Supplementary material

Perches and elevated platforms in commercial broiler farms – use and effect on walking ability, incidence of tibial dyschondroplasia and bone mineral content

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Supplementary Figure S1 Overall distribution of gait scores in broiler flocks (N = 49). Scoring was performed using the method described in the Welfare Quality® Assessment protocol, with scoring scale from 0 = normal gait to score 5 = incapable to walk. Error bars indicate SE.

**Supplementary Table S1***Mean bone ash and mineral contents in the femur of broilers with gait score 3 at younger and older scoring age*

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|  | Bone ash | Calcium | Phosphorus | N |
| Age | % | SD | g/kg | SD | g/kg | SD |
| 29-31 days | 15.6 | 1.2 | 54.4 | 3.8 | 29.8 | 2.2 | 12 |
| 34-36 days | 16.1 | 1.2 | 55.8 | 4.3 | 30.4 | 2.4 | 24 |