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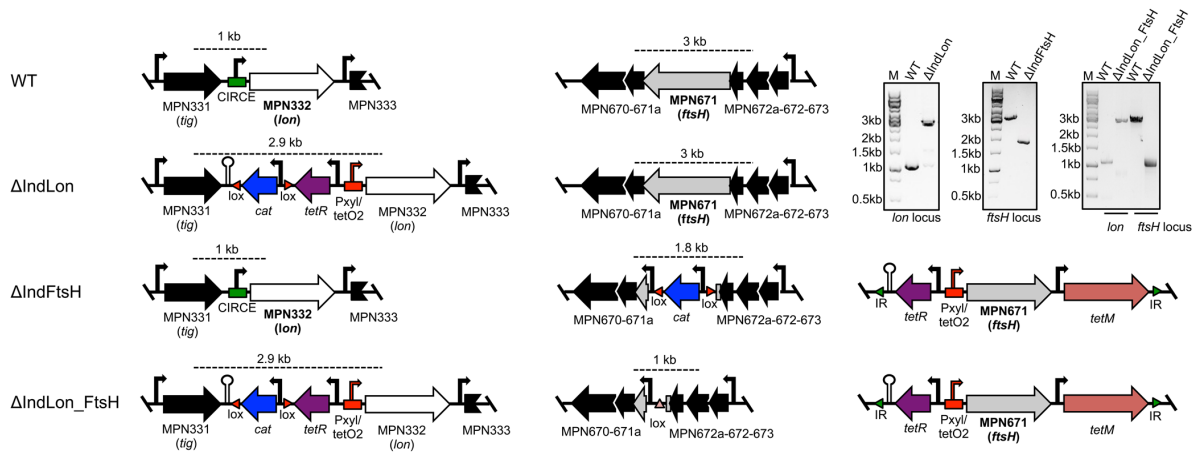
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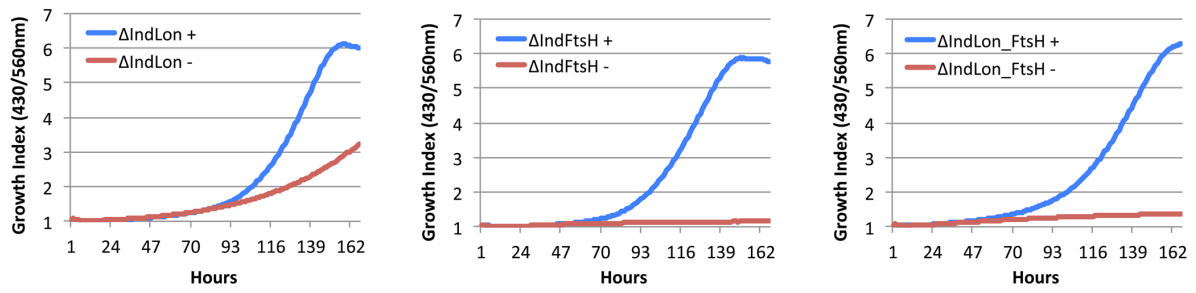
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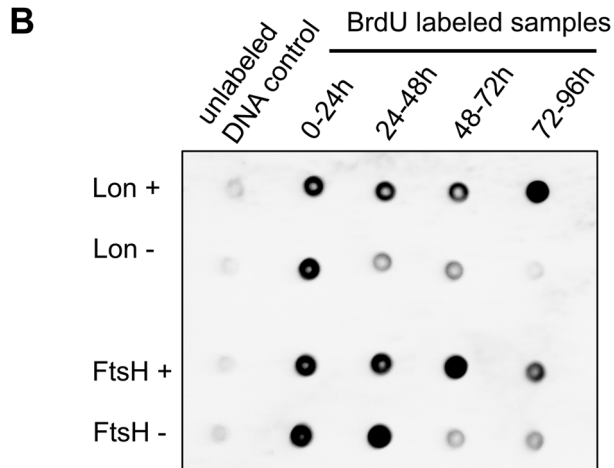
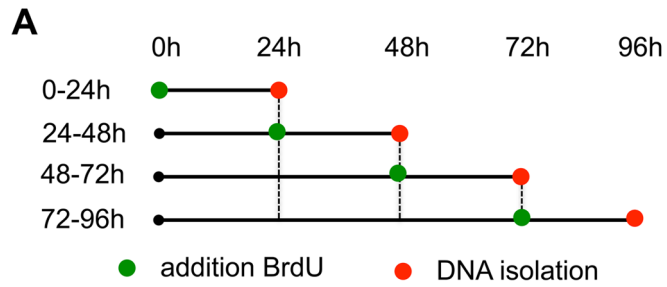


**Appendix Figure S1. Construction of Lon and FtsH conditional mutants in *M. pneumoniae*.**

Schematic representation of the genetic architecture after genome edition of  $\Delta$ IndLon,  $\Delta$ IndFtsH and  $\Delta$ IndLon\_FtsH conditional mutants as compared to the wild-type (WT) strain. The DNA rearrangement in the *lon* and *ftsH* locus is shown for each strain. The *ftsH* inducible platform inserted by transposon delivery is also shown for  $\Delta$ IndFtsH and  $\Delta$ IndLon\_FtsH strains. The PxyI/tetO2 inducible promoter is highlighted with a red bent arrow and the terminator sequence used to isolate the promoter is represented by a hairpin structure. The *tetR* repressor gene and the resistance markers *cat* and *tetM* are indicated in purple, blue and red, respectively. The CIRCE regulatory element replaced by the *lon* inducible platform is shown in green. Agarose electrophoresis gels showing the PCR screening confirmed the intended genome rearrangements at the *lon* and *ftsH* locus (top right panel). The PCR products and expected sizes for each strain are shown in the scheme.



**Appendix Figure S2.** Growth curve analysis for  $\Delta$ IndLon,  $\Delta$ IndFtsH, and  $\Delta$ IndLon\_FtsH strains grown under inducing (+) or depleting (-) conditions as determined by the 430/560 absorbance rate index that shows pH changes in the medium.

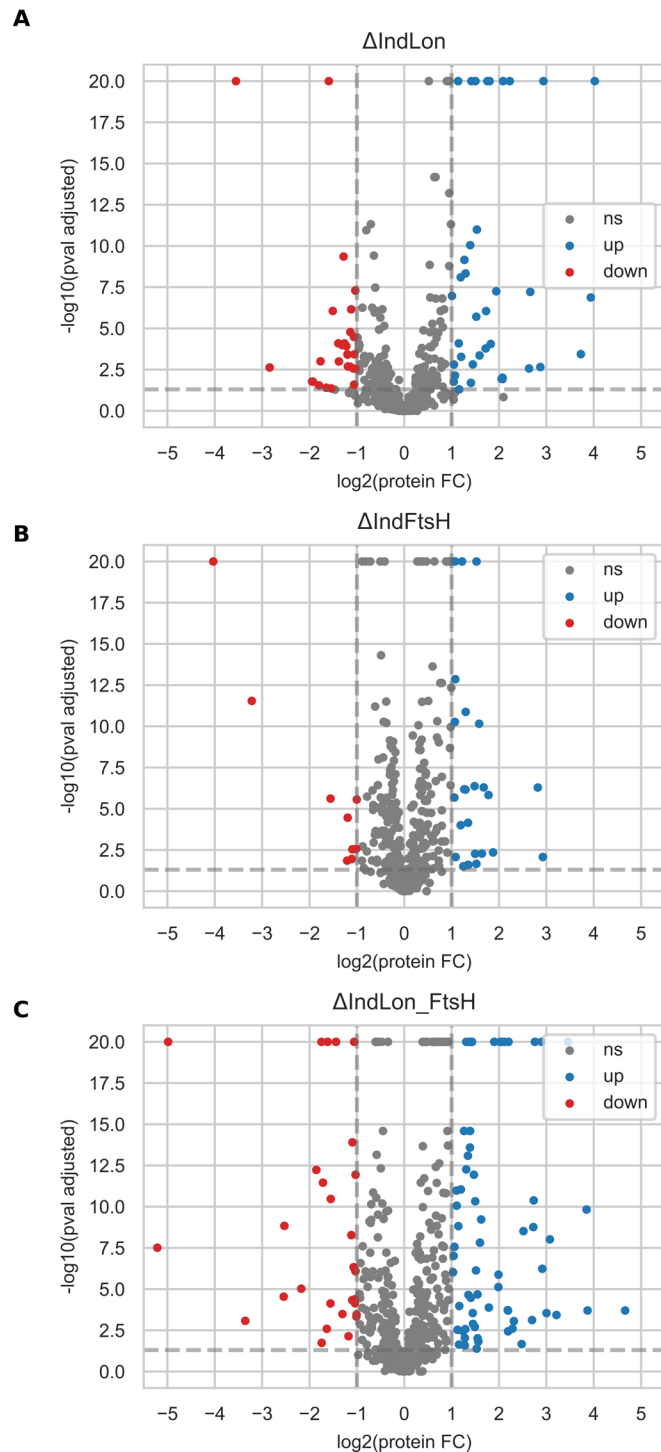


**Appendix Figure S3. Dot blot analysis of cellular DNA replication.**

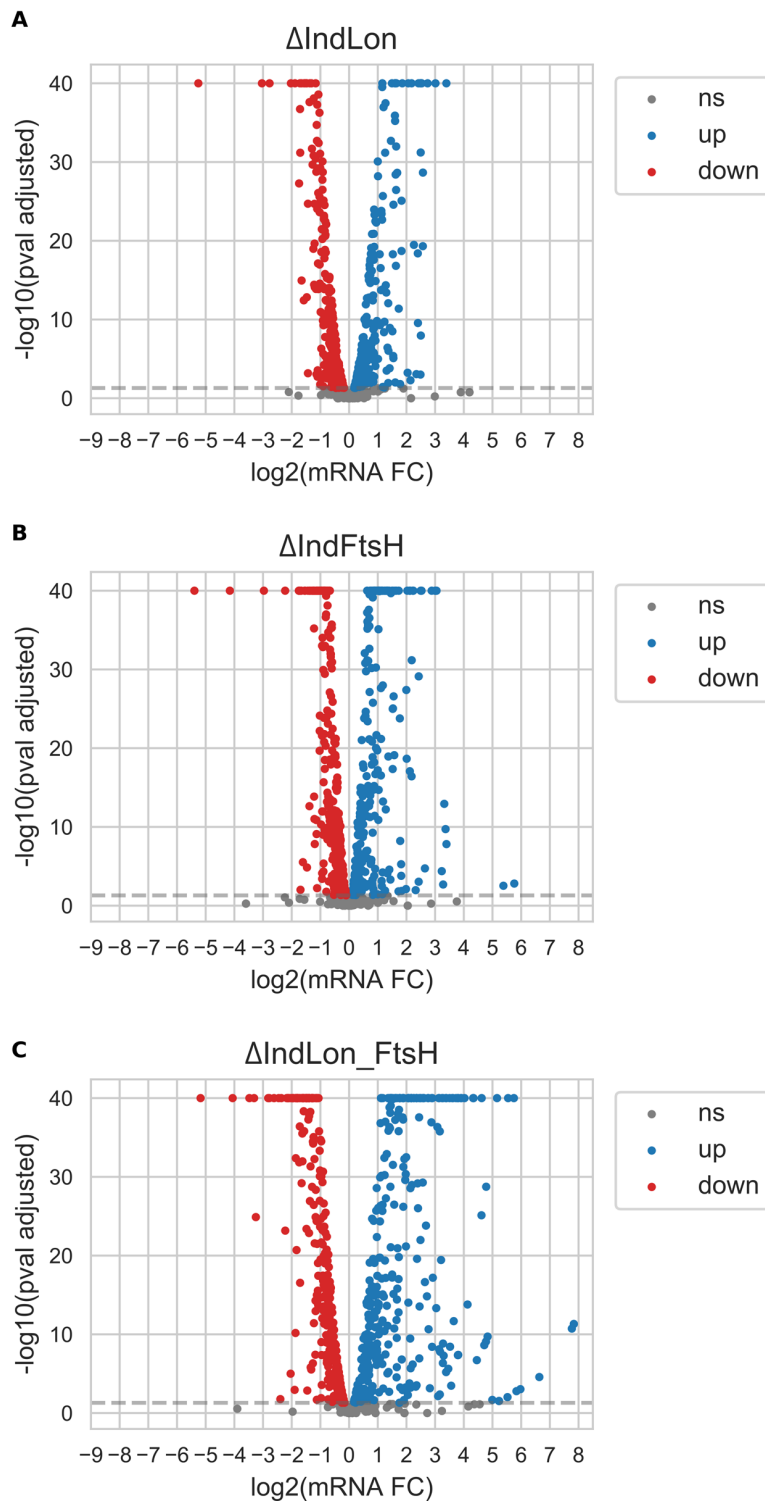
(A).  $\Delta$ IndLon and  $\Delta$ IndFtsH strains grown under inducing (+) or depleting (-) conditions were incubated with 100 $\mu$ M BrdU during 24h at different interval time points across the growth curve. After BrdU labeling, BrdU pulse-labeled cells were collected and total DNA extracted.

(B). Dot blot DNA hybridization analysis of BrdU labeled samples indicated in panel A. A DNA unlabeled control was also included. A total of 100 ng of DNA was denatured and spotted on a Hybond-N+ membrane. Following UV cross-linking, labeled DNA was visualized using an anti-BrdU antibody. BrdU incorporation was reduced after 24h and 48h of depletion of Lon and FtsH, respectively. A representative experiment is shown.



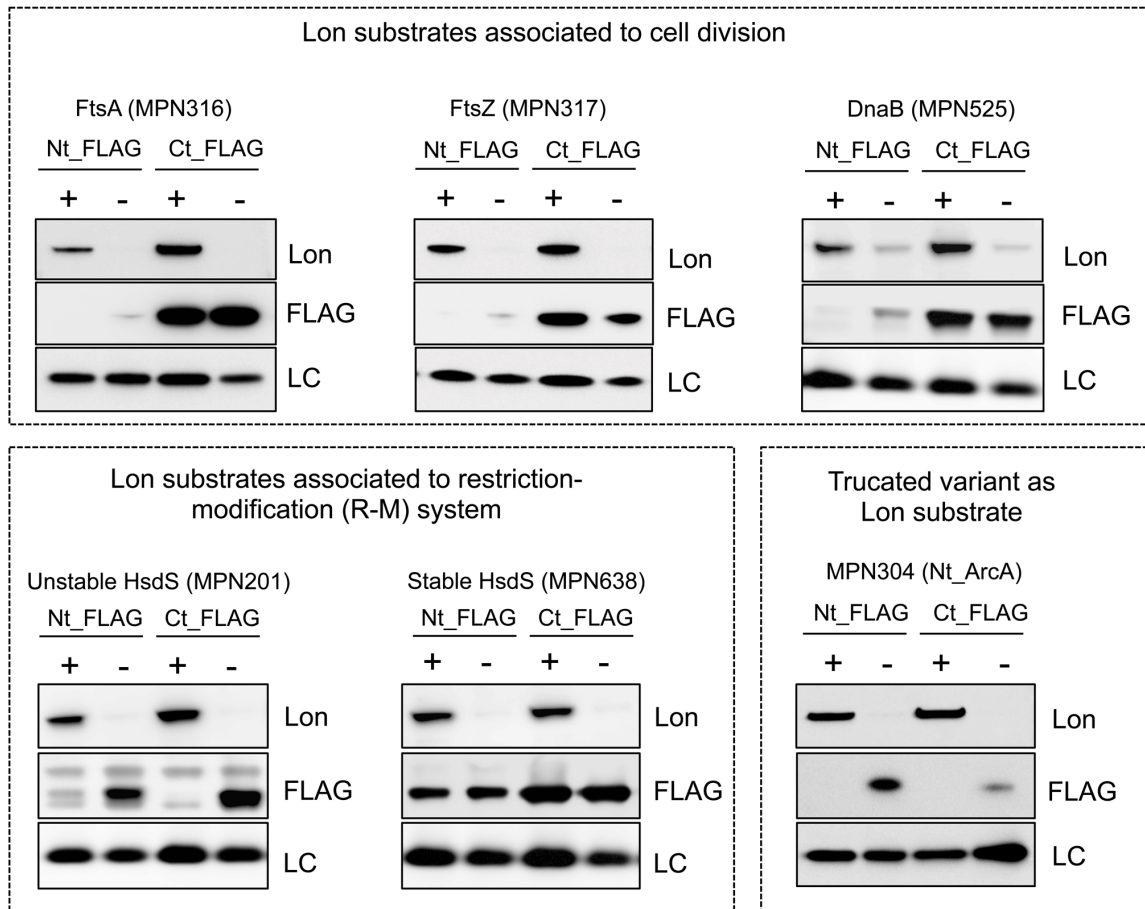


**Appendix Figure S4. Volcano plots of the differences in protein abundance between inducing and depleting conditions.** Differences in protein abundance between inducing (+) and depleting (–) conditions (48h and 72h of depletion for Lon and FtsH, respectively) are reported as  $\log_2$  of fold-changes for conditional mutants  $\Delta\text{IndLon}$  (**A**),  $\Delta\text{IndFtsH}$  (**B**) and  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH}$  (**C**). Statistical significance, calculated following a peptide-based statistical method, is reported as  $-\log_{10}$  of the adjusted p-value after multiple tests correction. Significantly regulated proteins were defined based on a false discovery rate (FDR) of 5% (dashed horizontal line) and a minimum fold change cut-off of 2 (dashed vertical lines). For better visualization, very small p-values were clipped at  $1 \times 10^{-20}$ .

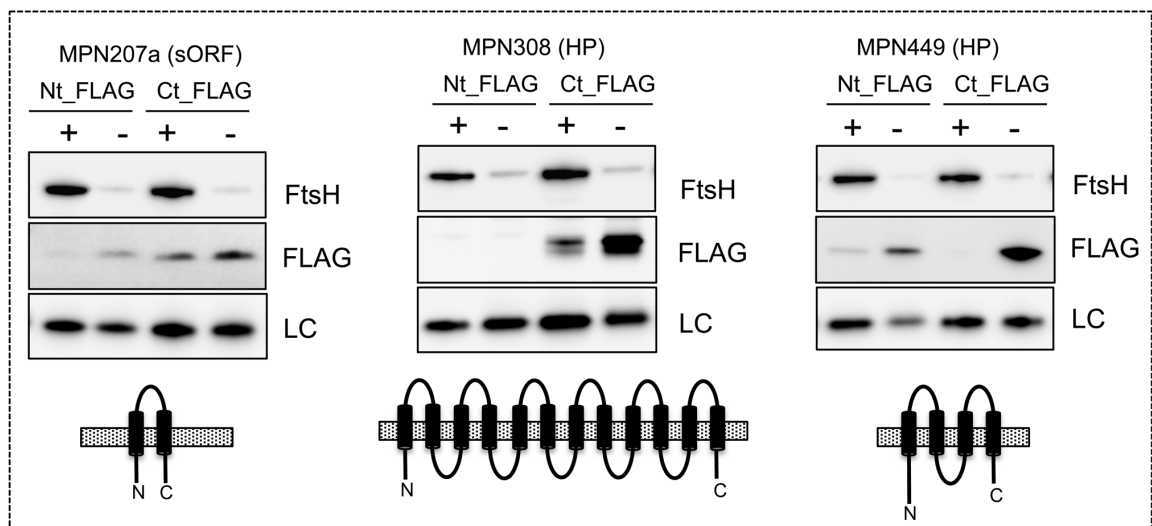


**Appendix Figure S5. Volcano plots of the differences in mRNA levels between inducing and depleting conditions.** Differences in mRNA levels between inducing (+) and depleting (–) conditions (48h and 72h of depletion for Lon and FtsH, respectively) are reported as  $\log_2$  of fold changes for conditional mutants  $\Delta\text{IndLon}$  (A),  $\Delta\text{IndFtsH}$  (B) and  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH}$  (C). Statistical significance is reported as  $-\log_{10}$  of the adjusted p-value after multiple tests correction. Significantly regulated genes were defined based on a false discovery rate (FDR) of 5% (dashed horizontal line). For better visualization, very small p-value were clipped at  $1 \times 10^{-40}$ .

## A Lon substrates



## B FtsH substrates



**Appendix Figure S6. Immunoblot analyses of selected Lon and FtsH candidate substrates.**

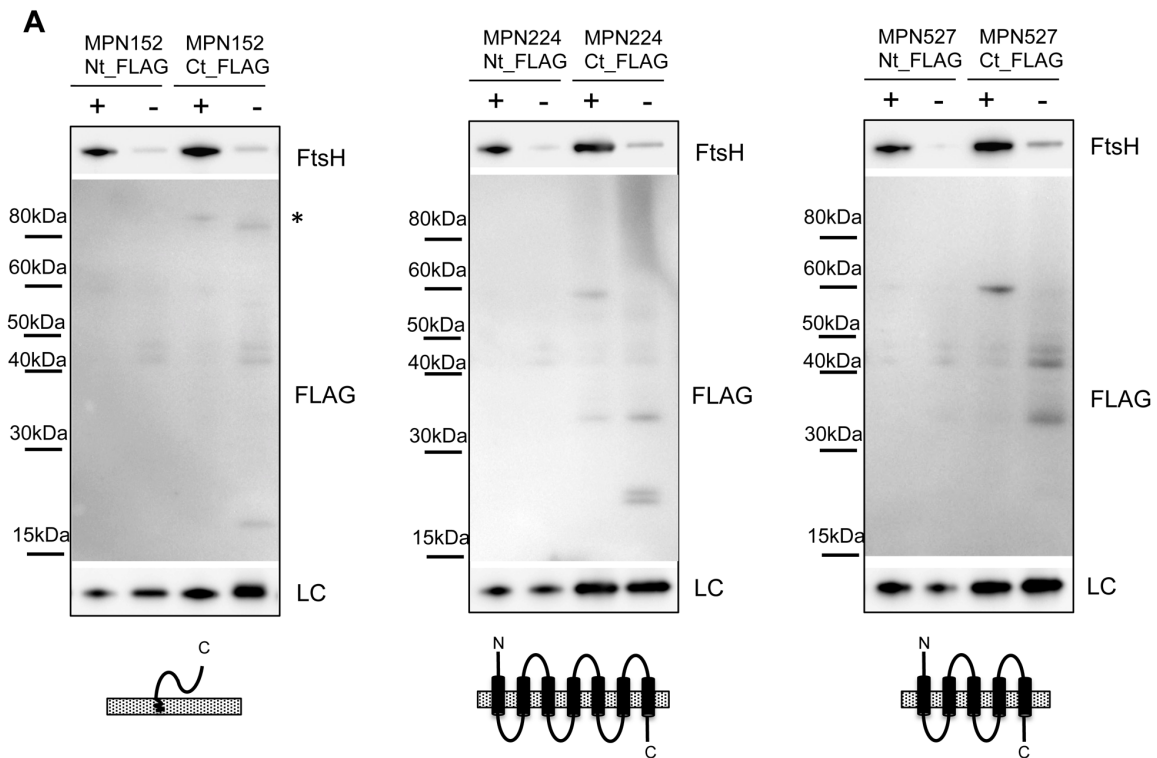
(A) Lon candidate substrates. (Upper panel) N- and C-terminal FLAG-tagged derivatives of candidate substrates associated to cell division, including FtsA (MPN316), FtsZ (MPN317) and DnaB (MPN525) were expressed in the  $\Delta$ IndLon mutant. Protein levels of Lon and candidate

substrates were then assessed by immunoblot under inducing (+) or depleting (-) conditions (48h of depletion) using anti-Lon and anti-FLAG antibodies. LC, loading control.

**(Lower, left panel)** Similar to the upper panel A, but for candidate substrates associated to the R-M system. Protein expression assessed by immunoblot of FLAG-tagged derivatives of MPN201 and MPN638 are shown as representatives of unstable and stable HsdS subunits, respectively. **(Lower,**

**right panel)** Similar to the upper panel A, but showing an example of a truncated variant as a Lon candidate substrate. Specifically, protein expression assessed by immunoblot of FLAG-tagged derivatives of MPN304 (ArcA-Nt) that encodes the N-terminal fragment of an ArcA truncated variant is shown.

**(B)** FtsH candidate substrates. N- and C-terminal FLAG-tagged derivatives of MPN207a, MPN308 and MPN449 were expressed in the  $\Delta$ IndFtsH mutant. Protein levels of FtsH and candidate substrates were then assessed by immunoblot under inducing (+) or depleting (-) conditions (72h of depletion) using anti-FtsH and anti-FLAG antibodies. For each protein, a schematic representation of the predicted transmembrane domains is also shown below.



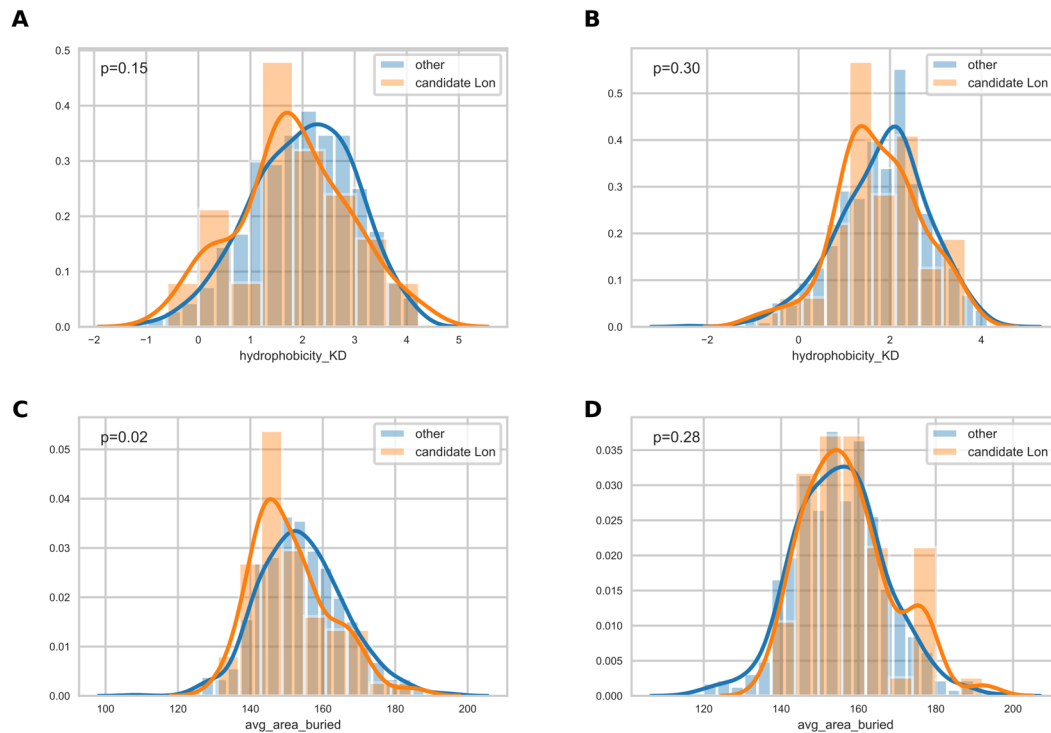
**B**

Candidate	copies / cell		Signal peptide	Annotation	Predicted size
	$\Delta$ IndFtsH +	$\Delta$ IndFtsH -			
MPN152	6	26	lipobox	lipoprotein	87.3 kDa
MPN207a	0	343	No	sORF	10.8 kDa
MPN224	48	107	No	lgt	42.8 kDa
MPN308	53	108	No	polyamine antiporter	62.1 kDa
MPN449	58	223	No	hypothetical protein	49.2 kDa
MPN527	0	15	No	hypothetical protein	24.7 kDa

**Appendix Figure S7. Immunoblot analyses of selected FtsH candidate substrates.**

**(A).** N- and C-terminal FLAG-tagged derivatives of candidate substrates were expressed in the  $\Delta$ IndFtsH mutant (see also Fig. 4). Protein levels of FtsH and the candidate substrates were then assessed by immunoblot analysis during inducing (+) or depleting (-) conditions (72h of depletion) using anti-FtsH and anti-FLAG antibodies. LC, loading control. The asterisk indicates the predicted position of the detected protein. For each protein, a schematic representation of the predicted transmembrane domains is also shown below.

**(B).** Protein features and estimated protein copy numbers of selected FtsH candidate substrates of  $\Delta$ IndFtsH mutant grown in inducing (+) or depleting (-) conditions.



### Appendix Figure S8. Analysis of degron motif properties.

Protein sequences at N- (panels **A** and **C**) and C-termini (panels **B** and **D**) of Lon candidate substrates were analyzed for putative signal in amino acid properties, as for example enrichment of hydrophobic region (panels A and B, Kyte-Doolittle hydrophobicity scale) and the average buried area (panels C and D). The terminus region of protein sequence was selected (25 residues). The average amino acid property score was computed over a rolling window of size 5. The maximum score was selected as representative of the most extreme signal in the terminus score. Distribution of the maximum score for substrate proteins did not show any significant difference (M.W.W. two-sided test) when compared to the background proteins (neither substrate of Lon nor of FtsH). A similar analysis of the average score over the last (first) 5 or 10 amino acids of protein sequences did not yield any significant enrichment.

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**Appendix Figure S9. Sequence alignment of HsdS subunits present in *M. pneumoniae* compared to *E. coli* HsdS (WP\_096840861.1).** The structure of the orthologous protein of MPN638 (HsdS) in *M. genitalium* (MG438) has been solved (PDB identifier: 1YDX). The protein sequence of MPN638 differs from the other HsdS subunits, although it is similar to other HsdS at the structural level (Calisto et al., 2005).

Calisto BM, Pich OQ, Piñol J, Fita I, Querol E & Carpena X (2005) Crystal structure of a putative type I restriction-modification S subunit from *Mycoplasmata genitalium*. *J. Mol. Biol.* 351: 749–762

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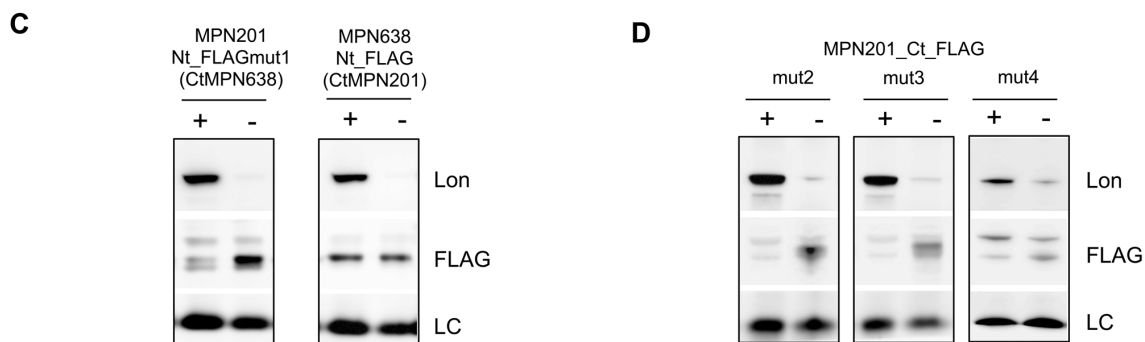
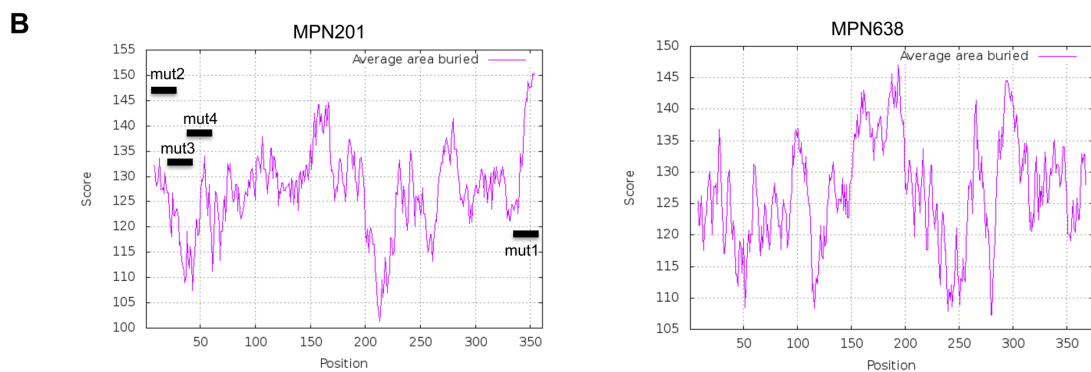
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**Appendix Figure S10. Mutational analysis to identify Lon degrons in MPN201 (HsdS).**

(A) Amino acid sequence of MPN201 and their mutant derivatives. Hydrophobic motifs that can potentially act as Lon degrons are highlighted in bold. Mutations performed in these putative Lon degrons are shown in red.

(B) Sequence analysis showing the surface-area burial score along MPN201 (HsdS) and MPN638 (HsdS) protein sequence. Analysis was performed using the ProtScale Tool selecting the “average area buried” amino acid scale (Gasteiger et al, 2005). Mutated regions in MPN201 are indicated in the plot.



**(C)** Protein stability assessment of MPN201 and MPN638 N-terminal FLAG-tagged derivatives in which their C-terminal regions were swapped and expressed in the  $\Delta$ IndLon mutant. Protein levels were then determined by immunoblot using anti-Lon and anti-FLAG antibodies comparing inducing (+) or depleting (–) conditions (48h of depletion). LC, loading control.

