# Histone H3 threonine 11 phosphorylation is catalyzed directly by the meiosis-specific kinase Mek1 and provides a molecular readout of Mek1 activity in vivo 

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#### Abstract

Saccharomyces cerevisiae Mek1 is a CHK2/Rad53-family kinase that regulates meiotic recombination and progression upon its activation in response to DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs). The full catalog of direct Mek1 phosphorylation targets remains unknown. Here, we show that phosphorylation of histone H 3 on threonine 11 (H3 T11ph) is induced by meiotic DSBs in S. cerevisiae and Schizosaccharomyces pombe. Molecular genetic experiments in $S$. cerevisiae confirmed that Mek1 is required for H3 T11ph and revealed that phosphorylation is rapidly reversed when Mek1 kinase is no longer active. Reconstituting histone phosphorylation in vitro with recombinant protein demonstrated that Mek1 directly catalyzes H3 T11ph. Mutating H3 T11 to nonphosphorylatable residues conferred no detectable defects in otherwise unperturbed meiosis, although the mutations modestly reduced spore viability in certain strains where Rad51 is used for strand exchange in place of Dmc1. H3 T11ph is therefore mostly dispensable for Mek1 function. Despite its minimal role, however, H3 T11ph is an excellent candidate for a marker of ongoing Mek1 kinase activity in vivo. We therefore used anti-H3 T11ph chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by deep sequencing (ChIP-seq) to examine the genome-wide spatial disposition of Mek1 kinase activity. H3 T11ph was highly enriched at presumed sites of attachment of chromatin to chromosome axes, and also gave a weaker signal that was highly localized at hotspots for DSB formation. These findings indicate that Mek1 provides functional communication between axes and the sites where recombination is occurring, thus providing insight into the higher order organization of recombining meiotic chromosomes.


## INTRODUCTION

Meiotic recombination initiates with DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs) made by the topoisomerase-like transesterase Spo11 (Lam and Keeney 2014). DSBs occur throughout the genome, often, but not always, in hotspots that in Saccharomyces cerevisiae mostly overlap with nucleosome-depleted transcription promoters (Pan et al. 2011). Repair of meiotic DSBs by recombination helps form physical connections between homologous chromosomes that allow the chromosomes to segregate accurately at the first meiotic division (Hunter 2015). Because recombination defects can lead to mutations and/or aneuploidy, meiotic DSB repair is highly regulated (Subramanian and Hochwagen 2014; Hunter 2015).

A critical component of this regulation in yeast is Mre4/Mek1, a meiosis-specific homolog of the Rad53 checkpoint effector kinase (Rockmill and Roeder 1991; Leem and Ogawa 1992). In response to Spo11-generated DSBs, the kinases Tel1 and/or Mec 1 (homologs of mammalian ATM and ATR, respectively) become activated and phosphorylate the chromosome axis-associated protein Hop1 among other substrates (Carballo et al. 2008; Cheng et al. 2013; Penedos et al. 2015). The FHA (Forkhead-associated) domain of Mek1 then binds phosphorylated Hop1, resulting in Mek1 recruitment to chromosome axes where Mek1 undergoes activation (involving trans-autophosphorylation on T327 in its activation loop) and stabilizes Hop1 phosphorylation via positive feedback (Niu et al. 2005; Niu et al. 2007; Carballo et al. 2008; Chuang et al. 2012; Penedos et al. 2015). Activated Mek1 promotes inter-homolog bias in recombination, that is, the preferential use of a homologous chromosome rather than sister chromatid as the template for DSB repair (Niu et al. 2005; Carballo et al. 2008; Goldfarb and Lichten 2010; Kim et al. 2010; Hong et al. 2013; Lao et al. 2013; Subramanian et al. 2016). Mek1 does so in part by phosphorylating the Rad54 protein on threonine 132 (T132) (Niu et al. 2007; Niu et al. 2009). Rad54 is a member of the Swi2/Snf2 DNA-dependent-ATPase chromatin remodeling family and is a binding partner of the strand exchange protein Rad51 (Heyer et al. 2006). Mek1-dependent phosphorylation of Rad54 attenuates the interaction with Rad51, allowing the meiosis-specific strand exchange protein Dmc1 to predominate (Niu et al. 2009). Mek1 also directly phosphorylates the T40 residue of Hed1; this stabilizes the Hed1 protein and thereby promotes its function as a negative regulator of Rad51 strand exchange activity (Callender et al. 2016). Mek1 also promotes the repair of interhomolog strand invasion intermediates through a pathway required for chromosome synapsis and the generation of crossovers whose distribution shows interference (Chen et al. 2015).

The full array of direct Mek1 phosphorylation substrates remains unknown, as only three direct targets have been definitively proven thus far: Mek1 itself, Rad54, and Hed1 (Niu et al. 2007; Niu et al. 2009; Callender et al. 2016). Additional Mek1-dependent phospho-proteins have been identified by mass spectrometry and other approaches, including T11 of histone H3 (Govin et al. 2010; Suhandynata et al. 2016). However, a number of Mek1-dependent phosphorylation events are known or suspected to be indirect (Suhandynata et al. 2016). For example, Mek1 is required for phosphorylation of the synaptonemal complex protein Zip1, but the kinase directly responsible is Cdc7-Dbf4, not Mek1 (Chen et al. 2015). Moreover, H3 T11 phosphorylation has been reported as being catalyzed in vegetative cells by other kinases [the pyruvate kinases Pyk1 and, to a lesser extent, Pyk2 (Li et al. 2015)], which might themselves be regulated by Mek1 in meiosis. Therefore, whether H3 T11 is a direct substrate for Mek1 remains to be established.

Mek1 activity plays out in the context of elaborate higher order chromosome structures. Early in meiotic prophase, sister chromatids form co-oriented arrays of DNA loops that are anchored along a linear proteinaceous axis (Zickler and Kleckner 1999; Kleckner 2006). Prominent components of these axes include sister chromatid cohesion proteins (including the meiosis-specific Rec8 subunit), Mek1, Hop1, and another meiosis-specific chromosome structural protein, Red1. Sister chromatid cohesion is established early in meiosis dependent on a
meiosis-specific cohesin subunit, Rec8 (Smith and Roeder 1997; Bailis and Roeder 1998; Klein et al. 1999; Panizza et al. 2011).

In cytological experiments, immunostaining foci of recombination proteins are axisassociated, indicating that recombination occurs in proximity to axes (reviewed in Zickler and Kleckner 2015). However, there is a strong anticorrelation between the DNA sequences preferentially bound by axis proteins (Rec8, Hop1, Red1) and the DNA sequences that often experience Spo11-induced DSBs, which suggests that recombination usually involves the DNA in chromatin loops rather than the DNA embedded in axes (Gerton et al. 2000; Blat et al. 2002; Pan et al. 2011; Panizza et al. 2011). To reconcile this paradox, the "tethered-loop/axis complex" (TLAC) model proposes that DNA segments residing on chromatin loops incur DSBs but are recruited, or tethered, to axes by interactions between recombination proteins and axis proteins (Kleckner 2006; Panizza et al. 2011). The TLAC model provides a framework for understanding spatial organization of recombining chromosomes, but there is as yet little direct molecular data demonstrating the proposed functional interactions between axes and DSB sites.

How Mek1 fits into this proposed organization also remains unknown. Immunocytology places Mek1 protein on axes (Bailis and Roeder 1998; Subramanian et al. 2016), as does dependence of Mek1 activity on axis proteins (Niu et al. 2007; Carballo et al. 2008), but Mek1 exerts its known recombination-controlling activity (directly or indirectly) at sites of DSBs. The TLAC model can account for Mek1 acting at both places, but where Mek1 kinase activity actually occurs remains unexplored because of a lack of a molecular marker for the active kinase.

In this study we demonstrate that Mek1 directly phosphorylates histone H3 T11 in response to meiotic DSBs in S. cerevisiae. H3 T11ph is dispensable for Mek1 function during unperturbed meiosis, so the purpose of this phosphorylation event remains unclear. Nevertheless, we demonstrate the utility of H3 T11ph as a molecular marker for active Mek1. Studies of the genome-wide localization of H3 T11ph indicate functional communication between chromosome axes and the sites where DSBs normally are formed, consistent with predictions of the TLAC model.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Strains and histone mutagenesis strategy

S. cerevisiae and S. pombe strains are listed in Supplemental Table S1. S. pombe strains were generously provided by G. Smith, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Histone gene deletion strains and plasmids expressing H3 T11 mutants from Govin et al. (2010) were generously provided by S. Berger, University of Pennsylvania. S. cerevisiae strains were of the SK1 strain background. Because of concerns about effects of plasmid (in)stability on the ability to score phenotypes of histone mutants and to reliably measure meiotic parameters because of cell-to-cell heterogeneity within a culture (see Results), we opted to avoid plasmid shuffle systems that have been used by others (Ahn et al. 2005a; Govin et al. 2010). Instead, strategies involving stable integration or gene replacement were employed, as follows.

Histone gene replacements: S. cerevisiae histone genes are arranged in divergently oriented pairs expressing either H 3 and H 4 or H 2 A and H 2 B ; there are two of each pair, i.e., two copies encoding each histone. The S10A and T11V mutations were introduced into plasmidborne copies of HHT1 and HHT2 by QuikChange site-directed mutagenesis (Agilent Technologies). These mutant alleles were then introduced sequentially into SK1 strain SKY165 by one-step gene replacements using DNA fragments containing $\geq 270 \mathrm{bp}$ arms of homology. Targeting constructs included selectable drug resistance markers: kanMX4 ~366 bp downstream of the HHT1 ORF and hphMX4~250 bp downstream of HHT2.

Stable integration of histone gene cassettes: A histone cassette integration strategy was employed using pRS305-based plasmids (Sikorski and Hieter 1989) integrated into the leu2::hisG locus in SK1 strains. Integrations were performed so as to try to maintain balanced gene dosage for the four core histones. The parental strain for the $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ histone cassette integrations was created in a multistep process by first transforming a pRS316-based URA3 histone cassette covering plasmid containing a single copy of each histone gene (pRK12; HTA1-HTB1, HHT2-HHF2) into diploid SKY165. Next, the histone gene pairs, HHT2-HHF2 and HTA1-HTB1 (which are required for proper meiosis (Norris and Osley 1987)), were deleted sequentially and replaced with the $h p h M X$ and natMX markers, respectively. The deletions were confirmed by Southern blot and the strain was sporulated to yield a Ura ${ }^{+}$, $\mathrm{Nat}^{\mathrm{R}}, \mathrm{Hyg}^{\mathrm{R}}$, MAT $\alpha$ haploid. A second MATa haploid strain was created by sequentially deleting the other (nonessential) histone gene pairs, HTA2-HTB2 and HHT1-HHF1, which were replaced by the kanMX and natMX markers, respectively, and confirmed by Southern blot. These two haploids were mated to form a compound heterozygote, then tetrads were dissected and resulting haploids carrying all four histone gene-pair deletions were mated to form a histone integration host strain (SKY2283) with the genotype: hhtl-hhf1 $\Delta::$ kanMX/'", hht2-hhf $2 \Delta::$ natMX/', htalhtb1ロ::hphMX/'", hta2-htb24::natMX/", pRK12[CEN/ARS, URA3, HTA1-HTB1, HHF2-HHT2].

A parental strain for the $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ histone cassette integrations was created by dissecting tetrads from the hht2-hhf2 $2:: n a t M X / ", p R K 12$ strain described above prior to deletion of HTA1HTB1. This dissection yielded a $\mathrm{Ura}^{+}, \mathrm{Nat}^{\mathrm{R}}, M A T a$ haploid that was crossed with the second haploid strain described above (hta2-htb24::natMX, hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX). Tetrad dissection yielded MATa and MAT $\alpha$ haploid progeny (SKY3166 and SKY3167, respectively) with the following genotype: hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2D: :natMX, hta2-htb2A::natMX, pRK12.

All histone mutant integration constructs were created by QuikChange site-directed mutagenesis. The first was a $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$ replacement using a pRS305-based plasmid (pRK77) containing LEU2, HHT2-HHF2 that was linearized by AflII digestion to target integration to leu $2:: h i s G$ and transformed into haploids SKY3166 and SKY3167. The second was an H2A/H2B/H3/H4 replacement using a pRS305-based plasmid (pRK24) containing LEU2, HTA1HTB1 and HHF2-HHT2 that was linearized by AflII digestion and transformed into diploid SKY2283. In both cases, the core-histone covering plasmid pRK12 was counterselected by
growth on 5-fluoroorotic acid (FOA). Colony PCR of Leu ${ }^{+}$, $\mathrm{Ura}^{-}$transformants was used to verify the proper integration into the leu2::hisG locus using primer sets flanking both junctions as well as verification of the mutations in htal and hht 2 by engineered restriction enzyme site polymorphisms and/or sequencing. In the case of the SKY3166/3167 transformants, haploid integrants were subsequently mated to create diploids. SKY2283 hemizygous integrants were sporulated to produce haploid progeny that were then mated to create homozygous diploids.

