A conserved genetic interaction between Spt6 and Set2 regulates H3K36 methylation

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The transcription elongation factor Spt6 and the H3K36 methyltransferase Set2 are both required for H3K36 methylation and transcriptional fidelity in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. By selecting for suppressors of a transcriptional defect in an *spt6* mutant, we have isolated dominant *SET2* mutations (*SET2*sup mutations) in a region encoding a proposed autoinhibitory domain. The *SET2*sup mutations suppress the H3K36 methylation defect in the *spt6* mutant, as well as in other mutants that impair H3K36 methylation. ChIP-seq studies demonstrate that the H3K36 methylation defect in the *spt6* mutant, as well as its suppression by a *SET2*sup mutation, occur at a step following the recruitment of Set2 to chromatin. Other experiments show that a similar genetic relationship between Spt6 and Set2 exists in *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. Taken together, our results suggest a conserved mechanism by which the Set2 autoinhibitory domain requires multiple interactions to ensure that H3K36 methylation occurs specifically on actively transcribed chromatin.
Introduction

The histone chaperone Spt6 is a highly conserved transcription elongation factor required for many aspects of transcription and chromatin structure. Spt6 binds directly to Rpb1, the largest subunit of RNA polymerase II (RNAPII)\(^1\)-\(^6\), to histones and nucleosomes\(^7\)-\(^9\), and to the essential transcription factor Spn1/Iws1\(^9\)-\(^12\). Mutations in \textit{S. cerevisiae} \textit{SPT6} cause genome-wide changes in histone occupancy\(^13\)-\(^16\) and impair several histone modifications, including H3K36 di- and tri-methylation (H3K36me2/me3) catalyzed by the H3K36 methyltransferase Set2\(^17\)-\(^20\). Mutations in \textit{SPT6} also cause greatly elevated levels of transcripts that arise from within coding regions on both sense and antisense strands, known as intragenic transcription\(^15\),\(^21\)-\(^24\). Intragenic transcription has recently emerged as a mechanism to express alternative genetic information within a coding region (for example, \(^25\)-\(^29\)).

Regulation of intragenic transcription by Spt6 occurs, at least in part, by its regulation of H3K36 methylation, as a deletion of \textit{SET2} also causes genome-wide expression of intragenic transcripts\(^17\),\(^30\),\(^31\). Set2 normally represses intragenic transcription via its association with RNAPII during transcription elongation, resulting in H3K36me2/me3 over gene bodies\(^32\)-\(^34\). This histone modification is required for the co-transcriptional function of the Rpd3S histone deacetylase complex\(^17\),\(^35\)-\(^38\). Deacetylation by Rpd3S over transcribed regions is believed to maintain a repressive environment that prevents intragenic transcription. Regulation of intragenic transcription by H3K36 methylation is conserved as depletion of \textit{SETD2} (a human orthologue of yeast \textit{SET2}) also results in the genome-wide expression of intragenic transcripts\(^39\).
Set2-dependent H3K36me2/me3 is regulated by several factors in addition to Spt6. These include members of the PAF complex\textsuperscript{33,40}, as well as the Rpb1 CTD kinases Ctk1\textsuperscript{33,41} and Bur1\textsuperscript{18,40}. Furthermore, there is strong evidence that a nucleosomal surface composed of specific residues of histones H2A, H3, and H4 near the entry and exit point of nucleosomal DNA form a substrate recognition surface for Set2\textsuperscript{42,43}. The H3 N-terminal tail itself has also been shown to be required for Set2 activity and mutant analysis suggests that intra-tail interactions\textsuperscript{44} and cis-trans isomerization of the N-terminal H3 tail\textsuperscript{45} control Set2 activity. The combined influence of all of these factors shows that Set2 activity is highly regulated to ensure that it occurs co-transcriptionally on a chromatin template.

Multiple domains within Set2 regulate its catalytic activity in order to ensure that it functions during transcription elongation. The C-terminal region of Set2 contains the Set2-Rpb1 interacting domain (SRI domain) which interacts with the Ser2- and Ser5-phosphorylated carboxy-terminal domain (CTD) of Rpb1\textsuperscript{46} and which binds nucleosomal DNA\textsuperscript{47}. A deletion of the SRI domain causes loss of H3K36 methylation\textsuperscript{19}. In addition, a nine amino acid sequence in the N-terminal region of Set2 mediates the interaction of Set2 with histone H4 and this domain is also required for Set2 catalytic activity\textsuperscript{43}. The central region of Set2 has been characterized as an autoinhibitory domain\textsuperscript{47}, as deletions throughout this region result in increased H3K36 methylation\textsuperscript{47}. However, the functional role of this domain is unknown.

The initial goal of our study was to identify factors that regulate Spt6-mediated intragenic transcription. To do this, we carried out a selection for suppressor mutations that inhibit intragenic transcription in an spt6 mutant, where intragenic transcripts are widespread\textsuperscript{22,23}. We identified 20 independent, dominant mutations in \textit{SET2} (\textit{SET2}\textsuperscript{sup} mutations) that encode a
cluster of amino acid changes in the Set2 autoinhibitory domain. The isolation of these mutants led us to study the function of the autoinhibitory domain in vivo. Our results show that our \( \text{SET2}^{\text{sup}} \) mutations suppress H3K36me2/me3 defects in \( \text{spt6} \) and other transcription elongation factor mutants, as well as in \( \text{set2} \) mutants that normally abolish Set2 activity. In addition, we show that the loss of H3K36me2/me3 in \( \text{spt6-1004} \) and its suppression by the \( \text{SET2}^{\text{sup}} \) mutations both occur genome-wide, primarily at a step beyond Set2 recruitment. Finally we show that orthologous \( \text{SET2}^{\text{sup}} \) mutations in \( \text{S. pombe} \) also partially rescue the H3K36 methylation defect in an \( \text{S. pombe spt6} \) mutant. Taken together, our results have revealed new insights into the regulation of Set2 and suggest that the autoinhibitory domain monitors multiple Set2 interactions that are required for its function in vivo.

Results

Isolation and analysis of dominant \( \text{SET2} \) mutations that suppress intragenic transcription in an \( \text{spt6-1004} \) mutant

To identify factors that regulate intragenic transcription, we selected for mutations that suppress this class of transcription in an \( \text{spt6-1004} \) mutant\(^{21} \), which allows extensive intragenic transcription\(^{22,23} \). To select for suppressors, we constructed two reporters using characterized intragenic transcription start sites in the \( \text{FLO8}^{21} \) and \( \text{STE11}^{48} \) genes (Fig. 1a; Methods). In the \( \text{FLO8-URA3} \) reporter, intragenic transcription confers sensitivity to 5-FOA, while in the \( \text{STE11-CAN1} \) reporter, intragenic transcription confers sensitivity to canavanine. To select for mutations that suppress intragenic transcription, we constructed \( \text{spt6-1004} \) strains that contained both reporters and selected for resistance to both 5-FOA and canavanine (5-FOA\(^{R} \) Can\(^{R} \)). The double selection reduced the likelihood of isolating \( \text{cis} \)-acting mutations in either reporter, thereby enriching for mutants that generally affect intragenic transcription.
We isolated and characterized 20 independent mutants. By standard genetic tests, we showed that all 20 mutations were dominant. We then tested eight mutants by crosses and showed that the 5-FOA\(^R\) Can\(^R\) phenotype was caused by a single mutation in each strain and that the mutations were tightly linked to each other, with no recombinants found in any of seven crosses (10 tetrads/cross). To identify candidate mutations, we performed whole genome sequencing of these eight suppressor strains and identified single base pair changes in the SET2 gene in all eight mutants, suggesting that these are the causative mutations that suppress intragenic transcription. Sequencing of the SET2 gene in the other 12 suppressors also revealed mutations in SET2. The 20 mutations (Table S1) are clustered within a small region of SET2 encoding a previously-identified autoinhibitory domain\(^{47}\).

To verify that the dominant SET2 mutations are causative for suppression of intragenic transcription in spt6-1004, we recreated three of the identified SET2\(^{sup}\) mutations in the spt6-1004 parental reporter strains. As 13 of the 20 SET2\(^{sup}\) mutations are within three adjacent codons (365-367) (Fig. 1c), we decided to test three of these mutations, SET2-L365Q, SET2-H366N, and SET2-G367S, and a fourth mutation (SET2Δ3) that deleted these three SET2 codons. In all four cases, the reconstructed mutants were 5-FOA\(^R\) and Can\(^R\), showing that each of the SET2 mutations was causative (Fig. 1d). Suppression was specific for intragenic transcription as the mutants still had other spt6 mutant phenotypes, including Spt\(^-\) and temperature-sensitive growth (Fig. 1d). Deletion of the entire SET2 gene does not suppress intragenic transcription in an spt6-1004 background (Fig. 1d), demonstrating that our SET2\(^{sup}\) mutations do not cause loss of Set2 activity. To assay the effect of a SET2\(^{sup}\) mutation on levels of an intragenic transcript, we performed Northern blots, looking at STE11 transcripts, using a
strain with a wild-type STE11 gene. Our results showed that the SET2Δ3 mutation strongly suppressed STE11 intragenic transcript levels in an spt6-1004 mutant, to levels similar to that in wild-type cells (Fig. 1e). Suppression by the SET2Δ3 mutation suggests that the suppression phenotype occurs by impairment of the Set2 autoinhibitory domain. Taken together, our results show that mutations that change or remove amino acids in the Set2 autoinhibitory domain suppress intragenic transcription in an spt6-1004 mutant.

