Supporting Information

The czcD (NiCo) riboswitch responds to iron(II)

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General considerations. Chemical reagents were obtained from Fisher-Thermo Scientific (Waltham, MA), Millipore Sigma (St. Louis, MO), Roche (Basel, Switzerland), Amresco (Solon, OH), or VWR (Randnor, PA), unless noted otherwise, at the highest purity available. Primers and gBlocks were ordered from Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT) (Coralville, IA), and fragmentGenes were ordered from Genewiz (South Plainfield, NJ). E. coli strains [5alpha, and BL21(DE3)] for cloning and recombinant protein expression, as well as cloning reagents (restriction enzymes, Q5 DNA polymerase, OneTaq DNA polymerase, T4 DNA ligase, and NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix) were obtained from New England Biolabs (Ipswich, MA). The E. coli BL21 Star (DE3) strain for recombinant RNA expression was purchased from Invitrogen (Carlsbad, CA). DFHBI-1T was either purchased from Tocris or synthesized as described.¹ PCR cleanup and miniprep kits were from Omega Bio-tek (Norcross, GA). Gel extractions used the Zymoclean gel DNA recovery kit from Zymo Research (Irvine, CA). Ni-NTA agarose resin was purchased from Thermo Scientific. Protein gel electrophoresis was carried out using Life Tech 16% Tris-glycine gels and a mini gel apparatus. The Sequagel reagents used for urea polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis were purchased from National Diagnostics (Atlanta, GA). T7 RNA polymerase was purified from a cell stock [BL21(DCAT4) transformed with pDL19]² that was a gift from Dr. Philip Bevilacqua (Penn State). Bacillus subtilis 168 1A1 was obtained from the Bacillus Genetic Stock Center (Columbus, OH). pET31b-T7-Spinach2 was a gift from Ming Hammond (Addgene #79783)³ and pHT01-ads was a gift from Heng-Phon Too (Addgene $\#47382)^4$ (Table S4 for all plasmids used in this study). Sanger sequencing of plasmids using primers shown in Table S5 was performed by Penn State Huck Institute of the Life Science Genomics Core Facility and Genewiz.

UV-visible absorption spectra were obtained on an Agilent Cary 60 UV-visible spectrophotometer using a quartz cuvette (Starna Cells). Nucleic acid UV-visible absorption spectra and cell culture OD_{600nm} measurements were obtained on Mettler Toledo UV5Nano. Well plate analyses were carried out using a Tecan infinite m1000pro microplate reader or BioTek Synergy H1 microplate reader. Flow cytometry assays were carried out using a BD LSRFortessa Flow Cytometer. Experiments utilizing Fe^{II} were conducted within a vinyl anaerobic chamber (Coy Lab Products) or an MBraun Unilab anaerobic box. All glassware was acid-washed with TraceMetal grade nitric acid (Fisher) followed by extensive rinsing with filtered ddH₂O prior to usage.

Expression and purification of T7 RNA polymerase. *E. coli* BL21(DCAT4) cells transformed with pDL19 for T7 RNA polymerase expression² were streaked from a glycerol stock onto LB-agar plates containing ampicillin (Amp, 100 µg/mL in all growth media). A single colony was used to inoculate 50 mL of LB-Amp, which was incubated overnight (16 h) at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. Of this culture, 25 mL was used to inoculate 2 L of LB-Amp in a 6-L flask, which was grown at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. At OD_{600nm} = 0.6-0.8, the culture was induced with 125 µM isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG), and growth was continued for 4 h. The remaining operations were performed at 4 °C. The cells were pelleted by centrifugation (7000×g, 15 min), resuspended in 50 mL of **Buffer A** (20 mM Tris, 20 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA, pH 7.5), and centrifuged again. The resulting cell pellet (5.87 g) was resuspended in **Buffer B** [50 mM Tris, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM imidazole, 10 mM β-mercaptoethanol (β-ME), 0.1% Triton X-100, 5% glycerol, pH 8.4] at 5 mL/g cell paste with 1 U/mL DNase (NEB) and a Complete Mini protease

inhibitor cocktail tablet (Roche). Cells were lysed by sonication with a 1/4" (6 mm) microtip at 50% amplitude, with cycles of 20 s pulse on / 40 s pulse off for 20 min (QSonica). After sonication, the suspension was centrifuged at 30,000 ×g for 45 min. The supernatant was loaded onto a 2 mL (0.8 × 2 cm) Ni-NTA agarose column (Qiagen). The column was washed with 10 column volumes (CV) of Buffer B, followed by 40 CV of **Buffer C** (50 mM Tris, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 10 mM β-ME, 0.1% Triton X-100, 5% glycerol, pH 8.4). Protein was eluted using 10 CV of **Buffer D** (50 mM Tris, 100 mM NaCl, 250 mM imidazole, 10 mM β-ME, 20% glycerol, pH 8.0). The eluted protein was concentrated to 1.5 mL using an Amicon Ultra 30-kDa MWCO centrifugal filtration unit (Millipore Sigma) and exchanged into **Buffer E** [50 mM Tris, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT), 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% Triton X-100, 50% glycerol, pH 8.0] using a Sephadex G25 column (15 mL, 1.5 × 9 cm). The resulting protein was quantified using $\epsilon_{280nm} = 141 \text{ mM}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1.5}$ Activity was tested using a control reaction transcribing Spinach2 (1 μ L - 8 μ L enzyme) before flash-freezing in liquid N₂ and storing at -80 °C. The purification yielded 44 mg/L culture.

RNA transcription, purification, and folding. RNAs were transcribed following the NEB standard RNA synthesis protocol. DNA template (10-20 µg) was added to transcription buffer mix (0.5 mM NTP mix, 40 mM Tris, 6 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM DTT, 2 mM spermidine, 0.4 µM T7 RNA polymerase, 0.1 U inorganic pyrophosphatase, pH 7.9) and incubated at 37 °C for 3-4 h. Transcription reactions were quenched with the addition of 2× urea loading buffer [18 M urea, 20% sucrose, 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 90 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 90 mM boric acid, 1 mM ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA)] followed by purification by gel electrophoresis (6-8% polyacrylamide, 7.5 M urea, National Diagnostics kit). The product band was visualized with a handheld UV light and excised and diced with razor blade to be soaked in crush-soak buffer (10 mM Tris, 200 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0) overnight at 4 °C. The purified RNAs were isolated as a solid white pellet by ethanol precipitation at -20 °C followed by centrifugation at 18000 $\times g$. The RNA pellets were dissolved in 50 µL of autoclaved RNase-free water or 0.5× TE buffer (5 mM Tris, 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 8.0). RNA concentrations were calculated using the approximated sequence-specific extinction coefficients at 260 nm following hydrolysis digestion by incubating the RNA in a PCR machine at 95 °C for 1 h. All RNAs were refolded by incubating in a PCR machine at 75 °C for 2 min followed by gradual cool-down to room temperature prior to use.

RNA sensor template library generation and screening. Full-length Spinach2 and cp-Spinach2 sequences were generated by PCR of two self-priming primers (**Table S6** for all relevant primer sequences for library generation). The sensor template library was generated by PCR primer extension of parent Spinach2 or cp-Spinach2 templates, replacing the loop region in each riboswitch stem. For P1 stem templates, the Spinach2 sequence was added onto the *Eba* riboswitch sequence using each set of fwd/rev primers for P1 primers. P2 stem templates were generated by addition of the riboswitch sequence onto the cpSpinach2 sequence by using each set of fwd/rev primers labeled with P2, followed by the addition of the riboswitch sequence numbered 52-111. For the P3 stem templates, the riboswitch sequence was first added to the cpSpinach2 sequence using sets of fwd/rev primers labeled as P3, followed by the addition of the 5' 1-28 and 3' 73-111 sequences from the riboswitch sequence using the appropriate primers. For P4 stems, the riboswitch sequence was added onto the cp-Spinach2 sequence using sets of fwd/rev primers labeled as P3, followed by the addition of the 7' numpers. For P4 stems, the riboswitch sequence was added onto the cp-Spinach2 sequence using sets of fwd/rev primers labeled as P4, followed by addition of the 1-42 sequence from the riboswitch. All templates were amplified using the T7 amp_fwd and amp_rev primers to add the T7 promoter in order to enable

in vitro transcription by T7 RNA polymerase. All PCR reactions used Q5 DNA polymerase and followed the manufacturer's protocol. PCR reactions were confirmed via 1% or 2% agarose gel and purified with E.Z.N.A. Cycle Pure Kit (Omega Bio-tek) or QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's protocol. The purified DNA templates were transcribed, purified, and refolded before use as described in the previous section.

