromosome loss rate per generation was calculated using the formula $L = 1 - \frac{C}{2}$, $\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)$ 1 1 *N C S* $L = 1 - \frac{C}{2}$, where C is the number of cells initially inoculated and N is the number of generations that the culture grew. Cell numbers for plating were determined using a Beckman Coulter Multisizer 3. For 6 cultures from each strain, colonies that grew on FOA plates were replica plated to –TRP plates to control for mutation or loss of a single chromosome arm. On average, $>97\%$ of FOA^R colonies were also Trp-, demonstrating that whole-chromosome loss was almost always the cause of FOA

resistance. Chromosome loss rates are presented as the mean and standard deviation of at least 12 independent cultures. In Fig. 1A, the following strains were used: A23744, A24792, A24660, A23745, A25827, A25340, A23747, A23748, A23749, A25587, A23750, A23751, A25341, A23752, A23753, and A25627. In Fig. 4E, the following strains were used: A27889, A27890, A27891, and A27892. In Fig. 4F, the following strains were used: A23744, A27889, A23750, A27890, A25341, A27891, A23753, and A27892. Note that the data for YAC loss rates in disomic strains is presented in Fig. 1A.

Cell cycle analyses of Pds1 levels and spindle morphology: Cells were inoculated into –HIS +G418 medium and grown to log phase. The cells were subsequently collected by filtration and resuspended at an OD₆₀₀ of 0.175 in YPD medium containing 5 μ g/ml α-factor to arrest the cells in G1. 2.5 µg/ml α-factor was re-added every 75 minutes to maintain cells in the G1 arrest. When both the WT and disomic strains were arrested, cells were washed by filtration with 8 volumes of YPD, and the cells were resuspended in fresh YPD medium lacking pheromone. Samples were taken at the indicated time points, and α -factor (5 μ g/ml) was readded when more than 50 percent of the cells had formed a bud to prevent cells from entering the next cell cycle. To account for variability between experiments, a wild-type control culture was always analyzed concomitantly with the disomic strains. In Fig. 1C, strains A26703 and A26628 were used.

Western blot analyses: Proteins were extracted from aliquots taken at the indicated time points by adding an equal volume of 10% trichloroacetic acid to the cell culture. The samples were incubated on ice for at least 20 minutes, then washed with 1.5ml of acetone. The dried pellet was resuspended in 100 μL of protein breakage buffer (50mM Tris, pH 7.5, 1mM EDTA, 2.75 mM DTT, and Roche Complete protease inhibitor, used per the manufacturer's instructions). 100 μL of glass beads were added and the cells broken by beating for 2.5 minutes on a Biospec

mini-bead beater. 50 μL of 3X SDS sample buffer was added, the samples boiled for 5 minutes, then centrifuged for 5 minutes. An equal volume of lysate was loaded onto 10% SDS polyacrylamide gel, electrophoresed, and transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane. Pds1-3HA was detected using a mouse anti-HA antibody (HA.11, Covance) at a 1:1,000 dilution. Pgk1 was detected using a mouse anti-Pgk1 antibody (A-6457, Molecular Probes) at a 1:5,000 dilution. The secondary antibody was a sheep anti-mouse antibody coupled to horseradish peroxidase (NA931, GE Healthcare) and used at a 1:5,000 dilution. Rad53 was detected using a goat polyclonal antibody (yC-19, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) at a 1:5,000 dilution, followed by donkey anti-goat antibody coupled to horseradish peroxidase (sc2020, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) at a 1:10,000 dilution. Bands were detected using Pierce SuperSignal West Pico Chemiluminescent Substrate according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Fixation and immunofluorescence of yeast cells: Mitotic spindles were visualized as previously described (*15*), with the following modifications. At each time point, one ml of cell culture was collected and fixed in 3.7% formaldehyde in 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer. After digestion for 60 minutes with glusulase and zymolyase, cells were applied to polylysinecoated multiwall slides and fixed for 3 minutes in methanol followed by 10 seconds in acetone, both at -20°C. Rat anti-tubulin antibodies (Oxford Biotechnology) and anti-rat FITC antibodies (Jackson Immunoresearch) were used at a 1:100 dilution for visualization of spindle morphology. At least 200 cells were counted per strain for each time point.

Fluctuation analysis: To determine the mutation rate at *CAN1*, ~1000 canavanine-sensitive cells were inoculated in 5ml of –HIS+G418 medium and grown to saturation. Appropriate dilutions were then plated on –HIS+G418 and on -HIS-ARG+G418 medium supplemented with 60µg/ml canavanine to determine the number of viable cells and canavanine-resistant cells, respectively.

