

Table S4. Oligonucleotides used in this study.

Name	Description	Sequence (written 5' to 3')
MD324	Forward oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> upstream region	ATCATCGGATCCCAAGAAGAGTCATTCGGCCTGG
MD325	Reverse oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> upstream region. Adds a stop codon and <i>Not I</i> site to <i>hfq</i> coding sequence.	CGGGCGGCCGCTACATGTTTCGTCTCTCTGATTCTC
MD326	Forward oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> and its downstream region. Adds stop codon and <i>Not I</i> site to <i>hfq</i> coding sequence.	ATGTAGGCGGCCGCCGATTAATATTCAGGATCAGTTT
MD336	Reverse oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> and its downstream region. Adds an <i>EcoRI</i> site.	AAAAAAGAATTCGAGTTCAGCTGGACGTTTTTTTTG
MD381	Forward oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> . Adds the <i>rpsD</i> ribosome binding site and a <i>Hind III</i> site.	AAAAAAAAGCTTCCAAGGAGGAGTCACATTATGAAACCGATTAA TATTC
MD382	Reverse oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> . Adds <i>Nhe I</i> site.	TTTTGCTAGCTTCGAGTTCAGCTGGACGTTTTTTTTG
MD383	Forward oligonucleotide for creation of the sequence encoding for the FLAG epitope. Adds <i>Nhe I</i> site.	AAAAGCTAGCGACTACAAAGACCATGACGGTGATTATAAAGATCA TGACATCG
MD384	Forward oligonucleotide for creation of the sequence encoding for the FLAG epitope. Adds <i>Sph I</i> site.	TTTTGCATGCTTGTCATCGTCATCCTTGTAATCGATGTCATGATC TTTATAATCACCG
MD395	Forward oligonucleotide for fusion of the FLAG-encoding sequence (3x) to <i>hfq</i> . Adds <i>BamHI</i> site.	AAAAAAGGATCCATGAAACCGATTAATATTCAG
MD396	Forward oligonucleotide for fusion of the FLAG-encoding sequence (3x) to <i>hfq</i> . Adds <i>EcoRI</i> site.	TTTTTTGAATTCGGCGCCGCTTACTTGTTCATCGTCATCC
MD397	Forward oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> downstream region. Adds <i>EcoRI</i> site.	AAAAAAGAATTCGCCATGTCAAGACATGAG
MD398	Reverse oligonucleotide for amplification of <i>hfq</i> downstream region. Adds <i>Bgl II</i> site.	TTTTTTAGATCTGATATAGCCGCTCTCC
MD399	Forward oligonucleotide for amplification of an internal region of <i>hfq</i> for the purposes of qPCR quantification.	TCAAATCCGAAAGAAAATACGTAT
MD400	Reverse oligonucleotide for amplification of an internal region of <i>hfq</i> for the purposes of qPCR quantification.	GCCCCGCAACTGAAAGC
MD414	Oligonucleotide used as probe in Northern analysis of the <i>ykoY</i> orphan riboswitch region.	GCACCTTGGTGATTTTCATTGAA
MD421	Forward oligonucleotide for amplification of an internal region of <i>sigA</i> for the purposes of qPCR quantification.	TGCGGCGTGGTCAGAAG
MD422	Reverse oligonucleotide for amplification of an internal region of <i>sigA</i> for the purposes of qPCR quantification.	GACGACTTTGTTTCCGGAATACATTCGGACGCTACTCCCC
MD425	Oligonucleotide used as a probe during Northern blotting analysis of <i>CsfG</i> .	GGAGAAACCGGAGGAAGAACTTATGGGGAAACG
MD426	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for Northern blotting analysis of the orphan riboswitch leader region, <i>ylbH</i> .	CGTTTCCCCATAAGTCTCTCTCCGGTTTCTCC
MD427	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for Northern blotting analysis of <i>txpA</i> .	CAAAGCCGATCATGACCATTAGAGATTCATAGGTCG
MD428	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for Northern blotting analysis of <i>ratA</i> .	CAAGTGGTAATGTGGTAATGTGGTACCAACTATAAGCTTAC
MD429	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for <i>ncr1019</i> .	GCATTAATGCCTGGAATGTTGACATAGCATCACCCC
MD430	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for Northern blotting analysis of <i>bsrE</i> .	GTACAGAGCCGGGGTGTGGTAGCACCTCGGTC
MD433	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for Northern blotting analysis of <i>bsrG</i> .	CATTATCATTAATGATTCGTAACAGTCATTTTCCCACCCC
MD434	Oligonucleotide used as a probe for Northern blotting analysis of <i>ncr1932</i> .	GAGCCAGGGTGCTACCAACACCCCTGGTCTTTTTATTTTATG