

## **Supplementary Material**

# **The hatching time of broiler chickens modifies not only the production traits, but also the bacteriota development in the ceca**

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**Table S1.** The effect of hatching time and parent age on the caecal microbiota composition at the family level at 11 day of age.

Family (%)	Hatching time	Parent flock age			FDR p-values	
		Young parent	Old parent	Average (Hatching time)	Hatching time	Parent flock age
<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	Early	35.051	33.467	34.259	0.443	0.635
	Late	29.792	24.768	27.280		
	Average (Age)	32.422	29.118			0.750
<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>	Early	22.571	30.636	26.604	0.886	0.846
	Late	27.650	23.050	25.350		
	Average (Age)	25.111	26.843			0.683
<i>Lactobacillaceae</i>	Early	14.110	12.439	13.275	0.504	0.729
	Late	10.458	7.046	8.752		
	Average (Age)	12.284	9.743			0.717
<i>Bacteroidaceae</i>	Early	9.662	5.952	7.807	0.517	0.933
	Late	12.424	27.494	19.959		
	Average (Age)	11.043	16.723			0.742
<i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	Early	4.533	5.118	4.826	0.542	0.425
	Late	2.845	3.680	3.262		
	Average (Age)	3.689	4.399			0.702
<i>Peptostreptococcaceae</i>	Early	0.318	1.073	0.695	0.533	0.921
	Late	0.232	0.372	0.302		
	Average (Age)	0.275	0.722			0.816
<i>Clostridiales_vadinBB60_group</i>	Early	3.098	5.917	4.508	0.294	0.634
	Late	7.171	7.921	7.546		
	Average (Age)	5.135	6.919			0.849
<i>Enterococcaceae</i>	Early	0.435	1.172	0.804	0.849	0.707
	Late	0.895	0.518	0.706		
	Average (Age)	0.665	0.845			0.695
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	Early	0.153	0.420	0.287	0.365	1.447
	Late	1.929	0.398	1.163		
	Average (Age)	1.041	0.409			0.965
<i>Christensenellaceae</i>	Early	0.192	0.124	0.158	0.589	0.553
	Late	0.103	0.052	0.077		
	Average (Age)	0.148	0.088			0.700
<i>Defluviitaleaceae</i>	Early	0.108	0.124	0.116	0.959	0.914
	Late	0.099	0.129	0.114		
	Average (Age)	0.103	0.127			0.699
<i>Eggerthellaceae</i>	Early	0.071	0.088	0.079	0.374	0.950
	Late	0.040	0.063	0.051		
	Average (Age)	0.055	0.075			0.910
<i>Family XIII</i>	Early	0.075	0.064	0.070	0.708	0.912
	Late	0.076	0.030	0.053		

	Average (Age)	0.076	0.047		0.832	
<i>Pseudomonadaceae</i>	Early	0.006	0.008	0.007	0.502	0.736
	Late	0.002	0.001	0.002		
	Average (Age)	0.004	0.005		0.916	
<i>Staphylococcaceae</i>	Early	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.990	0.818
	Late	0.004	0.000	0.002		
	Average (Age)	0.004	0.000		1.131	
<i>Anaeroplasmataceae</i>	Early	3.444	1.118	2.281	0.513	0.850
	Late	1.788	0.275	1.032		
	Average (Age)	2.616	0.697		0.526	
<i>Bacillaceae</i>	Early	4.044	1.726	2.885	0.837	0.805
	Late	3.246	3.838	3.542		
	Average (Age)	3.645	2.782		0.664	
<i>Clostridiaceae_1</i>	Early	0.257	0.222	0.239	0.888	0.411
	Late	0.659	0.022	0.340		
	Average (Age)	0.458	0.122		0.669	
<i>Not_Assigned</i>	Early	1.560	0.149	0.854	0.535	0.895
	Late	0.339	0.007	0.173		
	Average (Age)	0.950	0.078		0.805	
<i>Peptococcaceae</i>	Early	0.027	0.012	0.019	0.835	0.692
	Late	0.014	0.035	0.024		
	Average (Age)	0.020	0.023		0.913	
<i>Rikenellaceae</i>	Early	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.720	0.970
	Late	0.000	0.008	0.004		
	Average (Age)	0.001	0.004		0.680	
<i>Streptococcaceae</i>	Early	0.000	0.043	0.021	0.595	1.116
	Late	0.002	0.000	0.001		
	Average (Age)	0.001	0.021		0.680	

**Table S2.** The effect of hatching time and parent age on the caecal microbiota composition at the family level at 39 day of age.