The rate of spontaneous mutation was determined according to the method of the median (*16, 17*). Reported mutation rates for each strain are the median values of at least 12 independent cultures. Cell numbers for plating were determined using a Beckman Coulter Multisizer 3. In Fig. 2A, the following strains were used: A20814, A27898, A21630, A25328, A25329, A25330, A25331, A25332, A25333, A25334, A25335, A25336, A25337, A25338, and A25339. To determine the mutation rate at *URA3*, an identical protocol was followed, and cells were plated on –HIS +G418+FOA. In Fig. 2A, the following strains were used: A25589, A25590, A25591, A25592, and A25593. In Fig. 4B, the following strains were used: A20814, A25331, A26980, A26981, and A27683.

The *CAN1* gene is located on chromosome V, and mutations conferring canavanine resistance are recessive. Therefore, to calculate the rate of mutation of a strain disomic for chromosome V, fluctuation analysis was performed for mutation at *LYP1*, which is located on chromosome XIV and confers sensitivity to thialysine (*18*). –HIS-LYS+G418 plates supplemented with 100µg/ml thialysine were used to determine the fraction of thialysineresistant cells, and the mutation rate was calculated as described above. For this analysis in Fig. 2A, the following strains were used: A24351and A14479.

 To determine the rate of mitotic recombination, we used a construct in which a 5' truncated and a 3'-truncated allele of *ade2* are separated by *URA3* (*19*). ~100 Ura+ cells were inoculated into 5ml of –HIS+G418 medium and grown to saturation. Mitotic recombination was measured by plating on –HIS+G418+FOA to determine the fraction of cells which lost the intervening *URA3* sequence. The rate of mitotic recombination was calculated using the method of the median as above. In Fig. 3C, the following strains were used: A26461, A26473, A26475,

A26462, A26463, A26464, A26465, A26466, A26467, A26468, A26469, A26470, A26471, and A26472.

 To determine the rate of microsatellite instability, a plasmid containing *TRP1* and a 16.5 poly(GT) sequence in-frame with *URA3* was crossed into the disomes (*20*). ~100 URA+ cells were inoculated into 5ml of medium and grown to saturation. The fraction of cells that maintained the plasmid was calculated by plating on –HIS-TRP+G418, and the fraction of plasmid-maintaining cells in which *URA3* was out of frame was calculated by plating on –HIS-TRP+G418+FOA. The rate of microsatellite instability was determined using the method of the median as above.

CAN1 **sequencing:** DNA from canavanine-resistant colonies was purified by phenol-chloroform extraction (*21*). The *CAN1* locus was amplified using primers 5'-

TCTTCAGACTTCTTAACTCC-3' and 5'-ATAGTAAGCTCATTGATCCC-3'. Sequencing was performed using the following primers (*22*): 5'- AAAAAAGGCATAGCAATGAC-3', 5'- GACGTACAAAGTTCCACTGG-3', 5'- TCAAAGAACAAGTTGGCTCC-3', 5'- TAGATGTCTCCATGTAAGCC-3', 5'- AACTTTGATGGAAGCGACCC-3', and 5'- GAAATGGCGGGGAAATGTG-3'.

Rad52-GFP foci analysis and live cell microscopy: To follow the distribution of Rad52-GFP foci during the cell cycle, cells were arrested in G1 with 10 μg/ml α-factor for 120-180 minutes, then washed and released into –HIS+G418 medium lacking pheromone. Samples were removed every 30-45 minutes to determine the fraction of cells with Rad52-GFP foci. To arrest cells in mitosis, cells were treated with 15 μg/ml nocodazole for 90 minutes. In Fig. 3A, strains used for this assay were as follows: A24352, A26532, A26533, A25342, A25343, A25421, A25344, and A25345. In Fig. 4C, strains used for this assay were as follows: A24352, A25342, A26985, A26986, and A27667.

 To determine whether Rad52-GFP foci appear in other types of aneuploid yeast strains, we created diploid and triploid strains homozygous for the gene encoding the Rad52-GFP fusion protein. Cells were sporulated, then tetrads were dissected on YPD plates. Visible colonies which formed from euploid or aneuploid spores were inoculated in YPD for 3-4 hours, then the frequency of Rad52-GFP foci appearance was scored among budded cells. We note that the actual incidence of Rad52-GFP foci appearance may be even greater among all progeny of triploid meiosis, as spores which form the most foci are unlikely to grow into visible colonies. In Fig. 3B, strains used were A28502 and A27997.

To follow the repair of phleomycin-induced double-strand breaks, cells were arrested in G1 as described above and then released into medium containing $0.15\mu g/ml$ phleomycin and buffered with 50mM HEPES (pH 7.4). After 135 minutes, cells were washed twice and transferred to fresh medium. Cells were removed every 30 minutes to score the fraction of largebudded cells and cells containing Rad52-GFP foci.

IR experiments were performed with a Gammacell 40, which uses ¹³⁷Cesium as a radiation source. Exponentially-growing cultures were treated with 4.5krads to induce doublestrand breaks, then samples were removed every 60 minutes to determine the fraction of largebudded cells and cells containing Rad52-GFP foci.

Microscopy was performed using a Zeiss Axioplan 2 microscope with a Hamamatsu OCRA-ER digital camera. Image analysis was performed with Openlab 4.0.2 software.

Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis: To directly visualize chromosome damage and repair following phleomycin treatment, yeast cultures were grown overnight in –HIS+G418 medium to log phase. Cells were then harvested and resuspended in fresh YPD medium buffered with 50mM HEPES (pH 7.4) at an OD_{600} of 0.3. Phleomycin was added to a final concentration of 25μg/mL. After two hours, cells were washed with 5 volumes of fresh HEPES buffered YPD and resuspended in HEPES buffered YPD containing 15 μg/ml nocodazole to arrest cells at mitosis to prevent further cell division.

50 ml cell culture aliquots were collected and fixed with sodium azide just prior to the addition of phleomycin (pre), at the end of phleomycin treatment (time 0), and at the indicated timepoints during recovery in YPD medium containing nocodazole. Cell density was determined with a Beckman Coulter Multisizer 3 before and after phleomycin treatment. This allowed us to adjust for cell number increase during drug treatment when making the DNA agarose plug for the "pre" sample, such that the number of cells loaded on the gel was equivalent for the "pre" and the subsequent time points.

Yeast DNA agarose plugs were prepared and processed as described (*23*) by embedding cells in low melting point agarose to a final concentration of 0.625% agarose. The "pre" sample plug was embedded in a smaller volume such that the concentration of cells in the agarose plug would equal that of the others.

Plugs were melted and equal volumes loaded on a 1% agarose gel. DNA was electrophoresed using a Bio-Rad CHEF-DR II system at 6 V/cm at 14ºC. The switch time was 60s for 15 hours followed by 90s for 9 hours. The gel was stained with ethidium bromide and imaged using a GE ImageQuant LAS 4000. In all the images, the wild-type strain was both collected and run concurrently with the disomic strain(s) shown on the same gel. Because

multiple disomic strains were collected during an experiment, some of the final gel images were spliced in order to place the wild-type results next to the disomic strain. No modifications exist in exposure time, contrast, etc. of these spliced images so that the wild-type and disomic strain are directly comparable. In Fig. 3D, the following strains were used: A11311 and A13771. *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* **Genetics and Microscopy:** Strains of fission yeast used in this study are listed in Table S9. The construction of P219, a strain disomic for chromosome III, was previously described (*24*). A triploid strain for sporulation was created by crossing P321 with the mating-competent diploid P322. The products of a triploid meiosis include various combinations of disomy as well as haploid and diploid cells. Strains disomic for chromosome I and/or II arrest before forming a full-size colony, or undergo an unequal nuclear division that results in euploid progeny (*25*). Aneuploid cells can be easily identified during the microcolony stage due to their delayed germ tube formation and aberrant colony morphology.

To analyze the frequency of SpRad22 foci in aneuploid and euploid cells, spores from a triploid meiosis were transferred to YEA medium and incubated at 30ºC. Spores that had germinated and undergone multiple rounds of cell division within 25.5 hours after transfer to YEA were identified as euploid and the frequency of SpRad22 foci was determined. Spores that showed delayed germination and aberrant colony morphology after 48 hours on YEA were identified as aneuploid and the frequency of SpRad22 foci was determined as above.

 For time-lapse observations of SpRad22 foci formation, spores from a triploid meiosis were transferred to YEA medium and incubated at 30ºC. Spores that had germinated within 8 hours were identified as euploid and were transferred to a cover slip. Images were acquired every 30 minutes to follow cell division and SpRad22 foci formation. Spores that had

germinated but not divided by 17.5 hours were identified as aneuploid and were followed via microscopy as described above.

DNA sample preparation and microarrays: For the CGH analyses described in Figures S13 and S14, cells were patched from glycerol stocks on YEPD plates. As soon as cells had started to grow, 5 ml cultures were inoculated and grown overnight at room temperature in YEPD. Cells were collected the next day and resuspended into 0.5 ml of 1 M Sorbitol, 10 mM NaPi (pH 7.0), 10 mM EDTA (pH 8.0), 5 µl ß-mercaptoethanol and 20 µl of a 5 mg/ml stock solution of zymolyase. Cell walls were digested by incubation at 37° C for 60 minutes. After a short spin, the supernatant was removed and cells were resuspended in 0.5 ml 50 mM EDTA (pH 8.0), 0.3% SDS, and 20 μ g/ml proteinase K and incubated at 65°C for 30 minutes. 200 μ l of 5 M KOAc was added and cells were incubated on ice for 20 minutes. Cell debris was removed by centrifugation and supernatant was extracted with an equal volume of phenol/chloroform. DNA samples were recovered by isopropanol precipitation. Precipitated samples were resuspended in 125 µl of TE containing 10 µg/ml RNAse and incubated at 37 ºC for 1 hour. DNA samples were sheared by sonication and further purified utilizing the Qiagen PCR purification kit.

