

# **Decoding genetic features and antimicrobial susceptibility of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strains isolated from bloodstream infections**

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**Table S1.** The origin of the *P. aeruginosa* strains included into the study (*n* = 71)

| <b>Department/Clinic</b>   | <b>Number of strains (<i>n</i> = 71)</b> | <b>Percentage of strains (%)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care                                       | 34                                       | 47.9                             |
| Department of Cardiology and Internal Medicine   | 14                                       | 19.7                             |
| Clinical Unit of Paediatric Anaesthesiology and Intensive Therapy                      | 6  | 8.5                              |
| Department of Paediatrics, Haematology and Oncology with Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic | 5  | 7.0                              |
| Department of Liver and General Surgery  | 3  | 4.2                              |
| Department of Geriatrics   | 2  | 2.8                              |
| Department of Nephrology, Hypertension and Internal Medicine and Dialysis Station      | 2  | 2.8                              |
| Department of Cardiac Surgery and Intensive Care                                       | 1  | 1.4                              |
| Department of Transplantation and General Surgery                                      | 1  | 1.4                              |
| Department of General, Oncologic and Paediatric Urology                                | 1  | 1.4                              |
| Department of Dermatology, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Immunodermatology         | 1  | 1.4                              |
| Department of Neurology  | 1  | 1.4                              |

**Table S2.** The detailed distribution of genotypes with respect to susceptibility profiles of the *P. aeruginosa* strains included into the study ( $n = 71$ )

| Strain No./characteristic | <i>lasB</i> | <i>pIC H</i> | <i>pIC N</i> | <i>nan2</i> | <i>aprA</i> | <i>phzM</i> | <i>exoU</i> | <i>exoS</i> | <i>nan1</i> | <i>pilA</i> | <i>pilB</i> | Genotype number | Number of strains ( <i>n</i> = 71) | Percentage of strains (%) | Piperacillin | Ticarcillin/clavulanate | Piperacillin/tazobactam | Cefepime | Imipenem | Meropenem | Tobramycin | Amikacin | Ciprofloxacin | Levofloxacin | Colistin |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|---------------|--------------|----------|---|---|---|
|                           | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           |                 |                                    |                           | R            | R                       | I                       | I        | I        | R         | I          | S        | S             | I            | I        | S |   |   |
| P428                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | I               | 2                                  | 2.8                       | R            | R                       | I                       | I        | I        | R         | I          | S        | S             | I            | I        | S |   |   |
| P459                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | S |   |   |
| P242                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -               | II                                 | 2                         | 2.8          | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | S |   |   |
| P306                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | S          | S        | S             | I            | I        | S |   |   |
| P301                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P453                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -               | III                                | 4                         | 5.6          | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | I          | S        | S             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P569                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | S        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P575                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | S        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P247                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | R          | R        | S             | S            | R        | R | S |   |
| P317                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | S        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P318                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | -               | IV                                 | 5                         | 7.0          | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | R        | R | S |   |
| P450                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | R          | S        | S             | S            | I        | R | S |   |
| P567                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | R                       | I        | I        | I         | R          | R        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P315                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P346                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | R                       | I        | I        | I         | R          | I        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P449                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | -           | -               | V                                  | 5                         | 7.0          | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | R          | I        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P455                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | I          | S        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P547                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | I                       | R        | I        | I         | R          | I        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P395                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | +           | +               | VI                                 | 1                         | 1.4          | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | I        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P175                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P245                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P246                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | I        | R        | I         | R          | R        | R             | R            | I        | I | S |   |
| P248                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P249                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               | VII                                | 10                        | 14.1         | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | S        | I | I | S |
| P251                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P300                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P308                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P568                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P576                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | -           | -           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | R          | R        | R             | S            | R        | R | S |   |
| P447                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               | VIII                               | 1                         | 1.4          | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | I          | S        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P170                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | S        | S             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P171                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | R          | I        | S             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P172                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | S        | S             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P174                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | I                       | I        | I        | I         | I          | S        | S             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P241                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | I        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P244                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               | IX                                 | 13                        | 18.3         | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | I        | R             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P302                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P303                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | I         | S          | S        | S             | I            | I        | S |   |   |
| P304                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | I                       | R                       | I        | I        | I         | R          | I        | S             | R            | R        | R | S |   |
| P305                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | I        | I | S |   |
| P310                      | +           | +            | +            | +           | +           | +           | +           | -           | +           | +           | +           | -               |                                    |                           |              | R                       | R                       | R        | R        | R         | R          | R        | S             | S            | R        | R | S |   |

