**Supplementary Table 2. Primer sequences used in the study.**

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| **Genes**  | **Forward primers (5′–3′)**  | **Reverse primers (5′–3′)**  |
| α-SMA | CTGGAGAAGAGCTACGAACTGC  | CTGATCCACATCTGCTGGAAGG  |
| Collagen-I  | TGACTGGAAGAGCGGTAAGG  | CTGAAGTGGGCAAGGCAAAG  |
| TIMP-1  | GCATCTGGCATCCTCTTGTT  | AAGAAGCTGCAGGCATTGAT  |
| MMP-2  | GCTGATACTGACACTGGTACTG  | CAATCTTTTCTGGGAGCTC  |
| IL-6 | GCCACTTGTAGTTTCTTGCC  | GTTCCCTTCCTAGACCTCCT  |
| IL-8 | CACCTCAAGAACATCCAGAGCT  | CAAGCAGAACTGAACTACCATCG  |
| IL-10  | AAGTTTCCAATAAGGCTCCA  | GACCTCCATACCAGTTCCAG  |
| TNF-α  | ATGAGCACAGAAAGCATGATC  | TACAGGCTTGTCACTCGAATT  |
| TGF-β1  | CTTCAGCTCCACAGAGAAGAACTGC  | CACGATCATGTTGGACAACTGCTCC  |
| Smad3  | CTAACTTCCCTGCTGGCATT  | GCTGTGGTTCATCTGGTGGT  |
| Smad7  | CCCTCCCGTTTAGAAGAAGA  | CAGTGGGTTGGAAAGATTGG  |
| GAPDH  | CCTTCATTGACCTCAACTACATGGT  | TCATTGTCATACCAGGAAATGAGCT  |