

**Supplementary Figure 6.** RT-qPCR-based detection of transcripts corresponding to CAD, ALP1, APN and ABCC2 receptor encoding genes in *S. litura* fourth-instar larvae silenced (si) with different target genes. Larvae were orally ingested with dsRNA-expressing *E. coli* HT115 cells and inoculated for 24 h. Larvae force fed with GFP dsRNA and PBS were used as the non-native and negative control, respectively. Gene expression was normalized using  $\beta$ -actin and *GAPDH* genes of *S. litura*. Each bar represents the mean fold change value with standard error of RT-qPCR runs in five biological and three technical replicates. Treatments with different letters are significantly different at  $P < 0.01$ , Tukey's HSD test.

