



Supplemental Figure A. Long-PCR analysis of the rearrangement in the *rrn-comX* region in clinical isolates. A. Clinical isolates and laboratory strains of GAS collected before 1985. B. Clinical isolates of GAS from STSS patients collected after 1990. C. Clinical isolates of GAS from non-STSS patients collected after 1990. The origins of these isolates and years are listed in Supplemental Table B.