## S. cerevisiae and S. pombe cultures

S. cerevisiae was cultured at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with asynchronous vegetative (cycling) cultures in YPD ( $1 \%$ yeast extract, $2 \%$ peptone, $2 \%$ dextrose). Camptothecin treatment ( $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ) was performed for 2 hr at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in 250 ml flasks shaking at 250 rpm in 10 ml cultures of SKY165 at an initial cell density of $\sim 9 \times 10^{7}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$. An untreated culture was incubated in parallel, while a separate 10 ml aliquot in a vented T-75 flask was exposed to X-rays for 60 min at room temperature using an X-RAD 225C X-ray irradiator (Precision X-ray, Inc.) corresponding to a dose of 400 Gy. Alternatively, 10 ml of culture at $\sim 7 \times 10^{7}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$ was exposed to X-rays for 60 min on ice, with untreated cells also held on ice. With both exposure conditions, cells were subsequently allowed to recover at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, shaking at 225 rpm for 60 min (room temperature exposure) or 30 min (exposure on ice) before fixing in $20 \%$ trichloroacetic acid (TCA), pelleting and storage at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until extract preparation.

For inhibition of Mek1-as in vivo, an SKY3095 culture was divided equally four hours after transfer to sporulation medium and $10 \mu \mathrm{l} 100 \%$ DMSO was added to half while the other received $1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ final concentration of 1-NA-PP1 (1-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-3-(1-naphthalenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine) dissolved in DMSO (Wan et al. 2004). The return-to-growth recombination assays using arg4 heteroalleles were carried out in triplicate as described (Martini et al. 2006). Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) and Southern blotting on DNA from meiotic cultures prepared using the SPS method was performed as described (Murakami et al. 2009). Plasmid shuffling and meiotic cultures using plasmids and the SK1 histone gene deletion strain obtained from S. Berger were carried out as described (Govin et al. 2010).
S. pombe haploid pat1-114 sporulation was carried out as described (Hyppa and Smith 2009). For $S$. cerevisiae meiotic cultures, strains were thawed on YPG plates ( $1 \%$ yeast extract, $2 \%$ peptone, $3 \%$ glycerol, $2 \%$ agar) and incubated for $\sim 2$ days, then streaked for single colonies on YPD plates and grown $\sim 2$ days. Single diploid colonies were inoculated in 5 ml YPD and grown overnight. Cultures were diluted in $\mathrm{YP}+1 \%$ potassium acetate presporulation medium to $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{6}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$, grown for 13.5 hours at 225 rpm for ChIP and 250 rpm for all other experiments. Cells were pelleted, washed in sterile water and resuspended in the same preculture volume of $2 \%$ potassium acetate to a density of $\sim 2-3 \times 10^{7}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$. This corresponds to 0 hr of the meiotic time course. Sporulation was at 225 rpm for ChIP and 250 rpm for all other experiments. Meiotic progression was assessed in culture aliquots fixed with $50 \%$ ethanol and stained with $5 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$ 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI).

## Whole-cell extracts and western blotting

Culture aliquots of $\mathrm{OD}_{600}=10$ for $S$. pombe or $\sim 3.2 \times 10^{8}$ cells for $S$. cerevisiae were washed in $20 \%$ TCA, pelleted and stored at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until ready for use. Aliquots were thawed, resuspended in $20 \%$ TCA and disrupted by bead beading at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ using 0.5 mm zirconia/silica or glass beads and monitored microscopically until near complete disruption was observed. Samples were collected by centrifugation, then washed with $5 \%$ TCA and the pellet was resuspended in $1 \times$ NuPAGE LDS Sample Loading Buffer (Life Technologies Corp.) with 100 mM dithiothreitol (DTT). Samples were separated on $12 \%$ bis-Tris NuPAGE gels in $1 \times$ MOPS or MES running buffer (Life Technologies Corp.) or 15\% Laemmli gels (Laemmli 1970).

Proteins were blotted to polyvinyldifluoride (PVDF) membranes by semi-dry electrophoretic transfer using the iBlot system (Life Technologies Corp.) or in Tris-glycine ( 25 mM Tris base, 192 mM glycine, $10 \%$ methanol, $0.04 \%$ sodium dodecyl sulfate) at 100 mA constant for 70 min (TransBlot SD Transfer Cell, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.). Membranes were air dried, then incubated with one of the following rabbit primary antibodies diluted in $5 \%$ non-fat milk (NFM) in Tris-buffered saline-Tween buffer (TBST; 25 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 7.4,137 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 2.7 \mathrm{mM}$ $\mathrm{KCl}, 0.1 \%$ Tween 20): anti-H3 polyclonal (Abcam 1791) diluted 1:10,000; anti-H3 T11ph mononclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789) diluted 1:1000; anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151) diluted 1:1000; anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817) diluted 1:1000; antiH3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560) diluted 1:1000; or anti-H2A S129ph polyclonal (Abcam 15083) diluted 1:500. The polyclonal secondary antibody used was horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit (Pierce/ThermoFisher Scientific 31462 or 31460) diluted 1:10,000 in TBST with visualization by the ECL-Plus kit (GE Healthcare Ltd.) exposed to chemiluminescent film or charged-coupled device (CCD) camera (Imagestation, Eastman Kodak Company).

## Validation of anti-phospho-H3 antibodies

Two commercial anti-H3 T11ph antibodies yielded Spo11-dependent bands at the expected size for H 3 on western blots, but the monoclonal gave more robust signal with less background (Figure 1B). To more definitively characterize the specificity of these antibodies, we incubated them with synthetic peptide arrays containing different H 3 modification states (Active Motif MODified histone peptide array)(Supplemental Table S2). The monoclonal antiH3 T11ph antibody reacted strongly with all peptides containing T11ph regardless of other modifications present, unless S10 was also phosphorylated, in which case reactivity was strongly or completely lost (Supplemental Figure S1Ai). This monoclonal antibody was highly specific, as little to no cross-reactivity was observed for unmodified H3 peptides, H3 peptides carrying other modifications, or peptides from other histones, including peptides phosphorylated at other sites (H3 S10ph, H3 S28ph, H4 S1ph, H2A S1ph, H2B S14ph) (Supplemental Figure S1Ai). In a more limited analysis, the polyclonal anti-H3 T11ph antibody bound specifically to a peptide with trimethylated H3 K9 (K9me3) as well as T11ph, but not to unmodified or S10ph peptides from H3 or full-length unmodified histones (Supplemental Figure S1B). However, this polyclonal antibody showed substantial non-histone cross-reactivity against yeast whole-cell extracts that was not observed for the monoclonal anti-H3 T11ph antibody (Figure 1B).

Both the monoclonal and the polyclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibodies we used reacted with phospho-S10 H3 peptide on dot blots, but with some background signal for full-length histone H3 (Supplemental Figure S1B). Similarly, the polyclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibody detected S10ph on the peptide array, including in the context of other nearby modifications, unless T11 was also phosphorylated (Supplemental Figure S1Aii). Again, however, modest cross-reactivity was seen with other histone H3 and H4 peptides, thus the anti-S10ph antibodies are less specific than the monoclonal anti-T11ph antibody.

## In vitro kinase assays

GST-Mek1 and GST-mek1-as were affinity purified on glutathione sepharose as described (Niu et al. 2009; Lo and Hollingsworth 2011).

Radiolabeling method: Reactions included $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of recombinant $S$. cerevisiae histone H3 or $5 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ H3 1-20 peptides, 250 ng GST-Mek1, 0.4 mM ATP and $10 \mu \mathrm{Ci}\left[\gamma{ }_{-}^{32} \mathrm{P}\right]$-ATP ( 6000 $\mathrm{Ci} / \mathrm{mmol}$; PerkinElmer, Inc.) in $25 \mu$ l total volume in a buffer containing 50 mM HEPES-NaOH $\mathrm{pH} 7.5,150 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,0.5 \mathrm{mM}$ DTT and $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails. Reactions were incubated at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min then resolved on $12 \%$
bis-Tris NuPAGE gels in $1 \times$ MES running buffer and transferred to PVDF via the iBlot system or Coomassie stained and dried for autoradiography on a Fujifilm FLA 7000. Primary antibody was rabbit anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151) diluted 1:500, with secondary antibody and detection carried out as described above.

Semi-synthetic epitope method: GST-Mek1-as target labeling and detection followed previously described methods (Niu et al. 2009; Lo and Hollingsworth 2011). Reactions included $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of recombinant $S$. cerevisiae histone H3, $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ GST-Mek1 or $0.76 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ GST-Mek1-as, 0.4 mM ATP $\gamma$ S or 6-Fu-ATP $\gamma$ S ( $\mathrm{N}^{6}$-furfuryladenosine-5'-O-3-thiotriphosphate, Axxora, LLC), and 0.2 mM ATP in $25 \mu$ l total volume in a buffer containing 50 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 7.5,150 \mathrm{mM}$ $\mathrm{NaCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2_{2}$ and 0.5 mM DTT. Reactions were incubated at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min , then $p-$ nitrobenzyl mesylate (PNBM in DMSO, Abcam/Epitomics 3700-1) was added to 2.5 mM and incubated at room temperature for 90 min . Samples were electrophoresed on $4-12 \%$ bis-Tris NuPAGE gels in $1 \times$ MES running buffer, followed by semi-dry transfer to PVDF at 25 V constant for 60 min . Membranes were blocked in 5\% NFM-TBST, primary antibodies were rabbit anti-thiophosphate ester monoclonal (Abcam/Epitomics 2686-1) diluted 1:5000 or rabbit anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789) diluted 1:1000, with secondary antibody and detection carried out as described above.

## ChIP-sequencing

The ChIP-seq protocol was based on a previously described method (Zhang et al. 2011). One-liter meiotic cultures of strain SKY165 ( $\sim 1.9-3.2 \times 10^{10}$ cells) were harvested at the 5 hr time point and fixed with $1 \%$ formaldehyde for 15 min at room temperature, with mixing at 50 rpm. Crosslinking was quenched by adding glycine to 131 mM for 5 min , cells were washed with water, resuspended in ice-cold ST buffer ( 10 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 7.4,100 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}$ and $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails), and pelleted and frozen at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Frozen cell pellets were thawed, resuspended in FA lysis buffer ( 50 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.5, 150 $\mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 2 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $1 \%$ Triton X-100, $0.1 \%$ sodium deoxycholate, $10 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$ each of leupeptin, pepstatin A and chymostatin, 1 mM PMSF, $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails) and dispensed into 24 to 40 aliquots of $\sim 6.4 \times 10^{8}$ cells each in 2 ml screw-cap tubes. Zirconia/silica beads ( 0.5 mm , Biospec Products, Inc. 11079105 z ) were added to $50 \%$ of the total volume followed by vortexing at maximum speed for 3 hr at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. If needed, additional 1 min rounds of disruption using a bead beater (Mini-Beadbeater-16, Biospec Products, Inc.) were carried out at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until near complete cell disruption was observed microscopically. Extracts were collected by centrifugation at $15,000 \mathrm{rpm}$ for 5 min at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Pellets were washed with 0.6 ml NPS buffer ( 0.5 mM spermidine, $0.075 \%$ IGEPAL CA-630, 50 $\mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 10 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 7.4,10 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,2 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{CaCl} 2,1 \mathrm{mM}$ 2-mercaptoethanol, 10 $\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{ml}$ each of leupeptin, pepstatin A and chymostatin, 1 mM PMSF, $1 \times$ each of Roche phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktails), resuspended in 0.6 mL NP-S buffer and incubated at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min , shaking 1400 rpm in a Thermomixer (Eppendorf AG). One unit of micrococcal nuclease (Worthington Biochemical Corp.) was added and incubation was continued at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $14 \mathrm{~min}, 1400 \mathrm{rpm}$. Digestion was stopped by adding EDTA to $10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ and holding on ice for 10 min . Then, SDS was added to $0.05 \%$ followed by sonication (Biorupter Standard, Diagenode) on highest setting at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for two rounds of 30 sec with a 30 sec intervening rest. Material was then centrifuged at $16,000 \mathrm{rpm}$ for 10 min at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, separating the sample into supernatant for IP input and pellet fractions. Diagnostic samples of both fractions were reserved ( $\sim 2.6 \times 10^{8}$ cell equivalents each).

