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Appendix Table 1. Sequence information of probes and primer pairs*

Organism	Target gene	Accession no.	Probe sequences and primer sequences (5'-3')	PCR product (bp)	Name
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	<i>capA</i>	M24150	P: 5'-CCGAGTCCTAGACAGGAAGCCTAGCAAAAGCAATGTTGATGCAGGGC-3' F: 5'-GGGGGGAAAAGATAACGATAAT-3'; R: 5'-GTTCTGTCCATCCTGGTC-3' P: 5'-ACGCACTGGGGGAAAAGATAACGATAATAAACCGAGTCTAGACAGGAAGC-3' F: 5'-TAGTAATACGCACGGTT-3'; R: 5'-CATCCTGGTCAAACACAAA-3'	188	BA1
	<i>pagA</i>	M22589	P: 5'-GGAAGAGTGAGGGTGATACAGGCTCGAAGTGGAGTGAAGTGTACCGCA-3' F: 5'-AAAATGGAAGAGTGAGGGTG-3'; R: 5'-CCGCCTTCTACAGATTAA-3' P: 5'-TGTATCACCAAGAGGCAAGACACCCCCTGTGGCAGCTTATCGATTGTAC-3' F: 5'-TGTATCACCAAGAGGCAAGAC-3'; R: 5'-TTCTGTGTGGATTGATCCTC-3'	120	BA3
	<i>SASP-B</i>	AF359938	P: 5'-GAAGCTAAGAAAGCGCAAGCTCTGGTCTAGATTCAAAGCACAAATGC-3' F: 5'-GTAAAACAAGCAAACGCACA-3'; R: 5'-GATTGTGATTGTTTGACGC-3' P: 5'-CAAGCAGTAAACAAAGCAAACGCACAATCAGAAGCTAAGAAAGCGCAAGC-3' F: 5'-TTTGCAGTGAACAAATGT-3'; R: 5'-ATGCACGTCTGTTCAGTTG-3'	162	BA5
<i>Brucella melitensis</i>	Sequence between BMEI1658 and BMEI1659†	AE009601	P: 5'-AGGTGTCATTAGGCTTGTGGACGAGAGAACGGTGACCAAGGGAGA-3' F: 5'-TCCGAGGGTAAACACCTAAG-3'; R: 5'-ACTCACGGACAGCATTAGGT-3' P: 5'-CTCTCACGGTCCCCATAATGGAGAGTGTACCGAGGGTAAACACCTAAGGG-3' F: 5'-TCTCTCACGGTCCCCATAAT-3'; R: 5'-AGCAAGCCTAAATGACACCTT-3'	181	BM1
	Random chromosomal DNA fragment‡	NA	P: 5'-CATCTTCACGGAGGTAAACAGCCTCCATGTTGACGGTAACCCAGAACG-3' F: 5'-AGATCAGAAGGATGTACCGC-3'; R: 5'-ACTCTGGACATTGGGTA-3' P: 5'-CCACCGGGAGTGCAGGAAGATCAGAAGGATGTACCGCTAGTAACCTCATCT-3' F: 5'-AATAATACGCCATGACGCC-3'; R: 5'-TAAACCTTTGCTGTCCACC-3'	147	BM2
<i>Yersinia pestis</i>	Plasminogen activator	M27820	P: 5'-GGACGCTCTGGCTCCGGTCAGGTAATATGGATGACTACGACTGGATG-3' F: 5'-CAAAAATGTCGCTATCCTGA-3'; R: 5'-GGTCATATTCTGGCATGA-3' P: 5'-TCCATACTCATTCTGACCCCTGAATGCCAGGGGGTGGACGTCTGGCTT-3' F: 5'-ACGCAGAACAGGAAGAAAG-3'; R: 5'-CATCCAGTCGTAGTCATCCA-3'	201	YP1
				168	YP2
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki</i>	<i>cry1A</i>	AY225453	P: 5'-TGGTCAGGGCATCAAATAATGGCTTCTCTGCGGTTTCGGGCCAGA-3' F: 5'-TATTATGGTCAGGGCATCA-3'; R: 5'-GTTCTATACACGCCCTGACC-3' P: 5'-GGTAGTTTCGAGGCTCGGCTAGGGCATAGAAAGAAGTATTAGGAGTCC-3' F: 5'-TGATGGTAGTTTCGAGGCT-3'; R: 5'-CGACAGGAGAACCCATTATT-3'	144	BTK1
				153	BTK2
<i>Vaccinia virus</i>	Thymidine kinase	U94848	P: 5'-CGTATGGCAACGAAGGAAAAATAGTTAGTAGCCGCACTCGATGGGAC-3' F: 5'-ATTCTGTGAGCGTATGGCAA-3'; R: 5'-TCTATCTGGTTCCCTCACC-3' P: 5'-GGCGGACATATTCAAGTTGATAATCGGCCCCATGTTTCAGGTAAAAGTAC-3' F: 5'-GGCGGACATATTCAAGTTGAT-3'; R: 5'-GCTTCAATGCTTCAAAATT-3'	199	VA1
				183	VA2
<i>Francisella tularensis</i>	<i>fopA</i>	AF097542	P: 5'-GGTCAGCTACAGCATCTACGCTGCAGGTTCAGATAATATCGATACATC-3' F: 5'-TTAGGTTCAGCTACAGCATC-3'; R: 5'-TGTCTTGTAGTCAGCG-3' P: 5'-CATCAGCAACACTAATTCAAGCTACTACACAAAGCAGTGGTTTCAGCT-3' F: 5'-TCAGCTACAGCATCTACGC-3'; R: 5'-TGTCTTGTAGTCAGCG-3'	155	FT1
				149	FT2

*P, probe; F, forward primer; R, reverse primer; NA, not applicable. All sequences were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc. (Coralville, IA, USA). Probe sequences were modified with an amine group and C6 linker at the 5' position, and these were used to immobilize the probe on microspheres. Synthetic complementary targets of probes and reverse primers were modified with Cy3 at 5' position as a reporter for array hybridization.

†Sequences are from the noncoding region between 2 open reading frames, BMEI1658 and BMEI1659.

‡Sequences were obtained by sequencing by the collaborator and are not available from GenBank.