SET2sup mutations rescue H3K36 di- and trimethylation in an spt6-1004 mutant

Given that all of our suppressor mutations were in SET2, we tested whether they suppress the H3K36me2/me3 defect in spt6-1004, using quantitative Western blots. Compared to the spt6-1004 single mutant, where H3K36me3 is undetectable, our results show that four different SET2sup spt6-1004 double mutants have a substantial level of H3K36me3, approximately 10-40% of the level of a wild-type strain (Fig. 2a,b). In addition, all of the other originally isolated SET2sup mutants, tested once, restored H3K36me3 to varying extents in an spt6-1004 background (data not shown). Furthermore, we constructed a series of short deletions that removed segments of the Set2 autoinhibitory domain and found that they also suppressed the H3K36me2/me3 defect in spt6-1004 to a similar degree as the SET2sup mutations (Supplementary Fig. 1). Thus, multiple types of changes in the Set2 autoinhibitory domain partially bypass the requirement of Set2 for Spt6.

To determine the effect of a SET2sup mutation in an otherwise wild-type background, we compared the effects of the SET2Δ3 mutation on H3K36me2 and H3K36me3 levels with and without an spt6-1004 mutation. In an spt6-1004 SET2Δ3 double mutant, H3K36me3 levels are approximately 25% of wild-type levels and H3K36me2 levels are approximately 150% of wild-
type (Fig. 2c,d). In the SET2Δ3 single mutant, there appears to be hyperactivation of Set2 activity, as we observed greater levels of H3K36me3 and slightly decreased levels of H3K36me2 compared to wild type (Fig. 2c,d). Importantly, these changes in H3K36 methylation are not caused by elevated levels of Set2 protein (Fig. 2e). Taken together, our results suggest that the Set2 autoinhibitory domain makes Set2 activity dependent upon Spt6.

To test whether SET2sup mutations can also suppress depletion of the Spt6 protein in addition to suppressing the spt6-1004 mutation, we conditionally depleted Spt6 via an auxin-inducible degron49. In a wild-type SET2 background, as expected, we observed decreased levels of H3K36me2/me3 upon Spt6 depletion (Supplementary Fig. 2). Set2 levels also decreased during the time course of this experiment, although this occurs later than the loss of H3K36 methylation. When Spt6 is depleted in the SET2Δ3 background, we observed increased levels of H3K36me2/me3 during the depletion compared to the wild-type SET2 background, although the levels eventually decreased as Set2 protein levels decreased. Despite the decreasing levels of Set2, these results show that SET2sup mutations partially bypass the H3K36me2/me3 defects caused by depletion of Spt6.

**SET2sup mutations suppress spt6-1004 via the Set2/Rpd3S pathway**

We also performed two sets of experiments to verify that the SET2sup mutations function via H3K36 methylation and the function of Rpd3S. First, to confirm that the SET2sup mutations exert their phenotype by restoring methylation of H3K36 rather than by some other event, we compared spt6-1004 SET2-H366N strains that express either wild-type histone H3 or an H3K36A mutant. Our results showed that the spt6-1004 SET2-H366N strain expressing H3K36A was no longer able to suppress intragenic transcription (Fig. 3a); therefore, H3K36
methylation is necessary for suppression of intragenic transcription. Second, as H3K36me2/me3 is required for the function of the Rpd3S histone deacetylase complex, we assayed whether suppression of spt6-1004 required a functional Rpd3S complex, by testing a strain lacking the Rpd3S component Rco1. Our results showed that rco1Δ reversed the suppression phenotype, similar to the H3K36A mutant (Fig. 3b), showing that functional Rpd3S is necessary for suppression of intragenic transcription by SET2<sup>sup</sup> mutations. Together, these results demonstrate that methylation at H3K36 and the subsequent activation of Rpd3S confers suppression by the SET2<sup>sup</sup> mutations.

**SET2<sup>sup</sup> mutations suppress H3K36 methylation defects that occur in other transcription elongation factor mutants**

We wanted to test whether SET2<sup>sup</sup> mutations can suppress the loss of other functions that are required for both H3K36 methylation and repression of intragenic transcription. In particular, we tested the PAF complex and Ctk1 which, along with Spt6, have been proposed to be part of a feed-forward mechanism that regulates transcription elongation. For the PAF complex, we tested paf1Δ and ctr9Δ, both of which cause loss of H3K36me3, with no detectable effect on either H3K36me2 or Set2 protein levels (Fig. 4a-c). SET2Δ3 strongly suppressed the H3K36me3 defect of both paf1Δ and ctr9Δ (Fig. 4b). In a ctk1Δ mutant, there are decreased Set2 protein levels and loss of both H3K36me3 and H3K36me2 (Fig. 4b). SET2Δ3 strongly suppressed the H3K36me2 defect in ctk1Δ, restoring it to a level greater than in wild-type strains (Fig. 4b), although it had no effect on H3K36me3 or on the diminished Set2 protein levels (Fig. 4a,c). We also tested whether SET2Δ3 suppresses intragenic transcription in these mutants. Our results showed that SET2Δ3 suppressed intragenic transcription in paf1Δ and ctr9Δ mutants, but not in the ctk1Δ mutant (Fig. 4d). The latter result suggests that restoration of
H3K36me2 but not H3K36me3 in ctk1Δ is insufficient for the repression of intragenic transcription. The bypass of the requirements for multiple factors by SET2sup mutations suggests that the Set2 autoinhibitory domain confers dependence upon these factors for Set2 function.

**SET2sup mutations suppress the loss of Set2 domains normally required for its catalytic activity**

We also investigated whether SET2sup mutations suppress the loss of two Set2 regulatory domains required for Set2 activity: the SRI domain, which binds to the RNAPII CTD19,46, and the HB domain, required for interaction with histones H2A and H443. To do this we deleted portions of the SET2 gene to remove one or both domains in the Set2 protein in a wild-type SET2 gene and a SET2Δ3 mutant (Fig. 5a). We then tested the new mutants for levels of H3K36me2, H3K36me3, and Set2. Our results showed that SET2Δ3 suppresses both the set2ΔSRI and set2ΔHB mutations with respect to their H3K36 methylation defects (Fig. 5a,b, Supplementary Fig. 3). However, SET2Δ3 is unable to rescue H3K36 methylation in a set2ΔHB,ΔSRI double mutant. This is not due to either altered recruitment or level of the mutant protein (Fig. 5b, Supplementary Fig. 3c). Consistent with the H3K36 methylation levels, SET2Δ3 was able to suppress intragenic transcription in a set2ΔSRI but not in a set2ΔHB,ΔSRI strain (Fig. 5c). Our results suggest that the Set2 autoinhibitory domain monitors the interactions of the Set2 SRI and HB domains with RNAPII and nucleosomes, respectively.

The regulation of Set2 activity by Spt6 and Set2sup mutants occurs at a step after the recruitment of Set2 to chromatin.
Although the H3K36 methylation defect in spt6-1004 mutants was discovered several years ago, there is little understanding of why Spt6 is required for this histone modification. Our spt6-1004 strains, when grown at 30°C, have almost normal Set2 levels (Fig. 2d; Supplementary Fig. 4c); however, H3K36me2 or H3K36me3 are undetectable. Therefore, the requirement for Spt6 must be at a step other than regulation of Set2 stability. Two other possible mechanisms for regulation include the recruitment of Set2 to chromatin or the regulation of Set2 activity after its recruitment. To distinguish between these possibilities, as well as to better understand the suppression of spt6-1004 by SET2$^{\text{sup}}$ mutations, we performed ChIP-seq for Set2-HA, Rpb1, H3K36me3, H3K36me2, and total H3. These experiments were performed in four genetic backgrounds: wild type, spt6-1004, spt6-1004 SET2-H366N, and SET2-H366N. Each condition was performed in duplicate and was highly reproducible (Supplementary Fig. 44a). We chose SET2-H366N as it was the strongest suppressor of the spt6-1004 H3K36me3 defect. To permit quantitative comparisons of ChIP signals between different samples, we used S. pombe chromatin for spike-in normalization (Methods, Supplementary Fig. 4b).

Our results revealed new information regarding the H3K36 methylation defect caused by spt6-1004 as well as the suppression of this defect by SET2-H366N. First, there was a large decrease genome-wide in H3K36me2 and H3K36me3 association with chromatin as compared to the wild-type strain (Fig. 6a,b), a result consistent with the observation that H3K36me2 and H3K36me3 are undetectable by westerns in spt6-1004. Second, in contrast to the large decrease in H3K36me2/me3, there was little decrease in the level of Set2 protein recruited across transcribed regions (Fig. 6c) when normalized to the level of Rpb1 (Supplementary Fig. 5). Given these results, the defect in H3K36me2/me3 in the spt6-1004 mutant must occur primarily at a level subsequent to Set2 recruitment to chromatin. Third, in the spt6-1004 SET2-
H366N double mutant, we saw a genome-wide rescue of H3K36me2/me3 (Fig. 6a,b). Compared to the wild-type strain, this strain had generally increased levels of H3K36me2 and decreased levels of H3K36me3. Set2 localization to transcribed regions was similar to that in spt6-1004 (Fig. 6c), showing that suppression by SET2-H366N was not due to increased recruitment to chromatin. Finally, the SPT6 SET2-H366N single mutant showed increased H3K36me3 and decreased H3K36me2 levels genome-wide as compared to wild type (Fig. 6a,b). However, in this strain the recruitment of Set2 to chromatin is modestly increased (Fig. 6c), which may be due to the higher level of the Set2-H366N-Flag protein (Supplementary Fig. 4c). No global changes in histone H3 occupancy were observed in any of the strains (Supplementary Fig. 5c,f). ChIP-qPCR results at individual genes were consistent with our ChIP-seq results (see STE11 and RIX1, Fig. 6d-f; Supplementary Fig. 5d-f). In summary, our results show that Spt6 is required for Set2 function after its recruitment to chromatin and suggest that this requirement is dependent upon the Set2 autoinhibitory domain.

