

Title: Paternal chronic folate supplementation induced the transgenerational inheritance of acquired developmental and metabolic changes in chickens

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Supplementary Table S1 Composition and nutrient level of the basal diet (air-dry basis) of breeder roosters.

Items	0-6w	7-15w	16-40w		0-3w	4-15w	16-40w
Ingredient				Nutrient Levels			
Corn	60.50	63.55	63.78				
Soyabean meal	33.00	30.00	16.00	DM%	87.00	87.00	82.20
Soyabean oil	2.50	2.50	0	Crude protein%	20.10	19.10	15.40
Limestone	1.50	1.50	1.40	Calcium %	0.96	0.94	0.88
Dicalcium phosphate	1.50	1.45	1.40	Available P	0.36	0.35	0.35
Met	0.27	0.25	0.04	Total Lys	1.173	1.124	0.699
Lys	0.19	0.22	-	Total Met	0.565	0.533	0.295
Premix*	0.54	0.53	0.50	Total Met+Cys	0.891	0.847	0.558

Note: * The premix provided the nutrients of diets including the VA, VD, VK3, VB1, VB2, VB6, VB12, Cu, Zn, Fe, and Mn, which were in accordance with the nutritional requirement of breeder rooster from each period; Specifically, vitamin premix in control groups were supplied without folic acid (Do Better Victory Bio LTD, shaanxi, china), and vitamin premix in four folate supplement groups were supplied with extra folic acid.

Supplementary Table S2 Composition and nutrient level of the basal diet (air-dry basis) of broiler offspring.

Ingredients (%)		Nutrient levels	
Corn	60.50	DM %	87.00
Soybean meal	33.00	Crude protein%	20.10
Soyabean oil	2.50	Calcium %	0.96
Limestone	1.50	Available P %	0.36
CaHPO4	1.50	Total Lys, %	1.17
Salt	0.30	Total Met, %	0.57
choline	0.02	Total Met+Cys, %	0.89
Premix*	0.13		
Methionine	0.27		
Lysine	0.19		
Threonine	0.09		
Total	100.00		

Note: * The premix provided the nutrients of diets including the VA, VD, VK3,VB1, VB2, VB6, VB12, Cu, Zn, Fe, and Mn, which were in accordance with the nutritional requirement of broilers.

Supplementary Table S3 Primer sequences for quantitative real-time PCR analysis and the PCR of the 3'UTR of PEPCK or ANGPTL4 mRNA.

Gene	Primer Sequence (5'-3')	T _m /°C	Product/ bp
PEPCK-3'UTR-F	ccgCTCGAGTCCACACATTCTGCAACAGGA	59.86	219
PEPCK-3'UTR-R	attGCGGCCGCTTCCCACAGCTGCTCAACAA	60.11	
ANGPTL4-3'UTR-F	ccgCTCGAGCTGGGAAAAACGCTCACAGC	60.04	209
ANGPTL4-3'UTR-R	attGCGGCCGCGTCAGAGCATAACAGCTGGCA	60.11	
PEPCK-F	ACATCATGGTGGAGCAAGGC	60.68	189
PEPCK-R	CCTCTTCTGACATCCAGCGA	59.18	
MYCL -F	AAACTTTCCACGGGAACTCCG	60.81	200
MYCL -R	ACCGTGACCACATCAATCTCT	59.10	
ANGPTL4-F	AGCCATAATGTGAGCGTGGA	59.46	199
ANGPTL4-R	AGTCCACAGAGCCATCCGTA	60.32	
THRSP-F	CAGGTTCTGACCGACCTCAC	60.04	137
THRSP-R	ACGTCAGATCACCTTGGAG	59.10	
β-actin-F	ATTGTCCACGCAAATGCTTC	59.8	113
β-actin-R	AAATAAAGCCATGCCAACTCGTC	60.0	

Supplementary Table S4 Effect of dietary folate supplementation on the reproductive performance of breeder roosters

Items	Folate concentration(mg/kg)					SEM	P value
	0	0.25	1.25	2.50	5.00		
Volume of ejaculation	0.64	0.62	0.73	0.68	0.73	0.040	0.853
Sperm viability	0.89	0.92	0.86	0.91	0.92	0.010	0.541
Sperm motility	0.82	0.79	0.81	0.85	0.79	0.010	0.343
Sperm density; $\times 10^9$	3.19	3.89	3.11	3.40	2.82	0.140	0.161
Sperm Plasma membrane integrity	0.996	0.983	0.991	0.999	0.994	0.002	0.072
Acrosomal integrity	0.987	0.954	0.966	0.981	0.988	0.005	0.193
Mitochondrial activity	0.972	0.944	0.972	0.974	0.940	0.001	0.415
Fertilization rate	0.94	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.010	0.711
Hatchability of fertile eggs	0.85 ^b	0.88 ^{ab}	0.92 ^a	0.92 ^a	0.93 ^a	0.010	0.016

Note: Data within a column without the same superscripts differ significantly ($P < 0.05$).

