

Fig S1. Growth curves obtained for *E. coli* UTI89 and its mutant derivatives in urine (A), LB (B) and EZ-MOPS (C). The data shown are means \pm standard deviations of at least three biological replicates. Statistical significance (**** $p < 0.0001$; *** $p < 0.001$; ** $p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$) was determined by one-sample t-test or ANOVA and Sidak's post-test. Black and dark grey asterisks show significant differences between *E. coli* UTI89 and the mutants Δprc and $\Delta rfaDC$ in LB and EZ-MOPS. Light grey asterisks show significant differences between *E. coli* UTI89 and the mutant Δtol in EZ-MOPS

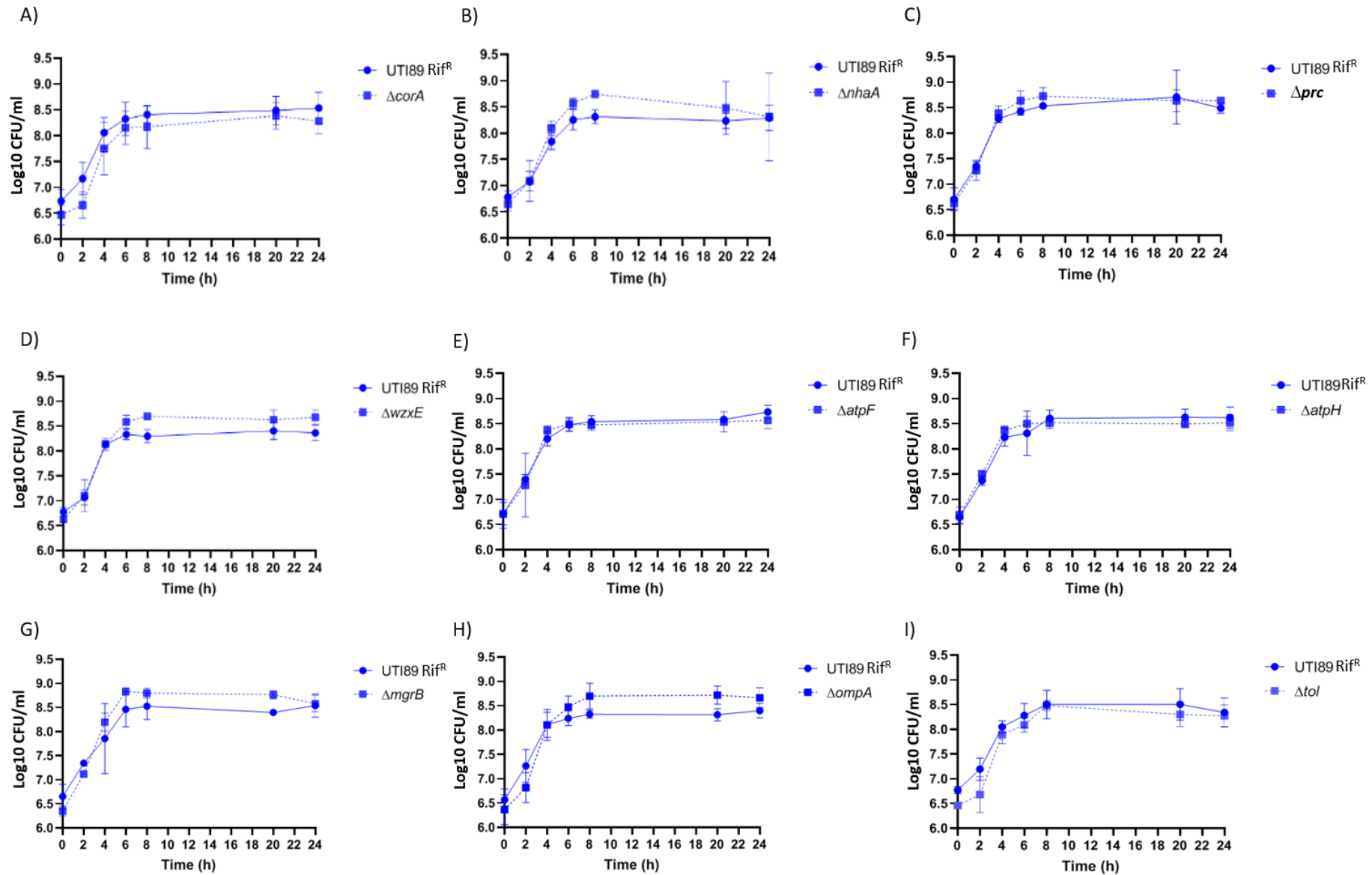


Fig S2. Competition assays of the E. coli UTI89 rifampicin resistant strain (UTI89 Rif^R) and the mutants $\Delta corA$ (A), $\Delta nhaA$ (B), Δprc (C), $\Delta wzxE$ (D), $\Delta atpF$ (E), $\Delta atpH$ (F), $\Delta mgrB$ (G), $\Delta ompA$ (H), Δtol (I), in human urine. The data shown are means \pm standard deviations of at least three biological replicates. No statistical significance was observed at any time point between each mutant and UTI89 Rif^R.

Table S1. UTI89 output libraries and samples obtained in each mouse experiment.

Output library	Sample	Cfu/sample	Experiment
UTI89_U	Mouse U	3.5×10^4	N= 11 mice
UTI89_V	Mouse V	1.2×10^5	6 h infection
UTI89_W	Mouse W	1.0×10^6	5% Glucose 16 h prior to infection
UTI89_X	4 mice (4 bladders)	3.3×10^5	
UTI89_Y	4 mice (4 bladders)	6.9×10^4	
UTI89_Z	Mouse Z. One ml of each of the 5 samples (U to Y) (all 11 mice)	8.1×10^6	

Libraries analyzed by TraDIS are highlighted in bold (see Table 2).

Table S2. Primers used for TraDIS.

Primers¹	Sequence (5'-3')	Reference
SplA5-Top	G*AGATCGGTCTCGGCATTCTGCTGAACCGCTCTCCGATC*T	[15]
SplA5-Bottom	/5PHOS/G*ATCGGAAGAGCGGTTTCAGCAGGTTTTTTTTTTTCAAAAAA*A	[15]
Primers²	Sequence (5'-3')	
SplAP5.1	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.2	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACATCGGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.3	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATATGCCTAAGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.4	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATAGTGGTCAGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.5	