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(54) **DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF FIBROTIC DISORDERS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a method for detecting a fibrotic disorder in a subject by: (a) providing a biological sample obtained from the subject (such as endometrium, peritoneal fluid, and/or smooth muscle cells); (b) analyzing the expression of at least one gene that is differentially expressed in the fibrotic disorder of interest; and (c) correlating the expression of the gene(s) with the presence or absence of the fibrotic disorder in the subject. The present invention also provides a method and compositions for modulating the expression of genes that are differentially expressed in fibrotic tissues, compared to normal tissues. Restoration of gene expression to levels associated with normal tissue is expected to ameliorate at least some of the symptoms of the fibrotic disorder. This method includes the step of contacting the tissue with an agent that modulates expression of one or more differentially expressed genes in the tissue. The present invention also includes arrays, such as microfluidic cards, for detecting differential gene expression in samples of fibrotic tissue.

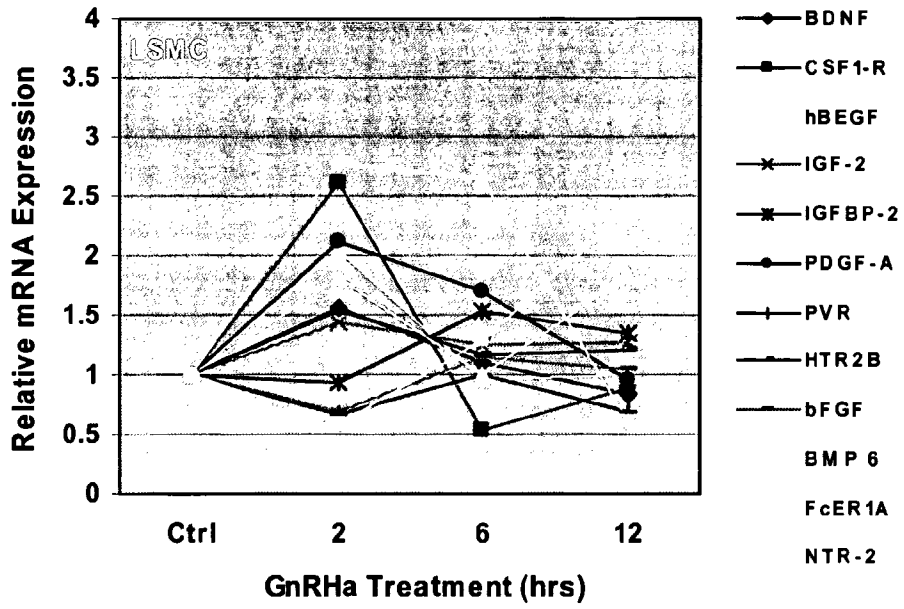