Supplementary Table S5 Effect of dietary folate supplementation in breeder roosters on the lipid and glucose metabolism of breeder roosters and broiler offspring.

Items			Folate concentration(mg/kg)					P values
			0	0.25	1.25	2.50	5.00	
Plasma lipid metabolism	Total glyceride (mmol/L)	Breeder rooster	0.33±0.05	0.45±0.05	0.44±0.05	0.31±0.05	0.36±0.01	0.132
		1-d-old offspring	0.68±0.01 ^a	0.81±0.10 ^a	0.86±0.08 ^a	1.15±0.09 ^b	0.69±0.07 ^a	0.001
		21-d-old offspring	0.30±0.02	0.24±0.04	0.29±0.01	0.28±0.04	0.36±0.03	0.181
	Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	Breeder rooster	2.37±0.19	2.51±0.39	1.99±0.13	2.34±0.14	2.13±0.14	0.487
		1-d-old offspring	8.49±0.59	9.52±0.46	9.93±0.48	8.35±0.39	8.60±0.58	0.145
		21-d-old offspring	5.73±0.65	5.09±0.78	4.13±0.67	4.17±0.39	4.12±0.30	0.224
	HDL-C (mmol/L)	Breeder rooster	2.38±0.12 ^a	1.99±0.07 ^b	1.82±0.19 ^b	1.90±0.10 ^b	1.87±0.18 ^b	0.043
		1-d-old offspring	3.08±0.17	3.07±0.37	2.33±0.18	2.25±0.24	2.49±0.35	0.113
		21-d-old offspring	1.94±0.23 ^a	1.48±0.06 ^{bc}	1.41±0.09 ^c	1.48±0.14 ^{bc}	1.87±0.10 ^{ab}	0.032
	LDL-C (mmol/L)	Breeder rooster	6.43±0.29 ^a	5.66±0.19 ^b	5.81±0.41 ^b	7.17±0.43 ^a	6.82±0.17 ^a	0.034
		1-d-old offspring	4.14±0.31 ^{ab}	4.97±0.22 ^a	4.51±0.44 ^{ab}	3.77±0.20 ^b	3.52±0.38 ^b	0.034
		21-d-old offspring	1.04±0.08 ^a	0.89±0.14 ^{ab}	0.63±0.10 ^b	0.63±0.05 ^b	0.68±0.03 ^b	0.014
	VLDL-C (mmol/L)	Breeder rooster	46.54±5.28 ^a	34.48±2.56 ^b	32.78±1.78 ^b	34.52±0.38 ^b	40.48±3.23 ^{ab}	0.037
		1-d-old offspring	72.03±7.36 ^a	44.25±4.46 ^{bc}	29.52±1.94 ^c	48.46±5.25 ^{bc}	53.30±10.87 ^{ab}	0.004
		21-d-old offspring	77.16±11.83	75.20±14.90	90.16±14.85	74.81±5.65	75.21±8.90	0.799
FFA (mmol/L)	Breeder rooster	0.37±0.06	0.47±0.09	0.66±0.14	0.51±0.08	0.70±0.12	0.142	
	1-d-old offspring	0.68±0.06 ^c	0.86±0.07 ^{bc}	0.89±0.08 ^{bc}	1.60±0.17 ^a	1.27±0.28 ^{ab}	0.003	

