

**Table S1.** Characterization of immune cells generated in broiler chickens in the present study compared to data known in layer chickens.

Immune cells	Broiler chickens	Layer chickens
CD3 <sup>-</sup> CD56 <sup>+</sup> NK cells	Not determined	Embryonic spleen <sup>1</sup> , lung <sup>1,2</sup> , blood <sup>2</sup> (not present in intestine <sup>1</sup> )
CD3 <sup>-</sup> IL-2R $\alpha$ <sup>+</sup> NK cells	Ileum, spleen, blood, bone marrow	Duodenum <sup>3,4,5</sup> , (embryonic) spleen <sup>3</sup> , blood <sup>2,3,6,7</sup> , lung <sup>2</sup>
CD3 <sup>-</sup> 20E5 <sup>+</sup> NK cells	Ileum, spleen, blood, bone marrow	(Embryonic) spleen <sup>8</sup> , blood <sup>2,6,7</sup> , lung <sup>2</sup>
CD3 <sup>-</sup> CD11b/c <sup>+</sup> NK cells	Ileum, spleen, blood, bone marrow	(Embryonic) spleen <sup>8</sup>
CD107 <sup>+</sup> NK cells	Ileum, spleen, blood, bone marrow	(Embryonic) spleen <sup>8</sup> , lung <sup>2</sup> , blood <sup>2</sup>
$\gamma\delta$ T cells	Adult spleen <sup>15</sup> , thymus <sup>15</sup> , ileum embryonic/ early life	Small intestine <sup>9,11</sup> , caeca <sup>10</sup> , spleen <sup>9,10,11,12</sup> , blood <sup>10,11,12</sup> , thymus <sup>11</sup> , bursa of fabricius <sup>13</sup> , skin <sup>14</sup>
CD8 <sup>+</sup> T cell	Adult spleen <sup>15</sup> , thymus <sup>15</sup> , ileum embryonic/ early life	Small intestine <sup>11</sup> , duodenum <sup>4</sup> , caeca <sup>16</sup> , spleen <sup>11,16</sup> , blood <sup>11</sup> , thymus <sup>11</sup> , bursa of fabricius <sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup>(Neulen and Göbel, 2012); <sup>2</sup>(Jansen et al., 2013); <sup>3</sup>(Göbel et al., 2001); <sup>4</sup>(Jahromi et al., 2018);  
<sup>5</sup>(Abdolmaleki et al., 2018); <sup>6</sup>(Neulen et al., 2015); <sup>7</sup>(van der Eijk et al., 2019); <sup>8</sup>(Jansen et al., 2010);  
<sup>9</sup>(Bucy et al., 1988); <sup>10</sup>(Pieper et al., 2011); <sup>11</sup>(Tregaskes et al., 1995); <sup>12</sup>(Sowder et al., 1988); <sup>13</sup>(Kim  
et al., 2000); <sup>14</sup>(Sgongc et al., 1996); <sup>15</sup>(Erf et al., 1998); <sup>16</sup>(Perumbakkam et al., 2016).