



Figure S1. Rarefaction curves of the variable region of the 16S rRNA sequences of samples obtained during the production of São Jorge cheese. A) Milk (samples S16 and S28); B) Whey used as a starter culture in the production of São Jorge cheese (samples S24-27); C) Curd (samples S17-S23, S30); D) Non-PDO cheese (samples S1-S6, S12, S29). E) PDO cheese (samples S7-S11, S13-S15).