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# **Supplemental Experimental Procedures**

 **siRNA transfections and kinetic bioluminescence recording.** Cells were transfected using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX transfection reagent (Invitrogen) with 12pmol siRNA against all genes except *BMAL1*. Only 3pmol of the siRNA against *BMAL1* was transfected to prevent complete arrhythmicity. A negative control siRNA (AllStars Negative control siRNA; Qiagen) was used to ensure equal molar amounts of siRNA in all reactions. Two days post transfection, the cell- culture medium was changed to a recording medium [made up of phenol-red free DMEM (Sigma, D-2902), 4mM sodium bicarbonate (Sigma, S5761), 10mM HEPES buffer (Gibco, 15630-122), 1x PSG, 0.1mM luciferin (Promega) and 0.1µM Dexamethasone (Sigma)] and the plates were sealed shut using their own lids with sterile vacuum grease. Sealed plates were then placed into a LumiCycle luminometer (Actimetrics) and luminescence was measured for over 5 days. Alternatively, a linearly scaled down version of the above mentioned protocol was also used to record luminescence in a 96 well plate format using the Synergy2 BioTek microplate reader.

 **Calculation of period length, amplitude and baseline.** Circadian period from the luminescence recordings was calculated using the WAVECLOCK package (1) on a Dell desktop PC running R for Windows version 2.7.0 [\(http://www.R-project.org\)](http://www.r-project.org/) This wavelet-based assessment of period varies as a function of time and the median period, corresponding to the "total mode", was used to describe the overall period. Waveforms with dominant non-circadian periods (outside the range of 20 – 28 hours) were considered arrhythmic. Circadian amplitude was determined by regression to a sinusoidal waveform with the previously established period using the lm() function in R. Baseline estimates used are the mean of all luminescence values recorded between day 1 and day 4 of the experiment.

 **Isolation of RNA and gene expression assays.** Reverse transcription of 0.5-1 µg of RNA was 57 performed using qScript™ cDNA Synthesis Kit (Quanta Biosciences) and quantitative RT-PCR was performed using TaqMan gene expression assays (Applied Biosystems and IDT) and PerfeCTa® FastMix® II (Quanta Biosciences) as per the manufacturer's instructions. Catalog numbers of the primers used in this manuscript are listed in **Table S3**.

# **Model derivation for the SIRT1-dependent deacetylation of BMAL1 and PER2 (model**

**A).** The following assumptions were made for the development of this model:

- i. In agreement with experimental observations (2), the canonical transcriptional/translational (PER-CRY/CLOCK-BMAL1) feedback loop is considered to be the primary generator of circadian oscillations. Complementary to this, the rhythmic regulation of the positive element, *BMAL1* transcription, by a second transcriptional feedback loop that involves the nuclear receptors REV-ERB and ROR, is not required for the generation of endogenous oscillations (3). Consequently, we assume constitutive expression of *BMAL1* gene expression.
- ii. For the purpose of simplicity, the mammalian homologs of period (*PER1*, *PER2* and *PER3*) and cryptochrome (*CRY1*, *CRY2*) genes are not explicitly modeled. Instead, they are represented by combined variables (*PER* and *CRY*) both at the mRNA and protein level.
- iii. At the mRNA level, SIRT1 is produced almost at constant levels (4) (similar to the constitutive levels of *CLOCK* expression in most tissues (5, 6)) and thereby both *CLOCK* and *SIRT1* dynamics are not described by explicit model variables. Instead, the model assumes  $NAD^+$  levels represent SIRT1 deacetylase activity, whose oscillations are in phase. In the case of the constitutive *CLOCK* expression, the concentration of the nuclear CLOCK-BMAL1 complex is represented by the nuclear (active) BMAL1 and therefore such terms are used interchangeably.
- 82 iv. Although core loop components have many post-translational modifications, this 83 study focuses on the role of acetylation in the circadian function (7). Of particular 84 interest is how SIRT1 deacetylates nuclear BMAL1 and PER.
- 85 v. Since SIRT1-mediated deacetylation promotes proteasomal degradation, the 86 acetylated levels of nuclear proteins BMAL1 and PER represent the active entities. 87 The PER-CRY complex is assumed to exist either in the acetylated (active) form or 88 non-acetylated (inactive). Similarly, BMAL1 levels are considered as acetylated 89 (active) BMAL1 and non-acetylated (inactive).

90 The mathematical formulation of model A, which is illustrated in **Fig. 1***A*, consists of thirteen 91 (13) ordinary differential equations (ODEs) and fifty-six (56) kinetic parameters. These state 92 variables represent the kinetics of mRNA abundance of *PER* ( $M_{PER}$ ), *CRY* ( $M_{CRY}$ ) and *NAMPT* ( $M_{NMPT}$ ) genes, as well as the corresponding protein concentrations in the cytosol (PER, CRY, 93 (M<sub>NAMPT</sub>) genes, as well as the corresponding protein concentrations in the cytosol (PER, CRY, 94 NAMPT). Cytoplasmic and nuclear PER-CRY heterodimers are represented by PCC and PCN, NAMPT). Cytoplasmic and nuclear PER-CRY heterodimers are represented by PCC and PCN, 95 respectively. The variable NAD describes cellular levels of NAD<sup>+</sup>. Cytosolic and nuclear 96 concentrations of BMAL1 protein are denoted by BC and BN. Further, the acetylated forms of 97 the activator BMAL1 and the repressor complex PER-CRY are represented by  $BN_{ac}$  and PCN<sub>ac</sub>. 98 respectively. The model dynamics are described by the following system of ODEs (S1.1) – 99 (S1.4):

