

**Supplementary Table 2 – Primers used in this study**

Primer Name	Sequence (5' → 3')	Description
<b>Mutant construct primers</b>		
ABD123	ATTCCGGGGATCCGTCGAC	Forward primer to amplify FRT-SPEC-FRT or FRT-KAN-FRT (MIDDLE fragment for all deletion SOEs)
ABD124	TGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC	Reverse primer to amplify FRT-SPEC-FRT or FRT-KAN-FRT (MIDDLE fragment for all deletion SOEs)
ABD640	GCAATACACGCTGTGTTTCACCG	$\Delta$ VC2080 or $\Delta$ periplasmic VC2080 ( <i>tfoS</i> ) UP F1
ABD641	gtcgacggatccccggaatCAATTCAAGAATTCGTGCTTTATTGG	$\Delta$ VC2080 ( <i>tfoS</i> ) UP R1
ABD642	gaagcagctccagcctacaTAATAGAGCCCATCTCTATTTCATC	$\Delta$ VC2080 ( <i>tfoS</i> ) DOWN F2
ABD643	TCGTTTTCTAAGGCTCGAATCGCC	$\Delta$ VC2080 or $\Delta$ periplasmic VC2080 ( <i>tfoS</i> ) DOWN R2
ABD726	GGTTAGCTGCCAATATCATTCTcacGAGTTCCCCTGTCAGCGAC	$\Delta$ periplasmic VC2080 ( <i>tfoS</i> ) UP R1
ABD727	GTCGCTGACAGGGGAACTCgtgAGAATGATATTGGCAGCTAACC	$\Delta$ periplasmic VC2080 ( <i>tfoS</i> ) DOWN F2
ABD744	GGAATAAAGGTTGCAACGGTTTG	$\Delta$ tfoR UP F1
ABD745	gtcgacggatccccggaatCTTACATAGAAAAACGACAGCAGC	$\Delta$ tfoR UP R1
ABD746	gaagcagctccagcctacaCCTACTGTTTTACCTCTATTACCATC	$\Delta$ tfoR DOWN F2
ABD747	GCGCTGCTCAATTTTGATCAAC	$\Delta$ tfoR DOWN R2
ABD253	GCGACCCACCGATGGG	Construct to insert FRT-SPEC-FRT into <i>lacZ</i> UP F1
ABD263	gtcgacggatccccggaatAACTGATCCAATTTTTTCAGCGCATATTTTG	Construct to insert FRT-SPEC-FRT into <i>lacZ</i> UP R1
ABD262	gaagcagctccagcctacaTGCCGCAGGAAAACCGCCCCCTaATC	Construct to insert FRT-SPEC-FRT into <i>lacZ</i> DOWN F2
ABD256	CCCAAATACGGCAACTTGGCG	Construct to insert FRT-SPEC-FRT into <i>lacZ</i> DOWN R2
ABD624	TGATGACGGTGAAAACCTCTGACAC	Overexpression cassette derived from the mTn10 transposon from pDL1093 MIDDLE F
ABD625	CTGATGAATCCCCTAATGATTTTG	Overexpression cassette derived from the mTn10 transposon from pDL1093 MIDDLE R
ABD688	CCACTGTTGCGCAGTTGAATACC	Overexpression of VC1153 ( <i>tfoX</i> ) UP F1
ABD689	TGTCAGAGGTTTTACCGTCATCAATGCAATACTTTTGCGCCAGATTATG	Overexpression of VC1153 ( <i>tfoX</i> ) UP R1
ABD690	CAAATCATTAGGGGATTCATCAGGGGAAACGTGATTAAAGGATCAATGG	Overexpression of VC1153 ( <i>tfoX</i> ) DOWN F2
ABD691	ATGATGTCAAACCATGAACCCGG	Overexpression of VC1153 ( <i>tfoX</i> ) DOWN R2
ABD692	TCTCCAGTAACTCCGATCCTAGTAG	Overexpression of VC0396 ( <i>qstR</i> ) UP F1
ABD693	TGTCAGAGGTTTTACCGTCATCAATAGATTTTGGCGCTATGCG	Overexpression of VC0396 ( <i>qstR</i> ) UP R1
ABD694	CAAATCATTAGGGGATTCATCAGAAGTCTGTAATTCATCATGC	Overexpression of VC0396 ( <i>qstR</i> ) DOWN F2
ABD695	ACCATCTGACTGATGGTTTGCG	Overexpression of VC0396 ( <i>qstR</i> ) DOWN R2
ABD398	GCAGCAACATCTCATTGGGTGGTG	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion OR <i>tfoX</i> - <i>lacZ</i> translational fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> UP F1

