

# **Reference gene identification and validation for quantitative real-time PCR studies in developing *Xenopus laevis***

Bilal B Mughal, Michelle Leemans, Petra Spirhanzlova, Barbara Demeneix & Jean-Baptiste Fini

CNRS / UMR7221, Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France

## **Supplementary figures**

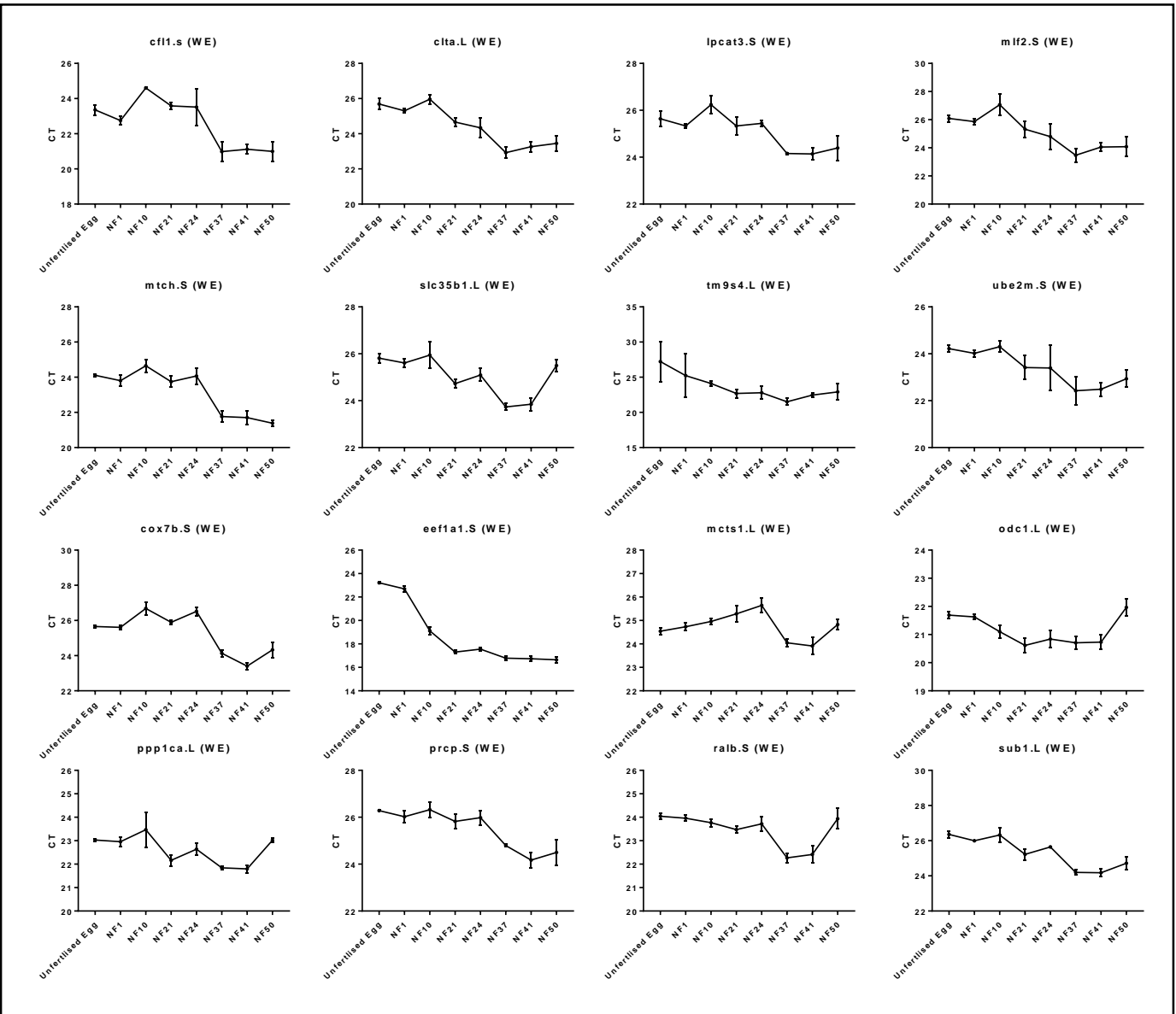
# Supplementary figure legends

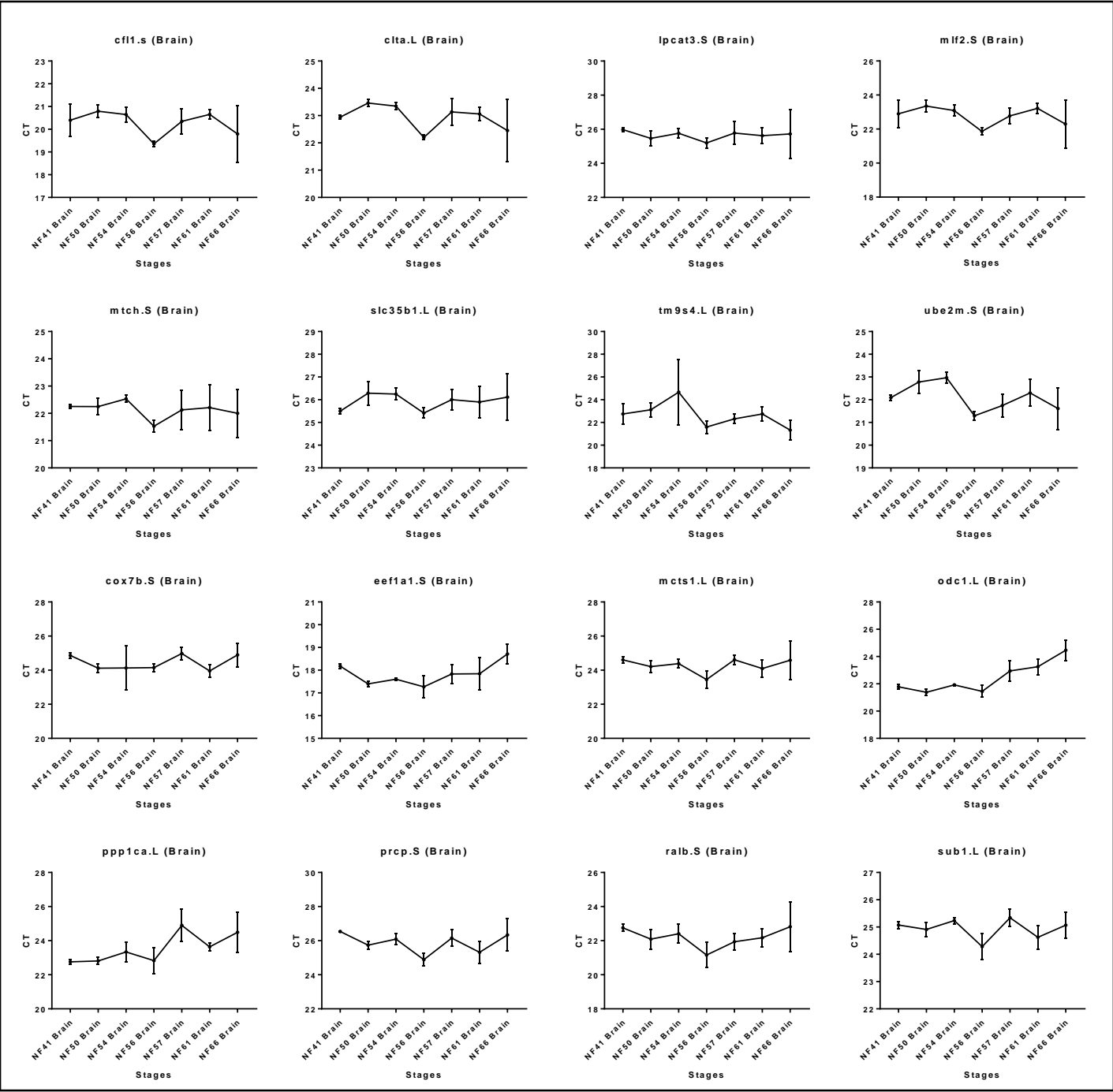
- **Supplementary figure 1:** (Table) List of genes ranked according their high mean expression levels during (more than 50 TPM) and the least variation between the stages.
- **Supplementary figure 2:** **(A)** Ranking of genes' Ct variation across the different developmental stages in whole embryos during early developmental stages and in brain during metamorphic stages. **(B)** Variation of 16 candidate genes RNA expression during different individual stages (whole embryo) using RT-qPCR. **(C)** Variation of 16 candidate genes RNA expression during different individual stages (metamorphic brains) using RT-qPCR.
- **Supplementary figure 3:** Pairwise Variation (V) analysis using geNorm of 16 reference genes in whole embryos during early developmental stages and in brain during metamorphic stages.
- **Supplementary figure 4: Comparison of four different statistical algorithms used to calculate reference gene stability.** Four different statistical algorithms, geNorm, delta-CT, NormFinder and BestKeeper, were used to compare the gene expression and stability of the 16 candidate reference genes.
- **Supplementary figure 5: Ct values of 16 reference genes in NF48 brain exposed to thyroid ( $T_3$ ).** Variation of 16 reference genes mRNA expression (Ct) assessed using RT-qPCR **(A)** Control vs T3 vs NH3 (T3 antagonist). **(B)** Variation of 16 candidate genes RNA expression during different series of experimental conditions Control vs T3, Control vs T3 vs NH3 (T3 antagonist) and, Control vs T3 vs NH3 (T3 antagonist) vs Triclosan. **(C)** Analysis using four different statistical algorithms, geNorm, delta-CT, NormFinder and BestKeeper on series of different experimental conditions. **(D)** Pairwise Variation (V) analysis using geNorm of 16 reference genes on series of different experimental conditions.
- **Supplementary Table 1:** Primers for gene expression (RT-qPCR). See material and methods

