

Table S1a. Evidence supporting five previously unreported neuropeptide genes in the chicken EST database

Peptide	EST	
APEL	Human ¹	30 DGNGLLEDGNVRHLVQPRGSRNGFPGPWQGGRRKFRRQRPRLSHKGPMPF 77 DG EDG +R LV+PRG+R G GG R+ RR RPR+SH+GMPMF
	Chicken	410 DGMDPEDGLIRTLVPRGARRGNVRRPFGWRRLRRSRPRVSHRGMPMF 554
	Chick EST	511 CCGGTCCCCGCCACGGGTGTCCCATAGGGGCCCATGCCCTTCTGATGGAGG 563
	Chick Genome	1632634 CCG-TCCCCGCCACGGCTGTCCATAAGGGGCCCATGCCCTTCTGATGGAGG 1632685
CART	Human	47 ASHEKELIEALQEVLLKLSKRVPYIEKKYQVPMCDAGEQCAVRKGARIGKLCDCPRGT 106 AS EKELIEALQEVL+KLKSKRVP YEKK+GQVPMCDAGEQCAVRKGARIGKLCDCPRGT
	Chicken	85 ASREKELIEALQEVLEKLKSKRVPHYEKKFGQVPMCDAGEQCAVRKGARIGKLCDCPRGT 264
	Human	107 SCNSFLKCL 116 SCNSFLKCL
	Chicken	265 SCNSFLKCL 294
INSL5	Human	25 SVRLCGLEYIRTVIYICASSRWRR 48 V+LCG E+IR VI+ C SRW+R
	Chicken	63 GVKLCGREFIRAVIFTCCGSRWKR 134
NPB	Human	21 PGLAWYKPAAGHSSYSVGRAAGLLSGLRRSPYARRSQPYRGAE--PPGGAGASPELQLHP 78 P WY+ AA SY VGRA+GLLSGLR PY+RRS AE PP LHP
	Chicken	439 PAAPWYRQAAAPLSYPVGRASGLLSGLRL-PYSRRSDSEGAAERRPPA-----LHP 588
	Human	79 R----LRSLAVCVQDVAPNLQRCERLPDGRGTYQCK 110 LR+ CV DV P L+ C L G G QC+
	Chicken	589 GSAAPLRTAVPCVTDVDPKLRSCRPLSGGPGALQCR 696
NPS	Human	58 LKPILEKMFVKRSFRNGVGTGMKTSFQRAKS 89 L+P LE F KRSFRNGVG+G+KKTsf+RAKS
	Chicken	3 LEPHLEMPFNKRSFRNGVGSIGKTSFRRAKS 98

¹: Human protein sequence from the Gene database, chicken protein sequence from the EST database

Table S1b. Evidence supporting five previously unreported neuropeptide genes in the chicken genome

Peptide	GENOME	
APEL	Human ¹ 30	DGNGLLEDGNVRHLVQPRGSRNGPGPWQGGRRKFRQRPRLSHKGMPMF 77 DG EDG +R LV+PRG+R G GG R+ RR RPRLSHKGMPMF
	Chicken 1632533	DGMDPEDGLIRTLVLRPRGARRGNVRRPGGWRRLRRPRPRLSHKGMPMF 1632676
CART	Human 79	VPMCDAGEQCAVRKRGARIGKLCDCPRGTSCNSFLLKC 115 V C GE CAVR GAR GK C CP GT+CN ++L+C
	Chicken 584	VSQCHLGEFCAVRVGARYGKRCSCPPGTACNLVLR 474
INSL5	Human 24	ESVRLCGLEYIRTVIYICASSRWRR 48 +V+LCG +++R +++ C SRW+R
	Chicken 17631628	NAVKLCGRDFVRAIVFTCGGSRWKR 17631554
NPS	Human 9	LILVLSLSTMHVFWCYPVPSSKVSQSDYFLILLNSCPTRLDRSKELAFLEKMFVK 68 L L SL + + F+ + ++ GKSDY L+LLNSC ++ RS+E+A L+P LE F K
	Chicken 287705	LSLFFSLQSSNPFYL----NCQLYGKSDYCLVLLNSCLAKVGRSEEVALLEPHLEMPFNK 287872
	Human 69	RSFRNGVGTGMKKTSTFQRAKS 89 RSFRNGVG+G+KKTSTF+RAKS
	Chicken 287873	RSFRNGVSGIKKTSFRRAKS 287935
	Human	33aa GKSDYFLILLNSCPTRLDRSKELAFLEKMFVKRSFRNGVGTGMKKTSTFQRAKS 89 GKSDY L+LLNSC ++ RS+E+A+L+P LE F KRSFRNGVG+G+KKTSTF+RAKS
Predicted Chick	82782bp GKSDYCLVLLNSCLAKVGRSEEVALLEPHLEMPFNKRSFRNGVSGIKKTSFRRAKS 82936	
NPB	Human 21	PGLAWYKPAAGHSSYSVGRAAGLLSGLRRSPYARRSQPYRGAE--PP----- 65 P WY+ AA SY VGRA+GLLSGLR PY+RRS AE PP
	Chicken 681263	PAAPWYRQAAAPLSYPVGRASGLLSGLRL--PYSRRSDSEGAERPPALHPGSAAPLRTA 681439
	Human 66	-----GGAGASPELQLHP-----RLRSLAV-CVQDVAPNLQRCERL 100 G A+P + HP + SL V CV DV P L+ C L
	Chicken 681440	VSTGMLRSWTVLGPGLPTRGAPWAAFLQSRHPGTWVSVMLSLQVPCVTDVDPRLRSCRPL 681619
	Human 101	PDGRGTYQCKANVFLSLRAADCLAA 125 G QC+ V +SL + +C A
	Chicken 681620	SGVPGALQCRVAVTVSLVSTECAGA 681694
	Human	3aa RSATLAAAALALCLLLAPPGLAWYKPAAGHSSYSVGRAAGLLSGLRRSP R+A A A+A+ LL P WY+ AA SY VGRA+GLLSGLR P
	Predicted Chick	1910bp RAARCLALAVALLCRP--AAPWYRQAAAPLSYPVGRASGLLSGLRL--P
	Human	52aa YARRSQPYRGAE--PPGGAGASPELQLHPR----LRSL Y+RRS AE PP LHP LR+
	Predicted Chick	2051bp YSRRSDSEGAERPPA-----LHPGSAAPLRTA
Human	84aa AVCVQDVAPNLQRCERLPDGRGTYQC + V +SL + +C A	
Predicted Chick	2138bp VPCVTDVDPRLRSCRPLSGVPGALQC	

