

Additional file 2

Summary of primer sequences used in telomere (Tel) and beta-actin (Actin) qPCR assays. The primer name, its nucleotide sequence as well as the source that provided the primer sequence is presented.

Primer	Sequence (5' → 3')	Designed by
Tel 1b (forward)	CGG TTT GTT TGG GTT TGG GTT TGG GTT TGG GTT TGG GTT	R.M. Cawthon*
Tel 2b (reverse)	GGC TTG CCT TAC CCT TAC CCT TAC CCT TAC CCT TAC CCT	R. M. Cawthon*
Actin (forward)	TGG CAT CAC ACC TTC TAC	B. Wassmur†
Actin (reverse)	AAT CTG GGT CAT CTT CTC C	B. Wassmur†

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