

**Table S1.** Primer sequences for quantitative real-time-PCR (qRT-PCR) used in this study

Gene	Forward primer sequence	Reverse primer sequence
<i>sigB</i>	5'-AAGTGATTCGTAAGGACGTCT-3'	5'-TCGATAACTATAACCAAAGCCT-3'
<i>agrA</i>	5'-TGATAATCCTTATGAGGTGCTT-3'	5'-CACTGTGACTCGTAACGAAAA-3'
<i>sarA</i>	5'-TCCCTTCAAACCAAACGAA-3'	5'-AATTCAGGACATGCACCACA-3'
<i>icaA</i>	5'-GGAAGTTCTGATAATACTGCTG-3'	5'-GATGCTTGTTGATTCCCTC-3'
<i>cidA</i>	5'-AGCGTAATTCGGAAGCAACATCCA-3'	5'-CCCTTAGCCGGCAGTATTGTTGGTC-3'
<i>rsbU</i>	5'-AGCGTTTGAGGAAATTGGTGT-3'	5'-CCTCTACATCTCGTGCCTCTG-3'
16S rRNA	5'-GGGACCCGCACAAGCGGTGG-3'	5'-GGGTTGCGCTCGTTGCGGGA-3'