

Figure S1: Overview of LPS and LOS structure. (*A*) A cartoon representation of the LOS and LPS structure of Gram-negative bacteria. The lipid A anchor, the core-oligosaccaride, and the O-antigen domains are indicated. Rough-LPS or R-LPS are LPS molecules lacking the O-antigen, as produced by *E. coli* K-12 strains. Organisms that synthesize LOS, such as *A. baumannii*, lack the machinery to produce the O-antigen polysaccharide. (*B*) The chemical structure of the lipid A moiety from either *E. coli* K-12 or *A. baumannii*. Isolates that are polymyxin resistant can modify their lipid A with additional moieties (not shown).



Figure S2: Populations remain LOS-deficient after evolution experiment. SDS-PAGE gels of proteinase K-treated cell lysates were stained for LPS using the ProQ-emerald 300 LPS staining kit. *E. coli* K-12 produces a LPS variant that is exclusively lipid A plus core sugars. *S. enterica* produces a full-length O-antigen, resulting in the characteristic banding pattern. *A. baumannii* produce LOS, which has a few additional sugars relative to *E. coli* K-12, causing it to run slightly higher (indicated by black arrow). For evolved status: A, ancestor and E, evolved.



Figure S3: Populations do not produce lipid A after evolution experiment. TLC analysis of lipid A extracted from populations before and after evolution experiment. In each case, LOS-deficient populations do not produce any detectable radiolabeled lipid A. The four spots present in *A. baumannii* preps that do produce lipid A represent the four main lipid A species that are produced in a wild-type cell (*43*). The arrow indicates the major lipid A species for *E. coli* K-12. *E. coli* K-12 controls were run on the same TLC plate as *A. baumannii* samples.



Figure S4: Phase microscopy shows that altered morphologies are independent of *mla* and *pldA*. (*A*) Phase microscopy of wild-type, population 2 LOS-deficient ancestor, and population 2 LOS-deficient evolved show that while the LOS-deficient ancestor exhibits a wide array of morphologies that drastically differ from wild-type, the evolved population 2 LOS-deficient strain exhibits a relatively uniform morphology. (*B*) Phase microscopy of the 19606 $\Delta mlaE/\Delta pldA$ double mutant LOS-deficient strain exhibits clear morphological defects relative to its isogenic, LOS⁺ parent. Scale bars are 5 µm. Representative images of biological replicates are shown. We noticed cells with both atypical morphology (white arrow) and irregular division (green arrow).



Figure S5: The $\Delta m la E |\Delta p l d A$ LOS-deficient strain lacks LOS and lipid A. (*A*) SDS-PAGE separation and staining of proteinase-K treated lysate reveals that the LOS-deficient double mutant does not produce LOS. (*B*) TLC analysis of radiolabeled lipid A extractions confirm that the LOS-deficient, 19606 $\Delta m la E |\Delta p l d A$ double mutant does not produce lipid A.



Figure S6: Differentially regulated genes largely encode for proteins of unknown function. Upregulated (*A*) and downregulated (*B*) genes in the evolved LOS⁻ versus LOS⁺ distributed by COG category. A large number of both up- and down-regulated genes have no predicted function. The two COG categories with a higher frequency of genes assigned to it are lipid metabolism and cell envelope biogenesis.



Figure S7: Gene expression for lipoproteins, lipoprotein transport, PNAG biosynthesis, and *baeRS* is decreased after evolution. (*A*) The expression of five lipoproteins which have been shown to be a conserved response to LOS-deficiency in *A. baumannii*. After evolution, the evolved LOS⁻ bacteria show a decrease in overall expression relative to LOS⁺ cells; however, these lipoproteins are still expressed. HMPREF0010_01944, HMPREF0010_01945, and HMPREF0010_02739 have been shown to be cell surface exposed (*26*). (*B*) The expression of genes involved in PNAG biosynthesis. After the evolution experiment, the evolved LOS⁻ no longer upregulate any *pga* genes. Similar trends were observed for the lipoprotein transport pathway (*C*) and *baeRS* two-component system (*D*). In (*A-D*), the x-axis is \log_2 fold change. Green bars indicate expression for ancestor LOS⁺ and blue bars indicate expression for evolved LOS⁻ (evolved LOS⁺).



