

1   **The stress-inducible peroxidase *TSA2* enables Chromosome IV  
2   duplication to be conditionally beneficial in *Saccharomyces  
3   cerevisiae***

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32 **Abstract**

33 Although chromosomal duplications are often deleterious, in some cases they enhance  
34 cells' abilities to tolerate specific genetic or environmental challenges. Identifying the  
35 genes that cause particular chromosomal duplications to confer these conditionally  
36 beneficial effects can improve our understanding of the genetic and molecular  
37 mechanisms that enable certain aneuploidies to persist in cell populations and  
38 contribute to disease and evolution. Here, we perform a screen for spontaneous  
39 mutations that improve the tolerance of haploid *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to hydrogen  
40 peroxide. Chromosome IV duplication is the most frequent mutation, as well as the only  
41 change in chromosomal copy number, seen in the screen. Using a genetic mapping  
42 strategy that involves systematically deleting segments of a duplicated chromosome, we  
43 show that the Chromosome IV duplication's effect is largely due to the generation of a  
44 second copy of the stress-inducible cytoplasmic thioredoxin peroxidase *TSA2*. This  
45 finding is consistent with a growing literature indicating that the conditionally beneficial  
46 effects of chromosomal duplications tend to reflect the contributions of small numbers of  
47 genes that enhance tolerance to specific stresses when their copy number is increased.

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49 **Article summary**

50 Changes in karyotype play an important role in evolution and health. Although these  
51 aneuploidization events are usually deleterious, in some instances they show  
52 conditionally beneficial effects by enabling cells to tolerate specific mutations or  
53 environmental stresses. The mechanisms underlying these protective effects of  
54 aneuploidization are not fully understood. To provide insights into this problem, we  
55 identify and characterize a conditionally beneficial chromosomal duplication that makes  
56 haploid yeast more tolerant to oxidative stress. We determine that the effect of the  
57 chromosomal duplication on oxidative stress tolerance is largely explained by  
58 duplication of a single stress-inducible gene.

59 **Introduction**

60 Abnormalities in chromosomal copy number (or ‘aneuploidies’) often lead to cancer  
61 (Davoli *et al.* 2013; Potapova *et al.* 2013; Sheltzer 2013; Durrbaum and Storchova  
62 2015; Laubert *et al.* 2015; Mohr *et al.* 2015; Nicholson and Cimini 2015; Pinto *et al.*  
63 2015; Santaguida and Amon 2015; Durrbaum and Storchova 2016), developmental  
64 defects (Ottesen *et al.* 2010; Gannon *et al.* 2011; Siegel and Amon 2012; Akasaka *et al.*  
65 2013; Bose *et al.* 2015), premature aging (Andriani *et al.* 2016; Sunshine *et al.* 2016),  
66 and other health issues in humans. In the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*,  
67 aneuploidies also tend to be deleterious (Torres *et al.* 2007; Yona *et al.* 2012; Potapova  
68 *et al.* 2013; Dodgson *et al.* 2016; Sunshine *et al.* 2016). However, in some cases, these  
69 aneuploidies are conditionally beneficial, as they can enable yeast to tolerate specific  
70 loss-of-function mutations or environmental stresses (Selmecki *et al.* 2009; Pavelka *et*  
71 *al.* 2010; Chen *et al.* 2012a; Chen *et al.* 2012b; Yona *et al.* 2012; Tan *et al.* 2013; Kaya  
72 *et al.* 2015; Liu *et al.* 2015; Meena *et al.* 2015; Selmecki *et al.* 2015; Sunshine *et al.*  
73 2015).

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75 An important question regarding such conditionally beneficial aneuploidies is, do their  
76 effects tend to arise due to changes in the copy numbers of one or multiple genes on  
77 the aneuploid chromosome(s)? Several studies have attempted to address this question  
78 by identifying the specific genes underlying the conditionally beneficial effects of  
79 particular chromosomal duplications (Pavelka *et al.* 2010; Chen *et al.* 2012a; Kaya *et al.*  
80 2015; Liu *et al.* 2015). For example, Kaya *et al.* found that Chromosome XI duplication  
81 enabled *S. cerevisiae* strains lacking all eight thiol peroxidase genes to be nearly as

82 tolerant to oxidative stress as a wild-type strain (Kaya *et al.* 2015). Experiments  
83 revealed that two genes mediated the benefit of Chromosome XI duplication: *CCP1*, a  
84 hydrogen peroxide scavenger that acts in the mitochondrial intermembrane space, and  
85 *UTH1*, a mitochondrial inner-membrane protein. In another case, Liu *et al.* showed that  
86 Chromosome VIII duplication compensates for the absence of essential nuclear pore  
87 proteins by causing overexpression of a gene that regulates cell membrane fluidity (Liu  
88 *et al.* 2015). Furthermore, Chen *et al.* demonstrated that Chr XV duplication confers  
89 resistance to the Hsp90 inhibitor radicicol by increasing dosage of *STI1*, which encodes  
90 an Hsp90 co-chaperone, and *PDR5*, which encodes a multi-drug pump (Chen *et al.*  
91 2012a). Lastly, Pavelka *et al* showed that Chr XIII duplication confers increased  
92 resistance to the DNA-damaging agent 4-NQO by increasing dosage of *ATR1*, another  
93 multi-drug pump (Pavelka *et al.* 2010). These studies suggest that the conditional  
94 benefits of aneuploidization are typically mediated by changes in the copy numbers of a  
95 small number of genes that allow cells to cope with specific stresses.