ABD784	TTTTTCTATTTCTGAATCGATTTCATACGATTGCC	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion OR <i>tfoX-lacZ</i> translational fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> UP R1
ABD780	TCGTATGAATCGATTTCAGAAATAGAAAAATAAAATCAACACCTTAAAAACA TGATTAAGC	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> MIDDLE F
ABD781	CCCTCAAGCCGAGGAGTAAAGAAGGACATGGTCATACCACCTCTGG	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> MIDDLE R
ABD785	CTTCTTTACTCCTCGGCTTGAG	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> DOWN F2
ABD399	AACTGATGGCAGAAAAAGCCACTCAG	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> transcriptional fusion OR <i>tfoX-lacZ</i> translational fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> DOWN R2
ABD786	CGCAACTTCTCCGATATTCTTCTTAGCC	<i>tfoX-lacZ</i> translational fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> DOWN F2
ABD782	GGCAATCGTATGAATCGATTTCAGAAATAGAAAAATAATCTGGCGCAAAAAGT ATTGCATC	<i>tfoX-lacZ</i> translational fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> MIDDLE F
ABD783	GCTAAGAAGAATATCGGAGAAGTTGCGAGTTACGTAGTCGAAAACTGTTG	<i>tfoX-lacZ</i> translational fusion in <i>V. cholerae</i> MIDDLE R
mhpr- kanTER	CGCAGGCTATTCTGGTGCCGGAAGGCGAAGCGGCATGCATTTACGTTGAT TAGAAGAAGCTCGTCAAGAAGGCC	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> fusion recombineering construct for <i>E. coli</i> UP F1
ABD779	CGCAAGGGCTGCTAAAGGAAG	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> fusion recombineering construct for <i>E. coli</i> UP R1
ABD777	CTTCCTTTAGCAGCCCTTGCGTAAAATCAACACCTTAAAAACATGATTAAGC	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> fusion recombineering construct for <i>E. coli</i> DOWN F2
ABD778	CAGTCACGACGTTGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTGAATCCGTAATCATGGTCATG ACATGGTCATACCACCTCTGG	$P_{tfoR}$ - <i>lacZ</i> fusion recombineering construct for <i>E. coli</i> DOWN R2
<b>EMSA probes</b>		
ABD009	TATATGCCTTTAGGCATTAAGTACTTCCGTC	$P_{nanH}$ F
ABD010	TGAAGTCATCTTGATTGACAAGTCTCCATCGAATG	$P_{nanH}$ R
ABD748	TAAAATCAACACCTTAAAAACATGATTAAGC	$P_{tfoR}$ F
ABD700	AAAAAATATCGTGGTATAGCCGG	$P_{tfoR}$ R
ABD750	TAATCTGGCGCAAAAAGTATTGCATC	$P_{tfoX}$ F
ABD751	TTACGTAGTCGAAAAACTGTTGC	$P_{tfoX}$ R
<b>qRT-PCR primers</b>		
ABD132	CTGTCTCAAGCCGGTTACAA	<i>rpoB</i> F
ABD133	TTTCTACCAGTGCAGAGATGC	<i>rpoB</i> R
ABD711	TTTTTGTGCGTGGTGGAGAAGAGC	<i>tfoX</i> F
ABD712	AGTCTAGCTCAGGGTGATGTTGCTC	<i>tfoX</i> R
ABD713	TGTTTCTTTCTCTCTGCCTGCCG	<i>comEA</i> F
ABD714	GCCTTTGAGTAACGTCGCCAGC	<i>comEA</i> R
ABD736	TACGGAGGAAATTATGAAAGCG	<i>pilA</i> F
ABD737	CTAAGCCAACCCCAATAGCTG	<i>pilA</i> R
<b>Primers for plasmid constructs</b>		
ABD721	catgtatacataTGACAAGAATGATATTGGCAGCTAACC	Cytoplasmic portion of <i>tfoS</i> F

ABD722	tacgataggatccTTAGTTTTCTTGATCTTCGATGAATTGGC	Cytoplasmic portion of <i>tfoS</i> R
ABD787	tatataggatccCCAATAAAGCACGAATTCTTGAATTG	Full length <i>tfoS</i> F
ABD788	tatatactcgagTTAGTTTTCTTGATCTTCGATGAATTGGC	Full length <i>tfoS</i> R