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|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P311 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | - |       | R   | R   | R   | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |   |   |
| P458 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | - |       | R   | R   | I   | I | I | I | S | S | R | R | R | S |   |   |   |
| P309 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - |       | R   | R   | I   | I | I | R | I | S | S | R | R | S |   |   |   |
| P313 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - |       | R   | R   | R   | R | R | R | S | S | S | R | R | S |   |   |   |
| P314 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - | X     | 6   | 8.5 | I   | I | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P316 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - |       | I   | I   | I   | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |   |   |
| P319 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - |       | I   | I   | I   | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |   |   |
| P454 | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - |       | I   | I   | I   | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |   |   |
| P574 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | - | - | XI    | 1   | 1.4 | I   | R | I | I | I | R | I | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P571 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - | - |       | XII | 1   | 1.4 | I | R | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |
| P252 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - | - |       |     |     | I   | I | I | I | I | R | I | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P451 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | XIII  | 4   | 5.6 | R   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | S |   |
| P456 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - | - |       |     |     | R   | R | R | I | R | R | I | R | R | R | R | S |   |
| P457 | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | - | - | - |       |     |     | R   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | S |   |
| P307 | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | - | - |       | XIV | 3   | 4.2 | I | I | I | I | I | R | I | S | S | R | R | S |
| P312 | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | - | - |       |     |     | I   | R | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P452 | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | - | - |       |     |     | I   | I | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P04  | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | XV    | 1   | 1.4 | I   | I | I | I | I | R | I | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P448 | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | XVI   | 1   | 1.4 | R   | I | R | I | I | I | I | R | R | R | R | S |   |
| P570 | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | - | XVII  | 1   | 1.4 | I   | R | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P243 | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | - | XVIII | 1   | 1.4 | R   | R | R | R | I | R | R | R | R | R | S |   |   |
| P173 | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | - | + | + | XIX   | 1   | 1.4 | R   | R | R | I | R | R | R | S | R | R | S |   |   |
| P369 | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | XX    | 1   | 1.4 | I   | I | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P20  | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | XXI   | 1   | 1.4 | R   | R | R | I | R | R | I | S | S | R | R | S |   |
| P502 | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | XXII  | 1   | 1.4 | I   | I | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P483 | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | XXIII | 1   | 1.4 | I   | R | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P164 | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | XXIV  | 1   | 1.4 | I   | R | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P320 | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | XXV   | 1   | 1.4 | I   | R | I | I | I | I | S | S | S | I | I | S |   |
| P563 | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | XXVI  | 1   | 1.4 | R   | R | R | R | R | R | R | S | S | S | I | I | S |
| P119 | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | XXVII | 1   | 1.4 | R   | R | R | I | R | R | R | R | R | R | S |   |   |

(+) – presence of a particular gene; (-) – absence of a particular gene, I – strains susceptible to antimicrobials at increased exposure, R – strains resistant to antimicrobials, S – strains susceptible to antimicrobials at the standard doses

