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Metabolome analysis-based design and engineering of a metabolic pathway in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* to match rates of simultaneous utilization of D-glucose and L-arabinose

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26 **Table S1** Specific growth rates and specific sugar consumption rates by recombinant strains and the wild-type strain of *C. glutamicum*
 27 ATCC 31831

Strain	Carbon source ^a	Specific growth rate (h ⁻¹)	Specific consumption rate (g/h/g dry cell weight) ^e		Total amounts of sugar consumed (g/L) ^e
			Glucose	Arabinose	
Wild-type	Arabinose	0.36 ^b	—	0.180 ^b	9.2 ^b
Wild-type	Glucose	0.40 ^b	0.167 ^b	—	6.4 ^b
Wild-type	Mixture of arabinose and glucose	0.35 ^b	0.070 ^b	0.043 ^b	17.3 ^b
31831/pCH _{pyk}	Mixture of arabinose and glucose	0.28 ^c	0.102 ^c	0.050 ^c	12.7 ^c
$\Delta araR$	Mixture of arabinose and glucose	0.29 ^d	0.101 ^d	0.053 ^d	19.5 ^d
$\Delta araR$ /pCH _{pyk}	Mixture of arabinose and glucose	0.21 ^d	0.081 ^d	0.078 ^d	16.4 ^d

28 ^aBT medium containing both D-glucose and/or L-arabinose (15 g/L each) was used for aerobic cell growth.

29 ^bValues were determined based on data shown in Fig. 2.

30 ^cValues were determined based on data shown in Fig. 4.

31 ^dValues were determined based on data shown in Fig. 5.

32 ^eValues were determined from data at 23 h of cultivation.

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34 **Table S2** Relative expression levels of genes in the *ara* cluster and central metabolic pathway in aerobically grown wild-type and *araR*-
 35 deletion mutants with/without *pyk* overexpression ($\Delta araR$ and $\Delta araR/pCHpyk$)

Target gene ^d	Strain ^a Time (h)	Relative abundance ^{b, b}					
		Wild type		$\Delta araR$		$\Delta araR/pCHpyk$	
		11	23	11	23	11	23
<i>araA</i>		1.0 ± 0.26	0.84 ± 0.43 (0.590)	1.76 ± 0.12 (0.012)	2.90 ± 0.40 (0.007)	1.71 ± 0.17 (0.019)	3.52 ± 0.16 (0.001)
<i>araB</i>		1.0 ± 0.14	0.99 ± 0.48 (0.969)	1.58 ± 0.11 (0.014)	1.60 ± 0.46 (0.221)	1.55 ± 0.34 (0.133)	4.35 ± 2.04 (0.147)
<i>araE</i>		1.0 ± 0.25	0.65 ± 0.31 (0.178)	1.35 ± 0.28 (0.196)	1.25 ± 0.47 (0.498)	1.38 ± 0.23 (0.143)	1.63 ± 0.95 (0.341)
<i>ptsG</i>		1.0 ± 0.31	0.45 ± 0.10 (0.092)	0.84 ± 0.10 (0.373)	0.54 ± 0.17 (0.072)	1.03 ± 0.41 (0.995)	0.53 ± 0.13 (0.130)
<i>ptsI</i>		1.0 ± 0.06	1.28 ± 0.56 (0.435)	1.03 ± 0.19 (0.844)	1.63 ± 0.57 (0.132)	0.69 ± 0.03 (0.001)	1.99 ± 1.21 (0.230)
<i>pfk</i>		1.0 ± 0.02	0.67 ± 0.23 (0.078)	0.99 ± 0.23 (0.961)	1.60 ± 0.39 (0.058)	1.24 ± 0.15 (0.051)	0.86 ± 0.11 (0.098)
<i>gapA</i>		1.0 ± 0.13	0.46 ± 0.37 (0.157)	1.02 ± 0.17 (0.898)	1.28 ± 0.58 (0.580)	1.23 ± 0.13 (0.151)	0.80 ± 0.01 (0.158)
<i>pyk</i>		1.0 ± 0.14	1.03 ± 0.43 (0.925)	1.25 ± 0.08 (0.055)	4.13 ± 1.60 (0.028)	8.16 ± 2.17 (0.003)	3.64 ± 3.16 (0.214)
<i>tal</i>		1.0 ± 0.10	0.73 ± 0.26 (0.171)	1.45 ± 0.28 (0.060)	2.09 ± 0.52 (0.025)	1.61 ± 0.42 (0.059)	2.22 ± 0.35 (0.009)
<i>tkt</i>		1.0 ± 0.28	0.27 ± 0.11 (0.013)	0.79 ± 0.21 (0.304)	0.90 ± 0.01 (0.572)	1.38 ± 0.59 (0.406)	0.64 ± 0.29 (0.236)

36 ^aCells were grown aerobically to late log phase in A medium containing D-glucose and L-arabinose (20 g/L each) and subsequently
37 inoculated to an initial OD₆₀₀ of 0.2 into BT medium containing both D-glucose and L-arabinose (15 g/L each).