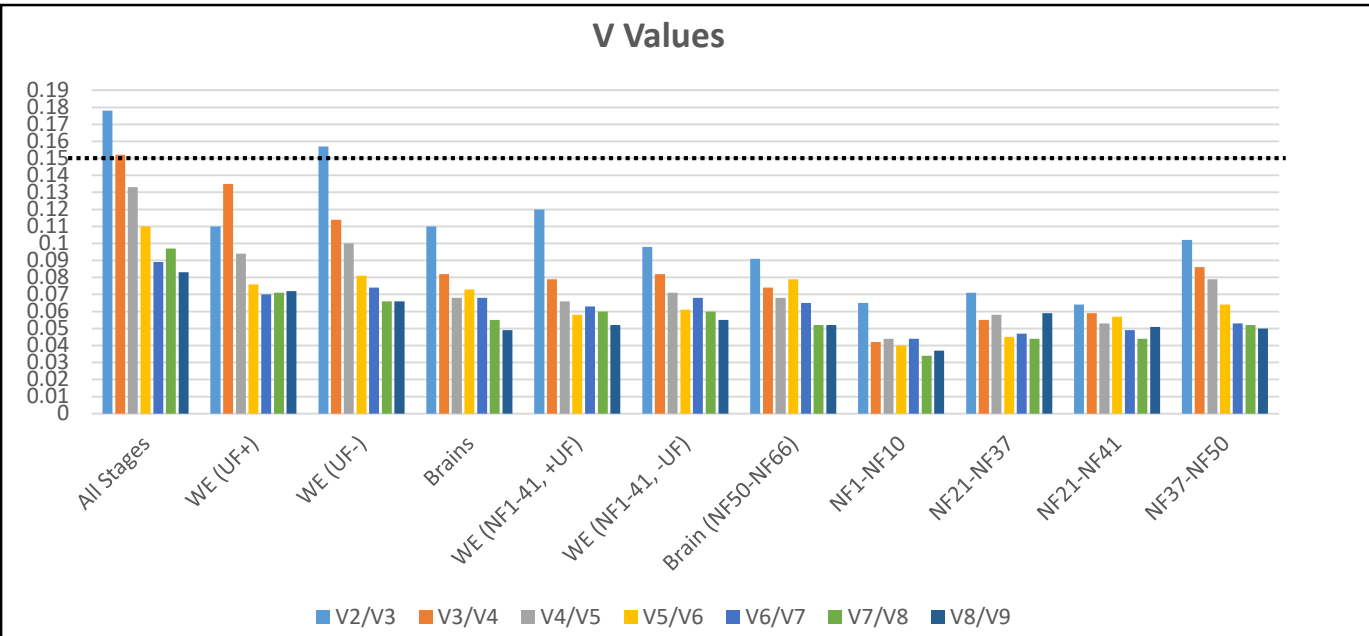


Rank	Whole embryo + Oocyte			Whole embryo - Oocyte			Brain		
	Gene	Mean	Std Deviation	Gene	Mean	Std Deviation	Gene	Mean	Std Deviation
1	odc1.L	21.16	0.5408	odc1.L	21.08	0.535	sub1.L	24.93	0.4564
2	mcts1.L	24.74	0.592	mcts1.L	24.77	0.6279	mtch.2	22.13	0.5497
3	ppp1ca.L	22.61	0.6427	ppp1ca.L	22.55	0.6674	slc35b1.L	25.92	0.5684
4	ralb.S	23.45	0.7096	ralb.S	23.36	0.7183	eef1a1.S	17.83	0.5774
5	lpcat3.S	25.08	0.7778	lpcat3.S	25	0.7951	clta.L	22.94	0.5981
6	ube2m.S	23.4	0.817	ube2m.S	23.28	0.8066	lpcat3.S	25.65	0.6048
7	slc35b1.L	25.03	0.8563	sub1.L	25.18	0.8398	mcts1.L	24.28	0.6065
8	prcp.S	25.49	0.8603	slc35b1.L	24.92	0.8573	cox7b.S	24.44	0.6624
9	sub1.L	25.33	0.8794	prcp.S	25.37	0.8616	prcp.S	25.86	0.7009
10	clta.L	24.45	1.141	clta.L	24.27	1.106	cfl1.S	20.28	0.7162
11	cox7b.S	25.28	1.153	cox7b.S	25.22	1.226	ube2m.S	22.11	0.7231
12	mlf2.S	25.09	1.257	mlf2.S	24.95	1.28	mlf2.S	22.78	0.7612
13	mtch.2	23.15	1.277	mtch.2	23.02	1.311	ralb.S	22.19	0.8204
14	cfl1.S	22.61	1.405	cfl1.S	22.51	1.472	ppp1ca.L	23.54	0.9991
15	tm9s4.L	23.61	2.213	tm9s4.L	23.09	1.608	odc1.L	22.45	1.159
16	eef1a1.S	18.76	2.596	eef1a1.S	18.12	2.085	tm9s4.L	22.64	1.488

**Supplementary figure 2: (A)** Ranking of genes' Ct variation across the different developmental stages in whole embryos during early developmental stages and in brain during metamorphic stages. **(B)** Variation of 16 candidate genes RNA expression during different individual stages (whole embryo) using RT-qPCR. **(C)** Variation of 16 candidate genes RNA expression during different individual stages (metamorphic brains) using RT-qPCR.