¹: Human sequence from the Gene database, chicken sequence from the Genome database, Predicted Chick sequences predicted from the chicken Genome database using Wise2

Table S1c. Evidence supporting five previously unreported neuropeptide genes in the chicken high-throughput genome sequence

Peptide	HTGS			
APEL	Human ¹	5	LCVQALLLLWL-----SLTAVCGGSLMPLPDGNGLEDGNVRHLVQPRGSRNPGPGFWQGGRRKF	62
			+C+Q+ +L SL +C + + + G D NV LVQ R S N P W G +	
	Chicken	124188	ICIQSYFFFFLLCKKLSLCILCVSVELSVCE*RGSAADSNVFCVLVQLRRSSNLPTAW-GFKSKF	124003
CART	Human	80	PMCDAGEQCAVRKGARIGKLCDCPRGTSCNSFLLKCL	116
			P CDAGEQCAVRKGARIGKLCDCPRGTSCNSFLLKCL	
	Chicken	31027	PQCDAGEQCAVRKGARIGKLCDCPRGTSCNSFLLKCL	31137
			OR	
	Human	54	IEALQEVLLKLSKRVPIYEKKYGQVPM	81
			IEALQEVLLKLSKRVPIYEKKYGQVPM	
	Chicken	30786	IEALQEVLEKLSKRVPHYEKKYKFGQVPM	30869
INSL5	Human	26	VRLCGLEYIRTVIYICASSRWRR	48
			V+LCG E+IR VI+ C SRW+R	
	Chicken	155946	VKLCGREFIRAVIFTCCGGSRWKR	156014
NPS	Human	9	LILVLSLSTMHVFCYVPSSKVSQSDYFLILLNSCPTRLDRSKELAFKLP-ILEKM	65
			+I +L L+ M FW +K+ DYFL + +LD K L FL+P I EK+	
	Chicken	22401	VI*LLDLN*MSSFWMATSKQNKIQSHRDYFL----TATYQLDDCKYLDLFLEPNIHEKV	22562
NPB	Human	21	PGLAWYKPAAGHSSYSVGRAAGLLSGLRRSPYARRSQPYRGAE--PP-----	65
			P WY+ AA SY VGRA+GLLSGLR PY+RRS AE PP	
	Chicken	113131	PAAPWYRQAAAPLSYPVGRASGLLSGLRL-PYSRRSDSEGAAERRPPALHPGSAAPLRTA	113307
	Human	66	-----GGAGASPELQLHP-----RLRSLAV-CVQDVAPNLQRCERL	100
			G A+P + HP + SL V CV DV P L+ C L	
	Chicken	113308	VSTGMLRSWTVLGPGLPTRGAPWAAPLQRSHPGTWVSVMLSLQVPCVTDVDPELRSRPL	113487
	Human	101	PDGRGTYQCKANVFLSLRAADCLAA	125
			G QC+ V +SL + +C A	
	Chicken	113488	SGVPGALQCRVAVTVSLVSTECAGA	113562

¹: Human sequence from the Gene database, chicken sequence from the High Throughput Genome Sequence database

Table S2. Comprehensive distribution of neuropeptide and converatase gene EST across tissues and stages

Neuropeptide Prohormones	Unigene ID ¹	Blood	Brain	Burse of Fabricius	Cecum	Connective Tissue	Embryonic Tissue	Epiphyseal Growth Plate	Gonad	Head	Heart	Limb	Liver	Muscle	Ovary	Pancreas	Small Intestine	Spleen	Testis	Thymus	Embryo Stage	Hatchling Stage	Juvenile Stage	Adult Stage
ADML	Gga.12006	1 ²	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ANF	Gga.5157	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ANFC	Gga.12392	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C-RF AMIDE	Gga.3202	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
CALCA	Gga.4991	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
CCKN	Gga.2441	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
CMGA	Gga.19002	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
COLI	Gga.6271	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECRG4	Gga.8435	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EDN1	Gga.25090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EDN2	Gga.8238	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EDN3	Gga.22840	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
GALA	Gga.12649	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GHRL	Gga.16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
GIP	Gga.7981	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GLUC	Gga.704	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
GRP	Gga.43422	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
IAPP	Gga.780	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IGF1	Gga.850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IGF2	Gga.8511	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
INS	Gga.673	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MCH	Gga.14659	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
NEU2	Gga.652	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
NEUT	Gga.10167	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
NMB	Gga.8071	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NMU	Gga.18392	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NPY	Gga.837	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OREX	Gga.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
OSTN	Gga.13448	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PACA	Gga.616	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
PDGFA	Gga.3899	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
PDGFB	Gga.71	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
PDGFD	Gga.43662	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PENK	Gga.11430	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
PNOC	Gga.10041	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
PROK2	Gga.10528	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

PRRP	Gga.10552	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
PTHR	Gga.2626	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
REL3	Gga.37019	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
RFRP	Gga.9285	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
SCG1	Gga.10025	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
SCG2	Gga.11999	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
SECR	Gga.14227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SLIB	Gga.11231	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
SMS	Gga.742	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TKN1	Gga.12286	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UCN3	Gga.11141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UTS2D	Gga.9482	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
VEGFC	Gga.12347	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VEGFD	Gga.3219	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
VIP	Gga.666	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total		4	33	3	2	4	7	8	2	21	13	6	5	10	18	4	16	1	5	1	39	5	11	42	

Prohormone Convertases																									
PCSK1 similar	Gga.31439	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
PCSK2	Gga.9404	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PCSK3	Gga.1751	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PCSK5	Gga.12660	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
PCSK6	Gga.21090	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
PCSK7	Gga.5311	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Total		0	5	2	0	3	0	2	1	2	1	0	3	2	3	0	5	0	1	1	5	0	2	6	

¹: UniGene identifier of microarray gene probe

²: 1 denotes presence and 0 denotes absence

Table S3. Comprehensive description of the 22 chicken microarray experiments analyzed								
Exp. ID¹	Title	Tissue	Gender	Age	Line	Variables	Treatment	Reference
GSE6543	Chick myopia	Retina/RPE	Female	One week	Leghorn Chicks	3 day control retina; 3 day experimental retina; 6 hour retina; 6 hour experimental retina	After either 6 hours or 3 days of goggle wear on the periorbital feathers (to induce myopia), chicks were killed, and the retina/RPE was dissected for expression profiling by array.	McGlenn et al. (2007)
GSE7176	Develomental Time Course of the Retinal Pigment Epithelial Transcriptome	Retinal pigment epithelium	NA ²	7 day old embryo	NA	Chicken retinal pigment epithelium for embryonic day E7, E10, E14, and E18	Retinal Pigment Epithelium was isolated from E7, E10, E14 and E18 chick embryos and total RNA extracted for probing the entire genome on Affymetrix microarray chips.	Rizzolo et al. (2007)
GSE11439	Retinal gene expression in chicks during imposed myopic defocus	Retina	Male	9 Days	NA	4 samples of retina of both eyes of +6.9 diopter lens-treated chicks (plus_lens), 4 samples of retina of both eyes untreated control chicks (control)	Chick microarrays were used to analyze the changes in retinal mRNA expression after myopic defocus was imposed by positive lens-wear. Four male white leghorn chicks wore +6.9D spectacle lenses over both eyes for 24 hours. Four untreated age-matched male chicks from the same batch served as controls. The retinae from both eyes of each chick were pooled for RNA isolation.	Schippert et al. (2008)

GSE15382	Gene expression profile of embryonic retinas expressing c-hairy1, Delta-1, or Wnt2b	Retina	NA	Embryo	NA	2 samples of E6.5 retina RCAS c-hairy1 ; 2 samples of E6.5 retina RCAS control; 2 samples of E6.5 retina RCAS Delta; 2 samples of E6.5 retina RCAS Wnt2b	Total RNA was purified from E6.5 retinas transfected either with c-hairy1, Wnt2b, Delta, or mock-expressing RCAS plasmid using Trizol reagent. Expression profiles of embryonic retinas expressing exogenous c-hairy1, Delta-1, or Wnt2b were generated. These genes inhibit neuronal differentiation, and the results provide insight into the mechanism that keeps retinal progenitor cells undifferentiated.	Kubo et al. (2009)
GSE6843	Male and female embryonic chicken hearts (arnol-affy-chick-445639)	Embryonic chicken heart	Male/Female	Late stage embryo	NA	5 male hearts; 5 female hearts	In the late stage embryos, the heart is removed and RNA extracted. Gene expression is measured using Affymetrix chicken arrays, and male vs female results are compared.	Itoh et al. (2007)
GSE8693	Sex-biased gene expression in 18 day embryonic chicken heart, brain, and gonad	Embryonic chicken heart	Male/Female	18 day embryo	White Leghorn fowl	3 male hearts; 3 female hearts	Fertilized eggs were purchased and incubated for 18 days. The embryos were then euthanized by decapitation and a piece from the apical part of the heart was collected for expression profiling by array.	Ellegren et al. (2007)
GSE9251	Systematic identification of genes involved in chicken muscle development	Pectoralis major muscles	Female	Postnatal 1 day, 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 weeks and 8 weeks	Broiler/Layer	Broilers at postnatal 1 day, 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 weeks and 8 weeks; Layers at postnatal 1 day, 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 weeks and 8 weeks.	Pectoralis major muscles were sampled from broilers and layers at indicated developmental stage (postnatal 1 day, 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 weeks and 8 weeks).	Zheng et al. (2009)

