## **Supplementary Information**



Supplementary Figure 1: Modified transposons for the creation of domain-1 2 insertion libraries. (a) Schematic of a representative transposon used for *in vitro* 3 DNA insertion. The antibiotic resistance gene (CmR) is shown in purple, with its promoter upstream. R1 and R2 MuA-binding sites are encoded at each end (exact 4 5 reverse complement of each other). (b) Transposition efficiency of modified 6 transposons. Alignment of modified transposon ends, shown 5' to 3', with Mu 7 genome consensus and original R1R2 end shown at the top for reference. Each 8 modified transposon is labeled with the restriction site that is created. Mutations 9 relative to original R1R2 ends are highlighted in blue. Restriction site recognition 10 sites are underlined, while cut sites are shown in purple. Note that all restriction 11 sites created are for type-IIs enzymes so sequences in the cut site can be varied at 12 both ends of the transposon to encode for desired amino acids while maintaining 13 the cloning site. (c) Schematic of cloning with the modified transposon, Mu-Bsal, 14 to create domain-insertion libraries. An example target sequence is shown at the 15 top, with encoded amino acids shown above. The sites of an example transposon 16 strand transfer are marked with asterisks. Insertion of Mu-BsaI transposon 17 creates a 5 bp duplication of the target sequence (underlined in orange). The 18 insert domain has compatible flanking restriction sites. An additional base (T in 19 this case) must be added in front of the insert domain to keep it in-frame. Colors 20 of the final assembly at the bottom highlight the source of DNA components. The 21 encoded amino acids VAS and AST are considered "linkers" because they are 22 additional relative to the original target and inserting-domain amino acid 23 sequence.





26 Supplementary Figure 2: Analysis of MBP library enrichment and sample 27 activity. (a) A profile of enrichment values (*i.e.* log<sub>2</sub> of fold change) for in-frame 28 insertions along the primary sequence of MBP. Enrichment calculated with 29 DESeq comparing post-sort NGS read counts to those from pre-sort library. 30 Calculated enrichment with P < 0.1 shown. Sites that went from undetectable 31 (zero reads) to detectable are represented with dashed lines set to a value of 6. 32 Sites that were depleted post-sort are represented with dashed lines set to -6. 33 Overlaid black circles show the number of hits from a sequenced 96-well plate of 34 random post-sort library members (right side of y-axis). (b) Enrichment mapped 35 onto MBP crystal structure (PDB 1ANF). Cartoon representation of Figure 2b. 36 Bound maltose is shown in blue. Amino acid 170 indicated with arrows. (c) Table 37 of activity values from functional MBP-cpGFP constructs found in plate assays 38 (except site 170, marked with an asterisk, which was constructed afterwards). 39 Activity values are the mean of at least two biological replicates. Highlight colors are the same as in Figure 2d. 40



Supplementary Figure 3: MBP functional insertion sites shown relative to bound
and unbound structures. Maltose-bound MBP (1ANF, gray structure) shown
with functional insertion sites highlighted (from Figure 2c). Unbound MBP
(1OMP, light blue structure) is structurally aligned to the bound form. Alignment
was carried out with the align function of PyMOL using backbone atoms of
amino acids in the C-terminal lobe of the protein (amino acids 114-165, 185-257,
334-370).



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52 Supplementary Figure 4: Linker optimization of Mal-170. (a) Schematic of the 53 construct used for linker optimization. The N- and C-linkers vary from 0 to 4 54 amino acids, with each having equal probability of Ala, Arg, Gly, Pro, Ser, and 55 Thr (VST codon). (b) Representative plate assay activity data of linker library 56 (from naïve library – never sorted). (c) Activity measurements of top two hits 57 with replicates (Mal-F1 and Mal-B2) compared to the best constructs from the 58 original library. Values of  $\Delta F/F$  reported as mean  $\pm$  s.d. for three replicates. (d) 59 Single cell measurements of best hits. Flow cytometry measurements of 60 fluorescence either with (darker color) or without (lighter color) saturating 61 maltose (1 mM), 20,000 measurements for each sample. Dashed lines represent 62 the median of each sample.  $\Delta$  F/F values are reported next to biosensors, calculated from the median of each sample. (e) Linker amino acid sequences of 63 64 the optimized biosensors, compared to Mal-170.



67 Supplementary Figure 5: *In vitro* analysis of the best optimized MBP-cpGFP
68 biosensor, Mal-B2. (a) Activity (ΔF/F) measurements with saturating sugars, as
69 indicated. (b-d) Binding curves and K<sub>D</sub> calculations for Mal-B2 with (b) glucose,
70 (c) maltose, and (d) trehalose, the substrates showing the highest responses in (a).
71 Data are mean ± s.d. for three replicates.





