

## **User's Guide to the Flag Column Tool**

- Open **Flag Column Tool** (file name = flag).
- Flag column data from each Reference probe hybridization are entered in columns B to E. Delete any blank lines at the top of the screen above the data. Also check that the data in the flag columns is actually from the reference probe quantified image data file- sometimes the Background Subtraction macro doesn't take the flag data from this file, so don't just use the data from the flag column in the Background Subtraction file output without checking it.
- A new flag column will be generated which has a "2" in it every time a "2" is encountered in one of the four input columns.
- Tools -> Macro -> Macros -> Flag and press Run.
- When using the **Flag Column Tool**, be sure that the order of clones in each reference probe data file is identical, or you will introduce errors.