**S1 Table: Number of embryos assessed for *ß-catenin* expression**

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| **Stage (E)** | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 | Stage 5 |
| *Gallus gallus* | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| *Coturnix japonica* | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| *Phasianus colchicus* | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| *Dromaius novaehollandiae* | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| *Taeniopygia guttata* | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| *Pygoscelis papua* | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |