

Supplementary Materials: Effects of Selected Prebiotics or Synbiotics Administered *in ovo* on Lymphocyte Subsets in Bursa of Fabricius, Thymus and Spleen in Non-Immunized and Immunized Chicken Broilers

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Table S1. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the bursa of Fabricius of 7-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺
CONTROL	98.09 a ± 0.96	0.84 a ± 0.36
PREBIOTIC 1	98.33 a ± 1.01	0.51 ab ± 0.30
PREBIOTIC 2	98.79 a ± 0.51	0.50 ab ± 0.13
SYNBIOTIC 1	98.59 a ± 0.53	0.82 a ± 0.40
SYNBIOTIC 2	99.08 a ± 0.25	0.32 b ± 0.09

Table S2. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the bursa of Fabricius of 21-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	96.99 a ± 0.53	1.27 a ± 0.27
	93.87 a ± 6.05	1.22 a ± 0.41
	96.67 a ± 2.22	1.40 a ± 0.89
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	95.14 a ± 1.61	1.77 a ± 0.78
	96.45 a ± 1.90	1.14 a ± 0.36
	97.10 a ± 0.87	1.34 a ± 0.82
	90.37 a ± 8.31	1.45 a ± 0.33
	96.46 a ± 1.34	1.40 a ± 0.37
	94.67 a ± 2.85	1.90 a ± 1.17
	96.04 a ± 1.93	1.28 a ± 0.39

DEX-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL	97.32 ^a ± 0.56	1.30 ^a ± 0.55
	PREBIOTIC 1	91.86 ^b ± 5.28	1.41 ^a ± 0.43
	PREBIOTIC 2	94.94 ^{ab} ± 2.71	1.87 ^a ± 0.85
	SYNBIOTIC 1	97.03 ^a ± 1.25	1.02 ^a ± 0.36
	SYNBIOTIC 2	97.21 ^{ab} ± 1.89	1.00 ^a ± 0.21

Table S3. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the bursa of Fabricius of 21-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

	Group	Bu-1⁺	CD3⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL	726.19 ^a ± 180.06	9.44 ^a ± 2.95
	PREBIOTIC 1	1041.59 ^a ± 350.64	14.90 ^a ± 11.19
	PREBIOTIC 2	1111.61 ^a ± 302.90	14.39 ^a ± 5.86
	SYNBIOTIC 1	1091.03 ^a ± 292.89	20.30 ^a ± 10.24
	SYNBIOTIC 2	880.21 ^a ± 228.65	10.05 ^a ± 2.60
	CONTROL	918.94 ^a ± 184.15	13.53 ^a ± 10.05
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1	997.43 ^a ± 257.93	15.39 ^a ± 2.66
	PREBIOTIC 2	1003.55 ^a ± 430.22	13.76 ^a ± 4.75
	SYNBIOTIC 1	1011.77 ^a ± 193.13	22.56 ^a ± 18.60
	SYNBIOTIC 2	1066.20 ^a ± 373.68	15.54 ^a ± 11.45
	CONTROL	1075.55 ^a ± 314.32	14.53 ^a ± 7.59
	PREBIOTIC 1	1081.75 ^a ± 333.10	18.02 ^a ± 9.92
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2	1169.17 ^a ± 384.27	25.61 ^a ± 22.12
	SYNBIOTIC 1	1040.66 ^a ± 356.22	10.56 ^a ± 5.18
	SYNBIOTIC 2	976.69 ^a ± 241.55	10.17 ^a ± 3.41

Table S4. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the bursa of Fabricius of 35-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 96.75 ^a ± 0.74	1.01 ^a ± 0.39
	PREBIOTIC 1 96.67 ^{ab} ± 1.00	1.11 ^a ± 0.40
	PREBIOTIC 2 94.48 ^{ab} ± 1.93	1.29 ^a ± 0.53
	SYNBIOTIC 1 93.23 ^b ± 3.60	1.48 ^a ± 0.55
	SYNBIOTIC 2 94.27 ^{ab} ± 2.62	1.71 ^a ± 0.70
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 96.48 ^a ± 1.17	1.22 ^{ab} ± 0.34
	PREBIOTIC 1 97.15 ^a ± 0.53	0.94 ^a ± 0.26
	PREBIOTIC 2 92.48 ^{ab} ± 1.61	1.21 ^{ab} ± 0.36
	SYNBIOTIC 1 86.83 ^b ± 7.71	3.75 ^b ± 3.68
	SYNBIOTIC 2 96.15 ^a ± 3.30	1.06 ^a ± 0.49
DEX-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 94.97 ^a ± 3.49	1.23 ^a ± 0.24
	PREBIOTIC 1 96.86 ^a ± 0.94	1.31 ^a ± 0.65
	PREBIOTIC 2 90.45 ^a ± 3.40	1.34 ^a ± 0.43
	SYNBIOTIC 1 93.82 ^a ± 3.51	0.95 ^a ± 0.29
	SYNBIOTIC 2 94.55 ^a ± 5.52	1.61 ^a ± 0.80

