

S4 Table. Oligonucleotides used in this study.

Name	Sequence (5' to 3')	Description
oDH30	TCCCTGCTGAATGCGTTTGGCGCAGCG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZ-D180N</i>
oDH31	CGCTGCGCCAAACGCATTACAGCAGGG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZ-D180N</i>
oDH32	GCGGTATCCCCCTGCTGGATGCGTTTGG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZ-S177P</i>
oDH33	CCAAACGCATCCAGCAGGGGGATACCG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZ-S177P</i>
oDH34	GACAAACTGCCGAAAGTTCTGGGCCGCGG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZ-L169P</i>
oDH35	CCGCGGCCCCAGAACTTTTCGGCAGTTTG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZ-L169P</i>
oDH36	GCATTAAAGCTTCGCCAACAAGGGGTAAACATCACCTGG	Forward primer to clone <i>ftsZ</i> alleles into pCX41; contains HindIII site
oDH37	GCTTATCATCGATGCCCAAGCCC GCGAGA GCAG	Reverse primer to clone <i>ftsZ</i> alleles into pCX41; contains ClaI site
oDH70	TATATAGCGGCCGCATTTGAACCAATGGAAC	Forward primer for amplification of <i>ftsZ</i> ; contains a NotI site
oDH71	TATATAGGATCCTTAATCAGCTTGCTTACGC	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>ftsZ</i> ; contains BamHI site
oDH86	TATATAGCGGCCGCATTGGAGTTCGAAACAAACATAG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>Bsu ftsZ</i> ; contains a NotI site
oDH87	TATATAGGATCCTTAGCCGCGTTTATTACGG	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>Bsu ftsZ</i> ; contains BamHI site
oDH101	CAGGGAGATACCGCGGCCAGAACTTTTCAGCAGACGGTCGTTCCGGGATCACGATC	Reverse primer for overlap PCR to generate <i>Bsu ftsZ (loop^{Eco})</i>
oDH102	TGGGCCGCGGTATCTCCCTGCTGGATGCGTTTCCGCGAAGCGGATAACGTAC	Forward primer for overlap PCR to generate <i>Bsu ftsZ (loop^{Eco})</i>
oDH108	ATATATATGCTAGCTTATTTGTATAGTTTCATCCATGCATGTGTAATC	Reverse primer to clone <i>cbtA</i> alleles into <i>B. subtilis</i> integration constructs; contains NheI site
oDH116	ATATATAAGCTTACATAAGGAGGAAGCTACTATGAGAGGATCTCACCATCACCATC	Forward primer to clone <i>cbtA</i> alleles into <i>B. subtilis</i> integration constructs; contains HindIII site
oDH124	ATATATGTCGACGTCTTAGGAGGATTTAGCATGTTGAGTTCCGAAACAAACATAG	<i>B. subtilis ftsZ</i> sequencing primer
oDH125	ATATATGGATCCTTAGCCGCGTTTATTACGGTTTC	<i>B. subtilis ftsZ</i> sequencing primer
oDH127	TGACATGGTATTCTGTGACGC	<i>B. subtilis ftsZ</i> sequencing primer
oDH130	CTCCGCTGCGTTGAAAGAG	For construction of strain DH98
oDH131	GGGCTGCAGGAATTCTTAGCCGCGTTTATTACGGTTTC	For construction of strain DH98
oDH132	TAATAAACGCGGCTAAGAATTCCTGCAGCCCTGGCG	For construction of strain DH98
oDH133	ATTTTGTCTTTACAGATCCCCCTATGCAAGGGTT	For construction of strain DH98
oDH134	TTGCATAGGGGGATCTGTAAAGGACAAAATCGTTTTG	For construction of strain DH98
oDH135	AGATGTCACACTCACATTG	For construction of strain DH98
oDH141	GATTTGCTGAAAAAGCTG	For construction of strain DH99
oDH142	GTTTGTTCGAACTCCAACATGCTAAATCCTCCTAATCTGCC	For construction of strain DH99
oDH143	TTAGGAGGATTTAGCATGTTGGAGTTTCGAAACAAACATAG	For construction of strain DH99
oDH144	GAAGCACCTTTTCCAATTCCG	For construction of strain DH99
oDH167	AAGCACATAAAAATATTCTG	Amplifies <i>B. subtilis ftsA ftsZ</i>
oDH168	GCCAGTCACGTTACGTTATTAG	Amplifies <i>B. subtilis ftsA ftsZ</i>
oDH172	ATAATAAACAGAGCAAAAATG	<i>B. subtilis ftsZ</i> sequencing primer
oDH173	TTATAACATGTATTCCACGAAC	<i>B. subtilis ftsZ</i> sequencing primer

oDH237	TATATAGGATCCTCAGGCGTTGGCGTCTTTG	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>zipA-CTD</i> ; contains a BamHI site
oDH238	TATATAGCGGCCCGCAGATAAACCGAAGCGCAAAG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>zipA-CTD</i> ; contains a NotI site
oDH239	CCGCGGTATCTCCCTGCTGAAAGCGTTTGGCGCAGCGAACG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZD180K</i>
oDH240	CGTTCGCTGCGCCAAACGCTTTCAGCAGGGAGATACCGCGG	For overlap PCR to generate <i>ftsZD180K</i>
