



**Figure S1. Characterization of *S. cerevisiae* PCNA diffusion on  $\lambda$ -DNA.** (a) Representative single-molecule traces of the position of individual PCNA molecules (shown in three different colors) on DNA at a total ionic strength  $I=176$  mM. (b) Mean squared displacement (MSD) of each of the molecules in (a). The MSDs are fit to a line, and the slopes are used to calculate the one-dimensional diffusion coefficients (solid lines). (c) Mean PCNA diffusion coefficients as a function of the ionic strengths (error bars: S.E). The red line indicates a linear fit through the data as a function of the ionic strength. The slope of the linear regression estimates the number of screened charges between the PCNA ring and the DNA track (error: standard error of the fit). (N=30, 29, 29, 31 for 76 mM, 176 mM, 326 mM, and 525 mM ionic strengths, respectively).

**Table S1. Oligonucleotides**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>
AD006	TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTCTTCCCTTGGTGCGA TCGCTCTTCG
AD012	AGTCTGGATAGCCATAAGTG
AD013	GTAACCACATACTTCCTGCC
AD016	GCAGTCTGTCAGTCAGTGCG
AD017	CGAGGGCATTGCAGTAATTG
AD022	CGTTCATGGCTGAACTCCTG
AD023	CGGCATAACATGCAGTGGAC
AD024	GTGATGTTGCTGCGCTCGATG
AD025	CTCAGCCTGGGTCATTGAAG
AD027	GCTACCACCATGACTAACGC
AD028	GGATATCAGAGCTATGGCTC
AD031	CCGCGATTGCAGATGTTATC
AD032	CTATACAGCCAAGCTTGCAG
MB032	TGCATGCGGCCGCTCTTCCCATGGTGCGATCGCTCTTCG
IF003	/5Phos/AGGTCGCCGCC/3BioTEG
IF004	/5Phos/GGGCGGCGACCT/3Dig_N
YK_PCN A01	/5phs/GATGACGACAAGCATCATCAT
YK_PCN A02	GTCTTTGTAGTCGCTGCTGCTGCCCATGGTAT