

## Supplementary material

**Table 1.** Primers used in this study

Primer	Sequence	Amplicon size (bp)
MobCF	5'-GGTGGGATATATGAGCGAAC-3'	
MobCR	5'-CGCTGATATTACGTTCTAATGC-3'	350
MobAF	5'-GCGCAACCAAATCAACCTCA-3'	
MobAR	5'-GTCATGATTACGACAAACTTGG-3'	390
MobBF	5'-CGGTTTATCAGCGCGATGAA-3'	
MobBR	5'- GCGCCATGCTGAATGACC-3'	390
GyrF	5'-GCGTGAATCATTAGATTATGCG-3'	
GyrR	5'-AAGTTAGGGAATCGAGCAG-3'	447
OriT9F	5'-AGCTAAATCGGCTGCGTC-3'	
OriT9R	5'-TATGAATTGCCATTAACCG-3'	319
MobDF2	5'- <u>ATCTGCAGGTGAGTTACGTGAAAGGCTGG</u> -3'	
MobDR2	5'- <u>CGGAATTCGCGCTTAGTTAGTGGTTGCC</u> -3'	251

Restriction sites are underlined: MobDF2, *Pst*I; MobDR2, *Eco*RI.

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**Table 2.** Strategies employed to construct some strains used in this study

Transduction		Intermediate strain	Conjugation		Resultant strain
Phage 80 $\alpha$ propagated into	Transduced strain		Donor	Recipient	
--	--	--	RN7242 (pGO1)	MB49 (pRJ14, pRJ6)	MB367 (pGO1, pRJ14, pRJ6)
MB490 (pTmobD <sub>6</sub> )	MB126 (pGO1, pRJ14)	--	--	--	MB491 (pGO1, pRJ14, pTmobD <sub>6</sub> )
MB439 (pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> )	A70 (pRJ6)	(pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> , pRJ6)	RN7242 (pGO1)	(pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> , pRJ6)	MB464 (pGO1, pRJ6, pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> )
MB387 (pCN37)	A70 (pRJ6)	(pCN37, pRJ6)	RN7242 (pGO1)	(pCN37, pRJ6)	MB465 (pGO1, pRJ6, pCN37)
MB439 (pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> )	MB180 (A70 cured of pRJ6)	(pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> )	RN7242 (pGO1)	(pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> )	MB476 (pGO1, pCNoriT <sub>9</sub> )