Figure S8: A 19606 Δ *mlaE* LOS- has a unique set of genes that are differentially regulated. A Venn-Diagram showing unique or conserved responses to LOS-deficiency between wild-type and a Δ *mlaE* mutant. All genes in the Venn-Diagram had fold-change values log₂ of ± 2.

		Evolution				
Population	Strain	Status	Polymyxin B*	Vancomycin*	Daptomycin*	Bacitracin*
		Ancestor LOS-	32	0.25	2	0.38
1	5075	Evolved LOS-	1024	3	96	6
		Fold Change	32	12	48	15
		Ancestor LOS-	128	0.25	3	0.75
5	AYE	Evolved LOS-	512	4	24	3
		Fold Change	4	16.0	8	4
		Ancestor LOS-	256	0.38	3	0.5
8	19606	Evolved LOS-	1024	4	96	6
		Fold Change	4	10.5	32	12

 Table S1. Antibiotic resistance profiles for additional populations

* All units are in µg/mL

Evolution/LOS Status	Strain	Population	Locus	Gene	Mutation	Sequence	Impact*	Frequency†
		Denulation	ABUW_0289	PBP1A	Insertion	CTTGGTGA	Val349fs	97.89
			ABUW_3259	mlaA	Insertion	CCAGCTAATT	GIn136fs	98.91
		1	ABUW_1745	<i>IpxA</i>	SNP	C>T	Gln255stop	100
			ABUW_0384	mlaE	Deletion	C519	Leu175fs	99.93
			ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	A>T	Gln162Leu	99.89
		Population	ABUW_1664 <>		Incortion	CTTCCAC		00.42
		2	ABUW_1666		Insertion	GIICGAG		99.4Z
			ABUW_1803	pldA	Replacement	TT>AAAG	Leu22fs	90.34
	5075		ABUW_0152	IpxC	Large In:	sertion Confirmed	by Sanger Seq	uencing
	3073		ABUW_0385	mlaD	Insertion	Т	lle161fs	100
		Population	ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	A>T	Gln162Leu	100
		r opulation 3	ABUW_1803	pldA	Deletion	T84	Tyr28fs	95.65
		5	ABUW_3566	pgsA	SNP	C>T	Ala56Val	87.69
			ABUW_0152	IpxC	Insertion	ATTT	Gly108fs	90
		Population 4	ABUW_0289	PBP1A	Deletion	T2007	Asn669fs	100
Evolved LOS			ABUW_1803	pldA	Deletion	731T	Val246fs	100
Evolved LOS-			ABUW_3566	pgsA	SNP	G>T	Ala108Asp	100
			ABUW_0152	lpxC	Large Ins	sertion Confirmed	by Sanger Seq	uencing
		Population	ABAYE0388	mlaC	Deletion	363T	Tyr122fs	94.3
		5	ABAYE1587	lpxA	Large Insertion Confirmed by Sanger Sequencing			
		Population	ABAYE0388	mlaC	Deletion	363T	Tyr122fs	100
	AYE	6	ABAYE1587	lpxA	Large Insertion Confirmed by Sanger Sequencing			uencing
		Population	ABAYE0388	mlaC	Deletion	272C	Thr91fs	100
		7	ABAYE3503	H-NS	SNP	G>A	Arg91His	100
		1	ABAYE1587	lpxA	Large Ins	sertion Confirmed	by Sanger Seq	uencing
			HMPREF0010_00357	IpxA	SNP	C>T	Gln72stop	99.94
		Population	HMPREF0010_00206					
		8	<>		Insertion	Т		100
			HMPREF0010_00207	_				
		Population	HMPREF0010_02485	ompR	SNP	C>T	Arg31Cys	100
	19606	9	HMPREF0010_02484	ompR	SNP	C>A	Pro10Tyr	100
			HMPREF0010_00357	IpxA	SNP	C>T	GIn72stop	98.39
		Population	HMPREF0010_02484	envZ	SNP	G>T	Met264IIe	100
		10	HMPREF0010_02484	envZ	SNP	C>A	synonymous	98.53
			HMPREF0010_02607	mlaC	Deletion	363-364 TT	Tyr122fs	100

 Table S2: All mutations accumulated in evolved LOS⁻ populations

Evolution/LOS Status	Strain	Population	Locus	Gene	Mutation	Sequence	Impact*	Frequency†
Evolved LOS-	19606	Population 10	HMPREF0010_03503	lpxC	Large In	sertion Confirmed	by Sanger Sec	quencing

*fs refers to frame shift

† Frequency refers to the number of times the SNP was identified relative to the total number of reads available for that sequence.