Table S5. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the bursa of Fabricius of 35-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 1903.85 ^a \pm 806.36	20.68 ^a \pm 13.03
	PREBIOTIC 1 2529.71 ^a \pm 711.40	27.97 ^a \pm 9.57
	PREBIOTIC 2 4466.72 ^a \pm 4024.52	50.62 ^a \pm 29.06
	SYNBIOTIC 1 4911.93 ^a \pm 3996.01	86.17 ^a \pm 82.45
	SYNBIOTIC 2 3659.75 ^a \pm 2340.16	54.95 ^a \pm 23.71
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 2294.20 ^a \pm 753.55	27.68 ^a \pm 6.97
	PREBIOTIC 1 3232.92 ^a \pm 1770.65	30.74 ^a \pm 17.65
	PREBIOTIC 2 5865.91 ^a \pm 5017.82	70.86 ^{ab} \pm 62.13
	SYNBIOTIC 1 5166.53 ^a \pm 3769.91	148.24 ^b \pm 91.66
	SYNBIOTIC 2 3687.07 ^a \pm 2151.14	33.57 ^a \pm 14.59
DEX-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 2731.67 ^a \pm 973.78	32.47 ^a \pm 13.33
	PREBIOTIC 1 4343.64 ^a \pm 2527.67	56.62 ^a \pm 44.43
	PREBIOTIC 2 3958.61 ^a \pm 1935.41	55.98 ^a \pm 30.67
	SYNBIOTIC 1 5662.96 ^a \pm 3996.53	63.37 ^a \pm 56.21
	SYNBIOTIC 2 3544.82 ^a \pm 1802.13	57.46 ^a \pm 25.58

Table S6. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the thymus of 21-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD48-	CD4 ⁺ 8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺	CD8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺ / CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 7.57 ^a ± 1.35	17.48 ^a ± 3.12	72.30 ^{ab} ± 2.58	4.69 ^a ± 1.35	5.53 ^a ± 1.55	0.95 ^a ± 0.51
	PREBIOTIC 1 10.84 ^{ab} ± 6.01	15.54 ^a ± 4.75	70.56 ^{ab} ± 5.78	5.90 ^a ± 2.35	7.99 ^b ± 1.33	0.74 ^a ± 0.27
	PREBIOTIC 2 9.84 ^{ac} ± 3.93	12.98 ^a ± 5.49	77.54 ^a ± 7.57	3.50 ^a ± 0.85	5.98 ^{ab} ± 1.70	0.61 ^a ± 0.14
	SYNBIOTIC 1 13.72 ^{bc} ± 4.46	19.28 ^a ± 5.50	66.21 ^b ± 6.13	5.51 ^a ± 1.56	6.77 ^{ab} ± 1.46	0.83 ^a ± 0.29
	SYNBIOTIC 2 16.62 ^b ± 1.04	17.92 ^a ± 2.19	70.83 ^{ab} ± 3.14	5.30 ^a ± 0.88	5.95 ^{ab} ± 0.55	0.89 ^a ± 0.15
	CONTROL 8.05 ^a ± 2.09	17.44 ^a ± 3.92	71.60 ^a ± 4.47	4.79 ^a ± 1.33	6.16 ^a ± 1.58	0.82 ^a ± 0.27
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1 7.77 ^a ± 3.88	13.20 ^a ± 2.45	71.47 ^a ± 5.24	5.63 ^a ± 1.49	7.23 ^a ± 1.81	0.73 ^a ± 0.26
	PREBIOTIC 2 12.29 ^{ab} ± 5.24	13.73 ^a ± 5.73	74.45 ^a ± 8.65	5.57 ^a ± 1.93	6.24 ^a ± 1.74	0.92 ^a ± 0.32
	SYNBIOTIC 1 15.24 ^b ± 6.07	18.80 ^a ± 5.88	67.27 ^a ± 7.71	6.27 ^a ± 1.97	7.65 ^a ± 1.61	0.87 ^a ± 0.43
	SYNBIOTIC 2 15.05 ^b ± 2.50	19.13 ^a ± 3.46	68.16 ^a ± 6.59	6.27 ^a ± 3.53	6.46 ^a ± 1.31	0.95 ^a ± 0.46
	CONTROL 7.27 ^a ± 1.42	16.34 ^a ± 2.15	73.45 ^a ± 2.65	4.68 ^a ± 0.48	5.52 ^a ± 1.05	0.87 ^a ± 1.16
	PREBIOTIC 1 7.09 ^a ± 2.66	16.02 ^a ± 4.55	72.06 ^a ± 5.64	5.00 ^a ± 0.71	6.91 ^a ± 1.07	0.74 ^a ± 0.15
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2 11.11 ^{ab} ± 4.65	16.34 ^a ± 6.36	72.15 ^a ± 10.76	4.84 ^a ± 2.68	6.66 ^a ± 2.47	0.75 ^a ± 0.34
	SYNBIOTIC 1 14.32 ^b ± 4.97	20.55 ^a ± 3.27	65.08 ^a ± 5.97	7.23 ^a ± 2.68	7.14 ^a ± 0.55	1.02 ^a ± 0.36
	SYNBIOTIC 2 16.51 ^b ± 3.07	20.98 ^a ± 6.98	66.83 ^a ± 6.74	5.97 ^a ± 4.43	6.21 ^a ± 1.92	0.90 ^a ± 0.41

