

Supplementary Information to

***Mycobacterium tuberculosis* β -lactamase variant reduces sensitivity to ampicillin/avibactam in a zebrafish-*Mycobacterium marinum* model of tuberculosis**

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Table S1. Primer pairs used for RT-qPCR. Technical replicates were performed using a different primer pairs per reaction.

Primer pair	Forward primer	Reverse primer
Mtb <i>blaC</i> - 1	CCACCGCAGCAATTGAATATCGTG	TCAGTTTATCCAGATGGGTCAGCG
Mtb <i>blaC</i> - 2	GTTATCTGCGTAGCCTGGGTGATAC	TGCATTACCCAGAACCAGCTGC
<i>sigA</i> (MMAR_2011) - 1	AACAACAGGTCAAGCCGACGAC	ATCGTCAGCGGTGTCCAGATTG
<i>sigA</i> (MMAR_2011) - 2	TCTCTACGCGACACAGCTGATG	GTTGGCTTCCAGCAGGTGGTTT
<i>rrs</i> (MMAR_5519) - 1	TACGGGCAGACTAGAGTACTGCAG	CTTTCGCTCCTCAGCGTCAGTTAC
<i>rrs</i> (MMAR_5519) - 2	GCGCAACCCTTGTCTCATGTTG	TGTACCGGCCATTGTAGCATGTG

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B

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 EAATCVAGVL ALE

Figure S1. DNA and amino acid sequences of Mtb BlaC in Mmar. (A) The Mtb *blaC* gene is preceded by 140 bp of the upstream flanking region of Mmar *blaC* (shaded) and the sequence coding for the Mmar *blaC* signal peptide (underlined, locus MMAR_3050). (B) Residues 28-291 are numbered according to the Ambler notation¹ (BlaC misses residue 58, 84, 85, 239, and 253 and has 6 additional residues: 145A, B, C, D, 269A, and B; this corresponds to residue numbers 43-307 of Mtb BlaC Uniprot entry P9WKD3-1. The last two residues (L and E) are remnant of cloning. Residues of the Mmar signal peptide are underlined (residues 0-46 of Uniprot entry B2HFS3).

