

Supplementary Materials

Table S1. Metabolic map of *E. coli* central metabolism used for ^{13}C -MFA.

Pathway	No.	Reaction	Rearrangement of carbon atoms	Type of reaction*
Input	1	$\text{glc_D_e} = \text{glc_D_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	F
PTS transport	2	$\text{glc_D_c} + \text{pep_c} = \text{g6p_c} + \text{pyr_c}$	$\text{abcdef} + \text{ghi} = \text{abcdef} + \text{ghi}$	F
EMP	3	$\text{g6p_c} = \text{f6p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	FR
	4	$\text{f6p_c} = \text{g6p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	R
	5	$\text{f6p_c} + \text{ATP} = \text{fdp_c}$	$\text{abcdef} + \text{X} = \text{abcdef}$	F
	6	$\text{fdp_c} = \text{f6p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	F
	7	$\text{fdp_c} = \text{dhap_c} + \text{g3p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abc} + \text{def}$	FR
	8	$\text{dhap_c} + \text{g3p_c} = \text{fdp_c}$	$\text{abc} + \text{def} = \text{abcdef}$	R
	9	$\text{dhap_c} = \text{g3p_c}$	$\text{abc} = \text{cba}$	FR
	10	$\text{g3p_c} = \text{dhap_c}$	$\text{cba} = \text{abc}$	R
	11	$\text{g3p_c} = \text{13dp_c} + \text{NADH}$	$\text{abc} = \text{abc} + \text{X}$	FR
	12	$\text{13dp_c} + \text{NADH} = \text{g3p_c}$	$\text{abc} + \text{X} = \text{abc}$	R
	13	$\text{13dp_c} = \text{3pg_c} + \text{ATP}$	$\text{abc} = \text{abc} + \text{X}$	FR
	14	$\text{3pg_c} + \text{ATP} = \text{13dp_c}$	$\text{abc} + \text{X} = \text{abc}$	R
	15	$\text{3pg_c} = \text{pep_c}$	$\text{abc} = \text{abc}$	FR
	16	$\text{pep_c} = \text{3pg_c}$	$\text{abc} = \text{abc}$	R
	17	$\text{pep_c} = \text{pyr_c} + \text{ATP}$	$\text{abc} = \text{abc} + \text{X}$	F
	18	$\text{pyr_c} + \text{ATP} + \text{ATP} = \text{pep_c}$	$\text{abc} + \text{X} + \text{X} = \text{abc}$	F
PP	19	$\text{g6p_c} = \text{6pgc_c} + \text{NADPH}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef} + \text{X}$	F
	20	$\text{6pgc_c} = \text{co2_c} + \text{ru5p_D_c} + \text{NADPH}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{a} + \text{bcdef} + \text{X}$	F
	21	$\text{ru5p_D_c} = \text{xu5p_D_c}$	$\text{abcde} = \text{abcde}$	FR
	22	$\text{xu5p_D_c} = \text{ru5p_D_c}$	$\text{abcde} = \text{abcde}$	R
	23	$\text{ru5p_D_c} = \text{r5p_c}$	$\text{abcde} = \text{abcde}$	FR
	24	$\text{r5p_c} = \text{ru5p_D_c}$	$\text{abcde} = \text{abcde}$	R
	25	$\text{xu5p_D_c} = \text{c2} + \text{g3p_c}$	$\text{abcde} = \text{ab} + \text{cde}$	FR
	26	$\text{c2} + \text{g3p_c} = \text{xu5p_D_c}$	$\text{ab} + \text{cde} = \text{abcde}$	R
	27	$\text{f6p_c} = \text{c2} + \text{e4p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{ab} + \text{cdef}$	FR
	28	$\text{c2} + \text{e4p_c} = \text{f6p_c}$	$\text{ab} + \text{cdef} = \text{abcdef}$	R
	29	$\text{s7p_c} = \text{c2} + \text{r5p_c}$	$\text{abcdefg} = \text{ab} + \text{cdefg}$	FR
	30	$\text{c2} + \text{r5p_c} = \text{s7p_c}$	$\text{ab} + \text{cdefg} = \text{abcdefg}$	R
	31	$\text{f6p_c} = \text{c3} + \text{g3p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abc} + \text{def}$	FR
	32	$\text{c3} + \text{g3p_c} = \text{f6p_c}$	$\text{abc} + \text{def} = \text{abcdef}$	R
	33	$\text{s7p_c} = \text{c3} + \text{e4p_c}$	$\text{abcdefg} = \text{abc} + \text{defg}$	FR
	34	$\text{c3} + \text{e4p_c} = \text{s7p_c}$	$\text{abc} + \text{defg} = \text{abcdefg}$	R
ED	35	$\text{6pgc_c} = \text{2ddg6p_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	F
	36	$\text{2ddg6p_c} = \text{g3p_c} + \text{pyr_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{def} + \text{abc}$	F
PRPP synthesis	37	$\text{r5p_c} + \text{ATP} + \text{ATP} = \text{prpp_c}$	$\text{abcde} + \text{X} + \text{X} = \text{abcde}$	F
PDH	38	$\text{pyr_c} = \text{accoa_c} + \text{co2_c} + \text{NADH}$	$\text{abc} = \text{bc} + \text{a} + \text{X}$	F
TCA	39	$\text{accoa_c} + \text{oaa_c} = \text{cit_c}$	$\text{ab} + \text{cdef} = \text{fedbac}$	F
	40	$\text{cit_c} = \text{icit_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	FR
	41	$\text{icit_c} = \text{cit_c}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef}$	R
	42	$\text{icit_c} = \text{akg_c} + \text{co2_c} + \text{NADPH}$	$\text{abcdef} = \text{abcdef} + \text{f} + \text{X}$	FR
	43	$\text{akg_c} + \text{co2_c} + \text{NADPH} = \text{icit_c}$	$\text{abcdef} + \text{f} + \text{X} = \text{abcdef}$	R