**Table S3:** The distribution and statistically significant correlation revealed for the selected pairs of genes included into the study

| Gene pairs        | No. (%) of the isolates with a particular gene presence ( <i>n</i> = 71) |           |           |           | <i>r</i> <sub>s</sub> |
|-------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
|                   | +/+  | +/-       | -/+       | -/-       |                       |
| <i>aprA/nan2</i>  | 62 (87.3)  | 4 (5.6)   | 1 (1.4)   | 4 (5.6)   | 0.598298              |
| <i>phzM/nan2</i>  | 54 (76.1)  | 12 (16.9) | 1 (1.4)   | 4 (5.6)   | 0.378558              |
| <i>phzM/aprA</i>  | 52 (73.2)  | 3 (4.2)   | 11 (15.5) | 5 (7.0)   | 0.340855              |
| <i>nan1/phzM</i>  | 31 (43.7)  | 3 (4.2)   | 24 (33.8) | 13 (18.3) | 0.314591              |
| <i>nan1/nan2</i>  | 34 (47.9)  | 0 (0.0)   | 32 (45.1) | 5 (7.0)   | 0.263847              |
| <i>nan1/exoS</i>  | 24 (33.8)  | 10 (14.1) | 17 (23.9) | 20 (28.2) | 0.249212              |
| <i>pilA/pilB</i>  | 2 (2.8)  | 12 (16.9) | 1 (1.4)   | 56 (78.9) | 0.247847              |
| <i>pilA/nan1</i>  | 10 (14.1)  | 4 (5.6)   | 24 (33.8) | 33 (46.5) | 0.233547              |
| <i>nan1/exoU</i>  | 17 (23.9)  | 17 (23.9) | 27 (38.0) | 10 (14.1) | -0.236401             |
| <i>pilA/plC N</i> | 12 (16.9)  | 2 (2.8)   | 56 (78.9) | 1 (1.4)   | -0.247847             |
| <i>exoS/exoU</i>  | 14 (19.7)  | 27 (38.0) | 30 (42.3) | 0 (0.0)   | -0.670076             |

(+) – presence of a particular gene; (-) – absence of a particular gene; *r*<sub>s</sub> – Spearman's rank correlation coefficient (< 0.2 – none or statistically irrelevant correlation (data not show), 0.2 – 0.4 a weak correlation, 0.4 – 0.7 – a moderate correlation, 0.7 – 0.9 a strong correlation, > 0.9 – a very strong correlation)

**Figures S1-S11.** Pictures of the electrophoretic gels showing the amplicons of PCR for the corresponding genes detected in the present study, with their decreasing frequency; (M - DNA size marker of 100-1.000 or 100-3.000 bp; numbers – names assigned to a particular strain; (+) or K(+) – positive PCR control; (-) or K(-) – negative PCR control

