

**Supplemental Table 2: Control genes ranked in order of increasing stability from top to bottom according to the Genorm algorithm of Vandesompele et al (27).**

<b>Primary Breast Cancers (n=8)</b>		<b>Primar Head and Neck Cancers (n=8)</b>		<b>Diverse Cancer Cell Lines (n=32)</b>	
Control Gene	Expression Stability*	Control Gene	Expression Stability*	Control Gene	Expression Stability*
<i>Tbp</i>	0.732	<i>Tbp</i>	1.140	<i>B2m</i>	1.186
<i>Ubc</i>	0.708	<i>Actb</i>	1.025	<i>Polr2a</i>	1.076
<i>Pgk1</i>	0.680	<i>18s</i>	0.946	<i>Tfrc</i>	0.953
<i>Actb</i>	0.658	<i>Hprt1</i>	0.860	<i>Ipo8</i>	0.796
<i>Gusb</i>	0.636	<i>Ywhaz</i>	0.792	<i>Hprt1</i>	0.618
<i>Polr2a</i>	0.619	<i>Ubc</i>	0.754	<i>Hmbs</i>	0.574
<i>18s</i>	0.596	<i>B2m</i>	0.712	<i>Rplp0 †</i>	
<i>Gapdh</i>	0.578	<i>Polr2a</i>	0.654		
<i>Rplp0</i>	0.560	<i>Gusb</i>	0.637		
<i>Ipo8</i>	0.542	<i>Tfrc</i>	0.598		
<i>Tfrc</i>	0.522	<i>Ipo8</i>	0.549		
<i>Hmbs</i>	0.500	<i>Pgk1</i>	0.515		
<i>B2m</i>	0.482	<i>Gapdh</i>	0.482		
<i>Ywhaz</i>	0.447	<i>Rplp0</i>	0.428		
<i>Hprt1</i>	0.414	<i>Hmbs</i>	0.266		
<i>Ppia †</i>		<i>Ppia</i>			

\* More stable genes have a lower value in this column.

† Genorm performs pairwise comparison and in the final step lists the two most stable genes of all the candidates tested.