RNA sensor characterization in vitro. For each construct, fluorescence response was evaluated at different magnesium concentrations (0.5, 1, 5, and 10 mM) and either 0 or 100 µM CoCl₂, using 100 nM sensor and 10 µM DFHBI-1T, in 30 mM MOPS, 100 mM KCl, pH 7.2, at 20 °C. Constructs were incubated for 1 h prior to acquisition of fluorescence readings to allow for full DFHBI-1T binding. Fluorescence readings were acquired in 96-well plates (Greiner µClear halfarea fluorescence plates) on a Tecan Infinite M1000Pro plate reader (λ_{ex} =475 nm, λ_{em} =505 nm). The three best-performing constructs (P1-1, P1-2, and P1-3) were evaluated further in the same buffer with 3 mM MgCl₂ added (Buffer F) and containing various concentrations of MnCl₂. CoCl₂, NiCl₂, ZnSO₄, and ferrous ammonium sulfate hexahydrate. Fe^{II} experiments were carried out in an anaerobic chamber. The purified, ethanol-precipitated RNA was brought into the anaerobic chamber and resuspended in water. An aliquot (1 μ L diluted with 9 μ L water) was removed from the chamber for RNA concentration determination. Titration samples were prepared in 96-well plates, which were sealed using 96-well sealing tape (Thermo Fisher) to prevent Fe^{II} oxidation, and after 1 h, the plates were removed from the chamber and immediately fluorescence readings were acquired. Data were analyzed using GraphPad Prism 6 software using the following non-linear regression equation (1):

$$Y = Bottom + \frac{(Top - Bottom)}{(1 + 10^{(logK_d - X) \times Hillslope})}$$
(1)

where X is $log([M^{II}])$, Y is the fluorescence value, Hillslope is the Hill coefficient (*n*), and K_d is the apparent dissociation constant. Top and Bottom is determined for each data set.

Citrate-buffered metal titrations.

Preparation of low- and high-metal citrate buffers. For buffered metal ion titrations of the **czcD** sensors, citrate was used as the metal ion buffer.⁶ The citrate buffer was prepared by dissolving MOPS, KCl, and citric acid (to give final concentrations of 30 mM, 100 mM, and 1 mM, respectively, in 50 mL) in water to give a final volume of 40 mL. The buffer was incubated with 2 g Chelex-100 for 12 h and the pH was adjusted to pH 7.2 using 6 M KOH. After decanting to remove Chelex, high-metal citrate buffers were made by addition of 0.1 M metal stocks [MnCl₂, (NH₄)₂Fe(SO₄)₂, CoCl₂, NiCl₂, and ZnSO₄] into the buffer to the following final metal concentrations, followed by filling up to a final volume of 50 mL: for **czcD1**, 300 μ M for Fe, Co, and Ni and 800 μ M for Mn and Zn; for **czcD-2** and **czcD-3**, 100 μ M for Fe, Co, Ni, and Zn and 500 μ M for Mn. The low-metal buffer was made by filling up to final volume of 50 mL, without metal addition.

Citrate buffered metal titrations. High and low metal citrate buffer stocks were first prepared by the addition of 100 nM RNA and 10 μ M DFHBI-1T. The desired free metal concentrations were achieved by mixing high and low metal citrate buffers. Following incubation for 1 h, the resulting samples were measured in 96-well plates (Greiner μ Clear half-area fluorescence plates) using a Biotek Synergy fluorescent plate reader (λ_{ex} =475 nm, λ_{em} =505 nm).

Fe^{II} experiments were carried out in an MBraun anaerobic chamber as described above. Data were analyzed using GraphPad Prism 6 software using equation 1, with the exception that X is the log₁₀ of the free metal concentration, which was calculated for each titration point as described below.

Calculation of free metal concentrations for K_d *determination.* The free metal ion concentrations [M_{free}] for each sample mixture were calculated as described^{7, 8} using the following equation (2):

$$\left[M_{free}\right] = \frac{K_{d,M}[ML]}{[L]} \tag{2}$$

where [L] is the concentration of citrate that is not bound to metal ions, and [ML] is the concentration of metal-bound citrate. $K_{d,M}$ is the effective K_d for each metal adjusted for pH using the following equation (3):

$$K_{d,M} = \frac{1 + 10^{pK_1 - pH} + 10^{pK_2 - pK_1 - 2pH}}{K_M}$$
(3)

where pK₁ and pK₂ are the published first and second pK_a values of citrate at an ionic strength of 0.1,⁹ and the pH is the pH of the buffer. The K_M is defined as $K_M = [ML] / ([M][L])$, given for each metal ion in ref.⁹. The $K_{d,M}$ values determined for the metal solutions used in our experiments are shown in **Table S3**.

Because the concentration of ligand (1 mM) was much greater than the RNA concentration (100 nM), eq. 2 was approximated by eq. 4 for each sample, where V_{high} and V_{low} are the volumes of the high and low metal solutions mixed together.

$$[M_{\text{free}}] = K_{d,M} \bullet V_{\text{high}} / V_{\text{low}}$$
(4)

The potential contribution of Mg^{II} binding to citrate – which could compete with the transition metal ions for citrate binding, increase the free transition metal ion concentration, and therefore lead to an underestimate of the actual K_d values – was likely to be relatively minor based on the relative $K_{d,M}$ values of the transition metal ions and Mg^{II} . As a result, this potential contribution was ignored in these calculations. Still, in order to estimate the magnitude of the effect, assays of **czcD-2** with Co^{II} in the presence of 1 mM, 3 mM, and 10 mM MgCl₂ were carried out. The results (**Figure S8**) indicate that the overall effect is at most 2-3 fold, which does not change the basic conclusions of this manuscript. We also note that knowledge of how much of the added Mg^{II} is citrate-bound is also complicated by the high concentration of Mg^{II}-binding sites on the RNA itself, and interpretation of the effect of Mg concentrations on sensor response is complicated by potential effects on RNA structure and outcompetition of other metal ions for their cognate binding sites on the riboswitch. The effects of Mg^{II} on riboswitch function is an understudied area in general¹⁰ but especially for metal-binding riboswitches.^{11, 12} A more detailed analysis and accounting of these effects on function of the present riboswitch is in progress.

Plasmid construction for sensor expression in *E. coli.* pET31b-T7-Spinach2 (**Table S4**, Addgene #79783) contains Spinach2, flanked by EagI sites, inserted into the human tRNA^{Lys} scaffold.^{3, 13} The **czcD-2** sensor was inserted into this construct for expression in *E. coli.* pET31b-T7-Spinach2 (1.5 μ g) was linearized and Spinach2 removed by digestion with EagI-HF (20 U) at 37 °C for 1 h followed by purification by gel electrophoresis (1% agarose). EagI sites were added

onto **czcD-2** by PCR using primers Spinach 2-EagI-F and Spinach 2-EagI-R (**Table S5**) and the PCR product was digested with EagI-HF at 37 °C for 1 h followed by purification by agarose gel electrophoresis. The insert was ligated into the vector at a 3:1 insert:vector ratio using T4 DNA ligase (NEB) for 1 h at room temperature, and the product was transformed into NEB 5-alpha cells, plated on LB-agar-Amp, and incubated at 37 °C overnight. Colonies were screened for insert using colony PCR (OneTaq DNA polymerase, primers T7P and T7T), and the DNA sequences of the plasmids were confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

Analysis of cellular iron by czcD-2 using flow cytometry. *E. coli* BL21Star(DE3) cells were transformed with pET31b-T7-czcD-2 or pET31b-T7-Spinach2 (as a control) and plated on M9-agar-carbenicillin (Cb, 100 μ g/mL in all media for this experiment) plates, which were incubated at 37 °C overnight. The M9 media consisted of 42 mM Na₂HPO₄, 22 mM KH₂PO₄, 8.5 mM NaCl, 19 mM NH₄Cl, 2 mM Mg₂SO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂, 0.2% glucose, and 0.1% casamino acids. A single colony was inoculated into a 5 mL M9-Cb culture and grown overnight for 16 hrs at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. This culture was used to inoculate at 40× dilution 5 mL M9-Cb cultures in 14-mL polypropylene culture tubes, which were grown at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. At OD_{600nm} = 0.1, each culture was induced with 1 mM IPTG, and growth was continued for 2 h. Metal ions were added to the desired concentrations (0-100 μ M ferric ammonium citrate, 20 μ M MnCl₂, CoCl₂, NiCl₂, or ZnSO₄) from 100 mM or 1 mM stock solutions, and the cultures were grown for an additional 1 h. Cells were harvested by centrifugation (3200 ×g, 10 min, 4 °C). Experiments were carried out with 2 biological replicates in each of 3 independent experiments.

Cell pellets were resuspended in 0.5 mL 1× PBS (1.9 mM NaH₂PO₄, 8.4 mM Na₂HPO₄, 175 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) containing 50 μ M DFHBI-1T (added from a 50 mM stock in DMSO). Cellular fluorescence was measured with the 488-nm excitation laser line and 530-nm green fluorescence channel using the Special Order 16-color BD LSRFortessa flow cytometer at the Penn State Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences Microscopy and Cytometry Facility. For each sample, \geq 30,000 cells were measured. The data of each flow cytometry sample were analyzed using Flowjo v10, gating for *E. coli* cells based on FSC/SSC, plotting the histogram then histogram (e.g., **Figure S9A**), and determining the mean fluorescence value for the population. Fluorescence response of **czcD-2**-expressing cells was normalized to the Spinach2-expressing cells grown under the same conditions, in order to account for differences in cell size (see **Figure S9B**).

czcD-2 competition against the *Lmo* **riboswitch.** The metal-binding ability of the *Lmo* riboswitch (vs. an mSpinach2 control) was assessed via competitive titration. The RNAs (0.05-3.2 μ M) were titrated into RNA sensor mix (Buffer F containing 100 nM **czcD-2**, 10 μ M DFHBI-1T, and either 2 μ M Co^{II} or 2 μ M Fe^{II}) and fluorescence measured in 96-well plates on a Tecan Infinite M1000Pro plate reader (λ_{ex} =475 nm, λ_{em} =505 nm). Fe^{II} experiments were carried out in an anaerobic chamber. The ethanol-precipitated RNA was brought into the anaerobic chamber and resuspended in water. An aliquot (1 μ L diluted with 9 μ L water) was removed from the chamber for RNA concentration determination. Titration samples were prepared in 96-well plates, which were sealed using 96-well sealing tape (Thermo Fisher) to prevent Fe^{II} oxidation, and after 1 h, the plates were removed from the chamber and immediately fluorescence readings were acquired.