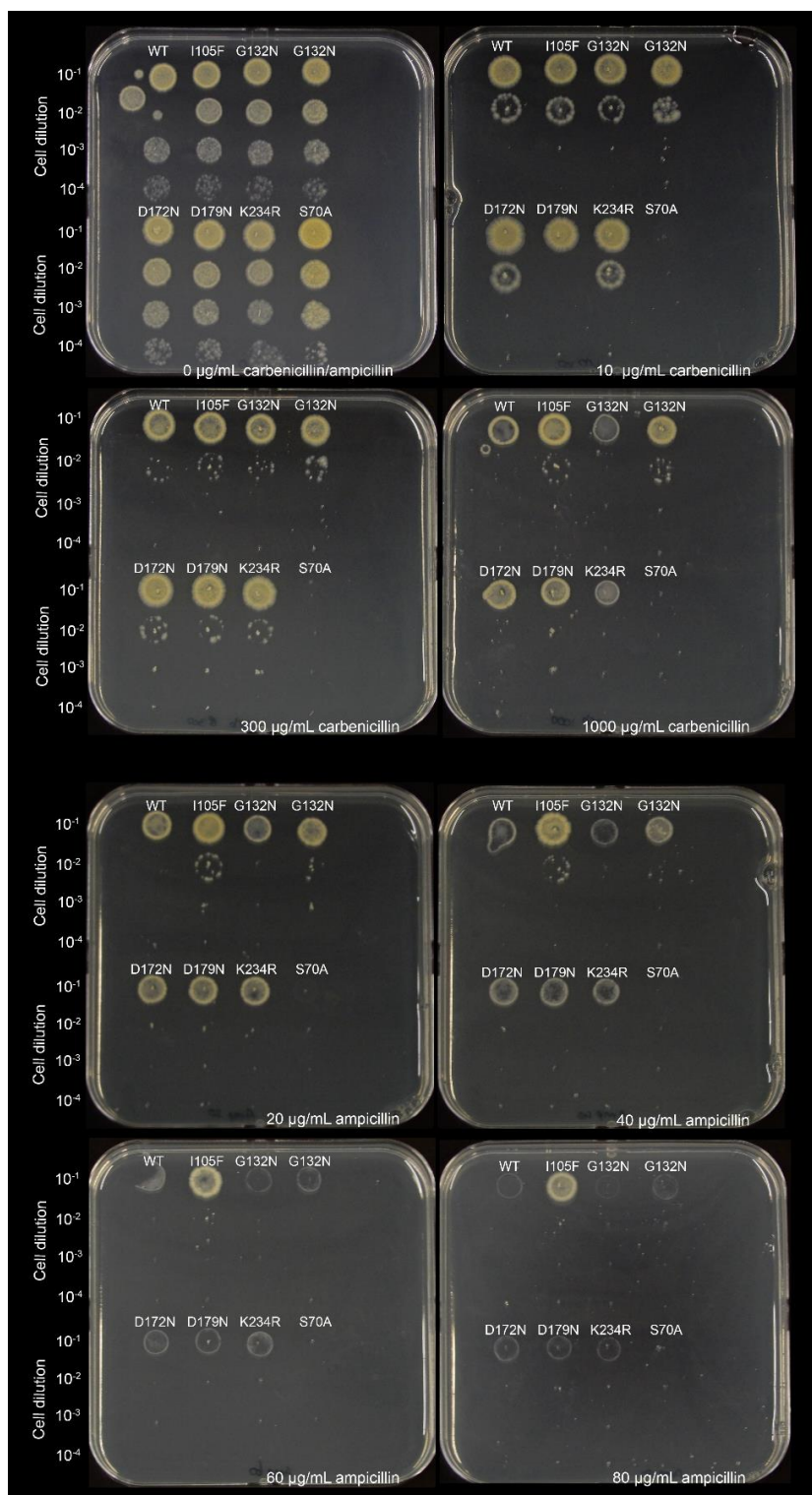


Figure S2. Activity of Mtb BlaC variants produced in Mmar. Cultures of Mmar chromosomally expressing wild type BlaC or variants S70A (negative control), I105F, G132N, G132S, D172N, D179N, and K234R were incubated for 8 days at 30 °C on plates containing indicated concentrations of carbenicillin and ampicillin.

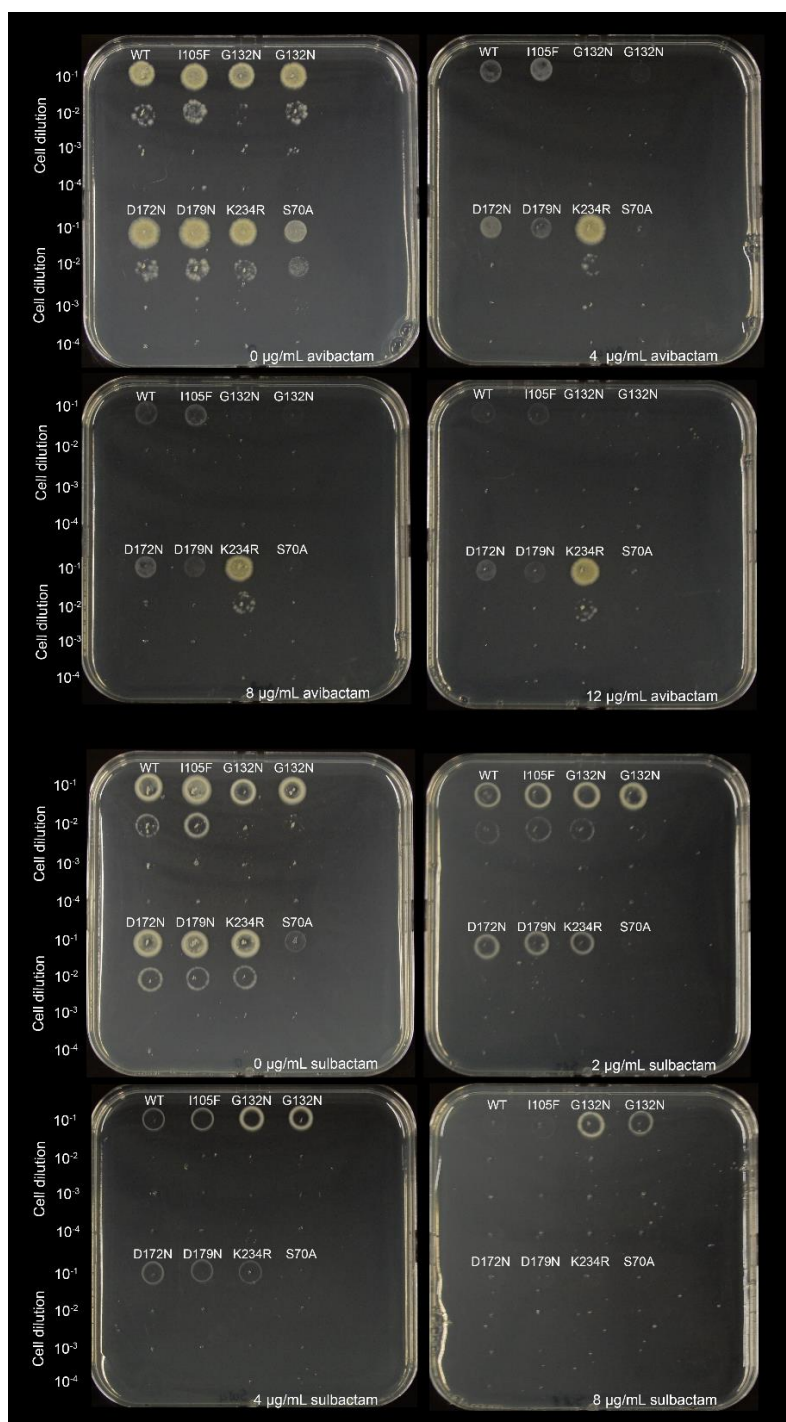


Figure S3. Activity of Mtb BlaC variants produced in Mmar. Cultures of Mmar chromosomally expressing wild type BlaC or variants S70A (negative control), I105F, G132N, G132S, D172N, D179N, and K234R were incubated for 8 days at 30 °C on plates containing indicated concentrations of avibactam and sulbactam in the presence of 15 µg mL⁻¹ ampicillin.

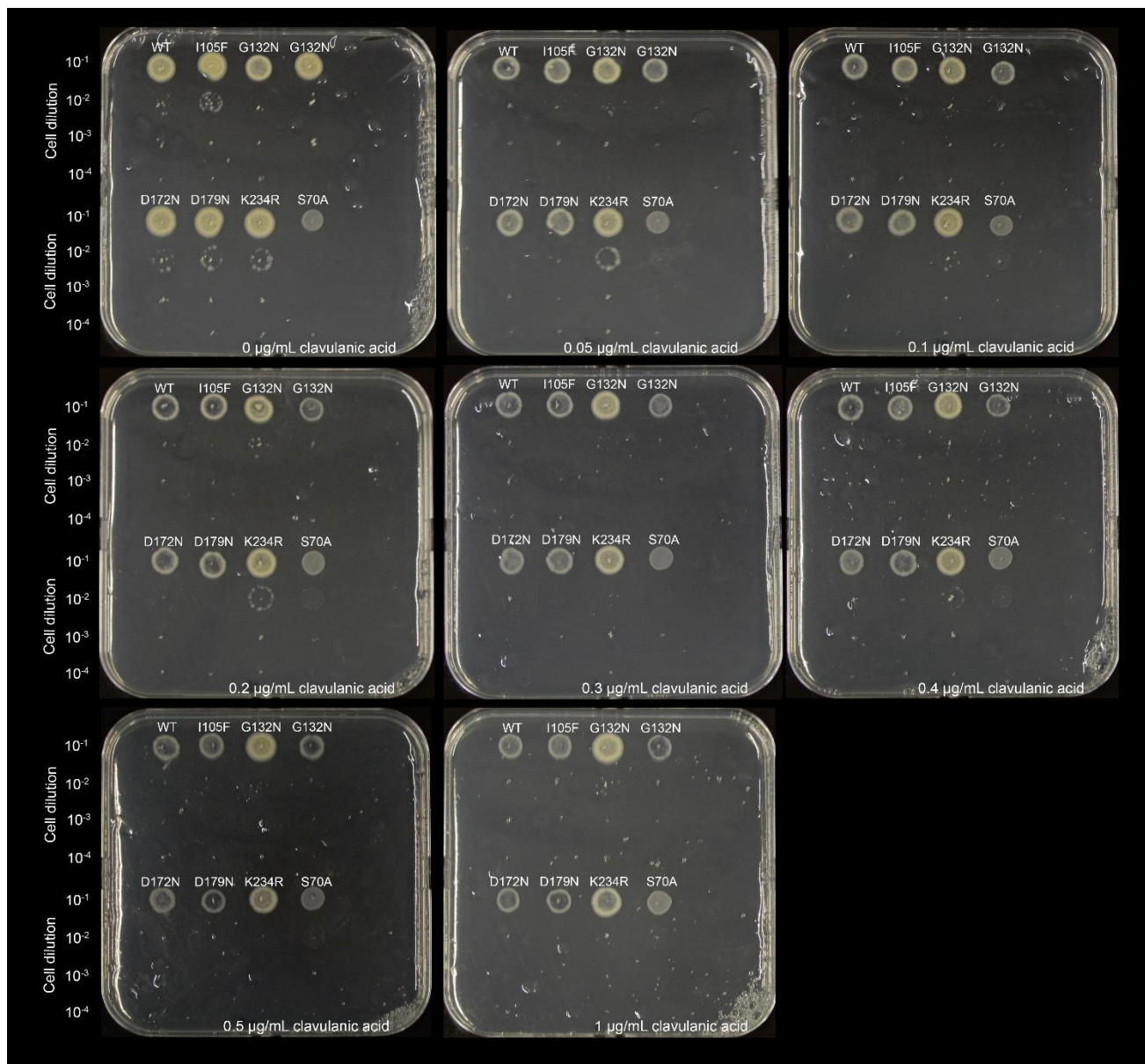


Figure S4. Activity of Mtb BlaC variants produced in Mmar. Cultures of Mmar chromosomally expressing wild type BlaC or variants S70A (negative control), I105F, G132N, G132S, D172N, D179N, and K234R were incubated for 8 days at 30 °C on plates containing indicated concentrations of clavulanic acid in the presence of 15 µg mL⁻¹ ampicillin.

