

**Supplementary Table 2. Primers used for construction and genetic characterisation of *wzm/wzt* mutants**

ORF (gene)	Primer	Hybridizing region	Sequence (5'→3')	Source/Reference
BMEI1415 ( <i>wzm</i> )	F1	upstream	gcaaattgaaatggcagatg	Zabalza Baranguá, 2017
	R2	inner region	agcgcccacgtaaatcag	
	F3	complementary to R2 + inner region	ctgatttacgtggcgcttaacctgcgtggcagtagc	
	R4	downstream	atgaaacgtggcgtagtcc	
	F7	start codon and upstream nucleotides	gtgagacgattcgtatgata	This work
	F9	start codon	atgatatcgatatggctaag	
	R8	stop codon	tcataggtaaaaaatggctctc	
BMEI1416 ( <i>wzt</i> )	F1	upstream	gttcaggcagggtggattga	This work
	R2	inner region	tgtgacctatcagggcaacg	
	F3	complementary to R2 + inner region	cgttgcctgataggtcacacaagccatgaccttgcgaac	
	R4	downstream	acagaagccggaatcgtagc	
	F6	start codon	atgatccagccatcgattacc	
	R7	stop codon	tcatgctatagctccattccc	
BMEI0993	P1 (F)		caacatcgcaaagcctgaaa	Mancilla et al., 2013
BMEI1013	P2 (R)	GI-2 region	cgcaatccagccaatacctg	
BMEI0994	P3 (R)		atcgtcggcattgtctctct	
BMEI1398	P5 (F)		gatcttggatcggcctgtc	
BMEI1413	P6 (R)	<i>wbk</i> region	tgcgactttctcagattg	
BMEI1400	P7 (R)		cgctttaatatctcgcgttcc	

F: forward; R: reverse. PCR amplification with F9-R8 *wzm*: 783 bp (WT and  $\Delta wzt$ ) or 141 bp ( $\Delta wzm$  and  $\Delta wzm\Delta wzt$ ); F6-R7 *wzt*: 759 bp (WT and  $\Delta wzm$ ) or 336 bp ( $\Delta wzt$  and  $\Delta wzm\Delta wzt$ ); and F7 *wzm*-R7 *wzt*: 1553 bp (WT), 911 bp ( $\Delta wzm$ ), 1130 bp ( $\Delta wzt$ ) or 488 bp ( $\Delta wzm\Delta wzt$ ).