		21-d-old offspring	0.78±0.06	0.90±0.08	0.93±0.09	0.92±0.09	0.97±0.07	0.571
	Leptin	Breeder rooster	13.87±3.93	9.04±1.77	10.19±0.98	9.17±1.35	12.48±2.03	0.484
	(pg/L)	1-d-old offspring	25.99±6.22	92.55±56.08	38.03±22.96	28.17±10.93	18.54±4.77	0.360
		21-d-old offspring	161.18±42.60	69.13±9.04	117.31±23.75	305.30±201.94	75.87±42.01	0.398
	Adiponectin	Breeder rooster	342.21±41.89 ^a	230.09±20.26 ^b	210.78±8.90 ^b	202.15±18.48 ^b	198.04±24.64 ^b	0.003
	(pg/L)	1-d-old offspring	228.99±25.77	293.51±67.45	338.68±40.66	300.91±68.59	258.42±33.67	0.605
		21-d-old offspring	286.54±41.82 ^a	198.13±14.28 ^b	178.12±13.48 ^b	173.69±6.59 ^b	178.35±28.00 ^b	0.018
Hepatic lipid	TP	Breeder rooster	6.08±0.40 ^b	5.97±0.20 ^b	6.48±0.12 ^{ab}	6.98±0.22 ^b	7.18±0.10 ^a	0.005
metabolism	(mg/ml)	1-d-old offspring	10.83±0.61	10.82±0.29	11.62±0.36	10.06±0.36	11.25±0.35	0.129
		21-d-old offspring	12.20±1.09	11.62±0.26	11.97±0.73	11.37±0.14	11.80±0.32	0.899
	TG	Breeder rooster	0.106±0.008 ^b	0.140±0.003 ^a	0.138±0.005 ^a	0.144±0.014 ^a	0.161±0.015 ^a	0.015
	(mmol/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	0.111±0.009	0.137±0.024	0.128±0.006	0.123±0.020	0.141±0.009	0.670
		21-d-old offspring	0.108±0.020	0.117±0.023	0.124±0.015	0.099±0.006	0.117±0.012	0.816
	TC	Breeder rooster	0.052±0.005 ^b	0.068±0.003 ^a	0.072±0.003 ^a	0.070±0.006 ^a	0.070±0.004 ^a	0.041
	(mmol/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	0.226±0.009 ^b	0.276±0.014 ^a	0.272±0.009 ^a	0.280±0.013 ^a	0.292±0.017 ^a	0.020
		21-d-old offspring	0.035±0.004 ^b	0.048±0.003 ^a	0.048±0.002 ^a	0.052±0.005 ^a	0.045±0.002 ^b	0.030
	HDL-C	Breeder rooster	0.012±0.002 ^{ab}	0.013±0.002 ^a	0.010±0.002 ^{abc}	0.006±0.002 ^{bc}	0.004±0.002 ^c	0.033
	(mmol/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	0.018±0.001	0.017±0.002	0.013±0.002	0.018±0.002	0.019±0.002	0.345
		21-d-old offspring	0.005±0.001	0.004±0.001	0.004±0.001	0.007±0.000	0.005±0.001	0.132
	LDL-C	Breeder rooster	0.018±0.001	0.024±0.001	0.022±0.001	0.022±0.002	0.023±0.002	0.339

	(mmol/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	0.084±0.011	0.099±0.002	0.091±0.012	0.088±0.017	0.084±0.005	0.475
		21-d-old offspring	0.014±0.001	0.015±0.001	0.013±0.000	0.013±0.000	0.013±0.001	0.462
	VLDL	Breeder rooster	49.55±3.74	49.32±4.40	46.61±3.12	41.64±2.73	39.54±2.07	0.153
	(mmol/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	38.25±2.68	37.20±2.91	33.20±2.00	40.48±1.49	32.89±1.52	0.101
		21-d-old offspring	31.03±2.33	32.70±1.89	33.19±2.97	35.13±1.30	30.02±0.71	0.441
	FFA	Breeder rooster	0.050±0.005 ^b	0.046±0.005 ^b	0.070±0.009 ^{ab}	0.080±0.011 ^a	0.086±0.008 ^a	0.008
	(mmol/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	0.071±0.008	0.079±0.014	0.073±0.002	0.080±0.013	0.089±0.018	0.866
		21-d-old offspring	0.033±0.005 ^c	0.044±0.011 ^{bc}	0.086±0.006 ^a	0.061±0.006 ^b	0.064±0.004 ^b	0.000
	MDH	Breeder rooster	33.09±1.39	38.39±2.33	39.35±4.16	35.25±1.82	41.89±3.46	0.240
	(U/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	30.24±1.11 ^a	31.07±1.02 ^a	33.62±2.78 ^{ab}	38.84±3.75 ^{bc}	41.73±1.22 ^c	0.006
		21-d-old offspring	31.17±1.81	35.71±0.68	30.50±0.64	29.33±0.52	30.14±3.19	0.110
	HL	Breeder rooster	2.28±0.23	2.63±0.10	2.33±0.14	2.15±0.07	2.06±0.11	0.078
	(U/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	2.13±0.11	2.18±0.04	1.99±0.07	2.29±0.10	2.08±0.11	0.221
		21-d-old offspring	1.84±0.15	1.97±0.05	1.84±0.10	1.86±0.05	1.84±0.04	0.795
	Carnitine	Breeder rooster	0.779±0.064 ^a	0.759±0.050 ^a	0.657±0.027 ^{ab}	0.565±0.042 ^b	0.601±0.025 ^b	0.009
	(µg/gprot)	1-d-old offspring	0.558±0.044	0.474±0.028	0.489±0.019	0.542±0.012	0.503±0.032	0.238
		21-d-old offspring	0.486±0.039	0.452±0.037	0.479±0.048	0.532±0.027	0.480±0.016	0.619
Hepatic	PEPCK (U/mgprot)	Breeder rooster	2.35±0.36 ^c	3.29±0.45 ^{bc}	3.67±0.55 ^{bc}	5.00±0.21 ^{ab}	5.61±1.02 ^a	0.006
glucose		1-d-old offspring	2.31±0.32 ^b	4.18±0.52 ^a	4.41±0.78 ^a	4.80±0.38 ^a	4.17±0.38 ^a	0.021
metabolism		21-d-old offspring	0.75±0.07	0.61±0.22	0.90±0.15	0.91±0.18	0.78±0.09	0.621

