**Supplementary Table 1**. Primers used for qRT-PCR experiments

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| **Oligonucleotide**  | **5′→3′ sequence** | **Coordinatesa** |
| 16S\_F | TGTCGTCAGCTCGTGTCGTGA | 1238642-1238662 |
| 16S\_R | ATCCCCACCTTCCTCCGGT | 1238765-1238747 |
| BT\_aceA\_RT\_for | AGGAACTGCAAAAGCAATGG | 2262792-2262773 |
| BT\_aceA\_RT\_rev | AGCGTGTGTTCTTGCTGGAT | 2262681-2262700 |
| BT\_flgL\_RT\_for | GCAGTACACGCAGAACCAGA | 284987-285006 |
| BT\_flgL\_RT\_rev | GCGTGCATGATCGACTGATA | 285097-285078 |
| BT\_fliC\_RT\_for | TTCGCAGACGAACTACAACG | 3642825-3642844 |
| BT\_fliC\_RT\_rev | GACATGCTTTGCGACAGGT | 3642941-3642923 |
| BT\_cheB\_RT\_for | GAGCTGATCAAGCAGCACAA | 3624035-3624016 |
| BT\_cheB\_RT\_rev | GTCAGCGACGAAACCATCAC | 3623905-3623924 |
| BT\_rplR\_RT\_for | GAAGTTCGTGCGCAGCTC | 3493738-3493721 |
| BT\_rplR\_RT\_rev | GAAGGCGACGGATTCGAT | 3493619-3493636 |
| BT\_rplW\_RT\_for | CAAGAACGAGCAAGTCGTGT | 3500143-3500124 |
| BT\_rplW\_RT\_rev | CGTTGACGGAATCAACTTCA | 3500040-3500059 |
| BT\_csgG\_RT\_for | AAGTTCGACAACCGCTCGAGC | 3651791-3651771 |
| BT\_csgG\_RT\_rev | CCTGCTTGATCTCGTCGAGGT | 3651638-3651658 |
| BT\_galE\_RT\_for | CTTGGT TGACGGGAAGAAGA | 1671614-1671633 |
| BT\_galE\_RT\_rev | CGGATGCAAGTTGTCCAT TA | 1671731-1671712 |

aCoordinates refer to *B. thailandensis* E264 genome (NCBI Accession Number NC\_007651.1)