Table S7. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the thymus of 21-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or symbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD4 \cdot 8 ⁻	CD4 ⁺ 8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺	CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 127.21 ^a ± 43.65	297.59 ^a ± 123.31	1239.10 ^a ± 500.14	76.80 ^a ± 26.65	95.13 ^a ± 47.65
	PREBIOTIC 1 225.96 ^a ± 137.51	315.04 ^a ± 137.83	1389.73 ^a ± 459.07	111.91 ^a ± 38.47	153.61 ^a ± 39.31
	PREBIOTIC 2 218.96 ^a ± 86.08	285.65 ^a ± 103.13	1782.45 ^a ± 580.33	78.27 ^a ± 23.48	133.67 ^a ± 41.33
	SYNBIOTIC 1 264.68 ^a ± 100.16	370.32 ^a ± 48.97	1341.80 ^a ± 381.34	97.10 ^a ± 17.77	136.38 ^a ± 40.38
	SYNBIOTIC 2 339.87 ^a ± 46.08	370.45 ^a ± 38.74	1504.10 ^a ± 367.56	109.88 ^a ± 19.86	125.20 ^a ± 27.45
	CONTROL 129.03 ^a ± 44.72	279.84 ^a ± 90.17	1137.07 ^a ± 237.14	76.21 ^a ± 25.96	101.74 ^a ± 44.00
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1 162.33 ^a ± 109.30	256.90 ^a ± 60.42	1401.25 ^{ab} ± 278.59	117.57 ^a ± 45.47	143.76 ^a ± 49.47
	PREBIOTIC 2 440.96 ^a ± 473.66	659.75 ^a ± 772.97	2909.19 ^b ± 1960.89	268.98 ^a ± 316.98	250.01 ^a ± 191.42
	SYNBIOTIC 1 325.07 ^a ± 109.53	425.14 ^a ± 60.62	1632.15 ^{ab} ± 518.86	145.02 ^a ± 40.37	181.58 ^a ± 53.07
	SYNBIOTIC 2 306.64 ^a ± 66.71	375.94 ^a ± 72.79	1463.19 ^{ab} ± 493.49	129.47 ^a ± 72.88	133.83 ^a ± 37.31
	CONTROL 112.35 ^a ± 29.23	252.77 ^a ± 68.87	1121.58 ^a ± 174.92	72.26 ^a ± 16.57	85.37 ^a ± 22.39
	PREBIOTIC 1 160.72 ^a ± 100.82	326.50 ^a ± 43.60	1580.33 ^{ab} ± 517.11	107.07 ^a ± 28.34	146.66 ^{ab} ± 34.33
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2 439.49 ^a ± 563.14	710.78 ^a ± 753.90	2773.70 ^b ± 1646.37	219.21 ^a ± 267.26	285.84 ^b ± 283.82
	SYNBIOTIC 1 282.47 ^a ± 55.97	431.44 ^a ± 108.07	1466.96 ^{ab} ± 636.29	144.47 ^a ± 35.75	155.56 ^{ab} ± 54.13
	SYNBIOTIC 2 317.82 ^a ± 28.81	383.48 ^a ± 95.08	1276.26 ^{ab} ± 389.07	108.00 ^a ± 72.65	115.24 ^{ab} ± 31.65

