**S1 Table. Quality controls (QCs) composition used in the qPCR assay.** Bovine RBC was 1:2 diluted with TE buffer pH 8.0 and different synthetic dsDNA (gBlocks, IDT) were used to spike the different QCs. RBC: red blood cells.

| Quality Control | Purpose  | Content                              |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| QC1             | Negative control:                              | Bovine RBC                           |
|                 | No synthetic dsDNA added                       | • 1x TE Buffer pH 8.0                |
| QC2             |  | • Bovine RBC                         |
|                 |  | • 1x TE Buffer pH 8.0                |
|                 | Positive control:                              | • <i>ACTB</i>                        |
|                 | Screening negative sample                      | • <i>SMN1</i> (Exon-7)               |
|                 |  | • <i>HBB</i> (CD-6)                  |
|                 |  | • sj-TREC                            |
| QC3             | Positive control:<br>Screening positive sample | Bovine RBC                           |
|                 |  | • 1x TE Buffer pH 8.0                |
|                 |  | • <i>ACTB</i>                        |
|                 |  | • <i>SMN2</i> (Exon-7, c.840C>T)     |
|                 |  | • HbS allele ( <i>HBB</i> : c.20A>T) |