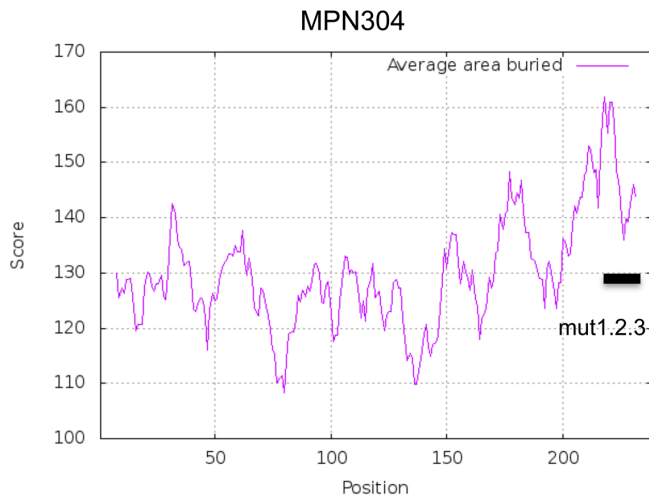
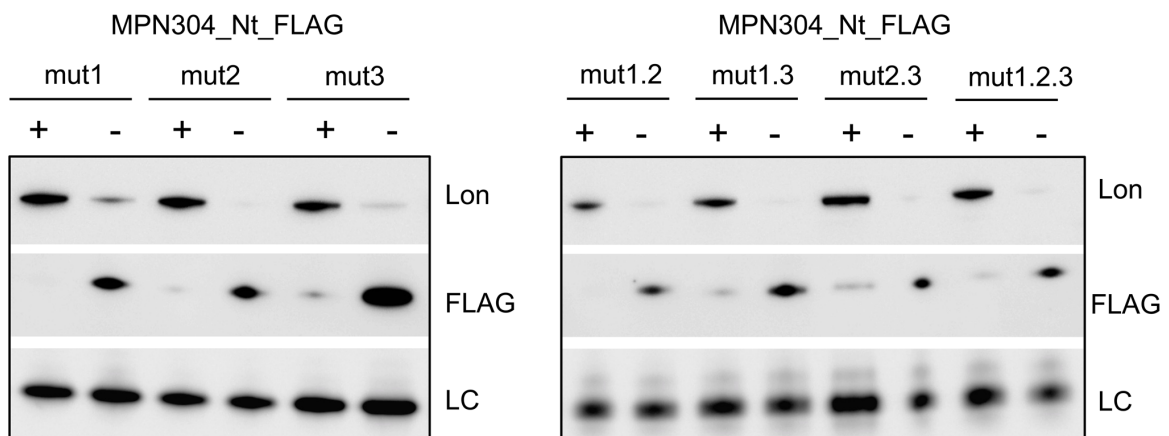
**(D)** Protein stability assessment of MPN201 containing mutations in putative Lon degrons. C-terminal FLAG-tagged derivatives with mutations shown in panel A were expressed in the  $\Delta$ IndLon mutant and protein levels determined by immunoblot as in panel C.

We hypothesized that the C-terminal hydrophobic motif YYQNFLFNWV could be responsible for Lon-mediated degradation, as this motif is mainly conserved in the unstable HsdS, but absent from MPN638 (Appendix Figure S9). To test this, we swapped the C-terminal regions of MPN201 and MPN638 and we assessed the stability of these proteins in the presence of Lon. We found that MPN201 was still degraded, whereas MPN638 remained stable (Appendix Figure S10C). We then searched for sequence motifs in MPN201 with a high score for buried surface-area, as these regions have been shown to correlate well in *E. coli* with Lon-dependent degradation (Gur & Sauer, 2008). As the N-terminal FLAG fusion slightly improved the stability of MPN201 (Appendix Figure S6), we focused particularly on motifs present in the N-terminal region. However, after several mutational analyses in candidate motifs, we were unable to identify a clear degradation signal in MPN201 (Appendix Figure S10D), suggesting the existence of multiple exposed degrons.

Gasteiger E., Hoogland C., Gattiker A., Duvaud S., Wilkins M.R., Appel R.D., Bairoch A.; *Protein Identification and Analysis Tools on the ExPASy Server*; (In) John M. Walker (ed): The Proteomics Protocols Handbook, Humana Press (2005). pp. 571-607

**A**

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**B****C**

**Appendix Figure S11. Mutational analysis to identify Lon degrons in MPN304 (ArcA Nt).**

**(A)** Amino acid sequence of the last 50 residues of MPN304 and their mutant derivatives.

Hydrophobic motifs that can potentially act as Lon degrons are highlighted in bold. Mutations performed in these putative Lon degrons are shown in red.

**(B)** Sequence analysis showing the surface-area burial score along MPN304 protein sequence.

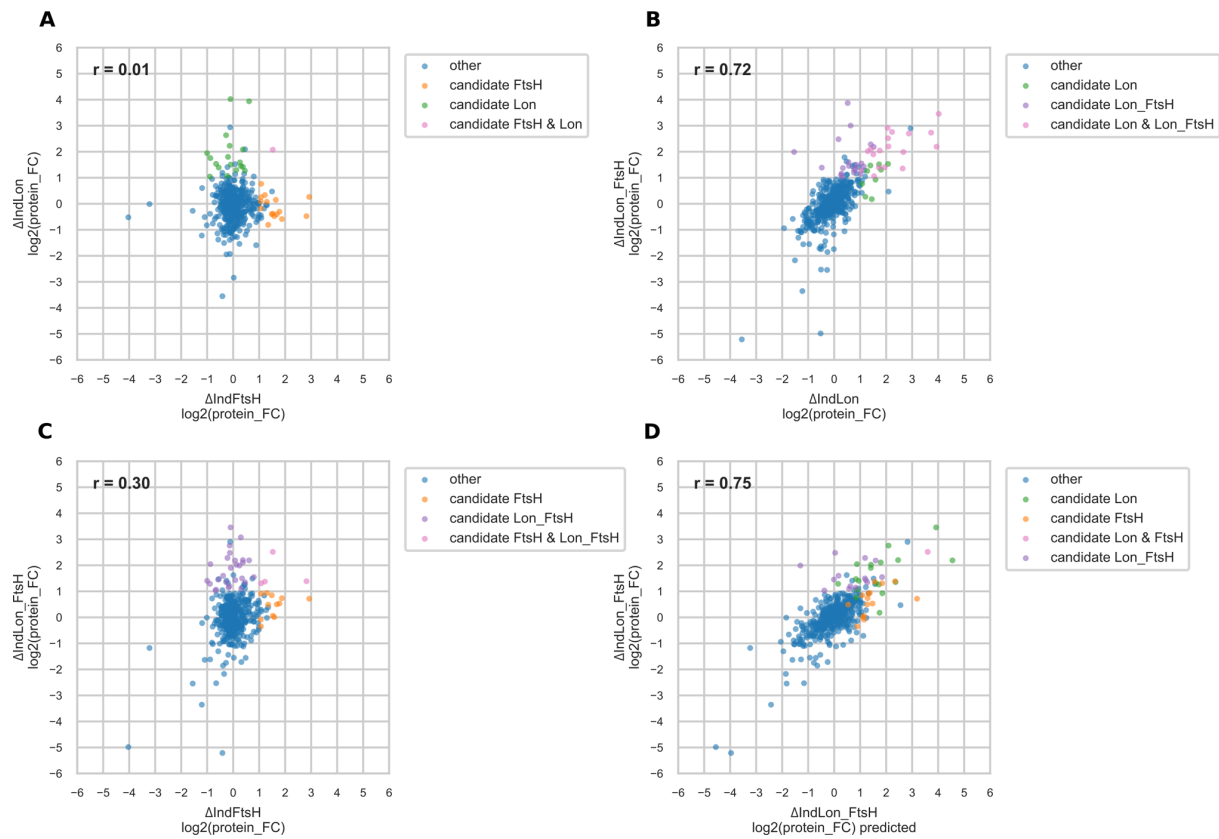
Analysis was performed using the ProtScale Tool selecting the “average area buried” amino acid scale (Gasteiger et al, 2005). Mutated regions in MPN304 are indicated in the plot.

