



**Figure S1. Spontaneous Rad52 focus formation is increased in**  $pol32\Delta$  **and**  $est2\Delta$  **pol32\Delta mutants.** (A) Logarithmically growing cells expressing Rad52-RFP, derived from the sporulation of CCY101, were visualized by fluorescence microscopy approximately 35 population doublings after the isolation of haploid spores. (B) The percentage of cells with Rad52 foci was determined for the indicated strains. P-values were calculated using Fisher's exact test, p = 5 x  $10^{-4}$  (\*\*) and p = 1 x  $10^{-2}$ (\*).