**Supplement Digital Content 1.** A list of primers used for capsular typing of *Haemophilus influenzae.*

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|  | **Reference** | **Primer sequences** | |
| *Hia* | Z37516 (ATCC 9006) (50) | Forward | a1 Falla *et al* (1994) |
| Reverse | a2 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| Nested forward | a3 agtggactattcctgttcac |
| *Hib* | X78559.1 (51) | Forward | b1 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| Reverse | b2 gcttacgcttctatctcggtga |
| Nested forward | b3 accatgagaaagtgttagc |
| *Hic* | HQ651151.1 (ATCC 9007)(52) | Forward | c1 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| Reverse | c2 caggggcaagctattagtga |
| Nested forward | c3 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| *Hid* | Z33389/HQ424464 (ATCC9008)(52) | Forward | d1 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| Reverse | d2 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| Nested forward | d3 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| *Hie* | Z33390/FM882247 (53) | Forward | e1 ggtaacaatgtagtggtag |
| Reverse | e2 gctttactgtataagctag |
| Nested forward | e3 cagctattgaacaagataaacg |
| *Hif* | AF549211.1 (54) | Forward | f1 cctactatcaagtccaaatc |
| Reverse | f2 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |
| Nested forward | f3 Falla  *et al.* (1994) |