Evolution/LOS Status	Strain	Population	Locus	Gene	Mutation	Sequence	Impact*	Frequency†
		Population	ABUW_1745	lpxA	SNP	C>T	Gln255stop	100
		1	ABUW_3827	hypothetical	Insertion	462A	Gln155fs	88.64
			ABUW_0384	mlaE	Deletion	519C	Leu175fs	99.82
		Dopulation	ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	A>T	Gln162Leu	99.71
			ABUW_1664 <>					
		2	ABUW_1666		Insertion	GTTCGAG		99.72
	5075		ABUW_0152	lpxC	Large Inse	ertion Confirm	ed by Sanger Se	equencing
		Population	ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	A>T	Gln162Leu	100
		3	ABUW_0152	lpxC	Insertion	ATTT	Gly108fs	90
			ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	A>T	Gln162Leu	100
		Population	ABUW_1664 <>					
		4	ABUW_1666		Insertion	GTTCGAG		100
Ancestor LOS-			ABUW_0152 IpxC Large Insertion Confirmed b		ed by Sanger Se	equencing		
		Population	ABAYE0388	mlaC	Deletion	363T	Tyr122fs	94.3
		5	ABAYE1587 IpxA Large Insertion Confirmed by		ed by Sanger Se	equencing		
	AYE	Population	ABAYE0388	mlaC	Deletion	363T	Tyr122fs	91.18
		6	ABAYE1587	lpxA	Large Insertion Confirmed by Sanger Sequencing			
		Population	ABAYE0388	mlaC	Deletion	272C	Thr91fs	100
		7	ABAYE1587	lpxA	Large Insertion Confirmed by Sanger Sequencing			
		Population						
		8	HMPREF0010_00357	lpxA	SNP	C>T	Gln72stop	99.94
	19606	Population						
	19000	9	HMPREF0010_00357	lpxA	SNP	C>T	Gln72stop	100
		Population						
		10	HMPREF0010_003502	lpxC	Large Inse	ertion Confirm	ed by Sanger Se	equencing
		Population						
Ancestor LOS+	5075	1						
		Population						
		2	ABUW_2146	rnd	Insertion	493TA	Lys165fs	96.99

 Table S3: All mutations accumulated in ancestor and evolved populations

Evolution/LOS Status	Strain	Population	Locus	Gene	Mutation	Sequence	Impact*	Frequency†
		Population						
	5075	3	ABUW_2146	rnd	Insertion	493TA	Lys165fs	96.99
		Population						
		4	ABUW_2146	rnd	Insertion	493TA	Lys165fs	96.99
		Population						
		5						
	ΔVF	Population						
		6						
		Population						
		7						
		Population						
		8						
	19606	Population						
		9						
		Population						
		10						
			ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	A>1	GIn162Leu	99.17
		Population 1	ABUW_1664 <>		1	CACTTA		100
			ABUW_1666		Insertion	GAGIIIA		100
			ABUW_24/1	dcaF	SNP	(>1	Pro44Leu	99.52
			ABUW_0913	рскы	SNP	G>A	Arg15/His	99.71
		Population	ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	(>1	GIn162Leu	99.82
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Evolved LUS+	5075		ABUW_1666		Insertion	GIICGAG		99.5
		Denvilation	ABUW_0913	рско	SNP	G>A	Arg15/His	99.71
		Population	ABUW_1199	smr/mutS2	SNP	(>1	GIN162Leu	99.82
		3	ABUW_1664 <>		lucoution	CTTCCAC		00 5
			ABUW_1666		Insertion	GIICGAG		99.5
		Dopulation	ABUW_0913				AIg15/HIS	99./1 00.92
		Population	ABUW 1004 5	smr/mutS2	SINP	(>1	GINI6ZLEU	99.82
		4	ABUW_1664 <>		Incontion	CTTCCAC		00 F
			AROM_1000		insertion	GIICGAG		99.5

Evolution/LOS Status	Strain	Population	Locus	Gene	Mutation	Sequence	Impact*	Frequency†
	AYF	Population						
	,	5						
	AVE	Population						
		6						
	AVE	Population						
	ATE	7						
	19606		HMPREF0010_00206					
		Population	<>					
Evolved LOS+		8	HMPREF0010_00207		Insertion	Т		100
			HMPREF0010_00206					
	19606	Population	<>					
-		9	HMPREF0010_00207		Insertion	Т		100
			HMPREF0010_00206					
	19606	Population	<>					
		10	HMPREF0010_00207		Insertion	Т		100

* fs refers to frameshift

[†] Frequency refers to the number of times the SNP was identified relative to the total number of reads available for that sequence.

	Mla-Independent Fo	ld Changes
Locus*	WT LOS ⁻ /LOS ⁺	$m la E LOS^{-} / LOS^{+}$
03356	10.42	9.64
02733	9.51	9.13
00185	7.94	7.84
02739	8.49	7.8
03654	8.58	7.06
00186	8.15	6.98
104195	5.52	6.04
01945	6.77	5.45
macA	5.95	5.1
IolA	5.84	5.01
01944	4.83	4.95
03355	5.14	4.92
00247	3.25	4.68
macB	5.68	4.47
02727	4.16	4.4
02568	5.39	4.36
02579	5.02	4.05
03182	4.46	4.05
macC	5.45	3.93
ompW	3.3	3.88
02249	3.88	3.85
00385	2.63	3.71
00069	4.15	3.69
IolB	4.32	3.66
02797	3.23	3.51
02675	3.76	3.47
00266	3.28	3.42
mlaB	3.98	3.1
argA	3.4	3.1
02025	3.34	3.07
kynU	3.67	2.83
00694	3.36	2.83
baeS	3.37	2.81
mlaC	3.4	2.7
02248	2.42	2.67
dsbA	3.95	2.66

Table S4: Transcriptomic fold changes for the Mla-independent gene set

02071	3.35	2.64
03516	2.87	2.64
02462	3.41	2.63
00184	2.78	2.55
01616	2.25	2.55
03111	2.04	2.43
03519	2.09	2.38
03113	2.03	2.27
03145	3.08	2.26
01939	2.49	2.25
02269	2.97	2.22
proY	2.53	2.2
00792	3.17	2.13
03727	2.27	2.1
00990	2.69	2.07
csgG	-2.53	-2.14
00606	-4.31	-2.16
03013	-2.68	-2.21
03661	-2.08	-2.31
rhtB	-3.17	-2.37
104360	-3.62	-2.42
pgpB	-2.48	-2.43
03531	-3.47	-2.68
03347	-3.19	-2.82
00516	-3.05	-2.88
00599	-2.41	-3.42
03348	-4.47	-4.96
00597	-2.74	-5.08
00598	-3.49	-5.38

*Locus is preceded by HMPREF0010_ for unannotated genes

Mla-dependent Fold Changes				
Locus*	WT LOS⁻/LOS⁺	mlaE LOS⁻/LOS⁺		
00466	-0.68	7.67		
00467	-1.49	7.1		
00468	-0.93	6.73		
00469	-1.63	6.51		
00470	-0.62	5.7		
00471	-0.24	5.16		
00472	0.31	4.66		
01245	-0.15	4.46		
00194	-1.32	4.24		
acoA	-1.17	4.11		
00473	-0.11	4.1		
104260	1.57	4.1		
00463	-0.45	4.09		
benA	1.39	4.02		
acoB	-1.39	3.94		
aroP3	-1.71	3.94		
benB	0.78	3.92		
00193	-2.16	3.77		
00192	-2.53	3.76		
atoE	-1.47	3.73		
acoC	-1.34	3.71		
00474	0.49	3.7		
lipA2	-1.22	3.69		
104270	-1.69	3.5		
02254	-1.64	3.48		
lpdA2	-1.15	3.46		
104275	-1.88	3.45		
00637	-1.81	3.4		
104765	0	3.35		
mmsA	-1.16	3.33		
00396	1.89	3.26		
budC	-0.57	3.25		
mmsB	-0.97	3.18		
paaF	-2.14	3.15		
paaJ	-2.17	3.12		

