



Figure S1: Viral loads in the lungs of Syrian hamsters following infection with different omicron SARS-CoV-2 variants on day 3 post-infection. (a) Viral RNA levels in the lungs of hamsters infected with 10⁴ TCID₅₀ of BA.5, BA.2.86 or EG.5.1 omicron SARS-CoV-2 variants on day 3 post-infection (pi) are expressed as log₁₀ SARS-CoV-2 RNA copies per mg lung tissue. Individual data and median values are presented. (b) Infectious viral loads in the lungs of infected hamsters on day 3 pi are expressed as log₁₀ TCID₅₀ per mg lung tissue. Individual data and median values are presented. Data were analyzed with the Kruskal-Wallis test, *P<0.05, ns=non-significant. The data are from one experiment with n=4 per group.