

## Supplementary materials

**Table S1.** List of primers

Primer	Forward sequence	Reverse sequence	Species
Telo	5'- CGGTTTGGTTGGGTTGGGTTGGGTTGGGT TTGGGT-3'	5'- GGCTTGCCTTACCCTTACCCTTACCCTTACCCTT ACCCT-3'	All
36B4	5'-ACTGGTCTGGGACCTGAGAAG-3'	5'-TCAATGGTGCCTCTGGAGATT-3'	NMR
36B4	5'-ACTGGTCTAGGACCCGAGAAG-3'	5'-TCAATGGTGCCTCTGGAG ATT-3'	mice
EPO	5'- GGCTGTAGAGGTCTGGCAAGG-3'	5'-GGAATTGGCTAGCACAGCCT-3'	<i>Spalax</i>
EPO	5'-ACGCCTCATTGCGACAGTC-3'	5'-GCCCATTTGTGACATTTTCTGC-3'	Rat

**Table S2.** Reaction components

Telo	Telo x1	SCG x1
DDW	6 µl	6 µl
Primer F	0.2 µl	0.6 µl
Primer R	1.8 µl	1.4 µl
RXN mix	10 µl	10 µl
DNA or serial dilution	2 µl	2 µl

### S1. PCR program

Initial Denaturation	- 95°C for 10 min	} × 50
Denaturation	- 95°C for 10 sec	
Annealing	- 60°C for 5 sec	
Synthesis	- 72°C for 11 sec	

**Table S3.** Standard curve concentrations

species	Top conc. (telo)	Top conc. (SCG)	Dilution factor
NMR+mice	6.1	1.8	1.68
Spalax +rat	50	50	10