

**Supplementary Table S2.** Correlation coefficients between the variables.

Spearman's rho	Sex	Age	Duration of asthma smoking	FEV1%	BMI	PC20	Atopy	Eosinophil	Age at asthma onset	Total IgE (%)	$\Delta$ FEV1%
Correlation Coefficient	1.000	-.111	.047	.332 <sup>t</sup>	-.041	.090	.024	.094	.166 <sup>t</sup>	-.086	.068
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.074	.449	.000	.509	.148	.703	.132	.009	.170
Age	Correlation Coefficient	-1.11	1.000	.259	.113	-.019	-.054	.259	.257	.259	.249
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.074	.070	.0756	.000	.384	.000	.038	.000	.000
Duration of asthma	Correlation Coefficient	.047	.113	1.000	.052	.042	.041	.041	-.265 <sup>t</sup>	-.081	.705 <sup>t</sup>
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.449	.070	.401	.502	.510	.660	.760	.898	.088
Amount of smoking	Correlation Coefficient	.332 <sup>t</sup>	-.019	.052	1.000	-.091	.081	.006	.257	.259	.249
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.000	.756	.401	.144	.194	.917	.048	.115	.167
FEV1 %	Correlation Coefficient	.324 <sup>t</sup>	.054	.042	-.091	1.000	.038	.160 <sup>*</sup>	.075	.100	.016
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.090	.041	.081	.038	.000	.079	-.031	.065	.010
BMI	Correlation Coefficient	.324 <sup>t</sup>	-.041	.054	.042	-.091	.000	.541	.010	.228	-.014
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.509	.384	.502	.144	.144	.541	.010	.629	.000
PC20	Correlation Coefficient	.324 <sup>t</sup>	.090	.000	.510	.194	.194	.000	.075	.021	.000
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.071	.129 <sup>*</sup>	.006	.160 <sup>*</sup>	.006	.079	.257	.259	.254
Atopy	Correlation Coefficient	.024	.703	.260	.038	.917	.010	.208	.021	.058	.029
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	257	.094	.132	.000	.660	.048	.228	.740	.359	.048
Eosinophil (%)	Correlation Coefficient	.166 <sup>t</sup>	-.086	.081	.019	.100	-.031	-.058	.257	.257	.254
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	249	.009	.204	.760	.115	.629	.359	.000	.074	.000
Age at asthma onset	Correlation Coefficient	.166 <sup>t</sup>	-.086	.705 <sup>t</sup>	.008	.016	.065	.227 <sup>t</sup>	.021	-.059	.140 <sup>*</sup>
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	259	.068	.088	.000	.898	.792	.296	.021	.000	.025
Total IgE	Correlation Coefficient	.166 <sup>t</sup>	-.086	.705 <sup>t</sup>	.008	.016	.065	.227 <sup>t</sup>	.140 <sup>*</sup>	.118	.140 <sup>*</sup>
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	249	.025	.059	.249	.249	.249	.247	.344	.064	.025
$\Delta$ FEV1 %	Correlation Coefficient	.025	.069	.014	-.014	-.231 <sup>t</sup>	.010	-.048	.257	.259	.355
Sig. (2-tailed)	N	697	.025	.069	.014	-.014	.000	.462	.001	.366	.001
		254	.254	.254	.254	.254	.254	.254	.254	.254	.254

\*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed); <sup>t</sup>Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). Spearman's correlation coefficients were calculated.