38 ^bRNA was isolated from aerobically grown cells of the wild-type strain and *araR* deletion mutants with or without *pyk* overexpression
39 harvested after 11 and 23 h of cultivation. The amount of each transcript was subsequently determined using quantitative RT-PCR and
40 expressed relative to the amount obtained for the wild-type strain harvested after 11 h of cultivation. Data are average ± standard deviation
41 calculated from the results of triplicate measurements.

42 ^cValues in parentheses indicate *p* values for comparison with the wild-type strain harvested after 11 h of cultivation.

43 ^dAbbreviations: *araA*, L-arabinose isomerase; *araB*, L-ribulokinase; *araE*, L-arabinose transporter; *ptsI*, enzyme I of PTS; *gapA*,
44 glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase; *pfk*, phosphofructokinase; *ptsG*, D-glucose PTS transporter; *pyk*, pyruvate kinase
45 (NCgl2008); *tal*, transalderase; *tkt*, transketolase.

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48 **Figure captions**

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51 **Fig. S1** Retention time comparison of liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry/mass
52 spectrometry total ion current chromatograms of oxaloacetate (OXA) in *C. glutamicum*
53 cells grown aerobically in BT medium containing sugar mixture of D-glucose and L-
54 arabinose (15 g/L each). The authentic standards of OXA at the concentration of 2, 10,
55 and 20 μM (a, b, c) as well as their identified counterparts in *C. glutamicum* cells of the
56 wild-type (d), and recombinant strains of 31831/pCHpyk (e) and $\Delta araR$ /pCHpyk (f).
57 OXA was identified based on retention time in chromatography and its mass spectrum.
58 Concentration of OXA was determined with peak area of its multiple reaction
59 monitoring (MRM) transition (131.0>87.1) in LC-MS/MS.

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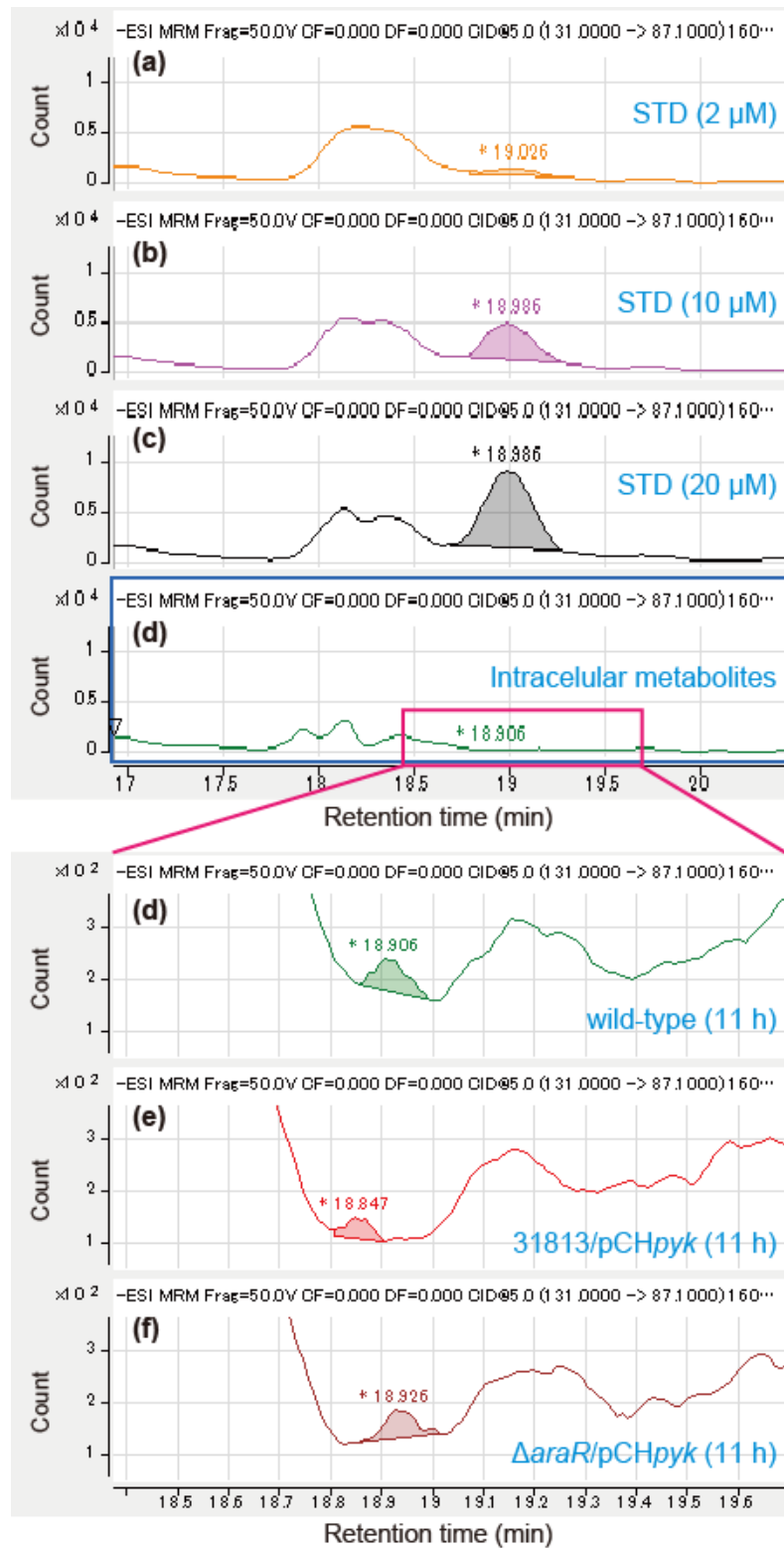
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62 **Fig. S2** Mass spectra of identified oxaloacetate (OXA) in *C. glutamicum* cells grown
63 aerobically in BT medium containing sugar mixture of D-glucose and L-arabinose (15
64 g/L each). The authentic standards of OXA at the concentration of 2, 10, and 20 μM (A)
65 as well as their identified counterparts in *C. glutamicum* cells of the wild-type (d), and
66 recombinant strains of 31831/pCHpyk (e) and $\Delta araR$ /pCHpyk (f). OXA was identified
67 based on retention time in chromatography and its mass spectrum acquired by the
68 targeted multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) transition (131.0>87.1).

