

1 Supplementary information

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3 Metabolic switching of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* during hypoxia is controlled by
4 the virulence regulator PhoP

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27 **Table S1**

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29 Oligonucleotide primers used in RT-qPCR and ChIP experiments of this study

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| Primers ^a | Sequence or description (5'-3') | Reference |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| FPnarK1RT | ATCGTGTGCTAATTCCGGC | This study |
| RPnarK1RT | TTGCCAACAACCCAACTAGC | This study |
| FPnirBRT | GTCAGCGGATCGACTTGTTTC | This study |
| RPnirBRT | GCTTTATTTTGTGCGGTGCC | This study |
| FPnarGRT | TCGAGCATCTTAAGCCGTTT | This study |
| RPnarGRT | TCGAGTGAAACGACCACTTG | This study |
| FPglnRRT | GAGCTGCTGAAATACCTGGC | This study |
| RPglnRRT | AGCTTTGTATCCGACGTTGC | This study |
| FPdosRRT | CTATCAGGCCTTACCGACCA | This study |
| RPdosRRT | AACCGCGACACGTAGTTCTT | This study |
| FPnarK2RT | GTGACCTGGGAGATGTCGTT | This study |
| RPnarK2RT | AGAACCCGTAGATCGTGGTG | This study |
| FPhspXRT | CGACAAGGACGTCGACATTA | This study |
| RPhspXRT | CCTTGTCGTAGGTGGCCTTA | This study |
| FPnarK1 | GTACTIONGAGCACAATAGCTTTC | This study |
| RPnarK1 | CGAAGGGGCCGCGGGACTGC | This study |
| FPnirB | TGGTTATCTCCTCATGCTTCGT | This study |
| RPnirB | GCCGACCACGACGATCTCGCGAGCCG | This study |
| FPnarG | ACGGTGTGGTTGACGGTGGCC | This study |
| RPnarG | GCGCCCGCTGCGCTCCAGCAG | This study |
| FPglnR | CGAAGGGGCCGCGGGACTGC | This study |
| RPglnR | GGCAGGACCGGATCCGGATA | This study |
| FPdosR | AATAATGGATCCGTCACCAACCAT | This study |
| RPdosR | AATAATGGTACCTGGGCGGGCAG | This study |
| FPnarK2 | CCCTTTCCAGTGGCGACCAGGCT | This study |
| RPnarK2 | CCAGAAGTTGACCACCGAGATCC | This study |
| FPhspX | TGATCAACCTCCGCTGTTCGAT | This study |
| RPhspX | CTCAGAAAACCTCGGGGAAGA | This study |
| FP16SrDNA | CTGAGATACGGCCAGAGCTC | This study |
| RP16SrDNA | CGTCGATGGTCAAAGAGGTT | This study |
| FPpks2 | GTTGTGGAAGGCGTTGTTAC | This study |
| RPpks2 | GTCGTAGAACTCGTCGCAAT | This study |

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32 ^aFP, forward primer; RP, reverse primer

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37 **Table S2**

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39 Oligonucleotide primers used for cloning and amplifications in this study

| Primers | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|
| ^a FPdosRstart | AATAATCATATGATGGGAAGCGCCGA | This study |
| RPdosRstop | AATAATGGATCCTCATCGAGCACCCA | This study |
| FPhrcAstart | AATAATCATATGATGGGAAGCGCCGA | This study |
| RPhrcAstop | AATAATGGATCCTCATCGAGCACCCA | This study |
| RPdosR-N | AATAATGGATCCATGGGAAGCGCC | This study |
| FPdosR-C | AATAATTCACTTGTCGTCATCGTCTTTGTAGT CTCGAGCACCCAG | This study |
| FPphoPD71N | GTGATCCTCAACGTGATGATGCC | (1) |
| RPphoPD71N | CATCATCACGTTGAGGATCACCGC | (1) |
| FPdosR54E | GTCGCGGTGCTGGAGGTCCGGTT | This study |
| RPdosR54E | AACCGGACCTCCAGCACCGCGAC | This study |
| FPkidosR | AATAATCATATGATGGCGAAGAAC | This study |
| RPkidosR | AATAATGGATCCCCGGCGCGGTT | This study |
| FPphoPstart | AATAATGGATCCATGCGGAAAGGGGT | This study |
| RPphoPFLAG | AATAAGCTTTCACTTGTCGTCATCGTCTTTGT AGTCTCGAGGCTCCCGCA | This study |
| ^b FPdosRLHS | CACCTTTTCCATAAATGGGATATCCCGCAG GTCTGACCGCCGCG | This study |
| RPdosRLHS | TTTTTTTTCCATTTCTTGCTCAAAGCGACGC TCGTCTC | This study |
| FPdosRRHS | CACCTTTTCCATAGATTGGTATATCGGCGACG TCCTGGG | This study |
| RPdosRRHS | TTTTTTTTCCATCTTTTGGGATATCATCACCG AACCTGGCTGCGA | This study |
| FPmdosR | AATAATGGATCCATGGGAAGCGCC | This study |
| RPmdosR | AATAATCTGCAGTCATCGAGCACC | This study |
| FPmglnR | AATGGATCCATGCCTACGGGCCCCACG | This study |
| RPmglnR | AATAAGCTTTCACTTGCAACGGTTTAG | This study |
| FPdosRup | TGCCGCCCTTGACCCGT | This study |
| RPdosRup | GGTAAGAACGCGTAGTCCA | This study |
| FPdosRupmut | CGTACTACGATTTTCATTACGCTGGTTCGGC | This study |
| RPdosRupmut | TAATGAAATCGTAGTACGATCGCTTGACCC | This study |

