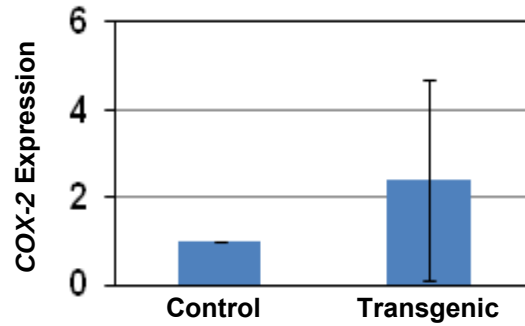


***COX-2* mRNA in spleens from *HMGA1* and control mice at 2 months of age**



COX-2 mRNA expression levels were assessed using qRT-PCR in lymphoid samples from control and transgenic mice at 2 and 12 months (n = 4 at each time point for each genotype). The bars represent the mean $\pm$ the standard deviation at 2 months. There was elevated *COX-2* expression in ~50% of the transgenics, which accounts for the broad standard deviation shown here.