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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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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,



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