# (tbc) Introduction to the COBRA Toolbox

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#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this tutorial is to introduce a novice to the COBRA toolbox.

#### **MATERIALS - EQUIPMENT SETUP**

Please ensure that all the required dependencies (e.g., git and curl) of The COBRA Toolbox have been properly installed by following the installation guide here. Please ensure that the COBRA Toolbox has been initialised (tutorial\_initialize.mlx) and verify that the pre-packaged LP and QP solvers are functional (tutorial\_verify.mlx).

#### **PROCEDURE**

#### TROUBLESHOOTING

Please include TROUBLESHOOTING callouts after steps where problems are encountered. Include full details of the problem and solutions in a later Troubleshooting section.

#### **TIMING**

If possible, please include a timeline indicating the approximate time a step, or set of steps, will take e.g. Steps 1–3, 30 min.; Steps 6+7, 2 h. Provide this information as a summary at the end of the procedure, as a list. If you think it would be more user friendly you could refer to time needed for each section or detail what needs to be performed on each day of the protocol.

#### TROUBLESHOOTING

After key steps, include information on how to troubleshoot the most likely problems users will encounter with the tutorial. Ideally provide this information in the form 'problem', 'possible reason', 'solution'.

#### ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Include information about, or examples of, the likely outcome to users, for example, likely solution to an optimisation problem, etc. Include example that works very well and a second for that requires troubleshooting to obtain meaningful results. If not described in detail in the introduction, this is a good place to include directions on how to interpret and analyze the computational results including equations if necessary.

## **Acknowledgments**

Please note an acknowledgments section can be included.

### **REFERENCES**

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