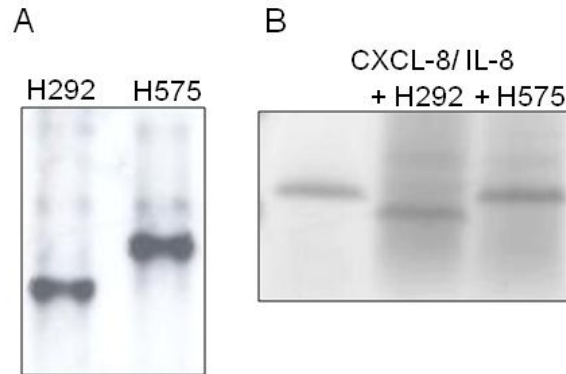


## Supporting information



**Figure S1.** Confirmation of mutation in *S. pyogenes*. (A) Southern blot analysis of *Xmn*I-cut genomic DNA from isogenic *S. pyogenes* strains H292 (parent strain) and H575 (mutant strain) hybridized with DIG-labeled *cepA* PCR product. (B) Cleavage of IL-8 (CXCL8) by parent *S. pyogenes* strain H292 but not H575.