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Additional Methods

Primers

The following primers (Integrated DNA Technologies, San Diego, CA) were used: IL-6 (sense 5'-CTCCGCAAGAGACTTCCAG-3' and antisense 5'-CTCCTCTCCGGACTTGTGA-3'); amphiregulin (sense 5'-TTTCGCTGGCGCTCTCA-3' and antisense 3'-TTCCAACCCAGCTGCATAATG-5'); RAGE (sense 5'-TGA ACTCACAGCCAATGTCC-3' and antisense 5'-ACA ACTGTCCCTTTGCCATC-3'); PCIII (sense 5'-ACCTGGACCACAAGGACAC-3 and antisense 5'-TGGACCCATTTACCTTTC-3'); and acidic ribosomal phosphoprotein P0, 36B4 (sense 5'-AATCCTGAGCGATGTGCAG-3' and antisense 5'-GCTGCCATTGTCAAACAC-3').