



**Figure S3.** Viability of PAO1 wild-type cells (WT), TolB-deficient mutant cells (*tolB*) and TolB-proficient mutant cells (*tolB TolB<sup>+</sup>*) after 3-h incubation in saline solution at 37°C, expressed as percent survival with respect to the number of viable cells at time 0. Results are the mean ( $\pm$  SD) of four independent experiments. No significant differences were detected (one-way ANOVA).