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97 In this paper, we explore how aneuploidies may make it possible for yeast to tolerate  
98 environmental stresses to a level beyond that achievable through genetic variation that  
99 segregates in natural populations (so-called ‘natural genetic variation’). We previously  
100 found that progeny produced by mating the lab strain BY4716 (‘BY’), the vineyard  
101 isolate RM11-1a (‘RM’), and the oak isolate YPS163 (‘YPS’) show similar maximal  
102 hydrogen peroxide tolerances despite their genetic differences (see Figure S1),  
103 suggesting the extent to which natural genetic variation can increase tolerance to this  
104 compound is limited (Linder *et al.* 2016). Here, we screen haploid segregants from

105 these crosses for spontaneous mutations that increase hydrogen peroxide tolerance  
106 beyond the maximal levels seen for each cross in our previous study. Specifically, we  
107 take the single most tolerant F<sub>2</sub> segregant that we previously identified in each of the  
108 possible pairwise crosses of the three strains and use these three segregants as the  
109 progenitors in a screen for mutations that enhance hydrogen peroxide resistance. By  
110 doing this, we obtain 37 mutants that show increased hydrogen peroxide tolerance  
111 relative to their respective progenitors.

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113 Using whole genome sequencing, we attempt to identify the spontaneous mutations that  
114 cause increased hydrogen peroxide tolerance in the 37 mutants. Duplication of  
115 Chromosome IV ('IV') is the most frequent mutation, and the only aneuploidy, that we  
116 observe. Consistent with IV duplication being conditionally beneficial, we find that IV  
117 aneuploids grow worse than their progenitors in the absence of hydrogen peroxide and  
118 that the benefit of IV disomy occurs on agar plates but not in liquid media. Following  
119 these discoveries, we attempt to determine the genetic basis of this chromosomal  
120 duplication's effect using chromosome- and gene-scale genetic engineering. Employing  
121 these techniques, we identify a single gene, the stress-inducible cytoplasmic thioredoxin  
122 peroxidase *TSA2*, which accounts for the effect of IV duplication on hydrogen peroxide  
123 tolerance. Our findings illustrate how aneuploidies may enable cells to tolerate stress at  
124 a level beyond that achievable through natural genetic variation and provide further  
125 support that the conditionally beneficial effects of aneuploidies tend to have a simple  
126 genetic basis.

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128 **Materials and Methods**

129 *Screen for increased hydrogen peroxide tolerance*

130 Progenitor strains were produced during our past work on the BYxRM, BYxYPS, and  
131 RMxYPS crosses (Ehrenreich *et al.* 2012; Linder *et al.* 2016) and are described in more  
132 detail in (Linder *et al.* 2016). Each progenitor strain was streaked onto yeast extract-  
133 peptone-dextrose (YPD) plates and incubated for two days at 30°C. To maximize  
134 biological independence among different mutations obtained from the screen, 24  
135 different colonies per progenitor were each inoculated into 800 µl of YPD broth. These  
136 cultures were outgrown for two days at 30°C with shaking at 200 RPM. 20 µl from each  
137 culture were then diluted using 80 µl of sterile water and spread onto YPD plates  
138 containing a range of hydrogen peroxide doses. These plates were incubated at 30°C  
139 for four to six days, so that slow growing mutants would have enough time to form  
140 visible colonies. Glycerol freezer stocks were then made for mutants that formed visible  
141 colonies at doses at least 1 mM higher than the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)  
142 of their progenitor and stored at -80°C.

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144 All mutants were phenotyped side-by-side with their respective progenitors across a  
145 broad range of hydrogen peroxide doses to confirm their increased tolerance. Mutants  
146 that grew at doses at least 0.5 mM higher than their progenitor were saved for  
147 downstream analysis. These included 14 BYxRM-, 9 RMxYPS-, and 14 BYxYPS-  
148 derived mutants.

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150 *Genome sequencing of mutants*

151 Archived mutants were inoculated into YPD liquid and outgrown for two days at 30°C.  
152 For each mutant, DNA was extracted using the Qiagen DNeasy kit and a whole genome  
153 library was prepared using the Illumina Nextera kit. Each library was tagged with a  
154 unique DNA barcode to enable multiplexing. Sequencing was done on an Illumina  
155 NextSeq 500 instrument at the USC Epigenome Center. Reads were then  
156 demultiplexed using custom Python scripts.

