**Table S2.** Cytokine and C-reactive protein levels in pancreatic cancer patients, subdivided into groups according to the Tumor-Node-Metastasis (TNM) staging of malignancy (presented as means  $\pm$  SD or medians [interquartile range]).

Subgroup/ Parameter	Early/Resectable* (n = 6)	Locally advanced* (n = 10)	Metastatic* (n = 27)
IL-6 (pg/mL)	8.75 [5.75; 11.55]	10.11 [3.35; 16.84]	$9.88 \pm 5.32$
IL-8 (pg/mL)	47.85 [31.03; 64.21]	65.60 [52.13; 78.56]#	$80.45\pm28.55 \texttt{\#}$
IL-10 (pg/mL)	12.17 [6.62; 18.73]	12.46 [4.67; 20.88]	$14.01\pm9.15$
IL-23 (pg/mL)	19.88 [7.14; 32.01]	22.31 [16.24; 30.38]	$22.19\pm7.90$
TNFα (pg/mL)	11.35 [9.98; 12.72]	10.09 [5.86; 14.34]	$14.55\pm10.68$
CRP (mg/L)	11.7 [4.8; 15.9]	17.6 [5.1; 29.3]	19.0 [5.4; 64.9]

\* "Early/Resectable" patients were classified as TNM Stage 1 or 2; "Locally advanced" represented

TNM Stage 3 and "Metastatic" TNM Stage 4

CRP - C-reactive protein

IL - interleukin

 $TNF\alpha$  – tumor necrosis factor alpha

# p < 0.05 (vs "Early/Resectable" group)</pre>