Supplemental S1 Table. Details of primers, thermal cycling conditions and positive control strains used in the present study

Primer use	Gene region/target	Primer name	Primer sequence 5' - 3'	Expected amplimer size (bp)	Thermal cycling conditions	Reference	Positive control strain [Reference]
***spa* typing**	*spa*	spa-1113f spa-1514r	AGACGATCCTTCGGTGAGC AGACGATCCTTCGGTGAGC	200-600	80°C for 5 min; 35 cycles of 94°C for 45 s, 60°C for 45 s and 72°C for 90 s, and a final extension at 72° C for 10 min	www.seqnet.org.	None used
SCC*mec* IV subtyping multiplex PCR	IVa	J IVa F J IVa R	ATAAGAGATCGAACAGAAGC TGAAGAAATCATGCCTATCG	278	94°C for 4 min; 35 cycles of 94°C for 30 s, 48°C for 30 s and 72°C for 2 min and a final extension at 72°C for 4 min	[1]	MRSA CA05 [2]
	IVb/IVF	J IVb F J IVb R	TTGCTCATTTCAGTCTTACC TTACTTCAGCTGCATTAAGC	336			MRSA 8/63P [2]
	IVc/IVE	J IVc F J IVc R	CCATTGCAAATTTCTCTTCC ATAGATTCTACTGCAAGTCC	483			MRSA JCSC4788 [3]
	IVd	J IVd F J IVd R	TCTCGACTGTTTGCAATAGG CAATCATCTAGTTGGATACG	575			MRSA JCSC4469 [3]
	IVg	J IVg F J IVg R	TGATAGTCAAAGTATGGTGG GAATAATGCAAAGTGGAACG	792			MRSA M04/0177 [4]
	IVh	J IVh F J IVh R	TTCCTCGTTTTTTCTGAACG CAAACACTGATATTGTGTCG	663			MRSA E1749 [4]
	ccrB2[a]	ccrB2 F ccrB2 R	CGAACGTAATAACATTGTCG TTGGCWATTTTACGATAGCC	203			MRSA CA05 [2]
SCC*mec* V subtyping multiplex PCR	*ccrC2*	ccrC2-F2 ccrC2-R2	ATAAGTTAAAAGCACGACTCA TTCAATCCTATTTTTCTTTGTG	257	95°C for 2 min; 35 cycles of 95°C for 1 min, 55°C for 30 s and 72°C for 30 s and a final extension at 72°C for 2 min	[5]	MRSA M06/0318 [4]
	ccrC8	ccrC8-F ccrC8-R	GCATGGGTACTCAATCCA GGTTGTAATGGCTTTGAGG	562			MRSA M06/0318 [4]

PCR amplification of additional resistance genes	*spc*	spc_fw spc_rv	ACCAAATCAAGCGATTCAAA GTCACTGTTTGCCACATTCG	561	94°C for 2 min; 30 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 52°C for 1 min and 72°C for 1 min and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min	[6]	MRSA M13/0699 [this study]
	tet(L)	tetL-F tetL-R	TCGTTAGCGTGCTGTCATTC GTATCCCACCAATGTAGCCG	267	94°C for 2 min; 30 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 55°C for 30 sec and 72°C for 1 min and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min	[7]	*Escherichia coli* pB*2187dfrK* [8]
	dfrK	dfrK_fw dfrK_rv	CAAGAGATAAGGGGTTCAGC ACAGATACTTCGTTCCACTC	229	94°C for 2 min; 30 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 55°C for 30 sec and 72°C for 1 min and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min	[9]	*Escherichia coli* pB*2187dfrK* [8]
	dfrG	dfrG-1 dfrG-2	TGCTGCGATGGATAAGAA TGGGCAAATACCTCATTCC	405	94°C for 2 min; 30 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 55°C for 30 sec and 72°C for 1 min and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min	[9]	MSSA CM.S2 [10]
	erm(T)	ermT_fw ermT_rv	ATTGGTTCAGGGAAAGGTCA GCTTGATAAAATTGGTTTTTGGA	536	94°C for 2 min; 30 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 45°C for 1 min and 72°C for 1 min and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min	[6]	MSSA RN4220pKKS25 [11]

[a] *ccrAB2* was used an internal positive control for SCC*mec* IV subtyping PCRs.

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