74 Supplementary Figure 6: DIP enriches for functional trehalose biosensors. (a) 75 Heat map, generated using MATLAB (Mathworks), identifying functional 76 trehalose biosensors from a representative in vivo 96-well plate assay. Samples 77 were grown for two hours post-IPTG induction and then 1 mM trehalose added. 78 The normalized changes in fluorescence before and after trehalose addition were 79 calculated. Wells are pseudocolored with a minimum normalized  $\Delta$  F/F of 0.25 80 (blue) and a maximum of 0.5 (pink). Normalized  $\Delta F/F \ge 0.5$  identified positive hits. Samples A1, A2 and A3 are controls. A1 – media, A2 – TMBP, A3 – cpGFP. 81 82 (b) DNA isolated from samples in (a), were sequenced and a plot of the 83 normalized  $\Delta$  F/F values versus the insertion site generated. Data are mean ± s.d. for three biological replicates (except Tre-217 which has only two replicates). 84





Supplementary Figure 7: TMBP-cpGFP library construct frequency. (a) 87 88 Representative initial library distribution of NGS read counts. Includes all forward insertions, with in-frame (productive) insertions shown in blue and out-89 90 of-frame (unproductive) insertions shown in black. A moving average is shown 91 for all positions. (b) NGS read count versus enrichment after three rounds of 92 FACS. Data is from one representative biological replicate. NGS read count is 93 from the final library, after three sorts. Fold change is calculated from the read counts of the final library compared to those from the initial library. All insertion 94 95 and directions that were detectable (both productive positions and 96 unproductive) are shown. A linear fit, calculated with from all data points, is shown. 97





Supplementary Figure 8: Activity versus individual sort enrichments. Activity 100 shown is the same data from Figure 4a-b. Error of activity values is left off for 101 clarity. Enrichment, shown as fold change, is calculated with DESeq from two 102 103 biological replicates comparing NGS read counts post-sort to read counts pre-104 sort. All constructs from Figure 4a-b are shown, regardless of calculatedenrichment P-value for the given sort, to display overall trends. (a) Enrichment 105 106 from first sort (positive sort, with trehalose). (b) Enrichment from second sort 107 (negative sort, without trehalose). (c) Enrichment from third (final) sort (positive 108 sort, with trehalose). Colors of points in (a-c) are binned based on enrichment 109 (fold change) over all sorts (see x-axis in Figure 4b).



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112 Supplementary Figure 9: Functional sites for TMBP-cpGFP biosensor constructs. (a) Table of top activity measurements for different insertion positions. Activity ( 113 114  $\Delta$  F/F) values are those from Fig 4a. (b) Insertion positions of top biosensors 115 mapped on TMBP structure (1EU8). Highlighted sites are colored based on bins 116 in (a) and are shown with sphere representations of their side chains. Bound 117 trehalose is shown in purple. Note that, unlike MBP, TMBP only has a solved 118 crystal structure for its trehalose-bound form. (c) Structural alignment of TMBP 119 (gray) and MBP (white), both in ligand-bound forms, with highlighted functional 120 insertion sites. Alignment carried out in PyMOL and only uses residues near the 121 clustered hotspots to more accurately show proximity. TMBP sites use bin colors 122 shown in (a). MBP sites use bin values shown in supplementary Figure 2c, but 123 with blue instead of red coloring. Bound maltose is shown in orange and bound 124 trehalose shown in purple.



- Tre-334 ...LGWNP<sub>333</sub> GAS Y<sub>148</sub>NVF...YNFN<sub>146</sub> ASP G<sub>334</sub>RVDV...
   Tre-196 ...NGGSL<sub>195</sub> GAS Y<sub>148</sub>NVF...YNFN<sub>146</sub> ASL G<sub>196</sub>EFKD...
   Tre-197 ...GGSLG<sub>196</sub> EAS Y<sub>148</sub>NVF...YNFN<sub>146</sub> ASG E<sub>197</sub>FKDG...
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127 **Supplementary Figure 10**: Construction of the homologous Mal-170 site in 128 TMBP does not produce a good trehalose biosensor. (**a**) The fluorescence 129 response of Tre-196 and Tre-197 to 1 mM trehalose in an *in vivo* plate assay 130 compared to a TMBP control and the isolated biosensor Tre-334. Data are mean  $\pm$ 131 s.d. for three replicates. (**b**) Sequence of amino acids in the linker region of Tre-132 334, Tre-196 and Tre-197.



