# Synthetic biosensors for precise gene control and real-time monitoring of metabolites.

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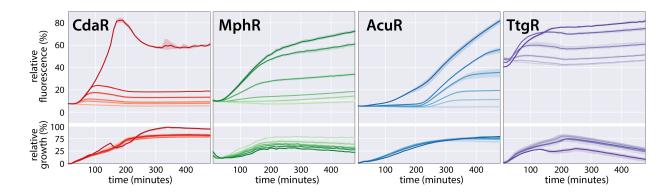
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#### **Supplemental Figure 1**

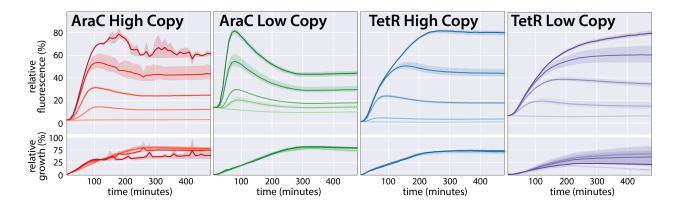
Fluorescence and growth kinetics for the low-copy implementations of the glucarate, erythromycin, acrylate and and naringenin biosensors.



Induction and growth kinetics for the low-copy glucarate (CdaR), erythromycin (MphR), acrylate (AcuR) and naringenin (TtgR) biosensors. Chemical inducers are added at time zero and fluorescence is observed for eight hours. Lower panels show the optical density of the induced cultures over time. Induction levels are indicated by shade, with darker colors indicating higher inducer concentrations. Glucarate induction levels are 13mM, 4.4mM, 1.5mM, 0.49mM, 0.17mM and no inducer addition. Erythromycin induction levels are 150 $\mu$ M, 51 $\mu$ M, 17 $\mu$ M, 5.6 $\mu$ M, 1.9 $\mu$ M and no inducer addition. Acrylate induction levels are 5mM, 2.5mM, 1.3mM, 0.63mM, 0.31mM and no inducer addition. Naringenin induction levels are 9mM, 3mM, 0.33mM, 0.11mM, 0.037mM and no inducer addition. Fluorescence and optical density are normalized as described in the Methods. The standard error of the mean is represented with a 95% confidence interval (n=3).

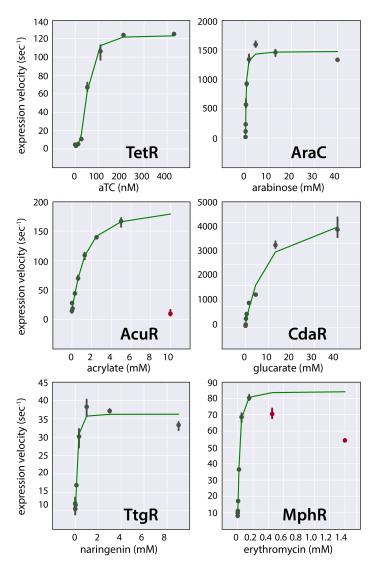
#### **Supplemental Figure 2**

Fluorescence and growth kinetics for the arabinose and anhydrotetracycline (aTC) biosensors.



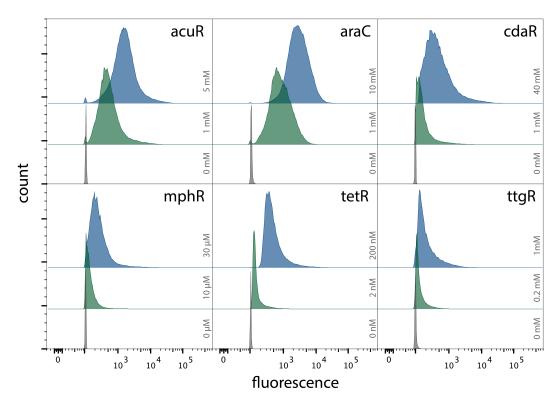
Induction and growth kinetics for the high- and low-copy arabinose (AraC) and anhydrotetracycline (TetR) biosensors. Chemical inducers are added at time zero and fluorescence is observed for eight hours. Lower panels show the optical density of the induced cultures over time. Induction levels are indicated by shade, with darker colors indicating higher inducer concentrations. Arabinose induction levels are  $490\mu M$ ,  $170\mu M$ ,  $55\mu M$ ,  $18\mu M$  and no inducer addition. Anhydrotetracycline induction levels are 430n M, 210n M, 53n M and no inducer addition. Fluorescence and optical density are normalized as described in the Methods. The standard error of the mean is represented with a 95% confidence interval (n=3).

**Supplemental Figure 3** Promoter activities and model fits for the low-copy biosensors.



Low-copy promoter activity was fit to a model of inducible gene expression. The maximum expression velocity of each inducible promoter was determined at various levels of induction (points). The data was fit to a Hill function modified to account for basal and maximal promoter activity (green lines). The anhydrotetracycline (TetR) and naringenin (TtgR) biosensors show high induction cooperativity. The arabinose (AraC), glucarate (CdaR), acrylate (AcuR) and erythromycin (MphR) biosensors show low or moderate levels of cooperativity. The 10mM acrylate, 1400µM and 450µM erythromycin induction conditions were omitted from the modeling data due to high toxicity (red points). Error bars reflect the 95% confidence interval for the measured expression velocity.

