

**Effect of strain and age on the thick-to-thin albumen ratio and egg composition traits in layer hens**

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**Table S1.** Ingredient composition and nutrient levels of the basal diet

| Ingredient (%)      | Content | Nutrient level (calculated values) |       |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Corn                | 55.92   | Metabolizable energy(kcal/kg)      | 3073  |
| Soybean oil         | 4.55    | Crude protein (%)                  | 19.22 |
| Soybean meal        | 29.77   | Crude fiber (%)                    | 3.15  |
| Salt                | 0.30    | Phosphorus (%)                     | 0.52  |
| D,L-Methionine      | 0.20    | Calcium (%)                        | 0.96  |
| Limestone           | 6.0     | Lysine (%)                         | 1.05  |
| Dicalcium phosphate | 1.86    | Methionine (%)                     | 0.52  |
| calcium carbonate   | 1.10    | Methionine + cysteine (%)          | 0.76  |
| Premix <sup>A</sup> | 0.30    |                                    |       |
| Total               | 100.00  |                                    |       |

<sup>A</sup>Premix provided per kg of diet: Cu, 10 mg; Fe 50 mg; Mn 60 mg; Zn, 65 mg; Se 0.40 mg; vitamin A, 9000 IU; vitamin D<sub>3</sub>, 3100 IU; vitamin E, 25 IU; vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, 2.5 mg; vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, 5 mg; vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, 0.02mg; biotin, 0.1 mg; folacin, 1 mg; pantothenic acid, 12 mg; nicotinic acid, 38 mg; and pyridoxine 3.5mg.