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Methods for the rescuing experiment

To test whether overexpression of Sro7p rescues the deletion of EXO84 and EXO70, two strains were generated: GY1264 and GY2180 (Table I). In GY1264, the endogenous EXO84 gene was disrupted by HIS3 and was supplemented with a $CEN\ URA3$ EXO84 plasmid as a balancer. Likewise, in GY2180, the endogenous EXO70 was replaced by HIS3 and was supplemented with a $CEN\ URA3\ EXO70$. For SRO7 overexpression, a $2\mu\ LEU2\ SRO7$ plasmid was transformed into GY1264 and GY2180. As positive controls, CEN plasmids containing $LEU2\ EXO84$ or $LEU2\ EXO70$ were also transformed to GY1264 and GY2180, respectively. The $2\mu\ LEU2$ vector was transformed into the two host strains as a negative control. SC Leu plates containing uracil and 5-FOA (1 mg/ml at final concentration) were used to test whether the cells, with high-copy SRO7, were able to survive after losing the $CEN\ URA3$ balancer plasmid carrying EXO84 or EXO70.