**Supplementary Table 1. RT-qPCR primer sequences for analysis of transcript levels.**

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| **Target gene** | **Foward 5'-3'** | **Reverse 5'-3'** |
| *Bax* | CTCAAGGCCCTGTGCACTAA | CACGGAGGAAGTCCAGTGTC |
| *Bcl2* | GTGGAGGAACTCTTCAGGGATGG | GACATCTCCCTGTTGACGCTCTC |
| *Tnfα* | CATCTTCTCAAAATTCGAGTGACAA | TGGGAGTAGACAAGGTACAACCC |
| *Il-1β* | GTCGCTCAGGGTCACAAGAA | GTGCTGCCTAATGTCCCCTT |
| *Il-6* | AGTTGCCTTCTTGGGACTGA | TCCACGATTTCCCAGAGAAC |
| *Ifn-γ* | AGGAACTGGCAAAAGGATGGT | GTTGCTGATGGCCTGATTGT |
| *Gapdh* | GGCATGGACTGTGGTCATGAG | TGCACCACCAACTGCTTAGC |

*Bcl2*, B-Cell Lymphoma-2; *Bax*, Bcl2-Associated X protein; *Tnfα*, tumor necrosis factor-alpha; *Il-1β*, interleukin-1β; *Il-6,* interleukin-6; *Ifn-γ,* interferon-gamma*; Gapdh,* glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase.