

## **Flagella are an important virulence factor in the subclinical persistence of *Escherichia coli* in bovine mammary gland**

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### **Supplementary material**

**Table S1.** Fragment sizes, primers sequences and methodology references used to species-specific PCR and to prospect virulence genes in *Escherichia coli* isolated from cows with mastitis and from dairy farm environment.

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Primers sequences</b>	<b>Methodology references</b>
<i>uspA</i> (884bp)	F -5'CCGATACGCTGCCAATCAGT R -5'ACGCAGACCGTAGGCCAGAT	(Chen & Griffiths, 1998)
<i>lpfA</i> (879bp)	F -5'GGACATCCTGTTACAGCGCGCA R -5'TCGCCACCAATCACAGCCGAAC	(Blum & Leitner, 2013)
<i>fliC</i> (146bp)	F - 5' CCGGTGGTGATAACGATGGG R - 5' CAGGTGTACCGCCTGAAGTG	(Dego <i>et al.</i> 2012)
<i>escN</i> (815bp)	F - 5'CGCCTTTACAAGATAGAAC R -5'CATCAAGAATAGAGCGGAC	(Kyaw <i>et al.</i> 2003)