

Table S1. The effects of siRNA knockdowns of Pol θ and other TLS Pols on replicative bypass of a *cis-syn* TT dimer or a (6-4) TT photoproduct carried on the leading or lagging DNA strand template in XPV human fibroblasts (Related to Table 1)

UV lesion	siRNA	Leading strand			Lagging strand		
		Number of <i>Kan</i> ⁺ colonies	Number of blue colonies among <i>Kan</i> ⁺	TLS (%)	Number of <i>Kan</i> ⁺ colonies	Number of blue colonies among <i>Kan</i> ⁺	TLS (%)
<i>cis-syn</i> TT dimer	NC	387	48	12.4	495	52	10.5
	Pol θ	356	11	3.1	256	6	2.3
(6-4) TT PP	NC	482	90	18.6	542	89	16.3
	Pol ι	475	51	10.7	485	46	9.5
	Pol θ	612	59	9.6	640	60	9.4
	Pol θ + Pol ι	646	66	10.2	582	57	9.8
	Rev3	584	51	8.7	564	42	7.4
	Pol θ + Rev3	420	18	4.3	395	15	3.8

Table S2. Effects of siRNA knockdown of Polθ on mutation frequencies and nucleotides inserted opposite a *cis-syn* TT dimer or a (6-4) TT photoproduct carried on the leading or lagging strand DNA template in XPA human fibroblasts (Related to Table 2)

DNA lesion	Lesion containing DNA strand	siRNA	# of <i>Kan</i> ⁺ blue colonies sequenced	Nucleotide inserted					Mutation frequency %
				A	G	C	T	Other	
<i>cis-syn</i> TT dimer	Leading	NC	340 (7) ^a	333	4 (3' T) ^b	-	3 (5' T)	-	2.1
		Polθ	470 (0)	470	-	-	-	-	0
	Lagging	NC	374 (9)	365	4 (5' T) 2 (3' T)	-	3 (3' T)	-	2.4
		Polθ	524 (0)	524	-	-	-	-	0
(6-4) TT PP	Leading	NC	432 (6)	426	2 (5' T) 1 (3' T)	-	2 (3' T)	1	2.2
		Polθ	408(0)	408	-	-	-	-	0
	Lagging	NC	398 (6)	392	3 (5' T) 1 (3' T)	-	1 (3' T)	1	1.6
		Polθ	412 (0)	412	-	-	-	-	0

- a. Numbers of colonies where TLS occurred by insertion of a nucleotide other than an A are shown in parenthesis.
- b. The site where mutation occurred, 3'T or 5'T of the UV lesion is indicated in parenthesis.

Table S3. Effects of catalytically active (WT) Pol θ or catalytically inactive D2540A, E2541A mutant Pol θ (1708-2590) on TLS opposite a *cis-syn* TT dimer or a (6-4) TT photoproduct carried on the leading strand in normal human fibroblasts (Related to Tables 1 and 2)

DNA lesion	siRNA	Vector expressing	Number of <i>Kan</i> ⁺ colonies	Number of blue colonies among <i>Kan</i> ⁺ colonies	TLS (%)
<i>cis-syn</i> TT dimer	NC	No Pol θ (control)	408	88	21.6
		1708-2590 (WT Pol θ)	384	80	20.8
		1708-2590 (mutant Pol θ)	445	87	19.6
	Pol θ	No Pol θ (control)	424	46	10.8
		1708-2590 (WT Pol θ)	312	64	20.5
		1708-2590 (mutant Pol θ)	584	56	9.6
(6-4) TT PP	NC	No Pol θ (control)	394	74	18.8
		1708-2590 (WT Pol θ)	402	80	19.9
		1708-2590 (mutant Pol θ)	445	78	17.5
	Pol θ	No Pol θ (control)	337	30	8.9
		1708-2590 (WT Pol θ)	410	76	18.5
		1708-2590 (mutant Pol θ)	486	41	8.4

Table S4. Viable offspring of Pol $\theta^{+/-}$ Pol $\eta^{+/-}$ x Pol $\theta^{+/-}$ Pol $\eta^{+/-}$ intercrosses (Related to Figure 5)

Live pups	$\theta^{-/-} \eta^{-/-}$	$\theta^{-/-} \eta^{+/-}$	$\theta^{-/-} \eta^{+/+}$	$\theta^{+/-} \eta^{-/-}$	$\theta^{+/-} \eta^{+/-}$	$\theta^{+/-} \eta^{+/+}$	$\theta^{+/+} \eta^{-/-}$	$\theta^{+/+} \eta^{+/-}$	$\theta^{+/+} \eta^{+/+}$	Total
Observed	4	14	3	15	42	10	5	9	5	107
Expected	6.7	13.4	6.7	13.4	26.7	13.4	6.7	13.4	6.7	107

Table S5. Primer sequences for RT-PCR in Pol θ and Pol η knockout MEFs (Related to Figures 2 – 4)

Gene	Primer Sequences
GAPDH	Forward: 5'- ATTGTGCACATCCAGGCGG -3' Reverse: 5'- CCTCCTTCATGGACATGGG -3'
Pol η	Forward: 5'- GAAGCCCGAGCATTGGTG -3' Reverse: 5'- GCCTCTCCTCAAGTTCCAG -3'
Pol θ	Forward: 5'- CGGTAGCTGTCACTAGGTTG -3' Reverse: 5'- CAGAGTCTAGTCCTGAAGGTG -3'