

Fig S2: Gel agarose of $\it eptA$ genotyping in the clinical isolate BV94 and its $\it eptA$ knockout mutants.

The genotyping of *eptA* isoforms was performed by PCR using primers oVT152/oVT153. Lane 1: 2-log ladder (New England Biolabs), lane 2: BV94, lane 3: BV94 $_{\Delta eptA-1}$, lane 4: BV94 $_{\Delta eptA-1/\Delta eptA-2/\Delta eptA-2}$, lane 5: BV94 $_{\Delta eptA-1/\Delta eptA-2/\Delta eptA-3}$. The triple mutant BV94 $_{\Delta eptA-1/\Delta eptA-2/\Delta eptA-3}$ did not encode any other *eptA* isoform.