Table S8. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the thymus of 35-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD48-	CD4 ⁺ 8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺	CD8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺ / CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 9.41 ^a ± 3.96	17.06 ^a ± 4.12	71.17 ^a ± 4.42	5.05 ^a ± 0.95	6.72 ^a ± 1.12	0.78 ^{ab} ± 0.22
	PREBIOTIC 1 6.64 ^a ± 0.64	12.00 ^b ± 1.30	78.08 ^b ± 2.76	5.10 ^a $\pm .19$	4.81 ^{bc} ± 0.93	1.09 ^a ± 0.31
	PREBIOTIC 2 5.93 ^a ± 2.02	17.63 ^a ± 3.31	73.49 ^{ab} ± 2.84	4.34 ^a ± 1.08	4.54 ^b ± 1.04	0.95 ^{ac} ± 0.06
	SYNBIOTIC 1 10.94 ^a ± 4.21	16.34 ^{ab} ± 1.80	72.67 ^{ab} ± 2.56	3.77 ^a ± 1.13	7.22 ^{ac} ± 0.76	0.52 ^b ± 0.15
	SYNBIOTIC 2 10.01 ^a ± 4.48	14.17 ^{ab} ± 3.66	75.66 ^{ab} ± 5.66	4.21 ^a ± 1.08	5.97 ^{ab} ± 1.68	0.73 ^{bc} ± 0.16
	CONTROL 7.85 ^{ab} ± 1.31	21.15 ^a ± 4.93	66.78 ^a ± 4.98	5.64 ^a ± 1.29	6.44 ^a ± 0.71	0.90 ^a ± 0.27
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1 6.12 ^a ± 1.41	10.37 ^b ± 2.16	81.14 ^b ± 2.63	3.44 ^a ± 0.69	5.04 ^a ± 1.12	0.73 ^a ± 0.31
	PREBIOTIC 2 6.85 ^{ab} ± 0.80	18.25 ^a ± 5.57	71.49 ^a ± 7.22	4.55 ^a ± 1.41	5.38 ^a ± 1.78	0.89 ^a ± 0.25
	SYNBIOTIC 1 11.19 ^{bc} ± 4.84	16.10 ^{ab} ± 4.88	71.86 ^a ± 7.13	5.39 ^a ± 2.32	6.64 ^a ± 1.34	0.80 ^a ± 0.30
	SYNBIOTIC 2 12.32 ^c ± 3.59	17.77 ^a ± 3.40	70.38 ^a ± 3.63	4.88 ^a ± 0.79	6.98 ^a ± 1.12	0.71 ^a ± 0.15
	CONTROL 8.11 ^{ab} ± 1.31	18.22 ^a ± 2.75	70.69 ^a ± 2.55	4.79 ^{ab} ± 1.13	6.30 ^{ab} ± 1.30	0.77 ^a ± 0.15
	PREBIOTIC 1 8.56 ^{ab} ± 2.92	14.75 ^a ± 7.16	76.71 ^a ± 8.62	3.74 ^{ab} ± 0.77	4.78 ^{ab} ± 1.08	0.81 ^a ± 0.20
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2 6.76 ^a ± 1.32	20.14 ^a ± 4.55	71.71 ^a ± 5.37	3.64 ^a ± 0.52	4.52 ^a ± 1.02	0.83 ^a ± 0.19
	SYNBIOTIC 1 7.45 ^a ± 2.43	16.40 ^a ± 2.20	75.22 ^a ± 2.60	3.58 ^a ± 1.02	4.80 ^{ab} ± 1.30	0.83 ^a ± 0.44
	SYNBIOTIC 2 11.53 ^b ± 3.69	16.92 ^a ± 5.22	70.93 ^a ± 6.62	5.22 ^b ± 0.31	6.91 ^b ± 1.36	0.78 ^a ± 0.15

