

Figure S2

Supplemental Data.

Figure S1. *In vitro* **multiround transcription assay for Pol I, related to Figure 2 Activity of A190-E1224G and A190-F1205H Pol I complexes in multiround transcription assay. A)** Promoter-dependent multiround transcription with purified components was performed exactly as described in [\(Bedwell et al., 2012\)](#page-9-0). Yeast-derived pure Pol I (WT or mutant) was incubated with equimolar concentrations of recombinant Rrn3 [\(Keener et al., 1998\)](#page-9-1). The pre-initiation complex was assembled on the template (containing the rDNA promoter region and 336 nt of downstream DNA) using recombinant TBP and Core Factor, Upstream Activating Factor (UAF) purified from yeast, and preincubated Pol I-Rrn3. Transcription reactions were initiated with NTPs [200 μM of ATP, UTP and CTP, 15 μM of GTP and 10 μCi α^{-32} P-GTP (800 μCi/mmole)], incubated for 5 minutes and stopped by addition of excess phenol. RNA was ethanol precipitated, separated by 8% polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and visualized by autoradiography. The runoff product is indicated by the *asterisk*. The reactions were performed in duplicate. Data shown are representative from one of three independent assays. **B)** Quantifications of the run-off product were done using Quantity One software, average values relative to the WT control from the three independent assays and the standard deviations are shown.

Figure S2. Quantification of *in vitro* **pause intensity, related to Figure 2**

Site specific pausing by A190-E1224G polymerase is enhanced *in vitro***.** Three independent transcription elongation rate assays at low NTP concentrations were performed with WT and A190-E1224G Pol I (representative assay shown in Figure 2C). The major pause site intensity (indicated by an asterisk in Figure 2C) was quantified in each experiment and the values were normalized to intensity of halted elongation complexes at +56. The resulting values were plotted, with error bars $= +/- 1$ standard deviation.

Total RNA synthesis rates predicted for the *RPA190* **and** *rpa190-E1224G* **strains.** Since the rRNA synthesis rates measured by ³H-methylmetionine incorporation pulse-and chase assay were done in SD-Met medium, we measured the total RNA synthesis rates and growth rates in SD-Met for a better

comparison. Total RNA was extracted from exponentially growing cells and measured spectrophotometrically (NanoDrop ND1000). The predicted synthesis rate was quantified as (**Growth Rate) X (Total RNA)** and normalized to WT. These data are representative from one experiment, qualitatively similar results were obtained from repeated analyses from independent cultures grown on different days.

Figure S3. The *rpa190-E1224G* **mutant is not hyperactive** *in vivo***, related to Figure 3**

A) Relative Pol I transcription rates were measured using the $\int_0^3 H$ methylmethionine incorporation pulse-and-chase assay as described in [\(Zhang et al., 2010\)](#page-10-0). Since rRNA is cotranscriptionally methylated, this method is an effective way to quantify rRNA synthesis *in vivo*. The cells were grown in SD-Met medium and pulse-labeled with $\int_{0}^{3}H$]methylmethionine for 5 minutes, and then chased with excess cold methionine to allow completion of rRNA processing. RNA was extracted from cells collected 4 minutes after pulse and 5 minutes after chase [\(Zhang](#page-10-0) [et al., 2010\)](#page-10-0). The RNA species were separated by gel-electrophoresis, transferred to a membrane and detected by autoradiography. The lanes indicated as P ("pulsed") contain rRNA pulselabeled for 4 min; and lanes C ("chased") contains 5 min pulse-labeled rRNA followed by a 5 minute chase. Data shown are from one of two independent experiments. **B)** Same as panel A, except the metabolic labeling was done using the *rrp6∆ RPA190 (WT)* or *rrp6∆ rpa190-E1224G* cells. Rrp6 is a non-essential subunit of the nuclear exosome involved in degradation of unstable precursors and defective rRNA [\(Allmang et al., 2000\)](#page-9-2). The *rrp6∆ rpa190-E1224G* double mutant does not accumulate rRNA degradation intermediates, precursors, or mature rRNA species when compared to the single mutants. This experiment is an additional control for cotranscriptional exosome-dependent decay of rRNA.