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	44	akg_c = co2_c + succoa_c + NADH	abcde = a + bcde + X	F
	45	succoa_c = succ_c + ATP	abcd = abcd + X	FR
	46	succ_c + ATP = succoa_c	abcd + X = abcd	R
	47	succ_c = 0.5fum + 0.5fum + FADH	abcd = 0.5abcd + 0.5dcba + X	FR
	48	fum + FADH = 0.5succ_c + 0.5succ_c	abcd + X = 0.5abcd + 0.5dcba	R
	49	fum = mal_L_c	abcd = abcd	FR
	50	mal_L_c = 0.5fum + 0.5fum	abcd = 0.5abcd + 0.5dcba	R
	51	mal_L_c = oaa_c + NADH	abcd = abcd + X	FR
	52	oaa_c + NADH = mal_L_c	abcd + X = abcd	R
GLX shunt	53	icit_c = glx_c + 0.5succ_c + 0.5succ_c	abcdef = ab + 0.5cdef + 0.5fedc	F
	54	accoa_c + glx_c = mal_L_c	ab + cd = cdःba	F
malic enzyme	55	mal_L_c = co2_c + pyr_c + NADH	abcd = d + abc + X	F
	56	mal_L_c = co2_c + pyr_c + NADPH	abcd = d + abc + X	F
PCK	57	oaa_c + ATP = co2_c + pep_c	abcd + X = d + abc	F
PPC	58	co2_c + pep_c = oaa_c	d + abc = abcd	F
Acetate synthesis and excretion	59	accoa_c = ac_c + ATP	ab = ab + X	FR
	60	ac_c + ATP = accoa_c	ab + X = ab	R
	61	pyr_c + q8 = ac_c + co2_c + q8h2	abc + X = bc + a + X	F
	62	ac_c = ac_ex	ab = ab	F
CO2 excretion	63	co2_c = co2_ex	a = a	F
CO2 exchange	64	co2_nat + co2_c = co2_c + co2_nat	a + b = a + b	F
C1 metabolism	65	mLthf_c = 10fthf_c + NADPH	a = a + X	F
	66	mLthf_c + NADH = 5mthf_c	a + X = a	F
Glu synthesis	67	akg_c + NADPH + NH3 = glu_L_c	abcde + X + X = abcde	F
Asp synthesis	68	glu_L_c + oaa_c = akg_c + asp_L_c	abcde + fghi = abcde + fghi	FR
	69	akg_c + asp_L_c = glu_L_c + oaa_c	abcde + fghi = abcde + fghi	R
Ala synthesis	70	glu_L_c + pyr_c = akg_c + ala_L_c	abcde + fgh = abcde + fgh	F
Gln synthesis	71	glu_L_c + ATP + NH3 = gln_L_c	abcde + X + X = abcde	F
Ser synthesis	72	3pg_c + glu_L_c = akg_c + pser_L_c + NADH	abc + defgh = defgh + abc + X	F
	73	pser_L_c = ser_L_c	abc = abc	F
Ser degradation	74	ser_L_c = pyr_c + NH3	abc = abc + X	F
Gly synthesis	75	ser_L_c = gly_c + mLthf_c	abc = ab + c	FR
	76	gly_c + mLthf_c = ser_L_c	ab + c = abc	R
	77	thr_L_c = accoa_c + gly_c + NADH	abcd = cd + ab + X	F
Gly cleavage	78	gly_c = co2_c + mLthf_c + NADH + NH3	ab = a + b + X + X	F
Val synthesis	79	pyr_c + pyr_c = alac_S_c + co2_c	abc + def = abcef + d	F
	80	alac_S_c + NADPH = 3mob_c	abcde + X = abdce	F
	81	3mob_c + glu_L_c = akg_c + val_L_c	abcde + fghij = fghij + abcde	F
Leu synthesis	82	3mob_c + accoa_c = 3c3hmp_c	abcde + fg = abfgcde	F
	83	3c3hmp_c = 2ippc	abcdefg = abcdefg	F
	84	2ippc = 3c2hmp_c	abcdefg = abcdefg	F
	85	3c2hmp_c = 3c4mop_c + NADH	abcdefg = abcdefg + X	F
	86	3c4mop_c = 4mop_c + co2_c	abcdefg = bcdefg + a	F

