

Additional file 3 Reisolation of the infection strain from inner organs or joint fluid

	No reisolation from inner organs/joints	Reisolation from											
		1 site	2 sites	3 or more sites	Spleen	Lung	Liver	Liquor	Brain	Left heart valve	Blood	Serosa	Joint fluid
Non-infected	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Infected (total)	1/8	2/8	0/2	5/8	5/8	3/8	4/8	1/8	3/8	4/8	5/8	3/8	4/8
• Group 1	1/4	1/4	0/2	2/4	3/4	2/4	2/4	0/4	0/4	2/4	2/4	2/4	2/4
• Group 2	0/4	1/4	0/2	3/4	2/4	1/4	2/4	1/4	3/4	2/4	3/4	1/4	2/4