

**Table S3:** Oligonucleotides used in this study

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Function
1	CGAACTGTTGCCAGGGCTC	Cloning of pFuseA-npt-5VNTR-clbRp-lux
2	AGAACGTTCCATTCTCTAGAAAGAATAG	Cloning of pFuseA-npt-5VNTR-clbRp-lux
3	GCGCGAATTCAACCATGAGTAATATCAGTTGTAT TG	Cloning of pBAD24-clbQ-rrnBt
4	GCGCTCTAGAGCCATATCTATTGCTCCTTG	Cloning of pBAD24-clbQ-rrnBt
5	CCATCGAATGGCCAGATGAT	Cloning of pBAD24-tetAp-clbQ-rrnBt
6	GCGCACATGTAGCATTATCAGGGTTATTGTCT	Cloning of pBAD24-tetAp-clbQ-rrnBt
7	TGGAAAAACGCCAGCAACG	Cloning of pBAD24-tetAp-clbQ-rrnBt
8	TTCACTTTCTCTATCACTGATAG	Cloning of pBAD24-tetAp-clbQ-rrnBt
9	GTGATAGAGAAAAGTGAATGAGTAATATCAGTT TGTATTGTTG	Cloning of pBAD24-tetAp-clbQ-rrnBt
10	TGCTCATGGTAGTTACTCCTTTTC	Cloning of clbR deletion
11	CAATCCTCATGTTCCCCCATCCTGAATGGTATC	Cloning of clbR deletion
12	GGGGGGAAACATGAGGATTGATATATTAATTGGA C	Cloning of clbR deletion
13	CGCCATTAAATGAAGTTCCATTCTCAATTCTG CCCATTGACG	Cloning of clbR deletion
14	GCGCCACGTCGTACGTGCAAATATGGCAAACC	Cloning of clbR deletion
15	GTATAGGAACCTCTCAATTCTGCCATTGACG	Cloning of clbR deletion
16	GGGCAGAATTGAGAAGTTCTATACTTTCTAGAG AATAG	Cloning of clbR deletion
17	CCTGTCTCTGATCAGATCTTGATC	Cloning of clbR deletion
18	GGTGGTTGCTCTCCGCAGATAATCTCATTCTGT TAGC	Cloning of clbR deletion/ pTXB1_clbR
19	GGTGGTCATATGGATAAGTCAAAGAAAAAAACC	Cloning of pTXB1_clbR
20	TGTTTCTCCATACCGTTTTGGCTAGCAGGA GGAATTCAACCATGGATAAGTCAAAGAAAAAA CC	Amplification of clbR for cloning into pBAD24_clbR
21	TTCTGTTTATCAGACCGCTCTGCGTTCTGATT AATCTGTATCATTAGATAATCTCATTCTGTTAGC	Amplification of clbR for cloning into pBAD24_clbR
22	GCTAACAGGAATGAGATTATCTAATGATAACAGAT TAAATCAGAACGC	Amplification of rrnBt for cloning into pBAD24_clbR
23	CAAAAGAGTTGTAGAACCGC	Amplification of rrnBt for cloning into pBAD24_clbR
24	TTTCGCCACCTCTGACTT	Amplification of tetAp for cloning into pGEM®- T Easy-tetAp-clbR
25	GGTTTTTTCTTGAACCTATCCATTCACTTTCT CTATCACTGATAGG	Amplification of tetAp for cloning into pGEM®- T Easy-tetAp-clbR
26	ATGGATAAGTCAAAGAAAAAAACC	Amplification of clbR-rrnBt from pBAD24_clbR
27	AGCATTATCAGGGTTATTGTCT	Amplification of clbR-rrnBt from pBAD24_clbR
28	CCATCGAATGGCCAGATGAT	Fusion PCR to fuse the tetAp and clbR-rrnBt amplicons

