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Dear [Dr. Editorian],

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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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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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