**(C)** Protein stability assessment of MPN304 N-terminal FLAG-tagged derivatives containing single or combined mutations in putative Lon degrons. MPN304 mutant derivatives were expressed in the

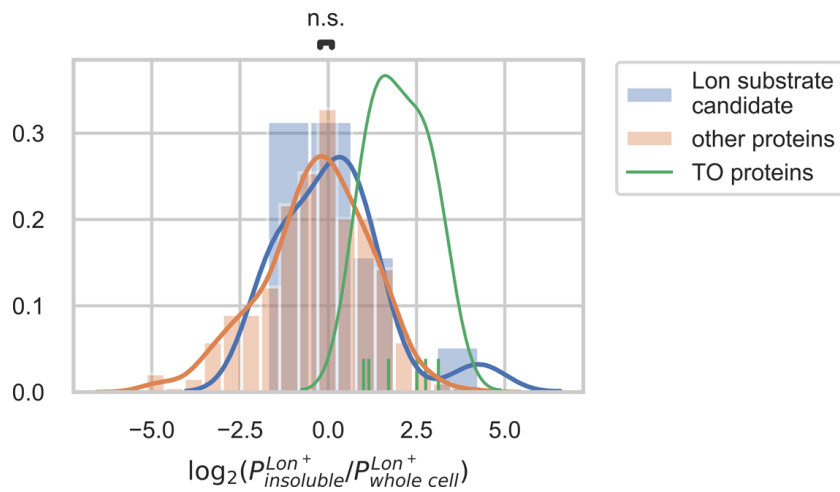
$\Delta$ IndLon mutant and protein levels determined by immunoblot using anti-Lon and anti-FLAG antibodies comparing inducing (+) or depleting (–) conditions (48h of depletion). LC, loading control. We searched for sequence motifs in MPN304 with a high score for buried surface-area, as these regions have been shown to correlate well in *E. coli* with Lon-dependent degradation (Gur & Sauer, 2008). Although the C-terminal region of MPN304 has the highest score for buried surface-area of the protein and contains several motifs enriched in hydrophobic residues, only mutations in LPLMF located at the protein C-terminal end had a modest contribution in the stability of the protein (Appendix Figure S11C). The combination of mutated motifs in the C-terminal region did not further improve protein stability (Appendix Figure S11D), suggesting the existence of multiple exposed degrons.

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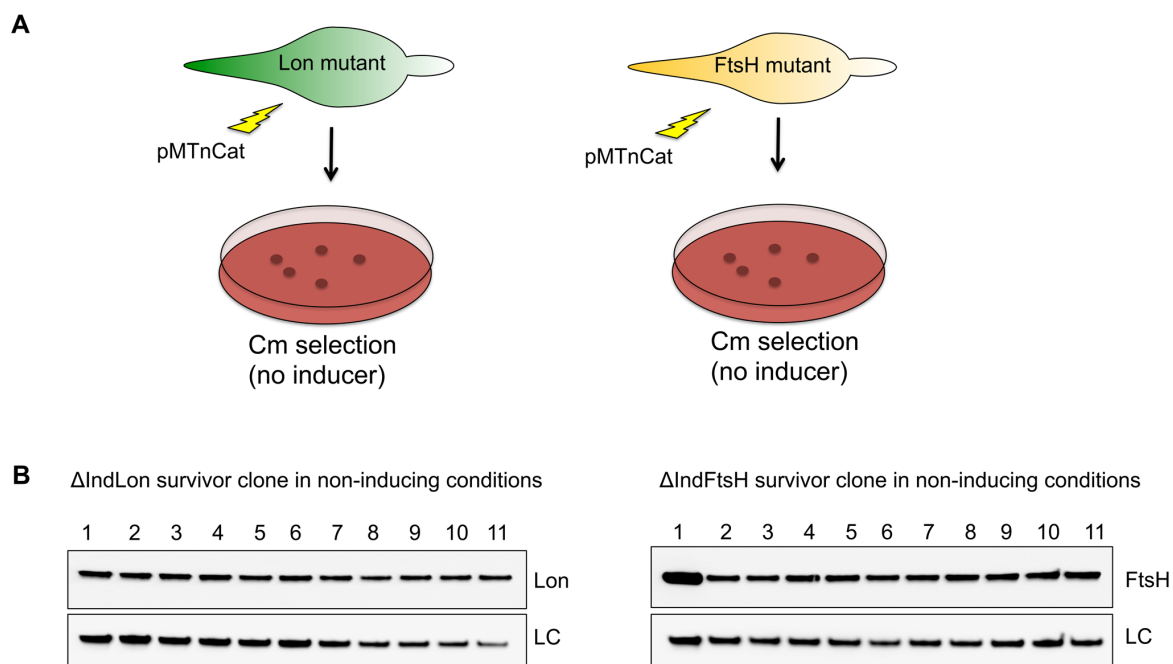
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**Appendix Figure S12. Correlation between proteome changes in responses to Lon and FtsH depletions.** Correlation analysis of protein level changes comparing different mutant backgrounds. Data is reported as  $\log_2$  of protein fold changes observed after Lon and/or FtsH depletion (48h and 72h of depletion, respectively). **(A)**  $\Delta\text{IndLon}$  v.s.  $\Delta\text{IndFtsH}$ , **(B)**  $\Delta\text{IndLon}$  v.s.  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH}$ , **(C)**  $\Delta\text{IndFtsH}$  v.s.  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH}$ , **(D)**  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH\_predicted}$  v.s.  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH}$ . The predicted changes in the double mutant (referred to as  $\Delta\text{IndLon\_FtsH\_predicted}$ ) were computed as the sum of the  $\log_2$  (protein\_FC) in the two individual mutant experiments. Insets indicate pearson correlation coefficients.



**Appendix Figure S13.** MS analysis showing the distribution of  $\log_2$  fold-changes of the Triton X-100 insoluble fraction compared to the whole cell lysate, under Lon inducing conditions. Proteins associated with the terminal organelle (TO proteins), known to be enriched in the insoluble fractions, are shown as reference. No significant difference in  $\log_2$  fold-changes for Lon substrate candidates was observed compared to the other proteins (Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon two-sided test,  $p=0.08$ ).



**Appendix Figure S14. Transposon mutagenesis screening to identify putative gene mutations suppressing lethality associated with Lon and FtsH depletion.**

(A). Schematic representation showing the screening strategy. Lon and FtsH conditional mutants in which the *cat* resistance gene was excised by the Cre-lox system were electroporated with the pMTnCat minitransposon. The resulting transformants were plated on Hayflick agar plates and selected in the absence of inducer and 20  $\mu$ g/ml Cm. In these selecting conditions, only transformants having transposon insertions in genes that could cause the lethality of Lon or FtsH depletion, or with mutations that derepress the inducible system are expected in principle to be selected. Of note, this screening strategy has the limitation that the effect of essential genes cannot be evaluated. A total of 11 and approximately 100 colonies were obtained after two independent transformation experiments for the Lon and FtsH conditional mutants, respectively. (B) Western blot analysis assessing the expression of Lon and FtsH in 11 survivor clones from each conditional mutant revealed that all clones were capable to express Lon and FtsH, suggesting the presence of mutations affecting the repressing capabilities of the inducible system. LC, loading control.

**Appendix Table S1.** Mycoplasma strains used in this study.

Strain	Resistance	Reference
M129_GP35	Puro <sup>R</sup>	Piñero-Lambea <i>et al.</i> , 2020
ΔIndLon	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_cat-	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup>	This study
M129_GP35_pMTnTc_ftsH_Ind	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_cat-	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_FtsH	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_Δhmw2Nt	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_FLAG_MPN152	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_MPN152_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_FLAG_MPN207a	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_MPN207a_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_FLAG_MPN224	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_MPN224_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_FLAG_MPN308	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_MPN308_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_FLAG_MPN449	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_MPN449_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_FLAG_MPN527	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndFtsH_pMTnCat_MPN527_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN201	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN304_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN316_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN317_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN525_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN638	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN638_FLAG	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN201mut1	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAGmut2	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAGmut3	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAGmut4	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut3	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1.2	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1.3	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2.3	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1.2.3	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316mut1	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316mut2	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_L413D	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_V414G	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_L417D	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_I418G	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317mut1	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317mut2	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317_F378D	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317_Y380G	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525mut1	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525_V391G	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525_Y393D	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525_F394G	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN638CtMPN201	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study
ΔIndLon_pMTnTc_luc2_F89E	Puro <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , Tc <sup>R</sup>	This study

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**Appendix Table S2.** Gibson cloning strategy for each plasmid constructed in this study.

