

## ***Supplementary Data***

**Supplementary file 1.** Survey instrument used in this study.

| Populatn of birds | Category   |      |            |
|-------------------|------------|------|------------|
| 200               | <500       | 100  | <500       |
| 190               | <500       | 200  | <500       |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 | 300  | <500       |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 | 400  | <500       |
| 850               | 500 - 1000 | 500  | 500 - 1000 |
| 444               | <500       | 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 250               | <500       | 700  | 500 - 1000 |
| 389               | <500       | 800  | 500 - 1000 |
| 440               | <500       | 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 | 1000 | >1000      |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 | 2000 | >1000      |
| 450               | <500       | 3000 | >1000      |
| 480               | <500       | 4000 | >1000      |
| 179               | <500       | 5000 | >1000      |
| 480               | <500       |      |            |
| 480               | <500       |      |            |
| 470               | <500       |      |            |
| 350               | <500       |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 210               | <500       |      |            |
| 400               | <500       |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 495               | <500       |      |            |
| 450               | <500       |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 350               | <500       |      |            |
| 800               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 450               | <500       |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 300               | <500       |      |            |
| 800               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 900               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 500               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 450               | <500       |      |            |
| 440               | <500       |      |            |
| 550               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 470               | <500       |      |            |
| 470               | <500       |      |            |
| 200               | <500       |      |            |
| 999               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 450               | <500       |      |            |
| 450               | <500       |      |            |
| 800               | 500 - 1000 |      |            |
| 350               | <500       |      |            |
| 400               | <500       |      |            |
| 450               | <500       |      |            |
| 400               | <500       |      |            |
| 400               | <500       |      |            |

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| 450  | <500       |
| 850  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 440  | <500       |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 750  | 500 - 1000 |
| 2500 | >1000      |
| 850  | 500 - 1000 |
| 800  | 500 - 1000 |
| 800  | 500 - 1000 |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 650  | 500 - 1000 |
| 750  | 500 - 1000 |
| 470  | <500       |
| 890  | 500 - 1000 |
| 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 400  | <500       |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 2700 | >1000      |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 3500 | >1000      |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 500  | 500 - 1000 |
| 2500 | >1000      |
| 700  | 500 - 1000 |
| 550  | 500 - 1000 |
| 650  | 500 - 1000 |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 3300 | >1000      |
| 800  | 500 - 1000 |
| 800  | 500 - 1000 |
| 999  | 500 - 1000 |
| 400  | <500       |
| 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 1000 | >1000      |
| 980  | 500 - 1000 |
| 3000 | >1000      |
| 2500 | >1000      |
| 5000 | >1000      |
| 800  | 500 - 1000 |
| 990  | 500 - 1000 |
| 520  | 500 - 1000 |
| 500  | 500 - 1000 |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |
| 509  | 500 - 1000 |
| 600  | 500 - 1000 |

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|      |            |
|------|------------|
| 1000 | >1000      |
| 2500 | >1000      |
| 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 988  | 500 - 1000 |
| 550  | 500 - 1000 |
| 2000 | >1000      |
| 2200 | >1000      |
| 750  | 500 - 1000 |
| 750  | 500 - 1000 |
| 1000 | >1000      |
| 1000 | >1000      |
| 900  | 500 - 1000 |
| 550  | 500 - 1000 |
| 2000 | >1000      |
| 670  | 500 - 1000 |

### Supplementary file 2.

**Table S1.** Frequency and proportion of respondents' knowledge of ABR (n = 125).

| Awareness of ABR  | No. of respondents (%) |
|---|------------------------|
| No  | 38 (30.4)              |
| Yes   | 87 (69.6)              |
| Can antibiotics be used to treat viral, fungal, or parasitic infections in birds? |                        |
| No  | 82 (65.6)              |
| Yes   | 43 (34.4)              |
| Can ABR pathogens in birds affect man?  |                        |
| No  | 86 (68.8)              |
| Yes   | 39 (31.2)              |
| Can poultry be resistant to drugs?  |                        |
| No  | 35 (28)                |
| Yes   | 90 (72)                |
| Does ABR make treatment difficult in birds?                                       |                        |
| Don't know  | 62 (49.6)              |
| No  | 14 (11.2)              |
| Yes   | 49 (39.2)              |