C) Northern Blot analysis of the rRNA isolated from the *RPA190* **and** *rpa190-E1224G* **strains.** The Northern blot analysis was performed as described in [\(Schneider et al., 2007\)](#page-10-1). Total RNA was extracted from exponentially growing cells; equal amount of RNA was loaded onto the 0.8% agarose gel in duplicates and separated by electrophoresis. After electrophoresis, RNA was transferred to a membrane and analyzed by northern blot hybridization using ³²P-labeled oligonucleotide probes (described in the Table S2). The blot was visualized using phosphorimaging (The Storm, GE Healthsciences). The rRNA species detected by the probes are indicated on the figure. No significant difference in the signal between the mutant and the WT was observed. Data shown are from one of the three independent experiments. **D)** The *rrp6∆* and the *rrp6∆ rpa190-E1224G* cells were processed as described for panel C. No significant difference in the signal between the *rrp6∆* and the double mutant was observed, supporting the rRNA

synthesis data (panels A and B). Data shown are from one of the two independent experiments. **E) The rDNA copy number of the** *RPA190* **and** *rpa190-E1224G* **strains** was determined based on the size of the chromosome XII separated from other yeast chromosomes using the Contour-clamped Homogenous Field Electrophoresis (CHEF) (as in [\(Zhang et al., 2009\)](#page-10-2) and visualized with SYBR-Safe staining (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). The migration distance of the chromosome XII of the reference strains (containing 190, 143, 42 and 25 rDNA copy numbers) was plotted versus the rDNA array size. The resulting linear plot (R^2 =0.9916) yielded an equation [y=-33.2x+348.6] which was used to calculate rDNA copy number for the WT and *rpa190-E1224G* strains. We observed that the number of rDNA repeats in the mutant strain is not altered compared to WT. Since the number of the rDNA loci can potentially affect rRNA synthesis rate and rRNA abundance, this experiment was an additional control for the relative Pol I activity in *rpa190-E1224G.* **F) The Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP) analysis of Pol I occupancy over rDNA** was performed using polyclonal antibody against A190 subunit as described previously [\(Zhang et al., 2009\)](#page-10-2). The bound DNA was measured using quantitative PCR and displayed as a ratio of precipitated to total DNA. The location of the primer sets used for the PCR on the rRNA gene is schematically depicted on the top of the panel. Each bar represents the average IP/input value for at least two 10-fold dilutions from at least two independent cultures. Error bars represent \pm 1 SD. We observed no significant changes in Pol I occupancy of any region of the rDNA (promoter or throughout the coding region) relative to the WT control. Thus, given similar rRNA synthesis rates (panel A), and similar numbers of active genes (panel E and Figure 4), transcription initiation rates are approximately equal in the WT and mutant.

Probe Target	Sequence	Reference
18S	5'-AGCCATTCGCAGTTTCACTG	this study
20S and 23S	5'-GCACAGAAATCTCTCACCGT	(Schneider et al., 2007)
27S	5'-GCCTAGACGCTCTCTTCTTA	(Schneider et al., 2007)
25S	5'-ACTAAGGCAATCCCGGTTGG	this study

Table S2. Oligonucleotides used for the Northern Blot hybridization, related to Figures 3 and S3

	Phenotype				
Alleles	Growth on YEPD	Suppression of gal $10\triangle 56$	Spt	MPA sensitivity	Interpretation
RPB1	WT	not suppressed	Spt^+	Not MPA ^s	WT
Common GOFs (e.g. E1103G)	N/A	weak or no suppression	Spt	MPA ^s	GOF
Common LOFs (e.g. N479S)	N/A	strong suppression	\mathbf{Spt}^+	$MPAr$ or not MPA ^s	LOF
$rpb1$ -TL1	Severe defect	strong suppression	$Spt+$	MPA ^r	LOF
rpb1-TL1/E1103G	Mild defect	mild suppression	Spt+	Not MPA ^s	E1103G suppresses rpb1- TL1 growth phenotypes
rpb1-TL1X	Inviable				Inferred LOF
rpb1-TL1X/E1103G	Moderate defect	strong suppression	Spt^+	Not MPA ^s	E1103G suppresses rpb1- TLIX inviability
rpb1-TL1/N479S	Inviable				Double mutant lethality
$rpb1-$ TL1/E1103G/N479S	Severe defect	strong suppression	Spt^+	MPA ^r	N479S suppresses growth suppression of rpb1-TL1 by E1103G
$rpb1$ -TL3	No defect	not suppressed	Spt^+	Not MPA ^s	No obvious defect
rpb1-TL3/E1103G	Mild defect	weak suppression	Spt^+	Not $MPAs$	E1103G slightly impairs $rpb1$ -TL3
rpb1-TL3/N479S	No defect	weak suppression	Spt^+	Not MPA ^s	N479S impairs rpb1-TL3
$rpb1-$ TL3/E1103G/N479S	Mild defect	strong suppression	Spt^+	Not MPA ^s	E1103G exacerbates effects of N479S on $rpb1$ -TL3
$rpb1$ - $TL3X$	Mild defect	not suppressed	Spt^+	Not MPA ^s	Mild LOF

