



S2 Fig. Inhibition of Ca⁺² and caspase activity enhanced the intracellular bacterial load.

Intracellular bacterial replication was quantified by dilution plating of HKM pre-treated with indicated inhibitors followed by *M. fortuitum* infection 24 h p.i. Vertical bars represent mean \pm SE (n=3). #*P*<0.05, compared to HKM+MF; HKM+MF, HKM infected with *M. fortuitum*; HKM+MF+Z-VAD-FMK, HKM+MF+Z-DEVD-FMK, HKM, HKM+MF+BAPTA/AM, HKM were pre-treated with Z-VAD-FMK, Z-DEVD-FMK and BAPTA/AM respectively followed by *M. fortuitum* infection.