





Supplementary Figure S2 Galleria mellonella mortality chart of six of the clonal *L. monocytogenes* Indian strains compared with the standard *L. monocytogenes* EGD-e strain. The six representative *L. monocytogenes* strains with similar pulsotypes were studied as described by Mukherjee et al. (2010). In brief, ten Galleria larvae per strain were infected with 10⁶ CFU/larvae and observed for mortality for up to 7 days. The experiment was repeated three times, and the average % mortality was calculated. All six of the studied clonal *L. monocytogenes* 4b serotype strains were similar in terms of their mortality rates, which were ~20% greater than that of *L. monocytogenes* EGD-e.