

## Supplemental Figure 1. Creation of haploid $pol2rc-\Delta N$ strains.

Natural POL2 gene is represented by a box colored yellow, recoded truncated gene – a shorter box with a yellow pattern. The black triangle represents a deletion of POL2; the trp1-1 allele is represented by a grey box with a vertical red line. Each large box shows a cartoon of yeast colonies in tetrads to the left and their genotypes to the right. Allele  $pol2rc-\Delta N$  is drawn as a single box (to fit into space), but it is actually flanked by TRP1 and trp1-289.