(a) mRNA dynamics of E-box genes (*PER*, *CRY* and *NAMPT*)  
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\frac{dM_i}{dt} = v_{0i} + \frac{v_{si} \cdot BN_{ac}^a}{K_{A_i} \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{PCR_{ac}}{R_i}\right)^r\right) + BN_{ac}^a} - \frac{v_{di} \cdot M_i}{K_{di} + M_i} - k_{dn} \cdot M_i, \quad i = \{PER, \, CRY, \, NAMPT\}
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\n(S1.1)

(b) cytosolic proteins/complexes

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\frac{dPER}{dt} = k_{sp} \cdot M_{per} + k_{d,PC} \cdot PCC - k_{a,PC} \cdot PER \cdot CRY - \frac{v_{dp} \cdot PER}{K_{dp} + PER} - k_{dn} \cdot PER
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$$
\frac{dCRY}{dt} = k_{sc} \cdot M_{Cry} + k_{d,PC} \cdot PCC - k_{a,PC} \cdot PER \cdot CRY - \frac{v_{dc} \cdot CRY}{K_{dc} + CRY} - k_{dn} \cdot CRY
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$$
\frac{dPCC}{dt} = k_{a,PC} \cdot PER \cdot CRY - k_{d,PC} \cdot PCC - k_{im,PC} \cdot PCC + k_{ex,PC} \cdot PCN - \frac{v_{dPC} \cdot PCC}{K_{dPCC} + PCC} - k_{dn} \cdot PC
$$
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$$
\frac{dBC}{dt} = k_{sb} - k_{im,B} \cdot BC + k_{ex,B} \cdot BN - \frac{v_{dBe} \cdot BC}{K_{dBe} + BC} - k_{dn} \cdot BC
$$
\n(S1.2)

(c) nuclear proteins/complexes

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\frac{dPCN}{dt} = k_{im,PC} \cdot PCC - k_{ex,PC} \cdot PCN - \frac{v_{pAC} \cdot PC_N}{K_{pAC} + PC_N} + \frac{v_{pDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot PCN_{ac}}{K_{pDAC} + PCN_{ac}} - \frac{v_{dPCN} \cdot PCN}{K_{dPCN} + PCN} - k_{dn} \cdot PCN
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$$
\frac{dPCN_{ac}}{dt} = \frac{v_{pAC} \cdot PC_N}{K_{pAC} + PC_N} - \frac{v_{pDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot PCN_{ac}}{K_{pDAC} + PCN_{ac}} - k_{dn} \cdot PCN_{ac}
$$
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$$
\frac{dBN}{dt} = k_{im,B} \cdot BC - k_{ex,BC} \cdot BN - \frac{v_{BAC} \cdot BN}{K_{BAC} + BN} + \frac{v_{BDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot BN_{ac}}{K_{BDC} + B_{Nac}} - \frac{v_{dBN} \cdot BN}{K_{dBN} + BN} - k_{dn} \cdot BN
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$$
\frac{dBN_{ac}}{dt} = \frac{v_{BAC} \cdot BN}{K_{BAC} + BN} - \frac{v_{BDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot BN_{ac}}{K_{BDAC} + B_{Nac}} - k_{dn} \cdot BN_{ac}
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\n(51.3)

(d) NAMPT/NAD loop

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\frac{dNAMPT}{dt} = k_{sN} \cdot M_{Nampt} - \frac{v_{dN} \cdot NAMPT}{K_{dN} + NAMPT} - k_{dn} \cdot NAMPT
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$$
\frac{dNAD}{dt} = s_n \cdot NAMPT - \frac{v_{dNAD} \cdot NAD}{K_{dNAD} + NAD} - k_{dn} \cdot NAD
$$
\n(S1.4)

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101 As shown above, transcription is mathematically described by Hill equations (an expression 102 commonly used in the literature (8, 9) characterized by five parameters representing the 103 maximum velocity  $v_{si}$  (i = *PER, CRY, NAMPT*), two DNA binding constants of an activator ( $K_{Ai}$ ) 104 and a repressor  $(R_i, i = Per, Cry, Nampt)$  and two Hill coefficients for activation (a) and 105 repression (r). We further introduced basal synthesis rate for  $v_{0i}$  ( $i = PER$ , *CRY*, *NAMPT*), which 106 represents transcriptional activation from the constitutive promoter. Translation rate is 107 proportional to mRNA concentration with the kinetic constant  $(k_{si}, i = P, C, N)$ . The law of mass 108 action describes association and dissociation of PER-CRY complexes, nuclear transportation, and 109 reversible acetylations. Michaelis-Menten-type equations are employed to describe enzyme-110 mediated degradation processes. Nonspecific degradation terms are also incorporated and are 111 proportional to each variable with the kinetic constant  $k_{dn}$ . Taken together, this model integrates the classical PER-CRY transcriptional feedback loop with the circadian NAMPT/NAD<sup>+</sup> 112 113 enzymatic loop.

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115 **Equation (S1).** Let us consider an ordinary differential equation system (ODE)

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$$
\frac{dx}{dt} = F(x, p), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ p \in \mathbb{R}^m
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117 where **x** denotes the vector of state variables and **p** the vector of parameters. Suppose that this 118 system has a stable periodic solution with period (T). Using the scaling

 $\tau_0 = \frac{t}{\tau}$ T 119

120 the system reads as follows:

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$$
\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{d\tau_0} = \text{TF}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^m
$$

122 with  $\tau_0 \in (0,1)$ . In order for the system to yield a period close to naturally occurring in 123 continuous darkness  $(\tau_{dd})$ , the system is transformed as

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$$
\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{d\tau} = \frac{T}{\tau_{dd}} F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^m
$$

125 with  $\tau \in (0, \tau_{dd})$ ; hence all rate parameters are multiplied by the scaling factor  $(T/\tau_{dd})$ . In this

126 study the cell autonomous period  $(\tau_{dd})$  is considered to be 23.7h which is the average period of an

127 individual circadian oscillator  $(23.7 \pm 1.2 \text{ h})$  (10).

