## 1 Supplementary data

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## 3 **Supplementary Table S1.** Antibiotic susceptibility of *mptC* mutant

	MIC (µg/ml)		
antibiotic	wildtype	<i>mptC</i> mutant	mptC + Mm-mptC
streptomycin	4	4	4
erythromycin	8	8	8
isoniazid	>32	>32	>32
rifampicin	0.04	0.04	0.04
polymyxin B	>1600	>1600	>1600
chloramphenicol	<16	<16	256*

4 \*The vector used to complement the *mptC* mutant contains a chloramphenicol resistance

5 cassette.

## **1** Supplementary Figures & Figure legends





Figure S1. Schematic structure of lipoarabinomannan (LAM) of the different strains
used in this study. Schematic representations of LAM of wildtype *M. marinum*, the *mptC*mutant, the capless mutant, the *mptC* mutant complemented with the *M. marinum* or *M. tuberculosis mptC* (*mptC* mutant + Mm/Mtb-*mptC*), or the *mptC* mutant complemented with

1 the M. smegmatis mptC (mptC mutant + Msm-mptC). ManLAM is anchored into the 2 mycobacterial cell envelope by its mannosylphosphatidyl-myo-inositol (MPI) moiety. The MPI 3 anchor is linked to a mannan core consisting of  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 6)$ -linked mannopyranose (manp) 4 residues branched with  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 2)$ -linked manp units. The structure is further glycosylated with 5 an arabinan domain consisting of a linear  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 5)$ -linked arabinofuranosyl (araf) polymer 6 branched with linear or bifurcating araf side chains. The non-reducing termini of the arabinan 7 domain can be substituted with one to three manp residues; the mannose caps. The first 8 manp unit is  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 5)$ -linked and the following manp residues are  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 2)$ -linked.



Figure S2.  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 2)$ -Mannosyltransferase activity of *mptC* mutant and related strains. *In vitro*  $\alpha(1\rightarrow 2)$ -mannosyltransferase assay with synthetic nonasaccharide acceptor and membrane fractions from the blank (control), wildtype *M. marinum* (WT), *mptC* mutant (mptC), *mptC* mutant complemented with *mmar\_3225* (mptC + *mptC* Mm), *mptC* mutant complemented with *msmeg4247* (mptC + *mptC* Msm) and *mptC* mutant complemented with *Rv2181* (mptC + *mptC* Mtb). The results represent mean + SEM of three independent experiments.



Figure S3. Analysis of PIM biosynthesis in wildtype *M. marinum* (wildtype) and the
 *mptC* mutant (mptC). The polar lipids were extracted and examined by 2D-TLC. First and
 second dimensions are indicated by arrows and numbers.



Figure S4. EM images of sections of THP-1 cells infected for 24 hours with the *M*. *marinum mptC* mutant. Representative images of sections of cells with (A) cytosolic and (B) phagosomal *mptC* mutant bacterium (Mm), and immunogold labeled for CD63 with 10 nm gold particles, indicating the presence of phagosomal membranes. L= lysosome, M= mitochondria, N= nucleus and the bars represent 200 nm.