

**Supplementary Table 1** Primers used for quantitative LightCycler PCR

Target gene	Sequence (5'- 3')	Position
<b>ZEBRA</b>		
Forward	CgCACACggAAACCACAACAgC	90396-90375
Reverse	gAAgCgACCTCACggTAgTg	90046-90053 / 90138-90149
<b>PK</b>		
Forward	gCTgACTCCACCCACAAAAT	110390-110371
Reverse	gAggTCAggCCCATgTCTAA	110236-110255
<b>TK</b>		
Forward	AgCTgAAgCggCTAAgTgggA	131869-131849
Reverse	AggCAggTTTgATTACTggTACA	131720-131742
<b>VCAp18</b>		
Forward	CCAACgCgCCATgACAAGg	49429-49448
Reverse	gAggCTgCTAATAgTgAAgAAACA	49629-49605
<i>Housekeeping gene</i>		
<b>U1A snRNP</b>		
Forward	CAGTATgCCAAGACCgACTCAgA	-----
Reverse	ggCCCggCATgTggTgCATAA	-----

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