**Table S3:** Characteristics of samples for qPCR expression analyses.

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|  |  | ***IL6R* genotype (rs2228145)** | ***P*** |
|  |  | **Asp/Asp (A/A)** | **Asp/Ala****(A/C)** | **Ala/Ala (C/C)** |  |
|  |  | ***n = 29*** | ***n = 44*** | ***n = 15*** |  |
| **Age band** |  |  |  |  | 0.2 |
|  | 20-29 | 5 | 3 | 0 |  |
|  | 30-39 | 10 | 13 | 6 |  |
|  | 40-49 | 9 | 18 | 9 |  |
|  | 50-59 | 5 | 10 | 0 |  |
| **Male (%)** |  | 10 (34.5) | 10 (22.7) | 5 (33.3) | 0.5 |

***P***: Fisher’s exact test.