

Supplemental Digital Content 1: *Additional Methods - Primers*

The following primers (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) were used: IL-6 (5'-CTCCGCAAGAGACTTCCAG-3' and 5'-CTCCTCTCCGGACTTGTGA-3'); pro-caspase-3 (5'-GGCCGACTTCCTGTATGC-3' and 5'-GCGCAAAGTGACTGGATG-3'); RAGE (5'-TGAACTCACAGCCAATGTCC-3' and 5'-ACAACGTCCCTTTGCCATC-3'); SP-B (5'-CTGTGCCAAGAGTGTGAGGA-3' and 5'-CAAGCAGCTTCAAGGGTAGG-3'); PCIII (5'-ACCTGGACCACAAGGACAC-3' and 5'-TGGACCCATTTACCTTTC-3'); VCAM-1 (5'-TGCACGGTCCCTAATGTGTA-3' and 5'-TGCCAATTTCCCTTAAA-3'); ICAM-1 (5'-CTT CCG ACT AGG GTC CTG AA-3' and 5'-CTTCAGAGGCAGGAAACAGG-3'); and GAPDH (5'-GGTGAAGGTCGGTGTGAAC-3' and 5'-CGTTGATGGCAACAATGTC-3').