

**S2 Table.** Primer sequences and amplification program for quantitative RT-PCR reactions in this study.

| Gene name                    | Reference sequence | Forward primer sequence <sup>a,b</sup> | Reverse primer sequence <sup>a,b</sup> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| <i>HOTAIR</i>                | NR_047517.1        | 5'- AATAGACATAGGAGAACACTT -3'          | 5'- AATCTTAATAGCAGGAGGAA -3'           |
| <i>HOXD10</i>                | NM_002148.4        | 5'- ATATACTCAAGTAGACA -3'              | 5'- GATTCTCCTTAATGTTG -3'              |
| <i>HOXA5</i>                 | NM_019102.4        | 5'- AAGTGTTCCTGTCTCAATAGC -3'          | 5'- TGTCTCATCAAGTCACCTCTA -3'          |
| <i>GAPDH</i>                 | NM_001289745       | 5'-CTCTGGTAAAGTGGATATTGT-3'            | 5'-GGTGGAATCATATTGGAACA-3'             |
| <i>ex-HOTAIR<sup>c</sup></i> | HOTAIR vectors     | 5'-AAGAACGCAATTCAATGT-3'               | 5'-CCGAATTAATACGACCCTA-3'              |
| <i>puromycin</i>             | HOTAIR vectors     | 5'-GCTCGTAGAAGGGGAGGTTG-3'             | 5'-ACAGATGGAAGGCCTCCTG-3'              |

<sup>a</sup>The SYBR Green-based primers were designed by OligoArchitect™ online (<http://www.oligoarchitect.com/SYBRGreenSearchServlet>).

<sup>b</sup>QPCR cycles were performed by using an ABI 2720 Thermal Cycler (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, CA) and the cycling conditions were: 95°C for 10 mins, followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 15 seconds, 55°C for 15 seconds, 72°C for 15 seconds, and finally 72°C for 5 mins.

<sup>c</sup>The PCR reaction for ex-HOTAIR only detects exogenous HOTAIR expressed by the vector, but not endogenous HOTAIR because the primer set recognizes the joint region between 3'-end of HOTAIR and the vector backbone.