

**Table S1.** Oligonucleotides used in this study.

Name	Sequence <sup>s</sup>	Description
EDM79	TCCGTCTTGGGCTAACCT	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM80	GTTAGCGGCCTGGAAGCGTC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM81	ATCGGGTGGCTAGGTGAAGA	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM82	GAGCGCCTGATGCGGTATT	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM83	GAGCAAGGTGAGATGACAGG	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM84	TGATGACCTGGCCGCTGTC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM85	GTGAAGCACAGCTGACCAT	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM86	CAGGACTTCCCTGGGCCGACT	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM87	TTTGC CGT CGGGCGCGTCC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM88	CAGATAGCCCAGTAGCTGAC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM89	GCGCGGACGCCGGTCTGTGGA	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM90	CACGTGGACACCGCAGGGAC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM101	AGAGTTGGTAGCTCTTGATC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM102	GGCTGGTTGTCAGTGATCGA	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM103	CCCGCAGCGCCCCGACCGAAA	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM104	TGCCGTCCATGACCACAGCG	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM105	AGACCGTAGGCAAGGCCAGTC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM106	CGCTCACAAATTCCACACATT	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM107	ACTGGCTTCTACGTGTTCC	Sequencing of pEA01
EDM108	GACATCGGCAAGGTGTGGGT	Sequencing of pEA01
LC18	CGACATCAA CCTCTGATTCC	Sequencing of pEA01
LS148	TTGCCACCGCGCTCATCAATC	Sequencing of pEA01
LS149	ACTGGAAAGCGGGCACTGAG	Sequencing of pEA02
LS150	ATTCAGTCAATTATCTCTTC	Sequencing of pEA03
LS151	<u>GGATCCTGGCGGGATGGCGAAG</u>	Amplification of the upstream homologous arm of <i>rifK</i>
LS152	<u>CAGCTGGGAATTCCGGTGCCTT</u> CG	
LS153	<u>CAGCTGAGCCGGAGCTGCACCG</u> CGACC	Amplification of the downstream homologous arm of <i>rifK</i>
LS154	<u>AAGCTTGAGCTCGCCGATGTC</u> GTCC	
LS155	<u>GCGGCCGCGATCACACCGACGAT</u> GGAG	Amplification of the upstream homologous arm of the <i>rif</i> cluster
LS156	<u>GATATCCGGTGGAGCCATTACCAAC</u>	
LS157	<u>GATATCGGAAAGGTGTTCTCGT</u> AGG	Amplification of the downstream homologous arm of the <i>rif</i> cluster
LS158	<u>ATGCATCAGCTATGAGCGACTGT</u> CAAGG	
LS161	CTGCAGATCTCCGGCTCGTC	Couple of primers used to amplify the upstream junction created by replacement of <i>rifK</i> by the att1 <i>hyg</i> cassette (PCR 1 Figure 2)
LS182	GGAGGAGACCGCACGGTTG	
LS188	CGCCCGTGGGAAGGTGAGTGTC	Couple of primers used to amplify the downstream junction formed by replacement of <i>rifK</i> by the att1 <i>hyg</i> cassette (PCR 2 Figure 2)
LS189	GCGAGGTCGTCCCTCGGCAGTG	
LS172	GACGTCCATTACGGCAGCCA	Couple of primers used to verify the excision of the hygromycin cassette (PCR 3 Figure 2)
LS173	CGCTCATGCCCGCGCCACG	
LS71	GAGAACGACACTGGCCAAG	Couple of primer used to verify the integration of pRIF12 upstream of the <i>rif</i> cluster (PCR 1 Figure 3)
LS190	CGCACCGACACGAAGAAGAC	
LS191	CACTGGAACGACTGGATCTG	Couple of primer used to verify the integration of pRIF14 downstream of the <i>rif</i> cluster (PCR 2 Figure 3)
LS70	CGCGATAGTCACCGCAGATAG	
LS220	AGCGTGGGAGCGAGCGTAAGC	Couple of primers used to verify the excision of the <i>rif</i> cluster (PCR 3 Figure 3)
LS221	CTCCCGTCACGGCACCCAAC	

<sup>s</sup>Restriction sites added and used for cloning are underlined.