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATACACTGTGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.6	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATACATTGGCGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.7	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATCAGATCTGGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.8	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATCATCAAGTGGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.9	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATCGCTGATCGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.10	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATACAAGCTAGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.11	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATCTGTAGCCGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.12	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATAGTACAAGGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
SplAP5.13	C*AAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGATAACAACCAGAGATCGGTCTCGGCATTC*C	[15]
Tn-PCR-final1	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACCTGATCTAGAGTCGACCTGCAGGCA TGCAAGCTTCAG	[15]
Primer³	Sequence (5'-3')	
qPCR2.1 (P5)	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAG	[15]
qPCR 2.2 (P7)	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGA	[15]
Tn-seq-primer ⁵	AGGCATGCAAGCTTCAGGGTTGAGATGTGTA	[70]
Primer⁴	Sequence (5'-3')	
iPCRtagSeq	AAGAGCGGTTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTC	[15]
Illumina Read 1	CGGTCTCGGCATTCTGCTGAACCGCTCTTCCGATCT	[15]
Tn-seq-primer ⁵	AGGCATGCAAGCTTCAGGGTTGAGATGTGTA	[72]

¹Primers used for adapter ligation

²Indexed adapter-specific primers (SplA5.x) and transposon-specific primer used for PCR enrichment

³Primers used for qPCR TraDIS libraries quantification

⁴Primers used for MiSeq Illumina Sequencing

⁵This primer yields specific sequencing of the Tn-insertion sites on the Illumina MiSeq platform while allowing for multiple sample indexing. This primer contained (5'-3') the P5 sequence (33 bp) to bind to MiSeq flowcells, and the Tn-specific sequence (33 bp) designed to amplify the last 12 bp of the transposon and its adjacent genomic sequence

* Indicates a phosphorothioate group

Table S3. Primers used for the construction and verification of mutants.

