**Supplementary Table S8.** Descriptive statistics of three candidate housekeeping genes based on their crossing point (CP)

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| Factor a |  | *UBQ* | *CAP* | *GADPH* |
| N |  | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| GM [CP] |  | 22.70 | 25.30 | 21.63 |
| AM [CP] |  | 22.71 | 25.32 | 21.65 |
| Min [CP] |  | 20.97 | 22.82 | 20.04 |
| Max [CP] |  | 24.14 | 27.26 | 22.94 |
| SD [± CP] |  | 0.68 | 0.76 | 0.70 |
| CV [± CP] |  | 3.00 | 3.01 | 3.25 |

a N: the number of samples; GM [CP]: the geometric mean of CP; AM [CP]: the arithmetic mean of CP; Min [CP] and Max [CP]: the extreme values of CP; SD [CP]: the standard deviation of CP; CV [CP]: coefficient of variation expressed as a percentage of the CP level.