Family (%)	Hatching time	Parent flock age			FDR p-values		
		Young parent	Old parent	Average (Hatching time)	Hatching time	Parent flock Age	Interaction
<i>Ruminococcaceae</i>	Early	29.016	28.005	28.510	0.911	0.639	0.762
	Late	30.406	27.834	29.120			
	Average (Age)	29.711	27.919				
<i>Lachnospiraceae</i>	Early	25.967	20.575	23.271	0.892	0.863	0.680
	Late	23.783	26.714	25.249			
	Average (Age)	24.875	23.645				
<i>Lactobacillaceae</i>	Early	25.336	32.926	29.131	0.735	0.861	0.657
	Late	24.549	20.733	22.641			
	Average (Age)	24.943	26.830				
<i>Bacteroidaceae</i>	Early	2.984	1.325	2.155	1.012	1.016	0.896
	Late	2.628	1.709	2.169			
	Average (Age)	2.806	1.517				
<i>Erysipelotrichaceae</i>	Early	2.016	1.862	1.939	0.613	0.979	0.785
	Late	1.822	3.414	2.618			
	Average (Age)	1.919	2.638				
<i>Peptostreptococcaceae</i>	Early	0.822	0.857	0.839	1.015	0.604	0.810
	Late	1.401	2.214	1.807			
	Average (Age)	1.112	1.535				
<i>Clostridiales_vadinBB60_group</i>	Early	3.259	2.806	3.032	0.963	0.720	0.853
	Late	3.651	2.622	3.136			
	Average (Age)	3.455	2.714				
<i>Enterococcaceae</i>	Early	0.081	0.482	0.282	0.862	0.647	0.789
	Late	0.078	0.257	0.167			
	Average (Age)	0.080	0.370				
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	Early	0.142	0.113	0.128	0.689	0.844	0.824
	Late	0.449	0.335	0.392			
	Average (Age)	0.296	0.224				
<i>Christensenellaceae</i>	Early	1.529	0.976	1.252	0.847	0.951	0.739
	Late	1.256	1.703	1.479			
	Average (Age)	1.392	1.340				
<i>Defluviitaleaceae</i>	Early	0.185	0.100	0.142	0.938	0.628	0.488
	Late	0.117	0.152	0.135			
	Average (Age)	0.151	0.126				
<i>Eggerthellaceae</i>	Early	0.021	0.029	0.025	0.858	1.921	0.814
	Late	0.017	0.042	0.030			
	Average (Age)	0.019	0.035				
<i>Family XIII</i>	Early	0.220	0.234	0.227	0.575	0.675	
	Late	0.131	0.218	0.174			

	Average (Age)	0.175	0.226		0.639	
<i>Pseudomonadaceae</i>	Early	0.000	0.005	0.002	0.957	0.803
	Late	0.002	0.003	0.003		
	Average (Age)	0.001	0.004		0.588	
<i>Staphylococcaceae</i>	Early	0.004	0.000	0.002	0.860	0.925
	Late	0.012	0.003	0.007		
	Average (Age)	0.008	0.001		0.755	
<i>Anaeroplasmataceae</i>	Early	0.008	0.063	0.036	0.812	0.828
	Late	0.002	0.034	0.018		
	Average (Age)	0.005	0.049		0.844	
<i>Bacillaceae</i>	Early	1.465	2.362	1.914	0.884	0.647
	Late	1.671	0.717	1.194		
	Average (Age)	1.568	1.540		0.966	
<i>Clostridiaceae_1</i>	Early	0.000	0.007	0.003	0.953	0.842
	Late	0.033	0.216	0.124		
	Average (Age)	0.016	0.112		0.605	
<i>Not_Assigned</i>	Early	0.849	0.962	0.906	0.878	0.762
	Late	1.136	0.949	1.042		
	Average (Age)	0.992	0.955		0.965	
<i>Peptococcaceae</i>	Early	0.514	0.423	0.469	0.880	0.767
	Late	0.594	0.425	0.510		
	Average (Age)	0.554	0.424		0.742	
<i>Rikenellaceae</i>	Early	0.018	0.003	0.010	0.814	0.650
	Late	0.003	0.007	0.005		
	Average (Age)	0.011	0.005		0.576	
<i>Streptococcaceae</i>	Early	0.426	0.044	0.235	0.747	0.695
	Late	0.589	1.844	1.217		
	Average (Age)	0.508	0.944		0.622	