Supernatants were pooled and divided into four or five equal volumes, then $50 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of each antibody was added and the extracts incubated at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight on a rotisserie mixer (Antibodies: mock, normal rabbit IgG (SantaCruz Biotechnology sc-2027); rabbit anti-H3 pAb
(Abcam 1791); rabbit anti-H3 T11ph mAb (EMD Millipore 05-789). Immunoprecipitation was carried out by adding $500 \mu \mathrm{l}$ protein G Dynabeads (Life Technologies Corp.) and incubating at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 90 minutes on a rotisserie mixer. Beads were then transferred to low protein binding 1.5 ml tubes and washed 9 times by adding 1 ml of the following buffers in order and incubating at room temperature for 5 min on a rotisserie mixer: NP-S buffer, FA lysis buffer, $2 \times$ FA high salt buffer (FA lysis buffer containing 1 M NaCl ), $2 \times \mathrm{FA}$ wash 2 buffer (FA lysis buffer containing $0.5 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}), 2 \times$ FA wash 3 buffer ( 10 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 8,250 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{LiCl}, 2 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $1 \%$ IGEPAL, $1 \%$ sodium deoxycholate) and TE ( 10 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 8,1 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA). Bound nucleosomes were eluted by adding $450 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of 25 mM Tris- $\mathrm{HCl} \mathrm{pH} 8,2 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $0.5 \%$ SDS and 200 mM NaCl and incubated at $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 15 min with 30 sec intervals of 1400 rpm shaking in a Thermomixer. Eluates were transferred to low protein binding 1.5 ml tubes with $40 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ proteinase K (PCR grade, Roche/SigmaAldrich Company) and incubated at $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 15 hr to reverse crosslinks. Nucleosomal DNA was extracted using an equal volume ( $500 \mu \mathrm{l}$ ) of phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1), precipitated by the addition of $20 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ glycogen (Roche/SigmaAldrich Company), 0.1 volumes of 3 M sodium acetate and 2 volumes of $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ $100 \%$ ethanol followed by washing with ice-cold $70 \%$ ethanol. ChIP yields were estimated by quantifying the DNA concentrations using a Nanodrop spectrophotometer (ThermoFisher Scientific) and by resolving an aliquot on $2 \%$ agarose. Mononucleosome-sized DNA ( $\sim 200 \mathrm{bp}$ ) was selected using the Pippin prep system (Sage Science, Inc.) and prepared for 75 nt paired-end sequencing on the Hiseq 2000 platform (Illumina, Inc.) following standard Illumina protocols. Sequencing was performed at the Integrated Genomics Operation of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Paired-end 75 nt reads were mapped to the $S$. cerevisiae reference genome, version sacCer2 2008 using Bowtie from within the Galaxy genome analysis package (Giardine et al. 2005; Langmead et al. 2009; Blankenberg et al. 2010; Goecks et al. 2010) with the maximum insert size limited to 200 nt giving 7.8 million mapped reads of 160 bp mean length for H3 IP, 4.9 million mapped reads of 153 bp mean length for H 3 T 11 ph IP and 0.9 million mapped reads of 167 bp mean length of the mock IP. The aligned reads were converted into coverage values at each genome position and the values corresponding to the repetitive rDNA $(R D N)$ locus were expunged. The coverage values for the H 3 and H 3 T 11 ph datasets were then scaled to the concentration of immunoprecipitated DNA as determined by Nanodrop spectrophotometry. Next, the ChIP coverage values at each genome position were mock-subtracted, normalized and log transformed using the following formula: $\log _{2}(($ ChIP coverage - mock ChIP/(meanChIPchr mock ChIP))+0.5), with meanChIPchr corresponding to the mean ChIP coverage value for each chromosome. All downstream analyses were carried out using R (http://www.r-project.org/) (R Development Core Team 2012).

## RESULTS

H3 T11 phosphorylation during meiosis is a response to DSBs.
As part of a larger effort to identify meiotically regulated histone modifications in $S$. cerevisiae, we performed western blots on meiotic whole-cell extracts with antibodies to H3 T11ph. Under these conditions, signal was undetectable in mitotically cycling, premeiotic (G1arrested, 0 hr ), or early meiotic (through 2 hr ) cultures, but accumulated transiently during meiosis with a maximum at $\sim 3$ to 5 h (Figure 1Ai, 1B). This signal diminished as cells completed the first meiotic division ( $\sim 7 \mathrm{hr}$; Figure 1Ai, 1B, 1C). These findings agreed with studies reported while this work was in progress (Govin et al. 2010).

The anti-H3 T11ph signal occurred when DSBs are usually maximal under these conditions [ $\sim 3$ to 5 hr (e.g., Thacker et al. 2014)], and coincided with an increase in H2A S129 phosphorylation ( $\gamma$-H2A) (Figure 1Ai), which is formed by Mec1 and Tell kinases in response to meiotic DSBs (Mahadevaiah et al. 2001; Shroff et al. 2004). These results suggested H3 T11ph might be a DSB response, but H3 T11ph signal also coincided with an increase in H3 S10 phosphorylation (Figure 1Ai), which is DSB-independent (Hsu et al. 2000; Ahn et al. 2005b).

We therefore examined genetic requirements for H3 T11ph. The modification was undetectable in a strain with catalytically inactive Spo11 (spol1-Y135F; Figure 1Aii, 1B). As expected, induction of higher $\gamma$-H2A signal was not seen in spol1-Y135F, but H3 S10ph was (Figure 1Aii). H3 T11ph appeared in a rad50S strain, in which DSBs form but persist with unresected 5' ends, so DSB resection is dispensable (Figure 1Aiii). H3 S10ph was unaffected in this mutant, but elevated $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ levels persisted to late time points consistent with unmitigated Tel1 activity (Usui et al. 2001).

H3 T11ph appeared and disappeared in rad51D with kinetics similar to wild type (Figure $\mathbf{1 A v}$ ), but persisted at high levels in $d m c 1 \Delta$ (Figure 1Avi) (a different antibody was used for these blots, discussed below). Both rad51D and $d m c 1 \Delta$ have defects in meiotic DSB repair (note the persistent $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ ), but with a more complete block in dmcl山 (Bishop et al. 1992; Shinohara et al. 1992). Meiotic arrest is also nearly complete in $d m c l \Delta$, whereas divisions occur in rad5lవ after a delay (Figure 1C) (Bishop et al. 1992; Shinohara et al. 1992).

To determine whether this persistent H3 T11ph signal was due to persistent DSBs or to meiotic arrest, we examined an $n d t 80 \Delta$ mutant. Ndt80 is a transcription factor needed for pachytene exit (Xu et al. 1995; Chu and Herskowitz 1998), and DSB repair defects cause arrest via checkpoint kinase-mediated inhibition of Ndt80 (Tung et al. 2000; Gasior et al. 2001). H3 T11ph did not persist in an $n d t 80 \Delta$ mutant and instead peaked at 4 h at a slightly lower level than in wild type (Figure 1Aiv). This agrees with a recent report demonstrating H3 T11ph appearance and disappearance by western blotting and immunofluorescence of spread chromosomes (Subramanian et al. 2016). Therefore, H3 T11ph persistence correlates with continued presence of meiotic DSBs (as in $d m c 1 \Delta$ ), but not with arrest. In contrast, both $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ and H3 S10ph persisted at high levels in $n d t 80 \Delta$ (Hsu et al. 2000), suggesting these modifications require pachytene exit for removal (Subramanian et al. 2016).

Because the H3 N-terminal tail has many potential modification sites (Figure 1D) and a different antibody not used in our studies cross-reacts between H3 T11ph, H3 S10ph and other modifications (Nady et al. 2008), we sought to validate the antibody specificity for the anti-H3 T 11 ph antibodies we used. Both the monoclonal and polyclonal anti-H3 T11ph antibodies were specific but did not detect H3 T11ph if S10 was also phosphorylated (Supplemental Figure S1 and Materials and Methods). The monoclonal gave a more robust signal with less background for non-histone proteins (Figure 1B), so most subsequent experiments used this antibody. Two different anti-H3 S10ph antibodies recognized their cognate modification, but not if T11 was also phosphorylated. These anti-H3 S10ph antibodies showed significant cross-reactivity to other histones and modifications (Supplemental Figure S1 and Materials and Methods).

To test if DNA lesions could also give rise to elevated T11 phosphorylation during vegetative growth, cells were treated with X-rays or camptothecin. These DNA damaging agents failed to yield a detectable level of H3 T11ph despite inducing DNA damage responses as evidenced by increased $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ (Figure 1E). Thus, high levels of H3 T11ph are largely if not exclusively specific to meiosis. The strength of the meiotic H3 T11ph signal as compared to the undetectable levels under these blotting conditions for cycling or premeiotic cells or the spol1Y135F mutant indicates that the amount of H3 T11ph formed in meiosis is vastly greater than what another study reported was due to pyruvate kinase during vegetative growth (Li et al. 2015).

## H3 T11ph in response to DSBs in S. pombe meiosis

To determine if meiotic H3 T11ph is evolutionarily conserved, we analyzed synchronous meiosis in S. pombe haploid pat1-114 mutants (Bahler et al. 1991). H3 T11ph appeared transiently at $\sim 4-$ 5 hr after the initiation of meiosis and was not detected in a mutant lacking Rec 12 (the Spo11 homolog) or in vegetative growth (Figure 2). H3 T11ph appeared after a Rec12-dependent increase in $\gamma$-H2A that starts around 3-3.5 hr, when DSBs typically appear under these conditions (Cervantes et al. 2000). (The initial wave of $\gamma$-H2A signal at or before 2 hr is Rec12independent (Figure 2B) and possibly associated with DNA replication.) These results indicate that H3 T11ph forms in response to DSBs in S. pombe. H3 T11ph appeared and disappeared with apparently normal kinetics in a rad50S mutant in contrast to $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$, which persisted at high levels (Figure 2C).

H3 S10ph also appeared during meiosis, but unlike in S. cerevisiae, this modification occurred later than H3 T11ph (Figure 2A). In the rec 12 mutant H3 S10ph was observed earlier than normal and was largely gone by 6 hr (Figure 2B). This result is consistent with accelerated meiotic progression in recl2 mutants (Doll et al. 2008), and indicates that both appearance and disappearance of H3 S10ph are developmentally regulated.

## H3 T11 is a direct target of Mek1 kinase.

The timing and genetic control of H3 T11ph in S. cerevisiae suggested that a meiosisspecific, DSB-responsive kinase was responsible. Mek1 expression coincides with H3 T11ph from 3-7 hr in meiosis (Carballo et al. 2008), and the T11 sequence context matches the Mek1 target consensus (RXXT; Figure 1D) (Mok et al. 2010; Suhandynata et al. 2016) \}. We therefore treated a $d m c l \Delta$ strain expressing an ATP-analog sensitive mekl allele (mekl-as) with an inhibitor specific for the mutated Mek1 kinase, 1-NA-PP1 (Wan et al. 2004). Inhibitor addition at 4 hr caused rapid disappearance of H 3 T 11 ph within the first hour (Figure 3A). This result demonstrates that Mek1 activity is necessary to maintain H3 T11 phosphorylation, and further implies that this modification is dynamic with a half-life much shorter than one hour.

This result agreed with prior findings demonstrating that H3 T11ph is reduced or absent in a mekld mutant (Govin et al. 2010). However, these findings did not establish whether H3 T11 is a direct target of Mek1. To address this question, we carried out two types of in vitro kinase assay using GST-tagged Mek1 purified from meiotic S. cerevisiae cells (Wan et al. 2004; Niu et al. 2007). First, we used $\left[\gamma-{ }^{32} \mathrm{P}\right]$ ATP and full-length H3 or synthetic H3 peptides as substrates (Figure 3B). GST-Mek1 was visible in all lanes by Coomassie staining (Figure 3B, bottom panel) and its activity was confirmed by its ability to autophosphorylate (Figure 3B, top panel) (Niu et al. 2009). GST-Mek1 was able to phosphorylate full-length H3 and a peptide representing H3 amino acids 1-20 (Figure 3B, top panel, lanes 2 and 3). Phospho-transfer was specific for T11, as shown by western blot (Figure 3B, middle panel, lanes 2 and 3) and inability to label an H3 1-20 peptide that was already phosphorylated on T11 (Figure 3B, lane 5). Interestingly, GST-Mek1 was also unable to phosphorylate a peptide carrying a phosphate on

S10 (Figure 3B, top panel, lane 4).
The second assay used a semisynthetic epitope system (Allen et al. 2007) to detect phosphorylation of H3 by Mek1. GST-Mek1 or GST-Mek1-as were incubated with recombinant H3 and the ATP $\gamma$ S analog, 6-Fu-ATP $\gamma$ S. Thiophosphates transferred by Mek1 to substrates were then alkylated to create an epitope that could be detected on western blots with an antithiophosphate ester antibody (Niu et al. 2009; Lo and Hollingsworth 2011). Both GST-Mek1 and GST-Mek1-as exhibited autophosphorylation and phosphorylation of H3 (Figure 3C, lanes 2 and 5). Moreover, 1-NA-PP1 inhibited both autophosphorylation and H3 phosphorylation by GST-Mek1-as (Figure 3C, lane 4), ruling out the possibility of a contaminating kinase phosphorylating H3 T11. We conclude that H3 T11 is a direct substrate of Mek1.

