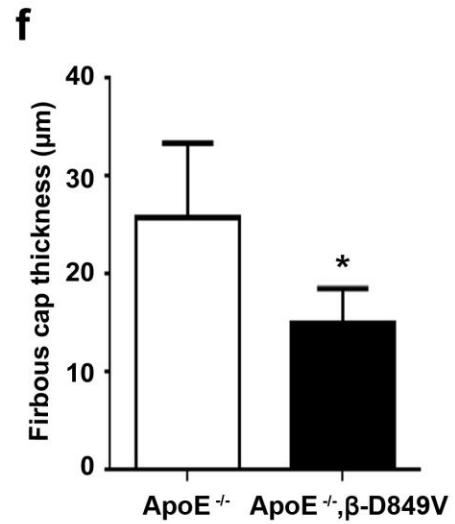
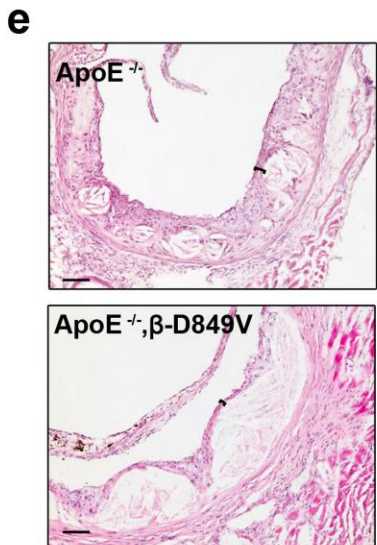
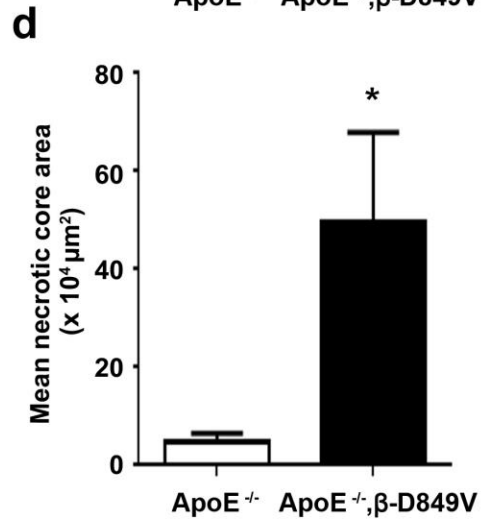
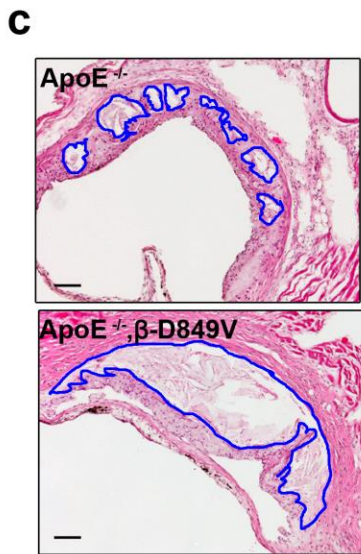
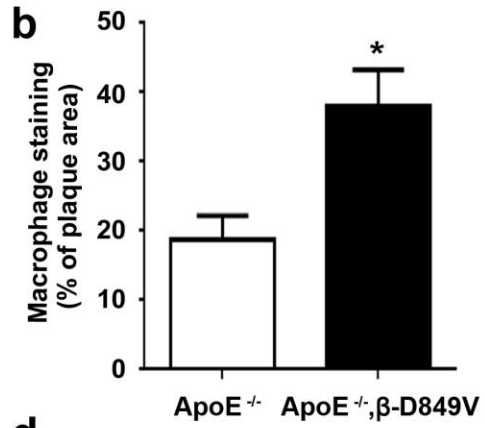
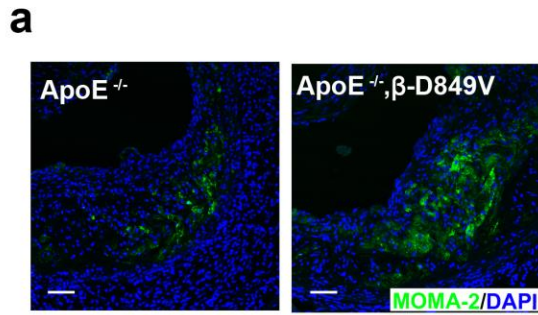
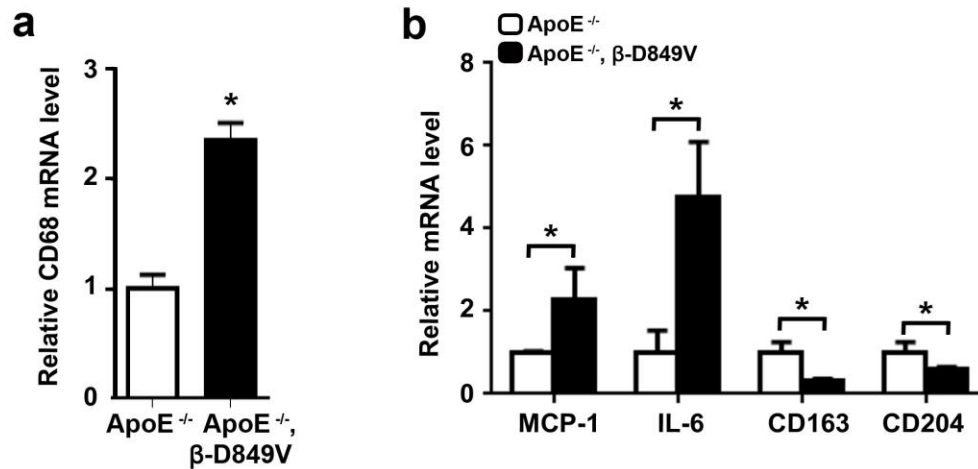


