

Table S1. List of primers used in this study

	Gene	Primer name	Primer sequence 5'-3'	PCR product (bp)	T_a	Reference
<i>S. aureus</i>	16S	16S1	GTCGCCAGCAGCCGGTAA	886		[60]
		16S2	AGACCCGGGAACGTATTCAC			
	<i>mecA</i>	mecA1	GGGATCATAGCGTCATTATTC	527		[60]
		mecA2	AACGATTGTGACACGATAGCC			
	<i>nuc</i>	nuc1	TCAGCAAATGCATCACAAACAG	255		[60]
		nuc2	CGTAAATGCACTTGCTTCAGG			
	<i>sea</i>	sea3	CCTTTGGAAACGGTTAAAACG	127		[61]
		sea4	TCTGAACCTTCCCATAAAAAC			
	<i>seb</i>	sebF	AAATACGTAGATGTGTTGGAGC	374	58°C	This study
		sebR	GGTGCAGGCATCATGTCATAC			
Enterotoxins	<i>sec</i>	sec3	CTCAAGAACTAGACATAAAAGCTAGG	271		[61]
		sec4	TCAAAATCGGATTAACATTATCC			
	<i>sed</i>	sed3	CTAGTTGGTAATATCTCCTTAAACG	319		[61]
		sed4	TTAATGCTATATCTTATAGGGTAAACATC			
	<i>see</i>	seeF	TACCAATTAACTTGTGGATAGAC	171		[62]
		seeR	CTCTTGACACCTTACCGC			
	<i>seg</i>	seg1	TGCTATCGACACACTACAACC	704		[63]
		seg2	CCAGATTCAAATGCAGAAC			
	<i>seh</i>	seh-1	GTCTATATGGAGGTACAACACT	213		[64]
		seh-2	GACCTTACTTATTCGCTGTC			
	<i>sei</i>	sei1	GACAACAAAACTGTCGAAACTG	630		[63]
		sei2	CCATATTCTTGCCTTACCAAG			
<i>selk-selq*</i>	<i>selj</i>	seljF	GCATGATAAAAGAACATGCCAGC	1338	58°C	This study
		seljR	GCATATACGGGGGGCGTTAC			
	<i>QF</i>	QF	TAGCATATGCTGATGTAGGGGT	1200	58°C	This study
		KR	CTTCTCCTTTAGTGCCGTTATG			
<i>ser**</i>	<i>serF</i>	serF	CCAGATCCAAGACCTGGAGAA	1123	58°C	This study
		serR	CATCAGAACTGTTGTTCCGCT			

Antimicrobials	<i>blaZ</i>	<i>blaZ1</i> <i>blaZ2</i>	ATGTAATTCAAACAGTTCACATGCC ATAGGTTCAGATTGGCCCTTAGG CCTAACTAACGAAAGGTAG AGATATAGCGATAAGTGC	701	57°C	This study
Biofilm	<i>icaA</i>	<i>icaAF</i> <i>icaAR</i>	CCTAACTAACGAAAGGTAG AGATATAGCGATAAGTGC	1315 bp		[65]
Virulence	<i>tst</i>	TST1 TST2	TTCACTATTGTAAAAGTGTAGACCCACT TACTAATGAATTTTATCGTAAGCCCTT	180 bp		[66]
	PVL	Pvl1 Pvl2	ATCATTAGTAAAATGTCTGGACATGATCCA GCATCAASTGTATTGGATAGCAAAAGC	433 bp		[46]
Enterotoxin gene cluster	<i>egc</i>	<i>tSerF</i> selOR selOF selmvR3 selmvF seiR seiF1 selnR2 2427F† 3758R† 3082F† 4215R† selnF segR3 segF HPR1*** HPR2***	AAAGTGTGTAGGCGCCAC CATTATCCTTATACACAGCTACTCC TGCAATATGTAGTGTAAACAATG CATTAACCCAAGATTAAATAGGAATA GCTGAATTAAAGAACGTTGA TGTATTATGACCATATATATTGTATTTC GCCACTTTATCAGGACAATAC GTTAACGCTACACATTATTTC AGGACAATACTTAAATTCTGCT TCTCCCTCAATTTTTGGT GAATTCACTGGTCTAATGGAT TCTCTTCATCTAATTGATTCCA CAGATTAGCAAATCAATTAAAG GTCTTGCTTGTAAATCTAGTTC CTCCACCTGTTGAAGGAAGAG TATCATTCCACTGGAGAACATG GTGATATCAAACCAACAGACC	755 bp 1380 bp 1064 bp 1736 bp 1338 bp 1153 bp 1311 bp 1338 bp 870 bp	56°C 52°C 50°C 51°C 53°C 53°C 55°C 56°C 56°C	This study This study This study This study This study This study This study This study This study

*Amplifies 1200 bp comprising part of both genes (*selk* and *selq*).

** *ser* gene is located along with *sej*, these primers amplify a fragment of both genes.

† Amplifies a fragment of *egc* cluster reluctant in several strains with primers *seiF*-*selnR2*.

*** HPR1 or HPR2 were used as reverse primers with *segF* depending on the strain comprising part of the mentioned genes.