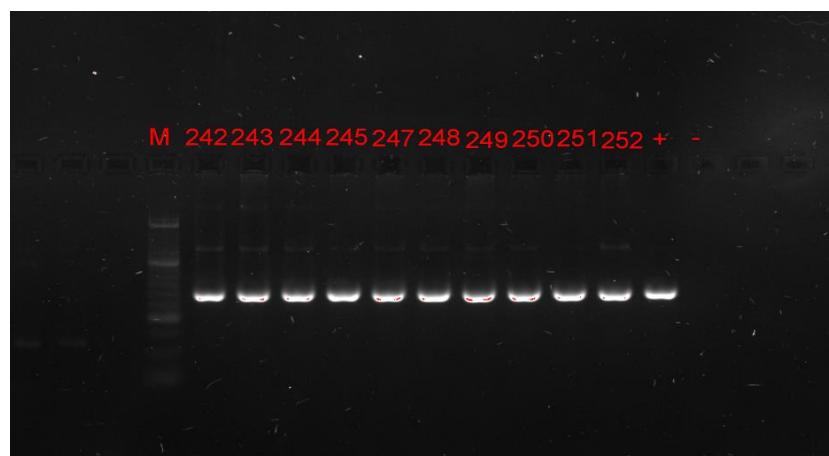


Figure S1 – the *lasB* gene

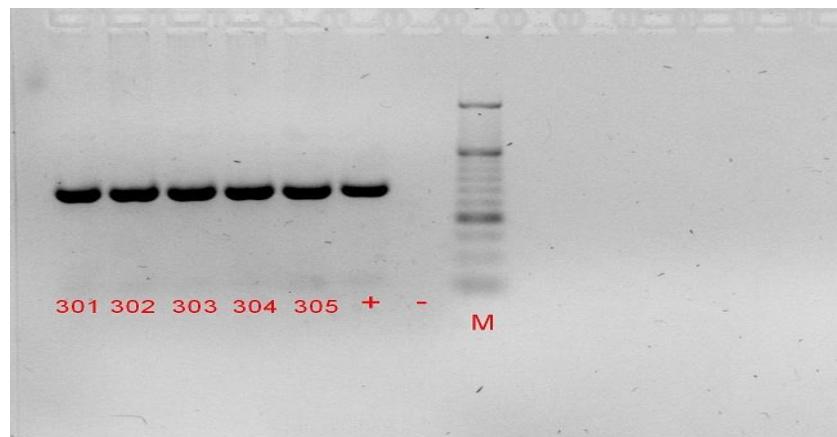


Figure S2 – the *plcH* gene

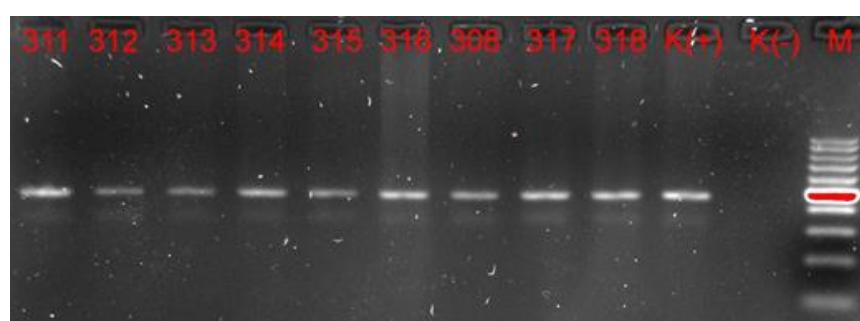


Figure S3 – the *plcN* gene

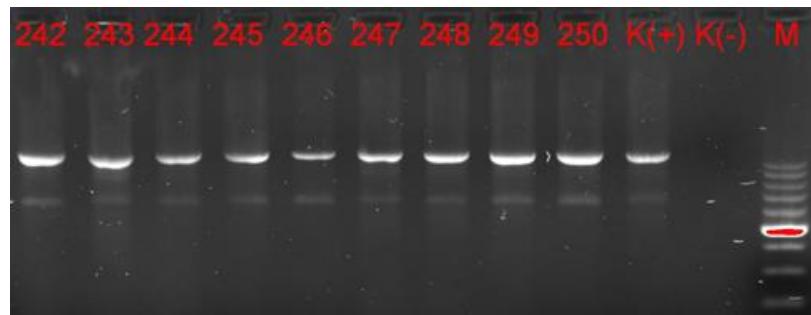


Figure S4 – the *nan2* gene



Figure S5 – the *aprA* gene

