

**Table S2:** Rate constants and initial conditions for the deterministic and stochastic models

Rate constant	Value	Description
$B_A^R$	0.05 molecules/min	Basal synthesis rate of $R_A$
$kdegR_A$	$0.005 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Degradation rate of $R_A$
$kon_A$	$0.001 \text{ molecules}^{-1}\text{min}^{-1}$	Association rate constant for $L_A$ and $R_A$ binding
$koff_A$	$0.05 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Dissociation rate constant for $L_A$ and $R_A$ binding
$ke_A$	$0.01 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Endocytic rate constant for $C_A$
$B_A^{ITF}$	0.05 molecules/min	Basal synthesis rate of $ITF_A$
$kdegTF_A$	$0.005 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Degradation rate of $ITF_A$ and $ATF_A$
$k_{IA}$	$60 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Rate of activation of $ITF_A$
$K_{M1A}$	100 molecules	Michaelis constant for activation of $ITF_A$
$K_{2A}$	$30 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Rate of deactivation of $ATF_A$
$K_{M2A}$	30 molecules	Michaelis constant for deactivation of $ATF_A$
$F_{1A}$	3 molecules/min	Strength of transcription factor feedback for lineage A
$F_{2A}$	3 molecules/min	Strength of receptor feedback for lineage A
$K_{DA}$	200 molecules	Equilibrium dissociation constant for $ATF_A$ binding to DNA
$K_{IB}$	400 molecules	Inhibitor dissociation constant (effect of B on A)
$B_B^R$	0.05 molecules/min	Basal synthesis rate of $R_B$
$kdegR_B$	$0.005 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Degradation rate of $R_B$
$kon_B$	$0.001 \text{ molecules}^{-1}\text{min}^{-1}$	Association rate constant for $L_B$ and $R_B$ binding
$koff_B$	$0.05 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Dissociation rate constant for $L_B$ and $R_B$ binding
$ke_B$	$0.01 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Endocytic rate constant for $C_B$
$B_B^{ITF}$	0.05 molecules/min	Basal synthesis rate of $ITF_B$
$kdegTF_B$	$0.005 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Degradation rate of $ITF_B$ and $ATF_B$
$k_{IB}$	$60 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Rate of activation of $ITF_B$
$K_{M1B}$	100 molecules	Michaelis constant for activation of $ITF_B$
$K_{2B}$	$30 \text{ min}^{-1}$	Rate of deactivation of $ATF_B$
$K_{M2B}$	30 molecules	Michaelis constant for deactivation of $ATF_B$
$F_{1B}$	3 molecules/min	Strength of transcription factor feedback for lineage B
$F_{2B}$	3 molecules/min	Strength of receptor feedback for lineage B
$K_{DB}$	200 molecules	Equilibrium dissociation constant for $ATF_B$ binding to DNA
$K_{IA}$	400 molecules	Inhibitor dissociation constant (effect of A on B)

Phosphatases  $P_A$  and  $P_B$  are held constant at 15 molecules for all simulations.

Initial conditions when starting from the uncommitted or off-state (in molecules):

$[R_A]_0 = 10$ ;  $[R_B]_0 = 10$ ;  $[C_A]_0 = 0$ ;  $[C_B]_0 = 0$ ;  $[ITF_A]_0 = 10$ ;  $[ITF_B]_0 = 10$ ;  $[ATF_A]_0 = 0$ ;  $[ATF_B]_0 = 0$

Initial conditions when starting from the bipotent or intermediate state (in molecules):

$[R_A]_0 = 30$ ;  $[R_B]_0 = 30$ ;  $[C_A]_0 = 125$ ;  $[C_B]_0 = 125$ ;  $[ITF_A]_0 = 6$ ;  $[ITF_B]_0 = 6$ ;  $[ATF_A]_0 = 273$ ;  $[ATF_B]_0 = 273$