**Table S2.** Analysis of demographic characteristics as factors influencing knowledge, attitude, and perception levels of poultry farmers in Kwara state.

| Outcome variable       | Variable            | Referent  | Univariate analysis |                  | <i>p</i> -value | OR (95% CI)             | <i>p</i> -value |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
|                        |                     |           |                     |                  |                 |                         |                 |
| Awareness of ABR       | Age                 | 18 years  | 19 years and above  | 1.0 (1.0, 1.1)   | 0.009           | 1.1 (1.0, 1.2)          | < 0.01          |
|                        | Level of Education  | Secondary | Tertiary            | 0.2 (0.07, 0.7)  | 0.007           | 0.05 (0.01, 0.2)        | < 0.01          |
|                        | Gender              | Female    | Male                | 0.8 (0.4, 1.7)   | 0.534           | -                       | -               |
|                        | Population of birds | 100-499   | 500-1000            | 1.6 (0.7, 3.7)   | 0.494           | -                       |                 |
|                        | Age                 | 18 years  | 19 years and above  | 1.1 (1.1, 1.2)   | < 0.01          | 1.1 (1.0, 1.2)          | 0.033           |
| Knowledge level of ABR | Level of Education  | Secondary | Tertiary            | 7.8 (3.3, 18.7)  | < 0.01          | 2.2 (0.7, 6.5)          | < 0.01          |
|                        | Gender              | Female    | Male                | 8.5 (3.0, 23.9)  | < 0.01          | 4.2 (1.2, 14.8)         | 0.027           |
|                        | Population of birds | 100-499   | 500-1000            | 9.5 (3.8, 23.6)  | < 0.01          | 4.5 (1.6, 13.2)         |                 |
|                        | Occupation          | Farmers   | Other professions   | 1.2E+07 (0.0, *) |                 | 1.0E+06 (0.0, 2.1E+297) | 0.021           |
|                        | No. of workers      | 1         | 2 and above         | 1.1 (0.9, 1.4)   | 0.310           | -                       |                 |

**Table S3.** Frequency and proportion of respondents' attitude towards prudent antibiotic usage in poultry (n=125).

| <b>Do you believe there is excessive antibiotic usage in birds?</b> | <b>No. of respondents (%)</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| No  | 110 (88)                      |
| Yes   | 15 (12)                       |
| Do you stop treatment when your birds have shown improvements?      |                               |
| No  | 77 (61.6)                     |
| Yes   | 48 (38.4)                     |
| Did you get antibiotic prescription from a vet?                     |                               |
| No  | 64 (51.2)                     |
| Yes   | 61 (48.8)                     |
| Do you observe withdrawal period of antibiotics?                    |                               |
| No  | 13 (10.4)                     |
| Yes   | 112 (89.6)                    |
| Do you discard eggs during antibiotic therapy?                      |                               |
| No  | 125 (100)                     |
| Yes   | 0 (0)                         |

**Table S4.** Analysis of demographic characteristics as factors influencing knowledge, attitude, and perception levels of poultry farmers in Kwara state.