Gene/region	Primer ¹	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>corA</i>	<i>corA</i> -KO-F	TTCTGTGTGCCACCGAACTGTCCGATATTTTAAGCATTGGGAGTCCCGGTC ATGCTGAGCGCATTTCAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>corA</i> -KO-R	ACAATTTTCAGCAATAAGCCGGATAAAGAACAATCTTTACCCGGCATTATAT TACAACCAGTTCTTCCGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>UTI89_C1262</i>	<i>UTI89_C1262</i> -KO-F	AGGCTGCGTGATAGAATACGCCGCTTGAAGTTCAATGTCGTGAGTGATCC AATGTCTGAAACCGCAAAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>UTI89_C1262</i> -KO-R	TAGTAATTTCTTGGCCAGTTCAGTCTTCTTGTTTAAGTAAAGATAATAAT CAGACCGGCAGCGGCAGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>ybeY</i>	<i>ybeY</i> -KO-F	AACGTAAGCGGCGTGGCAGCAGAACGCAAGCGCGAAGAACAGGAACAA AAATGAGTCAGGTGATCCTCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>ybeY</i> -KO-R	CCGTCGTTAATCACCAACGGCGGGGACGTCTGCCAGTCAAATGCCTGGCAA ATTATTCTTCTCGGCAATCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>recB</i>	<i>recB</i> -KO-F	TGGGAGAACGTCAGCGCTTGCAGCAAACAATGCCCTGATGAGTGAAAAG AATGAGTGATGTCGCCGAGGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>recB</i> -KO-R	GGGCGTAGCTGTTTGTCTCCACAGCTTCCAGTAATTGCTTTTGCAATTTCA TTACGCCCTCCTCCAGGGTCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>wzxE</i>	<i>wzxE</i> -KO-F	CCCGTCAATCAGCGTACGGTAATTGCGACCTTGTGAAGTACTTCTCCTGAT ATGTCGTTGGCAAAGCGGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>wzxE</i> -KO-R	ACGGTTCGTTATGGTGAGGGATATCCGATCCCAGTACGTGAATCAGTACA GTCATGCCACCTACGCCACATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>nhaA</i>	<i>nhaA</i> -KO-F	CGTGCGGGTAAAATCGTGAAAACGATCTATTCACCTGAAGAGAAATAAAAA GTGAAACATCTGCATCGAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>nhaA</i> -KO-R	CCTGATAACAATGAAAAGGGAGCCGTTTATGGCTCCCAGTACATCGTCCT GTCAAACGATGGACGTAACATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>prc</i>	<i>prc</i> -KO-F	TTGATTGTGCGCGCAGAACACCTGGTGTCTGAAACGGAGGCCGGGCCAG GCATGAACATGTTTTTAGGGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>prc</i> -KO-R	