

	<b>Spearman's</b>	<b>p value (2 tailed)</b>
Hb vs histology	0.189	0.132
Hb vs smoking status	0.132	0.421
Hb vs pack year history	-0.171	0.403
Ferritin vs histology	-0.0295	0.018*
Ferritin vs smoking status	0.111	0.507
Ferritin vs pack year history	-0.012	0.953
Iron vs histology	0.077	0.543
Iron vs smoking status	-0.036	0.83
Iron vs pack year history	-0.04	0.845
Transferrin vs histology	-0.162	0.199
Transferrin vs smoking status	-0.279	0.086
Transferrin vs pack year history	0.155	0.449

\* denotes  $p$  value  $< 0.05$

Supplementary Table S1: Additional clinical analyses