

## SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE DATA

# Functional divergence between the two P1–P2 stalk dimers on the ribosome in their interaction with ricin A chain

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Cytotoxicity of RTA in yeast mutants

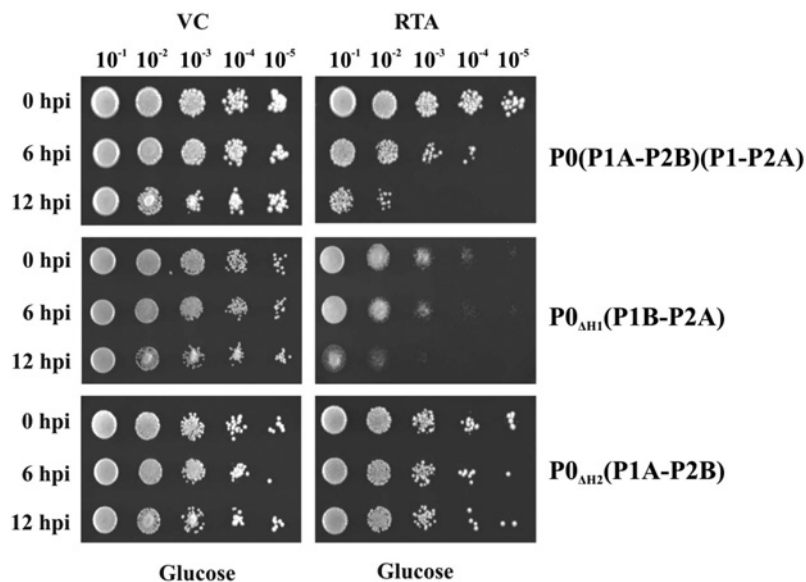
Yeast cells harbouring pre-RTA vector (NT849) were grown in liquid SD medium with 2% glucose. The cells were collected by centrifugation and then resuspended in liquid SD medium containing 2% galactose to a  $D_{600}$  value of 0.3 to induce pre-RTA expression. At different time points after induction, 50  $\mu$ l of cells were sampled and normalized to a  $D_{600}$  value of 0.1. Four serial dilutions (1:10) were made and 15  $\mu$ l of each dilution were spotted on to SD-Leu plates containing 2% glucose.

### Live cell imaging

Visualization of RTA was carried out using P0 yeast mutants harbouring pre-RTA–EGFP [1] at 6 and 12 hpi of galactose. Yeast cells were directly added to 2% agar pads on glass slides and visualized using an Olympus BX41 epifluorescence microscope equipped with a CCD camera (Hamamatsu) and 100 $\times$  oil objective (1.45 NAPlan Apo, Olympus). Image acquisition and processing were performed using Metamorph Image Software 7.0 (MDS Analytical Technologies) as described previously [1].

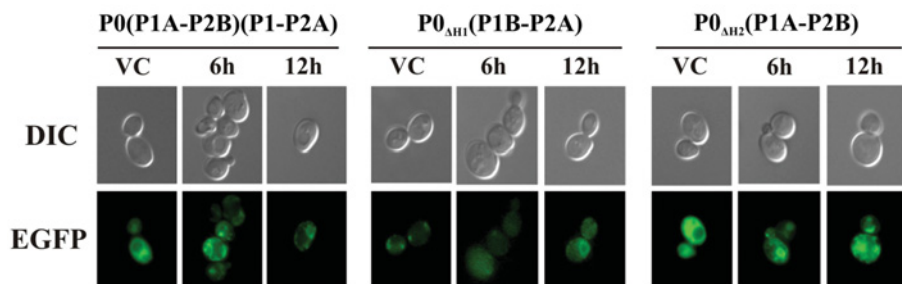
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**Figure S1 Viability of yeast stalk mutants expressing RTA**

Yeast cells transformed with a plasmid carrying the gene encoding pre-RTA under the *GAL1* promoter were transferred from SD medium supplemented with 2% glucose into SD medium with 2% galactose to induce expression of RTA. Equal numbers of cells were spotted on to a plate containing 2% glucose after 0, 6 and 12 hpi and grown at 30°C for 3 days. Cells carrying the VC (empty vector) were used as controls.



**Figure S2 RTA expression in the yeast stalk mutants monitored by epifluorescence microscopy**

Yeast cells were grown in SD medium with 2% glucose and induced with 2% galactose. The images were taken at 6 and 12 hpi with an Olympus BX41 fluorescence microscope. Cells transformed with the VC (empty vector expressing GFP) were used as controls. DIC, differential interference contrast.

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