

Table S1. Primers used in this study ^a

Primer name	Sequence ^b	Restriction site	Application
<i>tolB</i> _FW	5'-CCCAAGCTTCTGTGAGTACCCTGATTCGC-3'	HindIII	Generation of the pBEM9- <i>tolB</i> plasmid
<i>tolB</i> _RV	5'-CGGAATTCAGTTCAGGTAAGGGGACC-3'	EcoRI	Generation of the pBEM9- <i>tolB</i> plasmid
<i>tolB</i> mut_UP_FW	5'-CCGCTCGAGGCCAAGGCCGCCG-3'	XhoI	Generation of the pDM4Δ <i>tolB</i> plasmid
<i>tolB</i> mut_UP_RV	5'-CGGGATCCAGCGCAATGCGAATCAGG-3'	BamHI	Generation of the pDM4Δ <i>tolB</i> plasmid
<i>tolB</i> mut_DOWN_FW	5'-CGGGATCCCCTCAGGGCGATGTGC-3'	BamHI	Generation of the pDM4Δ <i>tolB</i> plasmid
<i>tolB</i> mut_DOWN_RV	5'-GCTCTAGACACGCAGGTGCTTGGG-3'	XbaI	Generation of the pDM4Δ <i>tolB</i> plasmid

^a All PCRs were performed using the genomic DNA of *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 as the template.

^b The restriction site used for cloning is underlined in the primer sequence.