 **Self-sustained oscillations and relevant phases.** We tested the ability of our proposed circadian oscillator model to reproduce experimentally observed sustained oscillations. Using the parameter values as shown in **Table S1** our first modeling effort (model A) can reproduce cell autonomous oscillations with relevant phase relations as illustrated in **Table S5**. Specifically, for both parameter sets (H1 and H2) the mRNA of co-regulated E-box genes (PER, CRY, NAMPT) peaks early during the subjective night while the circadian levels of the protein NAMPT and NAD cofactor peak later in the middle of the subjective night. Such phase delay is related to the upregulation of metabolic processes during the fasting period. Further, the model reproduces a 4- hour phase relationship between PER mRNA and PER protein, which lies within the experimental range of a 4-hour to 8-hour delay (5). In this model, the rhythmic levels of PER, rather than CRY, are critical for circadian oscillations which are consistent with experimental findings from these studies (11, 12). Meanwhile the simulated circadian oscillations of acetylated 140 BMAL1 (BMAL1<sup>AC</sup>) are almost antiphasic to the variation levels of NAD regulator. Importantly, Nakahata et al. (4) found in both synchronized fibroblasts and liver tissue that the peak phase of SIRT1 deacetylase activity is consistent with the low levels of cyclic acetylation of histone H3 and non-histone substrates (i.e. BMAL1). In regard to phase relation between SIRT1 (or NAD) 144 activity and acetylated PER (PER<sup>AC</sup>-CRY), it is noteworthy that the model predicts an in-phase relationship. This is captured for parameter set H2 where SIRT1 regulates the dynamics of 146 PER<sup>AC</sup>-CRY (negative clock component). As the active repressor,  $PER^{AC}-CRY$  is expected to peak late in the evening, which is experimentally shown in (13) and also reproduced by the model. For the parameter set H1, an in-phase relationship between the peak phases of SIRT1 and -CRY is not necessary. This explains the phase difference (advance) simulated for NAD when parameter set H1 is compared with set H2 (**Table S5**).

# **Model derivation for the SIRT1-dependent regulation of PGC1α, BMAL1 and PER2**

**(model B).** The following assumptions were made for the development of this model:

- i. All members of the ROR (α, β and γ) and REV-ERB subfamilies (α and β) are not explicitly modeled. Instead, they are represented by combined variables (ROR and REV-ERB) both at the mRNA and protein level.
- ii. At the mRNA level, the transcription of *ROR* genes is assumed to be regulated not only by the core PER/CRY loop (E-box regulation) but also directly by the ROR/REV-ERB loop (RORE mediated regulation). This assumption is in agreement with the experimental findings of Liu et al. (3), which indicate that *ROR* harbors a functional RORE.
- iii. For the sake of simplicity, the model does not distinguish between rhythmic *PGC1α* expression and the corresponding protein. Instead, the variable PGC1α is assumed to 163 represent the rhythmic activity of  $PGC1\alpha$  that depends upon  $NAD^+$ -dependent deacetylation by SIRT1. Quantitatively, the induction of PGC1α by SIRT1 is described by a Michaelis-Menten type equation while a basal rate and non-specific degradation term are used to describe constitutive activation.
- iv. The stimulatory activity of the protein ROR at the ROR-binding sites (RORE) is exerted 168 via its synergistic action with the transcriptional coactivator  $PGC1\alpha$  (14), a transcriptional regulator highly responsive to nutrient signals. This interaction results in the formation of 170 the complex (ROR<sup>\*</sup>) which represents the active ROR protein.
- v. With regard to the core PER/CRY loop, the model distinguishes two homologs of the PER subfamily (*PER1* and *PER2* genes) and SIRT1 regulates the acetylation level of PER2. The sum of the PER1/CRY complex and the active (acetylated) PER2/CRY (denoted P1C and P2C<sub>ac</sub>, respectively) represent the total (active) PER/CRY repressor.<br>175 vi. For the purpose of simplicity, we only consider reversible entry c
- vi. For the purpose of simplicity, we only consider reversible entry of the cytosolic protein BMAL1 into the nucleus (denoted BC and BN, respectively). Nuclear BMAL1 undergoes reversible acetylation regulated by SIRT1, consistent with model A.

178 The model described in this section explicitly considers the rhythmic regulation of *BMAL1* transcription by the auxiliary ROR/REV-ERB feedback loop (model B). Within this loop, the clock genes *ROR* (M*ROR*) and *NR1D1*/2 (M*REV*) are transcribed and translated into the 182 corresponding proteins ROR and REV-ERB (REV), which regulate *BMAL1* expression (M<sub>B</sub>) by competing at the BMAL1 promoter as activator and repressor, respectively. The dynamics of this model illustrated in **Fig. 2** are described by the following system of ODEs (S1.5) – (S1.9): 185

(a) mRNA dynamics of E-box and RORE genes

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\frac{dM_i}{dt} = v_{0i} + \frac{v_{si} \cdot BN_{ac}^a}{K_{A_i} \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{PIC}{R_i} + \frac{P2C_{ac}}{R_i}\right)^r\right) + BN_{ac}^a} - \frac{v_{di} \cdot M_i}{K_{di} + M_i} - k_{dn} \cdot M_i,
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$$
i = \left\{PERI, PER2, CRY, REV, NAMP\right\}
$$
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$$
\frac{dM_B}{dt} = v_{0B} + \frac{v_{sb} \cdot ROR^{*b}}{K_{AB}^b \left(1 + \left(\frac{REV}{R_B}\right)^c\right) + ROR^{*b}} - \frac{v_{dB} \cdot M_B}{K_{dB} + M_B} - k_{dn} \cdot M_B
$$
\n
$$
\frac{dM_{Ror}}{dt} = v_{0Ror} + \frac{v_{sIRor} \cdot BN_{ac}^a}{K_{Alror}^a \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{PIC}{R_{IRor}} + \frac{P2C_{ac}}{R_{IRor}}\right)^r\right) + BN_{ac}^a} + \frac{v_{s2Ror} \cdot ROR^{*b}}{K_{A2ror}^b \left(1 + \left(\frac{REV}{R_{2Ror}}\right)^c\right) + ROR^{*b}}
$$
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$$
-\frac{v_{dRor} \cdot M_{Ror}}{K_{ARor} + M_{Ror}} - k_{dn} \cdot M_{Ror}
$$
\n(S1.6)