## Limitations of a plasmid shuffle system for examining histone mutants

To determine the function of H3 T11 phosphorylation, we constructed strains carrying targeted mutations of T11 alone and in combination with other histone mutations. We initially tested an existing plasmid shuffle system (Ahn et al. 2005a) by porting it to the SK1 strain background. In this approach, also used independently by others (Govin et al. 2010), the endogenous histone genes were deleted and complemented by wild-type histone genes on a URA3-marked ARS-CEN plasmid. Histone mutants were introduced on a separate LEU2 ARSCEN plasmid and loss of the URA3 plasmid was selected for on medium containing 5-FOA.

However, this approach was sub-optimal because of the poor stability of the ARS-CEN plasmids in SK1. For example, when liquid cultures grown under conditions selective for the plasmid were plated on solid medium, the plating efficiency for the base histone-deletion strain carrying the URA3 covering plasmid was only $67.2 \% \pm 4.9 \%$ (mean $\pm$ SD of 5 replicates). Assuming that most cells that failed to form a colony were those that had lost the plasmid because of missegregation during mitosis, it is likely that plasmid copy number per cell is highly variable in the population. Cells with one vs. two copies of an $\mathrm{H} 3 / \mathrm{H} 4$-encoding plasmid would likely differ in total histone protein levels and/or have different imbalances with endogenous H2A/H2B. Altered histone gene dosage can cause deleterious effects (Meeks-Wagner and Hartwell 1986; Clark-Adams et al. 1988), so it is possible that cell-to-cell heterogeneity in histone gene copy number might mask or exacerbate the effects of histone point mutations. Furthermore, differences in copy number might have a substantial effect on variation in viability of spores (see below). Finally, although cells in the culture that have lost the histone plasmid would be inviable and therefore presumably would not sporulate, they would contribute to population average measurements in physical assays of recombination.

To circumvent these limitations, we turned to mutagenesis methods that use gene replacement or stable chromosomal integration (Materials and Methods). Stable integration is relatively rapid and obviates concerns about plasmid stability and heterogeneous gene dosage, but may not fully recapitulate expression from endogenous histone gene loci. The gene replacement strategy provides an even cleaner manipulation of histone genotype, but is more cumbersome because it requires separately mutating two histone gene loci.

## Absence of H3 T11 phosphorylation causes little or no overt phenotypes by itself.

We replaced both endogenous H3 genes (HHT1 and HHT2) with hht1-S10A, T11V and hht2-S10A, T11V mutant alleles to eliminate phosphorylation of both S10 and T11. This mutant expressed normal H3 protein levels and neither H3 S10ph nor H3 T11ph could be detected, as expected (Figure 4A, lanes 3-4). The mutant displayed normal vegetative growth (Figure 4B), similar to a recent report (Li et al. 2015). Surprisingly, however, the mutant also displayed normal spore viability (Table 1). Meiotic DSBs appeared in normal numbers and locations and disappeared with normal kinetics as assessed by Southern blotting of pulsed-field gels probed for
chromosome III (Figure 4C), and meiotic progression was not delayed (Figure 4D). These results indicate that most if not all meiotic events occur efficiently in the complete absence of both S10ph and T11ph.

To more easily manipulate histone mutants, we used a chromosomal integration strategy to introduce genes for just H 3 and H 4 as a pair (HHT2-HHF2) or all four core histones (HTA1HTB1, HHT2-HHF2) in strains deleted for the endogenous genes for $\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4$ or all four histones. Wild-type or mutant histone genes were integrated on chromosome III at LEU2. Strains expressing H3 S10A, T11V, or T11A single mutant proteins or the H3 S10A T11V double mutant were examined in meiotic timecourses for H3 S10 and T11 phosphorylation (Figure 4A). Importantly, H3 T11 could still be phosphorylated when S10 was mutated to alanine (Figure 4A, lanes 9-12); the lower signal in the anti-H3 T11ph western blot could reflect reduced T11 phosphorylation or decreased antibody affinity due to the changed epitope. Similarly, mutation of H3 T11 to alanine or valine did not prevent phosphorylation of S10, as detected with the polyclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibody, although recognition by the monoclonal anti-H3 S10ph antibody was sensitive to these mutations (Figure 4A, lanes 13-18 and 21-22).

As with gene replacement, all of these mutants yielded timely meiotic divisions (Figure 4D) and spore viabilities indistinguishable from matched wild-type controls (Table 1). H3 T11A also supported wild-type interhomolog recombination between $\arg 4$ heteroalleles $\left[23 \pm 1.5 \mathrm{Arg}^{+}\right.$ recombinants per 1000 viable cells for wild type (SKY3428) vs. $24 \pm 0.8$ for H3 T11A (SKY3431), mean $\pm$ SD for three independent cultures]. Other mutations of H3 T11 yielded similar results: changing T11 to serine or potential phosphomimetic residues (T11D or T11E) again yielded wild-type spore viability (Table 1). Mutating H3 T11 also did not reduce spore viability when combined with mutation of H2A S129 [which is also by itself largely dispensable for proper meiosis (Shroff et al. 2004; Harvey et al. 2005)] or with absence of the H3 K4 methyltransferase Set1 [which governs DSB distributions (Sollier et al. 2004; Borde et al. 2009; Acquaviva et al. 2013; Sommermeyer et al. 2013)] (Figure 4A, lanes 21-22 and Table 2).

Mek1 is required for arrest or delay of meiotic progression when recombination is defective (Xu et al. 1997; Bailis and Roeder 2000). If H3 T11ph contributes substantially to this Mek1 function, then T11 mutations should alleviate some or all of the meiotic block in rad51వ or $\mathrm{dmc} 1 \Delta$ mutants. However, in cells lacking Rad51, the H3 S10A T11V mutation had negligible effect on either the timing or efficiency of meiotic divisions (Figure 4E) and failed to rescue the spore inviability (Table 2). This H3 mutation also failed to alleviate the more stringent arrest in a $d m c 1 \Delta$ mutant (Figure 4E). Thus, H3 T11ph is dispensable for this checkpoint arrest function of Mek1.

Our findings differ from a prior report of an approximately $35 \%$ decrease in spore viability with plasmid-borne H3 T11A single or S10A T11A double mutants (Govin et al. 2010). We obtained the published T11A plasmid and histone-deleted SK1 host strain (generously provided by J. Govin and S. Berger), verified the T11A mutation by sequencing, and carried out the plasmid shuffle. Three independent 5-FOA-resistant clones for each genotype were sporulated and tetrads dissected for wild type and H3 T11A side-by-side. The experiment was repeated three times by two investigators. In our hands this H3 T11A mutant again yielded spore viability indistinguishable from the control with a wild-type H3 plasmid (Figure 4F and Table 1, p>0.9 by linear regression). However, unlike the normal spore viability observed in the stable integrant and gene replacement strains (Table 1), viability was consistently lower with plasmidborne histone genes regardless of H3 genotype (Figure 4F and Table 1). A similar defect was reported previously (Govin et al. 2010). Furthermore, there was substantial heterogeneity in viability from experiment to experiment and between clones within each experiment (Figure 4F and Table 1). Within-experiment heterogeneity likely reflects stochastic culture-to-culture variability caused by plasmid instability. Between-experiment variability may reflect differences
in sporulation conditions that in turn affect plasmid stability or the sensitivity of these strains to alterations in histone gene expression.

As a counter-example, we also examined a more extreme H 3 mutant in which the entire amino-terminal tail was deleted ( $H 3 \Delta N$ ). The truncated histone was expressed at levels similar to full-length H3 in vegetative cells (Figure 4A, lanes 23-24). This mutant displayed vegetative growth defects (Figure 4B), delayed and less efficient meiotic divisions (Figure 4D), and reduced spore viability (Table 1; $p=0.45$, Fisher's exact test).

## H3 T11ph contributes weakly to Mek1 function in the absence of Rad54 T132 phosphorylation.

Because H3 T11 mutations caused no overt defects on their own, we asked whether H3 T11ph might be redundant with Mek1 phosphorylation of Rad54 on T132 (Niu et al. 2009). A rad54-T132A mutation has little effect by itself, but in a $d m c 1 \Delta$ background it allows enough Rad51 activity to partially bypass arrest and produce some viable spores (Niu et al. 2009).

In a rad54-T132A dmclD background, H3 T11V mutation significantly reduced spore viability (Table 2; $p=0.021$, Fisher's exact test), with a decrease in four-spore-viable tetrads and an increase in two- and zero-viable-spore tetrads (Figure 4G; $p=8.1 \times 10^{-5}$, Fisher's exact test). This segregation pattern is diagnostic of increased MI nondisjunction. In this context, H3 T11V gave at best only a small increase in overall meiotic division efficiency (Figure 4E).

These results suggest that H3 T11 phosphorylation provides a modest contribution to Mek1 function when meiotic recombination defects are encountered. Possible roles of H3 T11ph in these contexts are addressed in the Discussion. However, since the H3 T11 mutation by itself does not detectably phenocopy a mekld mutant, we conclude that H3 T11ph is normally dispensable for Mek1 function.

## H3 T11ph is highly enriched at axis sites and more weakly at DSB hotspots.

Immunolocalization describes where Mek1 protein can be found (Bailis and Roeder 1998), but cannot reveal where Mek1 exerts its activity. We reasoned that H3 T11ph might provide a sensitive and specific molecular marker to reveal the locations of active Mek1 kinase. To test this possibility, we assessed H3 T11ph genome-wide by ChIP-seq. Mononucleosomes were liberated from formaldehyde-fixed meiotic chromatin by digestion with micrococcal nuclease (MNase) and immunoprecipitated with the anti-H3 polyclonal or anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal antibodies, then the DNA was purified and deep sequenced and reads were mapped to the yeast genome. Coverage maps were normalized to genome average (Figure 5A, B). For this proof-of-principle experiment, we chose a 5 hr time point when Mek1-dependent H3 T11ph was still abundant (Figure 1B).

H3 ChIP-seq coverage was low in promoters and showed prominent nucleosome-width peaks in coding sequences (Figure 5B), as expected for promoter-associated nucleosomedepleted regions (NDRs) and positioned nucleosomes in gene bodies (Jiang and Pugh 2009). At this scale, H3 T11ph ChIP coverage also showed depletion in NDRs and nucleosomal peaks at similar positions as in the H3 map. However, there was a tendency for H3 T11ph to be less depleted relative to genome average than H3 in NDRs and, conversely, for H3 T11ph signal to be lower for nucleosomes within transcription units (Figure 5B). When maps were zoomed out to examine larger size scales, H3 T11ph showed broadly undulating hills and valleys that were not matched in the H3 ChIP-seq (Figure 5A), revealing that H3 T11ph tends to be relatively enriched or depleted in domains several kb in width (Figure 5A, green line).

A priori, we envisioned two non-exclusive scenarios that might describe H3 T11ph localization: Enrichment at chromosome axes because that is where Mek1 protein is enriched cytologically and Mek1 interacts with axis proteins (Bailis and Roeder 1998; Wan et al. 2004;

Carballo et al. 2008); or centered on DSB hotspots because Mek1 activation is a response to DSBs and Mek1 regulates DSB repair. We found signatures of both localization patterns, albeit to substantially different quantitative levels.

To test if H3 T11ph is enriched near axes, we compared its ChIP-seq signal with the genome-wide distribution of an axis component, Red1 (Panizza et al. 2011). The sites where ChIP signals for Red1 and other axis proteins are enriched are generally assumed to be the chromatin loop bases that are embedded in the chromosome axis (Blat et al. 2002; Panizza et al. 2011; Sun et al. 2015). These sites are often but not always in intergenic regions between convergent transcription units, presumably because transcription can push cohesin along chromosomes (Lengronne et al. 2004; Bausch et al. 2007; Sun et al. 2015).

When centered on Red1 ChIP-chip peaks, average H3 T11ph signal formed a broad peak $\sim 4 \mathrm{~kb}$ wide, strikingly similar in dimensions to the average of Red1 itself and of another axis component, Hop1 (Figure 5C). Furthermore, H3 T11ph ChIP-seq correlated quantitatively genome-wide with Red1 and Hop1 ChIP (Figure 5D). In contrast, total histone H3 ChIP-seq was not enriched in spatial register with Red1 peaks (Figure 5C) and correlated only weakly with Red1 or Hop1 genome wide (Figure 5D). We conclude that Mek1 is highly active at axisassociated sites. The spatial coincidence between H3 T11ph and Hop1/Red1 also suggests that Mek1 activity may be locally constrained, i.e., that it does not spread far beyond the axis sites where the kinase itself is bound.