Cloning of putative metal exporters into *B. subtilis* **expression vectors.** The genes encoding PfeT, Eba3544, LMO3448, and sfGFP (**Figures S16-S19**) were each inserted into pHT01-ads (MoBiTec, Addgene #47382), which contains an IPTG-inducible promoter, for protein expression

in *Bacillus subtilis* 1A1 (BGSC). pHT01-ads (1.5 μ g) was linearized and *ads* was removed by digestion with BamHI-HF (20 U) and XbaI (20 U) at 37 °C for 1 h, followed by purification by gel electrophoresis (1% agarose). The inserts were obtained as codon-optimized gBlocks. *pfeT* was synthesized with the Gibson ends included. Due to synthesis requirements, Gibson ends had to be added by PCR to the gBlocks for the Eba3544 and LMO3448 genes, using primers eba-Gib-F, eba-Gib-R, lmo-Gib-F and lmo-Gib-R. The sfGFP gene was amplified from pET21b-RL015A¹⁴ and BamHI and XbaI sites were added using sfGFP-BamHI-F and sfGFP-XbaI-R, followed by digestion with BamHI-HF (20 U) and XbaI (20 U) for 1 h at 37 °C and PCR clean-up kit purification. The *pfeT*, Eba3544, and LMO3448 inserts were ligated into the linearized pHT01 vector at a 3:1 insert:vector ratio using the NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix for 1 h at 50 °C. The sfGFP insert was ligated into the linearized pHT01 vector at a 3:1 insert:vector ratio using the NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix for 1 h at 50 °C. The sfGFP insert was ligated into the linearized pHT01 vector at a 3:1 insert:vector ratio using the NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix for 1 h at 50 °C. The sfGFP insert was ligated into the linearized pHT01 vector at a 3:1 insert:vector ratio using the NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix for 1 h at 50 °C. The sfGFP insert was ligated into the linearized pHT01 vector at a 3:1 insert:vector ratio using the NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix for 1 h at 50 °C. The sfGFP insert was ligated on LB-agar-Amp, and incubated at 37 °C overnight. The colonies were screened for insert using colony PCR (OneTaq DNA polymerase, primers LacI-R and pHT01-R) and the DNA sequences of plasmids were confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

Complementation assay in *B. subtilis.* Transformation of *B. subtilis* was done according to MoBiTec's protocol. *B. subtilis* 1A1 cells were streaked onto an LB-agar plate from a glycerol stock. A single colony was used to inoculate 5 mL of LB, which was grown overnight (16 h) at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. This culture was inoculated at 100× dilution into 10 mL GM1 (1× Spizizen salts, 0.5% glucose, 0.02% casamino acids, 0.1% yeast extract, 1.5 mM MgSO₄) and grown at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking until growth reached stationary phase (OD_{600nm} = 3.0). This culture was diluted 20× into 10 mL GM2 (1× Spizizen salts, 0.5% glucose, 0.02% casamino acids, 0.1% yeast extract, 2.5 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM CaCl₂) and grown for 2 h at 30 °C with 180 rpm shaking. The cells were used for transformations immediately after GM2 growth. EGTA was added to a final concentration of 1 mM to 1 mL of GM2 cell culture and incubated at room temperature for 5 min. Plasmid (1 µg) was added and incubated at 37 °C for 2 h with 180 rpm shaking. The cells (200 µL) were plated on LB-agar-Cm (5 µg/ml) and incubated at 37 °C overnight.

The complementation assay to determine the ability of the metal exporters (PfeT, Eba3544, LMO3448, and sfGFP as a control) to rescue metal toxicity was performed as described¹⁵ with minor modifications. A single colony was used to inoculate 5 mL of LB (5 μ g/mL Cm in all growth media), which was grown overnight (16 h) at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. This culture was inoculated at 100× dilution into 5 mL of LB-Cm and grown at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. At OD_{600nm} = 0.4, this culture was induced with 1 mM isopropyl β -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG), and growth was continued for 30 min. This culture was then inoculated at 100× dilution into a 500-mL baffled flask containing 100 mL LBC medium (LB medium containing 1 g/L sodium citrate dihydrate) or 100 mL LBC medium supplemented with 2.5 mM ferrous ammonium sulfate, 1 mM MnCl₂, 0.4 mM CoCl₂, 1.25 mM NiCl₂, or 3 mM CuCl₂ 0.6 mM ZnSO₄. This culture was grown at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking and cell growth was monitored at 600 nm every hour for 8 h.

Verification of expression and membrane insertion of putative metal transporters. *B. subtilis* 1A1 cells transformed with pHT01-sfGFP, pHT01-lmo-tev-sfGFP, or pHT01-eba-tev-sfGFP were streaked onto an LB-agar plate from a glycerol stock (5 μ g/mL Cm in all growth media). A single colony was used to inoculate 5 mL of LB-Cm, which was grown overnight (16 h) at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. This culture was inoculated at 100× dilution into 200 mL of LB-Cm and grown at 37 °C with 180 rpm shaking. At OD_{600nm} = 0.4, this culture was induced with 1 mM IPTG, and

growth was continued for 30 min. The cells were pelleted by centrifugation (7000 ×g, 15 min), and frozen at -80 °C overnight. The membrane fractions were collected as described with minor modifications.¹⁶ The resulting cell pellets (0.55 g) were resuspended with 15 mL of **Buffer G** (25 mM Tris, 100 mM sucrose, pH 7.5) and lysed by sonication with a ¹/₄" (6 mm) microtip at 50% amplitude, with cycles of 20s pulse on/ 40s pulse off for 10 min (QSonica). After sonication, the lysates were first clarified by centrifugation at 8000 ×g at 4 °C for 40 min followed by isolation of the cell membrane fraction by centrifugation at maximum speed (75600 ×g) for 1 h. The supernatants were decanted completely from the cell membrane pellets. The cell membrane pellets were resuspended in 1 mL of Buffer G. Fluorescence readings of each supernatant and resuspended membrane were determined in 96-well plates using a fluorescence plate reader (λ_{ex} =485 nm, λ_{em} =513 nm), and scaled according to volume in order to calculate total fluorescence values reported in **Figure S14**.

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Table S1. Sequences of the DNA templates used for the riboswitches and riboswitch-based sensors. The DNA template sequences for the *Eba* and *Lmo czcD* riboswitches are derived from Furukawa et al.¹⁷ Spinach2¹⁸ or cpSpinach2¹⁹ sequences are shown in red. In the sensor constructs, components of the appropriate truncated stem are shown in green. Px-y denotes insertion of Spinach2 or cpSpinach2 into stem x retaining y base pairs. Sensors **czcD-1**, **czcD-2**, and **czcD-3** are the P1-1, P1-2, and P1-3 constructs, respectively. Spinach2 was used for the P1 constructs and cpSpinach2 was used for the P2, P3, and P4 constructs.

Name	Sequence
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Eba	
riboswitch	
	ri
Lmo	GTCATIGTGATCTGAACAGGCGGTGAACGTAACACGAGGTTCATGCAGCTGGGCTGCAATTATT
riboswitch	GCGGCAGCAGACTATGTATTCTAAGGGCATATCTGTGGGACAGTTAATTCTGTTCTACGGGTATG
	CCCTTTTTT -3'
	5'-
Spinach2	GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAGTAGGCTGCTTCGGCAGCCTACTTGTTGA
•	GTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC-3
	5'-
cp-	TIGTICACTACACTCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC
Spinach2	
·	GGACGGGTCCA-3
o · · · -	5-
mSpinach2	GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAATTACTTGTCCAGTAGGCTGCTTCGGCAGCCTACTTGTTGAG
	TAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC-3'
	5'-
070D 4	GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGC
CZCD-1	AGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGATGATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGACTTGTTGAGTAGA
	GTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC -3
	5'-
czcD-2	
	GAGIGIGAGCICCGIAACIAGIIACAIC-3
	5-
czcD-3	GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCAT
0200 0	GCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGATGATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGACAGTTGTTGAG
	TAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC -3'
	5'-
	GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTC
P1-5	ATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGATGATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGACAGTTTTGT
	TGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC -3'
	5-
P1-4	
	AGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC -3
	5'-
P1-0	GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCA
110	GCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGATGATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGATTGTTGAGTAGAGT
	GTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATC -3'
	5'-
D 0 0	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGC
P2-6	AAGATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAGGTCATGCAGCCCGGCTGCGAAAGCGG

