

Table S1: Non-parametric correlations between C-reactive protein (CRP), matrix metalloproteinase 8 (MMP-8) expression in cancer cells and tumour-associated MMP-8 positive polymorphonuclear cells (PMNs).

| | CRP | <i>p</i> -value |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| CRP (mg/L, continuous) | 1 | |
| MMP-8 (0,1,2,3 scores) | 0.13 (95% CI -0.05-0.31) | 0.149 |
| PMNs (0,1,2,3 scores) | -0.08 (95% CI -0.26-0.10) | 0.378 |