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158 Progenitor strains were sequenced to an average of 116X coverage to generate strain-  
159 specific reference genomes, which short read data from the mutants could then be  
160 mapped against and used to identify *de novo* mutations. The Burrows-Wheeler Aligner  
161 (BWA-MEM) (Li and Durbin 2009) was used to map reads from the progenitors to the  
162 BY genome. The parameters used for alignment were: ‘bwa –mem –t 6 ref.fsa read1.f1  
163 read2.fq > output.sam’. To remove duplicate reads, the rmdup command was used in  
164 SAMtools (Li *et al.* 2009). In order to generate Mpileup files, SAMtools was then  
165 implemented with the command ‘samtools mpileup –f ref.fsa read.rmdp.srt.bam >  
166 output.mp’. To generate a reference genome for a given progenitor, we identified  
167 genetic differences between the progenitor and BY, integrated these differences into the  
168 BY genome, and then re-mapped reads. This process was repeated for up to 10 cycles  
169 and the output genome was then used as the reference for mapping reads from mutants  
170 derived from that progenitor.

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172 Mutant strains were sequenced to an average of 130X coverage (see Note S1). Reads  
173 from mutant strains were aligned to the progenitor reference genomes using BWA-MEM

174 and the same parameters described above, followed by the generation of mpileup files  
175 with SAMtools. Mutations were identified as differences from the corresponding  
176 progenitor that were seen in at least 90% of the reads at a particular genomic site.  
177 Custom Python scripts were used to identify these mutations, as well as to calculate per  
178 site or per genomic window sequencing coverage.

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180 *Gene Ontology enrichment analysis*

181 GO analysis was carried out on the *Saccharomyces* Genome Database website  
182 (<http://www.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/GO/goTermFinder.pl>) using GO Term Finder  
183 version 0.83 with the molecular function category selected. All genes listed in Tables S1  
184 and S2 were included in the analysis.

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186 *PCR-mediated chromosomal deletion*

187 Similar to (Sugiyama *et al.* 2008), PCR-mediated chromosomal deletion (PCD) was  
188 implemented using constructs with three segments (in this order): 300 to 600 bp of  
189 sequence homologous to the desired integration site on IV, a *kanMX* cassette, and a  
190 synthetic telomere seed sequence consisting of six repeats of the motif 5'-CCCCAA-3'  
191 (Figure 1). To generate this construct, the region containing the integration site was  
192 PCR amplified from genomic DNA using a reverse primer that was tailed with 30 bases  
193 of sequence identity to the *kanMX* construct. At the same time, *kanMX* was PCR  
194 amplified from a plasmid using a forward primer with 30 bases of sequence identity to  
195 the integration site and a reverse primer containing the synthetic telomere seed  
196 sequence.

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198 Integration site and *kanMX*/synthetic telomere seed sequences were joined using  
199 overlap fusion PCR (Sugiyama *et al.* 2005). This was done by mixing the two products  
200 in equimolar fractions in combination with the forward primer for the integration site and  
201 the reverse primer for the *kanMX*/synthetic telomere seed sequence, and conducting  
202 PCR. The cycling parameters for overlap fusion PCR were as follows: initial  
203 denaturation at 98°C for 3 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 98°C for 30 seconds, 63°C  
204 for 30 seconds, and 72°C for 1.5 minutes. The final step was a 5 minute extension at  
205 72°C. Throughout this process, all PCR steps were implemented using NEB High-  
206 Fidelity Phusion polymerase and all PCR products were purified using either Qiagen  
207 QIAquick Gel Extraction or QIAquick PCR Purification kits.

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209 A standard lithium acetate-based technique was used to transform PCD constructs into  
210 cells, with about 5 µg of construct employed (Gietz and Schiestl 2007). Transformants  
211 were recovered using selection for G418 resistance on YPD plates, verified by colony  
212 PCR or genome sequencing, and archived at -80°C in glycerol solution. Primers used to  
213 construct PCD products are listed in Table S3.

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215 *Deletion of individual genes*

216 Targeted gene deletions were performed using the *kanMX* cassette. Constructs for  
217 deleting *ECM11*, *ADA2*, *UTP6*, *NHX1*, and *GUK1* were generated by amplifying the  
218 *kanMX* cassette from a plasmid using tailed primers. Each tail contained 30 to 60 bases  
219 of sequence homology to the target gene's flanking regions. Specifically, the forward

220 and reverse primers were designed to have tails identical to the region immediately  
221 upstream of the translation start site and downstream of the stop codon, respectively.

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223 Regarding deletions of *YDR455C*, *PPN1*, *TOM1*, *TSA2*, *YHP1*, *RPS18A*, and *RPS17B*,  
224 transformations using knockout cassettes tailed with only 60 to 120 bp of total homology  
225 to the targeted region were relatively inefficient. To increase the efficiency of these  
226 knockouts, gene deletion products were generated in a manner analogous to making  
227 the PCD constructs described above. 300 to 600 bp of sequence targeting a region just  
228 upstream of the translation start site was fused to the *kanMX* cassette, with the caveat  
229 that the reverse primer for *kanMX* amplification was tailed with 30 to 60 bases of  
230 homology to a region just downstream of the gene being deleted. Additionally, several  
231 hundred bp of sequence up- and downstream of *TSA2* were deleted by the same  
232 method, using a modified targeting sequence and downstream homology tail.