FIG. 1A

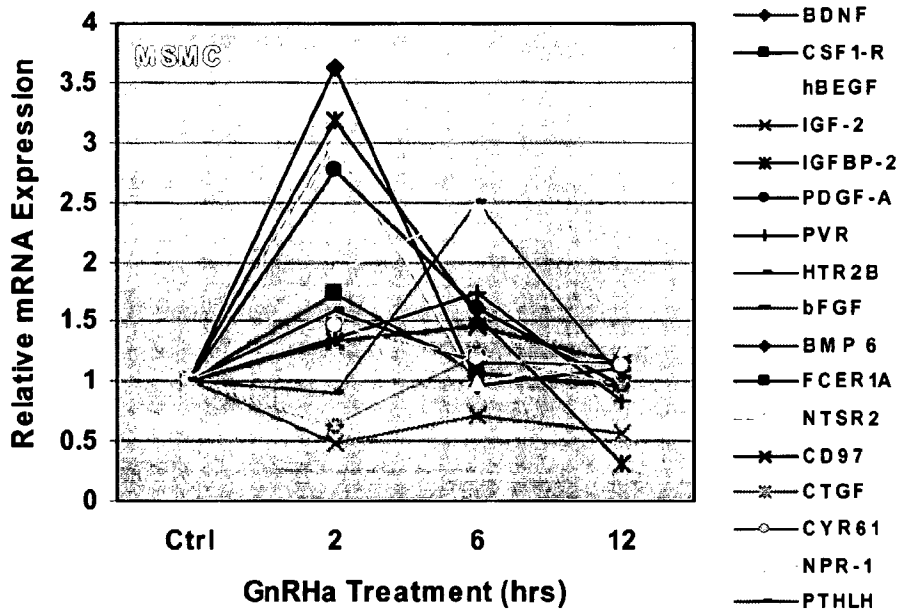


FIG. 1B

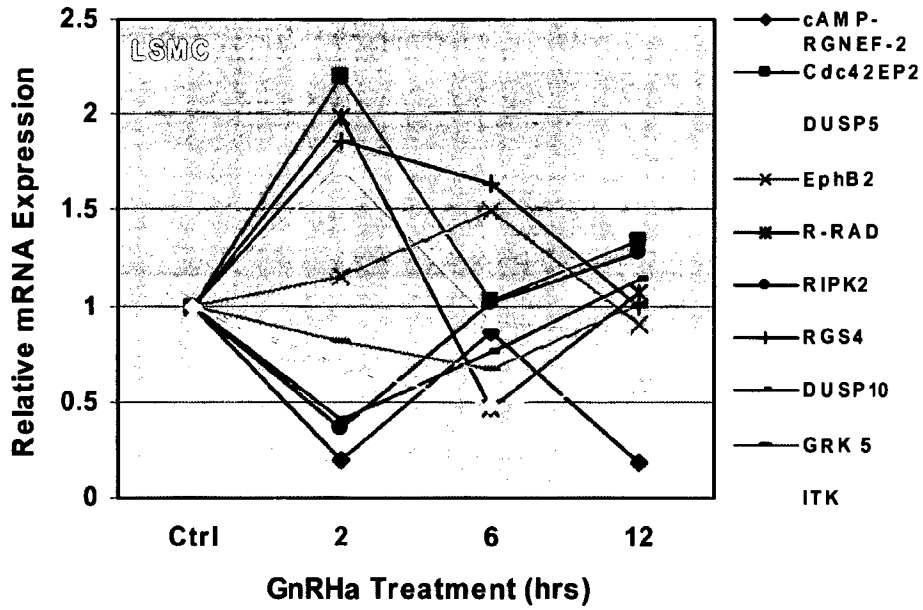


FIG. 1C

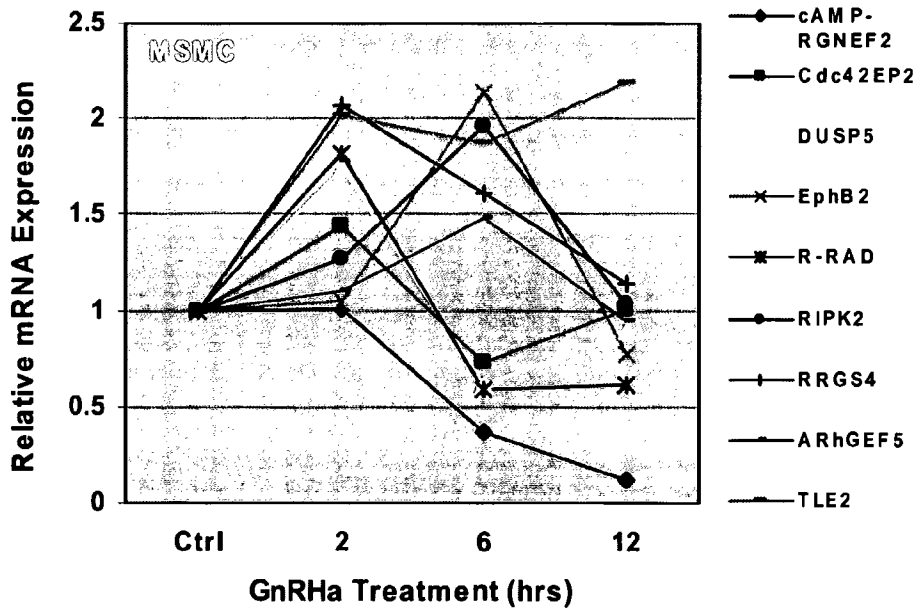


FIG. 1D

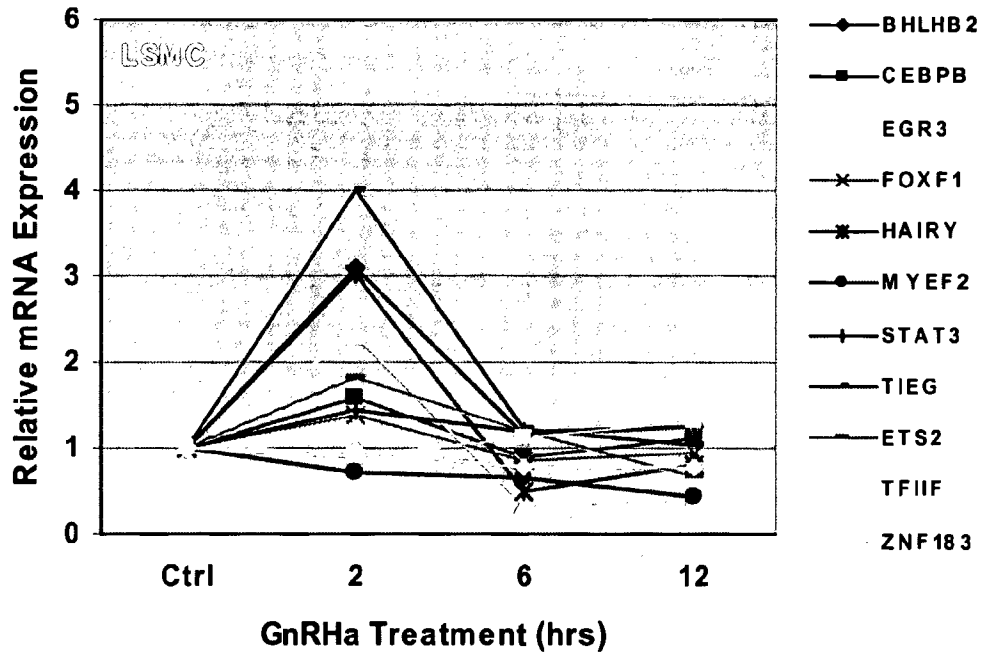


FIG. 1E

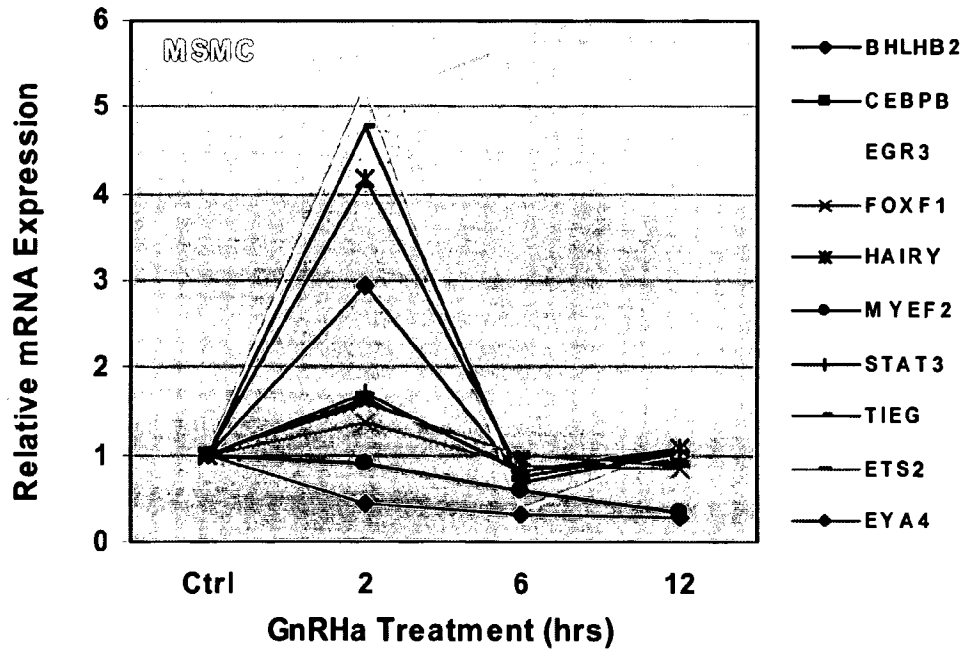


FIG. 1F

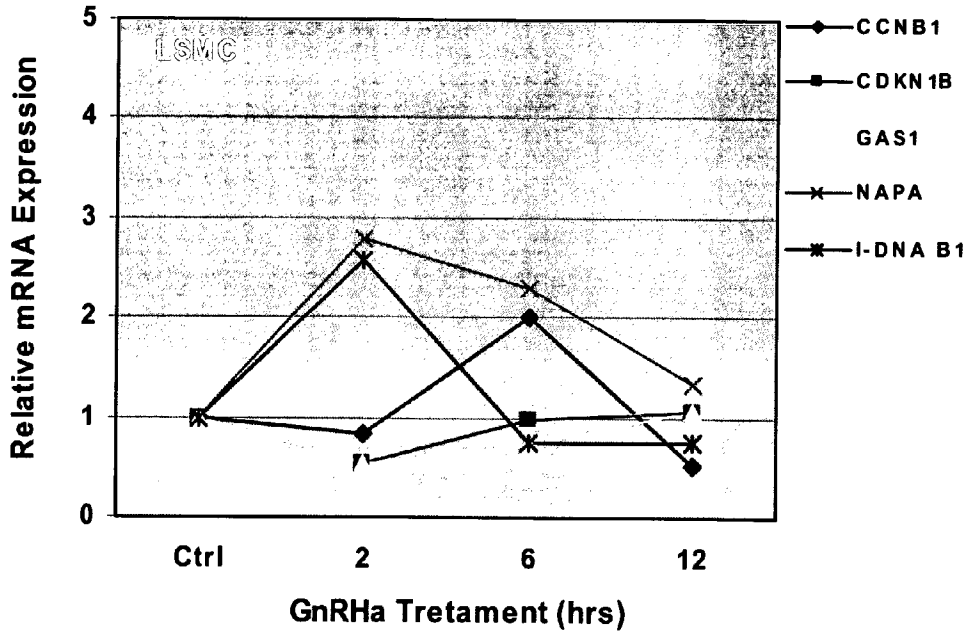


FIG. 1G

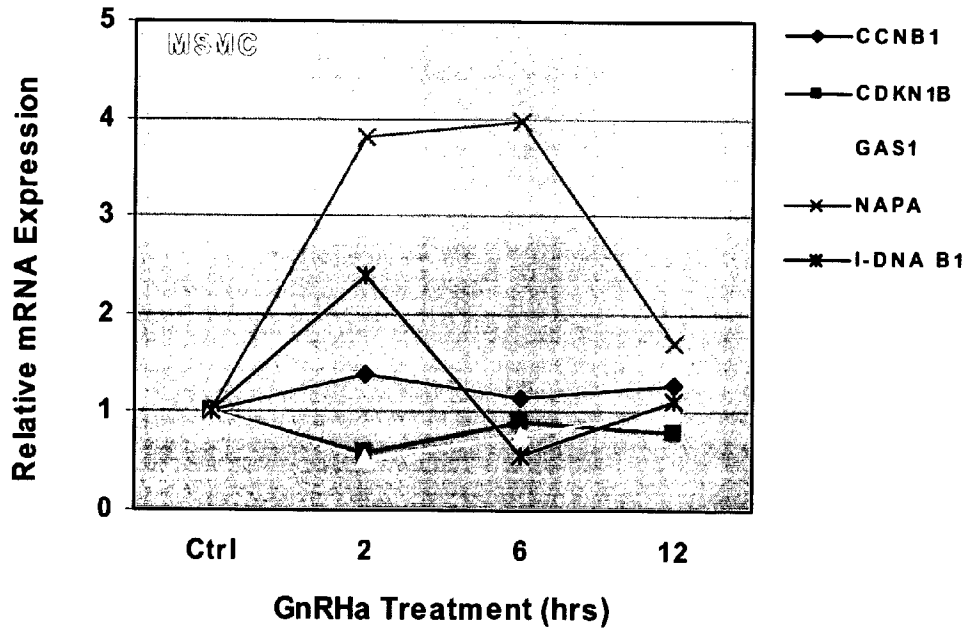


FIG. 1H

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