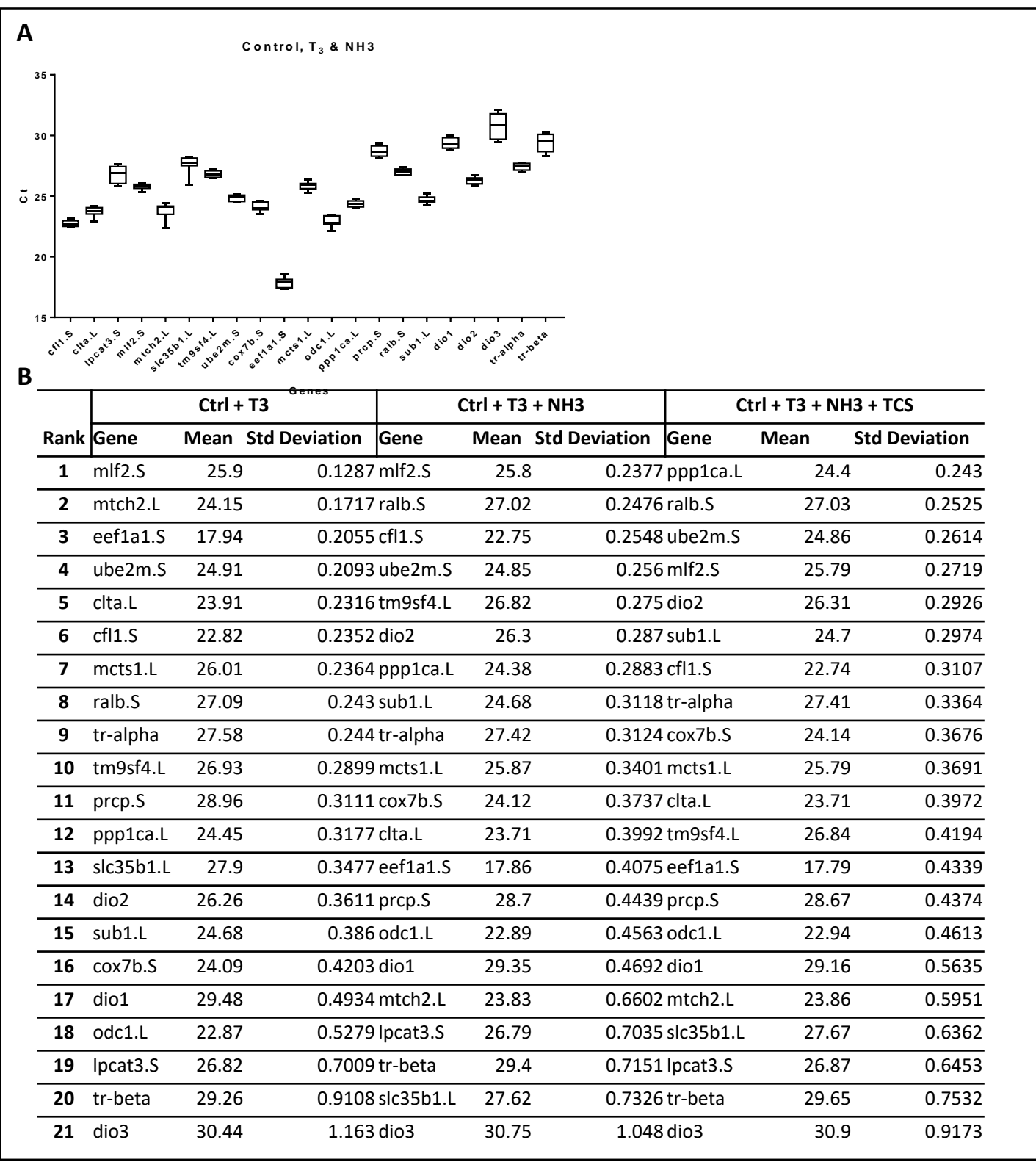
**Supplementary figure 3:** Pairwise Variation (V) analysis using geNorm of 16 reference genes in whole embryos during early developmental stages and in brain during metamorphic stages

