

Supplementary Table 1. Data Sources

| Data | Source |
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| Yeast DNase I footprints ⁵¹ | http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/published_datasets/Hesselberth_h_2009_PMID_19305407/track_files/Hesselberth_2009_DNaseI_hypersensitive_sites_V64.bed |
| OF sequencing ¹⁷ | GEO:GSM835651, GEO:GSM835650 ^a http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/ |
| Replication timing data ³⁶ | http://www.sciencemag.org/site/feature/data/raghuram1064351/SmoothedPooledHLDATA/smoothedpooledHLDATA.html |
| Gene annotations ⁶¹ | http://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/sacCer3/database/sgdGene.txt.gz |
| Origins of replication ⁵⁰ | http://downloads.yeastgenome.org/published_datasets/Eaton_2010_PMID_20351051/track_files/Eaton_2010_ORC_ACs_V64.bed |
| Yeast ChIP-exo data (Reb1, Rap1) ⁵⁵ | SRA:SRA044886 ^b |
| TF binding motifs ⁵⁷ | http://jaspar.genereg.net/html/DOWNLOAD/JASPAR_CORE/pfm/nonredundant/pfm_all.txt |
| Human DNase I ⁵⁹ | ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/ensembl/encode/supplementary/integration_data_jan2011/byDataType/footprints/jan2011/all.footprints.gz ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/ensembl/encode/supplementary/integration_data_jan2011/byDataType/footprints/jan2011/combined_fps.gz |
| Yeast genomic alignments | http://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/sacCer3/multiz7way/maf/ |
| Yeast polymorphism data ⁵³ | ftp://ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/users/dmc/yeast/latest/misc.tgz |
| Human ChIP-seq (CREB1, ETS1, MEF2A, NFIC, USF1) ⁶² | SRA:SRP008797 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (ELK1, ELK4, IRF1, STAT1, YY1) | GEO:GSE31477 ^a , SRA:SRP007993 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (CEBPA) ⁶³ | SRA:SRP008215 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (FOXA1) ⁶⁴⁻⁶⁶ | SRA:SRP003811, SRA:SRP007486, SRA:SRP006770 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (FOXO3) ⁶⁷ | SRA:SRP010705 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (NFκB) ⁶⁸ | SRA:SRP002125 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (NFYA) ⁶⁹ | SRA:SRP005174 ^b |
| Human ChIP-seq (REST) ^{70,71} | SRA:SRP010385, SRA:SRP017090, SRA:SRP006944 ^b |
| Human ChIP-exo (CTCF) ⁵⁵ | SRA:SRX098245 ^b |
| Mammalian GERP scores ⁴¹ | http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/gbdb/hg19/bbi/All_hg19_RS.bw |

^a GEO: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>

^b SRA: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>

Supplementary Table 2. Sequencing data

| Run Name | Genotype ^a | Treatment ^b | Platform ^c | Mapped Reads |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| run184 | <i>POL</i> | Nb.BtsI | 318 | 3,701,465 |
| run185 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | Nb.BtsI | 318 | 4,657,409 |
| run186 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 4,471,771 |
| run190 | <i>POL</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 2,326,391 |
| run192 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 3,513,472 |
| run195 | <i>POL</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 3,914,015 |
| run219 | <i>pol3-L612M</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 4,170,543 |
| run220 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 2,991,737 |
| run237 | <i>POL</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 5,657,073 |
| run238 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 3,515,150 |
| run254 | <i>pol3-L612M</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 2,644,442 |
| run256 | <i>pol2-M644G</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 5,452,706 |
| run258 | <i>pol2-M644L</i> | RNase H2 | 318 | 5,309,315 |
| run25 | <i>pol3-L612M</i> | RNase H2 | P1 | 51,728,218 |
| run28 | <i>pol2-M644G</i> | RNase H2 | P1 | 58,479,674 |
| run29 | <i>pol2-M644L</i> | RNase H2 | P1 | 58,669,607 |
| run35 | <i>POL</i> | RNase H2 | P1 | 30,446,944 |
| run36 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | RNase H2 | P1 | 51,060,856 |
| run37 | <i>POL</i> (stat phase) | RNase H2 | P1 | 52,949,855 |
| run38 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> (stat phase) | RNase H2 | P1 | 57,880,810 |