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234 The same lithium acetate-based transformation methods described for PCD were used  
235 for all individual gene knockouts. Transformants were verified by colony PCR. Primers  
236 used for individual gene knockouts are listed in Table S4.

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238 *Phenotyping of transformants*

239 Transformants were outgrown for two days in 800 µL of YPD broth incubated at 30°C  
240 with shaking. As controls for batch effects, each time one or more transformants were  
241 phenotyped, their euploid and aneuploid progenitors were also examined. After the  
242 liquid outgrowth step, strains were pinned onto YPD plates supplemented with a range

243 of hydrogen peroxide doses. Alternatively, in some experiments, strains were then  
244 transferred to liquid media supplemented with a range of doses of hydrogen peroxide,  
245 after which they were pinned onto YPD plates. Each experiment was done in biological  
246 triplicate. Plates were incubated for three days at 30°C and then imaged on a GelDoc  
247 imaging device using a 0.5 second exposure time. MIC was determined as the lowest  
248 hydrogen peroxide dose at which a given strain could not grow.

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## 250 **Results and Discussion**

251 *Screen for spontaneous mutations that increase hydrogen peroxide tolerance*

252 24 independent cultures of each of the three haploid progenitor strains were examined  
253 after two days (20 generations) of outgrowth using selection on agar plates  
254 supplemented with hydrogen peroxide (Methods). All mutants (37 total) that exhibited  
255 an increase in minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) at least 0.5 mM higher than their  
256 corresponding progenitor were analysed further (see Figure S2A-C; Methods). BYxRM-,  
257 RMxYPS-, and BYxYPS-derived mutants were, on average, 2.3 mM (32%), 2.1 mM  
258 (25%), and 0.6 mM (7%) more tolerant than their progenitor, respectively (see Figure  
259 S2A-C).

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261 *The most frequently identified mutation is a chromosomal duplication*

262 Analysis of genome-wide sequencing coverage indicated that 43% of the mutants  
263 carried two complete copies of IV (Figure 2). No other aneuploidies were detected. The  
264 disomy was common among the BYxRM- (79%) and RMxYPS-derived (45%) mutants,  
265 but was absent from the BYxYPS-derived mutants (Figure 2B). Given that the BYxRM-

266 and RMxYPS-derived mutants also showed higher average gains in tolerance, this  
267 finding is consistent with duplication of IV conferring a sizable increase in tolerance (see  
268 Figure S2A-C).

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270 A single segmental duplication was also detected; this was found in a BYxRM-derived  
271 mutant that possessed two copies of only the right arm of IV ('IV-R'; Figure 2A). The  
272 segmental duplication spanned approximately 890 kb (58% of IV). Including this mutant,  
273 86% of the BYxRM-derived mutants were disomic for IV-R.

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275 Additionally, 39 unique point mutations were identified among the mutants (see Table  
276 S1; Table S2). Most of these point mutations were non-synonymous (22) or noncoding  
277 (5) changes, some of which occurred in genes that are known to affect hydrogen  
278 peroxide tolerance, including a SUMO E3 ligase involved in DNA repair (*MMS21*), an  
279 activator of cytochrome oxidase 1 translation (*PET309*), a subunit of cytochrome c  
280 oxidase (*COX1*), and a negative regulator of Ras-cAMP-PKA signalling (*GPB2*; see  
281 Table S1; Table S2). At False Discovery Rates of 0.17 or lower, no specific Gene  
282 Ontology enrichments were seen among the genes harboring point mutations  
283 (Methods). These results, although consistent with our past finding that genetic  
284 perturbation of many different cellular processes can influence hydrogen peroxide  
285 tolerance (Linder *et al.* 2016), could reflect the inclusion of passenger mutations that do  
286 not play causal roles in hydrogen peroxide tolerance in our analysis.

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288 Duplication of IV-R was the most frequently detected mutation in our screen. However,  
289 strains carrying point mutations were found among the BYxRM- and RMxYPS-derived  
290 mutants that were as hydrogen peroxide tolerant as strains containing the IV-R  
291 duplication (see Figure S2A and B). This suggests that duplication of IV-R may have  
292 occurred more often in our screen than point mutations because spontaneous  
293 aneuploidies occur more frequently than spontaneous point mutations in certain genetic  
294 backgrounds (Kaya *et al.* 2015; Liu *et al.* 2015). Furthermore, similar to past reports that  
295 chromosomal duplications are usually deleterious (Pavelka *et al.* 2010; Sunshine *et al.*  
296 2016), IV-R duplication both reduced overall growth on rich media as compared to the  
297 euploid progenitor (Figure 3A; Figure S3) and only conferred a benefit when hydrogen  
298 peroxide exposure occurred on agar plates (Figure 3B and C). This implies that  
299 duplication of IV-R is conditionally beneficial.