Sample group	geNorm			Delta CT		NormFinder		BestKeeper		
	Rank	Gene	Stability value	Genes	Average of STDEV	Gene	Stability Value	Gene	CV (%Ct)	SD (±Ct)
All samples (Whole embryos + brains)	1	clta.L	0.53	sub1.L	0.91	sub1.L	0.121	clta.L	6.32	1.36
	2	ube2m.S	0.543	mtch2.L	1.02	mtch2.L	0.502	clta.L	4.09	0.97
	3	mtch2.L	0.558	ube2m.S	1.05	ube2m.S	0.562	lpcat3.S	2.27	0.57
	4	sub1.L	0.623	mcts1.L	1.05	mcts1.L	0.598	mif2.S	5.29	1.27
	5	cox7b.S	0.678	clta.L	1.05	clta.L	0.602	mtch2.L	4.28	0.97
	6	ralb.S	0.714	prcp.S	1.07	cox7b.S	0.627	slc35b1.L	2.46	0.63
	7	mcts1.L	0.728	cox7b.S	1.08	ralb.S	0.629	tm9s4.L	5.6	1.3
	8	prcp.S	0.769	lpcat3.S	1.08	prcp.S	0.636	ube2m.S	3.52	0.8
	9	lpcat3.S	0.793	ralb.S	1.09	lpcat3.S	0.675	cox7b.S	3.47	0.86
	10	slc35b1.L	0.836	slc35b1.L	1.2	slc35b1.L	0.862	eef1a1.S	7.63	1.4
	11	mif2.S	0.899	ppp1ca.L	1.32	ppp1ca.L	1.054	mcts1.L	2.01	0.49
	12	cf1.S	0.942	mif2.S	1.32	mif2.S	1.064	odc1.L	3.56	0.77
	13	ppp1ca.L	0.989	cf1.S	1.39	cf1.S	1.161	ppp1ca.L	2.96	0.68
	14	odc1.L	1.058	odc1.L	1.57	odc1.L	1.387	prcp.S	2.57	0.66
	15	eef1a1.S	1.155	eef1a1.S	1.77	eef1a1.S	1.547	ralb.S	3.71	0.85
	16	tm9s4.L	1.235	tm9s4.L	1.8	tm9s4.L	1.581	sub1.L	2.34	0.59
Whole Embryos (including unfertilised egg)	1	prcp.S	0.361	sub1.L	0.76	sub1.L	0.175	cf1.S	5.3	1.2
	2	sub1.L	0.362	lpcat3.S	0.81	clta.L	0.335	clta.L	4.05	0.99
	3	lpcat3.S	0.366	prcp.S	0.83	ube2m.S	0.341	lpcat3.S	2.6	0.65
	4	slc35b1.L	0.468	ube2m.S	0.84	lpcat3.S	0.369	mif2.S	4.24	1.06
	5	ppp1ca.L	0.497	clta.L	0.85	prcp.S	0.369	mtch2.L	4.98	1.15
	6	ube2m.S	0.517	slc35b1.L	0.86	slc35b1.L	0.428	slc35b1.L	2.86	0.72
	7	ralb.S	0.538	ppp1ca.L	0.91	mif2.S	0.568	tm9s4.L	6.32	1.49
	8	clta.L	0.568	ralb.S	0.93	ppp1ca.L	0.569	ube2m.S	3.09	0.72
	9	mif2.S	0.606	mtch2.L	0.96	ralb.S	0.593	cox7b.S	3.92	0.99
	10	cox7b.S	0.637	mif2.S	0.96	mtch2.L	0.605	eef1a1.S	11.66	2.19
	11	mtch2.L	0.657	cox7b.S	0.97	cox7b.S	0.674	mcts1.L	1.86	0.46
	12	mcts1.L	0.683	mcts1.L	1.05	mcts1.L	0.826	odc1.L	2.2	0.47
	13	cf1.S	0.712	cf1.S	1.1	cf1.S	0.851	ppp1ca.L	2.34	0.53
	14	odc1.L	0.748	odc1.L	1.12	odc1.L	0.876	prcp.S	2.94	0.75
	15	tm9s4.L	0.905	tm9s4.L	1.92	tm9s4.L	1.759	ralb.S	2.42	0.57
	16	eef1a1.S	1.066	eef1a1.S	2.19	eef1a1.S	2.081	sub1.L	3.04	0.77
Whole Embryos (minus unfertilised egg)	1	slc35b1.L	0.39	sub1.L	0.7	sub1.L	0.057	cf1.S	5.64	1.27
	2	ppp1ca.L	0.404	lpcat3.S	0.76	lpcat3.S	0.338	clta.L	3.95	0.96
	3	sub1.L	0.435	clta.L	0.79	clta.L	0.352	lpcat3.S	2.68	0.67
	4	lpcat3.S	0.469	prcp.S	0.79	ube2m.S	0.373	mif2.S	4.22	1.05
	5	prcp.S	0.502	ube2m.S	0.8	prcp.S	0.397	mtch2.L	5.22	1.2
	6	ube2m.S	0.53	slc35b1.L	0.81	slc35b1.L	0.446	slc35b1.L	2.87	0.71
	7	ralb.S	0.555	ppp1ca.L	0.85	ppp1ca.L	0.544	tm9s4.L	4.54	1.05
	8	mcts1.L	0.577	ralb.S	0.9	mif2.S	0.61	ube2m.S	2.97	0.69
	9	clta.L	0.603	mif2.S	0.93	ralb.S	0.613	cox7b.S	4.31	1.09
	10	cox7b.S	0.637	cox7b.S	0.93	cox7b.S	0.659	eef1a1.S	8.78	1.59
	11	mtch2.L	0.669	mtch2.L	0.93	mtch2.L	0.661	mcts1.L	1.99	0.49
	12	mif2.S	0.693	mcts1.L	0.94	mcts1.L	0.686	odc1.L	2.05	0.43
	13	cf1.S	0.728	cf1.S	1.09	cf1.S	0.898	ppp1ca.L	2.44	0.55
	14	odc1.L	0.769	odc1.L	1.11	odc1.L	0.914	prcp.S	2.99	0.76
	15	tm9s4.L	0.854	tm9s4.L	1.41	tm9s4.L	1.231	ralb.S	2.5	0.58
	16	eef1a1.S	0.97	eef1a1.S	1.79	eef1a1.S	1.674	sub1.L	2.89	0.73
Brains (NF41-NF66)	1	lpcat3.S	0.319	mcts1.L	0.59	mcts1.L	0.211	cf1.S	2.98	0.61
	2	mcts1.L	0.331	mtch2.L	0.61	mtch2.L	0.237	clta.L	2.08	0.48
	3	mtch2.L	0.341	lpcat3.S	0.62	lpcat3.S	0.248	lpcat3.S	1.84	0.47
	4	sub1.L	0.359	sub1.L	0.62	sub1.L	0.257	mif2.S	2.76	0.63
	5	slc35b1.L	0.378	slc35b1.L	0.64	slc35b1.L	0.306	mtch2.L	2.07	0.46
	6	clta.L	0.418	clta.L	0.68	clta.L	0.411	slc35b1.L	1.74	0.45
	7	cf1.S	0.453	prcp.S	0.7	prcp.S	0.446	tm9s4.L	4.12	0.93
	8	mif2.S	0.467	cf1.S	0.72	ralb.S	0.467	ube2m.S	2.78	0.61
	9	ube2m.S	0.482	ralb.S	0.73	cf1.S	0.471	cox7b.S	2.02	0.49
	10	prcp.S	0.505	mif2.S	0.74	mif2.S	0.503	eef1a1.S	2.62	0.47
	11	ralb.S	0.523	eef1a1.S	0.75	eef1a1.S	0.507	mcts1.L	1.86	0.45
	12	eef1a1.S	0.547	ube2m.S	0.76	ube2m.S	0.538	odc1.L	4.28	0.96
	13	cox7b.S	0.575	cox7b.S	0.81	cox7b.S	0.592	ppp1ca.L	3.12	0.73
	14	ppp1ca.L	0.627	ppp1ca.L	0.98	ppp1ca.L	0.823	prcp.S	2.12	0.55
	15	odc1.L	0.691	odc1.L	1.17	odc1.L	1.071	ralb.S	2.62	0.58
	16	tm9s4.L	0.786	tm9s4.L	1.45	tm9s4.L	1.377	sub1.L	1.38	0.34

**Supplementary figure 4: Comparison of 4 different statistical algorithms used to calculate reference gene stability.** Four different statistical algorithms, geNorm, delta-CT, NormFinder and BestKeeper, were used to compare the gene expression and stability of the 16 candidate reference genes.







