

Table 1 Primer sequences used in the study

Gene	Primer sequences 5'–3'	Length of product (bp)	Annealing temperature (°C)	Reference
eae	F: TCAATGCAGTTCGGTATCAGTT R: GTAAAGTCCGTTACCCCAACCTG	482	54	8
stx ₁	F: GAAGAGTCCGTGGGATTACG R: AGCGATGCAGCTATTAATA	130	50	9
stx ₂	F: GGATGCATCTCTGGTCATTG R: CTTCCGGTATCCTATTCCCGG	478	50	10
ehxA	F: AGCTGCAAGTGCGGGTCTG R: ACGGGTTATGCCTGCAAGTTCAC	569	55	11

bp: base pairs; F: forward; R: reverse.