oDH279	TATATAGGATCCTTACATGCCGATACCTGTCCG	Reverse primer to clone <i>ftsZΔ66</i> ; BamHI site
oDH285	ATATATTCTAGATTATTTGCGCTCCGGATACTTAC	Reverse primer used to amplify <i>cbtA</i> for pBAD33; contains XbaI site
oDH286	ATATATCATATGAAAACATTACCTGTATTACCCGGG	Forward primer used to amplify <i>cbtA</i> for pBAD33; contains NdeI site
oDH289	AATTTCTGCAGAATAACCG	Anneals downstream of chromosomal <i>mreD</i> ; used for PCR verification of <i>ΔmreBCD</i>
oDH307	AAGTAAGCGGATTTTCTTTTCC	Anneals upstream of chromosomal <i>mreB</i> ; used for PCR verification of <i>ΔmreBCD</i>
oDH336	ATATATGCGGCCGCAAATACTGAAGCCACGCACG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>rodZ-NTD</i> ; contains NotI site
oDH337	ATATATGGATCCTTATTCCAGCCCTGGCAGCAG	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>rodZ-NTD</i> ; contains BamHI site
oDH344	ATATATGCGGCCGCAAAAACCTTTACCTGCAATAACTCAGCGGGCGGTGAAGCCCCGTCTGTACCCGTGGCTG	Forward mutagenic primer to introduce C15R into <i>ykfI</i> ; contains NotI site
oDH345	ATATATGCGGCCGCAAACTCTACCTGCTACAATTTCGAGGCGGCGAAGCCCCGCCTGTGCCAGTGGCTG	Forward mutagenic primer to introduce C15R into <i>ypjF</i> ; contains NotI site
oDH346	GGTGGTGACCGTTTTCGACAAAGCTATCATCAACTATGTG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; E196K
oDH347	CACATAGTTGATGATAGCTTTGTGCGAAACGGTCACCACC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; E196K
oDH348	ATCCTCGAAGCACTGCAGAAACCGCTGACCGGTATGTG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; E262K
oDH349	CACAATACCGGTCAGCGGTTTCTGCAGTGCTTCGAGGAT	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; E262K
oDH355	AAGTTATGCGTATTCTCG	Anneals between <i>mreB</i> and <i>mreC</i> ; used to sequence pFB149
oDH357	GGTGGTACCACTGAAGCTGCTGTTATCTCCTTG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; V173A
oDH358	CAAGGAGATAACAGCAGCTTCAGTGGTACCACC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; V173A
oDH359	GTTGAACGCCGCGCAGTTCGTGAATCCGCG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; I126V
oDH360	CGCGGATTCACGAACTGCGCGGCGTTCAAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; I126V
oDH361	GTGGTGACCGTTTTCGACGGAGCTATCATCAACTATG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; E196G
oDH362	CATAGTTGATGATAGCTCCGTGCGAAACGGTCACCAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; E196G
oDH363	CTCGAAGCACTGCAGGGACCGCTGACCGGTATTG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; E262G
oDH364	CAATACCGGTCAGCGGTCCCTGCAGTGCTTCGAG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; E262G
oDH369	GCGTCGAGCCGCTGATCAG	Anneals within <i>mreD</i> sequence downstream of BamHI site
oDH372	ATATATTCTAGACAGCTTTCAGGATTATCCCTTAGTA	Forward primer to amplify <i>mreB</i>

	TGTTGAAAAAATTTCTGTG	sequence for pFB149 derivatives; contains XbaI site
oDH373	CAGGAAACAGCTATGACCATG	Sequencing primer for pFB149 derivatives; anneals upstream of <i>mreB</i> and XbaI site
oDH374	TGTGCTGCAAGGCGATTAAG	Sequencing primer for pFB149 derivatives; anneals downstream of <i>mreD</i>
oDH375	CGGCGGCGACCTGTTCAG	Sequencing primer for pFB149 derivatives; anneals upstream of <i>mreC</i>
oDH380	ATATATCATATGAACACTCTACCTGCTACAATTTCTG	Forward primer used to amplify <i>ypjF</i> for pBAD33; contains NdeI site
oDH381	ATATATTCTAGATTATTTACATTAGTTTTTAG	Reverse primer used to amplify <i>cbtA</i> for pBAD33; contains XbaI site
oDH388	GCCGGTTGGCGCGACCCAGGAAGAACGCCGCGCA ATTCTG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; V121E
oDH389	CGAATTGCGCGGCGTTCTTCTGGGTCGCGCCAAC CGGC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; V121E
oDH390	CCCAGGTTGAACGCCGCGCAGACCGTGAATCCGC GCAGGG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; R127D
oDH391	CCCTGCGCGGATTCACGGTCTGCGCGGCGTTCAAC CTGGG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; R127D