Supplementary Figure 1. Gating strategy for flow cytometry analysis of mouse aorta. Cell suspensions from mouse aorta digested with enzyme cocktail were stained with propidium iodide (PI), anti-CD45 (FITC), anti-CD11b (PerCy5.5), anti-CD19 (APC.Cy7), and anti-CD11c (PE), anti-CD3 (APC), and anti-NK1.1(PE.Cy7) antibodies; numbers in the gate in the top two panels represent the percentage of PI⁻ and CD45⁺ cells of all analyzed cells. The numbers in the bottom five panels represent the percentages of CD11b⁺, CD19⁺, CD11c⁺, CD3⁺ and NK1.1⁺ cells among all PI⁻ CD45⁺ cells.

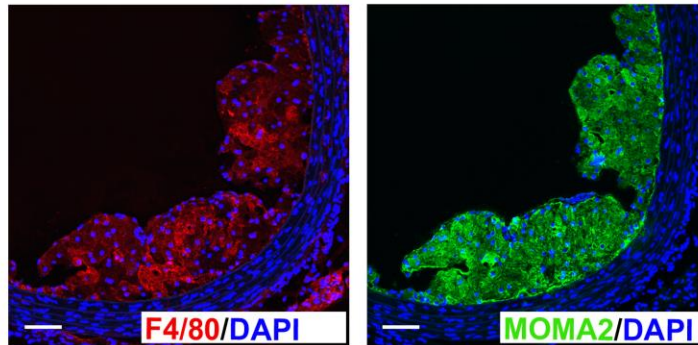


Supplementary Figure 2. Macrophage area, necrotic core area and fibrous cap thickness.

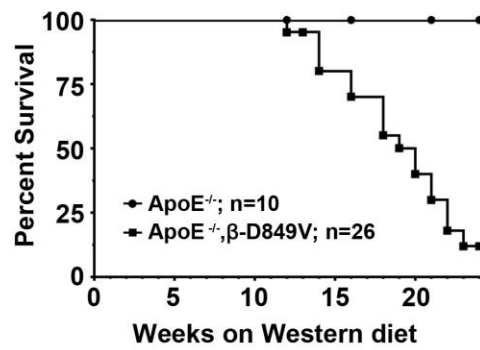
(a) Cross sections from the aortic roots of ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice after 8 weeks of WD were stained with MOMA2 antibody(green). (b) Macrophage staining was quantified from ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice in (a) and expressed as percent of total plaque area (n=6). (c) Representative images of aortic root cross sections from ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice after 16 weeks of WD stained with H&E. Blue lines show the boundary of the necrotic core. (d) Quantification of necrotic core size in aortic roots from mice in (c) (n=7). (e) Representative sections of aortic roots from ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice after 16 weeks of WD stained with H&E. Bracketed regions show a representative measurement of the fibrous cap thickness.(f) Quantitative analysis of fibrous cap thickness in (e) (n=7), All data were assessed using Student's *t*-test and are present as mean ± s.e.m. **P*<0.01. Scale bar, 100μm.



