



1 **Figure S1.** Sequence variations (1-3) of pClpR-cII-timm enabling *cII* expression arrangements. The point  
2 mutations incorporated within *cII* or promoter *pO* were described in [1-4]. The sequences in *magenta*  
3 are RBS. For the plasmids in sequences 1 & 2 the RBS is identical to 8 bases of the RBS consensus  
4 sequence for gene *cro*. Sequences in *red* are “-10” promoter regions (for *pO*, in plasmid sequence 2; for  
5 *pE*, in plasmid sequence 3). The sequences in *blue* (underlined) are for “-35” region of *pO* promoter  
6 (sequence 2) and the suggested -35 region for the *pE* promoter (in sequence 3) within the N-terminal  
7 sequence of *cII*. The sequence in *green* (shown sequence 2) represents the *oop* sequence encoding OOP  
8 RNA. The Plasmids 1 include: cII, cII<sub>1-92</sub> (deleting five amino acids from the carboxy-terminal end of *cII*),  
9 cII<sub>1-87</sub>, cII<sub>1-77</sub>, cII<sub>1-67</sub>, cII<sub>1-57</sub>, cII<sub>1-47</sub>, cII-3638, cII-3639, cII-3638+3639. The sequence for Plasmids 2 include  
10 the sequence 1 for WT *cII* plus the *oop* sequence that overlaps the carboxyl end of *cII*, plus the *pO*  
11 sequence that overlaps with the sequence of N-terminal end of gene *O*: cII-oop-pO94, cII-oop-pO45, cII-  
12 oop-pO45-38383LK, cII-oop-pO-38683-87MH. The sequence for Plasmids 3 include the WT *pE* promoter  
13 from sR-38339-pE-cII, sR-38339pE-cII-oop-pO94 and *pE* mutations cII-cy3048, cII-cy2001, cII-cy42, and cII-  
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Plasmid in host cells	$\lambda imm434cII2002$ pfu spotted per overlay plate incubated at								
	30°C			37°C			39°C		
	~16,000	~160	~16	~16,000	~160	~16	~16,000	~160	~16
594 [ <i>cII</i> ]									
594 [ <i>cII</i> <sub>1-92</sub> ]									
594 [ <i>cII</i> <sub>1-87</sub> ]									
594 [ <i>cII</i> <sub>1-77</sub> ]									
594 <i>hflA::kan</i> [ <i>cII</i> ]									
594 <i>pcnB::kan</i> [ <i>cII</i> ]									
594 <i>rpoB</i> B8 [ <i>cII</i> ]									
594 <i>rpoB</i> D2 [ <i>cII</i> ]									
594 <i>rpoB</i> D2 [ <i>cII</i> <sub>1-87</sub> ]									

**Figure S2.** Deletions in *cII*, or host mutations influencing CII complementation *in trans*. Complementation of the *cII*-defect on the phage by the *cII* allele expressed from the plasmid was assessed by the ability of the spotted phage to form clear, turbid, or no pfu at 37 and 39°C. High expression of the  $Cl_{434}$  repressor made from the phage will fully repress its *oL* (not assayed) and *oR* transcription, preventing phage growth (pfu formation). An intermediate level of *cII* expression from the plasmid at 37°C can permit the otherwise clear plaque forming  $\lambda imm434 cII68$  and  $\lambda imm434 cII2002$  phages (seen at 30°C) to form turbid plaques at 37°C. In contrast, the expression of the *cII* allele on the plasmid is blocked when the Ts  $Cl_{857}$  repressor is active in cells grown at 30°C.

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Plasmid in host cells	<i>λimm434cII2002</i> pfu spotted per overlay plate incubated at								
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	~16,000	~160	~16	~16,000	~160	~16	~16,000	~160	~16
594 [cII- <i>oop</i> -pO94] (p680)									
594 [cII- <i>oop</i> -pO94-38684-88MH] (p681)									
594 [sR38339-pE-cII] (p747)									
594 [sR38339-pE-cII- <i>oop</i> -pO94] (p748)									
594 [cII- <i>oop</i> -pO45WT] (p763)									
594 [cII- <i>oop</i> -pO45-38684-88MH] (p759)									
594 [cII- <i>oop</i> -pO45-38683LK] (p762)									

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**Figure S3.** Influence of *pO* variations on CII complementation *in trans*.

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1 **Supplemental tables**

2 **Table S1.** Gene expression units cloned within plasmid vector pcIpR-[ ]-timm.