DNA was then labeled with Cy-dye dUTP as described in (*1*). Equal amounts of Cy5-labeled DNA of aneuploid strains were mixed with Cy3-labeled WT DNA and hybridized to the Agilent Yeast Oligo Microarray (V2; Design ID 013384). Arrays were washed following the manufacturer's instructions and scanned with an Agilent Microarray scanner. Data were analyzed using the Agilent Feature extraction software.

DNA copy number analysis: For the CGH analyses described in Figures S13 and S14, log_2 ratios of the gene copy number of the aneuploid strains relative to WT were first obtained

utilizing the normalization protocols of Agilent Feature Extraction software. Data were renormalized to the mean of log₂ ratio of the euploid chromosomes within each sample. In strain A12, which shows a heterogeneous karyotype, chromosomes VI and XIII were assumed to be the euploid chromosomes as they show the lowest log₂ ratios.

Figure S1. Pds1 accumulates in disomic strains. Wild-type (squares), disomic strains (triangles), and disomic strains lacking *MAD2* (circles) were arrested in G1 with pheromone then released into YPD medium. At the indicated time points, samples were removed and processed for Western blot analysis of Pds1, to determine the percentage of cells with buds (left graph), and metaphase and anaphase spindles (right graph). In five out of five disomes, Pds1 persisted for a longer period of time than it did in a euploid strain. In disome V cells this delay was due to activation of the spindle assembly checkpoint because it was eliminated by the deletion of *MAD2*. Strains are as follows: **(A)** A26703, A25413, and AA26708. **(B)** A26703, A25414, and A26709. **(C)** A26703, A25415, and A26704. **(D)** A26703, A26628, and A27925. **(E)** A26703, and A25416, A26705.

Figure S2. Disome V cells exhibit a chromosome bi-orientation defect. Wild-type and disomic strains were arrested at metaphase with 15 μg/ml nocodazole, then washed and released into YPD medium containing 5 µg/ml α-factor. At the indicated time points, samples were removed and processed for Western blot analysis of Pds1 and to determine the percentage of metaphase (squares) and anaphase (triangles) spindles. Strains are as follows: (**A)** A26703 and A25413. **(B)** A26703 and A25416.

Figure S3. Disomes VIII and XVI cells display an increased rate of microsatellite instability. Disomes were assayed for maintenance of a poly(GT) tract fused in-frame with *URA3*. The median value and 95% confidence intervals of at least 12 independent cultures are shown. Strains (from the left): A24251, A24289, A26498, A24287, A24288, A26499, A26500, A24290, A24291, and A26501. * p<.05; *** p<.0005 (Wilcoxon rank-sum test).

Figure S4. Aneuploid strains derived from triploid meioses are sensitive to genotoxic damage. 10-fold serial dilutions of the indicated strains were spotted on either YPD medium or medium supplemented or treated with the indicated genotoxic agent. The karyotype of these strains is indicated to the right of the figure. CPT; camptothecin. Phleo; phleomycin. MMS, methyl methanesulfonate. The construction and nomenclature of these strains are described in *(26)*. Note that in many strains the reported karyotype is present in only a subset of the cells, and some strains have euploid or near-euploid subpopulations (fig S13 and S14).

Figure S5. Several disomes require Polζ to survive DNA damage. 10-fold serial dilutions of the indicated *REV3* and *rev3*Δ strains were spotted on either YPD medium or medium supplemented or treated with the indicated genotoxic agent. Most disomes that lack *REV3* are hypersensitive to low doses of DNA damaging agents. MMS, methyl methanesulfonate. Strains (from the top): A11311, A25391, A12687, A25392, A13628, A25393, A12689, A25394, A13771, A25395, A13979, A25396, A12697, A25397, A14479, A26629, A12693, A26630, A21987, and A26631.

Figure S6. Some disomes acquire double-strand breaks more frequently during DNA replication. Small budded cells were isolated by micromanipulation on YPD plates and incubated for 5 hours at 30ºC. Subsequently, the cells were examined under a microscope, and the number of cells that were arrested as large buds and the number of cells that had successfully divided were scored. Cells which had not progressed beyond the small-budded stage were excluded from analysis. **(A)** Representative plates of euploid *RAD52*, euploid *rad52*Δ, disome XIV *RAD52*, and disome XIV *rad52*Δ are displayed. Plates containing *RAD52* cells were scanned after 2 days of growth, while plates containing *rad52*Δ cells were scanned after 2 or 3 days of growth. **(B)** The percentage of cells arrested as large buds is displayed. The mean and standard deviation of 3 independent experiments are shown. Strains (from the left): A15546, A27223, A15533, A15537, A15538, A15540, A15542, A26504, A28064, A19616, A27091, A19618, A19619, and A19620.