## (b) Proteins/complexes of PER1/CRY loop

Proteins/complexes of PER1/CRY loop  
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$$
\frac{dPER1}{dt} = k_{sP} \cdot M_{Per1} + k_{d,PLC} \cdot PIC - k_{a,PLC} \cdot PER1 \cdot CRY - \frac{v_{dPI} \cdot PER1}{K_{dp} + PER1} - k_{dn} \cdot PER1
$$
\n
$$
\frac{dCRY}{dt} = k_{sC} \cdot M_{Cry} + k_{d,PLC} \cdot PIC - k_{a,PLC} \cdot PER1 \cdot CRY - \frac{v_{dC} \cdot CRY}{K_{dc} + CRY} - k_{dn} \cdot CRY
$$
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$$
\frac{dPIC}{dt} = k_{a,PLC} \cdot PER1 \cdot CRY - k_{d,PLC} \cdot PIC - \frac{v_{dPLC} \cdot PlC}{K_{dPLC} + PlC} - k_{dn} \cdot PlC
$$

(c) Proteins/complexes of PER2/CRY loop

$$
\frac{dPER2}{dt} = k_{sp} \cdot M_{Per1} + k_{d, P2C} \cdot P2C - k_{a, P2C} \cdot PER2 \cdot CRY - \frac{v_{dp2} \cdot PER2}{K_{dp} + PER2} - k_{dn} \cdot PER2
$$
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$$
\frac{dCRY}{dt} = k_{sc} \cdot M_{cy} + k_{d, P1C} \cdot P1C - k_{a, P1C} \cdot PER1 \cdot CRY + k_{d, P2C} \cdot P2C - k_{a, P2C} \cdot PER2 \cdot CRY
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$$
-\frac{v_{dc} \cdot CRY}{K_{dc} + CRY} - k_{dn} \cdot CRY
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$$
\frac{dP2C}{dt} = k_{a, P2C} \cdot PER2 \cdot CRY - k_{d, P2C} \cdot P2C - \frac{v_{PAC} \cdot PC}{K_{PAC} + P2C} + \frac{v_{PDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot P2C_{ac}}{K_{PDC} + P2C_{ac}}
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$$
-\frac{v_{dp1C} \cdot P2C}{K_{dPL} + P2C} - k_{dn} \cdot P2C
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$$
\frac{dP2C_{ac}}{dt} = \frac{v_{PAC} \cdot P2C}{K_{PAC} + P2C} - \frac{v_{PDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot P2C_{ac}}{K_{PDC} + P2C_{ac}} - k_{dn} \cdot P2C_{ac}
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\n(S1.6)

(d) Cytosolic/nuclear BMAL1  
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\frac{dBC}{dt} = k_{sb} \cdot M_{B} - k_{im,B} \cdot BC + k_{ex,B} \cdot BN - \frac{v_{dBc} \cdot BC}{K_{dBc} + BC} - k_{dn} \cdot BC
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$$
\frac{dBN}{dt} = k_{im,B} \cdot BC - k_{ex,BC} \cdot BN - \frac{v_{BAC} \cdot BN}{K_{BAC} + BN} + \frac{v_{BDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot BN}{K_{BDAC} + B_{Nac}} - \frac{v_{dBN} \cdot BN}{K_{dBN} + BN} - k_{dn} \cdot BN
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$$
\frac{dBN_{ac}}{dt} = \frac{v_{BAC} \cdot BN}{K_{BAC} + BN} - \frac{v_{BDAC} \cdot NAD \cdot BN}{K_{BDAC} + B_{Nac}} - k_{dn} \cdot BN_{ac}
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\n(S1.7)

(e) Proteins/complexes of ROR/REV-ERB loop  
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$$
\frac{dREV}{dt} = k_{sREV} \cdot M_{Rev} - \frac{v_{dRFV} \cdot REV}{K_{dRFV} + REV} - k_{dn} \cdot REV
$$
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$$
\frac{dROR}{dt} = k_{sROR} \cdot M_{Ror} - \frac{v_{dROR} \cdot ROR}{K_{dROR} + ROR} - k_{a,RP} \cdot PGCl\alpha \cdot ROR + k_{d,RP} \cdot ROR^* - k_{dn} \cdot ROR
$$
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$$
\frac{dPGCl\alpha}{dt} = v_{0pgc} + \frac{v_{spgc} \cdot NAD}{K_{apgc} + NAD} - k_{a,RP} \cdot PGCl\alpha \cdot ROR + k_{d,RP} \cdot ROR^* - \frac{v_{dpgc} \cdot PGCl\alpha}{K_{apgc} + PGCl\alpha} - k_{dn} \cdot PGCl\alpha
$$
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$$
\frac{dROR^*}{dt} = k_{a,RP} \cdot ROR \cdot PGCl\alpha - k_{d,RP} \cdot ROR^*
$$
\n(S1.8)