Although the effects we observed occurred at most genes, a set of 48 genes behaved differently. In contrast to most genes, which had increased levels of H3K36me2 and partial rescue of H3K36me3 in the spt6-1004 SET2-H366N strains as compared to wild type, this set of genes had reduced levels of H3K36me2 compared to wild type. These genes had slightly decreased occupancy of histone H3 as compared to wild type, but that decrease could not account for the decreased level of H3K36me2. In addition, Set2 recruitment was not impaired at these genes. Examples of two such genes, ADH1 and TDH3, are shown in Fig. 6d-f. GO term analysis indicated that these genes are enriched for those involved in ADP metabolic processes and cytoplasmic translation. To find out if this was a common trend among highly transcribed genes, we grouped genes by their expression level and determined H3K36me2/me3 levels in
each of the groups. Our analysis showed revealed only a slight decrease in H3K36me2/me3 levels in the most highly expressed genes relative to other groups in the spt6-1004 SET2-H366N strain (Supplementary Fig. 5g), indicating that the level of transcription was not the determining characteristic among this set of genes. Our results suggest the possibility of a different mechanism for regulation of Set2 activity at these genes.

The Set2-Spt6 genetic interaction is conserved

As both Set2 and Spt6 are conserved, including the Set2 autoinhibitory domain (Fig. 7a; 47), we wanted to test whether the functional interactions between Set2 and Spt6 are conserved. To test this idea, we moved to S. pombe, a yeast that is as evolutionarily diverged from S. cerevisiae as either is from mammals51. We constructed an S. pombe strain that contains a set2 mutation similar to the S. cerevisiae SET2Δ3 mutation (Fig. 7a) and asked whether it could suppress the H3K36 methylation defect caused by an S. pombe spt6 mutation. For these experiments, we used an S. pombe spt6-1 mutant which, like S. cerevisiae spt6-1004, has a deletion of the sequence encoding the Spt6 HhH domain24. This mutant has no detectable H3K36me2 or H3K36me3, while maintaining normal Set2 protein levels24. Our results show that the S. pombe set2Δ3 mutation suppressed the H3K36me2 defect in spt6-1 although not the H3K36me3 defect (Fig. 7b-e). The lack of suppression of the H3K36me3 defect is likely related to our finding that in a wild-type spt6” background, the S. pombe set2Δ3 mutation caused decreased levels H3K36me3 compared to wild-type, suggesting some functional differences for Set2 between the two species52. In spite of these differences, our results show that the autoinhibitory domain region of Set2 and its functional interaction with Spt6 is conserved between the two distantly-related yeasts.
Discussion

In this work we have presented new results about the regulation of Set2 activity in *S. cerevisiae*, providing insights into the requirements for Set2 to function during transcription elongation. By the isolation of *SET2*\textsuperscript{sup} mutations that partially suppress the requirement for Spt6, we have shown that a recently identified Set2 autoinhibitory domain\textsuperscript{47} plays critical roles in the regulation of Set2 in vivo. Our results also suggest that the Set2 autoinhibitory domain dictates that Set2 will only be active in the presence of Spt6 and the PAF complex. Furthermore, our results also suggest that the Set2 autoinhibitory domain requires that Set2 interacts with both RNAPII and histones via the Set2 SRI and HB domains, respectively, in order to function. We have demonstrated that the dependence of Set2 on Spt6 occurs genome-wide, at a step subsequent to the recruitment of Set2 to chromatin. Together, these results suggest a model in which the Set2 autoinhibitory domain evaluates multiple interactions between trans-acting factors and specific Set2 domains before allowing Set2 to catalyze H3K36me2/me3 in vivo. If any of the interactions fail to occur, then the Set2 autoinhibitory domain inhibits Set2 catalytic activity.

A majority of the single amino acid changes (18/20) identified by our *SET2*\textsuperscript{sup} mutations fall within a predicted single alpha helix of a proposed Set2 autoinhibitory domain\textsuperscript{47}. The tight clustering of our mutations likely reflects the stringency of our mutant selection. The nature of the mutations that we isolated suggests that they disrupt the alpha helix, thereby impairing the autoinhibitory domain, as seven of the 20 mutations encode proline. Furthermore, a deletion of the three codons that contained 13 of the 20 mutations also confers the same phenotype. The previous work that showed that deletion mutations spanning a four-helix region resulted in hyperactive Set2 proteins both in vitro and in vivo, although the in vivo analysis was limited by
the instability of the mutant proteins\textsuperscript{47}. The \textit{SET2}\textsuperscript{sup} mutations that we have isolated encode stable proteins, which allowed us to discover the critical role of the autoinhibitory domain \textit{in vivo}.

Our results raise the question of the mechanism by which Spt6 is required for Set2 activity. At 30°C, the temperature at which our experiments were performed, the Spt6-1004 mutant protein is present at normal levels (N.I. Reim and F. Winston, unpublished results), yet there is no detectable H3K36me2/me3. The simplest possibility is that a direct interaction between the Spt6 HhH domain, the region missing in the Spt6-1004 mutant protein, and the Set2 autoinhibitory domain is required for Set2 activity. In support of this idea, the \textit{spt6-1004} mutation causes the most severe defects in H3K36me2/me3 of all \textit{spt6} alleles tested\textsuperscript{18,50}. However, there is no evidence for a direct Spt6-Set2 interaction, either by high-resolution analysis of Set2-interacting proteins\textsuperscript{53} or by two-hybrid analysis (our unpublished results). While these negative results do not rule out a direct Set2-Spt6 interaction, it also seems plausible that in the \textit{spt6-1004} mutant there is an altered chromatin configuration that impairs the interaction of Set2 with a nucleosomal surface post-recruitment, such as that previously identified to be required for Set2 activity\textsuperscript{42,43}.

Although the \textit{SET2}\textsuperscript{sup} mutations are able to suppress the \textit{spt6-1004} H3K36 methylation defect for most genes, there are a small number of genes at which H3K36 methylation is not rescued. This finding suggests that the mechanisms that regulate Set2 activity \textit{in vivo} may not be uniform across the genome. The genes that behaved differently are highly transcribed and have a lower level of histone H3 compared to most genes; however, neither of those characteristics is sufficient to explain their lack of response to the \textit{SET2}\textsuperscript{sup} mutations. At these genes, there may be additional or distinct requirements for Set2 to function. Alternatively, these genes may recruit
a high level of H3K36 demethylases or, as H3K36 can also be acetylated\textsuperscript{54,55}, these genes may be more subject to competition between these mutually exclusive modifications than at most other genes.

Autoinhibition is a common mode of regulation among histone methyltransferases in both yeast and mammals. For example, the \textit{S. cerevisiae} H3K4 methyltransferase Set1 also contains an autoinhibitory domain. Point mutations that alter this domain in Set1, similar to mutations in the Set2 autoinhibitory domain, make Set1 hyperactive and independent of transcription elongation factors that are normally required for its activity\textsuperscript{56}. In addition, mammalian histone methyltransferases have been shown to contain autoinhibitory domains, including Nsd1\textsuperscript{57}, PRDM9\textsuperscript{58}, and Smyd3\textsuperscript{59}. In these three cases, structural studies of the proteins have suggested likely mechanisms that are distinct from each other. There are at least two reasons that a methyltransferase such as Set2 would have such tight regulation of its activity. First, the requirement for interactions with both nucleosomes and elongating RNAPII, as well as the activities of factors such as Spt6 and Paf1, ensures that H3K36me2/me3 will only occur at the correct location and at the correct time – on chromatin when it is being actively transcribed. Second, this regulation provides the opportunity to regulate H3K36me2/me3 in different conditions. For example, recent studies have provided evidence that H3K36 methylation is important for nutrient stress response\textsuperscript{31,60}, carbon source shifts\textsuperscript{61}, DNA damage responses\textsuperscript{62-65}, splicing\textsuperscript{66-69}, and aging\textsuperscript{70,71}. Therefore, the Set2 autoinhibitory domain may serve as a target for additional regulators under particular growth conditions.

\textbf{Methods}

\textbf{Yeast strains and media}
All *S. cerevisiae* and *S. pombe* strains used in this study were constructed by standard methods and are listed in Table S2. The *S. pombe set2Δ3* mutation was made based on alignment of the *S. cerevisiae* and *S. pombe* Set2 amino acid sequence using the Uniprot ‘Align’ tool (https://www.uniprot.org/help/sequence-alignments.) All *S. cerevisiae* liquid cultures were grown in YPD (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone and 2% glucose) at 30°C unless mentioned otherwise. All *S. pombe* liquid cultures were grown in YES (0.5% yeast extract, 3% glucose, 225 mg/l each of adenine, histidine, leucine, uracil, and lysine) at 32°C. All strains were constructed using transformations and/or crosses. For the genetic selection, the two reporter genes were constructed individually and then crossed to each other. The *FLO8-URA3* reporter was constructed by inserting the *URA3* gene at the 3’ end of the *FLO8* gene, replacing base pairs +1727 - +2505 (+1 = ATG)48. The *STE11-CAN1* reporter was constructed by inserting the *CAN1* gene at the 3’ of the *STE11* gene, replacing base pairs +1871 - +2154 (+1 = ATG)48. In the same strain, the coding sequence of the endogenous *CAN1* gene was deleted using HygMX cassette, which was amplified from the pFA6a-aphMX6 plasmid72. To make the strain containing the *STE11-CAN1* reporter amenable to crosses, the *STE11-TAP-HIS3MX* cassette was amplified from a strain derived from the yeast TAP-tagged collection73 and inserted at the *HO* locus replacing base pairs -1400 to +1761 (+1 = ATG). For spot tests to check for reporter expression, cells were spotted on media containing 1mg/ml 5-FOA and/or 150 µg/ml canavanine unless mentioned otherwise. For verification of mutants obtained from the selection, point mutations were made in the *SET2* gene by two step gene replacement74 in a strain containing only the *STE11-CAN1* reporter. The same strategy was used to make the different deletions within the region of the *SET2* gene that codes for the autoinhibitory domain. For Spt6 depletion experiments, cells were grown to OD$_{600}$ = 0.6 (~2x10$^7$ cells). Cells were diluted in YPD to OD$_{600}$ = 0.3. A fraction of the diluted culture was collected and treated as the 0 minute time.
point. Indole acetic acid (IAA) dissolved in DMSO was then added to the medium at a final concentration of 25 µM and cultures were grown at 30°C. Cells were collected at 90, 120 and 150 minutes to prepare whole cell extracts for Western blotting.

**Isolation and analysis of mutants that suppress intragenic transcription**

The genetic selection for isolating mutants that suppress intragenic transcription in *spt6-1004* was done in two rounds. In the first round, 25 independent cultures each of FY3129 and FY3130 were grown to saturation overnight in YPD. Cells were washed twice with water and 2-4 x 10⁷ cells from each independent culture were spread on two SC-Arg plates containing 0.25 mg/ml 5-FOA and 150 µg/ml canavanine, one of which was UV irradiated. All plates were incubated at 34°C, which reduced background growth, and colonies that grew between days 3-7 were picked for further analysis. The second round of selection was identical to the first round, except that cells were plated on SC-Arg plates containing 0.5 mg/ml 5-FOA and 150 µg/ml canavanine. To test for dominance, the suppressor strains were first crossed with the parent *spt6-1004* strain carrying both the reporters, diploids were selected by complementation, and the purified diploids were tested for growth on medium containing 5-FOA and canavanine. To test for linkage, suppressors were crossed to each other, sporulated, and tetrads were dissected and analyzed by standard conditions. At least 10 tetrads were analyzed per cross.

**Identification of suppressor mutations by whole-genome sequencing**

Eight of the twenty independent dominant mutants identified were subjected to further genetic analysis and found to contain mutations in a single gene responsible for the suppression phenotype. Whole genome sequencing libraries were prepared for the eight mutants and two parents (RGC95 and RGC98) as described previously⁷⁵. Sonication of genomic DNA was done
using Covaris S2 (3 cycles of 50\degree; Duty cycle: 10\%; Intensity: 4; Cycles/burst: 200) to obtain fragments between 100-500 bp. GeneRead DNA library prep kit (QIAGEN) was used for end repair, A tailing and adapter ligation. The DNA samples were purified twice using 0.7x volume SPRI beads. PCR cycles for final amplification were selected based on trial amplification runs. Following the final PCR, DNA was purified twice using 0.7x volume SPRI beads and submitted for next generation sequencing. Sequencing was done on an Illumina Hi-Seq platform. Reads from the FASTQ file were aligned using Bowtie2\textsuperscript{76} (default parameters) and variants between all ten libraries and the reference genome were called using the \textit{samtools mpileup} command\textsuperscript{77}. The resulting VCF file was then used to identify variants that were present only in the mutants and not in the parents using a custom R script (https://github.com/winston-lab). All variants that mapped within the coding sequence of a gene were identified. The gene that had variants in all mutants was found to be \textit{SET2}.

**Spot tests**

Yeast cultures were grown overnight from single colonies. Cells were pelleted and washed once with water. All cultures were normalized by their OD\textsubscript{600} values and six ten-fold serial dilutions of each culture were made in a 96-well plate. The cultures were spotted on different media and incubated at the appropriate temperatures. All plates containing FOA and/or canavanine were incubated at 34\degree C to ensure higher stringency for assaying intragenic transcription. The control complete plates for these experiments were also incubated at 34\degree C. The Spt- phenotype was assayed at 30\degree C. Temperature sensitivity was assayed at 37\degree C. For mutant backgrounds with weak intragenic transcription (as in Fig. 4), expression of the \textit{FLO8-URA3} reporter was tested on SC-Ura medium.
Western blotting and antibodies

*S. cerevisiae* cells were grown to OD$_{600} \approx 0.6$ (~2x10$^7$ cells). Culture volumes were normalized by their OD$_{600}$ such that an OD equivalent (OD$_{600} \times$ volume of the culture) of 6 was harvested. The cell pellets were washed once with water and suspended in 300 µl water. Then, 300 µl of 0.6M sodium hydroxide was then added to the cells and the suspension was incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. The cells were then pelleted and resuspended in 80 µl Modified SDS buffer (60mM Tris–HCl, pH 6.8, 4% β-mercaptethanol, 4% SDS, 0.01% bromophenol blue, and 20% glycerol)$^{78}$. Eight microliters of the extracts were loaded on an SDS-PAGE gel for western blotting. *S. pombe* cells were grown to OD$_{600} \approx 0.6$ (~10$^7$ cells/ml). 10 ml of cells were pelleted and resuspended in 200 µl of 20% tri-chloroacetic acid (TCA). Next, 200 µl of glass beads were added to the tube and the cells were lysed by bead beating for 2 minutes at 4°C. The bottom of the tube was punctured and the flow through collected by centrifugation. The beads were washed twice with 200 µl of 5% TCA and the flow through was collected. The pooled flow through fractions were spun at 3000 rpm for 10 minutes at room temperature and the resulting pellet was resuspended in 150 µl (normalized by OD$_{600}$; culture of OD$_{600} = 0.8$ was suspended in 150 µl) of 2x Laemmli buffer (125 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 4% SDS, 10% β-mercaptoethanol, 0.01% bromophenol blue, 40% glycerol). An equal volume of 1M Tris base (pH not adjusted) was added to neutralize the TCA. The samples were incubated for 5 minutes at 95°C and spun down at 10,000 rpm for 30 seconds. Then, 10 µl of the supernatant was loaded on an SDS-PAGE gel for western blotting. Primary antibodies used for Western blotting were: anti-Set2 (1:8000, generously provided by Brian Strahl), anti-H3K36me3 (1:2000, Abcam, ab9050), anti-H3K36me2 (1:2500, Abcam, ab9049) or (1:1000, Upstate #07-274), anti-HA (1:5000, Abcam, ab9110), anti-Flag (1:5000, Sigma, F3165), anti-Spt6 (generously provided by Tim Formosa), anti-H3 (1:2500, Abcam, ab1791), anti-Pgk1 (1:10000, Life Technologies.
459250), and anti-Act1 (1:10000, Abcam, ab8224). Secondary antibodies used were: goat anti-rabbit IgG (1:10000, Licor IRDye 680RD) and goat anti-mouse IgG (1:20000, Licor, 800CW). Quantification of Western blots was done using Licor ImageStudio software.

**Northern blotting**

RNA extraction from *S. cerevisiae* was done using hot acid phenol extraction as described previously\(^7\). Northern blotting was done as described previously\(^7\) with many modifications. Fifteen µg of RNA was loaded per sample. The composition of the final RNA loading dye was 6% formaldehyde, 1x MOPS, 2.5% Ficoll, 10mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 10mM EDTA, 7 µg/ml ethidium bromide, 0.025% Bromophenol blue and 0.025% Orange G. Following the addition of RNA loading dye, the RNA sample was heated at 65°C for 5 minutes and then transferred to ice before loading on the gel. Transfer of the RNA from gel to the membrane was done using upward capillary transfer in 1x SSC solution. Pre-hybridization of the membrane was done for 3-5 hours in pre-hybridization solution (50% deionized formamide, 10% dextran sulphate, 1M NaCl, 0.05M Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 0.1% SDS, 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 10x Denhardt's reagent, 500 µg/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA) at 42°C. Following hybridization, six washes were done - 2 washes with 2x SSC solution at room temperature for 15 minutes each, 2 washes with 2x SSC, 0.5% SDS at 65°C for 30 minutes each, and 2 washes with 0.1x SSC at room temperature for 30 minutes each. Probes were made with the PCR primers listed in Table S3.

**ChIP and ChIP-Seq**

For *S. cerevisiae* cultures, 140 ml of cells were grown to OD\(600 \approx 0.6\) (~2x10\(^7\) cells) in YPD. Cultures were cross-linked by the addition of formaldehyde to a final concentration of 1% followed by incubation with shaking at room temperature for 20 minutes. Glycine was added to a
final concentration of 125 mM and the incubation was continued for 10 minutes. The cells were pelleted and washed twice with cold 1x TBS (100 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.5) and once with cold water. The cell pellets were then suspended in 800 µl cold LB140 buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH, pH 7.5, 140 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 1x cCOMPLETE Protease Inhibitor tablet (Roche)). One ml of glass beads was added and the cells were lysed by bead beating for 8 minutes at 4°C with incubation on ice for 3 minutes after every one minute. The lysate was collected and centrifuged at 12,500 rpm for 5 minutes and the resulting pellet was washed once with 800 µl cold LB140 buffer. The pellet was resuspended in 580 µl cold LB140 buffer and sonicated in a QSonica Q800R machine for 20 minutes (30 seconds on, 30 seconds off, 70% amplitude). The sonicated samples were centrifuged at 12,500 rpm for 30 minutes and the resulting supernatant was taken for the immunoprecipitation step. For the S. pombe spike-in strain, 120 ml of cells were grown to OD$_{600}$ ≈ 0.6 in YES and processed similar to the S. cerevisiae culture except for the following steps: Bead beating for cell lysis was done for 11 minutes. Sonication was done for 15 minutes. The protein concentrations in chromatin were measured by Bradford assay$^{80}$. 300-500 µg of S. cerevisiae chromatin was mixed with 33-55 µg (10%) of S. pombe chromatin and the volume was brought up to 800 µl with WB140 buffer (50 mM HEPES-KOH pH 7.5, 140 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate). This was used as the input for the immunoprecipitation reaction. Antibody (amounts mentioned below) was added to the input and the samples incubated overnight at 4°C with end-over-end rotation. Fifty µl of Protein G sepharose beads (GE healthcare) pre-washed twice in WB140 was added to the IPs and samples were incubated for 4 hours at 4°C with end-over-end rotation. The beads were washed twice with WB140, twice with WB500 (50 mM HEPES-KOH, pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate), twice with WBLiCl (10 mM Tris pH 7.5, 250 mM
LiCl, 1mM EDTA, 0.5% NP-40, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate) for two minutes each and once with TE (10 mM Tris pH 7.4, 1 mM EDTA) for five minutes. The immunoprecipitated material was eluted twice with 100 µl TES (50 mM Tris pH 7.4, 1 mM EDTA, 1% SDS) at 65°C for 30 minutes. The eluates were incubated at 65°C overnight to reverse the crosslinking. Two hundred µl of TE was added to the eluates followed by RNase A/T1 to a final concentration of 0.02 µg/µl. The samples were incubated at 37°C for 2 hours. Proteinase K was added to a final concentration of 0.4 mg/ml and samples were incubated at 42°C for 2 hours. DNA was purified using Zymo DCC (for ChIP-Seq) or EZNA Cycle Pure kit spin columns (for ChIP-qPCR). The purified DNA was used for qPCR or library preparation for next generation sequencing. Primers used for qPCR are listed in Supplementary Table 3. The library preparation steps from this stage were similar to those used for preparation of DNA libraries for whole genome sequencing. Next generation sequencing was done on an Illumina NextSeq platform. Five µl of anti-HA (Abcam, ab9110) per 500 µg of chromatin, 10 µl (5 µl for ChIP-qPCR) of anti-Rpb1 (Covance, 8WG16) per 500 µg of chromatin, 4 µl of anti-H3 (Abcam, ab1791) per 300 µg of chromatin, 4 µl of anti-H3K36me2 (Abcam, ab9049) per 300 µg of chromatin, 4 µl of anti-H3K36me3 (Abcam, ab9050) per 300 µg of chromatin, and 50 µl of anti-FLAG M2 affinity gel (Sigma, #A2220) per 500 µg of chromatin were used for ChIP. HA tagged Set2 was used for all ChIP-seq and follow-up ChIP-qPCR experiments. FLAG tagged Set2 was used for ChIP-qPCR of set2 mutants lacking the SRI and HB domains.

**ChIP-seq computational analysis**

A custom ChIP-seq pipeline was generated using the Snakemake workflow manager. ChIP-seq data was aligned to a combined *S. cerevisiae* + *S. pombe* genome using Bowtie2. 72% - 93% of the reads mapped exactly once to the combined genome. The number of mapped reads
for S. cerevisiae IPs (excluding inputs) varied from 1 million - 10 million reads. The number of mapped reads for S. pombe immunoprecipitation (excluding inputs) varied from 350,000 - 6 million reads. Cross correlation was done using SPP package\textsuperscript{82} to estimate fragment sizes for the different libraries. The coverage files were produced using the igvtools count function\textsuperscript{83}, extending reads by (length of fragment sizes - average read length) for each library. Spike in normalization was done as described previously\textsuperscript{84}, correcting for variations in the input samples. Correlation plots, heatmaps and metagene plots were produced using custom R scripts that are available upon request. To identify genes that did not show rescue of H3K36me2 in the suppressor strain, coverage within 20 bp windows tiling the entire genome was generated for each library. IP libraries were divided by their respective control libraries after the addition of a pseudocount of one. The mean coverage over every gene in each library was determined using the bedtools map command\textsuperscript{85}. The ratio of the mean coverage for every gene in one sample over the other was calculated.

**Data availability**

Genomic datasets are deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus with accession number GSE116646. Other primary data are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.
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Fig. 1. Isolation of mutations that suppress intragenic transcription in spt6-1004. a, Shown at the top are diagrams of the two reporters and the selection used to isolate suppressor mutations. Shown below each are the transcripts made in wild-type (WT), spt6-1004, and spt6-1004 strains with a suppressor. In spt6-1004 mutants, the FLO8-URA3 reporter confers 5-FOA sensitivity and the STE11-CAN1 reporter confers canavanine sensitivity due to expression of the intragenic transcripts, shown in red. b, Spot tests of cells grown at 34°C that show the selective conditions for the mutant selection. c, A diagram of the Set2 protein that depicts the amino acid changes caused by the dominant SET2sup mutations. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of times the same mutation was isolated if more than once. One isolate had two point mutations that coded for L365P and H366Y in the same protein. The letters above the rectangle indicate the identified domains in Set2: HB, histone binding domain; SET, the catalytic domain; AID, the autoinhibitory domain; the WW domain; CC, a coiled coil motif; and SRI, the Set2 Rpb1 interacting domain. d, Spot tests of cells grown at 34°C to assay suppression of intragenic transcription in spt6-1004 by SET2sup mutations using the STE11-CAN1 reporter. e, Northern analysis of the STE11 gene, using a probe from the 3’ region of STE11, to assay suppression of intragenic transcription in spt6-1004 by a SET2sup mutation. In wild type there is a single full-length STE11 transcript (denoted by the arrow), while in the spt6-1004 mutant, there are two intragenic transcripts (denoted by the asterisks) in addition to the full-length transcript. SNR190 served as the loading control.

Fig. 2. SET2Δ3 suppresses the H3K36 methylation defect in spt6-1004 a, A Western blot showing the levels of H3K36me3 and total histone H3 in four different SET2sup mutants. The asterisk denotes a non-specific band. b, Quantification of H3K36me3 relative levels of the
strains shown in (a). **c,d,e,** Quantification of Western blots assaying the levels of H3K36me2 (c), H3K36me3 (d) and Set2 (e) in wild-type and spt6-1004 strains with or without the SET2Δ3 mutation, normalized to their respective loading controls. For all bar graphs, the black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation. A representative Western blot is shown below each bar graph.

**Fig. 3.** SET2<sup>sup</sup> mutations suppress spt6-1004 via the Set2/Rpd3S pathway. **a,** Spot tests of cells grown at 34°C assaying expression of the STE11-CAN1 reporter, showing the effect of the H3K36A mutation on the suppression phenotype. **b,** Spot tests of cells grown at 34°C, assaying the effect of rco1Δ on the expression of the FLO8-URA3 reporter in suppressor strains.

**Fig. 4.** SET2Δ3 suppress the H3K36me2/me3 defect in ctk1Δ, paf1Δ and ctr9Δ. **a,b,c,** Quantification of Western blots assaying H3K36me2 (a), H3K36me3 (b) and Set2 (c) levels in the indicated mutants with or without the SET2Δ3 mutation, normalized to their respective loading controls. The black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation. **d,** Spot tests of cells grown at 30°C, assaying the effect of the SET2Δ3 mutation on expression of the FLO8-URA3 reporter in the indicated mutants. Since intragenic transcription is weak in these mutants, growth has been assayed on SC-Ura medium (see Methods).

**Fig. 5.** SET2Δ3 rescues H3K36 methylation in set2 mutants lacking the SRI or HB domains. **a,** The schematic depicts Set2 and a set of mutants missing the indicated domains, testing each for H3K36me2 and H3K36me3 levels by western analysis. The red line in the AID
represents the position of the \textit{SET2\Delta3} mutation. The numbers next to each mutation show the levels of H3K36me2 and H3K36me3 in each mutant strain relative to a wild-type control (mean +/- standard deviation of at least three experiments). \textbf{b,} ChIP-qPCR assaying localization of FLAG-tagged Set2 wild-type and mutant proteins at the \textit{LSC2}, \textit{RIX1}, and \textit{PUN1} genes. The black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation. ChIP-qPCR data has been spike-in normalized to the \textit{S. pombe ACT1} gene. \textbf{c.} Spot tests of cells grown at 37°C, assaying expression of the \textit{FLO8-URA3} reported in the indicated strains.

