

**Table S1.** Comparison between Diabetes and AGE-related parameters

<b>Variables</b>	<b>Non-Diabetic</b>	<b>Diabetic</b>	<b><i>p</i></b>
AGEs (arbitrary unit)	3152±829	2917±769	0,117
sRAGE (pg/mL)	2456±1289	2272±1263	0,440
esRAGE (pg/ml)	698±435	644±533	0,558
cRAGE (pg/ml)	1758±914	1642±938	0,504
AGEs/sRAGE (arbitrary unit)	1,71±1.13	1.6±0.8	0,532

AGEs, Advanced Glycation End products; sRAGE, soluble receptor for AGE; esRAGE: endogenous secretory receptor for AGE; cRAGE: cleaved receptor for AGE.