

Supplementary Table S1. Primer pairs used in PCR reactions to confirm the polycistronic transcription of *kpfR* and *kpf* gene cluster. Primer pairs *kpfR*-F and *kpfA*-R were also used to confirm the insertion of the intron in the coding region of the *kpfR* gene.

Distance	Primers¹	Sequence (5' > 3')	Amplicon (base pairs)
<i>kpfR</i> to <i>kpfA</i>	<i>kpfR</i> -F	TTCAACAATTAGCCGCACTG	845
	<i>kpfA</i> -R	TTAGTGATAGGCGCCTCGTT	
<i>kpfA</i> to <i>kpfD</i>	<i>kpfA</i> -F	GCCAGAAGTTGGGGTCAAT	3773
	<i>kpfD</i> -R	TGCTGGAGACTTTAATGATGCTC	

1. F, forward primer; R, reverse primer.