

1 Table S1. Isolation of *L. monocytogenes* in fecal samples of pregnant and non-pregnant gerbils
 2 during the 6 post-treatment days (PTD).

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Pregnant animals

Dose	PTD 1	PTD 2	PTD 3	PTD 4	PTD 5	PTD 6	Total
(CFU)	(%) ^{a,b}	(%) ^a					
Control	0/4 (0) ^A	0/24 (0) ^A					
10 ³	0/4 (0) ^A	0/24 (0) ^A					
10 ⁵	3/4 (75) ^B	0/4 (0) ^A	3/24 (13) ^A				
10 ⁷	3/4 (75) ^B	3/4 (75) ^B	2/4 (50) ^{AB}	3/4 (75) ^B	2/4 (50) ^{AB}	2/4 (50) ^{AB}	15/24 (63) ^B
10 ⁹	4/4 (100) ^B	3/3 (100) ^B	23/23 (100) ^C				

Non-pregnant animals

Dose	PTD 1	PTD 2	PTD 3	PTD 4	PTD 5	PTD 6	Total
(CFU)	(%) ^{a,b}	(%) ^a					
Control	0/3 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^{AB}	0/3 (0) ^{AB}	0/3 (0) ^A	0/18 (0) ^A
10 ⁵	0/6 (0) ^A	0/6 (0) ^A	0/6 (0) ^A	0/6 (0) ^B	0/6 (0) ^B	1/6 (17) ^{AB}	1/36 (3) ^A
10 ⁷	4/4 (100) ^B	3/4 (75) ^B	3/4 (75) ^B	2/4 (50) ^A	2/4 (50) ^A	3/4 (75) ^{BC}	17/24 (71) ^B
10 ⁹	5/5 (100) ^B	5/5 (100) ^B	5/5 (100) ^B	5/5 (100) ^C	5/5 (100) ^C	5/5 (100) ^C	30/30 (100) ^C

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5 ^a Number of fecal samples positive through enrichment/total fecal samples collected (% positive)

6 ^b Dose groups that are significantly different from one another ($p < 0.05$) are denoted by different

7 letters; pregnant and non-pregnant dose groups are considered separately

8 Table S2. Isolation of *L. monocytogenes* in adult organs of pregnant and non-pregnant gerbils.

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Pregnant animals

Dose	Intestine	Liver	Spleen	Brain	Gallbladder	Total
(CFU)	(%)^{a,b}	(%)^a	(%)^a	(%)^a	(%)^a	(%)^a
Control	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^A	0/18 (0) ^A
10 ³	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/20 (0) ^A
10 ⁵	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^A	0/19 (0) ^A
10 ⁷	2/4 (50) ^A	3/4 (75) ^B	2/4 (50) ^{AB}	1/4 (25) ^A	1/4 (25) ^A	9/20 (45) ^B
10 ⁹	4/4 (100) ^B	4/4 (100) ^B	4/4 (100) ^B	4/4 (100) ^B	2/3 (66) ^A	18/19 (95) ^C

Non-pregnant animals

Dose	Intestine	Liver	Spleen	Brain	Gallbladder	Total
(CFU)	(%)^{a,b}	(%)^a	(%)^a	(%)^a	(%)^a	(%)^a
Control	0/3 (0) ^{AB}	0/3 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^A	0/3 (0) ^{AB}	0/2 (0) ^A	0/14 (0) ^A
10 ⁵	0/6 (0) ^A	1/6 (17) ^A	0/6 (0) ^A	0/6 (0) ^A	0/4 (0) ^A	1/28 (4) ^A
10 ⁷	2/4 (50) ^{AB}	1/4 (25) ^A	1/4 (25) ^A	3/4 (75) ^B	1/4 (25) ^A	8/20 (40) ^B
10 ⁹	4/5 (80) ^B	5/5 (100) ^B	3/5 (60) ^A	1/5 (20) ^{AB}	1/4 (25) ^A	14/24 (58) ^B

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11 ^a Number of tissue samples positive through enrichment/total tissue samples collected (%)
12 positive)13 ^b Dose groups that are significantly different from one another ($p < 0.05$) are denoted by different
14 letters; pregnant and non-pregnant dose groups are considered separately