



Supplementary Figure S1. Survival of wildtype and mutant *L. Lactis* strains in whole human blood

Freshly collected human blood was inoculated with 1×10^3 CFU per ml with *L. lactis* and mutant strains. Surviving bacteria were enumerated by spot-plating in triplicates on GM17 agar plates. Data are mean values \pm SD. *P* values were calculated using the one-way ANOVA tests. ***P* < 0.001.