

Table II. Change in TLR mRNA levels following TNF α or FliC stimulation.

Gene	Fold change TNFα stimulated	Fold change FliC stimulated
TLR1	ND	ND
TLR2	0.6	1.3
TLR3	1.6	0.6
TLR4	3.5	1.1
TLR5	0.9	0.5
TLR6	0.9	0.6
TLR7	M	M
TLR8	ND	ND
TLR9	0.2	0.5
TLR10	0.3	0.5
GAPDH	1.0	1.0

ND None detected by RT²PCR

M None detected above level of minus RT control.

Reverse Transcription and Real Time PCR (RT²PCR)- RNA was prepared from cells left untreated, stimulated with TNF α (10ng/ml) or flagellin (1 μ g/ml) for 3h. RT²PCR was performed with an iCycler (Bio-Rad) to quantify SYBR-green labeled products generated from PCR products of 1st strand cDNA prepared from TLR1 through TLR10 mRNA, 18S rRNA, and GAPDH mRNA. RT²PCR (25ul reaction volume) was performed with the appropriate primers (SuperArray) in triplicate with HotStart Taq DNA polymerase (SuperArray) at 95°C for 5 min to activate Taq and amplified for 40 cycles (95°C, 30 sec, 55°C, 30 sec, 72°C, 30 sec). RT²PCR was performed on the minus RT controls with TLR5 primers to detect DNA contamination. Fold change in mRNA expression was expressed as 2 ^{$\Delta\Delta$ Ct}. Δ Ct is the difference in threshold cycles for the TLR mRNAs and 18S rRNA. $\Delta\Delta$ Ct is the difference between Δ Ct non-simulated control and Δ Ct stimulated sample.