<b>Gibson component</b>	<b>Primers</b>	<b>Template</b>	<b>Gibson assembly</b>
<i>pΔLonPr_Ind</i>			
PCR1	p_LA_Lon_F / ter_LA_LonR	gDNA M129	x
PCR2	ter_lox66_F / tetR_lox71_R	pMTnCat(lox) <sup>(1)</sup>	x
PCR3	lox71_tetR_F / RALonIndPr_R	pMTnParGP35eiCas9_eNT2 <sup>(2)</sup>	x
PCR4	IndPr_RALon_F / p_RALon_R	gDNA M129	x
Vector		pBSK <i>EcoRV</i> digested	x
<i>pMTnTc_ftsH_Ind</i>			
PCR1	ter625_TetR_F / ftsH_IndPr_R	pΔLonPr_Ind <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_ter625_F / ftsH_IndPr_R	PCR1	x
PCR3	IndPr_LAFtsH_R / p_ftsH_R	gDNA M129	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pΔFtsH</i>			
PCR1	p_LA_ftsH_F / P438_LA_ftsH_R	gDNA M129	x
PCR2	P438_lox66_F / RA_ftsH_lox71_R	pMTnCat(lox) <sup>(1)</sup>	x
PCR3	lox71_RA_ftsH_F / p_RA_ftsH_R	gDNA M129	x
Vector		pBSK <i>EcoRV</i> digested	x
<i>pΔNt-hmw2</i>			
PCR1	p_LA_hmw2_F / LA_hmw2_R	gDNA M129	x
PCR2	LA_hmw2_lox71_F / RA_hmw2_lox66_R	pMTnCat(lox) <sup>(1)</sup>	x
PCR3	RA_hmw2_F / p_RA_hmw2_R	gDNA M129	x
Vector		pBSK <i>EcoRV</i> digested	x
<i>pMTnTc_luc2_F89E</i>			
PCR1	P438_luc2_F / luc2_F89E_R	pMTnCat_luc2Ind_K <sup>(5)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438_F / luc2_F89E_R	PCR1	x
PCR3	luc2_F89E_F / p_luc2_R2	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>N-terminal FLAG variants of FtsH substrates (XXX indicates the corresponding gene number)</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPNXXX_F / p_MPNXXX_R	gDNA M129	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPNXXX_R	PCR 1	x
Vector		pMTnCat <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(6)</sup>	x
<i>C-terminal FLAG variants of FtsH substrates (XXX indicates the corresponding gene number)</i>			
PCR1	P438_MPNXXX_F / FLAG_MPNXXX_R	gDNA M129	
PCR2	p_P438_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	PCR 1	x
Vector		pMTnCat <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(6)</sup>	x
<i>N-terminal FLAG variants of Lon substrates (XXX indicates the corresponding gene number)</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPNXXX_F / p_MPNXXX_R	gDNA M129	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPNXXX_R	PCR 1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>C-terminal FLAG variants of Lon substrates (XXX indicates the corresponding gene number)</i>			
PCR1	P438_MPNXXX_F / FLAG_MPNXXX_R	gDNA M129	
PCR2	p_P438_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	PCR 1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>N and C- terminal FLAG variants with mutated degrons</i>			
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN201mut1</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN201_F / MPN201_Ct638_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN201</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN638_R	PCR 1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAGmut2</i>			
PCR1	MPN201mut2_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAG</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	P438_MPN201mut2_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	PCR1	
PCR3	p_P438_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	PCR2	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x



**Appendix Table S2.** Gibson cloning strategy (cont.).

<b>Gibson component</b>	<b>Primers</b>	<b>Template</b>	<b>Gibson assembly</b>
<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAGmut3</i>			
PCR1	p_P438_F / MPN201mut3_R	<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAG</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
PCR2	MPN201mut3_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAG</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAGmut4</i>			
PCR1	p_P438_F / MPN201mut4_R	<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAG</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
PCR2	MPN201mut4_F / p_FLAG_Ct_R	<i>pMTnTc_MPN201_FLAG</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN304mut1_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
PCR2	MPN304mut1_F / p_MPN304_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN304_F / MPN304mut2_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN304_R	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut3</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN304mut3_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1.2</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN304mut1_R	pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2 <sup>(3)</sup>	x
PCR2	MPN304mut1_F / p_MPN304_R	pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2 <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1.3</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN304mut1_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
PCR2	MPN304mut1_F / p_MPN304mut3_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2.3</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN304mut3_R	pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2 <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut1.2.3</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN304mut1_R	pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2 <sup>(3)</sup>	x
PCR2	MPN304mut1_F / p_MPN304mut3_R	pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN304mut2 <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316mut1</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN316_F / MPN316mut1_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN316_R	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316mut2</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN316_F / MPN316mut2_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN316mut2_R	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_L413D</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN316_L413D_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_V414G</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN316_V414G_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_L417D</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN316_L417D_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x

**Appendix Table S2.** Gibson cloning strategy (cont.).

<b>Gibson component</b>	<b>Primers</b>	<b>Template</b>	<b>Gibson assembly</b>
<i>N and C-terminal FLAG variants with mutated degrons</i>			
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316_I418G</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN316_I418G_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN316</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317mut1</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN317_F / MPN317mut1_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN317_R	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317mut2</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN317_F / p_MPN317mut2_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN317mut2_R	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317_F378D</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN317_F378D_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317_Y380G</i>			
PCR1	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN317_Y380_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN317</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525mut1</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN525_F / MPN525mut1_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN525mut1_R	PCR1	x
PCR3	MPN525mut1_F / p_MPN525_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525_V391G</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN525_F / MPN525_V391G_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN525_V391G_R	PCR1	x
PCR3	MPN525_V391G_F / p_MPN525_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525_Y393D</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN525_F / MPN525_Y393D_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN525_Y393D_R	PCR1	x
PCR3	MPN525_Y393D_F / p_MPN525_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525_F394G</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN525_F / MPN525_F394G_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / MPN525_F394G_R	PCR1	x
PCR3	MPN525_F394G_F / p_MPN525_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN525</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x
<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN638CtMPN201</i>			
PCR1	FLAG_MPN638_F / MPN638_Ct201_R	<i>pMTnTc_FLAG_MPN638</i> <sup>(3)</sup>	
PCR2	p_P438FLAG_F / p_MPN201_R	PCR1	x
Vector		pMTnTetM438 <i>EcoRV</i> digested <sup>(4)</sup>	x

<sup>(1)</sup>In-house cloning vector containing the *cat* gene flanked by lox sites.

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**Appendix Table S3.** Primers used in this study.

<b>Primer name</b>	<b>Sequence (5' to 3')<sup>a</sup></b>
<i>Construction of plasmids</i>	
<b>pΔLonPr_Ind</b>	
p_LALon_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATACTTACTTTTCATAAGTTAGTTTC
ter_LALon_R	ATACCTGAAAGACTCAGGTATTTTTTTGAGTGCTAATGAGTGGAGTA
ter_lox66_F	TACCTGAGTCTTTCAGGTATTTTTTTTACCCTTCGTATAGCATAC
tetR_lox71_R	TGGGTCTTAATACCGTTCGTATAATGTATG
lox71_tetR_F	ACGAACGGTATTAAGACCCACTTTTCACATTTA
RALon_IndPr_R	CAGCTGGCATAATGCTCTATCAATGATAGAGGA
IndPr_RALon_F	GATAGAGCATATGCCAGCTGTAAAAAAACCA
p_RALon_R	CCGGGCTGCAGGAATTCGATTCTTTTGGTACCTTAGATAGC
<b>pMTnTc_ftsH_Ind</b>	
p_ter625_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATAAAAAATACCTGAGTCTTTCAGGTATT
ter625_TetR_F	TACCTGAGTCTTTCAGGTATTTTTTTTAAAGACCCACTTTTCACATTTA
ftsH_IndPr_R	TTTTTTTCATATGCTCTATCAATGATAGAGG
IndPr_LAFtsH_R	GATAGAGCATATGAAAAAAATAAAGGACTTAACG
p_ftsH_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTAACTGTTTGTTCACCTGTCT
<b>pΔFtsH</b>	
p_LA_ftsH_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATCTTGTACTGCCTTTTGGTGC
P438_LA_ftsH_R	GTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTGCAAGAACAGCAAGCCAAAC
P438_lox66_F	ACTTTATTAATCTAAATACTATACCGTTCGTATAGCATAC
RA_ftsH_lox71_R	ACTACGAGCGAAAAACCGCATACCGTTCGTATAATGTATG
lox71_RA_ftsH_F	TGCGGTTTTTCGCTCGTAGT
p_RA_ftsH_R	CCGGGCTGCAGGAATTCGATCCTAAAGGCAAGGACATTCTT
<b>pΔNt-hmw2</b>	
p_LA_hmw2_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATCGCCATCTTTTCGATGCGC
LA_hmw2_R	CGGTTAAAAAGAGCCAGTGT
LA_hmw2_lox71_F	AACACTGGCTCTTTAACCGTACCGTTCGTATAATGTATG
RA_hmw2_lox66_R	CTGTTCTAAGTGTTTAGCAATACCGTTCGTATAGCATAC
RA_hmw2_F	TTGCTAAACACTAGAACAGCA
p_RA_hmw2_R	CCGGGCTGCAGGAATTCGATGCTCAGCTTGGTACTGCCTT
<b>pMTnTc_luc2_F89E</b>	
p_P438_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATTAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATG
luc2_F89E_R	ACACGGGCATTTGCAACTGCAAG
P438_luc2_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGGAAGATGCCAAAAACATTA
luc2_F89E_F	CTTGCAAGTTCGAAATGCCCGTGT
p_luc2_R2	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTACACGGCGATCTTGCCG
<i>Production of ssDNA recombineering substrates and PCR screening</i>	
Bio_lonPr_F	[biotin]ACTTACTTTCATAAGTTAGTTTC
Pro_lonPr_R	T*C*T*T*T*TTGGTACCTTAGATAGC
Pro_KOftsH_F	C*T*T*G*TACTGCCTTTTGGTGC
Bio_KOftsH_R	[biotin]CCTAAAGGCAAGGACATTCTT
Pro_KOhmw2_R	G*T*C*A*GCTTGGTACTGCCTT
Bio_KOhmw2_F	[biotin]CGCCATCTTTTCGATGCGC
<i>Construction of N- and C-terminal FLAG variants</i>	
p_P438_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATTAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATG
p_FLAG_Ct_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTATTTGTCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTC
p_P438FLAG_F	ACGGTATCGATAAGCTTGATTAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGG
FLAG_MPN152_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAAATTTAAGTACGGCGCTATT
p_MPN152_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTATCCATCACGGAAACGA
P438_MPN152_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGAAATTTAAGTACGGCGCT
FLAG_MPN152_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCTCCATCACGGAAACGACC
FLAG_MPN207a_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAACGAAAAGGTTGTATACGCATG
p_MPN207a_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTACTTAAACATTGAGGGAATG
P438_MPN207a_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGCAAAAAGGTTGTATACGC
FLAG_MPN207a_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCTTAAACATTGAGGGAATGGA
FLAG_MPN224_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAAATCCTAGTGTAGTAGCAG
p_MPN224_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAAGCTTCCGGCACTGC
P438_MPN224_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGAATCCTAGTGTAGTAGC
FLAG_MPN224_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTACAGTTCGGCACTGCTTC
FLAG_MPN308_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAAACAACAAAAACCCAAAAATTAG
p_MPN308_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTAAACCGTTAATGGTGGAGT
P438_MPN308_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGAAACAACAAAAACCCAAA
FLAG_MPN308_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTACCGTTAATGGTGGAGT
FLAG_MPN449_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAACCTTTAGCGATCTTTTAACCA
p_MPN449_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTACCCAAAAACAGCTGGGG
P438_MPN449_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGACTTTTACGGATCTTTTAAC
FLAG_MPN449_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCCCAAAAAACAGCTGGGGT
FLAG_MPN527_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAATGGTGCAAGAATAGCTTT
p_MPN527_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTAAATAGACAATCTGCGCTTTC
P438_MPN527_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGAATGGTGCAAGAATAGC
FLAG_MPN527_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCATAGACAATCTGCGCTTTC

**Appendix Table S3.** Primers used in this study (cont.).

<b>Primer name</b>	<b>Sequence (5' to 3')<sup>a</sup></b>
<i>Construction of N- and C-terminal FLAG variants (cont.)</i>	
FLAG_MPN201_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAAGAGATTA <u>AAAACTTACAAAATCA</u>
p_MPN201_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAATTTCTTATTTTTGAACTCAATTA <u>AAATAAGAAG</u>
P438_MPN201_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGGAGATTA <u>AAAACTTACAAAATC</u>
FLAG_MPN201_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCATTTCTTATTTTTGAACTCAATT
FLAG_MPN304_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAAAGTACAACATCAACGTTCA <u>T</u>
p_MPN304_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAAAACATTAATGGCAGCTTC
P438_MPN304_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGAAGTACAACATCAACGTT <u>C</u>
FLAG_MPN304_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCAAAACATTAATGGCAGCTTCG
FLAG_MPN316_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAATATAACCTCA <u>AAAAACATCTACG</u>
p_MPN316_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTACTTTATTAGTTTTTGCACTA
P438_MPN316_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGTATAACCTCA <u>AAAAACATCTAC</u>
FLAG_MPN316_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCTTTATTAGTTTTTGCACTAACT
FLAG_MPN317_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAAGATTGAATACA <u>AAACAGCAGG</u>
p_MPN317_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAATAATTAATCCGGTTTGC
P438_MPN317_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGGATTGAATACA <u>AAACAGCA</u>
FLAG_MPN317_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCATAATTAATCCGGTTTGTCTG
FLAG_MPN525_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAACAGCCGA <u>AACTATTACCGTG</u>
p_MPN525_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTAGCGTTTGTGTTTTCCATT
P438_MPN525_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGCAGCCGA <u>AACTATTACC</u>
FLAG_MPN525_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCGCGTTTGTGTTTTCCATTTC
FLAG_MPN638_F	AATAAAGTATGGACTACAAGGACGATGATGACAAAACCTCAA <u>AAATTAAGCTTAACA</u>
p_MPN638_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTAAGATAGTGTGGGAACAATTTG <u>CCCCAA</u>
P438_MPN638_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGACTCCTAAATTA <u>AGCTTAA</u>
FLAG_MPN638_R	TCATCATCGTCCTTGTAGTCAGATAGTGTGGGAACAATTTG
<i>Construction of N- and C-terminal FLAG variants with mutated degrons</i>	
MPN201_Ct638_R	TTGGGAACAATTTGCCAATAAGTTATCGCGAATACTATCCAATTGCTTTTACGCA
MPN201mut2_F	<i>GGCAAAACTGACAAAGGCAAAGATGGCTGTGATGGCACACGCGGTAGAGTTATC</i>
P438_MPN201mut2_F	TAGTATTTAGAATTAATAAAGTATGGAGGGCAA <u>AACTGACAAAGGC</u>
MPN201mut3_R	CGAGCCATCAGGGCCA <u>7CTCCTGGATCTTTTTAATGTC</u>
MPN201mut3_F	GAGATGGCCCTGATGGCTCGGCAGCTACTAATAACGA
MPN201mut4_R	TACCATCTTACCATCGCCGTCACCCAGAATTTATTCCGACCAAACT
MPN201mut4_F	CGGCGATGGTGAAGATGGTACTGATACAGCTGACGGTTATGG
MPN304mut1_R	ATATCCCCATCTATCCCGTCCCTCAATTGTGCCCATGT
MPN304mut1_F	GACGGGATAGATGGGGATATGACCAACAACAG
MPN304mut2_R	AAACATTAATGGCAGCTTCGGTTGTCCGTTCCCGTCACC <u>GTCTCCGTCCTGTTG</u>
p_MPN304mut3_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAATCCCGTCTGGGTCTTCGGTTGTC <u>CCGTTG</u>
MPN316mut1_R	CITTATTAGTTTTTGCACTAACTTATTAATGTGCGTGTGATCCTTGC <u>ATCGCCATCCGACT</u> TTTTAAACTGC
MPN316mut2_R	GCCATCTTTTTGGCCATCCTTATTAATGTGCGTGTGAC
p_MPN316mut2_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTACTTTGCCATCTTTTTGGCCATCC
p_MPN316_L413D_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTACTTTATTAGTTTTTGCACTCCTTATTAATGT
p_MPN316_V414G_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTACTTTATTAGTTTTTTGGCCTAACTTATTAATGT
p_MPN316_L417D_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTACTTTATAATCTTTTTTGCACTAACTTATTAATGT
p_MPN316_I418G_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATTTACTTTGCTAGTTTTTTGCACTAACTTATTAATGT
MPN317mut1_R	CTAATAATTAATCCGGTTTGTGTTGGCCTCTTTGCCATCTTTGCCATCTCCTTTAAATC
p_MPN317mut2_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAGCCATTAATCCTCGGTTTGTGTTT
p_MPN317_F378D_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAATAATTAATCCTCGGTTTGTGTTT
p_MPN317_Y380G_R	TCTAAATACTAGAATTCGATCTAGCCATTAATAATCCGGTTTGTGTTT
MPN525mut1_F	CTGATGACGGCAATGACGGTTTAAACCGT
MPN525mut1_R	ACGGTTTAAACCGTCATGCCGTCATCAG
MPN525_V391G_F	CTGATGACGGCAATTACTTTTTAAACCGT
MPN525_V391G_R	ACGGTTTAAAAAGTAATTGCCGTCATCAG
MPN525_Y393D_F	CTGATGACGTCATGACTTTTTAAACCGT
MPN525_Y393D_R	ACGGTTTAAAAAGTCATGACGTCATCAG
MPN525_F394G_F	CTGATGACGTCATTAACGGTTTAAACCGT
MPN525_F394G_R	ACGGTTTAAACCGTAATTGACGTCATCAG
MPN638_Ct201_R	TTGAACTCAATTAATAAGAAGTCTGATAGTAGATTAAGACTTAGCTTCTTC

<sup>a</sup> The underlined sequences indicate the priming sequences. Depending on the primer, the remaining sequence of the primer was designed to introduce promoter and terminator sequences, mutations (in italic bases) or overlapping sequences for Gibson assembly.