**Supplementary Table 2.** Parameters used to evaluate the reference genes.

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| Parameters | Reference gene |
| *UBQ* | *Actin* | *GAPDH* | *18S rRNA* |
| Sample number | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Geometrical mean of CT value | 22.71 | 28.17 | 28.07 | 16.61 |
| Arithmetic mean of CT value | 22.73 | 28.20 | 28.18 | 16.74 |
| Minimum | 21.22 | 25.85 | 24.70 | 13.45 |
| Minimum | 24.38 | 31.13 | 33.11 | 20.37 |
| Standard deviation | 0.72 | 1.00 | 2.20 | 1.78 |
| Coefficient of variation (%) | 3.15 | 3.54 | 7.80 | 10.62 |