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Figure S7. Disomes are unable to repair phleomycin-induced lesions. Strains were arrested in G1 with pheromone, then released into medium containing 0.15μg/ml phleomycin. After 135 minutes, the cells were washed and resuspended in medium lacking phleomycin. Cells were removed every 30 minutes to determine the percentage of large-budded cells (closed symbols) and the percentage of cells with Rad52-GFP foci (open symbols). **(A)** Representative images of wild-type and Dis. XV cells after G1 arrest (top), after growth in the presence of phleomycin (middle), and after 4 hours of recovery in phleomycin-free medium (bottom). **(B)** Phleomycin arrest/release results for Dis. IV (A26532), V (A26533), VIII (A25342), X (A25343), XI (A25421), XIV (A25344), and XV (A25355). Note that Dis. IV cells display a severe G1 delay *(1)*, and many cells failed to bud during the course of the experiment. The Dis. IV cells that did bud were arrested as large-budded cells by phleomycin and almost all remained arrested for the duration of the time course.

Figure S8. Disomic yeast strains phosphorylate Rad53 in response to phleomycin treatment. Rad53 mobility on SDS-PAGE was examined in untreated exponentially growing cells and in exponentially growing cells that were treated with 0.3µg/ml phleomycin for 90 minutes. The slower migrating forms of Rad53 represent phosphorylated Rad53. Pgk1 was used as a loading control. Strains (from the left): A11311, A12687, A14479, A13628, A21986, A13771, A13979, and A12697.

Figure S9. Disomic yeast strains display delayed chromosomal recovery following phleomycin treatment. Wild-type and disomic strains were treated with 25µg/ml phleomycin for 2 hours, then washed with 5 volumes of medium and released into YPD medium containing 15µg/ml nocodazole. Nocodazole was used to keep the number of cells in culture constant during recovery. Before treatment ("pre"), immediately following phleomycin wash-out ("0:00"), and at the indicated times after phleomycin wash-out cells were fixed with sodium azide and chromosomes were examined by pulse-field gel electrophoresis. Intact chromosomes are visible as discrete bands, while chromosome fragments run as a smear at the bottom of the gel or do not enter the gel. Strains (from the left): **(A)** A11311, A12685, A14479, A21987. **(B)** A11311 and A13628.

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Figure S10. Disomic yeast strains are impaired in the repair of damage caused by ionizing radiation. **(A)** 10-fold serial dilutions of the indicated strains were spotted on YPD medium and then treated with the indicated dose of radiation. Strains (from the top): A24352, A26532, A26533, A25342, 25343, A25421, A25344, and A25355. **(B)** Exponentially-growing cultures were treated with 4.5krads of radiation and then allowed to recover. Cells were removed every 60 minutes to determine the percentage of largebudded cells (closed symbols) and the percentage of cells with Rad52-GFP foci (open symbols). Representative images of wild-type and Dis. IV cells are shown 90 minutes after treatment with radiation (top), after 210 minutes of recovery (middle), and after 390 minutes of recovery (bottom). **(B)** Radiation recovery results for Dis. IV (A26532), V (A26533), VIII (A25342), X (25343), XI (A25421), XIV (A25344), and XV (A25355).

*** p<.0005 (Wilcoxon rank-sum test)

Figure S11. Persistence of SpRad22-GFP foci duration in aneuploid strains of *S. pombe*. The time that SpRad22-GFP foci persisted in cells was measured in euploid and aneuploid strains generated from a triploid meiosis. Aneuploid cells were identified by their delayed germination and aberrant colony morphology. Cells were imaged every 30 minutes.

Fig. S12. Genomic instability is not correlated with the size of the extra chromosome or the cell cycle delay in disomic strains. Linear regression analysis (black line) reveals that the fold increase in **(A)** chromosome missegregation, **(B)** forward mutation, and **(C)** mitotic recombination are independent of the size of the extra chromosome and the cell cycle delay in the disomic strains. Cell cycle delay data are from *(1)*.

Figure S13. DNA content analysis of aneuploid strains derived from triploid meiosis. Pavelka et al. *(26)* recently reported the analysis of aneuploid yeast strains obtained as meiotic products from triploid and pentaploid strains. 87.5% of these strains were discarded due to chromosomal instability, but 38 yeast strains were described as karyotypically stable. To determine whether these aneuploid strains displayed homogenous karyotypes, we determined their DNA content via comparative genomic hybridization (CGH) analysis as described in the Supplemental Methods. **(A)** CGH analysis of the 38 strains characterized in *(26)*. Each box represents the genome of an aneuploid yeast strain. Data points are ordered according to their chromosomal coordinates, starting with the gene most distally located on the left arm of chromosome I. DNA copy number was calculated from the log2 ratios of the DNA content of aneuploid strains relative to an isogenic euploid strain. 17 of the 38 aneuploid strains did not display a homogeneous karyotype. The copy number of certain chromosomes was not an integer multiple of the haploid value, indicating that different cells in the population carry a different copy number of that particular chromosome(s). **(B)** Average copy numbers calculated per chromosome are shown. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean per chromosome. Standard deviations (stdev) of the mean values of the euploid chromosomes are shown. The difference (Δ) between the expected value and the measured copy number is shown. Chromosomes where this difference was at least 4 times greater than the standard deviation of the euploid chromosomes are marked with an asterisk. In 4 strains, a subset of cells had gained extra copies of a chromosome; aneuploid chromosomes that were not reported in *(26)* are highlighted in grey. Note that the under-representation of the marked chromosomes cannot be explained by a dramatic decrease in signal of a few data points, because the decreased values are consistent across the chromosome. It is also not due to variability in the experimental procedure. The standard deviations of the means of the euploid chromosomes were consistently small and we only considered chromosomes as being under- or over-represented when the deviation from the expected value was at least 4-fold greater than the standard deviation of the means of the euploid chromosomes. In most cases the difference was in fact greater than 8-fold. The observation that these strains display heterogenous karyotypes, including both chromosome gains and losses, strongly suggests that they are karyotypically unstable.