Hexokinase (U/gprot)	Breeder rooster	90.23±8.69	80.82±3.93	94.08±4.64	98.97±3.53	102.52±3.11	0.072
	1-d-old offspring	51.50±2.91	51.47±1.36	55.26±1.72	47.84±1.69	53.47±1.64	0.129
	21-d-old offspring	60.03±2.00	62.01±2.81	62.57±1.76	64.89±1.73	56.84±2.10	0.128
Pyruvate kinase (mmol/gprot)	Breeder rooster	430.86±105.75	595.24±110.54	312.56±32.83	368.35±77.20	514.13±52.45	0.147
	1-d-old offspring	869.99±168.94 ^b	990.96±152.01 ^b	1121.25±215.69 ^b	1283.38±135.33 ^{ab}	1700.29±231.07 ^a	0.050
	21-d-old offspring	780.37±64.07 ^b	807.96±41.32 ^b	855.20±110.72 ^b	974.50±13.99 ^{ab}	1081.65±66.34 ^a	0.026
6- phosphofruktokinase (mmol/gprot)	Breeder rooster	7.99±0.89	8.28±0.23	7.02±1.09	6.87±0.77	7.76±0.79	0.678
	1-d-old offspring	6.93±1.66	8.32±2.23	5.74±0.75	7.72±1.90	6.26±0.39	0.765
	21-d-old offspring	5.55±0.46	7.33±0.95	8.16±1.02	6.57±0.72	5.62±1.34	0.268
Citroyl synthetase (mmol/gprot)	Breeder rooster	22.55±1.78 ^b	16.67±5.22 ^c	28.27±1.91 ^a	27.78±1.10 ^a	29.00±0.73 ^a	0.000
	1-d-old offspring	36.60±2.62	33.74±1.44	33.99±0.74	31.94±1.66	35.70±2.19	0.447
	21-d-old offspring	30.39±1.92 ^c	39.38±1.09 ^{ab}	38.81±1.73 ^{ab}	41.42±1.87 ^a	34.80±2.60 ^{bc}	0.004
Glucogen (mg/g liver)	Breeder rooster	21.69±11.80	28.82±3.28	28.72±5.80	14.72±3.41	18.13±5.47	0.380
	1-d-old offspring	5.95±0.60	5.79±0.16	6.27±0.39	7.02±0.60	6.14±1.04	0.681
	21-d-old offspring	4.27±0.27	4.20±0.14	5.04±0.72	4.74±0.60	5.28±1.17	0.754

Note: Data within a column without the same superscripts differ significantly ($P < 0.05$).

Supplementary Table S6 The key miRNAs and lncRNAs in sperm that regulated the glucose and lipid metabolism of broiler offspring.

