Table S1. List of the strains and plasmids used and constructed in this study.

Strains	Genotype	References
M. tuberculosis		
TB79	Conditional mutant *Pptr::esx-3* derived by TB38	Serafini, et al. 2009
TB38	TetR-Pip system in L5 *attB* site derived by H37Rv	Boldrin et al. 2010
M. smegmatis		
mc^2 155	Wild type	Laboratory stock
MS190	*esx-3* null mutant	This study
MS192	*esx-3* null mutant with pJV53 plasmid	This study
MS195	*esx-3/fxbA* null mutant	This study
MS197	*fxbA* null mutant	This study
MS81.1	mc^2 155 with pJV53 plasmid	Laboratory stock
Plasmids		
p2NIL	Suicide vector for mycobacteria OriE (Kan^R)	Parish and Stoker, 2000
pGOAL19	OriE; *LacZ SacB* genes; (Amp^R; Hygro^R)	Parish and Stoker, 2000
pAL70	OriE; *dif* cassette (Hygro^R)	Cascioferro et al., 2010
pJV53	Replicative vector for mycobacteria. OriE; OriM; recombinant protein gp60-gp61 of the Che9c mycobacteriophage (Kan^R)	Van Kessel and Hatfull, 2007
pCR-BluntII-TOPO	OriE (Zeo^R; Kan^R)	Invitrogen
pAGN25	Suicide vector derived from p2NIL OriE (Kan^R)	This study
pAGN27	Suicide vector derived by pAGN25 OriE; *LacZ SacB* genes; (Amp^R; Hygro^R)	This study
pAGN29	Derived by pCR-BluntII-TOPO OriE (Zeo^R; Kan^R)	This study
pAGN30	Derived by pAGN29 OriE *LacZ SacB* (Zeo^R; Kan^R Hygro^R)	This study

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