

1 **S1 Table. Primers used in this study.**

Primers^a	Sequence (5' -3')	Reference or source
For <i>rpoS</i> deletion		
F-rpoS-U1	GGAATTCAGGTGGGAATAAGGGTGTC	This study
F-rpoS-D1	AAGCGGAAGCAAATCGTTCTCGCTGGTCTC	This study
F-rpoS-U2	AGAACGATTGCTTCCGCTTCTCCAC	This study
F-rpoS-D2	CAAGCTTGCGTCAAGCCAATCTCC	This study
F-rpoS-W	CAGCACCGTCAGCAACA	This study
R-rpoS-W	CGTCAAGCCAATCTCCC	This study
F-rpoS-c	GGAATTCCGCGTAGTGATGCAGGCAAC	This study
R-rpoS-c	CAAGCTTTTATTTCGCGGAACAGCGCC	This study
For RT-qPCR		
RT-16s-F	CGAACCGCTGGCAACAA	This study
RT-16s-R	ACGCGAAGAACCTTACCTACTCT	This study
RT-pigA-F	ATGGCTTTATGGGCGTGTC	This study
RT-pigA-R	TGAAGGTCAGTTCGCTCCAC	This study
RT-luxS-F	GCTGAAAGTGACCGACCAGC	This study
RT-luxS-R	CGCCGTTATCCAGAATGTGC	This study
RT-fliC-F	CTGGCTACCCTGGACAAAGC	This study
RT-fliC-R	GGATACGGGACTGAGAAGCG	This study
RT-flhD-F	CCGCAATGTTTCGCCTG	This study
RT-flhD-R	GGCGTTCGATGGTCTGGC	This study
RT-ompC-F	AACGGGCTTCACTATTTCTCCA	This study
RT-ompC-R	TTCAGCGTGGTTCAGGTTTCG	This study
RT-ompF1-F	ACCTATGTTTCGTTTCGGCTTCA	This study
RT-ompF1-R	GTGCCCTGAGATTCGGAGTG	This study
RT-ompF2-F	ACCAGGGCAAGAACGAAAAC	This study
RT-ompF2-R	GGTGCGGTTGGAAGAAGC	This study

2 ^a F, forward primer; R, reverse primer.

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