	5'-
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P2-4	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGATTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAA GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCATCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAAC AGATGATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGACAGTTGTATATTCCACAGATGT-3'
P2-3	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAG ATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCACATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAG ATGATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGACAGTTGTATATTCCACAGATGT-3'
P2-2	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGA TGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGAT GATTACACGCACATCTCTGTGGGACAGTTGTATATTCCACAGATGT-3'
P3-5	5'- GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCTTGTTGAGTAGAGTG TGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA
P3-4	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGT GAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA
P3-3	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTG AGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA
P3-2	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGA GCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA
P4-5	5'- GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAG ATTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAAAGCGGCAACAG AGGACGGGTCCATCTGTGGGACAGTTGTATATTCCACAGATGT-3' 5'-
P4-4	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAG TTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA
P4-3	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACATT GTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA
P4-2	GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACTT GTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTCCGTAACTAGTTACATCGCAAGATGTAACTGAATGAA

Table S2. Response of **czcD-1**, **czcD-2**, and **czcD-3** – apparent $K_d(K_{d,app})$, Hill coefficient (*n*), and fluorescence turn-on (F_{max}/F_{min}) – to divalent first-row transition metal ions in unbuffered titrations. For sensor assays, experiments were carried out in 30 mM MOPS, 100 mM KCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, pH 7.2, at 20 °C, using 100 nM sensor and 10 μ M DFHBI-1T. Experiments were performed aerobically except for those involving Fe^{II}, which were performed in an anaerobic chamber. For **czcD-1**, for all metals except for Fe^{II}, no saturation of response was observed, so fitting parameters could not be reliably obtained. Lower limits of K_{ds} for Mn^{II}, Co^{II}, Ni^{II}, and Zn^{II} are reported as the highest metal concentration experimentally tested, because the sensor did not reach 50% of the total response to Fe^{II} (assuming that the sensor would hypothetically saturate at the same value for all metal ions). The $K_{d,app}$ values we determined for **czcD-2** and **czcD-3** are slightly smaller than those determined for the native riboswitch by Furukawa et al. This discrepancy may result from the 20 mM Mg^{II} present in the buffer used in the original report (see **Figure S4**). Values are reported as the mean \pm S.D. for 3 independent titrations. N.D.: cannot be determined from data in **Figure S2** due to poor fluorescence response.

		Mn ^{II}	Fe ^{II}	Co ^{II}	Ni ^{II}	Zn ^{II}
czcD-1	<i>K</i> _{d,аpp} (µМ)	N.D.	23 ± 4	>50	>25	>100
	F _{max} /F _{min}	N.D.	8.0	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
	n	N.D.	2.2 ± 0.3	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
czcD-2	$K_{d,app}(\mu M)$	66 ± 3	2.2 ± 0.8	3.1 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.5	12 ± 1
	F _{max} /F _{min}	5.1	3.7	6.2	6.6	7.6
	n	2.5 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.1	2.9 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.1	2.8 ± 0.5
czcD-3	<i>K</i> _{d,app} (μΜ)	25 ± 12	1.3 ± 0.5	2.2 ± 0.1	0.9 ± 0.1	5.1 ± 0.5
	F _{max} /F _{min}	2.0	1.9	2.9	2.2	2.7
	n	2.5 ± 0.8	1.2 ± 0.2	3.9 ± 2.3	3 ± 1.1	1.8 ± 0.7
Eba riboswitch	$K_{d,app}$ (µM)	220	no	5.6	12	no
(in-line) ^a			response		- —	response
	n	1.2	N/A	2	1.6	N/A

^{*a*} Values from Furukawa et al.¹⁷ Determined by in-line probing in 50 mM Tris, 100 mM KCl, 20 mM MgCl₂, pH 8.3, at 23 °C. (For Mn^{II} determinations, pH 7.5 and 30 °C were used.) ^{*b*} Our data suggest that the lack of response was likely a result of precipitation of hydroxides of Fe^{III} and Zn^{II} under the experimental conditions (see main text).

Chelator	Metal	log <i>K</i> м	Adjusted K _{d,M}
Citric acid	Mn ^{II}	4.15	7.30 x 10 ⁻⁵
	Fe ^{II}	4.40	4.10 x 10 ⁻⁵
	Co ^{II}	5.00	1.05 x 10 ⁻⁵
	Ni ^{II}	5.40	4.10 x 10 ⁻⁶
	Zn∥	4.98	1.08 x 10 ⁻⁶
	Mg ^{II}	3.37	4.60 x 10 ⁻⁴

Table S3. Calculated $K_{d,M}$ values used for determination of apparent K_{ds} of **czcD** sensors

Name	Notes	Source
pDL19	Amp ^R ; <i>E. coli</i> expression of T7 RNA polymerase	Ref. 2, Philip Bevilacqua
pET31b-T7-Spinach2	Amp ^R	Ref. 3, Addgene #79783
pET31b-T7-czcD-2	Amp ^R ; expression of czcD-2 in <i>E. coli</i>	This work
pET21b-RL015A	Amp ^R	Ref. 14, Addgene #42134
pHT01-ads	Cm ^R , Amp ^R	Ref. 4, Addgene #47382
pHT01-sfGFP	Cm ^R , Amp ^R ; <i>B. subtilis</i> expression of sfGFP	This work
pHT01-pfeT	Cm ^R , Amp ^R ; <i>B. subtilis</i> expression of PfeT	This work
pHT01-eba	Cm ^R , Amp ^R ; <i>B. subtilis</i> expression of Eba3544	This work
pHT01-eba-tev-sfGFP	Cm ^R , Amp ^R ; <i>B. subtilis</i> expression of Eba3544-	This work
	sfGFP, for verification of expression and	
	localization	
pHT01-Imo-tev	Cm ^R , Amp ^R ; <i>B. subtilis</i> expression of LMO3448	This work
	with TEV-cleavable C-terminal His ₆ tag	
pHT01-Imo-tev-sfGFP	Cm ^R , Amp ^R ; <i>B. subtilis</i> expression of LMO3448-	This work
	sfGFP, for verification of expression and	
	localization	

Table S4. Plasmids used in this study

Name	Sequence ^{a,b}
Spinach 2-Eagl-F	5'-CCAAG <u>CGGCCG</u> GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGG-3'
Spinach 2-Eagl-R	5'-CTTGG <u>CGGCCG</u> GATGTAACTAGTTACGGAGCTCA -3'
sfGFP-BamHI-F	5'-ATAA <u>GGATCC</u> ATGCGTAAAGGCGAAGAACTG-3'
sfGFP-Xbal-R	5'-TTAT <u>TCTAGA</u> TTACTTATACAGCTCGTCCATACCG-3'
eba-Gib-F	5'-CCAATTAAAGGAGGAA <u>GGATCC</u> ATGACAACTGAAAAAAAACCATATG-3'
eba-Gib-R	5'-GGACGTCGAC <u>TCTAGA</u> TTACTCGTTCGCCGG-3'
	5'-CCAATTAAAGGAGGAAGGATCCATGATTAGTTACCTTATTAAATCTCGCC-
Imo-Gib-F	3'
lmo-Gib-R	5'-GGACGTCGAC <u>TCTAGA</u> TCAGTGGTGGTGGTGGT-3'
eba-tev-sfGFP-gib-F	5'-CCCGGCGAACGAGGAAAACCTGTATTTTCAGGGC-3'
Imo-tev-sfGFP-gib-F	5'-CATTAAAGAGTGTTAAGGTTGAAAACCTGTATTTTCAGGGC-3'
pHT01-gib-R	5'-GGACGTCGACTCTAGATCA-3'

 Table S5. Primers used for cloning and sequencing

Sequencing primers

pHT01-R	5'- TCCGAGCTTCGTCCAAAATA-3'
Lacl-R	5'- GGCATACTCTGCGACATCGT-3'
lmo-mid	5'-TATCGTTAACGAGAGCG-3'
pfeT-mid	5'-GATTGTATGGCCAGATTG-3'
T7P	5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG-3'
T7T	5'-GCTAGTTATTGCTCAGCGG-3'

^a Restriction sites are underlined, ^b Gibson ends are in red.

