

**Table S1 Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study**

Strain or plasmid	Genotype or properties	Reference
<b><i>S. maltophilia</i></b>		
KJ	A clinical quinolone-susceptible isolate	Hu et al. 2008
KJΔDEF	<i>S. maltophilia</i> KJ mutant of <i>smeDEF</i> operon; $\Delta smeDEF$	Huang et al. 2017
KJΔ5	<i>S. maltophilia</i> KJ mutant of <i>smeU1VWU2X</i> operon; $\Delta smeU1VWU2X$	Chen et al. 2011
KJΔQnr	<i>S. maltophilia</i> KJ mutant of <i>Smqnr</i> ; $\Delta Smqnr$	Chang et al. 2011
KJΔRpoE	<i>S. maltophilia</i> KJ mutant of <i>rpoE</i> ; $\Delta rpoE$	Huang et al. 2014
KJΔRseA	<i>S. maltophilia</i> KJ mutant of <i>rseA</i> ; $\Delta rseA$	Huang et al. 2014
KJΔRpoEΔRseA	<i>S. maltophilia</i> KJ mutant of <i>rseA</i> and <i>rpoE</i> ; $\Delta rseA$ , $\Delta rpoE$	Huang et al. 2014
V53	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V53ΔDEF	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V53 mutant of <i>smeDEF</i> operon; $\Delta smeDEF$	This study
V63	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V63ΔDEF	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V63 mutant of <i>smeDEF</i> operon; $\Delta smeDEF$	This study
V82	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V82ΔDEF	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V82 mutant of <i>smeDEF</i> operon; $\Delta smeDEF$	This study
V99	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V99Δ5	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V99 mutant of <i>smeU1VWU2X</i> operon; $\Delta smeU1VWU2X$	This study
V47	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V47ΔDEF	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V47 mutant of <i>smeDEF</i> operon; $\Delta smeDEF$	This study
V47Δ5	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V47 mutant of <i>smeU1VWU2X</i> operon; $\Delta smeU1VWU2X$	This study
V47ΔDEFΔ5	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V47 mutant of <i>smeDEF</i> and <i>smeU1VWU2X</i> operons; $\Delta smeDEF$ , $\Delta smeU1VWU2X$	This study
V47ΔSmqnr	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V47 mutant of <i>Smqnr</i> ; $\Delta Smqnr$	This study
V47ΔRpoE	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V47 mutant of <i>rpoE</i> ; $\Delta rpoE$	This study
V84	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V84ΔRpoE	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V84 mutant of <i>rpoE</i> ; $\Delta rpoE$	This study
V61	A clinical quinolone-resistant isolate	This study
V61ΔRpoE	<i>S. maltophilia</i> V61 mutant of <i>rpoE</i> ; $\Delta rpoE$	This study
<b><i>E. coli</i></b>		
DH5a	F- $\phi$ 80d/ <i>acZΔM15</i> $\Delta(lacZYA-argF)U169$ <i>deoR</i> <i>recA1 endA1 hsdR17</i> ( $r_k^- m_k^+$ ) <i>phoA supE44λ</i>	Invitrogen

S17-1	<i>thi-1 gyrA96 relA1</i> λ pir <sup>+</sup> mating strain	Simon et al. 1986
<b>Plasmids</b>		
pEX18Tc	<i>sacB oriT</i> , Tc <sup>r</sup>	Hoang et al. 1998
pRK415	Mobilizable broad-host-range plasmid cloning vector, RK2 origin; Tc <sup>r</sup>	Keen et al. 1988
pΔDEF	pEX18Tc with an internal-deletion <i>smeDEF</i> operon; Tc <sup>r</sup>	Huang et al. 2017
pΔ5	pEX18Tc with an internal-deletion <i>smeUIVWU2X</i> operon; Tc <sup>r</sup>	Chen et al. 2011
pΔQnr	pEX18Tc with an internal-deletion <i>smqnr</i> gene; Tc <sup>r</sup>	Chang et al. 2011
pΔRpoE	pEX18Tc with an internal-deletion <i>rpoE</i> gene; Tc <sup>r</sup>	Huang et al. 2014
pΔRseA	pEX18Tc with an internal-deletion <i>rseA</i> gene; Tc <sup>r</sup>	Huang et al. 2014
pRpoH	pRK415 with an intact <i>rpoH</i> gene; Tc <sup>r</sup>	This study
pSmqnrC	pRK415 with an intact <i>SmqnrR-Smqnr</i> cluster; Tc <sup>r</sup>	This study

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