

**Table S2: oligonucleotides used in this study**

Names	Sequences <sup>1</sup> (5'→ 3')	Main use
OCB588	ACGGCGAAGATCTGTTGCAG	qPCR <i>rpoE1</i> (SMc01419)
OCB589	GGTCATGATGGTGAAGGCC	qPCR <i>rpoE1</i> (SMc01419)
OCB590	CAATGACGCCGACGATCTTG	qPCR <i>rpoE3</i> (SMc02713)
OCB591	TCGCATAGACCCAGCTTTCC	qPCR <i>rpoE3</i> (SMc02713)
OCB631	CGATCCAGATGTTCCGAAGG	Check pTH1703:: <i>PrpoE4-lacZ</i> genomic insertion
OCB637	CCGCCAGGCAAATTCTG	Check insertions in pMLBAD
OCB638	ATTAGCGGATCCTACCTG	Check insertions in pMLBAD
DT88	GAAGAGAAGGTGGAAATGGCGTTTTGG	5' RACE
DT89	CCAAAACGCCATTTCCACCTTCTCTTC	5' RACE
OCB722	<u>G</u> CATGCAATAATTCTACACAGCCCAG	Pspac
OCB723	<u>GCGGCCGCGGATCCGCGCTGGTACCCTCGCTC</u>	Pspac
OCB724	<u>CTCGAGTTTAAACTCATCTTCTCCG</u>	<i>placI</i>
OCB725	<u>GCTAGCAATTGCGTTGCGCTCACTG</u>	<i>placI</i>
OCB752	<u>GGATCCACCTATATCGTCGCGCAACG</u>	<i>rpoC</i> upstream
OCB753	<u>TCTAGATTCCGCCGCGGGATCGTTCG</u>	<i>rpoC</i> upstream
OCB755	<u>GTTTAAACGCTTCCGCCTATCAGGGCGC</u>	<i>rpoC</i> downstream
OCB758	GGCGACTACATCCTCGACGG	Check tag
OCB759	GGATAACGACAACGCACCCG	Check tag
OCB762	ATGCATGCGAAAGGGGAGGGTATCTG	<i>rpoC</i> downstream
OCB794	GTTGGAATCGCTAGTAATCGCAG	qPCR 16S rDNA
OCB796	ACCTTCGGGTAGAACCAACTC	qPCR 16S rDNA
OCB907	<u>GAATTCACCATGTCGCACGGCCCTGACGG</u>	<i>rpoE1</i> amplification
OCB908	<u>AAGCTTTCATTT</u> CGGTCTCCGACGGG	<i>rpoE1</i> amplification
OCB909	<u>GTCGACCGTGC</u> CGGTTCTGCGTTGA	<i>rpoE1</i> upstream
OCB910	<u>ATGCATGTCAGGGCCGTGC</u> GACATCCC	<i>rpoE1</i> upstream
OCB911	<u>ATGCATGCCCTGC</u> GAGACCGAAATG	<i>rpoE1</i> downstream
OCB912	<u>CCCGGGGCATAGATCAGGAAAGCCGA</u>	<i>rpoE1</i> downstream
OCB915	<u>TCTAGAGCTC</u> CACTGGCTCAAGGGGC	<i>rpoE3</i> upstream
OCB916	<u>ATGCATTGCTCTT</u> CCAGTCAAACGTG	<i>rpoE3</i> upstream
OCB919	<u>GAATTCACCATGTC</u> GGGTATCATGCGCTC	<i>rpoE4</i> amplification
OCB920	<u>AAGCTTTCATTTT</u> CGGCCTTCTCGAT	<i>rpoE4</i> amplification
OCB921	<u>GTCGACGCTCGCCATGGATCGCACCA</u>	<i>rpoE4</i> upstream and P- <i>rpoE4</i>
OCB922	<u>ATGCATGACACCCGATCAGGGCTGCA</u>	<i>rpoE4</i> upstream and P- <i>rpoE4</i>
OCB923	<u>ATGCATGCGCGGCATCGAGAAGGCCG</u>	<i>rpoE4</i> downstream
OCB924	<u>CCCGGGCGGCGTGAAGA</u> ACCTCCGA	<i>rpoE4</i> downstream
OCB935	CGGTTCTCGGTGTTGCGGCC	Check <i>rpoE1</i> deletion
OCB939	GGACCAGCCGCGCGGAAAAC	Check <i>rpoE1</i> deletion
OCB942	CCTGTGCCTGCATGTCCAGC	Check <i>rpoE4</i> deletion
OCB943	CAGGCTCAGCCGACAGCCGG	Check <i>rpoE4</i> deletion
OCB950	ATTCGATCGTTGAGCGAAAG	qPCR SMc01418
OCB951	CGGTAACGTCACCCATCTTC	qPCR SMc01418
OCB960	GACCGATCGTTCCTTGGATAG	P-SMc01418- <i>rpoE1</i>
OCB961	GGGTTTCTCTCAAGATGTC	P-SMc01418- <i>rpoE1</i>

OCB964	TGATCTATGCCAGCGAAGTG	qPCR SMc01420
OCB965	AAAGATCGGGGATTTTCAGC	qPCR SMc01420
OCB966	AGGATACCGCACTCCATGAC	qPCR SMc02156
OCB967	TTCCTTCGTCCAGACATCC	qPCR SMc02156
OCB968	ATGAACGAGCATTTCGTCATC	qPCR SMc04164
OCB969	GAGAGGTTCTCCAGGACACG	qPCR SMc04164
OCB970	ACTGTCGCCGAAGTGAAGAC	qPCR SMc04049
OCB971	ATTTTCTGGTCAACCGTCAG	qPCR SMc04049
OCB976	TTGATCGGTTATGCCATTCTC	qPCR SMc00108
OCB977	ACGAAGAGGTGGTGCATTTT	qPCR SMc00108
OCB982	ACCTGGAACAGGAGTTTCGTC	qPCR <i>rpoE4</i> (SMc04051)
OCB983	AAACCGGATATGTCGACCAG	qPCR <i>rpoE4</i> (SMc04051)
OCB991	TCTAGACGTTGCATACAGGCTACGTC	<i>sorT</i> upstream
OCB992	ATGCATGTCGCGTCTCCTTTTCCC	<i>sorT</i> upstream
OCB993	ATGCATCCGCAACCGAAGGGTTCC	<i>sorT</i> downstream
OCB994	CCCGGGGCCGATCACTTGGCTTTTC	<i>sorT</i> downstream
OCB995	CTTTTGGCAGGAAGGTGACG	Check <i>sorT</i> deletion
OCB996	CTGGGTCCGAGGTTCTTTTC	qPCR SMc04050
OCB997	CAAAGACGGGCGTCAATC	qPCR SMc04050
OCB998	<u>GGTACCTT</u> GACTGAGATGCTGACCAT	<i>sorT</i> amplification
OCB999	<u>GCATGCTC</u> AGGCAACGGTGAGTTTGA	<i>sorT</i> amplification
OCB1002	GTTTGAACGCGAAGACCTG	qPCR SMc00821
OCB1003	TCCCCTGTAGAAGAGGTTTCG	qPCR SMc00821
OCB1004	GATGGATGCTGTCGTTTGCTG	Check <i>sorT</i> deletion
OCB1042	GAGGATGCGGTGCATATCCTC	Check pTH1703:: <i>PrpoE1-lacZ</i> genomic insertion
OCB1050	TCCGTATCCTGCGCAATCTC	qPCR <i>rpoE6</i> (SMa0143)
OCB1051	GATGAACCGGCGATGTCATG	qPCR <i>rpoE6</i> (SMa0143)
OCB1136	CTCTGGCGGGAGCCGTTG	qPCR SMb21671
OCB1137	GGACACGACAAGCGGCTTG	qPCR SMb21671
KS	TCGAGGTCGACGGTATC	Check insertions in pJQ200KS
SK	CGCTCTAGAACTAGTGGATC	Check insertions in pJQ200KS
Gus1	TGCCACAGGCCGTCGAG	Check pTH1703 derivatives genomic insertion
Gus Rev	TAACGCGCTTTCCACCAACGCTGATCA	Check insertions in pTH1703
lacPCR	AAGGGGGATGTGCTGCAAGG	Check insertions in pTH1703
M13 -20	GTAAAACGACGGCCAGT	Check insertions in pJQ200mp19 and pGEM-T
M13 Rev	GGAAACAGCTATGACCAT	Check insertions in pJQ200mp19 and pGEM-T

<sup>1</sup>Bold letters represent start and stop codons. Underlined or highlighted sequences indicate restriction sites.