Supplementary Table S1: Primers used for plasmid and strain construction. Restriction sites are in bold, and overhangs required for hybridisation in the second PCR in italics. Primers are given in their 5' to 3' direction.

Primer	Sequences
A_{mptC}	CGTTAAGCTTTGTGTGCTAACTGCGTAATACTCGCGAC
\mathbf{B}_{mptC}	CCCATCCACTAAACTTAAACATCACCGTGCATGAAAAATAGTGTATCCG
C _{mptC}	TGTTTAAGTTTAGTGGATGGGTGGTTACTGCCGTATTTAGTTGTG
D_{mptC}	GTTTGGATCCATACCGTAGTCAAATGCAGAGTCTTGAGC
E_{mptC}	CATTTGTGCCAACAACACGTGGTCATATGCG
F _{mptC}	GCGGATGCGATCACCGTCAACGC
A _{mptD}	CGCTTCTAGAGGATCATTCCACAATTTCCTACCCTCAG
B _{mptD}	CCCATCCACTAAACTTAAACAATGTGCTGTCTGGGGGGTTC
C _{mptD}	TGTTTAAGTTTAGTGGATGGGTTTGGGGTCTTGGGCTGAAAG
D _{mptD}	GCGGGAATTCCAGGCGGAATCCACATTGAGTTC
E _{mptD}	GTGATCATCGCAGTCGCAGTTGCTGC
F _{mptD}	GCATGGGCCACGACAAGGTTCGC
Ex-2100 RBS for	GATTAT GTCGAC AAGGAGATATAGATGATGCACGGTGAAAAACTTG TGG
Ex-2100 rev	GATATTGAATTCTCAAATGAGCGCTTTGTTTTGATTG
Ex-2097 RBS for	GATTAT GTCGAC AAGGAGATATAGATGTTGACGAACCCCCAGACAG C
Ex-2097 rev	GATATTGAATTCCTATTTGGATATTTTGGGAAATGC
Ex-Rv2181- for	GTGCTGCAGAAGGAGATATAGATATGAATTCGCCCTTGGTGGTCGG G
Ex-Rv2181- rev	CACGGATCCTTAGACGGTCACGGTCAGGCTG

Supplementary Figure S1: Characterization of chromosomal deletions in three different *C. glutamicum* mutants. Chromosomal DNA was prepared from the wild-type (WT), the deletion mutant *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptD$ (D2097), the deletion mutant *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptC$ (D2100), and the double deletion mutant *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptC$ $\Delta mptD$ (D2100D20970). This served as template for PCR amplifications with primers specific for mptC (Probe-2100), and mptD (Probe-2097). A "+" denotes amplification with the specific primer pair. On the right standards are given with their size in kb.



Supplementary Figure S2: Lipoglycan profiles of mutant and complemented strains of *C. glutamicum*. Lipoglycans were extracted from *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptC$, *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptC$ pEKEx2-Cg-*mptD*, *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptD$, *C. glutamicum* $\Delta mptD$ pEKEx2-Cg-*mptC*, and analyzed using SDS-PAGE and visualized using a Pro-Q emerald glycoprotein stain (Invitrogen). Lipoglycan profiles are represented with standard molecular weight markers of glycoproteins of 180, 82, 42, and 18 kDa.



Supplementary Figure S3: Glycosyl compositional analysis of purified Cg-LM (A) and Cg-LAM (B) from different strains of *C. glutamicum*. Samples of individually purified lipoglycans were hydrolysed with 2M TFA, reduced and per-*O*-acetylated and subjected to GC analysis.



Supplementary Figure S4: GC-MS of per-O-methylated alditol acetate derivatives from Cg-LAM purified from C. glutamicum $\Delta mptC\Delta mptD$ (A) and the identification of 2,3,4-tri-O-CH₃-1,5,6-tri-O-COCH₃-mannitol with the characteristic fragment alditol cleavage ions m/z 102, 118, 129, 162, 189, and 233 (B). GC-MS peaks marked (*) are non-carbohydrate impurities from the per-O-methylation and alditol acetate preparation procedures.