GSE6844	Male and female embryonic chicken brains (arnol-affy-chick-345142)	Embryonic chicken brain	Male/Female	Late stage embryo	NA	5 male brains; 5 female brains	In the late stage embryos, the brain is removed and RNA extracted. Gene expression is measured using Affymetrix chicken arrays, and male vs female results are compared.	Itoh et al. (2007)
GSE6868	Homocysteine induced alterations in gene expression in neural crest cells	Neural tube explants	NA	Stage 9+ embryo	NA	3 control (media exposed) arrays; 3 homocysteine-treated (100uM final concentration).	Neural tube explants were obtained from stage 9+ chicken embryos to generate neural crest cell cultures. After 4 hours in culture the cells were exposed to either media or homocysteine for 6 hours. The cultures were then processed for gene expression using the affymetrix chicken chip.	Rosenquist et al. (2007)
GSE8018	Gene expression in the quail MBH under short and long day conditions.	Mediobasal hypothalamus (MBH)	NA	NA	Quail	Short day condition at ZT2, ZT6, ZT10, ZT14, ZT18, AND ZT22; Long day condition at ZT2, ZT6, ZT10, ZT14, ZT18, AND ZT22.	The mediobasal hypothalamus (MBH) of quail kept under short day condition (6h light:18h dark) or long day condition (20h light:4h dark) were collected for RNA extraction. Samples were collected from 6 birds every 4h during a 24 h cycle and were analyzed in duplicate set of array (two biological replicates).	Nakao et al. (2008)
GSE8693	Sex-biased gene expression in 18 day embryonic chicken heart, brain, and gonad	Embryonic chicken brain	Male/Female	18 day embryo	White Leghorn fowl	3 male brains, 3 female brains	Fertilized eggs were purchased and incubated for 18 days. The embryos were then euthanized by decapitation and the brain was collected for expression profiling by array.	Ellegren et al. (2007)

GSE12268	Sexually dimorphic gene expression in the chick brain at stage 29	Brain	Male/Female	Stage 29 embryo	NA	3 replicates of female brain sample at stage 29; 3 replicates of male brain sample at stage 29	The Affymetrix data from male and female brain samples at stage 29 were generated. The male and female brain samples by genetic sexing were pooled and homogenized. Probe synthesis from total RNA samples, hybridization, detection, and scanning were performed according to standard protocols from Affymetrix.	NA
GSE15413	Gene expression profiles for liver, breast, and duodenum obtained from newly hatched (day 0) and 7 day-old broiler chickens	Brain	NA	Newly hatched/7 days	Broiler	3 replicates of chick brain at day 0; 3 replicates of chick brain at day 7	Tissue samples were collected at hatch and 7 days post-hatch for RNA extraction and hybridization on Affymetrix chicken genome GeneChip microarrays.	NA
GSE15413	Gene expression profiles for liver, breast, and duodenum obtained from newly hatched (day 0) and 7 day-old broiler chickens	Duodenum	NA	Newly hatched/7 days	Broiler	3 replicates of chick duodenum at day 0; 3 replicates of chick duodenum at day 7	Tissue samples were collected at hatch and 7 days post-hatch for RNA extraction and hybridization on Affymetrix chicken genome GeneChip microarrays.	NA
GSE8693	Sex-biased gene expression in 18 day embryonic chicken heart, brain, and gonad	Embryonic chicken gonad	Male/Female	18 day embryo	White Leghorn fowl	3 male gonads, 3 female gonads	Fertilized eggs were purchased and incubated for 18 days. The embryos were then euthanized by decapitation and left gonad was collected for expression profiling by array.	Ellegren et al. (2007)

GSE10231	Gene expression oocyte quality in the hen	F1 oocyte stage	Female	NA	Hen	DPF+ F1 (2 samples); DPF- F1 (2 samples); HG+ F1 (2 samples); HG- F1 (2 samples)	All the samples were bisected from the F1 oocyte stage , and DPF+ and DPF- samples were compared in order to find differentially expressed genes that could explain the difference in fertility occurring between the two divergently selected lines. HG+ and HG- samples were compared in order to find differentially expressed genes that could explain the difference in fertility occurring between a single line.	NA
GSE6868	Homocysteine induced alterations in gene expression in neural crest cells	Neural tube explants	NA	Stage 9+ embryo	NA	3 control (media exposed) arrays; 3 homocysteine-treated (100uM final concentration).	Neural tube explants were obtained from stage 9+ chicken embryos to generate neural crest cell cultures. After 4 hours in culture the cells were exposed to either media or homocysteine for 6 hours. The cultures were then processed for gene expression using the affymetrics chicken chip.	Rosenquist et al. (2007)
GSE8010	Expression data from chicken adipose tissue at 7-week of age	Adipose Tissue	Female	7 weeks	Broiler	Adipose tissue of lean lines; adipose tissue of fat lines	Birds were slaughtered at 7 weeks and abdominal fat was isolated. The ten birds used in the present study were chosen by the percentage of abdominal fat (AFP): five had the highest AFP and the other five had the lowest for RNA extraction and hybridization on Affymetrix microarrays.	Wang et al. (2007)

GSE8483	Gene expression in Histone H1 null mutant cells	DT40 cells	NA	NA	Chicken	Gene expression pattern in wild-type; K11; and K11-5 cells	<p>Floxed H1R-eGFP and mer-cre-mer were introduced into 11 out of 12 H1 knock out DT40 cells. Then, the last endogenous H1 was targeted and successfully established conditional H1 KO cells (K11).</p> <p>Next, they were treated with tamoxifen to loop out floxed H1R-eGFP, and cloning H1 completely null cells (K11-5, and K11-7).</p> <p>Apoptosis is induced in H1 null cells, so it was inhibited with pan-caspase inhibitor, Z-VAD-FMK, and RNA was extracted. Gene expression patterns in wild-type, K11, and K11-5 cells were then analyzed.</p>	Takami et al. (1997)
GSE9884	Expression Profiling of Circulating Red Blood Cells and Non Red Blood Cells in the Chicken Embryo (E4 and E6)	Blood from embryonic heart	NA	Embryo	NA	E4 Circulating Red blood Cells (2 samples), Non-Red blood cells (2 samples); E6 Circulating Red blood Cells (2 samples), Non-Red blood cells (2 samples)	<p>Blood was extracted from embryonic hearts at E4 and E6 and non-red blood was separated by density gradient centrifugation.</p>	McIntyre et al. (2008)

¹: ID = Identifier

²: NA = Not Available

Table S4. Neuropeptide and convertase gene differential expression *P-values* across 22 microarray studies grouped by tissue type

Neuropeptide Prohormone	UniGene Probe ID ¹	Retina				Heart-breast				Brain-head				Liver-duodenum				Oocyte-gonad		Others				
		GSE 6543	GSE 7176	GSE 11439	GSE 15382	GSE 6843	GSE8693 -HEART	GSE 9251	GSE15413 -BREAST	GSE 6844	GSE 6868	GSE8693 -BRAIN	GSE 12268	GSE 6856	GSE 8483	GSE15413 -LIVER	GSE15413-DUODENUM	GSE8693 GONAD	GSE 10231	GSE 8010	GSE 8016	GSE 8018	GSE 8483	GSE 9884
ADML	Gga.12006.1.S1_at	0.880	0.000	0.580	0.450	0.440	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.450	0.450	0.160	0.920	0.570	0.440	0.230	0.220	0.004	0.380	0.940	0.001	0.290	0.44000	0.630
ANF	Gga.5157.1.S1_at	0.570	0.760	0.510	0.270	0.300	0.360	0.130	0.076	0.690	0.190	0.740	0.210	0.970	0.120	0.180	0.900	0.023	0.370	0.440	0.230	0.550	0.12000	0.620
ANFC	Gga.12392.1.S1_a_at	0.580	0.730	0.460	0.760	0.160	0.520	0.002	0.019	0.580	0.290	0.460	0.200	0.180	0.150	0.690	0.850	0.016	0.570	0.560	0.003	0.008	0.15000	0.810
CALCA	Gga.4991.2.S1_a_at	0.490	0.000	0.630	0.150	0.160	0.250	0.290	0.040	0.440	0.930	0.950	0.740	0.570	0.380	0.140	0.780	0.057	0.440	0.930	0.880	0.140	0.38000	0.480
CCKN	GgaAffx.21834.1.S1_s_at	0.950	0.540	0.740	0.032	0.430	0.460	0.140	0.190	0.340	0.760	0.120	0.700	0.056	0.400	0.120	0.056	0.710	0.390	0.920	0.240	0.000	0.40000	0.700
CCKN	Gga.2441.1.S1_at	0.350	0.710	0.820	0.430	0.400	0.520	0.260	0.150	0.260	0.210	0.730	0.460	0.098	0.500	0.370	0.170	0.930	0.028	0.540	0.470	0.040	0.50000	0.860
CMGA	GgaAffx.21576.1.S1_s_at	0.052	0.000	0.840	0.033	0.350	0.490	0.000	0.160	0.740	0.630	0.230	0.740	0.740	0.001	0.990	0.220	0.029	0.660	0.480	0.038	0.038	0.00050	0.310
CMGA	Gga.12437.2.S1_at	0.015	0.044	0.670	0.036	0.150	0.270	0.000	0.025	0.320	0.680	0.160	0.840	0.590	0.340	0.890	0.480	0.098	0.880	0.730	0.034	0.007	0.34000	0.780
COLI	Gga.6271.1.S1_at	0.390	0.670	0.260	0.610	0.160	0.110	0.001	0.019	0.540	0.080	0.640	0.290	0.270	0.270	0.740	0.790	0.011	0.079	0.470	0.200	0.000	0.27000	0.830
CRF	Gga.11323.1.S1_at	0.340	0.700	0.590	0.570	0.180	0.740	0.310	0.013	0.520	0.180	0.810	0.017	0.290	0.470	0.400	0.830	0.003	0.062	0.490	0.640	0.180	0.47000	0.610
ECRG4	Gga.8435.1.S1_at	0.610	0.240	0.350	0.090	0.460	0.330	0.000	0.001	0.930	0.880	0.550	0.010	0.250	0.290	0.011	0.520	0.010	0.025	0.160	0.000	0.510	0.29000	0.820
ECRG4	Gga.11232.1.A1_at	0.230	0.660	0.230	0.300	0.210	0.490	0.002	0.024	0.630	0.150	0.800	0.110	0.250	0.390	0.450	0.750	0.009	0.059	0.620	0.800	0.610	0.39000	0.830
GALA	Gga.12649.1.S1_at	0.070	0.006	0.730	0.500	0.150	0.270	0.005	0.120	0.500	0.410	0.500	0.190	0.250	0.300	0.280	0.074	0.056	0.130	0.620	0.100	0.940	0.30000	0.510
GAST	Gga.782.1.S1_at	0.490	0.430	0.360	0.400	0.190	0.330	0.000	0.046	0.830	0.180	0.460	0.460	0.390	0.200	0.290	0.270	0.010	0.130	0.940	0.130	0.410	0.20000	0.850
GHRL	Gga.16.1.S1_at	0.720	0.630	0.330	0.060	0.380	0.540	0.089	0.035	0.490	0.560	0.870	0.240	0.720	0.300	0.380	0.770	0.660	0.540	0.480	0.810	0.470	0.30000	0.710
GIP	Gga.7981.1.S1_at	0.220	0.610	0.330	0.022	0.160	0.360	0.000	0.025	0.620	0.440	0.940	0.490	0.180	0.620	0.260	0.370	0.023	0.140	0.490	0.470	0.690	0.62000	0.820
GLUC	GgaAffx.21780.2.S1_s_at	0.065	0.650	0.008	0.330	0.110	0.980	0.064	0.051	0.280	0.630	0.120	0.560	0.430	0.600	0.110	0.055	0.001	0.400	0.740	0.630	0.780	0.60000	0.710
IAPP	Gga.780.1.S1_at	0.210	0.720	0.390	0.096	0.140	0.570	0.000	0.050	0.710	0.260	0.340	0.580	0.140	0.380	0.210	0.240	0.260	0.083	0.510	0.180	0.220	0.38000	0.740
IGF1	Gga.850.1.S1_at	0.009	0.560	0.820	0.170	0.150	0.220	0.000	0.000	0.730	0.310	0.870	0.120	0.220	0.380	0.000	0.860	0.004	0.110	0.590	0.048	0.570	0.38000	0.720
IGF2	Gga.8511.1.S1_at	0.100	0.760	0.420	0.100	0.130	0.660	0.000	0.025	0.810	0.150	0.740	0.085	0.190	0.140	0.200	0.750	0.120	0.230	0.690	0.004	0.750	0.14000	0.780
INS	Gga.673.1.S1_at	0.110	0.760	0.370	0.600	0.180	0.210	0.650	0.310	0.290	0.140	0.580	0.690	0.280	0.420	0.052	0.000	0.950	0.820	0.630	0.004	0.660	0.42000	0.750
MCH	Gga.14659.1.S1_at	0.032	0.710	0.890	0.710	0.140	0.580	0.006	0.030	0.340	0.120	0.880	0.003	0.160	0.220	0.940	0.760	0.024	0.058	0.550	0.540	0.300	0.22000	0.710
NEU2	Gga.652.1.S1_at	0.310	0.840	0.210	0.680	0.590	0.990	0.150	0.250	0.280	0.045	0.970	0.240	0.270	0.290	0.380	0.470	0.006	0.220	0.430	0.100	0.620	0.29000	0.710