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301 *Identification of a single region responsible for most of the effect of IV-R duplication*  
302 To map the conditional growth benefit of IV-R duplication to specific genes, we adapted  
303 a technique known as PCR-mediated chromosomal deletion ('PCD'), which involves  
304 eliminating segments of a chromosome that are distal to a centromere by inserting a  
305 drug resistance cassette linked to a synthetic telomere seed sequence (Figure 1;  
306 Methods) (Sugiyama *et al.* 2005; Sugiyama *et al.* 2008; Kaboli *et al.* 2016). Colony PCR  
307 was used both to confirm correct placement of the deletion cassette as well as to verify  
308 that a single copy of the deleted region remained (Methods).

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310 We first used PCD to delete the right half of IV-R from a BYxRM-derived aneuploid  
311 (Figure 4A; Methods). This genetic change, which was confirmed by whole genome  
312 sequencing (see Figure S4; Methods), caused a reversion to the hydrogen peroxide  
313 tolerance exhibited by the euploid BYxRM progenitor prior to the screen (see Figure  
314 S5A). This result indicates that the deleted chromosomal segment is required for the  
315 aneuploidy's effect.

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317 We next generated a panel of PCD strains, with large-scale deletions staggered, on  
318 average, every 50.7 kb along the latter half of IV-R. This led to the identification of a  
319 single 40 kb region that recapitulates most of the effect of the IV-R disomy (Figure 4A;  
320 Figure S5A). It is important to note that, although chromosome-scale deletions of this 40  
321 kb region appeared to phenocopy the progenitor at certain hydrogen peroxide doses  
322 (Figure 4A and B), the average MICs of these strains were higher than that of their  
323 progenitor (Figure S5A and B). Possible explanations for this result include the  
324 presence of one or more additional point mutations that contribute to hydrogen peroxide  
325 tolerance in the mutant, an additional gene or regulatory element on IV-R whose  
326 dosage contributes to tolerance, and non-linear relationships between DNA content and  
327 hydrogen peroxide tolerance, as the chromosome-scale deletion strains remain  
328 aneuploid at a large portion of IV (see Note S2).

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330 *Duplication of TSA2 mediates the conditionally beneficial effect of the aneuploidy*  
331 To further resolve this window, we performed two additional PCD transformations,  
332 which fine-mapped the causal interval to roughly 7 kb, spanning positions 1,362,862 bp

333 to 1,369,812 bp (Figure 4B; Figure S5B). This interval contains five genes—the  
334 polyphosphatase *PPN1*, the cytoplasmic thioredoxin peroxidase *TSA2*, the guanylate  
335 kinase *GUK1*, the ion exchanger *NHX1*, and the E3 ubiquitin ligase *TOM1*—as well as a  
336 dubious ORF (*YDR455C*). We used standard techniques to individually delete each of  
337 these genes from a BYxRM-derived aneuploid, again using colony PCR to verify both  
338 correct placement of the deletion cassette and that a single copy of the gene remained  
339 (Methods). Also, because telomeres can influence the transcription of genes more than  
340 20 kb away (Gottschling *et al.* 1990; Aparicio and Gottschling 1994), we deleted the six  
341 genes upstream of *PPN1* (Figure 4B; Figure S6).

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343 The only gene deletion that showed a phenotypic effect was *TSA2*, which encodes a  
344 cytoplasmic thioredoxin peroxidase (Figure 4B and C; Figure S6) (Gasch *et al.* 2000;  
345 Park *et al.* 2000; Wong *et al.* 2002; Munhoz and Netto 2004; Ogușucu *et al.* 2007;  
346 Nielsen *et al.* 2016). Previous work (Wong *et al.* 2002) has shown that deleting *TSA2*  
347 leads to a decrease in hydrogen peroxide tolerance. Loss of the *TSA2* coding region  
348 eliminated the majority of the aneuploidy's effect (Figure 4C; Figure S6), proving a  
349 causal role for *TSA2* in the conditional benefit conferred by IV-R duplication. Knockout  
350 of *TSA2* in other mutants, including a fully disomic BYxRM mutant, a partially disomic  
351 BYxRM mutant, and a fully disomic RMxYPS mutant, confirmed that the effect of *TSA2*  
352 was reproducible across different aneuploid individuals recovered from our screen  
353 (Figure S7; see Note S3).

354

355 **Conclusion**

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357 Previously, we found that the maximal hydrogen peroxide tolerances of segregants from  
358 the BYxRM, BYxYPS, and RMxYPS crosses are comparable (see Figure S1) (Linder *et*  
359 *al.* 2016), suggesting that the level of tolerance achievable through natural genetic  
360 variation may be constrained to some degree. To surpass the levels of tolerance seen  
361 in our prior study, we conducted a screen for spontaneous mutations that confer higher  
362 hydrogen peroxide tolerance than we previously observed. We employed segregants  
363 that had maximal tolerances as the progenitors in our mutagenesis screen because  
364 these individuals carry combinations of naturally occurring alleles that lead to resistance  
365 and we wanted to find mutations that provide even greater tolerance than these allele  
366 combinations.