3	Plasmid	Strain	Construction primer/ method employed
4	cII	p679	L-Bam-cII and R-ClaBsi-cII copy from p27R
5	cII-oop-pO94	p680	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi-O-Po copy from p27R
6	cII-oop-pO94-38683-87MH	p681	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi-O-Po copy from p27RpO
7	cII <sub>1-92</sub>	p696	L-Bam-cII and R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ15
8	cII <sub>1-87</sub>	p732	L-Bam-cII and R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ30
9	cII <sub>1-77</sub>	p715	L-Bam-cII and R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ60
10	cII <sub>1-67</sub>	p721	L-Bam-cII and R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ90
11	cII <sub>1-57</sub>	p723	L-Bam-cII and R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ120
12	cII <sub>1-47</sub>	p724	L-Bam-cII and R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ150
13	cII-oop-pO45WT	p763	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi45poWT
14	cII-oop-pO45-38383LK	p762	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi45po38383LK
15	cII-oop-pO45-38683-87MH	p759	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi45po38684-88MH
16	cII-3638	p756	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi-cII-3638
17	cII-3639	p757	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi-cII-3639
18	cII-3638+3639	p758	L-Bam-cII and R-Bsi-3638+3639
19	sR-38339-cII-cy3048	p756	LXbaI-38339-cy3048 and R-ClaBsi-cII
20	sR-38339-cII-cy2001	p765	LXbaI-38339-cy2001 and R-ClaBsi-cII
21	sR-38339-cII-cy42	p764	LXbaI-38339-cy42 and R-ClaBsi-cII
22	sR-38339-cII-cy3001	p766	LXbaI-38339-cy3001 and R-ClaBsi-cII
23	sR-38339-pE-CII	p747	LBamXba38339 and R-nopo-Bsi-Cla (with WT cII stop)
24	sR-38339-pE-cII-oop-pO94	p748	LBamXba38339 and R-Bsi-O-po (with WT cII stop)

26 **Table S2.** Oligonucleotides used for plasmid construction and sequencing.

Primer Name	5' to 3' Sequence
L37904+18	gctgctctgtgtaaatgg
R-153-19	gaagacagtcataagtgcgg
L-Bam-CII	atatggatccatggttctgtgcaaacacgcaacgaggctctacg
R-ClaBsi-CII	atatatcgatcgtagcttagaactccatctggattgttcagaacgctcgg
R-Bsi-45poWT	atat cgtacgttactgccgaagttgagtattttgctgtattgtcataatgactcctgt
R-Bsi-45po38383LK	atatcgtacgttactgccgaagttgagtattttgctgtattgtcataaAgactcctgt
R-Bsi-45po38684-88MH	atatcgtacgttactgccgaagttgagtattttgctgtattgtcGCGGgactcctgt
R-Cla-Bsi-CII	atatatcgatcgtagcttagaactccatctggattgttcagaacgctcgg
R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ15	atatatcgatcgtagcttattgttcagaacgctcgggtgccgggctttttt
R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ30	atatatcgatcgtagcttaggttgcggcgggcttttttattggtgagaatcgc
R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ60	atatatcgatcgtagcttaaatcgcaactgtcgcgccaatcgagccatgtc
R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ90	atatatcgatcgtagcttacatgtc gtcgtcaacgacccccattcaagaacagc
R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ120	atatatcgatcgtagcttaaacagcaagcagcattgagaacttggatccagtc
R-Cla-Bsi-CIIΔ150	atatatcgatcgtagcttaccagtcctctccactgctgatctgcgacttatc

L-BamXba38339new	atatggatcctctatctagatatctaaggaaataacttacataggttcgtgc
R-noPo-Bsi-Clal	atatatcgatcgtagctcagaactccatctggattgttcagaacgctcgg
R-Bsi-O-Po	atatcgtacgtaacatcatcgagatctgccacattacgctcctgtccggc
R-Bsi-CII-3638	atatcgtacgtagaactccaCctggattgttcagaacgctcgg
R-Bsi-CII-3639	atatcgtacgtagaactccat ctggattCgttcagaacgctcgg
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LXbal-38339-cy2001	atattctagatatcttaggaaatacGtacctacataggttcgtgc
LXbal-38339-cy42	atattctagatatcttaggaaataacttacataggttcgtgcTaacaaacgcaacgaggc
LXbal-38339-cy3001	atattctagatatcttaggaaataacttacataggttcgtgcaacaaacgTaacgaggctctacgaatc
L-Bam-OOP#1	atatggatcctggctcgattggcgcgacaagt
L-Bam-OOP#2	atatggatccgttgacgacgacatggctcgat
R-Cal-O	atatatcgattatagatccaccccgtaaattccagtc
R-Clal-36P	atatatcgattacctgctgtacctgctggcttttcgtcg
R-Clal-63P	atatatcgattacttctgtctggtcacggtagcc

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