Supporting Information Text S1

Nomenclature

 $J_{LB} = \{ j \in J \mid \text{the flux through reaction } j \text{ has a lower bound} \}$

 $L_{LB} = \{l \in L \mid \text{the flux through non - native reaction } l \text{ has a lower bound} \}$

 $J_{GPR} = \{ j \in J \mid \text{reaction } j \text{ has known GPR associations} \}$

 $N(j) = \{n \in N | enzyme n \text{ is associated with reaction } j\}$

 $G(n) = \{g \in G | \text{gene } g \text{ is associated with enzyme } n\}$

 c_j – outer objective coefficient; p_j – inner objective coefficient; S_{ij} – stoichiometric coefficient

 v_j – flux through reaction j; w_l – flux through reaction l; u_i , λ_j , h_j , η_l , g_l – dual variables

 v_j^{lb} - lower bound on v_j ; w_l^{lb} - lower bound on w_l ; h_j^{lb} / h_j^{ub} - lower / upper bounds on h_j

 $y_g / b_n / d_j$ – binary variables for gene / enzyme / reaction status

 α – penalty for gene deletion; β – penalty for reaction addition

 γ – penalty for dual variables h_i ; v_i^{wt} – wildtype flux through reaction j

k – number of allowed gene deletions; k' – number of allowed reaction additions

A. OptORF without transcriptional regulatory constraints

$$\max \sum_{j} c_{j} v_{j} - \alpha \sum_{g} (1 - y_{g})$$
(A.1)

s.t.
$$\sum_{j} S_{ij} v_j = 0 \qquad \forall i \in I : (u_i) \qquad (A.2)$$

$$v_j \ge v_j^{lb}$$
 if $d_j = 1$ $\forall j \in J_{LB} : (\lambda_j)$ (A.3)

$$v_j = 0 \qquad \qquad if \ d_j = 0 \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J : (h_j) \qquad (A.4)$$

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_{i} = p_{j} \qquad if \ d_{j} = 1 \qquad \forall j \in J \setminus J_{LB}$$
(A.5)

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_{i} - \lambda_{j} = p_{j} \qquad if \ d_{j} = 1 \qquad \forall j \in J_{LB}$$
(A.6)

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_i + h_j = p_j \qquad \text{if } d_j = 0 \qquad \forall j \in J$$
(A.7)

$$\lambda_j \ge 0 \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{LB} \tag{A.8}$$

$$\sum_{j} p_{j} v_{j} = \sum_{j \in J_{LB}} (-v_{j}^{lb}) \lambda_{j}$$
(A.9)

$$d_j \ge b_n \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{GPR}, n \in N(j) \qquad (A.10)$$

$$d_j \le \sum_{n \in N(j)} b_n \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{GPR} \qquad (A.11)$$

$$(b_n - 1) \ge \sum_{g \in G(n)} (y_g - 1) \qquad \forall n \in N$$
(A.12)

$$b_n \le y_g \qquad \qquad \forall n \in N, g \in G(n)$$
 (A.13)

$$\sum_{g} (1 - y_g) \le k \tag{A.14}$$

$$h_j^{lb} \le h_j \le h_j^{ub} \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J \tag{A.15}$$

$$d_j, b_n, y_g \in \{0, 1\}$$
 (A.16)

B. SimOptStrain

$$\max \sum_{j} c_{j} v_{j} - \alpha \sum_{g} (1 - y_{g}) - \beta \sum_{l} z_{l}$$
(B.1)

s.t.
$$\sum_{j} S_{ij} v_j + \sum_{l} T_{il} w_l = 0 \qquad \forall i \in I : (u_i)$$
(B.2)

$$v_j \ge v_j^{lb}$$
 if $d_j = 1$ $\forall j \in J_{LB} : (\lambda_j)$ (B.3)

$$v_j = 0$$
 if $d_j = 0$ $\forall j \in J : (h_j)$ (B.4)

$$w_l \ge w_l^{lb} \qquad \qquad if \ z_l = 1 \qquad \forall l \in L_{LB} : (\eta_l) \tag{B.5}$$

$$w_l = 0 \qquad if \ z_l = 0 \qquad \forall l \in L : (g_l) \qquad (B.6)$$

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_{i} = p_{j} \qquad if \ d_{j} = 1 \qquad \forall j \in J \setminus J_{LB}$$
(B.7)