Name	Sequence
	5'-
Spinach2-top	aagTAATACGACTCACTATAGATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAGTAGGC TGC-3' 5'-
Spinach2-bottom	GATGTAACTAGTTACGGAGCTCACACTCTACTCAACAAGTAGGCTGCCGAAGCAGCCTAC TGGACCCGTC-3' 5'
cpSpinach2-top	aagTAATACGACTCACTATAGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGGTGCTCGAGTTACTTGTATAGCTCGTCCA TGCCG-3'
cpSpinach2-bottom	5'-TGGTCCTGCTGGAGTTCGTGTAACTCGAGCACCACCACCA-3'
NiCo_T7amp_fwd NiCo_amp_rev	5'-ccaagTAATACGACTCACTATAGGTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAA-3' 5'-ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCC-3'
NiCo P1-5 fwd	5'-GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACC-3'
NiCo_P1-5_rev	5'-GATGTAACTAGTTACGGAGCTCACACTCTACTCAACAAAACTGTCCCACAGAGATGTG- 3'
NiCo P1-4 fwd	5'-GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCA-3'
NiCo_P1-4_rev	5'-GATGTAACTAGTTACGGAGCTCACACTCTACTCAACAAACTGTCCCACAGAGATGTG-3'
NiCo_P1-3_fwd	5'-GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCA-3'
NiCo_P1-3_rev	
NICO_P1-2_TWO	
NICO_PI-2_Iev	
NiCo_P1-1_rev	5'-GATGTAACTAGTTACGGAGCTCACACACTCTACTCAACAAGTCCCACAGAGATGTGC-3'
NiCo P1-0 fwd	5'-GATGTAACTGAATGAAATGGTGAAGGACGGGTCCAAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGAG-3'
NiCo P1-0 rev	5'-GATGTAACTAGTTACGGAGCTCACACTCTACTCAACAATCCCACAGAGATGTGCG-3'
NiCo_P2-5_fwd	5'-GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC-3'
NiCo_P2-5_rev	5'-GTAATCATCTGTTGCCGCTTTCGCAGCCCGGCTGCATGACTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NICo_P2-4_two	
NICO_P2-4_IEV NiCo_P2-3_fwd	
NiCo P2-3 rev	5'-GTAATCATCTGTTGCCGCCTTTCGCAGCCCGGCTGCATGTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo P2-2 fwd	5'-GTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC-3'
NiCo_P2-2_rev	5'-GTAATCATCTGTTGCCGCTTTCGCAGCCCGGCTGCATTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo P3-5 fwd	5'- GCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCT
NiCo P3-5 rev	
	5'-
NiCo_P3-4_fwd	GCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC -3'
NiCo_P3-4_rev	5 ['] -TCCCACAGAGATGTGCGTGTAATCATCTGTTGCCGTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo_P3-3_fwd	GCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC-
NiCo_P3-3_rev	5'-TCCCACAGAGATGTGCGTGTAATCATCTGTTGCCTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo_P3-2_fwd	5'-GCAGGCAAATGACCAGAGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC-
NiCo_P3-2_rev	5'-TCCCACAGAGATGTGCGTGTAATCATCTGTTGCTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
	5'
NiCo_P4-5_fwd	a- AGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGATTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC
NiCo_P4-5_rev	5'-ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCCCACAGATGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'

Table S6. Primers used for sensor library construction (continued on the next page).

	5'-
NiCo_P4-4_fwd	AGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACAGTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC- 3'
NiCo_P4-4_rev	5'-ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCCCACAGTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo_P4-3_fwd	5'-AGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACATTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC- 3'
NiCo P4-3 rev	5'-ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCCCACATGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo_P4-2_fwd	5'-AGCGGTCATGCAGCCGGGCTGCGAAAGCGGCAACTTGTTGAGTAGAGTGTGAGCTC-3'
NiCo_P4-2_rev	5'-ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCCCACTGGACCCGTCCTTCAC-3'
NiCo_1-28_fwd	5'-ccaagTAATACGACTCACTATAgGTACAAACTGAGCAGGCAAATGACCAGA-3'
NiCo_1-42_fwd	5'-GGCTGCATGACCGCTCTGGTCATTTGCCTGCTCAGTTTGTAC-3'
	5'-
NiCo_52-111_rev	ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCCCACAGAGATGTGCGTGTAATCATCTGTTGCCGCTT-
	3'
NiCo_73-111_rev	5'-ACATCTGTGGAATATACAACTGTCCCACAGAGATGTGCG-3'

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Figure S1. Screening of the library of *Eba czcD* riboswitch-based sensors. For each construct, fluorescence response was evaluated at different magnesium concentrations (0.5, 1, 5, and 10 mM) and either 0 or 100 μ M CoCl₂, using 100 nM sensor and 10 μ M DFHBI-1T, in 30 mM MOPS, 100 mM KCl, pH 7.2, at 20 °C. The three best-performing constructs (boxed) were evaluated further.





Figure S1, continued



Figure S2. Unbuffered fluorescence titrations of **czcD-1**, **czcD-2**, and **czcD-3** with Mn^{II}, Fe^{II}, Co^{II}, Ni^{II}, and Zn^{II}. Experimental conditions and results are summarized in **Table S2**.

Figure S3. Detail of the metal-binding sites from the x-ray crystal structure of the Co^{II}-bound *Eba* riboswitch (PDB code: 4RUM), showing a possible origin of cooperative response, as discussed previously.¹⁷ Co1 (C1) is coordinated by N7 of G47, N7 of G87, the 2'-OH of G46, and three solvent molecules. Co2 (C2) is coordinated by N7 of G46 and N7 of G88, the 2'-OH of G87, and three solvent molecules. One of those molecules is hydrogen bonded to the 2'-OH of G45, which in turn is ligated to Co3 (C3) via N7. N7 of A14 also coordinates Co3 (C3), along with four solvent molecules. The connectivity between the C1 and C2 sites, in particular, but possibly also C3, could ensure cooperativity. We speculate that Co4, interacting only with G18 (via O6 and N7), may be an artefact of the 2 mM Co^{II} present in the crystallization condition. It is unknown at present whether differences in Hill coefficient for various metal ions reflect different binding stoichiometries.



Figure S4. Assays of **czcD-2** response under conditions used by Furukawa et al.¹⁷ **czcD-2** was titrated with unbuffered Co^{II} stocks using the following buffer conditions: Buffer 1 – 50 mM Tris, 100 mM KCl, 20 mM MgCl₂, pH 8.3 (in-line probing buffer, **Table S2**), and Buffer 2 – 40 mM Tris, 150 mM KCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 1% glycerol, pH 7.5. Fits of these titration curves give: $K_{d,app} = 8.7 \pm 2.1 \mu$ M, $n = 1.3 \pm 0.1$ (Buffer 1) and $K_{d,app} = 3.1 \pm 0.2 \mu$ M, $n = 1.9 \pm 0.4$ (Buffer 2). These results are similar to those obtained from in-line probing assays of the riboswitch, suggesting that differences in buffer composition (Tris vs. MOPS) and/or Mg concentration (3 mM in our studies vs. 10 mM or 20 mM) likely account for the minor differences between these data.



Figure S5. czcD-2 cleavage assay. **czcD-2** sensor was incubated with the highest metal concentrations used in this study, demonstrating that the RNA sensor is stable under the conditions used for RNA sensor characterization and citrate-buffered metal titrations. Buffering and incubation conditions (1 h, 20 °C) were carried out as described in the Experimental Section. The samples were analyzed using a 6% urea PAGE gel and the gel was stained for 20 min with 1× SYBRTM Gold in 50 mL of 1× TBE. The stained gel was imaged using a Bio-Rad Gel DocTM EZ imager. The Lewis acidities of Co^{II} and Ni^{II} are similar to those of the other divalent metal ions we have studied here, suggesting that RNA hydrolysis is likely negligible under these conditions.



Figure S6. czcD-2 does not respond to iron under aerobic conditions. Iron was added from a freshly made ferrous ammonium sulfate stock solution to the sensor mix, followed by aerobic incubation for 1 h at room temperature. After incubation, fluorescence was measured using λ_{ex} =475 nm and λ_{em} =505 nm. These data, distinct from our characterization of **czcD-2** with Fe^{II} under anaerobic conditions (**Figure 1, Table 1, Table 2**) suggest that Fe^{II} oxidation to insoluble Fe^{III} likely accounts for the failure of the *czcD* riboswitch to respond to iron in the initial studies by Furukawa et al.¹⁷







Figure S8. Magnesium dependence of the fluorescence response of **czcD-2** (100 nM sensor, 10 μ M DFHBI-1T) to citrate-buffered Co^{II}. Titrations were carried out as described in the Experimental Procedures, with either 1, 3, or 10 mM MgCl₂ (3 mM MgCl₂ data shown in **Figure 2**). The data are plotted as mean ± S.E.M. for 3 experiments, and the calculated fitting parameters are expressed as mean ± S.D. The similarity in the calculated $K_{d,app}$ values (110 nM and 210 nM for 10 mM and 1 mM Mg^{II}, respectively) to each other and to the value for 3 mM Mg^{II} (62 nM) suggests that the effects of Mg^{II} concentration on metal responsiveness are relatively minor.



Figure S9. Analysis of flow cytometry data to determine iron responsiveness of **czcD-2** in *E. coli* cells. A) Flow cytometry histogram ($n \ge 30000$ cells) of **czcD-2**-expressing cells, revealing an iron-dependent increase in mean cellular fluorescence. B) (*Left*) Cell sizes of Spinach2- and **czcD-2** expressing cells, as represented by FSC (forward scatter), showing similar, iron-dependent increases in cell size, consistent with previous reports.^{20, 21} (*Right*) Mean cellular fluorescence of Spinach2- and **czcD-2** expressing cells. While fluorescence of Spinach2-expressing cells increases with iron concentration, the trend mirrors that of increasing cell size. Moreover, the fluorescence of **czcD-2**-expressing cells increases to a greater extent with iron concentration. The response of **czcD-2** was normalized to the fluorescence increase of Spinach2 for each iron concentration to yield the data in **Figure 3**. Mean \pm S.E.M. for 3 independent experiments (2 biological replicates each).



Figure S10. Assessment of response of **czcD-2** to divalent first-row transition metals in *E. coli* cells by flow cytometry. Cells were exposed to 20 μ M Fe^{II}, Co^{II}, Ni^{II}, Zn^{II}, or Mn^{II} or no added metal for 1 h. Fluorescence response of **czcD-2**-expressing cells was normalized to that of Spinach2-expressing cells under the same conditions; that ratio was set to 1 for the no added metal experiment, to which the other experiments were compared. Mean \pm S.E.M. for 3 independent experiments (2 biological replicates each). * *p* < 0.05 vs. no metal added.