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	87	4mop_c + glu_L_c = akg_c + leu_L_c	abcdef + ghijk = ghijk + abcdef	F
Ile synthesis	88	thr_L_c = 2obut_c + NH3	abcd = abcd + X	F
	89	2obut_c + pyr_c = 2ahbut_c + co2_c	abcd + efg = abcfg + e	F
	90	2ahbut_c + NADPH = 23dhmp_c	abcdef + X = abcdf	F
	91	23dhmp_c = 3mop_c	abcdef = abcdef	F
	92	3mop_c + glu_L_c = akg_c + ile_L_c	fghijk + abcde = abcde + fghijk	F
Phe, Tyr, Trp synthesis	93	e4p_c + pep_c = 2dda7p_c	abcd + efg = efgabcd	F
	94	2dda7p_c + NADPH = skm_c	abcdefg + X = bcdefga	F
	95	skm_c + ATP = skm5p_c	abcdefg + X = abcdefg	F
	96	pep_c + skm5p_c = 3psme_c	hij + abcdefg = abcdefhijg	F
	97	3psme_c = chor_c	abcdefhij = abcdefghij	F
	98	chor_c = pphn_c	abcdefhij = abcdefghij	F
	99	pphn_c = co2_c + phpyr_c	abcdefhij = j + ghiabcdef	F
	100	glu_L_c + phpyr_c = akg_c + phe_L_c	abcde + fghijklmn = abcde + fghijklmn	F
	101	pphn_c = 34hpp_c + co2_c + NADH	abcdefhij = ghiabcdef + j + X	F
	102	34hpp_c + glu_L_c = akg_c + tyr_L_c	fghijklmn + abcde = abcde + fghijklmn	F
	103	chor_c + gln_L_c = anth_c + glu_L_c + pyr_c	abcdefhij + klmno = abcdefj + klmno + ghi	F
	104	anth_c + prpp_c = pran_c	abcdefg + hijkl = abcdefghijkl	F
	105	pran_c = 2cpr5p_c	abcdefghijkl = hijklbafedcg	F
	106	2cpr5p_c = 3ig3p_c + co2_c	abcdefghijkl = edcabghijkf + l	F
	107	3ig3p_c = g3p_c + indole_c	abcdefhijk = cba + defghijk	F
	108	indole_c + ser_L_c = trp_L_c	defghijk + abc = abcdefghijk	F
Cys synthesis	109	accoa_c + ser_L_c = acser_c	ab + cde = cdeab	F
	110	acser_c + h2s = ac_c + cys_L_c	abcde + X = de + abc	F
Met synthesis	111	hoL_c + succoa_c = suchms_c	abcd + efgh = abcdefgh	F
	112	cys_L_c + suchms_c = cyst_L_c + 0.5succ_c + 0.5succ_c	ijk + abcdefgh = abcdkji + 0.5efgh + 0.5hgfe	F
	113	cyst_L_c = hcys_L_c + pyr_c + NH3	abcdefg = abcd + gfe + X	F
	114	5mthf_c + hcys_L_c = met_L_c	e + abcd = abcde	F
Lys synthesis	115	asp_L_c + ATP + NADPH = aspsa_c	abcd + X + X = abcd	F
	116	aspsa_c + pyr_c = 23dhdp_c	abcd + efg = abcdgfe	F
	117	23dhdp_c + NADPH = thdp_c	abcdefg + X = abcdefg	F
	118	succoa_c + thdp_c = sl2a6o_c	hijk + abcdefg = abcdefghijk	F
	119	glu_L_c + sl2a6o_c = akg_c + sl26da_c	lmnop + abcdefghijk = lmnop + abcdefghijk	F
	120	sl26da_c = 26dap_LL_c + 0.5succ_c + 0.5succ_c	abcdefghijk = abcdefg + 0.5hijk + 0.5kjh	F
	121	26dap_LL_c = 0.526dap_c + 0.526dap_c	abcdefg = 0.5abcdefg + 0.5gfedcba	F
	122	26dap_c = co2_c + lys_L_c	abcdefg = g + abcdef	F
Pro synthesis	123	glu_L_c + ATP + NADPH + NADPH = pro_L_c	abcde + X + X + X = abcde	F
Arg synthesis	124	accoa_c + glu_L_c = acglu_c	ab + cdefg = cdefgab	F
	125	acglu_c + ATP = acg5p_c	abcdefg + X = abcdefg	F
	126	acg5p_c + NADPH = acg5sa_c	abcdefg + X = abcdefg	F
	127	acg5sa_c + glu_L_c = acorn_c + akg_c	abcdefg + hijkl = abcdefg + hijkl	F
	128	acorn_c = ac_c + orn_c	abcdefg = fg + abcde	F
	129	co2_c + gln_L_c + ATP + ATP = cbp_c + glu_L_c	a + bcdef + X + X = a + bcdef	F
	130	cbp_c + orn_c = citr_L_c	f + abcde = abcdef	F