Table S9. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the thymus of 35-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or symbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD4 \cdot 8 ⁻	CD4 ⁺ 8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺	CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 351.05 ^a ± 116.60	678.13 ^a ± 302.00	2801.07 ^a ± 868.32	200.42 ^a ± 80.83	268.87 ^a ± 98.33
	PREBIOTIC 1 464.72 ^a ± 157.71	851.26 ^a ± 325.65	5480.81 ^a ± 1731.16	370.91 ^a ± 177.56	331.19 ^a ± 118.20
	PREBIOTIC 2 427.98 ^a ± 223.00	1177.41 ^a ± 451.11	4856.52 ^a ± 1545.93	292.19 ^a ± 136.62	300.66 ^a ± 124.08
	SYNBIOTIC 1 517.23 ^a ± 201.25	874.13 ^a ± 334.87	4055.60 ^a ± 1972.60	219.01 ^a ± 152.28	391.26 ^a ± 173.06
	SYNBIOTIC 2 412.05 ^a ± 199.99	630.79 ^a ± 303.70	3242.42 ^a ± 844.35	183.28 ^a ± 75.54	257.19 ^a ± 106.30
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 384.57 ^a ± 228.29	1007.61 ^a ± 637.92	3114.08 ^a ± 1480.70	259.76 ^a ± 137.28	298.49 ^a ± 150.11
	PREBIOTIC 1 489.31 ^a ± 175.85	844.66 ^a ± 326.36	7077.35 ^a ± 3649.37	296.07 ^a ± 145.33	410.44 ^a ± 172.46
	PREBIOTIC 2 462.15 ^a ± 163.89	1255.81 ^a ± 646.71	4817.20 ^a ± 1609.86	302.56 ^a ± 125.02	359.16 ^a ± 161.47
	SYNBIOTIC 1 851.14 ^a ± 587.07	1272.22 ^a ± 1038.57	4902.02 ^a ± 2379.67	406.65 ^a ± 323.49	472.53 ^a ± 291.75
	SYNBIOTIC 2 623.41 ^a ± 273.37	916.14 ^a ± 370.69	3526.22 ^a ± 1016.67	256.20 ^a ± 114.30	354.87 ^a ± 133.17
DEX-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 284.23 ^a ± 96.87	674.28 ^a ± 199.30	2605.39 ^a ± 544.96	173.98 ^a ± 41.51	226.48 ^a ± 41.71
	PREBIOTIC 1 856.77 ^b ± 758.22	1339.95 ^a ± 887.93	6833.19 ^b ± 3979.88	346.93 ^a ± 231.63	422.66 ^a ± 243.16
	PREBIOTIC 2 417.85 ^{ab} ± 104.73	1341.32 ^a ± 313.30	4943.33 ^{ab} ± 1552.18	247.50 ^a ± 67.69	295.03 ^a ± 26.68
	SYNBIOTIC 1 423.72 ^{ab} ± 180.76	914.68 ^a ± 186.86	4259.68 ^{ab} ± 1127.00	205.48 ^a ± 89.50	260.16 ^a ± 58.99
	SYNBIOTIC 2 677.92 ^{ab} ± 290.07	1076.67 ^a ± 551.37	4485.92 ^{ab} ± 1639.59	335.15 ^a ± 137.23	445.76 ^a ± 223.72

Table S10. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the spleen of 7-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺ / CD8 ⁺
CONTROL	10.41 ^{ab} ± 4.99	79.79 ^a ± 3.52	8.24 ^{ab} ± 1.49	31.89 ^a ± 7.99	44.94 ^a ± 4.02	0.73 ^a ± 0.24
PREBIOTIC 1	9.44 ^a ± 2.32	75.05 ^a ± 4.01	9.57 ^{ab} ± 2.05	25.71 ^{ab} ± 5.57	45.36 ^a ± 4.65	0.58 ^a ± 1.19
PREBIOTIC 2	16.66 ^{ab} ± 6.96	64.94 ^b ± 7.69	10.24 ^a ± 1.79	23.99 ^{ab} ± 4.38	39.03 ^a ± 6.30	0.62 ^a ± 0.12
SYNBIOTIC 1	18.74 ^b ± 7.86	59.63 ^b ± 6.35	6.84 ^b ± 1.91	22.32 ^b ± 3.10	38.37 ^a ± 9.87	0.64 ^a ± 0.26
SYNBIOTIC 2	14.62 ^{ab} ± 2.29	65.99 ^b ± 3.34	8.02 ^{ab} ± 1.70	27.52 ^{ab} ± 4.98	37.66 ^a ± 5.09	0.75 ^a ± 0.24

Table S11. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the spleen of 7-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	CD4 ⁺ 8 ⁺	CD3 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺
CONTROL	18.28 ^a ± 10.27	134.89 ^a ± 26.33	13.85 ^a ± 3.39	54.94 ^a ± 21.03	75.70 ^a ± 14.80
PREBIOTIC 1	10.74 ^a ± 3.27	84.87 ^b ± 14.26	11.02 ^a ± 3.67	29.46 ^b ± 9.64	50.93 ^b ± 7.42
PREBIOTIC 2	21.48 ^a ± 10.26	80.95 ^b ± 11.90	12.86 ^a ± 3.00	29.67 ^b ± 4.33	48.83 ^b ± 10.38
SYNBIOTIC 1	21.82 ^a ± 8.52	70.41 ^b ± 10.48	8.10 ^a ± 2.56	26.13 ^b ± 3.03	45.58 ^b ± 13.17
SYNBIOTIC 2	20.53 ^a ± 7.67	93.84 ^b ± 33.38	11.82 ^a ± 5.42	37.63 ^a ± 11.68	55.17 ^a ± 23.08