Figure S11. Sequence alignment of P_{1B4} -type ATPases: *Bacillus subtilis* 168 PfeT (UniprotKB O31688),²² Listeria monocytogenes EGD-e FrvA (Imo0641, UniprotKB Q8Y992),^{15, 23} *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv CtpD (Rv1469, UniprotKB P9WPT3),²⁴ and Listeria monocytogenes FSL_J1-194 LMO3448 (UniprotKB T1YRD8). The SPC motif characteristic of P_{1B4} -type ATPases is shown bolded in red.²⁵

PfeT FrvA	MNEQVIVQRDPHEPLKTDKREKNWAQHAELIAALVSGALILAGWLLSG	48 29
CtpD LMO	MTLTACEVTAAEAPFDRVSKTIPHPLSWGAALWSVVSVRWATVALLLFLAGLVAQL IGILFAAAGFIFG	56 28
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PfeT	YQVLSIIL-FLLAFVIGGFAKAKEGIEETLESKTLNVELLMIFAAIGSALIGYWAEGA	105
FrvA CtpD	DVGDFWTAVI-FLSAFVIGGFEQAKEGIQATIKTKKLNVELLMILAATGASIIGIWFEGA	88 115
тмо	TMNSEYSRWL-FYAAIFFLGFYASKNAIVETVRYKSPNVDLLMILAALGAVIFDFESEGA	87
2110	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0,
PfeT	ILIFIFSLSGALETYTMNKSSRDLTSLMQLEPEEAT-LMVNGETKRVPVSDLQAGDMIVI	164
FrvA	ILIFIFSVSGALETYTTNKSKREITKLMAFQPERAFRLLSNGDLEEVAAKELQLDDMVFV	148
CtpD	LLIVIFATSGALDDIATRHTAESVKGLLDLAPDQAVVVQGDGSERVVAASELVVGDRVVV	1/5 1/7
UMO	*:.**: : .*: : .:: :. *: *: * : :*. *:* .::	147
PfeT	KPGERVAADGIIESGSTSLDESALTGESMPVEKNTGDTVFTGTVNRNGSLTVRVTKANED	224
FrvA	${\tt RPGESVPIDGVIVRGSTTLNEAAINGESVPATKTVGADVFGGTVNVSSAITVKVTQTFEN$	208
CtpD	$\tt RPGDRIPADGAVLSGASDVDQRSITGESMPVAKARGDEVFAGTVNGSGVLHLVVTRDPSQ$	235
LMO	SKGEQIPIDGIIDRKS-IVNESALTGESVPVVKEAEDEVFAGTINEGDVFYIDVTKSSDE *: : ** : : ::::::::**: * ** **:* : : **: .:	206
PfeT	SLFRKIIKLVESAQNSVSPAQAFIERFENAYVKGVLIAVALLLFVPHFALGWSWSETFYR	284
FrvA	TIFSKIIRLVETAQSEPSKTARFIERFEDVYVKAVLLFVLVMMFLPHFALGWSWNETFYR	268
CtpD		294
UMO	IVESNIIAMVEEAQSKESKISKEIDKIESKIVISVEVIVEEELVVMIALMDLEEELAFIK ::* *:* ::*	200
PfeT	AMVFMVVA SPC ALVASIMPAALSLISNGARNGMLVKGSVFLEQLGSVQMIAFDKTGTVTK	344
FrvA	AMVLLTVA <mark>SPC</mark> ALVASVTPATLAAISNGARHGILFKGGVHLENLRGVKAIAFDKTGTLTN	328
CtpD	AMTFMIVA SPC AVVLATMPPLLSAIANAGRHGVLVKSAVVVERLADTSIVALDKTGTLTR	354
LMO	GMVFLTVA SPC ALVASATPATLSAISNGAKNGILFKGGAAMEALSTMDILYTDKTGTLTY .*.:: ******:* : * *: *:*::*:*.* :* * . : *****:*	326
DfoT		401
FrvA	GTPALTDRLFAENVDKOLVINVVGAMEROSLHPLAAAITODLEPEIT-EKLTEIEVTD	385
CtpD	GIPRLASVAPLDPNVVDARRLLOLAAAAEQSSEHPLGRAIVAEARRRGI-AIPPAKDFRA	413
LMO	GEFKVDEYSAPDDVLKEVIYMEQQSSHPIARAIVTAFKETDLSSVDHNEPVSE	379
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PfeT	TSGFGVMAEVSGAKWKVGKAGFIGEEMAAQFMKQTASDVIQSGHTIVFVKKDDQIAGCIA	461
FrvA	VPGWGVQAIYREGNWQVGKAGFVGKEAAAAFSNGAFERLASEGKTIVYVAKDGVIQAMFA	445
CtpD	VPGCGVHALVGNDFVEIASPQSYRGAPLAELAPLLSAGATAAIVLLDGVAIGVLG	468
LMO	IAGSGIKKGTVRVGKPSAFSTFKNYDRFKQYFQKGNTIILAAKEEEVVGYFS * *	431
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PfeT	LKDQIRPEAKEVMEELNRLG-IKTAMLTGDHEDTAQAIAKEAGMTTVVAECLPDQKVNEI	520
FrvA	LKDTCRPEAIRTIKALQAKG-IKTIMVTGDNEQTGAAIQAELGMDYVVSGCLPEKKVDVL	504
CtpD	LTDQLRPDAVESVAAMAALTAAPPVLLTGDNGRAAWRVARNAGITDVRAALLPEQKVEVV	528
LMO	LSDQ1RRQSADAVANFQKEG-IKVTLLTGDNEEVTETVAEVVGVDDYKASMLPEDKIAYV	490

Figure S11, continued

PfeT	KRLKEEFGTIAMVGDGINDAPALKAADVGI.	AMGGGTDVALETADMVLMKNDLKKLVNMCR	580
FrvA	RELSVTYGSVAMVGDGINDAPALAHAAVGI.	AMGEGTDIAMETADVVLMKNDLEKIPYAYT	564
CtpD	RNLQAGGHQVLLVGDGVNDAPAMAAARAAV.	AMGAGADLTLQTADGVTIRDELHTIPTIIG	588
LMO	RESQDKEEVVGMIGDGINDAPALANADIGI.	AMGSGSSVAMESSDVVVVKNDLSKLFYSYK	550
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PfeT	LSRKMNRIIKQNIVFSLAVICLLICANFLQ.	AMELPFGVIGHEGSTILVILNGLRLLK	637
FrvA	LSERLHWITWQNICFAIAVILVLITANVFQ	LINLPFGVVGHEGSTILVILNGLRLLRSNR	624
CtpD	LARQARRVVTVNLAIAATFIAVLVLWDLFG	QLPLPLGVVGHEGSTVLVALNGMRLLTNRS	648
LMO	LSKKLNKIILQNVIFSISVIVTLIVLNLFG	VLGLPLAVLFHEGSTILVILNGLRLLGSKG	610
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PfeT	637		
FrvA	КК 626		
CtpD	WRAAASAAR657		
LMO	PKQEERVSDPSLKSVKV 627		

Figure S12. Genomic neighborhoods of the *Eba* and *Lmo* riboswitches. In *Erysipelotrichaceae* bacterium 3_1_53 (NCBI Reference Sequence: NZ_GL520149.1), the *Eba* riboswitch is upstream of and putatively controlling HMPREF0983_03544 (Eba3544), encoding a putative metal efflux protein. In *L. monocytogenes* FSL J1-194 (NCBI Reference Sequence: NZ_AARJ02000030.1), the *Lmo* riboswitch is upstream of and putatively controlling LMBG_02759 (LMO3448), encoding a predicted P_{1B4}-type ATPase. The riboswitch and ATPase gene are flanked by two predicted transposases, suggesting that the riboswitch-ATPase unit are a mobile genetic element.²⁶



Eba genes (predicted functions): 3542: MerR family transcriptional regulator 3543: DUF2185 domain-containing protein 3545: GntR family transcription regulator 3546: ABC transporter, ATP-binding protein

Lmo genes (predicted functions): 20010: transposase 02758: IS6 family transposase 02756: ATP-binding protein 02755: hypothetical protein

Figure S13. Control experiments showing expression of PfeT, LMO3448, and Eba3544 does not affect *B. subtilis* growth rate in absence of added metal ions. Growths and induction of protein expression were carried out as described in **Figure 5** and the Experimental Section.



Figure S14. LMO3448 and Eba3544 are expressed and inserted into the membrane. *B. subtilis* cultures were grown under the same conditions as the complementation assay (30 min induction with IPTG) and membrane fractions were harvested to confirm sfGFP-tagged protein insertion into the cell membrane. The y-axis represents total sfGFP fluorescence of the supernatant and membrane fractions, normalized by volume of each fraction. Approximately one-third of the sfGFP-tagged Eba3544 and LMO3448 proteins, but not an sfGFP control, are inserted into the cell membrane. At this time, we are unable to assess whether the lesser ability of Eba3544 to rescue metal toxicity (**Figure 5**) is a result of inherent properties of the protein, its lower expression, or a combination of these factors.



