

**Table S4 Plasmids used in this study.**

Strains	Relevant characteristic(s)	Source and or reference
pJV53-Cas12a	Codon optimized Cas12a under control of the <i>Pmyc1tetO</i> promoter inserted in pJV53 ( <i>oriM</i> ; <i>oriE</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; Che9c; Cas12a)	reference (1)
pCR-Hyg	Shuttle vector containing crRNA cassette under control of <i>hsp60</i> promoter (pBR322 ori; pAL5000ts; Hyg <sup>r</sup> )	reference (1)
pCR-Zeo	Shuttle vector containing crRNA cassette under control of <i>hsp60</i> promoter (pBR322 ori; pAL5000ts; Zeo <sup>r</sup> )	reference (1)
pBp4	Shuttle vector containing a replicon of mycobacterial self-replicative plasmid pMF1 (pBR322 ori; pMF1 replicon; Km <sup>r</sup> )	reference (2)
pNHEJ	<i>Mycobacterium smegmatis ku</i> (MSMEG_5580) and <i>ligaseD</i> (MSMEG_5570) gene under control of arabinose promoter from pKD46 ( <i>oriE</i> ; Cm <sup>r</sup> ; <i>ku</i> ; <i>ligD</i> )	reference (3)
pZCas9	A plasmid carrying <i>Cas9</i> gene (p15A ori) (Kan <sup>r</sup> ) (p15A ori; Km <sup>r</sup> ; <i>Cas9</i> ;) )	reference (3)
psgRNA-lacZ	A plasmid with a sgRNA ( <i>lacZ</i> spacer) targetting <i>lacZ</i> gene (pBR322-ori; Cm <sup>r</sup> )	reference (3)
pLJR965	CRISPRi integrating plasmid expressing dCas9 <sub>sth1</sub> and the cognate sgRNA (L5; <i>oriE</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; dCas9 <sub>sth1</sub> ;) )	reference (4)
pSL003	Shuttle vector expressing site-specific recombinase. ( <i>oriM</i> ; <i>oriE</i> ; Zeo <sup>r</sup> ; Cre)	reference (5)
pMV261-Cas12a	Optimized Cas12a under control of the <i>P<sub>myc1tetO</sub></i> promoter inserted in pMV261 ( <i>oriM</i> ; <i>oriE</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; Cas12a)	reference (1)
pYC1103	<i>whiB6</i> crRNA inserted in pCR-Hyg digested with <i>BpmI</i> and <i>HindIII</i> (pBR322 ori; pAL5000ts;gfp crRNA cassette; Hyg <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pYC1178	<i>recD</i> crRNA inserted in pCR-Hyg digested with <i>BpmI</i> and <i>HindIII</i> . (pBR322 ori; pAL5000ts;gfp crRNA cassette; Hyg <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pYC1521	<i>nrgA</i> crRNA inserted in pCR-Hyg digested with <i>BpmI</i> and <i>HindIII</i> (pBR322 ori; pAL5000ts;gfp crRNA cassette; Hyg <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pNHEJ-Cas12a	NHEJ machinery (Ku-NrgA-LigD) of <i>M. marinum</i> inserted into KpnI and NheI site of pJV53-Cas12a ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; Cas12a )	This study
pNHEJ-Cas12a- <i>recX</i>	The <i>recX</i> from the <i>M. smegmatis</i> under control of <i>Pmyc</i> inserted into <i>Hind III</i> and <i>Sal I</i> site of pNHEJ-Cas12a ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; <i>recX</i> )	This study
pNHEJ-Cas12a- <i>recA<sub>mu</sub></i>	The <i>recA R60C</i> from the <i>M. smegmatis</i> under control of native promoter inserted into <i>Hind III</i> and <i>Sal I</i> site of pNHEJ-Cas12a	This study

	( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; <i>recA<sub>mu</sub></i> )	
pYC1376	NHEJ machinery without NrgA of <i>M. marinum</i> inserted into KpnI and NheI site of pNHEJ-Cas12a- <i>recX</i> ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; <i>ku</i> ; <i>ligD</i> ; <i>recX</i> )	This study
pYC1655	The sgRNA under the control of an optimized TetR-regulated promoter inserted into pSL003 (pBR322 ori; pAL5000ts; Zeo <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pYC1286	dCas9 <sub>sth1</sub> reverted to nuclease-active Cas9 in pLJR965 (L5; <i>oriE</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; Cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> ;) )	This study
pNHEJ	pNHEJ-Cas12a digested with SpeI and religated to delete Cas12a ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; )	This study
pNHEJ-Cas9 <sub>sth1</sub>	Cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> under control of the P <sub>myc1tetO</sub> promoter replace Cas12a ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; Cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> )	This study
pNHEJ- <i>recX</i>	The <i>recX</i> from the <i>M. tuberculosis</i> under control of P <sub>myc</sub> inserted into KpnI site of pNHEJ ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; <i>recX</i> )	This study
pNHEJ- <i>recA<sub>mu</sub></i>	The <i>recA R61C</i> from the <i>M. tuberculosis</i> under control of native promoter inserted into Kpn I site of pNHEJ ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; <i>recA<sub>mu</sub></i> )	This study
pYC1654	pYC1376 digested with SpeI and religated to delete Cas12a ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; <i>ku</i> ; <i>ligD</i> ; <i>recX</i> )	This study
pYC1446	Integrating plasmid expressing Cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> and the cognate sgRNA (L5; <i>oriE</i> ; Cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> ; Zeo <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pNHEJ- <i>recX-sacB</i>	<i>sacB</i> cloned into pNHEJ - <i>recX<sub>mtb</sub></i> ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; <i>recX</i> ; <i>sacB</i> )	This study
pNHEJ- <i>recA<sub>mu</sub>-sacB</i>	<i>sacB</i> cloned into pNHEJ - <i>recA<sub>mu</sub></i> ( <i>oriE</i> ; <i>oriM</i> ; Km <sup>r</sup> ; MmNHEJ; <i>recX</i> ; <i>sacB</i> )	This study
pYC1640	Shuttle vector containing cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> ,sgRNA cassette and the pMF1 replicon. ( <i>oriE</i> ; pMF1 replicon; Zeo <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pYC2085	Shuttle vector containing cas9 <sub>sth1</sub> , sgRNA cassette and the pMF1 replicon. ( <i>oriE</i> ; pMF1 replicon; Hyg <sup>r</sup> )	This study
pZCas9- <i>recX</i>	The <i>recX</i> from the <i>E.coli</i> under control of native promoter inserted into pZCas9 (p15A ori; Km <sup>r</sup> ; Cas9; <i>recX</i> )	This study

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