

Table S1. Threshold cycle (C_t) values from real-time PCR for *Yersinia pestis* target genes using 1/10 serially diluted DNA standards

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10 ⁵	22.42	21.17	24.47
10 ⁴	25.82	24.50	27.61
10 ³	29.65	27.19	31.15
10 ²	33.03	31.11	34.91
10 ¹	36.61	34.53	38.89
10 ⁰	N.D.	36.67*	N.D.

Note: C_t values represent the mean of values from triplicate real-time PCR reactions. * C_t value detected in two of three replicate reactions. PCR, polymerase chain reaction; N.D., not detected.