

**Table 2S. Primers for reverse-transcription (RT) PCR**

Primer name	Sequences (from 5' to 3')	Features
P67	GTGCCCATCACGAACACCGT TGATCACCGAGACCGAACGC	used for validating co-transcription of <i>cmdABCDEF</i> genes
P78	GTAGAGCTGGAAGGGGTCGT GAGAAGACCAACGACGACGC	used for validating co-transcription of <i>cmdABCDEF</i> genes
P89	CGGTAGAACGTGCGGTGGTT ATCAGAACCCACAGCAGCCG	used for validating co-transcription of <i>cmdABCDEF</i> genes
P90	CCTTCGCTCGTTTCGAGTA AGAACGGCAAGGCCCTAAG	used for validating co-transcription of <i>cmdABCDEF</i> genes
P01	CGAGGTCTTCGGCTTGTTGC GACCGGCGTGTTTCATCATCG	used for validating co-transcription of <i>cmdABCDEF</i> genes
PcmdB	GTTGCCGTTGACGTCCCAGA TATGCCCAGAAGGCCGACGA	used to detect transcription level of <i>cmdB</i> gene
Pact	CTCATCGAGGAGTTGTGGGC AGTTTGGCGTGCAGGGTCTC	used to detect transcription level of <i>actII-orf4</i>
P16S	TGCCAGCAGCCGCGGTAATA GACTGCAGACCCGGGGTTAA	used to detect transcription level of <i>16S rRNA</i> gene