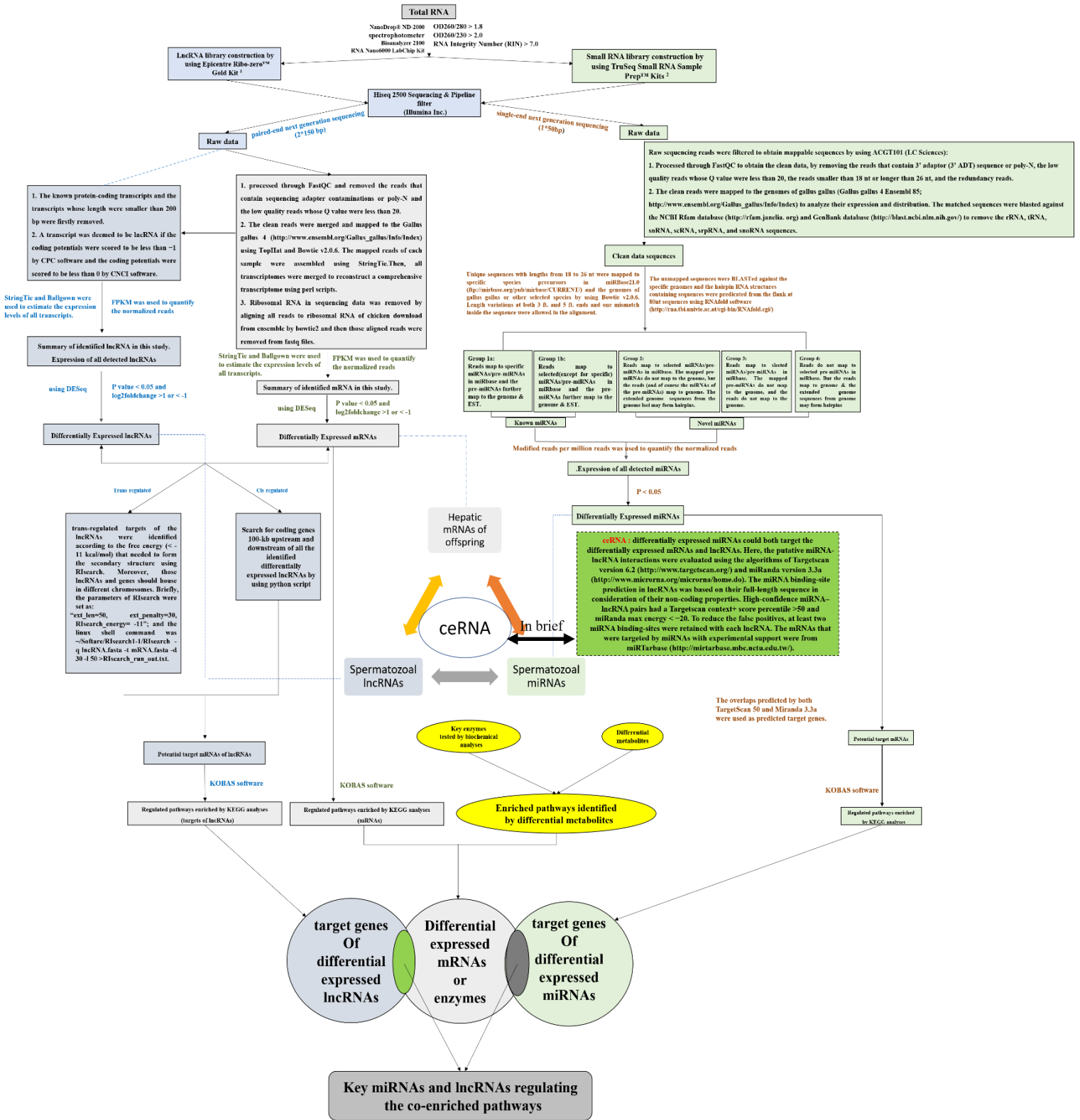
key pathways	Hepatic differentially expressed mRNAs and significantly altered enzymes in offspring	Spermatozoal differentially expressed miRNA	Spermatozoal differentially expressed lncRNA
Glycolysis/ Gluconeogenesis	PEPCK	PC-5p-30232_97	TCONS_00098732, TCONS_00098733, TCONS_00098734, TCONS_00099848
	Hexokinase	PC-3p-165579_16, gga-miR-215-5p, bta-miR-192_R-3	TCONS_00162819
	6-phosphofruktokinase	PC-3p-199137_13, hsa-miR-143-3p_R+1, gga-miR-214_R+1	TCONS_00082843, TCONS_00082844, TCONS_00082845, TCONS_00082846, TCONS_00082847, TCONS_00082848, TCONS_00082849, TCONS_00082850, TCONS_00082851, TCONS_00082852, TCONS_00082853, TCONS_00082854, TCONS_00082855, TCONS_00082856, TCONS_00082857, TCONS_00082858, TCONS_00082859
Pyruvate metabolism	Pyruvate kinase	PC-3p-353456_7, PC-5p-122036_22, PC-3p-15271_190	TCONS_00045814, TCONS_00045815, TCONS_00045816, TCONS_00045817
	MDH (ME3)	PC-3p-353456_7, PC-5p-46964_61, PC-3p-20654_141, gga-miR-135a-5p	TCONS_00021199, TCONS_00043468
PPAR signaling pathway	PEPCK	PC-5p-30232_97	TCONS_00098732, TCONS_00098733, TCONS_00098734, TCONS_00099848
	ANGPTL4		TCONS_00107090, TCONS_00107092
	FABP5	age-miR-93_L+1R-2, PC-5p-309272_8, bta-miR-25, PC-5p-1083694_2, PC-3p-52806_54, bta-miR-378, gga-miR-214_R+1	
	Adiponectin (ADIPOQ)	gga-miR-30a-3p_R-3, PC-3p-199137_13	TCONS_00179256

