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#### **Supplementary Methods**

#### **Construction of the** *whiB7* **and complemented Mtb strains**

*The Mtb* Δ*whiB7* strain was constructed by allelic exchange using a RecET-mediated recombineering approach as previously described<sup>1</sup>. Deletion of *whiB7* was confirmed by PCR and whole-genome sequencing (BGI). The Δ*whiB7* strain was complemented by reintroducing a wild-type copy of *whiB7* expressed from its native promoter integrated at *attL5*. Plasmid sequences and maps can be found in **Supplementary Table 2**.

### **Antimicrobial compounds**

All compounds used in this study **(Supplementary Table 4)** were purchased from commercial manufacturers with the exception of GSK3011724A, which was synthesized at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Organic Synthesis core as described in<sup>2</sup>.

## **NGS data processing, analysis, and hit calling**

Sequencing counts were obtained in the manner described by<sup>3</sup>. Counts were normalized for sequencing depth and an sgRNA limit of detection (LOD) cut-off was set at 100 counts in the DMSO condition. Only sgRNAs that made the LOD cut-off (i.e. counts > 100) were analyzed further. Replicate screens were quality controlled to ensure that the Pearson correlation was >0.95 for both the non-targeting sgRNA sets and essential-gene targeting sgRNA<sup>3</sup> sets between each replicate screen. sgRNA counts were analyzed using MAGeCK (version 0.5.9.2) in python (version 2.7.16)<sup>4</sup> comparing each drug treatment condition to the matched vehicle control (DMSO) sample. Gene-level log2 fold change (L2FC) was calculated using the 'alphamedian' approach specified with the 'gene-lfc-method' parameter, which estimates the gene-level L2FC as the median of sgRNAs that are ranked above the default cut off in the Robust Rank Aggregation used by MAGeCK.

Negative control sgRNAs were used to calculate the null distribution and to normalize counts using the '- control-sgrna' and '–normalization control' parameters, respectively. MAGeCK gene summary output results can be found in **Source Data 1.**

Unless otherwise specified, a gene was determined to be a hit in a given condition if it had a false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.01 and a log2 fold change (L2FC) < -1 in negative selection or L2FC > 1 in positive selection.

## **Clustered heatmap**

L2FC values from the MAGeCK output (**Source Data 1**) were used for the generation of a clustered heatmap. Genes were clustered based on Euclidean distance using the Ward clustering criterion. Only genes that hit (FDR < 0.01; n=676 genes) in two or more conditions are included in the heatmap. A condition is defined as any single drug concentration screen (e.g. rifampicin "High"). A gene's L2FC was only represented in the heatmap if the FDR was below 0.01 in the specific treatment condition; genes not meeting this significance threshold are shown as white in the relevant treatment condition. Treatment conditions were clustered based on Pearson correlation using the Ward criterion. Clustering was done using the package hclust and the heatmap was generated using the heatmap.2 function from the package gplots (R version 4.0.5).

## **RNA-seq cDNA library construction and deep sequencing**

Triplicate cultures were grown to mid-log phase in 7H9 and diluted back to  $OD_{600}=0.2$  in 7H9 in the presence or the absence of ATc (100 ng/mL). Cultures were incubated for 48 hours, after which total RNA was extracted as described in "Total RNA extraction and qRT-PCR." Following RNA cleanup (Zymo Research R1017), 2 µg total RNA for each sample was depleted for rRNA using a Ribominus Transcriptome Isolation Kit (Invitrogen K155003). Following rRNA depletion, RNA was concentrated using an RNA Clean and Concentration-5 kit (Zymo Research R1013). RNA quality was then confirmed by Bioanlayzer (Agilent RNA 6000 Pico 5067-1513).

We used the NEB Next Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep Kit (NEB E7760 and E7765) to prepare cDNA libraries following manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, 150 ng of rRNA-depleted RNA was subjected to fragmentation by incubating samples at 94°C for 20 min, followed by first strand cDNA synthesis (10 minutes at 25°C, 50 minutes at 42°C, 15 minutes at 70°C, hold at 4°C). Second-strand synthesis was performed at 16°C for 1.5 hours. DNA purification was performed with AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter A63881). End repair was performed for 30 minutes at 20°C, followed by 30 minutes at 65°C. Repaired dsDNA was adaptor ligated (15 minutes at 37°C) and purified with AMPure XP beads. Eluted DNA was amplified by PCR using NGS primers supplied with the kit (NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina, Index Primers Set 1 and 2, E7335S, E7500S) for 12 cycles of amplification. Amplicons were purified with AMPure XP beads, quantified by Qubit dsDNA HS Assay kit (TheromoFisher Scientific Q32851), and quality controlled by BioAnalzer (Agilent DNA 1000 5067-1504). RNAseq libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 (mid-output, 75 bp pairedend reads).

