Supplemental material

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Figure S1. Silencing controls and representative two-dot assay images. (A) Silencing in the xyz Δ strain is maintained. Serial dilutions of strains spotted onto YPD growth control (top) or YMD plates lacking histidine (bottom) to assay for silencing of the HIS3 gene inserted in place of the XYZ sequence in the heterochromatic region of HMR. A strain containing HIS3 at the XYZ locus in a *sir4* Δ background is used as a control for lack of silencing of HIS3. Strains containing the HIS3 gene or containing a his3-1 mutation at the native HIS3 locus are used as additional controls. (B) DSB repair proteins and tethered silencing Schematic of constructs containing 5G-E-B at HMR-E and B-5G at HMR-I flanking the MATa1 gene. 10-fold serial dilutions on YMD-Trp (growth control) and an a strain lawn (silencing) in an otherwise α strain WT background. Growth signifies silencing of the otherwise active MATa1 gene. (C) Representative two-dot images. Representative images from WT and mutants in trans-factor assayed in this study. GBD, Gal4 DNA binding domain. Bar, 1,000 nm.



Figure S2. **Controls for HM proximity measurements.** (A) Bar graphs of WT and *mre 11* Δ strains (from Fig. 4 A), in which the distance between HML and HMR are binned into categories of specific distances from two independent strains and three independent trials. Data from each trial was pooled and binned as previously described (Miele et al., 2009); therefore, error bars are not included. (B) Boxplots of the distance between TetR-YFP and CFP-Lacl foci in cells of a given strain scored by bud index. Unbudded cells were considered in G1, and budded cells were considered in S/G2. (WT G1, *n* = 192; WT G2, *n* = 136; *mre11* Δ G1, *n* = 103; *mre11* Δ G2, *n* = 93; *rad51* Δ G1, *n* = 157; *rad51* Δ G2, *n* = 105; *htaS129**G1, *n* = 148; and *htaS129**G2, *n* = 106). P-values were calculated using a Mann-Whitney U test (Wilcoxon test) in R. (WT data are the same as presented in Fig. 1 B and are included here to simplify comparison). Data are combined from at least two independent trials. (C) Boxplots of the distance between TetR-YFP and CFP-Lacl foci in cells of a given strain in either *MATa* or *MATa* cells. (WTa, *n* = 153; WT α , *n* = 152; *mre11* $\Delta \alpha$, *n* = 221; *mre11* $\Delta \alpha$, *n* = 289). P-values were calculated using a Mann-Whitney U test (Wicoxon test) in R. (D) Boxplots of the distribution of diameters in a given strain. Data presented in B–D are measurements from at least two independent trials. (E) Boxplots of the (median distance of *HM* [from Fig. 4])/(median diameter [from D]) of a given strain. Error bars are not given, as data are simply a ratio of two median measurements. The boxes represent the middle 50% of data points with the black lines showing the median of distances. Outliers are defined as distances >1.5 times the interquartile range (dashed lines) and are represented by open circles.



Figure S3. **ChIP at HM loci.** (A) Schematic of qPCR amplicons at HMR and HML. (B) ChIP-qPCR plots of Pol- ε enrichment normalized to ARS315 at HMR and HML. Plots are a mean of at least two independent cross-links and four IPs. Error bars are standard deviation from the mean. (C) ChIP-qPCR plots of γ H2A enrichment at the HML locus in an hmr-ed strain. (D) ChIP-qPCR plots of H3 enrichment at the HMR locus in an tT(AUG)CA strain. Plots are a mean of three cross-links and six IPs. All amplicons normalized to the ACT1 locus. WT data are the same as in Fig. 6 and are included for ease of comparison. Error bars are standard deviation from the mean. P-values by t test are assigned as ***, P < 0.001; **, P < 0.01; and *, P < 0.05.

