

**Increased dosage of *AOX1* promoter-regulated expression
cassettes leads to transcription attenuation of the methanol
metabolism in *Pichia pastoris***

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Supplementary Table S1. Primer sequences used for ddPCR. Tm, melting temperature; %GC, guanosine + cytosine content (in %) of the oligonucleotides.

OLIGONUCLEOTIDE	SEQUENCE	Tm	% GC	AMPLICON SIZE (bp)
<i>ROL</i> fwd primer	5' – AAGTGGGACTGTGTCCAATG – 3'	61	50	158
<i>ROL</i> rev primer	5' – GCACTTCTGAAGGAGTTG – 3'	57	50	
<i>ACT1</i> fwd primer	5' – CACCAACCTTCTACAAC – 3'	56	50	139
<i>ACT1</i> rev primer	5' – AGAAGGCTGGAACGTTG – 3'	58	52	

Supplementary Table S3. Additional physiological parameters

	Lipase activity (UA/mL)	OD ₆₀₀	Biomass (mmol g ⁻¹ DCW h ⁻¹)	Y _{x/s} (g biomass g ⁻¹ substrate)	Respiratory Quotient (RQ)
0C	n.d.	55.44 ± 2.14	3.32 ± 0.13	0.56 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.05
1C	626.9 ± 139.0	52.44 ± 1.71	3.44 ± 0.17	0.58 ± 0.02	0.59 ± 0.03
2C	3922.3 ± 376.1	41.22 ± 1.58	3.65 ± 0.04	0.61 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.01
4C	3368.3 ± 329.2	37.11 ± 0.69	3.50 ± 0.18	0.65 ± 0.03	0.54 ± 0.03
8C	1831.5 ± 153.6	36.67 ± 0.33	3.75 ± 0.12	0.64 ± 0.00	0.53 ± 0.03
15C	1455.1 ± 66.8	36.78 ± 0.51	3.87 ± 0.11	0.63 ± 0.03	0.54 ± 0.03

Supplementary Table S4. Rol content quantification. Data are shown as means \pm standard deviation based on triplicate measurements (one for each chemostat performed). * $P < 0.05$ (compared to reference strain in the case of protein content, compared to the single copy strain in the rest of cases). SN, supernatant; IF, insoluble fraction; SF, soluble fraction.

	SN protein content (mg protein/g DCW)	SN Rol content (μ g Rol/g DCW)	IF Rol content (μ g Rol/g DCW)	SN Lipase specific activity (UA/ μ g Rol)	SF Lipase specific activity (UA/mg protein)
0C	1.74 \pm 0.41	-	-	-	-
1C	1.70 \pm 0.03	24.16 \pm 13.13	14.93 \pm 3.65	29.08 \pm 10.18	0.09 \pm 0.03
2C	2.56 \pm 0.19 *	175.20 \pm 18.90 *	76.01 \pm 10.83 *	22.64 \pm 3.91	0.29 \pm 0.05 *
4C	2.69 \pm 0.08 *	146.86 \pm 29.38 *	63.33 \pm 17.05 *	23.62 \pm 5.90	0.30 \pm 0.07 *
8C	2.24 \pm 0.11 *	52.54 \pm 7.66 *	35.29 \pm 9.69 *	28.93 \pm 2.97	0.23 \pm 0.05 *
15C	2.29 \pm 0.08 *	97.00 \pm 3.03 *	58.55 \pm 13.39 *	18.35 \pm 2.64	0.27 \pm 0.03 *

Supplementary Table S9. Total fatty acid composition of Rol-producing and reference strains.

Fatty acid content was quantified by gas chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry. Only the 5 main fatty acids detected are represented. Data are shown as means \pm standard deviation based on three independent experiments for each strain. * indicates $P < 0.05$ compared to 0C.

	% oleic acid (C18:1)	% linoleic (C18:2n-6)	% palmitic (C16:0)	% α -linolenic (C18:3n-3)	% stearic (C18:0)	TOTAL (μ g FA/mg DCW)
0C	35.3 \pm 3.7	26.9 \pm 2.6	13.6 \pm 1.3	10.8 \pm 0.1	2.1 \pm 0.1	45.9 \pm 4.2
1C	28.2 \pm 1.9 *	31.6 \pm 2.1 *	11.9 \pm 0.9 *	12.9 \pm 0.1 *	1.6 \pm 0.4	40.1 \pm 2.9
2C	28.4 \pm 0.7 *	31.4 \pm 1.8 *	11.7 \pm 0.5 *	10.4 \pm 0.1	2.5 \pm 0.5	40.2 \pm 1.4
4C	28.2 \pm 3.1 *	31.6 \pm 2.1 *	12.0 \pm 1.2 *	11.1 \pm 0.1	2.1 \pm 0.3	35.6 \pm 2.7 *
8C	26.2 \pm 1.5 *	32.0 \pm 2.3 *	13.6 \pm 1.1	13.5 \pm 0.2 *	2.8 \pm 0.3 *	35.9 \pm 2.5 *
15C	26.5 \pm 0.7 *	30.8 \pm 0.2 *	14.0 \pm 0.7	12.0 \pm 0.5	2.7 \pm 0.2 *	32.5 \pm 5.2 *