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	131	asp_L_c + citr_L_c + ATP + ATP = argsuc_c	abcd + efgij + X + X = efgijabcd	F
	132	argsuc_c = arg_L_c + 0.5fum + 0.5fum	abcdefghij = abcdef + 0.5ghij + 0.5jihg	F
Thr synthesis	133	aspfa_c + NADPH = hoL_c	abcd + X = abcd	F
	134	hoL_c + ATP = thr_L_c	abcd + X = abcd	F
Asn synthesis	135	asp_L_c + ATP + ATP + NH3 = asn_L_c	abcd + X + X + X = abcd	F
His synthesis	136	atp_c + prpp_c = prbatp_c + aicar_c	f + abcde = abcdef + X	F
	137	prbatp_c = prlp_c	abcdef = abcdef	F
	138	gln_L_c + prlp_c = eig3p_c + glu_L_c	abcde + fghijk = fghijk + abcde	F
	139	eig3p_c = imacp_c	abcdef = abcdef	F
	140	glu_L_c + imacp_c = akg_c + hisp_c	abcde + fghijk = abcde + fghijk	F
	141	hisp_c = his_L_c + 2NADH	abcdef = abcdef + X	F
UTP, CTP	142	asp_L_c + cbp_c + q8 = orot_c + q8h2	abcd + e + X = abcde + X	F
	143	orot_c + prpp_c + ATP = udp_c + co2_c	abcde + X + X = bcde + a	F
	144	udp_c + ATP = utp_c		B
	145	utp_c + gln_L_c + ATP = ctp_c + glu_L_c	X + abcde + X = X + abcde	F
IMP	146	gln_L_c + prpp_c = glu_L_c + pram_c	abcde + X = abcde + X	F
	147	pram_c + gly_c + ATP = gar_c		B
	148	gar_c + 10fthf_c + ATP = fgam_c		B
	149	fgam_c + gln_L_c + ATP = fpram_c + glu_L_c	X + abcde + X = X + abcde	F
	150	fpram_c + co2_c + 2ATP = 5caiz_c		B
	151	5caiz_c + asp_L_c + ATP = 25aics_c	X + abcd + X = abcd	F
	152	25aics_c = aicar_c + 0.5fum + 0.5fum	abcd = X + 0.5abcd + 0.5dcba	F
	153	aicar_c + 10fthf_c = imp	X + a = a	F
ATP	154	asp_L_c + imp + ATP = dcamp_c	abcd + e + X = abcde	F
	155	dcamp_c + ATP = adp_c + 0.5fum + 0.5fum	abcde + X = e + 0.5abcd + 0.5dcba	F
	156	adp_c + 0.5NADH + 0.25O2 = atp_c	a + X + X = a	F
GTP	157	gln_L_c + imp + 4ATP = glu_L_c + gtp_c + NADH	abcde + X + X = abcde + X + X	F
dNTP (via thioredoxine)	158	ctp_c + NADPH = dctp_c		B
	159	atp_c + NADPH = datp_c		B
	160	gtp_c + NADPH = dgtp_c		B
	161	udp_c + NADPH = dump_c		B
	162	utp_c + NADPH = dump_c		B
dTTP	163	dump_c + mLthf_c + 2ATP = dttp_c		B
Biomass	164	biomass		B
Not carbon exchange reactions	169	so4_e + ATP = so4		**
	170	so4 + 3ATP + 4NADPH = h2s		
	171	NH3_ex = NH3		
	172	O2_ex = O2		
	173	ATP = ATP_ex		
	174	NADH = NADPH		
	175	2NADH + O2 = 4ATP		
	176	2FADH + O2 = 2ATP		

* F – irreversible reaction, FR – forward branch of a reversible reaction, R – backward branch of a reversible reaction, B – reactions that are taken into account at carbon

balancing, but not at isotopomer balancing (typically reactions that drain biomass precursors).

** The reactions Nos. 169-176 were excluded from the model used for flux calculation, as they do not relate to carbon or isotopomer balancing.

Table S2. Biomass composition of *E. coli* strains.

Biomass component	MG1655	MG1655 <i>IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}</i>	MG1655 <i>IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}</i> $\Delta ppa::cat$	MG1655 <i>IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}</i> $\Delta ppa::cat$ (K _{DW/OD} = 0.51)
Protein, g/gDW	0.55*	0.55*	0.45*	0.6
RNA, g/gDW	0.12*	0.12*	0.08*	0.1
DNA, g/gDW	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Phospholipids, g/gDW	0.16	0.16	0.23	0.14
Lipopolysaccharides, g/gDW	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.05
Peptydoglycan, g/gDW	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.04
Glycogen, g/gDW	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.04

* The values were determined experimentally.

