

**S2 Table. Primers used in this study**

pPROPET co-expression plasmids	MCS1	MCS2
pPROPET/G <sup>1-132</sup> U <sup>199-359</sup> _Psp	<p><i>hrpG</i><sup>1-132</sup> (template pPROEX/<i>hrpG</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' – GACCAATCATGAGCTCGATGGATTTC-3' (ligated to compatible vector's NcoI site)</p> <p>Reverse: 5' – AGGGTCGTGCGGCCGCATCACGCGG- 3'</p>	<p><i>hrcU</i><sup>199-359</sup> (template pET16b/<i>hrcU</i><sup>199-359</sup>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' - CTGGTGCAAGTCATATGAGTGAAAAAACCGA-3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5'-CCTGTTACGCCTGGATCCCAGCTCC-3'</p>
pPROPET/VJ_Psp	<p><i>hrpV</i> (template pET16b/<i>hrpV</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' – AGGATTAGTCATGATTGAGGTAAAG-3' (ligated to compatible vector's NcoI site)</p> <p>Reverse: 5' – CGTCTAGAAGCTTGCGTCC-3'</p>	<p><i>hrpJ</i> (template pPROEX/<i>hrpJ</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5'-GCTCAGAACCCTCATATGAAAATCG-3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5'-CGACAGGGCAAGCTTGTTGAGAAAG-3' (ligated blunt to vector's SacI site after Klenow treatment)</p>
pPROPET/GJ_Eamy	<p><i>hrpG</i> (template: genomic DNA <i>Eamy</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' – GCCATCATTCATGAGATCAACTGAATTGCAG C – 3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5' - GCAACTCTCGAGTCTCAACCATGGTTTCC -3'</p>	<p><i>hrpJ</i> (template: genomic DNA <i>Eamy</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' – GAAGGTTGCGCCATATGAAAATTGC – 3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5' - GCCAGACAAACAGAGCTCTCATTTA - 3'</p>
pPROPET/GV_Eamy	<p><i>hrpG</i> (as in 3)</p>	<p><i>hrpV</i> (template: genomic DNA <i>Eamy</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5'-GTATCGGCATATGAATAATCCTTGC-3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5'-CCGGC GAATTCAGAAAAATAACC-3'</p>
pPROPET/GVJ_Eamy	<p><i>hrpG</i> (as in 3)</p>	<p><i>hrpV/hrpJ</i> <i>hrpV</i> as in 4. <i>hrpJ</i> was first subcloned to pET26b using primers in 3, digested from there XbaI(blunt)/SacI and ligated to pPROpET/<i>hrpG/hrpV</i> in sites EcoRI(blunt)/SacI)</p>
pPROPET/VJ_Eamy	<p><i>hrpV</i>(template genomic DNA <i>Eamy</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' – GGTATCGGTCCATGGATAATCCTTG – 3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5' - GAAAGGACGCAAGCTTGGATCAATC -3'</p>	<p><i>hrpJ</i> (template genomic DNA <i>Eamy</i>) (as in 3)</p>
pPROPET/GU <sup>199-360</sup> _Eamy	<p><i>hrpG</i> (as in 3)</p>	<p><i>hrcU</i><sup>199-360</sup> (template: genomic DNA <i>Eamy</i>)</p> <p>Forward: 5' - GCTGGTACTGCATATGCTGGACTTCGGCC -3'</p> <p>Reverse: 5'- GGTAATAGTTGAGCTCATTCGGCTTCCAGTTC -3'</p>

Site directed mutagenesis plasmid 1 derivative	Forward primer	Reverse primer
pPROPET/G <sup>1-132</sup> U <sup>199-359</sup> _APTH_Psp	5' – GACATGCTGCTGGTGGCGCCGACGCACTAC GCGG- 3'	5' – CCGCGTAGTGCGTCGGCGCCACCAGCAGCATGTC- 3'
<b><i>Psp hrpJ</i> knock-out allele generation</b>		
A1	5'-CTGGCGATACATTTGCGG-3'	
A2	5'-CCCTATAGTGAGTCGAATTCAGGACGGTCTGAGCCTG-3'	
B1	5'-CAGGTTGGCGCGCAGATC-3'	
B2	5'-GAATTCGACTCACTATAGGGATCAAGTCATCAACTTTC-3'	
RT-qPCR analysis	Forward primer	Reverse primer
<i>hrpL</i> (159 bp amplicon)	5' –AGCCGACAGACCTGGTTGTG- 3'	5' -ATTGCCTGTGCCCGTCTACC3-'
16S rDNA (157 bp amplicon)	5'-GGAATCTGCCTGGTAGTGGGG- 3'	5'-GGCTCACCAAGGCGACGAT 3-'