

Table S1. Correlations between some egg quality traits and lysozyme content and activity in the eggs of 56-week-old hens of 4 conservation strains collected at different times of the day

Item	Lysozyme content (%)				Lysozyme activity (U/ml)			
	thin albumen		thick albumen		thin albumen		thick albumen	
	Time of egg collection (h)							
	7:00	13:00	7:00	13:00	7:00	13:00	7:00	13:00
Egg weight (g)	-0.237	-0.379 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.387 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.558 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.224	0.389 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.087	-0.170
Air cell height	0.162	0.433 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.073	0.358 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.454 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.100	0.105	0.237
Albumen height (mm)	-0.718 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.657 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.397 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.834 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.214	0.500 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.094 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.277 <sup>Δ</sup>
Haugh unit	-0.708 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.610 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.338 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.791 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.176	0.493 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.082	-0.269 <sup>Δ</sup>
Albumen pH	0.613 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.482 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.475 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.792 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.051	-0.551 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.221 <sup>x</sup>	0.260 <sup>Δ</sup>
Yolk weight (g)	0.028	-0.146	0.005	-0.381 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.372 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.409 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.117	-0.006
Yolk pH	0.364 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.191	0.364 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.416 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.486 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.598 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.146	-0.002
Albumen weight (g)	-0.257 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.258 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.426 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.428 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.072	0.223	-0.062	-0.164
Yolk colour: L*	-0.138	0.062	-0.088	-0.030	-0.201	0.039	-0.054	-0.015
a*	0.030	-0.158	-0.113	-0.205	0.196	0.074	0.183	-0.070
b*	-0.254	-0.362 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.334 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.395 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.024	0.184	0.071	-0.129
Shell colour: L*	-0.036	-0.233	-0.406 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.123	-0.182	-0.153	0.146	0.240
a*	-0.060	0.129	0.309 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.256	0.295 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.218	-0.183	-0.301 <sup>Δ</sup>
b*	0.340 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.469 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.590 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.162	0.060	-0.035	-0.095	-0.081
Shell weight (g)	-0.318 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.413 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.383 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.499 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.250	0.273 <sup>y</sup>	0.024	-0.127
Shell thickness (μm)	-0.330 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.350 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.298 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.261 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.230	0.059	0.031	0.050
Shell porosity (pores/cm²)	-0.699 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.475 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.406 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.480 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.144	0.001	-0.177	-0.099
Shell crushing strength (N)	-0.225	-0.287 <sup>Δ</sup>	-0.010	-0.359 <sup>Δ</sup>	0.248	0.157	0.186 <sup>x</sup>	-0.273 <sup>Δ</sup>

Columns with the superscript (Δ) are significantly correlated ( $p < 0.05$ ) for time of egg collection and each trait; L\* – lightness, a\* – redness, b\* – yellowness