

## Additional File 16: Bacterial strains

Strain	Description	Source or reference
NEM316	Serotype III isolated from neonate blood culture, ST23	[1]
$\Delta covRS$	NEM2089 strain: NEM316 $covSR\Omega_{aphA-3}'$ ; $\Delta covSR$ , Km <sup>R</sup>	[2]
$\Delta RelRS$	NEM316 $\Delta gbs1397-1398$	This study
$\Delta ciaRH$	NEM316 $\Delta ciaRH$	This study

### References:

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- [2] Lamy MC, Zouine M, Fert J, Vergassola M, Couve E, et al. (2004) CovS/CovR of group B streptococcus: a two-component global regulatory system involved in virulence. *Mol Microbiol* 54: 1250-1268.