

**Supplemental Figure S2** Specificity validation of reference gene amplifications. Melting curve analysis demonstrates single-peak profiles for all candidate reference genes, indicating specific amplification. The y-axis  $(-\Delta F/\Delta T)$  represents the temperature-dependent fluorescence decay rate, with peak temperatures (Tm) corresponding to product denaturation thresholds. The presence of single sharp peaks in melting curve profiles suggests primer specificity, while the absence of secondary peaks indicates no detectable formation of primer-dimers or other nonspecific amplifications.