

Supplementary Table 1. Strains of *S. cerevisiae* used in this study.

Strain	Genotype	reference
OT60 ([psi]-74-D694)	MATa ade1-14 his3 leu2 trp1 ura3 [psi PIN+]	(1)
OT55 ([PSI+]1-1-74-D694)	MATa ade1-14 his3 leu2 trp1 ura3 [PSI+ PIN+] weak [PSI+] derivative of OT60	(1)
OT56 ([PSI+]7-1-74-D694)	MATa ade1-14 his3 leu2 trp1 ura3 [PSI+ PIN+] strong [PSI+] derivative of OT60	(1)
GT17 ([psi- pin-])	MATa ade1-14 his3 leu2 trp1 ura3 [psi pin]	(2)
GT81	MATa/α ade1-14 his3-Δ200(or 11, 15) leu2.3, 112 trp1-Δ ura3-52 lys2	(3)
Y133	MATa/α ade1-14 his3-Δ200(or 11, 15) leu2.3, 112 trp1-Δ ura3-52 lys2 sup35::kanmx; Δsup35	This study

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