(f) NAMPT/NAD loop

$$
\frac{dNAMPT}{dt} = k_{sN} \cdot M_{Nampt} - \frac{v_{dN} \cdot NAMPT}{K_{dN} + NAMPT} - k_{dn} \cdot NAMPT
$$
\n
$$
\frac{dNAD}{dt} = s_n \cdot NAMPT - \frac{v_{dNAD} \cdot NAD}{K_{dNAD} + NAD} - k_{dn} \cdot NAD
$$
\n(S1.9)

186 As shown in equations (S1.5) – (S1.9) this mathematical model is characterized by 19 ODEs and 187 92 kinetic parameters, which are estimated using the same evolutionary search algorithm as 188 previously described . Additional constraints set by relevant experimental observations are  considered in the cost function and summarized in **Table S4**. Among these, a major constraint is related to the dominant effects of REV-ERB within the ROR/REV-ERB loop. Specifically, the model should allow the simulation of increased baseline of *BMAL1* oscillations in the loss-of- function mutation for *BMAL1* as we have previously shown in the study (15). Further data are 193 related to the downregulatory effects of *SIRT1* null mutation (*SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>*) on *BMAL1* expression as previously shown (13). The proposed model is calibrated using published data and validated using additional RNA interference technology (RNAi) knockdown experiments.

- **Estimation of model parameters.** To estimate the unknown parameters, an evolutionary algorithm was performed minimizing a particular cost function using the MATLAB Distributed 198 Computing Toolbox. The cost function is defined as the discrepancy (*error*) between the output of the model and the data that comes from experiments. Experimental data (i.e. phases) from of the model and the data that comes from experiments. Experimental data (i.e. phases) from canonical clock genes and metabolites (4, 6, 16-20) were used. Appropriate parameters are chosen as those that satisfy these criteria (also in **Table S4**): (i) self-sustained oscillations are due to PER-CRY negative feedback loop; (ii) *SIRT1* loss does not result in arrhythmicity (in this 203 model, *SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>* is equivalent to NAD<sup>-/-</sup>); (iii) simulation of either increased or decreased amplitude due to lack of enzymatic (NAD) activity as shown by Nakahata et al. (4) and Asher et al. (13), respectively. This estimation algorithm allows therefore for the generation of two independent parameter sets (referred to here as sets H1 and H2). Set H1 refers to the parameters for which the model simulates increased amplitude phenotype in response to lack of *SIRT1* (*SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>*), while set H2 refers to the parameters used in the model to simulate reduced amplitude response. To generate these two parameter sets, we used an "unsupervised" parameter estimation algorithm that utilizes a diverse set of experimental data to calibrate the model; without supervising for the identification of a few parameter combinations that dictate model behavior 212 across the two paradoxical *SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>* phenotypes. Given the prevalence of sloppiness – an apparently universal property of systems biology models (21) – many parameters are expected to vary across the two sets H1 and H2. Briefly, sloppiness suggests that collective fits to even large amounts of ideal (experimental) data often leave many parameters poorly constrained. Consequently, the model behavior depends on only a few ("stiff") parameter combinations. Further, the prevalence of sloppiness highlights the power of collective fits and suggests focusing on predictions rather than on parameters. Although a "supervised" approach could plausibly identify fewer more critical parameter combinations, we believe that either approach would ultimately yield similar predictions. Once a certain range of parameter values is captured for which the model produces periodic solutions and relevant phases, its period is scaled using **Equation S1** (see supplemental experimental procedures) so as to yield a typical period of an individual (circadian) oscillator close to 24h (i.e. 23.7h) (22, 23).
- **Design of** *in silico* **knockdown experiments.** The performance of the extended circadian- enzymatic model (model B) is assessed through its ability to predict experimentally observed phenotypes of various genetic perturbations of circadian clock components. We have devised three levels of *in silico* predictions that are consistent with the RNAi validation experiments including: (i) circadian effects of *SIRT1* knockdown on circadian oscillations following *BMAL1* knockdown; (ii) circadian effects of *SIRT1* knockdown when expression of *CLOCK* is inhibited, and (iii) circadian effects of *SIRT1* knockdown when *PER2, PGC1α* or *ROR* is knocked down. In order to simulate the effect of a knockdown experiment, the effect of interference could be simulated either at the RNA level by increasing the RNA degradation rate or at the protein level by reducing the translation rate. Both methods give similar results except for the *BMAL1* knockdown experiment. Increasing the RNA degradation rate of *BMAL1* enables the model to robustly predict reduced *BMAL1* expression, consistent with the experimentally observed reduction of endogenous mRNA. Reducing the translation rate enables the model to simulate increased baseline of *BMAL1* mRNA. While this is consistent with the effect of *BMAL1* knockdown on *BMAL1* luciferase oscillations, it does not correlate with the cognate mRNA. We
- simulated *BMAL1* knockdown by reducing the translation rate since the measured *BMAL1* luciferase oscillations represent the output of the *BMAL1* promoter (mathematically described by 241 the variable M<sub>B</sub>). Reducing the kinetic parameters of acetylation ( $v_{BAC}$ ) and synthesis rate ( $s_n$ ) of BMAL1 and NAD respectively simulates the effect of *CLOCK* and *SIRT1* knockdown. Note that BMAL1 and NAD respectively simulates the effect of *CLOCK* and *SIRT1* knockdown. Note that
- both *CLOCK* and *SIRT1* are implicitly considered in this model (constitutive expression) and
- therefore their knockdowns could not be tested *in silico* at the RNA level.
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247 **Supplemental Figures**







