**Figure S1.** Candidate reference genes with the highest stability as determined by different algorithms, at each sampling date, and for sampling dates combined. The numbers in each cell represent the stability value calculated by each algorithm.

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| **Sample date** | **Comprehensive** | **Genorm** | **BestKeeper** | **NormFinder** |
| Nov-08 | Hprt1 1.19 | Hprt1/Beta 0.81 | TATA 0.578 | TATA 0.30 |
| Jan-09 | EF1α 1.32 | Ef1α /Hprt1 2.03 | TATA 0.76 | Ef1α 1.01 |
| Feb-09 | TATA 1.19 | TATA/Hprt1 0.89 | TATA 1.023 | TATA 0.33 |
| Mar-09 | TATA 1.56 | TATA/Hprt1 0.95 | TATA 0.82 | TATA 1.24 |
| Apr-09 | TATA 1.0 | TATA/Hprt1 0.57 | TATA 1.12 | TATA 0.28 |
| All data | TATA 1.41 | TATA/Ef1α 2.462 | TATA 1.05 | Hprt1 1.12 |