134 135 Supplementary Figure 11: Linker optimization increases the dynamic range of Tre-334. (a) A zero to three amino acid linker library (encoded by VVC codon) 136 137 was created between amino acids 333 and 334 of TMBP as shown in the 138 schematic and the PDB structure (PDB ID: 1EU8). The VVC codon provides equal 139 representation of 9 amino acids as indicated. (b) Changes in the fluorescence 140 histograms of the amino acid linker library upon IPTG induction and 1 mM 141 trehalose addition. 25,000 events are shown. The dashed line indicates events 142 that are at a non-fluorescent sample threshold and the shaded region indicates 143 the gate for sorted events in the induced sample treated with trehalose. (c) The 144 linker sequences of the parental and optimized trehalose biosensors, Tre-334 and 145 Tre-C04 are shown. (d) The  $\Delta$  F/F value of three 96-well plates tested in an *in* 146 vivo assay for trehalose sensing. Samples were grown for two hours post-IPTG 147 induction and then 1 mM trehalose added.  $\Delta$  F/F values were calculated from the changes in fluorescence before and after trehalose addition. 148



149 Supplementary Figure 12: Tre-C04 functions well in vitro. (a) SDS-PAGE of 150 151 Ni-NTA-purified proteins, as indicated. (**b**) expressed, Pseudocolored 152 fluorescence image of 1 µM purified protein, as indicated, in the absence or 153 presence of 1 mM trehalose. (c) Fluorescence spectrum of purified, optimized 154 trehalose biosensor, Tre-C04, with PBS or added sugar. Data are mean  $\pm$  s.d. for 155 three samples. (d) Fluorescence dose-response curves of purified, optimized 156 trehalose biosensor, Tre-C04, to trehalose, maltose, and glucose. Data are mean ± 157 s.d. for three replicates. Apparent  $K_d = 53 \pm 1$  nM (trehalose) and  $81 \pm 1$  nM 158 (maltose). (e) Biosensor response measurements ( $\Delta F/F$  normalized to trehalose 159 response) of Tre-C04 with sugar substrates (1 mM). Data are mean  $\pm$  s.d. for three 160 replicates.



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163 Supplementary Figure 13: Validamycin A treatment of cultures expressing Tre-164 C04 results in a sustained fluorescence response. (a) Fluorescence reponse of the optimized biosensor, Tre-C04, to 0, 1 µM, 10 µM, 100 µM and 1 mM trehalose. 165 166 Fluorescence was background corrected against a culture treated with water 167 instead of trehalose. (b) Fluorescence reponse of the optimized biosensor, Tre-168 C04, to 50  $\mu$ M validamycin A and 0, 1  $\mu$ M, 10  $\mu$ M, 100  $\mu$ M or 1 mM trehalose. Fluorescence was background corrected against a culture treated with water 169 170 instead of trehalose. (c) OD<sub>600</sub> for samples shown in (a). (d) OD<sub>600</sub> for samples shown in (b). For (a-d), arrows indicate additions and data are mean  $\pm$  s.d. for 171 172 twelve replicates. 173



Time, hr **Supplementary Figure 14:** Extraction and measurement of free sugars during *in vivo* NaCl exposure. (a) Fluorescence response of Tre-C04 to the addition of PBS or 300 mM NaCl (final concentration). Arrow indicates time of additions. Data are mean  $\pm$  s.d. for three biological replicates. (b) Concentration of trehalose in cell extracts from cultures in (a) measured by HPAEC-PAD analysis. Data are mean  $\pm$  s.d. for three biological replicates. No maltose was detected for all culture conditions and time points (limit of detection ~0.05 µg/mL).



**Supplementary Figure 15**: pTKEI-Dest plasmid map. Generated with SnapGene

186 software (GSL Biotech).

## **Supplementary Table 1**: DNA sequences. For primers, lower case letters indicate bases that anneal to the template

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		ACCACATGAAGCAGGACGACGACTTCTTCAAGTCCGCCATGCCCGAAGGCTACATTCAGGAGGGCGACACC
ORF	cpEGFP	GGTTAACCGCATCGAGCTGAAGGGCATCGACTTCAAGGAGGACGGCAACATCCTGGGCCATAAGC
primer	entranceposon Ins1 F	CACACCAGGTCTCAGTCCCCAGAGGATTAgatctgAAgcGgcgcacgaaaaacg
primer	entranceposon_Ins1 R	CACACCAGGTCTCAAtctcattttcgccaaaag
primer	entranceposon_Ins2_F	CACACCAGGTCTCAagaTgttgatcggcacgtaagag
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