Supplementary Material



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Z-VAD-FMK decreases the number of infective particles in supernatants of *S. negevensis*-infected cells in a dose-dependent way. HeLa cells were infected in 12 well plates with *S. negevensis* (MOI 1) for 4 and 5 days. DMSO (Control) and Z-VAD-FMK (20 μM, 50 μM and 100 μM) were added 6 hours post infection. The supernatant was transferred to new cells, which were fixed after 3 days and stained using DAPI and an anti-*Sn*GroEL primary antibody, followed by decoration with the fluorophore-coupled secondary antibody. Pictures were recorded using fluorescence microscopy. Cells from 6 random fields (2 fields per well of 3 repetitions in total) were counted under a 40x objective (per well at least 100 cells were counted) and the percentage of infected cells was determined and shown on the graph as a mean value ± SD. The significance was calculated using Student’s t-test. \*p≤0.05; \*\*p≤0.01.