Table S3. Growth characteristics of *E. coli* MG1655, MG1655 *IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}*, and MG1655 *IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}* $\Delta ppa::cat$ strains under batch cultivation conditions.

Parameter	MG1655	MG1655 <i>IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}</i>	MG1655 <i>IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}</i> $\Delta ppa::cat$
μ , 1/hour	0.64 ± 0.07	0.59 ± 0.06	0.23 ± 0.02
Biomass yield, gDW/g	0.40 ± 0.01	0.41 ± 0.01	0.30 ± 0.01
q glucose, mmol/gDW*hour	9 ± 1	8.2 ± 0.5	4.3 ± 0.2
q CO ₂ , mmol/gDW*hour	17 ± 4	18 ± 3	12 ± 3
q Acetate, mmol/gDW*hour	3.3 ± 0.1	3.1 ± 0.1	3.2 ± 0.7
K ₅₉₅ , mg DW in 1 mL at OD ₅₉₅ of 1	0.51 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.02	0.68 ± 0.02

C-mol yield biomass, %	48 ± 2	50 ± 2	37 ± 3
C-mol yield CO ₂ , %	33 ± 2	36 ± 4	46 ± 11
C-mol yield acetate, %	13 ± 2	12.5 ± 0.2	24 ± 5
C-mol balance, %	93 ± 2	98 ± 2	108 ± 14

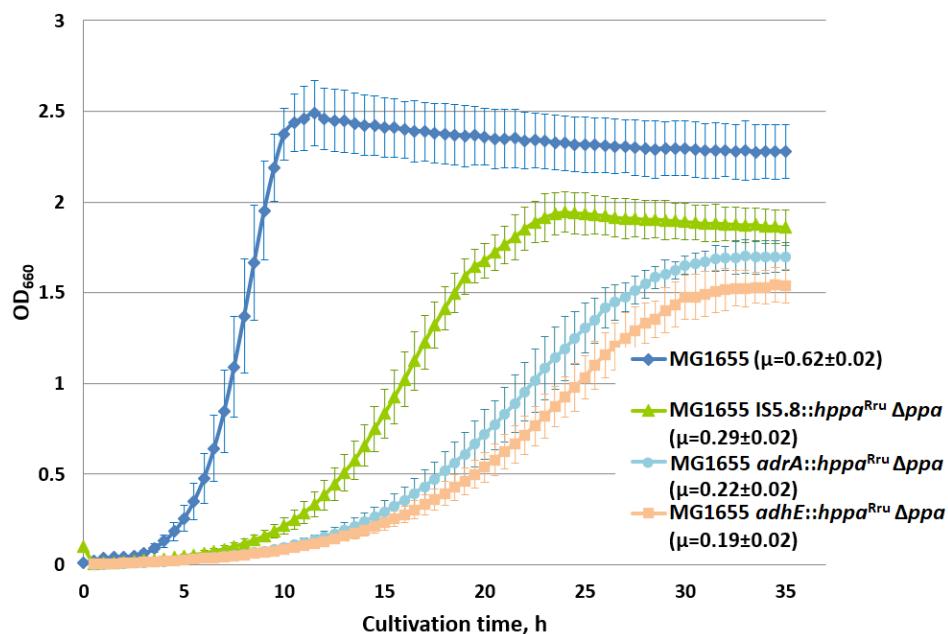


Figure S1. Growth of strains with the *hppa^{Rru}* gene in the presence and absence of *E. coli ppa* gene. Cells were grown with aeration in L-tubes with M9 minimal medium supplemented with 0.3% of glucose at 37 °C in Advantec photorecorder. MG1655, MG1655 wild-type; MG1655- *IS5.8::hppa^{Rru} Δppa*, MG1655 *IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru} Δppa::cat*; MG1655 *adrA::hppa^{Rru} Δppa*, MG1655 *adrA::P_L-hppa^{Rru} Δppa::cat*; MG1655 *adhE::hppa^{Rru} Δppa*, MG1655 *adhE::P_L-hppa^{Rru} Δppa::cat*. Average data are presented; bars refer to standard deviations obtained in three independent experiments.

