

**Figure S3.** Correlation between promoter BRE/TATA-box score and relative *in vitro* transcriptional activity. The vertical position of a point indicates the *in vitro* transcriptional activity of the corresponding promoter, relative to the wild-type *M. vannielii* tRNA<sup>val</sup> promoter. The horizontal position of a point

is the BRE/TATA-box score of the corresponding promoter. The correlation coefficient (r) is 0.88, indicating a positive correlation. The equation for the regression line is

 $\log_2(in \ vitro \ transcriptional \ activity) = 0.49 \times (BRE/TATA-box \ score) - 6.25$