NEUT	Gga.10167.1.S1_at	0.002	0.810	0.005	0.220	0.200	0.920	0.024	0.010	0.850	0.810	0.830	0.240	0.160	0.380	0.150	0.190	0.110	0.230	0.850	0.290	0.930	0.38000	0.620
NMB	Gga.8071.1.S1_a_at	0.180	0.042	0.900	0.690	0.480	0.410	0.019	0.310	0.780	0.180	0.380	0.330	0.140	0.480	0.930	0.110	0.010	0.200	0.750	0.064	0.430	0.48000	0.560
NMU	Gga.18392.1.S1_at	0.710	0.006	0.330	0.660	0.140	0.510	0.001	0.027	0.500	0.062	0.510	0.300	0.950	0.120	0.390	0.002	0.170	0.210	0.630	0.001	0.350	0.12000	0.690
NPY	Gga.837.1.S1_a_at	0.950	0.650	0.700	0.005	0.430	0.930	0.180	0.150	0.500	0.680	0.970	0.690	0.140	0.360	0.470	0.150	0.017	0.009	0.520	0.000	0.190	0.36000	0.570
OREX	Gga.11.1.S1_at	0.460	0.520	0.100	0.480	0.280	0.280	0.340	0.048	0.960	0.120	0.830	0.026	0.490	0.220	0.540	0.460	0.045	0.410	0.490	0.460	0.950	0.22000	0.810
OSTN	Gga.13448.1.S1_at	0.150	0.570	0.240	0.530	0.390	0.690	0.002	0.034	0.390	1.000	0.560	0.290	0.180	0.390	0.880	0.820	0.068	0.540	0.096	0.630	0.540	0.39000	0.840
PACA	Gga.11409.1.S1_at	0.660	0.680	0.150	0.220	0.240	0.450	0.001	0.640	0.120	0.190	0.280	0.350	0.280	0.160	0.680	0.550	0.170	0.065	0.520	0.083	0.380	0.16000	0.055
PACA	Gga.616.1.S1_s_at	0.025	0.670	0.011	0.025	0.680	0.140	0.010	0.022	0.900	0.980	0.260	0.240	0.220	0.210	0.880	0.490	0.400	0.085	0.540	0.077	0.170	0.21000	0.930
PAHO	Gga.308.1.S1_at	0.500	0.600	0.350	0.480	0.580	0.270	0.230	0.020	0.920	0.430	1.000	0.790	0.350	0.050	0.098	0.018	0.004	0.420	0.550	0.280	0.550	0.05000	0.840
PDGFA	Gga.3899.3.S1_a_at	0.017	0.000	0.073	0.730	0.850	0.056	0.760	0.000	0.920	0.690	0.230	0.750	0.900	0.870	0.290	0.780	0.001	0.410	0.880	0.035	0.450	0.87000	0.200
PDGFB	Gga.71.1.S1_at	0.030	0.970	0.210	0.660	0.096	0.670	0.010	0.000	0.890	0.190	0.210	0.067	0.130	0.120	0.061	0.150	0.011	0.390	0.066	0.110	0.960	0.12000	0.150
PDGFD	Gga.9675.1.S1_at	0.021	0.120	0.140	0.280	0.220	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.760	0.390	0.810	0.390	0.300	0.400	0.067	0.054	0.004	0.730	0.430	0.190	0.660	0.40000	0.860
PENK	Gga.11430.1.S1_at	0.006	0.700	0.023	0.046	0.270	0.150	0.000	0.001	0.390	0.700	0.510	0.350	0.170	0.390	0.680	0.000	0.043	0.400	0.390	0.028	0.480	0.39000	0.054
PNOG	Gga.10041.1.S1_a_at	0.350	0.700	0.660	0.520	0.013	0.610	0.000	0.000	0.920	0.930	0.460	0.810	0.082	0.560	0.630	0.790	0.380	0.150	0.380	0.008	0.060	0.56000	0.850
PNOG	Gga.10041.2.A1_at	0.068	0.700	0.220	0.520	1.000	0.520	0.660	0.003	0.870	0.680	0.290	0.096	0.500	0.490	0.880	0.770	0.960	0.024	0.530	0.000	0.680	0.49000	0.850
PNOG	GgaAffx.20191.1.S1_s_at	0.200	0.690	0.340	0.140	0.720	0.320	0.046	0.850	0.790	0.180	0.760	0.350	0.820	0.260	0.160	0.730	0.017	0.055	0.490	0.039	0.940	0.26000	0.720
PROK2	Gga.10528.1.S1_a_at	0.180	0.490	0.056	0.520	0.440	0.270	0.026	0.043	0.100	0.093	0.360	0.100	0.770	0.530	0.004	0.880	0.053	0.280	0.520	0.140	0.067	0.53000	0.810
PROK2	Gga.10528.2.A1_at	0.031	0.560	0.210	0.410	0.160	0.360	0.005	0.019	0.610	0.042	0.980	0.210	0.910	0.140	0.300	0.780	0.260	0.170	0.410	0.020	0.700	0.14000	0.520
PRRP	Gga.10552.1.S1_at	0.160	0.750	0.310	0.320	0.160	0.410	0.002	0.044	0.480	0.170	0.440	0.340	0.520	0.400	0.750	0.740	0.310	0.130	0.460	0.054	0.690	0.40000	0.780
PTHR	Gga.2626.1.S1_at	0.260	0.650	0.810	0.540	0.330	0.370	0.001	0.036	0.480	0.320	0.890	0.150	0.260	0.078	0.700	0.960	0.096	0.230	0.560	0.003	0.570	0.07800	0.840
PTHY	Gga.78.1.A1_at	0.370	0.530	0.510	0.510	0.160	0.550	0.005	0.023	0.690	0.160	0.940	0.130	0.170	0.260	0.490	0.970	0.019	0.084	0.280	0.160	0.410	0.26000	0.840
REL3	Gga.12454.1.S1_at	0.700	0.200	0.210	0.480	0.058	0.410	0.006	0.027	0.001	0.077	0.027	0.400	0.600	0.180	0.200	0.014	0.710	0.110	0.430	0.000	0.003	0.18000	0.670
RFRP	Gga.9285.1.S1_at	0.085	0.110	0.860	0.690	0.280	0.380	0.023	0.200	0.420	0.230	0.330	0.440	0.170	0.440	0.850	0.740	0.010	0.320	0.550	0.002	0.900	0.44000	0.660
SCG1	Gga.10025.1.S1_at	0.540	0.440	0.440	0.270	0.440	0.360	0.027	0.140	0.003	0.830	0.500	0.310	0.880	0.410	0.230	0.410	0.140	0.190	0.820	0.180	0.260	0.41000	0.760
SCG2	Gga.11999.1.S1_at	0.043	0.088	0.180	0.180	0.390	0.140	0.290	0.190	0.460	0.810	0.780	0.930	0.870	0.035	0.160	0.770	0.290	0.780	0.330	0.990	0.530	0.03500	0.046
SCG2	Gga.11999.1.A1_s_at	0.520	0.740	0.260	0.270	0.160	0.410	0.001	0.022	0.280	0.180	0.077	0.550	0.300	0.200	0.430	0.440	0.003	0.015	0.600	0.130	0.062	0.20000	0.810
SCG2	Gga.11999.1.A1_at	0.076	0.810	0.640	0.006	0.200	0.990	0.081	0.035	0.830	0.310	0.075	0.093	0.074	0.400	0.140	0.810	0.049	0.250	0.850	0.006	0.930	0.40000	0.490
SECR	Gga.14227.1.S1_at	0.120	0.530	0.840	0.350	0.042	0.880	0.028	0.029	0.560	0.230	0.500	0.180	0.940	0.210	0.380	0.480	0.810	0.410	0.470	0.089	0.390	0.21000	0.740
SLIB	Gga.11231.1.S1_at	0.420	0.240	0.590	0.510	0.180	0.640	0.011	0.016	0.380	0.210	0.800	0.800	0.220	0.180	0.710	0.550	0.057	0.062	0.470	0.660	0.008	0.18000	0.750
SMS	Gga.742.1.S1_at	0.620	0.007	0.170	0.360	0.240	0.280	0.001	0.023	0.180	0.870	0.130	0.100	0.760	0.370	0.120	0.130	0.200	0.260	0.470	0.630	0.270	0.37000	0.210
TKN1	Gga.12286.1.S1_at	0.190	0.630	0.390	0.056	0.370	0.770	0.002	0.120	0.300	0.100	0.940	0.820	0.820	0.250	0.880	0.620	0.001	0.180	0.470	0.005	0.790	0.25000	0.780
TRH	Gga.19489.1.A1_at	0.570	0.700	0.290	0.460	0.170	0.550	0.001	0.021	0.600	0.170	0.830	0.110	0.290	0.140	0.890	0.790	0.011	0.028	0.330	0.190	0.650	0.14000	0.830
TRH	Gga.19489.1.S1_at	0.079	0.710	0.690	0.540	0.170	0.330	0.034	0.041	0.920	0.120	0.880	0.150	0.300	0.250	0.430	0.610	0.010	0.130	0.430	0.200	0.450	0.25000	0.790