Table S12. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the spleen of 21-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺ / CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL ± 5.12	17.07 ^a ± 6.77	72.58 ^a ± 2.57	13.97 ^{ab} ± 4.13	25.02 ^a ± 6.57	42.99 ^{ab} ± 0.59 ^a
	PREBIOTIC 1 ± 3.54	23.66 ^b ± 7.87	61.13 ^b ± 2.94	11.41 ^a ± 4.56	26.27 ^a ± 2.59	37.81 ^{ac} ± 0.70 ^a
	PREBIOTIC 2 ± 3.84	21.25 ^{ab} ± 4.77	67.39 ^{ab} ± 2.26	14.06 ^{ab} ± 2.54	24.58 ^a ± 3.27	44.53 ^b ± 0.55 ^a
	SYNBIOTIC 1 ± 0.80	16.59 ^{ab} ± 2.57	74.88 ^a ± 2.28	16.98 ^b ± 3.07	30.87 ^a ± 1.58	34.07 ^c ± 0.90 ^a
	SYNBIOTIC 2 ± 4.88	20.85 ^{ab} ± 7.28	63.96 ^{ab} ± 2.11	15.40 ^{ab} ± 11.79	24.46 ^a ± 4.61	34.13 ^c ± 0.74 ^a
	CONTROL ± 5.88	24.06 ^a ± 7.44	63.43 ^a ± 2.51	13.70 ^a ± 3.47	20.99 ^a ± 8.62	38.65 ^a ± 0.56 ^a
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1 ± 2.07	19.93 ^a ± 7.57	65.03 ^a ± 1.87	11.83 ^a ± 4.22	26.22 ^a ± 4.33	37.08 ^a ± 0.71 ^a
	PREBIOTIC 2 ± 5.34	20.86 ^a ± 8.92	65.55 ^a ± 2.59	12.59 ^a ± 7.24	25.76 ^a ± 6.23	39.45 ^a ± 0.67 ^a
	SYNBIOTIC 1 ± 1.20	14.87 ^a ± 1.68	75.46 ^a ± 4.28	14.35 ^a ± 7.97	32.30 ^a ± 9.08	38.31 ^a ± 0.90 ^a
	SYNBIOTIC 2 ± 5.60	22.92 ^a ± 5.17	65.92 ^a ± 3.46	13.14 ^a ± 7.44	24.04 ^a ± 4.53	38.18 ^a ± 0.66 ^a
	CONTROL ± 7.90	23.70 ^a ± 10.30	62.78 ^a ± 1.17	10.16 ^a ± 6.06	20.07 ^a ± 13.28	38.52 ^a ± 0.62 ^a
	PREBIOTIC 1 ± 4.53	17.39 ^a ± 6.00	64.98 ^a ± 2.84	11.64 ^a ± 3.73	23.54 ^a ± 6.33	39.88 ^a ± 0.60 ^a
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2 ± 4.21	18.04 ^a ± 5.84	71.53 ^a ± 3.75	13.31 ^{ab} ± 2.35	24.36 ^a ± 6.24	43.43 ^a ± 0.58 ^a
	SYNBIOTIC 1 ± 7.17	21.94 ^a ± 6.95	62.97 ^a ± 2.28	17.92 ^b ± 2.30	25.89 ^a ± 5.82	39.64 ^a ± 0.66 ^a
	SYNBIOTIC 2 ± 5.79	21.21 ^a ± 7.19	62.16 ^a ± 2.65	10.56 ^a ± 4.97	24.24 ^a ± 6.24	38.16 ^a ± 0.66 ^a
						± 0.22