To test if H3 T11ph is enriched near DSB sites, we compared its ChIP-seq signal with DSB maps generated by sequencing of Spo11-oligos (Pan et al. 2011; Mohibullah and Keeney 2016). When centered on Spo11-oligo hotspots, histone ChIP-seq coverage showed a complex pattern of highly localized enrichment and depletion (Figure 5E). The average for total histone H3 was depleted in hotspot centers and enriched across flanking regions in shallow alternating peaks and valleys (gray line in Figure 5E). This is the expected pattern from prior studies, reflecting the strong preference for DSBs in S. cerevisiae to form in promoter NDRs flanked by positioned nucleosomes (Ohta et al. 1994; Wu and Lichten 1994; Pan et al. 2011) (e.g., Figure 5B).

The average H3 T11ph ChIP-seq signal differed from this pattern in informative ways (black line in Figure 5E). H3 T11ph was depleted across hotspot centers, but to a lesser degree than for total H3. Moreover, the average H3 T11ph signal was elevated relative to total H3 across the nucleosomes immediately flanking the hotspots (Figure 5E inset), but was depleted relative to total H 3 for regions further away (Figure 5E). The net result was that the difference map (H3 T11ph - H3) showed prominent enrichment across hotspot centers and into the neighboring one or two nucleosomes on either side, but was depleted in $\sim 1-2 \mathrm{~kb}$ zones in the surrounding chromatin (green line in Figure 5E).

It should be emphasized that these histone ChIP-seq maps are normalized to genome average, so they report relative rather than absolute nucleosome coverage values. Furthermore, compared with the rest of the genome, gene promoters have lower nucleosome occupancy but are not devoid of nucleosomes. For example, some promoters contain positioned, highoccupancy nucleosomes; some contain nucleosomes but only in a fraction of the population; and some contain sub-nucleosomal histone particles (Jiang and Pugh 2009; Floer et al. 2010; Weiner et al. 2010). It follows then that the observed enrichment for H3 T11ph does not mean that there is a higher density of nucleosomes within hotspots that are being acted on by Mek1. Rather, whatever nucleosomes happen to be present within and immediately adjacent to DSB hotspots tend to be preferred targets for Mek1.

In summary, H3 T11ph is highly enriched at preferred binding sites of axis proteins, but is also more focally enriched (and to a quantitatively lesser extent) at DSB hotspots. These results indicate that Mek1 activity is greatest at chromosome axes, but can also be detected at
sites where recombination is most likely to occur. The detailed patterns and possible implications are addressed further in the Discussion.

H3 T11ph correlates with DSB frequency across large sub-chromosomal domains.
We next examined larger scale variation in H3 T11ph ChIP signal across chromosomes.
H3 T11ph ChIP signals were binned in non-overlapping windows of varying sizes from 0.5 to 40 kb , then compared (Pearson's $r$ ) to Spo11-oligo densities or ChIP signals for Red1, Hop1, or Rec8 in the same bins (Figure 5F-I). Comparison of the [H3 T11ph - H3] difference with Spo11-oligos and the other ChIP data shows which correlations are specific for the histone modification per se (green points in Figure 5F-I) as opposed to underlying (background) enrichment or depletion in the bulk chromatin map (total H3; gray points in Figure 5F-I).

For small windows ( $<2 \mathrm{~kb}$ ), both H3 and H3 T11ph were anticorrelated with Spo11oligo density (Figure 5F). This pattern is driven by strong preference for DSBs to form in NDRs. However, the [H3 T11ph - H3] difference map deviated from this anticorrelation because of the tendency for H3 T11ph to occur focally within hotspots, noted above (Figure 5E). With large windows in contrast, the H3 T11ph signal instead had a significant positive correlation with Spo11-oligo density, with Pearson's $r$ values high over a range of $\sim 25-40 \mathrm{~kb}$ (Figure 5F). (Total histone H3 also correlated positively with Spo11 oligos for unknown reasons, but this correlation was weaker, leaving a significant positive correlation with the phosphorylation-specific ChIP signal.) We interpret this pattern to indicate that subchromosomal domains tens of kb wide that experience more DSBs also incur more Mek1 activity. This finding fits with expectation if H3 T11ph is a faithful molecular reporter of DSB-provoked Mek1 kinase activity.

In contrast to the wide variation in correlation behavior depending on window size when H3 T11ph was compared Spo11-oligo density, comparisons with either Red1 or Hop1 ChIP showed strong positive correlations over all scales tested (Figure 5G, H). For Rec8, H3 T11ph showed a modest positive correlation for short windows and a modest negative correlation with larger windows (Figure 5I). These patterns can be understood as the combination of two spatial correlations with different length dependencies. At short distances ( $<10 \mathrm{~kb}$ ), Mek1 activity coincides with preferred binding sites for Red1, Hop1, and Rec8 (i.e., axis sites; Figure 5C). At longer distances (tens of kb ), the domains that are relatively DSB-rich (and thus have more Mek1 activity) are also enriched for Red1 and Hop1 but depleted for Rec8 (Blat et al. 2002; Pan et al. 2011; Panizza et al. 2011).

## DISCUSSION

This study and others (Govin et al. 2010; Suhandynata et al. 2016) establish that H3 T11 phosphorylation is highly induced during meiosis in S. cerevisiae. Our findings additionally demonstrate that H3 T11ph is a direct product of DSB-induced activation of Mek1. Mek1 is conserved in S. pombe (Perez-Hidalgo et al. 2003), so it seems likely that this kinase is also responsible for H 3 T 11 ph in fission yeast.

Mek1 appears specifically in fungal taxa, but the larger Rad53 kinase family is ubiquitous in eukaryotes (Subramanian and Hochwagen 2014). Another member of this family, CHK1, was reported to be required for H 3 T 11 ph in mouse fibroblasts (Shimada et al. 2008). In this case, however, DNA damage caused a decrease in H3 T11ph levels. It remains unknown if CHK1 directly phosphorylates H3 T11 or if H3 T11ph occurs in response to DSBs in mammalian meiosis. H3 T11ph has been reported during meiosis in sciarid flies (Escriba et al. 2011), indicating evolutionary conservation beyond yeasts.

H3 T11 can also be directly phosphorylated by pyruvate kinase M2 in S. cerevisiae and mammalian cells, possibly to coordinate chromatin structure and gene expression with the cell's nutritional status (Yang et al. 2012; Li et al. 2015). In cultured human cells, H3 T11ph is also formed by protein-kinase-C-related kinase 1 near promoters of androgen receptor-modulated genes (Metzger et al. 2008), and by death-associated protein (DAP)-like kinase during mitosis, particularly near centromeres (Preuss et al. 2003). Our results establish that meiotic induction of H3 T11ph in yeasts is fundamentally distinct from these other modes of H3 T11 phosphorylation in terms of provenance and genomic distribution.

## Possible functions of H3 T11ph in meiosis

Under the conditions in this study, histone mutations that eliminated H3 T11 phosphorylation caused no discernible meiotic defects by themselves. This was true with multiple independent mutagenesis strategies and numerous mutant constructs encoding different amino acid substitutions. We conclude that H3 T11ph is dispensable for meiosis under standard conditions.

Why our results differed from a previous report (Govin et al. 2010) remains unknown. One possibility is that the highly variable spore viability in the plasmid shuffle system fortuitously gave the incorrect appearance of a meiotic defect in the earlier study. The reported decrease in spore viability [from $\sim 80 \%$ in the control to $\sim 50 \%$ with H3 T11V (Govin et al. 2010)] was of comparable magnitude to experimental variability we observed with plasmidborne histone cassettes. Alternatively, studies in the two laboratories may have had undocumented differences in sporulation conditions to which H3 T11 mutants are specifically sensitive.

Despite H3 T11ph being dispensable in unperturbed meiosis, we did observe that blocking phosphorylation of H3 T11 modestly exacerbated the phenotype of a dmcla rad54T132A mutant. One interpretation is that H3 T11ph helps Mek1 maintain residual interhomolog bias when Rad51 is the sole source of strand exchange activity. In this model, increased MI nondisjunction is caused by more of the residual DSB repair being between sister chromatids, and less between homologs. This interpretation is motivated by the increased intersister recombination observed in a rad54-T132A mutant when Mek1 activity was inhibited, and by ability of the rad54-T132A mutation to rescue some spore viability in a dmc $1 \Delta$ background but not in dmcl $\Delta$ mekld (Niu et al. 2009). These findings indicated that other Mek1 targets contribute to interhomolog recombination by Rad51 when Dmc1 is missing and Rad54 cannot be phosphorylated. The recent discovery that Mek1 phosphorylates Hed1 and histone H2B make these strong candidates for additional redundancy (Callender et al. 2016; Suhandynata et al. 2016) (N.M.H., unpublished data).

If H3 T11ph does promote Mek1 function, albeit in a minor way, what might its role be? One possibility is that it is an effector of Mek1 signaling. This could be via recruitment to chromatin of proteins with phosphothreonine binding motifs such as the FHA domain, which is present in numerous proteins in S. cerevisiae including the recombination protein Xrs2 (Mahajan et al. 2008; Matsuzaki et al. 2008). Or, H3 T11ph might impinge on nucleosome stability, higher-order chromatin organization, or ability to install, remove, or read other histone modifications. We observed potential crosstalk between histone modifications in that H3 S10ph blocked ability of Mek1 to phosphorylate T11 on the same peptide. Crosstalk of H3 T11ph with other H3 modifications has been documented in vegetatively growing yeast [H3 K4 methylation(Li et al. 2015)] and in human cells [H3 K9 acetylation (Yang et al. 2012) and demethylation (Metzger et al. 2008)].

A second, non-exclusive possibility is that H3 T11ph might maintain or amplify Mek1 activity via positive feedback. For example, the FHA domain of Mek1 might bind directly to H3 T11ph in a manner that stabilizes or increases the amount of active Mek1. Both general types of role - downstream effector or feedback amplifier - are compatible with observed genetic interaction of H3 T11 mutation with dmc14 rad54-T132A.

## Spatial organization of Mek1 activity and evidence for functional communication between axes and recombination sites

Although H3 T11 can be phosphorylated by other kinases, the magnitude of the DSBand Mek1-dependent signal combined with its rapid disappearance when Mek1 is shut off made H3 T11ph an excellent candidate for a molecular marker of ongoing Mek1 activity. Our experiments establish proof of principle for this use.

The most prominent sites of H3 T11ph, and thus of Mek1 activity, were coincident with peaks of Red1 and Hop1, i.e., presumed axis attachment sites. This pattern is not surprising given that Mek1 protein is mostly axis-associated as assessed by immunocytology (Bailis and Roeder 1998). However, immunolocalization does not reveal kinase activity per se, and could not evaluate the degree to which activity might spread in cis. Interestingly, the H3 T11ph distribution was essentially identical to that of Red1 and Hop1 around axis sites. This highly localized pattern contrasts with the spread of $\gamma$-H2A over tens of kb around DSBs in yeast (Shroff et al. 2004). The apparent local constraint on Mek1 kinase activity could be because Mek1 protein is constrained, i.e., it rarely diffuses away from axis sites once activated. More likely, however, Mek1 may be rapidly inactivated if it diffuses away and/or the phosphates that Mek1 places outside the immediate vicinity of axes might be more rapidly reversed by phosphatases.

Coincidence of Mek1 activity with axis sites raises a conundrum: DSBs do not appear to form within axis-bound DNA, yet highly localized Mek1 activity at axis sites is completely DSB-dependent and the biological function of Mek1 - Hop1/Red1-dependent control of recombination outcome - is exerted at DSB sites. This action at a distance implies some form of communication in both directions between DSB sites and axis sites. The highly localized H3 T11ph implies that this communication is unlikely to occur via continuous spreading of activated Mek1 in cis along chromatin.

