

**Supplementary Table 1 |** Catalytic efficiency of dC and dT incorporation opposite dG by WT and mutant Pol  $\nu$

	Correct (G – dCTP)			Incorrect (G – dTTP)			Fidelity
	K <sub>M</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	k <sub>cat</sub> (min <sup>-1</sup> )	k <sub>cat</sub> / K <sub>M</sub> (M <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	K <sub>M</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	k <sub>cat</sub> (min <sup>-1</sup> )	k <sub>cat</sub> / K <sub>M</sub> (M <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	
DNA / Pol $\nu$ 75							dC/dT selectivity
13/19mer-G / WT	149 $\pm$ 6	62.4 $\pm$ 1.2	0.42 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	627 $\pm$ 82	14.4 $\pm$ 1.0	2.3 $\times$ 10 <sup>4</sup>	18.3
Coldspot / WT	16.7 $\pm$ 0.8	54.8 $\pm$ 0.8	3.3 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	294 $\pm$ 17	5.8 $\pm$ 0.1	2.0 $\times$ 10 <sup>4</sup>	165
Hotspot / WT	7.9 $\pm$ 0.9	10.4 $\pm$ 0.3	1.3 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	86 $\pm$ 6	14.5 $\pm$ 0.3	16.9 $\times$ 10 <sup>4</sup>	7.7
Coldspot / K679A	9.7 $\pm$ 0.3	103 $\pm$ 2	10.6 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	386 $\pm$ 87	2.3 $\pm$ 0.1	6.0 $\times$ 10 <sup>3</sup>	1782
Hotspot / K679A	8.8 $\pm$ 0.4	15.1 $\pm$ 0.2	1.7 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	422 $\pm$ 47	11.2 $\pm$ 0.6	2.7 $\times$ 10 <sup>4</sup>	63.0
Hotspot / E675R	3.7 $\pm$ 0.3	1.4 $\pm$ 0.1	0.38 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	35 $\pm$ 5	2.7 $\pm$ 0.1	7.7 $\times$ 10 <sup>4</sup>	4.9
Hotspot / $\Delta$ Ins2	21.4 $\pm$ 0.7	13.2 $\pm$ 0.1	0.62 $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	240 $\pm$ 7	14.4 $\pm$ 0.2	6.0 $\times$ 10 <sup>4</sup>	10.3

13/19mer-G	5' GAGTCACAGGTC 3' CTCAGTTGCCAG <u>G</u> TATGG
G(-66) coldspot	5' TGAGTGAGCTAACT 3' ACTCACTCGATTGA <u>GT</u> GTAATTAA
G(164) hotspot	5' GCGATCGGTGCGGGC 3' CGCTAGCCACGCCCG <u>G</u> AGAACGCA

**Supplementary Table 2 |** Catalytic efficiency of WT and  $\Delta$ Ins2 Pol v with looped out primers

	$K_m$ ( $\mu M$ )	$k_{cat}$ ( $min^{-1}$ )	$k_{cat}/K_m$ ( $M^{-1} min^{-1}$ )	Relative efficiency (%)
<b>Normal DNA</b>				
WT	245 $\pm$ 20	16.2 $\pm$ 0.50	$66.1 \times 10^3$	to WT & normal DNA 100
$\Delta$ Ins2	789 $\pm$ 47	17.4 $\pm$ 0.57	$22.1 \times 10^3$	33.3
<b>P[3,1] DNA</b>				
WT	251 $\pm$ 12	7.0 $\pm$ 0.1	$27.9 \times 10^3$	to WT & P[3,1] 42.2 100
$\Delta$ Ins2	459 $\pm$ 41	2.3 $\pm$ 0.1	$5.0 \times 10^3$	7.6 17.9
<b>P[3,2] DNA</b>				
WT	369 $\pm$ 22	2.9 $\pm$ 0.1	$7.9 \times 10^3$	to WT / P[3,2] 12.0 100
$\Delta$ Ins2	310 $\pm$ 53	0.4 $\pm$ 0.02	$1.3 \times 10^3$	2.0 16.4%