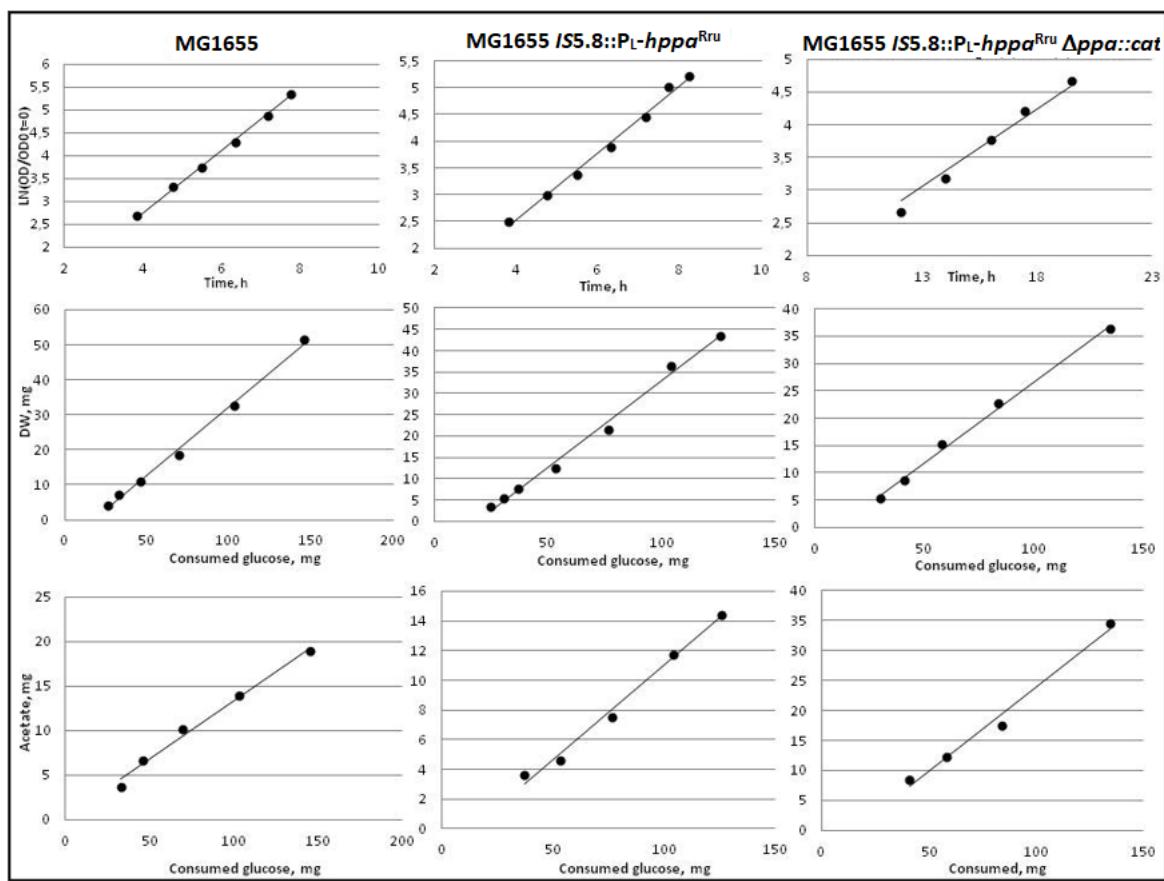


Figure S2. Cultivation profiles of *E. coli* strains MG1655, MG1655 *IS5.8::Pl-hppa^{Rru}* and MG1655 *IS5.8::Pl-hppa^{Rru} Δppa::cat* in batch culture with glucose. The metabolic steady-state during cultivation was confirmed by (i) the exponential mode of growth; (ii) linear correlation between production of biomass and glucose consumption; (iii) linear correlation between acetate production and consumption of glucose.

