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| **Suppl. Table 1: Oligonucleotide primers used for detection of OBI** | | | | |
| **Primer** | **HBV Target Sequence (5’→3’)** | **Position** | **Lenght (nt)** | **PCR** |
| **PreS-1 F1.** | GGTCACCATATTCTTGGGAA | 2815–2834 | 1058 | Nested I |
| **PreS-1 R1.** | AATGGCACTAGTAAACTGAG | 690–671 |  |
| **PreS-2 F2.** | AATCCAGATTGGGACTTCAA | 2932-2951 | 710 | Nested II |
| **PreS-2 R2.** | CCTTGATAGTCCAGAAGAAC | 459–440 |  |
| **PreC-1 F1.** | GCCTTAGAGTCTCCTGAGCA | 2021–2040 | 444 | Nested I |
| **PreC-1 R1.** | GTCCAAGGAATACTAAC | 2464–2448 |  |
| **PreC-2 F2.** | CCTCACCATACTGCACTCA | 2048–2066 | 338 | Nested II |
| **PreC-2 R2.** | GAGGGAGTTCTTCTTCTAGG | 2385–2366 |  |
| **Pol-1 F1.** | CGTCGCAGAAGATCTCAATC | 2416–2436 | 943 | Nested I |
| **Pol-1 R1.** | CCTGATGTGATGTTCTCCATG | 174–155 |  |
| **Pol-2 F2.** | CCTTGGACTCATAAGGT | 2457–2473 | 495 | Nested II |
| **Pol-2 R2.** | TTGAAGTCCCAATCTGGATT | 2951–2932 |  |
| **X-1 F1.** | CGCCAACTTACAAGGCCTTTCT | 1100–1121 | 527 | Nested I |
| **X-1 R1.** | CGTTCACGGTGGTCTCCAT | 1628–1608 |  |
| **X-2 F2.** | CCATACTGCGGAACTCCTAGC | 1266–1286 | 275 | Nested II |
| **X-2 R2.** | CGTAAAGAGAGGTGCGCCCCG | 1540–1520 |  |
| **Human beta-globin gene F.** | GAAGAGCCAAGGACAGGTAC | 1417-1436 | 408 | PCR I |
| **Human beta-globin gene R.** | GGAAAATAGACCAATAGGCAG | 1824-1804 |

**Abbreviations:** F,Forward primers; R, Reverse primers