

Supplementary Table S1. Clinical characteristics of individuals in Cohorts 1 to 3

Collection period	Cohort 1 (<i>n</i> = 215) (2002-2005)			Cohort 2 (<i>n</i> = 103) (2003-2005)			Cohort 3 (<i>n</i> = 163) (2003-2006)				
	Healthy control	Pancreatic cancer	<i>P</i> -value	Healthy control	Pancreatic cancer	<i>P</i> -value	Healthy control	Pancreatic cancer	<i>P</i> -value	Chronic pancreatitis	<i>P</i> -value
Number of cases	112	103		41	62		53	52		58	
Age (mean ± SD)	61.3 ± 13.0	61.5 ± 9.67	0.8795 ^a	61.5 ± 11.2	63.3 ± 8.34	0.3729 ^a	39.1 ± 15.6	63.1 ± 9.85	4.67E-15 ^a	50.3 ± 8.93	9.08E-6 ^a
Gender			0.7134 ^b			0.5996 ^b			0.7785 ^b		0.0807 ^b
Male	57	55		23	38		31	29		43	
Female	55	48		18	24		22	23		15	

^aStudent *t*-test

^bχ² test