Supplementary Table S7 The spermatozoal miRNAs and lncRNAs that regulated ANGPTL4 (ENSGALT00000000877) expression through ceRNA mechanism.

mRNA	gene	KEGG	regulation	miRNA	regulation	lncRNA	regulation	p value
ENSGALT00000000877	ANGPTL4	PPAR signaling pathway	up	PC-3p-448507_5	up	TCONS_00009366	up	0.03
						TCONS_00035238	up	0.02
						TCONS_00035244	up	0.03
						TCONS_00045762	up	0.00
						TCONS_00047758	up	0.05
						TCONS_00055846	up	0.03
						TCONS_00055870	up	0.03
						TCONS_00060475	up	0.02
						TCONS_00063365	up	0.05
						TCONS_00068695	up	0.01
						TCONS_00070335	up	0.01
						TCONS_00070570	up	0.04
						TCONS_00073624	up	0.01
						TCONS_00075331	up	0.05
						TCONS_00076442	up	0.01
						TCONS_00076790	up	0.02
						TCONS_00076814	up	0.03
						TCONS_00077751	up	0.00
						TCONS_00080115	up	0.04
						TCONS_00080408	up	0.02
						TCONS_00080666	up	0.02
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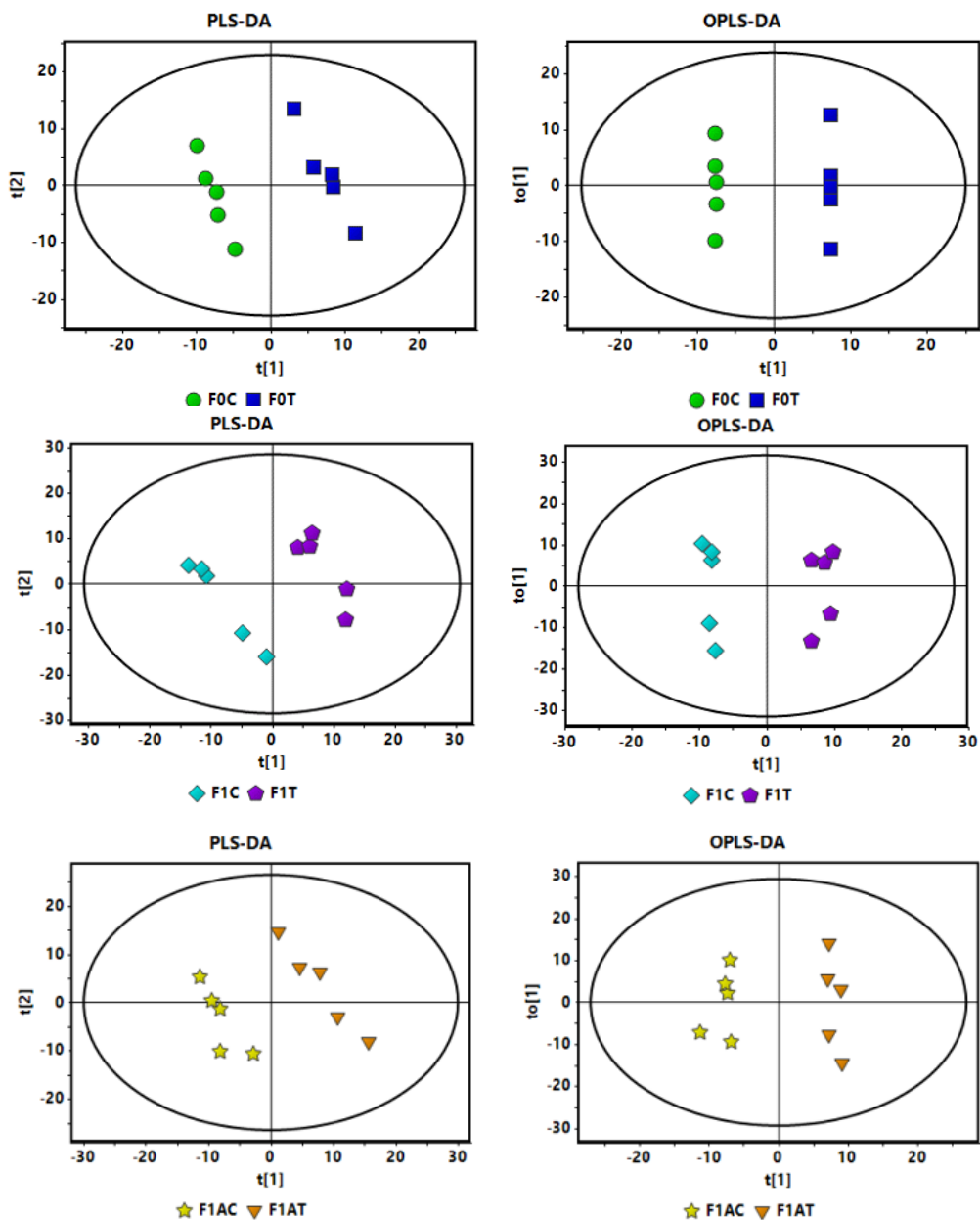
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Figure S1