\textbf{Fig. 6. \textit{SET2\Delta3} rescues H3K36 methylation genome-wide in \textit{spt6-1004}.} \textbf{a, b, c} Heatmaps depicting H3K36me2 levels (relative to H3) (\textbf{a}), H3K36me3 levels (relative to H3) (\textbf{b}) and Set2-HA levels (relative to Rpb1) (\textbf{c}) for all non-overlapping genes that code for protein (n = 3522). All values that had a log fold change of below -2 or above 2 have been set to -2 or 2, respectively. \textbf{d.e.f,} H3K36me2 (\textbf{c}), H3K36me3 (\textbf{d}), and Set2-HA (\textbf{e}) levels at genes that show rescue of H3K36 methylation (\textit{STE11}, \textit{RIX1}) and genes where rescue of H3K36 methylation is not observed (\textit{ADH1}, \textit{TDH3}). All data has been normalized to an \textit{S. pombe} spike-in control.

\textbf{Fig. 7. The genetic interaction between Spt6 and Set2 is conserved in \textit{S. pombe}.} \textbf{a,} Conservation of the amino acid sequence of the central region of Set2 between \textit{S. cerevisiae} (amino acids 261-475) and \textit{S. pombe}. The residues highlighted in green correspond to the three amino acids deleted in the \textit{SET2\Delta3} mutation. The residues highlighted in pink denote the location of the other \textit{SET2^{sup}} mutations. An asterisk indicates an identical residue, a colon indicates a highly similar amino acid (scoring > 0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix), and a period
indicates a weakly similar amino acid (scoring <= 0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix). b, Western blot assaying the effect of the set2Δ3 mutation on H3K36me3 levels in spt6-1 cells in S. pombe. Histone H3 was used as a loading control. Asterisk denotes a non-specific band. c, Quantification of Western blots assaying H3K36me3 levels in the indicated strains. d, Western blot assaying the effect of the set2Δ3 mutation on H3K36me2 levels in spt6-1 cells in S. pombe. Histone H3 was used as a loading control. e, Quantification of Western blots assaying H3K36me2 levels in the indicated strains. In both graphs, the black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation.

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Figure 1

(a) Schematic diagram showing the genetic manipulation and selection process.

(b) Petri dish images showing the growth of WT and spt6-1004 strains on SC and 5-FOA + canavanine plates.

(c) SPT6 and SET2 protein variants and their corresponding phenotypes.

(d) Yeast phenotype plate images for SC, canavanine, SC-Lys, and YPD 37°C.

(e) Western blot analysis showing the expression of STE11 and SNR190 proteins.
Figure 3

a

spt6-1004 SET2 HHT2
spt6-1004 SET2-H366N HHT2
spt6-1004 SET2 HHT2-K36A
spt6-1004 SET2-H366N HHT2-K36A

b

SPT6 SET2 RCO1
spt6-1004 SET2 RCO1
SPT6 SET2Δ3 RCO1
spt6-1004 SET2Δ3 RCO1
SPT6 SET2 rco1Δ
spt6-1004 SET2 rco1Δ
SPT6 SET2Δ3 rco1Δ
spt6-1004 SET2Δ3 rco1Δ

SC canavanine
STE11 CAN1

SC 5-FOA
FLO8 URA3
Figure 4

(a) H3K36me2 levels

(b) H3K36me3 levels

(c) Set2 levels

(d) Set2 SC vs SC-ura
Figure 5

|                | H3K36me2 levels | H3K36me3 levels |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SET2           | 1.00 +/- 0.07   | 1.00 +/- 0.05   |
| SET2Δ3         | 0.70 +/- 0.11   | 1.41 +/- 0.18   |
| set2ΔSRI       | 0.06 +/- 0.10   | 0.01 +/- 0.01   |
| SET2Δ3,ΔSRI    | 2.52 +/- 0.61   | 0.50 +/- 0.18   |
| set2ΔC         | 0.57 +/- 0.14   | 0.00 +/- 0.00   |
| set2ΔHB        | 0.99 +/- 0.19   | 0.10 +/- 0.02   |
| SET2Δ3,ΔHB     | 0.88 +/- 0.20   | 0.37 +/- 0.10   |
| set2ΔHB,ΔSRI   | 0.05 +/- 0.04   | 0.00 +/- 0.00   |
| SET2Δ3,ΔHB,ΔSRI| 0.08 +/- 0.04   | 0.00 +/- 0.00   |
| set2ΔHB,ΔC     | 0.03 +/- 0.05   | 0.00 +/- 0.00   |

b) Set2-Flag occupancy

C) SC and 5-FOA treatment
Figure 6

(a) spt6-1004 SET2
spt6-1004 SET2-H366N
SPT6 SET2
SPT6 SET2-H366N

(b) spt6-1004 SET2
spt6-1004 SET2-H366N
SPT6 SET2
SPT6 SET2-H366N

(c) spt6-1004 SET2
spt6-1004 SET2-H366N
SPT6 SET2
SPT6 SET2-H366N

(d) log₂ H3K36me2/H3 (relative to SPT6 SET2)

(e) log₂ H3K36me3/H3 (relative to SPT6 SET2)

(f) log₂ Set2-HA/Rpb1 (relative to SPT6 SET2)

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Distance (kb)

H3K36me2/H3
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H3K36me2/H3
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H3K36me2/H3
H3K36me3/H3

SPT6 SET2
spt6-1004 SET2
spt6-1004 SET2-H366N
SPT6 SET2-H366N

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Supplementary Figure 1. Deletions in the region encoding the Set2 autoinhibitory domain partially rescue H3K36 methylation and intragenic transcription in spt6-1004. a, The schematic depicts some of the domains in Set2 and the five mutants that have deletions in the region encoding the autoinhibitory domain. b,c,d, Quantification of western blots assaying H3K36me2 (b), H3K36me3 (c), and Set2 (d) levels in spt6-1004 strains with the indicated SET2 mutations. The black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation. The red dots in (d) represent outlier values from one experiment which were not included in the calculation of the mean or error bars. e, Spot tests of cells grown at 34°C assaying the effect of SET2 mutations on expression of the FLO8-URA3 reporter in an spt6-1004 background.
Supplementary Fig. 2. SET2Δ3 cells show reduced loss of H3K36me3 upon Spt6 depletion. a, A schematic illustrating the experimental plan for depletion of Spt6 in wild-type and SET2Δ3 strains containing a derivative of SPT6 fused to sequences encoding an auxin-inducible degron. Addition of the auxin IAA promotes degradation of Spt6. b, Western blots assaying Spt6, Set2, and H3K36me3 levels in wild-type and SET2Δ3 strains upon Spt6 depletion. Pgk1 and histone H3 were used as loading controls. c,d,e, Quantification of western blots assaying Spt6 (c), Set2 (d) and H3K36me3 (e) levels upon Spt6 depletion, with and without the SET2Δ3 mutation, normalized to their respective loading controls. The black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation. Proteins levels for each strain have been normalized to the 0 minute time point.
Supplementary Fig. 3. **SET2Δ3 rescues H3K36 methylation and intragenic transcription upon deletion of the SRI or HB domains.** a,b,c Quantification of western blots assaying H3K36me2 (a), H3K36me3 (b) and FLAG-tagged Set2 levels (c) in strains with the indicated set2 mutations. The black dots represent the individual data points for three experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation. The plotted values for SET2, SET2Δ3 and set2ΔHB are the same between some of the bargraphs, but have been plotted again for ease of representation.
Supplementary Figure 4

a

Supplementary Figure 4. Quality analyses of ChIP-Seq data. a, Correlation heatmaps for all 48 samples that were processed for ChIP-Seq. The numbers represent the Pearson correlation coefficient of coverage over 20 bp bins tiling the entire genome. b, Bar graphs showing the proportion of reads in each library mapped to the S. cerevisiae or S. pombe (spike-in control) genome. c, Quantification of western blots assaying HA tagged Set2 protein levels prepared from the same cultures that were processed for ChIP-Seq. The black dots represent the individual data points for two experiments and the bars show the mean +/- standard deviation.
**Supplementary Figure 5**

