

**S4 Table.** Sequences of primers used for the construction of the *P. aeruginosa* mutant strains.

Primer Description	Primer sequence <sup>a</sup>
Forward primer for FRT-flanked gentamycin-resistance cassette	CGA ATT AGC TTC AAA AGC GCT CTG A
Reverse primer for FRT-flanked gentamycin-resistance cassette	CGA ATT GGG GAT CTT GAA GTT CCT
Forward primer for upstream fragment of <i>pvdJ</i>	GAG GCT TCC GCA TCG AAC TG
Reverse primer for upstream fragment of <i>pvdJ</i>	<b>TCAGAGCGCTTTGAAGCTAATTG</b> CAG GTT TGG ATT GGA AAG CAT G
Forward primer for downstream fragment of <i>pvdJ</i>	<b>AGGAACTTCAAGATCCCCAATTG</b> GCG CTC AAA CGT CTA TCT G
Reverse primer for downstream fragment of <i>pvdJ</i>	GCT CGA GCC CTC GAC TAT AG
Forward primer for upstream fragment of <i>pchE</i>	CAG CGC CCA GTT CCT TTC C
Reverse primer for upstream fragment of <i>pchE</i>	<b>TCAGAGCGCTTTGAAGCTAATTG</b> AGG GCG GTA CGG GAA TCG G
Forward primer for downstream fragment of <i>pchE</i>	<b>AGGAACTTCAAGATCCCCAATTG</b> ATC GAG GAA ACC CAA CTG GAG
Reverse primer for downstream fragment of <i>pchE</i>	CCG GCC GAT ACT CAG CTC
Forward primer for upstream fragment of <i>pqsA</i>	GGC ATG TAG GTG TCC TCT TCG
Reverse primer for upstream fragment of <i>pqsA</i>	<b>TCAGAGCGCTTTGAAGCTAATTG</b> GCG GAA CAG AAC CTC GGT CAG
Forward primer for downstream fragment of <i>pqsA</i>	<b>AGGAACTTCAAGATCCCCAATTG</b> GAG GAA CGG GCA TGT TGA TTC AG
Reverse primer for downstream fragment of <i>pqsA</i>	CCG GCA GGT TGA GGT GTC C
Forward primer for upstream fragment of <i>pqsE</i>	GGC ATG TCC TGG TGG TCT GC
Reverse primer for upstream fragment of <i>pqsE</i>	<b>TCAGAGCGCTTTGAAGCTAATTG</b> GGG AGC CGA AAG CCT CAA C
Forward primer for downstream fragment of <i>pqsE</i>	<b>AGGAACTTCAAGATCCCCAATTG</b> CAG GCG CTG CCT CTG GAC
Reverse primer for downstream fragment of <i>pqsE</i>	GCC AGG TCG AAA CTG AAC AGG

**a** The sequence in **bold** overlaps with the FRT-flanked gentamycin-resistance cassette, and is required for the overlap extension PCR.