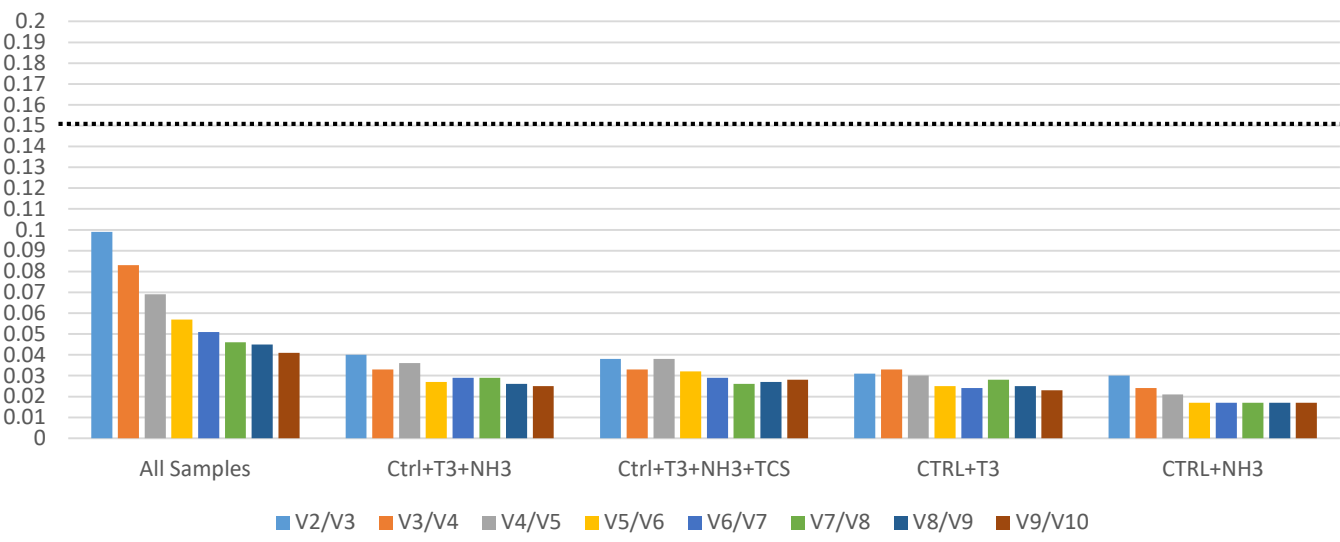
**Supplementary figure 5: Ct values of 16 reference genes in NF48 brain exposed to thyroid (T<sub>3</sub>).** Variation of 16 reference genes mRNA expression (Ct) assessed using RT-qPCR (A) Control vs T3 vs NH3 (T3 antagonist). (B) Variation of 16 candidate genes RNA expression during different series of experimental conditions Control vs T3, Control vs T3 vs NH3 (T3 antagonist) and, Control vs T3 vs NH3 (T3 antagonist) vs Triclosan. (C) Analysis using four different statistical algorithms, geNorm, delta-CT, NormFinder and BestKeeper on series of different experimental conditions.

