**Table S1. Strains and plasmids used in this study.**

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| **Strains or plasmids** | **Relevant characteristic(s)** | **Source of reference** |
| **Strains** |  |  |
| ***B. pseudomallei*** |  |  |
| K96243 | Wild type strain | (1) |
| ***E. coli*** |  |  |
| Top10 | Spr, F- mcrA Δ(mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC) φ80lacZ, ΔM15 ΔlacX74 nupG recA1 araD139 Δ(ara-leu)7697 galE15 galK16 rpsL endA1 λ- | Invitrogen |
| BL21 (DE3) | fhuA2 [lon] ompT gal (λ DE3) [dcm] ∆hsdS, λ DE3 = λ sBamHIo ∆EcoRI-B int::(lacI::PlacUV5::T7 gene1) i21 ∆nin5 | Novagen |
| **Plasmids** |  |  |
| pCR®2.1-TOPO® | Cloning vector, 3931bp, Apr, Kmr | Invitrogen |
| pET-30a(+) | Expression vector, 5422bp, Kmr | Novagen |
| pC*bipC* | pCR®2.1-TOPO® containing 1260 bp *bipC* fragment | This study |
| pET30a-*bipC* | pET30a (+) containing 1260 bp *bipC* fragment | This study |

Abbreviations: Ap, ampicillin; Km, kanamycin; Sp, spectinomycin; superscript r (r), resistant.

**Supplementary reference**

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