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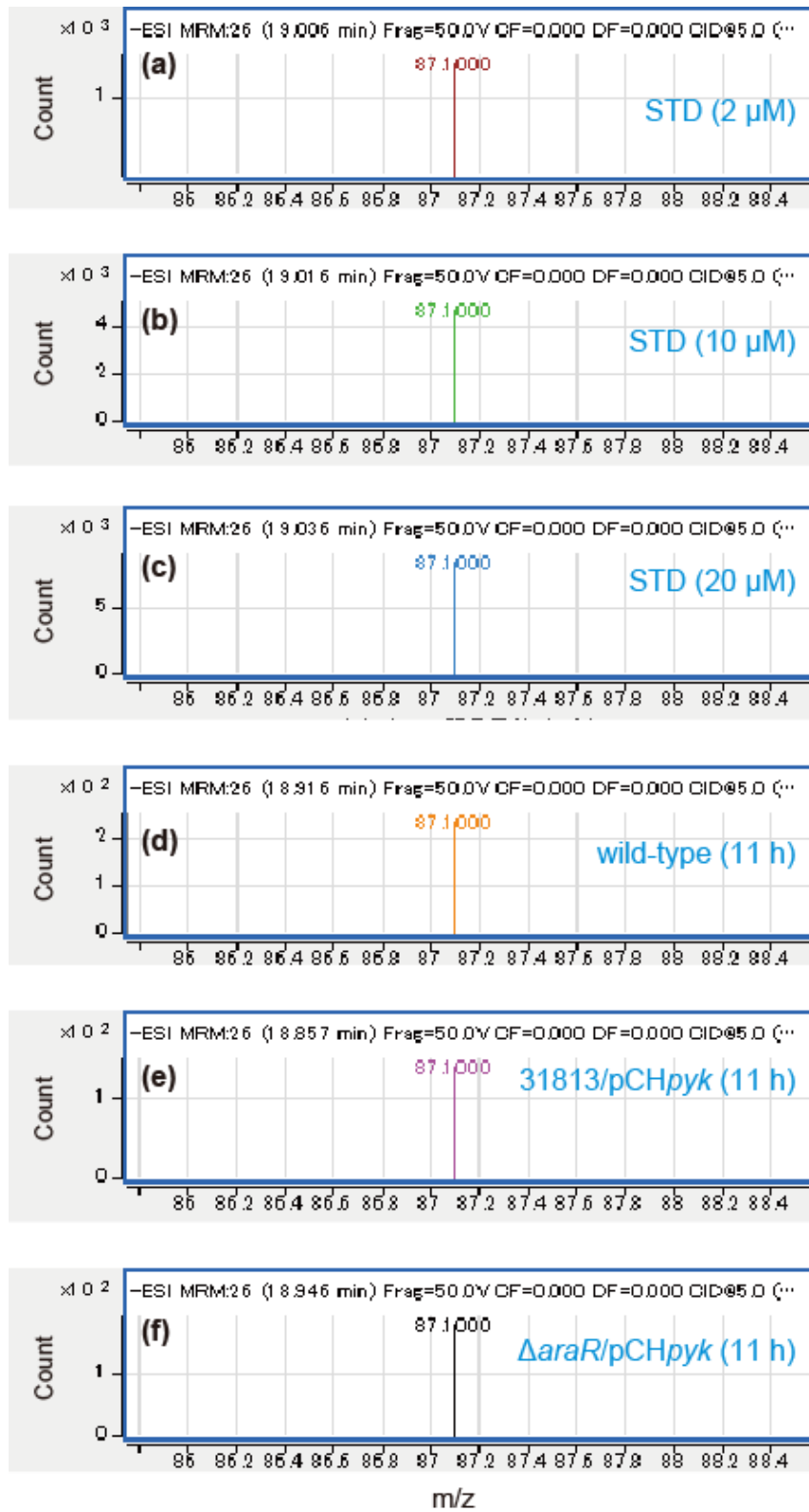
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76 **Materials and Methods**