C

Sample group	Rank	geNorm		Delta CT		NormFinder		BestKeeper		
		Gene	Stability value	Genes	Average of STDEV	Gene	Stability Value	Gene	CV (%Ct)	SD ( $\pm$ Ct)
Control + T3 + NH3	1	ralb.S	0.12	ube2m.S	0.35	cf1.S	0.022	cf1.S	0.95	0.22
	2	ube2m.S	0.122	cf1.S	0.36	ube2m.S	0.057	cta.L	1.12	0.27
	3	mf2.S	0.126	ralb.S	0.36	ralb.S	0.125	lpcat3.S	2.22	0.6
	4	cf1.S	0.139	mf2.S	0.38	sub1.L	0.158	mf2.S	0.72	0.19
	5	tm9sf4.L	0.161	tm9sf4.L	0.39	tm9sf4.L	0.171	mtch2.L	2.02	0.48
	6	ppp1ca.L	0.169	sub1.L	0.39	mf2.S	0.183	slc35b1.L	1.69	0.47
	7	sub1.L	0.186	ppp1ca.L	0.4	ppp1ca.L	0.188	tm9sf4.L	0.84	0.23
	8	cox7b.S	0.204	eef1a1.S	0.41	cox7b.S	0.203	ube2m.S	0.9	0.22
	9	dio2	0.219	cox7b.S	0.41	eef1a1.S	0.208	cox7b.S	1.27	0.31
	10	odc1.L	0.232	mcts1.L	0.43	odc1.L	0.248	eef1a1.S	1.79	0.32
	11	eef1a1.S	0.246	cta.L	0.43	cta.L	0.249	mcts1.L	0.98	0.25
	12	mcts1.L	0.257	odc1.L	0.44	mcts1.L	0.27	odc1.L	1.58	0.36
	13	cta.L	0.272	dio2	0.46	dio2	0.306	ppp1ca.L	1.05	0.26
	14	tr-alpha	0.294	prcp.S	0.52	prcp.S	0.405	prcp.S	1.27	0.37
	15	prcp.S	0.31	tr-alpha	0.53	tr-alpha	0.434	ralb.S	0.74	0.2
	16	dio1	0.336	mtch2.L	0.6	mtch2.L	0.489	sub1.L	0.98	0.24
	17	mtch2.L	0.362	dio1	0.62	lpcat3.S	0.533	dio1	1.41	0.41
	18	slc35b1.L	0.39	slc35b1.L	0.65	slc35b1.L	0.541	dio2	0.84	0.22
	19	lpcat3.S	0.415	lpcat3.S	0.65	dio1	0.548	dio3	2.9	0.89
	20	tr-beta	0.45	tr-beta	0.76	tr-beta	0.677	tr-alpha	0.99	0.27
	21	dio3	0.502	dio3	0.99	dio3	0.951	tr-beta	2	0.59
Sample group	Rank	Gene	Stability value	Genes	Average of STDEV	Gene	Stability Value	Gene	CV (%Ct)	SD ( $\pm$ Ct)
Control + T3 + NH + TCS	1	ube2m.S	0.125	ube2m.S	0.34	cf1.S	0.057	cf1.S	1.15	0.26
	2	ralb.S	0.127	cf1.S	0.34	ube2m.S	0.065	cta.L	1.23	0.29
	3	mf2.S	0.128	ralb.S	0.35	ralb.S	0.118	lpcat3.S	2.08	0.56
	4	cf1.S	0.14	mf2.S	0.35	sub1.L	0.142	mf2.S	0.86	0.22
	5	sub1.L	0.167	sub1.L	0.37	mf2.S	0.155	mtch2.L	1.87	0.45
	6	cox7b.S	0.184	cox7b.S	0.38	cox7b.S	0.169	slc35b1.L	1.47	0.41
	7	dio2	0.199	cta.L	0.39	cta.L	0.209	tm9sf4.L	1.21	0.32
	8	ppp1ca.L	0.21	eef1a1.S	0.41	odc1.L	0.226	ube2m.S	0.94	0.23
	9	odc1.L	0.223	ppp1ca.L	0.41	ppp1ca.L	0.229	cox7b.S	1.32	0.32
	10	eef1a1.S	0.241	odc1.L	0.41	eef1a1.S	0.241	eef1a1.S	1.92	0.34
	11	mcts1.L	0.254	mcts1.L	0.42	dio2	0.254	mcts1.L	1.12	0.29
	12	cta.L	0.264	dio2	0.42	tm9sf4.L	0.269	odc1.L	1.74	0.4
	13	tm9sf4.L	0.273	tm9sf4.L	0.43	mcts1.L	0.278	ppp1ca.L	0.81	0.2
	14	prcp.S	0.289	prcp.S	0.47	prcp.S	0.352	prcp.S	1.26	0.36
	15	tr-alpha	0.301	tr-alpha	0.49	tr-alpha	0.379	ralb.S	0.76	0.21
	16	mtch2.L	0.323	mtch2.L	0.52	mtch2.L	0.41	sub1.L	0.97	0.24
	17	slc35b1.L	0.347	slc35b1.L	0.57	slc35b1.L	0.462	dio1	1.49	0.43
	18	lpcat3.S	0.369	lpcat3.S	0.58	lpcat3.S	0.468	dio2	0.91	0.24
	19	dio1	0.391	dio1	0.64	dio1	0.584	dio3	2.46	0.76
	20	tr-beta	0.431	tr-beta	0.78	tr-beta	0.711	tr-alpha	1.07	0.29