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368 Duplication of IV-R was the most common mutation in our screen. As with other  
369 chromosomal duplications (Pavelka *et al.* 2010; Sunshine *et al.* 2015), the beneficial  
370 effect of the IV-R disomy is conditional: it depends on both the presence of hydrogen  
371 peroxide and exposure to hydrogen peroxide on agar plates, and may be genetic  
372 background-dependent. Regarding this latter point, the present data cannot differentiate  
373 whether the progenitors in our screen varied in their genome stabilities or in their  
374 abilities to beneficially utilize the IV-R disomy. Assessment of genotype at *TSA2*  
375 indicates that pre-existing variation at this locus probably does not explain why we  
376 observed IV aneuploids in the BYxRM and RMxYPS crosses, but not the BYxYPS cross  
377 (see Note S4). Regardless, our work clearly supports the idea that myriad contextual  
378 factors influence the potential for IV-R duplication to confer beneficial effects.

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380 Using chromosome- and gene-scale deletions, we determined that increased copy  
381 number of a single detoxifying gene, *TSA2*, explains the majority of the benefit  
382 conferred by duplication of IV-R. *TSA2* is unique among budding yeast's cytoplasmic  
383 thioredoxin peroxidases, as it is the only one that shows markedly increased activation  
384 in response to hydrogen peroxide (Gasch *et al.* 2000; Park *et al.* 2000; Wong *et al.*  
385 2002; Munhoz and Netto 2004; Oqusucu *et al.* 2007; Nielsen *et al.* 2016). *TSA2*'s  
386 distinctive environmental responsiveness may help to explain not only why duplication  
387 of IV-R is conditionally beneficial, but also why this was the only aneuploidy recovered  
388 in our screen. Our results are consistent with recent studies from other groups showing  
389 that typically a small number of genes, usually one or two, mediate the conditionally  
390 beneficial effects of aneuploidies (Pavelka *et al.* 2010; Chen *et al.* 2012a; Kaya *et al.*  
391 2015; Liu *et al.* 2015).

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393 In summary, our work speaks to challenges in enhancing particular traits using natural  
394 genetic variation, spontaneous mutations, or a combination of the two. Indeed, the  
395 maximal trait values achievable through natural genetic variation may be limited, both  
396 due to the specific alleles present in a population and due to features of a system that  
397 prevent extreme phenotypic levels from occurring (Kryazhimskiy *et al.* 2015). Trying to  
398 overcome these limits may be achievable using spontaneous mutations, but our work  
399 suggests the most likely mutational event to underlie such phenotypic increases is  
400 chromosomal duplication. Such duplications have diminished utility because they are  
401 easily lost, meaning that phenotypic gains can quickly revert (Berman 2016). This is

402 why some have argued, within the context of evolution, that aneuploidies may be a  
403 temporary state that facilitates the acquisition of other mutations that provide a more  
404 permanent solution to stressful conditions (Yona *et al.* 2012). It may therefore be  
405 necessary to further evolve strains with a conditionally beneficial duplication(s) to  
406 enable the acquisition of stable genetic changes that can more permanently enhance a  
407 particular trait.

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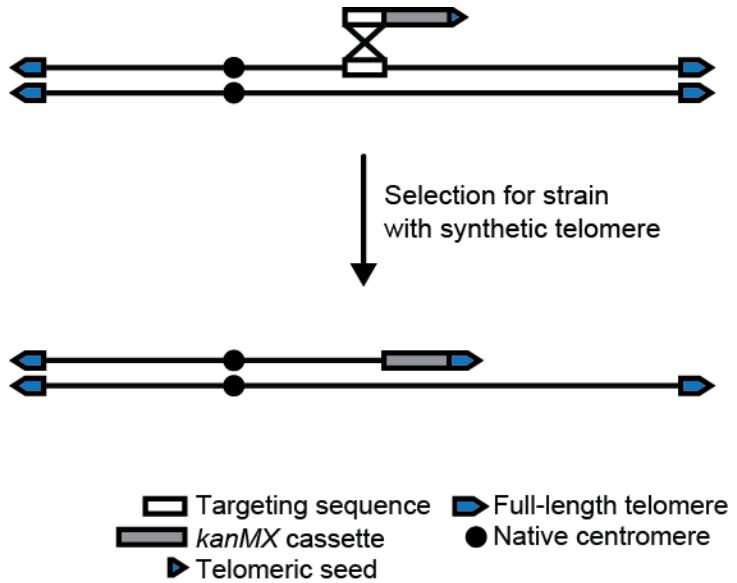
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552 **Figures**