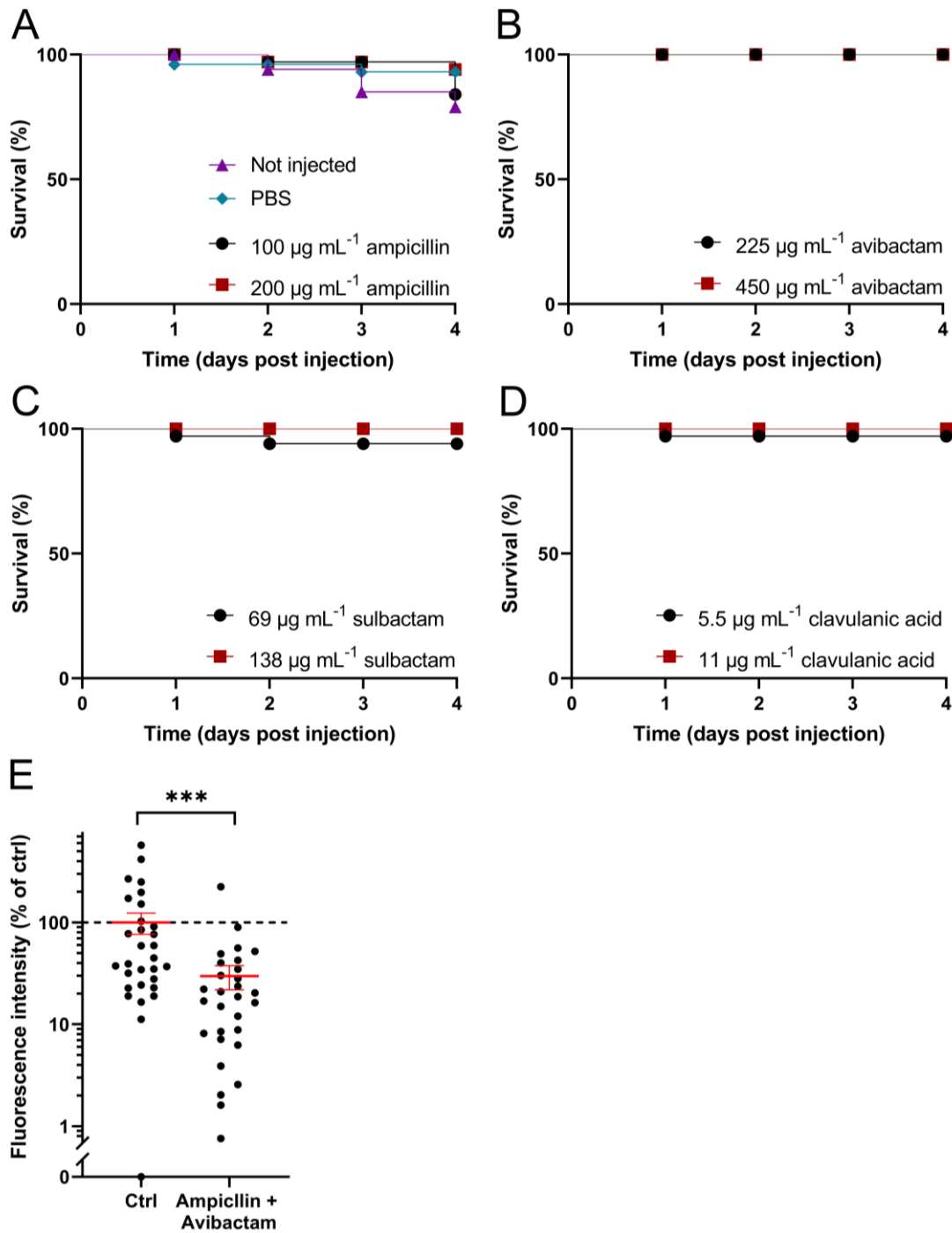


Figure S5. Effect of treatment by injection with ampicillin and/or inhibitors on zebrafish embryos. (A-D) Survival rates of embryos (A) not injected ($n=34$) or injected at 1dpf with 1 nL of either PBS ($n=28$), or ampicillin in PBS (29 mg mL^{-1} , $n=32$ or 58 mg mL^{-1} , $n=33$), (B) avibactam in PBS (65 mg mL^{-1} , $n=31$ or 131 mg mL^{-1} , $n=29$), (C) sulbactam in PBS (20 mg mL^{-1} , $n=35$ or 40 mg mL^{-1} , $n=23$), (D) clavulanic acid in PBS (1.6 mg mL^{-1} , $n=29$), (E) fluorescence intensity of embryos injected with ampicillin and avibactam compared to control.

mL^{-1} or 3.2 mg mL^{-1} , both $n=31$). The injected concentrations were calculated to reach the desired concentrations of 100 or $200 \text{ }\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ampicillin, 5.5 or $11 \text{ }\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ clavulanic acid, 69 or $138 \text{ }\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ sulbactam, or 225 or $450 \text{ }\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ avibactam in the embryo. (E) Bacterial load of wild type Mmar represented by fluorescence intensity after being given the indicated treatment 1dpi. Larvae were injected with 1 nL of 29 mg mL^{-1} ampicillin and 22 mg mL^{-1} avibactam in PBS (estimated concentration $100 \text{ }\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ampicillin and $75 \text{ }\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ avibactam in the embryo, $n=29$) or PBS only (ctrl, $n=30$) at 4 dpi. Mood's median test was used to compare the treatment group with the control: *** = $p < 0.001$.