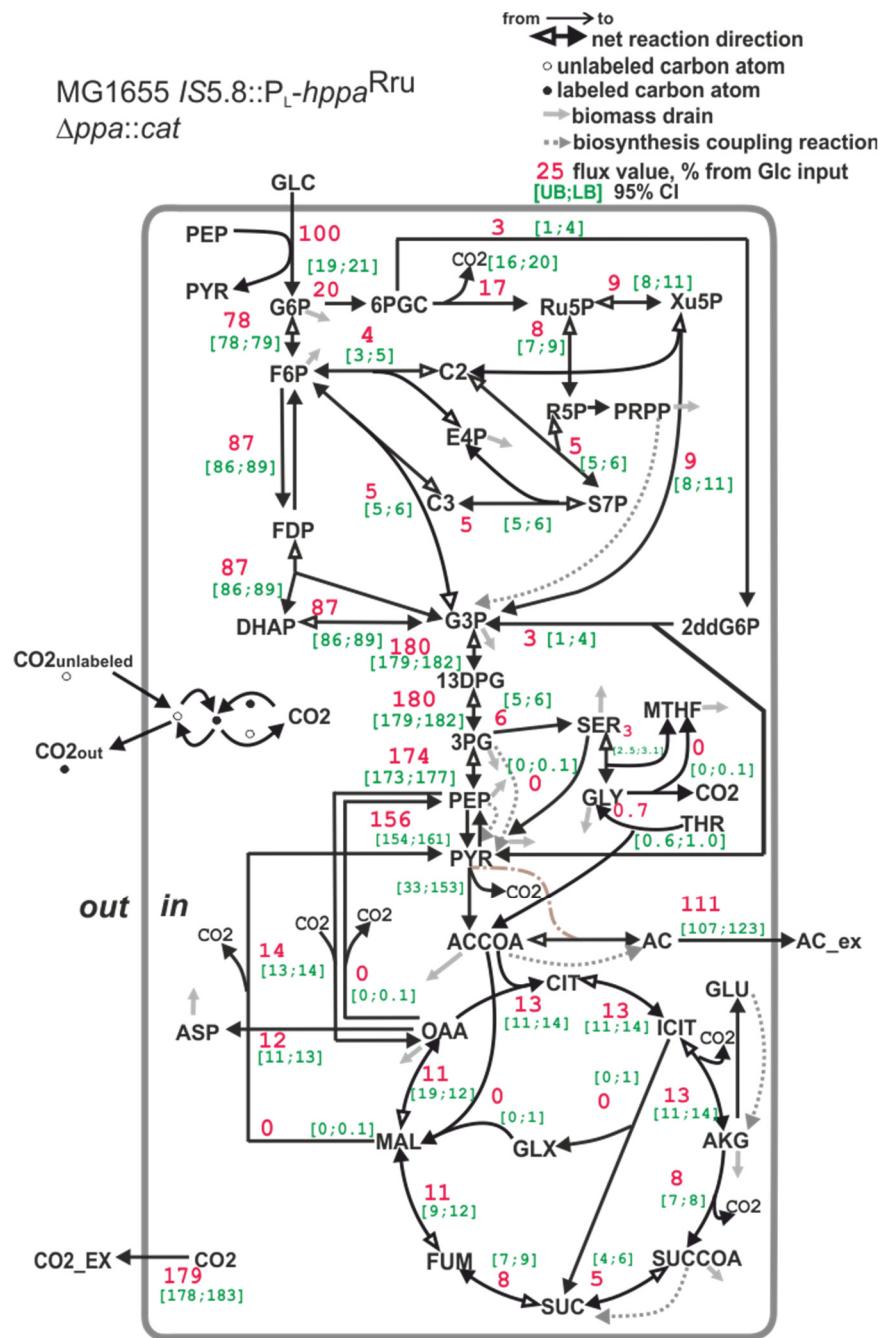


Figure S3. The carbon flux distribution in *E. coli* MG1655 *IS5.8::P_L-hppa^{Rru}* *Δppa::Cm^R* strain under assumption of the K_{DW/OD} = 0.51. Flux through the PEP->PYR reaction is a sum of PTS-dependent glucose transport reaction and pyruvate kinase reaction. Flux through the pyruvate dehydrogenase reaction is expressed as a range (see Section 2.9.3.) Accounting for serine degradation to pyruvate (activated, for example, in an *E. coli* *pfkA*-deficient mutant, see [82]) leads to a broad confidence interval of lumped fluxes of phosphoglycerate mutase and enolase, and of pyruvate kinase flux.