 Table S5: Transcriptomic fold changes for the Mla-independent gene set

	1	
caiD	-1.63	3.03
bdhA	-1.57	3
00673	-0.25	2.98
00680	0.24	2.94
00646	-1.15	2.88
paaE	-1.98	2.83
paal	-2.17	2.81
benC	0.13	2.77
01003	-1.84	2.75
01101	-0.51	2.75
рааХ	-2.15	2.73
03117	1.42	2.7
paaB	-1.98	2.69
paaK	-2.09	2.69
03057	1.17	2.68
03231	-0.22	2.68
paaC	-2.13	2.65
paal	-2.36	2.64
03725	1.14	2.62
vanK	0.68	2.58
paaH	-1.88	2.55
pobA	-0.11	2.47
02778	-0.44	2.45
03058	1.28	2.43
03115	1.58	2.42
03131	1.54	2.42
01007	-1.84	2.41
02800	-0.83	2.4
paaY	-1.9	2.36
01142	1.91	2.36
mgh	-2.12	2.31
02412	0.7	2.29
vanA	0.52	2.29
acsA	0.72	2.29
02936	1.9	2.28
01005	-1.92	2.27
01008	-2.03	2.27
00005	0.15	2.26
03119	1.83	2.26

03121	1.66	2.25
03533	0.49	2.25
01010	-2.25	2.24
03112	1.95	2.23
pcaT	-0.08	2.22
01011	-2.1	2.22
23485	0.88	2.21
paaZ	-1.58	2.2
03724	1.11	2.2
01271	1.05	2.18
00635	-0.27	2.16
01006	-0.74	2.16
02419	0.66	2.16
03110	1.65	2.16
02411	0.85	2.14
00275	1.73	2.12
benP1	0.56	2.12
actP	-0.13	2.12
00272	1.35	2.09
01002	-0.8	2.08
02329	1.11	2.08
03118	1.82	2.08
03120	1.58	2.08
00267	1.13	2.07
02252	-0.92	2.06
02409	0.54	2.03
00013	0.32	2.02
00985	0.58	2.01
clpV	-1.6	-2
gltD	-0.78	-2
01112	-1.45	-2.01
01115	-1.04	-2.04
01111	-1.51	-2.07
01116	-1.2	-2.09
icmF	-1.53	-2.09
00650	-1.88	-2.19
01117	-1.59	-2.19
104310	-1.51	-2.26
00579	-0.68	-2.3

-1.74	-2.31
-1.9	-2.39
-0.47	-2.42
-0.68	-2.48
-1.87	-2.61
-1.67	-2.7
1.88	-2.84
	-1.74 -1.9 -0.47 -0.68 -1.87 -1.67 1.88

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Table S6: Strains and Plasmids

Strain	Genotype	Reference
E. coli W3110	Wild type, F- λ-, <i>rph-1 IN(rrnD,</i> <i>rrnE)1</i>	<i>E. coli</i> Genetic Stock Center (Yale)
A. baumannii ATCC19606	Wild type	ATCC
A. baumannii 5075	Wild type	ATCC
A. baumannii AYE	Wild type	ATCC
A. baumannii ATCC19606	Δm laE, Δp ldA	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606, LOS-	Δm laE, Δp ldA	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606, LOS+	$\Delta m la E$	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606, LOS-	Δm la E	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606, LOS+	Δ <i>mlaE, ΔpldA,</i> pMMB67EHKn- <i>mlaE</i>	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606, LOS-	Δ <i>mlaE, ΔpldA,</i> pMMB67EHKn- <i>mlaE</i>	This Study
A. baumannii 5075 LOS- Ancestor Pop 1	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii 5075 LOS- Ancestor Pop 2	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii 5075 LOS- Ancestor Pop 3	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii 5075 LOS- Ancestor Pop 4	See Table S3	This Study
<i>A. baumannii</i> AYE LOS- Ancestor Pop 5	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii AYE LOS- Ancestor Pop 6	See Table S3	This Study
<i>A. baumannii</i> AYE LOS- Ancestor Pop 7	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS- Ancestor Pop 8	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS- Ancestor Pop 9	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS- Ancestor Pop 10	See Table S3	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS+ Evolved Pop 1	See Table S3	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS+ Evolved Pop 2	See Table S3	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS+ Evolved Pop 3	See Table S3	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS+ Evolved Pop 4	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii AYE LOS+ Evolved Pop 5	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii AYE LOS+ Evolved Pop 6	See Table S3	This Study