oDH392	GAACGCCGCGCAATTCGTAAATCCGCGCAGGGCGC TGG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; E128K
oDH393	CCAGCGCCCTGCGCGGATTTACGAATTGCGCGGCG TTC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; E128K
oDH399	CGACCCAGGTTGAACGCGACGCAATTCGTGAATCC GCG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; R124D
oDH400	CGCGGATTCACGAATTGCGTCGCGTTCAACCTGGG TCG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; R124D
oDH401	GACCCAGGTTGAACGCCGCGACATTCGTGAATCCG CGCAG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; A125D
oDH402	CTGCGCGGATTCACGAATGTCGCGGCGTTCAACCT GGGTC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; A125D
oDH403	GACGGCGTTATCGCCGACGCCTTCGTGACTGAAAA AATG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; F84A
oDH404	CATTTTTTCAGTCACGAAGGCGTCGGCGATAACGC CGTC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; F84A
oDH405	GCTGCCATTCGCCAATGGACGACGGCGTTATCGC CGAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; K77D
oDH406	GTCGGCGATAACGCCGTCGTCCATTGGGCGAATGG CAGC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; K77D
oDH407	GCCATTCGCCAATGAAAAAGGCGTTATCGCCGA CTTC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; D78K
oDH408	GAAGTCGGCGATAACGCCTTTTTTCATTGGGCGAAT GGC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; D78K
oDH409	CTGTGCGCATTGGTGGTAAACGTTTTGACGAAGCT ATC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; D192K
oDH410	GATAGCTTCGTGCAAACGTTTACCACCAATGCGCAC AG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; D192K
oDH413	CGCTGACCGGTATTGTGTTGCGGTAATGGTTGCA CTG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; S269F
oDH414	CAGTGCAACCATTACCGCGAACACAATACCGGTCA GCG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; S269F
oDH415	CATCAACTATGTGCGTGATAATTACGGTTCTCTGAT CG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; R204D
oDH416	CGATCAGAGAACCCTAATTATCACGCACATAGTTGA TG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; R204D

oDH417	GTTTACTCCTCTTCTGTGGACATTGGTGGTGACCGT TTCG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; R188D
oDH418	CGAAACGGTCACCACCAATGTCCACAGAAGAGGAG TAAAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; R188D
oDH419	CTGCAGGAACCGCTGACCGAAATTGTGAGCGCGGT AATG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; G266E
oDH420	CATTACCGCGCTCACAATTTCCGGTCAGCGGTTCTG CAG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; G266E
oDH421	GTTTCGACGAAGCTATCATCGCATATGTGCGTCGTA ATTACG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; N200A
oDH422	CGTAATTACGACGCACATATGCGATGATAGCTTCGT CGAAAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; N200A
oDH423	GTATTGTGAGCGCGGTAATGGAAGCACTGGAACAG TGCCCG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; V273E
oDH424	CGGGCACTGTTCCAGTGCTTCCATTACCGCGCTCA CAATAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; V273E
oDH434	GTGCCCCGCCGAACTGGCTGACGACATCTCCGAGC GCGG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; S284D
oDH435	CCGCGCTCGGAGATGTCGTCAGCCAGTTCGGCGG GCAC	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; S284D
oDH438	CCGGCATTCCAGTCGTTGTTGCTAAAGACCCGCTG ACCTGTGTGG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic forward primer; E319K
oDH439	CCACACAGGTCAGCGGGTCTTTAGCAACAACGACT GGAATGCCGG	<i>mreB</i> mutagenic reverse primer; E319K
oDH446	ATATATGAATTCAAGGAGATATACCATGAAAACATT ACCTGTATTACCGG	Forward primer to clone <i>cbtA</i> variants into pSG360; contains EcoRI site; includes RBS
oDH447	ATATATAAGCTTTCATTTTCGCTCCGGATACTTACC CAG	Reverse primer to clone <i>cbtA</i> variants into pSG360; contains HindIII site
oPDR31	CCCTCTAGAAATAATTTTGTTTAACTTTAAGAAGGAG ATATACATATGTTTGAACCAATGGAACCTTAC	For cloning <i>ftsZ</i> alleles into pDR3; contains XbaI site
oPDR32	GCCAAGCTTGTGCGACTCTTAATCAGCTTGCTTACGC AGG	For cloning <i>ftsZ</i> alleles into pDR3; contains HindIII site
