

Supplementary Material

Hydropriming and biopriming improve *Medicago truncatula* seed germination and upregulate DNA repair and antioxidant genes

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Table 1. List of oligonucleotides used for the *q*RT-PCR analysis. For each gene the Phytozome (<https://phytozome.jgi.doe.gov/pz/portal.html>) repository accession is indicated. The oligonucleotides were designed using Primer3 (<http://primer3.ut.ee/>) and subsequently checked for sequence specificity with NCBI BLAST (https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch) while primers physical characteristics were analysed using IDT OligoAnalyzer Tool (<https://eu.idtdna.com/pages/tools/oligoanalyzer>).

Gene	Accession	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')	Efficiency
<i>OGG1</i>	Medtr3g088 510	AAACACCGCACCTTCTCA AT	TGTGGAGATGTTTGAGGG AA	1.73
<i>FPG</i>	Medtr2g126 800	TCCTTTCAATTCGGTATGG C	GCTCCAAACCATCGTCTA GC	1.76
<i>SOD</i>	Medtr7g114 240	CCTGAGGATGAGACTCGA CA	GAACAACAACAGCCCTT CCT	1.79
<i>APX</i>	Medtr4g061 140	AGCTCAGAGGTTTCATCG CT	CGAAAGGACCACCAGTC TTT	1.76
<i>MT2</i>	Medtr8g060 850	CATGTCAAGCTCATGCGG CAAC	TGCCGTAGTTGTTTCCCTT CCC	1.72
<i>ACT</i>	Medtr3g095 530	TCAATGTGCCTGCCATGT ATG	ACTCACACCGTCACCAG AATC	1.70
<i>TUB</i>	Medtr7g089 120	TTTGCTCCTCTTACATCCC GTG	GCAGCACACATCATGTTT TTGG	1.82
<i>UBI</i>	Medtr3g091 400	GCAGATAGACACGCTGG GA	AACTCTGGGCAGGCAA TAA	1.81
<i>GADPH</i>	Medtr3g085 850	TGCCTACCGTCGATGTTTC AGT	TTGCCCTCTGATTCCTCCT TG	1.75
<i>ELF1α</i>	Medtr6g021 800	GACAAGCGTGTGATCGAG AGA	TTTCACGCTCAGCCTTAA GCT	1.69

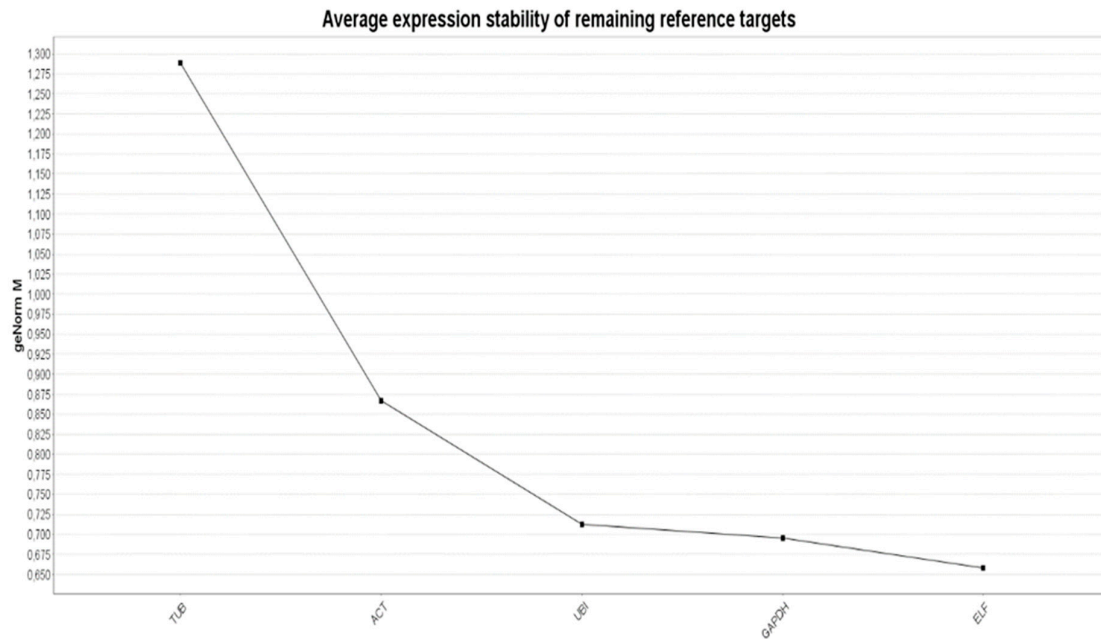


Figure 1. geNorm analysis of reference genes. geNorm is a popular algorithm (<https://genorm.cmgg.be/>) used to determine the most stable reference genes from a set of tested candidate reference. Here, we used the tubulin (*TUB*), actin (*ACT*), ubiquitin (*UBI*), glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (*GAPDH*) and elongation factor 1 α (*ELF*) genes. The gene expression normalization factor (geNorm M) was calculated for each sample based on the geometric mean of the reference genes. The cDNA extracted from seedlings grown from primed and non-primed seeds was used for this analysis. The most stable genes, presenting the lowest geNorm M, were identified as *GAPDH* and *ELF*, and were subsequently used for *qRT-PCR* data normalization, as indicated in Materials & Methods.