**Supplementary Table 1. Primers for *BMI1* and reference genes**

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| **Gene** | **Primer** | **Sequence** |
| *BMI1* | Forward | 5'- AGCAGCAATGACTGTGATGC-3' |
|  | Reverse | 5'-CAGTCTCAGGTATCAACCAG-3' |
| Has-miR-203a |  | 5'-GUGAAAUGUUUAGGACCACUAG-3' |
| U6 | Forward | 5'- CTCGCTTCGGCAGCACA-3' |
|  | Reverse | 5'-AACGCTTCACGAATTTGCGT-3' |
| GAPDH | Forward | 5'-GCACCGTCAAGGCTGAGAAC-3' |
|  | Reverse | 5'-TGGTGAAGACGCCAGTGGA-3' |