

Supplementary Table 1 Amplification of a 447-bp DNA fragment from other respiratory pathogens.

Pathogen	Strain from	PCR product 447-bp
<i>Acromobacter xylosoxidans</i>	environmental specimen	Negative
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Candida albicans</i>	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Mycobacterium</i> spp.	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Mycoplasma</i> spp.	control kit	Negative
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	environmental specimen	Negative
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	clinical specimen	Negative
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	environmental specimen	Negative
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	clinical specimen	*

* *S. pneumoniae* presented a double-banded pattern with DNA amplification at 450 and 800-bp.