TSHB	Gga.551.1.S1_at	0.190	0.760	0.510	0.420	0.900	0.470	0.000	0.047	0.290	0.530	0.590	0.300	0.410	0.430	0.840	0.940	0.250	0.097	0.300	0.063	0.000	0.43000	0.850
UCN3	Gga.11141.1.S1_at	0.380	0.480	0.420	0.270	0.590	0.370	0.012	0.022	0.410	0.068	0.950	0.030	0.190	0.490	0.260	0.410	0.009	0.039	0.440	0.400	0.069	0.49000	0.740
UTS2	Gga.14388.1.S1_at	0.490	0.510	0.250	0.420	0.140	0.430	0.022	0.140	0.410	0.700	0.890	0.120	0.290	0.390	0.350	0.650	0.300	0.006	0.460	0.032	0.590	0.39000	0.720
UTS2D	Gga.9482.1.S1_at	0.000	0.430	0.001	0.490	0.160	0.440	0.140	0.018	0.960	0.120	0.530	0.520	0.230	0.160	0.950	0.510	0.290	0.190	0.710	0.190	0.740	0.16000	0.850
VEGFC	Gga.12347.1.S1_at	0.900	0.000	0.067	0.240	0.250	0.300	0.000	0.140	0.520	0.600	0.960	0.510	0.190	0.240	0.610	0.064	0.059	0.250	0.240	0.019	0.870	0.24000	0.440
VEGFD	Gga.3219.1.S1_at	0.570	0.000	0.060	0.480	0.250	0.560	0.000	0.600	0.940	0.890	0.670	0.540	0.730	0.340	0.110	0.008	0.150	0.760	0.130	0.750	0.150	0.34000	0.430
VIP	Gga.666.1.S1_a_at	0.000	0.630	0.051	0.590	0.190	0.190	0.680	0.530	0.002	0.270	0.500	0.630	0.780	0.450	0.910	0.150	0.062	0.170	0.400	0.180	0.580	0.45000	0.140
Total <i>P-value</i> < 0.005		3	6	1	0	0	0	27	9	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	9	0	0	11	4	1	0