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**Fig. S1. Related to Figure 1. (A)** Deacetylase rates in the negative loop relative to the positive loop. When <br>251 H1 mechanism prevails, the rate of SIRT1 deacetylase in the negative loop ( $v_{PDAC}/K_{PDAC}$ ) is much smaller 251 H1 mechanism prevails, the rate of SIRT1 deacetylase in the negative loop ( $v_{PDAC}/K_{PDAC}}$ ) is much smaller than in the positive loop ( $v_{RDAC}/K_{RDAC}}$ ) while the opposite occurs when H2 mechanism dominates. For each 252 than in the positive loop ( $v_{BDAC}/K_{BDAC}$ ) while the opposite occurs when H2 mechanism dominates. For each parameter set (H1 and H2) the deacetylase rates are relative to the rate in the positive loop. (**B**, **C**) 253 parameter set (H1 and H2) the deacetylase rates are relative to the rate in the positive loop. **(B, C)** 254 Rhythmic versus constitutive acetylation of BMAL1. Solid lines represent the wildtype (WT) dynamics of 254 Rhythmic versus constitutive acetylation of BMAL1. Solid lines represent the wildtype (WT) dynamics of acetylated BMAL1 (BMAL1<sup>AC</sup>) simulated using the parameter values of Table S1 (set H1). Dashed lines 255 acetylated BMAL1 (BMAL1<sup>AC</sup>) simulated using the parameter values of Table S1 (set H1). Dashed lines correspond to the *SIRT1* null mutant (*SIRT1'*<sup>-</sup>). (**D**) Dynamics of acetylated repressor (PER<sup>AC</sup>-CRY) under 256 correspond to the *SIRT1* null mutant (*SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>*). (D) Dynamics of acetylated repressor (PER<sup>AC</sup>-CRY) under 257 control wildtype (WT) and *SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>* conditions. The model simulates elevated acetylation levels of PER 258 protein in the *SIRT1<sup>-/-</sup>* mutant as reported by Asher et al (13) using the H2 parameter set.

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266 **Fig. S2. Related to Figure 1. (A, B)** Variation in the acetylation rate of repressor leads to dynamic changes 267 in the amplitude response due to lack of *SIRT1*. Solid lines represent wildtype (WT) dynamics simulated 268 using parameter set H2, while dashed line is simulated using the same parameter values except for the 269 parameter v<sub>PAC</sub> which is increased by 100% (v<sub>PAC</sub> + 1.0x). Under this single parametric perturbation, the amplitude in the absence of SIRT1 switches from a reduction (black dashed line, B panel) to an increase 270 amplitude in the absence of SIRT1 switches from a reduction (black dashed line, B panel) to an increase (blue dashed line, A panel). (C) Variations of the strength of the positive and enzymatic feedback lead to a 271 (blue dashed line, A panel). **(C)** Variations of the strength of the positive and enzymatic feedback lead to a rescue of arrhythmicity. Simulated loss of oscillations (red dotted line) caused by a variation of the posi 272 rescue of arrhythmicity. Simulated loss of oscillations (red dotted line) caused by a variation of the positive feedback (*BMALIsi*) are rescued by loss-of-function mutation for SIRT1 (magenta dashed line). The 273 feedback (*BMAL1si*) are rescued by loss-of-function mutation for SIRT1 (magenta dashed line). The 274 positive feedback is varied by a 55% decrease in the synthesis rate of BMAL1 activator while the synthesis rate (s<sub>n</sub>) of NAD which in this model represents SIRT1 is reduced by 50%. Black solid line represent 275 rate  $(s_n)$  of NAD which in this model represents SIRT1 is reduced by 50%. Black solid line represent control wildtype (WT) dynamics of *PER* expression simulated using parameter set H2. Similar responses 276 control wildtype (WT) dynamics of *PER* expression simulated using parameter set H2. Similar responses

- are also simulated using parameter set H1. For reasons of clarity, the simulated *PER* expression in response
- to *SIRT1si* is omitted (similar to the dynamics illustrated in Figure 1*B*).



279 **Fig. S3. Related to Figure 2.** (**A**) Luciferase counts measured in U2-OS *PER2*::LUC cells transfected with 280 siRNAs targeting *BMAL1*, *SIRT1* or both. (**B**, C) Luciferase counts measured in 3T3 *Bmal1*:LUC and *Per2*::LUC cell-lines respectively, following transfections with siRNAs targeting *Sirt1*, *Bmal1* or both. 281 *Per2*::LUC cell-lines respectively, following transfections with siRNAs targeting *Sirt1, Bmal1* or both.<br>282 Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. (D) Experimentally measured mRNA expression levels of *NR1D1* 282 Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(D)** Experimentally measured mRNA expression levels of *NR1D1* (*REVA*) and all three isoforms of *ROR* under *BMAL1si* condition normalized to control *(NEGsi)*. Data are 283 (*REVA*) and all three isoforms of *ROR* under *BMAL1si* condition normalized to control (*NEGsi*). Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. (**E, F**) Simulated expression levels of *REV-ERB* and *ROR* under control (solid represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. (E, F) Simulated expression levels of *REV-ERB* and *ROR* under control (solid 285 lines) and *BMAL1si* conditions (dashed lines) while considering that SIRT1 can deacetylate PER2, BMAL1 286 and PGC1 $\alpha$ . (G) Effects of *SIRT1* knockdown (*SIRT1si*) on *BMAL1*::LUC when all *ROR* isoforms are 286 and PGC1α. **(G)** Effects of *SIRT1* knockdown (*SIRT1si*) on *BMAL1*::LUC when all *ROR* isoforms are 287 knocked down (*ROR(α-c)si*)**. (H)** Simulation results of *ROR* and *SIRT1* knockdown on *BMAL1* expression.



**Fig. S4. Related to Figure 2.** Simulation of the circadian effects of *SIRT1* and *BMAL1* knockdown on *PER2/BMAL1* oscillations when SIRT1 regulates (A) only PER2, (B) only PGC1a, (C) both PER2 and 289 *PER2/BMAL1* oscillations when SIRT1 regulates **(A)** only PER2, **(B)** only PGC1α, **(C)** both PER2 and 290 PGC1α, **(D)** only BMAL1, **(E)** both BMAL1 and PER2, or **(F)** both BMAL1 and PGC1α.