Figure S15. Predicted domain and secondary structure of PfeT, LMO3448, and Eba3544. (A) Protein sequences of PfeT and LMO3448 were aligned with the sequence of *Legionella pneumophila* CopA, a P_{1B1}-type ATPase that transports Cu^I. Based on the x-ray crystal structure of CopA (PDB: 3RFU),²⁷ the 8 transmembrane helices (red; A, B, and 1-6), actuator domain (gray), N-domain (teal), and P-domain (magenta) in CopA are shown. The characteristic three-residue motifs in TM4 that are thought to be involved in metal recognition are highlighted in yellow in all three sequences; this motif is CPC in P_{1B1} ATPases and SPC in P_{1B4s}.²⁵ The sequence alignment shows that, although PfeT and LMO3448 feature short ~15-amino acid extensions at the N-terminus and C-terminus, respectively, with potential metal ligands, both proteins lack a metal-binding domain (e.g. the N-terminal ~80 aa of CopA). (B) Eba3544's secondary and transmembrane structures were predicted using Jpred4²⁸ and TMHMM2.0.²⁹ Eba3544 is predicted to feature a small domain at its C-terminus.

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CopA LMO3448 PfeT	MKHDHHQGHTHSGKGHACHHEHNSPKTQQASSKMEGPIVYTCPMHPEIRQSAPGHCPLCG	60 0 0
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	MALEPETVTVSEVVSPEY <mark>LDMRRRFWIALMLTIPVVILEM</mark> GGH-GLKHFISGNGSSW <mark>1QL</mark> MISYLIKSRQGQFLAIGILFAAAGFIFGTMNSEYSR MNEQVIVQRDPHEPLKTDKREKNWAQHAELIAALVSGAL-ILAGWLLSGY-QVLSI : * * : * : * : *	119 36 54
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	LLATPVVLWG GWPFFKRGWQSI KTGQLN MFTLIAMGIGVAWIYSMVA VLWPGVFPHAFRS WLFYAAIFFLG FYASKNAIVETVRYKSPNVDLLMILA A ILFLLAFVIGG FAKAKEGIEETLESKTLNVELLMIFA A * * : *	179 74 92
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	QEGVVAV <mark>YFEAAAVITTLVLLGQVLE</mark> LKAREQTGSAIRALLKLVPESAHRIKEDGSEEEV LGAVIFDFESEGAALLLIFAAAEVLEDYANNKSTSAISELMAQVPETAQVLKENGEVVTV IGSALIGYWAEGAILIFIFSLSGALETYTMNKSSRDLTSLMQLEPEEAT-LMVNGETKRV : : .*: :** : : ** : :: ** ** * : :**	239 134 151
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	SLDNVAVGDLLRVRPGEKIPVDGEVQEGRSFVDESMVTGEPIPVAKEASAKVIGATINQT PTEDLNVGERVVVSKGEQIPIDGIIDRKS-IVNESALTGESVPVVKEAEDEVFAGTINEG PVSDLQAGDMIVIKPGERVAADGIIESGSTSLDESALTGESMPVEKNTGDTVFTGTVNRN .:: .*: : : **:: ** :: ::** :*** :*** *:: *: .*:*	299 193 211
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	GSFVMKALHVGSDTMLARIVQMVSDAQRSRAPIQRL <mark>ADTVSGWFVPAVIL-VAVLSFIVW</mark> DVFYIDVTKSSDETVFSNIIRMVEEAQSRPSRISKFIDRIESKYVISVVIVVPIFIVVMY GSLTVRVTKANEDSLFRKIIKLVESAQNSVSPAQAFIERFENAYVKGVLIAVALLLFVPH . : : . :::: .*:::*** : . : : :* .*:: * :: :	358 253 271
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	ALLGPQPALS <mark>VGLIAAVSVLIIACPCALGLATPMSIMVGVGKG</mark> A <mark>QSGVLIKNAEALERME</mark> ALMDLPFEEAFYRGMVFLTVA SPC ALVASATPATLSAISNGAKNGILFKGGAAMEALS FALGWSWSETFYRAMVFMVVA <mark>SPC</mark> ALVASIMPAALSLISNGARNGMLVKGSVFLEQLG : : : :: :*.**** : : : :::**:*:*:*:*	418 311 329
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	KVNTLVVDKTGTLTEGHPKLTRIV-TDDFVEDNALALAAALEHQSEHPLANAIVHAAKEKTMDILYTDKTGTLTYGEFKVDEYSAPDDVLKEVIYMEQQSSHPIARAIVTAFKETSVQMIAFDKTGTVTKGQPAVETIRIAEGFSEAEVLEAVYAIETQSSHPLAQAITAYAESR ******:* *. :	477 366 389

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CopA LMO3448 PfeT	GLSL-GSVEAFEAPTGKGVVGQVDGHHVAIGNARLMQEHGGDNAPLFEKADELRGKGASV DLSSVDHNEPVSEIAGSGIKKGTVRVGKPSAFSTFKNYDRFKQYFQKGNTI GVNQ-SGYISIEETSGFGVMAEVSGAKWKVGKAGFIGEEMAA-QFMKQTASDVIQSGHTI .:. .: .:	536 417 447
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	MFMAVDGKTVALLVVED PIKSSTPETILELQQSGIEIVMLTGDSKRTAEAVAGTLGIKKV ILAAKEEEVVGYFSLSDQIRRQSADAVANFQKEGIKVTLLTGDNEEVTETVAEVVGVDDY VFVKKDDQIAGCIALKDQIRPEAKEVMEELNRLGIKTAMLTGDHEDTAQAIAKEAGMTTV :: :: :: :: *:	596 477 507
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	VAEIMPEDKSRIVSELKDKGLIVAMAGDGVNDAPALAKADIGIAMGTGTDVAIESAGVTL KASMLPEDKIAYVRESQDKEEVVGMIGDGINDAPALANADIGIAMGSGSSVAMESSDVVV VAECLPDQKVNEIKRLKEEFGTIAMVGDGINDAPALKAADVGIAMGGGTDVALETADMVL *. :*::* :. ::: :.* ***:***** **:****** *:.**:*	656 537 567
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	LHGDLRGIAKARRLSESTMSNIRQNLFFAFIYNVLGVPLAAGVLYPLTGLLLSPMIAAAA VKNDLSKLFYSYKLSKKLNKIILQNVIFSISVIVTLIVLNLFGVLGLPLAVLF MKNDLKKLVNMCRLSRKMNRIIKQNIVFSLAVICLLICANFLQAMELPFGVIG ::.** : :** * **:.*:: : : * :.	716 590 620
CopA LMO3448 PfeT	MALSSVSVIINALRLKRVTL 736 HEGSTILVILNGLRLLGSKGPKQEERVSDPSLKSVKV 627 HEGSTILVILNGLRLLK 637 *:: **:*.**	

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>Eba3544 predicted secondary and transmembrane structure						
MTTEKKPYEM	AVGIT <mark>DRREA</mark>	LIIRKMSLIS	LIGNTVFSGF	KLFAGVIG <mark>N</mark> S	G <mark>AMISDAIHS</mark>	FSDVLTTLIA
IIIIIIIII	IIIII	IIIITTTTT	TTTTTTTTTT	TTTTTTTTOO		TTTTTTTTTT
<mark>WIGVKVS</mark> KKA	ADEAHPYGH <mark>E</mark>	RMECVASLLL	GLVLMATGLG	VGRVGVDNI	ANNYEALAI <mark>P</mark>	KMIALAASVV
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SILGKEAMFW	YTRYYAKLIN	S <mark>SAFMADAWH</mark>	HRSDAISSIG	SFIGIAGAML	GFPVMDSVAS	VVICLFILKV
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AYDILRDALM	KMLDTSCG <mark>EA</mark>	YENQLTHYIA	EKEDVRSVD <mark>L</mark>	LHSRMFGNKV	FIDLEISVDG	DKS <mark>LRDAHAV</mark>
TTTTTIIII	IIIIIIIIIIII	IIIIIIIII	IIIIIIIIII	IIIII	IIIIIIIII	III
AELVHEDVEL	N <mark>FPEI<mark>KHIMI</mark></mark>	HV <mark>NPANE</mark>				

IIIIIIIII IIIIIIIIII IIIIII

I-inside O-outside T-transmembrane Alpha helix Beta sheet

Figure S16. DNA and amino acid sequences of *Bacillus subtilis* 168 pfeT.

>B. subtili	is 168 BSU_1	13850 (pfeT,	, UniProtKB-	-031688)		
ATGAATGAAC	AAGTTATCGT	TCAACGCGAC	CCGCATGAGC	CATTGAAAAC	AGACAAGAGG	GAAAAAACT
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>PfeT aming	o acid seque	ence				
MNEQVIVQRD	PHEPLKTDKR	EKNWAQHAEL	IAALVSGALI	LAGWLLSGYQ	VLSIILFLLA	FVIGGFAKAK
EGIEETLESK	TLNVELLMIF	AAIGSALIGY	WAEGAILIFI	FSLSGALETY	TMNKSSRDLT	SLMQLEPEEA
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NGLRLLK						

Figure S17. DNA and amino acid sequences of *L. monocytogenes* FSL_J1-194 LMO3448.

