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Dear [Dr. Editorian]:

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled [ “Neofunctionalization of polymerase rho in *Ustilago maydis*” by Albert Postdoc and My Name] for consideration for publication in [the *Journal of Science*]. We previously uncovered a role for [polymerase rho in DNA repair in *U. maydis* **(citation)**], and this manuscript builds on our prior study to determine the evolution of this unique enzyme.

In this manuscript, we show that [polymerase rho… **(list a few important results)**].

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by [the *Journal of Science*] because it… **[specific link to the journal’s aims & scope]**. [Our manuscript creates a paradigm for future studies of the evolution of essential enzymes in yeast.]

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose, but we do respectfully request that [Dr. Glen Meanie] not review our manuscript. If you feel that the manuscript is appropriate for your journal, we suggest the following reviewers:

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