

TABLE S3 Differences in relative abundance (%) of the dominant bacterial phyla present in ileal and cecal digesta of low and high residual feed intake (RFI) broiler chickens fed either *ad libitum* or restrictively^{1,2}

| Phylum | <i>Ad libitum</i> feeding | | Restrictive feeding | | SEM | <i>P</i> value | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | low RFI | high RFI | low RFI | high RFI | | FL ³ | RFI | FL × RFI |
| Ileum | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Firmicutes</i> | 62.3 | 77.0 | 81.9 | 88.4 | 7.130 | 0.034 | 0.145 | 0.570 |
| <i>Proteobacteria</i> | 37.5 | 22.9 | 17.8 | 11.3 | 7.152 | 0.033 | 0.146 | 0.574 |
| <i>Tenericutes</i> | 0.023 | 0.0078 | 0.061 | 0.071 | 0.033 | 0.134 | 0.949 | 0.700 |
| <i>Cyanobacteria</i> | 0.13 | 0.10 | 0.23 | 0.18 | 0.086 | 0.289 | 0.665 | 0.912 |
| <i>Actinobacteria</i> | 0.0049 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 0.089 | 0.037 | 0.253 | 0.269 | 0.357 |
| Ceca | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Firmicutes</i> | 91.3 | 92.2 | 96.4 | 98.2 | 1.548 | <0.001 | 0.383 | 0.772 |
| <i>Proteobacteria</i> | 7.82 | 6.62 | 2.34 | 0.90 | 1.571 | <0.001 | 0.405 | 0.939 |
| <i>Tenericutes</i> | 0.61 | 0.90 | 1.00 | 0.69 | 0.190 | 0.648 | 0.975 | 0.117 |
| <i>Cyanobacteria</i> | 0 | 0.00003 | 0 | 0.0008 | 0.00038 | 0.339 | 0.308 | 0.339 |
| <i>Actinobacteria</i> | 0.114 | 0.100 | 0.090 | 0.060 | 0.019 | 0.106 | 0.262 | 0.693 |

¹Data are presented as least-square means and pooled SEM. *n* = 7 per FL group, RFI rank, and sex; except for *n* = 8 high RFI *ad libitum* females.

²RFI was calculated for the experimental period from 9 to 30 days post-hatch.

³FL, feed intake level.