



S1 Figure. Simple Kr inhibition of *hb* produces unrefined anterior ‘step’ pattern. (Kr only inhibits *hb*, it provides no activation.) Deterministic solutions of mechanisms: **(A)** static Kr; **(B)** Hb-Kr mutual inhibition (**mut inh**); and **(C)** **Hb dual**. Red – Hb protein; Green – Kr protein. Shown at $t=30$ minutes. Vertical, number of protein molecules per nucleus + surrounding cytoplasm; horizontal, AP position in %EL. **(A)** static Kr model: *hb* is activated by Bcd and Hb (as in [37]), Kr is a fixed, unchanging concentration gradient which inhibits *hb*. **(B)** mutual inhibition (**mut inh**): Kr is now dynamic – activated by Bcd and inhibited Hb; *hb* is activated by Bcd and Hb, and inhibited by Kr. **(C)** **Hb dual** model: Kr is dual regulated by Hb – activated at low [Hb] and inhibited at high [Hb] (Bcd activation of *Kr* is not modelled); Hb is as in **(A)**, **(B)**. In all cases, *hb* activation by Bcd and Hb and inhibition by Kr produces an unrefined anterior Hb step pattern.