## Kinetic investigation of the polymerase and exonuclease activities of human DNA polymerase epsilon holoenzyme

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Figure S1. Replicate measurement of the pre-steady-state kinetics of correct nucleotide incorporation. (A) A pre-incubated solution of hPole exo- (100 nM, UV concentration) and 5'radiolabeled D-1 DNA substrate (20 nM) was rapidly mixed with 1.25 µM (purple), 2.5 µM (blue), 5 µM (light blue), 10 µM (green), 20 µM (yellow), 40 µM (orange) or 200 µM (red) dTTP and Mg<sup>2+</sup> for varying incubation times before the reaction was quenched with the addition of EDTA. Product concentration was plotted against time and the data were fit to eq 5. (B) The  $k_{\text{fast}}$ and  $k_{\rm slow}$  values for each dTTP concentration were plotted against their respective dTTP concentration. The plot of  $k_{\text{fast}}$  versus [dTTP] was fit to eq 7 to yield a  $k_{\text{max}}$  of  $388 \pm 30 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and a  $K_{\rm d}^{\rm dTTP}$  of 14 ± 3 µM. The plot of  $k_{\rm slow}$  versus [dTTP] was fit with a smoothed line. (C) The  $A_{\rm fast}$ and A<sub>slow</sub> values for each dTTP concentration were plotted against their respective dTTP concentration, and the data were fit with a smoothed line. (D) The average  $k_{\text{fast}}$  and  $k_{\text{slow}}$  values from the two replicates for each dTTP concentration were plotted against their respective dTTP concentration. The plot of  $k_{\text{fast}}$  versus [dTTP] was fit to eq 7 to yield a  $k_{\text{max}}$  of 388 ± 27 s<sup>-1</sup> and a  $K_{\rm d}^{\rm dTTP}$  of  $13 \pm 3 \,\mu$ M. The plot of  $k_{\rm slow}$  versus [dTTP] was fit with a smoothed line. (E) The average A<sub>fast</sub> and A<sub>slow</sub> values from the two replicates for each dTTP concentration were plotted against their respective dTTP concentration, and the data were fit with a smoothed line.



**Figure S2**. Pre-steady-state kinetics of correct nucleotide incorporation in the presence of a DNA trap. A pre-incubated solution of hPolɛ exo- (100 nM, UV concentration) and 5'-radiolabeled D-1 DNA substrate (20 nM) was rapidly mixed with 100  $\mu$ M dTTP, 2  $\mu$ M unlabeled D-1 DNA trap, and Mg<sup>2+</sup> for varying incubation times before the reaction was quenched with the addition of EDTA. Product concentration was plotted against time and the data were fit to eq 5. The  $k_{\text{fast}}$  and  $k_{\text{slow}}$  values were 167 ± 23 s<sup>-1</sup> and 0.4 ± 0.1 s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.



**Figure S3**. Comparison of correct nucleotide incorporation kinetics when using an EDTA or an acid quench. A pre-incubated solution of hPole exo- (100 nM, UV concentration) and 5'-radiolabeled D-1 DNA substrate (20 nM) was rapidly mixed with 2.5  $\mu$ M dTTP and Mg<sup>2+</sup> for varying incubation times before the reaction was quenched with the addition of either EDTA ( $\bullet$ ) or 1 M HCl ( $\bigcirc$ ). Samples quenched with 1 M HCl were first extracted by phenol and chloroform and then were neutralized with the addition of 1 M NaOH. Product concentration was plotted against time and the data were fit to eq 5. The  $k_{\text{fast}}$  and  $k_{\text{slow}}$  values are about 2-fold higher when the reaction is quenched with 1 M HCl.