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29	CAAAAGAGTTGTAGAACGC	Fusion PCR to fuse the <i>tetAp</i> and <i>clbR-rrnBt</i> amplicons
30	AATGCCATCTGGTATCACTTAAAGGTATTAAAAAA CAACTTTGTCTTTACCTCATATGAATATCCT CCTTAGTTCC	Cloning of M1/5 <i>rpsL</i> K42R $\lambda$ <i>attB</i> ::FRT
31	AAGCCAATGCCAGCGCCAGACGGGAACTGAAA ATGTGTTCACAGGTTGCTCCGGGCTATGTGTAGG CTGGAGCTGCTTC	Cloning of M1/5 <i>rpsL</i> K42R $\lambda$ <i>attB</i> ::FRT
32	TTCCC GTGATGGATAAATAAG	Amplification <i>frr</i> promotor region
33	GTTACGAATCCTTGAAAACIT	Amplification <i>frr</i> promotor region
34	TATGCAGCAGCGACATAAGG	Fusing <i>luxA</i> with <i>frr</i> prmotor region
35	AAGTTTCAAGGATTGTAACATGAAATTGGAA ACTTTTGCTTACATACCAAC	Fusing <i>luxA</i> with <i>frr</i> prmotor region
36	GACGGAAGATCACTCGCAG	Amplification of <i>cat</i> cassette
37	ACACCAGGATTTATTATTCTGCGAAGTGATCTTC CGTCTCCCGTATGGATAAATAAG	Fusing <i>luxA</i> overlap with <i>frr</i> promotor region, adding <i>cat</i> cassette overlap
38	GAGATAACGGGTTTTTCTTGAACCTATCCATG TTTCCCCCATCCTGTTACGCCCGCCCTGCCACT	Scarless VNTR cloning
39	GCCTGTAGCAGTTGAGGAATTATAGCATCAATAC CGTCATCCTGCGGGACGCTAGCTTCTCGTCTGTT T	Scarless VNTR cloning
40	GAGATAACGGGTTTTTCTTGAACTTAT	Scarless VNTR cloning
41	GCCTGTAGCAGTTGAGGAATTATAG	Scarless VNTR cloning
42	ACGAGTATCGAGATGGCACA	Control PCR for chromosomal <i>clbR</i> deletion
43	ATGGCTCTTGTATCTATC	Control PCR for chromosomal <i>clbR</i> deletion
44	GATAAGTTCAAAGAAAAAACCGTTATCTCTGC GTGAAAGACAAGTATTGCGCATGCTGTGTAGGCT GGAGCTGCTTC	Chromosomal <i>clbR</i> deletion
45	ATATGAAAATCAATATTATCGACGGCTCAGAAGT GTCTAGATTATCCGTGGCGATCATATGAATATCCT CCTTAGTTCC	Chromosomal <i>clbR</i> deletion
46	ACCGTTGTATCGTAAATTCTCTC	Chromosomal <i>clbR</i> deletion
47	GATTGTATTGAATTTCATTAAAC	Chromosomal <i>clbR</i> deletion
48	TGCTCATGGTAGTTACTCCTTTCT	General primer probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region
49	CATCCTGAATGGTATCTGTGTATC	547-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 1)
50	ATCTGTGTATCTGTTTTGGCAG	478-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 2)
51	TTATGTAAATGGGAATTACGC	422-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 3)
52	TGTATGTACTGCATGACTTACATG	355-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 4)
53	AACATGTAATCAGAATATAAGG	294-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 5)
54	CAATATGATTATATGAATACGC	238-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 6)
55	ATGTTAAATAATCTATAAATCC	171-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 7)

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56	GAGATTTCATGTAATAAGATGG	115-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 8)
57	TGAATACGCAATAAAAAACTATACTTG	225-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 9)
58	AAAAACTATACTTGCAGATAGGTG	212-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 10)
59	TGCGGATAGGTGTGCCATTAG	200-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 11)
60	CCATTAGAATAATCATGTTAAATAATC	186-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbB</i> upstream region (probe 12)
61	ACCGTTGTATCGTAAATTCCCTC	General primer probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbR</i> upstream region
62	CTTCACGCAGAGATAACGGG	176-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbR</i> upstream region (probe 13)
63	GGTTTTTTCTTGAACTTATC	157-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbR</i> upstream region (probe 14)
64	CATGTTCCCCCATCCTG	135-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbR</i> upstream region (probe 15)
65	CATCCTGAATGGTATCTGTGTATC	123-bp probe generation for EMSA with <i>clbR</i> upstream region (probe 16)
66	CCGATTCTTAATGCAGCTG	229-bp probe generation for EMSA <i>lacZ</i> control
67	CCAGTCACGACGTTGTAATACG	229-bp probe generation for EMSA <i>lacZ</i> control
68	GTTGTCGCTGAAGCAACTGG	RT-qPCR <i>gapA</i>
69	AGCGTTGGAAACGATGTCCT	RT-qPCR <i>gapA</i>
70	CGTGGTATAAAGTTGGGAC	RT-qPCR <i>clbA</i>
71	CTCCACAGGAAGCTACTAAC	RT-qPCR <i>clbA</i>
72	AGCGTGATTCTGTATTCCGAG	RT-qPCR <i>clbR</i>
73	CCGTTATCTCTCGTGAAAG	RT-qPCR <i>clbR</i>
74	CGACGTCACACCTTCAGCACG	RT-qPCR <i>clbB</i>
75	TGCAGGGGTGATACGATAATCG	RT-qPCR <i>clbB</i>
76	ATCGTCAAGCTGGCGGAACTC	RT-qPCR <i>clbQ</i>
77	AGTCCCGCTTTCGTGTGGTG	RT-qPCR <i>clbQ</i>