

Figure S1. Sodium bicarbonate treatment facilitates K. pneumoniae gut colonisation.

**A.** CFUs per gr of small intestine and colon of mice infected with  $10^8$  CFUs of Kp52145. Mice were pre-treated or not with sodium bicarbonate 5 min before oral gavage of bacteria. 4-5 mice per group were infected. **B.** Bacterial loads in the colon and faeces of mice infected with the indicated bacterial doses. Samples were obtained twelve days post infection. 4-5 mice per group were analysed.

In panels, values are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SD. \*\*\*\*P  $\leq$  0.0001; \*P  $\leq$  0.05 for the indicated comparisons determined using Mann-Whitney U test.