GCATCTTGCCGCTGTTAAAAATCAGGCACAATTTCTTGTGCCCTGATTGATA TTACTTGACGGGAGCGGGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>tol</i>	<i>tolQ</i> -KO-F	TCAAAATGAAGCCTCGTGCCTTCCCAAGTCTATTGTGCGGGAGTTAAGCA GTGACTGACATGAATATCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>tolB</i> -KO-R	CACTTTGTTGAGTTGCATTTCAATGATTCCTTTACTATTCAATTAATTATTATC ACAGATACGGCGACCACATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>tolQ</i>	<i>tolQ</i> -KO-F	TCAAAATGAAGCCTCGTGCCTTCCCAAGTCTATTGTGCGGGAGTTAAGCA GTGACTGACATGAATATCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>tolB</i> -KO-R	CACTTTGTTGAGTTGCATTTCAATGATTCCTTTACTATTCAATTAATTATTATC ACAGATACGGCGACCACATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>relA</i>	<i>relA</i> -KO-F	AATAGTTACGATTTGCCATTTCCGGCAGGTCTGGTCCCTAAAGGAGAGGAC GATGGTTGCGGTAAGAAGTGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>relA</i> -KO-R	ATGTAGATACAGTATATCAATCTACATTGTAGATACGAGCAAGTTTCGGC CTAACTCCCGTGCAACCGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>glnA</i>	<i>glnA</i> -KO-F	ATTGCAGATTTGTTACCACGACGACAATGACCAATCCAGGAGAGTTAAAGT ATGTCGCTGAACACGTAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>glnA</i> -KO-R	CCACGGCAACTAAATCCCGGCTTGTGCGCCGGGTAGTACAACCTTCAACT ATTAGACGCTGTAGTACAGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>ompA</i>	<i>ompA</i> -KO-F	ATCTCGTTGGAGATATTCATGGCGTATTTGGATGATAACGAGGCGCAAAAA ATGAAAAAGACAGCTATCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>ompA</i> -KO-R	AGGCGAAAAAAAACCCCGCAGCTGCGGGTTTTTCTACCAGACGAGAACT TAAGCCTGCGGCTGAGTTACATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>mgrB</i>	<i>mgrB</i> -KO-F	TAACTAACGCATGCTAGTTTAAATGACATAAGGTAGGTGAAACGGAGATTGGA GTGAAAAAGTTTCGATGGGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	<i>mgrB</i> -KO-R	GCTATTCTACCACTGCTGGAGAGGAAGAAAATCTAGTGCTGAAAAATGATA TCACCACGGGATAAACTGGTCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>eda</i>	<i>eda</i> -KO-F	CTGTATCACTTTTTAAGACGACAAATTTGTAATCAGGCGAGAGAAAACCTCTG ATGAAAAACTGGAAAACAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG

	eda-KO-R	CGGCCAAAAACGCTACAAAAATGCCCGATCCTCGATCGGGCATTGACTT TTACAGCTTAGCGCCTTCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>rfaDC</i>	rfaD-KO-F	AAGTATTCGTGTCTGAGATTGTCTCTGACTCCATAAATCGAAGTTACAGTTA TGATCATCGTTACCGCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	rfaC-KO-R	ATCAGCAAGGAAGCTGATTTTTATTTCAAATATCTATTAAGAGTTGTAATTT AAATCATGGCAGCTTTCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>rfaG</i>	rfaG-KO-F	TCATTGCTGCTGTCGATAAACTACTGCCCTCCTCCACGACAGGTACGTGCTT ATGATCGTTGCTTTTTGTGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	rfaG-KO-R	TTCCTCAAAGGATCTTTACCGCGCCATAACGTGGCAAACGGCTCTTTAAGT TCAACCATCCAGACCACCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>tusA</i>	tusA-KO-F	ACGGACTCACAGGGCGTAACTAGCGCCGTTTTTTATGTGATGAGAAGAAA ATGACCGATCTTTTTCCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTCG
	tusA-KO-R	GGAGAGGGTTAGGGTGAGGGCAAAGGCGGCATCGAAGCCAATCTTCCCC CATCAACCGCTTTACGAATCATATGAATATCCTCCTTAGTTCC
<i>atpH</i>	atpH-KO-F	ACAGCGACATCGTGGATAAACTTGTGCTGAACTGTAAGGAGGGAGGGGCT GATGTCTGAATTTATTACGGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	atpH-KO-R	GCTTGATCAGTTTCGCTGATTTCCGGTGAATTCAGTTGCATGCTCCAGTCCCC TTAAGACTGCAAGACGTCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>atpF</i>	atpF-KO-F	CTTTATTTAAAGAGCAATATCAGAACGTTAACTAAATAGAGGCATTGTGCTG TGAATCTAACGCAACAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	atpF-KO-R	TTGGCGTAGGGCGAGCTACCGTAATAAATTCAGACATCAGCCCCTCCCTC CTTACAGTTCAGCGACAAGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>ftsE</i>	ftsE-KO-F	CGTTTAAGGCGGACGACTTTATAGAGGCACCTTTTTGCCCGAGAGGATTAACA ATGATTCGCTTTGAACATGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	ftsE-KO-R	GAAGCGATCCAGACGCCCGCAAACGCGCAATATGATTGATTGCATCGCG CTTATTCATGGCCACGCCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>ypdE</i>	ypdE-KO-F	CAGAGGTGCTCTACGCCATGCCGAAAACAGTGTTGCTCACGGGAGAGGCAT AATGGATTTATCGCTATTAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	ypdE-KO-R	AAGGACAGAGAAATTGAATCGTTAACATAACCGCTCCGGGTTAATCAGGAG ATCATCTGAAATCCGTCAGCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>himD</i>	himD-KO-F	TCAATGCAGCAACAGCAGCCGCTTAATTTGCCTTTAAGGAACCGGAGGAAT CATGACCAAGTCAGAATTGGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	himD-KO-R	TGAAAAAAGCACCCGACAGGTGCTTTTTCTCGCTTCAAGTTTGTAGTAAAAAC TTAACCGTAAATATTGGCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>cutA</i>	cutA-KO-F	CGTTGTATAGTGACCTCTCTCTTGCCTTCCATCTGTTCTTGCGAGGTGTTT ATGCTTGATGAAAAAAGTGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	cutA-KO-R	CCCGGCGCGTGAATAATCCGGCAAACGGAAGTGTGCAAAGTAGCAG GATCAGCGTAAAGATGCGTTCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>phnO</i>	phnO-KO-F	CGCCAGTCGGTCGACACGCTGCTGACGCTGATTCATCAGAAGGAGAAAAC CATGCCTGCTTGTGAACCTTGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	phnO-KO-R	CGGAACGCCCTGTGCGCCCGGGTCCCGGTGAGCGTGAGGGTCAGGCTC ATGTTACAGCGCCTTGGTGAAGCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>tam</i>	tam-KO-F	AATTTATCAGTTTTATCTACAATTGGGGTAACGCGCTGACGGGAGTAAAAAA ATGTCTGACTGGAACCCCGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	tam-KO-R	AGAAATTCAGCGAAAATCTTCCCGATCGCCATTACCAGCTGACGTGATAA TACTCCGTACGGCGGGCCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
<i>sufA</i>	sufA-KO-F	ATTATCACTAACATGCTGTTATACGCTGAAAGCGATGAAGTGAGGTAAATCG ATGGACATGCATTCAGGAGTGTAGGCTGGAGCTGCTTC
	sufA-KO-R	GTCCAGGTTTTGACATCGTCAGTTGCTTCAGTATTACGAGACATAGTACCGC CTATACCCCAAAGCTTTCATATGAATATCCTCCTTA
Gene/Region	Primer²	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>corA</i>	corA-check-F	ATAGCCTTAGCGGTTGTCAG
	corA-check-R	GATAGAGCGAGTGTCAACC
<i>UTI89_C1262</i>	UTI89_C1262-check-F	ATCCGCTGGAGATGATTGGC
	UTI89_C1262-check-R	CTGACAAATACCGGCAAGGG