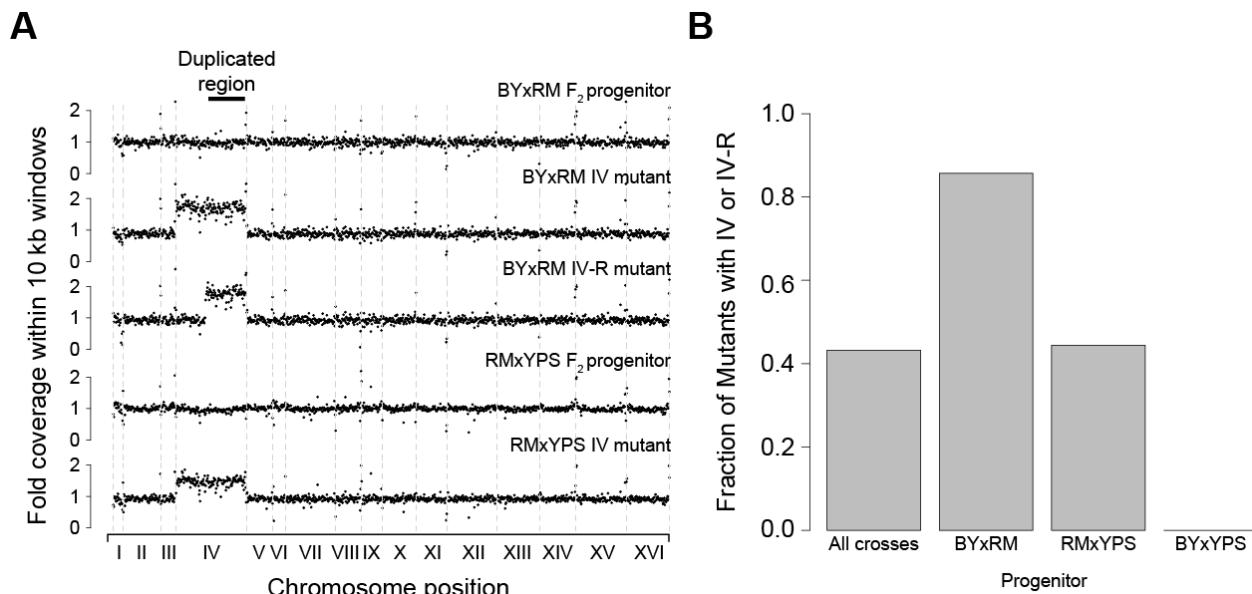
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555 **Figure 1.** PCR-mediated chromosome deletion (PCD) was used to eliminate duplicated  
556 chromosomal segments from a BYxRM-derived aneuploid that possessed two complete  
557 copies of Chromosome IV. As described in the Methods, each PCD construct consisted  
558 of a sequence identical to a particular site on the chromosome, a *kanMX* marker  
559 providing resistance to G418, and a synthetic telomere seed sequence.

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562 **Figure 2.** Chromosome IV duplication is the most frequent mutational event in a screen  
563 for spontaneous hydrogen peroxide resistance mutations. **(A)** Genome-wide coverage  
564 plots are provided for the BYxRM and RMxYPS  $F_2$  progenitors, as well as  
565 representative aneuploid or segmental duplication mutants derived from them. **(B)** Bar  
566 plots show the fraction of sequenced mutants that were disomic for the right arm of  
567 Chromosome IV both across the entire screen and by individual progenitor.

