Table S1 Plasmids used in this study.

Plasmid	Description	Source or reference
Cloning vectors:		
pJET1.2/blunt	PCR products cloning vector, Amp ^R	Fermentas
p2NIL	Recombination vector, nonreplicating in mycobacteria, Kan ^R	(54)
pGOAL17	Source of Pacl marker cassette (sucB, lacZ), Amp ^R	(54)
pJam2	Shuttle vector carrying inducible P _{ami} promoter, Kan ^R	(75)
pMV306Km	Mycobacterial integrating vector, Kan ^R	Med-Immune Inc.
pMV306Hyg	Mycobacterial integrating vector, Hyg ^R	Med-Immune Inc.
pMV306Gm	pMV306Km vector with a defective Kan ^R gene (the Gm ^R gene cloned into the Smal site of the Kan ^R gene), Gm ^R	This study
pHIS.Parallel1	Protein expression vector, Amp ^R	(69)
Vectors used for gene replacement:		
pJPD6Ms	p2NIL-based recombination vector carrying the 5' end of <i>M. smegmatis accD6</i> and its upstream flanking sequence (1762 bp) cloned next to the 3' end of <i>accD6</i> and its downstream flanking sequence (1237 bp), enriched with the Pacl cassette from pGOAL17, Kan ^R	This study
pJPD6Tb	p2NIL-based recombination vector carrying the <i>M. tuberculosis</i> $accD6$ 5' end and its upstream flanking sequence (1595 bp) cloned next to the $accD6$ 3' end and its downstream flanking sequence (1197 bp), enriched with the Pacl cassette from pGOAL17, Kan ^R	This study
Vectors used for o	complementation in <i>M. tuberculosis</i> :	
pFASTb	PCR fragment harboring the promoter of the <i>M. tuberculosis</i> FAS-II operon and the first 114 bp of the <i>fabD</i> gene cloned into the Notl/Xbal site of the pMV306Gm integrative vector	This study
pFASTb1	PCR fragment carrying 795 bp of the 3' end of fabD, all of acpM and kasA, and the first 259 bp of kasB, cloned into the Xbal/EcoRI site of the pFASTb vector	This study
pFASTb2	PCR fragment carrying 1058 bp of the <i>kasB</i> 3' end and the full-length <i>accD6</i> gene cloned into the EcoRI site of pFASTb1 to generate a vector harboring a reconstitution of the whole and continuous <i>M. tuberculosis</i> FAS-II gene cluster (P _{fast/} FASII _{Mtb}) (Fig. 2A)	This study
pFD6Tb	PCR fragment carrying the full-length sequence of <i>M. tuberculosis accD6</i> (Rv2247) (1486 bp) cloned into the Xbal/HindIII site of the pMV306Hyg integrative vector	This study
pFD6Tb1	pFD6Tb with PCR fragment carrying the FAS-II promoter (1028 bp), cloned into the Notl/Xbal site upstream of the $accD6$ gene sequence $(P_{fasil}accD6_{Mb})$ (Fig. 2A)	This study
pPD6Tb	PCR fragment (2542 bp) carrying all of $accD6$ (Rv2247) together with 1088 bp of upstream sequence (the 30 bp intergenic region and a 1058 bp fragment of $kasB$), cloned into the EcoRI site of the pMV306Gm integrative vector ($P_{acc}accD6_{Mib}$) (Fig. 5B)	This study
Vectors used for	complementation in <i>M. smegmatis</i> :	
pAceD6Ms	$accD6_{{}_{Msm}}$ under the control of the $P_{{}_{ami}}$ promoter in pJam2 vector, Kan $^{\rm R}$ ($P_{{}_{ami}}accD6_{{}_{Msm}}$)	This study
pAceD6Tb	$accD6_{_{Mtb}}$ under the control of the $P_{_{ami}}$ promoter in pJam2 vector, Kan $^{\rm R}$ ($P_{_{ami}}accD6_{_{Mtb}}$)	This study
pPD6Ms	PCR fragment (1637 bp) carrying all of <i>M. smegmatis accD6</i> (<i>MSMEG_4329</i>) and 180 bp of sequence upstream from the <i>accD6</i> start codon, cloned into the Clal/EcoRI site of the pMV306Km vector	This study
pPD6Ms1	pPD6Ms with a PCR fragment (827 bp) upstream from the above-described 180 bp sequence, cloned into the Clal site to generate pPD6Ms1 ($P_{acc}accD6_{Msm}$) (Fig. 5A)	This study
Vector used for o	verexpression of AccD6 _{///ib} protein:	
pHD6Tb	pHIS.Parallel1 expression vector with $accD6_{\mbox{\tiny Mib}}$ cloned into the BamHI/HindIII site	This study