

Table S1: Expression Stability of seven candidate reference genes for tick salivary glands as calculated by Bestkeeper, $\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}$, and NormFinder.

Rank	Bestkeeper		$\Delta\Delta\text{Ct}$		NormFinder	
	Gene	SD	Gene	SD	Gene	Stability
1	Ubiquitin	0.27	Ubiquitin	0.22	Actin	0.068
2	Actin	0.53	Actin	1.24	Calrectulin	0.069
3	GAPDH	0.69	Histone H3	1.41	Ubiquitin	0.072
4	Calrectulin	0.96	GAPDH	1.45	HSP	0.134
5	HSP	1.11	Calrectulin	7.18	GST	0.140
6	Histone H3	1.49	HSP	7.27	Histone H3	0.169
7	GST	1.67	GST	20.83		

