

## Supplementary material

Table S1. Primers used in this study.

Primer name	Primer sequence <sup>a</sup>	Description
glpK-D-For	GCGGTCGTTATGGATCATGACGCGAATATCGTCAGCGTATCA CAGCGTGAC <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>glpK</i> mutation
glpK-D-Rev	CTCTTCCCACGCCATTGCGCGTTTAACCGCTTTCTTCCAGCC GCTGTAAC <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>glpK</i> mutation
aceA-D-For	TCGAAGAATTACAGAAAGAGTGGACACAACCGCGCTGGGAAG GCATCACCT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>aceA</i> mutation
aceA-D-Rev	TGGTGGTGACTTTGTGCAAGTAACCAGTACCCACTTCTTGCT GGTGGGAAC <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>aceA</i> mutation
hisD-D-For	CAATACCCTGATTGACTGGAACAGCTGTAGCCCTGAACAGCA GCGTGCGCT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>hisD</i> mutation
hisD-D-Rev	TATGGGCGGTGACACGTTCTGCCGCCCAATGTTTCAATGG TTGATGCC <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>hisD</i> mutation
gltD-D-For	GACCTGCAGCGCGTTGATCCGCCGAAGAAACCGCTGAAGATC CGTAAGAT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>gltD</i> mutation
gltD-D-Rev	GTAGTTTCATAATCCCGTCAGCCGCCTTACGGCCTTCGGCAAT CGCCGTC <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>gltD</i> mutation
rpoE-D-For	CCTGGTTGAACGGGTCCAGAAGGGAGATCAGAAAGCCTTTAA CTTACTGG <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>rpoE</i> mutation
rpoE-D-Rev	GAACCTTTATTATCAATAGCTTCCCAGCCCGGAAGATACGTG AACGCACCT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>rpoE</i> mutation
ddg-D-For	TACTGGCTGACGTGGTTTTGGCGTTGGCATCCTCTGGTTACTG GTGCAGCT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>ddg</i> mutation
ddg-D-Rev	CTTCCCCAACGGGCGAGTCTTGAAACGGCGATGGATCCAGA GATATTGCC <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>ddg</i> mutation
nifU-D-For	CGATCACTATGAGAACCCGCGTAACGTAGGGTCGTTTGACAA CAACGACG <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>nifU</i> mutation
nifU-D-Rev	AATCCGCAATAGCGCTTTAATCGCGTCTTCCGCCAGAATAG AGCAGTGAT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>nifU</i> mutation
kdpA-D-For	AGGGCAGGAATAAATGTCAGCGCGCCGACCAGCAGTACCGTG CCGATGAG <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>kdpA</i> mutation
kdpA-D-Rev	GTTATCTGGTCTATGCCCTGATTAATGCGGAGGCGTTCTGAT GGCCGCGCT <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>kdpA</i> mutation
kdpE-D-For	AATTCGGTTTTCGGTAATAAAATGGCGTGGGCGGGTGGGATC TTGTTCCA <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>kdpE</i> mutation
kdpE-D-Rev	TGAAGATGAACAGGCCATCCGCCGCTTTCTGCGCGCCGCGCT GGAAGGCG <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>kdpE</i> mutation
fnr-D-For	GAGCAGACCTATGATCCCGGAAAAGCGAATTATACGGCGCAT TCAGTCTG <b>TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>fnr</i> mutation
fnrA-D-Rev	CCGGCGAGGGCCGCCAGCGCATCGCTGTTTTCAATAGTAATA TACTTACC <b>CATATGAATATCCTCCTTAG</b>	Generation of $\Delta$ <i>fnr</i> mutation
glpK-For	ATACCTGCGTCGTGGAAGAG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>glpK</i> mutation

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glpK-Rev	GGGGAAGGAGGGAATAATTG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>glpK</i> mutation
aceA-For	TCTGCACATGAAAACCCGTA	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>aceA</i> mutation
aceA-Rev	TATCCGGCCTACGCTATCTG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>aceA</i> mutation
hisD-For	GGCCTACGTAATGCGTTGAT	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>hisD</i> mutation
hisD-Rev	GTACCAGGTTGCGGACATTT	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>hisD</i> mutation
gltD-For	AGGCGCAGTAAGGAATTGAA	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>gltD</i> mutation
gltD-Rev	CGGCAGGAGAGATATTGAGG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>gltD</i> mutation
rpoE-For	CTTGCTCATAGTGCGGCTTA	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>rpoE</i> mutation
rpoE-Rev	CATCCATCAAAGCGGAAAGT	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>rpoE</i> mutation
ddg-For	CGCTGCGGATAATGACTCTT	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>ddg</i> mutation
ddg-Rev	GCGGCCTTTTTTCAGATGTAG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>ddg</i> mutation
nifU-For	AGCAGGGTGTGGATCTGAAC	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>nifU</i> mutation
nifU-Rev	GGTATTAACCTCGCGCTGCTG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>nifU</i> mutation
kdpA-For	GCATCCGTTAGCGCCTGTAC	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>kdpA</i> mutation
kdpA-Rev	CTGGAGGTGCTCTGTGAGTG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>kdpA</i> mutation
kdpE-For	CGACGCCGAAAATAAATGAC	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>kdpE</i> mutation
kdpE-Rev	AGGAAAGCCACCTGAACTTG	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>kdpE</i> mutation
fnr-For	TTCTCCGGGATAGCTCAGAC	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>fnr</i> mutation
fnrA-Rev	GGTGAATGAAACAGAGGAAGC	Verification of $\Delta$ <i>fnr</i> mutation
glpKRT-For	GACGAGCTGCAGGAAAAAGC	<i>glpK</i> qRT-PCR primer
glpKRT-Rev	AGTTACGCTCGGTGGTTTTCAA	<i>glpK</i> qRT-PCR primer
aceA-RT-For	TGTACCCGGCAAACCTCTGTTC	<i>aceA</i> qRT-PCR primer
aceA-RT-Rev	ATCTGATCTGCACGACGAAAAG	<i>aceA</i> qRT-PCR primer
hisD-RT-For	CGGATGACCGTTCAGGAACT	<i>hisD</i> qRT-PCR primer
hisD-RT-Rev	CCGCCAATGTTTTCAATGGTT	<i>hisD</i> qRT-PCR primer
ddg-RT-For	CGGGCTGGACAACCTTACC	<i>ddg</i> qRT-PCR primer

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ddg-RT-Rev	CATAAAATGCACGCCAACGA	<i>ddg</i> qRT-PCR primer
nifU-RT-For	AGACGCGCGCTTCAAGACT	<i>nifU</i> qRT-PCR primer
nifU-RT-Rev	CACCCACTCCGTTACCAGAGA	<i>nifU</i> qRT-PCR primer
kdpA-RT-For	TGGGACTGGGCATCCTGTT	<i>kdpA</i> qRT-PCR primer
kdpA-RT-Rev	GGTAGCCGCTGCGGATTTA	<i>kdpA</i> qRT-PCR primer
rsuA-RT-For	GGGCGTGAAATTCGTGGTAA	<i>rsuA</i> qRT-PCR primer
rsuA-RT-Rev	GCAGTTTGAAGCCGCATT	<i>rsuA</i> qRT-PCR primer

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<sup>a</sup> Bold font denotes sequences derived from pKD4 (K. A. Datsenko and B. L. Wanner, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. 97:6640-6645, 2000).