Table S1. Yeast strains used in this study

| ROY No. | Genotype | Experiment |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| ROY1685 | MATα HMR(s288c) ADE2 his3 leu2 lys2 trp1 | ChIP |
| ROY1681 | MAT α HMR(s288c) ADE2 tT(AGU)C Δ his3 leu2 lys2 trp1 ura3 | ChIP |
| ROY4819/20 | MATα HMR(s288c) eΔ::URA3 ADE his3 leu2 lys2 trp1 | ChIP |
| ROY4821/22 | MATa HMR(s288c) Pol-ε-HA::LEU2 lys2 ADE2 his3 lys2 trp1 ura3 | ChIP |
| ROY4825 | MATa HMR(s288c) SCC2-13×myc::KanMx ADE2 his3 leu2 lys2 trp1 ura3 | ChIP |
| ROY4826 | MATα HMR(s288c) SCC2-13×myc::KanMx ADE2 hta1S129* hta2S129* his3 leu2 lys2 trp1 ura3 | ChIP |
| ROY4923/24 | MATα HMR(s288c) SMC6-TAP::HIS3 HMR::S288c ADE2 lys2 | ChIP |
| ROY4925/26 | MATa HMR(s288c) Mcd1-13×myc::KanMx ADE2 | ChIP |
| ROY4927/28 | MATα HMR(s288c) BRN1-HA::KanMx ADE | ChIP |
| BYS48/ ROY4830 | MATa/α HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 | Two-dot microscopy; Miele et al., 2009 |
| ROY4831/32 | MAT α /a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 mre11 Δ ::HIS3 LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4833/34 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 e∆::URA3 LYS2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4835/36 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 xyz∆::HIS3 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4837 | MATα HML-tetO::LEU2 leu2-1::LacO(63×)::LEU2 hmr∆::URA3 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4838 | MATa HML-tetO::LEU2 leu2-1::LacO(63×)::HMR::LEU2 hmr∆::URA3 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4839/40 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 leu2-1::LacO(63×)-HMR::LEU2 hmr∆::URA3 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 sir4∆::KanMx | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4841 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LacO(63×)::ChrVI-R::LEU2 hmr∆::URA3 LYS2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4842 | MATα HML-tetO::LEU2 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LacO(63×)::ChrVI-I::LEU2 hmrΔ::URA3 LYS2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4843 | MATα HML-tetO::LEU2 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LacO(63×)::ChrVI-R::HMR::LEU2 hmrΔ::URA3 LYS2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4844 | , MATα HML-tetO::LEU2 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LacO(63×)::ChrVI-I::HMR::LEU2 hmrΔ::URA3 LYS2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4929/30 | , MATa/α LacO(63×)::ChrVI-16kb::LEU2 LacO963x)::ChrVI-207kb::LEU2 hmrD::URA3 LacI-GFP::ADE2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4931/32 | MATa/α LacO(63×)::ChrVI-16kb::HML::LEU2 LacO(63×)::ChrVI-207kb::HMR::LEU2 hmrD::URA3 Lacl- GFP::ADE2s | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4849/50 | MAT α /a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 scc2-D730V::HYG | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4851/52 | MATa/α HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 rad14Δ::LEU2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4853/54 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 lif14::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4855/56 | MATa/α HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 rad51Δ::HIS3 LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4859/60 | MAT HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 sir44::URA3 lys- | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4861/62 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 exo14::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4863 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 rad504::TRP1 LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4864 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 sae2∆::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4865 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 xrs2∆::LEU2 LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4866/67 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 rdh54∆::KanMX LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4868/69 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 rad54∆::KanMX LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4870/71 | Matα/a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 esc2Δ::HIS3 lys2 | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4872/73 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 rad524::KanMX LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4876/77 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 tel14::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4878/79 | MATα HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 mec1Δ::HIS3 sml1Δ::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4880/81 | MATα/a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS hta1S129* hta2S129* | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4882/83 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 nup60∆::KanMX LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4884/85 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 slx5∆::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4886/87 | MATa/α HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 nup84Δ::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4888/89 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 slx8Δ::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4894/95 | MATa YIPLac-HDEL-dsRED::NatMx HMR-GIT1-LacO(256x)::TRP Lacl-GFP::ADE2 RECR::LEU2 ura3 his3 rad51Δ::KanMx | Zone analysis |
| ROY4896/97 | MATa YIPLac-HDEL-dsRED::NatMx HMR-GIT1-LacO(256x)::TRP LacI-GFP::ADE2 RECR::LEU2 ura3 his3 mre114::KanMx | Zone analysis |
| ROY4898/99 | MATa/α HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-LacI tetR-YFP::ADE2 LYS2 rsc2Δ::KanMX | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4900/01 | MATa/α HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 isw2Δ::KanMx LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4902/03 | MATa HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 mgmt1Δ::KanMX LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4904/05 | MATa HML+tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 uip54::KanMX LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4906/07 | MATα/a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 sin3Δ::KanMx | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4908/09 | MATα/a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 htz1Δ::KanMx LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4942/43 | MAT α/a HML-tetO::LEU2 HMR-LacO::TRP1 CFP-Lacl tetR-YFP::ADE2 smc6-9::NatMx LYS | Two-dot microscopy |
| ROY4944 | MAT α 5GEB-a1-B5G::HMR LYS | Silencing |

All strains are isogenic to W303 except when noted with an asterisk.