Figure S14. Strains A13 and A15 are heterogeneous. **(A)** We noted that single colonies derived from the strains described in *(26)* frequently displayed significant variation in colony size during routine growth on rich medium. Representative images of single colonies from strains A13 and A15 are displayed. To further test whether the aneuploid strains described in *(26)* are karyotypically unstable, we isolated single colonies of different sizes from strains A13 and A15 and analyzed their karyotype via CGH. The karyotype of strain A13 was described in (26) as $1N + I$, II, VIII, XI, XIII. A small A13 colony exhibited the reported $1N + I$, II, VIII, XI, XIII karyotype. A colony of medium size had lost the additional copies of chromosomes XI and XIII and cells of the large colony had lost all additional chromosomes except for chromosome I. **(B)** The analysis in (A) was repeated for strain A15. While a small colony displayed the reported karyotype of $1N + II$, III, VII, IX, XI, XII, cells from the medium and large colonies had lost the extra copies of chromosomes III, VII, IX, and XII but had gained a copy of chromosome X. We conclude that many strains described in *(26)* display significant karyotypic variation.

Supplemental Table S1. Mutation frequencies at *CAN1*

** p<.005 (chi-square test)

† Aneuploid mutators are the combined results obtained with Dis. IV, VIII, X, and XIV

The ratios in parenthesis are the number of events observed and the total number of isolated sequenced of a particular strain.

Strain			Base Gained		Base Lost					
	A	C	G		A	C	G			
Wild-type	45.1% (37/82)	15.9% (13/82)	7.3% (6/82)	31.7% (26/82)	4.9% (4/82)	41.5% (34/82)	45.1% (37/82)	8.5% (7/82)		
All aneuploids	55.4% $(133/240)$ **	14.6% (35/240)	5.4% (13/240)	24.6% $(59/240)^*$	7.5% (18/240)	37.5% (90/240)	45.8% (110/240)	9.2% (22/240)		
Aneuploid mutators ¹	53.9% (48/89)	19.1% (17/89)	5.6% (5/89)	21.3% $(19/89)^*$	10.1% (9/89)	32.6% (29/89)	47.2% (42/89)	10.1% (9/89)		
Disome I	42.9% (6/14)	$7.1\% (1/14)$	14.3% (2/14)	35.7% (5/14)	$7.1\% (1/14)$	42.9% (6/14)	50.0% (7/14)	0.0% (0/14)		
Disome II	63.6% (7/11)	27.3% (3/11)	0.0% (0/11)	$9.1\% (1/11)$	0.0% (0/11)	36.4% (4/11)	45.5% (5/11)	18.2% (2/11)		
Disome IV	45.5% (5/11)	45.5% (5/11)	0.0% (0/11)	$9.1\% (1/11)$	0.0% (0/11)	45.5% (5/11)	45.5% (5/11)	$9.1\% (1/11)$		
Disome VIII	56.3% (9/16)	18.8% (3/16)	6.3% (1/16)	18.8% (3/16)	12.5% (2/16)	25.0% (4/16)	43.8% (7/16)	18.8% (3/16)		
Disome IX	52.8% (28/53)	17.0% (9/53)	5.7% (3/53)	24.5% (13/53)	5.7% (3/53)	37.7% (20/53)	49.1% (26/53)	7.5% (4/53)		
Disome X	52.2% (24/46)	13.0% (6/46)	6.5% (3/46)	28.3% (13/46)	13.0% (6/46)	30.4% (14/46)	45.7% (21/46)	10.9% (5/46)		
Disome XI	53.8% (7/13)	15.4% (2/13)	0.0% (0/13)	30.8% (4/13)	7.7% (1/13)	46.2% (6/13)	38.5% (5/13)	7.7% (1/13)		
Disome XII	50.0% (8/16)	6.3% (1/16)	0.0% (0/16)	43.8% (7/16)	6.3% (1/16)	56.3% (9/16)	31.3% (5/16)	6.3% (1/16)		
Disome XIII	76.9% (10/13)	7.7% (1/13)	0.0% (0/13)	15.4% (2/13)	7.7% (1/13)	46.2% (6/13)	30.8% (4/13)	15.4% (2/13)		
Disome XIV	62.5% (10/16)	18.8% (3/16)	6.3% (1/16)	12.5% (2/16)	6.3% (1/16)	37.5% (6/16)	56.3% (9/16)	0.0% (0/16)		
Disome XV	68.4% (13/19)	0.0% (0/19)	10.5% (2/19)	21.1% (4/19)	5.3% (1/19)	31.6% (6/19)	52.6% (10/19)	10.5% (2/19)		
Disome XVI	50.0% (6/12)	8.3% (1/12)	8.3% (1/12)	33.3% (4/12)	8.3% (1/12)	33.3% (4/12)	50.0% (6/12)	8.3% (1/12)		