We also observed a clear H3 T11ph signal at DSB hotspots, albeit weaker quantitatively than at axis sites. Here, H3 T11ph was even more highly localized immediately at hotspots where DSBs preferentially form on average in the population. A puzzle about this signal is that DSBs are exonucleolytically resected for $\sim 800$ nucleotides on average on both sides of the break (Zakharyevich et al. 2010; Mimitou et al. 2017); ssDNA should not be reavealed in our ChIP-seq data even if it were still bound by histones. What then is the source of H3 T11-phosphorylated nucleosomes at hotspots? Likely candidates are the sister of the broken chromatid, one or both intact chromatids of the homologous chromosome with which recombination is occurring, and/or
recombination intermediates (D-loops and double Holliday junctions) if these are chromatinized. It is formally possible that some of this signal is from pyruvate kinase targeting of promoters $(\mathrm{Li}$ et al. 2015), but we consider this less likely because RNA-seq data (Brar et al. 2012) show that expression of the pyruvate kinase genes PYK1 and PYK2 is strongly down-regulated during meiosis. Furthermore, our western blotting showed that Mek1-independent H3 T11ph, if present under our culture conditions, was extremely low abundance compared to Mek1-dependent signal. Because Mek1 controls homolog bias, we speculate that some or all of the H3 T11ph signal at hotspots is from Mek1 action on the sisters of broken chromatids. If so, the highly localized H3 T11ph distribution fits with models in which one end of each DSB associates with the unbroken sister chromatid via strand invasion or some other stable interaction (Oh et al. 2007; Kim et al. 2010; Brown and Bishop 2014).

One possible interpretation of the H3 T11ph patterns is that active Mek1 localizes independently both to axis sites and to hotspots. However, this model seems unlikely because Hop1 and Red1 are essential for Mek1 activity (e.g., Niu et al. 2007) but DSB hotspots are not sites where Hop1 and Red1 are enriched (in fact, just the opposite) (Panizza et al. 2011). Furthermore, independent localization would provide no clear explanation for how DSBs can activate Mek1 at axis sites.

An alternative interpretation is provided by the TLAC model (see Introduction). The direct interactions between axes and sites of recombination proposed by this model provide a straightforward explanation for the apparent communication at a distance we observed between Hop1/Red1 peaks and DSB hotspots. Furthermore, current versions of the TLAC model favor the idea that tethering occurs before DSB formation because some partners of Spo11 are enriched at axis sites rather than at hotspots but can be connected to hotspots physically via interactions with a reader (Spp1) of the H3 K4 methylation that is prominent around promoters (Panizza et al. 2011; Acquaviva et al. 2013; Sommermeyer et al. 2013). Such loop-axis interactions prior to DSB formation could provide a means to rapidly and specifically activate Mek1 at a nearby axis site in response to a DSB at a hotspot within a tethered loop.

In summary, the detection of H3 T11ph is useful as an indicator of meiotic DSB formation, an indicator of Mek1 activation level, and a marker of the spatial organization of chromatin that Mek1 acts upon. H3 T11ph ChIP will be a powerful tool for dissecting not only the function of Mek1 but also the higher order structural organization of recombining chromosomes.

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## FIGURE LEGENDS

## Figure 1. H3 T11 phosphorylation in S. cerevisiae meiosis.

(A) Western blots of whole-cell extracts from asynchronous cycling vegetative (Cyc) and synchronized meiotic culture time points in wild-type and mutant strains. In panels $i-i v$, the antibodies used were anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151), anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817), anti-H2A S129ph/ $\gamma$-H2A (Abcam 15083), and anti-H3 (Abcam 1791). For panels v and vi, anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789) and anti-H3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560) were used; other antibodies were the same. Interstitial lanes were removed from the blot images in panel vi to match time points in other panels. Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. (B) Western blot comparison of anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (mAb; EMD Millipore 05-789) and polyclonal (pAb; Active Motif 39151) antibodies. (C) Meiotic progression assessed by DAPI staining. Cells with $\geq 2$ DAPI-staining bodies were scored as having progressed past the first meiotic division; $\mathrm{n} \geq 100$ cells per time point. The rad50S culture was not quantified past 6 hr because of nuclear fragmentation. (D) The first twenty amino acids in histone H3 and modifications known to occur in S. cerevisiae or S. pombe: ac, acetylation; me, methylation; ph, phosphorylation. (E) Meiosis-specificity of DNA damage-induced H3 T11ph. Asynchronous vegetative cultures of wild type were treated with genotoxins that induce DSBs, then whole-cell extracts were prepared and analyzed by western blotting for H3 T11ph. Cultures in the left panel were untreated (Mock) or treated with X-rays ( 400 Gy ) or camptothecin $(20 \mu \mathrm{M})$ at room temperature. An interstitial lane was deleted from the blot image for this panel. Cultures in the right panel were untreated or treated with X-rays ( 400 Gy ) on ice. Premeiotic ( 0 hr ) and meiotic ( $4 \mathrm{hr)}$ cultures were included as controls. The anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05789) was used. Arrowheads are as defined in panel A.

## Figure 2. H3 T11 phosphorylation in S. pombe meiosis.

Western blots of whole-cell extracts from haploid pat1-114 strains undergoing synchronized meiosis. Antibodies used were the same as in Figure 1Av. Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. The altered electrophoretic mobility of histones at later time points in some cultures was probably caused by varying levels of contaminating DNA in the extracts rather than differential post-translational modifications.

Figure 3. H3 T11 is a direct target of Mek1 kinase.
(A) Persistence of H3 T11ph requires maintenance of Mek1 kinase activity. A meiotic culture of a mekl-as, dmcl4 (strain SKY3095) was split 4 hr after transfer to sporulation medium. One part was left to continue in meiosis untreated, the other part was treated with $1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ 1-NA-PP1. Whole-cell extracts were prepared at the indicated times and assayed for H3 T11ph by western blotting (mAb; EMD Millipore 05-789). Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. Numbers indicate hours after transfer to sporulation medium. (B) Mek1 kinase assay using radioactive ATP. Affinity-purified GST-Mek1 (250 ng) was incubated in the presence of $\left[\gamma-{ }^{32} \mathrm{P}\right]$ ATP either alone or with $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ recombinant H 3 or $5 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of unphosphorylated or phosphorylated synthetic H3 1-20 peptides as substrates. Reactions were separated by SDS-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography (top), anti-H3 T11ph western blot (middle; polyclonal Active Motif 39151), and Coomassie staining. (C) Mek1 kinase assay by semisynthetic epitope labeling. Kinase reactions were carried out with affinity-purified GSTMek1 $(2 \mu \mathrm{~g})$ or GST-Mek1-as $(0.76 \mu \mathrm{~g})$ in the presence of ATP $\gamma$ S or 6-Fu-ATP $\gamma \mathrm{S}$ with $2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ recombinant H3. After incubation 30 min at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{PNBM}$ ( $p$-nitrobenzyl mesylate) was added to alkylate the thiophosphorylated target sites. Reactions were then separated by SDS-PAGE and analyzed by western blotting with anti-thiophosphate ester monoclonal antibody (top panel;

Epitomics 2686-1) or anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal antibody (EMD Millipore 05-789). Interstitial lanes were removed from images in panels B and C as indicated by the white lines.

## Figure 4. Characterization of histone mutant strains.

(A) Composite of western blots of whole-cell extracts from synchronous meiotic cultures or asynchronous cycling vegetative cultures ("C") carrying the indicated histone mutations. Antibodies used were: anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151) or anti-H3 T11ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-789); anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817); antiH3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560); anti- $\gamma-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ (Abcam 15083); and anti-H3 (Abcam 1791). Filled and open arrowheads indicate 20 and 15 kDa molecular weight markers, respectively. "n.d." indicates not determined; "hht2- $\Delta N$ " encodes H3 lacking its N-terminal 30 amino acids. (B) Vegetative growth of H3 mutant strains. Cells from overnight cultures were spotted onto YPD plates using a manifold pin replicator and represent $1: 5$ serial dilutions starting with $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{6}$ cells $/ \mathrm{ml}$. (C) Analysis of meiotic DSB formation. High-molecular-weight DNA isolated in agarose plugs was separated by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis followed by Southern blotting and indirect end-labeling with a probe directed against CHAl on the left arm of chromosome III. The lower panel shows quantification of the DSB signal as percent of lane total after background subtraction. (D,E) Meiotic progression of representative histone mutant strains. Cells were fixed and stained with DAPI and the fraction of cells with $\geq 2$ nuclei was counted (n $\geq 100$ cells per time point). For panel E, strains used were $\operatorname{rad51\Delta }$ (SKY3183); rad51D, H3 S10A, T11V (SKY3186); dmc14, rad54 T132A (SKY3802); dmc1ム, rad54 T132A, H3 T11V (SKY3659); dmclD (SKY3078) and; dmclD H3 S10A, T11V (SKY3091). (F) Spore viabilities in plasmid shuffle strains expressing wild-type H3 or H3 T11A. Three independent clones isolated for each genotype were sporulated and tetrads were dissected in three separate experiments. Each point represents the value from a single isolate ( $\mathrm{n}=30-32$ tetrads per data point). See Table 1 for summary and text for statistical test. Strains used were: H3 wild type (SKY3438-3440) and H3 T11A (SKY3441-3443). (G) Evidence that the H3 T11V mutation increases MI nondisjunction in a rad54-T132A dmcld background. The distribution of viable spores in tetrads is shown for the indicated strains. An increase in 2- and 0 -spore-viable tetrads (rather than 3- or 1-spore-viable) is diagnostic of an increased frequency of MI nondisjunction. Strains were dmc14, rad54 T132A (SKY3802) and dmcl4, rad54 T132A, H3 T11V (SKY3659).

## Figure 5. Spatial disposition of H3 T11ph along meiotic chromosomes.

(A,B) Anti-H3 and anti-H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage across representative genomic regions. Coverage data for each chromosome were normalized to chromosome mean and $\log _{2}-$ transformed. Green trace shows the difference between the H3 and H3 T11ph traces, i.e., the phosphorylation-specific signal. The Spo11-oligo map (RPM, reads per million) (Mohibullah and Keeney 2016) and decile-normalized anti-Red1 ChIP-chip data (Panizza et al. 2011) are shown for comparison. All ChIP data were smoothed with a 500-bp Parzen (triangular) moving average. Color coding is retained in the other panels in this figure. (C) H3 T11ph enrichment around presumed axis-attachment sites. H3 and H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage (upper graph) and smoothed (500-bp Parzen window) Red1 and Hop1 ChIP-chip data (lower graph, Panizza et al. 2011) were averaged around 849 Red1 ChIP peaks. (D) H3 T11ph correlates well with Red1 and Hop1 ChIP signal genome wide. Each point compares the H3 or H3 T11ph ChIP-seq coverage with Red1 or Hop1 ChIP-chip signal averaged across non-overlapping 5-kb bins. Correlation coefficients (Pearson's $r$ ) are indicated in each plot. (E) H3 T11ph around DSB hotspots. ChIPseq and Spo11-oligo data were averaged around 3908 Spo11-oligo hotspots (Mohibullah and Keeney 2016). Note that vertical and horizontal scales for ChIP-seq data are the same in panels C and E to facilitate direct comparison. Inset shows higher magnification view of patterns in the
immediate vicinity of hotspots. ( $\mathbf{F}-\mathbf{I}$ ) Correlation between anti-H3, anti-H3 T11ph, and difference ( $\Delta$ ) maps to binding of the indicated proteins, binned in non-overlapping windows of varying size.

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

Supplemental Figure S1. Specificity of anti-H3 T11ph and anti-H3 S10ph antibodies. (A) Histone peptide array western blots showing the specificity of (i) anti-H3 T11ph mAb or (ii) anti-H3 S10ph pAb and their tolerance of neighboring modifications. Blots are of duplicate 384peptide arrays (MODified Histone Peptide Array, Active Motif 13001) of immobilized synthetic histone H2A, H2B, H3 and H4 unmodified peptides or peptides containing from one to four modified residues including many possible combinations of histone modifications that are found in higher eukaryotes, of which only a small number are known to be present in yeast. Positions A1-L11 contain H3 peptides, L12-O11 contain H4 peptides, O12-P3 contain H2A peptides and P4-P19 contain H2B peptides. Peptides that were highly reactive with either antibody are listed below the blot image; the entire table of peptides is listed in Supplemental Table S2. (B) Immunodetection of histone H 3 amino-terminal peptides (residues 1-20) or recombinant histone proteins spotted onto PVDF membranes demonstrating the specificity of antibodies to phosphoH3 T11 and phospho-H3 S10. Spots were 10-fold serial dilutions of peptides or recombinant histones starting with 167 ng in the left-most column. Recombinant histone proteins produced in E. coli were from the following species: H2A, H2B, H3 from S. cerevisiae; H3.3 from H. sapiens; and H4 from X. laevis. Antibodies were: anti-H3 pAb (Abcam 1791), which is specific to the carboxy-terminal 35 amino acids of histone H3; anti-H3 T11ph polyclonal (Active Motif 39151); anti-H3 S10ph monoclonal (EMD Millipore 05-817); and anti-H3 S10ph polyclonal (EMD Millipore 06-560).

