## **Supporting Information**

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**Fig. S1.** Analysis of *pckA* knockout ( $\Delta pckA$ ) and complemented strains. (*A*) Genomic region of *pckA* in WT and  $\Delta pckA$ . Location of PstI sites and hybridization site of probe used for Southern blot are depicted. (*B*) Southern blot of PstI digested chromosomal DNA from WT and  $\Delta pckA$  probed with the DNA fragment indicated in *A*. Southern blot analysis was preformed using ECL Direct Nucleic Acid Labeling and Detection System (GE Healthcare), following the manufacturer's directions, except for the detection reagent, which was TMB Substrate Reagent Set (BD OptEIA). (C) Immunoblot of *Mtb* cell lysates from WT (lane 1),  $\Delta pckA$  (lane 2), complemented mutant (lance 3), *pckA*-TetON grown with atc (lane 4), *pckA*-TetON grown without atc (lane 5). PEPCK (60 kDa), and PrcB (29 kDa) proteins were detected using anti-PEPCK rabbit serum and anti-PrcB rabbit serum (1). PrcB served as loading control. Immunoblots were developed using the Odyssey Infrared Imaging System (LI-COR Biosciences).

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**Fig. S2.** Kinetics of <sup>13</sup>C incorporation into intracellular metabolite pools. *Mtb* was seeded on  $0.22_{\mu}$ M nitrocellulose filters and grown on 7H10 agar plates containing 10% OADC supplement and 0.5% glycerol for 5 days. Filters were then transferred to 7H10 plates containing 0.5% BSA, 0.085% NaCl, and 0.2% U-<sup>13</sup>C acetate or 0.2% U-<sup>13</sup>C glucose. Incorporation of U-<sup>13</sup>C acetate or U-<sup>13</sup>Cglucose-derived <sup>13</sup>C into the intracellular pool of selected metabolites after 12, 16, or 20 h incubation is shown. Each bar represents the mean of three sample replicates; error bars indicate SD.



**Fig. S3.** Loss of PDIM in *Mtb* Erdman causes a 2.5 log<sub>10</sub> attenuation in mouse lungs. (A) PDIM analysis of WT *Mtb* (lane 1)  $\Delta pckA$  (lane 2), complemented mutant (lane 3), and *pckA*-TetON (lane 4). Lanes 5 and 6 show lipids from two colony isolates from WT transformed with the empty plasmid pTC-MCS (1). *Mtb* lipid profile analysis using [1-<sup>14</sup>C] propionic acid was performed as described elsewhere (2), and TLC plates were visualized using a Typhoon Trio+ Variable Mode Imager (Amersham Biosciences). (*B*) Bacterial loads of PDIM+ WT, PDIM– WT, and complemented  $\Delta pckA$  in mouse lungs. Each data point represents the mean of data from four mice; error bar indicates SD.

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**Fig. S4.**  $\Delta pckA$  is not significantly more sensitive than WT to low pH, oxidative, and nitrosative stress or carbon starvation. WT (black bars) and  $\Delta pckA$  (gray bars) were exposed to (A) pH 4.5 for 6 days in complete 7H9 medium, (B) 5 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 4 h in complete 7H9 medium, or (C) 0.2 mM DETANO for 3 days in complete 7H9 medium. (D) Log phase grown WT and mutant cultures were subcultured into PBS + 0.05% Tyloxapol to a final OD of 0.02. CFU were determined at the indicated time points by plating serial dilutions on 7H10 plates. Each data point represents the mean of three culture replicates; error bars indicate SD. Data are representative of two independent experiments.



**Fig. S5.** Propionate does not inhibit growth of  $\triangle pckA$  in the presence of glycerol. Growth of WT ( $\blacksquare$ ) and  $\triangle pckA$  ( $\square$ ) in carbon-defined media containing (A) 0.1% propionate or (B) 0.1% propionate and 0.1% glycerol.

No SDS + 0.01% SDS WT ΔpckA Complemented

**Fig. S6.**  $\Delta pckA$  is not significantly more sensitive than WT to detergent. Serial dilutions of WT,  $\Delta pckA$ , and the complemented mutant were spotted on 7H10 plates containing either no SDS or 0.01% SDS. Plates were incubated at 37 °C for 2 weeks.

Table S1.	LC-MS masses,	natural	abundance,	and retention	time	measurements	of metabolites	detected in
unlabeled	Mtb cell lysate							

	Metabolite	Calculated <i>m</i> /z	Observed <i>m/z</i>	Natural abundance M+1(%)	Retention time (min)
[M-H] ions					
	Hexose-P	259.0224	259.0238	7.9	3.6
	PEP	166.9751	166.9765	0.1	2.2
	Pyruvate	87.0088	87.0098	2.9	1.0
	Malate	133.0142	133.0150	4.1	1.8
[M+H] ions					
	Serine	106.0499	106.0502	4.0	9.4
	Alanine	90.0550	90.0560	3.8	10.5
	Aspartate	134.0448	134.0450	6.6	7.8