**Supplementary** **Table 8**: Summary of rankings across developmental stages by sex.

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| Ranking | Male |  |  | Female |  |  |
|  | BestKeeper | NormFinder | GeNorm | BestKeeper | NormFinder | GeNorm |
| 1 | *Sdha* | *Rpl37* | *Actb/Pgk1* | *Sdha* | *Hprt1* | *Sdha/Gapdh* |
| 2 | *Actb* | *Rpl38* | *-* | *Gapdh* | *Sdha* | *-* |
| 3 | *Gapdh* | *Gapdh* | *Sdha* | *Rpl37* | *Rpl38* | *Hprt1* |
| 4 | *Rpl37* | *Hprt1* | *Gapdh* | *Rpl38* | *Actb* | *Actb* |
| 5 | *Hprt1* | *Sdha* | *Hprt1* | *Pgk1* | *Gapdh* | *Pgk1* |
| 6 | *Pgk1* | *Pgk1* | *Rpl37* | *Hprt1* | *Pgk1* | *RpL38* |
| 7 | *Eef2* | *Actb* | *RpL38* | *Actb* | *Rpl38* | *RpL37* |
| 8 | *Rpl38* | *Ppia* | *Ppia* | *Ppia* | *Eef2* | *Ppia* |
| 9 | *Ppia* | *Eef2* | *Eef2* | *Eef2* | *Ppia* | *Eef2* |
| 10 | *Eif3f* | *Eif3f* | *Eif3f* | *Eif3f* | *Eif3f* | *Eif3f* |