Supplementary Figure 3. Expression of M1 and M2 macrophage markers. (a) RNA was extracted from aortic arches of ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice after 16 weeks of WD. mRNA levels of a common macrophage marker CD68 were measured and normalized to GAPDH by qRT-PCR(n=3). (b) Expression of M1 macrophage markers (MCP-1, IL-6) and M2 macrophage markers (CD163, CD204) in aortic arches of ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice after 16 weeks of WD was quantified and normalized to CD68 expression by qRT-PCR(n=3). **P*<0.05 by Student's *t*-test. All data represent mean ± s.e.m..

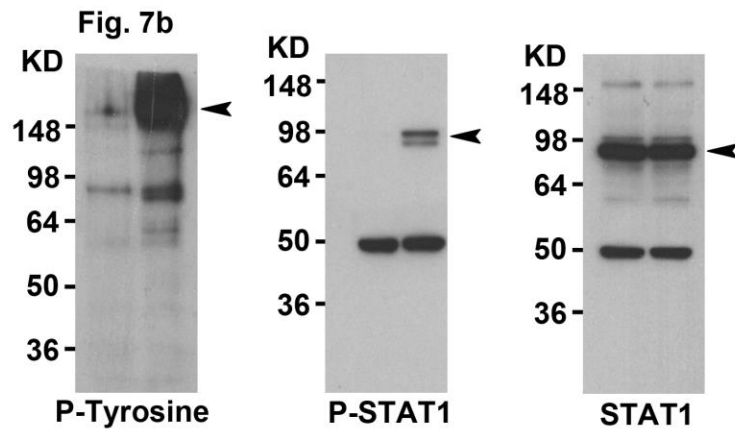
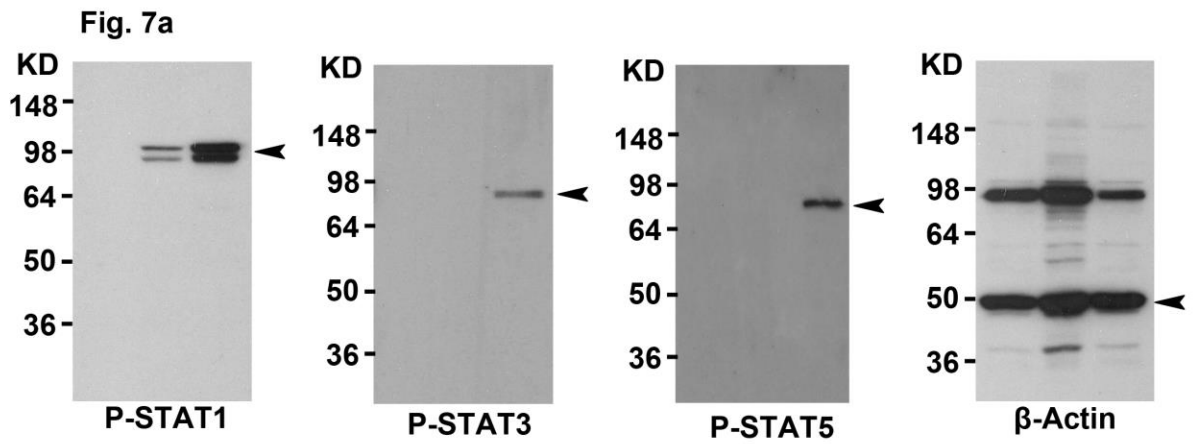
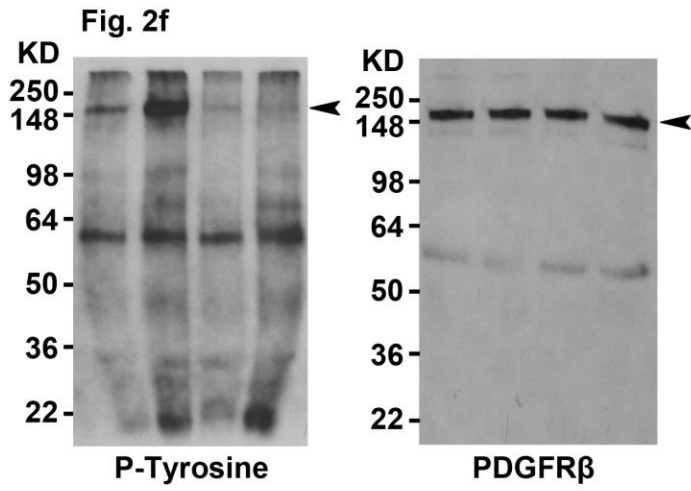


