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**S2 Figure.** Amount of viral shedding following initial SDAV exposure by exposure route.

Route of exposure significantly influenced amount of viral shedding (p<0.0001). Extent of viral

shedding did not differ significantly between index and direct contact groups. Using the

inoculated group as a reference, viral shedding following fomite exposure (both cohabitation and

single groups) was significantly lower (p<.0001). Linear regression modeled the lowest observed

PCR as function of exposure mode, with planned contrasts between exposure modes tested with

t-tests. Red diamonds indicate group means. Individual rat data are depicted with green x-marks.