

FIGURE S2.—Northern analysis of total RNA from different ρ^- clones expressing 15S rRNA. Total RNA from four independent $dmrl\Delta \rho^-$ clones expressing 15S rRNA (1 to 4), the wild-type ρ^+ strain (CW04), a strain with the ρ^- genome expressing 15S rRNA introduced into wild-type nuclear background (CW15S), and a ρ^0 negative control (0) was hybridized with an oligonucleotide probe recognizing the 3' fragment of the 15S rRNA (15S_3ter). Neither the wild-type ρ^+ strain (CW252), nor a strain with the same ρ^- genome expressing 15S rRNA introduced into wild-type nuclear background (CW15S), show any signs of degradation, while all the $dmrl\Delta \rho^-$ clones show a distinct degradation pattern, similar to the one observed in RNA preparations from purified mitochondria. The total amount of 15S rRNA fragments recognized by the probe in the $dmrl\Delta \rho^-$ clones is decreased in comparison with the *DMR1*⁺ controls. The amounts of RNA in each lane were normalized using methylene blue staining of cytoplasmic rRNA bands on the blot.