

**Table S2. Primer table**

Primer Name	Sequence	Function
cloning		
<i>ΔbqsRS</i> P1	GGAATTGTGAGCGGATAACAATTTACACAGGAAACAGCTTCGCCAGGTCCAGTCCCTGG	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> construction
<i>ΔbqsRS</i> P2	CGGCAAATGGTGAAGAAGTGTGAGTCGTCTTCTCGTCCT	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> construction
<i>ΔbqsRS</i> P3	AGGACGAGGAAGACGACTGACAGTTCTTACCATTGCGC	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> construction
<i>ΔbqsRS</i> P4	AGGCAAATTCTGTTTTATCAGACCGCTTCTGCGTTCTGATCCCAGAGCATCGACAGCCTG	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> construction
<i>ΔbqsRSΩgImS</i> -pbqs- <i>bqsRS</i> g1	catgagctcactagtggatccGGCAGGTCGAGATGGTAG	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> complementation
<i>ΔbqsRSΩgImS</i> -pbqs- <i>bqsRS</i> g2	aaccgcatGGGAATCTCTCCGTGGGA	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> complementation
<i>ΔbqsRSΩgImS</i> -pbqs- <i>bqsRS</i> g3	agattcccATGCGGTTGCTGCTGGTT	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> complementation
<i>ΔbqsRSΩgImS</i> -pbqs- <i>bqsRS</i> g4	gaggtaccgggccaagcttAACTGTTAAGCCCTGGCG	<i>ΔbqsRS</i> complementation
<i>ΔbqsS</i> comp P1	aaaaa <b>gagctc</b> GGCAGGTCGAGATGGTAGTC	<i>ΔbqsS</i> complementation (PCR from plasmid complement)
<i>ΔbqsS</i> comp P2	aaaa <b>Actagt</b> AACTGTTAAGCCCTGGCGGC	<i>ΔbqsS</i> complementation
<i>bqsS</i> -R <sub>AxxA</sub> P1	AACCTGCGCG <b>CGG</b> AGGCGG <b>CGA</b> ACCTGCTG	site directed mutagenesis R <sub>AxxA</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -R <sub>AxxA</sub> P2	CAGCAGGTTCCGCGCTCCGCGCGCAGGTT	site directed mutagenesis R <sub>AxxA</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -A <sub>ExxE</sub> P1	CGCCGGCAACCTG <b>GCC</b> AGGAGGCGGAG	site directed mutagenesis A <sub>ExxE</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -A <sub>ExxE</sub> P2	CTCCGCCTCCTCGGCCAGGTTGCCGGCG	site directed mutagenesis A <sub>ExxE</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -H <sub>ExxE</sub> P1	CGCCGGCAACCTG <b>CAC</b> GAGGAGGCGGAG	site directed mutagenesis H <sub>ExxE</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -H <sub>ExxE</sub> P2	CTCCGCCTCCTCGTGCAAGTTGCCGGCG	site directed mutagenesis H <sub>ExxE</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -R <sub>SxxS</sub> P1	AACCTGCG <b>TC</b> AGGAGG <b>CTC</b> AGAACCTGCTG	site directed mutagenesis R <sub>SxxS</sub>
<i>bqsS</i> -R <sub>SxxS</sub> P2	CAGCAGGTTCT <b>GAG</b> CCTCCT <b>GAC</b> GCAGGTT	site directed mutagenesis R <sub>SxxS</sub>
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS</i> -ptrc- <i>bqsR</i> g1	TCAACCAGCAGCAACCGCAgagctcgaattccatggtct	<i>ΔbqsR</i> constitutive expression complementation
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS</i> -ptrc- <i>bqsR</i> g2	CCGGGGTGGCCCGGATGAggtacctcggaaggccttg	<i>ΔbqsR</i> constitutive expression complementation
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS</i> -ptrc- <i>bqsR</i> g3	<b>agaccatggaattcgagctc</b> ATGCGGTTGCTGCTGGTTGA	<i>ΔbqsR</i> constitutive expression complementation
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS</i> -ptrc- <i>bqsR</i> g4	<b>caaggccttcgaggtacc</b> TCATCCGGCGGCCACCCCGG	<i>ΔbqsR</i> constitutive expression complementation
<i>bqsR</i> -D51A P1	CTGATCATTCTCG <b>CG</b> CTCGGCCTGCCCGGG	site directed mutagenesis D51A
<i>bqsR</i> -D51A P2	CCCGGGCAGGCCGAGCGGAGAATGATCAG	site directed mutagenesis D51A
<i>bqsR</i> -D51E P1	CTGATCATTCTCG <b>AG</b> CTCGGCCTGCCCGGG	site directed mutagenesis D51E
<i>bqsR</i> -D51E P2	CCCGGGCAGGCCGAGCTCGAGAATGATCAGS	site directed mutagenesis D51E
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS</i> -pbqs- <i>bqsR</i> g1	TGATTCCCACGGAGAGATTTCATGCGGTTGCTGCTGGTTGA	<i>ΔbqsR</i> complementation

