

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. PRIMER SEQUENCES FOR REAL TIME POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION

<i>Target</i>		<i>Sequence</i>
<i>B-actin</i>	Forward	5'-GGCACCCAGCACAATGAA-3'
	Reverse	5'-GCTAACAGTCCGCCTAGAAGC-3'
<i>Aggrecan</i>	Forward	5'-CACGATGCCTTTCCACCACGAC-3'
	Reverse	5'-TGCGGGTCAACAGTGCCTATC-3'
<i>Type I collagen</i>	Forward	5'-AGGGCCAAGACGAAGACATC-3'
	Reverse	5'-AGATCACGTCATCGCACACA-3'
<i>Type II collagen</i>	Forward	5'-GTGGAGCAGCAAGAGCAAGGA-3'
	Reverse	5'-CTTGCCCCACTTACCAGTGTG-3'
<i>Sox-9</i>	Forward	5'-CGAGGAGGCCCGGAACAGA-3'
	Reverse	5'-GCACCTCGTCATGCCGGAG-3'