

**Supplemental Table I. Pairs of primers used for SSCP assays and DNA sequencing**

<b>Forward primer (5' to 3')</b>	<b>Reverse primer (5' to 3')</b>	<b>Genomic DNA amplified</b>
TCT CCT AAA TGG CTG GAC A	GAG TGA CCT TTC GTG ATG G	- 896 nt to +1069 nt
TTT ATA ATT GTT TCT TTG AAG G	CTA ATG CAG CAC CCTCTA	Exon 2 to Exon 3
TTT GCT AGG TAA TCA GTT TC	CCC CTT ACA AAA AGT ATA CT	Exon 4 to Exon 5
TGT GAG TAC ATC TGA CTT GT	CCA TTA CTG ACT TAC AGA AA	Exon 6
TGA AAT ATG TCT GTG GTC AT	AAT TGG CAT TCT ATC GAC TT	Exon 7 to Exon 8
ATT GAA TCT CCT AAG TCG AT	CCC ATA AAA GCA ACA TAA TAC	Exon 9 to Exon 11
TGC TTT TAT GGG TCT TAC AG	CTT AGA GGG AAA ATG TAT CT	Exon 12
TTT CCC TTT TGA GCA ATC AT	AAC AAC AAA ATG AGA TAG GTT	Exon 13
CAA GTG TAC TTA TAT TGG CT	GAT TGG TGT GCA TAA TCC A	Exon 14 to Exon 15
GAC AGG TTT ATC TCT GTT TG	CGA CTA ACA ACA ATT TTT GC	Exon 16 to Exon 17
GCT AAT TCA GCC ATT TCT TG	TTT CGC AGC AGC TCG ATT	Exon 18