Supplementary Figure S1 Bioinformatic workflow used in the present study.

Figure S2



Supplementary Figure S2 Distribution of the liver samples of the CON and FS2 groups of breeder roosters, 1-day-old broiler offspring, and 21-day-old broiler offspring based on PLS-DA and OPLS-DA analyses. Note: $t(1)$, first principal component; $t(2)$, second principal component; $to(1)$, orthogonal component. F0, F1, and F1A represent the liver samples from breeder roosters, 1-d-old and 21-d-old broilers offspring, C and T represent the samples from control and 1.25 mg/kg folate supplementation groups.

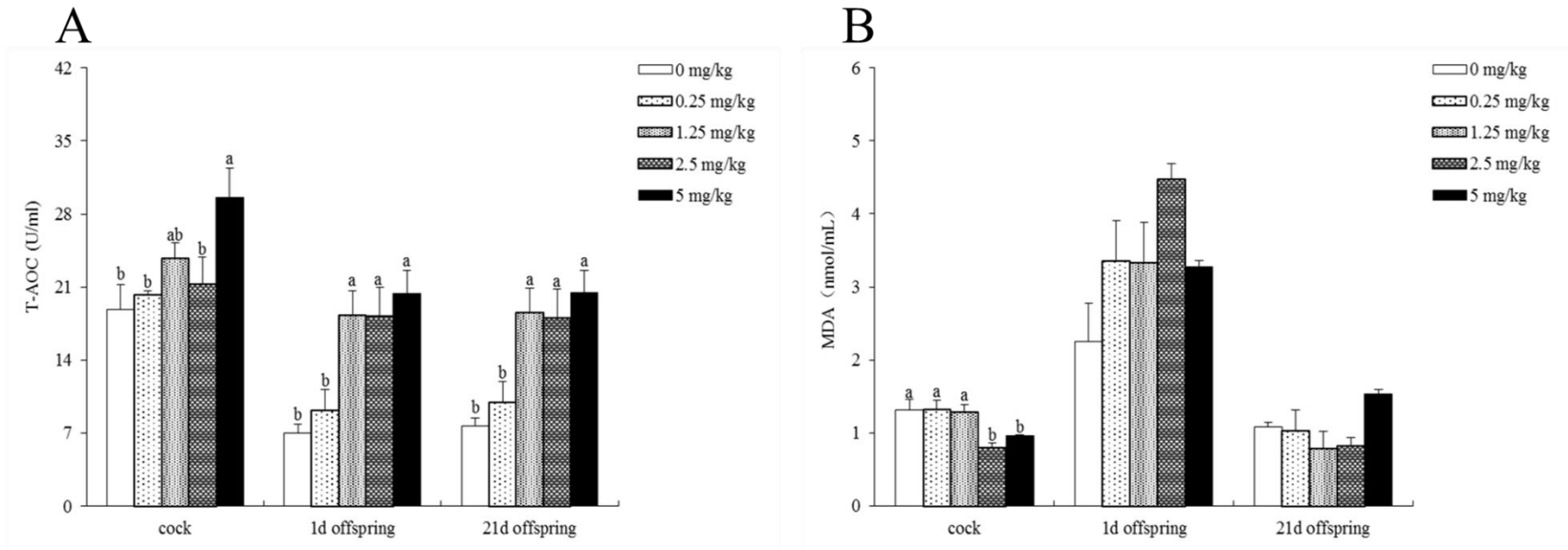


Figure S3 Altered antioxidant ability of breeder roosters and broiler offspring induced by dietary folate supplementation in breeder roosters. (A) Altered T-AOC. (B) Altered malondialdehyde.