<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS-pbqs-bqsR g2</i>	caaggccttcgaggtaccTCATCCGGCGGCCACCCCGG	<i>ΔbqsR</i> complementation
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS-pbqs-bqsR g3</i>	TCAACCAGCAGCAACCGCATGAATCTCTCCGTGGGAATCA	<i>ΔbqsR</i> complementation
<i>ΔbqsRΩgImS-pbqs-bqsR g4</i>	CCGGGGTGGCCCGGATGAggtacctcggaaggccttg	<i>ΔbqsR</i> complementation
gel shift		
F corrected bqs BqsR binding	GGCCATGTCCTTGCGGCAAATTAGCTTCAATTAAGAGCGCCCGTTAATCTGCAAACCG	corrected sequence in front of <i>bqs</i> operon for potential BqsR binding site and flanking 20 bp (60 bp): with 5' labelled cy5
R corrected bqs BqsR binding	CGGTTTGCAGATTAACCGGGCGCTCTTAATTGAAGCTTAATTTGCCGCAAGGACATGGCC	corrected sequence in front of <i>bqs</i> operon for potential BqsR binding site and flanking 20 bp (60 bp):
Fur box F	GGTAAGGAAGTAGAGTCTTCTGATAATTATTATCATTAGTCGCGTCCTCAGGGC	fur box in front of TonB (as negative control) 55 bp: for BqsR binding with 5' labelled cy5
Fur box R	GCCCTGAGGACGCGACTGAATGATAATAATTATCAGAAGACTCTACTTCCTTACC	fur box in front of TonB (as negative control) 55 bp:
bqsR BS in Fur F	GGTAAGGAAGTAGAGTCTTCTTAAGCTTCAATTAAGTTCAGTCGCGTCCTCAGGGC	BqsR binding site tandem repeats in the Fur box context (56 bp)
bqsR BS in Fur R	GCCCTGAGGACGCGACTGAACTTAATTGAAGCTTAAGAAGACTCTACTTCCTTACC	BqsR binding site tandem repeats in the Fur box context (56 bp)
FW Bqs BS delete all	GCC ATG TCC TTG CGG CAA ACG TGT CTT CAA CAG CTA GCG CCC GGT TAA TCT GCA AAC	
RV Bqs BS delete all	GTT TGC AGA TTA ACC GGG CGC TAG CTG TTG AAG ACA CGT TTG CCG CAA GGA CAT GGC	
cRACE		
WNp213	GTCTCGTTAGCTCGCTGGATCCTA 3'Inverted T	adaptor
WNp210	TAGGATCCAGCGAGCTAACGAGAC	prime off adaptor
bqs1	CGGCGTCACGCAGCTTCA	gene specific primer 1
bqs2	AGC TTC AGC GCC TCG T	gene specific primer 2
PA14_04180 RACE 1	TCGTGATCTCCACCTTCA	gene specific primer 1
PA14_04180 RACE 2	ACTCGTAGATGTCGCCCTTGA	gene specific primer 2
PA14_04270 RACE 1	GCGGAAACGTCGTCGTTCAA	gene specific primer 1
PA14_04270 RACE 2	GTAGTCCGGCAGCCATATC	gene specific primer 2