Supplemental Table S2. Basepair substitutions in the coding strand at *CAN1*

* p<.05; ** p<.005 (chi-square test)

† Aneuploid mutators include Dis. IV, VIII, X, and XIV

The ratios in parenthesis are the number of events observed and the total number of isolates in which a basepair substitution was found.

Strain	$AT \rightarrow CG$	$AT \rightarrow GC$	$AT \rightarrow TA$	$CG \rightarrow AT$	$CG \rightarrow GC$	$CG \rightarrow TA$	$GC \rightarrow AT$	$GC \rightarrow CG$	$GC \rightarrow TA$	$TA \rightarrow AT$	$TA \rightarrow CG$	$TA \rightarrow GC$
Wild-type	1.2%	1.2%	2.4%	23.2%	2.4%	15.9%	18.3%	13.4%	13.4%	3.7%	1.2%	3.7%
	(1/82)	(1/82)	(2/82)	(19/82)	(2/82)	(13/82)	(15/82)	(11/82)	(11/82)	(3/82)	(1/82)	(3/82)
All	2.5%	0.0%	5.0%	24.2%	4.6%	8.8%	25.4%	9.6%	10.8%	5.8%	2.5%	0.8%
aneuploids	(6/240)	(0/240)	$(12/240)^*$	(58/240)	$(11/240)^*$	$(21/240)$ **	$(61/240)$ **	(23/240)	(26/240)	(14/240)	(6/240)	$(2/240)^*$
Aneuploid	4.5%	0.0%	5.6%	18.0%	4.5%	10.1%	29.2%	12.4%	5.6%	6.7%	2.2%	1.1%
mutators ¹	$(4/89)^*$	(0/89)	(5/89)	(16/89)	(4/89)	(9/89)	$(26/89)^*$	(11/89)	$(5/89)^*$	(6/89)	(2/89)	(1/89)
Disome I	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	21.4%	14.3%	7.1%	21.4%	7.1%	21.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	(0/14)	(0/14)	(1/14)	(3/14)	(2/14)	(1/14)	(3/14)	(1/14)	(3/14)	(0/14)	(0/14)	(0/14)
Disome II	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	36.4%	0.0%	0.0%	18.2%	18.2%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%
	(0/11)	(0/11)	(0/11)	(4/11)	(0/11)	(0/11)	(2/11)	(2/11)	(1/11)	(1/11)	(1/11)	(0/11)
Disome IV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	36.4%	0.0%	9.1%	9.1%	36.4%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%
	(0/11)	(0/11)	(0/11)	(4/11)	(0/11)	(1/11)	(1/11)	(4/11)	(0/11)	(0/11)	(1/11)	(0/11)
Disome VIII	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	18.8%	6.3%	0.0%	18.8%	18.8%	6.3%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%
	(0/16)	(0/16)	(2/16)	(3/16)	(1/16)	(0/16)	(3/16)	(3/16)	(1/16)	(3/16)	(0/16)	(0/16)
Disome IX	1.9%	0.0%	3.8%	24.5%	5.7%	7.5%	24.5%	11.3%	13.2%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%
	(1/53)	(0/53)	(2/53)	(13/53)	(3/53)	(4/53)	(13/53)	(6/53)	(7/53)	(2/53)	(2/53)	(0/53)
Disome X	6.5%	0.0%	6.5%	10.9%	4.3%	15.2%	34.8%	4.3%	6.5%	6.5%	2.2%	2.2%
	(3/46)	(0/46)	(3/46)	(5/46)	(2/46)	(7/46)	(16/46)	(2/46)	(3/46)	(3/46)	(1/46)	(1/46)
Disome XI	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	38.5%	0.0%	7.7%	15.4%	0.0%	23.1%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%
	(1/13)	(0/13)	(0/13)	(5/13)	(0/13)	(1/13)	(2/13)	(0/13)	(3/13)	(0/13)	(1/13)	(0/13)
Disome XII	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	31.3%	0.0%	25.0%	12.5%	6.3%	12.5%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	(0/16)	(0/16)	(1/16)	(5/16)	(0/16)	(4/16)	(2/16)	(1/16)	(2/16)	(1/16)	(0/16)	(0/16)
Disome XIII	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	46.2%	0.0%	0.0%	15.4%	7.7%	7.7%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	(0/13)	(0/13)	(1/13)	(6/13)	(0/13)	(0/13)	(2/13)	(1/13)	(1/13)	(2/13)	(0/13)	(0/13)
Disome XIV	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	6.3%	6.3%	37.5%	12.5%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	(1/16)	(0/16)	(0/16)	(4/16)	(1/16)	(1/16)	(6/16)	(2/16)	(1/16)	(0/16)	(0/16)	(0/16)
Disome XV	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	21.1%	10.5%	0.0%	36.8%	0.0%	15.8%	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%
	(0/19)	(0/19)	(1/19)	(4/19)	(2/19)	(0/19)	(7/19)	(0/19)	(3/19)	(2/19)	(0/19)	(0/19)
Disome XVI	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	16.7%	0.0%	16.7%	33.3%	8.3%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%
	(0/12)	(0/12)	(1/12)	(2/12)	(0/12)	(2/12)	(4/12)	(1/12)	(1/12)	(0/12)	(0/12)	(1/12)

Supplemental Table S3. Basepair substitution events in the coding strand of *CAN1*

* p<.05; ** p<.005 (chi-square test)

† Aneuploid mutators include Dis. IV, VIII, X, and XIV

The ratios in parenthesis are the number of events observed and the total number of isolates in which a basepair substitution was found. The first letter in each pair of nucleotides corresponds to the coding strand of *CAN1*

Strain	$AT \rightarrow TA$	$AT \rightarrow CG$	$AT \rightarrow GC$	$CG \rightarrow AT$	$CG \rightarrow TA$	$CG \rightarrow GC$
Wild-type	6.1% (5/82)	4.9% (4/82)	2.4% (2/82)	36.6% (30/82)	34.1% (28/82)	15.9% (13/82)
All aneuploids	10.8% $(26/240)$ **	3.3% (8/240)	2.5% (6/240)	35.0% (84/240)	34.2% (82/240)	14.2% (34/240)
Aneuploid mutators ^T	12.4% (11/89)*	5.6% (5/89)	2.2% (2/89)	23.6% (21/89)*	39.3% (35/89)	16.9% (15/89)
Disome I	7.1% (1/14)	0.0% (0/14)	0.0% (0/14)	42.9% (6/14)	28.6% (4/14)	21.4% (3/14)
Disome II	9.1% (1/11)	0.0% (0/11)	9.1% (1/11)	45.5% (5/11)	18.2% (2/11)	18.2% (2/11)
Disome IV	0.0% (0/11)	0.0% (0/11)	9.1% (1/11)	36.4% (4/11)	18.2% (2/11)	36.4% (4/11)
Disome VIII	31.3% (5/16)	0.0% (0/16)	0.0% (0/16)	25.0% (4/16)	18.8% (3/16)	25.0% (4/16)
Disome IX	7.5% (4/53)	1.9% (1/53)	3.8% ($2/53$)	37.7% (20/53)	32.1% (17/53)	17.0% (9/53)
Disome X	13.0% (6/46)	8.7% (4/46)	2.2% (1/46)	17.4% (8/46)	50.0% (23/46)	8.7% (4/46)
Disome XI	0.0% (0/13)	7.7% (1/13)	7.7% (1/13)	61.5% (8/13)	23.1% (3/13)	0.0% (0/13)
Disome XII	12.5% (2/16)	0.0% (0/16)	0.0% (0/16)	43.8% (7/16)	37.5% (6/16)	6.3% (1/16)
Disome XIII	23.1% (3/13)	0.0% (0/13)	0.0% (0/13)	53.8% (7/13)	15.4% (2/13)	7.7% (1/13)
Disome XIV	0.0% (0/16)	6.3% (1/16)	0.0% (0/16)	31.3% (5/16)	43.8% (7/16)	18.8% (3/16)
Disome XV	15.8% (3/19)	0.0% (0/19)	0.0% (0/19)	36.8% (7/19)	36.8% (7/19)	10.5% (2/19)
Disome XVI	8.3% (1/12)	8.3% (1/12)	0.0% (0/12)	25.0% (3/12)	50.0% (6/12)	8.3% (1/12)

Supplemental Table S4. Strand-independent summary of basepair substitution events at CAN1

 $*$ p<.05; ** p<.005 (chi-square test)

† Aneuploid mutators include Dis. IV, VIII, X, and XIV

The ratios in parenthesis are the number of events observed and the total number of isolates in which a basepair substitution was found.

Supplemental Table S5. Genomic instability in disomic yeast strains

(+) The strain exhibits an increase in the indicated assay or displays sensitivity to the indicated treatment

(-) The strain does not exhibit an increase in the indicated assay or displays wild-type growth in response to the indicated treatment

(ND) Not determined

Supplemental Table S6. Yeast strains used for strain construction

Supplemental Table S7. Yeast strains used in this study

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