

**Table S2.** Oligonucleotide primers used in this study

Name/number	Sequence (5'-3') *	Use
Lmorli27-A	CGCGGATCCCGGAGAAAGTTGATAATACACCTG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 3' flanking region of <i>rli27</i>
Lmorli27-B	AAAAGGCCTCAAATAGAAAAGCAAAATTCTCA	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 3' flanking region of <i>rli27</i>
Lmorli27-C	AAAAGGCCTGCAATCCCTATTTAATTATAACAATAAGTAG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>rli27</i>
Lmorli27-D	CCGAATTCCGAAGCCAACACATACTGA	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>rli27</i>
Lmorli27-C2-term	AAAAGGCCTAAAGGCCATCCGTAGGATGGCCTTACTTATTAAAGCAATCCCTATTTT	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>rli27</i> to introduce an artificial terminator
Lmorli27 test-F2	GGTCGCTTGTAAGCCTCTG	Verification of the $\Delta rli27$ deletion (mapping in flanking region)
Lmorli27 test-R2	CACCGCTACTGGCAAAAGAT	Verification of the $\Delta rli27$ deletion (mapping in flanking region)
Lmorli27-pP1-F	CGAGCTCAGGGATTGCTTAAATAAGTATATTTT	Cloning of <i>rli27</i> for overexpression and complementation assays
Lmorli27-pP1-R	ACATGCATGCAAAATAAGCAAAATTCTTGTATGAG	Cloning of <i>rli27</i> for overexpression and complementation assays
Lmorli27-pP1-F-mut1	CGAGCTCAGGGATT <u>CGA</u> TTAAATAAGTATATTTAACGATATTATC	Cloning of a mutated version of <i>rli27</i> (mut-1) for overexpression and complementation assays
Lmorli27-pP1-F-mut3	CGAGCTCAGGGATT <u>CGAA</u> TTTATTCAATTAAACGATATTATCTAAATTAA	Cloning of a mutated version of <i>rli27</i> (mut-3) for overexpression and complementation assays
Lmorli27-F	AAATTACCACGAATCTAGCC	Verification of $\Delta rli27$ deletion (mapping in reading frame), qPCR and Northern Blot probe for Rli27
Lmorli27-R	GAAATTGCTTTCTATTGTT	Verification of $\Delta rli27$ deletion (mapping in reading frame) and qPCR
Lmo0411-A	CGCGGATCCGAGAAAAAAGCAGCTGAAGAAAA	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>lmo0411</i>
Lmo0411-B	AAAAGGCCTGGCTGTATTCTTGAACATTAG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>lmo0411</i>
Lmo0411-C	AAAAGGCCTGTCGAAATGCAACTACCG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 3' flanking region of <i>lmo0411</i>
Lmo0411-D	CCGAATTGCAAGTTGGCGGAACAAATG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 3' flanking region of <i>lmo0411</i>
Lmo0411 test-F	AAGCAAAGGCACAAGGCTTA	Verification of the $\Delta lmo0411$ deletion (mapping in flanking region)
Lmo0411 test-R	TGGTATGACGCAGAAGTGG	Verification of the $\Delta lmo0411$ deletion (mapping in flanking region)
Lmo0411-F	CTTCGCAGGGCAACATGATA	Verification of the $\Delta lmo0411$ deletion (mapping in reading frame) and qPCR
Lmo0411-R	ACTGGCATCGATAGAGAGGGATT	Verification of the $\Delta lmo0411$ deletion (mapping in reading frame) and qPCR
Lmo0514-A	AGAGTTCAATTGTAAGTCCAGG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>lmo0514</i>
Lmo0514-B	TTACTCTCCTAGTGGTTAATT	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 5' flanking region of <i>lmo0514</i>
Lmo0514-C	ATTATTGTGAATTCTAGCAAAAA	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 3' flanking region of <i>lmo0514</i>
Lmo0514-D	CGCTTTTTATCTAGCTATTAAAG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment in 3' flanking region of <i>lmo0514</i>