| Outcome variable     | Variable            | Referent  | Univariate analysis |                                  | <i>p</i> -value | OR (95% CI)    | <i>p</i> -value |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                      |                     |           |                     |                                  |                 |                |                 |
| Attitude towards ABR | Age                 | 18 years  | 19 years and above  | 1.0 (0.9, 1.0)                   | 0.038           | -              | -               |
|                      | Level of Education  | Secondary | Tertiary            | 0.5 (0.2, 1.3)                   | 0.175           | -              | -               |
|                      | Gender              | Female    | Male                | 1.3 (0.3, 1.6)                   | 0.506           | -              | -               |
|                      | Occupation          | Farmers   | Other professions   | 0.6 (0.3, 1.3)                   | 0.194           | -              | -               |
|                      | No. of workers      | 1         | 2 and above         | 1.1 (0.9, 1.4)                   | 0.267           | -              | -               |
|                      | Population of birds | 100-499   | 500-1000<br>>1000   | 0.7 (0.3, 1.8)<br>0.6 (0.2, 2.1) | 0.705           | -              | -               |
| Perception of ABR    | Age                 | 18 years  | 19 years and above  | 0.9 (0.8, 0.9)                   | < 0.01          | 0.9 (0.9, 1.0) | < 0.01          |
|                      | Level of Education  | Secondary | Tertiary            | 0.1 (0.1, 0.3)                   | < 0.01          | 0.3 (0.1, 0.8) | 0.015           |
|                      | Population of birds | 100-499   | 500 -1000<br>>1000  | 0.5 (0.2, 1.2)<br>0.2 (0.0, 0.8) | 0.062           | -              | -               |
|                      | Gender              | Female    | Male                | 1.3 (0.4, 1.6)                   | 0.506           | -              | -               |
|                      | Occupation          | Farmers   | Other professions   | 0.5 (0.2, 1.2)                   | 0.109           | -              | -               |
|                      | No. of workers      | 1         | 2 and above         | 0.9 (0.8, 1.1)                   | 0.535           | -              | -               |

**Table S5.** Frequency and proportion of respondents' perceptions on ABU and ABRin poultry (n=125).

| Is ABR a major problem in Nigeria?                               | No. of respondents (%) |
|--|------------------------|
| No   | 107 (85.6)             |
| Yes  | 18 (14.4)              |
| Only vets should be allowed to prescribe antibiotics             |                        |
| 1 (Strongly disagree)  | 17 (13.6)              |
| 2 (Disagree)   | 20 (16)                |
| 3 (Neither agree nor disagree)                                   | 29 (23.2)              |
| 4 (Agree)  | 40 (32)                |
| 5 (Strongly agree)   | 19 (15.2)              |
| Farmers must reduce antibiotic use                               |                        |
| 1 (Strongly disagree)  | 64 (51.2)              |
| 2 (Disagree)   | 20 (16)                |
| 3 (Neither agree nor disagree)                                   | 9 (7.2)                |
| 4 (Agree)  | 21 (16.8)              |
| 5 (Strongly agree)   | 11 (8.8)               |
| Proper vaccination will reduce dependence on antibiotics         |                        |
| 1 (Strongly disagree)  | 29 (23.2)              |
| 2 (Disagree)   | 31 (24.8)              |
| 3 (Neither agree nor disagree)                                   | 5 (4)                  |
| 4 (Agree)  | 5 (4)                  |
| 5 (Strongly agree)   | 55 (44)                |
| Antibiotic resistance can only affect farms that use antibiotics |                        |
| No   | 90 (72)                |
| Yes  | 35 (28)                |
| Antibiotics should only be prescribed when needed                |                        |
| 1 (Strongly disagree)  | 26 (20.8)              |
| 2 (Disagree)   | 6 (4.8)                |
| 3 (Neither agree nor disagree)                                   | 23 (18.4)              |
| 4 (Agree)  | 10 (8)                 |
| 5 (Strongly agree)   | 60 (48)                |
| There is nothing I can do to stop antibiotic resistance          |                        |
| 1 (Strongly disagree)  | 0 (0)                  |
| 2 (Disagree)   | 7 (5.6)                |
| 3 (Neither agree nor disagree)                                   | 62 (49.6)              |
| 4 (Agree)  | 17 (13.6)              |
| 5 (Strongly agree)   | 39 (31.2)              |
| Is hand hygiene important for poultry farmers?                   |                        |
| Don't know   | 23 (18.4)              |
| No   | 0 (0)                  |
| Yes  | 102 (81.6)             |