**Supplemental Figure 4** Single cell analysis of the low-copy biosensors.



The behavior of single cells in response to chemical induction was evaluated by flow cytometry. 100,000 cells from uninduced (grey), partially induced (green) and fully induced (blue) populations were observed for each low-copy biosensor. The specific concentration of inducer is indicated in the plot. Histograms are plotted with a biexponential scale to render the wide range of biosensor activation. The absence of large, well-separated bimodal distributions indicates that bulk fluorescent measurements do indeed reflect the induction behavior of individual cells.

**Supplemental Table 1.** Sequence of regulator proteins and cognate promoter/operators.

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Pogulator	Promoter / Operator	Regulator Seguence					
Regulator	Sequence	Regulator Sequence  ATGCCGCTGACCGACACCCCGCCGTCTGTTCCGCAGAAACCGCGTCGTGGTCGTCCGCGTGGTGCTCCG					
acuR	GCTTCACAACCGCACTTGATTTAATAGA CCATACCGTCTATTATTTCTGG	GACGCTTCTCTGGCTCACCAGTCTCTGATCCGTGCTGGTCTGGAACACCTGACCGGAAAAAGGTTACTCTT CTGTTGGTGTTGACGAAATCCTGAAAGCTGCTCGTGTTCCGAAAAGGTTCTTTCT					
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## Supplemental Table 2. Sequence of MIOX orthologs evaluated in this study.

MIOX Variant	Sequence
Candida albicans	ATGGTAAACAAGGTCGGTAAATCTACTCTCGATAAGAGCACAAACCTAGATAAATCCAAAGGGAATATATTAGA GAAACTAGATGATGATATACTTCATGTCAATAGAATTCGAGGCTCTTTAACTAAC
Francisella sp. TX077308	ATGAGTCAGACCGTGGAAAACACGTTTGGCGAATTTCGTAACTACACCGATAGCAAATTCCAGGATCGTGGAACGCACCGTACAAAGATATGCACATTAACCAGAATCTGGAATACGTTACCCAGATGAAAGATAAAATACTTCAAACTGGATCTGGGTAAAATGGGTACAAAGTGTTACCAGATCTGGAAAACGTTCATGATGAAAGCGATCCGGATAATCGGCGCAGATCGGACACGCATACAGACCGCGGAAACCGTCCAGAACAATTCCTGAAATCTGATACGGAACTCGCGCAGAACCAGATCGGACACGCGCAGATCCGGAAACCGCGCAGAACAAATTCCTGAAATCTGATACGGAACTGCGCGAAAATCGGCTGATTCGTAGTATCTTTCGCGATCATGAATGGCAGAGCATTCCGAAAATCTGGCAGGATTTCTATACCAAAAAACAAGAGTCTGGGCAATCTGTACAGCCATATTAAAGATTGGTCTTGCTTTCCGCTGGTTGGT
Flavobacterium johnsoniae	ATGAAAAAGCATATAGACACAGACAATCCGTTGAAAAAATTTAGATGAGTGGGAAGATGATTTGTTAATGCGATA TCCTGACCCTTCTGAAGTAAATGAAAGTTTAAAAGAAAAGCAGAAAGAA
Mus musculus	ATGAAAGTGGATGTTGGCCCGGACCCGAGCCTGGTTTACCGCCCGGATGTGGACCCGGAAATGGCAAAAAGCA AAGATTCGTTTCGT

## Supplemental Table 3. Inducer toxicity.

	Inducer Concentration							
acrylate(µM)	0	156	313	625	1250	2500	5000	10000
arabinose (µM)	0	55	165	494	1481	4444	13333	40000
aTC (nM)	0	6.7	13.0	27	53	110	210	430
DMSO (%)	0	0.0069	0.021	0.062	0.19	0.56	1.7	5
erythromycin (no eryR, μΜ)	0	1.9	5.6	17	51	150	450	1400
erythromycin (μΜ)	0	1.9	5.6	17	51	150	450	1400
ethanol (%)	0	0.0027	0.0082	0.025	0.074	0.22	0.7	2
glucarate (µM)	0	55	165	494	1481	4444	13333	40000
naringenin (µM)	0	12	37	111	333	1000	3000	9000
	Growth Rate (hr <sup>-1</sup> )							
acrylate	0.73	0.75	0.74	0.73	0.70	0.50	0.27	0.10
arabinose	0.78	0.76	0.80	0.86	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.95
аТС	0.74	0.75	0.74	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.54
DMSO	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.75	0.71	0.66	0.55
erythromycin (no eryR)	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.69	0.68	0.65	0.61	0.52
erythromycin	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.58	0.48	0.29	0.13	0.11
ethanol	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.71	0.66	0.52
glucarate	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.72	0.76
naringenin	0.69	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.68	0.53	0.40	0.16

## Supplemental Table 4. Inducer cross-reactivity (growth-normalized fluorescence)

	TtgR	TetR	CdaR	AcuR	AraC	MphR	control
erythromycin	11	9	14	11	25	1063	8
arabinose	8	8	11	10	1609	8	6
acrylate	9	8	9	485	27	10	6
glucarate	7	7	236	10	27	9	7
aTC	8	152	10	10	24	10	8
naringenin	111	7	9	8	24	8	7
IPTG	8	7	9	10	22	10	8
rhamnose	8	8	10	11	25	10	8
cumate	8	8	9	9	22	9	8
DMSO	8	8	9	9	26	10	8
ethanol	8	6	8	8	30	8	6
water	8	6	8	7	24	7	6