#### **Processing and analysis of RNA-seq data**

Raw FASTQ files were aligned to the H37Rv genome (NC 018143.2) using Rsubread (version 2.0.1)<sup>5</sup> with default settings. Transcript abundances were calculated by processing the resulting BAM files with the summarizeOverlaps function of the R package GenomicAlignments (version 1.22.1)<sup>6</sup>. Overlaps were calculated in the "Union" mode, ensuring reads were counted only if they overlap a portion of a single gene/feature. 16S, 23S, and 5S rRNA features (RVBD6018, 6019, and 6020, respectively) were manually removed from the count data to prevent confounding downstream differential gene expression analysis. Differential expression analysis was conducting using DESeq2 (version 1.30.1)<sup>7</sup> with default parameters.

#### **Cell wall permeability assay**

Cell envelope permeability was determined using the ethidium bromide (EtBr) uptake assay as previously described<sup>8</sup>. Briefly, mid-log-phase Mtb cultures were washed once in PBS + 0.05% Tween-80 and adjusted to  $OD_{600}=0.8$  in PBS supplemented with 0.4% glucose. 100  $\mu$ L of bacterial suspension was added to a black 96well clear-bottomed plate (Costar). After this, 100  $\mu$ L of 2  $\mu$ g/mL EtBr in PBS supplemented with 0.4% glucose was added to each well. EtBr fluorescence was measured (excitation: 530 nm/emission: 590 nm) at 1 min intervals over a course of 60 min. Experiments were performed in technical triplicate.

A similar assay was performed to determine envelope permeability to a fluorescent vancomycin analogue, except that: (1) the bacterial suspension was adjusted at  $OD_{600}=0.4$  in PBS supplemented with 0.4% glucose; (2) cells were incubated with 2 μg/mL BODIPY FL Vancomycin (Thermo Scientific V34850); (3) 200 μL sample aliquots were taken at different time points, washed twice with PBS, resuspended in 200 μL PBS; and (4) fluorescence was measured (excitation: 485 nm/emission: 538 nm) and normalized to the  $OD_{600}$  of the final bacterial suspension.

#### **Whole genome sequencing data aggregation, alignment, SNP calling and annotation**

FASTQ data were downloaded from NCBI using the SRA Toolkit (version 2.9.6). A list of accession numbers of all analyzed FASTQ files is provided in **Source Data 4**. FASTQ reads were aligned to the H37Rv genome  $(NC\_018143.2)$  and SNPs were called and annotated using Snippy<sup>9</sup> (version 3.2-dev) using default parameters (minimum mapping quality of 60 in BWA, SAMtools base quality threshold of 20, minimum coverage of 10, minimum proportion of reads that differ from reference of 0.9). Mapping quality and coverage was further assessed using QualiMap with the default parameters (version 2.2.2-dev)<sup>10</sup>. Samples with a mean coverage < 30, mean mapping quality  $\leq$  45, or GC content  $\leq$  50% or  $\geq$  70% were excluded. Spoligotypes were assigned using SpoTyping (version 2.1)<sup>11</sup>. Drug resistance conferring SNPs were annotated using Mykrobe  $v0.9.012$ .

Phylogenetic trees were built using FastTree (version 2.1.11 SSE3)<sup>13</sup>. A list of SNPs in essential genes was concatenated to build phylogenetic trees. Indels, drug resistance-conferring SNPs, and SNPs in repetitive regions of the genome (PE/PPE genes, transposases and prophage genes) were excluded. Tree visualization was performed in iTol [\(https://itol.embl.de/\)](https://itol.embl.de/).

#### **Sublineage identification**

Mtb sublineages were assigned to each sample using a set of lineage identifying SNPs. Lineage identifying SNPs from<sup>14,15</sup> were combined and then reduced to a subset of synonymous SNPs occurring in essential genes. For each sample, the percentage of lineage identifying SNPs present was calculated for each possible sublineage. A threshold of 67% was set as the minimum percentage of sublineage identifying SNPs required in order to define a sublineage. For each sample, all sublineages meeting this threshold were then evaluated to determine if they formed a continuous line of descent from the highest sublineage to the lowest (e.g. lineage1  $\rightarrow$  lineage1.2  $\rightarrow$  lineage1.2.1  $\rightarrow$  lineage1.2.1.1). Samples with a continuous line of descent were assigned the most specific sublineage (e.g. lineage1.2.1.1). If the set of sublineages included other sublineages that did not fit within the line of descent, the sublineage call was marked as "not confident" and considered as an undetermined sublineage.

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# **Supplementary Tables**





#### **Plasmids used in this work**





#### **sgRNAs used in this work**



# **qPCR primers used in this work**



#### **Other primers used in this work**



# **Supplementary Table 3:** Additional acquired drug sensitivity candidate genes



# **Supplementary Table 4:** Antimicrobial compounds used in this study

