**Supplementary Figure 2.**

Hsu cells were infected with WNV (MOI 10) at 4C for 30 mins and then either left at 4C or incubated at 30C. Some cells were pre-treated with MG132 (10 uM) before infecting with WNV. Real time RT-qPCR using NS1 primers conducted on total RNA from cells collected at 6 hpi showed no (or minimal contribution from extracellular viral RNA).