**a,b,c.** Heatmaps depicting Set2-HA/Input (a), Rpb1/Input (b) and H3/Input (c) levels for all non-overlapping genes that code for protein (n = 3522). All values that had a log fold change of below -2 or above 2 have been set to -2 or 2 respectively. **d,e,f.** ChIP-qPCR analysis quantifying H3K36me2 (d), H3K36me3 (e) and Set2-HA (f) levels over the indicated genes. ChIP-qPCR data has been spike-in normalized to the *S. pombe ACT1* gene. **g.** Metagene plots showing average H3K36me2/H3 and H3K36me3/H3 levels for groups of genes that are binned by their level of expression (obtained from RNA-seq data; N. I. Reim and F. Winston).
## Table S1 - SET2 mutations

| Mutation alias | Position of Mutation (1=ATG) | SET2 mutation | Set2 amino acid change |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| LF41α          | 979 - 980                     | GT -> AA      | V327K                  |
| LF12a          | 1006                          | C -> G        | Q336E                  |
| LF38α          | 1049                          | T -> C        | L350P                  |
| LF3α           | 1049                          | T -> C        | L350P                  |
| HF3α           | 1049                          | T -> C        | L350P                  |
| LF6a           | 1076                          | G -> C        | R359P                  |
| S9             | 1094                          | T -> A        | L365Q                  |
| LF9α           | 1094                          | T -> A        | L365Q                  |
| LF39α          | 1094                          | T -> C        | L365P                  |
| LF43a          | 1094 - 1096                   | TAC -> CCT    | L365P, H366Y           |
| S1             | 1096                          | C -> A        | H366N                  |
| S7             | 1096                          | C -> T        | H366Y                  |
| LF4α           | 1096                          | C -> T        | H366Y                  |
| HF9α           | 1096                          | C -> T        | H366Y                  |
| LF7α           | 1097                          | A -> C        | H366P                  |
| HF6a           | 1098                          | C -> A        | H366Q                  |
| LF5a           | 1099                          | G -> A        | G367S                  |
| HF5α           | 1099                          | G -> T        | G367C                  |
| HF11α          | 1100                          | G -> A        | G367D                  |
| S3             | 1109                          | G -> T        | C370F                  |
| Strain    | Genotype                                                                 | Purpose                                      | Species         | Source   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| FY3129    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX FLO8-URA3 | Parent for genetic selection                 | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3130    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 ade8-104 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX FLO8-URA3 | Parent for genetic selection                 | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3131    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX          | Figs. 1,2                                   | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3132    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ can1Δ::HygMX SET11-CAN1 FLO8-URA3 HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX | Figs. 1,2                                   | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3133    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX SET2-G367S | Figs. 1,2                                   | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3134    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX SET2Δ3    | Figs. 1,2                                   | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3135    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX SET2-H366N | Figs. 1,2                                   | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3136    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET11-CAN1 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX SET2-L365Q | Figs. 1,2                                   | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3137    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3                            | Figs. 1,2,3,4 and Supplementary Fig. 1       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3138    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 spt6-1004                 | Figs. 1,2,3 and Supplementary Fig. 1         | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3139    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ3                   | Figs. 1,2,3,4                               | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3140    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 spt6-1004 SET2Δ3 (first isolate) | Figs. 1,2,3,4                               | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3201    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 leu2Δ1 spt6-1004 SET2Δ3 (first isolate) | Fig. 2                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3202    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ3 (second isolate)  | Fig. 2                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3141    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 trp1Δ63 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX STE11-CAN1 spt6-1004 (hht1-hhf1)Δ::kanMX (hht2-hhf2)Δ::natMX [HHT2-HHF2/TRP1/CEN/ARS] | Fig. 3                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3142    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 trp1Δ63 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX STE11-CAN1 spt6-1004 (hht1-hhf1)Δ::kanMX (hht2-hhf2)Δ::natMX SET2-H366N [HHT2-HHF2/TRP1/CEN/ARS] | Fig. 3                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3143    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 trp1Δ63 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX STE11-CAN1 spt6-1004 (hht1-hhf1)Δ::kanMX (hht2-hhf2)Δ::natMX [hht2-K36A-HHF2 TRP1 CEN3] | Fig. 3                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3144    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 trp1Δ63 can1Δ::HygMX HOΔSTE11-TAP::HIS3MX STE11-CAN1 spt6-1004 (hht1-hhf1)Δ::kanMX (hht2-hhf2)Δ::natMX SET2-H366N [hht2-K36A-HHF2 TRP1 CEN3] | Fig. 3                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3145    | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX                      | Fig. 4                                       | S. cerevisiae  | This study |
| FY3146 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 set2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3147 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 set2Δ3 (second isolate) | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3148 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3149 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3150 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3151 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3152 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3153 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3154 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3155 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3156 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3157 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3158 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3159 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3160 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3161 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3162 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3163 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3164 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3165 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3166 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3167 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 ctk1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 4 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3168 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 SET2Δ3,ΔHB-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3169 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 SET2Δ3,ΔHB-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3170 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 set2ΔHB,ΔSRI-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3171 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ3ΔHB,ΔSRI-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3172 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 set2ΔHB-SET-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3173 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 set2ΔHB-SET-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 and Supplementary Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3174 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 set2ΔHB-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3175 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ3,ΔHB-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3176 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 set2ΔSRI-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3177 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 SET2-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3178 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 set2ΔSRI,ΔHB-3xFLAG-NatMX | Fig. 5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3179 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 SET2-3xHA-NatMX | Fig. 5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3180 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 SET2-3xHA-NatMX spt6-1004 | Fig. 6 and Supplementary Figs. 4,5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3181 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 SET2-H366N-3xHA-NatMX spt6-1004 | Fig. 6 and Supplementary Figs. 4,5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3182 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 SET2-H366N-3xHA-NatMX | Fig. 6 and Supplementary Figs. 4,5 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3183 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ11 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3184 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ12 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3185 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ13 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3186 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ14 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3187 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ15 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3188 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ11 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3189 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ12 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3190 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ13 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3191 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ14 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3192 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ15 spt6-1004 | Supplementary Fig. 1 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3193 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 LEU2::TIR4 SPT6-V5-AID::KanMX FLO8-URA3 | Supplementary Fig. 2 | S. cerevisiae | This study (derived from a strain made by Natalia Reim) |
| FY3194 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 LEU2::TIR4 SPT6-V5-AID::KanMX FLO8-URA3 SET2Δ3 | Supplementary Fig. 2 | S. cerevisiae | This study (derived from a strain made by Natalia Reim) |
| FY3195 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 roco1Δ::NatMX | Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3196 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 roco1Δ::NatMX spt6-1004 | Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3197 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 roco1Δ::NatMX SET2Δ3 | Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3198 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 FLO8-URA3 roco1Δ::NatMX spt6-1004 SET2Δ3 | Fig. 3 | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3199 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 set2Δ0::NatMX | set2Δ control for westerns | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY3200 | MATα his3Δ200 lys2-128δ ura3-52 leu2Δ1 FLO8-URA3 set2Δ0::NatMX spt6-1004 | set2Δ control for westerns | S. cerevisiae | This study |
| FY2731 | MATα set2Δ0::kanMX | set2Δ control for westerns | S. cerevisiae | Winton Lab |
| FWP2 | h+ leu1-32 ade6-210 | Fig. 7 | S. pombe | Winston Lab |
| FWP562 | h+ leu1-32 ade6-210 spt6-1::NatMX | Fig. 7 | S. pombe | This study |
| FWP563 | h+ leu1-32 ade6-210 lys7-2 ura5-14 spt6-1::NatMX set2Δ3 (first isolate) | Fig. 7 | S. pombe | This study |
| FWP564 | h+ leu1-32 ade6-210 lys7-2 ura5-14 spt6-1::NatMX set2Δ3 (second isolate) | Fig. 7 | S. pombe | This study |
| FWP565 | h+ leu1-32 ade6-210 set2Δ3 | Fig. 7 | S. pombe | This study |
| FWP505 | h- leu1-32 ade6-210 ura4-Δ18 set2Δ::KanMX | set2Δ control for westerns | S. pombe | Winston Lab |
| FWP566 | h- set2-3xHA-NatMX | Spike in control for ChIP-seq experiments | S. pombe | This study |
| FWP567 | h- ura4-Δ18 leu1-32 ade6-m210 rpb3+::3x-FLAG-NatMx | Spike in control for ChIP-qPCR experiments in Fig. 4 | S. pombe | Winston Lab (Ameet Shetty) |
| FWP568 | h+ ura4-Δ18 leu1-32 ade6-m210 spt5+::3HA-KanMX | Spike-in control for ChIP-qPCR experiments in Supplementary Fig. 7 | S. pombe | Winston Lab (Ameet Shetty) |
| Name     | Gene          | Sequence                                                                 | Purpose                                                                 | Organism    |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| FO9897   | STE11-pCORE   | CAAAATAAGAGAGCTTCTTTGCAAGGTTCGTA TCTGGAGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG             | FP for replacing STE11 +1871 - +2154 with KanMX-URA3                    | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9898   | STE11-pCORE   | CAATATTAGGCCATaaSAAAGATTATATAGTAG CCCCCCTTACCATTAACTGATC                | RP for replacing STE11 +1871 - +2154 with KanMX-URA3                    | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9901   | CAN1          | CAAAATAAGAGAGCTTCTTTGCAAGGTTCGTA TCTGGAGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG             | FP for replacing STE11 Δ+1871 - +2154 :: KanMX-URA3 with CAN1          | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9902   | CAN1          | CAATATTAGGCCATaaSAAAGATTATATAGTAG CCCCCCTTACCATTAACTGATC                | RP for replacing STE11 Δ+1871 - +2154 :: KanMX-URA3 with CAN1          | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10754  | CAN1-pFA6-a   | CTTAATCTCCTGTAAAGGAAAGGCTTTCTGGAATGACAAATTCAAAATCAGAAGACG              | FP for deleting CAN1 with HygMX                                         | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10755  | CAN1-pFA6-a   | CTTAATCTCCTGTAAAGGAAAGGCTTTCTGGAATGACAAATTCAAAATCAGAAGACG              | RP for deleting CAN1 with HygMX                                         | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10777  | STE11         | ACAATTTACCTTACATACACAAATTAAACTATACACATTAAACTTACATAACTTACAAACTATACACAA  | FP for inserting STE11-TAP::HIS3MX at the HO locus deleting -1400 bp upstream of the HO start codon | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10777  | STE11         | ACAATTTACCTTACATACACAAATTAAACTATACACATTAAACTTACATAACTTACAAACTATACACAA  | RP for inserting STE11-TAP::HIS3MX at the HO locus deleting -1400 bp upstream of the HO start codon | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10861  | SET2-pCORE    | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | FP for replacing SET2 (+1092 - +1111) with URA3-KanMX                   | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10862  | SET2-pCORE    | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | RP for deleting SET2 (+1092 - +1111) with URA3-KanMX                   | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10868  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | FP for making 103,333 C -> A (creating Set2 H366N)                      | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10869  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | RP for making 103,333 C -> A (creating Set2 H366N)                      | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10870  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | RP for making 103,335 T -> A (creating Set2 L365Q)                      | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10871  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | RP for making 103,335 T -> A (creating Set2 L365Q)                      | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10872  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | FP for making 103,330 G -> A (creating Set2 G367S)                      | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10873  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | RP for making 103,330 G -> A (creating Set2 G367S)                      | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10874  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | FP for deleting aa 365-367 (creating Set2Δ3)                           | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10875  | SET2          | TTACTATCGTATGATGACTCTTCTTGTCACTAGG CTATCAAAGAGCGCTTTCTGCACTGG           | RP for deleting aa 365-367 (creating Set2Δ3)                           | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10908  | HHT1-HHF1- pFA6a | ATATTGTCTTGTGTTACCGTTTTCTTCTGGAATTA GCTAAACCGATCCCGGTTTAATTA            | FP for deleting HHT1-HHF1                                              | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10909  | HHT1-HHF1- pFA6a | TTATTGTCTTGTGTTACCGTTTTCTTCTGGAATTA GCTAAACCGATCCCGGTTTAATTA            | RP for deleting HHT1-HHF1                                              | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10910  | HHT2-HHF2- pFA6a | GAAATATAATTTCCAAACCCGATGTTTAACCAC CGATTGTCGAATCCCGGTTTAATTA            | FP for deleting HHT2-HHF2                                              | S. cerevisiae |
| Reference | Description | Sequence | Function | Source |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| FO10911  | HHT2-HHF2-pFA6a | AGTCTAAATGCATAGAAAAAAAAAAATTCCCGC TTATATGGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC | RP for deleting HHT2-HHF2 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9231   | RCO1-pFA6a    | ATAAAGACACTTCCATTACACTGCTAATAT AATACACGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA | FP for deleting RCO1 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9232   | RCO1-pFA6a    | TTCACGTTCTCAGTTTATATGTAATGTAGC CGTTTGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC | RP for deleting RCO1 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10899  | CTK1-pFA6a    | AATAAAAGACACTTCCATTACCATCTGCTAATAAT AATACACGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA | FP to delete CTK1 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10900  | CTK1-pFA6a    | CTATTTTTTGTGCTACTTATTTGTAATGTAATG GGTAAACGGGATCCCCGGGTTAATTAA | RP to delete CTK1 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10901  | PAF1-pFA6a    | TTTACGTTCCTGATTTATTCTTTATGTATGTACG TCCGTTTGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC | RP to delete PAF1 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10902  | PAF1-pFA6a    | CTCACAGGTTTAAAAATCTAATCTCCTTCATTCTC CTATTTGAATTCGAGCTCGTTTAAAC | RP to delete PAF1 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10903  | CTR9-pFA6a    | AGTCTGTCCTTATTTGGAATTTCTTCAA AATAATCGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | FP for deletion | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10904  | CTR9-pFA6a    | AGTCTGTCCTTATTTGGAATTTCTTCAA AATAATCGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | RP to delete CTR9 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10876  | SET2-pCORE    | TGAAAACGAGAACATAAATATTGAATTTCTTCAA TCATTGGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | FP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+949-+1140) or (+949-+1044) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10877  | SET2-pCORE    | CTTCAGTCTCGTTTCCTTTTCCATCTACCTGAG GTTGTTCTTACCATTAAGTTGATC | RP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+949-+1140) or (+1093-+1140) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10878  | SET2-pCORE    | CCGTTTGGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | RP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+949-+1044) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10879  | SET2-pCORE    | ACAGCAAGATAATAAGATATATGGATATGGAACAACCTC CATTTGGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | FP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+1045-+1092) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10880  | SET2-pCORE    | ACAATTTAAGGTTTTGTCAATTTACAGGTGTAAC GGTGTAATCTCTACCAATTTAGTTGATC | RP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+1045-+1092) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10881  | SET2-pCORE    | TACTATCGATGATGACTCTCTTCTCTTCATCATCAGGC TATCAAGAGCCTGTGTTTTCGACACTGG | FP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+1093-+1140) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10882  | SET2-pCORE    | TTACACCTGTTTTAGCCAAATGCTTAAATTGTTT ATACAGGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | FP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+1141-+1236) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10883  | SET2-pCORE    | CATATTCAATTTGTGAGCAGCTCAATACCGTTTCTTCCATATTAAAGTTGATC | RP for insertion of URA3 replacing SET2 (+1141-+1236) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10884  | SET2          | TAAATAAAAGATGAAAAACGAGAAACATAATAATTTG AATTTCCTCAATCTTGGAAACACTC | FP for deleting SET2 (+949-+1140) (SET2Δ11) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10885  | SET2          | ATATGACCTCCTCTGCTCTTTTTTTTCTCTACCTGAGTTCAATGATTA | RP for deleting SET2 (+949-+1140) (SET2Δ11) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10886  | SET2          | TAATAAAAGATGAAAAACGAGAAACATAATAATTTG AATTTCCTCAATCTTGGAAACACTC | RP for deleting SET2 (+949-+1044) (SET2Δ12) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10887  | SET2          | AGTTGATATGACCTGAGTGAAGAGAGATCTACAT CGCATGATGAAATTTGCAATTTGACCTGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | RP for deleting SET2 (+949-+1092) (SET2Δ12) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10888  | SET2          | GTGTATTTGACCAAGATAAATAGGAAATGTAATTTG CATCGAATTAAATTTGCAATTTGACCTGAGCTCGTTTTCGACACTGG | RP for deleting SET2 (+949-+1092) (SET2Δ13) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10889  | SET2          | TCCGTTGAAACAAATAAGCATATTCTTTGCTAAAA CGGTTGAAACAGTGATGACCTGACTTTTCGACACTGG | RP for deleting SET2 (+949-+1092) (SET2Δ13) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10890  | SET2          | AGAGACCTTTTACTATCGATGATGACTCTCTTC GTCTACGGCTATCAAAAGAAACACCTC | FP for deleting SET2 (+1093-+1140) (SET2Δ14) | S. cerevisiae |
| Accession | Description | Forward Primer | Reverse Primer | Function | Species |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------|---------|
| FO10891   | SET2        | ATATCATCTTTCAGTCTCGTTTCTTCTTTCCATCTACCTGAGGTTTCTTTGATAGCC |                             | RP for deleting SET2 (+1093-+1140) (SET2Δ14) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10892   | SET2        | AACTAACCAGTTGTTAAGTTGAAAAATGCATTAAATTTTACACGACACTGAA  |                             | FP for deleting SET2 (+1141-+1236) (SET2Δ15) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO10893   | SET2        | GTTTTCTTTACATTTACTAATTTGAGCAGTTCTCGTGATAAAC |                             | RP for deleting SET2 (+1141-+1236) (SET2Δ15) | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9227    | SET2-pFA6a  | TGAAACTTTCCTCTTTCTGTTTGTTTTAATCCGATCCGATCCCTACTTAAAAC |                             | RP for deleting SET2 | S. cerevisiae |
| FO9228    | SET2-pFA6a  | GAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAAAGCTGAAACCCAAATATGCAAAGATGTCTGACTGTCTGAAATGCAA44
FO10930  SET2    CTCTTGTTCGATATATCTCAGTCATCCAAGTTTT CAATTTGGTGAATGCAAA TGCTTTGCTTCTGTAAGCTCTT
RP for deleting SET2 +93 - +117 (set2ΔHB) S. cerevisiae