roosters and 1-day-old broiler offspring. (A-B) Hepatic differentially expressed mRNAs of breeder roosters and broiler offspring. (C-D) Validation of the accuracy of RIBO-Zero RNA-seq data by qRT-PCR. (E-F) Hepatic differentially expressed lncRNAs of breeder roosters and broiler offspring

Figure S5

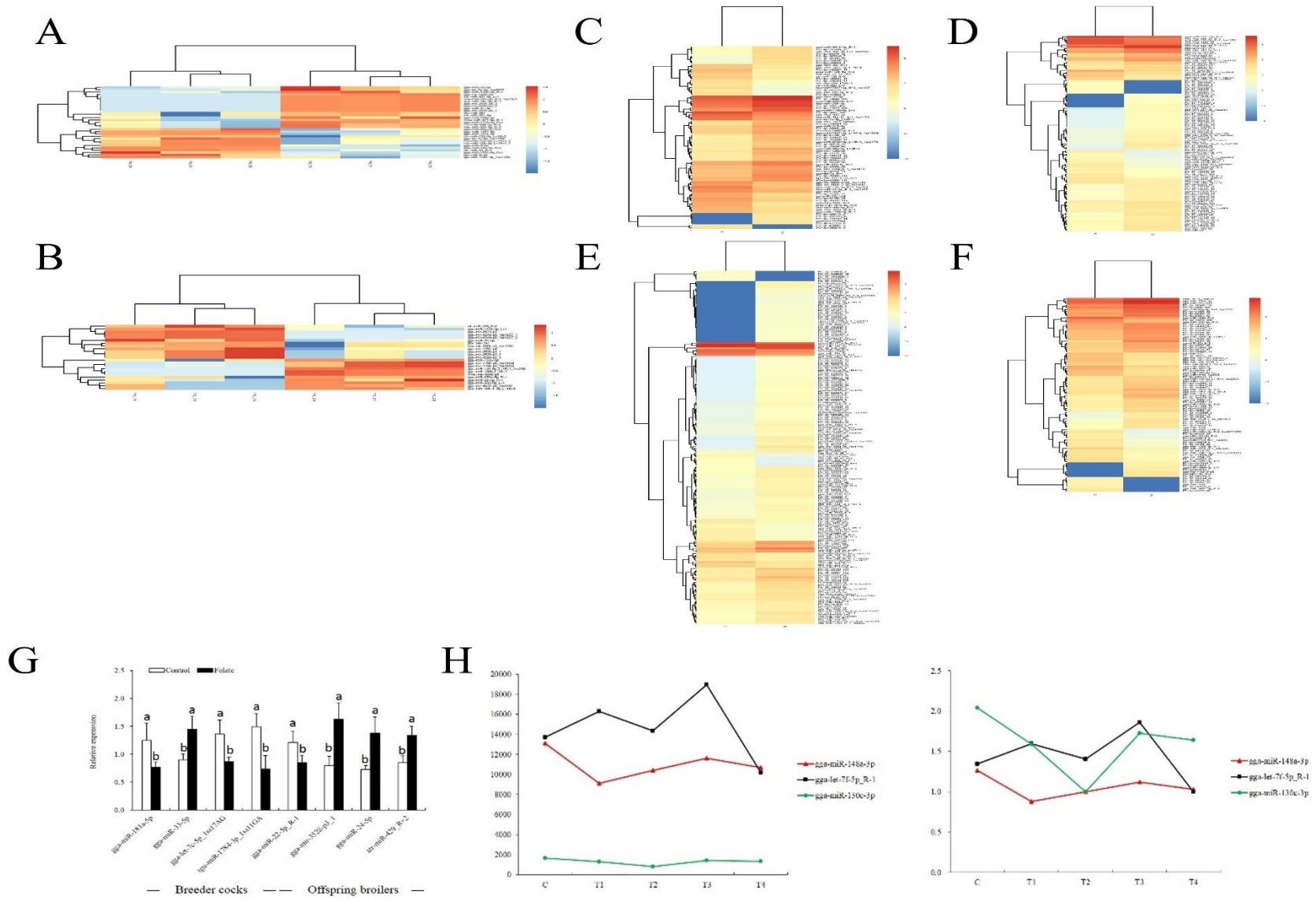


Figure S5 Transgenerational regulatory roles of miRNAs in regulating lipid and glucose metabolism in response to paternal folate supplementation. (A-B): Differentially expressed miRNAs in the livers of breeder roosters and broiler offspring. (C-F) Differentially expressed miRNAs in the sperm of breeder roosters. (G-H) Validation of the accuracy of miRNA-seq data by qRT-PCR; G for 8 hepatic differentially expressed miRNAs, and H for 3 spermatozoal differentially expressed miRNAs.