**Supplementary table 1.** Sequences of primers used in RT-qPCR assays.

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| Gene | Specific Primer Sequence | Product length |
| β-Actin (HouseKeeping) | F: CATGTACGTTGCTATCCAGGC | 250 bp |
| R: CTCCTTAATGTCACGCACGAT |
| TGF β1 | F: CAATTCCTGGCGATACCTCAG | 86 bp |
| R: GCACAACTCCGGTGACATCAA |
| CUG2 | F: AAGCCTCAACTTCGTCTGGAG | 148 bp |
| R: CACAAGCGTTTGTCCTGGACT |
| TGFBI | F: GTGCGGCTAAAGTCTCTCCA | 121 bp |
| R: CATGGACCACGCATTTTGTG |

TGF β1: transforming growth factor-beta 1, CUG2: cancer upregulated gene, TGFBI: transforming growth factor beta induced