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41 ^aFP, forward primer; RP, reverse primer; ^bLHS, left hand sequence; RHS, right hand sequence

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44 **Table S3**

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46 Plasmids used in this study

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| Plasmids | Relevant genotype or sequence (5'-3') | Source or Reference |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| pET28b | <i>E. coli</i> cloning vector, Amp ^r ^a | Novagen |
| pET- <i>dosR</i> | DosR residues 1–217 cloned in pET28b | This study |
| pET- <i>dosR-N</i> | DosR residues 1–193 cloned in pET28b | This study |
| pET- <i>dosR-C</i> | DosR residues 143–217 cloned in pET28b | This study |
| pET- <i>phoP-N</i> | PhoP residues 1–141 cloned in pET15b | (2) |
| pET- <i>phoP-C1</i> | PhoP residues 141–247 cloned in pET15b | (2) |
| pET- <i>phoP-C2</i> | PhoP residues 150–247 cloned in pET15b | (2) |
| pGEX-4T-1 | <i>E. coli</i> cloning vector, Amp ^r ^a | GE-Healthcare |
| pGEX- <i>dosR</i> | DosR residues 1–217 cloned in pGEX-4T-1 | This study |
| p19Kpro | Mycobacterial expression vector, Hyg ^r ^b | (3) |
| p19Kpro- <i>phoP</i> | PhoP residues 1–247 cloned in p19kpro | (4) |
| p19Kpro- <i>dosR</i> | DosR residues 1–217 cloned in p19kpro | This study |
| pST-Ki | Integrative mycobacterial expression vector, Kan ^r ^c | (5) |
| pST-Ki- <i>dosR</i> | DosR residues 1–217 cloned in pST-Ki | This study |
| pSM128 | Integrative promoter probe vector for mycobacteria ^d | (6) |
| pSM- <i>dosRup</i> | <i>dosRup3-lacZ</i> fusion in pSM128 | This work |
| pSM- <i>dosRupmut</i> | PhoP binding site mutated in pSM- <i>dosRup</i> | This work |
| pME1mL1 | Mycobacterial protein expression vector ^b | (7) |
| pME1mL1- <i>phoP</i> | PhoP residues 1–247 cloned in pME1mL1 | (8) |
| pUAB300 ^b | Episomal mycobacteria- <i>E. coli</i> shuttle plasmid | (9) |
| pUAB300- <i>dosR</i> | DosR residues 1–217 cloned in pUAB300 | This study |
| pUAB300- <i>dosR-N</i> | DosR residues 1–193 cloned in pUAB300 | This study |
| pUAB300- <i>dosR-C</i> | DosR residues 143–217 cloned in pUAB300 | This study |
| pUAB300- <i>dosRD54E</i> | Asp54 mutated to Glu in <i>dosR</i> of pUAB300- <i>dosR</i> | This study |
| pUAB400 ^c | Integrative mycobacteria- <i>E. coli</i> shuttle plasmid | (9) |
| pUAB400- <i>phoP</i> | PhoP residues 1–247 cloned in pUAB400 | (10) |
| pUAB400- <i>phoP-N</i> | PhoP residues 1–141 cloned in pUAB400 | This study |
| pUAB400- <i>phoP-C</i> | PhoP residues 141–247 cloned in pUAB400 | This study |
| pUAB400- <i>phoPD71N</i> | Asp71 mutated to Asn in <i>phoP</i> of pUAB400- <i>phoP</i> | This study |
| pUAB300- <i>glnR</i> | GlnR residues 1–252 cloned in pUAB300 | This study |

