Supplementary Materials

Figure S1. AGS infection with *H. pylori* wild type or the isogenic HpΔggt mutant induced to a similar extent the phosphorylation of AMPK and downstream targets of mTOR. Time course of ULK1 Ser 757 (A), p70S6K Thr 389 (A), S6 Ser 235/236 (A) and AMPK Thr 172 (B) phosphorylation in response to 6 h of infection with wild type *H. pylori* (HpWT) or the isogenic HpΔggt mutant was evaluated by western blotting. These blots are representative of three independent experiments.

Figure S2. Loss of HpGGT did not affect *H. pylori* adherence in gastric cells. AGS and GES-1 cells were infected with *H. pylori* wild type (HpWT) and the isogenic mutants HpΔggt and HpΔvacA (MOI 100) for 6 h. After infection, non-adherent bacteria (cells treated with gentamicin 200 µg/mL for 1 h) and adherent bacteria were washed five times with PBS and lysed using saponin 0.1% for 15 min at 37 °C. Serial dilutions of the lysates were plated on blood agar, and adherent bacteria were counted as CFU in (A) AGS and (B) GES-1 cells. These data represent the mean (+SEM) of at least three independent experiments.