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Bars show data from two individual experiments.

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Circles in two shades of the same color show data points from two individual experiments. Lines show the linear fits of the mean data. Bars show data from two individual experiments.

**Appendix Figure S2.** Effect of gp2.5 concentration on Pol- and Exo-activities. A. Schematic of the strategy used for the experiments. B and C. Pol-activity (B) and Exo-activity (C) expressed as moles of nucleotides incorporated and excised per mole of substrate DNA. D. Pol/Exo ratios as determined with 0  $\mu$ M, 8  $\mu$ M and 16  $\mu$ M T7 gp2.5. Pol/Exo data are repeated here from Figure 5H.

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**Appendix Figure S3.** Exonuclease activity increases when helicase is slowed. A. Experimental setup used to determine fractions of dGMP incorporated and dGMP excised during leading strand synthesis reactions performed with 10  $\mu$ M dVTPs and increasing concentration of dTTP. B-C. Polymerase activity (B) and exonuclease activity (C) in reactions performed with increasing dTTP concentrations (expressed as moles of nucleotides incorporated or excised per mole of substrate DNA). (D) Moles of dGDP produced per mole of substrate DNA.

Circles in two shades of the same color show data points from two individual experiments. Lines show the linear fits of the mean data.

## **Appendix Figure S1**

A. Pol- and Exo-activities measured during leading strand synthesis





B. Pol/Exo ratio measured during leading strand synthesis with  $\alpha$ -<sup>32</sup>P-dATP



## **Appendix Figure S2**

Effect of T7 gp2.5 concentration on Pol- and Exo-activities



## **Appendix Figure S3**

Effect of dTTP concentration on Pol- and Exo-activities