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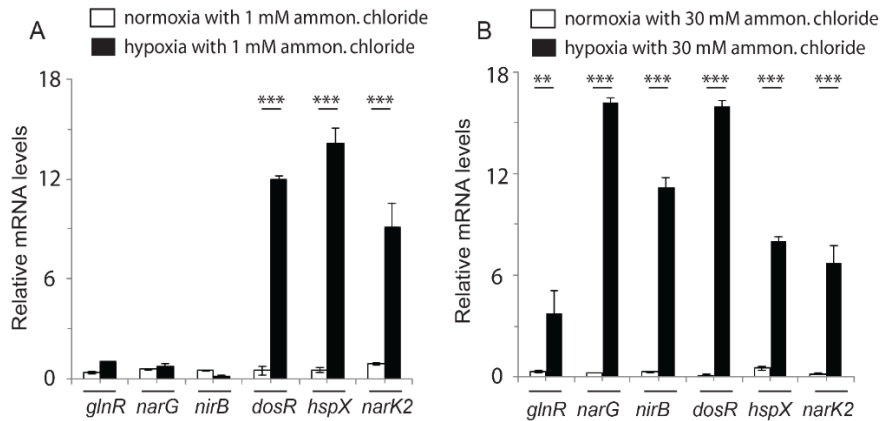
49 ^a ampicillin resistance; ^b hygromycin resistance; ^c kanamycin resistance; ^d streptomycin resistance

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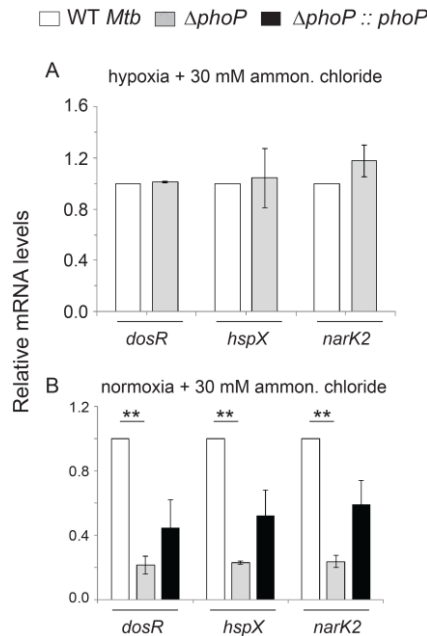
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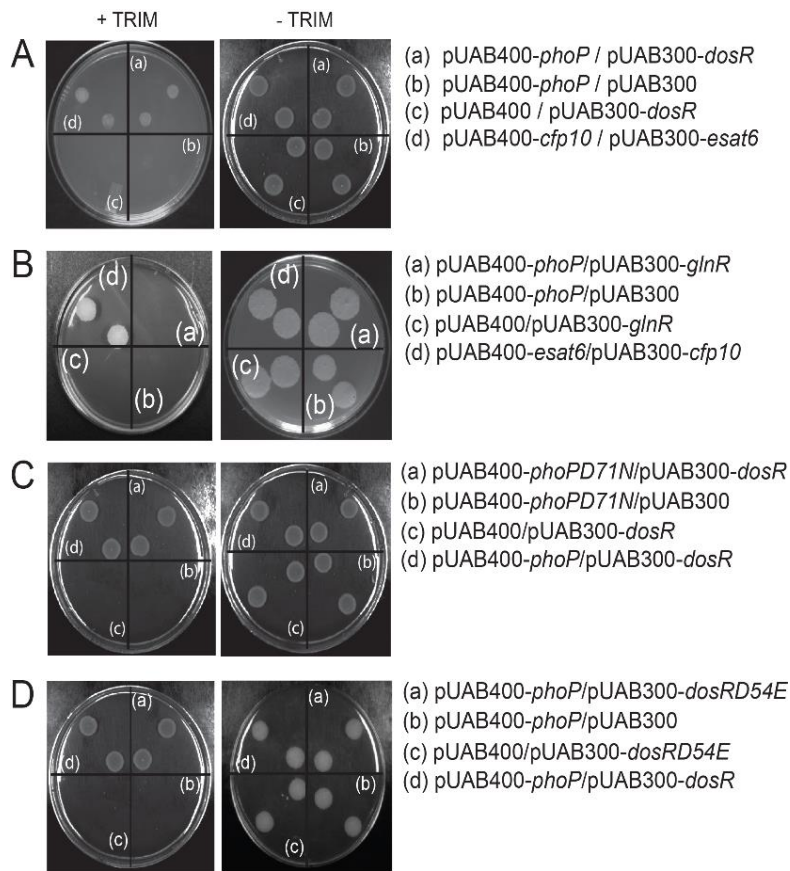
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 58 **Fig. S1: Regulation of hypoxia-inducible mycobacterial genes.** (A-B) RT-qPCR was carried out to
 59 compare expression levels of indicated hypoxia-inducible genes in the WT bacilli under specific conditions of
 60 growth (normoxic or hypoxic) coupled with either limiting nitrogen (1 mM ammonium chloride) or surplus
 61 nitrogen (30 mM ammonium chloride) conditions. The difference of mRNA levels with standard deviations
 62 were determined from at least three independent RNA preparations (** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$).

