



S1 Fig: Effect of DNaseI and Gentamicin on rickettsial internalization: *R. rickettsii*-infected HMECs were incubated with DNase1 (1U/ml) or gentamicin (100 µg/ml) for 30 minutes to remove any extracellular bacteria prior to the collection of infected cells for isolation of DNA and rickettsiae copy number was measured. The data represent mean \pm SEM of three separate experiments.