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_{i} - \lambda_{j} = p_{j} \qquad if \ d_{j} = 1 \qquad \forall j \in J_{LB}$$
(B.8)

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_i + h_j = p_j \qquad \text{if } d_j = 0 \qquad \forall j \in J$$
(B.9)

$$\sum_{i} T_{li} u_{i} = 0 \qquad if \ z_{l} = 1 \qquad \forall l \in L \setminus L_{LB}$$
(B.10)

$$\sum_{i} T_{li} u_i - \eta_l = 0 \qquad if \ z_l = 1 \qquad \forall l \in L_{LB}$$
(B.11)

$$\sum_{i} T_{li} u_i + g_l = 0 \qquad if \ z_l = 0 \qquad \forall l \in L$$
(B.12)

$$\lambda_j \ge 0 \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{LB} \tag{B.13}$$

$$\eta_l \ge 0 \qquad \qquad \forall l \in L_{LB} \tag{B.14}$$

$$\sum_{j} p_{j} v_{j} = \sum_{j \in J_{LB}} (-v_{j}^{lb}) \lambda_{j} + \sum_{l \in L_{LB}} (-w_{l}^{lb}) \eta_{l}$$
(B.15)

$$d_j \ge b_n \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{GPR}, n \in N(j) \qquad (B.16)$$

$$d_{j} \leq \sum_{n \in N(j)} b_{n} \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{GPR} \qquad (B.17)$$

$$(b_n - 1) \ge \sum_{g \in G(n)} (y_g - 1) \qquad \forall n \in N$$
(B.18)

$$b_n \le y_g \qquad \qquad \forall n \in N, g \in G(n)$$
 (B.19)

$$\sum_{g} (1 - y_g) \le k \tag{B.20}$$

$$\sum_{l} z_{l} \le k' \tag{B.21}$$

$$h_j^{lb} \le h_j \le h_j^{ub} \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J \tag{B.22}$$

$$d_{j}, b_{n}, y_{g}, z_{l} \in \{0, 1\}$$
(B.23)

C. BiMOMA

$$\max \sum_{j} c_{j} v_{j} - \alpha \sum_{g} (1 - y_{g}) - \gamma \sum_{j} h_{j}^{2}$$
(C.1)

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 $\forall i \in I : (u_i)$ (C.2)

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 if $d_j = 0$ $\forall j \in J : (h_j)$ (C.4)

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_{i} = v_{j} - v_{j}^{wt} \qquad if \ d_{j} = 1 \qquad \forall j \in J \setminus J_{LB} \qquad (C.5)$$

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_i + \lambda_j = v_j - v_j^{wt} \qquad if \ d_j = 1 \qquad \forall j \in J_{LB}$$
(C.6)

$$\sum_{i} S_{ji} u_i + h_j = v_j - v_j^{wt} \qquad if \ d_j = 0 \qquad \forall j \in J$$
(C.7)

$$\lambda_j \ge 0 \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{LB} \qquad (C.8)$$

$$\sum_{j} \frac{1}{2} v_{j}^{2} - v_{j}^{wt} v_{j} \leq \sum_{j} -\frac{1}{2} v_{j}^{2} + \sum_{j \in J_{LB}} v_{j}^{lb} \lambda_{j}$$
(C.9)

$$d_j \ge b_n \qquad \qquad \forall j \in J_{GPR}, n \in N(j) \quad (C.10)$$

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$d_{j}, b_{n}, y_{g} \in \{0, 1\}$		(C.16)