291 **Fig. S5. Related to Figure 3.** *SIRT1/CLOCK* knockdown effects on oscillations of the 3T3 cells in **(A)** *Bmal1*::LUC reporter lines and **(B)** *Per2*::LUC reporter lines. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. *Bmal1*::LUC reporter lines and (**B**) *Per2*::LUC reporter lines. Data are represented as mean ± SEM. 





299 **Fig. S6. Related to Figure 4.** Simulation results of the circadian effects of *SIRT1* and *CLOCK* knockdown 300 on *BMAL1*::LUC and *PER2*::LUC oscillations. Simulations are performed when considering SIRT1 301 regulates **(A)** BMAL1 and PGC1α, **(B)** BMAL1 and PER2, and **(C)** BMAL1, PER2 and PGC1α.

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304 **Fig. S7. Related to Figure 5.** Circadian effect of *PER2* knockdown on *BMAL1* and *PER2* luciferase 305 oscillations in both human U2-OS and mouse NIH 3T3 cell lines. **(A, B)** Experimentally measured 306 amplitude and baseline of *BMAL1*::LUC oscillations from both U2-OS and 3T3 cells transfected with 307 siRNAs targeting *PER2 (PER2si)*, *SIRT1 (SIRT1si)* or both *(SIRT1si+PER2si)*. Note the naming 307 siRNAs targeting *PER2* (*PER2si*), *SIRT1* (*SIRT1si*) or both (*SIRT1si+PER2si*). Note the naming 308 convention of U2-OS is used here for all data and simulation results. Amplitude and baseline of oscillations 309 are normalized with respect to *NEGsi*. **(C, D)** Circadian amplitude and baseline of *PER2*::LUC oscillations 310 measured under the same conditions as in (A, B). Comparison of model output and experimental RNA data 311 for *CRY1* (E) and *REV-ERBα* (F) under *SIRT1si+PER2si* condition. Expression (RNA) levels are 312 normalized with respect to control (*NEGsi*). Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. Note that gene names are represented in the uppercase italics naming convention (i.e. for genes of human origin) only for simplifying 313 represented in the uppercase italics naming convention (i.e. for genes of human origin) only for simplifying 314 this figure's representation.

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 human U2-OS cell line. **(A)** *SIRT1/PGC1α* dual knockdown effects on oscillations of U2-OS *BMAL1* reporter line. Data are represented as mean ± SEM. **(B)** *In silico* reproduction of the circadian effects of *SIRT1* and *PGC1α* knockdown on U2-OS *BMAL1* expression. Simulations are performed under conditions where SIRT1 does not deacetylate BMAL1 but deacetylates both PER2 and PGC1α. The model predicts the relevant *PGC1α* knockdown under the assumption that *PGC1αsi* induces an increase (i.e. 2-fold) in the 325 active ROR complex association parameter  $(k_{a,RP} - Table S7)$ . In the absence of this assumption, model predictions are consistent with the experimental phenotype in 3T3 cells as shown in Figure's 5E and 5F. predictions are consistent with the experimental phenotype in 3T3 cells as shown in Figure's 5*E* and 5*F*.

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336 **(A)** BMAL1 and PGC1α and **(B)** BMAL1 and PER2.

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# 341 **Supplemental Tables**

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### 343 **Table S1: Estimated values of parameters involved in the SIRT1-dependent regulation of BMAL1 and PER2 (model A)§** 344





<sup>§</sup>Rate parameters of sets H1 and H2 are scaled giving rise to wild type circadian oscillations

346 (period ~23.7hr). While parameter set H1 reproduces the increased amplitude phenotype due to

347 lack of *SIRT1* as shown by (4), parameter set H2 reproduces the reduced amplitude phenotype as reported by (13).

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siRNA	Parameter symbol	Control value	siRNA value	
<b>BMAL1si</b>	$k_{sB}$	1.073	0.429	
	$V_{dPer2}$	0.302	0.423	
PER2si	$V_{\text{dCry}}$	0.285	0.214	
	V <sub>dREV</sub>	0.361	0.271	
<b>CLOCKsi</b>	$V_{BAC}$	0.317	0.152	
<b>RORsi</b>	$V_{\text{mRor}}$	0.309	0.463	
<i>SIRT1si</i>	$S_n$	0.351	0.0187	
PGClasi	$V_{dpgc}$	0.388	0.775	

**Table S2: Model parameters used to simulate siRNA experiments†** 351

<sup>1</sup>Note the control values for all model parameters are summarized in **Table S7**.

siRNA used	Catalog#		Company	Catalog#	Company
Gene <b>BMAL1</b>	Flexitube GS11865	<b>Mouse</b> Mouse	Qiagen	Human see (15) for Sequence	
<b>CLOCK</b>	Flexitube GS1275	Mouse	Qiagen	see (15) for Sequence	
<b>RORA</b>	Flexitube GS19883	Mouse	Qiagen	see (15) for Sequence	
<b>RORB</b>	Flexitube GS22599	Mouse	Qiagen	see (15) for Sequence	
<b>RORC</b>	Flexitube GS19885	Mouse	Qiagen	see (15) for Sequence	
PER <sub>2</sub>	Flexitube GS18627	Mouse	Qiagen	Flexitube Human GS8864	Qiagen
<b>SIRT1</b>	Flexitube GS93759	Mouse	Qiagen	Flexitube GS23411	Human Qiagen
<b>Primers</b>	Catalog#		Company	Catalog#	Company

355 **Table S3: siRNA and Primers used for QPCR (experimental section)**



357 Note that gene names are represented in the uppercase italics naming convention (i.e. for genes of human

358 origin) only for simplifying this table's representation.