>Listeria	monocytogen	es FSL J1-1	94 LMBG 027	59 (Lmo3448	3)		
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CGTTAAAAAT	GACTTGTCGA	AACTGTTCTA	CAGTTACAAG	TTGAGTAAGA	AACTGAACAA	AATCATTTTG	
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>LMO3448 amino acid sequence							
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VGERVVVSKG	EQIPIDGIID	RKSIVNESAL	TGESVPVVKE	AEDEVFAGTI	NEGDVFYIDV	TKSSDETVFS	
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RESQDKEEVV	GMIGDGINDA	PALANADIGI	AMGSGSSVAM	ESSDVVVVKN	DLSKLFYSYK	LSKKLNKIIL	
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Figure S18. DNA and amino acid sequences of *Erysipelotrichaceae bacterium*_3_1_53 Eba3544.

>Erysipelotrichaceae_bacterium_3_1_53_HMPREF0983_03544 (UniProtKB E2SQM5)
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CGCGAAATGA ATAA

>Eba3544 amino acid sequence MTTEKKPYEM AVGITDRREA LIIRKMSLIS LIGNTVFSGF KLFAGVIGNS GAMISDAIHS FSDVLTTLIA WIGVKVSKKA ADEAHPYGHE RMECVASLLL GLVLMATGLG VGRVGVDNII ANNYEALAIP KMIALAASVV SILGKEAMFW YTRYYAKLIN SSAFMADAWH HRSDAISSIG SFIGIAGAML GFPVMDSVAS VVICLFILKV AYDILRDALM KMLDTSCGEA YENQLTHYIA EKEDVRSVDL LHSRMFGNKV FIDLEISVDG DKSLRDAHAV AELVHEDVEL NFPEIKHIMI HVNPANE **Figure S19.** Codon-optimized gBlocks for cloning of *pfeT*, Eba3544, and LMO3448 into pHT01. The sfGFP sequence inserted into pHT01 is also shown. Restriction sites are underlined and Gibson ends are in red. The LMO3448 gBlock also contains a TEV-cleavable His₆ tag (ENLYFQGLEHHHHHH, bolded).

>pfeT gBlock

CAATTAAAGGAGGAAGGATCCATGAACGAACAGGTTATCGTACAACGCGACCCACATGAACCACTGAAGACCGATAAACGCG AGAAGAATTGGGCTCAGCACGCCGAACTTATTGCAGCCCTGGTTTCTGGGGCCTTTGATTTTAGCGGGCTGGTTACTTTCTGG GTATCAGGTTTTGAGCATTATCTTATTTCTTTTAGCTTTTGTTATTGGTGGGTTTGCGAAAGCGAAAGAGGGCATTGAAGAG ACATTGGAATCCAAAACTTTGAACGTCGAATTATTGATGATCTTTGCCGCGATCGGAAGCGCTCTTATCGGATATTGGGCAG AGGGGGCAATTTTAATTTTTATCTTCTCTCTTTCGGGTGCACTGGAGACATACACTATGAACAAATCCTCCCGTGACCTTAC AAGCCTTATGCAATTGGAACCCGAAGAAGCGACCTTGATGGTGAACGGAGAAACGAAACGCGTCCCGGTAAGCGACTTGCAG GCAGGGGACATGATCGTGATTAAGCCAGGGGAACGTGTGGCTGCTGACGGAATTATCGAATCAGGATCGACTTCACTGGACG AATCCGCGCTTACAGGCGAATCGATGCCTGTTGAGAAGAACACGGGGGACACGGTCTTTACTGGGACTGTGAATCGTAACGG ATCCTTGACCGTTCGCGTTACCAAGGCAAACGAAGACTCCTTGTTTCGCAAAAATCATTAAGCTGGTAGAATCGGCACAAAAC TCGGTTAGCCCGGCGCAAGCATTTATTGAACGCTTTGAAAACGCATATGTCAAAGGGGTCCTTATCGCAGTAGCATTACTTT TGTTTGTGCCACACTTCGCCCTTGGTTGGTCCTGGAGCGAAACGTTTTACCGCGCAATGGTTTTTATGGTAGTGGCTTCGCC GTGCGCTTTAGTCGCTTCTATCATGCCCGCAGCCTTGTCCTTAATTTCTAATGGCGCTCGCAATGGAATGTTGGTAAAAGGT ${\tt TCGGTTTTTTTGGAGCAGCTGGGTTCAGTGCAGATGATTGCCTTTGATAAGACTGGGACGGTAACAAAGGGGCAACCCGCTG$ TCGAGACAATCCGTATCGCCGAGGGGTTTAGCGAGGCCCGAGGTGCTTGAGGCAGTGTACGCTATTGAAACACAATCCTCTCA CCCTTTAGCCCAAGCGATTACGGCATATGCCGAGAGTCGTGGAGTGAATCAAAGCGGTTACATCTCCATTGAAGAGACCAGC GGCTTTGGCGTAATGGCTGAGGTTTCAGGCGCCAAGTGGAAAGTTGGAAAGGCGGGTTTCATTGGTGAGGAAATGGCAGCGC AATTTATGAAACAAACAGCGTCGGATGTTATTCAATCTGGCCATACAATCGTTTTCGTTAAAAAAAGATGATCAGATTGCCGG GTGTATCGCTCTGAAAGACCAGATTCGTCCGGAGGCAAAGGAAGTTATGGAAGAACTTAATCGTTTAGGGATCAAAACCGCG ATGCTTACAGGAGATCACGAAGATACGGCCCAGGCAATTGCTAAAGAGGCAGGAATGACGACCGTGGTTGCCGAATGTTTAC ${\tt CCGATCAAAAAGTCAACGAGATCAAACGCTTAAAGGAAGAGTTCGGCACTATCGCAATGGTAGGGGGACGGCATTAATGACGC$ ATGAAGAATGATCTGAAAAAGTTAGTCAACATGTGCCGCCTTAAGTCGTAAAATGAATCGCATCATCAAGCAAAATATCGTGT AGGCAGCACAATTTTAGTGATTCTGAATGGTCTTCGCTTGCTGAAATGATCTAGAGTCGACGTCC

>LMO3448 gBlock

aactttaagaaggagatataCATATGATTAGTTACCTTATTAAATCTCGCCAGGGTCAATTCTTGGCAATCGGAATCCTGTT TGCGGCGGCGGGTTTTATTTTTGGTACCATGAACTCGGAATACTCACGCTGGCTTTTCTACGCGGCAATTTTTTTCTTAGGT TTTTATGCATCCAAGAACGCCATTGTAGAAACGGTTCGCTATAAGAGTCCTAATGTGGACCTTCTGATGATTCTTGCCGCAC TGGGTGCAGTAATCTTCGACTTTGAAAGTGAAGGAGCGGCATTGTTACTGATTTTCGCGGCAGCGGAAGTGTTGGAAGACTA CGCTAACAACAAATCGACTTCAGCAATTTCGGAATTAATGGCGCAAGTGCCGGAAACCGCTCAGGTCCTGAAGGAAAACGGG GAGGTTGTTACGGTTCCCACCGAAGATCTGAATGTTGGAGAACGTGTGGTAGTAAGCAAAGGAGAGCAAATCCCTATTGACG AGTTTTTGCAGGGACCATTAACGAAGGTGACGTGTTTTATATCGACGTGACAAAGAGTTCCGACGAAACCGTCTTTTCCAAC TCTCGGTTCTTGTCATTGTACCCATCTTCATCGTTGTGATGTATGCATTGATGGACTTACCCTTCGAGGAGGCATTCTACCG TGGCATGGTGTTTTTAACGGTCGCGTCTCCATGTGCTTTAGTTGCGTCAGCCACCAGCAACACTTAGCGCAATCTCGAAC GGGGCCAAGAACGGAATTCTTTTCAAGGGAGGAGCGGCTATGGAAGCACTTTCGACCATGGACATCTTGTATACAGATAAAA GCAGCAATCAAGTCATCCGATCGCCCGTGCGATCGTAACTGCCTTTAAGGAGACGGACTTGTCCAGCGTCGATCATAATGAG ${\tt CCTGTGAGTGAAATTGCTGGATCTGGCATCAAGAAAGGCACTGTTCGTGTCGGGAAGCCGAGCGCCTTCAGTACATTCAAGA$ ACAGGTGACAACGAAGAGGTAACCGAAACGGTAGCCGAAGTCGTAGGCGTAGACGACTACAAGGCATCAATGCTTCCAGAGG ATAAAATTGCGTATGTGCGCGAATCGCAGGACAAGGAGGAGGTGGTAGGGATGATTGGAGACGGGATCAACGATGCCCCTGC TCTGGCTAATGCCGACATCGGAATCGCAATGGGATCAGGATCAAGTGTGGCGATGGAGAGCTCTGACGTCGTCGTTGTGAAG AACGACCTGAGCAAGTTGTTCTACTCATACAAATTAAGCAAAAAATTAAAAAATTATCTTACAGAATGTGATTTTCTCGA TTTCAGTTATTGTGACTCTTATTGTTTTGAATTTGTTCGGCGTTCTGGGTTTGCCTTTGGCTGTCTTGTTCCACGAAGGCAG TACCATCCTTGTCATTTTAAATGGACTTCGCCTGTTGGGTTCTAAGGGACCCAAACAGGAGGAGCGCGTTTCAGATCCCTCA TTAAAGAGTGTTAAGGTT**GAAAACCTGTATTTTCAGGGC**ctcgagcaccaccaccacca

Figure S19, continued

>Eba3544 gBlock

>sfGFP from pET21b-RL015A

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