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 64 **Figure S2**
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 69 **Fig. S2: Regulation of hypoxia-inducible Mtb genes by the *phoP* locus under indicated growth**
 70 **conditions.** (A-B) RT-qPCR was carried out to compare relative expression of hypoxia-inducible
 71 genes in the WT, $\Delta phoP$ and the complemented mutant under hypoxia and normoxia, respectively,
 72 coupled with surplus (30 mM) ammonium chloride. The results show average mRNA levels of
 73 hypoxia-inducible genes with standard deviations derived from replicate experiments using at least 3
 74 independent RNA preparations.

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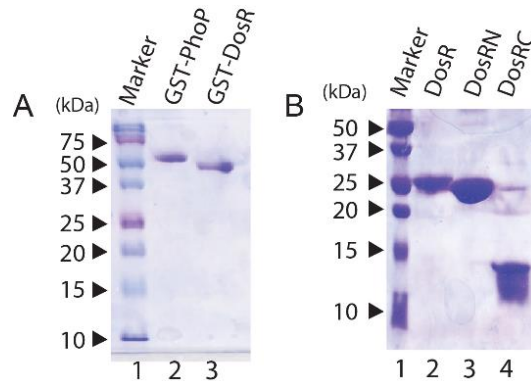
83 **Fig. S3:** M-PFC experiments examined (A) PhoP-DosR, and (B) PhoP-GlnR interactions in *M.*
 84 *smegmatis* as described in the Methods. Growth of transformants on 7H11/Kan/Hyg in presence of
 85 TRIM suggests *in vivo* protein-protein association between the regulator pairs. Co-expression of
 86 empty vectors and *esat6/cfp10* pair, were included as negative and positive control, respectively. (C-
 87 D) To examine the effect of phosphorylation of regulators on PhoP-DosR interactions, M-PFC
 88 experiments were carried out using phosphorylation defective mutants of PhoP and DosR,
 89 respectively. Results of the M-PFC experiments using regulator pairs (C) PhoPD71N-DosR and (D)
 90 PhoP-DosRD54E suggest that phosphorylation do not appear to have a role on PhoP-DosR protein-
 91 protein interactions.

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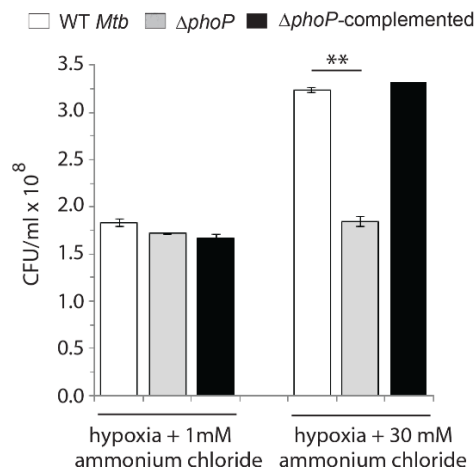
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100 **Fig. S4:** Recombinant proteins, expressed and purified as described in the Methods, were analysed by
101 12% SDS-PAGE, and visualized by Coomassie blue staining. While panel A resolves GST-tagged
102 PhoP (lane 2) and DosR (lane 3) ($\approx 3 \mu\text{g}$ each), panel B analysed His₆-tagged DosR (lane 2), N-
103 domain of DosR (DosRN; lane 3) and C-domain of DosR (DosRC; lane 4), respectively ($\approx 5 \mu\text{g}$ each).
104 Domain constructs of DosR are described in the ‘Results’ section. As a reference, molecular mass
105 markers are resolved in lane 1 of both panels, and sizes of proteins in kDa are indicated to the left.

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107 **Figure S5**

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112 **Fig. S5:** CFU/ml data of the WT and the mutant strains grown for 12 days under indicated hypoxic
113 conditions. ΔphoP shows limited growth as that of the WT bacilli under hypoxia coupled with
114 limiting nitrogen conditions. However, under hypoxia coupled with nitrogen surplus conditions, WT
115 bacilli is capable to overcome the growth defect. In contrast, ΔphoP mutant is unable to restore
116 growth as that of the WT bacteria. Importantly, growth defect of the mutant under identical conditions
117 is fully restored in the complemented mutant.

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