	21	dio3	0.475	dio3	0.89	dio3	0.842	tr-beta	1.97	0.58
Sample group	Rank	Gene	Stability value	Genes	Average of STDEV	Gene	Stability Value	Gene	CV (%Ct)	SD ( $\pm$ Ct)
Control + T3	1	eef1a1.S	0.091	ube2m.S	0.33	cf1.S	0.047	cf1.S	0.77	0.18
	2	ube2m.S	0.096	cf1.S	0.34	ube2m.S	0.079	cta.L	0.84	0.2
	3	mf2.S	0.098	eef1a1.S	0.34	sub1.L	0.119	lpcat3.S	2.16	0.58
	4	ralb.S	0.12	mf2.S	0.34	slc35b1.L	0.123	mf2.S	0.37	0.09
	5	cta.L	0.138	ralb.S	0.35	eef1a1.S	0.136	mtch2.L	0.46	0.11
	6	cf1.S	0.15	slc35b1.L	0.37	ralb.S	0.141	slc35b1.L	1.03	0.29
	7	mtch2.L	0.161	cta.L	0.37	mf2.S	0.158	tm9sf4.L	0.87	0.23
	8	slc35b1.L	0.182	sub1.L	0.37	cox7b.S	0.166	ube2m.S	0.58	0.14
	9	sub1.L	0.199	mtch2.L	0.37	mtch2.L	0.174	cox7b.S	1.37	0.33
	10	tm9sf4.L	0.211	tm9sf4.L	0.38	tm9sf4.L	0.185	eef1a1.S	0.81	0.15
	11	cox7b.S	0.221	cox7b.S	0.38	cta.L	0.201	mcts1.L	0.59	0.15
	12	ppp1ca.L	0.23	ppp1ca.L	0.4	ppp1ca.L	0.224	odc1.L	1.72	0.39
	13	dio2	0.239	dio2	0.41	dio2	0.232	ppp1ca.L	1.08	0.26
	14	mcts1.L	0.248	mcts1.L	0.41	odc1.L	0.28	prcp.S	0.85	0.25
	15	prcp.S	0.261	odc1.L	0.45	mcts1.L	0.284	ralb.S	0.66	0.18
	16	odc1.L	0.273	prcp.S	0.46	prcp.S	0.351	sub1.L	1.18	0.29
	17	tr-alpha	0.29	tr-alpha	0.51	tr-alpha	0.436	dio1	1.39	0.41
	18	lpcat3.S	0.329	lpcat3.S	0.68	lpcat3.S	0.592	dio2	1.11	0.29
	19	dio1	0.364	dio1	0.75	dio1	0.719	dio3	3.18	0.97
	20	tr-beta	0.41	tr-beta	0.81	tr-beta	0.748	tr-alpha	0.61	0.17
	21	dio3	0.468	dio3	1.02	dio3	0.99	tr-beta	2.65	0.78
Sample group	Rank	Gene	Stability value	Genes	Average of STDEV	Gene	Stability Value	Gene	CV (%Ct)	SD ( $\pm$ Ct)
Control + NH3	1	ube2m.S	0.054	cf1.S	0.26	cf1.S	0.042	cf1.S	1.14	0.26
	2	cox7b.S	0.055	ube2m.S	0.27	odc1.L	0.048	cta.L	1.46	0.35
	3	cf1.S	0.067	cox7b.S	0.27	ube2m.S	0.094	lpcat3.S	2.05	0.55
	4	ralb.S	0.085	odc1.L	0.27	cox7b.S	0.1	mf2.S	0.88	0.23
	5	sub1.L	0.096	ralb.S	0.28	sub1.L	0.128	mtch2.L	2.79	0.66
	6	mf2.S	0.104	sub1.L	0.28	ralb.S	0.134	slc35b1.L	2.37	0.65
	7	odc1.L	0.113	mf2.S	0.3	cta.L	0.171	tm9sf4.L	0.85	0.23
	8	mcts1.L	0.122	mcts1.L	0.31	tm9sf4.L	0.178	ube2m.S	1.02	0.25
	9	ppp1ca.L	0.134	tm9sf4.L	0.31	mf2.S	0.187	cox7b.S	1.09	0.27
	10	tm9sf4.L	0.145	ppp1ca.L	0.32	mcts1.L	0.194	eef1a1.S	2.27	0.41
	11	dio2	0.165	cta.L	0.34	ppp1ca.L	0.196	mcts1.L	1.12	0.29
	12	tr-alpha	0.183	prcp.S	0.37	eef1a1.S	0.256	odc1.L	1.42	0.33
	13	tr-beta	0.2	eef1a1.S	0.38	prcp.S	0.259	ppp1ca.L	1	0.25
	14	prcp.S	0.214	dio2	0.38	tr-beta	0.309	prcp.S	1.08	0.31
	15	cta.L	0.227	tr-beta	0.4	dio2	0.314	ralb.S	0.79	0.21
	16	eef1a1.S	0.243	tr-alpha	0.41	dio1	0.341	sub1.L	0.83	0.21
	17	dio1	0.257	dio1	0.43	tr-alpha	0.361	dio1	0.71	0.21
	18	dio3	0.283	dio3	0.49	dio3	0.396	dio2	0.47	0.13
	19	lpcat3.S	0.309	lpcat3.S	0.51	lpcat3.S	0.434	dio3	1.59	0.5
	20	mtch2.L	0.337	mtch2.L	0.57	mtch2.L	0.52	tr-alpha	0.69	0.19
	21	slc35b1.L	0.374	slc35b1.L	0.72	slc35b1.L	0.694	tr-beta	0.97	0.29