## Notes:

(Panel Ai) The diphosphorylated H3 1-19 S10ph T11ph peptide at position D5 was not detected by the anti-H3 T11ph mAb, whereas all phospho-T11 containing peptides (except those that also contained phospho-S10) were detected (peptides containing phospho-T11 along with methyl-K4 were not included in the array). We conclude that this mAb detects only the monophosphorylated peptide, but that it is tolerant of other modifications of the H 3 N -terminal tail.
(Panel Aii) The diphosphorylated (S10ph T11ph) peptide at position D5 was not detected by the anti-H3 S10ph pAb, whereas all phospho-S10 containing peptides (except those that also contained phospho-T11) were detected (peptides containing phospho-S10 along with methyl-K4 were not included in the array). We conclude that this pAb detects only the monophosphorylated peptide, but that it is relatively tolerant of other modifications of the H 3 N -terminal tail. This pAb showed detectable cross-reaction to other modifications as well. Peptides that scored as weakly reactive with anti-H3 S10ph pAb were: J6, H3 1-19 S10ph K14ac; J11, H3 7-26 K18ac; J13, H3 7-26 K14ac R17me2s; J15, H3 7-26 R17me2s K18ac; J19, H3 7-26 K14ac R17me2a K18ac; K4, H3 16-35 S28ph; L7, H3 26-45 unmodified; L8, H3 26-45 K36me1; L9, H3 26-45 K36me2; L11, H3 26-45 K36ac; M18, H4 11-30 unmodified; M19, H4 11-30 K12ac; M20, H4 11-30 K16ac; M21, H4 11-30 R17me2s; M22, H4 11-30 R17me2a; N5, H4 11-30 R24me2a; N6, H4 11-30 R24me2s; N7, H4 11-30 K12ac K16ac; N8, H4 11-30 K16ac R17me2s; N9, H4 11-30 K16ac R17me2a.
(Panel B) Anti-H3 T11ph pAb was capable of detecting phospho-T11 even with nearby methylation at lysine 9, a modification that occurs in S. pombe and metazoans, but not in $S$. cerevisiae. Both anti-H3 S10ph antibodies also reacted slightly with full-length recombinant H3 and H3.3.

Table 1. Absence of H3 T11ph does not compromise spore viability.

| Mutation method ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | H3 genotype ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Strain | Spore viability (no. of tetrads) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Replacement | Wild type | 2701 | 97\% (44) |
|  | Sl0A T11V | 2705 | 97\% (44) |
| H3-H4 integration | Wild type | 3311 | 96\% (22) |
|  | S10A | 3333 | 97\% (64) |
|  | T11V | 3342 | 95\% (64) |
|  | Sl0A T11V | 3334 | 93\% (64) |
|  | T11A | 3312 | 95\% (86) |
|  | T11S | 3313 | 99\% (22) |
|  | T11D | 3332 | 97\% (64) |
|  | T11E | 3303 | 97\% (64) |
| Four-core integration | Wild type | 3330 | 94\% (22) |
|  | T11V | 3264 | 97\% (64) |
|  | $\Delta N$ | 2388 | 81\% (44) |
| Plasmid shuffle, Expt. $1^{\text {c }}$ | Wild type | 3438-3440 | 90\% (90) |
|  | T11A | 3441-3443 | 86\% (90) |
| Plasmid shuffle, Expt. $2^{\text {c }}$ | Wild type | 3438-3440 | 75\% (92) |
|  | T11A | 3441-3443 | 77\% (94) |
| Plasmid shuffle, Expt. $3^{\text {c }}$ | Wild type | 3438-3440 | 74\% (96) |
|  | T11A | 3441-3443 | 76\% (96) |

[^1]Table 2. Combining H3 T11 mutations with other mutations.
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\begin{array}{llll}\hline \text { Additional mutation(s) } & \text { a } & \text { H3 genotype }{ }^{\text {a }} & \text { Strain }\end{array}
$$ \begin{array}{l}Spore viability <br>

(no. of tetrads)\end{array}\right]\)|  | wild type | 3265 | $97 \%(64)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | T11V | 3331 | $95 \%(64)$ |
| H2A S129A |  |  |  |
|  | wild type | 4415 | $97 \%(42)$ |
| set1D | Sl0A T11V | 3329 | $97 \%(64)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| rad51D | wild type | 3183 | $0 \%(44)$ |
|  | S10A T11V | 3186 | $0 \%(44)$ |
| rad54-T132A dmc1S | wild type | 3802 | $67 \%(65)$ |
|  | T11V | 3659 | $49 \%(86)$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Genotypes are homozygous. See Supplemental Table S1 for complete genotypes.

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H3 T11ph
H2A S129ph

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B

E





## A <br> (i) H 3 T 11 ph mAb

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Highly Positive Peptides:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\hline \text { A18 H3 1-19 T11ph } & \text { D12 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me1 T11ph } \\
\text { C4 H3 1-19 R8me2s T11ph } & \text { D13 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 T11ph } \\
\text { C10 H3 1-19 R8me2a T11ph } & \text { D14 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 T11ph } \\
\text { C16 H3 1-19 R8cit T11ph } & \text { D15 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac T11ph } \\
\text { C18 H3 1-19 K9me1 T11ph } & \text { D20 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me1 T11ph } \\
\text { C21 H3 1-19 K9me2 T11ph } & \text { D21 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me2 T11ph } \\
\text { C24 H3 1-19 K9me3 T11ph } & \text { D22 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me3 T11ph } \\
\text { D3 H3 1-19 Kaca T11ph } & \text { D23 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac T11ph } \\
\text { D7 H3 1-19 T11ph K14ac } & \text { J7 H3 7-26 T11ph K14ac }
\end{array}
$$

## (ii) H3 S10ph pAb

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Highly Positive Peptides:

| A17 H3 1-19 S10ph |  | D8 | H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me1 S10ph |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C3 | H3 1-19 R8me2s S10ph | D9 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 S10ph |  |
| C9 | H3 1-19 R8me2a S10ph | D10 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9me2 S10ph |  |
| C15 H3 1-19 R8cit S10ph | D11 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac S10ph |  |  |
| C17 H3 1-19 K9me1 S10ph | D16 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me1 S10ph |  |  |
| C20 H3 1-19 K9me2 S10ph | D17 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me2 S10ph |  |  |
| C23 H3 1-19 K9me3 S10ph | D18 H3 1-19 R8me2a K9me3 S10ph |  |  |
| D2 H3 1-19 K9ac S10ph | D19 H3 1-19 R8me2s K9ac S10ph |  |  |
| D6 H3 1-19 S10ph K14ac |  |  |  |

## A17 H3 1-19 S10ph

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D6 H3 1-19 S10ph K14ac
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Supplemental Table S1. List of S. cerevisiae and S. pombe strains used in this study.

| S. cerevisiae, SK1 background ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strain SKY\# | Genotype | Reference or source |
| Strains for Figure 1: Genetic requirements of H3 T11ph |  |  |
| $165^{\text {a }}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (CHA et al. } \\ & 2000 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 198 | HO, lys2, ura3::hisG, spo11-Y135F-HA::URA | (Cha et al. 2000) |
| 50 | leu2, arg4-Nsp, nuc10 $:: L E U 2$, rad50-K81I (rad50S): $: U R A 3$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (LIU et al. } \\ & 1995 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 2051 | $n d t 80 \Delta:: L E U 2$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (XU et al. } \\ & 1995 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 3455 | ho::hisG, ura3(4sma-pst), rad51D: $\mathrm{:hisG-URA3-hisG}$ | Neil Hunter |
| 2578 |  | (BISHOP et al. 1992) |
| Strain for Figure 3: H3 T11ph kinase determination |  |  |
| 3095 | his4-X/his4-B, ura3::GST-mekl-asl $::$ URA3/ura3, mekl $1 \Delta:: k a n M X 6, d m c 1 \Delta:: L E U 2$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (WAN et al. } \\ & 2004 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Strains for Table 1, Table 2 and Figure 4: H3 T11 mutants |  |  |
| 2701 | HHT1::kanMX4, HHT2::hphMX4 | This study |
| 2705 | hht1-S10A, T11V::kanMX4; hht2-S10A, T11V::hphMX4 | This study |
| 3166 | MATa, ho::LYS2, lys2, leu $2:$ hisG, ura3, hht1hhf1 $1::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht $2 \Delta::$ natMX, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, pRK12[CEN6/ARS4, URA3, HTA1-HTB1, HHF2-HHT2] | This study |
| 3167 | MAT $\alpha$, ho $:: L Y S 2$, lys2, leu $2:: h i s G$, ura3, hht 1 hhf1D::kanMX, hhf2-hht2A::natMX, hta2-htb24::natMX, pRK12[CEN6/ARS4, URA3, HTA1-HTB1, HHF2-HHT2] | This study |
| 3311 | hht1-hhf1 $\triangle::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb2 $2::$ natMX, leu $2:: H H F 2-H H T 2:: L E U 2$ | This study |
| 3333 | hht1-hhf1 $1::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb24::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-S10A::LEU2 | This study |
| 3342 | hht1-hhf1 $1::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb24::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11V::LEU2 | This study |
| 3334 | hht1-hhf1 $1:$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb24::natMX; leu2::HHF2-hht2-S10A, T11V::LEU2 | This study |
| 3312 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb2د::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11A: :LEU2 | This study |
| 3313 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2htb24::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11S::LEU2 | This study |

## Supplemental Table 1 (continued).

| 3332 |  leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11D::LEU2 | This study |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3303 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11E::LEU2 | This study |
| 2283 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, htal-htblD: : hphMX, pRK12[CEN6/ARS4, URA3, HTA1HTB1, HHF2-HHT2] | This study |
| 3330 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, hta1-htb1 $\Delta:: h p h M X$, leu2::HTA1-HTB1-HHF2-HHT2-LEU2 | This study |
| 3264 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $1:: n a t M X$, hta2-htb24::natMX, hta1-htb1 $\Delta:$ hphMX, leu2::HTA1-HTB1-HHF2-hht2T11V::LEU2 | This study |
| 2388 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, htal-htb1D::hphMX, leu2::HTA1-HTB1-HHF2-hht2- $\Delta 1$ - $30(\Delta N): \because L E U 2$ | This study |
| 3428 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2-htb2 $2::$ natMX, leu2::HHF2-HHT2::LEU2, arg4-Nsp/arg4-Bgl |  <br> (Martini et al. 2006) |
| 3431 |  leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11A: :LEU2, arg4-Nsp/arg4-Bgl |  <br> (MARTINI et al. 2006) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3438 \\ & 3439 \\ & 3440^{b} \end{aligned}$ | trpl::hisG, his4-N/his4-G, hhfl-hht14::LEU2, hhf2hht2A::trp1::kanMX3, pRK92[CEN, ARS, TRP1, HHT2HHF2] | (Govin et al. 2010) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3441, \\ & 3442, \\ & 3443 \end{aligned}$ | trp1::hisG, his4-N/his4-G, hhf1-hht1 $1:: L E U 2$, hhf2hht2A:: trp 1::kanMX3, pRK93[CEN, ARS, TRP1, hht2-T11AHHF2] | (Govin $e t$ al. 2010) |
| 3265 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2::$ natMX, hta2-htb2 $2:: n a t M X$, htal-htb1 $\Delta:: h p h M X$, leu2::htal-S129A-HTB1-HHT2HHF2::LEU2 | This study |
| 3331 | hht1-hhf1 $::$ kanMX, hhf2-hht2 $2:: n a t M X$, hta2-htb2 $2:: n a t M X$, htal-htb1ロ: :hphMX, leu2::htal-S129A-HTB1-HHF2-hht2T11V::LEU2 | This study |
| 4415 | leu2::hisG or leu2-K, arg4-nsp, bgl or ARG4, HHT1::kanMX4, HHT2::hphMX4, set1ロ::kanMX | This study \& ORT4784 X ORT 4785 (SolLIER et al. |


|  |  | 2004) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3329 | leu2::hisG or leu2-K, arg4-nsp, bgl or ARG4, hht1-S10A, T11V::kanMX4, hht2-S10A, T11V::hphMX4, set1D::kanMX | This study |
| 3183 | HHT1::kanMX/", HHT2::hygMX/", rad51ロ::hisG-URA3hisG/" | This study |
| 3186 | hht1-S10AT11V::kanMX/", hht2-S10AT11V::hygMX/", rad51D::hisG-URA3-hisG/" | This study |
| 3802 | his $4 X$, ura3 $::$ RAD54-T132A $\because: U R A 3$, dmc1D $\because: h p h M X 4$, rad54::kanMX6 | (NIU et al. 2009) |
| 3659 | HIS4, ura3::RAD54-T132A::URA3, dmc1 $1:: h p h M X 4$, rad54::kanMX6, hht1-hhf1 $1:: k a n M X$, hhf2-hht2A::natMX, hta2-htb2A::natMX, leu2::HHF2-hht2-T11V::LEU2 | This study |
| 3078 | HHT1::kanMX4, HHT2 : hphMX4, dmc1泬LEU2 | This study |
| 3091 | hht1-S10A, T11V::kanMX4, hht2-S10A, T11V::hphMX4, dmc1D: :LEU2 | This study |


| Strains for Figure 2: S. pombe, Standard background |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2594 | h+, pat1-114, ade6-3049 | (STEINER |
|  |  | AND <br> SMITH <br> 2005) |
|  |  | (YOUNG <br> et al. <br> 2002) |
| 2595 | h+, pat1-114, ade6-3049, rad50-K81I (rad50S) | (DAVIS |
|  |  | AND |
| 2596 | h-, pat1-114, ade6-3049, ura4-DIB, rec12-171::ura4 ${ }^{+}$ | SMITH <br>  |
|  |  | 2003) |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ All S. cerevisiae strains are diploid MAT a/MAT $\alpha$, ho::LYS2/", lys2/", leu2::hisG/", ura3/", (except SKY3166 and SKY3167) and homozygous at all loci unless otherwise noted (KANE AND Roth 1974).
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Three independent plasmid shuffle transformants.