Table S13. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the spleen of 21-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta$ ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 92.58^a ± 55.05	367.40 ^a ± 105.12	72.18 ^a ± 30.99	131.42 ^a ± 39.75	214.49 ^a ± 49.97
	PREBIOTIC 1 156.31^a ± 47.65	405.62 ^a ± 133.83	70.84 ^a ± 9.71	169.46 ^a ± 41.80	250.28 ^{ab} ± 76.75
	PREBIOTIC 2 175.15^a ± 46.12	553.45 ^a ± 87.97	116.06 ^{ab} ± 28.05	202.45 ^a ± 39.14	368.21 ^b ± 74.11
	SYNBIOTIC 1 142.62^a ± 16.76	644.04 ^a ± 76.41	156.88 ^b ± 25.04	266.30 ^a ± 46.152	293.09 ^{ab} ± 36.86
	SYNBIOTIC 2 160.06^a ± 25.98	502.44 ^a ± 104.43	120.48 ^{ab} ± 25.12	193.50 ^a ± 107.25	260.70 ^{ab} ± 50.92
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 175.81^a ± 74.57	451.40 ^a ± 136.91	96.93 ^a ± 29.94	146.61 ^a ± 36.59	271.90 ^a ± 76.25
	PREBIOTIC 1 138.46^a ± 21.30	455.33 ^a ± 91.12	81.73 ^a ± 12.24	181.29 ^a ± 43.22	259.46 ^a ± 53.57
	PREBIOTIC 2 179.27^a ± 89.77	535.81 ^a ± 138.50	105.64 ^a ± 42.31	210.70 ^a ± 69.78	320.71 ^a ± 73.46
	SYNBIOTIC 1 113.58^a ± 13.59	579.21 ^a ± 58.48	108.18 ^a ± 31.68	250.81 ^a ± 78.28	290.01 ^a ± 44.09
	SYNBIOTIC 2 185.36^a ± 59.01	535.36 ^a ± 105.34	109.61 ^a ± 41.37	203.60 ^a ± 91.23	316.49 ^a ± 73.25
DEX-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL 140.64^a ± 58.29	378.35 ^a ± 108.56	61.32 ^a ± 17.11	119.84 ^a ± 47.36	232.27 ^a ± 106.27
	PREBIOTIC 1 179.38^a ± 64.55	686.61 ^a ± 228.82	122.94 ^b ± 44.48	234.04 ^a ± 112.29	371.86 ^{ab} ± 120.75
	PREBIOTIC 2 154.65^a ± 26.32	652.17 ^a ± 258.42	116.85 ^{ab} ± 36.71	219.48 ^a ± 74.19	399.18 ^b ± 99.69
	SYNBIOTIC 1 197.80^a ± 100.15	536.78 ^a ± 105.70	147.44 ^b ± 42.98	216.64 ^a ± 60.99	325.47 ^{ab} ± 69.58
	SYNBIOTIC 2 150.54^a ± 35.58	449.62 ^a ± 93.72	77.68 ^{ab} ± 31.30	172.29 ^a ± 49.80	274.09 ^{ab} ± 79.69

Table S14. The percentage (%) of lymphocyte subsets in the spleen of 35-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

Group.	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta^+$	CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺	CD4 ⁺ / CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL ± 5.89	20.17 ^a ± 6.81	73.25 ^a ± 2.69	12.84 ^a ± 2.32	24.93 ^a ± 4.77	46.61 ^a ± 0.07
	PREBIOTIC 1 ± 10.95	36.72 ^b ± 12.12	53.54 ^b ± 3.30	14.73 ^{ab} ± 6.59	20.83 ^a ± 7.98	29.84 ^b ± 0.18
	PREBIOTIC 2 ± 7.50	19.32 ^a ± 11.88	70.10 ^{ac} ± 2.55	15.01 ^{ab} ± 4.25	28.99 ^a ± 7.10	35.14 ^{bc} ± 0.14
	SYNBIOTIC 1 ± 4.45	24.68 ^a ± 13.31	55.60 ^{bc} ± 3.29	15.52 ^{ab} ± 6.79	21.49 ^a ± 7.96	34.02 ^{bc} ± 0.11
	SYNBIOTIC 2 ± 4.06	18.36 ^a ± 5.15	72.53 ^a ± 8.00	21.36 ^b ± 8.31	30.05 ^a ± 6.54	41.40 ^{ac} ± 0.27
	CONTROL ± 3.43	19.56 ^a ± 4.96	73.60 ^a ± 1.67	13.85 ^a ± 3.56	25.56 ^a ± 5.28	40.89 ^a ± 0.09
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1 ± 6.21	22.81 ^a ± 15.61	64.24 ^a ± 2.38	13.01 ^a ± 8.17	26.22 ^a ± 9.32	32.67 ^a ± 0.17
	PREBIOTIC 2 ± 5.76	22.83 ^a ± 8.15	66.35 ^a ± 4.49	14.37 ^a ± 3.09	25.59 ^a ± 6.48	35.71 ^a ± 0.18
	SYNBIOTIC 1 ± 6.37	36.58 ^b ± 14.59	45.19 ^b ± 3.71	15.64 ^a ± 5.93	14.55 ^b ± 10.45	30.56 ^a ± 0.17
	SYNBIOTIC 2 ± 3.68	21.04 ^a ± 6.30	68.24 ^a ± 8.84	20.65 ^a ± 5.27	26.61 ^a ± 2.32	41.10 ^a ± 0.14
	CONTROL ± 3.15	24.45 ± 4.55	67.88 ^a ± 2.28	12.74 ^a ± 7.57	25.09 ^a ± 4.57	39.67 ^{ab} ± 0.21
	PREBIOTIC 1 ± 7.88	25.18 ± 4.18	62.59 ^a ± 2.66	13.66 ^a ± 10.35	25.59 ^a ± 8.51	29.80 ^{ab} ± 0.29
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2 ± 7.57	28.41 ± 7.15	57.43 ^{ab} ± 3.02	14.30 ^a ± 7.26	21.81 ^a ± 6.25	29.14 ^a ± 0.36
	SYNBIOTIC 1 ± 7.80	24.26 ± 18.63	43.18 ^b ± 2.69	13.61 ^a ± 7.95	20.74 ^a ± 12.37	30.55 ^{ab} ± 0.23
	SYNBIOTIC 2 ± 5.66	19.25 ± 6.71	69.16 ^a ± 11.55	27.21 ^b ± 4.62	22.78 ^a ± 5.59	41.73 ^b ± 0.14