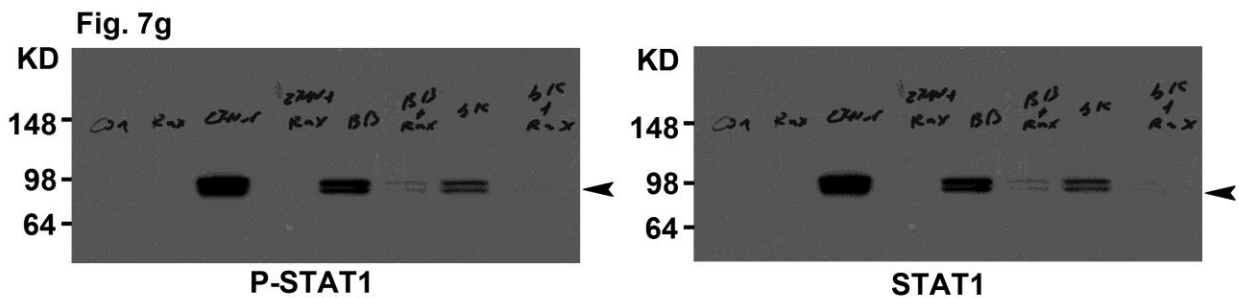
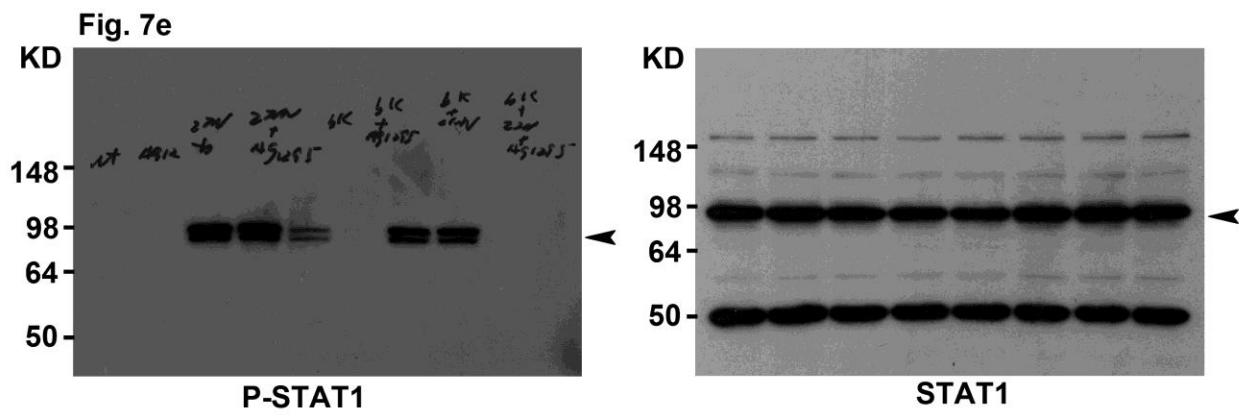
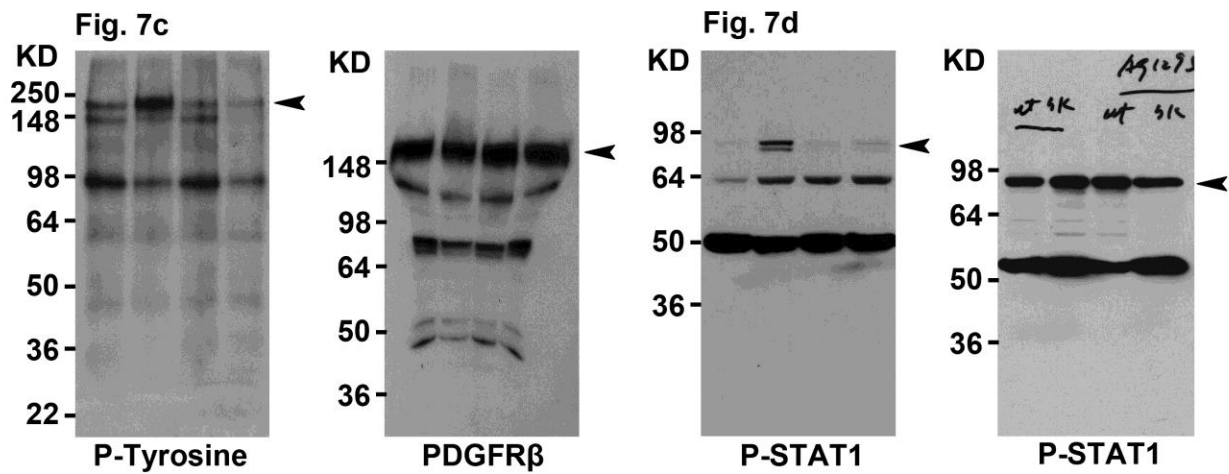
Supplementary Figure 4. F4/80 and MOMA2 staining of macrophages in the descending aorta. Consecutive cross sections from ApoE^{-/-}, β -D849V mice after 8 weeks of WD were stained with F4/80 antibody (red) and MOMA2 antibody (green). Scale bar, 100 μ m.

