

**Suppl. Table S1.** Study patient comorbidities and baseline laboratory data (expanded, n = 87).

<b>Variable</b>	
Blood count, n (%)	87 (100%)
Hemoglobin, g/dl – mean (SD)	10.6 (2.39)
Leukocytes, K/ $\mu$ l – mean (SD)	16.2 (8.20)
Platelets, K/ $\mu$ l – mean (SD)	252 (111)
Dyslipidemia, n (%)	45 (51.7)
Baseline cholesterol, mg/dl - mean (SD)	178 (36.2)*
Baseline triglycerides, mg/dl - mean (SD)	153 (73.3)*
Baseline HDL, mg/dl - mean (SD)	42.7 (9.9)*
Baseline LDL, mg/dl - mean (SD)	103 (28.8)*
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)	40 (46.0)
Baseline glucose, mg/dl - mean (SD)	170 (70.2) <sup>†</sup>
Baseline hemoglobin A1C, % - mean (SD)	6.6 (1.0) <sup>§</sup>
Atrial fibrillation, n (%)	13 (14.9)
Chronic liver disease, n (%)	12 (13.8)
Baseline ALKP, U/L - mean (SD)	86.0 (45.9) <sup>‡</sup>
Baseline AST, U/L - mean (SD)	40.5 (28.3) <sup>†</sup>
Baseline ALT, U/L - mean (SD)	36.0 (40.5) <sup>‡</sup>
Chronic kidney disease, n (%)	12 (13.8)
Baseline creatinine, mg/dl - mean (SD)	1.2 (1.1) <sup>†</sup>
Baseline urea, mg/dl - mean (SD)	49.2 (32.1) <sup>†</sup>
Atherosclerosis, n (%)	11 (12.6)
Cerebrovascular disease, n (%)	7 (8.0)
Obstructive lung disease, n (%)	7 (8.0)
Malignant disease, n (%)	6 (6.9)
Pulmonary hypertension, n (%)	5 (5.7)
Organ transplant, n (%)	4 (4.6)
Peripheral vascular disease, n (%)	2 (2.3)
AIDS, n (%)	2 (2.3)
Chronic corticosteroid use, n (%)	1 (1.1)
AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, ALKP - alkaline phosphatase, ALT - alanine transaminase, AST - aspartate transaminase, HDL - high-density lipoprotein, LDL - low-density lipoprotein, SD -	

standard deviation. <sup>§</sup> - data from 29 patients, \* - data from 35 patients, <sup>†</sup> - data from 60 patients, <sup>‡</sup> - data from 61 patients, <sup>↓</sup> - data from 62 patients, <sup>↑</sup> - data from 63 patients, <sup>†</sup> - data from 64 patients