$\Delta$ 0514_P2_A	CGCGGATCCGCGTCACTTCACCTCCGGTG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment (fragment A-B) for generation of $\Delta$ 5'-UTR <i>lmo0514</i> deletion in chromosome
$\Delta$ 0514_P2_B	AAAAGGCCTAAGGCAAATCAAACGTGAAA	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment (fragment A-B) for generation of $\Delta$ 5'-UTR <i>lmo0514</i> deletion in chromosome
$\Delta$ 0514_P2_C	AAAAGGCCTTCTTCTTAATAATGCGAAAAAG	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment (fragment C-D) for generation of $\Delta$ 5'-UTR <i>lmo0514</i> deletion in chromosome
$\Delta$ 0514_P2_D	CCGGAATTCTATAAAAGCGGCACCTGGTC	Amplification of ~500 bp fragment (fragment C-D) for generation of $\Delta$ 5'-UTR <i>lmo0514</i> deletion in chromosome
Lmo0514 test-F	AAAAAGCGCTACCATTGCTT	Verification of the $\Delta$ <i>lmo0514</i> deletion (mapping in flanking region)
Lmo0514 test-R	CAATTCCAAGCACACCGCTT	Verification of the $\Delta$ <i>lmo0514</i> deletion (mapping in flanking region)
Lmo0514-F	TGCTGCAGGACTCAAAGCAA	Verification of the $\Delta$ <i>lmo0514</i> deletion (mapping in reading frame), qPCR and Northern Blot probe for <i>lmo0514</i>
Lmo0514-R	TGTCCACTGTCGCTTGTAGTCA	Verification of the $\Delta$ <i>lmo0514</i> deletion (mapping in reading frame) and qPCR
$\Delta$ 0514_comp_A	CGCGGATCCGCATCACTTGCTTGCTTGAG	Generation of mut-1 and mut-3 chromosomal mutations in 5'-UTR of <i>lmo0514</i>
$\Delta$ 0514_comp_D	CCGGAATTCTCATGTTTGCTCATTGTTCA	Generation of mut-1 and mut-3 chromosomal mutations in 5'-UTR of <i>lmo0514</i>
Mut0514pXG_1-overlap	AGGAATC <b>CG</b> ATTAATAAGCAATGGTAGCGCTTTTGCTAAATAAAA	Generation of mut-1 chromosomal mutation in 5'-UTR of <i>lmo0514</i>
Mut0514pXG_2-overlap	CATTGCTTATTAA <b>ATCG</b> GATT CCTATAAAAATAAGAGTGAATAATA TGAATATTAAG	Generation of mut-1 chromosomal mutation in 5'-UTR of <i>lmo0514</i>
Mut0514pXG_5-overlap	AGGAATC <b>CGAAATTATT</b> CGATGGTAGCGCTTTTGCTAAATAAAA	Generation of mut-3 chromosomal mutation in 5'-UTR of <i>lmo0514</i>
Mut0514pXG_6-overlap	CAT <b>ACGAATAAATT</b> CGGATT CCTATAAAAATAAGAGTGAATAAT ATGAATATTAAG	Generation of mut-3 chromosomal mutation in 5'-UTR of <i>lmo0514</i>
UTR-A	GAGAGTTAGTTAACGCGGTTATAC	RT-PCR for <i>lmo0514</i> untranslated region
UTR-B	TCTTTTATTAGACAAAAAAGCGC	RT-PCR for <i>lmo0514</i> untranslated region
UTR-1R	TGAGCTGCTGTGGAGGATATA	RT-PCR for <i>lmo0514</i> untranslated region
0515-R	CATTGGAGAAAAGGCACGTA	RT-PCR for <i>lmo0514-lmo0515 operon</i>
Lmo16S rRNA-F	CACACTGGGACTGAGACACG	RT-PCR and qPCR
Lmo16S rRNA-R	CCGTCAGACTTCGTCCATT	RT-PCR and qPCR
Utr0514_qPCR_F	AAAAAGCGCTACCATTGCTT	qPCR for <i>lmo0514</i> 5' untranslated region
Utr0514_qPCR_R	TTTCACGTTGATTGCCTTA	qPCR for <i>lmo0514</i> 5' untranslated region
RNA adapter	GCUGAUGGCGAUGAAUGAACACUGCGUUUGCUGGUUUGAUGAAA	5'RACE: RNA ligation to RNA oligo
RacelN	CGCGGATCCGAACACTGCGTTGCTGGCTTGATG	5'RACE

lmo0514-PE-1rv	AGAAATAGTTCACTGCTTTTTCAT	5'RACE
lmo0514-PE-3rv	TGAGCTGCTGTGGAAAGGATA	5'RACE
lmo0514-PE-6rv	CACTCTATTTTATAGGAATCGCTT	5'RACE
T7-rv-rl27	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAAATTGCTTTCTATTGTT	Northern Blot probe for Rl27
5S rRNA-F	TATGGCGAGAAGGTACACC	Northern Blot probe for 5S rRNA
T7-5S-rRNA-R	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAACCTACCATTGGCGCAGAGA	Northern Blot probe for 5S rRNA
T7-Lmo0514-R	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTGTCCACTGTCGCTTAGTCA	Northern Blot probe for lmo0514
16S-northern-F1	TTAGCTAGTTGGTAGGGT	Northern Blot probe for 16s
T7-16S-northern-R1	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAATCCGGACAACGCTTGC	Northern Blot probe for 16s
EMSA-T7-Rl27-WT-F	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGGGATTGCTTAAATAAGTATATT TAAC	In vitro transcription of Rl27 wild type for EMSA assay
EMSA-Rl27-WT-R	ACGGCTGTGACAGTTGCTC	In vitro transcription of Rl27 wild type and Rl27 <sup>mut3</sup> for EMSA assay
EMSA-T7-Rl27F-Mut1	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGGGATT <u>CG</u> ATTAATAAGTATATT TTAACGATATTATCTATCTAAATTAC	
EMSA-T7-Rl27F-Mut3	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGGGATT <u>CGAA</u> ATT <u>TTC</u> ATT TAACGATATTATCTATCTAAATTAC	In vitro transcription of Rl27 <sup>mut3</sup> for EMSA assay
EMSA-T-0514-WT-TSS	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGATT <u>CGAAA</u> CAGTTAATTGTGTAC	In vitro transcription of lmo0514 wild type for EMSA assay
EMSA-0514-WT-R	AGTGGTTAATTCTTCCAAAGT	In vitro transcription of lmo0514 wild type for EMSA assay
EMSA-T7-5'sbrA-F	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGAGTACATCTAGATCCATACCCCTAA C	In vitro transcription of SbrA wild type for EMSA assay
EMSA-5'sbrA-R	AAAAAGAGCAGCACCGA	In vitro transcription of SbrA wild type for EMSA assay

\* Restriction sites underlined, artificial terminator in italics and underlined. Mutations introduced in Rl27 (cloned in pP1 vector) or in 5'UTR of lmo0514 indicated in blue.