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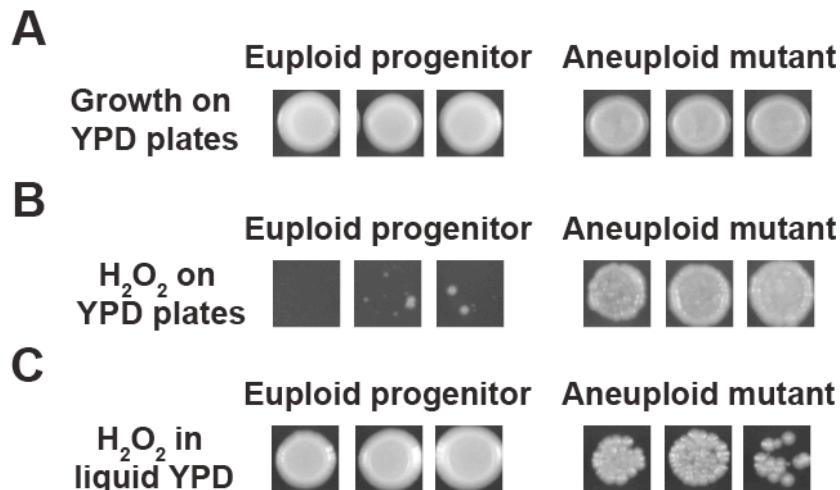
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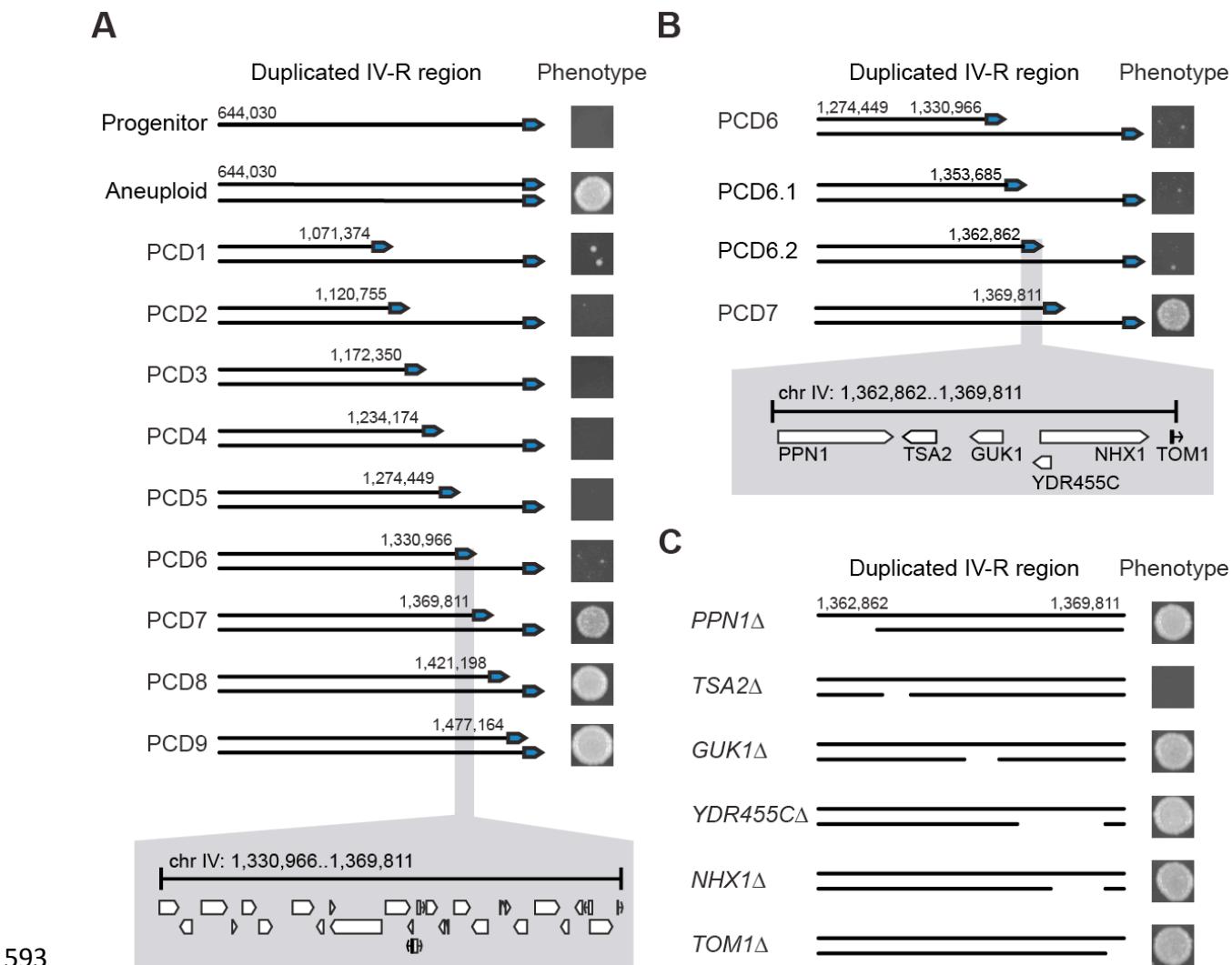


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579 **Figure 3.** Duplication of IV is conditionally beneficial. In **(A)**, euploid replicates show  
580 superior overall growth on agar plates with rich media as compared to replicates of a  
581 strain fully disomic for IV. However, when replicates of these strains are grown on agar  
582 plates supplemented with 7.5mM hydrogen peroxide **(B)**, individuals disomic for IV  
583 show significantly improved growth as compared to euploid individuals. Additionally,  
584 when replicates of both strains are exposed to 40mM of hydrogen peroxide in liquid  
585 culture and subsequently pinned onto agar plates with rich media **(C)**, euploid  
586 individuals show significantly increased growth as compared to individuals disomic for  
587 IV. In **(A)**, representative individuals are depicted. For **(A)** and **(B)**, individuals were  
588 pinned onto agar plates with or without hydrogen peroxide supplementation and imaged  
589 after three days (Methods). In **(C)**, individuals were exposed to hydrogen peroxide in  
590 liquid media for three days, after which they were pinned onto agar plates with rich  
591 media. Images were taken after three days of growth (Methods).

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594 **Figure 4.** Genetic dissection of the Chromosome IV duplication's effect on hydrogen  
595 peroxide tolerance. **(A)** PCDs were staggered nearly every 50 kb along IV-R in a  
596 BYxRM-derived aneuploid. Phenotyping of partially aneuploid strains generated by PCD  
597 identified a single genomic interval with a large effect on hydrogen peroxide tolerance  
598 when strains were examined at a dose of 7.5 mM. This approximately 40 kb region  
599 contains 23 genes and 3 dubious ORFs. **(B)** Two additional PCD strains were  
600 generated within the previously mentioned window and examined at 7.5 mM. This  
601 narrowed the interval to 7 kb that contained five genes and a dubious ORF. **(C)**  
602 Individual gene deletions revealed that *TSA2* is largely responsible for the increase in

603 tolerance conferred by duplication of Chromosome IV-R. In **A-B**, representative images  
604 of colonies grown at 7.5mM of hydrogen peroxide are shown next to their associated  
605 PCD strains; numbers adjacent to the telomere indicate the starting position of each  
606 PCD on Chromosome IV. In **C**, representative images of colonies grown at 7.5mM of  
607 hydrogen peroxide are again shown next to their associated individual gene deletion  
608 strains, with deleted regions indicated by gaps on the duplicated chromosome.