**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 |