# Supporting Online Material for 

# Rules for Biologically Inspired Adaptive Network Design 

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## Fig. S1: The effect of varying $\mathrm{I}_{0}$ on network architecture

Simulation results are shown for increasing values of $\mathrm{I}_{0}$ at a fixed value of $\gamma$ (1.80). The networks increase the number of cross connections from close to a minimum spanning tree at the lowest values of $\mathrm{I}_{0}$ (A), to give a better connectivity at higher values (I). Numbers in parenthesis are ( $\gamma, \mathrm{I}_{0}, \mathrm{TL}_{\mathrm{MST}}, \mathrm{FT}_{\text {MST }}$ and $\mathrm{MD}_{\text {MST }}$ ).

(1.80, 0.20, 1.05, 0.00, 0.97)

(1.80, 0.80, 1.11, 0.38, 0.99)

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$(1.80,1.40,1.22,0.63,0.96)$

(1.80, 1.00, 1.12, 0.39, 0.96)

$(1.80,2.20,1.39,0.92,0.87)$

(1.80, 1.20, 1.11, 0.38, 0.95)

$(1.80,3.00,1.56,0.97,0.85)$

## Fig. S2: The effect of varying $\gamma$ on network architecture

Simulation results are shown for increasing values of $\gamma$ at a fixed value of $\mathrm{I}_{0}(0.2)$. At the lowest value of $\gamma$, much of the original mesh remains, with little development of a preferential distribution network (A). As $\gamma$ is increased, the network progressively resolves towards the minimum spanning tree (I). The parameter combinations shown in B, give a network that closely matches the Tokyo rail network and the illuminated Physarum networks. Numbers in parenthesis are ( $\gamma, \mathrm{I}_{0}, \mathrm{TL}_{\mathrm{MST}}, \mathrm{FT}_{\text {MST }}$ and $\mathrm{MD}_{\mathrm{MST}}$ ).