D

V Values



# Supplementary table 1

Primers for gene expression (RT-qPCR)

Gene	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Exon	Length (bp)	Efficiency	Slope (R <sup>2</sup> )
clta.L	GGGATGGGCGCTCAGATACT	GTCAGCGTGTGAAATGGCTG	E2-E3J	92	93.599	0.984
cfl1.S	TCGTTCTCTCGCTGAAGACTC	CCATCACACCAGAGGCCATTTT	E1-E2J	88	102.668	0.996
mlf2.S	CATGCGGCACATGTTCTCTG	GTCACGGCTCCTTGCTGTAT	E4-E5J	120	104.016	0.981
tm9sf4.L	TGAGGTTGTGTGCGGGA	GGTTATCCGCTATCAGGTGAA	E4-E5J	114	93.713	0.995
lpcat3.S	CAGTGATGATTGTACACCACTCC	ATGCCCTCCCTCAAGTCAA	E13J-UTR	122	121.422	0.947
slc35b1.L	CGCATTCCAACAGGCTCC	CAAGAAGTCCCAGAGCTCGC	E7-E8	107	97.972	0.932
mtch2.L	TCGCACCCGATGATGTATGT	TGATGTGTTTGGCATAGGAGA	E2-E3J	133	100.694	0.994
ube2m.S	AGAGAGGACTGGAAGCCTGT	CGGGTCTTCAGGATTGGCT	E5-E6	87	91.468	0.964
ppp1ca.L	ACGAGTCTCTCATGTGCTCC	CAGAGCTGGGAGGGGTCATT	E4-E5	140	92.59	0.997
sub1.L	AGCAGGAGAAATGAAGCCAGG	CCGACATCTGCTCCTTCAGT	E4-E5	80	97.972	0.973
mcts1.L	CACTGAGACTGCTTCACAAATATCC	TGATGTTAGCGCCACTCAGG	E4J-E5	106	116.719	0.956
ralb.S	CCACTGCCGAGTTCAGGGAA	CCAGATCGGATTGTTGCC	E4J-E5	90	107.707	0.985
cox7b.S	GGGTTATGTTATTACACAGACTGG c	ACAGGATTAACGCATAAAAAGGTAT	E3-UTR	132	96.615	0.97
prcp.S	AGTCTTACCACCCACTGGA	CGACATCCCACATAAACCTGTA	E3-E4J	110	95.233	0.994
eef1a1.S	TGGATATGCCCTGTGTTGGATT	TCCACGCACATTGGCTTTCCT	(Fini et al. 2012; Dubois et al. 2006)			
odc1.S	TGAAAACATGGGTGCCTACA	AAGTTCATTCCGCTCTCCT				
dio1	CAGCAGATGAATGGGCATTGA	TGTCTAACACTACTGGCAAGAAGGT				
dio2	CAAATCCAGCCAGAGAGTCAATGG	TGACCTGCTTGAGGCATCCA				
dio3	CACAAAAAGTGCACCAAACG	GCCTTGTTGCAGTTTACT				
tr-alpha	CGCCTTGGTCTCTTCGGAT	CCAGAAGTGGGAATGTTGTGTT				
tr-beta	AAGAGTGGTTGATTTTGCCAAAA	AGGGACATGATCTCCATACAACAG				

**Supplementary Table 1:** Primers for gene expression (RT-qPCR). See material and methods