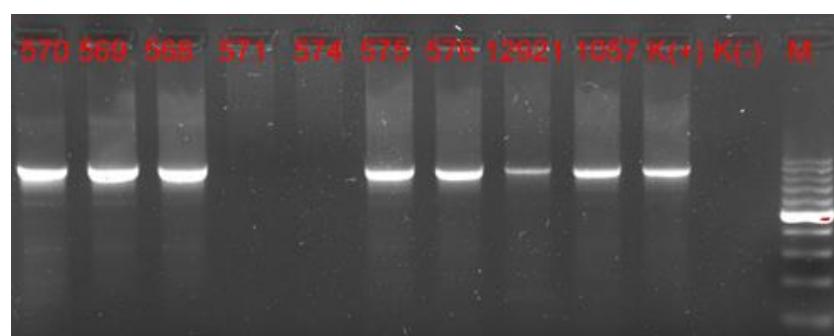


Figure S6 – the *phzM* gene

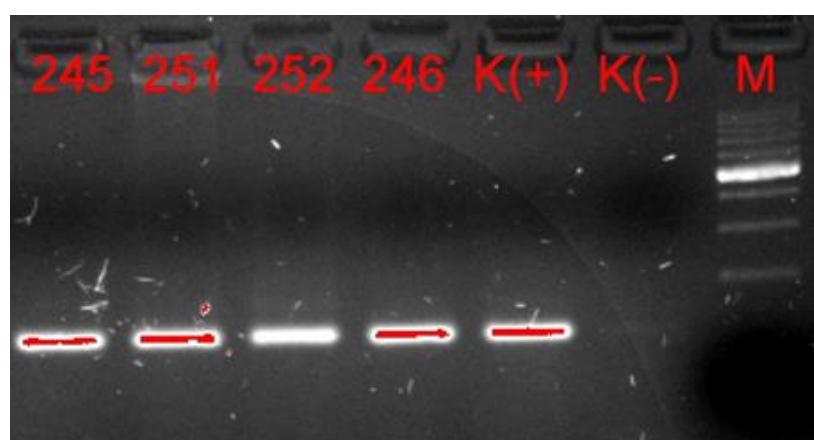


Figure S7 – the *exoU* gene



Figure S8 – the *exoS* gene



Figure S9 – the *nan1* gene

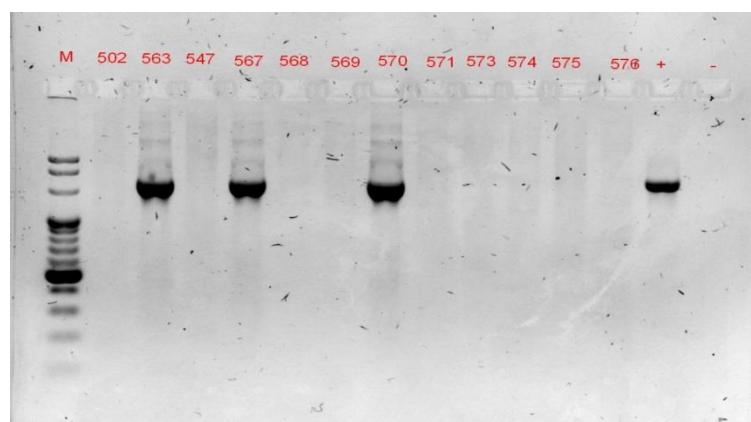


Figure S10 – the *pilA* gene

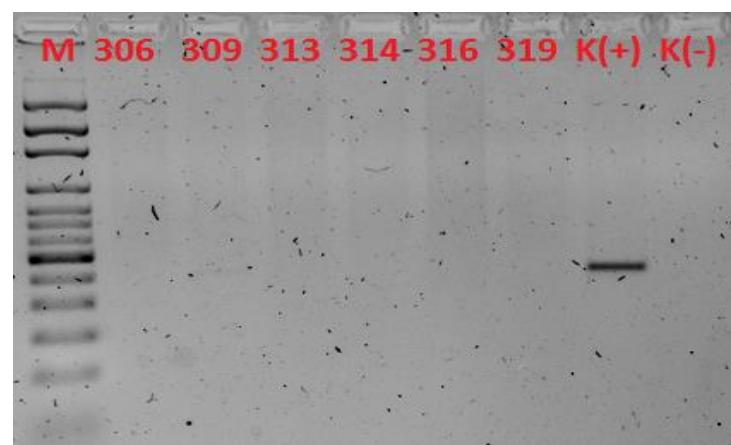


Figure S11 – the *pilB* gene