Table S15. The total count ($\times 10^6$) of lymphocyte subsets in the spleen of 35-day-old chicken broilers after *in ovo* injection of the investigated prebiotics or synbiotics. The values are presented as mean \pm S.D.; $n = 7$. Data with different superscript letters show significant differences ($p < 0.05$).

	Title	Bu-1 ⁺	CD3 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ TCR $\gamma\delta$ ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺
NON-IMMUNIZED	CONTROL	672.56 ^{ab} ± 188.23	2640.87 ^a ± 1164.22	450.45 ^a ± 172.35	884.56 ^a ± 324.12	1686.70 ^a ± 775.12
	PREBIOTIC 1	1295.50 ^a ± 858.45	1734.88 ^a ± 516.38	478.28 ^a ± 149.67	686.40 ^a ± 263.51	929.55 ^a ± 180.67
	PREBIOTIC 2	693.18 ^{ab} ± 477.43	2352.54 ^a ± 747.86	510.26 ^a ± 209.12	958.08 ^a ± 251.62	1156.68 ^a ± 353.06
	SYNBIOTIC 1	800.79 ^{ab} ± 278.61	1749.34 ^a ± 472.16	482.08 ^a ± 79.59	653.09 ^a ± 208.59	1074.61 ^a ± 297.88
	SYNBIOTIC 2	565.54 ^b ± 220.15	2174.21 ^a ± 364.37	635.16 ^a ± 213.29	868.42 ^a ± 116.23	1244.63 ^a ± 278.13
	CONTROL	552.97 ^a ± 218.53	2090.05 ^a ± 718.72	391.40 ^a ± 145.22	737.48 ^a ± 303.66	1187.08 ^a ± 486.32
SRBC-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 1	755.65 ^{ab} ± 242.82	2214.44 ^a ± 985.31	434.74 ^a ± 153.17	885.98 ^a ± 355.71	1150.65 ^a ± 612.84
	PREBIOTIC 2	633.57 ^a ± 161.76	1926.43 ^a ± 636.13	428.81 ^a ± 216.91	727.10 ^a ± 176.43	1052.39 ^a ± 429.12
	SYNBIOTIC 1	1442.58 ^b ± 607.34	1921.43 ^a ± 1221.36	612.21 ^a ± 221.71	597.55 ^a ± 358.83	1327.30 ^a ± 941.32
	SYNBIOTIC 2	672.57 ^a ± 118.48	2181.81 ^a ± 199.45	679.96 ^a ± 368.85	845.87 ^a ± 122.66	1321.56 ^a ± 165.27
	CONTROL	887.11 ^a ± 383.58	2528.90 ^a ± 1187.92	448.71 ^a ± 162.24	980.43 ^a ± 602.76	1500.46 ^a ± 811.18
	PREBIOTIC 1	1038.02 ^a ± 204.01	2734.04 ^a ± 934.31	583.12 ^{ab} ± 154.45	1130.28 ^a ± 521.05	1315.43 ^a ± 547.13
DEX-IMMUNIZED	PREBIOTIC 2	792.79 ^a ± 185.91	1741.68 ^a ± 712.23	412.48 ^a ± 122.09	703.25 ^a ± 205.31	901.67 ^a ± 426.65
	SYNBIOTIC 1	862.89 ^a ± 341.16	1516.51 ^a ± 781.13	477.73 ^{ab} ± 152.50	718.29 ^a ± 317.24	1066.50 ^a ± 490.19
	SYNBIOTIC 2	592.87 ^a ± 159.35	2196.58 ^a ± 580.81	844.07 ^b ± 375.91	713.72 ^a ± 185.84	1334.86 ^a ± 413.59