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# 361 **Table S4: Data/phenotypes used for the development and validation of model A and model**  362 **B**







### **Table S5: Experimental and simulated phases†** 368

<sup>7</sup>Experimental phases are compiled from literature evidence (6, 4, 16-20,) using peripheral (metabolically active) tissues including data derived from liver. The experimental phase range for *PER* and *CRY* mRNA is derived from the studies (6, 18-20) and it is defined as the average circadian time (CT) at peak expression. For example, *PER* mRNA levels peak on average at CT13 and fall at CT0 during the beginning of the subjective day (18). According to the study (16) the gene transcript of *NAMPT* also peaks early in the evening (approximately at CT14) while its protein (NAMPT) peaks later together with the circadian NAD+ levels which are in phase with the rhythmic SIRT1 activity**.** 

SIRT1si+BMAL1si	
SIRT1si+CLOCKsi	
SIRT1si+PER2si	
SIRT1si+PGC1asi	
$SIRT1si+ROR(a-c)si$	

**Table S6: Averaged U2-OS and 3T3 QPCR data for all knockdowns†** 379

- $\text{380}$  <sup>†</sup>All gene expressions are fold change over control cells treated with scrambled siRNA. SD =
- 381 Standard deviation.  $U.D = Undetermined$ . Note that gene names are represented in the uppercase 382 italics naming convention (i.e. for genes of human origin) only for simplifying this table's representation. representation.
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Parameter	Description of parameters	Value
$V_{0Per(1/2)}(nM/hr)$		0.026
$v_{0Cry}$ (nM/hr)		0.270
$v_{0\ensuremath{\text{Nampt}}\xspace}\left(nM\ensuremath{/}hr\right)$	Basal transcriptional rates of PER(1/2), CRY, NAMPT, REVERB,	0.251
$v_{0Rev}(nM/hr)$	ROR and BMAL1 expression	0.040
$v_{0Ror}$ (nM/hr)		0.178
$v_{0B}$ (nM/hr)		0.405
$V_{\text{sPer}(1/2)}(nM/hr)$		1.144
$v_{sCry}$ (nM/hr)		0.072
$V_{sNampt}$ (nM/hr)	Maximum transcriptional rates of <i>PER(1/2)</i> , <i>CRY</i> , <i>NAMPT</i> ,	1.485
$v_{sRev}$ (nM/hr)	REVERB, ROR and BMAL1 expression	0.901
$v_{s1Ror}$ (nM/hr)		0.744
$v_{s2Ror}$ (nM/hr)		0.052
$v_{sB}$ (nM/hr)		0.417
$K_{APer(1/2)}(nM)$		1.150
$K_{\text{ACry}}$ (nM)	Michaelis constants for enhancement of $PER(1/2)$ , CRY, NAMPT,	0.291 1.844
$K_{\text{ANampt}}(nM)$ $K_{ARev}$ (nM)	REVERB and ROR expression by acetylated (active) BMAL1	
$K_{\text{AlRor}}$ (nM)		4.755 2.483
$R_{Per(1/2)}(nM)$		0.960
$R_{Cry}$ (nM)	Michaelis constants for inhibition of PER(1/2), CRY, NAMPT,	0.675
$R_{\text{Nampt}}(nM)$	REVERB Michaelis constants for inhibition of PER(1/2), CRY,	1.074
$R_{Rev}$ (nM)	NAMPT, REVERB and ROR expression by PER1-CRY complex	1.506
$R_{1\text{ror}}(nM)$	and ROR expression by PER1-CRY complex	0.970
$R_{Per(1/2)}(nM)$		0.160
$\overline{R}_{\text{Cry}}(nM)$	Michaelis constants for inhibition of PER(1/2), CRY, NAMPT,	0.112
$R_{Nampt}(nM)$	and ROR expression by acetylated PER2 <sup>AC</sup> -CRY <i>REVERB</i>	0.179
$R_{\text{Rev}}$	complex	0.251
$R_{1Ror}$		0.162
$K_{AB}$ (nM)	Michaelis constants for enhancement of BMAL1 and ROR	1.468
$K_{A2Ror}$ (nM)	expression by active ROR <sup>*</sup>	7.244
$R_{B}$	Michaelis constants for inhibition of BMAL1 and ROR expression	0.0159
$R_{2\underline{R}or}$	by REV-ERB	2.55
a	Hill coefficients for activation (a) and repression (r) of ccgs by	$\overline{2}$
Г	acetylated BMAL1 and PER-CRY respectively	$\overline{4}$
$\mathbf b$	Hill coefficients for activation (b) and repression (c) of RORE by	$\overline{c}$
$\mathbf C$	active ROR <sup>*</sup> and REV-ERB respectively	3
$\rm{v}_{dPer(1/2)}$ (nM/hr)		0.302
$v_{dCry}$ (nM/hr)		0.285
$V_{dNampt}$ (nM/hr)	Maximum degradation rates of PER(1/2), CRY, NAMPT, REVERB,	0.594
$v_{dRev}(nM/hr)$	<i>ROR</i> and <i>BMAL1</i> expression	0.361
$\rm v_{dRor}\left(nM/hr\right)$		0.309
$v_{dB}$ (nM/hr)		0.473
$K_{dPer(1/2)}(nM)$		0.047
$K_{dCry}$ (nM)	Michaelis constants for degradation of $PER(1/2)$ , $CRY$	0.371
$K_{d\text{Nampt}}\left(nM\right)$		0.99
$K_{dRev}$ (nM)	Michaelis constants for degradation of NAMPT, REVERB, ROR	0.691

386 **Table S7: Estimated values of parameters involved in the development of the extended**  387 **circadian model (model B)**





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