**S2 Table. Bursa to body weight ratio of chickens after vvIBDV inoculation**

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| Experiment | Dpi | control | vvIBDV |
| Exp. 1 | 3 | 1.3 ± 0.3 | 2.3 ± 0.5\* |
| 7 | 1.9 ± 0.5 | 0.7 ± 0.2\* |
| 14 | 1.8 ± 0.5 | 0.6 ± 0.1\* |
| 21 | 1.5 ± 0.4 | 0.4 ± 0.1\* |
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| Exp. 2 | 10 | 1.5 ± 0.3 | 0.5 ± 0.2\* |
| 14 | 1.5 ± 0.3 | 0.5 ± 0.1\* |
| 21 | 2.1 ± 0.2 | 0.6 ± 0.2\* |

Dpi=days post inoculation; Control=PBS-inoculated control; vvIBDV=vvIBDV-infected group. \*letter indicates significant differences between groups at the indicated time point (*P* < 0.05, n=6).