oPDR33	GAATTCCCAGGGGATCTCGATCCCCG	Sequencing primer for pDR3 derivatives
oPDR34	ATGTGCTGCAAGGCGATTAAG	Sequencing primer for pDR3 derivatives
oSG623	GGGCCATCGATGCCGCGGCATCTAGAGGCCTATG	Annealed with oSG624 to form in- frame linker with MCS for pMT136
oSG624	AGGCCTCTAGATGCCGCGGCATCGATGGCCCTCA	Annealed with oSG623 to form in- frame linker with MCS for pMT136
oSG625	AGGAGAAATTAECTATGAGAG	Sequencing primer for pCA24N- derived plasmids
oSG626	AACATCACCATCTAATTCAACAAG	Sequencing primer for pCA24N- derived plasmids
oSG639	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCAACG TTAACTACTACCTGCTACAATTTT	Amplifies <i>ypjF</i> sequence (no start codon); contains AclI site
oSG640	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCTCTAGA TTTCACATTAGTTTTTAGCAAG	Amplifies <i>ypjF</i> sequence (no stop codon); contains XbaI site
oSG641	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCAACG TTAAACATTACCTGTATTACCCG	Amplifies <i>cbtA</i> sequence (no start codon); contains AclI site
oSG642	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCTCTAG ATTTTCGCTCCGGATACTTAC	Amplifies <i>cbtA</i> sequence (no stop codon); contains XbaI site
oSG659	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCAACG TTAAACTTTTACCTGCAATAACTCAGCGG	Amplifies <i>ykfI</i> sequence (no start codon); contains AclI site
oSG660	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCTCTAG ATCGTACTACGTTGTTACGGC	Amplifies <i>ykfI</i> sequence (no stop codon); contains XbaI site
oSG663	CCCTAGCCGATGCCGTGAATTCTCTGGTAGAAAAA TACGAGCTGG	Internal mutagenic primer to introduce F65S into <i>ykfI</i> sequence

oSG664	CCAGCTCGTATTTTTCTACCAGAGAATTCACGGCA TCGGCTAGGG	Internal mutagenic primer to introduce F65S into <i>ykfI</i> sequence
oSG667	TCACTGTGTGATGCGGTGAACTCTCTCGTGAAAA ATACGCGCTGGTGCG	Internal mutagenic primer to introduce F65S into <i>cbtA</i> sequence
oSG668	CGCACCAGCGCGTATTTTTCCACGAGAGATTCAC CGCATCACACAGTGA	Internal mutagenic primer to introduce F65S into <i>cbtA</i> sequence
oSG723	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCGCG GCCGCATTGAAAAATTTCTGTCGCATGTTTTCC	Forward primer for amplification of <i>mreB</i> ; contains a NotI site
oSG724	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCCGAT CCTTACTCTTCGCTGAACAGGTCGCC	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>mreB</i> ; contains BamHI site
oSG727	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCGCG GCCGCAAAAACATTACCTGTATTACCCGGG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>cbtA</i> ; contains a NotI site
oSG728	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCCGAT CCTTATTTTCGCTCCGGATACTTACC	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>cbtA</i> ; contains BamHI site
oSG729	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCGCG GCCGCAAAAACCTTACCTGCAATAACTCAGCGG	Forward primer for amplification of <i>ykfI</i> ; contains a NotI site
oSG730	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCCGAT CCTTATCGTACTACGTTGTTACGGC	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>ykfI</i> ; contains BamHI site
oSG731	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCTTCGCG GCCGCAAAACACTCTACCTGCTACAATTTTCGC	Forward primer for amplification of <i>ypjF</i> ; contains a NotI site
oSG732	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTCCGAT CCTTATTTACATTAGTTTTTAGCAAGCCGG	Reverse primer for amplification of <i>ypjF</i> ; contains BamHI site
pBR α _F	GAACAGCGTACCGACCTGGAC	Sequencing primer for all pBR α fusion constructs
pBR α _R	CCTATATCGCCGACATCACC	Sequencing primer for all pBR α fusion constructs
pAC λ CI_F	GATCAGGGATAGCGGTCAGG	Sequencing primer for all pAC λ CI fusion constructs
pAC λ CI_R	CCTACATCTGTATTAACGAAGC	Sequencing primer for all pAC λ CI fusion constructs