

**Table 1 Nucleotide sequences of the 4 primers, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) conditions and the size of the amplified fragments**

Primer [12]	Sequence (5'-3')	Amplicon size (bp)	PCR programme
<i>Outer primers</i>			
Forward (C70)	AGAGTTTGATYMTGGC	1500	Initial denaturation for 5 min. at 94 °C, followed by 25 cycles of (denaturation at 94 °C for 45 s, annealing at 50 °C for 45 s, with final extension at 72 °C for 3 min.), followed by 1 cycle of final extension at 72 °C for 5 min.
Reverse (B37)	TACGGYTACCTTGTTACGA		
<i>Inner primers</i>			
Forward (C97)	GCTATGACGGGTATCC	400	Initial denaturation for 5 min. at 94 °C, followed by 34 cycles of (denaturation at 94 °C for 1 min., 55 °C for 2 min., with final extension at 72 °C for 3 min.), followed by 1 cycle of final extension at 72 °C for 5 min.
Reverse (C98)	GATTTTACCCCTACACCA		

*bp* = base pair.