**Table S1.** Sequences of the primers and probes used for avian influenza viruses.

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| **Target** | **Primer/ probe sequence**  **5'-3'** | **Reference** |
| **H5** | **H5LH1**  ACATATGACTAC CCACARTATTCA G | (Londt et al. 2008)a |
| **H5RH1**  AGACCAGCT AYC ATGATTGC |
| **H5PRO**  [FAM]TCWACA GTGGCGAGT TCCCTAGCA[TAMRA] |
| **N1** | AIV-N1-F1  GGCATAATAACAGACACTATCAA | (Aguero et al. 2007)b |
| AIV-N1-R1  CACATGCACATTCAGACTCT |
| AIV-N1-S1  [FAM]TCAGTATGTTGTTCCTCCA[TAMRA] |
| **H5 cleavage site** | **H5-kha-1**  CCT CCA GA**R** TAT GC**M** TA**Y** AAA ATT GTC | (Slomka et al. 2007)c |
| **H5-kha-3**  TAC CAA CCG TCT ACC ATK CCY TG |
| **H9N2** | **H9F**  GGAAGAATTAATTATTATTGGTCGGTAC | (Ben Shabat et al. 2010)d |
| **H9R**  GCCACCTTTTTCAGTCTGACATT |
| **H9 Probe**  [CY5]AACCAGGCCAGACATTGCGAGTAAGATCC[BHQ] |

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