Table S2. qPCR primers used in this study

| Name | Sequence 5' \rightarrow 3' | Amplicon |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------|
| GRO40 | ATTTATTAATGTCAAAAGCCGCTGAGG | 1 |
| GRO39 | TAAGACAATTGTGGACAACAAAGCAAA | 1 |
| GRO51 | AAAACAACGCGTCATGAAAAAGAGTTA | 2 |
| GRO52 | ATCACGTTCAACAAGGAACTCTACCAA | 2 |
| GRO49 | TTATAAAATCCTCGCACTATCGCTGTT | 3 |
| GRO50 | TGGGTTAGAGATTTGCAACTATTTTCTTC | 3 |
| LOU191 | CCCGTCCAAGTTATGAGCTTAATC | 4 |
| L95 | AAAACCAGGAGTACCTGCGCTTATTCT | 4 |
| L97 | TAATACCTTTAAATGTTGAGGTAAATAGC | 5 |
| L98 | GCTAAAGTGTGTGGAAAAACATTTTCTTGT | 5 |
| Lou201 | CACCAATTCCGCATCTGCAGATTAC | 6 |
| L96 | GGTAGAATGACCTAGAATGACCCATC | 6 |
| R197 | GAGACCAGGTTTATTCAACCGGTAAC | 7 |
| Lou120 | GGGTGTCACCGAATAACGTGAT | 7 |
| R189 | ATCACGTTATTCGGTGACACCCAG | 8 |
| R190 | GCCGTAAGAGATCTCCGAATAACGGTA | 8 |
| L108 | TACCGTTATTCGGAGATCTCTTACGG | 9 |
| L109 | GTGACGCACTGAATGTCATCAAAAG | 9 |
| R191 | CTITTGATGACATTCAGTGCGTCAC | 10 |
| R192 | ACCGGATATAGAAGAACTCGTCTTATG | 10 |
| L104 | CATAAGACGAGTTCTTCTATATCCGGT | 11 |
| L107 | CCTATTTGCGTATTCCTATGTTG | 11 |
| R193 | CTAAGACGCTAGGACTTCTAAACACAGA | 12 |
| R194 | ACCATATTGCTTAATTTCTTACTACTTG | 12 |
| GRO61 | GAGTGTCCGCATGATTAATACTTTTCG | 13 |
| GRO62 | ATATGAAGATAAATGTGGCACCAAACG | 13 |
| QJK33 | TTGCAAATTGCTTGAACGGATGCCATT | А |
| QJK34 | TACCGGATTAGAGGTTTGCTACTATATG | А |
| QJK45 | AATTCACTACGTCAACATATCCCACG | В |
| QJK46 | GAGGCCGTAGGGACATATAGCA | В |
| QJK35 | GGCTGTACCATGTAAAATGAGCGG | С |
| QJK36 | CCTITIGAGATICITCACCAATGTIGC | С |
| R225 | GTACTTAGTATTTGGCCATTATTATCG | D |
| R226 | TTACATTTCATTCTATGTGCGCTAGAT | D |
| R227 | AGCTGAGTAACTAACTCTCATGGTACA | Е |
| R228 | GAAGTAAGTTAACATAGAAGTCAAACAC | Е |
| QJK47 | CTGCAGCATGTCCCCCTTTATACA | F |
| QJK48 | GTGTAAGATTTCTCGAAGTAAGCATCAA | F |
| QJK51 | CAAAACCGGCATTACCGCCAGAA | G |
| QJK52 | AACCAAGTGGCTCCTTCAAAAGTAGA | G |
| QJK49 | TCTGTTCGAGACAAGTTGAGCAAGG | Н |
| QIK50 | CCAGCTCGTTCAACCTCAAAGTGA | Н |
| JK250 | CTITCTCCACCACTGCTGAAAGAG | ACT1 |
| JK252 | GAAGAAGATTGAGCAGCGGTTTGC | ACT1 |
| R219 | GTTACGACGAAGCACGGCAAATTAG | ARS315 |
| R220 | AAAACGGTCCGCTAAGAGCCGGTA | AR\$315 |
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