

**Table S6. Parameters and Reactions for Simulation of the Decoupled Stochastic Model**

<b>Molecular Species</b>			
Prna	mRNA encoding for PhoP		
Qrna	mRNA encoding for PhoQ		
P	PhoP protein		
Q	PhoQ protein		
P*	PhoP-P		
Q*	PhoQ-P protein		
PQ*	Complex between PhoP and PhoQ-P		
P*Q	Complex between PhoP-P and PhoQ		

  

<b>Network Reactions</b>			
	<b>Reaction</b>	<b>Propensity Function</b>	<b>Parameter Values</b>
1	P2 Promoter $\rightarrow$ Prna	$C_{P2}$	$C_{P2} = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
2	P1 Promoter $\rightarrow$ Prna	$C_{P1}P^*/(K^*+P^*)$	$C_{P1} = 7.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ $K^*=500$
3	Q Promoter $\rightarrow$ Qrna	$C_Q$	$C_Q$ indicated in Fig. S5D
4	Prna $\rightarrow$ P	$k_P \text{Prna}$	$k_P = 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
5	Qrna $\rightarrow$ Q	$k_Q \text{Qrna}$	$k_Q = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$
6	$P + Q^* \rightarrow PQ^*$	$k_5 P \times Q^*$	$k_5 = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$
7	$PQ^* \rightarrow P + Q^*$	$k_6 PQ^*$	$k_6 = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$
8	$P^* + Q \rightarrow P^*Q$	$k_7 P^* \times Q$	$k_7 = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$
9	$P^*Q \rightarrow P^* + Q$	$k_8 P^*Q$	$k_8 = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$
10	$Q \rightarrow Q^*$	$k_9 Q$	$k_9 = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
11	$Q^* \rightarrow Q$	$k_{10} Q^*$	$k_{10} = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$
12	$PQ^* \rightarrow P^* + Q$	$k_{11} PQ^*$	$k_{11} = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
13	$P \rightarrow \emptyset$	$kP$	
14	$Q \rightarrow \emptyset$	$kQ$	
15	$P^* \rightarrow \emptyset$	$kP^*$	$k = \text{Growth Rate}$
16	$Q^* \rightarrow \emptyset$	$kQ^*$	$k = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$
17	$PQ^* \rightarrow \emptyset$	$kPQ^*$	
18	$P^*Q \rightarrow \emptyset$	$kP^*Q$	
19	$\text{Prna} \rightarrow \emptyset$	$k_{RNA} \text{Prna}$	$k_{RNA} = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
20	$\text{Qrna} \rightarrow \emptyset$	$k_{RNA} \text{Qrna}$	$k_{RNA} = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

  

<b>Initial Conditions</b>			
	<b>Species</b>	<b>Uninduced State</b>	<b>Induced State</b>
	Prna	2	121
	Qrna	2	400
	P	2	766
	Q	2	29
	p*	2	1623
	Q*	2	107
	PQ*	2	17
	P*Q	2	10