Table S3. Summary of phenotypes observed in strains carrying chimeric alleles of *RPB1* **(raw data shown in main text, Figure 4C)**

Figure S4. Chimeric alleles of *RPB1* **accumulate excess Rpb1, but this is not the cause of chimera phenotypes; enzymes bearing the Pol I bridge helix and the Pol I trigger loop sequences do not mutually suppress impaired Pol II function, related to Figure 4**

Chimeric alleles of *RPB1* **accumulate excess Rpb1, but this is not the cause of chimera phenotypes; enzymes bearing the Pol I bridge helix and the Pol I trigger loop sequences do not mutually suppress impaired Pol II function, related to Figure 4. A)** Western analysis for Rpb1 and Rpb3-TAP using anti-Rpb1 antibody (sc-25758, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) strains for WT and *rpb1-TL* chimera mutant strains. Extracts from equal cell equivalents and 1/3 said amount were subjected to SDS-PAGE,

immublotting and detection. Anti-Pgk1 (22C5D8, Life Technologies) blotting of same gel shown for loading control. **B)** Overexpression of Rpb1 via 2µ *RPB1* plasmid was analyzed relative to low copy CEN *RPB1* plasmid as in (A) for Rpb1, Rpb3-TAP, and Pgk1. **C)** Quantification of Western blotting using Bio-Rad Chemi-Doc system in conjunction with ImageQuant software (GE) shown in (A)(left graph, $n \geq 4$, average ratio Rpb1 signal/Rpb3-TAP signal \pm standard deviation shown) or (B)(right graph same as left, n=3). **D)** Phenotypes of *rpb1-TL* chimera do not appear to derive from the Rpb1 overexpression observed in (A) for *rpb1-TL* mutant strains as the equal or greater overexpression observed in (B) does not result in phenotypes observed in Figure 4C. Very slight suppression of *gal10∆56* is of a different quality from Pol II-Pol I/III chimeras and is much more similar to the appearance of papillae. These papillae may relate to *RPB1* being present in high copy, which may facilitate the genesis of dominant *rpb1* suppressors of *gal10∆56*. **E)** Summary of chimeric *RPB1* bridge helix alleles used in this study. **F)** Plasmid shuffle results measuring viability of individual *rpb1* alleles. The assay is performed as described in the main text for Figure 5B. **G)** Dilutions of viable strains were plated on indicated growth media. Phenotypes were assessed as described in the main text for Figure 4C. *rpb1-BH1* did not show significant defects compared to WT. *rpb1-TL1/E1103G/BH1* suppressed *gal10∆56* mutation and *rpb1-BH1L* was resistant to MPA: both phenotypes consistent with Pol II loss-of-function alleles.

Table S4. Strains used in this study, related to Figures 1-4

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pRS315	pBluescript, CEN6, ARSH4, LEU2 (Sikorski and			
	Hieter, 1989)			
pRS316	pBluescript, CEN6, ARSH4, URA3 (Sikorski and Hieter,			
	1989)			
pRS315-RPA190	pRS315 derivative carrying wild type RPA190			
pRS316-RPA190	pRS316 derivative carrying wild type RPA190 (used			
	for "plasmid shuffle" experiments)			
pRS306-rpa190-E1224G	pRS306 ("suicide vector") derivative carrying rpa190-			
	$E1224G$ used for the integration of rpa190-E1224G on			
	the chromosome			
pRS315-rpa190-E1224G	pRS315 derivatives carrying corresponding rpa190			
pRS315-rpa190-F1205H	mutant alleles			
pRS315-rpa190-N1203S				
pRS315-rpa190-N1203S/E1224G				
pRS315-rpa190-H1206Y				
pRS315-rpa190-H1206Q				
pRS315-rpa190-				
H1206O/E1224G				
pRS315-rpa190-F1207S				
pRS315-rpa190-F1207S/E1224G				

Table S5. Plasmids used in this study, related to Figures 1-4

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