

**S4 Fig. Effects of PB2**<sub> $\Delta$ </sub> **protein** *in vivo*. BALB/c mice were infected with 50 pfu rKAN-1 wild type or PB2<sub> $\Delta$ </sub>-expressing virus. **A)** Expression changes of IFN $\beta$  mRNA in lungs were analyzed two days p.i. by qRT-PCR. N-fold expression in individual animals normalized to uninfected PBS control mice is depicted. **B)** Viral lung titers were analyzed two days p.i. by standard plaque assay and are depicted for individual animals. **A, B)** Statistical significance was analyzed by Mann-Whitney test.