

Table 2: Pearson's correlation coefficients for the inflammatory markers

| | WBC | hs-CRP^a | Fibrinogen^b |
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| WBC | X | 0.220* | 0.233* |
| hs-CRP^a | 0.254* | X | 0.525* |
| Fibrinogen^b | 0.233* | 0.525* | X |

* Significant at $p < 0.05$

a Measure available for n=1446 subjects

b Measure available for n=2198 subjects

WBC: white blood cell count; hs-CRP: high sensitive C-reactive protein