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## Modification Peptid <br> number

| name | Mod1 | Mod2 | Mod 3 | Mod 4 | $\boldsymbol{N}$-terminus |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H3 1-19 | unmod |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R2me2s |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R2me2a |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R2Citr |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | T3P |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K4me1 |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K4me2 |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K4me3 |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K4ac |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R8me2s |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R8me2a |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R8Citr |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K9me |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K9m2 |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K9me3 |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K9ac |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | S10P |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | T11P |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | K14ac |  |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R2me2s | T3P |  |  | free |
| H3 1-19 | R2me2s | K4me1 |  |  | free |
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| H3 1-19 | R2me2s | K4me3 |  |  | free |
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| H3 16-35 | R26me2a | K27ac |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2a | S28P |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26Citr | K27me |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26Citr | K27me2 |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26Citr | K27me3 |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26Citr | S28P |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | K27me | S28P |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | K27me2 | S28P |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | K27me3 | S28P |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | K27ac | S28P |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2s | K27me | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2s | K27me2 | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2s | K27me3 | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2s | K27ac | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2a | K27me | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2a | K27me2 | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2a | K27me3 | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 16-35 | R26me2a | K27ac | S28P |  | acetylated |
| H3 26-45 | unmod |  |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 26-45 | K36me |  |  |  | acetylated |
| H3 26-45 | K36me2 |  |  |  | acetylated |


 L12 SGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRHR
L13 pSGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRHR L14 S G Rme2s G K G G K G L G K G G A KR HR L15 S G Rme2a GKGGKGLGKGGAKRHR
L16 SGRGKac G GKGLGKGGAKRHR
L17 S GRGKGGKac GLGKGGAKRHR
L18 S GRGKGGKGLGKac G GAKRHR
L19 S GRGKGGKGLGKGGAKacRHR
L20 pS GRme2s GKGGKGLGKGGAKRHR
L21 pS GRme2a GKGGKGLGKGGAKRHR
L22 pSGRGKac GGKGLGKGGAKRHR
L23 S G Rme2s G Kac G GKGLGKGGAKRHR
L24 S G Rme2s G K G G Kac GL G K G G A K R H R
M1 S G Rme2a G Kac G GKGLGKGGAKRHR
M2 S GRme2a GK G G Kac GLGKGGAKRHR
M 3 SGRGKac G G Kac GLGKGGAKRHR
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M6 SGRGKGGKGLGKac GGAKacRHR M 7 pS G Rme2s G Kac G GK GLGKG G AKRHR M8 pS G Rme2a G Kac G GK GLGKGGAKRHR M9 S G Rme2s G Kac G G Kac GL G K G G A KRHR M10 S G Rme2a G Kac G G Kac G L G K G G A K R H R
M11 S GRGKac G G Kac GL G Kac G G A KR HR
M12 SGRGKGGKac GLGKac GGAKacRHR M13 pS GRme2s G Kac G G Kac GLGKGGAKRHR M14 pS G Rme2a G Kac G G Kac GL G K G G AKRHR M15 S G Rme2s G Kac G G Kac G L G Kac G G A KRHR M16 S G Rme2a G Kac G G Kac GL G Kac G G A KRH M17 S G R G Kac G G Kac G L G Kac G G A Kac R H R M18 GKGGAKRHRKVLRDNIQGIT M19 GKac GGAKRHRKVLRDNIQGIT M20 GKGGAKacRHRKVLRDNIQGIT M21 GKGGAKRme2s HRKVLRDNIQGIT M22 GKGGAKRme2aHRKVLRDNIQGIT M23 GKGGAKRHRme2s KVLRDNIQGIT M24 GKGGAKRHRme2aKVLRDNIQGIT N1 GKGGAKRHRKme1VLRDNIQGIT N2 GKGGAKRHRKme2VLRDNIQGIT N3 GKGGAKRHRKme3VLRDNIQGIT N4 GKGGAKRHRKacVLRDNIQGIT N5 GKGGAKRHRKVLRme2aDNIQGIT N6 GKGGAKRHRKVLRme2sDNIQGIT N7 G Kac G G A KacRHRKVLRDNIQGIT N8 GKGGAKac Rme2s HRKVLRDNIQGIT N 9 GKGGAKac Rme2aHRKVLRDNIQGIT N10 GKGGAKacRHRme2s KVLRDNIQGIT N11 GKGGAKacRHRme2a KVLRDNIQGIT N12 GKGGAKacRHRKme1 VLRDNIQGIT N13 GKGGAKac RHRKme2VLRDNIQGIT N14 G K G G A Kac R H R Kme3 VLRDNIQGIT N15 GKGGAKacRHRKacVLRDNIQGIT N16 G Kac G G A Kac RHRKme1 VLRDNIQGIT N17 G Kac G G A Kac RHRKme2 VLRDNIQGIT N18 G Kac G G A Kac R H R Kme3 VLRDNIQGIT N19 G Kac G G A Kac R HR Kac VLRDNIQGIT N20 GKGGAKRHRme2a Kme1 VLRDNIQGIT N21 GKGGAKRHRme2a Kme2VLRDNIQGIT N22 GKGGAKRHRme2a Kme3VLRDNIQGIT N23 GKGGAKRHRme2a Kac VLRDNIQGIT N24 GKGGAKRHRme2s Kme1 VLRDNIQGIT O1 GKGGAKRHRme2s Kme2VLRDNIQGIT O2 GKGGAKRHRme2s Kme3VLRDNIQGIT O3 GKGGAKRHRme2s Kac VLRDNIQGIT O4 GKGGAKRHRKme1VLRme2aDNIQGIT O5 GKGGAKRHRKme2VLRme2aDNIQGIT O 6 G K G G A K R H R Kme3 VLRme2a D N I Q G I T O7 GKGGAKRHRKac VLRme2aDNIQGIT O8 GKGGAKRHRKme1 VLRme2s DNIQGIT O9 GKGGAKRHRKme2VLRme2s DNIQGIT O10 GKGGAKRHRKme3VLRme2s DNIQGIT O11 GKGGAKRHRKac VLRme2s DNIQGIT O12 SGRGKQGGKARAKAKSRSS O13 pSGRGKQGGKARAKAKSRSS 014 SGRGKac Q G GKARAKAKSRSS 015 SGRGKQGGKac ARAKAKSRSS 016 S GRGKQGGKARAKac AK SRSS 017 pS GRGKac Q G G K A R A K A K S R S S O18 pS GRGKQGGKac ARAKAKSRSS O19 pSGRGKQGGKARAKacAKSRSS O20 S GRGKac Q G G Kac ARAKAKSRSS O21 S GRGKac Q G G K A R A Kac AK SRS S O22 S GRGKQGGKac ARAKac AK SRSS O23 pS GRGKac Q G G Kac ARAKAKSRSS O24 pS GRGKacQGGKARAKacAKSRSS P1 pS GRGKQGGKac ARAKac AKSRSS P 2 S GRGKac Q G G Kac ARAKac AK SRS S P 3 pS G R G Kac Q G G Kac A R A Kac A K S R S S P4 PDPAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVT P5 PDPAKacSAPAPKKGSKKAVT P6 PDPAKSAPAPKKac GSKKAVT 7 PDPAKSAPAPKKGpSKKAVT


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| H4 1-19 | R3me2a |  |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K5ac |  |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K8ac |  |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K12ac |  |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K16ac |  |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | R3me2s |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | R3me2a |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | K5ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2s | K5ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2s | K8ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2a | K5ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2a | K8ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K5ac | K8ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K8ac | K12ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K8ac | K16ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | K12ac | K16ac |  |  |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | R3me2s | K5ac |  |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | R3me2a | K5ac |  |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2s | K5ac | K8ac |  |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2a | K5ac | K8ac |  |
| H4 1-19 | K5ac | K8ac | K12ac |  |
| H4 1-19 | K8ac | K12ac | K16Ac |  |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | R3me2s | K5ac | K8ac |
| H4 1-19 | S1P | R3me2a | K5ac | K8ac |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2s | K5ac | K8ac | K12ac |
| H4 1-19 | R3me2a | K5ac | K8ac | K12ac |
| H4 1-19 | K5ac | K8ac | K12ac | K16ac |


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| 371 | P11 | P DPAKac SAPAPKKGSKackAVT | H2B 1-19 | K5ac | K15ac |  |  | free |
| 372 | P12 | PDPAKSAPAPKKac G pSKKAVT | H2B 1-19 | K12Ac | S14P |  |  | free |
| 373 | P13 | P D PAKSAPAPKKac G S Kack AV T | H2B 1-19 | K12Ac | K15Ac |  |  | free |
| 374 | P14 | PDPAKSAPAPKKGpS KackAVT | H2B 1-19 | S14P | K15Ac |  |  | free |
| 375 | P15 | P D P A Kac S A P A P K Kac G pS K K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5Ac | K12Ac | S14P |  | free |
| 376 | P16 | P D P A Kac S A P A P K Kac G S Kac K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5Ac | K12Ac | K15Ac |  | free |
| 377 | P17 | P D P A Kac S APAPKKGpS Kack A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5Ac | S14P | K15Ac |  | free |
| 378 | P18 | P D P AKSAPAPKKac G pS Kack A V T | H2B 1-19 | K12Ac | S14P | K15Ac |  | free |
| 379 | P19 | P D P A Kac S APAPK Kac G pS Kac K A V T | H2B 1-19 | K5ac | K12Ac | S14P | K15Ac | free |
| 380 | P20 | Bio A ANWSHPQFEKAA | Biotin, control peptide |  |  |  |  | biotinylated |
| 381 | P21 | EQKLISEEDLA | c-myc tag |  |  |  |  | free |
| 382 | P22 | HAc | neg. contol |  |  |  |  | acetylated |
| 383 | P23 | K Kme1 Kme2 Kme3 Kac R Rme2s R Rme2a R Cit K Kme1 Kac Kme3 R K | background 01 |  |  |  |  | acetylated |
| 384 | P24 | R Rme2s K Kme1 Kac R Rme2a Kme2 K Kme3 R Kme1 Rme2s K Kac R K | background 02 |  |  |  |  | acetylated |

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Chip $2 x$ duplicate of 384 peptides:






 O G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6 G7 G8 G9 G10 G11 G12 G13 G14 G15 G16 G17 G18 G19 G20 G21 G22 G23 G24 O G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6 G7 G8 G9 G10 G11 G12 G13 G14 G15 G18 G17 G18 G19 G20 G21 G22 G23 G24 O


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[^1]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Replacement: Both HHT1 and HHT2 were replaced with wild-type or mutant copies at their endogenous locations. Integration: Stable integration at leu2::hisG of a cassette carrying either the H 3 and H 4 gene pair HHT2-HHF2, or all four core histone genes HTA1-HTB1 and HHT2HHF2. Endogenous loci (encoding H3 and H 4 or all four core histones, respectively) were deleted. Plasmid shuffle: Replacement of a URA3 plasmid carrying wild-type HHT2-HHF2 with a $L E U 2$ plasmid carrying either wild-type or mutant versions. The endogenous H 3 and H 4 loci were deleted.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Genotypes are homozygous unless plasmid-based. See Supplemental Table S1 for complete genotypes.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Three independent $5-\mathrm{FOA}^{\mathrm{R}}$ colonies were isolated for each shuffle plasmid and were dissected separately. The dissections were performed on three separate occasions by two different investigators; all six strains were dissected in parallel in each experiment. A breakdown of results by strain and experiment is provided in Figure 4F. Neither histone H3 genotype nor clone identity was a significant predictor of altered spore viability ( $\mathrm{p} \geq 0.9$, linear regression).