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PCSK2	Gga.2786.1.S1_at	0.170	0.700	0.900	0.430	0.057	0.280	0.001	0.053	0.830	0.420	0.320	0.320	0.250	0.500	0.510	0.069	0.370	0.010	0.710	0.038	0.840	0.50000	0.710
PCSK2	Gga.9404.1.S1_at	0.400	0.690	0.350	0.037	0.063	0.580	0.005	0.180	0.910	0.590	0.820	0.820	0.510	0.150	0.035	0.006	0.560	0.056	0.930	0.110	0.350	0.15000	0.140
PCSK3	Gga.1751.1.S1_at	0.600	0.096	0.310	0.970	0.290	0.220	0.430	0.230	0.290	1.000	0.420	0.420	0.510	0.680	0.990	0.630	0.004	0.500	0.490	0.510	0.800	0.68000	0.870
PCSK5	Gga.247.1.S1_at	0.001	0.760	0.086	0.410	0.170	0.490	0.570	0.036	0.180	0.250	0.490	0.490	0.670	0.150	0.300	0.110	0.200	0.400	0.680	0.016	0.090	0.15000	0.850
PCSK5	Gga.12660.2.S1_a_at	0.038	0.650	0.450	0.160	0.350	0.370	0.440	0.067	0.170	0.630	0.260	0.260	0.840	0.420	0.160	0.043	0.009	0.600	0.130	0.004	0.570	0.42000	0.790
PCSK6	Gga.20041.1.S1_at	0.880	0.820	0.120	0.027	0.740	0.099	0.000	0.007	0.430	0.057	0.640	0.640	0.930	0.410	0.003	0.064	0.003	0.500	0.650	0.015	0.790	0.41000	0.065
PCSK6	GgaAffx.20832.1.S1_s_at	0.060	0.810	0.400	0.180	0.430	0.300	0.660	0.830	0.210	0.360	0.500	0.500	0.680	0.660	0.014	0.810	0.001	0.520	0.025	0.081	0.540	0.66000	0.870
PCSK6	Gga.246.1.S1_at	0.560	0.350	0.150	0.520	0.190	0.350	0.290	0.046	0.420	0.340	0.410	0.410	0.260	0.240	0.750	0.460	0.011	0.084	0.560	0.110	0.450	0.24000	0.600
PCSK7	GgaAffx.12272.1.S1_s_at	0.440	0.600	0.029	0.830	0.250	0.640	0.270	0.900	0.120	0.690	0.370	0.370	0.680	0.018	0.360	0.670	0.032	0.170	0.410	0.260	0.760	0.01800	0.700
PCSK7	Gga.17539.1.S1_s_at	0.530	0.570	0.220	0.440	0.880	0.840	0.024	0.170	0.290	0.110	0.830	0.830	0.220	0.013	0.360	0.270	0.001	0.340	0.170	0.880	0.830	0.01300	0.680
Total <i>P-value</i> < 0.005		1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0

¹: UniGene identifier of microarray gene probe