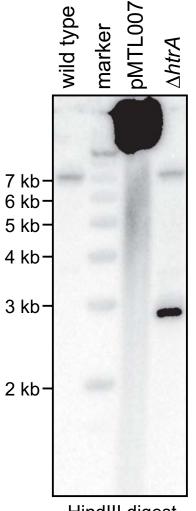
## Supplemental Figure 1

## Southern blot analysis of *C. difficile* wild type and $\triangle htrA$ .

Chromosomal DNA digested with HindIII was hybridized with an *ermB* specific probe. For details: see Materials and Methods.Wild type is WKS1241,  $\Delta htrA$  is DB0002. Note that wild type shows a single band, indicative of the *ermB* element that is still present in this strain (~7kb HindIII fragment, Hussain *et al* 2005).  $\Delta htrA$  contains an additional element (~3kb HindIII fragment). pMTL007 is shown as a positive control.



HindIII digest