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78 *Quantitative RT-PCR analysis*

79 Wild-type and recombinant ($\Delta araR$ and $\Delta araR/pCHpyk$) strains of *C. glutamicum* were
80 grown aerobically in BT medium containing D-glucose and L-arabinose (15 g/L each).

81 Total RNA was extracted from growing cells using an RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen, Hilden,
82 Germany) as previous described (Kawaguchi et al., 2008). Total RNA isolated from the

83 cells was used for quantitative reverse transcriptase PCR (qPCR) analysis to determine

84 mRNA levels in wild-type and recombinant cells after 11 and 23 h of cultivation

85 compared with levels in wild-type cells after 11 h of cultivation. qPCR was performed

86 using QuantStudio 3 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and PowerUp SYBR

87 Green Master Mix (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's

88 instructions. Oligonucleotides used for qPCR analysis are listed in [Table S3](#) (primers 13

89 through 36). The comparative cycle threshold method was used to quantify relative

90 expression. Cycle threshold values were computed by determining the average of

91 triplicate values.

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Table S3 Oligonucleotides used for qPCR in this study

Name	Target gene	Sequence (5'-3')
primer 13	<i>araA</i>	GCGCCAATGACAACGTCAT
primer 14	<i>araA</i>	TCATTAGCCTGGGTGTGAAGGT
primer 15	<i>araB</i>	TCGAACTGGATCGAGCTCTT
primer 16	<i>araB</i>	GTAGACCTCGTCGATACTGTTG
primer 17	<i>araD</i>	GATCATCGGTGACGACTCT
primer 18	<i>araD</i>	GTGGTTCTTCATCAGCACA
primer 19	<i>araE</i>	TAGCGTCCGCTGAATAGGGT
primer 20	<i>araE</i>	GCCATCGATTCCGAGCTCAA
Prime r21	<i>ptsG</i>	TATCCCATGCTCTACCCA
primer 22	<i>ptsG</i>	CCCTGAATGAAGTCGTAACC
primer 23	<i>ptsI</i>	CGAACTGTGCTTCCTTTCC
primer 24	<i>ptsI</i>	ACAACGACCTTGGACTCT
primer 25	<i>pfk</i>	CACCGTTATTCCAGAAGTACC
primer 26	<i>pfk</i>	GACGATAATGCCGTACTIONTCTC
primer 27	<i>gapA</i>	GCAGTCAACATCGTTCCT
primer 28	<i>gapA</i>	TAAGTGAACGCGAAGTG
primer 29	<i>pyk</i>	GGACTTTATTGCACTGTCCTTC
primer 30	<i>pyk</i>	CTTGCGATCACAGGAACA
primer 31	<i>tal</i>	TCCAAGATCCACTCTGTGGCTT
primer 32	<i>tal</i>	AAAGCCTCATCGGATCCGATTG
primer 33	<i>tkl</i>	CATCCTCAACGGCATTTCCT
primer 34	<i>tlt</i>	CCATGAGAGCTGCAAGACGAA
primer 35	16S rRNA	CAGGTCTCTGGGCAGTAACTGA
primer 36	16S rRNA	CGTTTACGGCATGGACTACCA

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