<i>ybeY</i>	ybeY-check-F	TTAACGCCTATGAAGCCTGG
	ybeY-check-R	GCGTCGTATGGTTCTCATG
<i>recB</i>	recB-check-F	ACGGGAAAGCCGAATATGTG
	recB-check-R	GACGGCAGGATGTTTCATCTC
<i>wzxE</i>	wzxE-check-F	GCCTGCCGTTGTTCTACAAC
	wzxE-check-R	CCAGCGCGTCGTTGAAAAAC
<i>nhaA</i>	nhaA-check-F	TCTCGCTGATGGCGCAATTC
	nhaA-check-R	CCAACCACAGAACCTTCTTTG
<i>prc</i>	prc-check-F	AATCACCAAAGACGGCGTCC
	prc-check-R	CATCGTATGGGTTACGCGAC
<i>tol</i>	tol-check-F	TCTGGTTGTTTGC GTTGACC
	tol-check-R	AGGCAGAGCAATCATCAGCC
<i>tolQ</i>	tolQ-check-F	TTTTATGAAAGAGCACGCACAGA
	tolQ-check-R	CCAGACACTTCAACAATCACTGG
<i>relA</i>	relA-check-F	GATGGTACTTTTCTCGCGCG
	relA-check-R	AACCCTTTCCTCAAACCGCG
<i>glnA</i>	glnA-check-F	TGATAACGCCTTTTAGGGGC
	glnA-check-R	ATGCAGAGATGGGCTGAAAG
<i>ompA</i>	ompA-check-F	TTTTTCATATGCCTGACGGAGTT
	ompA-check-R	CGATCGATCTGGAATTTATCGTC
<i>mgrB</i>	mgrB-check-F	CATTCCGAAAAGCACGAATATC
	mgrB-check-R	AAGAAGAACCACCACCGATACAA
<i>eda</i>	eda-check-F	ACATCATTCTGTGAATGGACAG
	eda-check-R	TGATAATGTGCAGAATGCCGTAG
<i>rfaDC</i>	rfaD-check-F	CAAAAGTTAATGACGTGGCTTCC
	rfaC-check-R	GTTATCAACGCGTGGTATTCCTG
<i>rfaG</i>	rfaG-check-F	GTTTGGTGCGACAGACCATATTT
	rfaG-check-R	TGCCACCCCATACATAGTATCAA
<i>tusA</i>	tusA-check-F	ACGATAACCAGAACAACGCCTTA
	tusA-check-R	GAGGCTATCAGTCTACGGTCCAA
<i>atpH</i>	atpH-check-F	AACGAGCACATAAGGACCTTGAC
	atpH-check-R	GGAGATCATTTCCACCCTGCATAC
<i>atpF</i>	atpF-check-F	CTGGAGACTGTCATGGAAAACCT
	atpF-check-R	AAGACGACCATTTTCAGCCATTA
<i>ftsE</i>	ftsE-check-F	ATGAAGAACTCGACGTTGAAGC
	ftsE-check-R	ATTTGCGGTGACGGATAAATACTG
<i>ypdE</i>	ypdE-check-F	ACCCGCTGTTTAACGTCTATCAA

	ypdE-check-R	TTCAGGCTGCAACTGTCATTA
<i>himD</i>	himD-check-F	TCGGGATTTTTATTCCGAAGTTT
	himD-check-R	GAGAGTCAGAAACGCAAGGGTTA
<i>cutA</i>	cutA-check-F	ACCCGTATCGGTAAATTCGTCTT
	cutA-check-R	ACAGCCCTGGTAGGTGACAGTTA
<i>phnO</i>	phnO-check-F	GTTTGTATTACGGTGTCCGGCATT
	phnO-check-R	GTGATCCATATGGTAGTGCGTCA
<i>tam</i>	tam-check-F	CATGTCATACGTCCACAGCAAAT
	tam-check-R	ATCTGCATTACATGACGCCTTTT
<i>sufA</i>	sufA-check-F	AAGAGCTAAGCCACTGTGAGTGC
	sufA-check-R	GTGATAGGCCTTGAGACGAAACT

¹Primers used for construction of mutants

²Primers used for verification of mutants