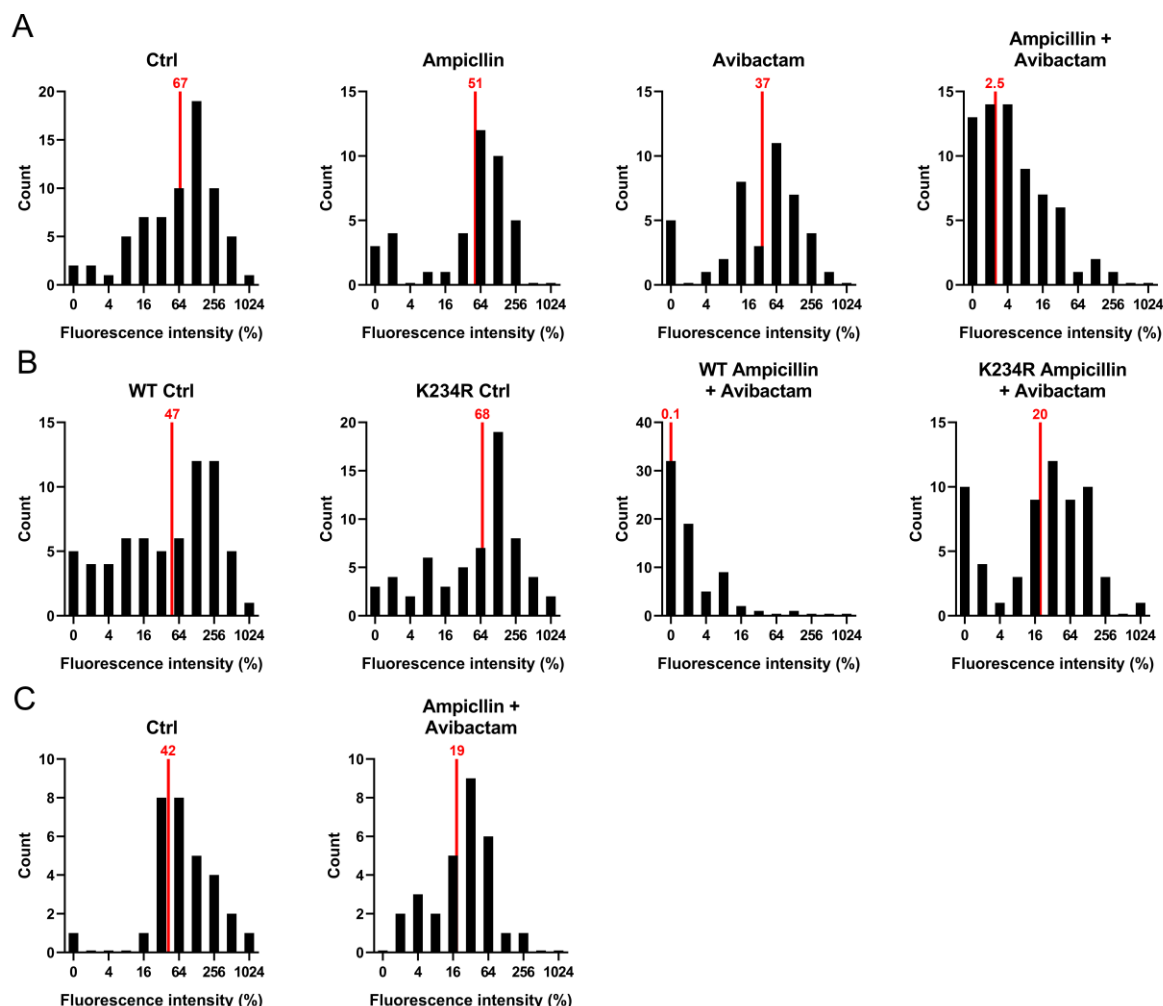


Figure S6. Distribution of fluorescence intensity for the Mmar infection datasets. (A) Number of larvae infected with Mmar producing wild type Mtb BlaC after been given the indicated treatment 1dpi (Figure 2b). Larvae were injected with 1 nL of 29 mg mL⁻¹ ampicillin in PBS (estimated concentration 100 µg mL⁻¹ in the embryo, n=39), 65 mg mL⁻¹ avibactam in PBS (225 µg mL⁻¹, n=43), ampicillin and avibactam in PBS (same concentrations, n=67) or PBS only (ctrl, n=69). Data for the groups treated with both ampicillin and avibactam or the control were accumulated in three, and the groups treated with only ampicillin or avibactam in two independent experiments. (B) Number of larvae infected with Mmar producing either wild type or K234R Mtb BlaC after been given the indicated treatment 1dpi (Figure 2c). Larvae were injected with 1 nL of 29 mg mL⁻¹ ampicillin and 22 mg mL⁻¹ avibactam in PBS (estimated concentration 100 µg mL⁻¹ ampicillin and 75 µg mL⁻¹ avibactam in the embryo, n=69 for WT and n=62 for K234R) or PBS only (ctrl, n=66 for WT and n=63 for K234R). Data were accumulated in three independent experiments. (C) Number of larvae infected with wild type Mmar after being given the indicated treatment 1dpi (Figure S5e). Larvae were injected with 1 nL of 29 mg mL⁻¹ ampicillin and 22 mg mL⁻¹ avibactam in PBS (estimated

concentration $100\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ampicillin and $75\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ avibactam in the embryo, $n=29$) or PBS only (ctrl, $n=30$) at 4 dpi. Data were normalized by setting the mean of the control to 100%. The bin ranges are 0%, 0.01% - 2%, 2.01% - 4%, 4.01% - 8%, 8.01% - 16%, etc., with the maximum values as labels below the x-axis. Medians are shown in red.

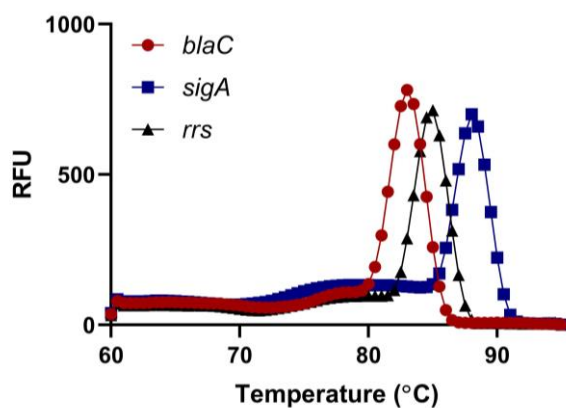


Figure S7. Melting curves of RT-qPCR amplicons of Mtb *blaC*, *sigA*, and *rrs* expressed in Mmar (Figure 1a).

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