A. baumannii AYE LOS+ Evolved Pop 7	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS+ Evolved Pop 8	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS+ Evolved Pop 9	See Table S3	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS+ Evolved Pop 10	See Table S3	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS- Evolved Pop 1	See Table S2	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS- Evolved Pop 2	See Table S2	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS- Evolved Pop 3	See Table S2	This Study
A.baumannii 5075 LOS- Evolved Pop 4	See Table S2	This Study
A. baumannii AYE LOS- Evolved Pop 5	See Table S2	This Study
A. baumannii AYE LOS- Evolved Pop 6	See Table S2	This Study
A. baumannii AYE LOS- Evolved Pop 7	See Table S2	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS- Evolved Pop 8	See Table S2	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS- Evolved Pop 9	See Table S2	This Study
A. baumannii ATCC19606 LOS- Evolved Pop 10	See Table S2	This Study
Plasmid	Description	Reference
pMMB67EHKn	pMMB67EH with Kan ^R	30
pMMB67EHKn- <i>mlaE</i>	pMMB67EH with <i>mlaE</i>	This Study
pRecABtet	pMMB67EH with REC _{AB} system, tet ^R	44
pFLPtet	pMMB67EH with FLP recombinase, tet ^R	44
pKD4	FRT-flanked Kan ^R	44

Table S7: Primers

Primer	Sequence	
Recombineering_F_ <i>pldA</i>	5'- TAAGTTTGACCTATAAAAATGCCGCTTTTACAGCGGCTTTT TTATTAACCAATTTGAATATTGGCTTGAGGGGTGTTTGAGAC GGCTTTTTTTAGGAGTAGCAATTAAATAGGCGAGTGTTAA GGGGCCTAAACGGCCTGCAAACATAAGTATATCCTCCTTA GTTCCTATTCCG	
Recombineering_R_ <i>pldA</i>	5'- TTTAGAAGATTTAAAACGTGTTGCACGTCAATATTTAATTG AACAAACACCTGTAAAAGCTGTCGTTGCACCTTTTGCAAAA CGTGATGAATTGCAACAACTGGGCTTTACGATCAAACAAG TTAATTAAAATAAAA	
Recombineering_F_ <i>mlaE</i>	5'- GGTACACCTGAGCAACTCAAGGCACATGCTTCTCCATTTG TAAAACAGTTCTTAACCGGTTCGGTAGAAGGTCCGGTTGA ATATCAGTTTAGCCACCAAGCTTATTTAGATAACGAGGTTC GTCCTATATCCTCCTTAGTTCCTATTCCG	
Recombineering_R_ <i>mlaE</i>	5'- GGTGTAGCCATCGCTCAAGTTCGTGCCCACTAAACCACTC ACTTTCATTGCTAAAAAGAATAAAGCGATACCGAAGATAAT GACAAAGATACCTACGGCCAGCTCACTAGTACGTGATTTC ACAGCGATTGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG	
Promoter_ <i>mlaA</i> _F	5'- CAAATAAACTTCGAGTAATTTAAAC	
Coding Region_ <i>mlaA</i> _R	5'- TTTTTCGGTTTTATCAGTGTTATC	
pMMB67EHKn- <i>mlaE</i> _F	5'- CCGGAATTCATGAATACGATTGCCTGG*	
pMMB67EHKn- <i>mlaE</i> _R	5'- CGCGGATCCTTAAATCCCTCCGAACATG*	