FO10914  SET2-pUL57 CTACAGAATGAACTGAAACCATGCTTCTGAGTGCCTTCGATCATTG CGCTATTTGGCTTCTGTAAGCTCTT
FP for insertion of ura5-lys7 replacing pombe SET2 (+2258 - +2266) S. pombe

FO10915  SET2-pUL57 TTATAGAAGTCATTATCAATCAATGCGTAACTCTTCGATCATTG CGCTATTTGGCTTCTGTAAGCTCTT
RP for insertion of ura5-lys7 replacing pombe SET2 (+2258 - +2266) S. pombe

FO10934  S.pombe SET2 AGGATGACTTATTAAACAGAAGTTAATGAAACCATGCTTCTGAGTCAATCAATGCGTAACTCTTCGATCATTG CGCTATTTGGCTTCTGTAAGCTCTT
FP to delete pombe SET2 (+2258 - +2266) to create set2Δ3 S. pombe

FO10935  S.pombe SET2 GATAACATGCTTTTATAGAAGTCATTATCAATCAATGCGTAACTCTTCGATCATTG CGCTATTTGGCTTCTGTAAGCTCTT
RP to delete pombe SET2 (+2258 - +2266) to create set2Δ3 S. pombe

FO4210  STE11    GGATGTCACCAGAGGTGGTC FP for STE11 3' northern probe (use FO4211 as RP) S. cerevisiae

FO1324  SNR190    GGCCCCTGATGATAATG FP for SNR190 northern probe S. cerevisiae

FO1325  SNR190    GGATGTCACCAGAGGTGGTC FP for SNR190 northern probe S. cerevisiae