**Supplementary Table 2.** Association of baseline IL-6 level with patient’s age

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| **IL-6** | **Age (years, mean ± SD)** | **P value** |
| ≤ 0.5 pg/mL | 51.1 ± 8.66 | 0.003 |
| > 0.5 pg/mL | 55.8 ± 9.74 |  |