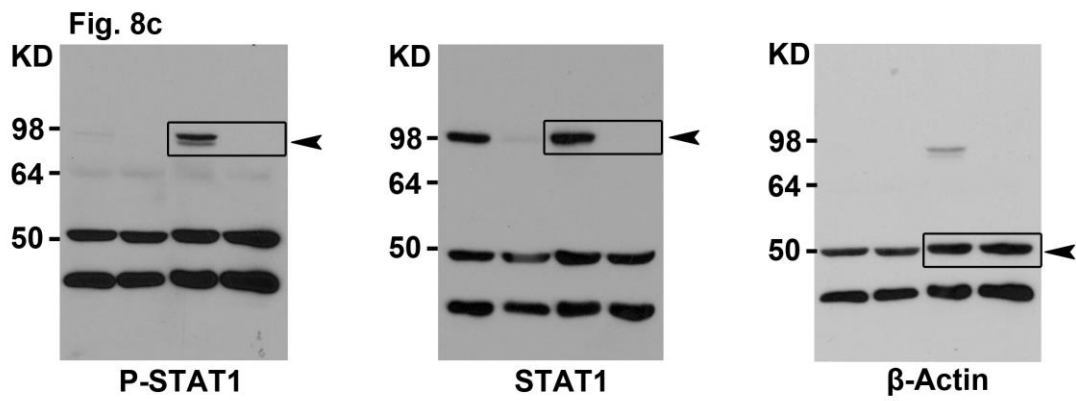
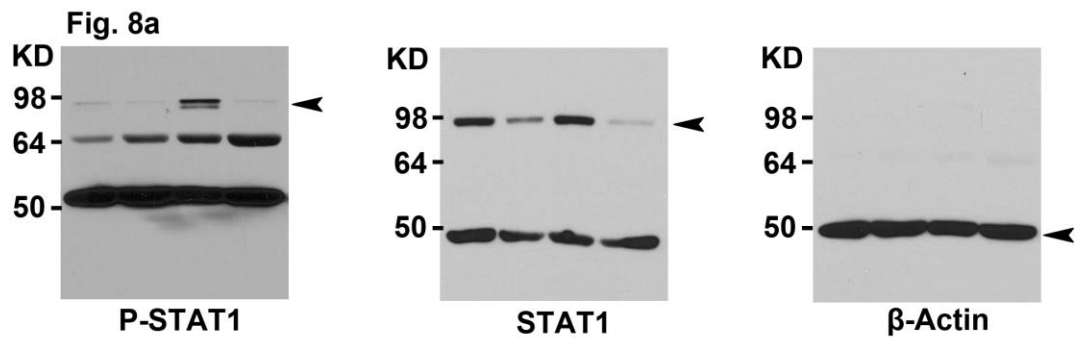
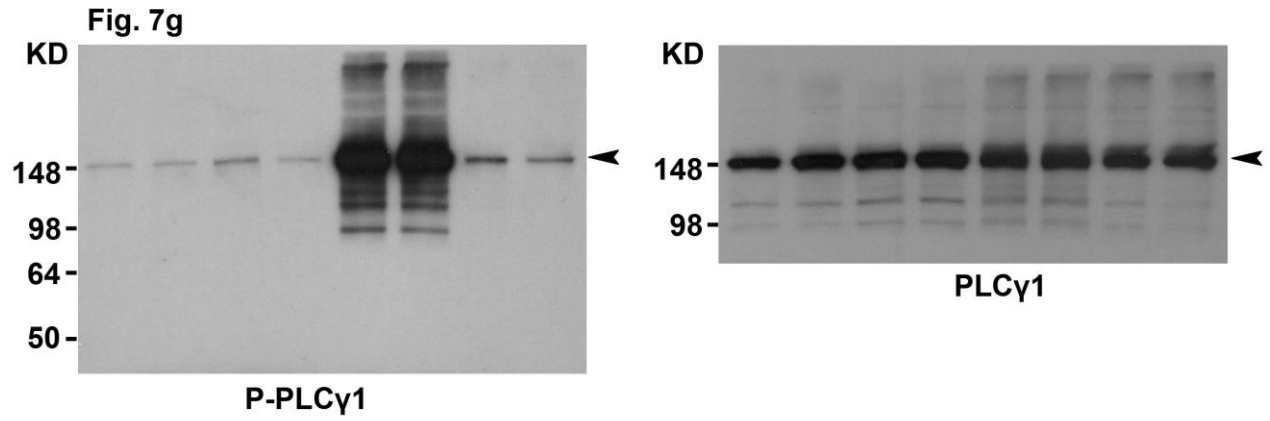