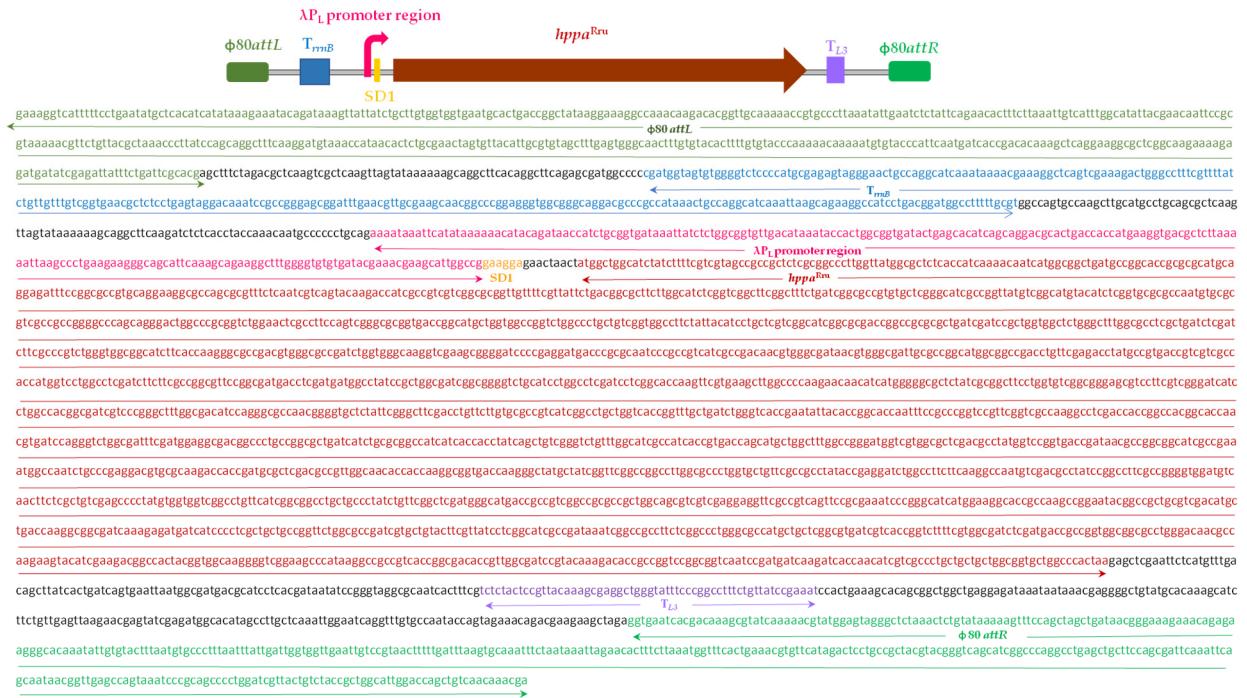


Figure S4. Schematic map of P_L - $hppa^{Rru}$ expression cassette. The $hppa^{Rru}$ gene and main regulatory elements are shown, including sequence annotation: $\phi 80attL$ and $\phi 80attR$ are two hybrid sites, formed on the left and right sides as a result of $\phi 80$ -mediated integration [2; 3]; T_{rrnB} , terminator region of *E. coli* ribosomal operon *rrnB*; λP_L promoter region, a promoter region from phage λ ; $SD1$, Shain-Dalgarno sequence; $hppa^{Rru}$, codon-optimized sequence of *R. rubrum* $hppa$ gene; T_{L3} , phage λ terminator.

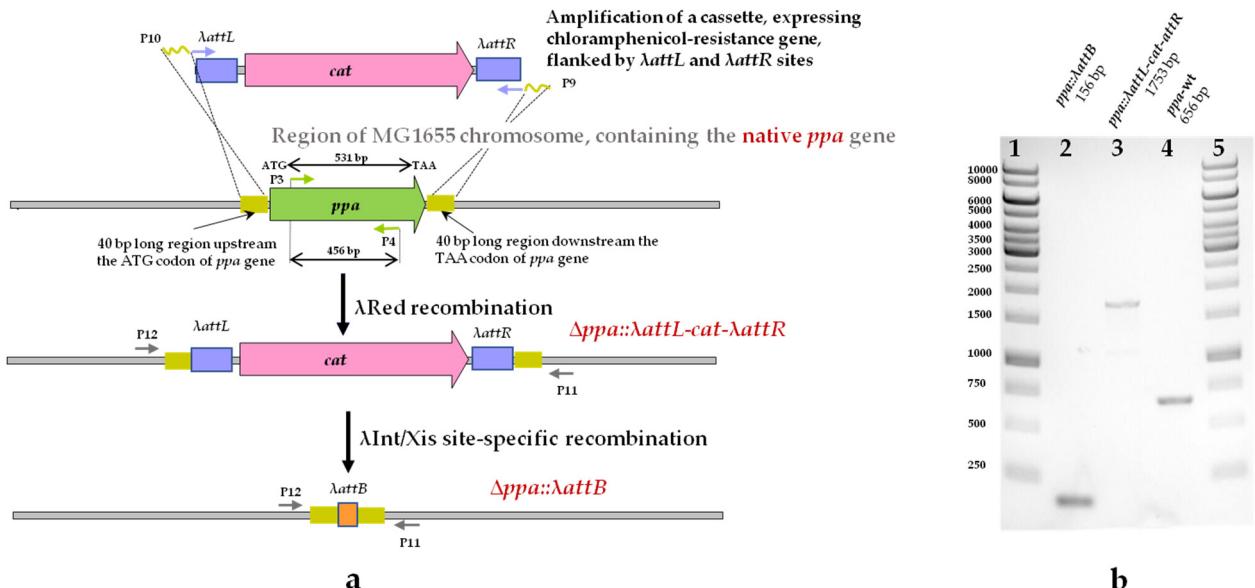


Figure S5. Construction of the essential ppa gene deletion in *E. coli* chromosome. (a) The scheme shows all steps of construction including (b) verification of ppa gene deletion by PCR analysis. P9, P10 – primers for amplification of the fragment for the ppa gene deletion; P11, P12 – primers for verification of ppa gene deletion. Lanes 1 and 5, DNA molecular weight Marker (1 kb Ladder); lane 2, PCR fragment of the marker-less ppa gene deletion, $\Delta ppa::\lambda attB$ (156 bp); lane 3, PCR fragment of ppa gene deletion marked by chloramphenicol resistance marker, $\Delta ppa::\lambda attL$ - cat - $\lambda attR$ (1753 bp); lane 4, PCR fragment of the wild-type ppa gene. The primers P3

and P4, which were used to prepare the biotin-labeled probes for Southern-blot analysis, are also indicated.