^a All genotypes are *Δrnh201* with the relevant polymerase mutations indicated^b Treatments indicated refer to the endonuclease nicking step in the library preparation^c Ion-semiconductor sequencing was performed using Ion PGM 318 chips or Ion Proton P1 chips (Life Technologies)

Supplementary Table 3. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains

| Name | Strain | Relevant genotype ^a | Reference |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|--------------------------|
| wt | SNM8 | <i>POL1 POL2 POL3 RNH201</i> | 27 |
| Δrnh201 | SNM106 | <i>rnh201::hphMX4</i> | 27 |
| pol1-L868M | SNM15 | <i>pol1-L868M</i> | b |
| pol1-L868M Δrnh201 | YJW13 | <i>pol1-L868M rnh201::hphMX4</i> | b |
| pol2-M644G | SNM70 | <i>pol2-M644G</i> | 27 |
| pol2-M644G Δrnh201 | SNM120 | <i>pol2-M644G rnh201::hphMX4</i> | 27 |
| pol2-M644L | SNM82 | <i>pol2-M644L</i> | 27 |
| pol2-M644L Δrnh201 | SNM132 | <i>pol2-M644L rnh201::hphMX4</i> | 27 |
| pol3-L612M | SNM11 | <i>pol3-M644L</i> | 30 |
| pol3-L612M Δrnh201 | YJW11 | <i>pol3-M644L rnh201::hphMX4</i> | 30 |
| Δrnh201 + ycplac111 | MRY46 | <i>rnh201::hphMX4 [ycplac111]</i> ^c | This work, ³⁹ |
| Δrnh201 + pRNH201-wt | MRY47 | <i>rnh201::hphMX4 [pRNH201-wt]</i> ^c | This work, ³⁹ |
| Δrnh201 + pRNH201-sf | MRY48 | <i>rnh201::hphMX4 [pRNH201-sf]</i> ^c | This work, ³⁹ |
| pol1-L868M Δrnh201 + ycplac111 | MRY49 | <i>pol1-L868M rnh201::hphMX4 [ycplac111]</i> ^d | This work, ³⁹ |
| pol1-L868M Δrnh201 + pRNH201-wt | MRY50 | <i>pol1-L868M rnh201::hphMX4 [pRNH201-wt]</i> ^d | This work, ³⁹ |
| pol1-L868M Δrnh201 + pRNH201-sf | MRY51 | <i>pol1-L868M rnh201::hphMX4 [pRNH201-sf]</i> ^d | This work, ³⁹ |

^a All strains are isogenic derivatives of strain Δ(-2)|-7B-YUN1300 (MATα CAN1 his7-2 leu2-Δ::kanMX ura3-Δ trp1-289 ade2-1 lys2-ΔΔGG2899-2900) and contain a *URA3* reporter knock in (*agp1::URA3-OR1*)^{27,30}. All SNM and YJW strains were kindly provided by JS Williams and TA Kunkel (NIEHS).

^b JS Williams, AR Clausen and TA Kunkel, unpublished

^c ycplac111 (empty vector), pRNH201-wt and pRNH201-sf (ycNPH2-FL2 expressing FLAG-tagged wild type Rnh201p and Rnh201p-P45D-Y219A separation of function mutant respectively)³⁹ were kindly provided by SM Cerritelli and RJ Crouch (NICHD), and transformed into SNM106 and maintained on SD-Leu medium

^d Vectors were transformed into YJW13 and maintained on SD-Leu medium

For references see Methods and main manuscript