

S1 Table. Primers used for cloning and validation.

Primer	Sequence (5' to 3')	Mutant strain or plasmid
Primers used for the validation of <i>pbp</i> disruption		
BID-PBP1aUpNcol	aaccATGgTGGTTAATGCTG	BLD001
BID-PBP1aDownSacl	agagctcATTAGCCACCATAGC	
BID-PBP1bUpNcol	aaccATGgAAAAAGACTCAATTG	BLD002
BID-PBP1bDownSacl	agagctcTTAGTTACTTTTGATGAGG	
BID-PBP2aUpPcil	aaaaaaaaacATGtCTGAAAATAAG	BLD003
BID-PBP2aDownSacl	agagctcTTAGTGCCAAAAACC	
BID-PBP2bUpNcol	aaccATGgCAGTTAATAAAAG	BLD004
BID-PBP2bDownXbal	atctagaTTAATTGTTCGAAAAGC	
BID-DacAUUpNcol	aaccATGgAAAAAATTGCAATTATTTTG	BLD006
BID-DacADownSacl	agagctcTTAGAGTTTCATTAAC	
Primers used for the construction of expression vectors		
BID-PBP2bUpNcol	aaccATGgCAGTTAATAAAAG	pGIBLD027
BID-PBP2bDownXbal	atctagaTTAATTGTTCGAAAAGC	
PBP2B*Up	AGGGgCTGTTGTGAAAATGGAACATTG	pGIBLD0271
PBP2B*Down	CCATTTCAACACAGcCCCTGGCGTAAAGAC	
MBO-FtsZUp4X4	<u>ATATA</u> CATGTGGCCATGGAATTTCATTGATA <u>CAGACTTA</u>	pGIBLD031
MBO-FtsZDown4X4	ATCTAGA <u>TAGATTA</u> ATTTCACGGAAGAATGGTGG	
BID-PBP2bUp4X4	ATATA <u>CATGTGGCCATGGCAGTTA</u> ATAAAAGAAAAAC	pGIBLD041
BID-PBP2bDown4X4	AT <u>CTAGA</u> ATTGTTCGAAAAGCTTCGTT	
Primers used for the validation of the acquisition of expression vectors		
MBO-4X4UpOI1	TTTGTAGATACAATGATTCG	pNZ8048 and derivatives
MBO-4X4DownOI2	TCAAGCCTGGTTCTAATTG	

^a Underlined sequences correspond to restriction enzymes sites.