



Additional file 2. Effect of SE infection on numbers of splenic NK cells in broiler chickens.

A Numbers (cells/mg) of splenic IL-2R α ⁺ and **B** 20E5⁺ NK cells per mg spleen in uninfected (uninf) and SE-infected (SE-inf) chickens in the course of time. **C** Gene expression levels of NK cell lineage marker (NFIL3), IL-7R α and perforin 1 (PRF1) by RT-qPCR in sorted IL-2R α ⁺ and 20E5⁺ NK cell subsets. Mean + SEM per treatment and time point is shown ($n = 5$), for uninfected chickens at 7 dpi $n = 4$ and for gene expression levels $n = 1$.