**S1 Table. *C. difficile* *cspC* PCR primers used in this study.**

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| **Primer** | **Position on *cspC* gene (5’ end)** | **Sequence****(5’ to 3’)** |
| Forward primer 1A | 4 | AACACGTATGCAACTATAACTG |
| Forward primer 1B | 650 | CAAATCCACCTCCAGAAGGT |
| Forward primer 1C | 1300 | GAAAATACTACTTATGCAATGAG |
| Reverse primer 1 | 2146 | AAAATTCATAAGTCTAAATTATAATG |
| Forward primer 2A | 22 | ACTGGTACAGCAGCAGCA |
| Forward primer 2B | 628 | TTATGGGACCAAGAAGCAA |
| Forward primer 2C | 1250 | ATATAAGGTATTCTCCAGAC |
| Reverse primer 2 | 2167 | ACTTTTAGCAATTTTACAAATAAA |