Supplementary Figure 5. Survival curve for ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice on WD.

ApoE^{-/-} and ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice were fed WD at 4 weeks of age for 24 weeks. ApoE^{-/-}, β-D849V mice show significantly decreased survival on WD.







Supplementary Figure 6. Full scans of Western blots in the main text.

Supplementary Table1. Primers for Real-Time PCR

Name	Forward	Reverse
IL-1 β	ATGGGCAACCACTTACCTATTT	GTTCTAGAGAGTGCTGCCTAATG
TNF- α	CTGAGTTCTGCAAAGGGAGAG	CCTCAGGGAAGAATCTGGAAAG
IFN- α	GATGCCCAGCAGATCAAGAA	CATGCAGCAGATGAGTCCTT
IFN- β	ATCCAAGAGATGCTCCAGAATG	CCAGGAGACGTACAACAATAGTC
IFN- γ	CTCTTCCTCATGGCTGTTTCT	TTCTTCCACATCTATGCCACTT
CCL2	AGCACCCAGCCAACTCTCACT	CGTAACTGCATCTGGCTGA
CCL3	ATACAAGCAGCAGCGAGTACCAGT	ACAGAGAAGAACAGCAAGGGCAGT
CCL5	TCGTGCCACAGTCAAGGAGTATTT	TCTTCTCTGGGTTGGCACACACTT
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CCL7	ACCAACCTAGGAGCCAAGAAGCAA	AAGACCATTCTTAGGGCGTGACCA
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CCL12	ACCATCAGTCCTCAGGTATTGGCT	ACTGGCTGCTTGTGATTCTCCTGT
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Col3a1	AGGTGGACCAGGCAATGATGGAAA	TTCCTTTAGGACCAGGGAAACCCA
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Vcan	TGTGGATCATCTGGATGGCGATGT	CAAAGCCATTTCTCCAAGCTGCCT
Bgn	AGCTCCTCCAGGTTGTCTAT	CAAGAGGGCCTACTATAATGGC
MCP-1	CTCACCTGCTGCTACTCATTC	ACTACAGCTTCTTTGGGACAC
IL-6	CCAGAGTCCTTCAGAGAGATACA	CCTTCTGTGACTCCAGCTTATC
CD163	TGACGACAACCTTCAGCAAAGA	CCAGAACCAGCTCCCAATTTA
CD206	CCAAATGATGAGCTGTGGATTG	GCTCTCCAGGAAGCCATTTA
GAPDH	CTGGAGAAACCTGCCAAGTA	AAGAGTGGGAGTTGCTGTTG